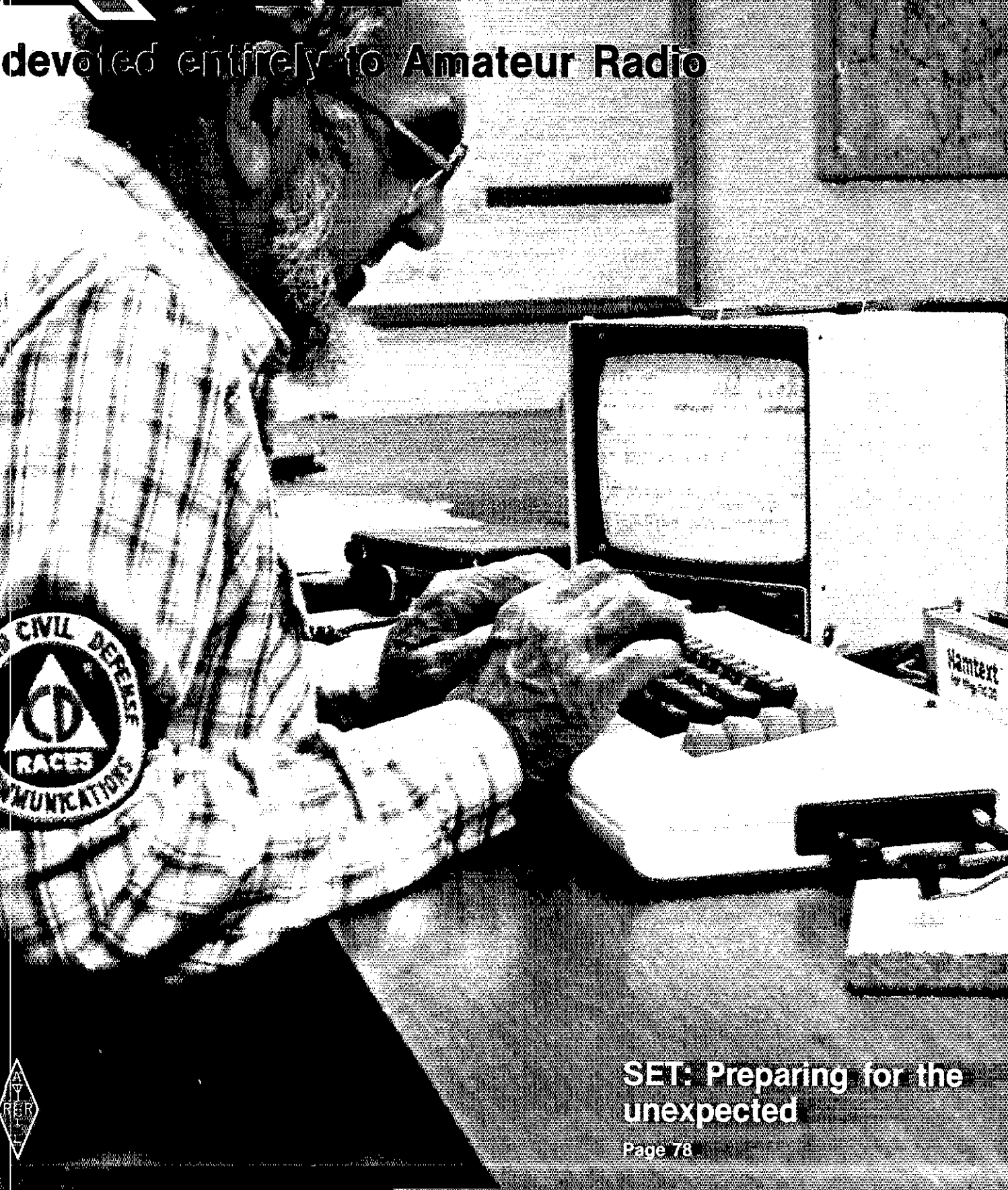


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Here are three new models for this month:

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- *New VHF model 3002 1500 watts output at 144 MHz.
- *New HF 5K Classic, 3.5 to 30 MHz (not for sale to U.S. amateurs)

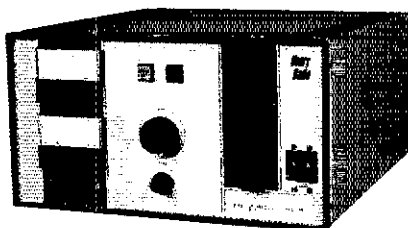
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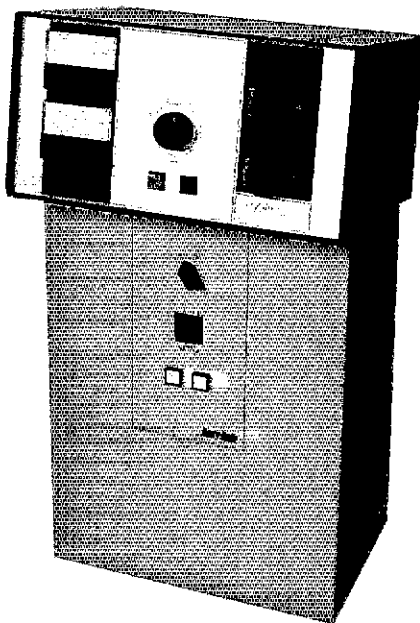
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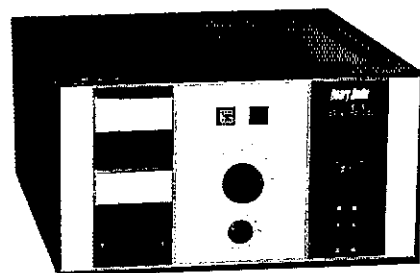
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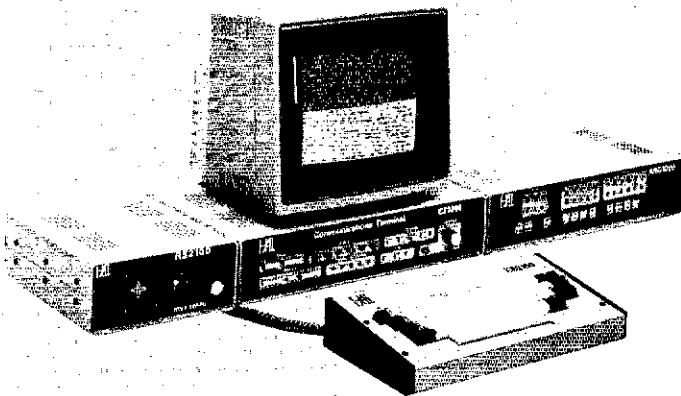


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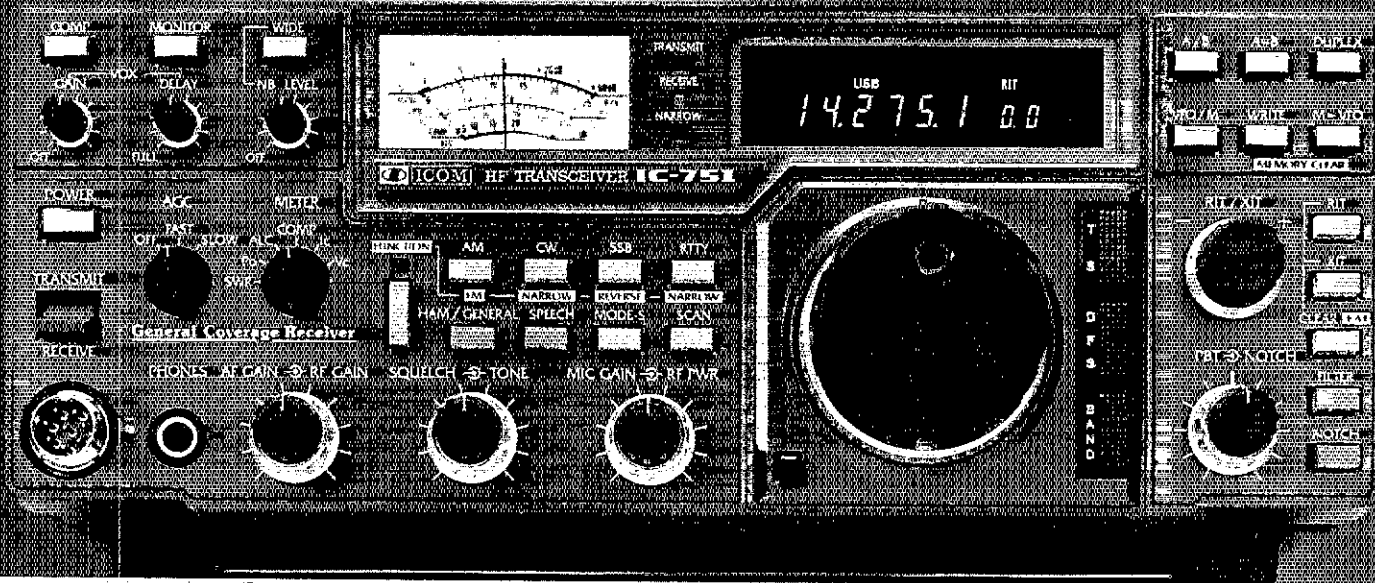
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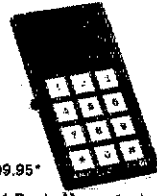
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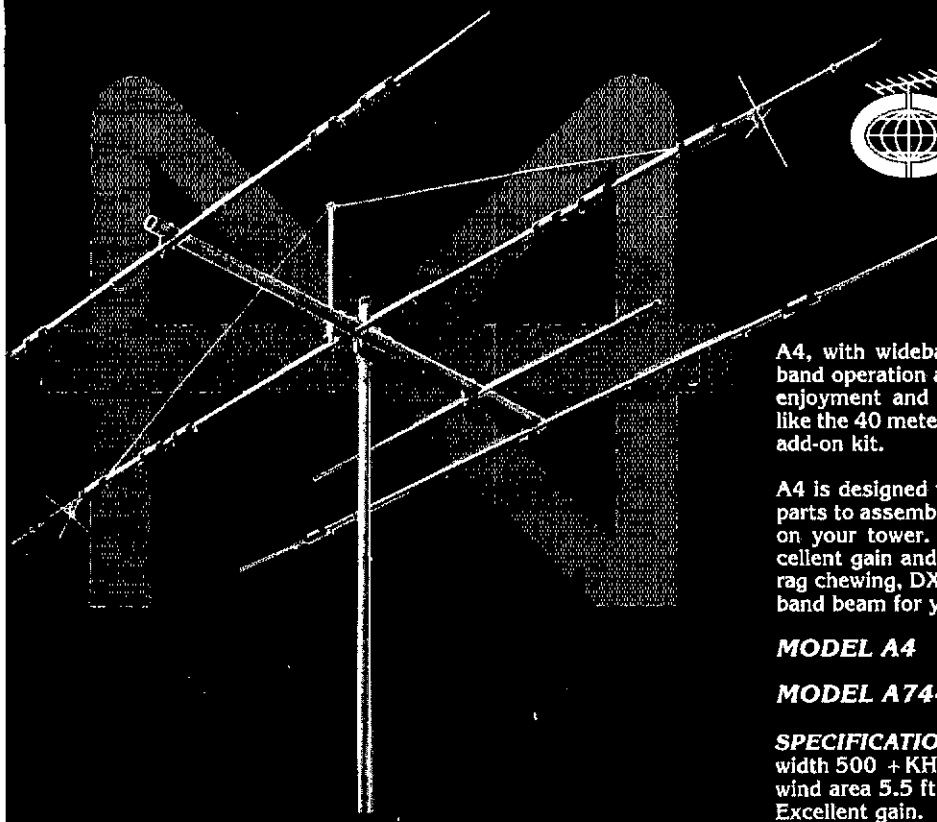
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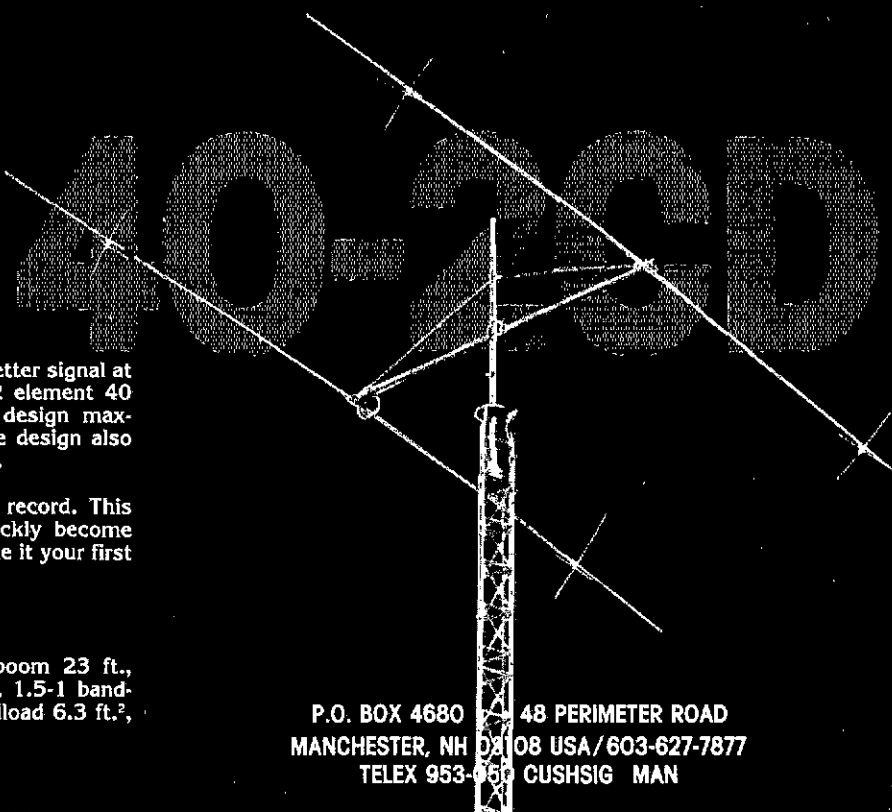
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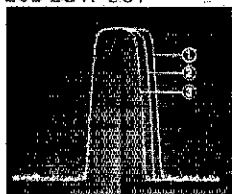
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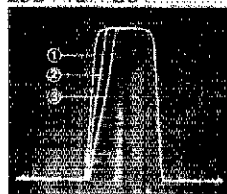
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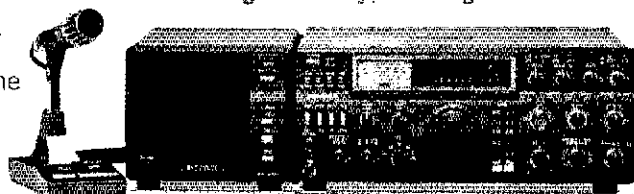
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A Tale of Two Cities

Local radio clubs are very much on the minds of League volunteers and staff these days, because they are so important to the future of Amateur Radio. So many of our problems and opportunities have a local focus: antenna restrictions, cable television and other interference, community-service communication projects, and the recruitment and training of new hams are but a few examples.

Just as Amateur Radio needs an effective national organization to ensure its continued existence, it requires a host of effective local clubs to protect our interests. It was with this in mind that the League began a couple of years ago to concentrate on supplying services and support to those affiliated clubs who strive to be full-service representatives of Amateur Radio in their communities: the Special Service Clubs, of which there are 142 listed in the new edition of the *Repeater Directory*. Of course, there are many other good local clubs that haven't gone through the SSC procedures but are doing an equally effective job. Ideally, there would be a Special Service Club in every community in the country.

How are our local clubs doing? In talking with club officers around the country in recent months, we've asked that question a lot and have gotten widely varying responses. Two of them, from two of our favorite clubs, stand out because they paint such contrasting pictures. These are real clubs, not a writer's invention.

Our first club is flourishing. Every meeting sees more people in attendance; every exam session they sponsor has more applicants and higher pass rates; every club activity (and there are dozens during the year) has full participation; and the club has a prominent and positive profile in the community. The per-capita ham population in the area is well above the national average; a majority of the hams in the area are club members (and most turn out for meetings); the average age is somewhere in the 30's; and while there's currently no special effort underway to recruit young people, they're showing up anyway in increasing numbers.

Our second club has a proud history, but some of the officers and members feel it's in trouble. Its membership, while large by many standards, is just a fraction of the local amateur population; most members don't attend meetings regularly; jobs go unfilled; new members are hard to come by. Yet, the club officers recognize they have a problem and are trying to do something about it—which puts them a big step ahead of many other clubs that could be described similarly.

What's caused these two clubs to be so different? Why is one so successful, while so many others are languishing? In the words of the club president, “It took us five years to figure out the answer to that one. It turned

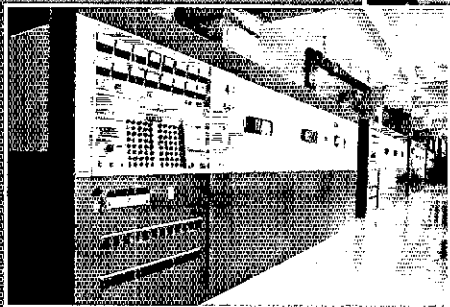
out that there was nothing magical about it; we had simply recognized at the very start that the club was a social organization first and foremost, and that what worked for social organizations outside of Amateur Radio would work for us.” The club gives members countless opportunities to do things and to have fun doing them. The meetings don't get bogged down with business because most of it is taken care of by the Executive Board. But the direction comes from the membership, not the Board; members are always welcome at Executive Board meetings, and suggestions made to Board members are dealt with quickly, which encourages more suggestions and inspires confidence in the club's leadership. The focus at meetings is on conveying information, and the fact that a bit of entertainment and showmanship helps lubricate the information-transfer machinery is not overlooked. Volunteers to take on assignments for the club are never asked to commit themselves on the spur of the moment, in the middle of the meeting, but are invited to make themselves known afterwards and find out more about the job. The meetings start promptly at 7 P.M., so there's plenty of time left for socializing at the end of the evening.

The results speak for themselves. Membership is growing, fueled by friends of club members and by people moving into the area who find that the club provides the social contacts they need in their new community. For many it's a family activity, complementing other interests instead of competing with them. Licensing classes that are promoted just by word-of-mouth are filled to capacity immediately.

The club president would deny it, but of course his leadership has a lot to do with the success of the group. His pet peeve? “Negativism. We've pretty much managed to avoid it in the club, but it's all too common in Amateur Radio. There's so much to do as a ham, I can't imagine anyone running out of interesting things to try. It's silly to waste time griping about things that happened 20 years ago, or criticizing hams who happen to have interests different from our own. When it comes to attracting new people into Amateur Radio or the League, sometimes we're our own worst enemy.”

Much to our delight, this club president, having sown the seeds in his own community, is about to go on to bigger and better things as a Section Manager. He's Bill Burden, WB1BRE, of Nashua, New Hampshire. There are a number of affiliated clubs around the country that are equally successful, but his happens to be the Nashua Area Radio Club. If you happen to be in Nashua on the first Monday of the month, drop by the Nashua Public Library and say hello. Tell 'em Dave sent you.—David Sumner, K1ZZ

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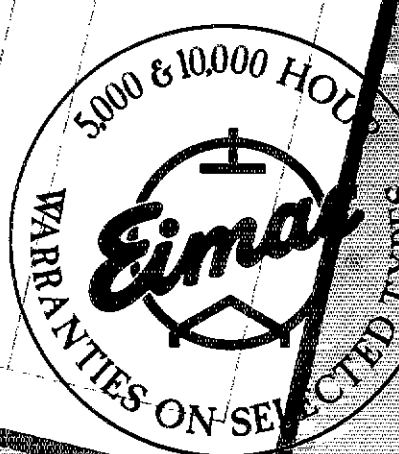
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Countdown to Increased Amateur Privileges

Later this month, the following operating privileges officially go into effect:

- On June 17, amateurs will be authorized to use **RTTY, FAX and SSTV on the 160-meter band, 1800 to 2000 kHz.** The FCC has released a Report and Order in Docket 84-959 that finalizes the process that began when the ARRL asked the Commission to authorize RTTY on 160 meters last year.

- The 12-meter band (24.890-24.990 MHz) will be released to U.S. amateurs General class and above at 0001Z June 22. The 30-meter band (10.1-10.15 MHz) becomes permanent at the same time. Both bands are exclusive in the U.S., but amateurs must avoid interfering with stations outside the U.S. in the Fixed Service. Full power will be permitted in the 12-meter band; at 30 meters, power continues to be restricted to 200-W PEP. Mode subbands will be as shown in December 1984 *QST*, page 61.

Youth Column Premieres

Exciting news for young radio amateurs on page 60 of this issue: Making Waves, a column by 15-year-old Scott Springate, N7DDM, makes its debut. This installment, Scott features three families who have become Amateur Radio-active—and are having more fun together than ever. If you're doing something noteworthy and want to share it with others in this column, tell Scott about it (his address appears at the top of his column). Who knows, maybe next time you'll be the one Making Waves.

Automatic Control on VHF Proposed

In response to a specific request from the ARRL, the FCC has proposed to allow **automatic control for all amateur operations above 29.5 MHz.** Last November, the League had requested that automatic control be extended to digital communications above 30 MHz, to allow for greater use of and experimentation with computer bulletin boards and packet radio communications. Unfortunately, the FCC proposal does not extend to third-party traffic. See this month's Happenings for details.



More than a year after the First Ham in Space mission, the exploits of Owen Garriott, W5LFL, aboard the Space Shuttle *Columbia* continue to play well with the public. Recently, *Amateur Radio's Newest Frontier*, the League videotape documenting the historic flight, was shown twice to viewers statewide over Connecticut Public Television. Instrumental in getting the program aired were Fairfield ARA members John Ronan, K3ZJJ (left), and Don Rosati, K1NGL, shown here discussing the broadcast with Mercer Field of CPTV. Yes, that's W5LFL in the monitors in the background.

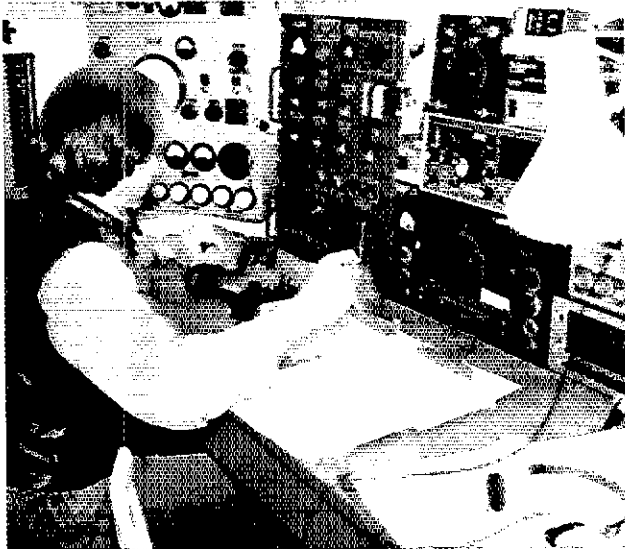
First Teacher in Space a Ham?

Jeanine Duane, WB2MBW, of Long Valley, New Jersey, has a shot at becoming the first teacher to be invited aboard a Space Shuttle mission. An elementary school teacher, Jeanine is one of two educators from her state and among 118 nationwide being considered out of the more than 10,000 who initially applied for the spot. As part of her application, Jeanine submitted an in-flight project in which she would make scheduled 2-meter two-ways with amateurs stationed at schools across the country, and later deliver QSLs in person. The field of applicants will be narrowed to 10 sometime later this year, from which the crew member and a backup will be chosen.

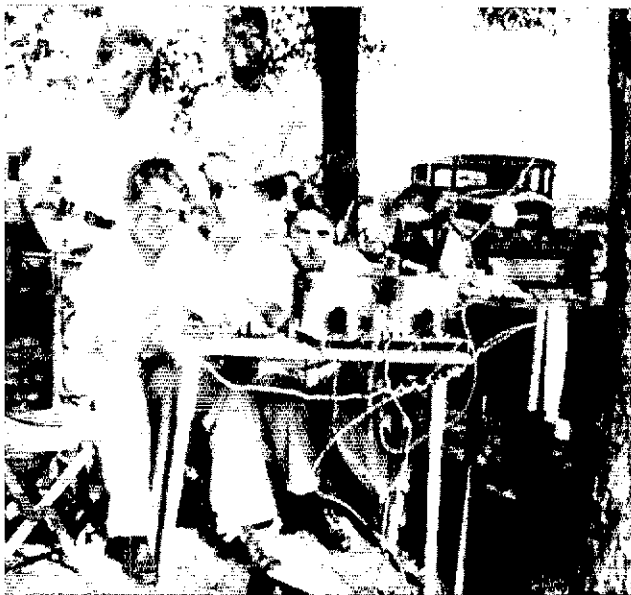


The national Amateur Radio society of Sweden, Foreningen Sveriges Sandareamatorer (SSA), was honored by an invitation to meet King Hussein of Jordan, JY1, during his recent stay at the Royal Palace in Stockholm. The photos show JY1 operating 2-meter FM (left) and being presented with a lapel pin by SSA Secretary Stig Johansson, SM0CWC. (SM0COP photos, courtesy SM4GL)





Life at Gardskagi Lighthouse, on the southwest coast of Iceland, could be awfully lonely, but Martin Berkofsky, TF3XUU/8, has plenty of friends on the air to keep him company. Mostly built from converted antiques, Martin's station includes a Heathkit Cheyenne and long wire, for 10, 15, 20 and 40 meters; a Pedersen ship-to-shore rack, for 80 and 160 meters; and an RCA VHF transmitter with an 829-B final, salvaged from the Reykjavik airport, for RS satellite 2-meter uplinks. During his stay, until February 1986, he would be happy to make skeds with U.S. hams on 160 meters, 1830-1850 kHz. Recently, Martin passed his U.S. Advanced class exam and received the call KC3RE.



This month, on the 22nd and 23rd, amateurs across the country will be adding their own special adventures to the annals of Field Day. For these earnest-looking high school students in south Kansas City, Missouri, though, Field Day has held a special place in their hearts and minds for over half a century! Operating W9NFBV at a country club golf course, they placed fifth in club scores in the first Field Day, in 1933. Taking part in the operation were (seated, l-r) W9AIW (now W0AR) and W9KGX (now KA1UP), and (standing, l-r) W9LPZ (now W4DT) and W9LXG (not presently licensed).

OSCAR for Beginners on TRN

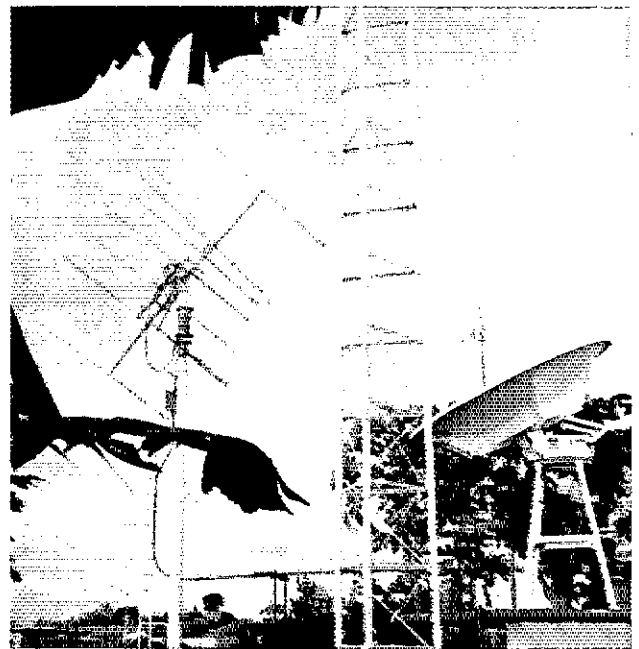
Are you interested in satellite communications, but can't tell the difference between your uplink and your downlink? The North American Teleconference Radio Net presentation at 0100Z June 14 may provide just the help you're looking for. A panel of AMSAT specialists will be on hand to discuss many aspects of the Amateur Satellite program, including how to get started, how a satellite can be used for QSOs, and future satellite activities. For information on linking your repeater into the net, send an s.a.s.e. to TRN Manager Timothy Lowenstein, WA0IVW, c/o Midway ARC, P.O. Box 1231, Kearney, NE 68847-1231.

A Golden Packet Opportunity

If you're involved in breaking new ground in long-distance packet communications, there may be a little something extra in it for you. To encourage the completion of the first terrestrial transcontinental packet network link, the Pacific Packet Radio Society has established a unique award, **the Golden Packet**, to be given to all stations participating in the link. The system used must consist of fixed terrestrial digital store-and-forward radio links using VHF (above 144.1 MHz), UHF or microwave frequencies. For more information, contact the Pacific Packet Radio Society, P.O. Box 51562, Palo Alto, CA 94303.

Call for Satellite Papers

Have you done some **original work and/or have some significant findings to report** in the areas of low-cost satellite engineering, space communications or a related subject? The Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT) may be interested in publishing it in the premiere edition of the *AMSAT Technical Journal*, to be published later this year. **Papers are due by August 1**, and should be mailed to AMSAT Technical Journal, P.O. Box 27, Washington, DC 20044.



Luciano Bertucci, TR8BL, enjoys satellite communications in a big way, as evidenced by this OSCAR 10 antenna system he built at his station in Libreville, Gabon. The dish is 2 meters in diameter and provides 26-dB gain on 1260 MHz. The 145- and 435-MHz antennas are crossed Yagis with 9 and 19 elements, respectively, fed with hardline. Preamplifiers are mounted at the antennas.

League Lines

Ham-in-Space planners announce that a frequency of 145.55 MHz will be the primary downlink for the amateur station on Shuttle flight 51-F. Verbal word from NASA in Houston still sets the launch for July 15, with the first amateur operations as early as the second half of day 2. Early transmissions from astronaut Tony England, WØORE, are likely to be slow-scan television rather than voice. The limited opportunity for two-way contacts will be used to fulfill Tony's primary interest: working youth groups paired with ham clubs. Local Amateur Radio clubs meeting certain guidelines will be able to get a list of special, non published uplink frequencies to be used for this purpose. Application forms are now available for qualified groups. Requests should be sent to ARRL Hq. in Newington, attention: HAM-IN-SPACE MISSION.

The 24-MHz band will be released to U.S. amateurs at 0001 UTC on June 22. The standing Board policy of no contest credit or awards on the WARC bands will apply to Field Day, unless a decision to the contrary is reached at the May 18 meeting of the ARRL Executive Committee. Check WIAW bulletins and the ARRL Letter for late-breaking news. More information on the 24-MHz band appears in Up Front in QST, in this issue.

The results of the postcard survey asking ARRL members' opinion on SSB subbands in the U.S. 40 meter band are as follows:

8788 (44.2%)	In favor of phone expansion on the U.S. 40-meter band
10640 (53.6%)	Not in favor of phone expansion on the U.S. 40-meter band
434 (2.2%)	No opinion
19862	Total number of cards

The survey was mailed with the January 1985 QST, and a facsimile of the postcard can be found on page 69 of that issue. Our special thanks go out to Jim and Andrea Parker, K1VII and K1WLX, who compiled the report. A cross tabulation to age and years licensed will be published in a future issue of QST.

The ARRL/VEC has coordinated nearly two-thirds of all test activity in the nation so far in 1985. VE Teams working with the League have administered close to 10,000 examinations! Many thanks to all of the hard-working Volunteer Examiners who are making this possible. More details appear elsewhere in this issue of QST.

ARRL is now accepting applications for the VUCC award for the microwave bands. Individual band awards are now available with the minimum number of grid squares to qualify as follows: 2.3 GHz, 10 squares; 3.4 GHz, 5 squares; 5.7 GHz, 5 squares and 10 GHz, 5 squares. Contacts made after January 1, 1983 count for award credit, and endorsements are to be offered in increments of 5. Contacts must be made from a single location; defined as within a 300-meter-diameter circle. The first three qualifiers on each band will receive their certificates mounted on walnut plaques. Application information, and the name of the closest awards manager who will process applications, is available from Dept. 63 at ARRL Hq. for an s.a.s.e.

Want to know more about amateur satellites? Check out the Teleconference Radio Net on June 14. Details appear in Up Front in QST, this issue.

There is an opening on the staff here in Newington. 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 working on the ARRL Hq. staff in Newington, contact Bruce Hale, KB1MW, Manager, Regulatory Information Branch, ARRL Hq.

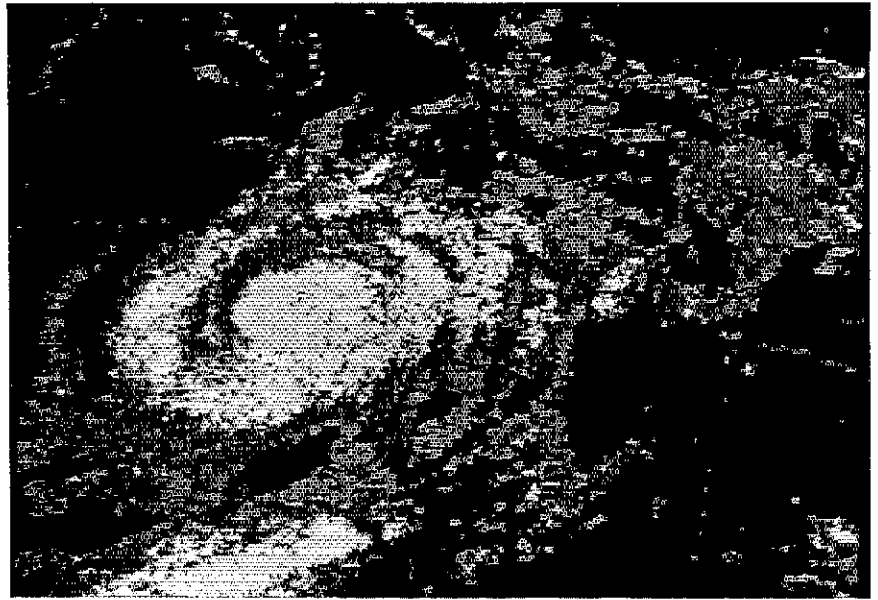
We are closing out our supply of the 1984-85 ARRL Amateur Radio Call Directory. Special price while they last: (in U.S. funds) \$10 in the U.S., \$14 in Canada and elsewhere. See page 136 to order.

The new ARRL Operating Manual will be out early in June. Check page 116 for details.

WEFAX Pictures on Your IBM PC

Exciting color WEFAX pictures can be yours. You can even magnify picture areas from four to 16 times normal size.

By Elmer W. Schwittek,* K2LAF
and William*G. Schwittek**



Many articles have been written about receiving and recording weather-facsimile (WEFAX) signals. If your interest in this subject is new, it will help you to read the articles listed as references. This presentation is limited to that part of the system following detection of the video signal from the 2400-Hz AM carrier. We'll discuss the electronics needed to convert the analog video signal to a digital form to send to the personal computer (PC), two computer programs and how the system works to produce a weather picture.

Outline

The facsimile (FAX) machine is used by most WEFAX enthusiasts to obtain black-and-white (B&W) weather pictures from a geostationary orbiting earth satellite (GOES). But how we envy the "living color" WEFAX pictures shown on the televised weather shows! The method we're presenting here produces four-color WEFAX pictures of reasonable quality on the screen of an RGB (red, green, blue) color monitor used with an IBM® PC. A composite-video color monitor may also be used, but the resolution will not be as good. The WEFAX picture may be stored on disk, and a printer may be used to obtain hard copies in four shades of gray.

The System

This WEFAX picture-reproduction method uses the medium-resolution, four-color mode of the IBM PC. Four colors replace the shades of gray produced by the FAX method in response to the instan-

aneous amplitude of the video signal (Fig. 1). To accomplish this, the A/D (analog-to-digital) converter (Figs. 2 and 3) sorts the analog video signal into four amplitude ranges, assigns a two-digit binary number to each range (00, 01, 10 or 11) and delivers the number to the computer game port. Thus, as the video-signal amplitude varies with picture content, the computer sees one of four binary numbers, depending on the instantaneous amplitude of that video signal. The computer interprets each of the four binary numbers as a different color. To a limited extent, the colors are software selectable.

REALTIME.BAS

To gain some familiarity with the software, use the REALTIME program first.¹ It causes the computer to sample the binary number present at its game port (two bits) and to move this information, one byte at a time, to the memory addresses of the color screen. The program requires no

unusual amount of computer memory, and the picture is painted on the monitor in real time, so you can make equipment adjustments and observe the result instantly. An example of the output of REALTIME is shown in Fig. 4. Compare it with Fig. 5, a simultaneously produced FAX copy. The color photograph was taken directly from the color monitor screen using a 200-mm lens to minimize distortion from the shape of the screen.²

To understand what REALTIME does, you must recall that the WEFAX picture transmission is composed of 900 lines, each 1/4 second in length, of which fewer than 800 lines are useful picture information. This system has been designed to record and display 800 lines, and the time required to do this is 200 seconds (800 lines × 1/4 second).

If you assume, as a first approximation, that the horizontal and vertical details are equal, the picture could be shown in all of its detail if the PC were capable of displaying 800 × 800 lines, or 640,000 pixels (picture elements), on the monitor. The

¹Notes appear on page 18.

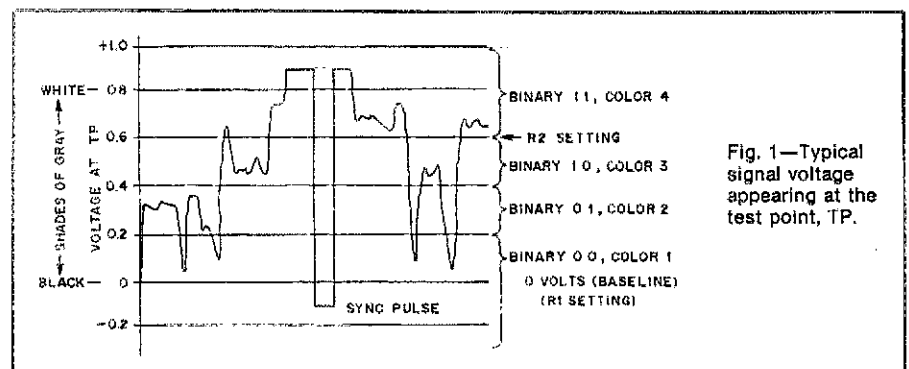


Fig. 1—Typical signal voltage appearing at the test point, TP.

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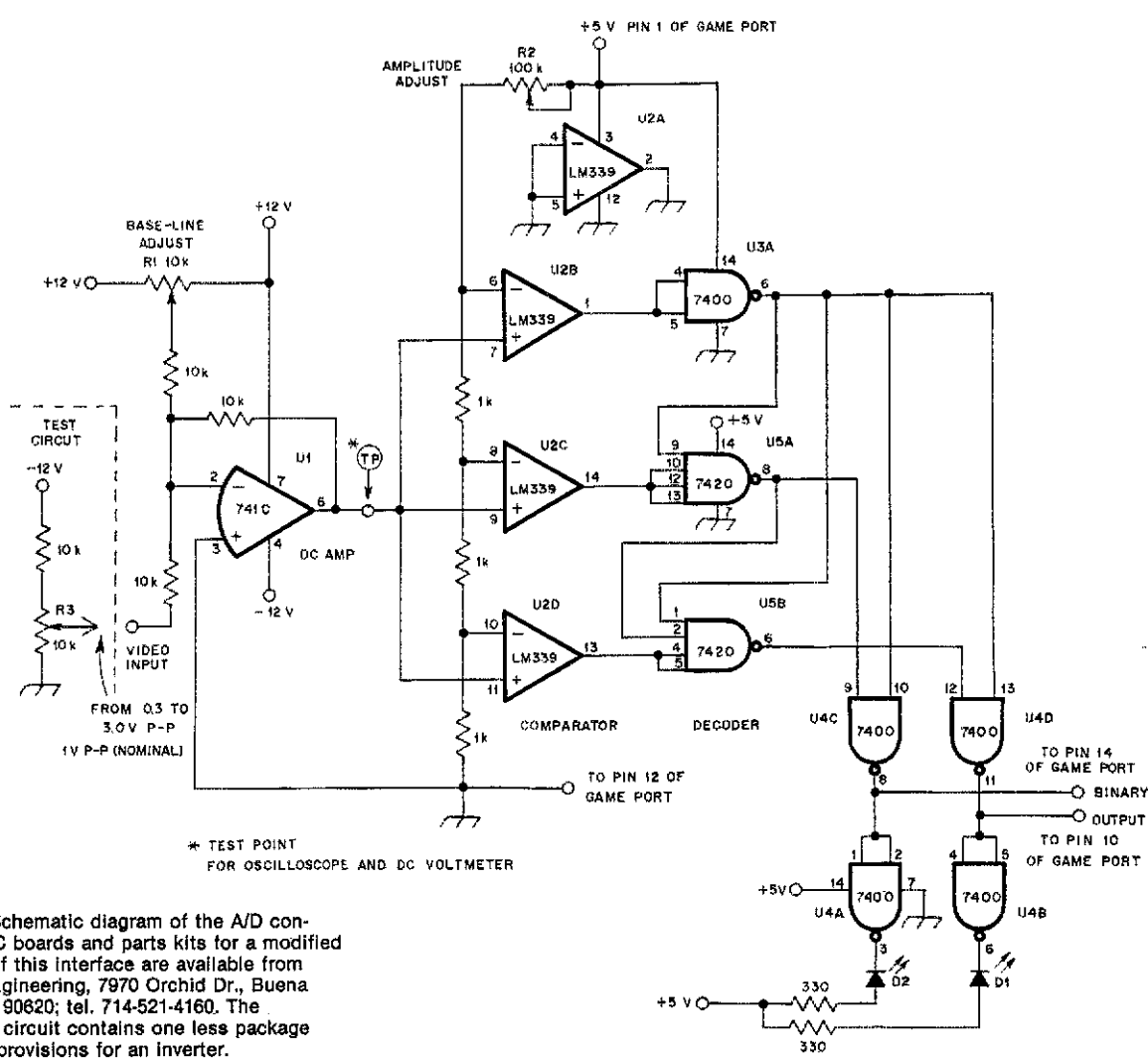


Fig. 2—Schematic diagram of the A/D converter. PC boards and parts kits for a modified version of this interface are available from A & A Engineering, 7970 Orchid Dr., Buena Park, CA 90620; tel. 714-521-4160. The modified circuit contains one less package and has provisions for an inverter.

four-color, medium-resolution screen provides only 200 lines with 320 pixels per line, or 64,000 pixels. REALTIME samples the game port 320 times during a picture line, but samples are taken during only *one out of four lines*. Thus, $\frac{1}{4}$ of the vertical information and 480/800 of the horizontal information contained in the transmitted signal are wasted in order to fit the full picture on the screen (compare the printing at the top of Figs. 4 and 5). If, on the other hand, you are willing to display a *part* of the WEFAX picture, that part can be displayed in greater detail. This is the difference between REALTIME and MAGNIFY.

MAGNIFY.BAS

MAGNIFY functions much like REALTIME, but allows you to select how much of the total picture you wish to view. You may choose the entire picture, any quarter (Fig. 6) or any sixteenth (Fig. 7). When less than the full picture is chosen, that part is displayed over the entire screen and in greater detail. MAGNIFY does not require you to make your choice of view before you begin recording the picture. It

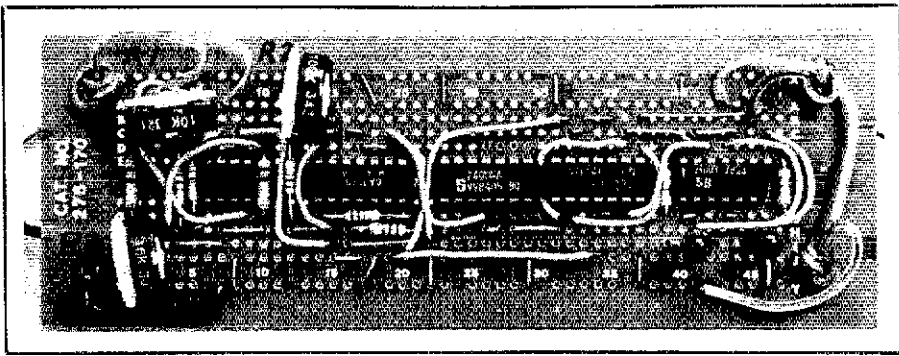


Fig. 3—The authors' A/D converter is constructed on a Radio Shack prototyping board (RS 276-170). Since the photo was taken, the trimmer potentiometers were changed to panel-mount types so that knobs could be attached for ease of adjustment.

samples the game port 1,024,000 times (1280 times along each of the 800 lines) during the 200-second transmission time, stores *all* of these samples in 256 kbytes of computer memory (2 bits per sample, 4 samples per byte), and permits the display of samples you select. With the total view, the samples that were used in REALTIME are selected. As the area of view is

restricted, MAGNIFY selects the most appropriate 64,000 samples from which to compose that view, thus yielding greater detail in exchange. Note that MAGNIFY does not provide real-time viewing. All data is sampled prior to view selection. With MAGNIFY, you first examine the total view to see the general weather situation. Then, depending

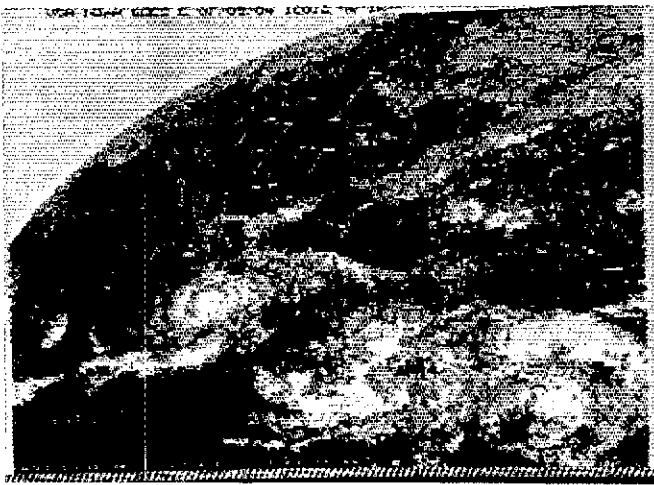


Fig. 4—WEFAX picture obtained using REALTIME.BAS or MAGNIFY.BAS. All pictures shown were recorded at K2LAF on July 5, 1984. Note hurricane Genevieve in the lower-left quadrant of this picture. MAGNIFY was used to zero in on the hurricane areas shown in Figs. 6 and 7 and in the title photograph. The title photo shows how dramatically the color palette choices affect the resulting picture.

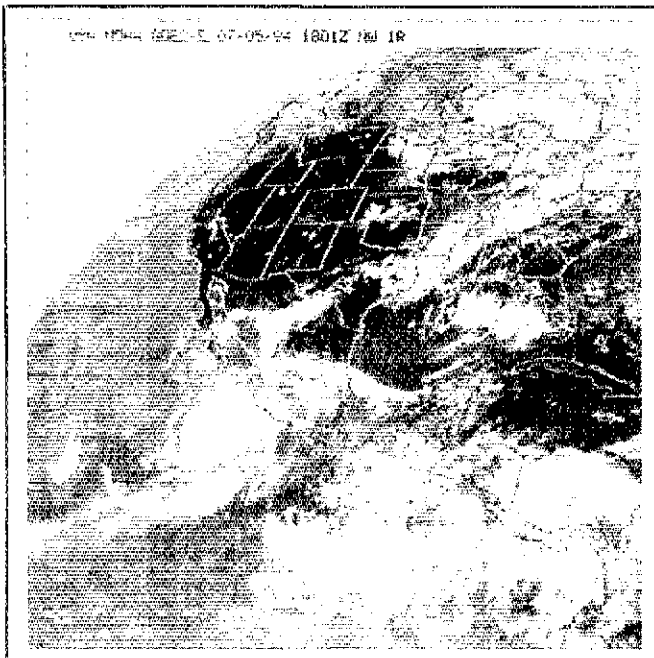


Fig. 5—A B & W FAX recording produced simultaneously with the picture shown in Fig. 4.

on the picture content and the degree of detail desired, a multiplication factor of 4 or 16 can be made for closer, more detailed viewing. The detail in the 16× view is approximately equal to that of the original transmission. The price you pay for greater detail in viewing is the requirement of more computer memory.

Color Selection

The programs allow selection of the background color from a group of 16. The remaining colors may be chosen from two standard groups of three-color palettes. Avoid choosing one of the palette colors for the background color.

Memory Requirements

The programs require a minimal amount of memory. Both are loaded in a part of the BASIC workspace that has been size

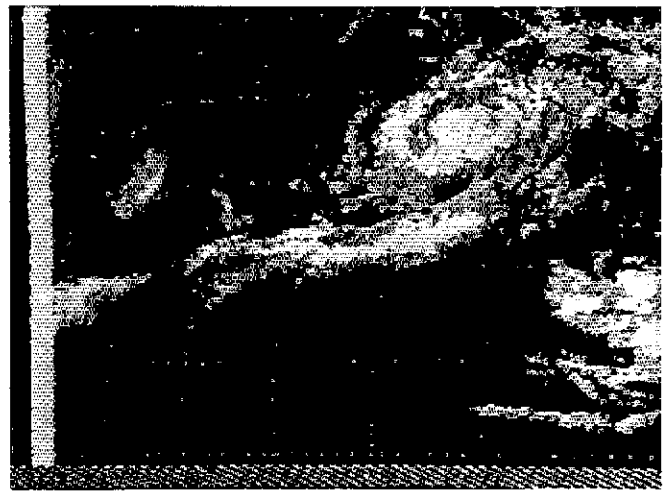


Fig. 6—This 4× view of the information appearing in Fig. 3 was produced using MAGNIFY.BAS, effectively zooming in on hurricane Genevieve.

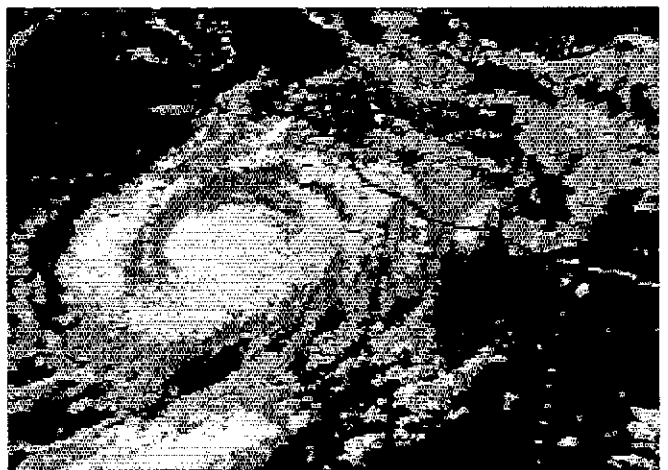


Fig. 7—An even closer look at the hurricane. This time, MAGNIFY was used with a magnification factor of 16.

restricted by the CLEAR command to 20,480 bytes. Both programs load their high-speed subroutines beginning at that point in memory. The storage of WEFAX data, however, is a different matter.

While in REALTIME, the 16 kbytes of data (64,000 pixels) that are taken from the game port are stored directly in the color screen memory; this is not the case with MAGNIFY. In MAGNIFY, the program stores all data (256 kbytes) in four contiguous memory segments (\$4000 to \$7000), and selects, as required, appropriate data for placement in the color screen memory. You must have four empty contiguous segments available in your PC for MAGNIFY, though they need not be \$4000 to \$7000.

If the four segments are located differently in your PC, you must modify MAGNIFY.BAS by changing any reference to the RANGE (\$4000 to \$7000) to the four-segment range that you have available. Lines 720, 780, 840-870, 1630-1660, 1950 (&H40) and 2100 (&H70) of MAGNIFY are affected.

Picture Synchronization

The frequency standards in the satellite and in the IBM PC are sufficiently stable so that synchronization, once established, is maintained. When you first record WEFAX video, either program will begin the picture properly at the upper left-hand

corner of the screen, but the sides of the picture may not be vertical because of slight variations in the time base of each PC. A constant has been provided in the programs to trim the timing to match your computer. Once this adjustment has been made properly, further change is seldom necessary.

Storing Picture Data

On Disk

Using either program, you may save on disk any view seen on the screen at a cost of 16 kbytes of disk space per view. With MAGNIFY, the entire 256 kbytes of sample data may also be saved on disk, from which 21 different views may be obtained.

Hard Copy

Using the IBM graphics printer and the DOS 2.0 program called GRAPHICS.COM, you may save any view on paper, but in four shades of gray instead of four colors (see Fig. 8). Load GRAPHICS.COM right after booting up the PC, and press the SHIFT (UP-ARROW)/PRTS keys when you want a hard copy of the graphics screen.

The Hardware

The A/D converter can and should be tested prior to any connection to the computer. As shown in Fig. 2, the +5-V supply will eventually be derived from the computer power supply, but any +5-V source will suffice for test purposes.

The first stage of the A/D converter is a dc amplifier with unity gain. It provides a way to establish a proper dc baseline. The video signal you will eventually connect to the video input is a variable dc voltage with some sort of dc baseline, which will probably be incorrect for our purpose. R1 allows you to reestablish that baseline relative to the video signal so that it is approximately as shown in Fig. 1.

A comparator in the second stage works in conjunction with the voltage divider made up of R2 and three 1-kilohm resistors; these serve to sort the video signal into one of four amplitude ranges. R2 is adjusted so that the sorting ranges are compatible with the video signal level available at the video input. The remaining stages decode the comparator output so that the 2-bit binary number corresponding to the input signal level is present at the LED indicators.

Test the A/D converter as follows: Adjust R3 (test circuit) so that the simulated video input is zero (video input at ground); set R1 at midrange and apply ± 12 V and +5 V to the board. Adjust R2 so the voltage at pin 6 of U2 is about 0.6-V dc. Connect a dc voltmeter to TP. Adjust R1 so the voltage at TP is zero (midway). Both LEDs should be off, indicating a 00 binary output.

Gradually increase the negative voltage

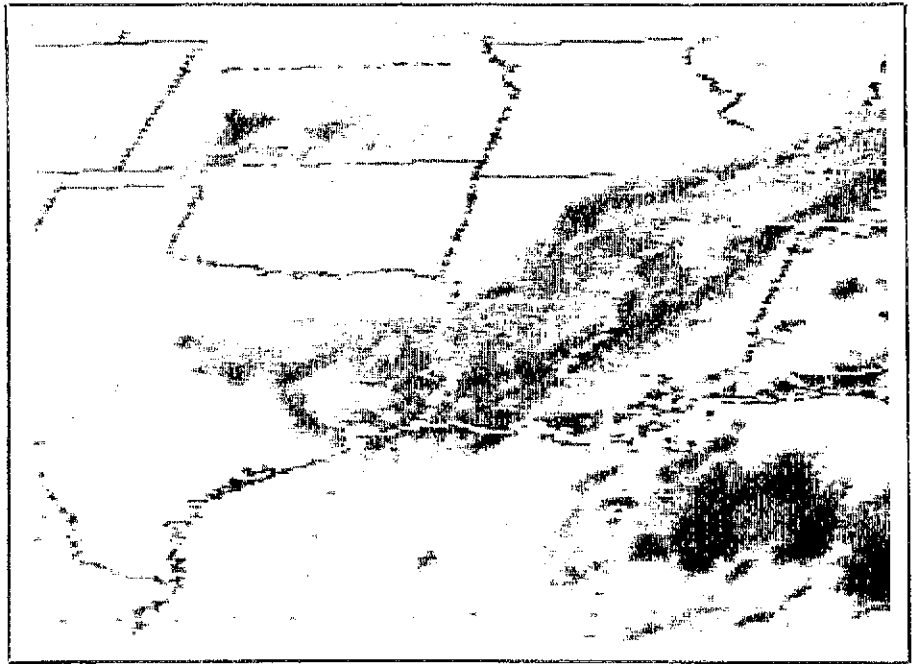


Fig. 8—A printer-produced hard copy of a magnified view of the Gulf area shown in Figs. 4 and 5.

at the video input by adjusting R3. Note that the four binary conditions are sequentially indicated on the LEDs with 00 between 0 and 0.2-V dc at TP, 01 from 0.2 to 0.4 V, 10 from 0.4 to 0.6 V, and 11 above 0.6 V (the voltage set by R2). You can see that R2 acts as a gain control. For example, with R2 set as described, a 1-V P-P video signal would be proper (see Fig. 1). It is normal to allow the maximum white and maximum black picture levels associated with the sync pulse to spill over somewhat.

Getting the Picture with REALTIME

To gain experience with this system, it is best to start with REALTIME. If you enter the REALTIME.BAS listing from the keyboard, save it to a disk that also contains IBM PC DOS 2.0, BASIC.COM and GRAPHICS.COM. With the computer off, connect the A/D converter to the computer game port with an appropriate connector and four-wire cable as shown in Fig. 2. Continuing to use the test circuit, turn on the computer and determine that the LEDs operate properly as R3 is varied. Then set R3 so that the LEDs indicate 01.

Run REALTIME.BAS. Select blue for a background color, and the green, red and brown palette. Choose "Record new data," and reply "N" when asked if you desire to save the picture to disk. REALTIME will request a keypress to start recording on the next sync pulse (binary 00 on the data lines). Press any key, and simulate a sync pulse by setting R3 to yield a momentary 00 indication. Then adjust R3 to produce various binary numbers, and notice the color scanning on the monitor. You may re-run the program to show that

you can save the "picture" on disk, or make a hard copy using the printer.

At this point, you have proved that your system functions. All that remains is to apply a video signal in place of the test signal. It is apparent that the system described has a negative-going video signal from its detector; this produces the positive-going video signal at TP. If your video signal is of opposite polarity, you must invert it by passing it through an inverting amplifier or by revising the dc amplifier of Fig. 2 so it becomes non-inverting. The video-signal level presented to the A/D converter is not critical, as long as it falls within the range that the comparator can handle by adjustment of R2.

To record video, run the program to the point where it requests a keypress to begin recording at the next sync pulse. Then, while monitoring the audio at the start of a new picture, let the 5-second tone burst pass without doing anything. Waste the next 18 to 20 seconds of the FAX sync period, and then press any key to start recording. Recording begins the first time the video signal goes to 00 after you press any key to start the process. If you are already into picture data before pressing a key, the picture will not synchronize.

Do some experimentation with the settings of R1 and R2 while observing the picture as well as with an oscilloscope connected to TP. This is a good way to become familiar with the recording technique.

To correct for nonvertical picture sides, REALTIME contains a number in the data section that must be modified. In REALTIME, this number is located in two adjacent words beginning with the last word of line 1300 (&H32 and &H3C). This

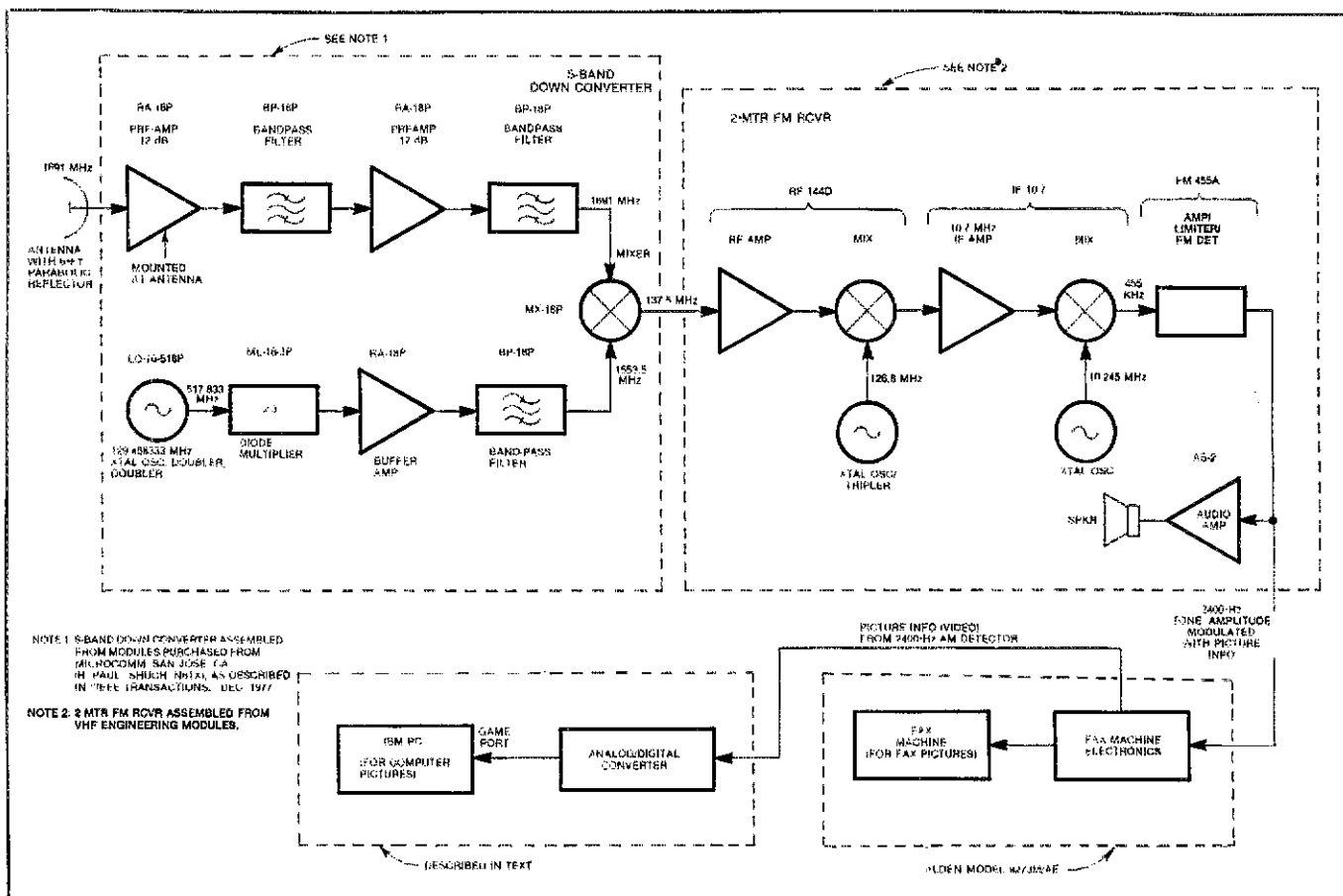


Fig. 9—A block diagram of the WEFAX receiving and recording system used at K2LAF. Output of the Alden Recorder is fed to the A/D converter input so that simultaneous FAX and computer recordings can be made. There is no requirement for using that particular detector, however. Any AM detector designed for detecting the WEFAX signal from its 2400-Hz carrier will suffice.

stands for the number \$3C32 (15,410 decimal). Small changes are made by varying &H32 a few counts.

Getting the Picture from MAGNIFY

The same checkout procedure works for MAGNIFY. The only difference is that the display is not in real time, so you will not be able to view the results until after the 200-second period is completed. To adjust for vertical picture sides, the same number appears twice in the program, and *both* locations must be altered. The number is located in adjacent data words in lines 1980 and 2070—&H05 and &H04; this equates to \$0405 (1029 decimal). If large changes are required, *both numbers* have to be changed in *both lines*. For small changes, only &H05 is varied in *both lines*.

Final Remarks

Both programs include a data-checking feature that gives some assurance that the DATA lines are typed correctly. When you first run REALTIME, type "RUN 1010," so the quantity and sum of DATA terms will be verified. For MAGNIFY, type "RUN 1830."

For those of you interested in programming, some program improvements are suggested. Real-time viewing could be added to MAGNIFY so you're not look-

ing at an inactive screen while a picture is being recorded. Also, since the WEFAX picture is square, the scan rate could be altered to give a square picture on the monitor as well. Try reversing the data lines from the A/D converter to the computer. The colors will not change, but they will be associated with different video levels.

We're grateful to David E. Schwittek, WB2LMU, for his advice during the early work on MAGNIFY. We hope this project will provide you—as it has us—with hours of interesting and informative WEFAX-picture viewing.

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Notes

- *Copies of the programs are available on disk from Elmer Schwittek for \$5. A single sheet of instructions is included with the disk. (The ARRL and *QST* in no way warrant this offer.) The program listings for REALTIME.BAS

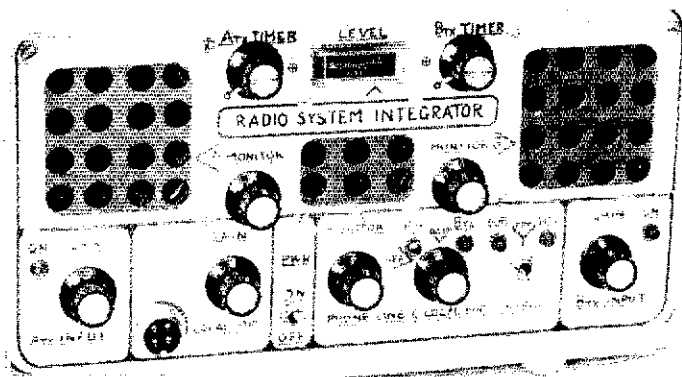
and MAGNIFY.BAS are too long to be reproduced in *QST*. Program listings are available for \$1.50 and a large s.a.s.e. Please clearly identify the program listings as WEFAX 6/85 in your request.

¹William Schwittek took the pictures from the screen of a 19-inch Sony Profeel RGB monitor. He used a Canon F1 35-mm single-lens reflex camera equipped with a Tokina 50 to 250-mm zoom lens set at 200 mm; exposure time, 1/15 s at 18; distance to screen, approximately 12 feet. Kodak VR400 color-print film was used; pictures were printed using the Kodak Ektaflex process.

Elmer Schwittek was first licensed as W9FUO in 1939. Since then, he has held W0FUO and his present call, K2LAF. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1948 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, and went to work for Collins Radio, Cedar Rapids, Iowa until 1957. In 1957, Elmer moved to Rochester, New York and worked for the Electronics Division of General Dynamics until 1961. With three others, he founded RF Communications, Inc. where he held the positions of Executive Vice President and then President. RF Communications was sold to the Harris Corporation in 1969, and Elmer left the firm in 1970 to become a farmer. After nine years of farming in Victor, New York, he retired to Florida. Elmer is now president of the Palm Beach Rehabilitation Center, Inc., which trains handicapped people for employment. He's also the Vice Mayor of Atlantis, Florida.

William Schwittek graduated from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1970 with a master's degree in electrical engineering. He is presently employed as an Advisory Engineer by IBM in Burlington, Vermont. Both William and Elmer are pilots; they flew across the Atlantic in 1978 in a single-engine aircraft.

The Radio System Integrator



You'll enjoy building this project! When you're finished, you'll have a useful and versatile radio-control system, too.

By Ki Negoro,* WA6QJP

The East Whittier Radio Club often provides communications for crowd control and medical monitors during parades, marathon runs and other public events. About half of the amateur operators use 10-meter SSB (converted CB) radios, while others run 2-meter FM gear. Communications within each group works well, but some time ago each group asked: "What's happening on the other band?"

Necessity, Mother of Invention

We needed a dual cross-band repeater control unit. The unit had to provide a "repeat" output for the other band. That way, each operating group could hear the activity on the other band. A net-control facility would provide overall system monitoring. The late Robert N. Dyruff, W6POU, suggested the addition of an optional telephone-line interface for possible use in emergency communications. Thus, the Radio System Integrator was conceived.

The Integrator is a versatile combiner of audio signals and controls between any two transmitter/receiver systems and a normal telephone line. Audio signals of any mode (AM, SSB, FM, RTTY and data transmissions) are handled automatically after the routing procedures are set by net control.

The Integrator is an ideal construction project for clubs as well as individuals. It can be used for setting up a "quickie" repeater at a club picnic or swap meet, to provide communications for public events or for emergency communications when conventional systems are overloaded or fail. The unit might also find use in automatic control of OSCAR and packet-radio gateway stations.

Development

A predesign search of my "Interesting—for future use" files brought up "The Porta Peater—The Instant Communicator," by Mike Strange, WA2BHB.² The general design was modified so that two sets of controls could be hooked up in a cross-connected arrangement to control two radios. The received audio signal from one radio is fed into the box, which senses its presence, operates the PTT line and routes the audio signal to the input of the second radio. Similarly, an audio signal from the second radio operates the first radio.

A safety circuit avoids lockups by providing priority status to one of the radios. The LOCAL MIC operator (net control) has total control of routing and operating order of all signals entering and leaving the Integrator. The power-supply filter and voltage-regulator unit requires an input of 12- to 16-V dc at 180 mA. Batteries, a stan-

dard 12-V dc wall transformer or other such power sources will suffice.

The optional telephone-line interface includes:

- An IC equivalent of hybrid balanced-line transformers.
- Additional circuits to drive a monitor speaker and PTT control.
- An active notch filter for long-distance line operations.
- A VU meter circuit to monitor audio levels.

Circuit Description

Main Board

Refer to Fig. 1. The received audio signal from Radio A is fed to R6, R7 and T1. R6 controls the volume of the A MONITOR speaker. R7 sets the level of the audio signal fed through the switch U1A and into the common signal line, SL. Audio signal level is indicated on the VU meter. The audio signal on SL terminates at R33 and R32, which are adjusted to suit input requirements of Radio A and Radio B, respectively.

The ac output of T1 is rectified and stored in C5. This potential is compared with the slightly positive state of the inverted input of U2A. Thus, the output is triggered to an ON or OFF state, controlling U1A. Output of U2A also triggers timer U3 to the ON state, activating K1,

¹Notes appear on page 24.

