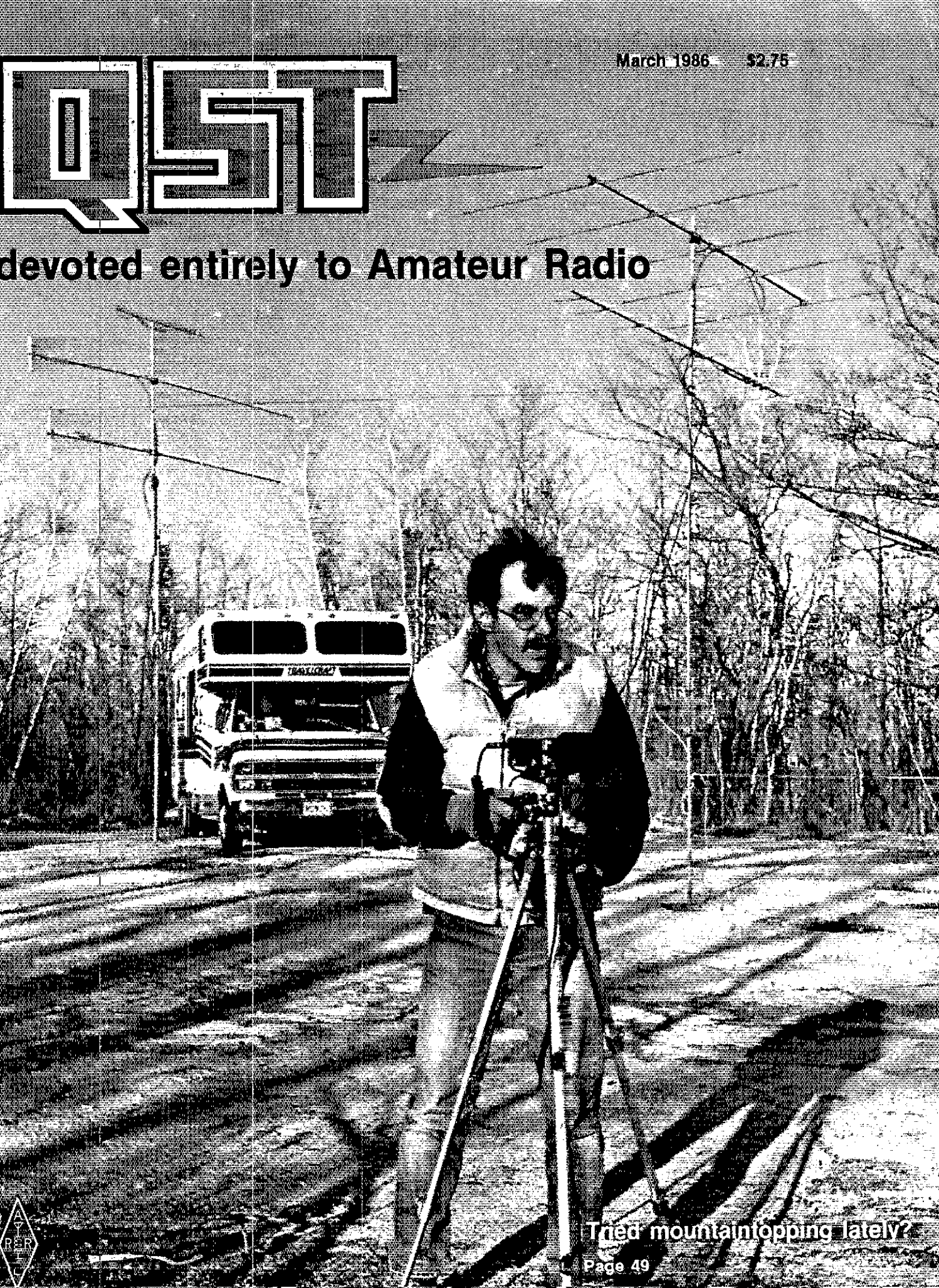


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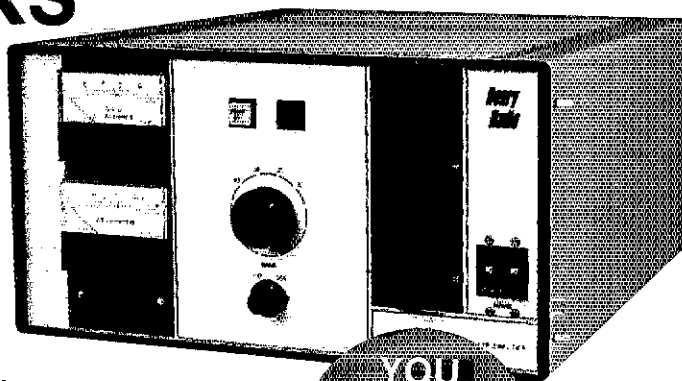
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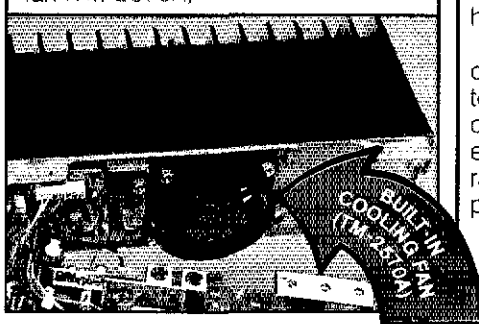
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- **New** 5-way adjustable mounting system
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- HI/LOW Power switch (adjustable LOW power)
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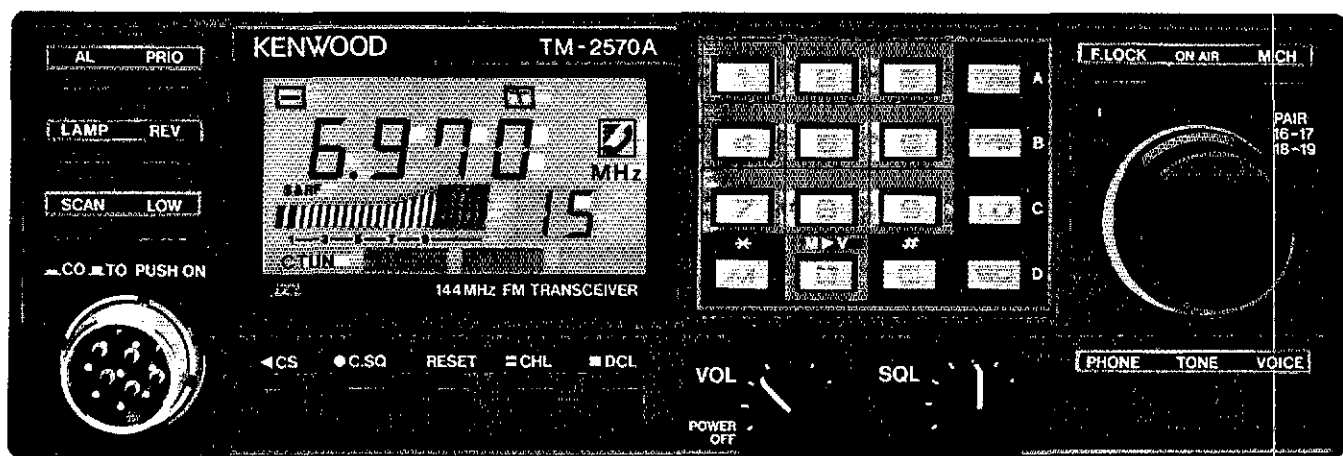
Large heatsink with built-in cooling fan (TM-2570A)



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- **PG-3A** DC line noise filter
- **MB-10** extra mobile bracket
- **CD-10** call sign display
- **PS-430** DC power supply for TM-2550A/2530A

- **PS-50** DC power supply for TM-2570A
- **MC-60A/MC-80/MC-85** desk mics.
- **MC-48** extra DTMF mic. with UP/DWN switch
- **MC-42S** UP/DWN mic.
- **MC-55** (8-pin) mobile mic. with time-out timer
- **SP-40** compact mobile speaker
- **SP-50** mobile speaker
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- **SWT-1** 2m antenna tuner

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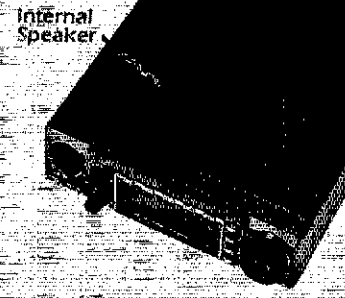
## The World's Most Compact Mobiles

ICOM's three ultra compact mobiles...the IC-27A 2-meter, the IC-37A 220MHz, and the IC-47A 440MHz... are the smallest mobiles available.

Even in such a small package the 25 watt mobiles contain an internal speaker which makes them fully self-contained and easy to mount.

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**More Features.** Other IC-27A/37A/47A standard features include a mobile mount, IC-HM23 DTMF mic with up/down scan and memory scan, and internally adjustable transmit power. An optional IC-PS45 slim-line external power supply and IC-SP10 external speaker are also available.



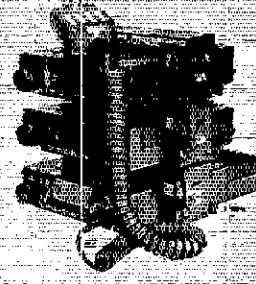
Internal Speaker

**32 PL Frequencies.** The IC-27A/37A/47A come complete with 32 PL frequencies.

**9 Memories.** The compact mobiles have 9 memories which will store the receive frequency, transmit offset, offset direction and PL tone. All memories are backed up with a lithium battery.

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**Stacking Mobile Mounts.** The IC-27A/37A/47A can be stacked to provide a three-band mobile station. Each band is full featured and will operate even when another band is in use.

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The place: Kutt Hill (elev 735 ft), Rhode Island  
The contest: January VHF Sweepstakes  
The station: W1XX multiton  
The band: 10 GHz  
The ham: Jon, WB1DNL  
The bottom line: Pick your spot and your gear carefully, and have a ball mountaintopping on VHF/UHF  
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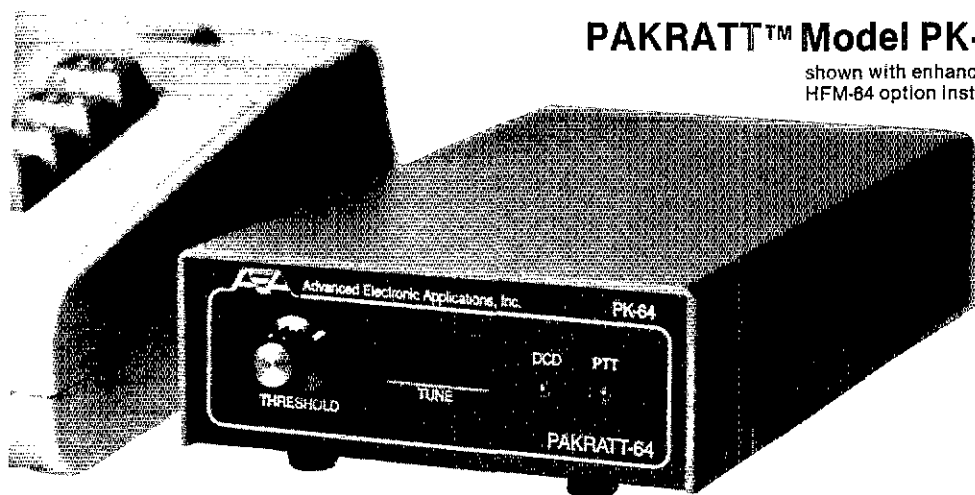
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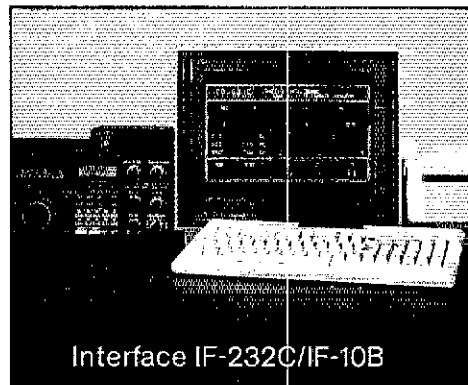
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The new TS-940S is a serious radio for the serious operator. Superb interference reduction circuits and high dynamic range receiver combine with superior transmitter design to give you no-nonsense, no compromise performance that gets your signals through! The exclusive multi-function LCD sub display graphically illustrates VBT, SSB slope, and other features.

- **100% duty cycle transmitter.** Super efficient cooling system using special air ducting works with the internal heavy-duty power supply to allow continuous transmission at full power output for periods exceeding one hour.
- **High stability, dual digital VFOs.** An optical encoder and the flywheel VFO knob give the TS-940S a positive tuning “feel!”
- **Graphic display of operating features.** Exclusive multi-function LCD sub-

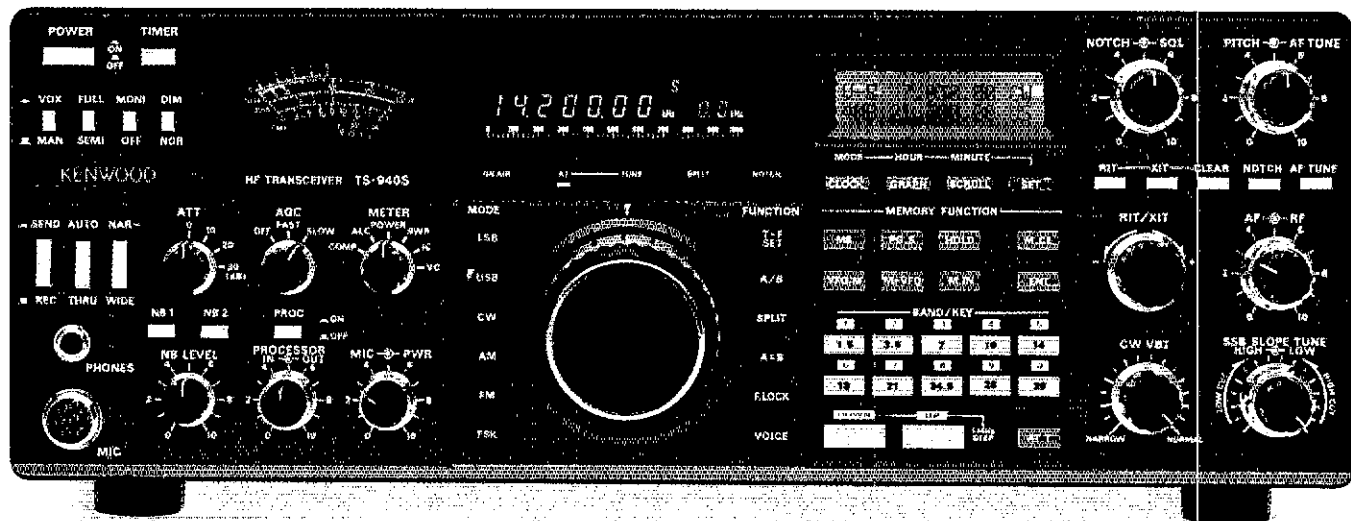
display panel shows CW VBT, SSB slope tuning, as well as frequency, time, and AT-940 antenna tuner status.