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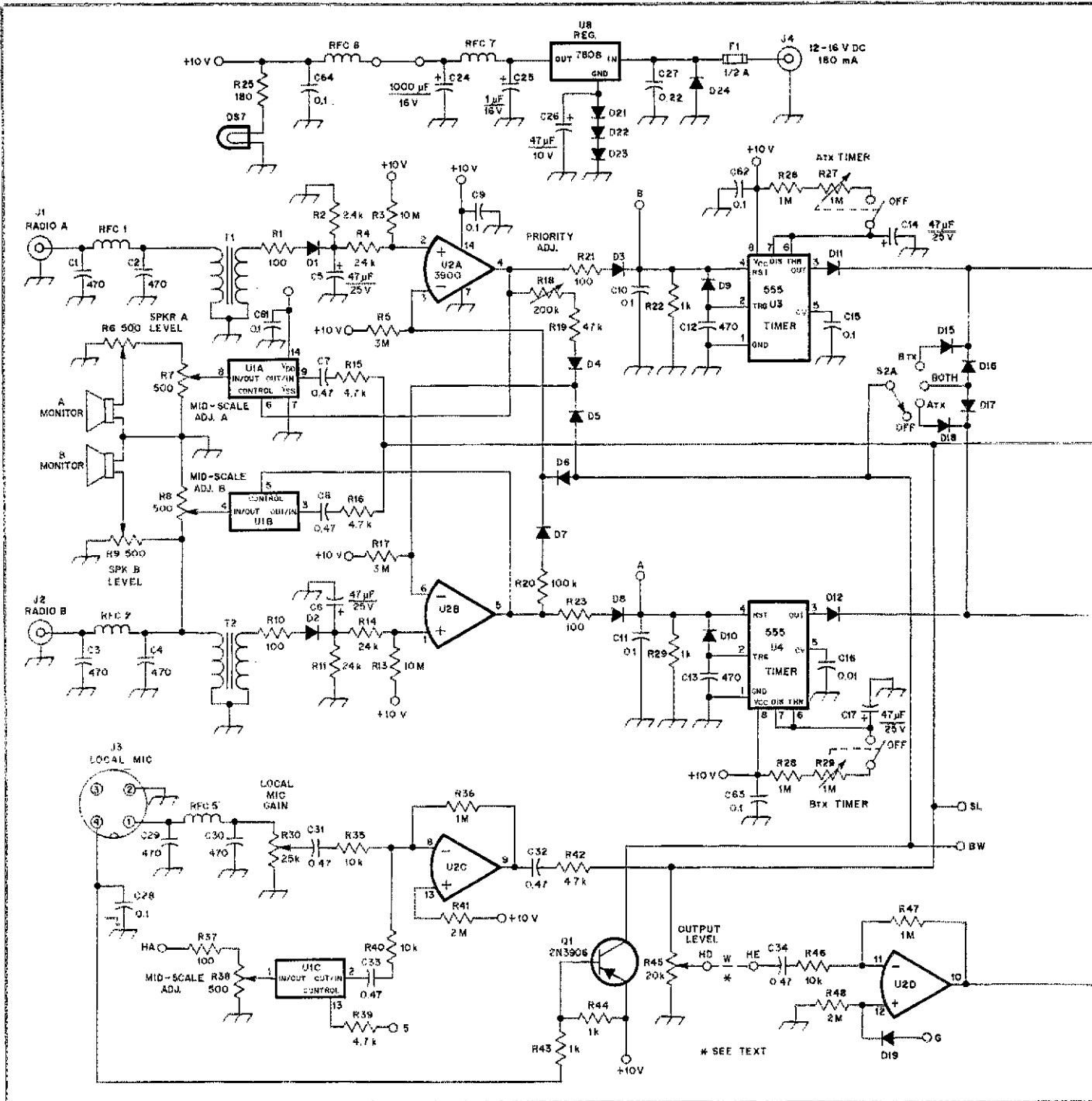


Fig. 1—Schematic diagram of the main and power-supply boards.

DS1, DS2—Red and yellow LEDs, respectively.
 R6, R9—500- Ω linear-taper potentiometer, panel mount.
 R7, R8, R38—3/8-in square, 500- Ω trimmer potentiometer.

R18—200-k Ω , 3/8-in square trimmer potentiometer.
 R27, R29—1-M Ω panel-mount potentiometer with SPST switch.
 R32, R33—50-k Ω panel-mount potentiometer.
 R34—25-k Ω panel-mount potentiometer.

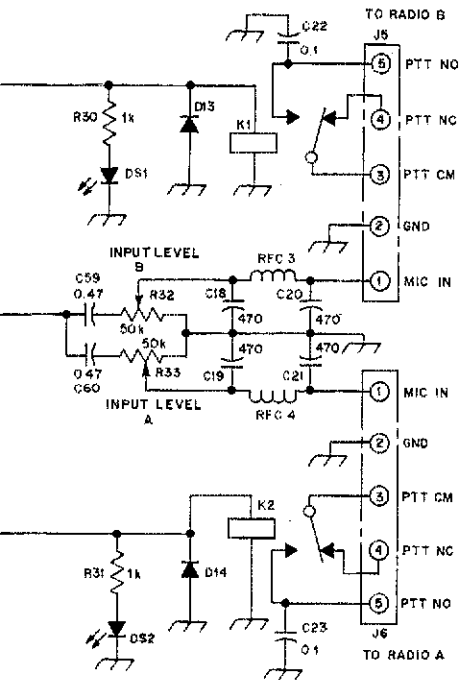
RFC1-5, RFC8—0.47 μ H, 100 mA.
 RFC7—0.22 μ H, 200 mA.
 T1, T2—Miniature audio transformer, 1.2 k Ω :8 Ω .
 U1—4066 quad bilateral switch.

the PTT relay for Radio B. When the inverted input is driven high, U2A output goes low. This feature is used in the priority circuit (R18, R19, D4, D7 and R20) coupling the output of U2A to cut off U2B, which cuts off U2A. By varying R18, you set the priority condition. Two such circuits

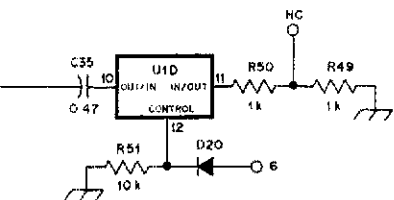
exist: Input from Radio A controls Radio B, and input from Radio B controls Radio A.

D5 and D6 are nonconducting when reverse biased. When the PTT line (pin 4 of the LOCAL MIC socket) is grounded, Q1 conducts. This causes the inverting inputs

of both comparators to go high, cutting off both audio switches and dropping both relays. The position of S2A determines if one or both relays should close. The local operator can route commands as desired. Voice signals from the local microphone are conditioned by U2C and passed to the



EXCEPT AS INDICATED, DECIMAL VALUES OF CAPACITANCE ARE IN MICROFARADS (μ F); OTHERS ARE IN PICOFARADS (pF OR μ pF); RESISTANCES ARE IN OHMS; k=1000, M=1000000



U2—LM3900 quad amplifier.
U3, U4—555 timer.
U8—7808 voltage regulator.
Misc.—Heat sink for U8, 1 x 2 x 3/4 in.

SL. Audio from auxiliary systems is sent to U1C. Outgoing audio signals from the signal line are conditioned by U2D, and controlled by U1D.

Telephone-Line Interface

Refer to Fig. 2. Incoming phone-line signals are fed through T4 to the inverting input of U5A. The noninverting input is biased through R55. U5A output is at-

tenuated by R62 and fed to U6, an audio power amplifier. Output from U6 drives the MONITOR speaker and T3. U5C controls automatic keying of the radios. The output of U6 is routed to U1C, U2C and SL.

The optional telephone-line interface is inserted at points HD and HE of Fig. 1 after removing the jumper, W. Outgoing signals from the signal line, level-adjusted by R45, are fed through the notch filter, U7A and U7B. The filter sharply attenuates 2600 Hz while passing all other audio signals. This filter is a requirement when connecting to long-distance telephone lines.^{3,4}

After the notch filter, the audio signal is conditioned by U2D, controlled by U1D, and fed to one fixed (R59/R60) and one adjustable (R61) voltage divider. The reduced-amplitude audio signal from R59/R60 is amplified by U5B. U5B output (via C37/R53) feeds T4 and enters the telephone line. The junction of T4 and C37 feeds through C36/R52 to the inverting input of U5A. At the same time, the variable divider is adjusted to feed an equal level and phase to the noninverting input of U5A. This makes U5A unresponsive to audio from SL, but allows it to respond to audio from the telephone line.

VU Meter

Audio signals on line SL are processed by U5D and associated circuitry to drive the VU meter in the peak-averaging mode. R85 is chosen to provide a midscale indication on the meter with 0.5 V of audio signal on the line.

Assembly

Amateurs with radio-equipment-building experience can use perf boards for this project. Careful circuit layout is required to minimize unwanted coupling. I suggest the purchase of a main PC board and a

power-supply board.⁵ The optional telephone-line interface board can be added later. To save time and labor, I'd also recommend buying a commercial cabinet such as the LMB CO-4 chassis/cabinet combination I used.

I've prepared a plastic laminated sheet with full-size drawings of the front and rear panels (see note 5). The drawings are designed to be used as drilling templates as well as escutcheons for the finished panels.

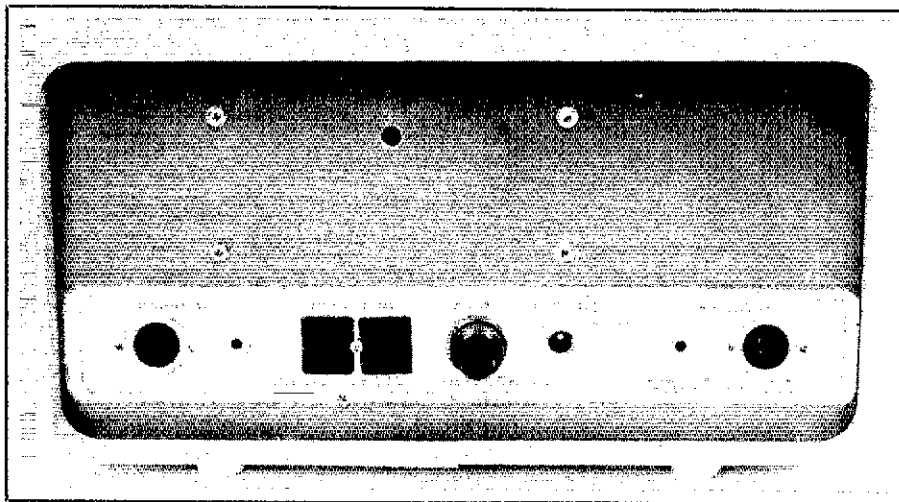
Front-Panel Preparation

Cut out the front panel drawing on the outer template line. The dimensions should be 4-7/8 x 9-13/16 inches. Do not cut out any openings at this time! Arrange the template to match the panel outlines, and center punch through the template at the cross marks at each hole. Read the instructions in the margins between panels for drill-size identification. Some of the 3/8-inch-diameter holes are only partially drawn, but centers are shown and full-size holes will be drilled. There are 30 3/8-inch-diameter holes and 32 holes of other sizes on the front panel.

Center punch the corner points of the meter rectangle located under the LEVEL label. Remove the template and connect the points with a scribed line. Cut out the rectangle by drilling several holes and filing to the scribed lines or use a nibbling tool. Carefully remove burrs on all edges.

Place the template on a backing of newspapers or similar material, and carefully cut out all the cross-marked circles, the rectangular cutout for the VU meter and the three speaker openings. To make the cutouts, a new, single-edged razor blade or an X-acto® knife is recommended.

Apply a small amount of white glue in a 1/4-inch-wide band around the front-panel perimeter, and allow it to dry until tacky. Place the template—now an escutcheon—on the panel, aligning the holes and edges.



Rear view of the Integrator. The rear- and front-panel (see title photo) escutcheons serve as drilling templates during construction.

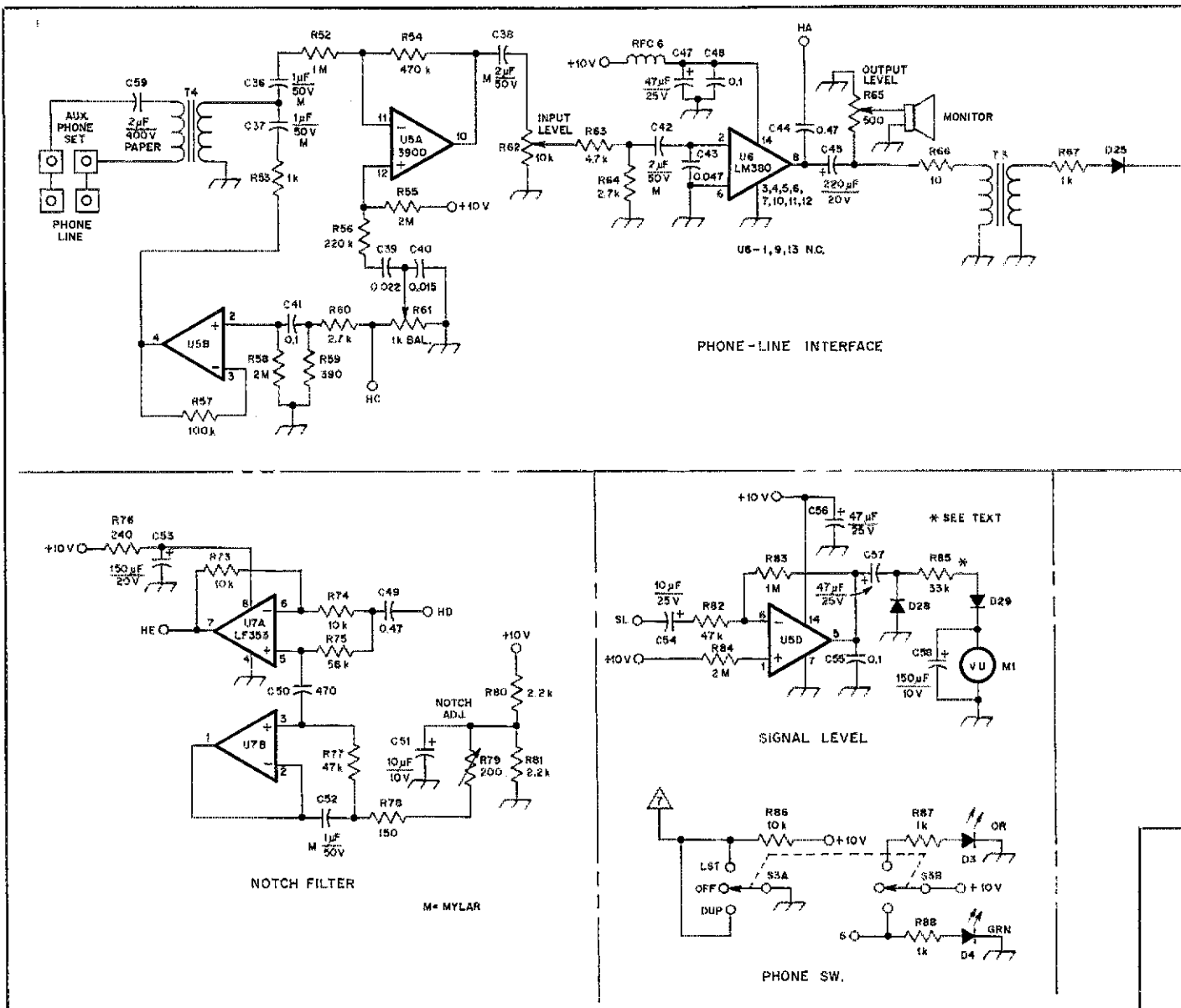
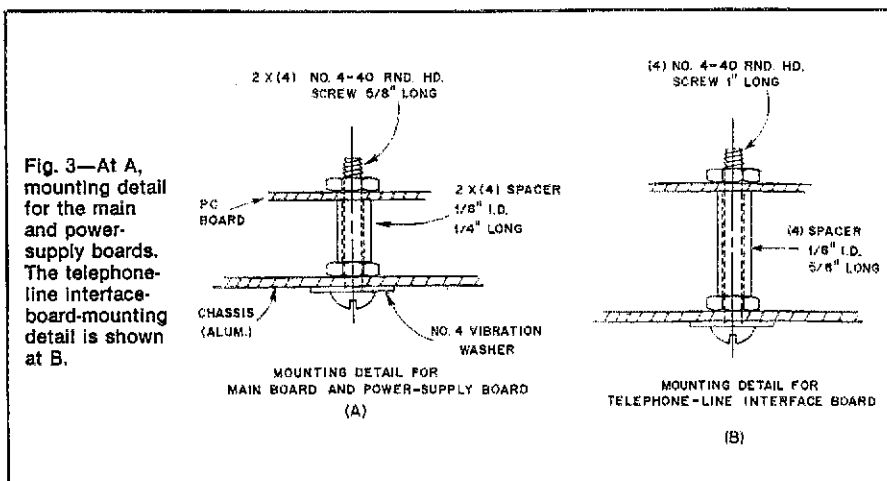


Fig. 2—Telephone-line interface and switching circuits.

DS3-DS6, incl.—Orange, green, red and yellow T-1½ LEDs, respectively.
 M1—VU meter with pilot light, 200 µA.
 R61—1-kΩ, 10-turn trimmer potentiometer.

R62—10-kΩ trimmer potentiometer.
 R65—500-Ω panel-mount potentiometer.
 R79—200-Ω, 10-turn trimmer potentiometer.
 S2—3P4T, nonshorting rotary switch, panel-

mount type.
 S3—2P3T, center-off miniature toggle switch.
 T3—Miniature audio transformer, 1.2 kΩ:8 Ω.
 T4—Miniature audio transformer, 600 Ω:600 Ω.



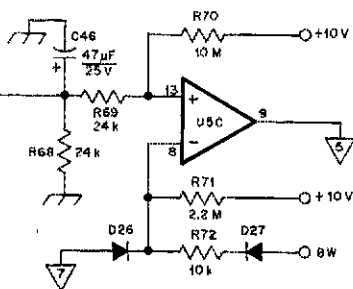
Press firmly around the edges to securely attach the escutcheon to the panel.

Rear-Panel Preparation

Follow the instructions given earlier for front-panel preparation. Place the template ½ inch above the bottom edge of the rear panel. Use white glue to attach the strip.

Main PC-Board Mounting Location

Place the chassis upside-down, and temporarily insert the fuse holder and modular telephone jacks into their rear-panel openings. Position the main PC board on the chassis pan, leaving a 1/8-inch clearance between the board and the fuse holder and modular sockets. Mark the PC-board mounting-hole locations and drill

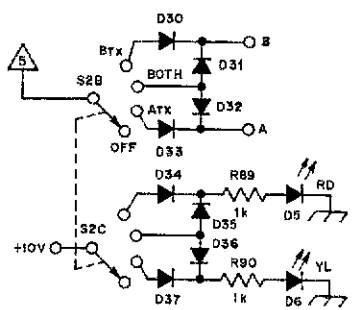


in the wire for soldering to the back plates of the potentiometers. Be sure to include grounding for all the LEDs.

Using good RF wiring techniques, attach C1-C4, C18-C23 and RFC1-4, inclusive, as close as possible to the terminals on the jacks and sockets; short terminal lug strips are useful as mechanical tie-downs. C58 is mounted directly across the meter terminals.

Rear-Panel Assembly

Install the two modular telephone jacks using no. 4-40 × 3/8-inch round-head screws. You may have to use a file to reduce the size of the no. 4-40 hex nuts. Next, install the remaining parts. Center punch a spot directly above the center of the POWER IN socket at a point 2½ inches from the bottom of the panel. Using the power-supply board as a template, drill four 1/8-inch holes. Refer to Fig. 4 for details.



Telephone-Line Interface Board

Use the empty interface board as a template. Locate the board 1 inch from the left edge of the chassis pan and 2 inches from the front panel. Locate and drill the four required 1/8-inch mounting holes (see Fig. 3B).

PC-Board Assembly

Install the parts on the main PC board and the power-supply board. (Follow the instructions and diagrams furnished in the PC board package, if you've purchased one.) All audio signal leads between the PC boards and their control devices, and interconnects between boards, must be shielded. I used RG-174 coaxial cable; it is inexpensive and easy to handle. Stranded flexible hookup wire is used for the other leads.

Start the shielded leads with the center conductor passed through the PC board from the ground-plane side; solder the center conductors to the pads provided on the circuit side. Tie down the shield braid by forming it into a short pigtail and soldering it to the ground plane. Lay all leads loosely outside the board edges, allowing slack so that the board can be moved to an upright position without straining the leads. The same lead trim is used on all boards to allow access for tests or repairs without disconnecting leads.

Circuit-Alignment Procedure

Voltage checks should precede IC installation. A current-regulated power supply is helpful during these tests. Set the output voltage to 13, and set the current limiting at 100 mA; adjust the current limit to 10% above the point where current-limiting begins. As current requirements increase as additional circuits are activated, increase the limit to maintain the 10% value. The entire system should not draw more than 180 mA.

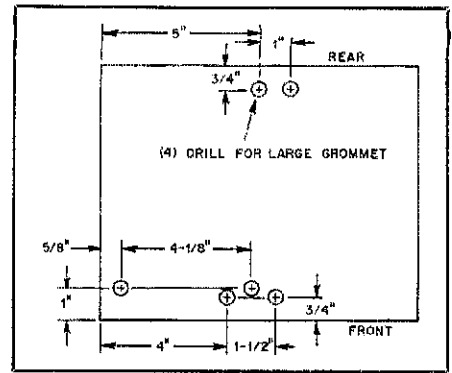


Fig. 4—Top view of the chassis showing the required holes.

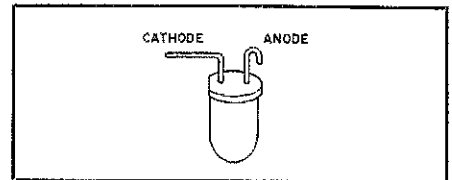


Fig. 5—LED lead identification and bending.

- U5—LM3900 quad amplifier.
- U6—LM380 audio power amplifier.
- U7—LF353 wide-bandwidth, dual-JFET-input op amp.

four 1/8-inch-diameter holes. Mounting screw details are shown in Fig. 3; other required holes are shown in Fig. 4.

Front-Panel Assembly

Attach R86 and one end each of R87 and R88 to S3A/S3B. Solder 2-inch-long flexible leads to R87 and R88. Mount the switch assembly on the panel.

Solder the 12 diodes (D15-D18, D30-D33 and D34-D37) to the terminals of S2A, S2B and S2C. Attach one end of R89 and R90 to the junctions of the diodes as shown.

Check the LEDs for lead identification and bend the leads as shown in Fig. 5. As viewed from the front and progressing left to right, mount the LEDs in this order: yellow, yellow, red, green, orange and red.

Install all front-panel parts. All speaker terminals point downward. The potentiometer lugs point away from the chassis pan, except for the two TIMER controls. S3 is indexed so it toggles horizontally.

Use no. 20 tinned copper wire to connect all grounds. Plan for possible future replacement needs by properly routing the ground wire, and form short hairpin shapes

Place the PWR switch in the ON position. Set the A_{TX} TIMER and B_{TX} TIMER controls to their full counterclockwise position (0). Connect an oscilloscope to pin 1 of the RADIO B DIN socket. Attach an audio signal generator to the signal line (SL). Adjust the generator output to produce a 0.5-V P-P, 800-1200 Hz sine wave. The VU meter should show a midscale reading. Adjust the value of R85 as necessary to calibrate the meter.

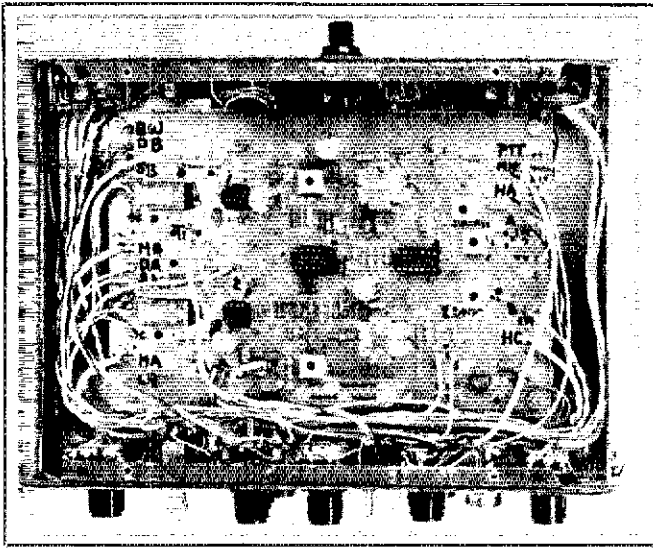
Feed the audio signal to the RADIO A jack. Increase the signal amplitude until the red LED at the right edge of the front panel lights. Adjust R7 for a midscale reading (0.5 V) on the VU meter. Use the same procedure for the Radio B channel. Adjust R8 to obtain the midscale VU-meter reading. Disconnect the audio generator.

Set the DUP/OFF/LIST switch to the OFF position. Place the PHONE LINE/LOCAL MIC switch in the BOTH position; the yellow and red LEDs next to and above the switch should light.

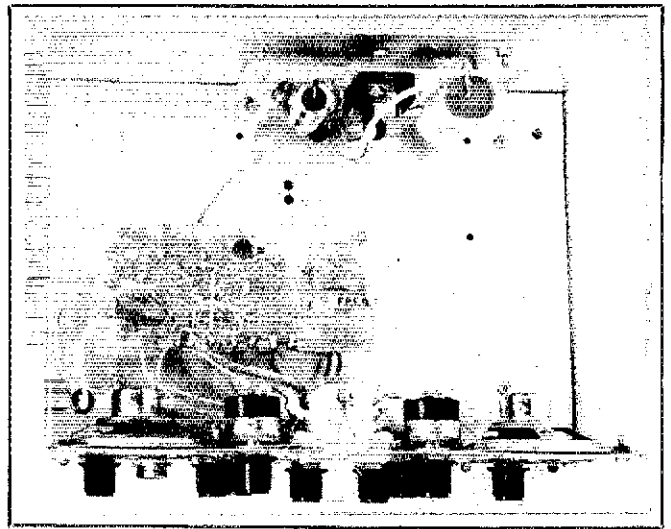
Attach a microphone to the LOCAL MIC jack. Press the PTT switch, and while speaking into the microphone at a normal voice level, adjust the LOCAL MIC GAIN control for a mid-scale reading on the VU meter. Make note of the control position for later reference.

Telephone-Line Interface Adjustments

Prepare a mock phone-line pair by connecting the low-impedance output of the audio generator to the two terminals of the modular socket. Insert a 680-ohm (¼ W or more) resistor in the hot lead of the generator. Adjust the generator to output a 0.5-V P-P, 800-1200 Hz sine wave. Set the PHONE LINE/LOCAL MIC switch to the



Bottom view of the control system with a top view of the main PC board. A neatly done piece of work!



Top inside view. The power-supply board is mounted on the rear panel. Near the front panel is the optional telephone-line interface of Fig. 2, bottom-side up. Perf board was used for both boards in this prototype.

BOTH position. Place the DUP/OFF/LIST switch in the LIST position. The orange LED should light.

Adjust R62 from low (ccw) to high until the yellow and red LEDs at both ends of the front panel are lit. Check for presence of the audio signal by switching to the MONITOR position.

Now adjust R38 for a midscale reading on the VU meter. Remove the line pair from the audio generator and place a 680-ohm resistor across the leads. Connect an oscilloscope across the resistor. Reset the DUP/OFF/LIST switch to the DUP position; the green LED should light. Reconnect the audio generator to the RADIO A jack. Adjust R45 for a 0.5-V P-P indication on the scope. To balance the inputs to U5A, adjust R61. No hint of self-oscillation, audio tones or other noises should be heard in the MONITOR speaker with the volume control fully clockwise. R45 and R61 are interactive, and adjustments are critical, even with a 10-turn potentiometer. Because of component tolerances, R61 might show a balanced condition near extremes of adjustment. Change the value of R59 to move the balance point nearer the center of the range of R61.

Finishing Touches

Mike Strange (see note 2) described a novel design providing a universal connector scheme for the DIN terminated input cables. I believe each Integrator should include two such cables. Several audio output cables are also needed. A 3.5-mm plug terminates one end; the other end is fitted with plugs to mate with the assorted external-speaker jacks on different radios. Another pair of output cables should be fitted with alligator clips (see Fig. 6) for use as a universal connector.

That's it! I'm sure you'll enjoy building

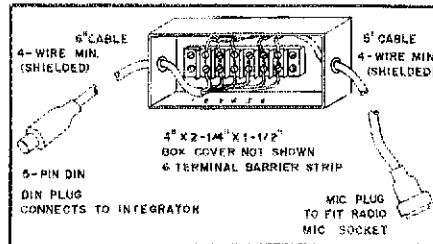


Fig. 6—The DIN plug cable is permanently wired to a barrier strip. The no. 1 DIN plug pin is connected to the no. 1 terminal, and so on. Wire the microphone cable to the appropriate barrier-strip terminals. See Fig. 1 for DIN-plug pin-outs. Two remote-speaker cables (not shown) are used. Each is made of shielded two-conductor flexible cable approximately 5 feet long. Both cables are fitted with a 3.5-mm plug at one end to mate with the Integrator. A universal connector is made by equipping one opposite cable end with alligator clips. The other cable has a suitable plug or socket attached to it that mates with a rig of your choice.

the Radio System Integrator and benefit from its versatility.

Acknowledgments

My thanks to members of the East Whittier Radio Club who assisted in developing this project. Rod Chandler, W6VB, the club president, prepared designs and masks for the PC boards. Larry Clark, K6TEE, assembled the club prototype and demonstrated it at the State Emergency Communications Services convention. Jim Farley, WB6NSM, fabricated the club prototype chassis/cabinet and other mechanical parts. Dave Haring, KE6FW, club net operator and net control for club volunteer operations, provided the operator's input.

Notes

¹FCC Part 68 rules apply. These rules were amended March 31, 1980. See also, G. Orelli, "Phone-Patch Rules, 1976 Style," *QST*, June 1976, pp. 47-48.

²M. Strange, "The Porta-Peater—The Instant Communicator," *73 Magazine*, March 1982.

³E. V. Poirer, P.O. Box 53, Charlo, NB E0B 1M0, Canada. No reference to source available; possibly *73 Magazine*.

⁴J. Pepper, "The Magical Audio Filter," *73 Magazine*, Nov. 1983.

⁵The parts package includes the main, power-supply and telephone-line interface PC boards; parts-location diagrams and special instructions; plastic-laminated template/escutcheon cutouts for the front and rear panels; and a plastic-laminated Operating Manual and Front-Panel Description sheet for the equipment carrying case. For information, send an s.a.s.e. to the East Whittier Radio Club, P.O. Box 5054, Whittier, CA 90607. (The ARRL and *QST* in no way warrant this offer.)

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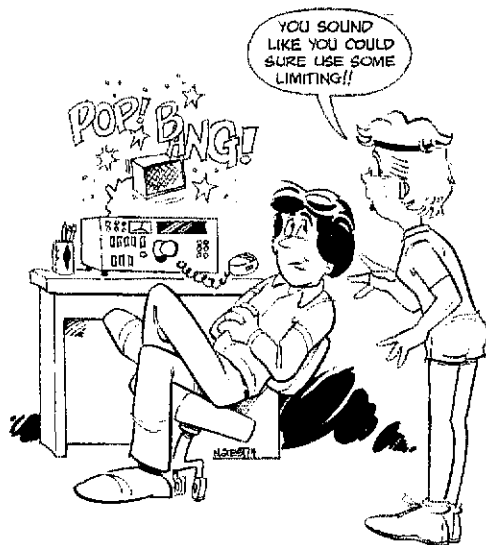
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Understanding FM Receivers

Part 18: FM receivers aren't much different from AM or CW/SSB receivers. But portions of the circuit are called upon to perform special functions that aren't necessary in other types of receivers.

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“Why won't my SSB receiver decipher FM? All I'm getting is gibberish!” Another query could be made: “How come I can't receive CW or SSB on my FM receiver?” The answer is that the method of detecting the various kinds of signals is different. This is necessary because the transmitted signals are processed differently before they are routed to the transmitting antenna. We learned last month how an FM transmitter creates an FM signal, so you are probably aware that the transmitter output energy is varied above and below the carrier frequency during modulation. This means that a special receiver detector is needed to change the incoming FM signal to comprehensible audio-frequency energy. Generally speaking, the FM receiver circuits ahead of the detector are pretty much the same as those in other types of receivers. That is, we have RF amplifiers, mixers, oscillators and IF amplifiers. The audio chain is the same, also. That much said, let's learn how an FM receiver operates.

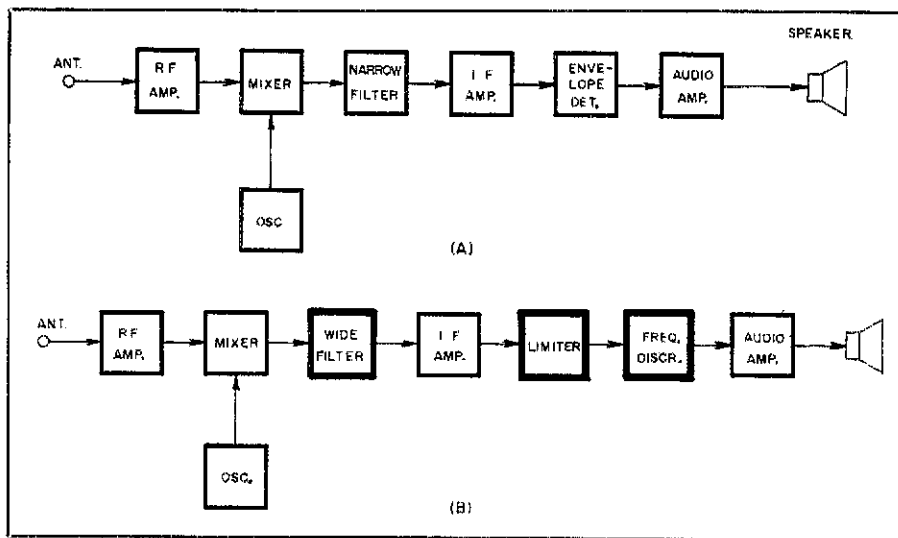


Fig. 1—Block diagram showing the fundamental difference between an AM and FM receiver. The AM version is shown at A; to make it a CW/SSB receiver, change the detector to a product type, then add a BFO that feeds an injection voltage (at the intermediate frequency) to the product detector. Illustration B shows how an FM receiver would be configured.

Comparing Circuits

A block diagram (Fig. 1) illustrates how a CW/SSB receiver compares to an FM radio. The circuits through and including the IF amplifier are identical, except for the effective bandwidth (passband) of the IF filter: A wider filter is needed for FM reception. For example, a 2.4-kHz-wide filter might be used for SSB reception, a 500-Hz filter could be employed for CW work, and a 16-kHz filter might be used in an FM receiver. The filter need only be wide enough

to accommodate the bandwidth of the transmitted signal. If the filter has a substantially wider response than the incoming signal bandwidth, unwanted signals (QRM) and noise will be passed along to the detector and audio amplifier.

Both receivers in Fig. 1 are superheterodyne types. A lot of overall receiver gain is needed to ensure high receiver sensitivity. Specifically, an FM receiver needs a gain of more than 1 million to enable us to copy a weak signal that is 1 microvolt (μV) or less at the antenna. I have seen well designed FM receivers that could make an $0.18\text{-}\mu\text{V}$ signal plainly readable above the noise generated *within*

the receiver. Most commercial amateur FM receivers are rated at approximately $0.4\ \mu\text{V}$ for what is called “20 dB of quieting,” or 20 dBQ. This measurement is made with an audio power meter, calibrated in decibels. The instrument is attached to the receiver output (an 8-ohm resistor replaces the speaker as a dummy load), and audio power is measured across the dummy load. With no signal entering the receiver at the antenna terminal, the audio-gain control is advanced until the audio meter reads, say, 30 dB. Then, a signal generator is fed into the receiver input, and the incoming signal is increased in level until the audio-meter reading drops 20 dB, or to +10 dB on the

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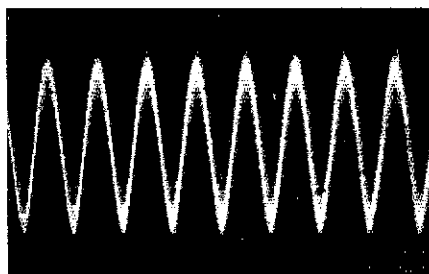
meter scale. The level of signal coming from the signal generator is noted, and that is the signal required for 20 dB of quieting. The lower the level of the input signal, the more sensitive the FM receiver is. A different measuring technique is used with CW/SSB or AM receivers.

Major Circuit Differences

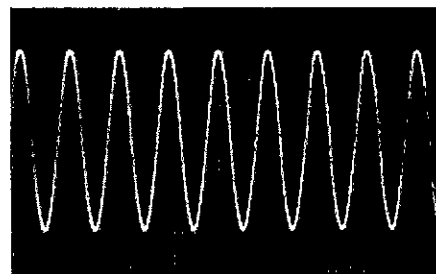
You will notice that in Fig. 1B there is a stage immediately after the IF amplifier that is labeled "limiter." This part of the FM receiver is used to "sanitize" or "launder" the FM signal before it reaches the detector. It saturates (stops providing gain) in the presence of strong signals from the IF amplifier. When this happens, the signal is clipped on both the positive and negative peaks, as would be the case if diodes, reverse-connected, were placed in shunt with the signal path.

Why would we want this to occur? It is vital to take advantage of the limiting feature in order to clip high noise peaks (such as auto-ignition pulses) or any amplitude-modulated energy from other sources. We want only the FM signal to reach the detector. Fig. 2 shows a noisy FM signal (A) entering a limiter, and the cleaned-up signal (B) after leaving the limiter.

A great deal of gain (amplification) is needed ahead of the limiter because it should start functioning as a clipper at 0.2 μ V or less. As soon as sufficient signal reaches the limiter, the receiver output (noise) starts quieting. The point on the limiter response curve where limiting action commences is called the "limiting knee." It is at this point that the limiter collector current no longer increases with any buildup in signal amplitude. Modern receivers have ICs rather than individual transistors or tubes in the limiter circuit. An IC may contain several transistor stages; this yields the high gain needed for proper limiter action. If tubes or transistors are used, we might find it necessary to have several such stages in



(A)



(B)

Fig. 2—Waveforms of an FM signal before passing through a limiter stage (A), and after it has been cleaned up to remove noise and other AM energy by action of the limiter (B). See text.

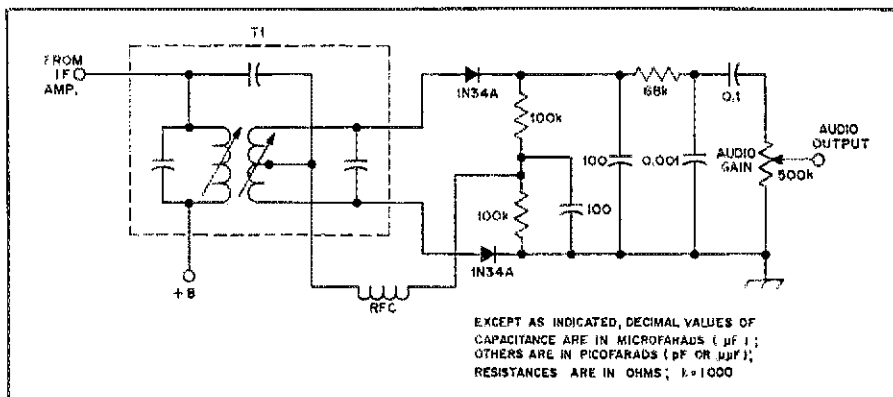


Fig. 3—Typical frequency discriminator circuit that follows a limiter in an FM receiver. This circuit is discussed in the text.

cascade to achieve suitable gain.

FM Detection

There are numerous FM detectors in use today. Among them are the *discriminator*, *ratio detector*, *quadrature detector* and *crystal discriminator*. Each has its particular virtues and limitations. The objective in designing an FM detector is to have it respond to FM rather than AM energy. The exact nature of how these detectors operate is rather complex. Detailed information on the subject is contained in *The ARRL Handbook*.

The circuit for a discriminator is given in Fig. 3. The FM signal is changed to AM by means of T1. The T1 secondary voltage is 90 degrees out of phase with the current in the T1 primary. The signal from the primary winding is routed to the center tap of the secondary winding by means of a coupling capacitor. Next, the secondary voltage combines on each side of the center tap so that the voltage on one side leads the primary signal while the other side lags by an equivalent amount. When this energy is rectified (changed to dc) by the two diodes of Fig. 3, the two voltages are equal and of opposite polarity. This results in no (zero) output voltage. When voice energy is applied to an FM transmitter, there will be a shift in the received signal frequency, which will lead to a shift in phase at the detector. This phase shift causes an increase in output

amplitude on one side of the T1 secondary, along with a corresponding decrease in the other half of the secondary. These differences in the pair of changing voltages (after rectification) create audio output.

Ratio Detector

Fig. 4 illustrates the workings of a ratio detector. You will see some similarity between this circuit and that of Fig. 3. The ratio detector divides the dc voltage into a ratio equal to the ratio of the amplitudes from the two halves of a discriminator transformer secondary winding. The required dc voltage in this circuit is developed across two load resistors, and there is an electrolytic capacitor in shunt across the resistors, as in Fig. 4. The sensitivity of the ratio detector is half that of the discriminator. This is a minor consideration and does not require special attention when the receiver is designed. Ratio detectors are most popular in entertainment FM receivers, whereas discriminators are more common in amateur and commercial land-mobile FM receivers.

Other Considerations

FM receivers do not have automatic gain control (AGC) circuits, but most SSB/CW and AM receivers do. For all practical purposes, the FM limiter acts as an AGC circuit to level the receiver gain after a certain input-signal level is reached. Also, most

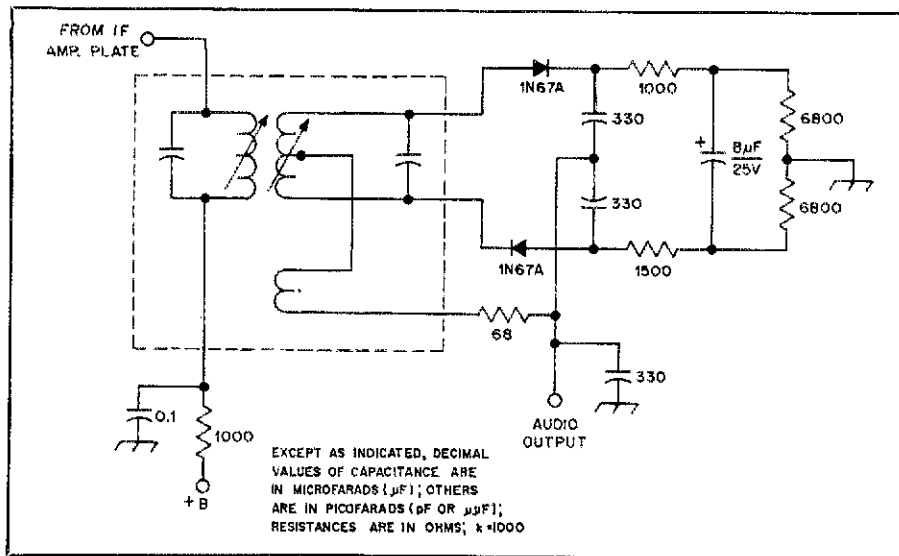


Fig. 4—An FM ratio detector of the type mentioned in the text. It is similar to the discriminator of Fig. 3, but operates in a different manner. Notice that the detector diodes in both circuits are connected in a different polarity arrangement.

amateur FM receivers do not feature continuous-tuning capabilities from the front panel. Rather, a given FM amateur band is covered by means of crystal-controlled frequencies (channels, as some call them) via a frequency-selector switch, or through the use of a synthesizer that tunes in specific frequency increments. Selected frequencies are placed in a memory for instant recall, thereby making it unnecessary to "dial up" a repeater or simplex frequency for day-to-day operation. There is no reason, however, why an amateur FM

receiver cannot be made completely tunable for the purpose of covering every kilohertz of a given amateur FM band.

In Summary

We have learned that FM receivers are similar to other types of superheterodyne receivers. The major difference is that FM receivers need a limiter and a special kind of detector. FM now plays a major role in Amateur Radio, so you will certainly become involved with this mode at some point in your amateur career.

Glossary

- crystal discriminator—a type of FM detector containing a quartz crystal that replaces the tuned transformer in conventional discriminators.
- discriminator—a circuit or device in which amplitude variations are derived from frequency or phase variations. The circuit has many uses, but is popular as a detector in FM receivers.
- limiter—in an FM receiver, located immediately ahead of a discriminator or ratio detector to clip AM energy and generally clean up a noisy FM signal.
- ratio detector—a type of FM detector that relies on the ratios of voltage and current in the circuit to produce a dc output that can be used as audio-frequency energy.
- repeater—a remotely controlled, unmanned (normally) transmitter and receiver that receives signals and retransmits them at high power to extend the effective range of a base station, mobile unit or portable handheld transceiver.
- simplex—as applied to FM operation, direct communications without operating through a repeater. Both stations receive and transmit on the same frequency.
- synthesizer—a complex digital circuit that generates precise, very temperature-stable frequencies. It is used as a replacement for conventional VFOs and crystal oscillators.
- quadrature detector—an FM detector that depends on the relationship between two periodic functions when the phase difference between them is one-fourth of a period.

New Products

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☐ Communications Specialists has introduced the RB-1, a reverse-burst accessory. The RB-1 eliminates the long squelch tail heard with some reed-type and other subaudible-tone decoders. When used in conjunction with decoders offering squelch-tail elimination, the RB-1 will delay the transmitter turn-off time and reverse the phase of the encoded tone. This immediately stops the decoder and eliminates the squelch tail. Price class: \$15.

For more information, contact Communications Specialists, Inc., 426 West Taft Ave., Orange, CA 92665-4296, tel. 800-854-0547 and 714-998-3021. — Paul K. Pagel, N1FB

STOP SCAN

☐ Stop Scan provides Kenwood TS-430S transceiver owners with an adjustable scanning pause when using the scan and programmed-scan

features of the transceiver. Deriving its input from the squelch circuit, Stop Scan freezes the scan the moment the squelch is broken, regardless of operating mode. When the squelch closes, scanning resumes after an operator-selected preset time delay. Should you desire to remain on the received frequency, you can override Stop Scan with the TS-430S HOLD button.

Available in kit form or wired and tested, Stop Scan is assembled on a single-sided, glass-epoxy PC board measuring approximately 2 × 1 1/4 inches. The board holds two ICs (a 555 and a 74LS02), one trimmer potentiometer, and several resistors and capacitors. No IC sockets are supplied, but I had some on hand so I used them. Assembly instructions are concise, but sufficient for anyone who has some kit-building experience. Make sure you follow the layout shown in the parts-placement drawing. On the unit I assembled, the Q1 collector hole was marked with a "B" on the foil side of the board; don't let that confuse you. Also, the board was not

drilled out for pin 8 of U2—that was easily remedied.

Instructions for wiring the Stop Scan board to the TS-430S circuitry are accompanied by drawings to aid you in locating the proper connection points. The drawings are good enough so there is no need to reference the Kenwood manuals. Only six wires need be attached to the '430: Four wires plug into existing plugs, and two are soldered to board traces. No other alterations are necessary.

Where you place the board and how (or if) you decide to mount it is left up to you. In any case, make sure the board doesn't flop around and short-circuit something. (You could mount the board on a bracket attached to the TS-430 framework behind the upper-right-hand side of the front panel.)

Stop Scan is available from Jabco, RR 1, Box 386, Alexandria, IN 46001. Price classes: kit, \$25; assembled and tested unit, \$35.—Paul K. Pagel, N1FB

Radial Systems for Ground-Mounted Vertical Antennas

Thinking about putting up a vertical antenna? This modern Numerical Electromagnetic Code-Method of Moments computer study will give you an idea how many radials to put under it, and how long they should be.

By Brian Edward,* N2MF

Ground-mounted vertical antennas are a popular choice for amateur communications, particularly on the lower HF bands. There are many reasons for their popularity. These antennas are simple to erect, easy to tune, are relatively unobtrusive and produce low-angle radiation. Vertical antennas seem to appeal especially to two groups of amateurs: the newcomer and the low-band DXer. The newcomer appreciates the first three traits of these antennas, while the DXer recognizes the potential of the antenna for providing competitive performance on long-haul contacts, particularly when employed as an element in an array.¹

For the ground-mounted vertical antenna to perform properly, it must be used in conjunction with a counterpoise in which the antenna image currents flow. This counterpoise usually consists of an arrangement of radial wires in combination with the surface of the earth. The question arises as to how many radial wires are needed and what length they should be. A common answer is, "The more the better, and make them as long as you can." A little research into this topic, however, reveals that there is a trade-off between the number of radials and the radial length. If only a few radials are going to be used, they need not be very long. If more radials are added, the length of all radials should be extended in order to obtain the full performance potential of the antenna system.

A Study of Radial Systems

John O. Stanley has written an excellent article giving design information for radial ground systems.² He suggested radial lengths to be used for a given number of radial wires. An extensive experimental study on this topic was also performed by Brown and others. Their work was

documented as early as 1937.³ I studied this subject using the Numerical Electromagnetic Code (NEC)-Method of Moments computer program.⁴ NEC is a powerful program that allows you to analyze wire antennas in the presence of actual ground conditions. Through this study, I was able to determine the performance of various radial systems in combination with different earth electrical characteristics. The program calculates relative gain for each system studied, along with the elevation angle (measured from the horizon) at which maximum radiation occurs.

My study was performed with radial wire numbers (N) of 4, 12, 24, 48, 96 and 120. The radial lengths for each system ranged from 0.05 to 0.6 wavelength (λ). As a first case, I selected a system with four radial wires, considered to be what the typical amateur might choose as a starting point for a vertical-antenna ground system. The case with 120 radials (at lengths of 0.5 λ) is considered the optimum arrangement for medium-frequency broadcast-station antennas.

Each radial system was studied in com-

bination with earth characteristics that may be considered poor, good and very good. These characteristics are determined by the soil conductivity σ , in siemens/meter, and the relative dielectric constant, ϵ_r . Typical values for these parameters are given in Table 1. It turns out that the ratio of conductivity to frequency is the first parameter of importance. For the results reported in this article, the ratio is given by $X = \sigma/f$, where f is the frequency in megahertz. The three earth characteristics were then nominally chosen to correspond to the values shown in Table 2.

By comparison to Table 1, you may note that the conditions that are often called poor earth characteristics are not all that far removed from the average soil characteristics where many of us live. I should also point out that earth characteristics often vary widely over distances of a few feet and over a period of several months.⁵ It could be interesting to measure the actual soil conductivity in the vicinity of your antenna site at different times of the year.

My study was performed for the sky-wave component of the antenna radiation

Table 1
Typical Earth Electrical Characteristics†

Terrain	Conductivity (Siemens/ Meter)	Relative Dielectric Constant (ϵ_r)
Seawater	5	80
Fresh Water	0.008	80
Dry, sandy, flat coastal land	0.002	10
Marshy, forested flat land	0.008	12
Rich agricultural land, low hills	0.01	15
Pastoral land, medium hills and forestation	0.005	13
Rocky land, steep hills	0.002	10
Mountainous	0.001	5
Cities, residential areas	0.002	5
Cities, industrial areas	0.001	3

*Notes appear on page 30.

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†Information adapted from *Reference Data for Radio Engineers* (Indianapolis: Howard W. Sams & Co., 1979, p. 28-3.

Table 2
Ground Characteristics Used for Study

Ground	$X \left(\frac{\text{Siemens/Meter}}{\text{MHz}} \right)$	ϵ_r
Poor	0.0001	7
Good	0.001	15
Very good	0.01	30

as opposed to the ground- or surface-wave component. The sky wave is the component of interest to amateurs communicating via the ionosphere, while medium-frequency broadcasters are more interested in the surface-wave component. I used a quarter-wavelength-long resonant structure as the vertical radiating element. The radials were no. 12 wire, although the actual wire size is of little importance (see note 3).

Results

The results of my study are presented in graphical form. Figs. 1, 2 and 3 show the gain of the antenna systems (the gain of a half-wavelength dipole in free space is 2.15 dB, with respect to an isotropic radiator) for the various radial configurations operating in combination with poor, good and very good earth characteristics. Don't become too concerned with the ac-

tual gain numbers. Instead, examine the relative gains provided by the different ground systems. You can see that for all cases, if relatively short radials are to be used, there is no need to use many of them. For example, with poor earth, if the radial length must be restricted to 0.1λ , then 24 wires is the maximum that need to be used. Alternatively, if a large number of radials is to be used, they should be long in order to realize the maximum antenna-system performance. These results agree with those presented by Stanley and by Brown, Lewis and Epstein. Although the graphs present results for specific numbers of radials and specific earth characteristics, you should be able to interpolate for other radial numbers and earth characteristics.

You can also see that for very good earth electrical characteristics (Fig. 3), it doesn't take very many radial wires to obtain good performance. This has been proven by the big signals emanating from the Caribbean by suitcase DX peditioners operating on the beach with simple vertical antennas.

Figs. 4, 5 and 6 show the elevation angles for maximum radiation with the various radial configurations and earth characteristics. This elevation angle is determined largely by the earth characteristics a wavelength or more beyond the vertical radiator—in other words, beyond the typical radial system.

This shows up in the plots where the lowest elevation angles correspond to the best earth characteristics. The elevation angle can be lowered somewhat when poorer earth characteristics are present by employing an extensive radial system. If a perfectly conducting, infinite-size ground plane were available, the elevation angle of maximum radiation would be zero degrees (at the horizon).

The graphs of Figs. 1 through 3, corresponding to the three earth characteristics studied, were used to determine a sufficient radial length for a given number of radial wires. Two similar criteria were used to determine the optimum lengths. The first specifies a radial length for a given number of wires when the system gain is within 0.1 dB of the maximum gain possible with that number of wires and earth characteristics. The second criterion specifies a radial length for which the gain is within 0.2 dB of the maximum value for that number of wires and earth characteristics. When these radial lengths were tabulated and compared for the three earth characteristics studied, I found that the lengths for a given number of radial wires are not strongly dependent on the earth characteristics. This, of course, does not imply that a given radial system performs the same when used in combination with different earth characteristics. A poorer earth must be compensated for with

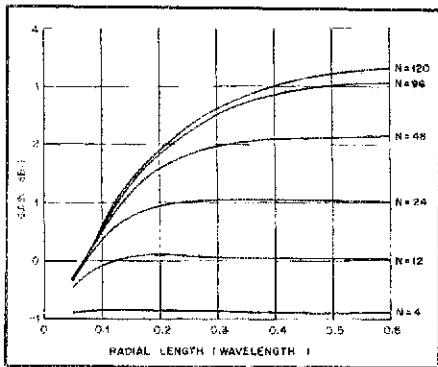


Fig. 1—Gain vs. radial number and length for poor earth conditions ($X = 0.0001$, $\epsilon_r = 7$).

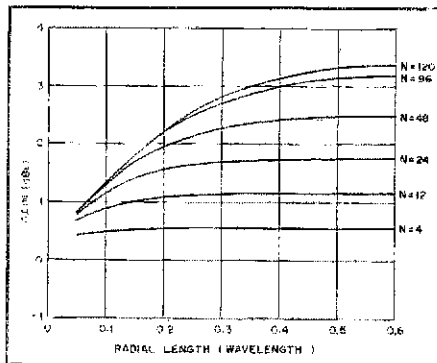


Fig. 2—Gain vs. radial number and length for good earth conditions ($X = 0.001$, $\epsilon_r = 15$).

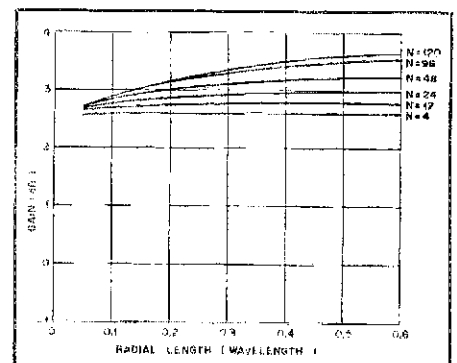


Fig. 3—Gain vs. radial number and length for very good earth conditions ($X = 0.01$, $\epsilon_r = 30$).

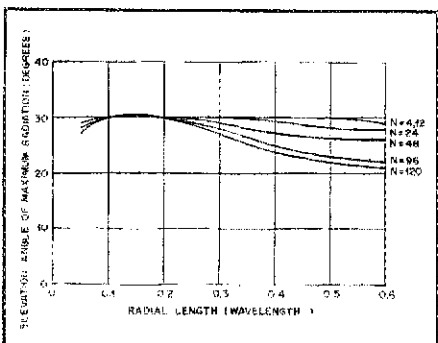


Fig. 4—Elevation angle vs. radial number and length for poor earth conditions ($X = 0.0001$, $\epsilon_r = 7$).

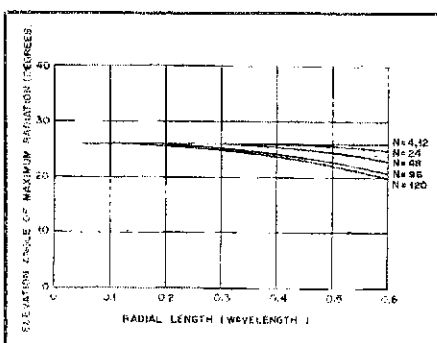


Fig. 5—Elevation angle vs. radial number and length for good earth conditions ($X = 0.001$, $\epsilon_r = 15$).

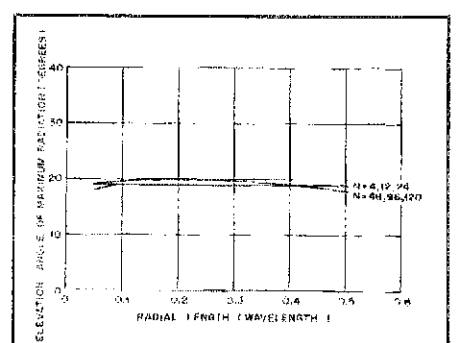


Fig. 6—Elevation angle vs. radial number and length for very good earth conditions ($X = 0.01$, $\epsilon_r = 30$).

more and longer radials to equal the performance of a less extensive system over good earth.

A sufficient wire length for a given number of radials is plotted in Fig. 7. The two upper curves correspond to the criteria explained above. The lower curve is the radial wire lengths given by Stanley. (See note 2.) His radial lengths are somewhat shorter than the ones I found. Possibly, the criteria he used for choosing the lengths were not as well defined as mine. It might also be possible that his data was for a surface-wave study, which would be of more interest to medium-frequency broadcasters than would a sky-wave study. You may also note that there is an apparent discontinuity between his second-to-last data point, which is for 90 radial wires, and his last point, which is for 120 wires.

As stated earlier, the ground systems studied were operating in conjunction with a quarter-wavelength-long vertical radiator. The gains given by Figs. 1 through 3 will essentially hold for vertical-antenna lengths down to approximately an eighth of a wavelength. For even shorter antennas, the gains will tend to decrease. Therefore, with short verticals, more extensive ground systems should be employed to maximize the system performance.

Conclusions

The performance of a vertical antenna operating in conjunction with a radial ground system has been studied. The effect of a number of radial wires, wire length, and the electrical characteristics of the earth on the relative gain of an antenna system and the elevation angle at which the maximum gain occurs has been deter-

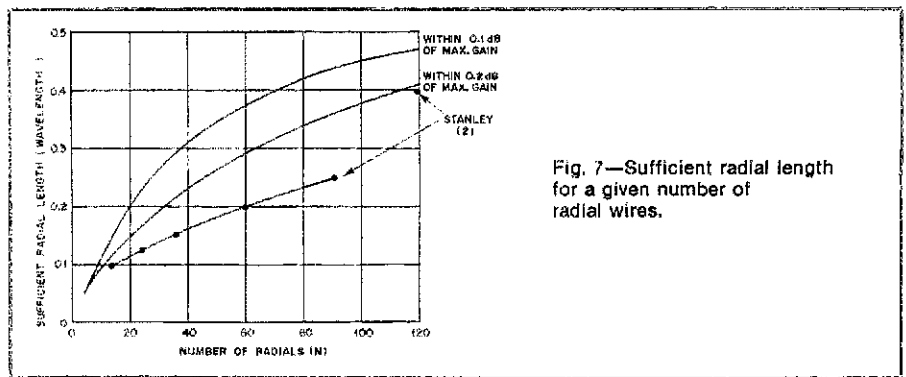


Fig. 7—Sufficient radial length for a given number of radial wires.

mined. For a given number of radial wires, there is a corresponding sufficient wire length, which is, surprisingly, independent of the earth characteristics. Extending the radials beyond this sufficient length without adding additional radials will yield no substantial performance improvement.

This study has also shown that the elevation angle of maximum gain is largely determined by the electrical characteristics of the earth surrounding the antenna system. This elevation angle can be lowered somewhat by employing more extensive radial systems.

For a given number of radial wires, the sufficient length may be determined by using the graph in Fig. 7. Then, by measuring or estimating (from Table 1) the earth's electrical characteristics and calculating the parameter X for the operating frequency, you can determine the performance of the vertical antenna with the radial ground system using Figs. 1 through 6.

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New Books

COMPUTER PROGRAMS FOR AMATEUR RADIO

by Wayne Overbeck, N6NB, and James A. Steffen, KC6A. Published by Hayden Book Company, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. First edition, 1984. Soft-bound, 9-3/4 x 6-7/8 inches, 328 pages including index. \$16.95.

Each day, the number of amateurs who own computers increases. Naturally, there is a tendency to want to couple the use of the computer with Amateur Radio-related activities. In order to do that, you need software. If you're one of many amateurs who've been searching for a bundle of ready-to-use software, you should take a look at this book and software-on-disk offer.

The 23 BASIC programs included in the book are aimed at users of Apple® II, IBM® PC, Commodore 64™ and TRS-80® microcomputers or any computer that operates under CP/M® and Microsoft® BASIC. Commodore VIC 20™ and Timex/Sinclair computer owners can also run a number of the programs. For you to fully enjoy the programs, your system should

include 48 kbytes of RAM and a disk drive. Although a printer is optional, one sure comes in handy when you want hard copy!

The disk contains 19 programs and data files from the book, and is accompanied by two pages of printed instructional information. Some of the shorter programs appearing in the book were not placed on disk because of lack of room. These shorter programs, however, can be entered easily from the keyboard and saved to another disk. The authors solicit your comments and improvements for the programs. As there is minimal error trapping and little "window dressing" in the programs (screen presentations are relatively simple), I'm sure at least a few who use the programs will attempt to enhance them.

Initially, the book appeared without the software on disk, but the book/disk package is now sold for \$29.95; it's available from the Ham Radio Publishing Group. For those who may have purchased the book only, a disk is available separately for \$19.95. Contact James A. Steffen, KC6A, 6831 Espanita St., Long Beach, CA 90815.

There are programs for use in virtually every facet of Amateur Radio: contesting, DXing, antenna work, EME, and so on. But the book is not just a compilation of programs. You're also given a brief history of computers, and an explanation of the hardware and philosophy of

computers. All in all, this is a well-rounded presentation.

In a telephone conversation with Wayne Overbeck, I was told there apparently is a timing problem with certain Apple II computers that manifests itself as a bug in the Logbook program. If a run of that program issues a RETURN WITHOUT GOSUB error for line 3090, insert a REM or PRINT statement in any line between 220 and 230 (i.e., 222 REM). The addition of this statement will cure the problem. Wayne reports that not all Apples issue this error indication, and the code has been repeatedly checked and verified as being correct. [Editor's Note: This problem may be the one addressed by Rod and Valerie Floeter in the December 1984 issue of *Nibble* magazine. See "Applesoft FOR-NEXT Problem," p. 109.]

This book is written in a light-hearted, easy-to-understand manner. Because the programs are written in BASIC, their construction should be grasped easily and perhaps converted for use on a wider range of computers. I believe you'll find the book to be enjoyable and informative reading; the programs will provide hours of interesting and productive fun time. Once you have a handle on how the programs work, you can be off and modifying them to suit your personal tastes or using them as a foundation to write your own Amateur Radio-related software.—Paul K. Pagel, N1FB

Designing a 2-Meter Portable Yagi

A new approach to an old idea creates a different breed of antenna. This inexpensive portable Yagi can get through where most omnidirectional antennas won't, and can be constructed for weak-signal work.

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My interest in the 2-meter band began abruptly a year ago when I repaired a transceiver for a friend. The night I tested the radio happened to be one of the best for tropospheric bending. Repeaters from 250 miles away were coming in with full-quieting signals on a makeshift antenna. I broke into one of the more interesting QSOs and received a warm welcome. That was the first of many ragchews that night. I went to bed much too late, my head still swirling with 2-meter FM fun.

The bug was biting hard. I converted a retired commercial high-band hand-held rig to 2-meters and hung a discone antenna from my second-story ceiling. The discone, described in recent editions of *The ARRL Antenna Book*, has been a most effective antenna for both simplex and repeater communication within a 40-mile radius.¹

As my initial fondness for 2-meter FM grew into an abiding affection, the need arose for a portable, directional antenna with more "oomph" than a mobile whip. I wanted an antenna I could take camping so I could stay in touch with the gang or make new friends using a 3-W, battery-powered rig. It had to be easy to build (I am not a machinist!), quick to set up, convenient to store when not in use, and not so fragile that the first breeze would reduce it to the parts from which it came. In addition, I wanted an antenna that would get through during an emergency, when a "no-gain" vertical might not make it. Being competitive in the club's next fox hunt was also in the back of my mind.

The Antenna Takes Shape

My first inclination was to duplicate a published design for a portable quad or Yagi.^{2,3} Then I took a long, hard look at Lawson's definitive series on Yagi design.⁴

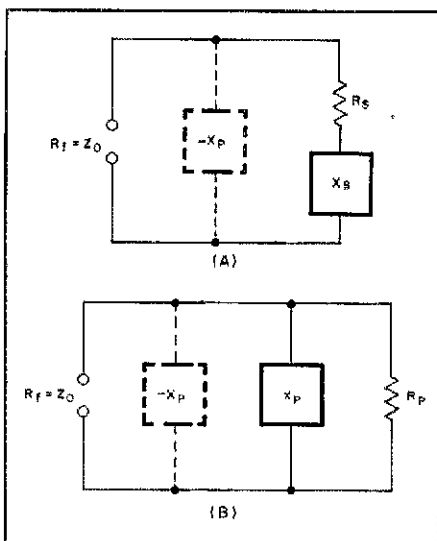


Fig. 1—Equivalent circuit of an antenna (A), and its parallel-equivalent counterpart (B).

Why not come up with a compact Yagi that could be readily optimized for either gain or front-to-back ratio? Lawson's data indicate that an optimized, three-element Yagi built on a 0.35λ boom will have a calculated gain within 1 dB of a four-element beam with a 0.6λ boom. In fact, the data show that a 0.75λ boom is needed to realize the potential gain of a four-element Yagi.

A 6-foot boom seemed a little long for a compact, portable antenna. I decided to develop a three-element Yagi with nearly optimum gain consistent with adequate front-to-back ratio (15 to 20 dB), based on a 3-foot or shorter boom. The elements and feed line were to be readily detachable for storage when the antenna was not in use.

Matching System

An impedance-matching network that would not compromise the portability or

ruggedness of the beam was called for. The usual T and gamma matches were ruled out as being too cumbersome. The parallel-equivalent matching arrangement for verticals described in *The ARRL Antenna Book* appeared tailor-made for my Yagi.⁵ This matching network is easy to install and adjust, efficient, inherently balanced and ideally suited to feed-point resistances of 15 to 40 ohms, the range most Yagis exhibit. The only disadvantage of parallel-equivalent matching for all-metal arrays is that the driven element must be split at the center and insulated from the boom. This is a minor shortcoming for small, light Yagis.

To understand how parallel-equivalent matching works for this application, refer to Fig. 1A, the equivalent circuit for an antenna. R_s is the equivalent series antenna resistance; X_a is the antenna reactance; X_p is the parallel reactance placed across the feed point to accomplish the match; R_f is the feed-point resistance; and Z_0 is the characteristic feed-line impedance. X_p is shown in dashed lines because it's not actually a part of the equivalent circuit. The minus sign signifies that X_p will always be of the opposite sign from X_a . In other words, if X_a is inductive, then X_p will be capacitive, and vice versa.

The goal of this, or any, matching arrangement is to make $R_f = Z_0$. To determine what X_p is needed to accomplish this goal, we transform the series circuit of Fig. 1A to an equivalent parallel circuit (Fig. 1B). To analyze a parallel circuit, we usually convert to conductances, susceptances and admittance. Fortunately, the analysis has been done previously, allowing us to make use of the results.

To implement parallel-equivalent matching, we first estimate R_s . In the absence of ohmic losses, $R_s = R_f$, the radiation resistance. For example, in the antenna I am about to describe, a three-element Yagi with 0.175λ driven element-to-parasitic element spacing, R_f is 23

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ohms.* We can calculate X_s from the formula:

$$\begin{aligned} X_s &= \pm \sqrt{R_f (Z_0 - R_f)} \\ &= \pm \sqrt{23 \Omega (50 \Omega - 23 \Omega)} \\ &= \pm 24.9 \Omega \end{aligned} \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

This assumes the feed line is a 50-ohm coaxial cable. The “ \pm ” signifies that the match can be accomplished by making X_s either capacitive or inductive. If we choose $X_s > 0$ (inductive), then a paralleled capacitor will be used for X_p , our matching element. Otherwise, X_p will be an inductor. What value of X_p is called for when $X_s = +24.9$ ohms (inductive)? To find out, we use the series-to-parallel-equivalent conversion formula:

$$\begin{aligned} X_p &= -\frac{R_f \times Z_0}{X_s} = -\frac{(23 \Omega)(50 \Omega)}{24.9} \\ &= 46.2 \Omega \text{ (capacitive)} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

The final step is to find what value of parallel capacitance C_p is needed to get a resonance at the center frequency of 146.65 MHz:

$$\begin{aligned} C_p &= -\frac{1}{2\pi f X_p} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi (146.65 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz})(-46.2 \Omega)} \\ &= 23.5 \text{ pF} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{Eq. 3})$$

A 24-pF capacitor placed across the antenna terminals will lead to a good match. I use small air or mica trimmer capacitors to fine tune the match for an SWR of 1:1.

One point needs a little elaboration. How do you make $X_s = 24.9$ ohms? Small loading coils inserted between the feed line and antenna will do, but there's a much more elegant and efficient way to adjust X_s : Simply introduce inductive reactance by making the driven element longer than resonance, then shorten the element a little at a time while tuning C_p for a 1:1 SWR.

Element Lengths

Lawson has left the Yagi designer with a valuable legacy. His computer-generated, frequency-swept plots of gain and front-to-back ratio allow you to choose boom and element lengths to optimize the gain or front-to-back ratio, or find a suitable compromise between these parameters. Information is also provided for relating tapered or “bumpy” elements to cylindrical elements.

Two three-element Yagis have been built during this project. The first was designed to test Lawson's model for the mechanical arrangement under consideration—elements that attach to the boom with BNC connectors. The boom length was 0.4 λ with equal spacing between the driven and

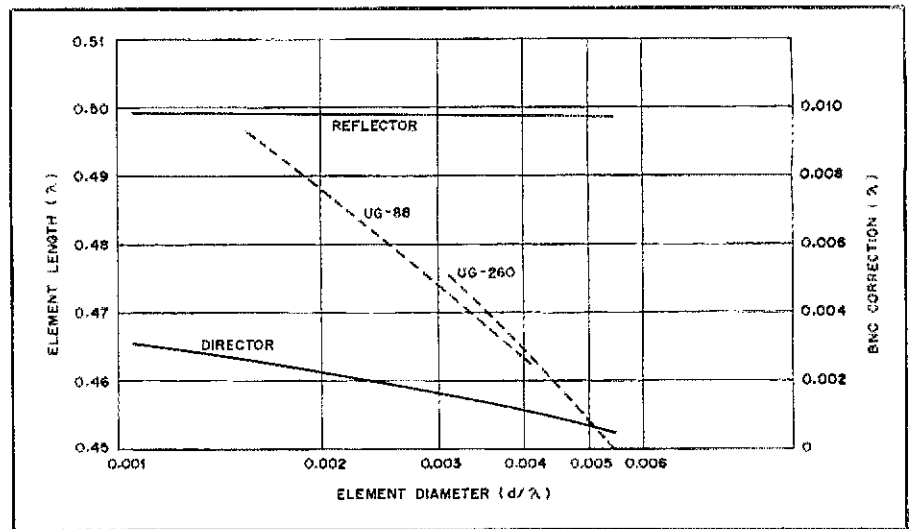


Fig. 2—Curves showing the variation of parasitic element lengths and BNC correction factors (all in units of λ), as a function of element diameter-to-wavelength ratio (d/λ). Top and bottom solid curves are for reflector and director respectively. Intermediate dashed curves are for element BNCs. The BNC corrections are valid only near the design frequency, 146.65 MHz.

parasitic elements. The element lengths were chosen to give a calculated gain of 7.4 dBd (nearly maximum for a three-element Yagi), and a front-to-back ratio of about 10 dB. The elements were highly tapered (inner sections AWG 6 copper wire and outer sections AWG 10 wire). Measurements indicated that the performance predicted by Lawson's model had been achieved.