- **Low distortion transmitter.** Kenwood’s unique transmitter design delivers top “quality Kenwood” sound.
  - **Keyboard entry frequency selection.** Operating frequencies may be directly entered into the TS-940S without using the VFO knob.
  - **QRM-fighting features.** Remove “rotten QRM” with the SSB slope tuning, CW VBT, notch filter, AF tune, and CW pitch controls.
  - **Built-in FM, plus SSB, CW, AM, FSK.**
  - **Semi or full break-in (QSK) CW.**
  - **40 memory channels.** Mode and frequency may be stored in 4 groups of 10 channels each.
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  - **General coverage receiver.** Tunes from 150 kHz to 30 MHz.
  - **1 yr. limited warranty.** Another Kenwood First!
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- IC-10** IC kit for TS-440S computer control

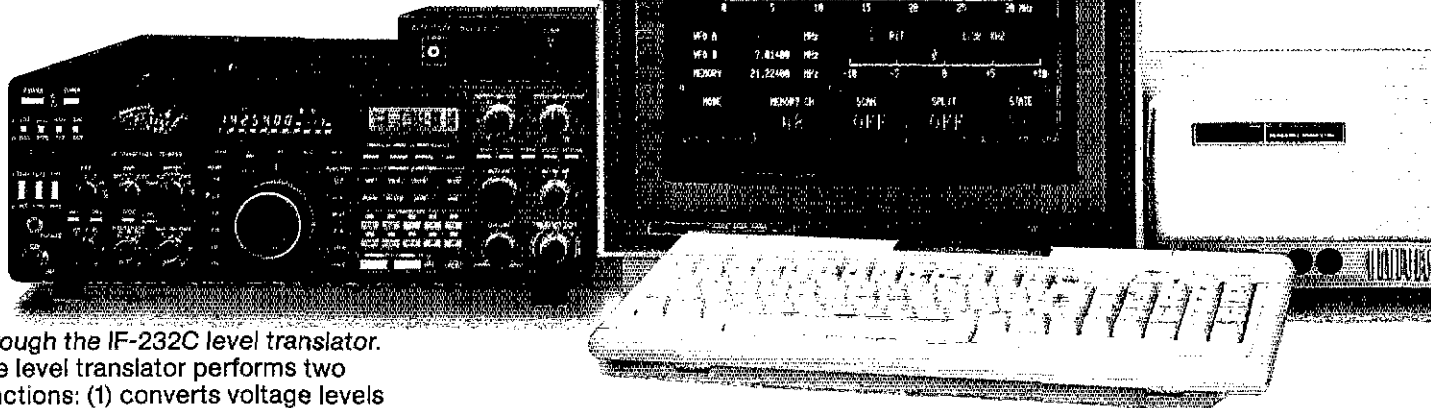
Attention "computing" hams! The Kenwood IF-Series computer interface units will enable you to connect your TS-711A, TS-811A, TS-940S, or TS-440S transceivers to your home computer. RS-232C standard is used, so the interface units are compatible with any computer!

The IF-10A and IF-10B computer interface boards and IC-10 IC kit are designed to be installed inside the transceivers. Control is performed via the computer RS-232C port and



Short Wave Listener's map and directory—simply select the QTH you'd like to listen to, and the pre-programmed frequency is "dialed up."

Display frequency, band, and mode data. Control your rig via keyboard!



through the IF-232C level translator. The level translator performs two functions: (1) converts voltage levels from the RS-232C port to the TTL levels in the transceiver, (2) and acts as a noise suppressor. A complete interface "kit" would include the appropriate computer interface units (IF-10A, IF-10B, or IC-10) and the IF-232C level translator.

The applications of automated station control are almost endless! Just imagine... work DX from your hand-held... operate OSCAR "automatically"... remote operation of your station... or put together the "ultimate" contest station....

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- **Interchangeable commands**

This means that one program may be used with several rigs, to minimize program changes.

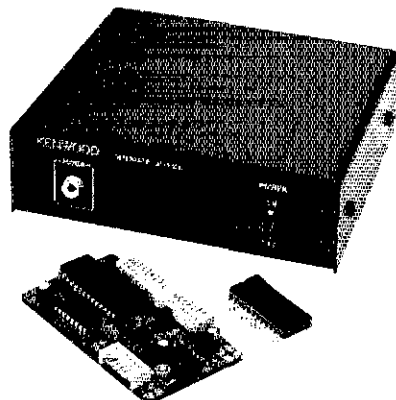
- **Simultaneous operation of the computer and transceiver is possible**

- **Powerful, easy-to-understand instruction set**

- **Wide variety of commands**  
Memory input and recall, frequency selection, frequency step, sub-tone frequency, offset, antenna tuner, DCS, scan, and many, many more functions are accessible with the Kenwood computer interface unit!

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# "It Seems to Us ..."

## Spirituality

January 29, 1986. The American flag in the front parking lot at ARRL HQ was flying at half-mast as this writer arrived for work at 9 AM. You know the reason. Seven of us had embarked on a quest the previous day, never to return. Another of us, the President of the United States, had eulogized them later on that terrible day. "We will never forget them," Ronald Reagan said, "nor the last time we saw them, this morning, as they prepared for their journey and waved goodbye, and slipped through the surly bonds of earth, to touch the face of God."

They rose aboard a species of machine, a machine called Shuttle *Challenger*. We have had great success with machines. Less than a week before *Challenger* took to the sky, we'd ohhed and ahed images brought us by another stupendous machine: Voyager 2, away from Earth for so many years, chugging out those stunning vistas of Uranus and its moons, signals taking so many minutes to reach us, pictures so clear. What a machine! Some of us—radio amateurs, we're called—may even have witnessed the retransmission of some of those images in our amateur bands, from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, from W6VIO, just as many of us may have heard Amateur Radio signals emanating from *Challenger* so few months ago, when several of our number were part of her crew—all brought us by our collective handiwork: wondrous machines, systems going well, networks holding together. But recall that there were cold eyes in a mindless construct feeding us those images; it took *our* imaginations and intellects, after *our* eyes and brains had scanned the images from Voyager, to do the ohing and ahing, the dreaming—and the going on.

This is why there were seven people aboard *Challenger* on January 28, 1986. It's too inhospitable out there near Saturn and Uranus, sure—our machines haven't yet been perfected to the point where they'll get any of us out there to do the real-time real-space dreaming and get us safely home again. So we send a machine and prepare to be thrilled from afar. We

don't stand for this "thrilled from afar" stuff any longer than we need to, though. The idea is to get out there and do it ourselves. The intent is to feel the real hands grasping the actual controls, to let the true light fall on the living retinas. Why? Because our push into space is arguably the greatest spiritual quest on which humans may collectively embark. It's in the blood, it's built into our cells.

"Whoa, *QST's* talking spirituality; break out the fire extinguishers!" Not at all. The first experiments trying to crack the radio "nut" last century were part of the same spiritual quest to which the *Challenger* crew were committed. Our first lispny blurps on 5 meters were more of the same. We got there with machines of wire and glass, and—deceptively—with little apparent risk, but with machines no less wondrous even if tossed together on a kitchen shelf. The goal, this writer insists, is primordial: humankind, Us with a capital "u," expanding beyond where and what we are—an enormous slow yearning over myriad generations to push from the known into the unknown. The expansion of mankind right before its own eyes. If that isn't spirituality, what is? Sure, our society is vast, the means through which we individually participate in the push into space democratic and bureaucratic—long concatenations of taxes, politicians and specialists between each of us and those chosen to "push back the envelope"—but the quest is what it has always been: utter spirituality, everything on the line.

*That's* why the slug in the gut when we saw *Challenger* fall. *That's* why the dazedness, the anger, the flags at half mast. Seven of us we *instinctively* realize we had utterly accepted—and loved—as our proxies in that quest, gone. No rejoicing, as we'd planned—but still the dreaming, and the going on.