This prototype beam opened the way to my antenna design described here. A better front-to-back ratio was desired, consistent with high gain. I chose a 0.35- λ boom with equally spaced, 0.25-inch-OD elements. Lawson's data indicate that the shorter boom gives a 5- to 8-dB better front-to-back ratio with virtually no sacrifice of gain. Reflector and director lengths were chosen to offer a calculated gain of 6.9 dBd and a front-to-back ratio of 17 dB. Fatter elements mean a wider bandwidth over which these figures hold up.

These lengths are represented in the curves of Fig. 2. Here, we have plotted director and reflector lengths (λ) versus the element diameter-to-wavelength ratio (d/λ). Lawson's model was used to calculate the element lengths (see the Appendix). These graphs give a range of element diameters over which the antenna will deliver the performance for which it was designed. The format of Fig. 2 allows these dimensions to be compared at a glance with the NBS Yagi dimensions summarized by Lusis.⁷

Since our antenna has elements attached to the boom with BNC hardware, the range of d/λ reflects element diameters compatible with standard UG-88 and UG-260 male BNC connectors. The BNCs introduce electrical “bumps” in the elements, which must be corrected for by *lengthening* the elements relative to smooth

cylinders. The calculated length corrections, the same value up to ± 0.01 inch for the director and reflector, are also plotted in Fig. 2. While the plots of element lengths are applicable to all frequencies, note that the BNC corrections are valid only near the design frequency of 146.65 MHz.

Because the elements pass through the metal boom in this design, an additional correction—the boom-lengthening effect—must be applied. This lengthening results from the relatively small effective inductance of the boom section through which the element passes. I used 7/8- \times 9/16-inch aluminum angle stock for my booms. The boom lengthening can be estimated by finding the diameter of a round boom having the same cross-sectional area as the rectangular cross section of the channel stock. The cross-sectional area is:

$$A = 0.875 \text{ in} \times 0.5625 \text{ in} = 0.4922 \text{ in}^2 \quad (\text{Eq. 4})$$

Then, since $A = \pi r^2$

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \sqrt{\frac{A}{\pi}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{0.4922 \text{ in}^2}{3.1416}} = 0.3958 \text{ in} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{Eq. 5})$$

Thus, the diameter of the equivalent round boom is 2×0.3958 or 0.7916 inch. For a center frequency of 146.65 MHz, the wavelength is:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= c/v = \frac{2.9979 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{146.65 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz}} \\ &= 2.044 \text{ m} = 80.483 \text{ in} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{Eq. 6})$$

where c is the speed of light. The equivalent

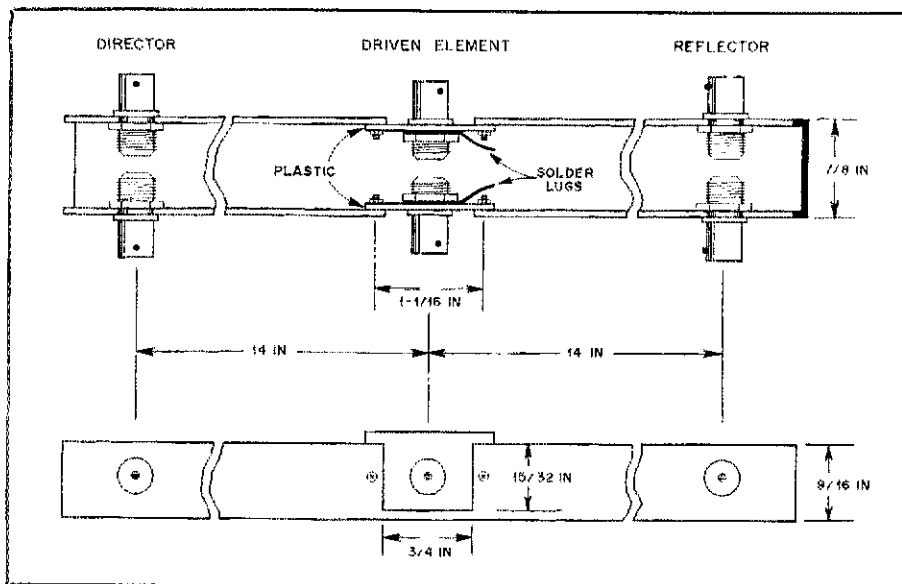


Fig. 3—The boom assembly, viewed from an edge (top) and from the channel side (bottom).

diameter in d/λ units is:

$$d/\lambda = \frac{0.7916 \text{ in}}{80.483 \text{ in}} = 0.00984 \quad (\text{Eq. 7})$$

From Fig. 3 of Lusis's article, the increase in element length, because of the boom, is 0.00665λ for the boom diameter mentioned above.

With this information, it's a simple matter to determine the element lengths corrected for BNCs and a metal boom. First, read the uncorrected element lengths for your d/λ from the left ordinate of Fig. 2. Read the BNC correction for the type you're using from the right ordinate. Now, simply add the BNC and boom corrections to your uncorrected element lengths. For example, for 0.25-inch-diameter elements, UG-260 BNCs and a center frequency of 146.65 MHz:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Element diameter } (d/\lambda) &= \\ \frac{0.25 \text{ in}}{80.483 \text{ in}} &= 0.00311 \quad (\text{Eq. 8}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Reflector length} &= \\ (0.4989 \lambda + 0.00509 \lambda + \\ 0.00665 \lambda \times 80.483 \text{ in}/\lambda) &= 41.10 \text{ in} \quad (\text{Eq. 9}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Director length} &= \\ (0.4577 \lambda + 0.00509 \lambda + \\ 0.00665 \lambda) \times 80.483 \text{ in}/\lambda &= 37.78 \text{ in} \quad (\text{Eq. 10}) \end{aligned}$$

The driven-element length can be determined in the same way, but a more precise match is possible by making this element longer than the model calls for. Trimming and tuning for the best match is described below.

Boom Assembly

The 7/8- × 9/16-inch aluminum chan-

nel stock for the boom is available at building supply or hardware stores. Cut a piece 30 inches long. Now, cut a 3/4-inch-long by 15/32-inch-wide section out of each side at the center of the boom to accommodate the driven element. A jeweler's saw with a fine-toothed blade makes the cutting an easy task.

Six UG-657 female bulkhead BNCs are modified by removing the ends beyond the threaded portion. Drill two pairs of mounting holes in the sides of the boom 14 inches (0.175λ) either side of center, and mount four BNCs for the reflector and director, as shown in Fig. 3.

The BNCs for the driven element are insulated by mounting them with solder lugs on 1/2- × 9/16-inch pieces of 1/8-inch-thick scrap plastic. (Just about any kind of rigid, insulating material will do.) Mount the insulated BNCs in the cutouts made in the boom with no. 2-56 hardware, as shown in Fig. 3.

The feed line and matching capacitor are soldered to the feed-point lugs. The feed line is a 20-inch piece of subminiature coaxial cable, run out the reflector end of the boom, with a BNC for attachment of the main transmission line linking radio and antenna. (Use of RG-58A or larger 50-ohm cable is recommended for this link to avoid heavy losses.) Although I used exotic RG-188 Teflon[®]-insulated cable for the feed line, readily available RG-174 works fine for power levels of up to 50 W. A "poor man's balun" is fashioned by holding a 5/8-in loop in place in the feed line with a small ferrite sleeve. (Mine was salvaged from a defunct discriminator coil.) Fig. 4 shows the feed system. Initial tests without feed-line decoupling revealed the pattern distortion and touchiness characteristic of antenna currents flowing on the outside of the coaxial cable. The poor-man's balun serves to choke off these currents. The matching capacitor can be

either a mica trimmer or a miniature air variable with a maximum capacitance of 35 to 40 pF.

The mast clamps to the boom with a single U bolt and wing nuts. A nonmetallic mast is recommended. A broomstick makes an excellent mast for this antenna.

Element Construction

The element halves are made of soft-copper tubing with male BNC connectors soldered to one end (Fig. 5). A UG-88 BNC (used with RG-58A coax) is a good match for 3/16-inch or smaller tubing, while a UG-260 (a standard RG-59 connector) mates nicely with 1/4-inch tubing. Diameters d/λ somewhat beyond the BNC correction curves in Fig. 2 can be accommodated by extrapolation. However, it's hard to find BNCs that will mate with elements much beyond the d/λ interval of the curves. The element assembly to be described is based on 1/4-inch tubing and UG-260 BNCs. Other tubing diameters or BNCs may require a few alterations in the procedure.

Cut a piece of tubing 2 inches shorter than your final element, then cut it exactly in half. File the ends to square them and remove burrs. Sand the final inch of one end of each element half to ensure easy soldering. Tin these ends with an even, thin coat of solder. A 150-W, or larger, soldering gun is recommended. Slip on the BNC nut and fit the braid-clamp ferrule over the tinned end, as in Fig. 5. (The other BNC hardware, including the center conductor assembly, isn't used.) Notice that the ferrule is inverted from its normal orientation when used with coaxial cable. It won't go on the tubing or stay in place the other way. Position the nut 1/32 inch above the flanged end of the ferrule. Being careful not to disturb the assembly, apply heat just above the nut and flow solder evenly, first into the junction between the nut and tubing, then into the space between the nut and ferrule. Thin (0.031-inch-diameter) solder is almost a must. When the assembly cools, thread the nut into the body of the BNC and tighten. Voila! A half-element — much easier to make than to describe!

Mount the complete element (both halves) on the boom, measure from tip to tip, and cut the element to the length deter-

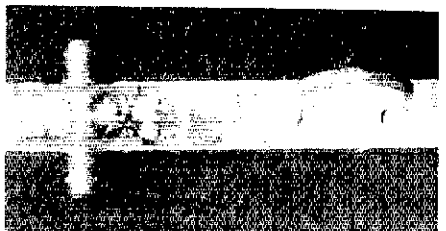


Fig. 4—The feed system, viewed from the channel side of the boom. The plastic driven element insulators, impedance-matching capacitor, and feed line with the poor-man's balun, are shown.

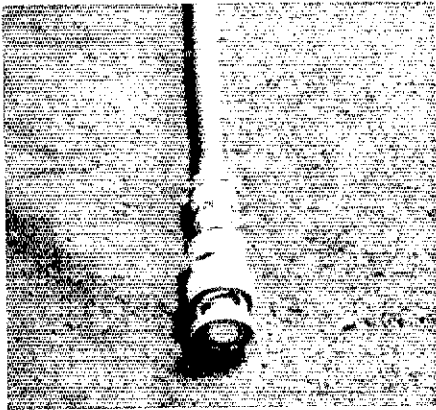


Fig. 5—An element BNC (UG-260) ready for assembly.

mined above—41.1 inch for the reflector, and 37.78 inch for the director. The lengths of the reflector and director should be accurate to 1/10 inch to assure the specified performance. Make the driven element 1 inch (0.50 inch per section) shorter than the reflector. The final length will be determined during the tune-up procedure. The length, measured from nut-to-nut, of the BNC assemblies should be within 1/16 inch of 3.5 inches for UG-260 and 3.34 inch for UG-88 (Fig. 6). I have color-coded my elements with different shades of fingernail polish. Matching dots applied to the boom at the element junctures eliminate guesswork when I assemble the antenna.

Tuning and Testing

Set up the antenna in the clear. A 5-foot tripod makes a convenient support for a portable beam. My completed antenna is shown in Fig. 7. Apply low power and tune the matching capacitor for minimum SWR. Trim 1/16 inch from each driven element half. Retune the capacitor; the SWR should decrease. (If it increases, your driven element is already too short!) Continue alternately trimming and tuning until the SWR is 1:1. Don't settle for a 1.5:1 SWR; a little extra effort will earn you a virtually perfect match.

You can get an idea of the gain of your antenna if you have a receiver with a calibrated signal-strength indicator and a step attenuator. Remove the parasitic elements and retune the matching capacitor for minimum SWR. Insert the attenuator in the transmission line and have a friend send a steady carrier. Note the signal strength. Now replace the reflector and director and retune the antenna. (Remove the attenuator first if it's a low-power type!) With the attenuator in, while monitoring the carrier, set it for the same signal strength as you observed with the driven element alone. The difference in attenuator readings is the approximate gain of your Yagi. If all is well, you should see 6 to 7 dB of apparent gain. Rotating the antenna while receiving a steady signal

should reveal a clean, symmetrical pattern with 15 dB or more of front-to-back ratio and at least 25 dB of side rejection. (Don't take these gain and front-to-back measurements too seriously; you have to go to some lengths to get "quotable" figures.)*

The final test is to use the antenna. I assembled mine next to the car at a recent Field Day excursion and compared it with a well-matched 5/8- λ mobile whip. The Yagi brought up several repeaters that the vertical could not access.

Some Further Ideas

If you are a devotee of NBS Yagis, the dimensions given by Lusic (Fig. 2 of note 7) can be used with this design. Simply substitute the reflector and director dimensions from his Fig. 2. The BNC and boom corrections remain the same.

This design offers a fine approach to testing various combinations of parasitic element dimensions and spacings. If a deeper piece of channel stock is used for the boom, the female BNCs for the reflector and director can be mounted in slots several inches long. This modification allows for easy element-spacing changes. The element lengths can be changed readily by trimming or soldering on extensions. Or, you may prefer to make up several sets of elements for instant changeover. The driven-element length will not require changing unless the other dimensions are altered drastically.

A word on antenna measurements. Getting reliable figures for gain and front-to-back ratio is somewhat like tiptoeing through a mine field. If you've planned the venture in advance and watch where you're going, you'll come through with flying

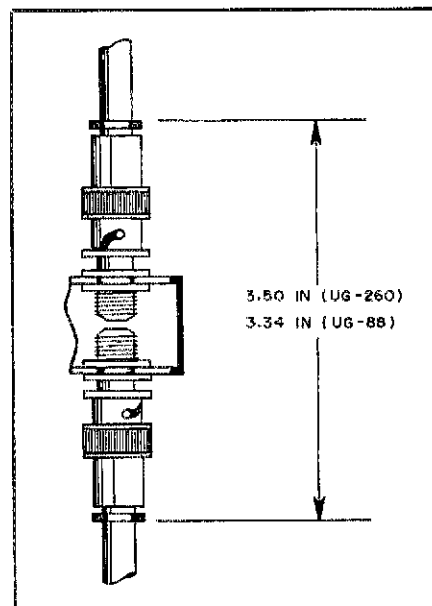


Fig. 6—Detail of a parasitic element-to-boom assembly, showing measurement of total BNC length.

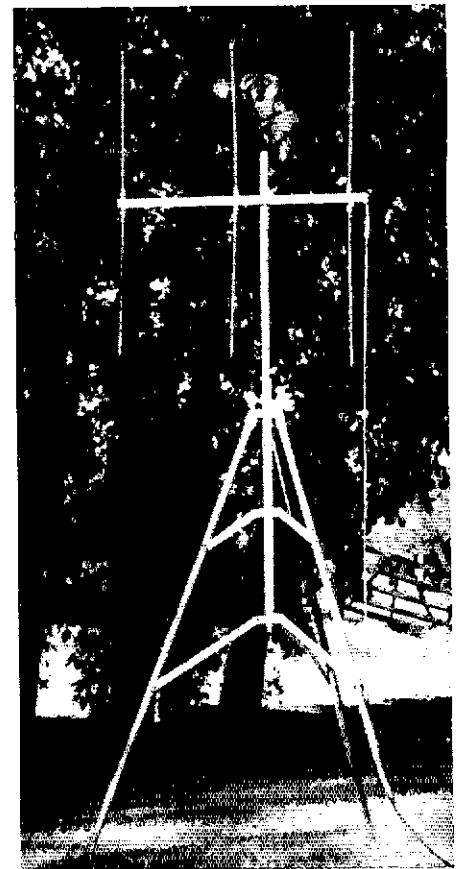


Fig. 7—View of the completed antenna in operating position.

colors. Note 8 offers valuable, easy-to-follow guidelines for dealing with the vagaries of vertical polarization.

This antenna can easily be adapted to horizontal polarization and the CW/SSB portion of 2 meters. Mountaintoppers take note: For weak-signal work, I recommend adding a second director and lengthening the boom to 0.75 λ (all elements equally spaced). Element lengths remain the same. Although this complicates the design, the reward is a full 2 dB of calculated gain over the three-element version. The boom can be hinged near the center and folded for portability. The antenna will then be suitable for backpacking up your favorite mountain. I haven't calculated BNC lengthening factors for the low end of 2 meters, but I would expect them to remain the same within experimental error.

Conclusion

For a few dollars and an evening or two at the workbench, you can have a 2-meter antenna that can be easily stored and gets through where most verticals won't. It might even make the difference between no communication and solid copy in an emergency.

My thanks to Dick Coombe, K9VPK, for his excellent photography and his gentle prodding to start me on 2 meters. Thanks also go to my XYL, Chery, for the artwork

and her patience—not necessarily in that order!

APPENDIX

The BNC's lengthening effects were calculated by adapting Lawson's perturbation method for tapered elements.⁹ The calculation is a two-part process. The first part determines the length of a scaled-diameter cylindrical element having the same impedance at the design frequency as the standard cylindrical element on which Lawson's model is based. The diameter of the scaled element is chosen to be the diameter of the tubing beyond the BNC. Since the radiation resistances of the standard and scaled elements are nearly the same, the scaling becomes a matter of equating the reactances, since $Z = R + jX$. The scaled reflector and director lengths are plotted as a function of effective diameter in Fig. 2.

The second part of the element-length calculation is to apply a correction for the impedance perturbation caused by the attached BNC assemblies. We start with the scaled element defined above and replace the center portion with the larger-diameter BNC assembly. On the assumption that the effective Q and sinusoidal current distribution are essentially unchanged by the BNCs, we calculate the equivalent electrical length of the BNC assembly, referred to as the diameter of the scaled cylinder. Adding this equivalent length to the length of the cylinders beyond the BNCs gives us the

total length of a modified element that will have the same electrical characteristics as the original, standard cylindrical element.

The potential sources of error are the following: (1) Assume the radiation resistance of the modified element is the same as the original standard cylinder. Since the resistance of a relatively fat element changes rather slowly with length, this source of error is probably insignificant. (2) Assume the current distribution along the element remains sinusoidal with the BNCs in place of the cylindrical section. Since the current near the center is large and changing rather slowly with distance from the center, this source of error, though significant, probably is 5% or less. (3) Assume the effective Q of the modified element is the same as the scaled cylindrical element. Since the BNCs account for less than 10% of the total length of the element, this source of error is also, at most, a few percent. Fortunately, since the calculated net length increase (because of the presence of BNCs) is at most 2% of the total element length, a 10% error in estimating the length increase translates to $0.02 \times 0.1 \times 100 = 0.2\%$ of the element length. This is well within experimental uncertainty.

There is, incidentally, a simple physical explanation for both the boom- and BNC-lengthening effects. Near the center of an element, where the current is highest, an element section is mainly inductive. If a section near the center is replaced with a piece having smaller unit inductance (a boom or

fatter BNC assembly), the element must be lengthened to make the total inductance, hence the current distribution, the same as before. Since a section near the end of the element is mainly capacitive, and fatter sections have more capacitance per unit length, the shortest unloaded elements will be "reverse-tapered"—skinnier near the center and fatter toward the ends.

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Mark Bacon, KZ9J, was first licensed in 1958. The project of repairing an old RCA Victor console to tune in the signals of the first Sputnik on 20 MHz sparked his interest in Amateur Radio. He worked Adak Island with an ugly little 807 rig while on the air for the first time. Mark acquired his Extra Class license in the late 1960s, but let it lapse until 10 years later, when he retook, and passed, the Novice exam. As an Extra Class licensee once again, he enjoys ragchewing on 40 CW, designing and building antennas, and occasionally chasing DX. Other hobbies include cooking, fiddle playing, and spending time with his wife and two-year-old daughter. Mark holds degrees in chemistry, but is presently employed in the communications industry. 

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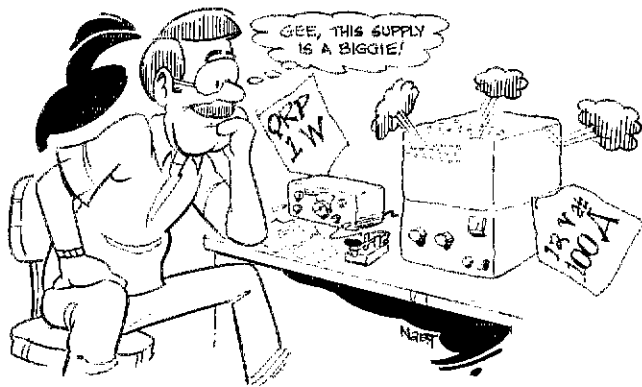
You've heard about it for a while now, but you probably don't know as much as you'd like to about packet radio. What's all the racket about packet? A July article with that title explains it all. No experience necessary!

If the article should leave you thirsting for more, two separate columns will discuss different aspects of this exciting mode.

Also on the July agenda are the final First Steps in Radio installment, this one showing how to equip your first station, and a plain-language explanation of QSK. And, for those whose interest in space communications is being piqued by the upcoming second ham-in-space mission, there's a basic approach to moonbounce.

Please note: If the item you're particularly interested in doesn't appear "next month," it most likely will be in the following month's issue.

Plug-in Wall Transformers—A Super Bargain!



Some projects don't need big dc power supplies. The surplus market offers all manner of small plug-in transformers. They may be just right for your next workshop venture.

By Doug DeMaw,* W1FB

“**W**here can I get an inexpensive, small power supply for my low-power project?” That is not an unusual question today. All too often we tend to use a large dc power supply—perhaps one that delivers 12 V at 2 or 3 A—to power a homemade item that requires a minimum amount of current. It's somewhat like the “tail that wagged the dog” when we connect a tiny unit to a monstrous power supply! But, it is understandable that an amateur would rather follow that course than purchase a smaller power unit for each project. After all, dollars for hobby items are not always easy to justify.

A recent letter from one of our *QST* readers suggested that I write an article about what is inside wall transformers. He suggested further that I explain how they can be used in amateur work. I was somewhat amazed that so common an item had escaped my attention. Perhaps I took these units for granted, since it seemed that everyone in the electronics hobby field should be aware of their availability and use. So, for those of you who may not have worked with these bargain-price modules, let's look at them and point out their good and not-so-good features.

Power Module Types

If we examine the pages of surplus flyers and catalogs we will see all types of plug-in transformers. Some provide a dc output voltage, while others are made for ac-voltage output only. They may carry VA

(volt-ampere) ratings along with the output voltage figure, or they may be rated for dc milliamperes and dc output voltage. Some modules are large; others are rather tiny. Most of the plug-in power supplies have no ac cords, but do include output-voltage cables. Some units have screw terminals for connecting the output line to the equipment by means of homemade cords (Fig. 1). Despite this assortment of form factors and ratings, the unit price is usually quite modest compared to buying separate transformers, power cords, connectors and enclosures.

All of the outboard power modules are housed in plastic cases. Nearly all of them are UL approved or UL listed, which is comforting to know. But some bear warnings that they are for indoor use only. This

is because the plastic case is not weather-proof. For most amateur use, this is not a significant consideration, but Field Day operators should be aware that rain and unprotected power modules present a hazard to the person using them in connection with an ac-power generator.

Advantages of Plug-in Supplies

The advantages of using wall modules are obvious: They can be used for more than one project, and they are outboard from the equipment. The latter consideration helps to keep the equipment compact and lightweight. It also keeps the ac field of the transformer away from critical circuits within the equipment being powered by the module. This can be especially important when high-gain audio circuits are



Fig 1—Two plug-in power units. The one at the left is a 19-V ac, 2.25 VA unit that has screw terminals for the output connection. The broken-down unit at the right is a dc-power unit that delivers 9 V at 100 mA, dc unregulated. It was opened to show the internal structure of a plug-in wall unit.

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involved, particularly if audio transformers are used in the circuit.

I have seen audio filters and transformers in receivers that were sensitive to nearby ac fields, and caused loud hum in the receiver output. An example is the Heath HW-7 QRP transceiver, which contains an audio-filter choke with a powdered-iron outer covering. I noticed that while testing the HW-7 on my bench in the ARRL lab, there were times when hum was present. Other times I could detect no hum. I learned that when the rig was in one position, the hum vanished. It turned out that a nearby fluorescent light (with transformer) was the culprit. Maximum coupling between the light transformer and the audio choke occurred only when the fields of the two units were aligned. I dread to contemplate the hum level, had there been an ac transformer mounted *within* the HW-7! Most direct-conversion receivers (the HW-7 and HW-8, for example) need 80 to 100 dB of audio gain after the detector. Therefore, the slightest hum pickup at the head end of the audio chain will be amplified tremendously.

Ac Plug-in Units

There are many ac-output plug-in transformers on the surplus market. They are generally rated in VA, as we learned earlier. How does this translate to useful current capability for our project? We can get a close approximation by considering the VA to be equivalent to the $E \times I$ product of the transformer secondary winding. For example, if the transformer delivered 18 V ac at 125 mA, the VA rating would be 2.25, based on a 60-Hz line frequency ($18 \times 0.125 \text{ A} = 2.25$). The VA matter is commonplace, but seldom is discussed in handbooks and other technical literature. It goes somewhat deeper in concept than this discussion permits, but it concerns reactance, apparent power and line frequency. Our EI calculation versus VA will certainly suffice for the purpose we have in mind for these little transformers.

Dc Plug-in Power Units

We enter into a different situation when selecting and using dc wall units. The question arises: "How good is the regulation?" We may also wonder if the dc output is really pure, or "clean." These are valid considerations, and they deserve some discussion. Take, for example, the power unit shown in Fig. 1. It was pulled apart to show the interior. The unit, Model DC-920, is made by National Semiconductor Corp. I bought it for 75 cents (new) at a discount store. It is rated for 117-V ac input, 60 Hz. The output is rated at 9-V dc, 100 mA. Although we may conclude that this power unit is just right for many small circuits we might tack together, certain restrictions exist. Among them are (1) How much ripple can our circuit

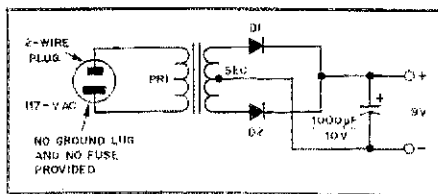


Fig. 2—The schematic diagram of the dc wall unit of Fig. 1. Filtering is minimal, and there is no regulator. The 117-V ac line is unbypassed, and no fuse has been included.

tolerate? and (2) How good must the voltage regulation be under varying load?

The schematic diagram for the unit is shown in Fig. 2. Note the simplicity of the design. There is no provision for voltage regulation and little filtering. The power unit would be fine for a calculator or transistor AM-band radio, assuming the peak current did not exceed, say, 70 mA. The greater the current demand of the unit being powered, however, the greater the ripple and the greater the sag in output voltage. This would be unsuitable for powering a VFO, a high-gain audio strip or some other critical circuit that did not contain suitable ripple filtering and voltage regulation.

I have opened a number of the commonly available dc-power units and have learned that they follow the general design seen in Fig. 2. There is nothing we can do to provide regulation of the output voltage if our equipment requires the 9 V that is available from the power module. We could, on the other hand, feed the 9 V into a 5-V regulator and use the system for powering a 5-V circuit. This is because a regulator, in order to function, must have a greater input voltage than it delivers as output. If we needed 9 V regulated, we would have to purchase a plug-in dc module that could supply at least 12 V. A three-terminal regulator is suitable for our job. The dc current available for our equipment would, of course, be less than the value specified for the plug-in unit. This is because the regulator consumes power in the process of providing regulation. All of these factors must be taken into account. Fig. 3 shows how we might obtain an 8-V, 100-mA regulated dc operating voltage from a 12-V, 200-mA wall unit. We have

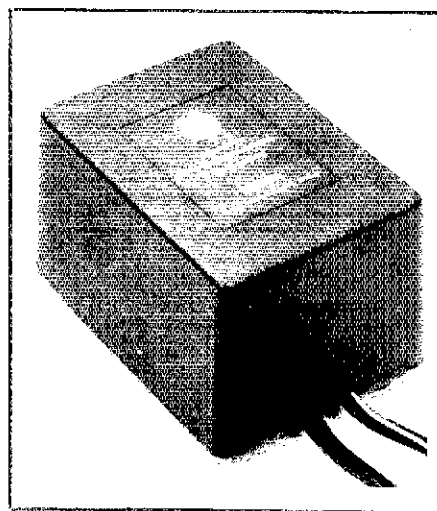


Fig. 4—A large plug-in ac transformer bought for \$3.50 from a surplus dealer. It provides an output of 16.5-V ac at 1 A.

added a three-terminal regulator and a couple of 0.1-µF bypass capacitors.

The primary inconvenience in using wall transformers is that there is no on/off switch to control the ac input. We must either unplug the unit from the wall when the equipment is to be turned off, or leave it plugged in and turn off the dc voltage by means of a switch in the equipment box. Additionally, the ac input to the wall unit has no fuse or ac-line bypass capacitors inside the plastic case. It is good practice to bypass the ac line near the transformer when possible. This helps to keep RF energy out of the power unit and the ac line. I usually install a fuse in the dc line between the power module and the equipment: The usual cause for overloading can be found in the equipment rather than in the power module.

Obtaining Plug-in Units at Low Cost

Fig. 4 shows a fairly hefty ac wall transformer I purchased from All Electronics Corp. about a year ago for \$3.50.¹ The output is 16.5-V ac at 1 A. I have used it as the basis for an 800-mA, 12-V dc power supply. It was made by American Telecommunications, and the part no. is

¹Notes appear on page 38.

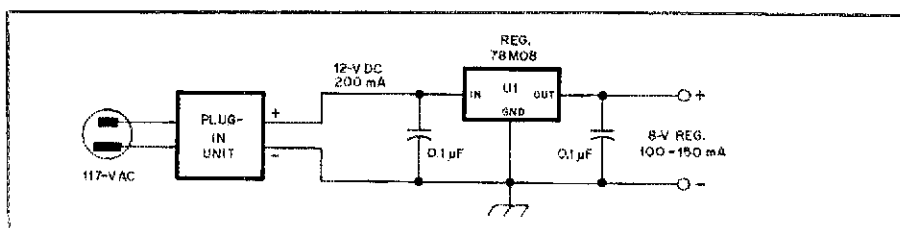


Fig. 3—A method for adding a voltage regulator to the output of a dc wall transformer power unit. U1 and two 0.1-µF capacitors have been added external to the plug-in module.

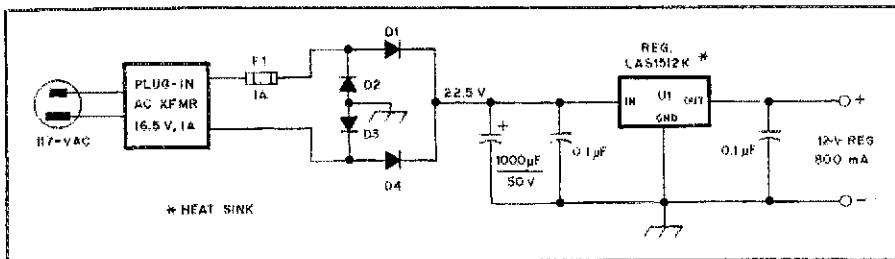


Fig. 5—Schematic diagram of the rectifier, filter and regulator used with the transformer of Fig. 4. D1, D2, D3 and D4 are 2-A, 50-PRV rectifier diodes. F1 is a slow-blow fuse. VR1 is a 1.5-A, three-terminal regulator with a fairly large heat sink added. The dc from this system is very clean, from a ripple and noise standpoint, even at loads in excess of 0.5 A. U1 was purchased from BCD Electro, Richardson, TX 75083-0119, for \$1.50. It is in a TO-3 style of case.

719030-01. I no longer find it listed in the All Electronics catalog, but there is a similar unit (no. WTS-170) that sells for \$4. It is rated at 17.5-V ac, center tapped, 500 mA. The rectifier, filtering and regulator circuit I use is shown in Fig. 5.

All Electronics also lists a 9-V ac, 1-A wall transformer (WT-9100) at \$3. This would be a fine unit for use with a voltage-doubler circuit and a three-terminal regulator to provide 9- or 12-V dc at 300 or 400 mA. If you wish to get fancy with

wall transformers, you might be interested in an item sold by Mouser Electronics in California.² It is offered as item no. 41AC116 for \$6.59 in single quantity. The output is dc at 300 mA. Various voltages are available (3, 4.5, 6, 9 and 12). The output cable is terminated in a molded four-way plug that mates with most of the common jacks in use today. Furthermore, the primary is switchable for 117 or 234 V, 50/60 Hz. There is no mention of the output being regulated, but that should be

a simple matter for us hams to deal with by installing a three-terminal regulator inside the equipment box.

Another vendor that sells surplus wall transformers is Marlin P. Jones & Associates.³ You may obtain a 14-V dc wall unit that delivers 500 mA (no. TR-1260) for only \$4. It comes with a 7-foot cord that ends in a mini phone plug.

Nearly all surplus dealers sell a variety of plug-in power units. For the most part, the prices are quite attractive with respect to the individual cost for power transformers. The use of wall transformers is one way for you to shave costs when building homemade gear. Certainly, QRP enthusiasts should find many uses for plug-in wall types of power supplies.

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¹905 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90006, tel. 213-380-8000.

²11433 Woodside Ave., Santee, CA 92071, tel. 619-449-2222.

³P.O. Box 12685, Lake Park, FL 33403, tel. 305-848-8236.

New Products

CONNECT SYSTEMS, INC. MODEL CS-16 DECODER

□ The CS-16 is a 16-function DTMF decoder board designed to securely control virtually any apparatus via radio or line. The decoder may be used to control various repeater on/off functions.

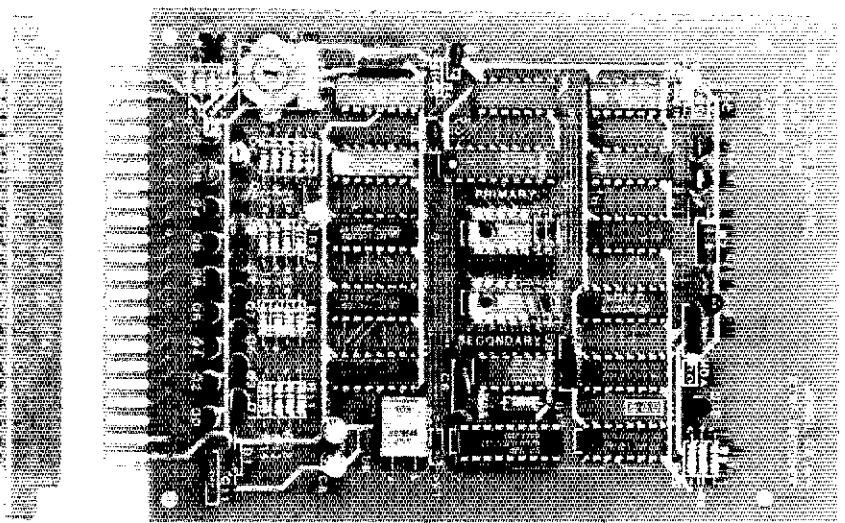
A unique feature of the CS-16 is dual password control. Two separate, user-programmable, three-digit passwords create hierarchical control capability. The primary control password can access all 16 of the available functions. The secondary password accesses only eight of the 16 functions. Additionally, a special primary password command that can enable or disable secondary password access is available. The CS-16 provides such a high degree of multilevel security that control can be accomplished directly on voice channels, eliminating the need for separate control frequencies.

Each of the 16 functions is provided with an open-collector and 5-V CMOS logic output. A strobe output is also made available in open-collector and logic format. This output can be used to gate repeated audio so that DTMF control commands are not retransmitted.

A power-up reset feature places all outputs in the off state. An audio preamplifier with level control permits the crystal-controlled tone decoder to operate over the wide input range of 10 mV to 2 V. A strobe LED lights when any of the 16 buttons on a pad is pressed. (The CS-16 can also be used with 12-button pads.) An on-board voltage regulator permits operation with a 10-25 V dc power source. The CS-16 incorporates reverse-polarity protection, and draws less than 20 mA from the supply.

Each CS-16 is constructed on a top-quality glass board with plated-through holes. The board is reflow soldered and machine trimmed. The 44-pin edge connector is gold plated for reliability. Each CS-16 is supplied with a mating

connector, a manual and a limited six-month warranty. Price class: \$150. For more information contact Connect Systems Inc., 23731 Madison St., Torrance, CA 90505; tel. 213-373-6803.—Paul K. Pagel, N1FB



SLIDE MOUNT YOUR KEYBOARD

□ My operating table became crowded when I added a computer and monitor to my station. A keyboard saves the effort of switching between my separate CW transmit and receive programs during computer-CW operation. The keyboard remained on the table top for a short while, but the awkward typing height and disorderly wiring set me to thinking about a better arrangement. I was at a loss for a new keyboard location. An 18-inch drawer slide and some scrap lumber were my answer. This simple installation places the keyboard at a proper height for fatigue-free typing, yet allows me to simply slide it out of my way when not in use.

This description covers the details of my arrangement. The dimensions of various parts must be chosen to fit each station. Feel free to tailor the idea for your own shack.

Fig. 1 shows the general layout of the drop-mounted keyboard scheme. The opening required for the keyboard is 1 inch wider than the keyboard case: 13.5 inches. Adjust the side-support height so that the key tops will be about 26 inches above the floor (an ideal typing height). If the table is 30 inches high, a drop of about 7 inches is satisfactory.

Fig. 2 shows the construction details of one side support and slide mount. Fasten the drawer slides to the keyboard with any convenient screws. Mount the mating section of the slide even with the bottom of the side support and about 1 inch behind the support front edge. This ensures that the knobs do not project beyond the table front when the keyboard is retracted. Dress the keyboard leads to the rear, under the table, with enough slack to allow for keyboard movement. Install a lock pin on one of the slides to prevent movement when the keyboard is in use. This system has worked very well for me. —“Sal” Salzano, N2CPM, Bronx, New York

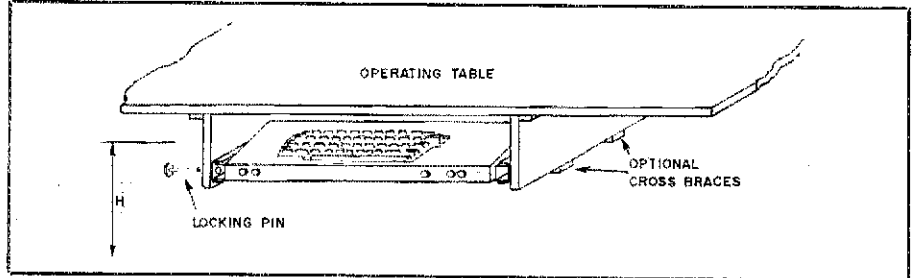


Fig. 1—A keyboard installation under an operating table. The distance, H, from the keys to the floor should be approximately 26 inches. Separate the side supports by the width of the keyboard plus the width of the slides. Cross braces may be necessary at the lower edge of the side supports if the supports or their connections to the table are not solid.

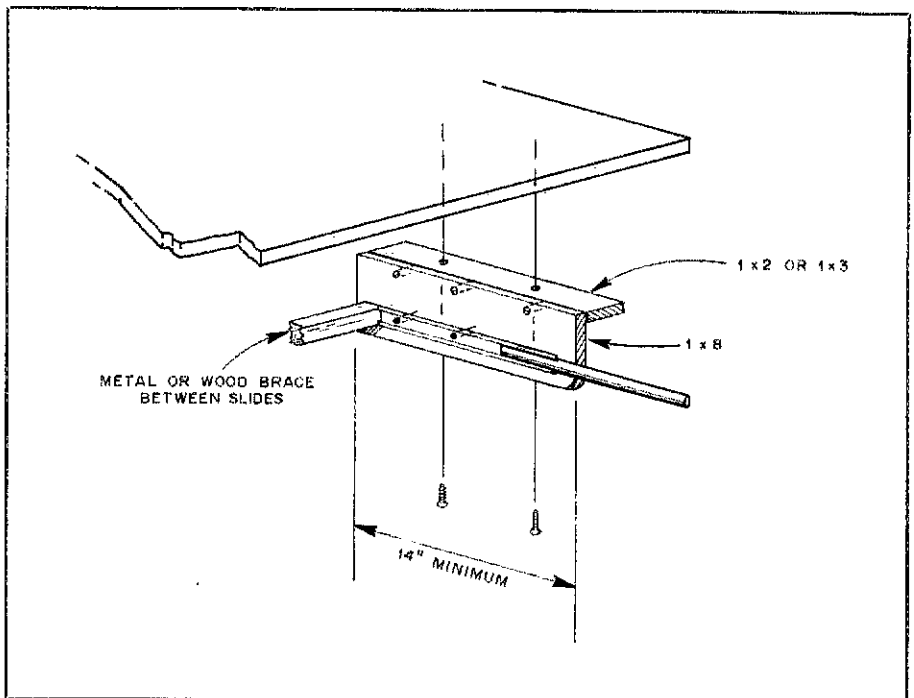


Fig. 2—Construction and mounting details of a side-support and drawer-slide assembly. Dimensions and materials shown are those used by the author and are not critical.

A THUMBWHEEL-FREQUENCY-CONTROL AID FOR SIGHTLESS HAMS

□ The following modification gives a tactile zero reference on various models of VHF/UHF hand-held transceivers that use thumbwheel frequency control. First, set all of the thumbwheel switches to zero. Then, use a razor knife or file to remove one of the tabs from each thumbwheel section. This provides an indentation that can be felt when each section is set at zero. The operating frequency can then be set by counting switch positions from the notch on each switch section. This modification has merit for visually impaired hams, but sighted hams can also benefit because it allows tactile frequency selection when operating while driving or in the dark. —Mark A. Cobbeldick, KB4CVN, Fort Payne, Alabama

AN ACCURATE, INEXPENSIVE FREQUENCY MARKER

□ A highly accurate series oscillator can be constructed from seven components for about \$10. The marker is based on the model CX-1H quartz crystal, which is a tuning-fork

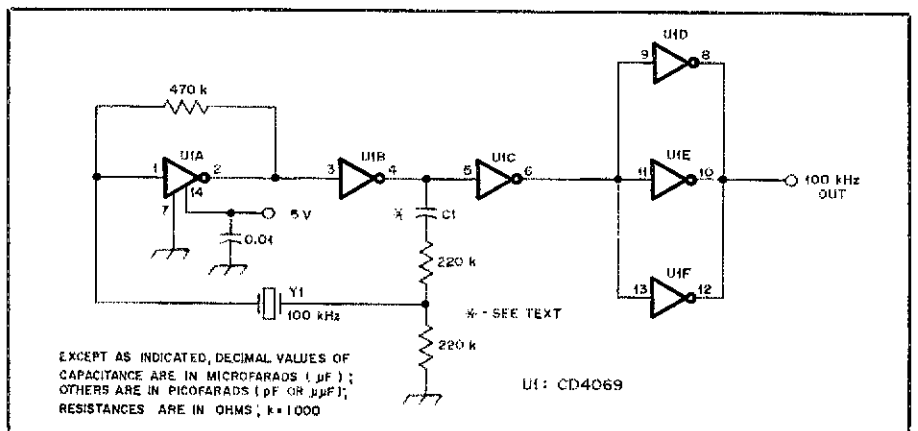


Fig. 3—A schematic for the frequency marker. U1 is a CD4069, or equivalent, CMOS hex inverting buffer. Y1 is a 100-kHz CX-1H crystal from Statek.

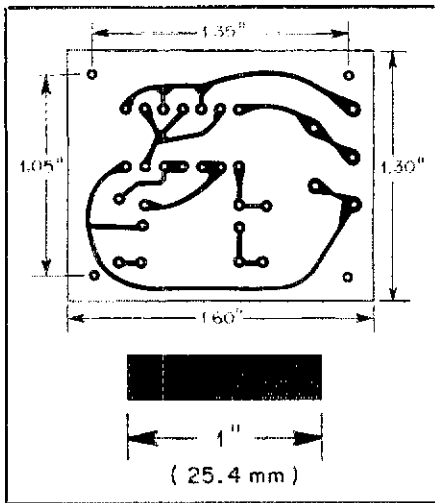


Fig. 4—Full-size circuit-board etching pattern for the frequency marker, shown from the foil side. Black areas represent unetched copper.

resonator manufactured by the Statek Corporation.¹ Statek produces these crystals for use in quartz watches and they have a frequency tolerance of $\pm 0.005\%$ at 25° Celsius. The modules cost about \$6 each.

A schematic of the frequency-marker circuit is shown in Fig. 3. It consists of three cascaded inverters and three parallel buffer inverters. The entire circuit can be etched on a 1.6- \times 1.3-inch board, as shown in Fig. 4. (Fig. 5 is a parts-placement diagram for the circuit.) I used the components specified by Statek and the marker oscillated at 100.0015 kHz. [Larry Wolfgang, WA3VIL, used a "gimmick" capacitor for C1 in the frequency marker to a frequency counter, and trim the gimmick wires until the marker is on frequency.—Ed.] Since the nominal frequency of the crystal is 100.00 kHz, the measured frequency is within the quoted tolerances.

The oscillator provides an ideal frequency check for the Argonaut and other radios that lack an internal frequency marker. Statek manufactures the CX-1H crystals and provides circuit component values for frequencies from 10 to 600 kHz. Thus, most HF receiver calibration can be accomplished with this inexpensive and easy-to-build circuit.—Michael C. Schell, KC3PE, Gaithersburg, Maryland

AN AID FOR DRIVING GROUND RODS

□ We all know the importance of a good ground system. It not only protects equipment and people from lightning, but it is vital to effective station operation. This is why the arduous task of driving ground rods into the earth is necessary. How many of us, though, have missed a swing and struck a glancing blow, or hit a friend or oneself?

Motivated by self-induced pain and the

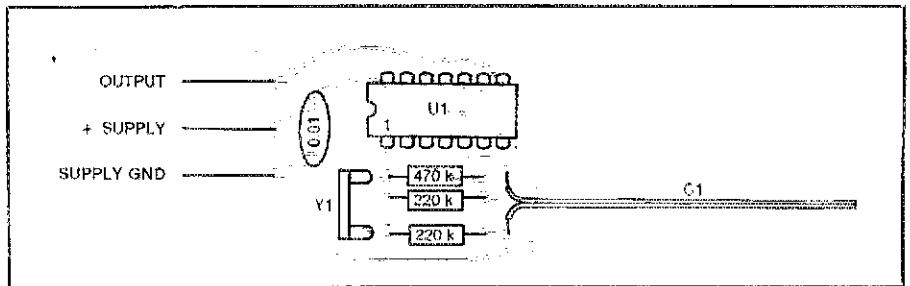


Fig. 5—A parts-placement diagram, shown from the component side of the board. Gray areas show an X-ray view of the copper pattern.

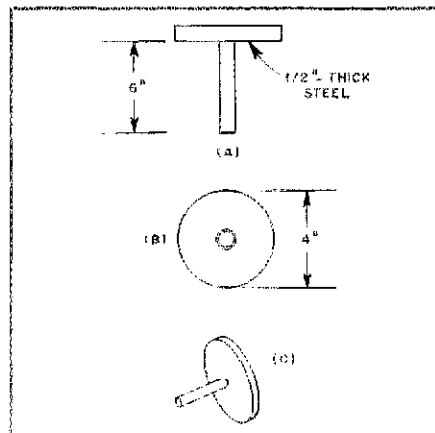


Fig. 6—A side view (A), bottom view (B) and oblique view (C) of the ground-rod driving cap.

desire to have a good ground system for the shack (I use four ground rods, connected in parallel), I looked for a better way to drive ground rods safely. Since striking the small area on an 8-foot rod is rather difficult and hazardous, it would be a great improvement to increase the striking area of the rod. The simple rod cap shown in Fig. 6 increases the striking area to a 4-inch-diameter circle. It is easier and safer to drive a ground rod with this tool.

As shown in the figure, the cap consists of a 6-inch-long by 9/16-inch (inside) diameter pipe welded to a 4-inch-diameter, 1/2-inch-

thick steel plate. The dimensions are not critical, but this cap has served me well. The steel striking plate has proved strong enough to take a pounding and big enough to provide an easy target for any size sledge hammer. I selected the pipe length so it would give good stability and a straight driving force, while serving as a guide to leave 6 inches of the ground rod exposed after it is driven. Use a pipe large enough to fit loosely over the ground rod. I have driven many ground rods with this driving cap, and found it to be efficient and safe.—Jim Headstream, KESNQ/G4VSM, Chillesford, Suffolk, England

TR-2400 12-V POWER CORRECTION

□ Craig Martin, KR6T, the Customer Service Manager of Trio-Kenwood Communications, has brought to my attention a possible misinterpretation of "12-V Operation for the TR-2400" (Hints and Kinks, April 1985 QST). The article shows how to connect an external 9.6-V dc supply to the transceiver without disabling the external microphone or tone circuitry. The modification does not convert the TR-2400 for operation from 12-V dc.

In the first paragraph of the April article, Mr. Zak mentions that the radio requires 9.4-V dc (the correct figure is 9.6 V), rather than 12-V dc. Do not overlook that statement: *Damage is likely if the radio is connected to a potential exceeding 11.04 V dc.* A suitable mobile power supply (from "The Perfect 10: A Power Supply for FM Portables," March 1984 QST) is shown in Fig. 7.—Bob Schetgen, KUTG, Assistant Technical Editor

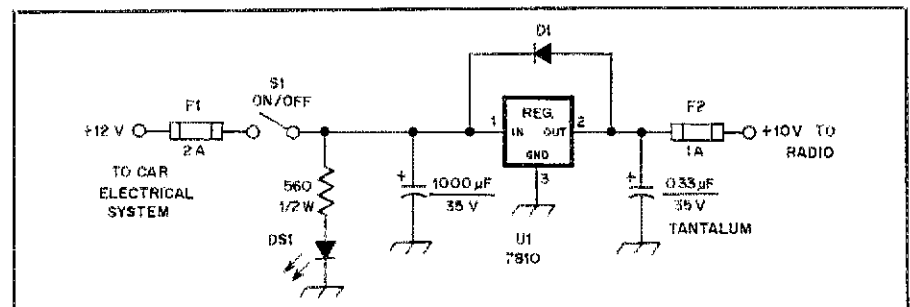


Fig. 7—Schematic diagram of the regulator circuit. The resistor is a carbon-composition type. Capacitance is in microfarads. The input capacitor is electrolytic. Parts numbers in parentheses are from Radio Shack.

D1—Silicon power diode, 1N4001 or equiv.
DS1—Green LED (276-022).
F1, F2—Fast-acting fuse, 1 A (270-1273).
S1—SPST toggle (275-602).

U1—10-V, 1-A, three-terminal regulator, Texas Instruments 7810 or equiv. (available from Active Electronic Sales Corp., Box 1035, Framingham, MA 01701, tel. 617-366-0500).

¹The CX-1H is available from Statek Corp., 512 N. Main St., Orange, CA 92668, tel. 714-639-7810.

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ICOM BACKUP BATTERIES

□ **Warning:** If you own an ICOM R71, 751, 271 or 471, don't disconnect the lithium battery on the memory board! All these models use a common memory plug-in board that contains two ICs and a lithium battery.

A friend of mine wanted to experiment with the memory circuit, so he disconnected the battery in order to install a socket for the RAM. His radio didn't work when he reconnected everything, and his call to ICOM confirmed that the RAM contains the microcode that gives each model radio its own personality. His board is on its way back to ICOM for reprogramming, which can't be done at the dealer's. For ICOM owners, this means that when the lithium battery runs down (seven-year life), the memory board must be sent in for reprogramming.—*Robert S. Parnass, AJ9S, ARRL Technical Adviser, 530 Kiowa, Naperville, IL 60565.*

DATA TRANSMISSION VIA AMATEUR RADIO

□ With the growing availability of microprocessors to the radio amateur, it is time to launch a drive to encourage experimentation and investigation into ways to apply this new technology so as to improve basic radio communication. Modern, synthesized, solid-state transceivers have found their way into most ham shacks, and there is an ever-growing segment of our hobby concerned with "non-voice" communications. Examples would be digitized SSTV, RTTY (in its various forms), packet radio and, of course, CW.

Transmitting data by radio, as opposed to voice, is the area in which the amateur community will find the best opportunities to make significant contributions to the state of the art in upcoming years. For instance, by synchronizing the transmitter and receiver and employing digital-signal processing at both ends, it is possible to improve message reliability, reduce bandwidth and power requirements, and realize a virtual immunity from adjacent-channel interference—all at the same time.

My interest was sparked by a two-part article in *QST* on coherent CW by Charles Woodson, W6NEY.¹ I got in touch with Bert de Kat, VE3DPB, who had been working with CCW for several years. From Bert's records, I was able to review what has been done to date. The breakthrough was Ray Petit's "integrate and dump" analog filter, which has been used by all experimenters in this field. The trend in industry lately has been to replace analog filtering with digital-signal processing, so I set about to develop a digital sampling filter for CCW use. This microprocessor-based machine works by sampling the received audio waveform at high speed and converting the instantaneous voltage

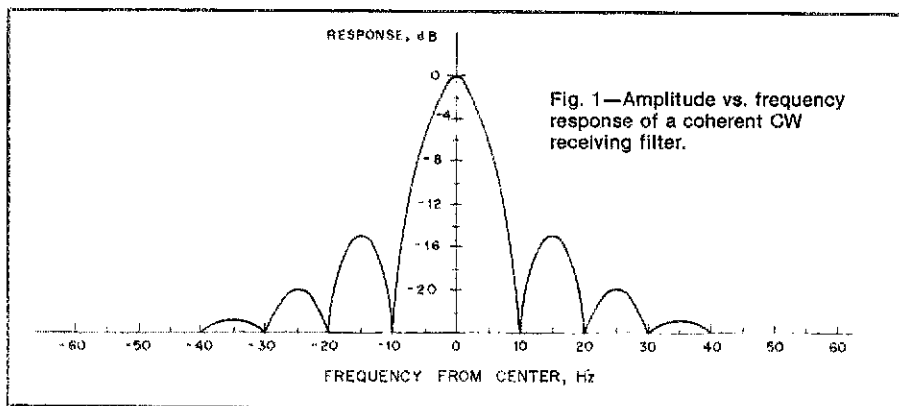


Fig. 1—Amplitude vs. frequency response of a coherent CW receiving filter.

values to numbers. The numbers are stored in computer memory and then treated mathematically to produce the desired narrowband filter response. I also devised a way for the computer to synchronize itself automatically with the transmitted signal. It is possible for the computer to recover the intelligence in a CW signal that is so weak it cannot even be heard in the headphones. Unlike the integrate-and-dump filters, the new system is also useful for enhancing weak "noncoherent" (ordinary) CW signals (if the transmitter has good frequency stability).

The algorithm works by "least-squares" fitting a sine-wave curve onto the sampled data points. The frequency of this sine wave is selected by the operator and is the filter center frequency. The filter bandwidth is determined by the run-length of circular memory buffers that are used to hold the sample values. This bandwidth is adjustable by the operator and may range all the way down to only 1 Hz wide.

There is a figure in *The ARRL Handbook* that illustrates the general response characteristics of such a filter, reproduced here as Fig. 1.² In addition to the main response at the center frequency, there are infinitely deep nulls or notches that occur every 10 Hz on either side of the center frequency. If we had only 1 kHz of spectrum to work with, and if stations agreed to operate on frequencies that were exact multiples of 10 Hz, we could have 100 simultaneous QSOs in that 1 kHz with almost no possibility of QRM. Each filter would neatly notch out every other channel except the one we wanted to receive. By contrast, consider trying to run 100 simultaneous QSOs in a 1-kHz-wide part of the 80-meter phone band using SSB!

Turning to RTTY, current amateur practice is to transmit at 45.45 bauds using a shift of 170 Hz. If we narrowed the shift to only 45.45 Hz, the RTTY signal could be recovered "optimally" by using two such sampling filters spaced 45.45 Hz apart with a simple

comparator at their outputs. To run the two filters on different frequencies, the hardware could be just the same as for CCW, except we would need one extra sample-and-hold network and one extra programmable divider to synthesize another set of sampling strobes. If we changed the standards slightly again and went to 110 bauds and a 110-Hz shift, RTTY transmissions could coexist very nicely with the 10-Hz-wide channel spacing of CCW.

The sampling filter technique can also be used very effectively to demodulate MSK (minimum-shift-keying) transmissions. This would find application in the optimum recovery of high-speed packet data transmissions. It seems sensible to use digital signal processing to compensate for the channel effects encountered when sending packets via satellite. Indeed, such an adaptive channel equalization system may well turn out to be the only practical way to obtain reliable packet communications via satellite.

The point is that many already-existing facets of Amateur Radio seem to be converging on the use of coherent signaling with digital processing. We have the spectrum allocations, we have the transceivers, and we have the growing number of hams who are becoming involved with computers. I believe that in order to encourage further experimentation and innovation in this exceptionally fertile field, we must get many more coherent signaling stations operating; in order to do this, we must create a surge of interest and enthusiasm within the amateur fraternity.

Use of available media channels is one way to do this. As *The ARRL Handbook* says, "It's an idea whose time has come." I would like to see much more space in *QST* given to construction projects in this field, or a separate book on the subject. I hope the League members will get behind this in a big way and push hard to learn coherent signaling concepts and to encourage further development and experimentation.—*Bill de Carle, VE3OBE, 235 Baythorn Dr., Apt. 301, Thornhill, ON L3T 3V6*

¹C. Woodson, "Coherent CW—Part 1, The Concept," *QST*, May 1981, p. 11, and "Coherent CW—Part 2, The Practical Aspects," *QST*, June 1981, p. 18.

²C. L. Hutchinson, ed., *The 1985 ARRL Handbook* (Newington: ARRL, 1984), Fig. 17, p. 21-11. [A complete section on coherent CW is contained in *The ARRL Handbook*, p. 21-9.—Ed.]

[Editor's Note: The editors of *QST* invite participation toward meeting this challenge, and especially invite material for publication about these techniques and activities.]

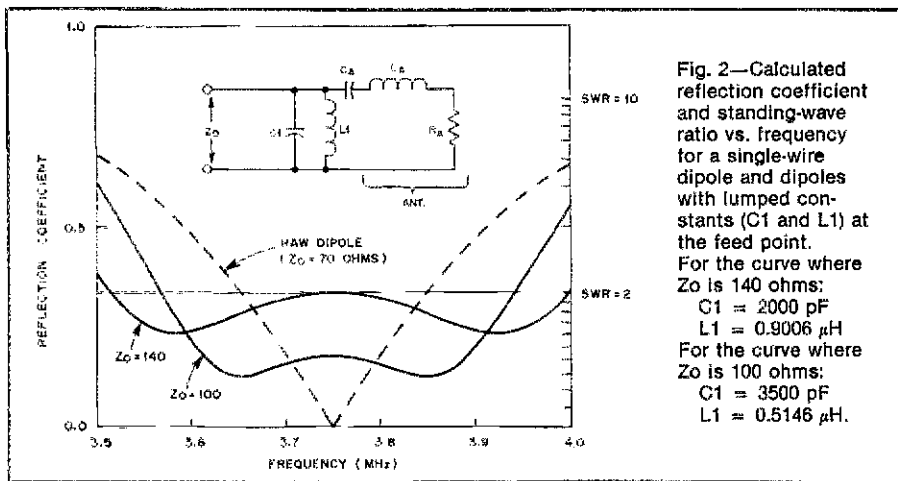


Fig. 2—Calculated reflection coefficient and standing-wave ratio vs. frequency for a single-wire dipole and dipoles with lumped constants (C1 and L1) at the feed point. For the curve where Z_0 is 140 ohms: $C1 = 2000$ pF $L1 = 0.9006$ μ H For the curve where Z_0 is 100 ohms: $C1 = 3500$ pF $L1 = 0.5146$ μ H.

ONCE MORE WITH THE 80-METER BROADBAND DIPOLE

With reference to earlier items by KITD and W7ZOI in *QST*, it is possible to design a simple, adjustment-free matching network that will make an 80-meter dipole have a reasonable SWR across the band.^{3,4} When using Hayward's RLC model of the dipole, a simple parallel-tuned circuit across the antenna feed point gives less than 2:1 SWR

³J. Hall, "The Search for a Simple, Broadband: 80-Meter Dipole," *QST*, April 1983, p. 22.
⁴W. Hayward, "Limitations to Broadband Impedance Matching," Technical Correspondence, *QST*, July 1984, p. 45.

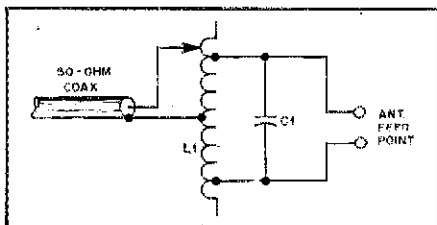


Fig. 3—Proposed method of feeding a balanced antenna with unbalanced line. The shielded conductor of the coax line must be connected at the exact center of the coil, which is an electrically neutral point in the antenna system.

across all but the bottom 10- to 20-kHz of the band, as shown in Fig. 2.

This method *does* require a source impedance of 140 ohms, so a broadband matching transformer will be needed at the input. I see no reason why you couldn't just tap the input down on L1 and use L1 as an autotransformer to accomplish the impedance-matching function. In fact, although I have not tried it, it may be possible to include the balanced-to-unbalanced transformation in the same coil, as shown in Fig. 3. To tune this network, use a dip meter with no antenna connected. Then install the network on the antenna and adjust the input tap for the best compromise SWR across the band.

By choosing a lower characteristic impedance, you can get much better SWR over a narrower bandwidth (Fig. 2). Retune both the antenna and the network to center the response on either the phone or CW portion of the band.

You can get better SWR in both the full-band and narrow-band case by adding a series-tuned circuit to the input (Fig. 4). The improvement is marginal, however, and complicates the impedance step-up arrangement, so it is probably not worth the effort. It would be better to take Hayward's suggestion and make the antenna itself inherently more broadband. One method is to "fatten" the elements by using a wire cage arrangement or similar. Of course this would change the values of Z_0 , L1 and C1.

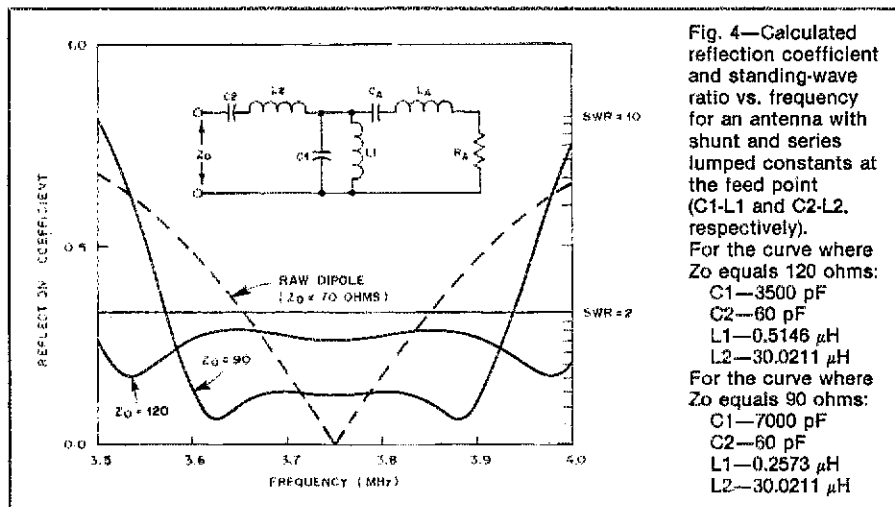


Fig. 4—Calculated reflection coefficient and standing-wave ratio vs. frequency for an antenna with shunt and series lumped constants at the feed point (C1-L1 and C2-L2, respectively). For the curve where Z_0 equals 120 ohms: $C1 = 3500$ pF $C2 = 60$ pF $L1 = 0.5146$ μ H $L2 = 30.0211$ μ H For the curve where Z_0 equals 90 ohms: $C1 = 7000$ pF $C2 = 60$ pF $L1 = 0.2573$ μ H $L2 = 30.0211$ μ H

The original graphs for Figs. 2 and 4 were drawn with an HP-87. I would be happy to send a copy of the program to anyone who sends me an s.a.s.e.—Alan Bloom, N1AL, 260 Arata Ln., Windsor, CA 95492

ANTENNA CURRENT

Some points in the letter from John Belrose, VE2CV, need clarification. "The larger the radiator current, the greater the power radiated" is not an accurate statement unless current is the *only* parameter changed. An antenna with low currents can and usually does radiate power with higher efficiencies than high-current antennas.

An example would be comparing an end-fire array having $1/4$ -wave spacing to one with $1/16$ -wave spacing. The current is certainly much higher in the close-spaced array, but the radiating efficiency is much lower!

Two statements seem to contradict themselves in the text regarding the phase of the currents. First it is stated that the phase of the current is constant over a current loop. In the next paragraph it is stated the voltage and current are 90° out of phase in a resonant radiator. This would mean a resonant dipole is a pure reactance. In resonant dipoles the current and voltage are in phase at any point in the antenna; only the ratios change.

A final point is that an antenna does not have to be "resonant" to receive or radiate effectively. Terminated rhombics are fairly efficient examples of nonresonant antennas. "Resonance" has nothing to do with efficiency. Efficiency is determined solely by the ratio of the loss and the radiation resistance.—Tom Rauch, W8JI, 9805 Walford Ave., Cleveland, OH 44102

⁵J. S. Belrose, "How Does a Transmatch Work?" Technical Correspondence, *QST*, March 1985, p. 46.

Feedback

In the April 1985 Product Review of the Kenwood TH-21AT transceiver, p. 47, the term CTCSS should have been used instead of "tone-burst generator." Further, the battery-holder identifier is EB-2, not BB-2.

Leo Younger, N6KKR, has found an error in "Coaxial Cables: Their Construction and Use" (Nov. 1984 *QST*). The equation shown in Fig. 4 on page 21 should read:

$$\text{Attn} = 10 \log \frac{P_1}{P_2} \text{ dB}$$

Check Fig. 3 of "A Power-Supply Performance Tester," p. 39, April 1985 *QST*. To avoid a safety hazard, the line switch S1 should be shown in series with and to the right of F1 in the "hot" side of the line, and not in the neutral leg as shown.

An erroneous reference to an equation number appears in the notes at the end of Technical Correspondence, March 1985 *QST*, p. 46. Note 5 should reference Fig. 9, plot of Eq. 12.

In Fig. 4 of "A Simple 435-MHz Transmitter," May 1985 *QST*, p. 16, breaks should be shown in the striplines beneath C16 and C19. This is properly shown beneath C25 and C26 (p. 17).

New Books

THERMAL COMPUTATIONS FOR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

by Gordon N. Ellison. Published by Van Nostrand Reinhold Company, 135 W. 50th St., New York, NY 10020. First Edition, 1984. Hard-bound, 7 1/4 × 10 1/4 inches, 397 pages including index. \$34.50.

Reviewing a book recalled memories of my high school years, when such a task was considered drudgery. Later, my experience with professional technical texts was that they are b-o-r-i-n-g. Both of these presumptions turned out to be highly inaccurate with this text. I found it different; not heavy in style, nor overpowering in mathematics. I have to confess that authors who try to impress me with their mathematical prowess do not keep my interest, but Ellison has turned the tables with an interesting and understandable text; you can follow the material without requiring a college mathematics refresher course. Ellison notes that "designers with only a precalculus background have been successfully taught the use of most of the techniques contained in the book." You should have a background in some form of physical theory (physics, or mechanical or electrical engineering), but you're not expected to have any formal training in heat-transfer techniques.

This book covers those areas that are most important to amateur electronic-equipment heat-transfer computations. It does so in an understandable manner with meaningful examples. Material on heat pipes, thermoelectric coolers, liquid cooling and so forth is not included. The book deals with aspects of heat transfer in electronic equipment, which the author applies to practical design problems: conduction, radiation and convection by natural or forced air flows.

Descriptions of heat-transfer processes are presented clearly; numerous practical examples are shown. Convective heat transfer is a complex subject, but Ellison lucidly highlights the important parameters.

Another area that is very well presented is radiative heat transfer. This mode is usually glossed over in many texts or is presented in a manner that does not relate to the principal thrust of the text. Ellison's excellent presentation of the "geometry" (geometric shape factors) of radiative heat transfer makes the subject understandable. With illustrations, he identifies the useful contribution of radiative heat transfer to the rating of a naturally convection-cooled transistor heat exchanger. Thorough discussions of other heat-sink factors are also presented. These include items such as optimum fin spacing and conduction effects. You're provided with sufficient information to evaluate accurately and analytically any heat sink in natural convection — the quiet, "no-moving-parts" mode of heat transfer.

When dealing with convective air flow, Ellison discusses both forced and natural convection flows. He includes an interesting presentation that determines the buoyant air flow of natural convection, an approach I've not seen before. Step-by-step iterative procedures are presented to allow any reader to

duplicate the air flow computations.

The author states that "Chapters 1 through 6 are intended to give the reader a solid foundation (for electronic equipment heat transfer) and provide the self-confidence that is associated with independence from a large computing facility. Unfortunately, the time comes when the arithmetic chores are exceedingly formidable, and satisfactorily accurate temperature predictions are impossible without digital computation aids." The remainder of the book presents two interesting computer programs written in ANSI FORTRAN IV, along with operating instructions and illustrative examples for both programs.

Fortunately, 99% of the thermal-design problems that will be encountered with Amateur Radio equipment do not require the use of the powerful computer tools presented here. You should, however, read and understand enough of the program descriptions to be familiar with the advantages and requirements of numerical analyses that are higher-powered than those provided by the pocket calculator.