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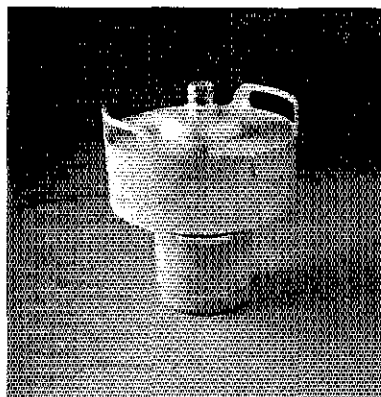
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Members of the Arapahoe Radio Club, of Morrison, Colorado, are convinced that Amateur Radio can be great when you're high. One weekend last summer, various club members ventured to the summits of three mountains, where they made two-ways with one another. The group shown in the photo operated from atop 14,264-foot Quandary Peak, the state's 14th highest. They were able to work the others on 20-meter CW, 2 meters and 70 cm using 5 watts of power supplied by two 6-volt lantern batteries and a 100-foot long wire about 5 feet up. The hams had so much fun, they plan to expand participation and make the climbs an annual event. Pictured are (front row, l-r) KDØTX, NØDA and WNØEHE, and (back row, l-r) prospective hams Rich, Peru and Brian. WØYZ (not shown) was busy on 2 meters. If mountaintopping is the kind of activity you or your club are looking for, the article on page 49 tells you everything you need to know to get in on the fun.

## RFI, Public-Service Agreements, 160 Meters, Repeater Coordination Among Board Meeting Topics

Among the items discussed and acted on at the ARRL Board of Directors annual meeting in Hartford, Connecticut, January 23-24, were:

- the RF-susceptibility labeling of home-entertainment equipment;
- the establishment of public-service agreements between the ARRL and the National Weather Service and the Civil Air Patrol, as

well as similar agreements between amateur emergency and local disaster groups;

- a modified 160-meter band plan; and
- implementation of a national repeater data base at ARRL HQ.

See the Board Meeting report, and the full text of the meeting minutes in Moved and Seconded, elsewhere in this issue, for complete details.

## The Challenge Continues

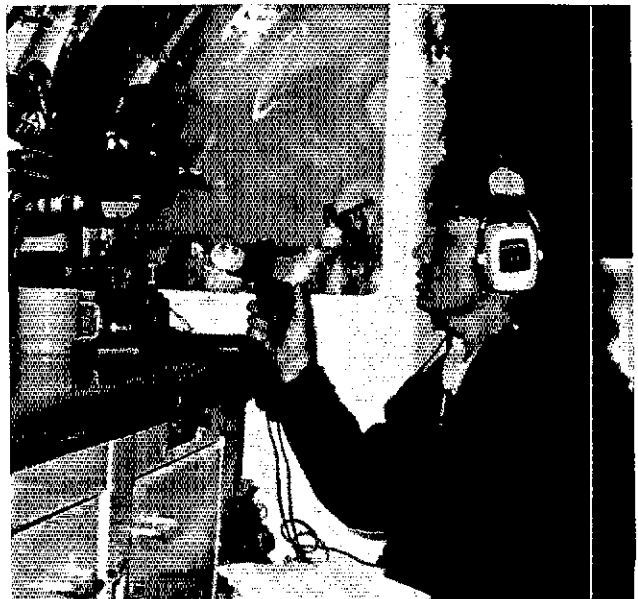
The results of the 1985 Club Challenge for the '80s are in, and three affiliated clubs have been recognized. Each of the three earned the top spot in its classification: a solid-state, state-of-the-art transceiver. By size category (large, medium, small), they are the West Coast ARC (Fountain Valley, CA), the Amador County ARC (Pine Grove, CA) and the Georgia Tech ARC (Atlanta, GA).

The competition has

begun anew for affiliated clubs in 1986. The Challenge awaits. Your club will earn \$5 for each *new* regular ARRL member you bring aboard. And if you promote the greatest number of new ARRL members in 1986, you'll earn a transceiver at the end of the year!

For details, call Leo Kluger, WB2TRN, Club Program Manager, at ARRL HQ.

Amateurs are familiar with operating from remote islands, from atop some of the highest mountains and even from space—but underwater? After several years in underwater research, curiosity got the best of Dr. Mary Lou Coulston, KV4KD, and she decided to find out if Amateur Radio works as well below water as it does above it. As Science Coordinator for the Hydrolab, a diving habitat operated by the West Indies Laboratory-Fairleigh Dickinson University as part of NOAA's Underseas Research Project, she was in a perfect position to conduct such a test. Getting equipment into the Hydrolab was the tricky part. The radios were placed in pressurized cylinders and then pulled down into the Hydrolab, which was in a canyon about 50 feet below the water's surface off the coast of St Croix, US Virgin Islands. An antenna was attached to a buoy on the water's surface, but one antenna feed line had to be fed down the Hydrolab's umbilical along with the air and electrical supplies. Mary Lou swam another feed line down to the Hydrolab and inserted it through an entrance and exit "hat." All the work paid off, though, as Mary Lou reported more than 50 contacts on 40 and 20 meters, including two-ways with hams from Canada to Venezuela and the island nations throughout the Caribbean. One QSO was with NM5I, who told her that now he had made contact with both inner and outer space, having talked with a Shuttle Astronaut/Ham and now an "aquanaut." Mary Lou says she is looking forward to her next mission aboard a bigger and better-equipped Hydrolab, and the opportunity to take Amateur Radio to greater heights—at greater depths.





For Frank Wen, KM2X (ex-C1BC), of Woodside, New York, China will always be a special place. Frank left China many years ago, but recently his Amateur Radio interests brought him back to his native Shanghai. In December, he visited old ham radio friends who were now active at club station BY4AOM, at the Shanghai Institute of Electronics, and BY4AA, club station at the Shanghai Branch of the Chinese Radio Sports Association. Among them are BY4AA Chief Operator R. Xu (second from right) and BY4AOM members (l-r) J. Tom (ex-XU8WM), J. Xie (ex-C1TH) and Y.T. Feng (ex-C1RB). Today, Amateur Radio operation in The Peoples Republic of China is a club activity. Other Chinese club stations on the air are BY1PK, BY1QH, BY1SK, BY5RA, BY5RF, BY8AA, BY8AC and BY0AA.

#### Financial Help Available to College Students

Last month in this column, we announced some ARRL-sponsored scholarships that are available to radio amateurs. Add another to the list: the ARRL College Scholarship to honor Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA. The \$5000 scholarship is intended solely for educational use by providing assistance with tuition, room/board or other costs essential to advanced

education. Applicants must be licensed amateurs who are enrolled in a communications program at an accredited institution of higher education. The application deadline is June 1 for the following academic year. More information and application forms can be obtained from ARRL Foundation Scholarships, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.



Over the years, a number of clubs have achieved 50 years of affiliation with the ARRL, but how many can boast that their first and current presidents were present to accept the honor? The Tri-County Radio Association, of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, can! At year end, immediate past-Hudson Division Director George Diehl, W2IHA (center), had the honor of presenting the ARRL 50-year Affiliation Certificate to current club President James Montllor, W2GRO (left), and first TCRA President William Cowperthwait, W2FJG. (WA2WDJ photo)



There are plenty of firsts to be achieved in Amateur Radio, and Thomas Braidwood (left), of Biloxi, Mississippi, has at least one to his credit: He's ARRL's first 70-year member. We're talkin' 1915 here! ARRL Delta Division Director Clyde Hurlbert, W5CH, had the pleasure of presenting the plaque to Tom at the 1985 Mississippi State Convention in Jackson. League representatives sharing in the presentation were (l-r) Mississippi Section Manager Paul Kemp, KW5T, and ARRL Counsel Chris Imlay, N3AKD.