One difficulty with Ellison's presentation is his choice of units of measure of physical processes and materials. Traditionally in the U.S., the "engineering units" of heat transfer have been the BTU/hour/lb/foot system, which are somewhat incompatible with electrical functions where energy is expressed in joules, power in watts and time in seconds. Fundamentally, electrical terms are in SI or metric units, and persons dealing with electronic heat transfer must resort to handling both systems of units. This can be achieved by converting electrical terms to Btu or converting Btu data to watt-second terms. My opinion (based on 25 years in the business) is that it is far better to do all of the computations in metric terms, converting only input physical-length units from inches and feet to millimeters and meters. In that manner, we are able to communicate more easily with our electronic brethren.

Ellison uses some strange physical properties units, e.g., gm/in³. Mixing metric and English units is poor at best; misusing metric units is awful. The metric unit of mass is the gram, and is properly abbreviated "g", not "gm"! In addition, the use of CGS system energy notation "cal." (for calorie) is bad, as the author does use the watt for power, and the natural expression for energy is the joule (watt-second). In the chapter on airflow, the author pays the price for using clumsy English engineering units in dealing with airflow continuity. In my metrically jaundiced opinion, the volumetric airflow of cubic-foot-per-minute should be directly converted to metric mass flow terms, dispensing with some of the messy in-process conversions.

Criticisms aside, I wish to thank Gordon Ellison for giving us such a useful text. It is one I can feel proud to present to my electronics friends (e.g., W1FB), and know that there is a reasonable chance that even they will understand heat-transfer principles. — Dick Jansson, WD4FAB, ARRL TA

SYNCHRONOUS PACKET RADIO USING THE SOFTWARE APPROACH

by Robert M. Richardson, W4UCH. Published by Richcraft Engineering Ltd., 1 Wahmeda Industrial Park, Chautauqua, NY 14722, tel. 716-753-2654. First edition, 1984. Spiral-bound, 8 1/2 × 11 inches, 253 pages. \$22. Program disk for TRS-80® microcomputer Model I or III, \$29.

Here is a fascinating new approach to 1200-baud packet radio using the AX.25 protocol and the TRS-80 microcomputer. The author uses software to replace the hardware found in the Tucson and Vancouver terminal node controller (TNC). Items replaced include the microprocessor, the expensive SDLC/HDLC controller, extensive EPROM, dynamic RAM, RS-232-C UART and ancillary support chips. Also, the program uses Port 0 for input and output, so an expensive RS-232-C interface is not required on the host microcomputer.

The software is written in Z80® assembly language, so knowing that language is a considerable advantage to the reader. If you're unfamiliar with assembly language, Chapter 12 tells you how to modify the program using the built-in edit/modify mode to place your own call sign and prepared messages on disk.

This book is an encyclopedia of synchronous packet-radio information for the newcomer and old-timer alike. My only criticism is that the author goes too deeply into the finer points at times. But since the book is for newcomers as well as experienced packeteers, this criticism may not be deserved. Richardson's sense of humor creeps through occasionally, which makes otherwise dry and difficult material a pleasure to read. I found myself looking forward to the next chapter as I finished reading each one. I suggest that this book is a "must" for every present or future packeteer who wishes to understand the AX.25 protocol thoroughly, whether they choose to implement the hardware approach, the software approach, or both, as I did. I compliment Bob Richardson on this significant contribution to Amateur Radio. — Dr. William M. Laird, W2CIX

Strays



I would like to get in touch with...

anyone with an owner's or service manual for a Regency HR 212 2-meter transceiver. James Lee, WB4GWX, 5004 Ridge View Court, Fort Worth, TX 76118.

anyone who has a schematic diagram and FM modifications for the Lafayette HA-144 2-meter portable transceiver. Steven J. Robeson, KC8M, MAG-49, 4th MAW, Naval Air Stn., Willow Grove, PA 19090-5010.

The ARRL/VEC: A Progress Report

A no-nonsense look at what has been accomplished, and what you can expect from the ARRL/VEC in the future.

By Curtis R. Holsopple,* K9CH and Jim Clary,** WB9IHH

The Volunteer Examiners in Laramie, Wyoming, conducted a test session that could well be used as a model for all other test sites. The Laramie and Cheyenne VEs were professional, courteous, very friendly and supportive, and performed in such a manner as to win the confidence of any doubter of the new ARRL Volunteer Examiner Program.—Duane Shillinger, WB7NHR.

"I feel that the procedure followed and the atmosphere provided were excellent. Also, the convenience of being tested on a weekend was a real plus. The examiners were helpful and honest, and the test site was comfortable and accessible."—Larry W. Garens, KC5OQ

"The warmth and care expressed by the VEs were definite factors contributing to our confidence before the code test. Congratulations to the hams at the Charleston, West Virginia, Amateur Radio Club who made our upgrade trip a memorable and happy experience!—Steve Litwins, NJ8N

The above are typical letters from persons who have been tested by VE Teams working with the ARRL/VEC. Not only are they happy with how the program is working, they took exams at locations the FCC rarely, if ever, had the time to visit. The ARRL Volunteer Examiner Program works! It works well, thanks to the thousands of ARRL-accredited Volunteer Examiners who were equal to the challenge. We have about 20 file boxes and drawers full of test results and letters at Hq. to back up that claim!

Testing Activity Is High

The FCC test-results data show that the ARRL/VEC is coordinating the majority of all testing. ARRL-accredited VE Teams have given tests in 49 states plus Guam and Puerto Rico, Iceland, Japan, Germany, Saudi Arabia and the Pacific island of Kwajalein (if you can't find that one, it's north of the Marshall Islands). We're coordinating more than 150 test sessions *each month*. We expect to serve about 30,000 candidates in 1985—that's more than the FCC handled during their last 12 months of Field Office testing.

Before the VE Program began, we wondered what the pattern of test activity would be. We phased the ARRL/VEC program in by supporting sessions held at conventions and hamfests only. Over the past seven months, however, the trend has clearly moved away from a few large test sessions to many small sessions (an average of 16 candidates each) sponsored by clubs.

Many metropolitan areas have unex-

pectedly benefited from the VE Program: Neighboring Amateur Radio clubs that have competed (even feuded) in years past are working together to serve their communities with convenient schedules of examinations. Some club groups contribute VEs to a central testing site on a rotating basis, while other areas rotate the test site itself around a given metropolitan area. Still others work more independently, but communicate with each other so that test dates are distributed evenly throughout the year.

The foreign test sessions usually occur at military bases overseas, where U.S. licensees are stationed for military, diplomatic or commercial reasons. As they received little service from the FCC in the past, we are pleased to provide an opportunity for them to upgrade their licenses. (Note: Overseas VE testing is intended only for U.S. citizens and persons who will be traveling to the USA.)

The ARRL/VEC Coordinates Local Activity

One of the hallmarks of the ARRL/VEC is that we do *not* march out from Newington, Connecticut, dictating when and where tests are to be held. Scheduling tests is *entirely* up to the needs, desires and convenience of local Volunteer Examiners. We register the locally scheduled dates and provide the VE Teams with the support necessary to make the test sessions a success.

Any candidate or VE Team who wants to know what tests are scheduled in a given state can send us a request with an s.a.s.e. We'll send, at no charge, the current printout of upcoming sessions. We'll even

include listings of sessions scheduled by some other VEC organizations.

Our purpose as a VEC is to provide a consistent and fair *national* testing program that is convenient for the candidates. This is in harmony with the ARRL's overall goal to help the Amateur Radio Service grow in both size and quality, a course charted for us over seven decades ago.

Some Statistics

Each dot on the accompanying map (Fig. 1) represents a site where an ARRL/VEC Team has given a test. By comparison, the map in Fig. 2 shows where the FCC gave tests in 1983. As you can see, ARRL-accredited Volunteer Examiners are providing you with a massive improvement in service! We applaud these volunteers for their hard work.

Table 1 shows the number of test elements administered, the pass rates and the number of license upgrades resulting from our test sessions. Note that the pass rate is running somewhat above 50%. By comparison, the FCC's pass rate back in 1981 was 43%. The mail we get explains the rise in pass rates clearly: Candidates are more relaxed!

We wanted to remove "test shock" factors caused by travel to unfamiliar places and missed work or school days. It's working! The candidates are getting a fair (and honest) chance to demonstrate their knowledge of Amateur Radio. Once again, the doom-and-gloom gang's assertion that the Volunteer Examiner Program would be characterized by confusion and misinformation has proven incorrect. If the VE Program were chaotic, why is it that the ARRL/VEC and ARRL VE Teams are

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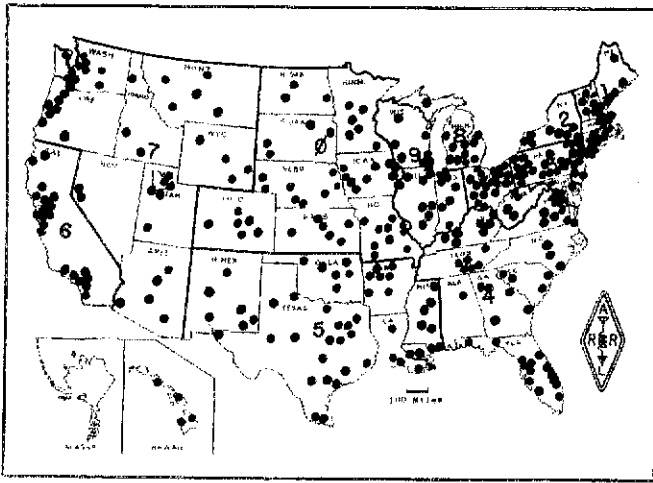


Fig. 1—Test sessions coordinated by the ARRL from September 1984 to June 1985. Each black dot represents one or more sessions held at a given location.

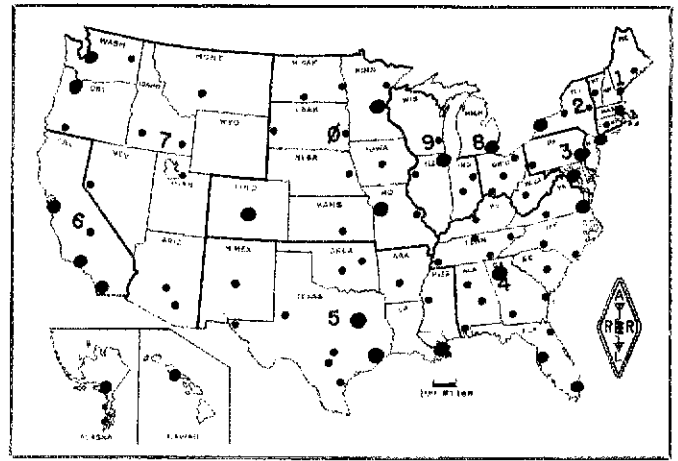


Fig. 2—Test sessions held by the FCC Field Offices where exams were held at least twice a month. Small dots are the remote sites where exams were held once or twice a year.

already serving *more* candidates than the FCC did in recent years?

How to Locate a Test Near You

Test sessions may be scheduled with us 30 days or more in advance. Some teams register sessions as much as a year in advance. Most candidates find out about test sessions through local Amateur Radio clubs. Announcements made in club meetings plus printed notices in club newsletters are the most effective ways of advertising an upcoming session. Frequent announcements on local repeaters do the trick. Many radio and TV stations and cable broadcasting outlets also offer community bulletin-board services at no cost.

If you are not affiliated with any Amateur Radio clubs, write to the ARRL/VEC at ARRL Hq. We'll send you a list of test sessions scheduled in your state.

It is not practical to list test sessions in *QST*. Many sessions are registered only 30

to 60 days in advance, not enough lead time for publication. In addition, if we printed all of the test sessions we have registered, it would take about eight pages of Ham-Ad-sized print. A candidate would be faced with wading through listings for all 50 states—most of which would be of no use or interest to most readers.

It is more cost-effective for us and useful to you if we send out current and accurate listings upon request. Also, clubs and VE Teams are welcome to request listings of sessions in their areas—just send us a letter asking for a printout of test sessions and include an s.a.s.e.

It's Not A Simple Program

When we first sent our 96-page *VE Manual* to each of our 6000 prospective Volunteer Examiners last summer, the ARRL/VEC office received several letters complaining that we had taken a simple concept and turned it into a bureaucratic

nightmare. Now that VE teams have had actual experience in conducting test sessions, we have received many letters and phone calls from these same people—now they're *glad* we provided thorough instructions. In fact, more often than not, they are asking for additional guidance!

We now have well over 5000 accredited VEs. (One out of every 10 Extra Class licensee is an ARRL-accredited Volunteer Examiner.) These dedicated volunteers have received a heavily revised second edition of the ARRL's *VE Manual*. We believe in providing our VE Teams with the resources they need to do a good job. The ARRL/VEC provides all of the forms, test materials and even postage necessary for the VE Team to conduct a successful test session. We also provide extensive data processing of the test results and screen each FCC Form 610 application before it goes on to the FCC's Gettysburg Licensing Division.

Problems and Solutions

Like anything new, in the early months the VE Program experienced some glitches. We're working hard to solve these problems and to minimize the difficulties caused to some VEs and test candidates. Here are some examples of what concerns keep our phone lines busy from dawn to dusk.

Delayed Accreditations

Around October 1, 1984, we ran out of accreditation materials. We knew at that point that an all-new *VE Manual* was necessary because of the many changes that had occurred in only the first few months of operation. The ARRL/VEC office was *swamped* with work necessary to support the already-scheduled test sessions. We were forced to delay the accreditations of about 1600 new prospective VEs while we got the program up and running. And, as icing on the cake, the new accreditation materials were delayed in printing. We thank you all sincerely for your patience in the face of the inconvenience caused by the delay.

Table 1
ARRL/VEC Test Sessions Summary—September 1, 1984-March 31, 1985
Results of All ARRL/VEC Sessions by Element

	1A 5 WPM	1B 13 WPM	1C 20 WPM	2 Novice	3 TIGen	4A Adv	4B Extra	Total
Passed	404	1846	843	478	2518	1004	512	7605
Given	605	4518	1376	540	4379	2134	922	14,474
Pass Rate	66%	40%	61%	88%	57%	47%	55%	52.54%

Tally of Sessions Completed by ARRL/VEC Teams

Call Area	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	AK	Crbn	Pcfc	Over-seas
	57	41	32	70	75	37	47	59	35	66		5	7	2

Tally of License Upgrades in ARRL/VEC Sessions

Technician	1235
General	1022
Advanced	655
Extra	402
Total Upgrades	3314

Statistical Summary

Total Candidates Served by ARRL/VEC:	6309
Total ARRL/VEC Sessions Completed:	533
Average Number of Candidates/Session:	11

By mid-April 1985, we had processed most of the backlog of VE accreditations. More than 7000 second-edition *VE Manuals* are in circulation, and the VE Teams are quickly gaining experience. The start-up hump seems to be about over.

Regulatory Changes

Another area that required a lot of extra effort was late-breaking regulatory adjustments made by the FCC. We anticipated that the Commission would need to modify some of the rules relevant to the VE Program. These midstream course changes may have caused a few problems in keeping the VEs and candidates informed, but were necessary to make the testing procedure run more smoothly in the long run.

One major sticking point has been the interpretation of Rule 97.25. This rule permits VE Teams to provide for "instant upgrading" and code-credit certificates. We were all caught by surprise, however, when the FCC notified the ARRL/VEC that this "Certificate of Successful Completion" could not be used as proof that a candidate had passed the *written test elements* indicated by the upgrade certificate. In late December 1984, the FCC informed the ARRL/VEC that *only* the actual license issued by the FCC can be treated as valid proof that written test elements have been passed. The "Certificate" (unlike the FCC's old Interim Operating Permit) is valid for code credit and proof of new operating privileges earned. This situation even caught the Field Offices by surprise because their old Interim Operating Permits were valid for both code and written element credits.

The rulemakers at the FCC advised us that, for example, someone who held a Novice class license and upgraded to General should wait until receipt of the

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- "ARRL Asks FCC to Clarify VEC 'Successful Completion' Rules," May 1985, p. 49.
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- "Volunteer Examining—At Last," It Seems to Us, Aug. 1984, p. 9.

actual General class ticket from the FCC before trying to upgrade further. The ARRL vehemently opposes this situation, but we must abide by the wording of FCC Rule 97.25 until such time as the rule is changed.

The FCC Rules are made in Washington, DC, not at the Field Offices around the country. We have no choice but to abide


by rules as written and interpreted in *Washington*. In mid-April, the FCC's Gettysburg Licensing Division sent a memo through channels to all Field Offices straightening out the confusion.

Check League Lines and Happenings in *QST* and *The ARRL Letter* for the latest information on this problem. Things may have changed from the time this article was written to the time you read it.

More to Come

We've only scratched the surface in describing the VE Program to you. In coming months, we'll take you for a close-up view of a test session, as well as for a tour of the ARRL/VEC office. Many people are curious about the procedures used by both the VE Teams and the VEC Department staff at Newington. We'll even take a tour of the FCC's famous Gettysburg address, and show you what goes on there.

We're grateful for the many phone calls and letters from people who appreciate what a huge undertaking the VE Program is. The ARRL has served the Amateur Radio Community for a long time—longer than the FCC itself! A staff of six people in Newington is charged with the task of accrediting over 5000 Volunteer Examiners and handling an estimated annual workload of 2000 test sessions generating 30,000 application forms. We appreciate your suggestions for improvements, and hope you will continue to be patient with us if it takes us a little time to make suggested changes.

Meantime, good luck to those of you who plan to take an exam soon—we think you'll have a good experience. Thanks again to the hard-working Volunteer Examiners who make this possible. We'll do our best to keep all of you informed in the coming months. 

New Books

THE COMPLETE DX'ER

by Bob Locher, W9RNI. Drawings by Wayne T. Pierce, K3SUK. Published by Idiom Press, P.O. Box 383, Deerfield, IL 60015. Soft-bound, 6 x 12 inches, 187 pages. \$10.95 plus \$2 postage and handling. Now available from ARRL Hq. for \$10.

This book is a must for every ham who wants to work DX. In the author's words, "It is designed to help the reader learn how to attain [DX] success, and get to the DXCC Honor Roll, whether he has just started to chase DX or is already well on his way to the top." I believe the design goal has indeed been met.

Don't expect a book full of charts and graphs of information such as international postal rates and the like. That stuff goes out of date; this book will not. Locher's conversational style is

easy to read and understand. You get the feeling of being in his shack sharing a cup of coffee and discussing DX as you tune the band together and he shares his DXing methods.

By the author's own admission, *The Complete DX'er* is written for the CW operator. Locher is well qualified to write this. Elsewhere in this issue, he is shown in first place in the CW-DXCC listing with 319 countries credited to his account. Some of the skills and techniques described apply to phone operation; others do not. But the book is useful to the phone as well as the CW operator.

The book's 24 chapters and an appendix are devoted mostly to operating techniques—techniques that can be described as a DX'er's secrets. For DX success, you will need listening skills. Locher devotes three chapters to that very important topic. Getting through the pileups, using a second language and calling CQ are other operating topics. Sure you know how to call CQ, but read what he has to say about happy surprises that may result from a CQ call.

You will find chapters on equipment and accessories, choosing a location and where to find DX information. (Just a reminder: WIAW airs a DX bulletin on Fridays UTC.) Antennas and

towers are covered in five pages. That means you can't expect a lot of detail. What you will find is good advice on sound engineering, appropriate hardware and proper installation.

Don't expect to read the book "once over lightly" to understand the concepts Locher presents. You are rightly instructed to read a chapter (two at the most) at one time, taking time to practice before going on. Think about what has been said—consider it from your perspective and from the perspective of the DX station. Look for ways to improve your operating skills. Be patient. The author has packed years of experience into a few pages.

Chapter 21, "Winning, Losing, and Playing the Game" is one of the more important chapters. In it, Locher reveals his philosophy of DX chasing—a healthy philosophy for DX in general and the DX'er in particular. Throughout the entire book Locher displays a respect for engineering laws, competition rules and operating ethics.

Will this book be what you need to make it on the DXCC Honor Roll? I'm sure that like chicken soup—it can't hurt!—*Chuck Hutchinson, K8CH*

Whatever Happened to Esperanto?

By Ed Lindberg,* W2CIL

Back in 1924, the ARRL gave some thought to a universal language and decided to recommend Esperanto as the official international language of Amateur Radio. In September of that year, *QST* Editor K. B. Warner suggested that radio amateurs learn the language as a means of developing "a world-wide vehicle of expression."

Hams who come across one of our Esperanto nets today frequently ask, "What is Esperanto?" or, if they have heard of it, "What became of it?" Esperanto never died out. In fact, it has been around for 100 years, and has been used on amateur bands since the early '20s. But it has taken a long time to achieve acceptance among hams.

Intended as a second language to improve understanding and communications among hams worldwide, Esperanto can be learned through self-study. I began studying the language in 1925, from lessons in *Radio News* magazine. I got my amateur license (W8CIL) in 1930, and soon thereafter it occurred to me that the two activities were meant for each other. ARRL SCM John Blum ran a brief mention of my interest in Esperanto in the W-NY Divisional reports in August 1932 *QST*. As a result, I received many letters from other interested hams, with whom I established regular skeds. Other duties and economic demands of the Depression put that activity on hold.

In 1962, my interest in Esperanto surfaced again when I saw an article by W7LLV in a national Esperanto magazine. He was too busy to continue locating other amateurs, so he turned his list (of 8 active hams) over to me. I started sending out a regular bulletin. Some of the group knew of other hams who were interested, and so the numbers grew.

One of the early members was Rudi Bartosch, OE3RU, of northern Austria. A retired professional photographer and an organizer, Rudi urged that we form a group he called ILERA, which in both Esperanto and English stands for International League of Esperanto-speaking Radio Amateurs. The new association was formally organized in Vienna in August 1970. I was honored to chair the meeting, and



Author W2CIL (left) visiting the QTH of Rudi Bartosch, OE3RU, in northern Austria. On August 5, 1968, Ed and Rudi made what they believe to be the first contact in Esperanto between Europe and North America. (photo courtesy W2CIL)

was elected the first president.

I continued to write and publish the bulletin, *ILERA Bulteno*, for about 20 years. Then I got some help in the form of three other editor-publishers, so we are able to publish four issues per year, one edition from each of four continents. We now have hundreds of members from 25 countries and about 100 additional interested persons on our mailing list.

We also have quite a few "local" nets worldwide, but we don't have a common sked for the whole world because of time differences. The one exception is our an-

nual contest, held on the second weekend in November. Contacts are attempted on any ILERA frequency during the 10 minutes following the hour and half hour from 0000Z Saturday to 0000Z Monday, wholly in Esperanto. This contest sparks interest, but there have been many more informal Esperanto QSOs among members' stations. Among those who have over 1000 contacts in Esperanto are KH6GT, G4MR, F9ED, DJ4PG and F5RC (YL).

The North American Esperanto Net meets every Saturday and Sunday at the following times (EST/EDT) and frequencies:

1-1:15 P.M.	3566 kHz	CW
1:30-1:45	3866 kHz	SSB
2-2:15	7066 kHz	CW
2:30-2:45	7266 kHz	SSB
3-3:15	14,066 kHz	CW
3:30-3:45	14,266 kHz	SSB
4-4:15	21,066 kHz	CW
4:30-4:45	21,266 kHz	SSB
5-5:15	7066 kHz	CW
5:30-5:45	7266 kHz	SSB
6-6:15	3566 kHz	CW
6:30-6:45	3866 kHz	SSB

If you are interested in more information, write to the Esperanto League for North America, Box 1129, El Cerrito, CA 94530. They have language-learning tapes available and a free correspondence course.

I have had a lot of fun using Esperanto on the bands, and have had the opportunity to meet many of my on-the-air contacts in person. During one eyeball QSO in Paris, I said to Andre, F8MD: "I'm glad you speak Esperanto. I doubt if I know 50 words in French." "If you know 50 words you have me beat," he answered. "I'm sure I don't know 50 words in English!"

It's a great experience being able to communicate with other hams worldwide using the common language of Esperanto.

Esperanto in a Nutshell

The language is strictly phonetic: There is only one sound for each letter. Here are some guidelines for learning and using the language.

- Vowels are sounded as in car, men, machine, for, tune.
- Consonants are much the same as in English, and the accent is on the next-to-last syllable.
- Common nouns end in "o"; arbo (tree), anteno (antenna), ondo (wave).
- Adjectives end in "a"; alta (high), bona (good), forta (strong).
- Plurals are formed by adding "j" to the noun (and to the adjective that agrees with the noun); bona doma becomes bonaj domoj (aj as in "eye," oj as "oy" in boy).

Words are made by adding sounds to root words, so you can build a vocabulary quickly.

- mal means opposite: malbona (bad) is the opposite of bona (good).
- eg is an intensifier: varma (warm) becomes varmega (hot).
- ar denotes a collection: drato (wire) becomes drataro (array of wires).

Here are some Esperanto sentences with their English translation:

- Mia anteno estas longa kaj alta (My antenna is long and high).
- Via signalo estas forta sed fadas (Your signal is strong but fades).
- Mia anteno pendas de du altaj arboj (My antenna hangs from two tall trees).

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Selling the Amateur Service

Getting government officials to recognize Amateur Radio as a vital part of their emergency-preparedness plans can pay large dividends.

By Jerry Boyd,* KG6LF

Two previous articles in *QST* have focused on the topic of aligning amateur operators with those agencies that provide emergency/disaster response. The purpose of this article is to outline a game plan for selling the involvement of our hobby to government officials. The approach to be suggested herein works! It has resulted in many cities, counties and states officially recognizing and including Amateur Radio as a vital, viable and integral part of emergency plans and operations. Readers are referred to January 1982 and February 1983 *QST* for a review of the basic premises upon which this game plan rests.

The initial approach to any government agency that has not yet approved the involvement of Amateur Radio operators in emergencies should be made by an official or small group of officials representing the American Radio Relay League. The Section Manager and Section Emergency Coordinator should be included in this group. The meeting with the local Disaster Preparedness Coordinator, police chief, sheriff or fire chief should be requested by the League official who will serve as principal spokesperson.

The purpose of the meeting should be clearly stated. "X number of qualified, trained and organized local citizens stand ready to provide, without cost to the government, efficient and effective communications support for public-safety agencies during time of emergency." If the emphasis on *qualified* and *without cost* volunteers does not engender a positive response, most of us in public safety would be very surprised.

A maximum of three ARRL officials should attend, with one as principal spokesperson. Two should be dressed in appropriate business attire consistent with local standards and custom. The third (or second, depending on the number attending) should wear a windbreaker or jumpsuit and cap to typify the response uniform of local amateurs in an emergency or disaster. As noted in previous articles, the response attire should be clean, professional looking and uncluttered, and should

contribute to ready identification of the wearer as a competent adjunct to local emergency operations.

Most public service agencies need and want your services.

At the onset of the meeting, the chief ARRL/ARES spokesperson should, after introductions are made, state the purpose for which the meeting was requested and note the resources the spokesperson represents. Example: "As emergency coordinator for XYZ County, I represent 50 qualified Amateur Radio operators, all of whom are trained and equipped to assist your department with supplemental communications during an emergency." Then, directing attention to the amateur attired in the response uniform, a statement similar to the following should be made: "If your Department requests our services, our volunteers can generally arrive within X minutes. They will be clearly identifiable because of this attire. Their vehicles will have this decal displayed, and they will have this type of identification card in their possession." (Display the ARES decal and ARES identification card.)

Next, emphasize the communications capability your group represents. This is best accomplished by having one of the amateurs involved in the meeting equipped with a VHF/UHF hand-held radio ready to activate on a local repeater. Prestaged ARES members should be deployed throughout the geographic area served by the agency official. A brief (1-3 minute) demonstration of the clarity and coverage of ARES communications should be provided. Some research prior to the meeting should disclose areas from which local public-safety communications are marginal. If amateur communications from those same areas are clear and reliable (with the spectrum available to us, that should be possible), the brief demonstration should be persuasive.

Following the demonstration, a brief recap of the formal agreements the ARRL has with various groups, agencies and organizations should be presented. ARRL/ARES is formally associated with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), APCO (National Association of Public Safety Communications Officers—police, fire, emergency medical), the American National Red Cross, the National Weather Service (through local groups such as SKYWARN), and state, county and local emergency-service providers.

Look to your own state for the primary examples. If you cannot document such alignments within your state, look to adjacent states. In California, for example, ARRL/ARES is now a formal auxiliary of the State of California Office of Emergency Services, the Disaster Preparedness Offices of most counties and many cities.

The next step is to provide the official with whom you are meeting a "call-up tree" of Amateur Radio operators within the jurisdiction. If the call-up list is computer generated and the official can be assured of receiving periodic updates, all the better. A sample policy/procedure for use of ARES personnel, a sample of the ARES identification card and a sample decal would be helpful. If the official is convinced that with minimal expense and effort he/she can capture and retain the services of the group you represent, and if you have already done most of the organizational work, you will soon find yourselves aligned with the agency.

In conclusion, most public-safety agencies need and want your services. Most will be receptive to your "sales pitch" if it follows the game plan suggested in this article. The potential for success is there, but you, as a concerned amateur involved in public-safety support, must be committed to aligning your group with local emergency services. There are no money-back guarantees with this approach, but you'll find that it's successful far more often than not.

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- *ARRL Says No to Cable-Leakage Increase*
- *FCC Opens Door to Federal Preemption*
- *40-Meter Phone-Band Expansion in the Caribbean?*

Automatic Control For All Amateur Stations Above 29.5 MHz?

In an NPRM (Notice of Proposed Rulemaking) in PR Docket 85-105, the Commission proposes to allow automatic control for all amateur stations operating above 29.5 MHz. Computer-based message systems (CBMS) were cited as one of the justifications for this NPRM. Automatic control is defined in Part 97 as "The use of devices and procedures for control so that a control operator does not have to be present at the control point at all times."

In November 1984, the ARRL filed a Petition for Rulemaking (RM 4879) requesting that the FCC authorize automatic control for digital communications above 30 MHz. The ARRL request was very specific, and stated that "the level of amateur experimentation with digital communications has progressed to the point that automatic control of digital

communications is both feasible and necessary to facilitate further development of such experimentation." For more on the ARRL request, see the November 20, 1984, issue of the *ARRL Letter* and *Happenings*, January 1985 *QST*.

The FCC proposes to take the ARRL request a step further and permit automatic control for *all* amateur operation above 29.5 MHz. The Commission states, "We believe that now may be the appropriate time to expand automatic control to all amateur operations, prohibiting its use only in those situations where there is a justifiable reason why automatic control should not be allowed." The FCC proposes to prohibit automatic control operation when a station is transmitting third-party traffic. The Commission states that this prohibition is in accord

with Section 97.79(d) of the amateur rules, which specifies that a control operator must always be present when a third party is participating in Amateur Radio communications.

The FCC notes that they do not want to introduce any innovations that would significantly change the character of the Amateur Service. The Commission invites amateurs, particularly those with automatic control experience, to submit comments documenting any problems that may arise from authorizing automatic control for all amateur operations above 29.5 MHz. Comments are due by June 25, 1985, reply comments by July 25. Formal comment requires the filing of an original and five copies to The Secretary, FCC, Washington, DC 20554. Copies of the NPRM are available from ARRL Hq. for an s.a.s.e. with 39 cents postage affixed.

FCC OPENS DOOR TO FEDERAL PREEMPTION

"Despite the strong and traditionally local nature of zoning power, it is our tentative conclusion that the Commission does have the authority to preempt zoning regulations when they act as obstacles to the Federal objective ... It is within our authority to issue guidelines to insure that Federal communications objectives are not frustrated ..."

So saying, the Federal Communications Commission adopted, on March 28, a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in Docket 85-87, which would establish Federal preemption over satellite receive-only antennas, the "dish antennas" consumers use for home reception of various satellite programming signals. Jurisdiction over the antennas would be preempted by FCC unless the local regulations "... 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." Comment deadline was May 8, and reply deadline was May 23.

Of course, this rulemaking proceeding does not directly affect amateurs. Indeed, the

Commission elected not to consolidate ARRL's request for preemption with that of United Satellite Communications, Inc. (USCI), which led to this docket. Nevertheless, the principles expressed here seem equally applicable to the Amateur Service and bode well for a successful outcome to PRB-1 later this spring.—*Perry Williams, W1UED*

ARRL SAYS NO TO INCREASED CABLE SIGNAL LEAKAGE LEVELS

On March 29, ARRL filed its comments in opposition to an FCC NPRM in Mass Media Docket 85-38. 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 that an increase in signal leakage levels would send the wrong message to those cable companies that are not in compliance with the present rules. A 1984 field exercise conducted in Leesburg, Virginia, by representatives of the joint ARRL/NCTA (National Cable Television Association) committee revealed that "Cable leakage is primarily traceable to mechanical failure, sloppy installation, defective connec-

tors and a lack of periodic maintenance schedules, rather than any design inability to maintain leakage levels below 20 microvolts." Additionally, the League pointed out that maximum signal leakage levels for cable systems operating in Canada is *only* 10 microvolts per meter at 3 meters in the 108-174 MHz band. The League thus concluded that the proposed increase in signal-leakage levels is unnecessary and would benefit only those cable companies that are not in compliance with the Commission's present rules.

ARRL is on record with a petition requesting that the FCC ban cable TV operation on amateur frequencies (RM-4040). In dismissing this petition, the FCC placed great faith in the ARRL and NCTA's ability to cooperatively resolve interference problems; however, League comments presented statistical evidence of the joint ARRL/NCTA committee's limited success in resolving complaints of harmful interference. ARRL comments also cited a case wherein an amateur in Georgia was ordered not to operate on amateur VHF frequencies by an FCC field office because of interference from his operations to cable television subscribers in his area.

ARRL's comments take exception to the Commission's analogy of CATV emissions to

RF emissions from Class B computers and other incidental radiation devices covered under Part 15 of the Commission's rules. While computers may be switched off, cable leakage is constant. Computers are "point-source" radiators, while cable systems are distributive in nature. Computers are used indoors where they benefit from the attenuation provided by walls and roofs; cables are often run on telephone poles high above the ground, where there is less attenuation provided by trees and buildings. Emissions from computers do not increase as the equipment ages. As cable systems age and deteriorate, the signal leakage increases.

Copies of ARRL's comments in this proceeding are available from Hq. for a large s.a.s.e. with 56 cents postage affixed. Reply comments were due by May 15, after an extension of time requested by NCTA.
—Katherine Hevener, WB8TDA

NORTH CAROLINA AMATEURS DEFEAT ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Strength in numbers and the power of an organized opposition were recently demonstrated in Fayetteville, North Carolina, when more than 100 amateurs and other concerned citizens turned out to protest a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance there. The amendment, which was approved by the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board, would have required permits for satellite dishes greater than 42 inches in diameter and limited their placement to rear yards. It would also have prohibited installation of dishes greater than 12 feet in diameter and required that satellite dishes be placed at least 10 feet from lot lines.

Bert VanderClute, N4ERM, who spoke for the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society, pointed out that some amateur operators use antennas that are very similar to satellite dish antennas, and that amateurs have contributed greatly to technological advances. N4ERM reminded those in attendance of the public service contribution made by Amateur Radio operators in times of crisis, such as the tornadoes that devastated the area a year before. When the Zoning Commission Chairman tried to call time on VanderClute, other amateurs in the audience yielded their speaking time to him so he could continue his presentation. Supporters of the zoning amendment were overwhelmed by the negative response and, when the vote was taken, the measure was defeated 4 to 1.

ARRL REQUESTS EXTENSION IN REPEATER DOCKET

The League has filed for an extension of time to file comments in the repeater coordination Docket, PR Docket 85-22. The ARRL request states that the Board of Directors will be receiving substantial input from amateur constituents on this issue, and that the League cannot prepare substantial, thoughtful Comments that reflect the overall needs of its membership and the amateur community without an in-person meeting of the Board to formulate policy. The next meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors is scheduled for July 25 and 26, after the present comment deadline. The ARRL therefore requested an

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Your legal expertise is needed in the Amateur Radio community to help build and maintain the legal foundations for our hobby. The League has initiated a Volunteer Counsel Program, designed to help stem the tide of overly restrictive regulations on Amateur Radio. You can help. If you have an interest in this exciting area of communications law, are a reputable member of the bar of at least one state and are a League member, please contact us. As a Volunteer Counsel, you will be kept well informed about areas of law affecting Amateur Radio. For further information, write to the ARRL Volunteer Counsel Program, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.

If you live in one of the following ARRL Sections, your legal experience is especially needed: North and South Dakota, Arkansas, Mississippi, Maine, Rhode Island, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North and South Carolina, West Virginia, Utah and North Florida.

extension of 45 days, to and including August 15, 1985, in which Comments may be filed in this proceeding.

FCC-LICENSED BROADCAST STATIONS AUTHORIZED 40-METER FREQUENCIES IN THE PACIFIC

FCC has issued a Report and Order in Mass Media Docket 84-706 authorizing the use of the frequency segment 7100-7300 kHz by broadcast stations licensed by the FCC in the Pacific outside ITU Region 2. ITU Region 2 includes North America, South America and Greenland. For more on the original proposal, see Happenings, September and December 1984.

The ARRL filed comments in opposition to this proposal, citing possible interference to amateurs in Region 2, and suggesting that it might be more appropriate to specify hours of frequency use, rather than follow the Commission proposal to limit the radiation patterns of broadcast stations in the Pacific. Far East Broadcasting replied that this would open the way for other international broadcasters not licensed by the FCC to occupy the frequencies during the "quiet periods."

The Commission worked out a compromise in the Report and Order—the new rule has two parts. First, none of the affected stations may operate at any time with antennas oriented toward Region 2. Second, during the hours of 0800 to 1600 UTC, radiation in any easterly direction that would intersect any area in Region 2 shall be limited to at least 12 dB below the maximum radiation in the major lobe for antennas with gains greater than 15 dB, and at least 6 dB below the maximum radiation in the major lobe for antennas with gains of 15 dB or less. ARRL staff is studying the rule to determine just how much protection it will actually afford.

NEW 40-METER PHONE FREQUENCIES IN THE CARIBBEAN?

FCC-licensed amateurs outside the 48 contiguous states may soon be authorized to use phone in the frequency segment 7075 to

7100 kHz. Amateurs in Alaska and Hawaii were already authorized phone privileges in this segment in the Second Report and Order in Docket 82-83, released July 31, 1984. Now, in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in Docket 85-104, the FCC proposes to amend Section 97.61 to authorize use of the frequency segment 7075 to 7100 kHz by amateur operators with General class licenses or higher transmitting from any location other than the 48 contiguous states.

This NPRM comes as a result of a petition filed by David Novoa, KP4AM. In his request for these phone privileges, Novoa argued that the Caribbean is now the only area outside the continental U.S. where U.S. amateurs are not authorized to operate phone in the 7075 to 7100 kHz segment. Novoa also claimed that interference from broadcast stations makes the band segment above 7100 kHz almost useless, especially at night. Novoa argued that the use of this frequency segment in the Caribbean would promote international goodwill and would not cause detrimental interference to CW operators in the continental U.S. because of the limited number of potential users.

The Commission received nine comments on the petition, all in support of the request. Many commentors agreed that U.S. amateur phone privileges in the proposed segment would promote international goodwill. Isaac Novoa and the Puerto Rico Amateur Radio Club both suggested that the privileges be limited to Advanced and Amateur Extra Class licensees.

In response to the Petition, and the comments discussed above, the Commission proposes to amend Section 97.61 paragraph (b) subparagraph (1) to read, "The use of A3E and F3E in this band is limited to amateur radio stations transmitting from any location other than the forty-eight contiguous states." The FCC requests comments on this proposal and on the suggestion that the privileges be limited to higher-class licensees. Comments in this proceeding are due by June 17, 1985, replies by July 17. Formal comment requires the filing of an original and five copies, but a single copy will be considered informally. Comments should be sent to: The Secretary, FCC, Washington, DC 20554. Copies of the NPRM are available from ARRL Headquarters for an s.a.s.e. with 56 cents postage affixed.

FCC AMENDS PART 97 AGAIN

More amendments to Part 97 have been made by the FCC. An Order, released March 29, arranges the frequency and emission tables "in more usable formats." Until now, Part 97 has specified the frequencies authorized for most types of amateur use in one place, Section 97.61. RACES and satellite operation were allocated frequencies in separate subparts. The allocations for different classes of license were covered by Section 97.7, where exclusive allocations for Advanced and Amateur Extra Class licensees were listed, with the notation that General class amateurs could use all frequencies *other* than those authorized exclusively to the higher classes of license.

The Order places a detailed list of frequency allocations for each class of license in Section 97.7. The new Section 97.61 specifies the types of emissions authorized for

amateurs, using the new 3-character emission designators adopted at WARC '79. More on the new emission designators appears in Chapter 9 of *The 1985 ARRL Handbook for the Radio Amateur*. Only the format of these Sections is changed; no frequencies are added or deleted, but the new tables take up seven typewritten pages in the Order. The Fourth edition of *The FCC Rule Book* will contain the modified Sections.

The Order also adds the lists of frequencies authorized for repeater, auxiliary and beacon operation to the Sections of Part 97 that give the other rules for these types of operation. This eliminates the confusion caused by referring these Sections to Section 97.61 for the authorized frequencies. Previously, all the authorized frequencies were listed in Section 97.61, and the Order now makes it possible to find more of the Rules that pertain to a particular type of operation in one place in Part 97.

To update your copy of Part 97, add a new paragraph (h) to Section 97.85 to read:

(h) All amateur frequency bands above 29.5 MHz are available for repeater operation, except 50.0-52.0 MHz, 144.0-144.5 MHz, 145.5-146.0 MHz, 220.00-220.5 MHz, 431.0-433.0 MHz, and 435.0-438.0 MHz. Both the input (receiving) and output (transmitting) frequency of a station in repeater operation shall be frequencies available for repeater operation.

Add a new paragraph (d) to Section 97.86 to read:

(d) All amateur frequency bands above 220.5 MHz, except 431-433 MHz and 435-438 MHz, are available for auxiliary operation.

Add a new paragraph (e) to Section 97.87 to read:

(e) The following amateur frequency bands and emissions are available for automatically-controlled beacon operation: 28.20-28.30 MHz, 50.06-50.08 MHz, 144.05-144.06 MHz, 220.05-220.06 MHz, 222.05-222.06 MHz, and 432.07-432.08 MHz using type NØN, A1A, F1B or J2A emissions (when type F1B or J2A emissions are employed in these bands, the radio or audio frequency shift, as appropriate, shall not exceed 1000 Hz). Additionally, all amateur frequency bands above 450 MHz are available for automatically-controlled beacon operation using emission types authorized under Section 97.61, provided that the licensee is authorized to operate on the frequency under Section 97.7.

Subparagraphs (2) and (3) of Section 97.95 are removed and reserved. Subparagraph (3) of paragraph (c) of Section 97.69 is removed and reserved.

QUALITY CONTROL FOR VECs

The FCC is ready to begin a "quality control" program for Volunteer Examiner Coordinators. The Commission will keep track of the percentage of defective applications each VEC forwards to the FCC. The first time a mistake occurs, the FCC will correct it and

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If your contribution is \$25 or more, we will list your name and call in QST. If your contribution is \$100 or more, in addition to your name and call appearing in QST, you will receive a signed photograph of the Senator, suitable for display in your ham shack. And for contributions of \$1000 or more, in addition to the above, we'll put your photo in QST.

We welcome all contributions, regardless of size. Please help us achieve our goal of building an endowment sufficient to fund the Goldwater Scholarship in perpetuity. What better way to honor a great amateur, a great statesman and a great human being? Please make your check payable to the ARRL Foundation Goldwater Scholarship Fund, and send to ARRL Foundation, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.

Recent contributors of \$25 or more include Kenneth M. Miller, K6IR; Chelsea Communications Club; Mr. & Mrs. Leslie L. Sterling, K7GL; Kenneth I. Orcutt, W1RJP; Rockwell International Manufacturing and Engineering, in memory of Harold Layher, WAØPCC.

notify the VEC. The next time, the application will be returned without action. As an FCC official put it, "Every dog is allowed one bite."

NORTH DAKOTA GETS NEW CABLE THEFT BILL

North Dakota has a new "theft of services" bill, and amateurs can thank Mike Mankey, WBØTEE, and Art Ekblad, KØQQ, for specific exemptions for the sale and use of amateur microwave equipment.

When the bill first appeared in January, it proposed stiff penalties for anyone who obtained cable television service by any means without payment to the cable company. The bill also prohibited the sale, import or possession for sale of any equipment designed to decode or descramble cable signals. There was no exemption of any type for amateur microwave equipment, which can sometimes be confused with equipment used to intercept MDS (multipoint distribution service) television signals in the 2150-2160 MHz band. The bill was worded so that interference to a cable system was a Class B misdemeanor carrying a \$1000 fine.

Ekblad, the ARRL State Government Liaison for North Dakota, and Mankey, who did the legwork in Bismarck, the state capitol, went to work on the bill with the assistance of W. Dale Clift, WA3NLO, ARRL Executive Associate. In its final form, the bill still provides for penalties up to \$10,000 for sale of descrambling equipment, but it now contains an exemption for "the manufacture, importation, distribution, sale, or advertisement for sale, any device plan or kit for a device, or printed circuit, used by federally-licensed amateur radio (ham) operators for amateur radio communications." The words "interferes with" are replaced with "diverts from" in the revised bill, which could now serve as a model for other states wishing to adopt such legislation.

CORONADO, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTS NEW ANTENNA ORDINANCE

At a meeting on March 5, 1985, the City Council of the City of Coronado, California, adopted an antenna and tower ordinance that may be used as a benchmark by other cities

in San Diego County. The process began when members of the City Planning Commission proposed an antenna ordinance that, had it been adopted, would have required a \$500 Special Use Permit before any amateur antenna could be erected. Following initial comments by local Amateur Radio operators, the City Council refused to pass the proposed ordinance. Instead, the Council directed that a study committee, including several local amateurs, be formed to consider alternatives to the initial proposal.

Over a period of months, John Baker, N6ATV, and Bill Miller, K6DQ, devoted many hours to the process of educating fellow study committee members on the technical aspects of antennas and towers. They dispelled many myths and rumors about Amateur Radio, including those circulating among city hall staff.

The final product, which became local law on March 5, is, in fact, a compromise, but it is far better than the original proposal. Coronado's new ordinance allows antennas/towers up to a height of 66 feet, with only the usual building permits required. Structures in excess of 66 feet are allowed and will require only a "minor" Special Use Permit at a cost of \$50 as opposed to the regular \$500 fee. N6ATV and K6DQ deserve thanks for a negotiating and education job well done. Without their efforts, what is now an acceptable piece of legislation would have been anything but.

SECTION MANAGER APPOINTMENT

In the Utah Section, James R. Brown, NA7G, has been appointed to complete the term (until June 30, 1985) of Ron Todd, K3FR (resigned).

AIRS UPDATE

The ARRL Interference Reporting System submitted data gathered in February to the FCC on the following signals: 7008 kHz (F1A, F1B emissions, UMS?); 7018 kHz (F1A, A1A emissions, UMS); 7048 kHz (F1A, F1B emissions, UHF3); 7214 kHz (FXX, F3C? emissions, No ID); 14,074 kHz (F1B emission, No ID); 14,080 kHz (A1A emission, C5? RRQ? LNQ?).

The latest AIRS Alerts are for 14,160 and 14,169 kHz.

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.

FOR VEs EVERYWHERE

□ Last weekend, I was a VE at the FCC exams in Wiesbaden, West Germany, and I want to let you know my reactions to my first experience in helping to conduct a test session.

Without a doubt, doing the VE work is one of the most rewarding experiences I have encountered in ham radio. Sure, public service and helping in emergencies, for example, are rewarding, but somehow the "VE feeling" is different. The ARRL is to be commended for setting up a good, solid implementation of the VE program.—*John Oakberg, NK4N/OE3ZOC, Vienna, Austria*

□ Well, today is a banner day! My ARRL membership arrived in the mail and I took the exams for the General ticket, then took the Advanced written and passed that, too!

I realize people do this as a matter of course to advance up the ranks of Amateur Radio, but I did this after being absent from the hobby for 20 years (I'm ex-K1EGB).

I owe it all to the ARRL, without whose assistance I might have struggled through only the Novice ticket. At age 43, the brain is beginning to slow down, so without WIAW code practice, two of your code tapes, the new License Manual plus the 1985 *Handbook* I never would have made it.

I must also congratulate the VE team in Presque Isle, Maine, for putting on a professionally run exam session. It was their first one, and proves that the VE program coupled with the ARRL is a winning situation.

I look forward to receiving my new call and seeing if the rig can raise someone outside the state of Maine. In the meantime, I'm anxiously awaiting the first copy of *QST*. Keep up the great work. 73.—*Jim Andem, Bridgewater, Maine*

MORE ABOUT GROWTH

□ Some thoughts on the problem of the declining number of teenager hams.

First, the obvious—the average potential adolescent ham nowadays has grown up surrounded by advanced electronics from CB to computers, video recorders to wristwatches that do everything but feed the cat. To them, hands-on contact with a very broad variety of electronics is routine. Granted, ham radio offers much greater variety, but it doesn't seem to be magnetizing them.

Yet, many simple old pleasures, like playing baseball with the gang down at the park, aren't declining so drastically in popularity among today's kids. Evidently pushing buttons and twisting dials to accomplish electronic magic is often less personally satisfying than hitting a home run or even a good base hit. How come?

It seems the League could use the feedback cards shipped with *QST* to find out valuable insight into this problem. Members who got into the game as teenagers could write, as best they could remember, what appealed to them about Amateur Radio. Perhaps strong basic motivations can be identified and correlated

with a declining source-of-such-motivations-in-Amateur Radio over the past couple of decades.

I think I understand why some kids with a personality similar to mine when I was a kid aren't quite so magnetized by radio today. For other personality types I can't offer much insight, but when I got licensed at age 12 in 1960, I was a kid with a strong sensitivity for "I" can do that—"I" can build a radio "all by myself" that will let "me" make contact with others. "I" can get a homerun with "my" bat.

Back in those days, some friends of my parents demonstrated CB radio to us. It was interesting, but seeing them operate the commercially made gear just didn't capture my imagination. What had really gotten me hooked at age nine was a picture of a young boy wearing a headset connected to a simple homemade crystal radio with mountains in the distant background. My comprehension was instantaneous—I knew I could wind a coil of wire all by myself, mount it along with some other parts on a piece of wood, string up a wire to a tree and hear voices from the other side of those mountains. It was an irresistible thing to get to the point of finally hearing some sound in the headset—I could show it off to my parents and friends to boot! "Hey, Mom, guess what? I hit a home run! And I did it all by myself!"

Three years later, I had progressed to sending signals from my own homebuilt rig. The absolute thrill of that first contact, the astonishment of grandparents, the praise of the family and the status among my friends was just exactly the kind of food my young ego thrived on. The key to it all was that *I'd done it myself* from raiding old parts out of garbage cans behind TV repair shops to stringing the antenna. I don't believe today's youngster would amaze himself, his parents and his friends all that much by firing up a new storebought appliance and promptly making a DX contact.

When I started as a Novice, there was an unwritten rule that no matter how easily you could afford commercially made gear, you built your first transmitter and, perhaps, even a simple receiver. Only after having made contacts with your own homemade rig were you considered to be truly initiated into the fraternity as a "real" radioman.

I don't for a minute advocate reversing the progress in commercially made rigs. I've operated my share of appliances and will continue to. The modern store-bought "wonderboxes" have their place in the game. But as for selling the appeal that making contacts with such rigs is somehow irresistibly challenging and exciting to today's teenager computer veterans, I doubt it.

Of course, *QST* has kept the game honest through Doug DeMaw's excellent articles and the works of other authors who present simple construction projects for beginners. But in my opinion, and granted I'm long out of my teens, there is something missing in today's beginner's projects. I think today's projects lack appeal in "the way they look." Cold,

purely functional and utilitarian, the solid-state projects excite no romantic magnetism at all.

We need to reintroduce the ethic of building your first rig—of rising to the challenge of creating your first signal by your own hands. We need to revive the beauty and wonder of radios constructed from a few simple old parts and much ingenuity. And we need to let the kids know that we are mighty proud of them for having done it all on their own.—*B. N. Ensanian, K13U, Eldred, Pennsylvania*

MAXCOM RESPONDS

□ As manufacturer of the Maxcom Antenna Matcher, I feel I must respond to a published letter in your "Technical Correspondence" column by Mort Slavin, K3FGB appearing in your April 1985 issue of *QST*.

Mr. Slavin intimates that the Maxcom Matcher is merely a dummy dipole, consisting of a resistive load at the input of the device. This is not true and would be misleading to your readers.

A report on the Maxcom Matcher appeared in the November 1984 issue of *QST* and your x-ray pictures clearly showed that an intricate ferrite transformer is connected directly to the SO-239 input.

The x-rays also showed resistors in the unit but they are connected to the output of the transformer to create additional R.F. loading, causing more efficiency across the transformer and in addition solving the resonant frequency problem associated with this type of coupling device.

Many thousands of hours were involved in testing various types of ferrite materials, the correct winding program, type of wires, types of insulation, and the proper resistor network that culminated in the 3100 series Maxcom.

As an addendum to your November 1984 article, you might like to know that the 2000 series 2 kW model shown in that issue, I believe, was stolen from our sales office and was one of a few units constructed with dummy circuit boards. These units were to be sent to individuals and firms that we thought might try to violate the epoxy sealant. We have replaced most of these Maxcoms with later series units. Legitimately purchased units do not have dummy circuit boards installed, as your x-ray picture of the 3100 Series 200 Watt model in your November 1984 article also clearly shows, although your reviewer failed to point this out.

If any 2000 Series Matchers are inadvertently in the hands of users we will be happy to exchange them for current production models FREE OF CHARGE.

Please contact our distributor: Magnum Distributors, Inc., 1831 S. Dixie Hwy., Pompano Beach, Florida 33060, tel. 305-785-2002.—*Sonny Irons, President, Maxcom Inc.*

Big-Time Low-Band DXing from Europe

OH1RY's cover letter accompanying these fantastic photos (on his 75-meter 3-element monster array) arrived as winter was departing the U.S. mainland scene. However, if you plan to emulate Pekka's success, you really ought to start building right now!

How Did All This Happen?

It was Spring of 1983, and a group of us were chewing the rag regarding element lengths for a 40-meter beam. This was a hot item. Was it possible that the driver could be longer than 0.5λ ? I have to confess that I became angry and said, "I will make a beam with high-tapered elements and a split-driven element to measure the resonant frequency. You will see that the length will be over 0.5λ !" The resultant was a 3-element 7-MHz beam with very good characteristics, with the driven element over 0.5λ .

I was encouraged to go a step further (interpret this as one band lower). While I had a full-size, 75-meter 3-element beam on my mind, I also had a strong belief that it would be possible to calculate the dimensions at ground level using the knowledge derived from my 40-meter beam. The calculations for 3800 kHz were: reflector, 43.36 meters; driver, 41.30 meters; director, 39.23 meters. Many of my ham friends said that $\frac{1}{2}$ wavelength on 3800 kHz is 39.50 meters. A driven element of 41.30 meters was impossible. I claimed that tapering of the elements is responsible. I also referred my friends to W2PV's fine article (*Ham Radio*, Dec. 1980). Despite the doubts of my friends, I started the project.

Building the Monster

If you think a 40-meter beam is large, you probably haven't seen an 80-meter array. (My wife was less than thrilled by my constructing the elements in the front yard, making it impossible to do any other kind of work there!)

For the boom, I chose my old 22-meter tower. I first installed the guying supports on the tips and on the center of the boom. All elements are guyed from the top and both sides. The guying point is on the half-element length. The driven element is insulated from the boom with 30-mm-thick PVC plastic bolted to a frame on the boom.

My initial idea was to lift the beam up in "small" pieces (first the boom, then driver and,

80-Meter DXing

OH1RY bedazzles you with his monster array, featured this month in the lead material to this column. Pekka also has some random thoughts about low-band operating techniques, garnered from six months of sitting on 3795 kHz under the big beam.

1) Learn more English (for non-English speakers, of course). Even if you are afraid to speak it, it is important that you understand it.

2) Listen to the DX station. Do what he is saying. Do what he asks! When, for example, he calls for number ones, only number ones should come back. In Europe, this doesn't necessarily happen! The reason may well be the inability to understand the language (although I find this hard to believe!).

3) The basic truth remains: If you are not reading the station, you cannot work it. (With list operation, this truth sometimes isn't a truth at all these days!).

4) If you're copying the DX station and going to call him do it fast. Many times I've already finished the QSO when someone is still sending his call letters!

5) Re list operation: Don't relay the reports. The minimum requirement for a QSO should be for the station to get his report. Don't you agree?

finally, the parasitic elements). I was wise enough to reject this idea, however, and decided to lift the beam with a mobile crane. The beam was assembled on three trestles in a wheat field. (When constructing this kind of antenna, you have a really big problem because none of the parts can be moved by only one person. It took four men to carry the elements!)

The assembly work went along very nicely; in a couple of days, the neighbors could note and wonder at the huge "spider" on the field. But, troubles began when we were ready to lift the monster up. The summer of '84 had been very rainy, and the field was wet and soft. Only one type of mobile crane was able to handle the job, but it wasn't available at that particular time. The weather became fine, but still no crane. Autumn and the autumn rains came closer. The wheat-field farmer wanted to plow his field. To add to all the anxiety, my wife was a month away from having our baby!

Up It Goes

On September 9, the crane was able to arrive, and the weather conditions were good. It had to be done now! While I was looking at the crane, it occurred to me that it would be very nice to have owned one, for the convenience of lifting any size beams, adjusting the angle of radiation, etc. Even rotating a 160-meter antenna wouldn't be a problem! But, enough of dreams. I awakened rapidly when I had to climb up the tower to bolt the beam to it. The feeling was unique when I stepped onto the boom and let loose the crane hook!

The evening was calm and clear when I looked at the horizon (and nearly saw the DX!). The tower had been locked at the base, and the beam

was headed toward Japan. I attached the feed line and Q-match to the driver. The biggest screws looked miniscule compared to the 6-inch tubing. After sealing the connections with silicon, I climbed down. The big event became very close!

A New Band Was Found

I thumbed the VFO to 3799 and depressed the PTT. The needle on the Bird clicked to the right. With shaking hands, I turned to the REF position and pushed again. No indication on the meter! Yippee! My calculations had turned out to be right!

Everything looked good. The band sounded quiet—few Europeans and those with weak signals. The beam sounded like a dummy load. I tried a short "CQ DX." No reply. A tuning signal and then a very loud signal saying "this is JA6IEF over." I was about to fall out of my chair. Was this some nearby amateur joking with me? I answered the call and got a report of 59+. It was then I noticed that I was running barefoot!

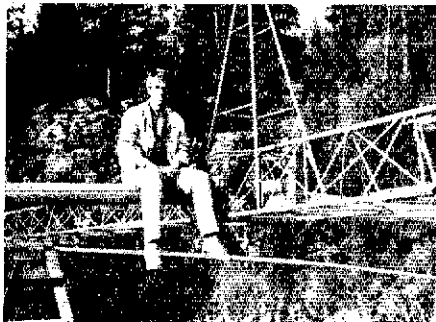
I had these types of experiences the first few days using the 80-meter beam. It was really amazing. The beam opened up a new band for me: no QRM, just DX stations. During the first six months, my country total increased from 170 to 220 on 80-meter sideband.

The best qualities of the beam show up when I listen to the Far East. European QRM goes down about 25 dB; at the same time, signals from that direction come up about 10 dB. It made DXing very pleasant on this band because listening became so very much better.

I Learned How to Do Antennas

This two-year project taught me at least one thing: If you are making a low-band antenna, don't take the element lengths from a formula! Also, if possible, use a split driven element and Q-match. The formulas are not telling the truth when you have high tapering aluminum elements.

Impedances are also very easy to measure with a cut driven element. If you want to optimize the beam, you first have to tune the driver alone. Then, add the parasitic elements to the system and tune again. The final tuning should be for the best F/B ratio. That can be done with a nearby amateur having a calibrated attenuator in front of his receiver. (You can also measure the



The driven element of OH1RY's 80-meter monster is more than sufficient to bear his weight. This close-up gives you a real feeling for the dimensions involved!



"Up she goes," said OH1RY, feeling very tiny indeed at this point! (Those with superior eyesight will be able to see people at the bottom of the photo.)

impedance, which should be around 18 ohms, if the beam is going to be okay.)

All this tuning and measuring was made with the 40-meter, three-element array by lifting the beam up and down some 24 times! I finally optimized the F/B ratio by moving the driver 0.5 meter toward the reflector. By using these experiences, I calculated the dimensions for 80 meters. They appeared to be right.

Happy Ending

Going back to the time we lifted the beam, and then adding four days, I was in QSO with JA0YMH and had to tell him, "Sorry, I have to QRT now." Only two hours later my wife gave birth to a healthy boy. Perfect timing! For good help and encouragement, many thanks to OHs 1BV 1LW 1LQ 1MA 1NX 1RV 1VK 1XN 1ZZ 3CV 3KM and 3KR, K6SSJ, for good hints and encouragement, and to my wife, who put up with me during this difficult period for her.—*Pekka Kolehmäinen, OH1RY*

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL HOST EXCHANGE PROGRAM

In cooperation with some of its sister societies, ARRL has successfully launched the International Travel Host Exchange (ITHE) program. As of April, about 80 amateurs in 15 countries including 25 states were enrolled, indicating their willingness to promote international goodwill and friendship by helping visitors to their countries.

ARRL has about 200 informational packages to instruct its members how to operate at any place in the world. Each package comprises a general information packet for operating overseas, an information sheet explaining how to be licensed in a particular country and (if available) a specific application form. The information sheet now contains a list of the ITHE participants if there are any in that country.

ARRL also has a form letter to aid foreign

amateurs vis-à-vis the procedures necessary for operating in the United States. Typical questions (with answers supplied by ARRL Hq.) asked by foreign amateurs include: May I operate in the U.S.? (A list of the countries with which a reciprocal-operating agreement exists is furnished.) How do I apply? I'm a U.S. citizen living overseas. Can I obtain a reciprocal permit for operating in the U.S.? How will I identify on the air? What frequencies/power will I be permitted? For how long will my permit be valid? How can I locate American amateurs who would be willing to meet me, let me visit them and possibly accommodate me?

ARRL's Information Services Department is pleased to be of service, and can help you with information on operating both overseas and within the United States. Please enclose an s.a.s.e. with your request.

THE CIRCUIT

☐ **China:** Look for DK7PE from BY1PK 80/40 CW mid-month.

☐ **V2ACW:** KA2DIB/V2A is using this new call on 160-10 meters. Grant now lives on Antigua and continues to use WB4OSN as his QSL Mgr.

☐ **DXer's Aid:** A "loyal column reader" alerts us to the availability of *The World Factbook*, an annual publication of the Central Intelligence Agency. It is a 274-page book with a page or so of information and maps on each country, from Abu Dhabi to Zimbabwe. At the end of the book are 12 full-color maps of each continent. It is an excellent source of information on each country, great to use while in QSO. The book costs a modest \$11 and is available to the public from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20401; Stock Number 041-015-00157-4.

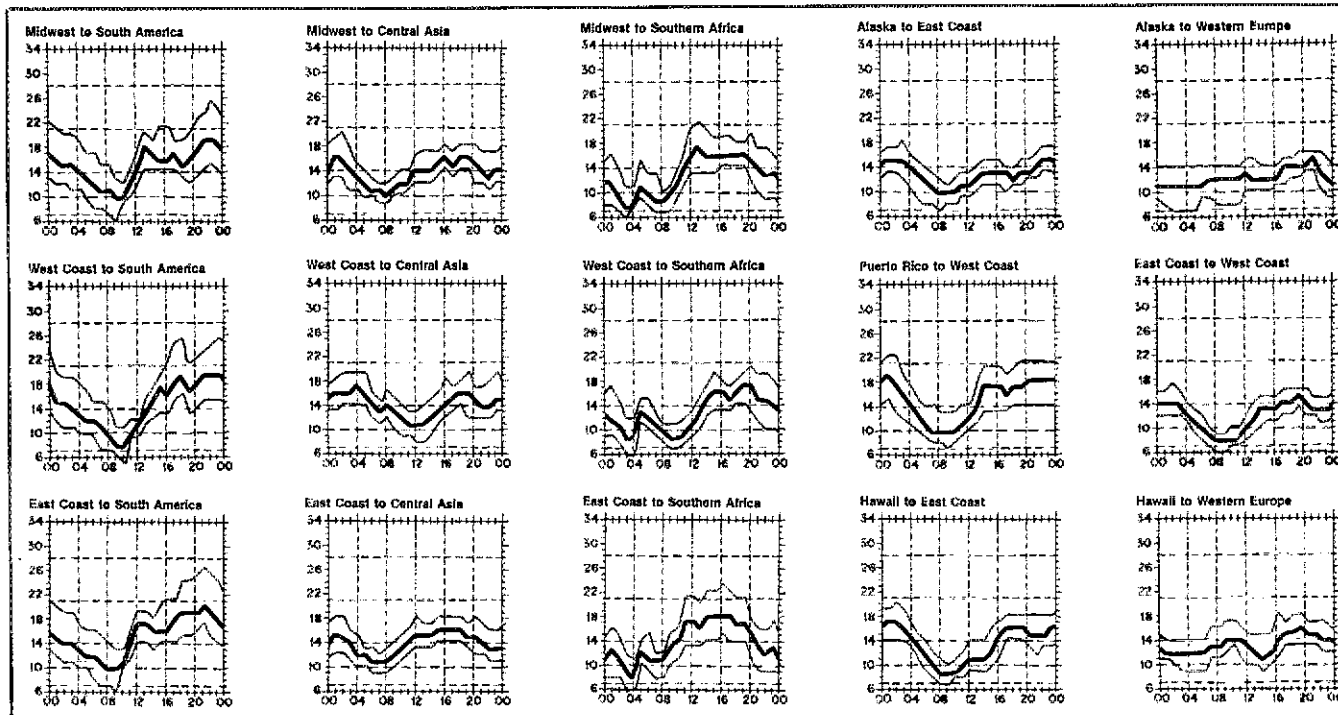
☐ **Call Signs:** From *Carascope* (April) and editor W8ZCQ comes our latest chuckle: "One of the worst things that happened to Amateur Radio

was when FCC laid off all those employees. They seem to have scattered all over the world. Some went to work for the Russians and fouled up the Russian calls as they had with the American calls. Others have now gone to work for France. You haven't the foggiest idea where the French stations are located!"

☐ **8J1XPO:** A special station is in operation at the Tsukuba Science Exhibition '85, to run for a half year in Tsukuba, near Mito City, Ibaraki Prefecture, in the equivalent of the JA Silicon Valley. Tsukuba Science City is about 25 miles northwest of Narita Airport (new Tokyo International) and about 30 miles northeast of Tokyo. QSL cards to 8J1XPO go via the JARL bureau. The station will be in operation till mid-September. If you plan to go there and hope to operate the station, take your ham license; any licensed amateur may operate the station without individual authorization by the Japanese government. The station is QRV 80-10 meters, with maximum output of a half kW. Transmissions may be made on CW, sideband, RTTY, FAX and SSTV. Note that the shack is located near Shueisha Pavilion in Block G. Unfortunately, you can't see the large antennas because none are there! You remotely control the transmitter several miles away. If you need further information, contact the Japan Amateur Radio League, 1-14-2 Sugamo, Toshima, Tokyo 170, Japan, tel. 03-947-8221, telex 23868 JAPRETAR.

☐ **DX Intelligence:** For an s.a.s.e., *QRZ DX* Editor WSKNE will be happy to furnish you his *DX Intelligence for the New and Born-Again DXer*. This compilation was prepared for last year's Ham-Com DX Forum, and is a handy, concise listing of items you might want to consider for your DX library—periodicals, newsletters, propagation forecasts, nets, record-keeping tips, operating aids, QSL services, etc.

☐ **Club Programs:** The Kansas City DX Club has a number of attractive items to plan an "operating" program around. Why not set up



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 HPP). 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

a reservation for your club for the coming season? Shows include: (1) Contest Night Live, a 30-minute VHS parody on contesting; (2) Tonganoxie Island, Country No. 318, a 30-minute parody on DXpedition shows; (3) 1983 V3 operation by the club—slides/audio cassette; (4) 1984 XX9 DXpedition by KØCS and crew—slides/audio cassette; (5) 1983 Pacific Islands DXpeditions by KØCS—slides/audio cassette. To obtain the programs, write to John Chass, WØJLC, Rte. 27, Box 2877, Parkville, MO 64152. If you know of an interesting operating production other clubs might enjoy, why not share it with *QST*'s readership via this column?

□ **FOXXX:** Operating with a careful flair, the Clipperton group rolled up mega-QSOs the second week in April. In particular, their style of handling the pileups was admirable: clearly identifying, making *very* sure of the station being worked, etc. Cards go via Yasme, Box 2025, Castro Valley, CA 94546. More next issue. □

QSL Bureau System is made up of call area bureaus that act as central clearinghouses for QSLs arriving from foreign countries. These "incoming" bureaus are staffed by volunteer workers. The service is free, and ARRL membership is not required.

How It Works

Most countries have "outgoing" QSL bureaus that operate in much the same manner as the ARRL-Membership Overseas QSL Service. Members send cards to their outgoing bureau, where they are packaged and shipped to the appropriate countries.

A majority of the DX QSLs are shipped directly to the individual incoming bureaus, where volunteer workers sort the incoming QSLs by the first letter of the call sign suffix. One individual may be assigned the responsibility of handling from one to three letters of the alphabet.

For detailed information on the operation of the bureau serving your district, please send an s.a.s.e. for a prompt reply.

Claiming Your QSLs

1) Send a 5- × 7½-in s.a.s.e. to the bureau serving your district.

2) Neatly print your call sign in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope.

3) A preferred way to send envelopes is to affix a 22-cent stamp. If you expect to receive more than 1 oz of cards, please affix postage accordingly.

4) When requesting *any information* from the bureau serving your district, always include an s.a.s.e. for a prompt reply.

Some incoming bureaus sell envelopes or postage credits in addition to the normal handling of s.a.s.e.'s. They provide the proper envelope and postage upon prepayment of a certain fee. The different stages of presorting and sorting cards take time. A period of six to eight months, or longer, may take place before you

receive your cards.

Helpful Hints

Good cooperation between the DXer and the bureau is important to ensure a smooth flow of cards. Remember that the people who work in the area bureaus are volunteers. They are providing you a valuable service. With that thought in mind, please pay close attention to the following DOs and DON'Ts.

DOs

Do keep self-addressed 5- × 7½-in envelopes on file at your bureau, with your call in the upper-left corner, and affix at least one unit of First Class postage.

Do send the bureau enough postage to cover envelopes on file and enough to take care of possible postage-rate increases.

Do respond quickly to any bureau request for envelopes, stamps or money. Unclaimed card backlogs is the bureau's biggest problem.

Do notify the bureau of your new call as you upgrade. Please send envelopes with new call, in addition to envelopes with old call. Please put only one call on an envelope.

Do include an s.a.s.e. with any information request to the bureau.

Do notify the bureau *in writing* if you *don't* want your cards.

Do be appreciative of the fine efforts of these volunteers.

DON'Ts

Don't expect DX cards to arrive for several months after the QSO. Overseas delivery is very slow. Many cards coming from overseas bureaus are over a year old.

Don't send your outgoing DX cards to this bureau (see "ARRL-Membership Overseas QSL Service" in this column in March 1985 *QST*.)

Don't send envelopes to your "portable"

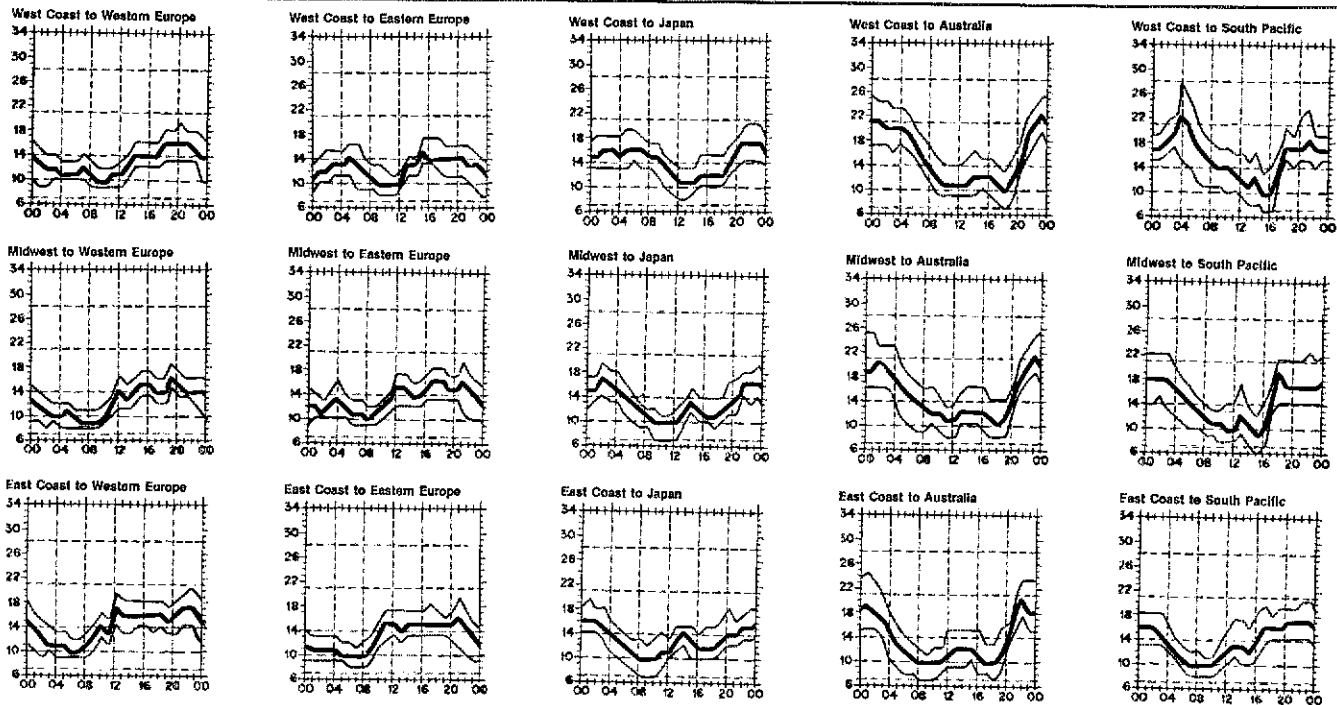
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QSL Corner

Administered By Joanna Hushin, KA1IFO

The ARRL DX QSL Bureau System (Incoming)

Within the U.S. and Canada, the ARRL DX



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 June 15 to July 15, 1985, assume a sunspot number of 23, which corresponds to a 2800-MHz solar flux of 81.

DX Century Club Awards

Administered by Don Search, W3AZD

The ARRL DXCC is awarded to amateurs who submit written confirmations for contacts with 100 or more countries on the official ARRL DXCC List. You may also submit cards to endorse your award in 25-country increments through 250, 10-country increments through 300 and in 5-country increments above 300. The totals shown below are exact credits given to DXCC members from March 1 through March 31, 1985. An s.a.s.e will bring you the rules and application forms for participation in the DXCC program.

New Members

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CX4GL/119 DF0DA/116 DK0UJ/109 DL2GBM/122 F6DHT/106 G3KLL/270	G3SWO/128 GM3BQA/333 HB9AQA/308 HC1SK/104 JH4ELD/123 JA7DQS/107	JE7BEX/160 JH8NQV/110 LA6LX/104 LA7QW/112 OA8CW/101 OH3BU/156	OH3JG/109 ON4ABT/100 VE7FKZ/103 YV5WQ/334 YC0DNK/108 YO3TU/107	YU1NHG/129 YU1NR/240 4X6KA/193 KA1CRP/100 KA1KWD/102 KA2AO/1106	AJ2C/100 N2BHP/116 WB2STV/100 KN3P/246 AA4DO/102 AA4DU/181	K4NTY/105 KB4MD/102 WD4CHR/211 WD4KQD/103 WB5HSB/100 N6HYK/104	K7RIE/108 KA7DNJ/106 N7FAK/125 N8BEF/113 N8BRQ/111 N18W/100	W8KDL/101 N9CQ/100 W9OTE/105 WB9EJE/101 WD9FEN/123 WB9ERN/101
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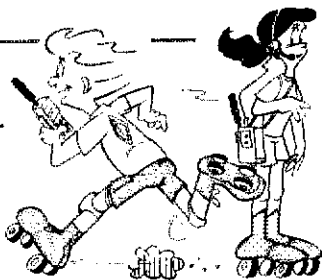
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HAM FAMILIES

Families are a wonderful way to enter the exciting realm of Amateur Radio. Working together can inspire the young members as well as the older ones to new heights. As a family you can bounce ideas off each other and straighten out problems that could only be corrected as a team. But perhaps the best thing about a family is that the other members will always be there to encourage you and answer any questions you may have. Such is the case for three families that have sent us their stories.

A Family Affair

There is a family in Orange City, Florida, that fits the "ham family" description. It started with Mr. Willard Bryan, Jr., becoming interested in Amateur Radio and having one of his daughters, Josephine, help him learn his code and theory. After he got his Novice license, he coaxed Josephine into getting hers, which she did in February of 1983. Having two hams in the family stirred up more interest, and soon Josephine's mother was off to get her Novice ticket, but ended up leaving with her Technician. They all wanted to go further, and after much studying, Mr. and



Does your family fit the description of the Bryan "ham family" of Orange City, Florida? Left to right are N4JSY, AA4CU, N4JLZ and N4JSX. Two brothers have yet to get their tickets, but the hams are working on it.

Mrs. Bryan and Josephine upgraded to their Generals. At the same time, Josephine's sister, Mary, got her first ticket, also a General.

Mr. Bryan's call is AA4CU; Mrs. Bryan's call is N4JSX; Josephine's call is N4JSV; and Mary's call is N4JLZ. But the story may not end there. Josephine has two brothers who have yet to get their tickets, but if they ever want to try, there will be plenty of family members eager to help them.

Father and Son ... and Mom

Sometimes, with the help of a family, a person is more likely to excel than someone who does not have the help and encouragement a family provides. The following story illustrates this point.

In the city of Beloit, Ohio, Larry Hillier, N8EWV, helped his son, 9-year-old Alan, to earn his Novice ticket. Alan's call, KA8RQY, was heard all across the country as he worked toward his WAS on CW. After only 10 weeks as a Novice, Mr. Hillier flew Alan to New York's field office in Buffalo, where he passed his General exam and gained the call N8EZO.

Studying along with Alan was his 13-year-old cousin, Eric Zines, who was recently upgraded to Advanced class and the call KD8LZ. Alan's sister, Diana, N4IYN, who is away at college, keeps in touch with her family via ham radio. Alan's mother, Patti, became inspired along with the rest of the family and added another ticket to the collection. This time it was a Technician and call N8FVU.

Aside from ham radio, Alan is currently active in scouting, basketball and football. His early start in Amateur Radio will also pave the way for a fulfilling hobby for the rest of his life.

Four Generations

It is not unusual for a young ham to have

gotten a start in the hobby from a parent or even an aunt, uncle or cousin. But how often is it that the tradition of ham radio is passed through four generations?

There is a ham in Menasha, Wisconsin, who has had the hobby passed all the way down from his great-grandfather. This ham is Brian Burger, KA9SNP, age 10. His great-grandfather, Samuel Levelle, was a ham before Ws were used in call signs! He carried the calls ICC and 2EO. Mr. Levelle passed the hobby to his daughter and her husband, Brian's grandparents. His grandmother is no longer a ham, but his grandfather is. His call is WISE, and he is an Extra. From there it was passed on to Brian's mother, aunt and uncle. His mother and aunt have let their tickets lapse, but his uncle is still active and holds a General class ticket with the call K3QAF. With all of those hams in the family it's no wonder Brian got bitten by the ham radio bug!

Brian's equipment reflects his past. His rig is a Heathkit HW-16 once used by his grandfather. But once away from the radio, Brian likes playing soccer and his electric guitar, and programming his MC-10 computer. Will Brian carry on the "tradition" and help raise a fifth-generation ham? Judging from past history, we'd have to say, "Why not!"



Fourth-generation ham Brian Burger, KA9SNP, operates a rig once used by his grandfather.

Strays



I would like to get in touch with...

other hams paralyzed from a spinal cord injury. Mel Klimas, KA9RXI, 4449 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, IL 60632.

radio amateurs who are also Legionnaires. Orval Wright, W7YAI, 890 S. Peach Ave., Hurricane, UT 84737.

any amateur who was a radioman aboard the USS Joseph T. Dickman in WW II. G. T. Karalow, W4JBD, 660 Americana Dr., Annapolis, MD 21403.

other CCW enthusiasts interested in setting up a sked. Bill deCarle, VE3OBE, 235 Baythorn Dr., Apt. 301, Thornhill, ON L3T 3V6, Canada.

any middle and high school teachers interested in participating in a student net. Charles Traynor, KA4JZY, 415 Parkdale Dr., Apt. 3A, Charleston, SC 29407.

former members of the U.S. Army Special Engineer Detachment, Los Alamos, New Mexico, 1944-1946. Robert P. Hunter, W3GA, 225 Circle Dr., State College, PA 16801.

anyone who does not own a television. G. Robbie Cave, KA5UZJ, P.O. Box 928, Princeton, TX 75077-0928.

amateurs involved in an astronomy net. Robert Grubic, NC6Q, 14893 Marigold Ave., Gardena, CA 90249.

QST congratulates...

the following radio amateurs on receiving the 1984 IEEE Centennial Medal:

- Clayton Clark, AV7O, of Logan, Utah
- Arthur S. Westneat, W1AM, of Newmarket, New Hampshire

John D. Kraus, W8JK, of Delaware, Ohio, on being named outstanding man of the month by the Columbus Section IEEE.

Lt. Col. Leroy V. Swift, KN0Y, on his retirement from the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department.

Frank M. Koval, W8RSW, of Cincinnati, Ohio, on being inducted into the Greater Cincinnati Amateur Radio Hall of Fame.

24-GHz Path Loss

Propagation at 24 GHz is different from that at lower frequencies because there is significant attenuation of signals due to absorption of energy by both oxygen and water vapor. Absorption due to oxygen rises slowly from a value of 0.004 dB/km at 1 GHz to 0.03 dB/km at 30 GHz. Above 30 GHz, there is a sharp peak at 60 GHz, where attenuation rises to 15 dB/km. At 24 GHz, attenuation by atmospheric oxygen is approximately 0.0235 dB/km at a barometric pressure of 760-mm Hg and a temperature of 20°C.

Absorption due to water vapor is considerably higher than that due to oxygen at 24 GHz; in fact, 24 GHz is close to a peak in the water spectrum. At a water concentration of 10 g/m³ (corresponding to 54% relative humidity at 20°C), attenuation is approximately 0.175 dB/km. Attenuation due to water vapor is a strong function of temperature and humidity, as can be seen from Fig. 1. Over a long path of several hundred kilometers, there can be a difference of as much as 100 dB in path loss between a hot, humid day and a cold, dry day. Thus, there is an additional element involved in planning DX contacts on 24 GHz: Not only must the path be considered, but weather may also play an important part in making a contact.

As an example, consider a pair of stations on 24 GHz using 10-mW Gunnplexers and 2-ft parabolic dish antennas. What is the maximum path they can work? First, assumptions must be made about the equipment. A noise figure of 13 dB will be assumed for the receivers with an IF bandwidth of 100 kHz—typical values for a wideband FM system with no image frequency rejection. A 13-dB noise figure corresponds to a noise temperature of about 5500 K, which, combined with a 100-kHz receiver bandwidth, leads to a receiver sensitivity of around -141 dBW. (For details on how this calculation is performed, see *The 1985 ARRL Handbook*, p. 12-2, and *The New Frontier, QST*, Dec. 1980, p. 74.) Assuming the parabolic antennas are 50% efficient, they will show a gain of 40.7 dB. A 10-mW transmitter has a power output of -20 dBW. For a wideband FM system, let's assume that a received signal-to-noise ratio of 10 dB will be required for a successful contact is given by

$$\text{Path loss} < T_p + G - R_s - \text{SNR} \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

where

T_p is the transmitter power

G is the combined antenna gains

R_s is the receiver sensitivity

SNR is the minimum signal-to-noise ratio required

In this case, a path-loss capability of about 192 dB is indicated for the equipment discussed above. If there were no atmospheric absorption, this would give a path capability

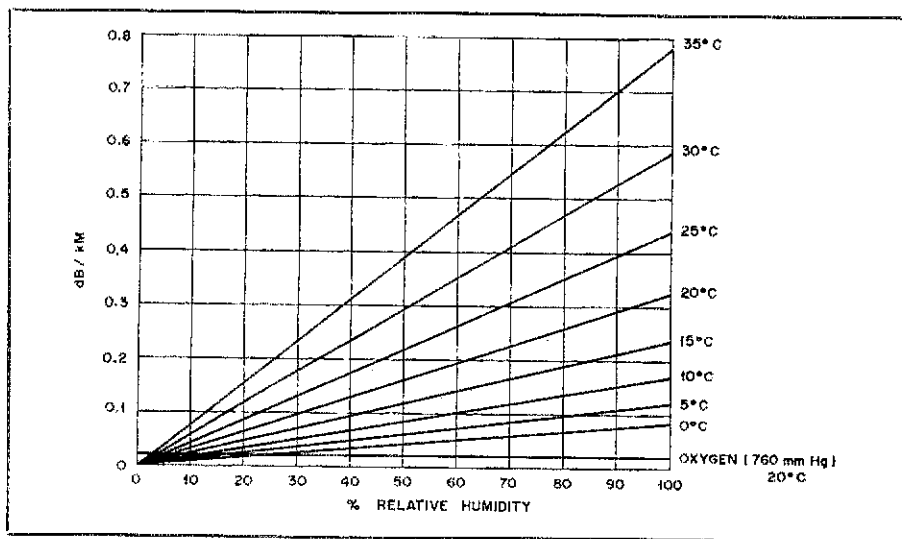


Fig. 1—Attenuation at 24 GHz due to water vapor and oxygen.

of almost 4000 km line of sight (if such a path could be found!). Note that free-space path loss is given by

$$F. S. \text{ Path Loss} = 32.45 + 20 \log f + 20 \log d \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

where

f is the frequency in megahertz

d is the path length in kilometers

When atmospheric absorption is taken into account, the range of the equipment is considerably reduced. Take, for example, conditions of 20°C and 50% relative humidity. From Fig. 1, it can be seen that this corresponds to about 0.165-dB/km attenuation due to water vapor and 0.0235 dB/km due to oxygen. With a path loss capability of 192 dB, this gives a range of about 150 km. At this range, the free-space path loss is 164 dB, the loss due to water vapor attenuation is 24.75 dB and the loss due to oxygen attenuation is 3.5 dB—giving a total of 192.25 dB. Quite a difference from the 4000-km-range line of sight without atmospheric attenuation! If the relative humidity fell from 50% to 25%, the path capability would increase from 150 km to about 250 km. It is clear that there is more to 24-GHz operation than might at first be thought by those used to operation on the lower bands, and choosing a day with the right weather can make quite a difference in signal strength.

2304 NEWS

Dave Hackford, N3CX, has written with details of some of the 2304-MHz operation happening in the Philadelphia area. His station consists of a TX/RX interdigital mixer that on transmit feeds a solid-state amplifier chain (1.5 W out) that, in turn, feeds a 7289 TRC29 amplifier

putting out about 30 W to an array of 4- × 45-element loop Yagis at 65 ft. On receive, he has GaAsFET preamps (MGF 1412-11-10) feeding the converter with 144-MHz output. Also on the air are WA3AXV (30 W to 2- × 45-element loop Yagis), WB2YEH (1 W to 4-ft dish), NF2P (1 W to 2-ft dish), WB2NPE (10 W, xtal-controlled to 4-ft dish), WA3LBI (20 W to 4-ft dish), WA3JUF (20 W to 4-ft dish) and WB3ESS (75 W). Dave comments that all are active and looking for skeds, so if you're on the band and looking for someone to work, get in touch.

900-MHz AMPLIFIER

Though not strictly in "the world above 1 GHz," readers of this column might be interested in a design for a 900-950 MHz solid-state amplifier from Motorola. In the April 1985 issue of *RF Design* magazine (pp. 28-32) a 14-W two-transistor amplifier with 14.5-dB gain is described. The amplifier uses MRF839 and MRF843 transistors in a stripline circuit, has a claimed efficiency of about 50%, and can withstand an output VSWR of 20:1.

Strays



LINCOLN A. CUNDALL, W2LC

Antique Wireless Association cofounder Lincoln A. Cundall, W2LC, is a Silent Key. In 1952, along with W2GB and W2ICE, "Linc" helped establish the AWA, and later the organization's museum. First licensed in 1916, as 8ADI, Linc remained active in the AWA and Amateur Radio in general until his death in late February.



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A Modest Proposal

The following is a proposal. It's not our proposal, and it's not CRRL's proposal. It's Al Leith's (VE3FRA) proposal. According to Al, one of these days soon we're going to run out of VE3 call signs. One of these days, we're even going to run out of call signs for the other Canadian call areas. Then some decisions will have to be made. Personally, we have a bit of trouble with Al's proposal. We're just too sentimentally attached to our VE call sign. However, we're open-minded, and we do like to keep the pot stirred up. So here's Al's proposal.

Sometime in the foreseeable future, Canada's third call area will run out of call signs. In time, other call areas will also run out of call signs. That being the case, now might be a good time to assess the situation and make some plans.

There will be considerable opposition to the system proposed below. There was considerable opposition in the Maritimes a few years ago when amateurs were asked to drop VE and adopt a distinctive prefix for each Maritime province. However, Newfoundland, Labrador and the Yukon do not use VE. When VY was assigned to the Yukon, there was no great fuss. Both the USSR and East Germany have adopted new call sign systems in recent years. Portugal is considering changes that will likely go into effect later this year. So has Brazil.

The system we are proposing would pro-

vide a distinctive prefix for each Canadian call area. All prefixes would come from the VA-VG, VO, VX and VY blocks. Prefixes from the CF-CK and XJ-XO blocks would continue to be available for commemorations and special events.

Under this system, the letter V for Canada would be followed by a distinctive letter that would identify each call area, a number from 0 to 9, and a one, two or three-letter suffix. The Maritimes would become VA0-9; Quebec, VB0-9; Ontario, VC0-9; repeaters anywhere in Canada (for social reasons better left imagined than described), VD0-9; Manitoba, VE0-9; Saskatchewan, VF0-9; Alberta, VG0-9; and British Columbia, VX0-9. The VY block would be divided. The Yukon would become VY1A-VY3ZZZ; the Northwest Territories, VY4A-VY6ZZZ (this could be further divided in event of political change); Atlantic Marine Mobile, VY7A-VY7ZZZ; Pacific Marine Mobile, VY8A-VY8ZZZ; the DXCC country of Saint Paul's Island, VY9A-VY9ZZZ; and the DXCC country of Sable Island, VY0A-VY0ZZZ.

How would the system be implemented? Arbitrary dates would be set for the change. Stations licensed before 1950 would get first crack at new calls. The owner of VE3ZZ, for instance, would have several options. He could keep the 3 and his ZZ suffix and become VC3ZZ—not much change at all. Or he could choose from any call signs in the VC block assigned to Ontario and become VC1A,

VC3G, VC7WW or VC0ZZZ. Once the old-timers had chosen their calls, the others would follow. Recent amateurs would choose their call signs last.

Benefits? Lots of call signs. In each call area, this system would offer 260 call signs with single-letter suffixes, 6760 call signs with two-letter suffixes and tens of thousands of call signs with three-letter suffixes. And it would allow amateurs sentimentally attached to their present call sign to retain most of it. Only one letter, the letter that would replace the E, the letter that would identify each call area, would have to be changed. In Newfoundland, Labrador, Manitoba and the Yukon, not even that would be necessary.

Still, many would not like this system. Very few would be ready to give up a VE prefix. However, when people are *told* to do something, they usually comply. And if DOC administrators, looking for a solution to the problem of no more call signs available, see the logic and simplicity of this system, you may very well end up sporting nothing more than a new prefix. Or you may end up choosing an exotic call sign like VG9H, VF6D or VX0J. Think of the fun you'll have collecting new prefixes on 75 or 2—or the pileups you'll create on 20 CW!

(Al Leith, VE3FRA, is a well-known DXer and editor of the DX Report. He is interested in your comments. Write to him at 10 Fairington Cr., St. Catharines, ON L2N 5W3.)

CRRL NEWS

□ What's new from CRRL? A CRRL *Logbook*, similar in size, quality, format and even price to the popular ARRL *Logbook*. Price is \$3.25 plus \$1 for shipping; Ontario residents add 7% sales tax. A CRRL *Code Course* by Ralph Zbarsky, VE7BTG. Five cassette tapes, tested and proven effective, take beginners from zero to 12 words per minute. Price is \$38 plus \$1 for shipping; Ontario residents add 7% sales tax. And finally, *PX Programs*, the same programs offered every month in Stan Horzepa's (WA1LOU) *QST* On Line column. They're free for a self-addressed, stamped envelope. For longer programs or for several programs, a donation of 50 cents per program would help with the cost of printing. Order any or all from the CRRL Headquarters office in London, Ontario.

□ Those special prefixes issued by DOC can cause problems. Sometimes prefixes are issued by regional or even district offices of DOC. Sometimes two or more offices issue prefixes for the same event. Getting correct, up-to-date information becomes very difficult. Sometimes, a prefix is reissued too soon after it has been used before. And sometimes, a particular prefix causes concern. VO3, recently issued for an Ontario event, would be an example. What's the

solution? More amateur input. CRRL has asked DOC to adopt a policy whereby all applications for special prefixes would be directed to a committee of amateurs appointed by CRRL and CARF. This committee would review all applications and make recommendations to DOC. DOC would issue only the special prefixes approved by the committee. Early indications are that DOC likes the idea. More later.

□ Representatives of CRRL and CARF have met and are working together to review new questions for the DOC questions bank. Most of the questions are multiple-choice. Look for multiple-choice questions on the "theory" portions of DOC exams as early as next year.

NATIONAL PARKS 100 AWARD

To help publicize the 100th Anniversary of Parks Canada, CRRL is sponsoring a National Parks 100 Award. The idea is to earn 100 points by working Canadian stations during this anniversary year. For Canadian stations, contacts with most Canadian stations count for 1 point; contacts with Canadian stations using special prefixes count for 5 points; and contacts with Canadian stations operating from Parks Canada sites count for 10 points. For U.S. and DX stations, the points are doubled. To receive the

award, send a copy of your log, certified by yourself and two other amateurs, to CRRL National Parks 100 Award Manager Garry Hammond, VE3XC, 5 McLaren Ave., Listowel, ON N4W 3K1. Please include \$1 or 5 IRCs to help with the cost of printing and mailing the award.

NOTES FROM ALL OVER

□ At press time, DOC was negotiating a reciprocal-operating agreement with Spain.

□ Congratulations to

• Devere Worrall, VE3AJN, who was recently elected Manager of IATN, the International Assistance and Traffic Net. IATN meets daily, handling third-party traffic from amateurs in all parts of the world.

• David Toth, VE3GYQ, who was recently appointed Vice Chairman of the ARRL Repeater Advisory Committee.

• Richard Miller, VE3CIE, who was recently awarded a *QST* Cover Plaque Award for his fine article in January *QST*, "Radio Aurora." Read it again. It's a classic.

□ Registration forms for RSO-CRRL '85, to be held in London, Ontario, on September 27-29, are now available. Write to RSO-CRRL '85, Box 73, Hyde Park, ON N0M 1Z0.

What's the Score?

During the past few months, a lot of space in this column has been devoted to the ongoing debate as to whether 15-kHz or 20-kHz spacing between repeaters on adjacent channels is better. During the debate, some states have been swayed by the arguments in favor of 20-kHz spacing, while others have remained steadfast in their belief that 15-kHz spacing is superior. The accompanying chart illustrates the state of the debate as of mid-April. The chart indicates which states have adopted and rejected 15- and 20-kHz band plans. Where the chart indicates that a state has adopted one plan but has not rejected the other plan, that state may or may not be considering the adoption (or rejection) of the alternative plan. This column will try to keep score of the debate as it develops.

Enough from me. I will now turn this month's column over to Lew Collins, W1GXT, and Clay Freinwald, K7CR. Both gentlemen have been involved with the ARRL VHF Repeater Advisory Committee (VRAC), and have been involved with repeaters a lot longer than most of the rest of us. They represent opposite sides of the 15- vs. 20-kHz debate.

K7CR for 20-kHz Spacing

I have been quoted as being the father of the 20-kHz plan; this is good and bad, depending on whom you talk to . . . the 20-kHz band plan is being used in a number of areas as an alternative to 15-kHz splinters in order to make better use of the spectrum.

The argument used by the 15-kHz lobby—that their band plan will permit more repeaters—is just not quite always the case. It is common to take a mathematical approach to band planning; that is, take 2 MHz of spectrum and divide by 15 to get X, then take the same amount of spectrum and divide by 20 to get Y, then conclude that X is greater than Y; therefore, you can get more repeaters on by dividing by 15 kHz. These folks are ignoring one very basic and simple factor: If you wish to have some protection from

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	MA	☐	☐		MS	☐	☐		WV	☐	☐
	NH	☐	☐		NM	☐	☐		IL	☐	☐
	RI	☐	☐		OK	☐	☐		IN	☐	☐
2	VT	☐	☐	TX	☐	☐	WI	☐	☐		
	NJ	☐	☐	CA	☐	☐	CO	☐	☐		
3	NY	☐	☐	HI	☐	☐	IA	☐	☐		
	DE	☐	☐	AK	☐	☐	KS	☐	☐		
	MD	☐	☐	AZ	☐	☐	MN	☐	☐		
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	FL	☐	☐	NV	☐	☐	ND	☐	☐		
	GA	☐	☐	OR	☐	☐	SD	☐	☐		
	KY	☐	☐	UT	☐	☐					
	NC	☐	☐	WA	☐	☐					
	SC	☐	☐	WY	☐	☐					
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☑ ADOPTED
☐ REJECTED

adjacent-channel QRM, you must space the 15-kHz adjacent machines physically apart (30 to 75 miles, depending on which coordinating body does the coordinating). This spacing is the big difference between the two systems (aside from the adjacent-channel QRM issue). With 20-kHz spacing, you can place adjacent-channel repeaters in the same town without regard to physical placement.

In the case of the Portland, Oregon, area, more repeaters could be placed on the air using 20-kHz spacing than by using 15-kHz spacing (source: Oregon Region Relay Council/Dale Justice, K7WWR). In a recent case, Dallas/Fort Worth had been unable to coordinate any more repeaters. Their usable 15-kHz channels had been all used up for some time. With 20-kHz spacing, they actually had channels left over (source: Texas VHF-FM Society

president Chuck Adams, WB5WWR).

W1GXT for 15-kHz Spacing

The arguments for 20-kHz spacing are appealing, but I hasten to point out that if one is in agreement with all the points that have been made by the proponents of 20 kHz; I conclude that 30-kHz channel spacing is superior to 20 kHz; so we should change our band plans for all of the VHF and UHF bands to 30-kHz spacing!

The successful use of 15-kHz channel spacing requires careful attention to frequency, deviation and coordination, none of which is beyond the current amateur state of the art. We have been using 15-kHz channel spacing successfully in New England for perhaps 10 years, and probably have had no more than 10 instances of adjacent-channel interference—all of which were cleared up by the involved parties getting together to set up their equipment properly.

It is my observation that in some parts of the country, the average frequency deviation in use by amateurs is well in excess of ± 5 kHz, which is destined to make the use of 15-kHz channel spacing (or 20-kHz, for that matter) fail.

The most important point, from the view of those of us who live in the densely populated Northeast corridor, is that there simply are not enough frequencies available to accommodate the existing repeaters, should we go to the 20-kHz band plan. We looked at this some years ago and identified perhaps 30 repeaters that would have to leave the air in order to accommodate the wider channel spacing. Would you like the job of deciding whose repeaters should shut down, and then telling them the bad news?

The second point most people overlook is that the use of 20-kHz spacing encourages the appearance of noncoordinated repeaters in the "cracks" between channels. We have approximately three of these currently operational in New England in the 144.5-145.5 MHz band segment.

MISSOURI AND NORTHEAST: NO; ALABAMA: YES

As the debate continues, Missouri and the Northeast have rejected 20-kHz channel spacing, while Alabama has adopted it.

At its February 17 meeting, the Missouri Repeater Council voted unanimously to reject the 20-kHz band plan for 146 through 148 MHz, and reaffirmed its support for the 15-kHz band plan now in use throughout the state. The main reason for rejecting 20-kHz spacing was the potential loss of repeater pairs in St. Louis and Kansas City.

On March 2, a meeting of representatives from the frequency coordinating bodies of 12 Northeast states resulted in unanimous rejection of 20-kHz channel spacing. The representatives felt that 15-kHz spacing is today's state of the art; adopting 20-kHz spacing would be a step back to 1975 standards. The representatives also formed a subcommittee to study switching the

channel spacing of the repeater pairs below 146 MHz from 20 kHz to 15 kHz. (The New England states, New York, New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and eastern West Virginia were represented at this meeting.)

Also on March 2, the board of directors of the Alabama UHF-UHF Council voted to adopt the 20-kHz band plan, and have informed all Alabama repeater owners that they must comply with the new plan by July 1, 1985 or they will be considered uncoordinated and their frequencies will be reassigned.

REPEATER LOG

According to reports received in the month of March, repeaters were involved in the following public-service events: 15 weather emergencies, 1 criminal emergency, 10 medical emergencies, 158 vehicular emergencies, 5 fire emergencies, 12 public service events, 24 drills/alerts and 2 power failures.

The following repeaters were involved (followed by the number of events): WA1DGW 21, K1FFK 1, W2VL 17, WB2WPA 1, WA2ZWP 1, W3AVK 1, W3VRZ 4, WA4GIC 1, K4GSO 1, WA5LVT 1, W5NS 1, W5RVT 1, KH6AH 1, WD6EJF 1, KH6H 1, WA6OYF 1, W7EX 141, N8CDN 1, K8DDG 9, K9DGS 1, WD8DRZ 1, W8EWD 1, WD8IEL 6, W8LBZ 1, NC8V 1, W8VTD 6, W0ILO 1, W0MXW 1, WB0SBH 2.

Strays



I would like to get in touch with . . .

☐ birdwatcher hams to set up a net. Richard P. Guthrie, KA2JKA, P.O. Box 46, New Baltimore, NY 12124.

Extending a Helping Hand to Newcomers

If VHF/UHF and, indeed, Amateur Radio itself is to survive and grow in the years to come, there must be a steady influx of recruits—new amateurs and converts to the world above 50 MHz. We, who are already dedicated citizens of that world, can and must do our part to ensure that those who do venture into our portion of the spectrum are encouraged rather than turned away by techniques and operating conventions they do not yet understand, or by what they perceive as cold shoulders from us. One way we can help them is by providing straight, easy-to-understand information about operation and equipment on the various VHF and UHF bands. In doing this, we should try (although human nature makes it difficult) not to color our counsel with individual preferences; or, at least if we do, we should clearly label our remarks as such.

One who has come up with a good idea for helping hams just venturing into VHF is Duane Grotophorst, KA9HKL. Duane has published a set of succinct dos and don'ts, which he has been providing to those he works or has heard about. I thought it would be useful to reproduce these guidelines, as he wrote them, for use by experienced VHFers in helping newcomers, and for those readers who may have just gotten on or are contemplating operation on one of the VHF

bands. Although KA9HKL's comments are specifically aimed at 2-meter SSB and CW operation, many of the principles cited are applicable to other VHF and UHF bands as well.

1) Use the best feed line you can find or afford. Don't use cheap cable because the losses at higher frequencies are too high and will degrade your station performance on both transmit and receive. A rule of thumb is that big-diameter cable is better than small-diameter cable; RG-58-size cable is practically a dummy load at VHF and above. RG-8 or, preferably, RG-213 or other noncontaminating jacket-type cable is okay for runs of 100 ft or less on 2 meters. Hardline is best, but not always practical, for runs of 50 ft or less.

2) Most receivers on 2 meters need a preamplifier; a good preamp is one that has a low noise figure (NF) of 1 dB or less on 2 meters and a gain of 10-20 dB. Noise figure is a more important concern than gain when choosing a preamp.

3) Antenna orientation must be horizontal (elements parallel with the horizon) for successful SSB or CW 2-meter work; cross-polarization can cause a loss of 20 dB or more in signal strength (like going from 100 W to 1 W). Cross-polarization is probably the leading reason for newcomers becoming discouraged with 2-meter SSB/CW.

4) Antenna selection is important; again, bigger is better, but a beam of 12 ft or more of boom length is a good start, and is effective. Element count is not a good indication of antenna gain (boom length is a better indication of gain). Antennas should be high enough to clear local obstructions (objects within a few hundred feet).

5) Power amplifiers are very helpful for day-to-day operating, and I suggest that you plan on adding one sometime in the future (improve your feed line and antenna first). Many solid-state "brick" amplifiers include a preamp and are good choices, or you may want to buy, build or scrounge a tube-type amp. Be sure to improve your receiver sensitivity if you add a power amp (nobody likes an alligator).

6) The 100-200 W power level with a good antenna system and preamp will provide excellent results, although 10 or 25 W can still be a lot of fun.

You may be able to think of additions to this list. Supplement KA9HKL's thoughts with your own. The important thing is to welcome newcomers to VHF and to be ready to provide answers to their questions and to steer them in the direction of the most enjoyment from their newfound interest. By extending our hands now, we are helping to ensure the survival of our kind of Amateur Radio in the years ahead.

ON THE BANDS

6 Meters—Despite the fact that this is the low part of the solar cycle, scattered reports of north-south DX continue to filter in. The most recent comes from W5DZF/4 Miami, Florida. Scotty says HC2FG was heard beginning just after 2100Z Saturday, March 23. The Ecuadoran station was in for over an hour, and at times peaked well over S9. In addition to himself, W5DZF says that HC2FG also worked XE1GE and several stations in Louisiana. From his new QTH in Spring Hill, Florida, this column's originator, WIHDQ, reports that he also worked HC2FG that afternoon. Ed also attests to the loud signal from the station, which he characterized as up to "40 over 9." He notes that, at his home station, HC2FG runs 150 W to a six-element Yagi. As Ed notes, "He has what it takes." By contrast, the HC2FG beacon runs about 5 W, apparently to an omni antenna. WIHDQ observed its signal to be only 5 × 5. Apparently, things have been happening on the other side of the world as well. JA1VOK writes that on March 2, he worked DU1GF for the first time in a year. It is encouraging to learn that there is still 6-meter activity from the Philippines.

Not too many reports came in regarding tropo propagation on our lowest-frequency VHF band. Although that mode affects a broad range of frequencies, it is generally understood to be more pronounced on the higher bands. However, one account of 6-meter tropo is submitted by WA5UFH Westlake, Louisiana. On March 2, Randy says he worked KASCPS Wimberly, Texas, located between San Antonio and Austin—first on 2 meters and then on 50 MHz,

indicating that tropo was responsible. Six-meter signals ran 5 × 7. A second occasion occurred when WA5UFH hooked up with WB5QBV San Antonio on March 23.

The 1985 sporadic-E season should be well



A good catch on 6 meters during the 1981/82 F2 seasons was Cyprus station 5B4AZ. Nick used the 30-W 6146 CW transmitter he is holding. He was restricted to operating only on 50.110 MHz. (JA1VOK photo)

underway by the time you read this. This is always a good time to review the proper use of calling frequencies. We should remember to make our initial calls, be they CQs or to a specific station, on the appropriate calling frequency. As soon as the contact is established, we should move off, preferably 30 kHz or more. QSYing only a few kilohertz merely causes splatter to others still monitoring the calling frequency. And, let's not forget that 50.110 is the DX calling frequency, with 50.2 to be used for local and single-hop E_s work. While this specific use of 50.110 is still not yet as widespread as it should be by now, there is progress each year toward use of the higher part of the band.

Just because it is the low ebb of the solar cycle, don't conclude there will be no DX. Europeans have been worked from the East Coast every summer for the past four or five years. Japan was worked from the West Coast in June 1977, well before Cycle 21 approached its peak. Single- and double-hop E_s can bring many interesting contacts from the Caribbean and northern South America. Several DXpeditions have been promised. For one, W6JKV is planning trips to Desecheo Is. (KP5) and Belize (V3) in June. The chance for DX does exist, even in 1985. It would be a shame if anyone lost out on making a rare contact because of strong stateside QRM around the part of the band where the DX is normally found. Fifty or 100 kHz higher gets through just as well for single-hop domestic work, and there is much less QRM in that lofty part of the band.

Many 6-meter operators will remember W7KMA. Tom was very active from Phoenix until about two years ago, when he began traveling the world in connection with work ac-

tivities. His most recent QTH is Korea, where he signs HL9TM. He says U.S. citizens are not normally allowed 6-meter operation in that country, but that he has applied for special permission and hopes to be on until mid-July. At that time, he returns to Germany, where he will, of course, be confined to other bands.

2 Meters—Since the VUCC Award was announced in January 1983, "grid expeditions" have become increasingly popular. One that has recently come to attention is to be staged by WB0SIL during the June VHF QSO Party. Mike will be on 2 meters and 70 cm from EM46, a grid square that does not appear to have any resident activity. Speaking of grid squares, two readers have sent along samples of computer aids for use with the grid system. One by K4GOK determines the distance and bearing to any grid in the U.S. from a particular location. Marion believes this helps aim the beam in the correct direction in these days of 7s operating in Maryland and 2s emanating from Montana, etc. He will be happy to send a printout for \$2 to cover his costs. Please include your own grid or preferably your latitude and longitude. For those giving only their grid, he will assume its center. Address is Marion Kitchens, 2709 Colt Run Rd., Oakton, VA 22124. The other, called "The Grid Chase," is from N8CKH assisted by WB8KAY. It lists active stations on the various VHF bands for a large and expanding list of grids. Bill will send a copy to anyone forwarding 73 cents in stamps to Box 204, Westland, MI 48185.

From Argentina, LU4EJU reports a contact between his QTH in Mar del Plata, near Buenos Aires, and LU2WM Trelew, in the state of Patagonia, approximately 545 miles to the southwest. This is believed to be the first 2-meter work between these parts of the country. Equipment at LU4EJU is an IC-260A into a Mirage 80-W amplifier and an 11-element Yagi. LU2WM uses a Yaesu FT-480 with 10 W out and a five-element array. LU4EJU was one of those who, several years ago, benefited from trans-equatorial propagation, working such stations as YV6BKS and KV4FZ. He has also made FM contacts with stations in Uruguay and Brazil. I am happy to see that VHF interest remains alive in that part of the world.

A regular set of translations from Russian radio journals done for the IARU by Dexter Anderson, W4KM, affords some interesting VHF news from a part of the world with which most of us have little contact. From a recent issue of the magazine *Radio* comes information on Soviet EME activity. UA1ZCL is reported as having completed 18 2-meter EME QSOs during January, including 1V3HWT, UR2RQT, LA9FY, OZ1ASL, LX1GR and UA9FAD. In a single week, from February 11 to 19, another operator, UG6AD, made seven contacts, including UA1ZCL, F6CJG, K1WHS, W5UN and SM2GGF. The notable fact about this is that UG6AD has only a single 16-element Yagi! Also using a single Yagi, UD6DFD was active, working SM2GGF during February. His antenna is 24 elements on a 16-meter (50-foot) boom! UR2RQT is another active Russian moon-bouncer. Using an array of eight 16-element Yagis, he was averaging one to three contacts per day over the period covered in the report. UA3TCF recently added several new stations to his roster, including GM4IPK, HB9QQ, WA7BBM, F6CJG and VE1UT. The first SSB EME QSO from the country took place back in December, when collective station UK5JAX, operated by UB5JIN, worked K1WHS after first establishing contact on CW. The station reports 67 EME QSOs in 16 countries over a three-month period. All but 13 of these were without prearranged schedules. The report notes that



The portable 13-cm station used by N4MW to help boost state totals for WA4HGN (recently deceased) and W4HHK. Output power is 5 W. (W4HHK photo)

there is now EME activity from 21 Oblasts (political subdivisions of the Soviet Union).

14 Meters—Or is it 1.35? Maybe it's 135 cm! Most refer to it as 220. Various people, including W1JR and K2QR, who likes "1.3 meters" because it is so easy on CW, have offered suggestions for a new handle for this band. Why not simply call it "220"? I have generally shied away from referring to the various bands by their megahertz designations, partly to avoid advertising the fact that we VHFers do not recognize all of them by their lowest-frequency band edge. I have always been concerned that consistently calling attention to this fact—by using the commonly accepted names for some of the bands—might be used against us by those constantly searching for "unused" frequencies. On the other hand, references to 420 or 1240 might confuse those accustomed to "432" and "1296." How would one handle 13 cm, which is now divided into two segments, 2300-2310 and 2390-2450? The name "13 cm" seems to fill the bill. Does anyone have an opinion on this weighty issue, especially what to call our 220-225 MHz assignment?

WD4MBK passes along a detailed description of how to use an IC-551 or IC-551D in conjunction with a VE3CRU version of the Microwave Modules transverter (MMT-220) to get full coverage of the 220-225 MHz band. I will gladly furnish a reprint of this to anyone forwarding an s.a.s.e. Speaking of commercial equipment for the band, N14Z writes that he has had several telephone conversations with Evelyn Garrison of Icom. From them, he has received the strong impression that the company may be considering the production of an all-mode 220-225 MHz rig. He believes that an expression of interest might well lead to a favorable decision. All who think that the availability of such a piece of equipment would be beneficial are urged to write to Ms. Garrison, Icom America, 2380 116th Ave., NE, Bellevue, WA 98004.


N6EKS writes from the Los Angeles area that he is very active on 1 1/4 meters, and expresses his concern over threats to the band. He stresses the high level of activity in Southern California and offers any help he can muster in defense of our allocation in this part of the spectrum. All are reminded to watch the monthly *QST* column Happenings and *The ARRL Letter* for late news and recommendations on what we can do, at various times, to protect our frequencies.

The Higher Bands—WD4MBK wonders what difficulty, in the restricted areas surrounding Pave Paws installations, some may be having in obtaining approval from the Air Force for operation up to the maximum authorized amateur

power level. Without such approval, 70-cm power in these regions is limited to 50 W. Apparently, in his part of the country, where the installation at Warner Robins AFB Georgia is under construction, permits have been forthcoming within a few weeks after applications to the designated Air Force authority. In other areas, results have not been so speedy. Charles reports that AJ6T in northern California tells him that his application has been on file for over a year with no action. Do others have similar tales of woe?

Several reports have arrived relating excellent tropo along the Gulf Coast on all bands during the closing days of March. One of the most intriguing concerns a 1040-mile 23-cm contact between WA4OFS St. Cloud, Florida, and W5VY San Antonio, Texas. WA4OFS runs 100 W to a single 45-element loop Yagi, while W5VY uses about 50 W to four 23-element F9FT Yagis. KN5X Missouri City, Texas, says that on March 24, 70-cm repeaters from Houston to Florida were workable from his QTH for about an hour. He particularly notes that those with antennas at moderate heights were able to get into the duct, but that one Houston-area repeater, which has an antenna at 1500 feet, was not in on the fun.

From another area famous for producing long-haul tropo propagation, "the Great Australian Bight," comes an account of the first 70-cm QSOs to have ever taken place between Perth, on the lower west coast of the sub-continent, and Adelaide, in the south-central part of the country. According to VK5LP's column, "VHF UHF, An Expanding World," which appears monthly in the Australian magazine *Amateur Radio*, VK6KRC and VK5KBU were the first to cover the 1335 miles on 70 cm after first working on 2 meters. Reports ran 5 x 9 in one direction and 5 x 3 in the other. Their QSO was soon followed by one between VK6KZ and two other Adelaide stations, VK5ZRO and VK5ZTS. These contacts took place during the morning hours of January 10, which is early in the summer Down Under.

Inadvertently omitted from the 13-cm Standings carried in the April column was W4HHK, who should have been listed as having 7 states, 5 call areas, 2 countries and 8 grid squares. Paul's best terrestrial DX on the band is 582 miles to W8YIO. On EME, he has worked W3GKP in 1970 and OE9XXI late last year. Sorry for the oversight, Paul. Also in 13-cm news, Philadelphia-area station N3CX says that he now has 35-W output to an array of four loop Yagis at 65 feet. Others nearby who are also active include WA3JUF, WA3AXV, WB2NPE, NF2P, WA3LBI and WB2YEH. Dave would like to hear from anyone who would like to try skeds. Address is Dave Hackford, Box 138, RD 2, Pennsburg, PA 18073. 

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QSL HINT

□ Since I often get QSL cards I can't acknowledge immediately, I have devised a system to ensure that I respond to all QSLs. I place a check mark in the corner after answering a QSL card, enabling me to quickly identify any QSLs needing a response.—Leonard Nathanson, W8RC

Good in Any Language

Picture a very beautiful emerald atoll, 2 km of white beaches, radio gear and a rare call sign to go with it—and only one other radio operator on the island. 'Tis the dream of many a ham. The dream came true for a group of Japanese YLs last February.

Several members of the Japanese Ladies' Radio Society (JLRS) realized that many of the organization's YLs had never attempted DX QSOs. They also realized that the reason was a hesitancy to speak English. All licensed YLs had rigs and antennas, all had studied English in school, and many knew that studying a language and putting it to common use were two entirely different things. What better way to jump this hurdle than with a DXpedition!

The basic premise was to become a rare DX station, and to speak Japanese during their initial contacts with home stations in Japan. Then, when other countries were contacted, language would take care of itself. It was time to ask for volunteers. Nine YLs and five of their OMs, who acted as advisors, stepped forward.

Planning began in October 1984. The YLs focused their attention on the Maldives, in the Indian Ocean, where they knew there was only one Amateur Radio operator, Captain Noel, 8Q7AV. Application for permission to operate and for a Maldives call sign was sent to the Director of Department of Posts and Telecommunications there. Since many DXers had recommended the island of Medhufinolhu for operation, the group set that site as their goal. Many necessary, time-consuming arrangements followed. Both Captain Noel and Ernest, 4S7EA, in Sri Lanka,



JLRS members and others on the way to being rare DX.

contributed greatly to the fact that when their departure date arrived on February 11, 1985, just five months later, all the preliminaries were completed. This included having the call 8Q7YL in hand as they left the Tokyo airport.

The trip included 10 hours of flight time, followed by a three-hour boat trip to reach Medhufinolhu. The excited members of the group included YLs JA1AEQ, JA1EYL, JF1IZM, JF1WY, JL1OZH, JA2BBH, JH3SQN, JR6XIX, JH0KSW and OMS JA1PK, JA1BHJ, JA2BL, JA3SQM, JH0JMI.

Upon arrival, the groups wasted no time in setting up three operating stations with a doublet, long wire and a WHS-32 antenna for satellite operation. During the next four days, the group contacted 2107 stations in 68 different countries on 1.9, 7, 14, 21 and 28 MHz.



Fumi, JA1AEQ (left), and Nozomi, JH3SQN, operating as 8Q7YL.

A successful QSO was also made to Japan by FAX (facsimile). Unfortunately, band conditions limited the number of contacts made with stations in the United States.

Was their goal to accustom Japanese YLs to the DX bands accomplished? Absolutely! They enjoyed operating from the Maldives, are now filled with enthusiasm as operators using their home calls, and look forward to their next opportunity to operate in other countries. There was a most successful DXpedition in proving that Amateur Radio is good in any language.

JUNE 7-9—YL FIELD DAY IN FINLAND

OH5-land YLs plan to operate from several stations for their YL Field Day, June 7-9, using the call OH5YLS. SSB frequencies—any ending in 88; CW frequencies—any ending in 33. An opportunity to earn a special OH5YLS QSL card. Further information: Tuija Paalanen, OH5MX, Lansikyla, SF-49860, Kiamila, Finland.

YLRL ANNIVERSARY PARTY RESULTS

CW	SSB
K4AOH Gold Cup	DJ0EK
WD8MEV Second Place	WD4NKP
KM8E Third Place	K4AOH

CW Scores—K4AOH, 971*; WD8MEV, 866*; KM8E, 750*; KA6SOC, 675*; K5AVX, 672; WD5FQX, 540*; KA5GIS/7, 460*; N7DHA, 420*; W8YL, 375*; VE1BWP, 358*; WA9TVM, 336; KA5TCG, 163*; W3CDQ, 99; VE3KTX, 79*; KD7YB, 70*; KL7KD, 3*; CT1YH, 720*; DF6UI, 700*; DF2SL, 348*; JA1AEQ, 90*; VK3KS, 40*; J1LQI, 18.

Scores—WD4NKP, 8456*; K4AOH, 8064; VE1BWP, 7013*; K0EPE, 6949*; KM8E, 5880*; WD5FQX, 5635*; VE7YL, 5111*; WA3HUP, 5029; WD8MEV, 4715*; WA1UVJ, 3895*; K6KCI, 3800*; W2GLB/7, 3698; WU7F, 3650*;

KD5MD, 3432; K6INK, 3075; KA5TCG, 2756*; KA5ONE, 1763*; WA1JYO, 1721*; WD5CPO, 1418*; K4LMB, 1247; WB0ZQZ, 1320*; KA6SOC, 2288*; NSSH, 1125*; KD7YB, 761*; NA0V, 618*; N7DHA, 475; W2EEO, 469; KC9V, 240*; AL7FG, 96; DJ0EK, 11776; 11EP,

6300*; EA3VM, 5460; OX3ZM, 4830*; CT1YH, 4223; 4X6DW, 2970*; ZS1YL, 2170*; EL2EF, 1377; DK9ZL, 1351*; DF2SL, 1320*; HB9ACO, 978*; VK3KS, 831*; ZS2AA, 784*; DF1LV, 595*; VK4BSQ, 488*; DK1HH, 465*; PA3CEB, 438*; J1LQI, 423*; SM0HNV, 213*; DF6UI, 203*; JA1AEQ, 191*; G8LY, 169*; ON4AYL, 158*.

*low-power multiplier



Stockholm, Sweden, is the scene of an active 2-meter YL net each Sunday morning. Shown at a gathering of net members are (l-r) SM8NWU with her son, SWL SM7277, SM8PRA, SM8GYG, SM8OTG, SM8OYG and (foreground, l-r) SM8HNV and SM8OYL.

Strays

I would like to get in touch with...

military personnel who have experienced difficulties with military housing offices on the operation of antennas or operation of an Amateur Radio station in the U.S. MMI (ss) Robert Vandevender II, KR2K, U.S. Navy, P.O. Box 573, Kittery, ME 03904.

anyone from the 473rd Infantry who was in Italy during WW II. Bill Stofor, WB0VUA, 6740 S. Delaware St., Littleton, CO 80120.

Coming Conventions

GEORGIA STATE CONVENTION July 6-7, Atlanta

The 1985 Georgia State Convention/Atlanta HamFestival moves to new and more spacious quarters at the Georgia World Congress Center. Exhibits and flea market are all indoors in the country's second largest convention center.

Featured is the Dr. DX World Championship, sponsored by AEA; forums by Lew McCoy, Don Search, Bob Halprin and dozens of other informative speakers. ARRL forum with President Larry Price, packet radio, RTTY, computers and beginning Amateur Radio will

be featured. Upgrade exams both days. At midnight Saturday, there's the Wouff Hong ceremony. Hq. hotel is the adjacent Omni International, at \$55,

single and double. Write to Atlanta Radio Club, P.O. Box 77171, Atlanta, GA 30357, for a brochure and reservation card. [REDACTED]

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

August 2-4—Rocky Mountain Division, Jackson, WY

August 3-4—North Florida Section, Jacksonville

August 9-11—Southwestern Division, Long Beach, CA

August 25—Illinois State, St. Charles

[†]At press time, Amateur Radio exams are scheduled to be given at these conventions. For other exam opportunities see Hamfest Calendar.

September 6-8—Melbourne, FL

September 6-8—Midwest Division, Omaha, NE

September 6-8—West Gulf Division, San Angelo, TX

September 21-22—Virginia State, Virginia Beach

September 27-28—CRRL, London, Ontario, Canada

ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

October 4-6, 1985—Louisville, Kentucky

September 5-7, 1986—San Diego, California

July 10-12, 1987—Atlanta, Georgia

How to Register for Upcoming Exams

August 9-11, Southwestern Division Convention (Long Beach, California): Amateur exams will be given Saturday, August 10. Technician through Extra Class. Walk-ins if space available. Send completed Form 610 and check for \$4 (payable to ARRL/VEC) to Ham-Con, P.O. Box 91313, Long Beach, CA 90809.

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.]

British Columbia (Maple Ridge)—July 13-14: The Maple Ridge Hamfest will be held at St. Patrick's Center, 22589 - 121st Ave. Admission: hams, \$5; nonhams, \$2. Food, swap and shop, commercial displays, bunny hunt and nonham programs. Close to swimming and shopping. Camper space, no hookups. Talk-in on 3.758, 20/80 and 34/94. For info and preregistration (20% off gate admission), contact Maple Ridge ARC, Box 292, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 7G2, Canada.

California (Santa Maria)—June 16: The Satellite ARC annual swapfest and Santa Maria Barbeque will be held at the Union Oil Picnic Grounds, just south of Santa Maria on Sunday (Father's Day). General admission at 9 A.M.; barbecue served at 1 P.M. Dinner tickets: Adults, \$7.95; children (6-12), \$3.50; children under 6, free. Swap spaces (approximately 2 ft. x 6 ft) each \$3.50. For further information and to order tickets or reserve swap tables, write to Satellite ARC Swapfest, P.O. Box 1753, Santa Maria, CA 93456.

Colorado (Loveland)—June 1: The Northern Colorado ARC will hold SUPERFEST VII on Saturday at the McMillen Bldg., Larimer County Fairground. Admission, \$3. Events include a code contest and packet radio demo. FCC exams will be given; walk-ins accepted. Completed Form 610 and check for \$4 (payable to

ARRL/VEC) should be sent to Debby Glasscock, NØFCP, 3942 E. Co. Road 16, Loveland, CO 80537, tel. 303-667-8584. Doors open at 8:30 A.M. Commercial exhibitors. Food available. Talk-in on 25/85 and 795/195. For more information, contact Rick Hubbard, WAØDDC, tel. 303-353-8366 or Gus Fox, WØEE, tel. 303-330-9012.

Georgia (Ft. Oglethorpe)—June 8-9: The John Ross ARC will hold its annual hamfest at a new location, the Lakeview-Ft. Oglethorpe High School in Ft. Oglethorpe, located on Hwy. 2A, Exit 141, 4 miles off I-75. Inside air-conditioned dealer spaces; also inside or outside flea-market spaces. Tables available. FCC exams both days; refreshments and plenty of free parking. Talk-in on 145.35/4.75. For reservations and information, write to JRARC, P.O. Box 853, Rossville, GA 30741, tel. 404-861-5610.

Idaho (Coeur D'Alene)—June 8: The Kootenai ARS will sponsor Hamfest '85 on Saturday from 8 A.M. at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds. Admission and swap tables are free; setup at 7:30 A.M. Plenty of free parking, RVs welcome. Food available. Exams will be given. Talk-in on 38/98. For tickets or more information, contact Jim Monroe, N7ESU, W. 2455 Hidden Valley Rd., Rathdrum, ID 83858, tel. 208-687-0136.

Idaho (Twin Falls)—June 15: The Magic Valley Chapter of the Idaho Society of Radio Amateurs will host a swap meet on Saturday, from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., at the Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave. Free admission; swap tables \$2; all indoors. FCC exams and ARRL representatives. Talk-in on 16/76. For further info, write to P.O. Box 294, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Illinois (Granite City)—June 9: The Egyptian Radio Club will hold its annual hamfest, from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M., at the club house and grounds. Flea market spaces available on a first-come basis; first space free (approx. 10 ft); additional spaces, \$5. Food stand and soft drinks available. Free parking. Tickets: \$1 in advance; \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5 at the hamfest. Directions: I-270 to IL Rte. 3 South. Turn right at Chain of Rocks Rd., then follow signs. Talk-in on 16/76 or 52. For more information, please send an s.a.s.e. to

Egyptian Radio Club, P.O. Box 562, Granite City, IL 62040.

Indiana (Muncie)—June 9: The Muncie Area ARC (MAARC) will hold its annual hamfest at the Delaware County Fairgrounds from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. Sunday. Admission: in advance, \$2; at the door, \$3. All indoors; tables \$5 each; some power hookups available. Overnight camping, water, dump station and electricity; \$5 per space. Amateur upgrade test will be given at a nearby location; walk-ins from 9 A.M. to 10 A.M. only. Free parking, food available and security on site at all times. For more info, tickets or tables, contact Charles Stanley, WB9BSE, 3609 N. New York, Muncie, IN 47304, tel. 317-282-9738.

Indiana (Crown Point)—June 16: The Lake County ARC will sponsor its 13th annual Father's Day Hamfest on Sunday at the Lake County Fairgrounds Industrial Bldg., located just inside the east gate. Free parking. Tables available. General admission \$2.50; no advance sales. Setup at 6 A.M.. Hours are from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. MARS, ARRL/ARES tables and computer demonstration. Refreshments available. Overnight accommodations close by. For information, write to Gene Hunkins, KC9LH, P.O. Box 1909, Gary, IN 46409, or call 312-821-3210 (days) and 219-937-9652 (evenings). Talk-in on 84/24 or 52.

Kentucky (Bowling Green)—June 8: The Kentucky Colonels ARC will hold their annual hamfest at the Jaycee Pavilion (inside ac) on the So. Kentucky Fairgrounds, just off U.S. 231 north, at 8 A.M. Admission is \$2 at gate and \$2 for inside tables. Outside setup is free. Food and drink available. Talk-in on 85/25. For further info, write to Ed Gann, N4HID, 445 Elrod Rd., Bowling Green, KY 42101, tel. 502-843-8911.

Kentucky (Erlanger)—June 15-16: The Northern Kentucky ARC announces Hamorama '85 to be held at the 15,000-square-foot Best Western Vegas Convention Center, I-75 to Exit 184B (Rte. 236), 8 miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio. Completely indoors and air-conditioned; free parking. Major vendor setup after 6 A.M. Saturday and Sunday. General public admission

at 8 A.M. Food and drink available. Admission for both days is \$5 each person; entire family for \$8. Children under 16 free. Flea market tables provided, and are \$5 each for entire weekend. Contact Best Western Motel at 606-342-6200 and mention "Hamorama" to receive reduced room rates. Talk-in on 86/26 or 975/375. For additional information or questions, contact John A. Thernes, WM4T, 60 Locust Ave., Covington, KY 41017, tel. 513-397-7425 (days) and 606-331-0331 (nights).

†Louisiana (Alexandria)—June 8-9: The Central Louisiana ARC (CLARC) will sponsor a hamfest on Saturday and Sunday at the Bolton Avenue Community Center, 315 Bolton Ave. Free admission. Swap tables available. VEC exams. Talk-in on 93/33 or 04/64. For more information, write to CLARC, P.O. Box 7772, Alexandria, LA 71306.

†Maine (Kingfield)—June 27-30: The VL International Sideband System's annual convention will be held at Sugarloaf/USA, near Kingfield. Accommodations are available at reasonable rates. RV parking. Business meetings, DX forum, tour of the Rangeley Lakes and tour of Sugarloaf/USA with lunch at the top of the mountain. For complete details and registration packet, please send a business-size s.a.s.e. (with 39 cents postage) to Phyllis Davis, KAIHC, P.O. Box 805, Presque Isle, ME 04769.

†Maryland (Frederick)—June 16: The Frederick ARC will hold its 8th annual hamfest at the Frederick Fairgrounds, from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Admission \$3; ladies and children free. Tailgaters, extra \$2. Gates open for exhibitors at 8 P.M., June 15, with overnight security provided. Overnight parking welcome. Exhibitor tables: first \$10; each extra table only \$5 each. For additional information, write to Jim Kasunic, KA3LPC, 9419 Highlander Ct., Walkersville, MD 21793.

†Massachusetts (Topsfield)—July 20-21: The first Heavy Hitters Hamfest will be held at the Topsfield Fairgrounds, U.S. Rte. 1 (8 miles north of Rte. 128). Giant flea market (ample indoor space available in case of rain), food concessions and commercial exhibitors (9 A.M.-4 P.M. both days). Flea market sellers admitted at 6 A.M. Saturday. Program includes: ARRL, AMSAT, ATV and packet demos, traffic-handlers rap session and a musical coffeehouse (BYO instruments). Alternative activities: sports, local guided hike, a game of trivia and a first-aid lesson. License exams held at nearby school. For exam reservations, send a completed Form 610, \$4 check payable to ARRL/VEC, photocopy of current license and an s.a.s.e. for confirmation to Topsfield Exams, c/o P.O. Box 71, Hanover, MA 02339, by June 21. Sorry—no Novice exams. Free Saturday night camping for tents and self-contained RVs. Hotels nearby. Advance tickets, \$3; at the door, \$4. Non-ham spouses and children admitted free. Send check and s.a.s.e. to Heavy Hitters Hamfest, P.O. Box 411, Waltham, MA 02254. Talk-in on 146.64 and 147.285. For more information, contact Russ Corkum, WA1TTV, 21 Thorndike St., Arlington, MA 02174.

Massachusetts (Yarmouth)—June 23: The Yarmouth Repeater Assn. will hold their Cape Cod Amateur Radio and computer flea market and auction at the Mattacheese School, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., with giant auction from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. Excellent buys in used equipment; refreshments and free parking. General admission \$1; children under 12 free. Tailgaters: \$2 per car and \$8 per table. Talk-in on 645/045. For more info, contact Bob Baker, KQ1K, 2 High Grove Rd., S. Yarmouth, MA 02664.

Michigan (Monroe)—June 9: The Monroe County Radio Communications Assn. (MCRCA) hamfest will be held at the Monroe County Community College, Raisinville Rd., just off M50 west of Monroe. Contests, food and trunk sales. Table space is 50¢ per ft, 8 ft minimum. To reserve tables or for information, send an s.a.s.e. with request to Hamfest, Box 237, Monroe, MI 48161, or call Dennis, N8GAL, at 313-291-3534. Talk-in on 13/73, 144.71/5.31 and 52.

Montana (Glendive)—June 16: The LYARS of Eastern Montana will hold the annual Father's Day Picnic at the National Guard Armory at the Fairgrounds. Registration starts at 8 A.M., with potluck at 1 P.M.. Licensing exams are tentative pending interest. Camping hookups are available. For more information, contact Dave Brueni, KC7AA, 215 3rd St. H.P., Glendive, MT 59330.

Nevada (Las Vegas)—June 20-23: The Young Ladies Relay League's (YLRL) 10th International Convention will be held at the Sahara Hotel. Deluxe accommodations and RV parking are available for very reasonable rates. Activities include a Hoover Dam tour, gala stage show, cocktail party, luncheon buffet and awards banquet in addition to a DX YL show, slide shows and business meetings. A convention station will be operating on 14.288 MHz and other frequencies. Registration forms are in recent issues of *Harmonics*.

For complete details and information packet, send a business-size s.a.s.e. with 39¢ postage to Jan Weaver, N7YL, 2195 East Camero Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89123.

New Hampshire (Manchester)—June 29: Fly in to New Hampshire's second largest Amateur Radio/Electronic Flea Market, to be held at the Manchester Municipal Airport, sponsored by the New Hampshire FM Assn. Rain date—Sunday, June 30. Starting time is 9 A.M.. General admission, \$1 per person; sellers, \$5. Sellers should bring own tables, or tailgate. Commercial displays welcome. Refreshments available. Preregistration to 123 Woodlawn Cir., Portsmouth, NH 03801. Talk-in on 52. For further information, contact Doug Aiken, K1WPM, tel. 603-622-0831, or Pete Henriksen, WA1RCF, 123 Woodlawn Cir., Portsmouth, NH 03801, tel. 603-431-5432.

New Jersey (Dunellen)—June 15: The Raritan Valley RC will hold its 14th annual hamfest on Saturday at Columbia Park. Gates open at 8:30 A.M. Sellers' spots are \$5 each; no tables supplied. Lookers are \$2 donation. Food and drink available. Advance tickets may be purchased from any club member. Talk-in on 025/625 and 52. Further information from any club member or by calling Jack, W2IWK, at 201-756-2546

or Ted, WB2TKU, at 201-725-3481, between 10 A.M. and 10 P.M.

New York (St. Albans)—June 2: The Ebonaire ARS will conduct their annual hamfest on Sunday, from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M., at the Southern Queens Park, former site of the St. Albans Naval Hospital. Entrance at 119-09 Merrick Blvd. Additional information from either Vince, KA2CPA, at 718-528-0416, or Art, WA2VYG, at 718-523-2319.

New York (Grand Island)—June 6-8: The First International Antique Radio Conference of the Antique Radio Club of America will be hosted by the Niagara Frontier Wireless Assn. at the Holiday Inn, Whitehaven Rd. Events will include talks, flea market and swap meet, auction of antique radios and equipment, antique radio display, tours of local attractions and banquet. For more information, contact The Niagara Frontier Wireless Assn., P.O. Box 68, Central Park Station, Buffalo, NY 14215.

Ohio (Akron)—June 9: The Goodyear ARC 18th annual hamfest will be held at Wingfoot Lake Park, from 7 A.M. until 5 P.M. Family admission is \$3 in advance, \$4 at the gate. Flea market (outside), \$2 per space. Dealers (inside shelter), \$5 per table. Reservations sug-

W1AW Schedule

April 28 — October 27, 1985

MTWThFSSn = Days of Week Dy = Daily

W1AW code practice and bulletin transmissions are sent on the following schedule:

UTC	Slow Code Practice	Fast Code Practice	CW Bulletins	Teleprinter Bulletins	Voice Bulletins
MWF: 0200, 1300, 2300;	TThSSn: 2000; Sn: 0200	MWF: 2000, TTh: 0200, 1300;	TThSSn: 2300, S: 0200	Dy: 0000, 0300, 2100;	MTWThF: 1400
	Dy: 0100, 0400, 2200;	MTWThF: 1500		Dy: 0130, 0430	
EDT	Slow Code Practice	Fast Code Practice	CW Bulletins	Teleprinter Bulletins	Voice Bulletins
MWF: 9 A.M., 7 P.M.;	TThSSn: 4 P.M.; 10 P.M.	MWF: 4 P.M., 10 P.M.;	TTh: 9 A.M.; TThSSn: 7 P.M.	Dy: 5 P.M., 8 P.M., 11 P.M.;	MTWThF: 10 A.M.
	Dy: 6 P.M., 9 P.M., 12 P.M.;	MTWThF: 11 A.M.		Dy: 9:30 P.M., 12:30 A.M.	
CDT	Slow Code Practice	Fast Code Practice	CW Bulletins	Teleprinter Bulletins	Voice Bulletins
MWF: 8 A.M., 6 P.M.;	TThSSn: 3 P.M.; 9 P.M.	MWF: 3 P.M., 9 P.M.;	TTh: 8 A.M.; TThSSn: 6 P.M.	Dy: 4 P.M., 7 P.M., 9 P.M.;	MTWThF: 9 A.M.
	Dy: 5 P.M., 8 P.M., 11 P.M.;	MTWThF: 10 A.M.		Dy: 8:30 P.M., 11:30 P.M.	
MDT	Slow Code Practice	Fast Code Practice	CW Bulletins	Teleprinter Bulletins	Voice Bulletins
MWF: 7 A.M., 5 P.M.;	TThSSn: 2 P.M., 8 P.M.	MWF: 2 P.M., 8 P.M.;	TTh: 7 A.M.; TThSSn: 5 P.M.	Dy: 3 P.M., 6 P.M., 9 P.M.;	MTWThF: 8 A.M.
	Dy: 4 P.M., 7 P.M., 10 P.M.;	MTWThF: 9 A.M.		Dy: 7:30 P.M., 10:30 P.M.	
PDT	Slow Code Practice	Fast Code Practice	CW Bulletins	Teleprinter Bulletins	Voice Bulletins
MWF: 6 A.M., 4 P.M.;	TThSSn: 1 P.M.; 7 P.M.	MWF: 1 P.M., 7 P.M.;	TTh: 6 A.M.; TThSSn: 4 P.M.	Dy: 2 P.M., 5 P.M., 8 P.M.;	MTWThF: 7 A.M.
	Dy: 3 P.M., 6 P.M., 9 P.M.;	MTWThF: 8 A.M.		Dy: 6:30 P.M., 9:30 P.M.	

Code practice, Qualifying Run and CW bulletin frequencies: 1.818, 3.58, 7.08, 14.07, 21.08, 28.08, 50.08, 147.555 MHz.

Teleprinter bulletin frequencies: 3.625, 7.095, 14.095, 21.095, 28.095, 147.555 MHz.

Voice bulletin frequencies: 1.89, 3.99, 7.29, 14.29, 21.39, 28.59, 50.19, 147.555 MHz.

Slow code practice is at 5, 7½, 10, 13 and 15 WPM.

Fast code practice is at 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 WPM.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1300 through 2100 UTC, transmissions are beamed to Europe on 14, 21 and 28 MHz; on Wednesday at 2200 UTC they are beamed south.

Code practice texts are from QST, and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds. For example, "Text 1s from February 1985 QST, pages 9 and 77" indicates that the main text is from the article on page 9 and the mixed number/letter groups at the end of each speed are from the contest scores on page 77.

On Fridays, UTC, a DX bulletin replaces the regular bulletin transmissions.

On Wednesdays at 2230 UTC, an IARU Region 2 bulletin in English and Spanish on 45.45-baud Baudot is sent on the regular teleprinter frequencies, beamed to Central and South America.