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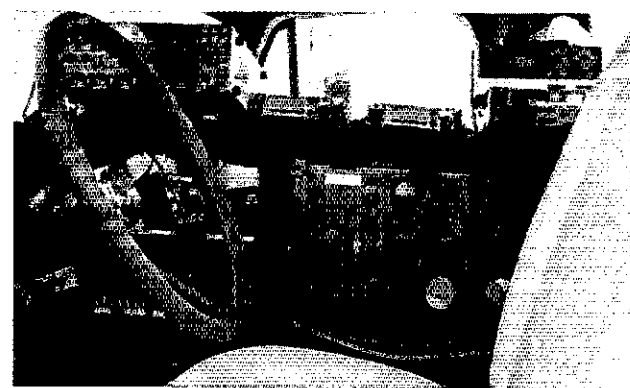
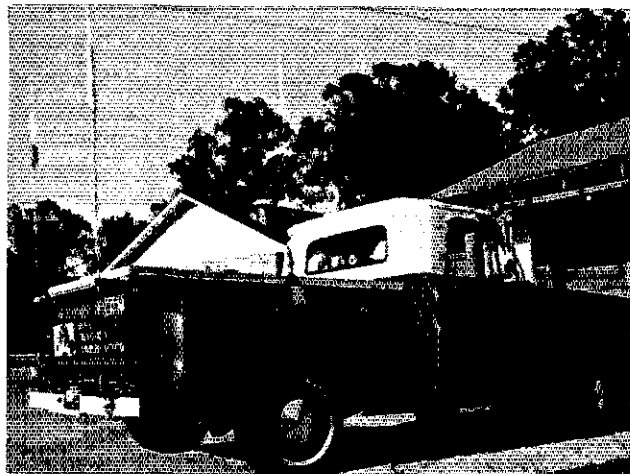
Со счастливым 150-летием Южная Австралия

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祝南オーストラリア州 150周年

South Australia is celebrating its 150th birthday this year, and radio amateurs there would like amateurs worldwide to share in the event. Any amateurs who contact special-event station VK5JSA from January 1 through December 31, 1988 will receive this souvenir QSL card from the Wireless Institute of Australia (WIA). Also, radio amateurs accumulating 150 points over the course of the year through contacts with amateurs Down Under will be awarded the Jubilee 150 Award, courtesy of the WIA, the South Australian Department of Tourism, Qantas Airlines and Estrow Civil Engineering Consultants. For rules and more information, contact Rowland Bruce, VK5OU, GPO, Box 1234, Adelaide, South Australia 5001. Fair dinkum, mate!



For years, Calloway County ARRL Emergency Coordinator Ray Evans, KA4USB, felt that a mobile emergency-communications vehicle was needed in western Kentucky—which is often the target for tornadoes and ice storms. Recently, he did something about it. Using mostly his own gear as well as some donated equipment, Ray converted an old pickup truck into a mobile emergency station that covers all police, fire, commercial, industrial, marine, aircraft, civil, amateur and government frequencies. The same frequencies are available at the base station, where auxiliary power is supplied by an 18.5-kVA generator. The vehicle has a total of 12 mobile and three portable antennas. For areas not accessible to land mobile, some members of the Marshall County Amateur Radio Club, of which Ray is a charter member, use their airplanes, which are equipped for two-way communication on 2 meters, to provide a radio link. On Ray's drawing board is another mobile vehicle that will accommodate four radio operators simultaneously.

### Amateurs Assisted in the Development of Radio Communications in Canada

Until the mid-1930s, communications in Canada's Arctic were hit-and-miss. Major communities along the coast had government or Army Corps of Signals stations located nearby, but for the far north the link to the outside world was an occasional dog sled loaded with supplies. In 1934, D. Graham Sturrock, VE5LD (shown in photo), was hired by the

Hudson Bay Company as an apprentice fur trader, and eventually joined a small number of northern hams. After receiving training at Hudson Bay Company headquarters in Winnipeg, Sturrock was assigned to a store in the far north. On his journey down the Mackenzie River to the Arctic Ocean, Sturrock took his amateur station and a license ob-

### ARRL Seeks 1989 National Convention Site to Celebrate League Diamond Anniversary

The 1989 ARRL National Convention will be one of the main activities to mark the 75th, or Diamond, Anniversary of the American Radio League. Accordingly, in addition to the usual criteria, the following will be used in selecting the site and the sponsoring local organization for this convention:

- 1) The convention shall give attendees a historical perspective, and a look ahead to the last quarter of the League's first century. Applicants should address as specifically as possible their plans in this regard.
- 2) The convention shall provide attendees with a commemorative souvenir that will form a lasting part of their Amateur Radio memorabilia.
- 3) The convention shall provide nonattendees with an opportunity to share in the experience through QSOs with a special convention station, through videotaped highlights for distribution by ARRL to its affiliated clubs, and through other means to be proposed by the convention committee at the time of application.

4) The convention application shall demonstrate financial and personnel resources sufficient to accomplish these aims, in addition to the usual high caliber of National Convention programs and exhibits.

5) The location will be selected so as to provide for a relatively large attendance.

Applications received by the ARRL Secretary by July 1, 1986 will be circulated to Board members, and the selection made at the 1986 Second Meeting of the Board from among the applications received. If no fully qualified applicant steps forward by July 1, the application process will be repeated prior to the 1987 Annual Meeting of the Board. The application itself, and supporting documentation addressed specifically to the above-listed criteria, will be duplicated for Board members at League expense; for other supporting material, such as Convention and Visitors Bureau pamphlets and letters from local officials, the convention committee should supply 24 copies of each at the time of application.



tained for him by the Hudson Bay Company to operate the first "private-commercial" station in the far north, CZ2L. While at Tuktoyaktuk, in July 1934,

Sturrock successfully communicated with hams in Australia, Japan and in North America. Because of Sturrock's success as the first amateur/private-commercial operator, the Hudson Bay Company carried out experiments that eventually led to the establishment of the Fur Trade Radio Network, which linked all of Hudson Bay posts with its headquarters. The net changed life in the far north in many ways. It provided a link to family and friends for Hudson Bay employees, brought medical advice to the sick and injured, and provided the Canadian government with meteorological data that was used during WW II to guide transatlantic flights. (Information courtesy Tom Roach; Hudson Bay Company photo)

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# League Lines

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FCC has released a *Report and Order* in PR Docket 85-105, allowing *automatic control for digital operation on frequencies 50 MHz and above*. The new privileges are effective March 14, 1986; automatic-control privileges continue for repeater, auxiliary and beacon operation. There is a dark lining in this silver cloud. A major goal in the securing of these privileges had been the facilitation of packet-radio data transfer, computer-to-computer communication and packet switching systems. Such operation has continued to be hampered by the requirement that a control operator oversee third-party traffic. *FCC's 85-105 ruling provides no relief* in this quarter. The Commission found that neither the speed with which a message is transmitted, nor the operating mode, justify any deviation from the rule requiring the presence of a control operator when third-party traffic is handled. Under these circumstances, the expanded automatic-control privileges gained through 85-105 are a hollow victory. By order of its Board of Directors, ARRL will seek the amendment of PR Docket 85-105 to correct its restrictive and crippling effect on packet radio. Stay tuned!

*Another PRB-1 success.* Directing that the City of Lakewood, Colorado, and its Board of Adjustment give effect to PRB-1, Judge Ruthanne N. Polidori demanded that Steven C. Salmon, K7OXB, be permitted to use his station's 65-foot tower. The judge sought to avoid heavy litigation costs in granting Salmon relief. The matter has been remanded to the City for resolution in consonance with PRB-1. The City previously had taken the position that a tower was the same as a building with roof, walls or columns, and had limited towers to a 35-foot height.