W1AW CW and voice bulletins are sent on OSCAR 10, Mode B, when the satellite is within range. Look for CW on 145.840 MHz and 8SB on 145.962 MHz.

Teleprinter bulletins are 45.45-baud Baudot, 110-baud ASCII and 100-baud AMTOR, FEC mode. Baudot, ASCII and AMTOR (in that order) are sent during all 1500 UTC transmissions, and 2200 UTC on TThFSSn. During other transmission times, AMTOR is sent only as time permits.

CW bulletins are sent at 18 WPM.

W1AW is open for visitors Monday through Friday from 8 A.M. to 1 A.M. EDT and on Saturday and Sunday from 3:30 P.M. to 1 A.M. EDT. If you desire to operate W1AW, be sure to bring a copy of your license with you. W1AW is available for operation by visitors between 1 and 4 P.M. Monday through Friday.

In a communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: voice on the hour, teleprinter at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.

W1AW will be closed on July 4 and September 2.

gested. For tickets and information, contact Don Rodgers, WA8SXJ, 161 S. Hawkins Ave., Akron, OH 44313 (include s.a.s.c.), tel. 216-864-3665. Talk-in on 04/64. Park is located near U.S. 224 and SR-43, 5 miles east of Akron.

Ohio (Louisville)—July 14: The 11th Annual Hall of Fame Hamfest will be presented by the Tusco ARC, W8ZX and the Canton ARC, W8AL, at the Nimishillen Grange, 64461 Easton St. Talk-in on 72/12 and 52. Registration is \$2.50 in advance and \$3 at the gate. Tables available for rental at \$5 each on a reserved basis only (30 in x 96 in). Deadline for table reservations is July 1. Plenty of food, large flea market and forums. For more information and/or reservations, contact Butch Lebold, WA8SHP, 10877 Hazelview Ave., Alliance, OH 44601, tel. 216-821-8794.

Pennsylvania (Drexel Hill)—June 2: The Delaware County ARC Hamfest will be held at the Drexel Hill Middle School at Penn Avenue and State Road, from 8 A.M. until late afternoon. Set-up at 7 A.M. Inside table space \$8; tailgate space \$3. Talk-in on 147.36 and 146.52. Admission \$3; spouses and children under 16 free. For more information, contact David Tatum, WB3KTQ, tel. 215-644-1549.

Pennsylvania (Winfield)—June 9: The Milton ARC will hold their 14th Annual Hamfest on Sunday, from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., rain or shine, at the Winfield Fire Hall Grounds on Rte. 15, south of Lewisburg, 8 miles south of Exit 31, on I-80. Registration is \$3; women and children admitted free. There will be a flea market, auction and contest. Talk-in on 37/97 and 025/625.

For further details, write or call Jerry Williamson, 10 Old Farm Ln., Milton, PA 17847, tel. 717-742-3027.

Pennsylvania (Harrisburg)—July 4: The Annual Firecracker Hamfest is sponsored by the Harrisburg RAC at the Bressler Fire Co. picnic grounds, near Exit 1 of I-283 at Rte. 441 (follow signs to Bressler). Motels and restaurants in area. Shade trees and large pavilion available with tables. Tailgating at no charge. Admission \$3; women and children free. A test session open to all hams who wish to upgrade will be held nearby. Send check for \$4, payable to ARRL/VEC, with FCC Form 610. Limited walk-in tests. For additional details and table reservations, contact Dave, KC3MG, 131 Livingston St., Swatara, PA 17113, tel. 717-939-4957.

Pennsylvania (Kingston)—July 7: The Murgas ARC (K3YTL) will sponsor the annual Wilkes-Barre Hamfest on Sunday, at the 109th FA Armory, Market St. (across the river from Wilkes-Barre). Setup only at 6 A.M.; general admission at 8 A.M. Registration is \$3; women and children under 16 free. Tailgating, \$2 per space. Tables and commercial power available. Rain or shine, indoor/outdoor tailgating. Talk-in on 01/61 and 52. For further information, write to Hamfest Committee P.O. Box 1094, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703, or call 717-388-6863.

Virginia (Manassas)—June 2: The 11th annual Manassas Hamfest sponsored by the Ole Virginia Hams ARC, Inc. will be held at the Prince William County Fairgrounds, VA Rte. 234, 1/2 mile south of Manassas. Tailgate setup, 7 A.M.; general admission, 8 A.M. Admission \$4 per person (under 12 free); no advance sales.

Activities: 25 acres for tailgating; indoor commercial exhibitors; breakfast and lunch menus on grounds; women's program; CW-proficiency awards. For further information, contact Art Whittum, W1CRO, General Chairman, Manassas Hamfest, c/o Ole Virginia Hams ARC, Inc., P.O. Box 1255, Manassas, VA 22110, tel. 703-361-4819.

Washington (Wenatchee)—June 8: The Apple City Radio Club's annual hamfest will be at Rocky Reach Dam, 7 miles north of Wenatchee on Hwy. 97. Registration is \$5. June 9 banquet reservation deadline is June 3. Free camp trailer space. Talk-in on 07/67. Write Merton Hiatt, Secretary, 1002 North Surry Rd., Wenatchee, WA 98801.

Wisconsin (Sheboygan)—July 13: The Sixth Annual Sheboygan County ARC Lakeshore Swapfest and Brat Fry will be held at the Wilson Town Hall, south of Sheboygan, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Plenty of gear, good food. Tables are free, and camping is available at Terry Anderson State Park. For a flyer and other information, call 414-457-3366 after 5 P.M. CDT, or write to KR9S, 6400 Hawthorn Rd., Sheboygan, WI 53081. Adult admission, \$3; in advance \$2.50; children under 12 w/family free. Talk-in on 66/06 and 52.

[Note: Sponsors of large gatherings should check with League Hq. for an advisory on possible date conflicts before contracting for meeting space. Dates may be recorded at ARRL Hq. for up to two years in advance.]

In Training

Conducted By John Foss, W7KQW
Training Manager, ARRL

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HAMS

How important to Amateur Radio is education? In a word, extremely. Think for a moment of our basis and purpose under Section 97.1 of the FCC Rules: to provide emergency communications, to advance the radio art, to advance communication and technical skills, to expand the number of trained operators and electronics experts, and to promote international goodwill.

Without a solid education, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to fulfill any of these. Yet, if we can't, there is no justification for the Amateur Radio Service! In short, Amateur Radio needs educated hams, whether they obtain that education through attending college or otherwise.

Should a ham decide to seek that education on a college campus, most will need all the encouragement—and financial aid—they can find. Money, lots of it, is available for just that purpose. It is available because someone understood the importance of higher education and put his/her money into a scholarship for hams seeking a college education.

Hundreds of hams have heard about, have applied for and have gratefully accepted the help offered them. But some who could have benefited from this scholarship money received none of it; they didn't know the money was there.

Many scholarships are available for and restricted to hams. Some are small, but others, if used over four years, involve thousands of dollars. Some are restricted as to what major subjects the recipients may choose. Others are entirely open in this respect. A few are restricted to certain colleges or universities, or to residents of certain areas. Others may be used at any ac-

credited institution by residents of any area.

Hams anxious to attend college should check out these scholarships. They also should ask the financial-aid officer at the college of their choice if other aid is available. Several books listing all kinds of scholarships are available. Copies can be purchased at almost any large bookstore, or consulted in most large (and in many small) libraries. But even these books are incomplete. A scholarship might have been established half an hour after the book went to press.

How can hams determine if they qualify for a college scholarship?

- Write for information about the several scholarships administered by the ARRL Foundation, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111. These include the Paul and Helen L. Grauer scholarship, the Perry F. Hadlock Memorial Scholarship and the Goldwater Scholarship. Announcements about these and other scholarships appear regularly in the Happenings column. (Note: Deadline dates vary; if you've missed a deadline, be sure to apply in plenty of time for next year's scholarship.)

- Look into the variety of scholarships offered by the Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc. (6903 Rhode Island Ave., College Park, MD 20740, tel. 301-927-1797). For details, see Happenings, April QST; the inquiry deadline for the 1985-86 academic year is May 31.

- Pursue the scholarships offered by clubs, such as The Atlanta Radio Club (Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 77171, Atlanta, GA 30357), the Gulf Coast ARC (P.O. Box 595, New Port Richey, FL 33552), the Radio Club of Tacoma (1220 S. Ninth St., Tacoma, WA 98405) and the Greater Cincinnati Amateur Radio Association (c/o John Bruning, W8DSR, 6307 Fairhurst Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45213).

Strays



QST congratulates...

□ Fred Berge, KD6LY, of Woodland Hills, California, on receiving a commendation from the Los Angeles Police Department for his assistance during an investigation.

I would like to get in touch with...

□ hams teaching Amateur Radio in summer camp who are interested in forming a net. Joel Colman, N8EDI, Camp Maas Amateur Radio, 22167 Cascade La., Novi, MI 48050.



Former ARRL President Carl L. Smith, WØBWJ (right), was among the many well-wishers greeting Capt. Ace Avakian, NDØK, upon arrival of his last flight before retiring from Frontier Airlines. The two first met in the early '50s, when Carl was a "very junior captain" for Western Airlines and Ace (then WØFHD) was a newly hired copilot for Frontier.

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of these amateurs:


N1BZX, George J. Sanders, Waldoboro, ME
 W1CLS, Ashley A. Farrar, Amherst, NH
 W1CNC, Henry G. Bendett, Mystic, CT
 W1IFBM, James J. O'Donnell, Westfield, MA
 W1GWO, Herbert O. Schramm, Sr., Southbury, CT
 KAI1VU, Richard D. Bronson, Groton, CT
 W1JF, Richard R. Schellenbach, Reading, MA
 *K1OCD, Thomas F. Cook, Jr., Pleasant Hill, CA
 WA1OUO, Clayton Bailwitz, Haverhill, NH
 W1RTL, Maurice A. Smith, Niantic, CT
 KA2DWK, David Jones, Jr., Elmont, NY
 N2FBC, Anthony C. Davino, Brooklyn, NY
 WB2JIZ, Frederick J. Coons, Nobleboro, ME
 W2KND, Kyle C. Bonifield, Asbury Park, NJ
 W2KXN, Frank A. Linder, Jr., Fanwood, NJ
 W2KZ, Howard A. Seyse, Depew, NY
 W2LC, Lincoln A. Cundall, Rochester, NY
 WB2LXF, Robert W. Kennedy, Fayetteville, NY
 K2NY, Richard M. Pitzeruse, Sr., Syracuse, NY
 KA2OKW, Howard J. Kallmann, Center Moriches, NY
 KC2PV, Gaetano T. Orefice, Yonkers, NY
 W2RID, John F. Rider, Bay Harbor Island, FL
 W2ZYD, Karl O. Breed, Watertown, NY
 N3AWQ, Ralph L. Bush, Kane, PA
 K3HID, Robert P. Pfeifer, State College, PA
 W3KHO, William H. Freeman, Havertown, PA
 W3LRN, Joseph S. Barnocky, McKeesport, PA
 W3MT, Frank W. Noble, Bethesda, MD
 W3NKN, Walter Young, Philadelphia, PA
 K3PFZ, Ralph H. Applegate, Donora, PA
 K4AB, Robert W.M. Weir, Williamsburg, VA
 NN4C, Gurdon K. Begeal, Port Charlotte, FL
 WA4CJQ, Elbert Orr, Rome, GA
 W4DST, Charles W. Boyles, Charlotte, NC
 WB4EHK, Wilbur L. Clark, Johnson City, TN
 KD4FT, James M. Rosenbalm, Jefferson City, TN
 W4GAK, Paul B. Hames, Hapeville, GA
 W4GBA, William A. Krape, Rome, GA
 *W4LDB, Lorimer Clayton, Jr., Stone Mountain, GA
 W4MIN, Donald L. Schaefer, Arcadia, FL
 W4MNA, Vincent J. Belken, Fort Walton Beach, FL

K4OI, Ivan B. Mayfield, Murray, KY
 WB4PAB, William R. Henry, Huntsville, AL
 W4PDM, Clyde J. Burdette, Tryon, NC
 K4PYV, Kinsman G. Boso, Deltona, FL
 KB4PZ, Ernest T. Fruhner, Naples, FL
 W4RF, William H. Trogdon, Denton, NC
 K4RO, George K. Thompson, Mays Landing, NJ
 W4TYZ, Francis E. "Frank" Ferris, Warner Robins, GA
 K4UWV, Joseph T. Summers, Princeton, KY
 WA4VOO, Walter H. Leveille, Saint Petersburg, FL
 WB4YWR, Walter R. Davidson, Venice, FL
 W5BPK, Samuel R. Colwell, Lubbock, TX
 N5C1P, Ed Langston, Lufkin, TX
 *KT5E, Charles W. Grimes, II, Tulsa, OK
 N5FWQ, John E. Crossno, Zwolle, LA
 K5GZC, Billy J. "Jack" Springwater, Tulsa, OK
 W5KIC, William M. "Bud" Malone, Natchitoches, LA
 W5OTD, Angelo R. Cortese, Crystal Springs, MS
 K6JQ, Zachary Rosenman, Palo Alto, CA
 *K6KGB, Carl F. Strahm, San Pablo, CA
 W6MAC, Cyril B. "Bix" Melter, Paradise, CA
 KA6NSL, Lawrence J. Backe, Jr., Chula Vista, CA
 W6OSK, Lloyd S. Huntsman, Lafayette, CA
 *W6POU, Robert N. Dyruff, Santa Barbara, CA
 K6QIX, Norman J. Weigand, San Diego, CA
 K6RBR, Kenneth H. Thompson, Calimesa, CA
 K6RU, Cameron G. Pierce, Menlo Park, CA
 K6UBT, Harold Riesen, Los Angeles, CA
 KD6WC, Wayne L. Berthold, Folsom, CA
 K6ZAJ, Wilbur C. White, Sr., Anaheim, CA
 WA6ZCL, Terry B. Leal, Fresno, CA
 W6ZMI, Eric G. Ketley, Riverside, CA
 W7BYF, Everett G. Taylor, Davis, CA
 WB7BYU, Glenneweir R. Rowden, Butte Falls, OR
 W7EJA, William P. Reed, Seattle, WA
 KD7JI, Daryl L. Grove, Sun City West, AZ
 W7LSP, Otis T. Kingsbury, Sr., Phoenix, AZ
 KA7MMZ, E. Jack Bengert, Phoenix, AZ
 K7RZM, Garrett S. Carson, Ridgefield, WA
 WB7VBQ, Steven K. Trosin, Carson City, NV
 W7WNC, Paul E. Glaubke, Globe, AZ
 WB7WPU, Thomas A. Temby, Eugene, OR

K8CDM, Everett "Lee" Hamilton, Eaton Rapids, MI
 W8CJG, Frank R. Mathews, North Fort Myers, FL
 K8DBA, William F. Boylan, Monroe, MI
 W8GP, Charles T. Wycoff, Lewiston, MI
 WB8KKW, Harry E. Ryan, Weirton, WV
 K8OGO, William A. Eggerding, Cincinnati, OH
 K8OHP, Marcellus D. Allen, Mio, MI
 W9EGV, John T. Frye, Logansport, IN
 KA9EHC, Ervin A. Kobb, Cudahy, WI
 KA9FJA, Lawrence A. Joseph, Elgin, IL
 W9FLZ, Robert F. Minor, Moweaqua, IL
 W9FWJ, Arthur F. Hall, South Roxana, IL
 WD9GSK, William D. Michael, Centralia, IL
 W9LYB, Stanley F. Dutkiewicz, Fort Wayne, IN
 WB9TYV, Alfred E. DeAmico, Wauwatosa, WI
 WB9VH, Harry L. Jones, Seymour, IN
 WA9WGX, James W. Jacobus, DeKalb, IL
 K0ACU, Elmer I. Carriker, Baldwin City, KS
 W0BVL, Alton L. Dale, Wichita, KS
 W0PL, David F. Danser, Parker, CO
 W0MAL, Arietta M. Creviston, Anderson, MO
 W0MQ, Donald E. Pratt, Webster Groves, MO
 W0MQT, Otis A. Bergvall, International Falls, MN
 W0NTK, John W. Albert, Des Moines, IA
 WA0PPE, Arthur O. Williams, Belleville, KS
 VE1RO, Camille Maillet, Halifax, NS
 VE4CL, Wally W. Schultz, Winnipeg, MB
 VE6VN, E. Leonard Groves, Lethbridge, AB

*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

June 1935

- Hams in certain districts of New York, Chicago and other cities served by 110-v. d.c. mains need no separate power supply if they build WIGBE's and W2ICU's 20-watt 'phone rig. The new RK-100 gas triode, seven of which are used in the design, is the secret; even the filament is fed simply through a dropping resistor.
- Analysis of results of the Hartford-Boston 5-meter links active during the past several months has enabled Ross Hull to prepare a treatise, "Air-Mass Conditions and the Bending of Ultra-High Frequency Waves." (It will become a classic.) Further experimentation will continue, for comparison with changing weather conditions.
- The subbands for voice and c.w. were a hot subject during the annual League Board meeting. Directors had made extensive surveys of their constituents, and the decisions were against expansion of 'phone in any band. FCC is being requested to adopt a rule controlling overmodulation.
- There are rumors that commercial broadcasters are going to take over our 160-meter band. No truth at all, says the Editor.
- National Geographic Society and the Army Air Corps are sponsoring a stratosphere balloon flight to drop 55- and 108-Mc. transmitters from parachutes. Amateurs are requested to monitor and report intercepts.
- TEFATETE and JINRIKISHA were two of many examples of "alphabet soup" transmitted as the A.R.R.L. Copying Bee of last December got under way. Only three—W5ESK, W6ZG and W9AIN—made perfect copy.
- Did you blow a Type 210 amplifier when the oscillator inadvertently quit? We are reminded that bias voltage from a grid leak disappears with no excitation,

letting the tube run wild. So use cathode bias, even if it slightly reduces effective plate voltage.


- Another, and important, Board action is the creation of a "Cairo Committee" to lay plans for securing additional amateur band space when world radio regulators meet in that city in 1937.
- League Trunk Lines have been doing a good job in handling the major traffic flow, and are now moving to single-frequency operation rather than individual schedules as in the past. W3EZ describes Trunk Line C as a typical new setup.
- F.C.C.'s schedule of exams for the summer shows a variance from daily availability in Boston to "by appointment" in Galveston and other cities. The quarterly exam points visited by a traveling inspector are also listed.
- Another new tube is the 838, particularly interesting as a Class B zero-bias modulator.

25 Years Ago

June 1960

- This is a special issue commemorating 100 years of Army signaling development. W2TBZ, Chief Army MARS, describes the beginning, in 1860, as sign language based on communication between deaf people, with history right up to today's satellite circuits.
- So as not to neglect the newcomer choosing the Technician route, Dutch Uncle W1ICP describes a complete band-switching 50- and 144-Mc. transmitter.
- World War II surplus still offers opportunities for economical construction of ham gear. W1TUW assembled a complete 80-meter rig from ARC-5 components.
- Getting a lower s.w.r. at u.h.f. is made easier with W8FKC's design of a coax balanced bridge using a

parallel-line balun with a movable short to adjust to resonant frequency (between 200 and 1300 Mc.).

- Diminishing sunspot activity produces more interest in lower bands. Having limited space for 80- and 40-meter antennas, W9ERU applied a gamma match and fed his grounded beam-supporting towers as radiators.
- So we can get in on the current fad of 75-meter transmitter hunts, VE4CX shows us his simple loop with aluminum-foil shield and a system of mounting it on the car window for ease of operation.
- A new headquarters office to be constructed in Newington was okayed by the Board of Directors at its May meeting. After 37 years of dedicated service, A. L. Budlong has resigned as Secretary and General Manager, effective the end of the year; W1LVQ will take over the post.
- W6TSQ was convinced by W6MBA to take down his beam for inspection after several years' service. John was startled by the corrosion (congealed smog?), rusted bolts and aluminum pitting so much that he relates for us procedures to get a beam back in tip-top shape.
- After two years of "administrative procedures," FCC has agreed to set aside two 100-ke. segments for c.w. DX work only—at the bottom end of 50 Mc. and the top end of 144.
- A couple of high-school juniors in Illinois were electrocuted while attempting to erect an antenna over a high-voltage power line. The Editor uses the incident to caution us all, once again, about good safety procedures.
- W1YYM tabulates the 'phone results in last autumn's Sweepstakes. K5MDX made top national score; Potomac Valley Radio Club once again outscored Frankford; and 15 participants worked all sections.
- "Quist Quiz" is a popular puzzle feature in QST to test your technical mettle. K2OAW illustrates some of the tricks of E, I and R network analysis by showing six different approaches to solving a recent problem. —W1RW 

Amateur Satellite Communications

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[Beginning with this installment, this column takes on a new conductor and a slightly new direction. In the coming months, Rip will be exploring the many opportunities available to the beginner as well as the experienced radio amateur in the ever-changing world of satellite communications. This column will not appear in July and August, but will resume a regular monthly schedule in September.—Ed.]

AMATEUR RADIO'S HIGH GROUND

What is it about space that summons adventure in us? Is it the longing to shed earthly bonds; to soar as the birds but farther? Is it the lure of the unknown, that mystical frontier? Who can say for certain?

What seems certain, however, is that in Amateur Radio, to soar is to know and operate satellites. If proponents are to be believed, satellites today are Amateur Radio's "High Ground".¹ Here we find many of hamdom's highest aspirations played out on a stage as wide as the cosmos.

Example? Many of Amateur Radio's leading-edge technologies are developed and find immediate, general application in the space context. Packet radio, ACSSB, computers, low-noise preamps, UHF antennas and other key technologies are part of the satellite scene today. Similarly, we find a broad spectrum of operating modes and practices such as DXing, ragchewing and even certificate chasing on the satellites.² SSB, CW, RTTY, SSTV and packet QSOs pass from earth to space and back, thousands of times a day.

This column is about high ground— aspirations. Plying space near earth are more than a dozen satellites built by amateurs for use by amateurs. Some have long since gasped their last dit-dah. Others, like AMSAT-OSCAR 10, have not even reached midlife. Together they paint a brilliant portrait of what Amateur Radio can do in its finest form, its highest plateau.

This column is also about you. You may be reading this as an experienced satellite user. Perhaps you've only heard of OSCAR and harbor a natural curiosity. Or maybe you were unaware that Amateur Radio's final frontier extends beyond earth itself. In any case, we have a dual aim here. First, we aim to illuminate what may have been perceived a remote, difficult branch of Amateur Radio. So we seek to demystify satellites. Second, by providing insight into the necessary techniques and tools, we aim to encourage all who harbor a sincere desire to get to know OSCAR "From The Ground Up" to do precisely that!³

Many optimists assert a world-girding system of satellites providing flexible, reliable communications is but a few years away. Others see packet networks enmeshing the globe in a vast, super-net using satellites as a major conduit. Still others forecast that global communications through gateway repeaters and satellites will afford amateurs capabilities generally undreamt even now. "Can it be true," some ask, "that soon we'll be using hemispheric-coverage satellites for bulletins and emergency broadcasts to hundreds of repeaters?" Not a pipe dream nor a turn-of-the-century fantasy, these concepts are now on the drawing board being designed into real systems.

"How do we get from here to there?" you might ask.

It might help to understand where "here" really is before we try to understand where it is

we are going. A baseline of knowledge, a perspective, will prove helpful in learning what OSCARs are, how they work and, most significantly, how *you*, too, can soon stand on Amateur Radio's High Ground.

Virtually every amateur soon learns radio waves travel in straight lines. So when it comes to antennas, the higher the better is normally the rule. Repeaters are often placed on mountain tops so they can relay signals between all those within line of sight of the repeater. A communications satellite carries the concept to the practical extreme. If you put a repeater high enough, you have a very-wide-coverage repeater!⁴

In 1945, Arthur C. Clarke, writing in *Wireless World*, suggested that an artificial earth-satellite radio relay could enable coverage of very broad areas.⁵ Twelve years later, Sputnik was launched, and the satellite age began. Four years after Sputnik, OSCAR 1, the first Amateur Radio satellite, was born. It was 1961, and the Space Age had opened to amateurs!

An OSCAR (Orbiting Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio) is a self-contained radio repeater. In space jargon, it's called a transponder. It contains a transmitter, receiver, antennas and power supply. Recent OSCARs also contain a control mechanism that permits receiving and executing commands sent from earth via radio signals on command links. The command might be as simple as "turn the transmitter on at 0130 UTC" or as complex as a computer program to orient the satellite properly with respect to the sun.

Power comes from the sun in the form of light. Hundreds of solar cells convert sunlight into electrical power. This power is stored for later use in one or more rechargeable batteries, such as ones made of numerous nickel-cadmium cells. The transponder itself is a transmitter and receiver combined in such a way as to form a repeater. Usually, the transponder input (uplink) frequency is widely separated from the output (downlink). Most often, it is in a completely different band. For example, the very popular Mode B type transponders use an uplink in the range of 435 MHz. Signals are then regenerated and transmitted on the downlink in the 145-MHz range. Wide frequency separation is necessary to avoid desensitizing the receiver.

One difference between normal terrestrial repeaters and OSCAR transponders is that the former normally carry just one QSO at a time. The repeater is adjusted to accommodate a single FM signal with less than 5-kHz deviation. On the other hand, OSCAR transponders have very wide passbands, or "channels." AMSAT-OSCAR 10 (AO-10), for example, has two transponders. The Mode B transponder has 180 kHz of bandwidth. That's enough for perhaps 100 simultaneous users, assuming a normal mix of SSB, CW and roundtable QSOs.⁶ But hold on. AO-10's Mode L has 800 kHz of bandwidth. That's equivalent to the 20- and 15-meter bands combined. How many QSOs and users could Mode L accommodate? Make your own calculations!

So part of the lure of OSCAR lies in range (coverage area) and another part in capacity (bandwidth). Further interest arises because OSCAR is often usable when the ionosphere will not support over-the-horizon HF communications. So, when 15 meters is stone dead, communications on AO-10 can proceed totally unimpeded. This fact becomes especially relevant as we endure the minimum of this solar cycle.

Whether it is the challenge of being part of Amateur Radio's leading edge or the romance of the Space Age sampled through Amateur Radio, "Space is the Place!" And we suggest you may want to be a part of the excitement. If so, you may find future installments of this column helpful in your trek to the high ground. We would be gratified if you saw this column as your stepping stone, your "launching pad" as it were.

There will be new areas to explore. We'll steer you in directions where you'll find the information you need to advance. Meanwhile, you're invited to suggest topics for discussion in future columns. Although direct responses to all questions will not be possible, we'll try to address common themes and questions as space allows. Write to the address given at the top of the page. Meanwhile, you may want to brush up on some fundamentals on your own or tune in one of the several on-the-air nets available.^{7,8} Current news is provided in various publications.⁹ We think being an AMSAT member is a notable advantage.¹⁰

Notes

- ¹A phrase, in the author's experience, first applied to Amateur Radio satellites by AMSAT Chairman John Browning, W6SP.
- ²The ARRL's DXCC Award will soon be available with a satellite endorsement to include all satellites, including AO-10. In addition, AMSAT has recently unveiled a comprehensive Technical Achievement Awards Program. The first component of this program, The ZRO Memorial Station Engineering Award competition, is open to all who demonstrate certain satellite-receive performance levels. Details from AMSAT.
- ³A watershed series of articles entitled "Getting to Know OSCAR—From the Ground Up" by J. P. Kleinman and G. J. Harris appeared in *QST*, beginning in January 1977.
- ⁴For obvious geometric reasons, a single satellite's coverage can only approach, and never attain, one-half earth coverage.
- ⁵A. C. Clarke, "Extra-Terrestrial Relays," *Wireless World*, Vol. 51, No. 303, Oct. 1945, Chapter 3.
- ⁶For reasons of efficiency, voice FM on OSCAR is discouraged. FSK modulation, while not ideally suited to satellite operation, is tolerable. FSK RTTY users are encouraged to buffer (pre-can) messages and to reduce idle time associated with low average transmission rates. Users are encouraged to experiment with advanced, efficient modulation schemes, such as PSK (phase-shift keying), which offer substantial improvements over all others.
- ⁷The best all-around book in the field is certainly ARRL's recently revised *The Satellite Experimenter's Handbook* by Martin Davidoff, K2UBC. Available from ARRL.
- ⁸AMSAT, The Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation, is a nonprofit scientific/educational organization. It builds and operates Amateur Radio satellites. Though associated with ARRL, it is not a part of ARRL. AMSAT provides several on-the-air nets on the HF bands and on AO-10. Regularly scheduled HF nets are as follows: Tuesday 75-meter regional nets: 9 P.M. Eastern, East Coast 75-Meter AMSAT Net, NCS WA2LQQ; 9 P.M. Central, Mid-America AMSAT Net, NCS W0CY; 8 P.M. Pacific, West Coast AMSAT Net, NCS N6TE. International Nets meet on Sundays: 15-meter net on 21.280 MHz at 1800 UTC; 20-meter Net on 14.282 MHz at 1900 UTC, NCS W8GOW, N4HY or WD8HHU; Southwest Pacific Net: Saturday, 2200 UTC on 21.280 MHz, NCS W7FF and W6SP. Other regional and local nets also meet. Ask your local Area Coordinator (name and address from AMSAT).
- ⁹*Amateur Satellite Report* (ASR) is recognized by ARRL and AMSAT as the special-interest newsletter of the Radio Amateur Satellite Program. It is available by subscription. Business-size s.a.s.e. for sample to ASR, P.O. Box 177Q, Warwick, NY 10990.
- ¹⁰AMSAT membership open to all applicants. Information at AMSAT, P.O. Box 27, Washington, DC 20044, tel. 301-589-6062. The bimonthly magazine, *Satellite Journal*, is provided to AMSAT members.

CLUB PROGRAM IDEAS

Here are a few "tried and true" activities for your club meetings. These programs work; I've gleaned them from the hundreds of club newsletters arriving monthly at Hq.

- 1) Demonstrate "Dr. DX."
 - 2) Invite the local Disaster Services Director to speak. Contact your local Red Cross chapter.
 - 3) Visit a local high-tech company during the weekend (the San Gabriel Valley Radio Club, Inc.).
 - 4) Hold a tune-up party—check the deviation of FM transmitters (the San Gabriel Valley Radio Club, Inc.).
 - 5) Organize an overview of cellular radio telephone technology—contact the local company for a speaker (L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club).
 - 6) Have a representative from the local Civil Defense agency explain how amateurs could help in a government-declared emergency (New Hampshire Amateur Radio Association).
 - 7) Invite a Volunteer Examiner team to speak on their experiences and the Volunteer Examiner program (Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society).
 - 8) Present an RTTY module on a VIC 20 computer; show how easy it is to get on RTTY these days (L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club).
 - 9) Hold an annual club auction.
 - 10) Have a pilot talk about the VOR (VHF Omnidirectional Radio) navigation system: the type of equipment used, the frequencies and the system's usefulness to VHF operators as dependable beacons (Greater Lawrence Amateur Radio Fellowship).
 - 11) Invite a physicist from the local university to speak about radioastronomy (Nashua Area Radio Club).
 - 12) Have a member of a DXpedition give a slide show and talk on his/her experiences (Central Vermont Amateur Radio Club).
- More next month.

PROSPECTIVE AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

A new dimension of our referral program began in February. When prospective Amateur Radio operators ask Hq. for information about our hobby, we send the name of a nearby affiliated club. A local registered instructor is also identified. The club is sent their own copy of the same information (see the form below).

The AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INC.

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2215 RIVER ROAD
ARLINGTON, VA 22202

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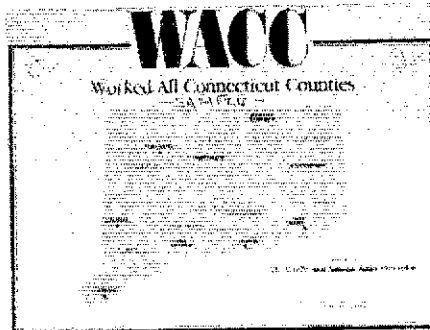
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Newest Affiliated Clubs

Welcome to our newest affiliated clubs, whose applications were approved by the ARRL Executive Committee in March:

- Allen County Team for Interference Verification, Ft. Wayne, IN
- Anchor Bay Amateur Radio Club, Gualala, CA
- Chico State Amateur Radio Society, Chico, CA
- Condor Repeater Association, Thousand Oaks, CA
- Eastern Michigan Contest Club, Adrian, MI
- Elechester VHF Club, Inc., Bayside, NY
- Laurel Amateur Radio Club, Laurel, MS
- Oklahoma Independent Amateur Radio Club, 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 Amateur Radio Club, Jackson, MO
- Treasure Coasters Repeater Association, Inc., Vero Beach, FL
- Ukiah Amateur Radio Club, Ukiah, CA
- West Central Louisiana Amateur Radio Club, Leesville, LA
- Zygo Amateur Radio Club, Middlefield, CT



The Candlewood ARA, in Bethel, Connecticut, sponsors the Worked All Connecticut Counties Award (WACC), available to amateurs who contact stations in each of the eight Connecticut counties, on any band using any mode (repeater contacts are not allowed). For more information, contact the WACC Manager, Candlewood ARA, P.O. Box 143, Bethel, CT 06801.



The South Milwaukee (Wisconsin) ARC, a 100% club, recently contributed \$3200 worth of video equipment to its local fire departments for training firefighters, teaching children, and for arson and fire investigation. SMARC has made contributions to various organizations for the past 15 years—an enviable record! Shown are (l-r) WA9RDH, WD9CPT, N9BVD, Harvey Fullington, Treasurer WA9AXK, Secretary WB9TIK, WB9EQA, President W9RYA, KA9MKV and K9EVH. To the right are the chiefs of the Cudahy, South Milwaukee and Oak Creek Fire Departments.

This referral program presents an ideal opportunity for you, an ARRL-affiliated club, to expand your membership base, and to introduce people to Amateur Radio at the same time. All

you have to do is call prospective hams. Invite them to your meeting or to a licensing class. Make a special effort to accommodate the prospective hams at that meeting. ARRL

Strays

QST congratulates...

Lt. Blair F. Fulton, K4KNI, of Roanoke, Virginia, on being elected commander-in-chief of the Military Order of the World Wars.

I would like to get in touch with...

other amateurs who are orthodontists. Dr. Paul Supan, WB4JCY, EDC Ortho Dept., 625 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY 14620.

Third- (or more) generation Amateur Radio

operators. Tom Aughenbaugh, NY6Q, M6-59, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315.

anyone interested in forming a free-thinker discussion net. Shawn Sabo, KB4KGB, 1555 Mill Run Ct., Lawrenceville, GA 30245.

any amateur who served as Radar Tech. in the Fourth Marine Air Wing on Pelelicu during WW II. Garland C. Baker, NY6N, 25890 Warwick Rd., Sun City, CA 92381.

Communications Guidelines for Outdoor Athletic Events

As the season for various outdoor sporting events draws near, thousands of Amateur Radio operators will be called upon to use their unique communications skills to help coordinate these activities. The following is a series of guidelines to help the public service oriented ham plan and integrate radio communications into various types of activities such as triathlons, bicycle races and foot races. We have kept this text as general as possible to enable the amateur to utilize this information on anything from a 5-kilometer footrace to a marathon involving hundreds of participants.

Planning is absolutely essential if radio amateurs are to establish smooth communications for any public service event. Such planning should consist of at least one meeting with event officials, law enforcement officers, medical and first aid personnel, and fellow radio amateurs intending to participate.

Discussions with race officials should consist of determining the exact route of the event by map study, followed by an actual tour of the course. Several things such as the possibility of inadvertent detours by participants, estimated size and location of concentrations of spectators, dangerous spots in terms of traffic, sharp turns and slippery surfaces, poor visibility, location of first aid and medical facilities, and a specific location for each Amateur Radio operator can all be determined during the tour. Radio frequencies to be utilized should also be considered during this meeting.

Race officials should be informed that amateurs are skilled communicators and should not be used as parking-lot attendants or for crowd control. Traffic control along the course is best handled by police. Each policeman should have an amateur assigned to him for communications, as the normal police frequencies may not be available for this type of work. The police may wish to establish their own command post to facilitate the flow of information from police to

amateurs and vice versa. This would eliminate the assignment of an amateur to each policeman.

Identification of radio operators and their vehicles so they may enter traffic-restricted areas is most important and can be accomplished by the issuance of a recognizable pass, such as a streamer for the car antenna or a placard placed in the window of the vehicle. A placard offers the opportunity to get some valuable publicity for Amateur Radio and, therefore, is our preferred method.

Event officials should coordinate the times when communicators must be "on station," keeping in mind that it is unnecessary to keep personnel waiting for extended periods before an event.

Emergency medical care vehicles should be centrally located along the course. In many situations, only minimal medical facilities will be available. In order to make the best use of limited resources, we suggest that an amateur with hand-held radio capability be assigned to stay with the medical team for the duration of the event. When possible, a specific medical frequency should be assigned, to ensure that net control can monitor the status of all emergency vehicles without disrupting the other event communications. This is best accomplished by gaining the permission of a local repeater group and using the extended coverage of a repeater to communicate with an ambulance, which may have to take someone to a medical-treatment facility. If only one medical-support vehicle is available to the net control, quick recall through the on-board radio amateur could mean valuable seconds to an injured participant on the event course.

Coordination with law-enforcement officials is suggested during events that require alteration of traffic flow or complete road blocks. This is especially helpful if a medical emergency might require immediate response

of an ambulance during the event.

Alterations of course maps have been necessary in every event that our group has participated in during the past three years. Most maps have many different symbols and landmarks for easy recognition by event participants; however, we have found that these maps (in most cases) contain information that is not essential to the amateur operator. We have modified these maps accordingly to show all communications, law enforcement and medical-support vehicle positions along the course, as well as frequencies utilized by amateurs during the event.

We have found that only one meeting with amateur operators participating in the event is needed. It should be held as close to the actual event date as possible. Each operator should be taken to his respective position following a detailed explanation of the course.

After each member understands his position and function, prerecorded coordination and "time on frequency" is outlined. All maps should be completed with updated information including call signs, names and frequencies. These maps should be distributed to all communicators, race officials, and medical-support and law-enforcement groups.

On the day of the event, all participating amateur operators may proceed directly to their positions, which will eliminate any last-minute confusion. A brief roll call should commence 10 minutes prior to the start of the event to assure all personnel are "on station."

Our experience in the Wilmington, Delaware, area is quite varied because of the many different requirements of local organizations. We have utilized the above guidelines exclusively, and have received many letters of commendation from local, state and national organizations. We sincerely hope that this brief article will assist amateur communicators during similar events to maintain a high level of professionalism as reflected in our hobby, and enable those participants to enjoy a day of alternative public service communication as ambassadors of Amateur Radio.—*Bob Pegritz, N3DIP, and Mel Leibowitz, W3KET*

COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE OF THE MONTH

Greeneville, Tennessee—February 2

At approximately 3:30 P.M., a single-engine aircraft carrying two people crashed into a remote, heavily forested mountainside in eastern Tennessee. The pilot, Larry Hunt, WB4AYI, and his wife, Judy, survived the crash. Both, however, had numerous cuts and bruises, and Larry had internal injuries. The airplane was totally demolished. After pulling themselves free of the

wreckage and gathering their thoughts, Larry remembered he had brought along his 2-meter hand-held radio. Finding the hand-held, he began searching for local repeaters. The first repeater he accessed was WB4IOB/R in Knoxville. He began calling "Mayday" in hopes that someone would reply. Eddie Palmer, K4LSP, responded to the distress call. After getting an approximate location of WB4AYI, Eddie directed Larry to access the WB4TUO repeater near Greeneville. Now that a reliable repeater for communications had been found, the business of locating the

downed pilot and his wife began.

Matters were complicated when it was realized that the ELT (Emergency Locator Transmitter) was not working. Evening was approaching, the temperature was near freezing, and the aircraft wreckage afforded no protection from the elements. Larry and his wife decided to leave the aircraft and search for help, shelter or a landmark that would allow rescuers to find them before nightfall. To make matters worse, the battery of Larry's hand-held radio was showing signs of dying. Schedules of short transmissions

every 15 minutes were arranged between Larry and K4LSP. By this time, authorities and amateurs throughout eastern Tennessee were monitoring WB4TUU/R (which has a seven-state coverage area). The amateurs offered assistance when requested, but kept the repeater frequency clear during the scheduled transmissions by WB4AYI.

After walking well over one mile, Larry and Judy found a small clearing with two small, unoccupied trailers (similar to a hunter's retreat). One of the trailers had electricity from a commercial main and an electric stove. By this time, Larry's internal injuries were becoming a factor. Larry decided that he could walk no farther, as his breathing was becoming labored. Judy, this time, made the schedule with Dave Powell, WA4QIC, who had assumed emergency net control duties, reported finding the trailers and on Larry's condition. Medical advice was given to Judy by Dr. Robert Lash of the University of Tennessee Hospital in Knoxville. Authorities, apprised of the situation, told the couple to break into the trailer, which would give them shelter. Since the trailer had commercial electricity, she was requested to find the electric meter and report any numbers on the meter. The numbers would allow the electric company to pinpoint the location of the trailer.

Judy was back on the air shortly, reading the numbers she had found on the meter. Steve Slagle, N4KCY, contacted the Greeneville Light and Power Company, informed them of the emergency and asked for the location of the meter.

Within minutes, Steve had the information he needed. He broadcast the location of the trailer to the hundreds of listeners on WB4TUU/R, hoping that a listener could reach the couple quickly. Meanwhile Steve's wife was on the telephone with the owners of the trailer, informing them of the situation. At this time, the battery on Larry's hand-held radio was almost dead. Only a few words of each transmission were readable. Judy was informed that progress had been made in locating them, and help would be on the way shortly.

The owners of the trailer told Steve's wife that Mr. and Mrs. Danny Rollins lived near their trailer. Mr. and Mrs. Rollins were contacted immediately and informed that injured survivors of a plane crash were nearby.

Within minutes, Mr. and Mrs. Rollins arrived at the trailer. The four-hour ordeal of Larry and Judy Hunt was over. They were transported down the mountain to a hospital by ambulance. [Did Amateur Radio save the lives of Larry and Judy Hunt? I think that question can best be answered by the fact that the story of this emergency in the Greeneville, Tennessee, newspaper was accompanied by a photograph of Larry and Judy in Larry's hospital room. Larry's hand-held radio was prominently displayed in the foreground of the photo. — Ed.] — Eddie Palmer, K4LSP, EC Greene County, and Jack Archer, WB4TUU

IN SERVICE ...

□ February 5-11—Suffolk and Nassau Counties, New York—Flooding and freezing rain were the cause of two auto accidents and four mechanical breakdowns during this six-day period. Amateurs participating were: K2AEX, W2DUK, KA2RGI, WB2COO and WA2SUB. (William C. Query, K2AEX, EC TOBARES)

□ February 12-17—Athens County, Ohio. Heavy, wet snow, ice and high winds struck Ohio, knocking out commercial power and telephone service in some areas. In Athens County, emergency net operations commenced Tuesday evening and continued five days until normal



The New Hampshire Chapter of the March of Dimes and the New Hampshire Amateur Radio Association signed a Memorandum of Understanding establishing Amateur Radio support of Walkathons held by the March of Dimes. Brad Tifton, Executive Director of the Chapter, March of Dimes, signs the Memorandum as Peter Cantara, K11M, President, New Hampshire ARA, looks on. (photo courtesy WB1BRE)

public services were restored. Amateurs provided communications during evacuations and emergency fuel/medical runs. Three repeaters were utilized, with the primary repeater operating on emergency power at times. A total of 27 amateurs responded during this extended emergency with KA8NIE and WD8EMS deserving special recognition. (Ted Jacobson, W8KVK, EC Athens County)

□ March 22—Brooklyn Park, Maryland. An early morning leak of over 100 gallons of methyl acrylate forced the evacuation of approximately 1000 residents from their homes to nearby schools. The Anne Arundel ARES provided communications for the local Red Cross and Office of Emergency Management. W3VVN, WA3TOY, KC3GY, N3DEV, WA3VPL and AB3F responded. (Kurt R. Fritsch, WA3TOY—EC Anne Arundel Co.)

□ March 23—South Central Ohio. Members of the Central Ohio ARES provided communications during a 200-mile road rally through the Tar Hollow and Zaleski State Forests. Administrative liaison communications for race officials and participants were provided during the 12 stages of the race. A total of 27 amateurs were involved. (Robert R. Adams, W8BKO, DEC COARES)

□ March 23—New Port Richey, Florida. Amateurs provided communications during the annual Chasco Parade. AA4FG and WD8DWJ served as net controls on the simplex frequency with KE8O and N4DWY providing the same service on the repeater frequency. A total of 23 amateurs participated with N4DWY coordinating the effort. (Harry Matus, N4DWY, EC West Pasco County)

□ March 23—Mount Hood, Washington. Radio amateurs of Vancouver, Washington, and Beaverton, Oregon, provided communications

for officials and timers during the Special Winter Olympics. The Olympics included slalom, giant slalom and downhill and cross-country races. Handicapped youth from Washington State participated. Eight amateurs assisted on the ski slopes and in the lodge during the events, and provided links between four school buses used for transportation between Mt. Hood and Vancouver. (Ty Kearney, W7WFO)

□ April 5—Monroe County, Michigan. Amateurs participated with flood-damage assessment teams surveying damage to residential areas following high winds and heavy flooding. KA8NCR, KD8LD, N8AEM, KA8DSO, N8GBB, N8FZJ and WA8EFK provided communications. (Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK, EC Monroe County)

YOUR CONDUCTOR'S CABOOSE

Monthly reports, apparently omitted in the following statistics were not received in the Public Service Branch at ARRL Hq. by April 17. The deadline for these reports, as always, is the 12th of the month.

ARRL SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR REPORTS

For March, 36 SEC reports were received, denoting a total ARES membership of 17,156. Sections reporting were: ALB, AK, AZ, CO, EMA, ENY, EPA, ID, KS, MDC, ME, MI, MN, MS, NE, NFL, NYC, OH, OK, PAC, SDG, SFL, SJV, SNJ, SV, SC, 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, IL, IN, ND, SD, AR, LA, KY, NNI, IA, MO, CT, NH, RI, VT, MT, OR, EBAY, NV, SF, NC, NM, WY, AL, GA, WIN, LA, ORG, SB, NTX, STX.

SEC monthly reports for June should be received at ARRL Hq. no later than July 12. Reports received after the 12th will be entered as time permits.

National Traffic System March 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
Cycle Two						
Area Nets						
EAN	31	1026	33.2	.642	93.0	
CAN	31	723	23.3	.457	100.0	
PAN*	62	492	8.8	.369	81.1	
Region Nets						
1RN	62	626	10.1	.442	97.5	100.0
2RN	60	410	6.8	.360	85.2	100.0
3RN	31	328	10.6	.500	95.0	100.0
4RN	62	826	13.3	.498	79.0	100.0
RN5	62	856	13.8	.509	95.8	100.0
RN6	60	312	5.2	.318	100.0	82.3
RN7	62	495	8.0	.419	86.4	82.3
8RN	No Report	Received			100.0	
9RN	62	388	5.9	.284	98.0	100.0
TEN	62	466	7.4	.365	87.8	100.0
ECN	No Report	Received			100.0	
TWN	56	291	5.2	.313	80.0	79.0
TCC						
TCC Eastern	117	932				
TCC Central	91	816				
TCC Pacific						
Cycle Three						
Area Net						
EAN	31	384	12.4	.663	85.5	
Region Nets						
1RN	30	107	3.6	.280	97.0	87.0
2RN	31	197	6.4	.448	83.9	61.3
3RN	No Report	Received				100.0
4RN	No Report	Received				70.9
8RN	No Report	Received				96.7
ECN	No Report	Received				96.7

Cycle Four

Area Nets table with columns for station call and numerical data. Region Nets table with columns for station call and numerical data. TCC table with columns for station call and numerical data.

TCC Talk

AF8V deserves special commendation for holding down two OSCAR skeds this month. We still seek a regular Friday station. WA4CCK resigned as IATN coordinator March 31. N4GHI took over April 1. Our thanks go to Warren for a job well done. (Robert Weinstock, KN1K, Director TCC Etc4)

Public Service Honor Roll March 1985

This listing is available to amateurs whose public service performance during the month indicated qualifies for 80 or more total points in the following 9 categories (as reported to their SM). Please note maximum points for each category: (1) Checking into CW nets, 1 point each, max. 30; (2) Checking into phone/RTTY nets, 1 point each, max. 30; (3) NCS CW nets, 3 points each, max. 12; (4) NCS phone/RTTY nets, 3 points each, max. 12; (5) Performing assigned NTS liaison, 3 points each, max. 12; (6) Delivering a formal message to a third party, 1 point each, no max.; (7) Handling an emergency message, 5 points each, no max.; (8) Serving as Emergency Coordinator or net manager for the entire month, 5 points, 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.

June reports submitted for this column should be received at ARRL Hq. no later than July 12. PSHR reports should be listed separately from Section News reports.

Large table of station call letters and numerical data, organized in columns and rows. Includes various call letters like K272, K8ARBP, 212, KC9CJ, etc.

Table with 4 columns of station call letters and numerical data. Includes calls like 07, N10R, W1RWG, etc.

Brass Pounders League March 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 hour of receipt in the standard ARRL form.

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Table with columns: Call, Orig. Rcvd., Sent Divd., Total. Lists call letters and corresponding numerical data.

BPL for 100 or more originations plus deliveries:

Small table listing call letters and numerical data for BPL reports.

Transcontinental Corps March Reports

1 - AREA 4 - TCC FUNCTION TRAFFIC HANDLED
2 - FUNCTIONS 5 - TOTAL TRAFFIC HANDLED
3 - % SUCCESSFUL

Table with 5 columns and 4 rows showing Cycle Two and Cycle Four data.

Table with 5 columns and 4 rows showing Cycle Four data.

TCC Roster

Table with 5 columns and 34 rows listing TCC members and their call letters.

TCC Certificates Issued This Month

WA4JL, WA4JTE, WF4X, N5BT, W5CTZ, W5KLV, KD5KQ, WB5OXE, K5UPN, KW9J, W9JUU, KA0EPY, W5K.

Independent Nets

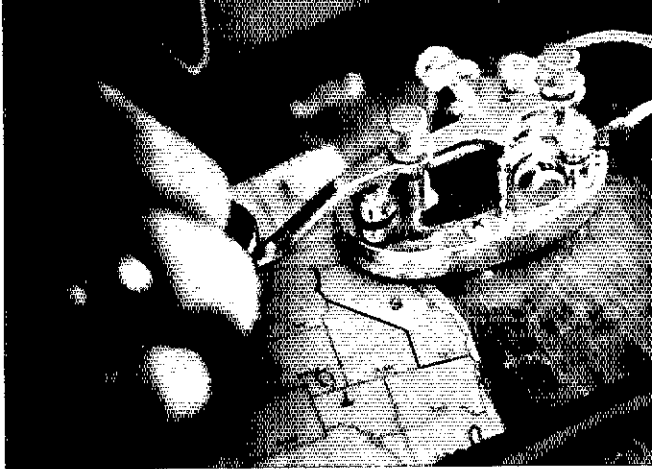
June reports submitted for this column should be received at ARRL Hq. no later than July 12. March 1985

1 - NET NAME 3 - TRAFFIC
2 - SESSIONS 4 - CHECK-INS

Table with 4 columns and 14 rows listing Independent Nets and their statistics.

Results, Novice Roundup 1985

By Michael B. Kaczynski,* W1OD



As was reported in the results for the 1980 ARRL Novice Roundup, things have changed quite a bit since the premiere NR of 1952. Back then, Novices were a different breed: Their licenses weren't renewable and were valid for only one year. Their transmitters were crystal controlled, with power input limited to 75 W. These restrictions on Novice class operators made contesting a real challenge for NR competitors. Results from the 1952 event echoed this challenge: Of the 92 Novice participants, only five bested the 100-QSO plateau, even though 40 hours of operating time were permitted.

Today, long after one-year, nonrenewable tickets and most rock-bound 6L6 transmitters have gone by the wayside, Novice Roundup is still an operating challenge. The number of operating hours has been reduced to 30, while the number of QSOs required to obtain a participation certificate has doubled. Nevertheless, exactly 50% of this year's 242 Novice class entrants surpassed the 200-QSO plateau.

Why do they do it? For some operators, NR is an opportunity to increase code proficiency while on the road to the sought-after General class license. For others, it's a chance to renew past acquaintances or work toward the Worked All States (WAS) or DX Century Club (DXCC) awards. Wherever your Amateur Radio operating interests lie, Novice Roundup week fits the bill. A sincere thanks goes out to the 68 higher-class licensees who participated, (hopefully) showing us the right way to make CW QSOs.

Four of last year's top 10 finishers made it to this year's Top Ten box. Only KA3EEO/T, last year's number five Technician class finisher, bested his last year's effort, to remain number five. From the Novice side, KA7HBK/N moved from number six to number one, while KA8JBK/N (whew!) went from number 10 to number two. Last year's number five KB4DOV/N slipped to number six. Thanks to the 310 participants who sent in some type of entry and made this year's Novice Roundup an unqualified success.

Certificates are in the works, and will be mailed shortly. CU in NR '86!

SOAPBOX

It was a pleasure working in my second Novice Roundup. Everyone who was in the contest did a very good job. I hope that next year at this time I'll have upgraded. Even if I do, I'll work NR anyway (KA9PUZ). Thanks for another fun Novice Roundup. Too bad more people didn't get on 15 meters. The band was open many days with little

Top 10

Novice	Technician
KA7HBK 40,964	WB8NEE 30,870
KA8JBK 39,384	N4HOE 25,071
KA7TNN 38,480	KA1HYU 24,568
KA7UCW 35,910	KA5SPO 24,320
KA7ICF 33,592	KA3EEO 23,912
KB4DOV 31,330	KA5UPB 22,908
KB4LRX 29,250	KA7SRD 21,861
KA3MIF 27,470	KA9ORN 17,956
KA5QMO 26,928	KA1JKU 17,066
KA1LZR 26,730	KA9RFR 16,107

Division Leaders

Novice	Division	Technician
KA3MIF	Atlantic	KA3EED
KA9MSR	Central	KA9ORN
KA8RVX	Dakota	N0EQZ
KA5QMO	Delta	N4ENO
KA8JBK	Great Lakes	WB8NEE
KA2UGR	Hudson	KA2RZZ
KA0TNT	Midwest	KA0SQW
KA1LZR	New England	KA1HYU
KA7HBK	Northwestern	KA7TVE
KA7ICF	Pacific	KA6IXG
KB4IRS	Roaokoe	N4HOE
KA0TVT	Rocky Mountain	KA0TON
KB4LRX	Southeastern	N4KKX
KA7TNN	Southwestern	KA7SRD
KA5QMK	West Gulf	KA5SPO

Tnx for a great contest. My state total went from 15 to 45. Age is 11. Surprised not to work NFL, SFL and STX. I did get some hard ones, though (KA9SLM). The contest gave a new meaning to QRM. I improved my code speed a lot. It was more fun than doing homework (KA9RFR/T). (1) Where are all these people the rest of the year? (2) Where was 4-land? Still down South? (3) If I had any more fun I would have hurt myself! (KA0SQY). Testing my CW sending skills with a good friend convinced me to join NR '85 to harvest, if nothing else, a maximum of new states. It was a great experience. Starting at 5 WPM December 28 and coming out of NR clocked at 12 WPM by W0BKS/MN. Thanks for the opportunity and the fun! (KA0TVS). All in all, I had so much fun I'm already looking for another contest! Many thanks for an enjoyable (mostly), exasperating (frequently), exhilarating (occasionally) and fun (entirely) contest (KA1KDL). How can participation in an event be exhausting



Six-year-old Matt, KB6HKG/N, used this station to place number one in the Santa Barbara Section. Matt's dad is WB6L.



KB4LED/N, from Tennessee, was one of the 121 entries who made more than 200 QSOs during NR week.



Greta, KA9SMY/N, placed number three in Illinois in NR '85.

*Contest Manager, ARRL

Results, 1984 Simulated Emergency Test

Compiled by Michael R. Riley, KX1B* and Mary L. Davis**

During the month of October, thousands of amateurs throughout North America "geared up" for disasters, then "got going" on a moment's notice. One can only wonder what a visitor from another planet would have thought while scanning the radio spectrum! Tornadoes, floods, chemical spills, major fires, earthquakes . . . and those were only in one county! Amateurs, it seems, were actively engaged in one-upmanship with their counterparts in nearby areas.

"Expected disasters were obviously considered, unusual disasters were, in many instances, included. So let's have them all happen at once—or maybe twice in the same day." This seemed to be the goal of many Emergency Coordinators!

An excellent case in point is the following scenario, which attests to the creativity and dedication of amateurs in Campbell County, California:

Major flooding occurred on San Tomas Creek in the vicinity of Harriet Avenue with the Harriet Avenue bridge being washed out. Ten families were evacuated to Campbell Union High School (CUHS) shelter. Supplies for the shelter, including emergency power, were coordinated through San Jose Red Cross. Two Dept. of Public Works employees were washed into the creek, one being rescued and one lost and presumed dead. This incident was coordinated as a result of amateur personnel maintaining a "creek watch." Minor flooding of percolation ponds on Los Gatos Creek resulted in some flooded property.

Severe wind caused damage to upper six floors of the Pruneyard Tower no. 1 resulting in two deaths and 17 injuries. Five of the injured were dispatched to O'Connor Hospital West and five to another local hospital. Seven were treated on the scene and released to the CUHS shelter for food and rest. Severe looting began within the Pruneyard complex, resulting in one Campbell police officer being shot and critically wounded. San Jose police and Campbell County fire personnel coordinated at the scene to provide security. The wounded officer was transported to a local medical center.

A semi-trailer jackknifed on Highway 17 at the Campbell Avenue overcrossing, with two cars involved. Highway 17 southbound as well as Campbell Ave. were closed since the truck was hanging over the edge of the overcrossing. A two-vehicle accident occurred on Bascome Ave., southbound at Hamilton Ave. A small fire was reported at a local mall.

... Not bad for a day's work! The amateurs



A RACES station was in operation at the Texas Department of Safety Regional Office in Garland. WA5MWD and WD5JYE operate HF RTTY while NN5G and KA5IRG watch. (WD5JYE photo)

participating in these exercises were WB6KEQ, N6FKR, WA6PWT and K6ILN, Campbell County Emergency Coordinator and the "force" behind these fiascos.

SET SUMMARY

W7BGG enclosed his summary of operations along with his SET report. Since this summary is "generic" in nature, those of you who did not critique your efforts this past year may wish to consider these following areas (and work toward improvement in 1985).

- 1) Not enough information or details of the emergency were given at the start of the exercise. Clear, precise instructions are needed.
- 2) Net Control Station (NCS) did not have enough initial information.
- 3) Once NCS, always net control. The NCS



The Denver County (CO) ARES planned their response . . .



Monroe County (Pennsylvania) ARES members coordinated the efforts of several city and county agencies during their SET. (photo courtesy WA3ZMC)

should have at least two people at that location: one to operate, the other to log info. NCS should not be at the disaster site.

4) Too much unnecessary traffic was transmitted. NCS should keep complete control of the emergency net. Too many transmissions were made without going through the NCS.

5) NCS MUST give clear instructions of what he wants the operators to do (e.g., assignments to locations).

6) In passing medical information, operators should be apprised of the general phraseology for handling casualties to avoid the possibility of a misunderstanding when working alongside medical professionals.

7) Priorities were not given in the correct sequence.

8) Always carry spare batteries for hand-held radios and extra equipment for mobiles, such as mag-mount antennas.

How did your group compare? It's not too soon to begin planning your most creative disaster, or disasters, for the 1985 SET!



... then responded. (photos courtesy KC0VD)

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Results, 38th ARRL VHF Sweepstakes

The January VHF Sweepstakes tradition continues . . .

By Edith Holsopple,* N1CZC and Mike Kaczynski,** W1OD

From shorter operations like those of WB2ALW, a New Yorker who took time out from the flu to get a few points, to the all-encompassing efforts of some of the bigger guns, VHF signals were out in force like ants at a picnic.

Grid squares were used as multipliers for the first time in the 1985 January VHF Sweepstakes, but the players and scores retained approximately the same relationships as before. WA3AXV is again the number-one single operator; ditto for W1VD in the multioperator category.

Activity was terrific! We received 880 entries from the January 18 and 19 contest. There are nearly 100 more entries than last year crammed into our file cabinets.

Like two-headed monsters, some of those who worked more than one band found themselves torn by indecision. Although some great meteor scatter and a short opening to Bermuda from the East Coast were reported on six meters, conditions were pretty much lukewarm on all the bands. Propagation didn't affect band choice much, but, of course, it is better to be where everyone else is—144 MHz. Of the 880 entries received here, 93.97% had spent some time on the 2-meter band. The 220-MHz band was definitely the less-traveled road.

Operating was rough on the West Coast. N6ENU said that he " . . . packed up the 4-wheel drive for two days, grabbed WA6PZL and headed for CM94, one of the most sought grid squares on the West Coast. CM94 has virtually no accessible peaks, and only a small portion is actually land. The weather was lousy with 80-mi/h winds on Saturday. No one from Los Angeles was on the air until Sunday afternoon, when the wind actually forced us off our little mound of mud. The folks were too busy picking up their roofs from their neighbors' yards to operate. The majority of our QSOs were 300 miles further away near San Francisco and Sacramento. It sure is funny what the weather can do, considering that Los Angeles was virtually line-of-sight."

Because of slight changes in the rules, this was a benchmark year, and maybe we can't compare it, score for score, with the last VHF SS; however, one can always compare number of QSOs and call sign standings. There were lots of relatively new faces on the top 10 single op list this time. King Ron, WA3AXV, led the parade again, but the neutral band conditions forced his QSO totals all across the board to slip down this year from last. In spite of more sta-

Top Ten

Single Operator	Multioperator
WA3AXV 235,776	W1VD 614,208
WB2WIK 179,712	N2SB 583,186
KC2PX 127,848	WA2OMY 304,152
W3HFY 115,672	N2BOW 250,632
K3HP 106,020	WB3CZG 224,256
WB2YEH 103,448	W2SZ 167,628
WA2TEO 100,116	WB8ISK 155,946
WB3JYO 97,350	W3KKN 155,700
WA3YUE 92,512	W1QK 146,092
N2BJ 90,080	VE3LNX 120,064

Division Leaders

Single Op	Multioperator
WA3AXV 235,776 Atlantic	N2SB 583,186
VE3ASO 40,500 Canadian	VE3LNX 120,064
W9OEH 73,124 Central	N9EDT 7236
W0XG 23,040 Dakota	KA8CRO 44
WB4JGG 23,450 Delta	WD4DGF 10,200
WB8BKC 61,380 Great Lakes	WD8ISK 155,946
WB2WIK 179,712 Hudson	N2BOW 250,632
W0RWH 25,488 Midwest	KF0M 43,862
W1JR 53,436 New England	W1VD 614,208
W7TYR 3864 Northwestern	K7NTW 80
W6RXQ 28,764 Pacific	NU6S 75,520
K2UOP/4 34,770 Roanoke	W4BFB 43,000
KC7QJ 11,280 Rocky Mountain	---
WA4NJP 74,936 Southeastern	KX4R 24,072
K6PVS 13,790 Southwestern	N6ENU 21,200
WA5VJB 37,560 West Gulf	---

tions being active, QSO totals took a little dip, compared with last year. K3HP clambered his way to the number five slot nationally, up from ninth last year. WB2WIK single-mindedly (as opposed to going multiop as he did last year) pursued a spot on the top 10 list, reaching second place in the nation. WA3YUE followed suit to fill the eighth place. On the multiop scene, group stations W1VD, N2SB and WA2OMY graced the same positions, numbers one, two and three respectively, as they did last year. The N2BOW group moved up to fourth from fifth, and WB3CZG raced into fifth place to fill the gap. Congratulations to all those who sweated blood and tears to make the top 10, whether they made it or not.

The Mt. Airy VHF RC, more commonly known as the Pack Rats, took the unlimited class again this year. Ho hum, so what's new? Now they have an even two dozen straight wins. Their strategic location on the northeastern corridor gives them a geographical as well as a population advantage, which, when coupled with enthusiasm and hard work, turns out phenomenal results. The Delaware Valley VHF Society went charging up from their first place in the local category last year to take first place in the medium class this time around. Good work, team. The Murgas ARC zoomed into the top

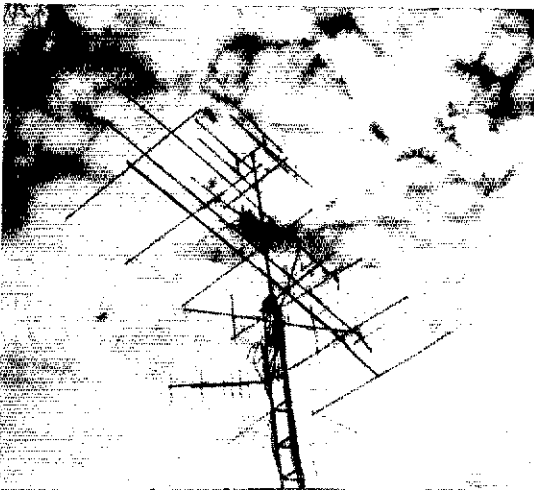
local category spot from fourth in '84. They deserve a pat on the back.

Viva la VHF! There is something exhilarating about VHFing that supersedes the run-of-the-mill contest operating. Something about being on the skyscraper edge of one of Amateur Radio's experimental frontiers and meeting some of Amateur Radio's most interesting proponents. This makes up for the bands' hard knocks that the VHF operator accepts as part of the game. The words of WB9ZAI sum it up nicely: "This was my first VHF competition as well as my first exposure to SSB VHF operation. The contest represented a microcosm of my Amateur Radio experiences: Homebrew converters and anten-



WB2WIK (FN20) was kept hopping during the SS. Band changing meant chair changing, and there was lots of exercise for Steve. He climbed into second place nationally.

This is one of the two VHF antenna towers at WB2WIK. It supports a total of 171 elements for four bands.



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Affiliated-Club Competition

Club Name	Score	Entries	Single-Op Winner
Unlimited Category			
Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club	2,817,828	66	WA3AXV
Rochester VHF Group (NY)	767,060	83	K8ZES/2
Medium Category			
Delaware Valley VHF Society	506,306	17	K3HP
Suburban ARC	340,950	16	WB2YEH
Hampden County RA	192,556	43	K1FO
Warminster ARC	157,440	26	N3DQZ
South Jersey RA	150,020	20	N2FY
Potomac Area VHF Society	136,290	6	W3ZZ
Ramapo Mountain ARC	115,996	5	WB2QOQ
West Jersey Radio Amateurs	71,246	12	KX2W
Drumlins ARC	48,232	13	KC2GX
Six-Meter Club of Chicago	45,388	16	WD9EXD
Rochester ARC (MN)	21,970	59	W0VB
W8TRW ARC	7604	11	WA2KDL
Mobile Sixers RC	7502	14	W3AWA
Huber Heights ARC	4434	13	N8CCC
Local Category			
Murgas ARC	318,548	9	KB3EZ
S.C.O.R.E.	273,896	5	WB2WIK
Crystal RC	92,324	4	N2BJ
Mitre-Bedford ARC	58,864	4	W1JR
Wheaton Community RA	41,392	9	KR9K
Murphy's Marauders	30,126	4	K1EM
Granite State ARA	18,662	6	AC1J
Utica ARC	12,292	3	WB2SZY
Potomac Valley RC	9044	3	N3AM
Falmouth ARA	3694	3	K1AIK

Single Operator Call Area Leaders—QSOs per Band

Call	50 MHz	144 MHz	220 MHz	432 MHz	1296 & up
W1JR	36	84	52	75	16
WB2WIK	210	302	75	65	18
WA3AXV	163	335	116	125	32
WA4NJP	89	116	15	44	5
WA5VJB	34	93	23	36	12
W6RXQ	32	118	9	45	12
W7TYR	8	28	9	9	5
WB8BKC	40	105	19	65	5
W9OEH	104	136	11	46	2
W0RWH	—	119	—	29	—
VE3ASO	21	167	14	19	4

Multipoperator Call Area Leaders—QSOs per Band

Call	50 MHz	144 MHz	220 MHz	432 MHz	1296 & up
W1VD	368	702	111	220	21
N2SB	298	687	153	213	51
WA2OMY	206	424	144	132	29
W4BFB	84	130	—	18	—
N5BHO	—	51	3	17	—
NUGS	52	144	53	80	11
K7NTW	5	5	—	—	—
WD8ISK	110	243	28	70	2
N9EDT	28	46	18	12	—
KF0M	26	113	10	41	—
VE3LNX	81	235	32	56	10

Multipplier Leaders By Band

50 MHz	432 MHz		
W1VD*	80	VE3CRU	38
N2BOW*	56	K1FO	35
N2SB*	51	W1VD*	32
W2SZ2*	48	K8WW	31
W4BFB*	44	WA3FYJ	31
WD8ISK*	42	K2RIW	30
W1NY*	41	WD8ISK*	28
K2GMZ*	40	K8DIO	28
K1TOL*	40	N2SB*	28
144 MHz	1296 MHz		
K9AKS	58	VE3LNX*	7
WD8ISK*	58	WA3JUF	7
K9MRI	51	WB3ESS	7
K2LWR	50	WA3AXV	7
WBULC	50	N3CX	6
W0RWH	50	N2SB*	6
K8IFC	48	WA1JOF	6
W1VD*	45	WB3CZG*	6
K4MSK	45		
WA4MJP	45		
220 MHz			
W1VD*	24		
WB3CZG*	23		
WA0DCB*	20		
W2SZ2*	20		
VE3LNX*	18		
N2SB*	18		
WA2OMY*	17		
WB2WIK	17		

*Multipoperator Station



The hard work of the W1QK crew made them ninth in the nation. (Clockwise from upper left) N1ABY, KF6AJ and KA1TD operated 50 MHz; W1NG kept 144 MHz on the air; W1QK operated 220 MHz; and WA1WXV kept 432 and 1296 MHz alive.

nas competing equally, through persistence and good operating, with powerful stations (1 kW +) and massive antenna arrays; old tube equipment (like mine) surfacing on the band alongside the latest solid-state and digital gear; acquaintances with old friends for a casual QSO, and new grid squares from distant corners; and after the contest, of course, talking amongst friends about that QSO that "got away." I like it. I think I'll stay!" See you next time.