*Is PRB-1 working?* If you ask John Thernes, WM4T, he'll say "Yes"! The City of Lakeside Park, Kentucky, had said "No" to Thernes' request for permission to erect his amateur antenna, and Thernes initially lost his case for redress. Thernes appealed, and PRB-1, FCC's limited preemption of local and state regulation of amateur antennas, pulled it out of the fire: The case was remanded to the court which had ruled against him. We want to be sure we know about similar cases that occur anywhere in the country—cases involving either legal action or the adoption of local ordinances—where PRB-1 is used to good advantage by the amateur community. Share the details with Perry Williams, W1UED, at ARRL HQ.

FCC has *adopted a Report and Order* in PR Docket 85-104, allowing telephony operation at 7075-7100 kHz by General, Advanced and Amateur Extra licensees *south of 20 degrees north latitude*. The new privileges are expected to have minimal impact on nonvoice operation in this segment by stations on the US mainland, while granting relief from foreign broadcasting to telephony operation in Caribbean insular areas. This amendment to Part 97 is effective 0001 UTC February 28, 1986.

Yes, indeed, effective with the April issue, *QST* will be in your hands a bit earlier, as we reported in League Lines last month. No fooling, *April QST will stand out for two other reasons*, as well: (1) It will sport the Universal Product Code (UPC) on its cover—so we can sell *QST* at more newsstands, and (2) it will carry a cover price of \$3.00—a figure better suited for newsstand sales. By spreading word of the wonders of Amateur Radio to a greater public audience, we're helping to ensure Amateur Radio's health and vitality for years to come. Fear not: The new cover price does not portend of any imminent increase in League membership dues! The new *QST* cover price will apply only to *single copies*.

Speaking of earlier *QST* arrival, your *Ham Ads are due* in the HQ Advertising Department on *the 13th of the second month before the issue date*, effective with April *QST*. The Ham-Ad deadline for May *QST* is, therefore, March 13.

We're looking for your input. On page 92, you'll find a survey form that will give us your thoughts on the Public Service column. It's all part of the attempt to make *QST* more responsive to your needs. Please take a few minutes to fill it out and return it to HQ.

Now that you've learned and earned your way to the top, why hide the evidence in your wallet? *Extra Class certificates*, along the lines of those previously issued by FCC, *are now available* from the ARRL HQ Awards Branch for a nominal fee of \$3.00. Enclose a photocopy of your Extra Class license—and prepare to gloat.

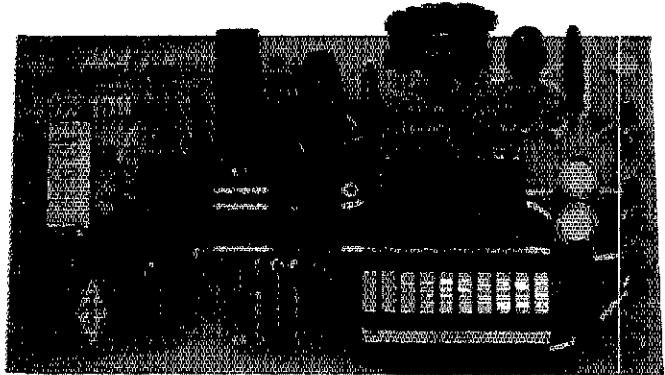
*Worked all states via the moon?* That's something to howl at! Show your membership in this select "club" with a handsome *EME endorsement sticker*, now available from the ARRL HQ Awards Branch to be applied to individually numbered UHF/VHF Worked All States awards.

*Open house.* The ARRL Headquarters building and W1AW, the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station, will be open on *Saturday, April 5, from 10 AM to 5 PM*. If your club would like to schedule a visit to Headquarters on this date, please notify the Membership Communications Services Office. Be sure to bring a copy of your operator's license if you'd like to operate W1AW.



# Real-Time HF WEFAX Maps on a Dot-Matrix Printer

With this simple computer interface and machine-language program, you've got weather maps—and more—on paper!



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*Amateur Radio is a multi-faceted hobby. You'll find amateurs using their unparalleled freedom to do everything from operating radio-controlled models to putting satellites into space. Keeping an eye on weather conditions the world over is an interest of many radio amateurs.*

*Years ago, a general-coverage receiver was considered a "that'd be nice" addition to the ham shack. Today, most amateur transceivers being manufactured have built-in general-coverage receivers. This makes it easy for the amateur to roam the frequencies outside the amateur bands and make new discoveries. The information presented by Keith Sueker in this article should prove interesting to many. We hope it will encourage others to modify and expand on this work.*

Much of the information available to the local TV weather forecaster is also available to the public through facsimile (FAX) weather broadcasts on HF radio circuits. Other articles have featured techniques for presenting weather maps on computer displays in real time, but this article describes a system for printing facsimile maps on a dot-matrix printer in real time.<sup>1,2</sup> Maps can be printed continuously as long as the ribbon and paper supply holds out! The "how" of all this is an interesting marriage of radio receiving and computer-programming techniques that are not difficult to duplicate. The software is written for the Apple® II series of computers and an NEC PC-8023A-C dot-matrix printer, but with reasonable effort can be adapted to any 6502-based computer and accompanying printer.<sup>3</sup> The techniques themselves are applicable to nearly any computer and dot-matrix printer that can operate in the graphics mode.

## Radio Facsimile

Most maritime nations broadcast facsimile weather maps to ships at sea. The maps cover a wide range of weather-related phenomena, including surface synoptic maps, pressure/altitude maps, forecasts,

satellite pictures, surface precipitation summaries and a wealth of other information. In the US, transmissions are made primarily from NAM in Norfolk, Virginia, through the facilities of the Naval Fleet Weather Service. West Coast weather is broadcast by NMC at San Francisco, California, and Gulf of Mexico weather by WLO, Mobile, Alabama, through the facilities of the National Weather Service.

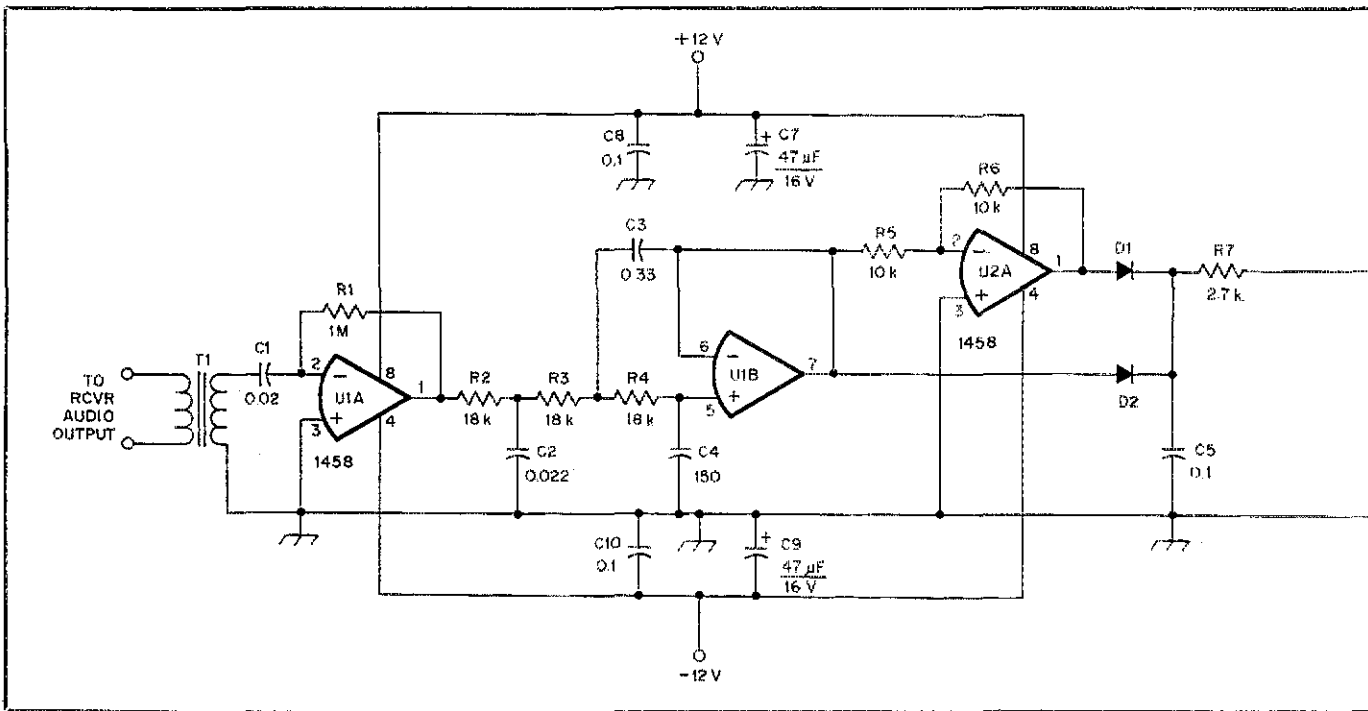
Canadian weather transmissions are made by CFH from the Canadian Forces Metoc Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and from CKN by the Maritime Forces Pacific Metoc Centre in Esquimalt, British Columbia. Other services broadcast in both countries, and many foreign countries broadcast compatible maps. A short list of major stations is shown in Table 1. More are listed in Robert Grove's book.<sup>4</sup>

**Table 1**  
**Principal Weather Facsimile Stations for North American Reception**

Location	Frequencies (kHz)	Agency
Washington, DC	3357 4975 8080 10,865 16,410	US Navy FWS
San Francisco, CA	4346 8682 12,730 17,151	USCG/NWS
Halifax, NS, Can	4271 6330 9890 13,510 17,560	CF Metoc Ctr
Esquimalt, BC, Can	4268 6946 12,125	MFP Metoc Ctr
Mobile, AL	6852 9157 11,145	NWS
<b>Additional Stations</b>		
Pearl Harbor, HI	4803 9440 9445 12,362 16,398 16,400 21,785	
Guam	4975 7645 10,255 13,807 18,620 23,880	
Bracknell, UK	4610 4782 8040 9203 11,086 14,436 14,536 14,582	
Rota, Spain	3713 5206 7626 8100 12,184 12,903 15,941	
Tokyo, Japan	3622 3365 4902 5405 7305 9438 9970 13,597 14,682 18,130 18,220 22,270	
Darwin, Australia	5755 7535 10,555 15,615 18,060	
Pretoria, RSA	4014 7508 13,773 18,238	
Buenos Aires, Arg	5185 10,720 18,093	
Oslo, Norway	4642 5945 8057 11,097	
Cairo, Egypt	4526 5127 9043 10,123 10,560 17,365	

Note: These frequencies are subject to change from time to time. Also, FAX broadcasts might not be transmitted on a 24-hour schedule.

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



**Fig 1**—Schematic diagram of the HF FAX demodulator. If necessary, select the values of the resistors marked with an asterisk so that the first bar of DS2 lights when a 1200-Hz tone is present and bar 10 lights when a 2000-Hz tone is received. The output of the demodulator is connected to the Apple computer's game port, pins 2 (SW0) and 8 (GND). Part numbers in parentheses are Radio Shack; equivalent parts may be substituted.  
 D1, D2—Silicon or germanium signal diode, 1N914, 1N34 or equiv.  
 D3—4.7-V, 500-mA Zener diode, 1N5230 or equiv.  
 DS1—Red LED (276-041).  
 DS2—LED bar-graph display, MV50164 (276-081).  
 T1—Audio transformer, 1-kΩ pri, 8-Ω sec  
 (273-1380) or Mouser 42TLO13.  
 U1, U2—LM1458 dual op amp (276-038).  
 U3—LM3914 display driver (276-1707).

FAX transmissions use frequency-shift modulation similar to RTTY. Relative to a standard virtual carrier, black is 1500 Hz and white is 2300 Hz. A full gray scale is transmitted. Other modulating frequencies are used to start the motor on commercial FAX receiving machines and to synchronize receiving machines to the transmitting machine at the start of a picture. It is important to note that FAX transmissions run "open loop" in that they do not incorporate any signals analogous to the horizontal sync signals in TV transmissions.

Original maps are scanned at the transmitting site by a photosensitive detector that translates the map details into frequency shift at the transmitter. The scanner completes a scan line in exactly 500 ms and has a resolution that exceeds 1000 equivalent pixels in each line. The received picture is built up as a series of sequential lines in a fashion identical to raster generation on a TV set or monitor. A complete picture will require 5 to 20 minutes for transmission, depending on its size.

#### Receiving Adapter

To receive the FAX transmissions, you must have a receiver that is reasonably stable, has a BFO and, of course, can tune to the FAX frequencies. Additionally, you must be able to demodulate the incoming signal and convert it to a useful input for

the computer. The demodulator circuit shown in Fig 1 is designed to provide a complete interface between the receiver and computer. After considerable experimentation, I offer it as about the simplest circuit that will yield good results.

#### Circuit Description

Audio from the receiver is isolated and boosted in amplitude by T1. A 24-ohm ballasting resistor may be placed across the input so that the interface can be used with the receiver speaker disconnected. U1A acts as a clipper that effectively removes any amplitude modulation from the signal. The input capacitor is deliberately made small to reduce the effects of low-frequency hum and noise. The next stage, U1B, is a three-pole, 3-dB-ripple Chebyshev low-pass active filter that acts as a frequency discriminator. It has a corner frequency of 1200 Hz and a log-linear attenuation of 26 dB in the first octave. This particular configuration is chosen to provide a sharp cutoff with low-Q sections so as to minimize transient ringing.

U2A is an inverter that, in conjunction with D1 and D2, provides full-wave rectification of the ac signal from the demodulator. A two-pole RC filter reduces ripple. The last stage, U2B, is a comparator. It compares the incoming demodulated, rectified and filtered signal to an adjustable dc reference. The reference is supplied through R13, which sets the bias