SOAPBOX

Wow, new grid squares doubled my multipliers (KA0GAD). Despite the low score, I enjoyed every minute of it (VE3IHS). I thought conditions were okay for this time of year. However, 2, 220 and 432 sounded like aurora from all the phase noise generated by the new multimode transceivers (W1JR). This was my first contest. Next project—a

cure for hoarseness (VE3MWM). Perhaps the next contest will bring random 10 GHz and 2304 contacts (WA3TXR). Murphy almost got me. One of the mast clamps on my rotator broke just before the contest, and I had to stand on an icy roof in 20° F just to fix the thing (KA1HOR) ... even the 220 transverter seems to have survived the 100 W drive I applied to it. Thank God for tubes! (WA1TFH). When searching for other stations, analog tuning (the old way) seems more effective than digital tuning (AC1J). Conditions on 432 were up and down like a yo-yo (W1RIL). The contest was enjoyable between loads of laundry, cooking, baking cookies, playing checkers with Sarah, etc. etc. (KA1MEW). The power supply for the 2-meter and 220 rigs would trip if my transmission was longer than 10 seconds ... it definitely helped keep exchanges short (N1SR). Conditions were okay for January, but windstorms just prior to the contest blew in a lot of line noise by loosening up the neighborhood insulators. Six meters in particular was very noisy (K3ZO). Next year, I need a

motorized crank to do the chores! I can't work CW after my hands get numb from cranking in sub-freezing temperatures (WB3LNX). Best 432 DX was WA4ZIA, EM-95, 541 airline statute miles. No band opening, just good equipment on both ends (K2RIW). Anyone have a better way to dupe the AA-AL and KA-KZ? It is a pain to write out the complete call now that they're so common (KE2N). What happened to old-fashioned courtesy? There were some awfully wide amplifiers on frequency. It is nice to see more activity from WPA and WNY (KC2TJ). My 220-MHz XVTR was determined to self-destruct during the contest. After 20+ years of VHF contests, I always take time to chat for a few with the usual contest regulars. Enough of low-power contest operating. Next contest, more power on all bands. My QRP phase has ended (WA2UDT). It was nice to see all the VEs this year, tnx (N2BOW). Everything was fine until my 100th contact on 2 meters. That's when the dupe sheet caught on fire, and I had to rewrite it (KA2JKI). Three watts was quite a challenge ... humbling, too (W3IFM). Noise, noise, noise, but fun, fun, fun (WA3FYJ). The high point of the contest was VP9GE on 6 meters (WB4NJG). I thought they

evacuated the EM nineties. We paid for the Sept test! (K2UVG). Roses are red, violets are blue. Sure needed a rig for 432 (KX4R). After years of trying, I've finally come up with an antenna system that has competitive performance, is easy to erect single handedly, will fit in my Mustang and can be stored in my apartment (AA4ZZ). The contest was great here in Central USA. I was surprised at the

activity. I had more QSOs and more grids than the Sept. test! I feel overall interest in VHF/UHF is on the upswing (K5YY).

FEEDBACK

The following are corrections to the 1984 January VHS SS Results in June 1984 QST, pp. 83-86. In the Local Category club competition, Suburban

should be second with a score of 138,944. The top operator was K3MTK and there were eight entries. Murgas ARC was fourth place with a total of 95,152 points. Their top operator was KQ3R, and they had five entries. In the score listings, WB3JYD should be WB3JYO, and KB9QL should be K9BQL. WA2VYA and KA2NYF should have been listed with N2SB.

Scores

Call, score, QSOs, multiplier, bands operated (A = 50 MHz; B = 144 MHz; C = 220 MHz; D = 432 MHz; E = 1296 MHz; F = 2.3 GHz; H = 5.7 GHz; I = 10 GHz). Bold denotes single-band winners.



Table with columns for state/region, call sign, score, QSOs, multiplier, and bands. Includes categories for Connecticut, Eastern Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, Western Massachusetts, Delaware, Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, and Western New York.

Contest Corral

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JUNE

1
New York State QSO Party, see May QST, page 87, for details.

Hootowl Sprint, May QST, page 87.

4
West Coast Qualifying Run, 10-35 WPM, at 0400Z June 3 (9 P.M. PDT June 4). W6OWP prime, W6ZRJ alternate. Frequencies are approximately 3590/7090 kHz. Underline 1 minute of the highest speed you copied, certify that your copy was made without aid and send to ARRL for grading. Please enclose your full name, call (if any) and complete mailing address. A large s.a.s.e. will help expedite your award or endorsement.

8-9
World Wide South America Contest, May QST, page 88.

GARTG-RTTY Contest, May QST, page 88.

VK/ZL RTTY DX Contest, May QST, page 88.

ARRL June VHF QSO Party, May QST, page 83.

13
WIAW Qualifying Run, 10-40 WPM, at 0200Z June 14 (10 P.M. EDT June 13). Transmitted simultaneously on 1.818 3.58 7.08 14.07 21.08 28.08 50.08 147.555 MHz. See June 4 listing for more details.

15-16
9-Land CW Contest, sponsored by the Joliet ARS, from 1700Z June 15 until 1700Z June 16. Everyone works everyone. Work stations once per band. Entry classes: single op, single transmitter; multiop, single transmitter; multiop portable, maximum two transmitters. Exchange serial number and QTH (state for W stations; province for VE stations; country name for others). Suggested frequencies: 1.805 and 60 kHz up from lower band edges of 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters. Novices: 25 kHz up from lower band edges. Count 2 points per 9-land QSO (IL/IN/WI), 1 point for others. Multiply by total states, provinces and countries worked. Add one bonus multiplier for each group of 20 9-land stations worked. Awards. Mail logs by July 20 (include large s.a.s.e. for results) to Paula Franke, WB9TBU, P.O. Box 873, Beecher, IL 60401.

All Asian DX Contest, phone, sponsored by the Japan Amateur Radio League, from 0000Z June 15 until 2400Z June 16. (CW contest will be August 24-25). 160 through 10 meters. Entry classes: single op, single band; single op, multiband; multiop, multiband. No crossband QSOs. Single ops may have only one transmitted signal at any given time. Multiops may have a maximum of one signal per band. Exchange signal report and a two-digit number denoting the operator's age. YL stations may send 00. Count 1 point per QSO with Asian stations on 7 through 28 MHz, 2 points on 3.5 MHz and 3 points on 1.9 MHz. Multiply by the number of different Asian prefixes (WPX Rules) worked per band. Note: JDI stations only on Ogasawara count for Asia. Use separate logs for each band. Mark multipliers the first time worked. Provide a complete summary. JARL Asian Countries list: A4 A5 A6 A7 A9 AP BV BY EP HL/HM HS HZ/7Z JA-JS JDI JT JY OD S2 TA UA/UN/UV/UW-UZ/RA/RN/RV-RW/RZ9-0 UD UF UG UH UI UJ UL UM V85 VS9M/8Q VU XU XV 3W XW XX9 ZY YA YI YK ZC4 5B4 1S 4S 4W 4X/4Z 7O 9K 9M2 9N 9V and Abu Ail. Enclose s.a.s.e. and IRC for results. Mail logs to arrive by Sept. 30 (Nov. 30 for CW) to JARL, POB 377, Tokyo Central, Japan.

22-23
Field Day, see May QST, page 81, for rules. Please note: Field Day is the fourth full weekend in June.

25
WIAW Qualifying Run, 10-35 WPM, at 1300Z (9 A.M. EDT). See June 4 and 13 listings for more details.

28-30
Summer SMIRK Party, sponsored by the Six Meter International Radio Klub, from 0000Z June 29 until 2400Z June 30. 50 MHz only. No crossband or one-

way QSOs. Single operator only. Exchange SMIRK number and QTH (ARRL Section or Washington, DC for U.S. stations; country or province for others). Count 2 points for each QSO with a SMIRK member, 1 point for non-SMIRK QSOs. Multipliers are as follows: ARRL Sections in the 48 contiguous states; KH6 and KL7; Washington, DC; VE provinces; foreign states, provinces, prefectures or countries. Entries must be submitted on official forms, available for an s.a.s.e. from sponsor. Mail logs by July 31 to Mark S. Anderson, WB5NPK, 8932 Saddle Trail, San Antonio, TX 78255.

JULY

1
Canada Day Contest, sponsored by the Canadian Amateur Radio Federation, 0000Z-2400Z July 1. Everybody works everybody. 160-2 meters, phone and CW. Entry classes: single op, all bands; single op, single band; multioperator. Work stations once per mode on each band. No crossmode contacts. Exchange RS(T), serial number starting with 001, and province/state/country. VE1 stations must also send their province. Count 10 points per VE QSO, 4 points for other countries. VE0 counts as Canada and 1 multiplier. 20-point bonus for working any CARF stations using TCA or VCA suffix. Multiply by total VE provinces worked per band on each mode (VO1/VO2 VE1-PEI VE1-NB VE1-NS VE2-8 VE0 VY1; max. 26/band, both modes). Suggested frequencies: 1.810/1.840 3.525/3.775 7.025/7.070/7.155 14.025/14.150 21.025/21.250 28.025/28.500 50.040/50.110 144.090/146.520 MHz. Suggest phone on the hour and CW on the half hour. Awards. Summary sheets available for an s.a.s.e. Mail logs within 30 days (include an s.a.s.e. or s.a.e./IRC for results) to CARF Contest, c/o N. Waltho, VE6VW, Box 1890, Morinville, AB T0G 1P0 Canada.

3
West Coast Qualifying Run, 10-35 WPM, at 0400Z July 4 (9 P.M. PDT July 3). See June 4 listing for more details.

4-5
Six Meter Invitational Net Activity Day, sponsored by the Colorado S.I.N., from July 4 until 0300Z July 5. 50 MHz only. Exchange signal report, state and name. S.I.N. members also send membership number. QSOs with S.I.N. members count 3 points each; others count 2 points each. Multiply by number of states for final score. Mail logs within 30 days to W0ETT, P.O. Box 6602, Denver, CO 80206.

12
WIAW Qualifying Run, 35-10 WPM, at 0200Z July 13 (10 P.M. EDT July 12). See June 4 and 13 listings for more details.

13-14
West Coast 160 Bulletin Summer SSB Contest, from 0000Z July 13 until 2400 July 14. Single operators only, subscribers and nonsubscribers. Exchange signal report and QTH. Count 20 points per QSO and multiply by the total states, VE provinces and countries worked. Categories for various PEP ratings: 3 kW, 2 kW, 1 kW, 250 W and QRP. To calculate PEP rating, multiply output power by 2. Send logs to R. Koziomkowski, KA1SR, 5 Watson Dr., Portsmouth, RI 02871.

IARU Radiosport Championship, May QST, page 82.

Colombian Independence Contest, sponsored by the Liga Colombiana de Radioaficionados, from 0000Z July 13 until 2400Z July 14. 160-10 meters, phone or CW. Categories: single operator, single band and mode (operators on 14 MHz compete only within this category); single operator, multiband, single mode; multioperator, single transmitter, multiband, single mode; multioperator, single transmitter, multiband, single mode. Work stations once per band. No crossband or cross-mode QSOs allowed. Exchange signal reports and three-digit serial numbers. Count 10 points for QSOs with HK stations, 5 points for QSOs with other DX stations, 1 point for QSOs within your country (HK stations count 10 points with non-HK stations and 5 points with other HK stations); multiply total

QSO points by the sum of countries worked on each band added to the sum of HK districts worked on each band. Logs and summary sheet should include all data. Participation certificates for minimum of 50 QSOs (at least 10 of which are with HK stations for phone entries, or 5 for CW). Mail logs no later than August 30 to LCRA, c/o Direccion de Concursos y Diplomas, Apartado Aereo 584, Bogota, Colombia.

19-21
CQ World Wide VHF Prefix Contest
QRP Summer Contest

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WIAW Qualifying Run

27-29
County Hunters CW Contest
Armadillo Run

Standard Contest Guidelines

1) Make sure your log details the date, time, band, call sign and complete exchange sent and received for each QSO claimed for contest credit.

2) Your summary sheet should indicate your score, including how you figured it, and a declaration that you followed FCC/DOC regulations and the contest rules. Your name, call sign and complete address should be typed or printed in block letters.

3) Crossband, cross-mode and repeater contacts are usually not permitted. Contacts with the same station on different bands are usually permitted.

4) Your log should be checked carefully for duplicate QSOs, and if more than 200 QSOs are made, dupe sheets should be included with your entry.

5) Your log may be considered a checklog or disqualified if it is incomplete or if too many errors are detected by the contest committee.

6) Avoid standard net frequencies.

7) International contests generally offer awards to top scorers from each U.S. call area and each country; state QSO parties generally offer to each state/province.

8) Your summary sheet should include the following statement: "I have observed all competition rules as well as all regulations established for Amateur Radio in my country." The declaration should be signed and dated.

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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Special Events

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Detroit, Michigan: Hazel Park ARC will operate W8JXU on June 1 from the Detroit Zoo. Operation will be 10 kHz above lower General and Novice class band edges. Certificate via W8JXU, P.O. Box 368, Hazel Park, MI 48030.

Charlestown, New Hampshire: Station W1GUA will be active from Fort No. 4 to celebrate New Hampshire/Vermont Neighbors Day, June 1. The group will operate from 1400 to 2100Z, 25 kHz up from the bottom of the General portions of 80, 40 and 15, CW and phone, 2-meter simplex and a packet-radio station. Send an s.a.s.e. and your QSL for a commemorative QSL to Rudy Adler, W1GUA, Dodge Hollow Rd., Lempster, NH 03605, or to W1GXM, P.O. Box 428, Claremont, NH 03743.

Madison, Ohio: The Wireless Institute of Northern Ohio and the Lake County ARA will operate K080 from a local winery from 2300Z June 1 until 0300Z June 2 on 3.860 and 7.235 MHz, and 1500-1900Z June 2 on 7.235 and 14.235 MHz, to commemorate Ohio Wine Month. Certificate via K080—WINO Weekend, 7126 Andover Dr., Mentor, OH 44060.

Grandview, Missouri: The Southside ARC will operate N6EWP from 1700Z June 1 until 0400Z June 2, and 1700-2200Z June 2 in honor of President Harry S. Truman's 101st birthday. Operation will be from near the old Truman farm home on around 7.235 and 14.235 MHz during the annual "Harry's Heydays" celebration. A commemorative certificate is available for a large s.a.s.e. QSL to Southside ARC, P.O. Box 412, Grandview, MO 64030.

Normandy, France: The Association Des Radio-Amateurs De La Manche will operate TV6JUN from Utah Beach to commemorate the June 6 landing anniversary. Operation will be June 2-9 on 80, 40, 20 and 10 meters, CW and phone. QSL via F6EYM, 14 Rue des Troenes, 50000 St-Lo, France.

Richland, Washington: Tri-City ARC will operate W7VPA from Ice Harbor Dam, the highest lift navigable locks in the U.S. Operation will be June 8 from 1700Z to 2400Z, on the low end of the General phone portions of 80-10 meters. Special QSL for an s.a.s.e. to W7VPA, P.O. Box 73, Richland, WA 99352.

Chicago, Illinois: The Chicago Suburban RA will operate N9BAT from Brookfield Zoo in conjunction with a Scout-O-Rama celebrating the 75th anniversary of Boy Scouts of America. Phone operation will be from 1500-2300Z June 8 and 9 on 7.250 and 14.250 MHz. A special "Eagle" QSL card will be available for your QSL card and a no. 10 s.a.s.e. via N9BAT Special Event, P.O. Box 88, Lyons, IL 60534.

Fulda, W. Germany: The Deutscher ARC, district Hessen, will operate stations DL0JRH and DL0YY (International Youth Year) during a youth camp on Maulkuppe Mountain. Operation will be June 14-17 on all bands plus 2 meters. QSL via Bernd Och, DL6FBL, Hammelburger Str. 10, D-6400 Fulda, Fed. Rep. of Germany.

Spivey's Corner, North Carolina: The Cape Fear ARS will operate WB4YZF on June 15 from the 17th annual National Hollerin' Contest. Operation will be from 1200 to 2100Z on or near 7.235 MHz. For a certificate, send your QSL and QSO information to Hollerin', WA4LZD, P.O. Box 332, Dunn, NC 28334.

North Platte, Nebraska: The North Platte ARC will operate W0CXH from 1700 to 2300Z June 15 and June 16 during Nebraska Land Days. Operation will be from the home of "Buffalo Bill" Cody on the following frequencies: CW—7.125 MHz; phone—7.250 14.290 21.400. Certificate via NPARC, Box 994, North Platte, NE 69103.

Cobb Island, Maryland: The Bowie ARC will operate N3GR from Cobb Island, where Fessenden and Very sent and received intelligible speech by electromagnetic waves in 1900. Operation will be from 1400Z June 15 until 1400Z June 16. Phone and CW operation in General band segments of 80-15 meters, CW 30 kHz up from lower edge and Novice portion, and continuous operation on 7.250 MHz. Certificate for an s.a.s.e. to N3GR.

Lebanon, Missouri: The Lebanon ARC will operate W08SSB at Bennett Springs State Trout Fishing Park during Hillbilly Days. Operation will be from 1700Z June 15 until 0300Z June 16. Frequencies: phone—3.963 7.250-7.275 14.255-14.285 MHz; CW—7.125 14.060 MHz.

Klamath Falls, Oregon: The Mercury ARA will operate W7UFM in conjunction with the MARA convention at Camp Ester Aplegate. Operation will be from 2000Z June 20 until 2400Z June 22. Approximate frequencies: phone—3.875 7.275 14.325 21.425 28.525

MHz; CW—3.575 7.115 14.075 21.115 28.115. For a commemorative QSL, send a large s.a.s.e. to MARA, c/o Jack Jakoubek, KD7EZ, 477 Deep Creek Rd., Chehalis, WA 98532.

Macomb, Illinois: Members of the Lamoine Emergency ARC will operate WB9TEA in celebration of Macomb Heritage Days from 1500 to 2300Z each day, June 22-23. Phone frequencies—3.860 7.235 14.235 MHz. Certificate for your QSL and an s.a.s.e. to LEARC, Dave Nissen, N9DZP, RR 4, Box 210, Macomb, IL 61455.

Anaheim, California: The Nazarene AR Fellowship will operate WA0HPW/6 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of this organization in conjunction with the Church of the Nazarene General Assembly. Operation will be June 22 to June 29 during daylight hours on 14.280, 14.305, 21.385 and some 40-meter activity. For a special QSL card, send an s.a.s.e. to Robert Buck, WB6UCO, 5162 W. Ave. L 12, Quartz Hill, CA 93534.

Muscle Shoals, Alabama: The Tuscumbia ARC will operate W4JNB from 1600 to 2300Z June 29 from the Helen Keller Festival. Operation will be on the Novice and General portions of 80, 40 and 20 meters. Certificate for an s.a.s.e. to P.O. Box 2745, Muscle Shoals, AL 35662-2745.

Abilene, Texas: The Key City ARC will operate AB1B to commemorate the arrival of the B-1B to Dyers AFB. Operation will be from 1400Z June 29 until 1400Z June 30. Frequencies: CW—3.550 3.745 7.055 7.125 14.055 21.055 MHz; phone—3.855 7.235 14.235 21.335 MHz. For certificate, send a large s.a.s.e. to KCARC, Box 2722, Abilene, TX 79604.

Bolivar, Ohio: The Tusco ARC, W8ZX, will operate from the Fort Laurens State Memorial in conjunction with the Brigade of the American Revolution's reenact-

ment of the 18th Century militia. Operation will be from 1400Z June 29 until 2300Z June 30 on the lower 25 kHz of the General class bands, 80-10 meters, phone and CW; Novice on 7.130 and 21.150 MHz. Commemorative confirmation for no. 10 s.a.s.e. and QSO info to William K. MacNealy, WD8LFM, RR 1 DTSQ, Bolivar, OH 44612.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada: In celebration of the Parks' Centennial, XJ4RMP will be operated from Riding Mountain National Park on the HF bands. Other stations will be operating using the XJ4 prefix, including XJ4AEX on CW near 14.012 MHz. Operation will be from June 29 through August 29. To QSL, send an s.a.s.e. to VE4AKN, 15 Jupiter Bay, Winnipeg, MB R3T 0W5, Canada.

Note: The deadline for receipt of items for this column is the 15th of the second month preceding the publication date. For example, your information would have to reach Hq. by June 15 to make the August issue. Please include the name of the sponsoring organization, the location, dates, times, frequencies and call sign of the special-event station. Requests for donations will not be published.

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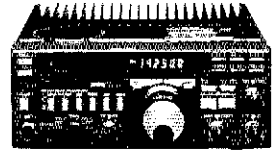
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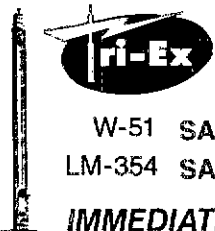


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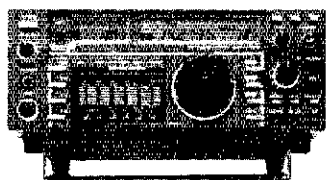


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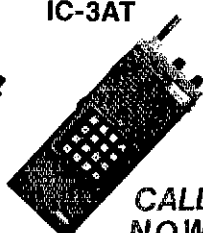
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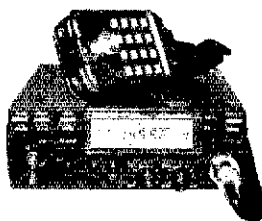


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INDIANA: SM, Bruce Woodward, W9UMH—SEC: W9ZQE. STM: W9JUL, SAC: K9TUS, STC: K9PS. SGLC: W9WQD, SOBC: K9TA, SPIO: K9DI, SRC: N9WB, SHC: W9PUD, SOOC: K9JG, Net Managers: ITN K9DDU, QIN K9J, ION K9WD, IRN K9SU, VHF W9PMT, IWN K9BERC. March Net Reports:

Table with columns: Net, Freq., Time, Daily, UCT, QNI, QTC, QTR, Sess. Rows include ITN 3910, QIN 3653, ION 3708, IRN 3629, IWN 3910, IWN VHF Bloomington, IWN VHF Kokomo.

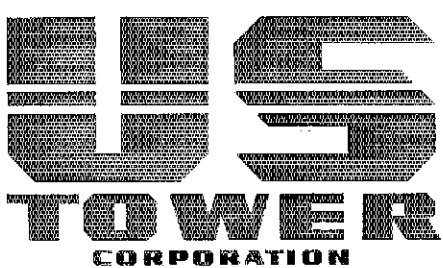
Hoosier VHF Nets for March QNI 5618, QTC 158, Bulletins 483, QTR 8642 in 192 sessions for 22 nets. 9RN cycle four QNI 383, QTC 480, QTR 997, sess. 62 IN 100% Stns. W9EI W9FC N9HZ K9JW W9JUL W9AQC W9SUW W9KWWJ. D9RN 599 messages in 1371 minutes. IN. 100% Stns. K9CGS, W9JUL, N9DWU, CAND 723 messages in 31 sessions. D9RN 100%. Stns. N9DWU, W9JUL, K9CGS. Appointments: Emergency Coordinator N9ASR for Jefferson County, K9RF for Howard County, W9ZHC for Gibson County, W9DZA for Grant County, W9JUL for White County, W9RWB for Vanderburgh County, N9DGO for Rush County, W9NOH for DeMotte County, W9GXG for Posey County, W9EYK for Monroe County, N9CLV for LaPorte County, W9EBI for Huntington County, N9AIR for Cass County, W9BKJ for Boone County, DEC K9PFO, OBS W9JUL W9DGT W9AOKK W9PMT K9PQP W9CNE W9DRM W9EPT, ORS N9DTG K9JDF, ACC K9TUS, GL W9WQD, OOIAA K9JG, STM W9JUL, PIO K9DI, ATC K9BC N9WB W9DUU. Silent Key: K9MOM Wallace In. W9LVE Muncie In. W9RTH has resigned as an EC after 27 years as an EC because of eyesight. It surely must be a record. A big vote of thanks for a wonderful service. Congratulations to W9BQF for being chosen outstanding Amateur of the year by the WVARA. Thanks to Fort Wayne Hams for their manning the telephones for one part of the Easter Seal telethon. W9PMT is an outstanding example of the courage and ability of the handicapped. Thanks to Elkhart Red Cross ARC for their display booth at the Maple Syrup Festival. Traffic: W9JUL 1023, K9J 302, W9CNE 248, K9HH 140, K9PFO 108, W9AQC 104, W9JUL 96, W9EI 87, K9BC 65, W9HII 56, K9DFK 54, K9TB 51, W9UMH 45, K9W 39, W9DWD 32, W9JAA 32, W9PMT 32, K9SEIV 25, W9JZV 24, K9SER 24, W9PZF 23, N9DYC 23, K9PS 22, W9CY 20, K9R 17, W9OKK 16, W9KAW 15, K9RF 12, N9ADR 12, N9AD 10, W9JUR 9, W9BART 8, K9TKI 8, N9DGO 8, A9BA 8, W9EYH 8, K9SBW 8, K9DI 8, K9OUP 7, W9XD 6, W9ACHY 6, W9DZ 6, W9HHR 6, W9ZGC 4, W9BVG 4, N9DHX 4, W9DGM 3, W9BQF 2, W9BPD 2, K9DU 1, K9SU 1, K9M 1, N9AEI 1, W9HZ 1, W9ZQE.

WISCONSIN: SM, Richard R. Regent, K9GDF—ACC: K9FOZ, BM: K9CPA, OO/RFI: N9SG, P/O: K9Z SEC: W9OAK, SGL: AG9V, STM: K9TUT, TC: K9GDF, John Leakie, W9SMM, EC for Milwaukee County and DEC for SE Wisconsin, received special Certificate of Merit at Milwaukee RAC from K9GDF on behalf of ARRL for his volunteer work in organizing emergency communications over the years, including public service work like the City of Festivals Parades. John thanks all amateurs who participate in those activities. You can join ARRL or renew membership at most Wisconsin Hamfests/Swapfests, just look for me at the ARRL table. Your SM sold thousands of dollars worth of ARRL publications so far this year, thanks to all who have helped. Sorry to report W9LBE is Silent Key and was QCWA member. Correction to last month's news, K9CJ substituted for W9YCV at last minute for traffic training program in Racine. K9GDF was welcomed back to Racine Megacycle Club on May 13th to give VEP talk. Riverland ARC applied to become a Special Service Club. Wisconsin Chapter QCWA meeting in beautiful Wisconsin Rapids, June 1st. Milwaukee ARES meeting on packet radio and Milwaukee RAC exams, both on June 4th. Wisconsin Nets Association meeting June 15th at W9ICH's QTH. Central Wisconsin Radio Amateurs will have Swapfest, Family Picnic, and Raffie on June 16th at Bukolt Park, Stevens Point. ARRLVEC exams at 9 A.M. Communicators needed for City of Festivals Parade June 22nd, contact W9SMM. Good luck on Field Day, June 22 and 23, remember bonus points for handling traffic and for message to SM. South Milwaukee ARC Swapfest, American Legion Post in Oak Creek; Eau Claire ARC Hamfest, 4H Barns on Fairfax Street, and Sheboygan County ARC Swapfest at Wilson Town Hall, all on July 13th. Tri-County ARC will have exams on July 14th, contact K9W9W. New swap net from Wausau 148.22/82 MHz, Sundays at 9 P.M. BPL to K9CPA and K9CJ. The future is that time when you'll wish you'd done what you aren't doing now.

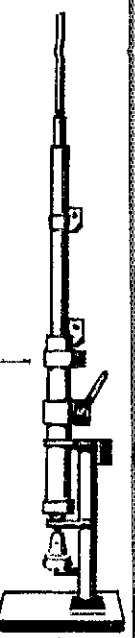
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DAKOTA DIVISION MINNESOTA: SM, George Frederickson, Jr., KC8T—SEC: K9ARF, STM: KD0CI, March certainly started out with a roar, with the worst winter storm of the season. During the storm period of March 3-4, the Minnesota Emergency Net was activated with a very pleasing response. Amateurs reported in from all corners of the state as well as surrounding states affected by the storm. Another on-the-air event worth noting was the ARRL Dakota Division Forum held the afternoon of March 23. This forum gave amateurs within the three state division a chance to address issues concerning this hobby with the Dakota Division leadership, as well as with Section officials. Response was very positive and indications are there will be another forum, perhaps this coming fall. I urge you to



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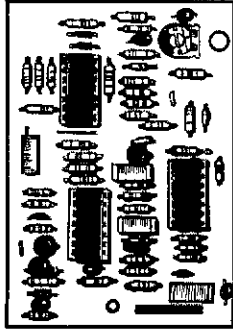
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listen for future announcements on any future forums. Official bulletin sources include MSPNE, MSN1 and the MSO. NET NEWS: WA0LUT has named N0CKA to assist him in managing the MSNRTTY Net. This net has certainly become active and prospects for expansion look good. WD0BAC will be resigning as mgr of the MNAMWXNT when the net shuts down beginning in June. It appears that KADIZA is the heir apparent for WX net mgr, and will assume it in September. Recent upgrades reported to me include KADNLS from Tech to General, and KD0BA from Advanced to Extra. Congrats to all upgrades. The "Ham of the Month" award for March goes to N0EVA of Iron. The St. Paul RC reports the passing of W0JT. His noteworthy achievements include designing and installing the 5KW phone and CW stations with rhombic antenna that provided communication along the Alaskan Highway and out to the Aleutian Islands during WW2. Our sympathy to his family and friends. Also our best wishes to K0GKHT and W0QMC who have been ill recently. In conclusion, I wish to report on K0EPEY and his efforts to develop a comprehensive section newsletter. His efforts in this endeavor are to be commended, a newsletter of this magnitude is not an easy task. We are anxious to see the finished product as I'm sure it will be as interesting as the predecessor was. This newsletter will be a quarterly publication and input for it is solicited. For more info, contact K0EPEY or others in the section leadership. 73 de KD0CJ.

Net Log: QNI/QTC/Bess.
MSN/1 3685 8:30P W0EHI 324/97/31
MSN/2 3685 10:00P K0EPEY 204/41/31
MSSN 3710 6:00P K0BDDQ 267/15/27
MSN/RTTY 3929 7:00P WA0LUT 92/13/14
MSPN/N 3929 12:00P W0BWNJ 655/11/31
MSPNE 3929 5:30P WD0BGS 1236/205/31
MNAMWXNT 3929 6:15P WD0BAC 442/276/25
PICONET 3925 9:00A WD0BAC 3978/432/167
ARES 3929 Special K0BARP 239/7/1
Traffic: WD0BAC 611, WA0TFC 346, K0EPEY 279, W0BWNJ 233, W0EHI 191, K0AARP 179, K191 129, KD0CJ 112, K0GT 93, WD0HDD 91, N0CLS 78, K0BDDQ 55, K1DR 53, K0BNV 43, K19U 42, K0GK 39, N0EJ 34, WD0BGS 32, WD0GUF 30, W0HZU 24, W0KYG 23, W0BJKI 23, N0EWA 21, K0CVD 19, N0Y 18, K0AIF 16, K0EFP 16, W0DM 15, N0ED 10, WA0ONJ 10, WA0FFU 8, K0CSE 7, K0BRW 7, K0BDD 5, N0FKU 5, N0FK 4. (Feb.) K1DR 44.

SOUTH DAKOTA: SM, Fredric J. Stephan, KC0QO—The SO. DAK. Section Public Service Award for March was awarded to W0YMB—one of our most helpful and involved volunteers ever. Send your nominations to the SM for the selection committee's decision and final choice for the next award. The DAKOTA DIVISION CONVENTION and PICNIC will be held in the beautiful Black Hills of Western South Dakota during first week of July. The usual forums, tests, contests, speeches, foxhunts, exhibits, flea markets, ragchews, lunches, banquets, code contests, antennae displays and commercial exhibits will amaze you. Will there be a Wouff Hong this time? Will there be Heien Fong available? Come to the convention to find out. Write early for your pre-registration forms and other info. KB0MB and K1TO or other experts will direct the forum on traffic, traffic nets and net participation. Other forums will abound to fill you on the latest developments. Reports this month came in from WA0VRE, W0COMF, N0SD, W0YMB, W0LTV, N0EEH, N0ABE. Nets reporting were BHN, N.J.Q., CCEN, Walworth County Emergency net and the Buffalo Chip net. SDEEN will start up again with return of summer interest. K0AUIT is new ham in state. Moberidge ARC attended meeting of Aberdeen ARC recently. A fresh Novice Class has started at Moberidge with good turnout. See you on the net or at the upcoming CONVENTION. Best of DX and good hunting.

DELTA DIVISION

ARKANSAS: SM: Joel M. Harrison, W05IGF—SEC: N5BPU. STM: AE5L. TC: W5FD. ACC: AD5M. PIC: K5DW. SGL: W5LCI. Repeater Coordinator: W05FDP. I think that our volunteer examiners in Arkansas deserve some recognition for the hard work that has been put into our program. Since the first of the year I have been receiving test reports with pass rates in the upper 70 and 80 percent range. Congratulations to those who have passed and thank you to those who offer their time and assistance for this very important task. Field Day time is almost here and I will be looking forward to visiting your site this year. If you would like a list of upcoming volunteer exam sites, please contact me. K5MEA MSO is now on the 147.81/27 repeater in Jonesboro. Contact K5MEA on 3937 for details.

LOUISIANA: SM, J. "Wondy" Wondergem, K5KR—SEC: K5PFB. ACC: K5DPG. SGL: K5SI. TC: N5JM. CO: W05TPG. La. Council of Amateur Radio Clubs election: Chairman: Al - K5DPG. Vice Chairman: Sam - K5BVC. Sec-Treas: Al - W0CVD. The SOWELA ARC (Southwest La.) is coordinating the effort to allow call letters on handicap or disabled vet license plates. Many of our disabled hams are deeply involved in emergency and public service communications and desire to have the hard-earned privilege of call letters on license plates that provide access to handicap parking and facilities. The LARC has appointed Phil, W05DVP, as chairman for this effort to enact a legislative change. For more details on how you can help contact Kim, K5CAF, secretary of SOWELA ARC, 2336 Acadiane, Dr. Metairie, LA 70002. Upcoming VHC (New Orleans) election: Pres: Sam-K5BVC. V.P.: Dwight-K5HAN. Sec: Charles-W05RNN. Treas: Mary-W05IOE. Is your local repeater coordinated? The La. coordinated repeaters will have first rights in any future frequency disputes or directed frequency plans. Guidelines and application forms can be obtained from Al, K5DPG, Star Rt. A Box 188E, New Iberia, LA 70560. DN5 report: La 98% by W05NCM, K5PFP, K5WOD, WA5LHL, WA5WBZ, K5ABD de W05YDD DN5 mgr.

MISSISSIPPI: SM, Paul Kemp, KW5T—SEC: AL7GQ. VHF COORD: NF5Q. STM: KB5W. ACC: K0SVD. VARC graduated 9 new Novices, tnx to W05YKR, K5VXV, W055XK, K5GVR back in Hattisburg and on the air. Tupelo and Jackson Clubs are planning test sessions once each quarter. Active HF Nets we need to support are listed below:

Net	Freq.	Time	Sched.
MTN	3665 kHz	2345Z	DAILY
MSBN	3862.5 kHz	2315Z	DAILY
MMN	3862.5 kHz	1100Z	DAILY
G0SSB	3925 kHz	2330Z	DAILY
MSN	3733 kHz	0000Z	DAILY

CAND (W5KLV) sess 31 QTC 723. MTN (K5OAF) sess 31 QNI 161 QTC 76. DRNS (W05YDD) sess 31 QTC 856. MSBN (KW5T) sess 31 QNI 2318 QTC 74. MMN (W05RMM) sess 31 QNI 657 QTC 13. MLEN (K05WVP) sess 5 QNI 94 QTC 0. Traffic: N5AMK 585, K5OAF 224, K75Z 106, W5WZ 64, W5LG 47, KW5T 17.

SM, John C. Brown, NO4Q—ASM: WA4GLS, CQAA, W9FZW, PIO: WK4V, SEC: WA4GZQ, SGL: WA4GZZ, STM: NG4J, TC: W4HHK. I mentioned last month that the RFI portion of the CQ job has been transferred to the Section TC. If you are so inclined in that area, you might contact the TC about getting on board as an assistant TC. Your SM had an opportunity to work on a VE team since last report. All things were as would be expected except one person came in as a walk-in and left as an Advanced operator. His name is Max Patterson from Tullahoma. I understand he was talked into trying the tests while on a visit in West Tennessee. His interim card did not really give him anything as he did not have a call in the first place. Congratulations to him and all the other operators and potential operators for working to do so. Anyone with a reporting like this needs to pass it along so that we can include it in the activities. Been getting reports of a lot of new rigs and equipment. Congrats to all and that includes your SM. Now maybe he can get on frequency for a change, HA. We are starting to get some of the severe summer weather and we need to keep a close watch and assist the weather service when we can with timely reports and assistance. Want to ask for the station activity reports to keep coming in also as we start the summer activity. We want to include your activity. Section traffic activity for this period is as follows—LF-Sessions 98, QNI-4236, QTC-195; VHF-Sessions-83, QNI-3100, QTC-637; TNCW-Sessions-45, QNI-252, QTC-87; RTTY-Sessions-18, QNI-83 and QTC-3. The CW Honor Roll includes K9IM. Congrats to him. Individual station activity for the period follows. I note that there are several calls missing in this report. What says about calling a message to the SM so your station activity can be included. Sure would like too. Traffic: KA4RSC 186, W9FZW 165, W4DDK 106, K4WVQ 83, K4WOP 56, NN4S 22, W4TYV 19, W4PFP 16, W4YPO 16, KB4QV 10, W4EWR 10, KE4LS 9, K4JGW 7, W3HET 8, W4PSN 4 and N4KXQ 3.

GREAT LAKES DIVISION

KENTUCKY: SM, Rosie Parciful, KA4SAA—New appointments: Asst SM, Dale Bannet, WA4JTE, of Columbia and STM, Ray Smith, WB4ZDU, of Louisville. Lexington's SM, George A. R. has joined the VE Program as will the Big Sandy ARC of Pikeville with their May 5 test. Please notify the SM of test dates for broadcast publicity. **EARTHQUAKE:** The Paducah Conference included new probabilities. These are 50% in 25 years and 90% 50 years for a 6.5 Richter. Probabilities drop considerably for more severe quakes. 6.5 quakes or greater were recorded in 1811, 1843 and 1895 so it appears we are overdue. However, a quake of this magnitude would not be as severe as those previously predicted for the New Madrid Fault, intense damage being fairly local to the epicenter rather than on a regional scale. Clubs and APES units should still establish Jump Teams for participation in this or other emergencies. Contact WA4JAV, SEC, for more information. Traffic: KA4JA 223, WA4JJE 198, WD4YI 93, KB4OZ 70, KA4BCM 56, KA4SKV 38, WD4XS 36, K4MHL 33, W4WVQ 26, WB4ZDU 19, KA4GBZ 17, K4QWN 16, KA4MTX 13, WD4COF 11, WD4PBF 10, WA4YPQ 10, K4HOE 9, WA4NOG 8, WA4SWF 8, W4PKX 7, WD4CJQ 6, N4LAF 3, WD4YH 1, W4TPB 1.

MICHIGAN: SM, James R. Seeley, WB8MTD—ASM: WB8DHB, SEC: WB8BGY, STM: WD8RHU, ACC: K8SB, PIO: K8CK, SGL: N8CNY, TC: W8YZ.

Net	Freq.	Time	QNI	Tic	Sess.	Mgr.
MITN*	3953	1900	699	305	31	WD8EIB
QMN*	3663	1800**	841	281	96	W8UE
MACS*	3953	1100**	606	152	31	K8LNE
UBN*	3922	1700	1193	92	36	WB8DHB
MNN*	3722	1730**	218	82	61	WD8OUO
GLTN	3932	2030	637	41	27	WB8AXI
WSSBN	3935	1900	1260	55	31	WB8EYM
VHF nets	11	cpts	375	26	61	WB8CLP

*NTS nets. Times local. **QMN late 2200; MNN late 2000; MACS Su. 1300. APES Net, Su. 3932, 1730. ARRL Int'l Traffic Workshop, Su. 3953, 1600. 3932 is MI HF emer. Iraq. 1932 alt. Silent Keys, with deep regret: KA8EFK, WD8MEK. The state convention, back in Muskegon again this year, was, as always, an enjoyable time for me. K8BIX and company are to be commended for bringing off another good one. Many thanks to Vice Dir. AB8P for joining us and adding his special blend of enthusiasm and broad knowledge. MNN is back among the living, as you can see in the net activity summary above, thanks in large measure to the work of interim manager WD8OUO. With lengthened daylight giving improved 70- and 80-meter conditions in the evenings, the MI Thumb 160 meter net has signed off "... until we are needed in the fall," according to manager WB8EMV. However, central MI stations will continue to be heard on 1950 kHz throughout the summer. Welcome to the field leadership ranks to new Kent Co. EC, Bill Woolf, KB8GO. And thanks for time spent and a good effort to N8CHI who has resigned as EC for Mason Co. Here's a reminder about the U.P. Hamfest for all you trolls (if you don't know what that is in U.P. parlance, you probably are one!): July 27-28 in Mantistigue. Back to two days again for what I've heard called MI's "other convention," and with a really super fish fry on tap for the Friday evening before. Why not try Superland's brand of hospitality this year—it's super! Traffic: AF8Y 585, KA8CPS 516, WB8HB 411, WD8KQC 232, WD8OUO 142, K8GXV 86, W8RNO 85, WB8YDZ 77, WB8DHB 73, WA6YMH 72, K8OCP 70, WD8MJB 59, N8CNY 59, WB8MTD 58, KA8SOF 51, W8VIZ 46, W8YY 41, KA8VOZ 40, WB8CW 40, WB8EIB 39, K8UPE 38, WD8RHU 35, K8HAP 31, N8JR 23, W8YIQ 22, W8URM 21, W8CUP 20, WB8JV 14, KV8U 12, K8IQ 10, K8ZJU 10, WD8PAF 8, W8YZ 8, KB8TD 3. (Feb.) WB8YDZ 20, KB8TD 6.

OHIO: SM, Jeffrey A. Maass, K8ND—ASM: KF8J, SEC: K8AN, STM: WB8MZZ, ACC: K8US, BM: W8ZM, TC: K88MU, OOC: AD8I, PIO & SGL: N8CVK.

Net	QNI	QTC	Sess.	Time(Local)	Freq.	Mgr.
BN	339	202	59	1845, 2200	3.577	WD8KFN
BNR	278	96	31	1800	3.605	W8EK
BSSN	388	276	59	0945, 1915	3.885	N8AKS
ONN	169	17	25	1830	3.708	K88VF
OSN	333	113	31	1910	3.577	N8AEH
OSSBN	2548	848	93	1030, 1615, & 1845	3.9725	WB8MZZ

OSSN 211 155 31 0646 3.577 K8BJV
O6MN 305 11 31 2100 50.16 WD8CTX
Hamfests: Columbus, June 2; Bellefontaine June 9; Akron June 9. Don't forget Field Day, June 22-23. This event is the high point of club unity for many groups; for some it retains some of its original function of testing our readiness to provide emergency communications from remote locations. Why not stress the "readiness test" part this year? I attended the First Annual Lucas County ARES Banquet with Vice Director Severson, and I'm impressed again by their dedication and range of activities! WB8HHZ was presented the 1984 Lucas County Ham of the Year award. George will also be assuming the EC post, as

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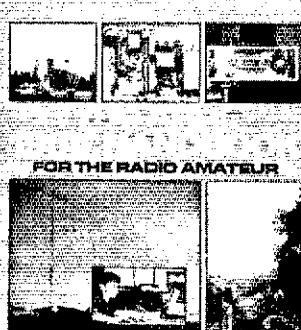
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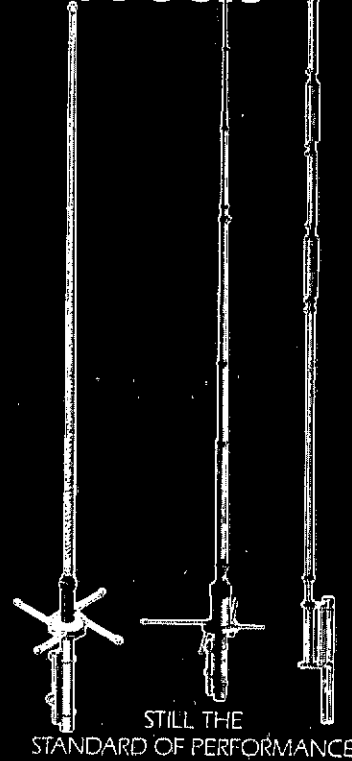
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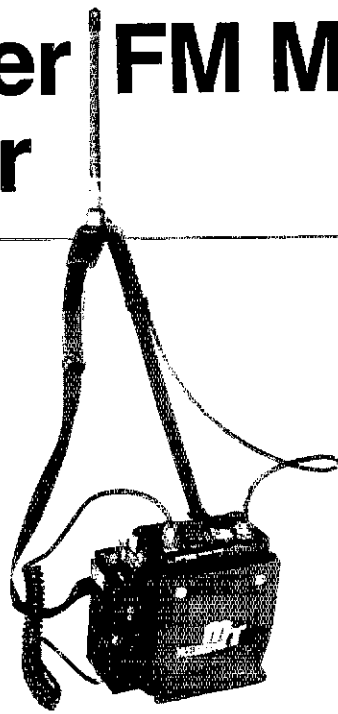
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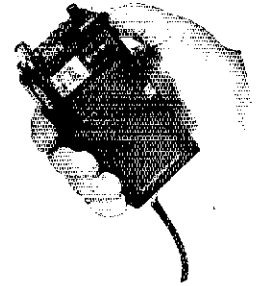


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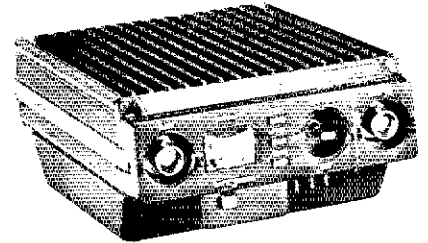
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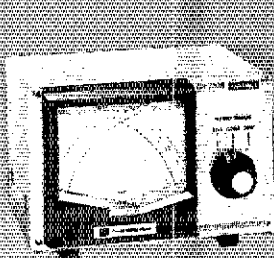
- General**
- Frequency : 144-148 MHz in 5 kHz steps
- Emission type : (FM)
- RF output impedance: 50ohm unbalanced (BNC socket)
- Power source : 8.4V DC (5.5-11V DC)
- Current drain : 150mA Max. on reception
25mA on reception with no input signal
550mA Max. on transmission
- Dimensions/weight** : Main 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
+ 600kHz transmit up shift switch
- Illuminated Dial**

- Receiver**
- Circuitry : Double-conversion Superheterodyne
- Sensitivity : Better than 1µV for 30dB S/N
- Selectivity : Greater than ± 7.5kHz/ - 6dB
Greater than ± 15kHz/ - 60dB
- Image rejection** : Better than - 60dB
- 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)

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- General**
- RF output power : 20W (13.8V DC - 1.5W Input)
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9.6V DC—Nicad battery, Model BA-4/BA-5 (Optional)
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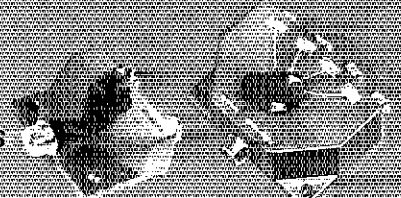
CN-410M **CN-460M** **CN-465M**
Frequency Range: 3.5-150MHz 140-450 MHz 140-450 MHz
Power Range: Forward 15 W/150 W 15 W/150 W 15 W/75 W
Reflected 5 W/50 W 5 W/50 W 5 W/25 W

All Models Back Lit, with mobile bracket.

CN-520 **CN-540** **CN-550**
Frequency Range: 1.8-60 MHz 80-150 MHz 144-260 MHz
Power Range: 200/2000 W 20/200 W 20/200 W

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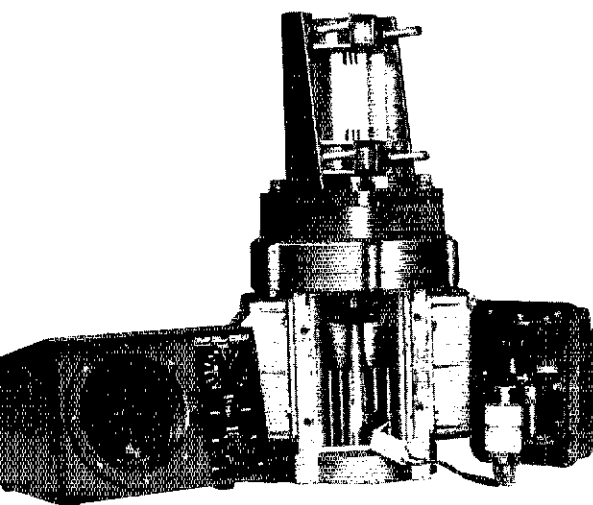


Model	Position	Frequency	Connectors	VSWR	Insertion Loss
CS-201	2-position	600 MHz	80-238	Below 1:1.2	Less than 0.2 dB
CS-201G	2-position	1.3 GHz	N type		
CS-401	4-position	800 MHz	80-238		
CS-401G	4-position	1.3 GHz	N type		
CS-4	4-position	1.3 GHz	BNC type		

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Low voltage (24 VAC) motors... Low cost 6-wire control cable.

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 Brake power	1 motor	610 lbs/inch (700 kg/cm)	220 lbs/inch (250 kg/cm)
		5,200 lbs/inch (6,000 kg/cm)	1,700 lbs/inch (2,000 kg/cm)
	2 motor	1,200 lbs/inch (1,400 kg/cm)	440 lbs/inch (500 kg/cm)
		9,600 lbs/inch (11,000 kg/cm)	3,500 lbs/inch (4,000 kg/cm)
3 motor	1,800 lbs/inch (2,100 kg/cm)	650 lbs/inch (750 kg/cm)	
	13,900 lbs/inch (16,000 kg/cm)	5,200 lbs/inch (6,000 kg/cm)	
4 motor	2,400 lbs/inch (2,800 kg/cm)	870 lbs/inch (1,000 kg/cm)	
	18,300 lbs/inch (21,000 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



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CNW-518

Frequency Range: 3.5-30 MHz (8 bands)
Power Rating: 1 kW CW (60% duty)

Output Impedance: 10-250Ω (On 3.5 MHz)

CNW-419

Frequency Range: 1.8-30 MHz (17 bands)
Power Rating: 200W CW (3.5-30 MHz)

300W CW (1.8-3.4 MHz)

Output Impedance: 10-250 ohm

CL-580 (no metering)

Frequency Range: 3-30 MHz (17 bands)
Power Rating: 200W CW (3.5-30 MHz)

300W CW (1.8-3.4 MHz)

Output Impedance: 10-250 ohm



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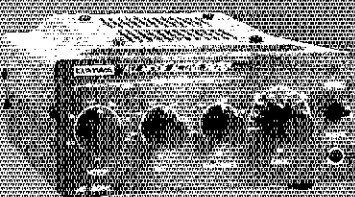
Band: 144-148 MHz
Input Power: 0.5-3 W
Max. Output Power: 30 W plus

LA-2035R

Band: 144-148 MHz
Input Power: 0.5-3 W
Max. Output Power: 30 W plus

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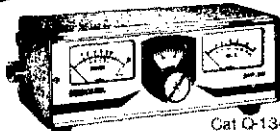


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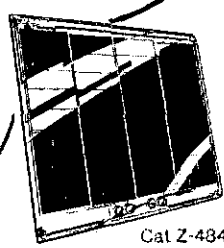
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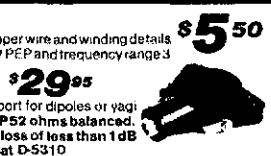
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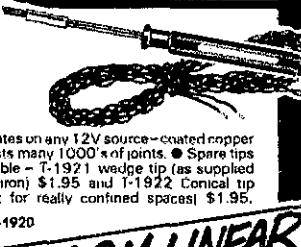
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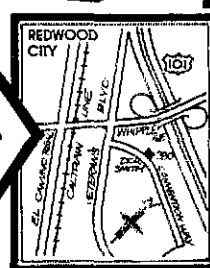


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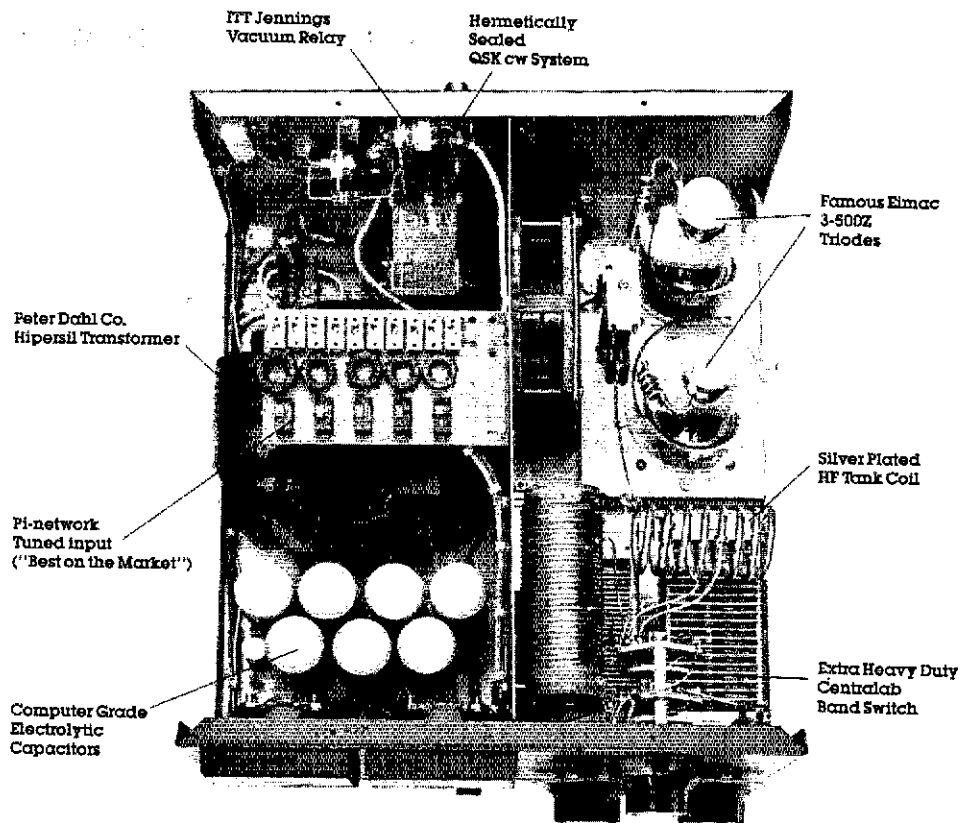
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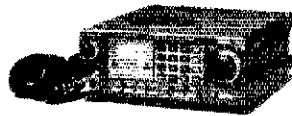
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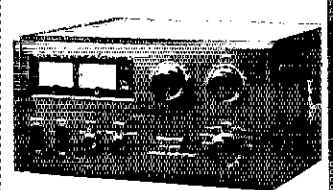
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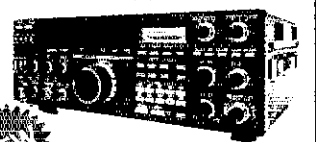


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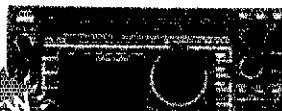


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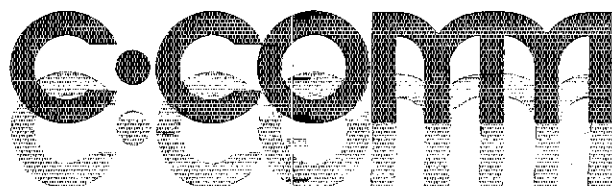
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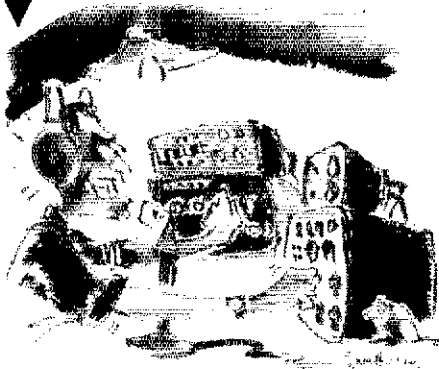
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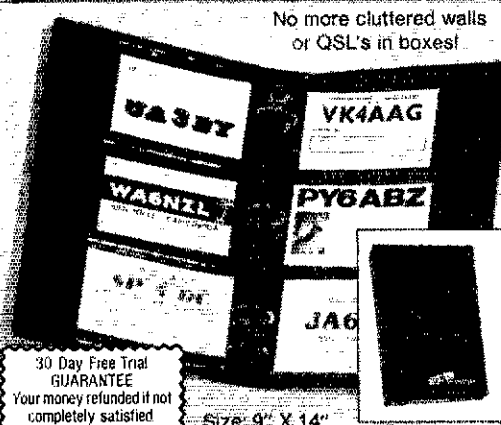
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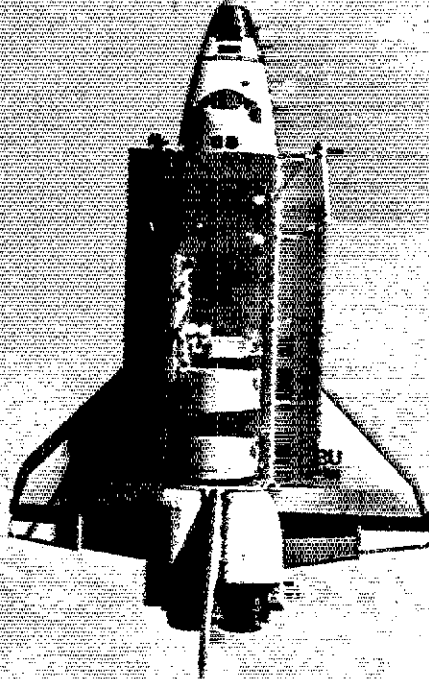
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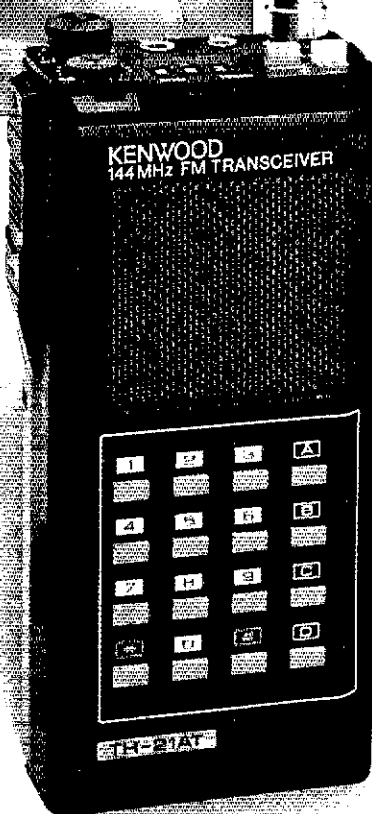
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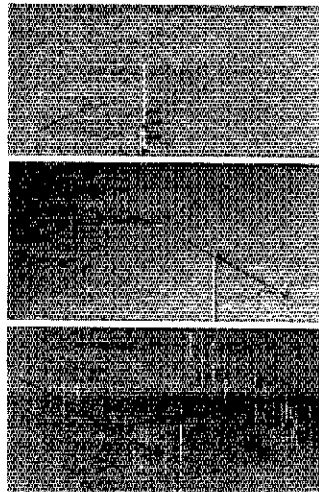
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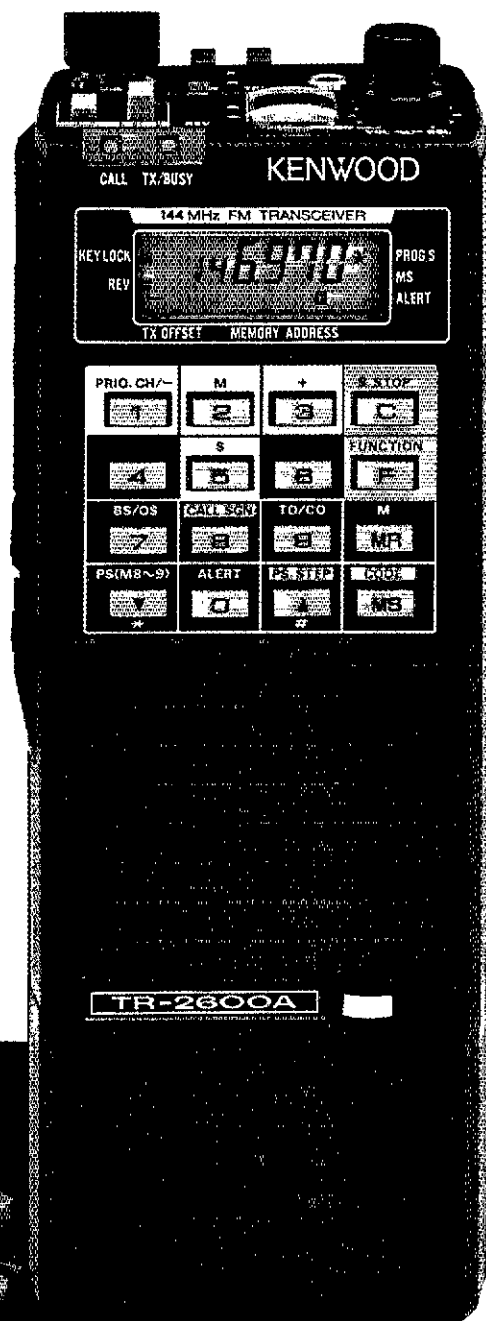
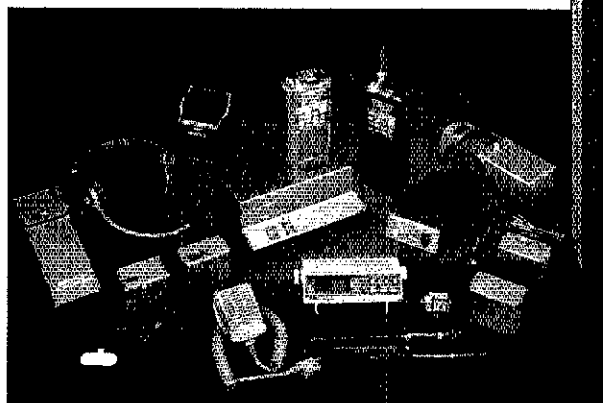
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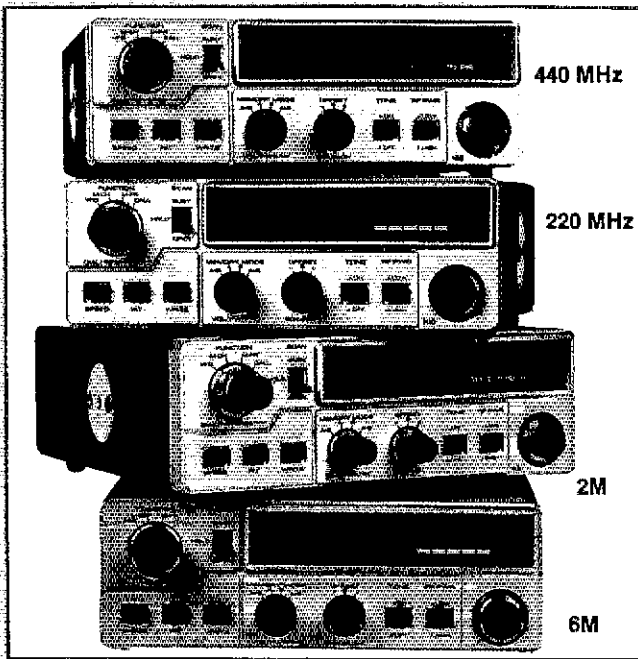
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Well... they might not last forever. However, there are certainly many older model KDKs out there in 'Ham Radio-land' just chuggin' away. Every day calls come from all over asking for information and advice on care and feeding of an FM-144sx or a '2015 and there are even a few older than that but some of them seem to be in disguise. That's a tribute to the folks who design and make the KDK. They care about building a radio to last longer because their name and their pride are on the front of each one. BUT... What we are really getting to is we would really like for all you folks who have known and loved your KDK's all these years to go and update yourselves by purchasing a newer KDK, one like, say, the FM-2033 or maybe an FM-7033 UHF. That way you can start your own collection of heirloom KDK radios. Right there in your own hometown. Take a look at the chart of available models and visit your nearest KDK dealer and check them out. We think you will drive home with one.



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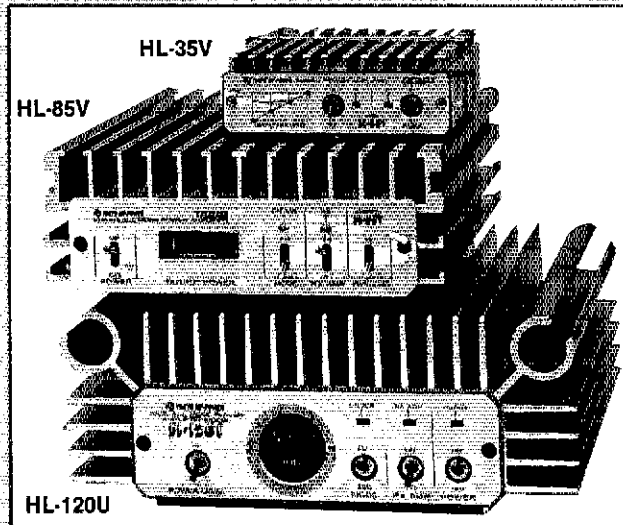
SPECIFICATION	FM-2033 144 MHZ	FM-4033 220 MHZ	FM-7033 440 MHZ	FM-6033 50 MHZ
NUMBER OF MEMORIES	10 Memories + CALL CHANNEL organized as two banks of 5 channels each. (CH 1-5, CH 6-10, CALL.)			
MEMORY SCANNING	Memories may be scanned A(1-5), B(6-10), A+B(1-10) or AxB(1-5)			
BAND SCANNING	Programmable band scan between values loaded into memories 5 and 10, step size set in INIT module.			
FREQUENCY RANGE	142.000-149.995 MHZ	220-224.995 MHZ	440-449.975 MHZ	50.00-53.995 MHZ
OUTPUT POWER HI/LO	25/2.5 Watts	25/2.5 Watts	10/2 Watts	10/2 Watts
REPEATER OFFSET	600 KHZ UP or Down	1.6 MHZ UP or Down	5 MHZ UP or Down	600 KHZ UP or Down
SUB AUDIBLE TONE	103.5 @ 500 Hz Dev	103.5 @ 500 Hz Dev	Dipswitch Select	103.5 @ 500 Hz
SENSITIVITY	0.2 uV @ 12dB SINAD	0.35 uV @ 12 dB SINAD	0.4 dB @ 12 dB SINAD	0.2 uV @ 12 dB SINAD
BANDWIDTH	± 5 KHZ @ -6 dB	± 5 KHZ @ -6 dB	± 5 KHZ @ -6 dB	± 5 KHZ @ -6 dB
SELECTIVITY	± 12.5 KHZ @ -60 dB	± 12.5 KHZ @ -60 dB	± 12.5 KHZ @ -60 dB	± 12.5 KHZ @ -60 dB

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Pre-Amp Type	N/A	Gaas-FET	Gaas-FET	Gaas-FET	Gaas-FET	MOS-FET	MOS-FET	N/A	Gaas-FET	Gaas-FET	Gaas-FET
Power Metering	N/A	LED	LED	Meter	Meter	Meter	Meter	N/A	LED	Meter	Meter
Input (Watts)	.25-5	.25-5	.25-5	10-14	3-14	3-14	20-30	1-4	1-4	8-14	8-14
Output (Watts)	2.5-30	2.5-30	2.5-30	70-90	90-110	140-160	140-160	18-22	25-30	45-60	90-110
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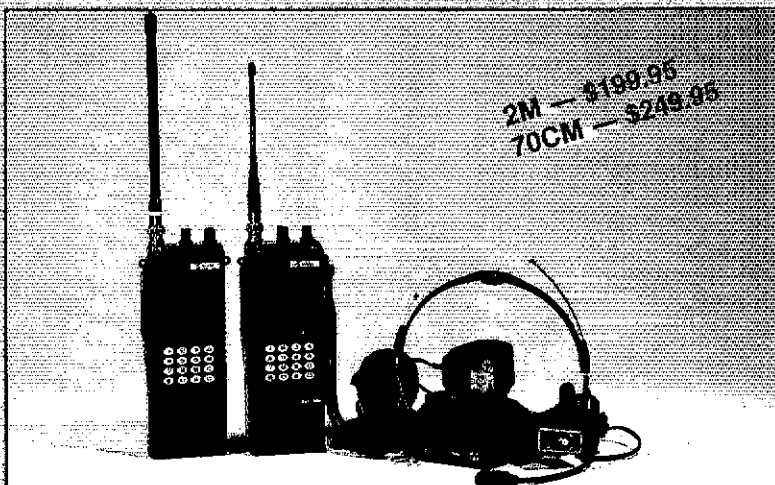
SPECIFICATION	ST-200ET	ST-400ET
GENERAL		
Frequency Range	144-147.995	440-449.995
Battery Pack (V/mAhr)	8.4/250	8.4/250
Receive Squelched Norm	18 mA	22 mA
RX At Full Volume	130 mA	130 mA
Transmit (Low Power)	220 mA	300 mA
Transmit (High Power)	550 mA	700 mA
Dimensions mm	60 x 170 x 40	60 x 170 x 40
Weight (with Battery)	490 gms	490 gms
TRANSMITTER		
Output Pwr. (Hi, Lo)	1.5W, 0.15W	1.5W, 0.15W
Spurious Transmitted	< -60dBc	< -60dBc
Deviation Limit	5 kHz	5 kHz
Pickup Device	Condenser Mic	Condenser Mic
RECEIVER		
Receiving System	Dbl. Superhet.	Dbl. Superhet.
I.F. Frequencies	10.695 1st 455 kHz 2nd	21.6 1st 455 kHz 2nd
Receive Sensitivity	< 0.25 uV @ 12dB	< 0.35 uV @ 12 dB
I.F. Bandwidth	30 kHz @ -60dB	30 kHz @ -60 dB
Operating Temp	-10- +60 C	-10- +60 C
ACCESSORIES		
SKT-BA Battery Case	HSA-1/HBM-1 Headset/Mic	
SKT-PA DC/DC Conv.	STK-BP Battery Pack	
ST-MC Mobile Charger	STK-BC Battery Charger	
SKT-LC Leatherette Case		

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Freq. Range	1.6-60MHZ	1.8 ~ 200MHZ	140 ~ 525MHZ	1.8 ~ 150MHZ	140 ~ 500MHZ
Sensor Mnt.	FIXED	FIXED	FIXED	DETACHABLE	DETACHABLE
Pwr Ranges	20/200/2KW	2/20/200	2/20/200	15W/150W	5W/60W
No. Meters	1	1	1	1	1
Peak Mode?	YES + HOLD	YES	YES	NO	NO
Impedance	50 OHMS	50 OHMS	50 OHMS	50 OHMS	50 OHMS
Functions	PWR/VSWR PEP + HOLD	PWR/VSWR PEP	PWR/VSWR PEP	PWR/VSWR CAR VOLTS	PWR/VSWR CAR VOLTS
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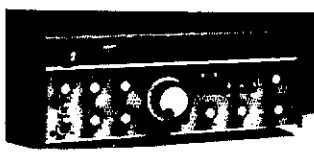
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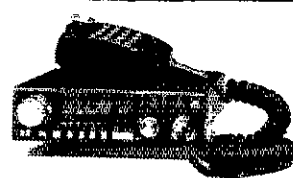
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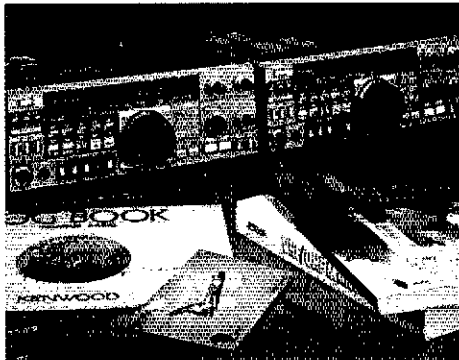
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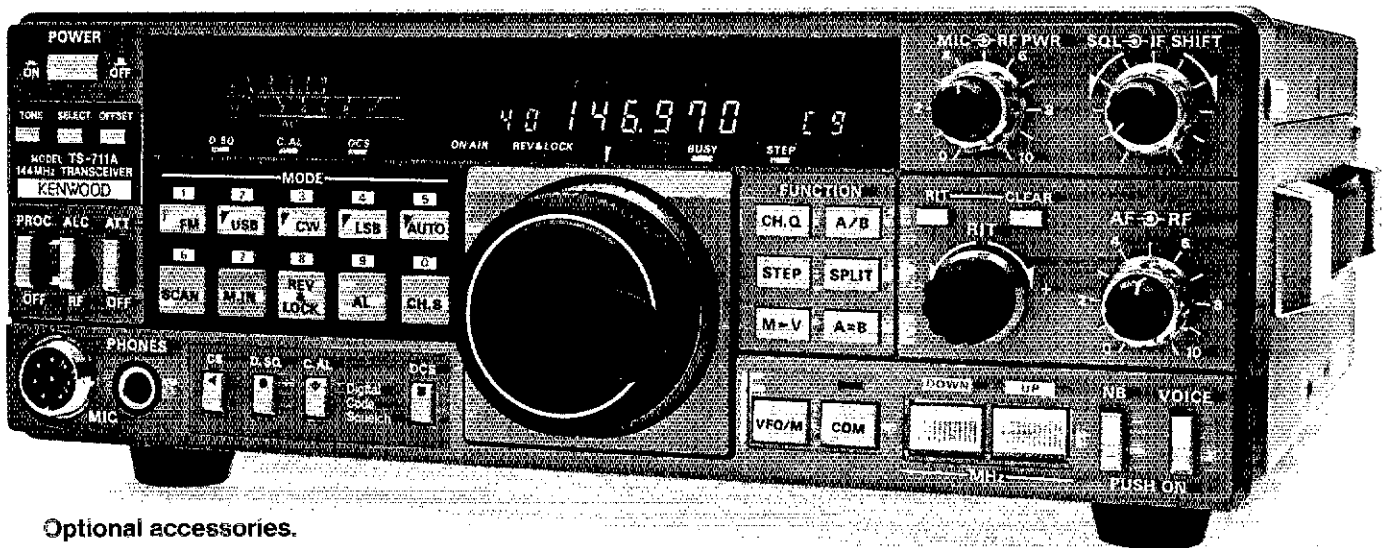
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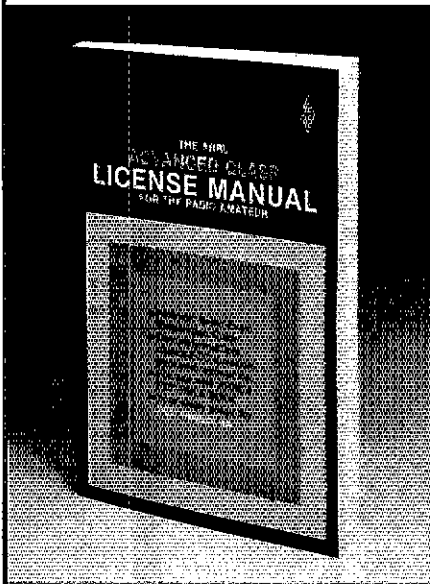
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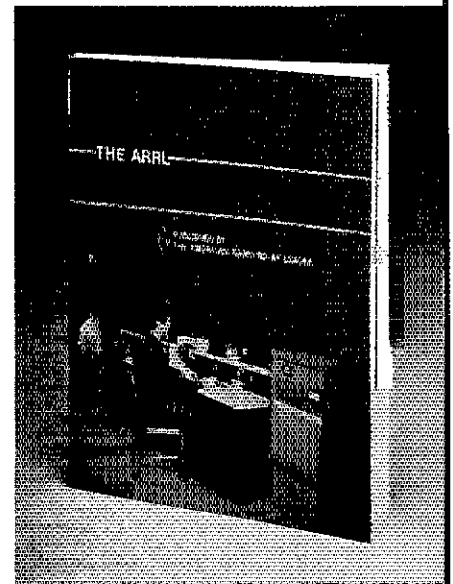
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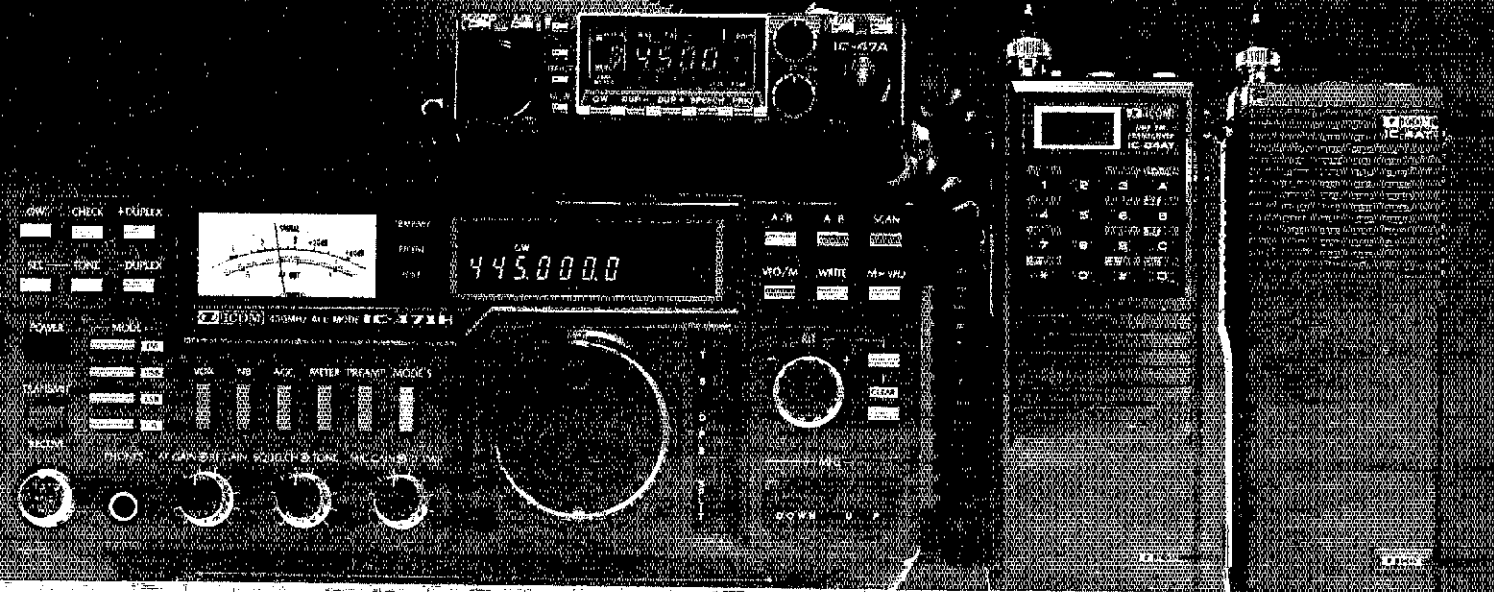
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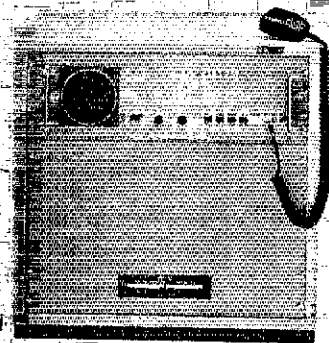
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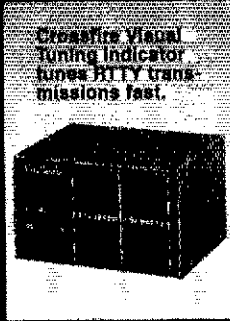
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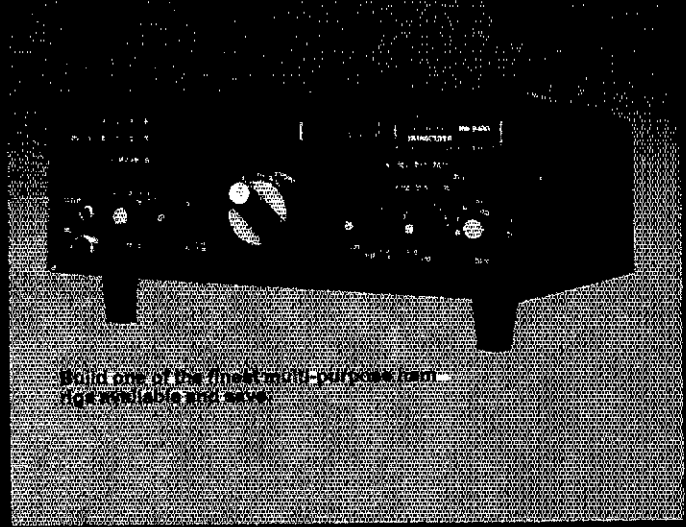
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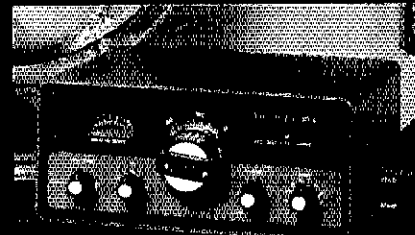
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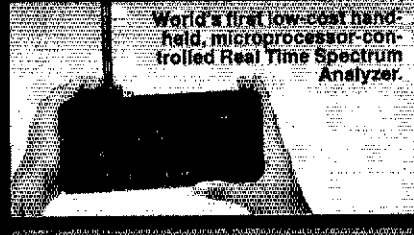
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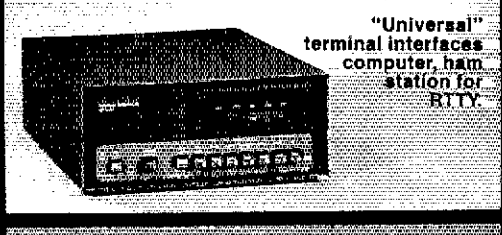
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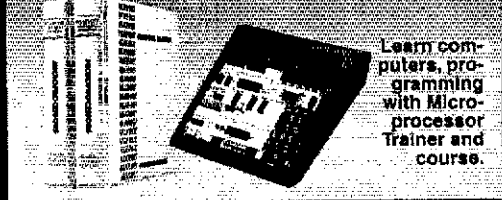
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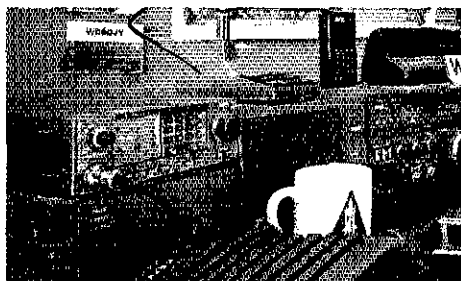
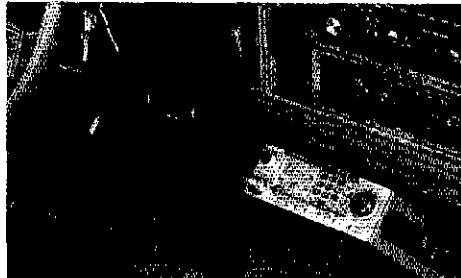
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• **21 Multi-function memory channels.**

The TR-7950/7930 "remembers" frequency offset, and optional subtone channels. Memories 1-15 are for simplex 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
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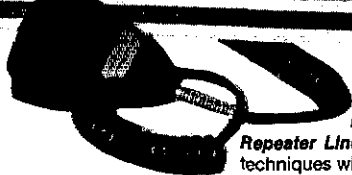
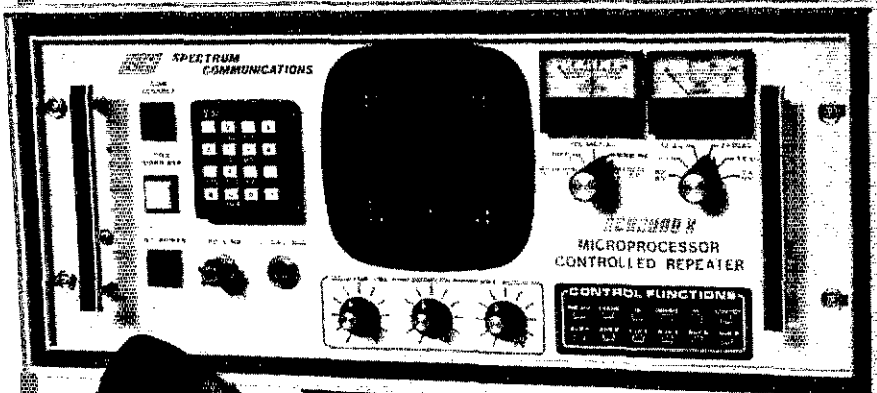
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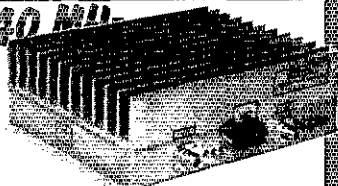
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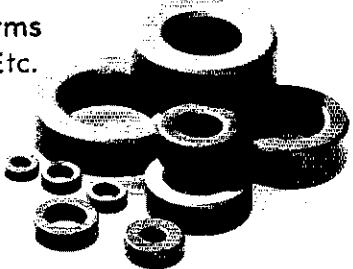
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KT8W. There are a number of antenna problems going on in the section currently. Menlo Park has been working on an antenna ordinance for some time that may have an effect on amateurs. Most recent, Los Altos Hills and Sunnyvale have joined the cities or towns that are considering restrictive ordinances. AJ6V recently became involved in a controversy with a neighbor who complained about his antenna system. About 25 amateurs appeared at the Los Altos Hills Planning Commission meeting to express support for a more liberal antenna ordinance than the one that currently exists. Actually, there should have been many more amateurs present. When you hear that there is going to be some type of hearing or meeting dealing with restrictive antenna ordinances, please make all efforts to be present at the event. If nothing else, numbers of supporters sometimes have an effect on the council or commission members. Listen in on the Section Managers' Net on Tuesday evenings at 9:00 pm on WB8OQS (146.78) for announcements about public hearings dealing with this very important matter. WD6GYH is progressing well on his project to install 2 meter antennas on many of the schools in the San Jose area. If you're interested in helping on this project, give 'GYH a call on 224.46 or 443.125. The ARRL/VEC program is going very well in the Section. ASM N56N and A6Z have established a VEC Hotline for anyone wanting information about examination sessions within the Pacific Division. The 24-hour number is 408-984-8353 for test info. STM W6PHT gave a talk to the City of Santa Clara ARES/Races group about traffic handling and how to effectively interact with the National Traffic System. Talking about handling, KH5RP has been net control for the Santa Cruz County ARC Traffic and Emergency Training net for the last 6 months and has done an excellent job in training the ARES group in that area in traffic handling. Although their ARES group is not large, they handle a large amount of traffic, both real and simulated, just to keep in practice for any real emergency that may come up. Santa Cruz County EC WA6OCV keeps her AECs and ARES members on their toes with drills or exercises frequently. If you are interested in improving your code speed, listen in on the K6FB/R (145.45) on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8:30 pm for code practice sessions. Salinas Valley EC WD8EKF and KD6FI recently presented a demonstration of amateur radio at a public library in Salinas. They set up 2 meter radios and an HF station for the demo and handed out information about amateur radio. A VCR and TV were used to show ARRL movies. Good job by WD8EKR and KD6FI. The Garlic Valley VHF Society gets together frequently for a Saturday morning breakfast at a restaurant in Gilroy. If you want to join them, give a call on K6THR/R (147.825) for details on the next breakfast. I had the opportunity to recently speak to the Memorax ARC, the West Valley ARA and the Sylvania-GTE ARC about what's happening with the ARRL reorganization, section structure and other items of interest to amateurs. If your club is looking for a speaker for a meeting, contact me on 2M or 4M. See and other section level amateurs listed at the top of this column. Traffic: W6YBV 166, K6CVM 106, W6KZJ 85, W6ZRJ 14, W6PHT 4.

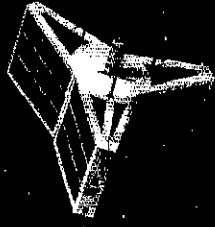
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NORTH CAROLINA: Rae Everhart, K4SWN—SEC; AB4W, STM; K4NLK, BM; K4IWW, ACC; WC4T, PIO; WA4OBR, SGL; AB4W, TC; K4ILT. Enjoyed meeting everyone at the Division Convention. Congratulations to K4EG, our newest Special Service Club. Want to become an SSC? Contact WC4T. WA4OBR needs Public Information Assistants. Your club should have one. Contact him. Congrats to new upgrades: K4ALN, K4MTS, K4WZS, K4BUN, K4BANAS, K4KIL to our SECTION TECHNICAL COORDINATOR. He is highly versed in electronics and is the father of the linked repeater system in NC. If you have a technical question or problem, check with K4ILT. Welcome aboard. To W4RXG on his appointment as Western NC Frequency Coordinator for CVRA-SERA. VECs reporting lots of exams underway. If you want exams in your area, contact ARRL/VEC or other VECs in 4th Call area. This is the month for the ARRL VHF Contest. Find a high mountain-top and lets have high participation. Field Day is this month. Set up a station and operate under emergency conditions. Radiogram me a message for extra credit on your scores. Send newspaper clippings and write-ups. Put extra push on publicity this year. Get the word about amateur radio out. I hope to operate from W4PAR. Novice/Techs don't forget the CSN at 6:00 P.M. daily will be on 7115 kHz this summer. Contact W4IKT details. NC amateurs were asked to help with the forest fire emergency in many counties across state. SEC AB4W contacted STM K4NLK and activated the necessary nets to handle the communications. Governor dropped by while amateur radio was in service. Well done—THANKS to all who participated. Schools are now out so drive carefully and take the mobile rig with you for some summer fun. Mark your calendar now for the big fall event this year—The QVA National Convention in Winston-Salem. HYATT House. Contact K4JO for details. September 27-29. Thanks to all newcomers to traffic for a fine report this month. Traffic: K4NLK 402, K4EYF 220, WB4WII 179, NJ4L 175, WD4LRG 142, N4JRE 119, WB4HRR 115, WB4N 108, NT4K 81, KB4IIV 74, K44MY 66, K4SWN 63, WA4OBR 62, N4LFX 57, WA4ONO 55, WA4SRD 50, K4COG 46, K4YJB 39, NE4J 34, K4GI 32, WB4DAR 31, WA4MNR 29, WD4EQK 28, K4IWW 27, N4JEO 23, KF4R 22, N4CJJ 21, WB4CYN 20, KU4W 14, K4AUI 12, NV4F 12, N4UE 12, N4KYD 11, WR4E 8, W2JDB 7, KB4IRR 6, K4QXA 6.

SOUTH CAROLINA: SM, Jimmy Walker, WD4HLZ—By the time you read this most of your plans will have been made for Field Day on June 22-23. Have you included coverage of your activities by the local news media? Write or call ARRL and request several "Press Kits." The kits contain definitions and explanations of terms and activities concerning amateur radio. It is a "ready" reference for anyone doing an article or story on your activities. All that needs to be included is a description of your club or organization. In addition, you may want to include a copy of the PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR ON AMATEUR RADIO WEEK which will be observed June 17-24. Plans are to have the "signing" 1-2 weeks prior so that originals can be distributed to clubs and organizations before Field Day weekend. Make plans to attend. Traffic: K4ZN 265, WA4ANK 200, W4IKT 193, KB4BZA 72, W4FMZ 57, W4NTO 53, K4FRX 31, K44LRM 30, WB4UDK 28, WD4FJP 25, WV4B 17, WA4JWS 12, W4DRF 8, K4LYU 7, K44YEA 7.

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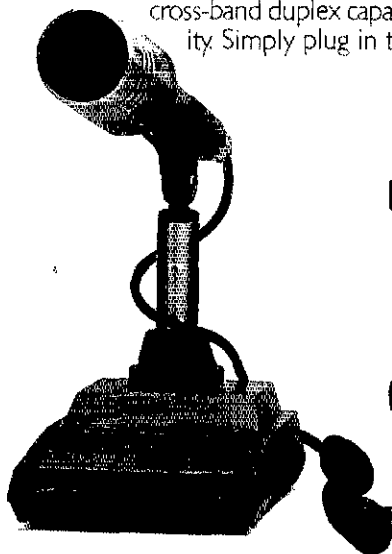
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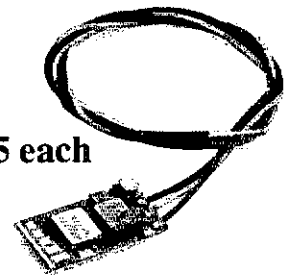


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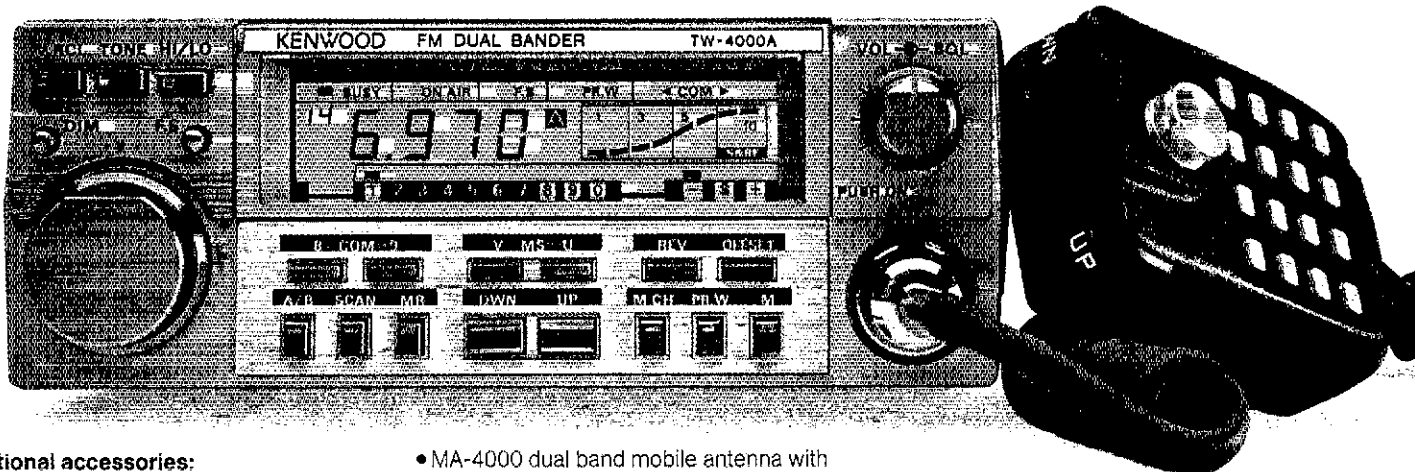
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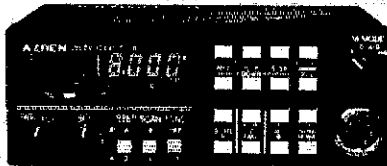
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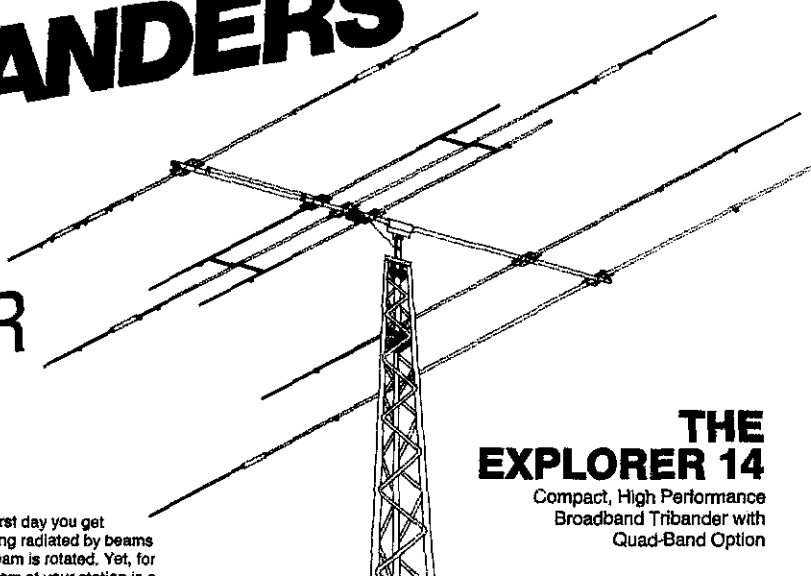
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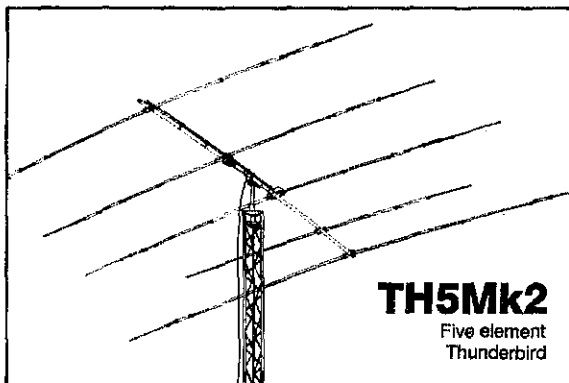
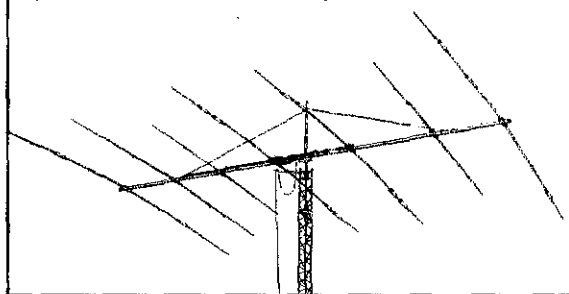
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W8KR

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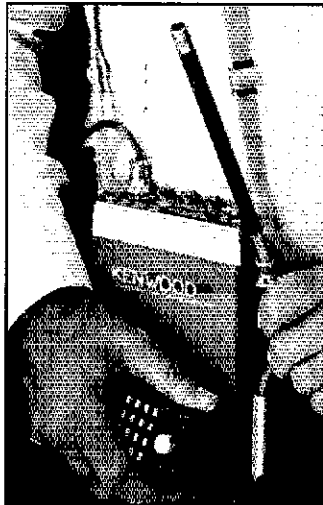
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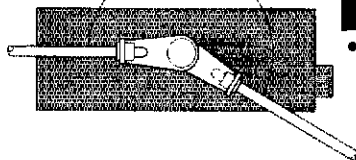
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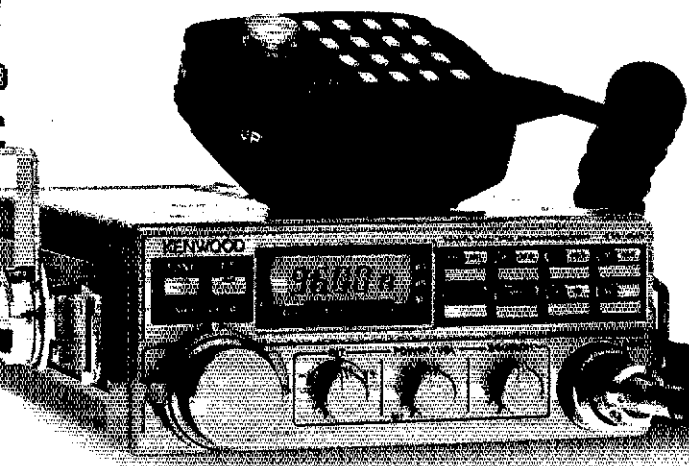
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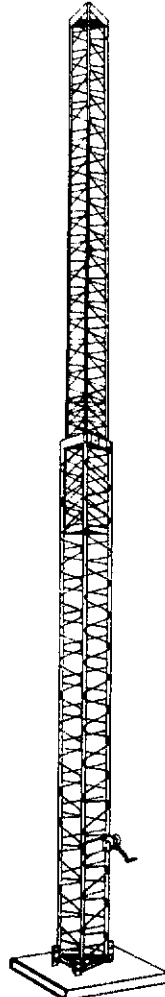
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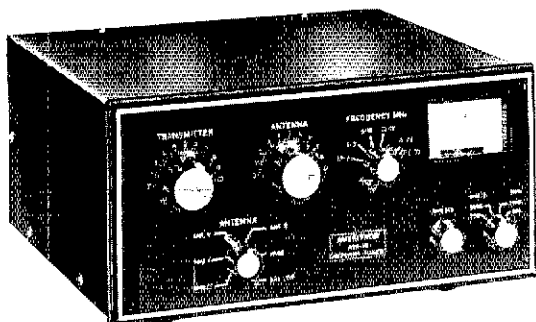
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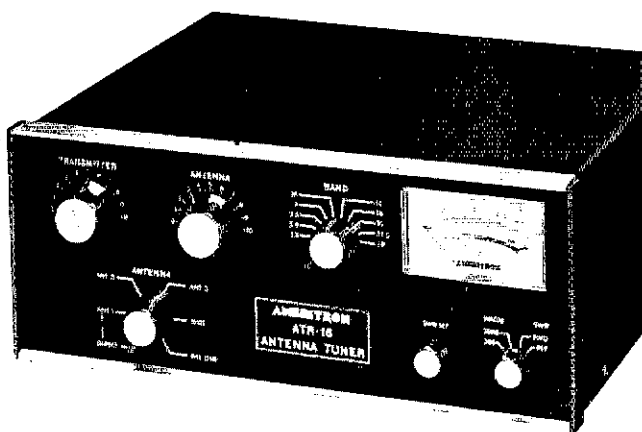


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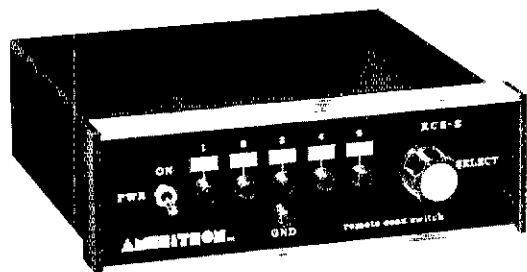


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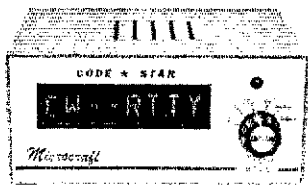
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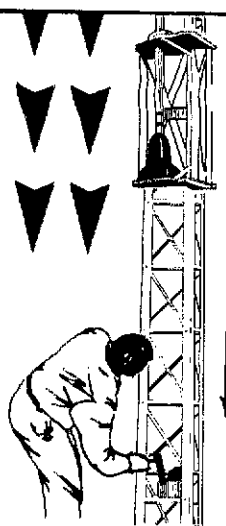
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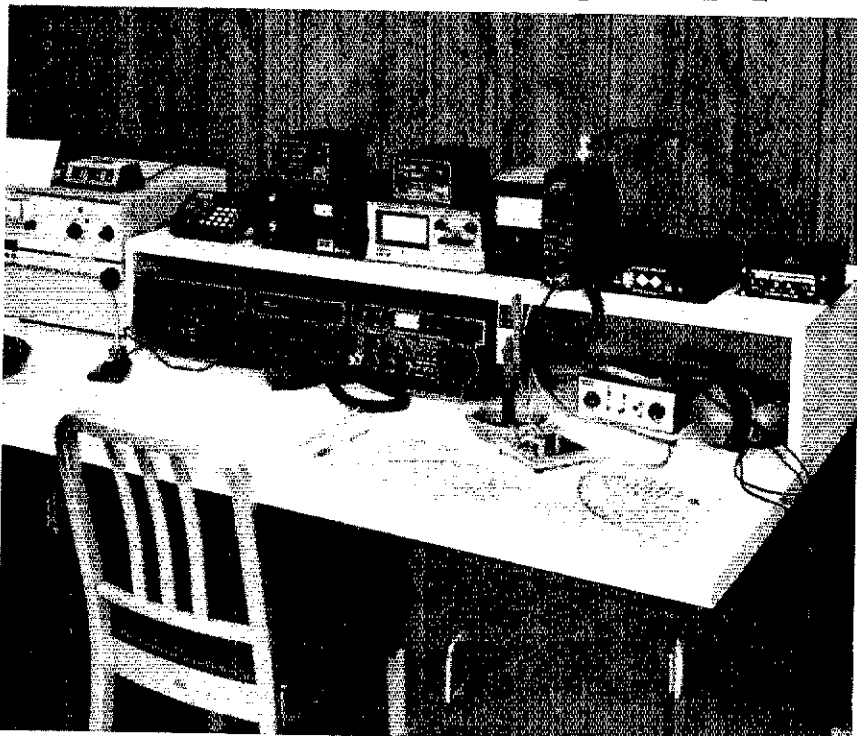
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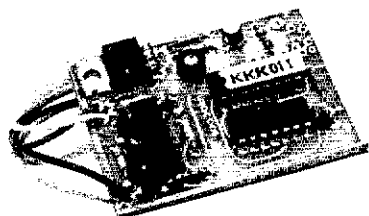
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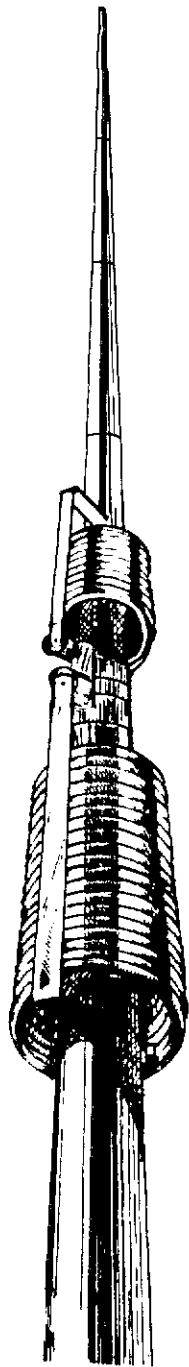
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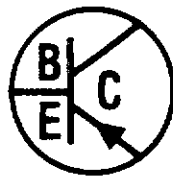
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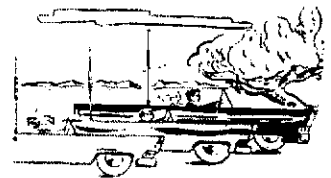
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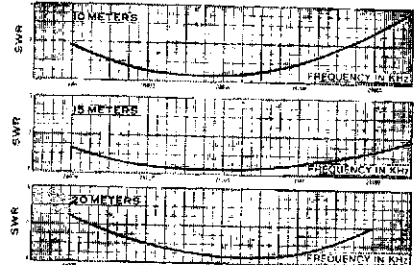
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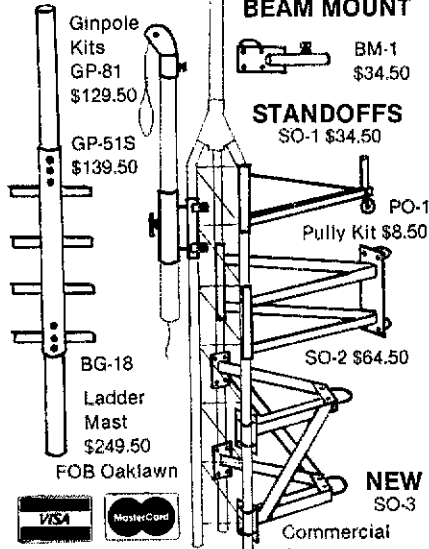
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SANTA BARBARA: SM, Byron Looney, K6FI—Due to business pressure, WB8HJW has resigned as your SM. Good luck, Ernie. Santa Barbara ARC reports ARES Van rapidly taking shape. It was dedicated to W6POU. Well done, fellows. Bob will be greatly missed. Santa Luisa Club sponsoring one amateur in each of the Emergency Management, Earthquake classes at CSTI next year. If you are EC or AEC and can spare a week, contact K6FI, VEs in Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Los Osos have conducted exam sessions. Consejo Valley will sponsor a May exam. W6KPF has become the first ATC in the section. Many jobs open in the section, why not try one? You'll get more out of amateur radio if you put more of yourself in. Paso Robles "out for blood" on FD. How about you? Traffic: N6NYM 32.

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NORTHERN TEXAS: SM, Phil Clements, K5PC—Asst. SM/ACC: N5V, STM: A5SI, RFI: W5JBP, SGL: W5UXP, PIO: N5FDL, BM: W5QXK. Lots of ARES news from the panhandle! The Potter/Randall Co. ARES group is the proud owner of a Communications Van which will be in service for the tornado season. WA5ZLFC sent a nice report on ARES activities repeaters in Amarillo, Borger, and Pampa now linked. The City of Amarillo has purchased a new rig for the EOC for spotter use during wx nets. Mack is also computerizing the ARES roster and other data for easy access. Nice report from out Greenville way from K2SCU/EC/00. Jim has computerized his 00 monitoring activities and also reports several SKYWARN Nets active in March, with some damage. The hams in Greenville also nipped a tower ordinance in the bud with fast action and help from served agencies. It was dropped before it appeared on the agenda! W5MVJ/DEC Dist. 1 reports that NG5T and his line ARES group is playing an important role in EOC operations in Borger. Hope to see you all at HamCon '86 June 1 in Dallas. PSRR for March: KA5SPI KA5AZK W5EEH KB5UL AE5I and KD5FR. Traffic: N5BT 188, KA5AZK 164, KB5UL 126, W5QYL 111, W5AHLML 109, KD5FR 98, AE5I 89, KA5SPI 82, AC5Z 43, W5VH 36, N5V 22, W5ERT 18, W5EEH 16, N5JQ 14, KE5WL 13, K5PC 7, KD5RC 6, N5GZE 6, KB5UQ 5.

OKLAHOMA: SM, Dave Cox, N5N—ASM: K5WG, SEC: W5TIN, STM: KV5X, ACC: N5JY, BM: W5AS, PIO: W5JFB, OOC: K5WG, SGL: W5NZS, TC: W5QMJ. Congratulations to the Great Plains ARC for another excellent eyeball and swappet this year, complete with amateur exams by ARRL VE Team. The Oklahoma Independent ARC of Ponca City was presented their Certificate of ARRL Affiliation at their meeting April 12. As you have heard by now, the OD program has changed considerably. OOs not certified into the Amateur Auxiliary have been dropped. Congratulations to the new OQIAAs. If interested, contact K5WG. It's not too late to make the Green Country Hamfest, May 25-26, BE THERE. Also make your plans now for Ham Holiday/ARRL State Convention, July 26-28. Everyone get plans set for Field Day, June 22-23. Anyone wishing to send radiogram to SM, for extra points, can do so on STN. at 1730 local, on 3850 kHz, Saturday the 22nd. APPOINTMENTS: Assistant SM-K5WG; PIA-KA5UEA; OES-KA5UEA. Traffic: W5SRX 383, W5AS 205, KV5X 135, K5CXP 123, KR5EK 119, W5REC 95, W5JFB 87, KD5SO 82, W5QJUV 78, W5VXU 75, W5DJCE 71, W5RB 66, W5LSV 62, KA5FLU 58, KC5OU 55, N5RL 46, N5N 39, N5GO 32, W5VOP 29, W5CA 28, K5GBN 28, W5VLW 27, W5AQO 26, W5AQG 25, K5ENA 14, N5PT 13, N5S 6, KE5W 5, W5JJ 2, KA5TTH 2.

SOUTHERN TEXAS: SM, Arthur R. Ross, W5KR—STM: K5OEK, ASM: N5TC, SEC: KA5KRI, ACC: KA5RI, TSARC, Hartlingen, KD5U coordinating, had plenty of help at the Rio Grande Valley State Fair at Mercedes. 36 Amateurs gave 34 man-hours of public service in the four days of the event. CHARRO, W5GUR coordinating, had good help at the Brownsville/South Padre Island AIRFEST; 16 Amateurs gave 26 man(woman)-hours of public service. Austin ARC, W5KXK coordinating, provided public service communications at National Bicycle Assn. Olympic team pre-trials at City Park March 27 and Decker Lake March 29; K3AHS installed new RC-85 controller at the AARC rpt; W5SUR working on a new 220 rpt. Beaumont ARC celebrated 5 years of a good club bulletin with its Feb. issue. WA5VUX received an award at the Energy Sources Workshop in Dallas for his work as technical workshop developer. K5OMK will be traveling around the USA for the next year or so. Cameron County VE team held a successful test session; of 30 applicants, four passed tests for license, 11 upgraded as follows: Novice to Technician, KA8RDS, K5TBS, KA9NLS; Novice to General, KA5NTW, KA9PIA; Tech to General, KA5GSP;



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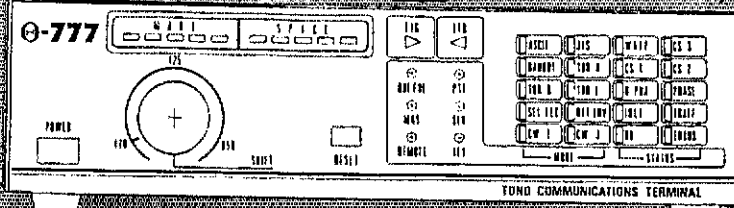
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General to Advanced, WD5GLS, WD5FBY: General to Extra, N5DRK, W5KR, WA5UZB reports that the Houston ECHO Soc. has executed an agreement to provide emergency communications for American Red Cross, Houston, TX. K5VRI reports El Paso Amateurs have incorporated an ELT receiver in the 146.261.88 machine which will alert Amateurs and Civil Air Patrol when an ELT alarm is heard. Williamson County ARC editor N5AKJ reports N5ALS is on cloud 9 about his new grandson, 3 Texas Am Rptr Soc, Harlingen, reports a total of 112 members, 56 of whom are STARCOM qualified. KA5PEX reports from Seguin that W5UPS has dusted off his commercial ticket and is back with KWED/AM; W5EWC cleared out his shack for the San Antonio swapfest; KA5PEX is Monday TSN liaison to TEX; W5TUK and others concentrating on 7290 Traffic Net picnic in Kerrville. OBS W5KLV rpts 8 ARRL bulletins, 5 DX bulletins, 5 CRRL bulletins, 30 satellite bulletins given 149 readings on 7 nets. DRN5 Mgr W5YDD rpts STX represented 100% by N5DFO W5CZ WB5EPA W5SFOU W5KLV KD5KO W5URN N5EFG N5AMH N5GKM N5CRU KD5CB W5BYDD. CAND Mgr W5KLV rpts DRN5 represented 100%. STX stations KD6KO W5KLV WB5FQU W5BYDD WB5EPA N5EFG N5DFO N5CRU N5AMH helped make it so. OBS N5DFO rpts 4 ARRL bulletins, 4 DX bulletins, 8 satellite bulletins given 33 readings on 8 nets. Traffic: W5CTZ 372, W5KLV 274, W5BYDD 239, K5SV 211, N5GKM 142, N5DFO 124, WB5EPA 110, WD5GKH 65, N5SJ 65, WB5FOU 26. (Feb.) W5BGE 42, W5AC 20.

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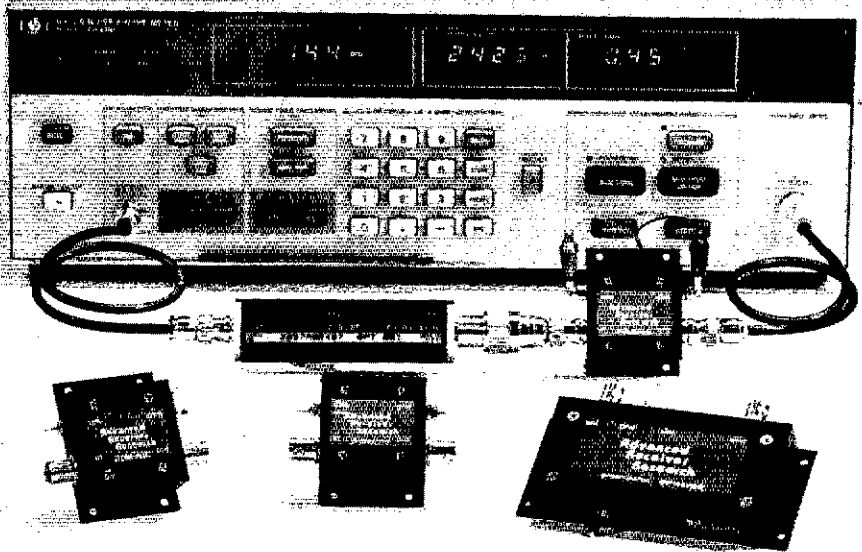
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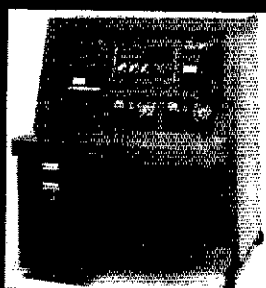
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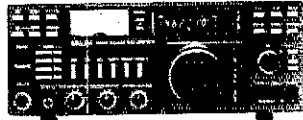
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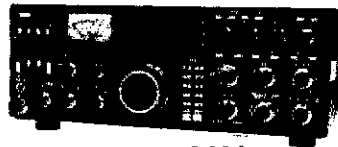
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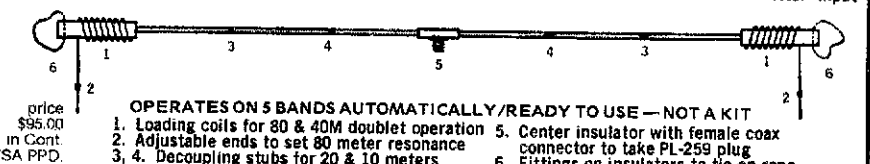
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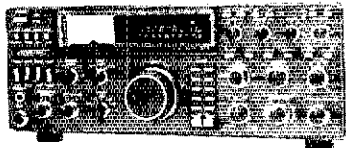


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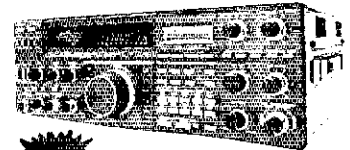
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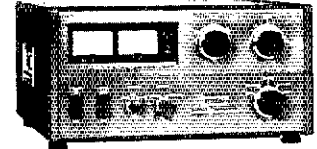
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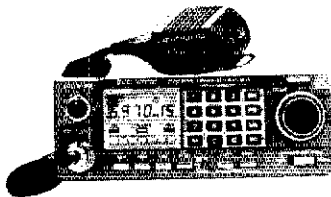
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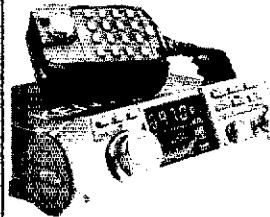
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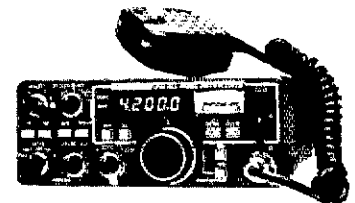
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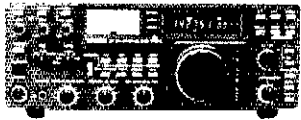
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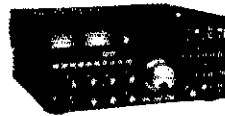
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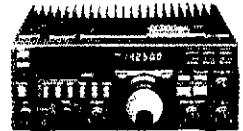
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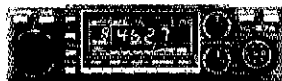
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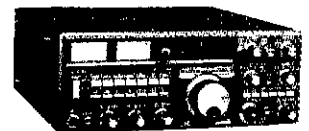
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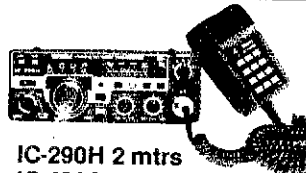
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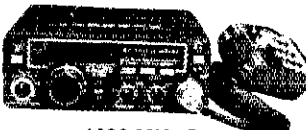


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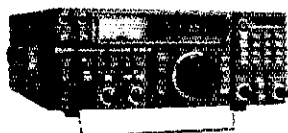
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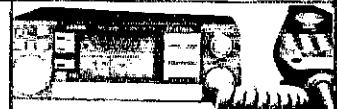
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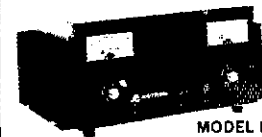
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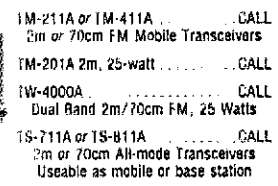
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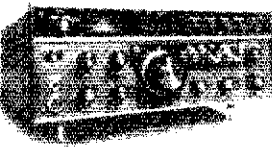
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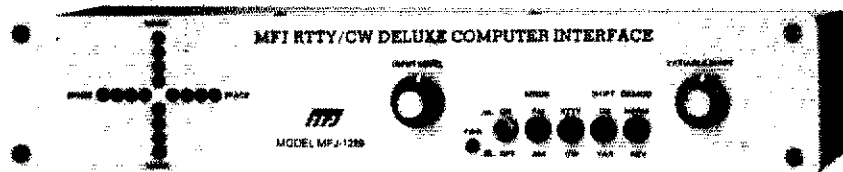
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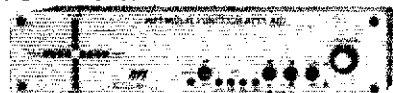
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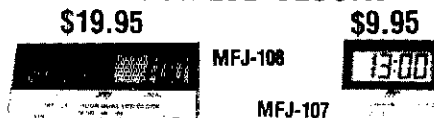
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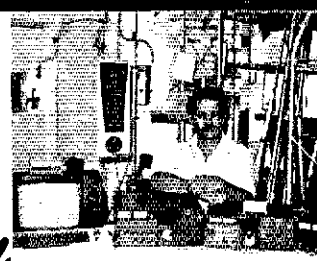
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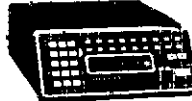
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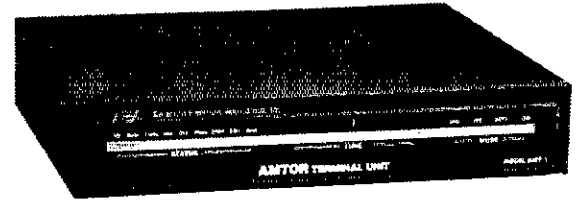
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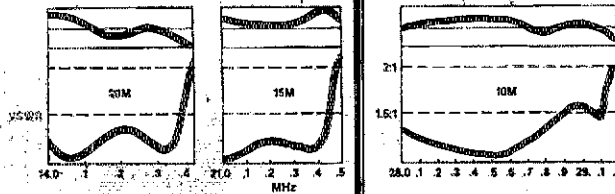
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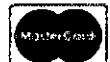
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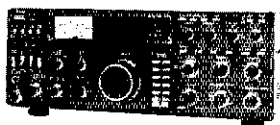


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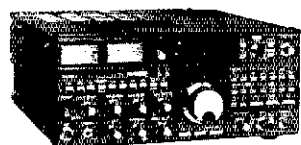


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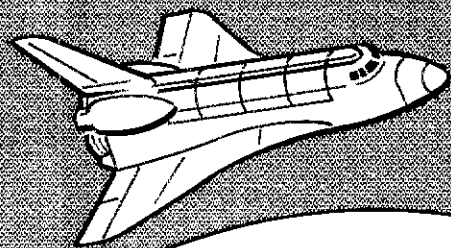


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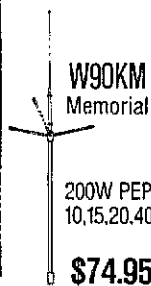
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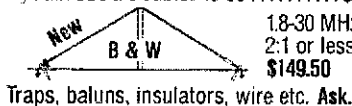
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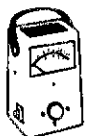


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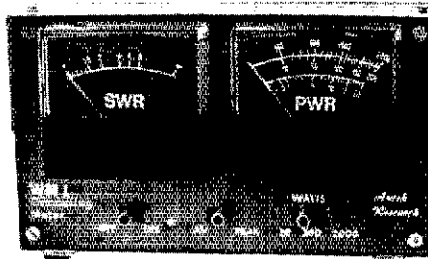
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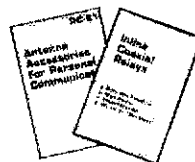
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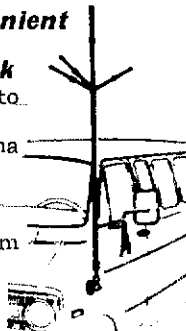
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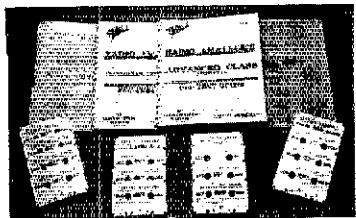
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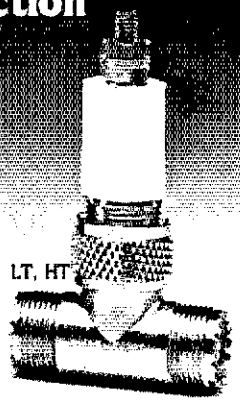


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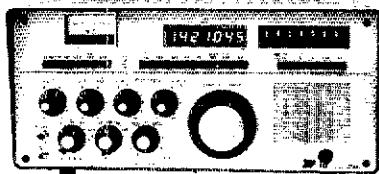
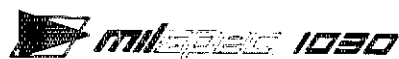
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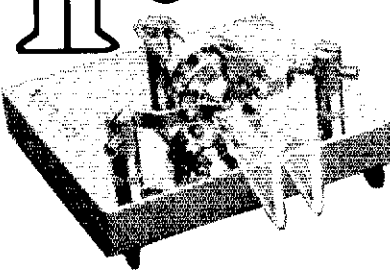
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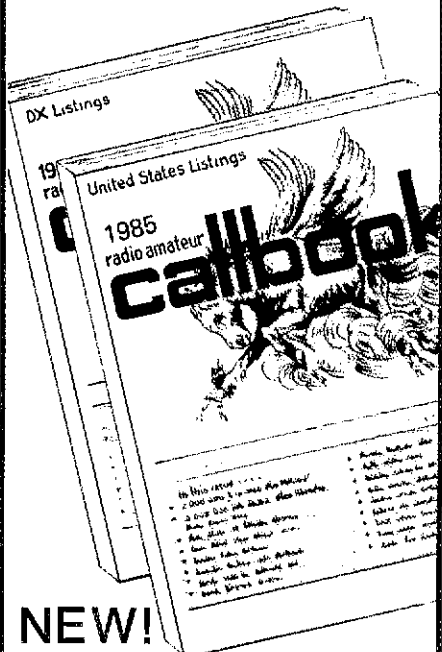


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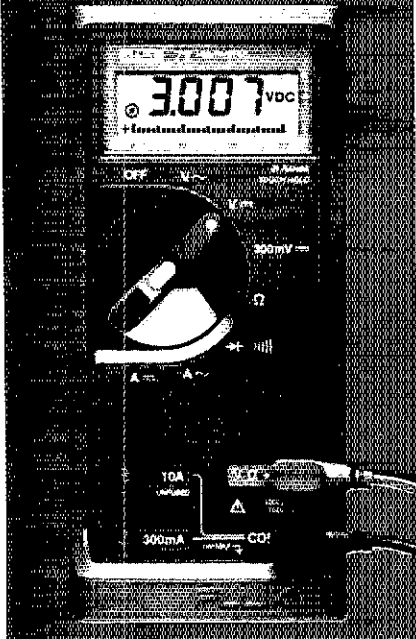
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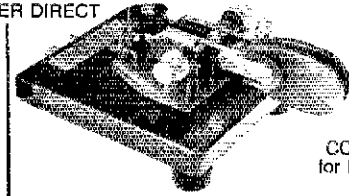
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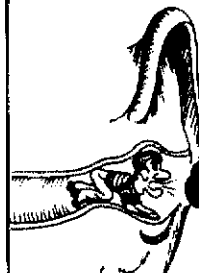


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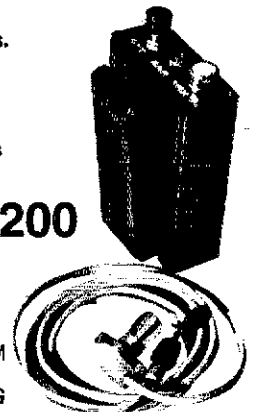
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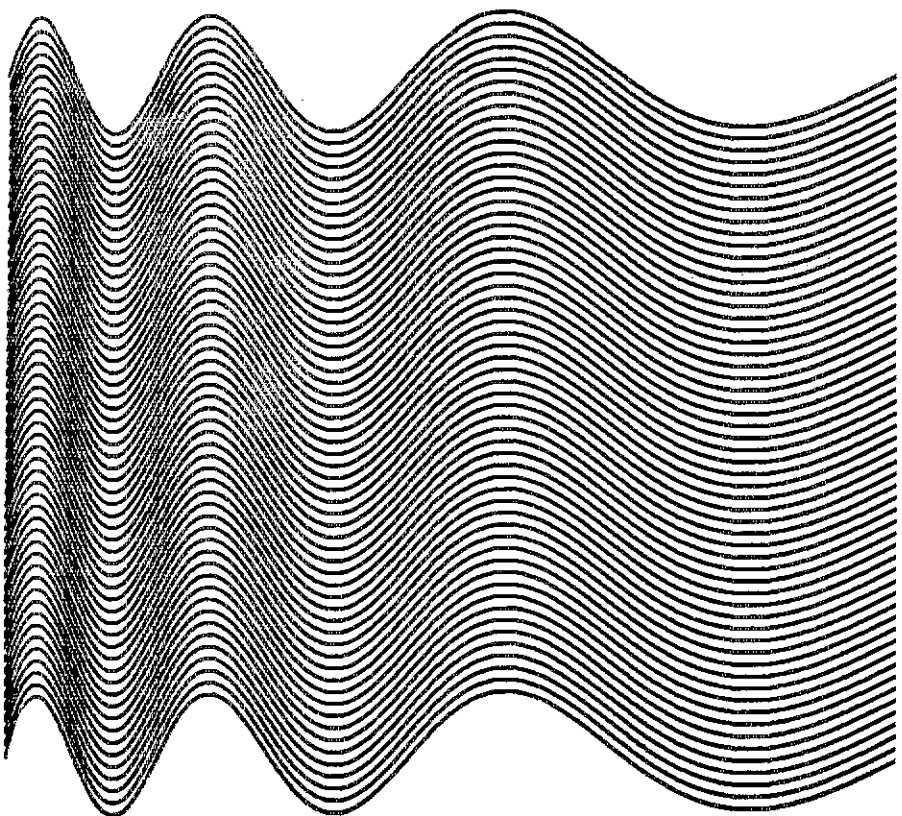
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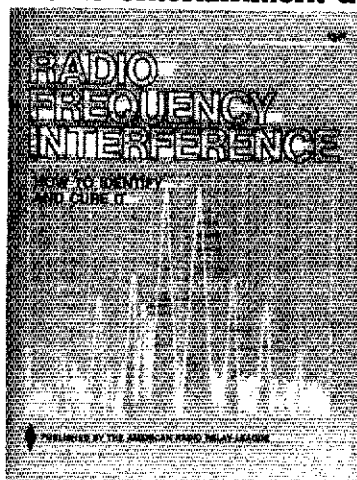
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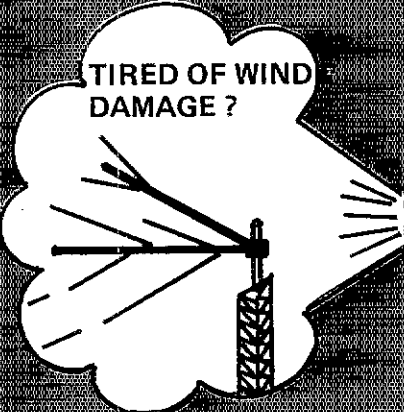
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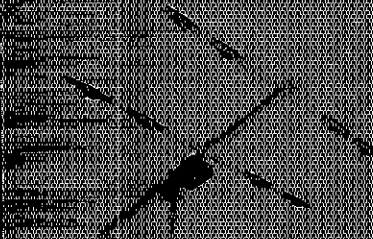
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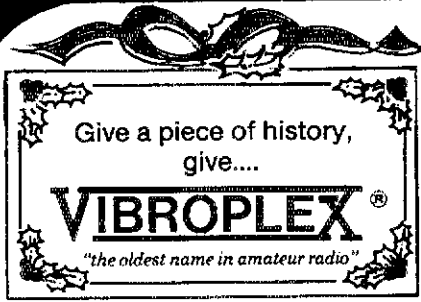
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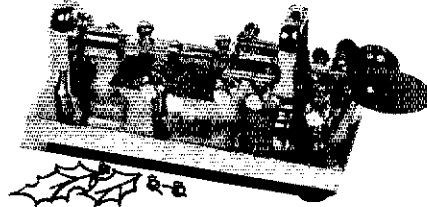
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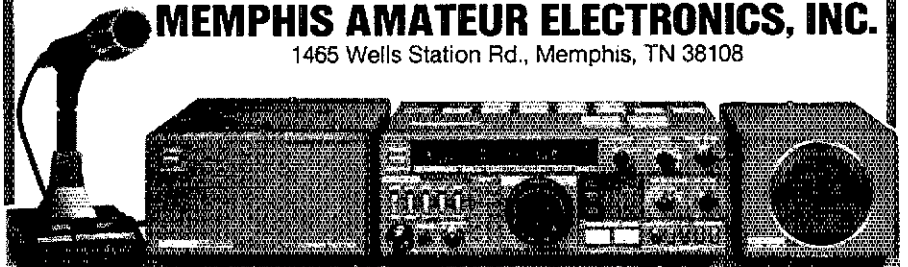
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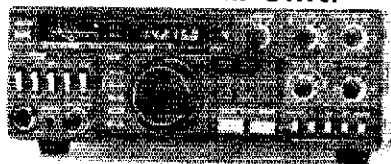
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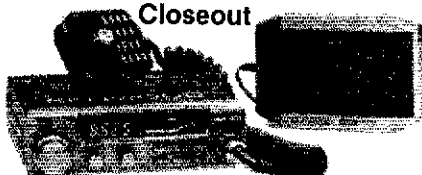
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RG-58/U	52	1.4	1.9	6.0	12.5
% Alum	50	3	5	1.2	2.2
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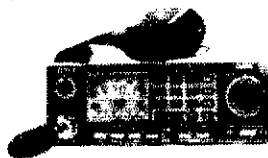


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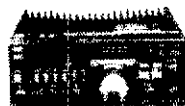
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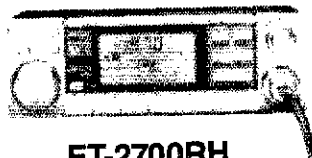


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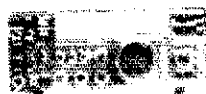


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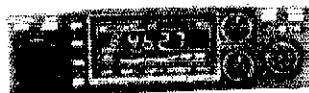
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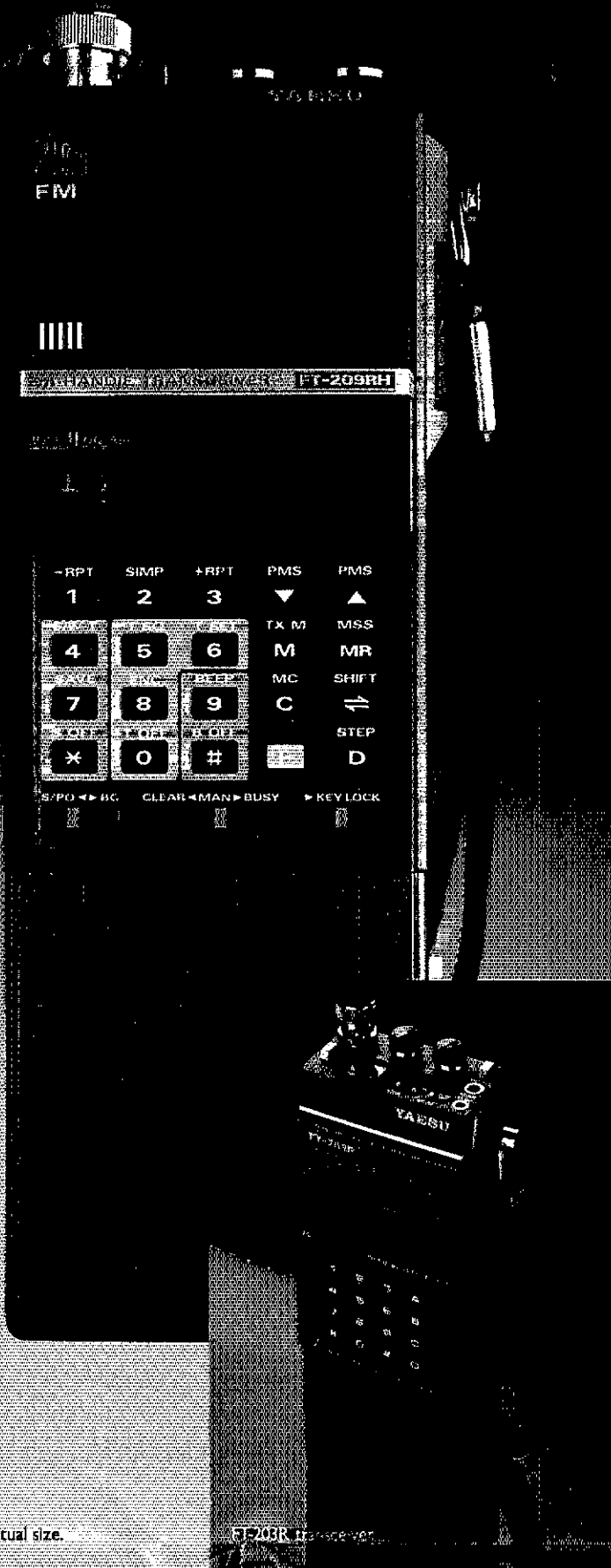
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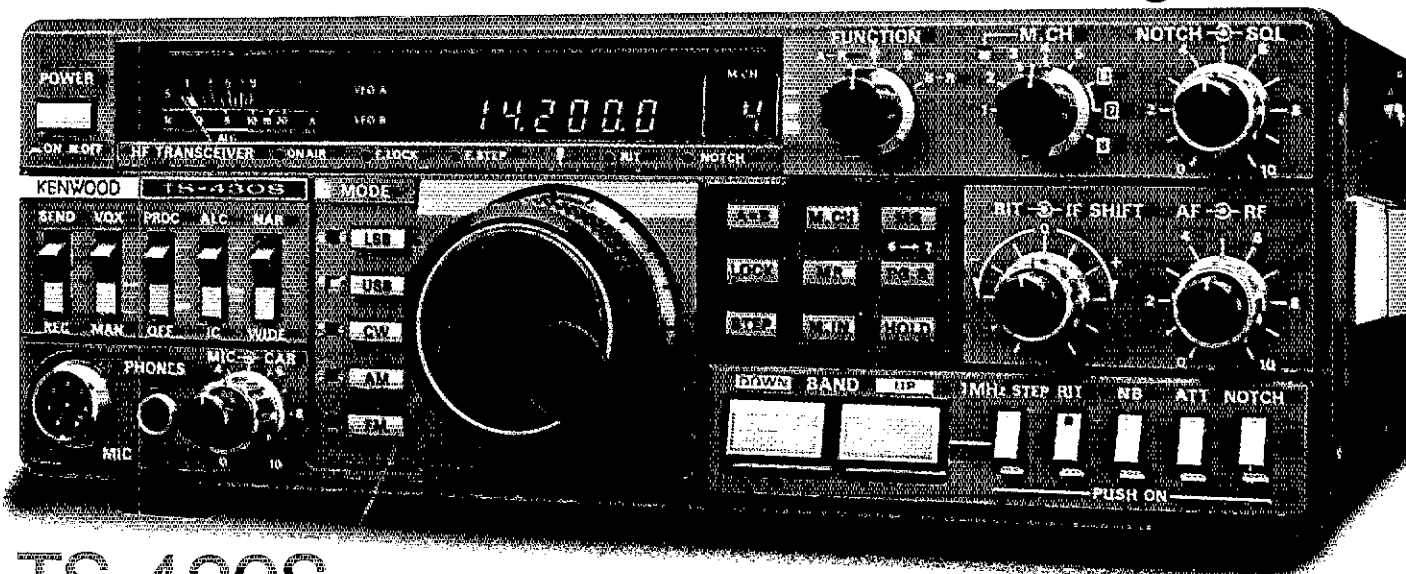
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FT-203R is 45mm x 60mm

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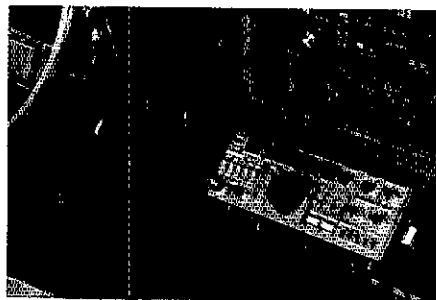
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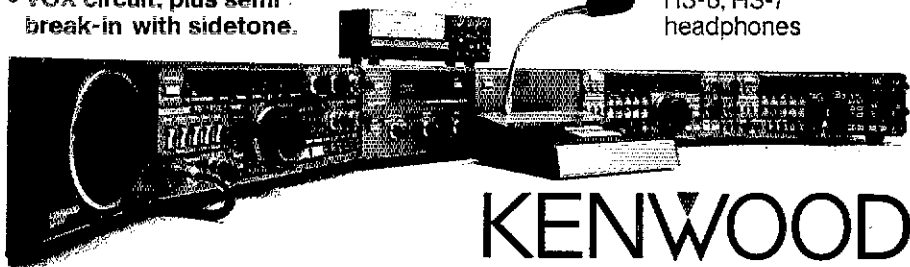
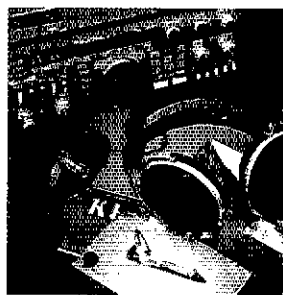


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