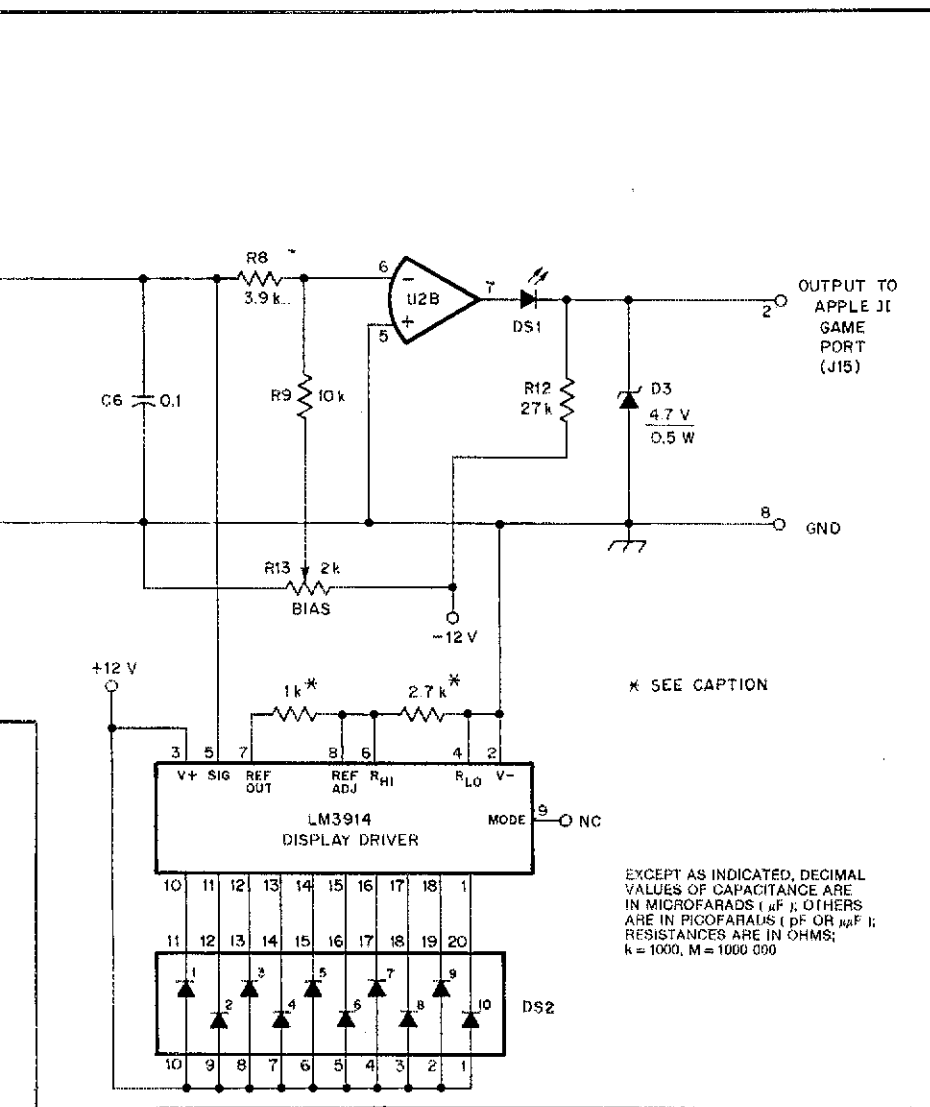
level so as to allow adjustment of the print density. U2B transmits a TTL signal to the computer input—in this case, the Apple's game port. A series-connected LED, DS1, provides the operator with a visual aid in setting the print density. Note that U2B is driven into current limiting, which at 12 V supplies just about the right amount of current for DS1. R12 sinks current from the Apple's input (PB0) port to assure a zero signal. A Zener diode (D3) maintains a 4.7-V maximum input level to the computer.

#### Tuning Indicator

Tuning in a FAX signal is not particularly easy without some sort of indicator. An oscilloscope can be used, but I have found the simple LED bar graph (DS2) is just as good. It is set up so that a 1200-Hz signal lights the first segment and a 2000-Hz signal lights the last one. Note that I've selected the received frequency range to extend from 1200 Hz to 2000 Hz rather than the usual 1500 Hz to 2300 Hz. This permits the use of the standard SSB receiver filter band-pass characteristics. The frequency range selection has no adverse effects on reception except for a slight degradation in picture resolution, but there is more detail there than we can use anyhow.

#### Demodulator Construction

The construction of the receiving adapter



is totally noncritical. The unit can be built on a perf, PC or prototyping board. PC boards and parts kits are available from A & A Engineering.<sup>5,6</sup> (An assembled A & A kit is shown in the title photo.) Supply voltages of from 10 to 15 can be used. At 12 V, the current drain is only 30-50 mA from the positive supply and 10 mA from the negative supply.

### System Considerations

With the FAX signal in hand, we can consider what to do with it. Immediately, we bump into a rather fundamental limitation: Our incoming signal has over 2000 pixel equivalents per second, but our printer is rated for only 100 characters per second. That means it can print about 800 horizontal pixels per second continuously if it can ignore carriage returns. So, right off we must settle for less detail than is present in the transmitted picture. Further, we wish to operate the printer in the incremental mode rather than getting the one-dot offset that occurs with bidirectional printing; this also slows things down. But all is not lost. We are forced into a

slower rate anyhow by another consideration—picture geometry.

### Picture Geometry

The FAX scanner at the transmitting station advances from line to line with a spacing much smaller than that of the wires in our printer's print head. Thus, if we wish to render pictures geometrically correct so that circles print as circles and so on, we must either expand our printout horizontally (print only a part of each line) or print all of a given line, but only a certain percentage of the total lines (shrink the picture vertically). (This problem also occurs with FAX screen displays and is noted and explained in the referenced articles.) In this program, I have elected to print all of the horizontal portion of the map with poorer vertical (time dimension) resolution. The program samples every third transmitted line and renders a picture that is geometrically correct.

### Synchronization

Another facet of FAX should be emphasized. As mentioned earlier, the

transmissions have no synchronizing pulses. The receiver is phase synchronized to the transmitter at the start of a picture and then must have a precise speed match with the transmitter. This precludes recording signals on a tape recorder. It also means our printing program must execute in exact synchronism with the transmitted signal for every printed line, but there are no sync pulses! This places some interesting constraints on programming.

There are two basic approaches to solving this problem. The first is to have a precision frequency reference that provides synchronizing pulses to the computer and thereby controls the timing. This requires a crystal-controlled timer or timing hardware on a peripheral card in the Apple. This approach also requires additional hardware to control the initial phasing. The second method, the one I chose, is to handle all timing functions in software. Earlier work I had done on screen presentation of FAX required a simpler form of timing, but it verified the approach.

In order to have precise timing of the software, the programmer must have control at all times. There can be no need to make allowance for waiting for a printer to decide it is ready to accept a character. During the development of this program, two discoveries slowly emerged that seem obvious in retrospect: (1) The normal type of printer output routines cannot be used because they wait for a "printer ready" signal, which, in turn, depends on the state of the printer; and (2) printer timing itself is not precise because the printer (at least mine) apparently does not have a crystal-controlled clock. Further, although the printer is buffered, the rate at which it can accept characters for the buffer seems to be less when the printer is executing a carriage return. I elected not to do any fundamental research on this point, however.

The way to lick the printer timing problem is to jam graphics bytes directly into the printer port, making sure, of course, that the rate is acceptable to the printer at all times. With the Apple Parallel Printer Card I use, direct output can be made with an STA instruction to location  $C080 + n\theta$ , where n is the slot number of the printer card. All software on the card is bypassed, and the output requires just the four machine cycles of an absolute-store instruction (STA). The printing is buffered in the program so that the printer does not have to be in synchronism with the received signal. This is the key to providing time for a carriage return, line feed and reset of the graphics inputs after each line is printed. Note that each printed line is 8 bits high and contains selected picture information from 24 transmitted lines.

### Program Information

Table 2 is presented in an effort to clarify the data-handling techniques in this program. Since the program itself must

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206D-	18	CLC		20EB-	EE E6 20	INC	\$20E6	216C-	20 A8 FC	JSR	\$FCA8
206E-	EE 5F 20	INC	\$205F	20EE-	EE B9 20	INC	\$20E9	216F-	A9 0D	LDA	#\$0D
2071-	D0 03	BNE	\$2076	20F1-	D0 06	BNE	\$20F9	2171-	20 A8 FC	JSR	\$FCA8
2073-	EE 60 20	INC	\$2060	20F3-	EE E7 20	INC	\$20E7	2174-	60	RTS	
2076-	A9 12	LDA	#\$12	20F6-	EE EA 20	INC	\$20EA	2175-	00 0A 36	ORA	\$360A
2078-	CD 60 20	CMP	\$2060	20F9-	A9 12	LDA	#\$12	2178-	31 54	AND	(\$54),Y
207B-	D0 0A	BNE	\$2087	20FB-	CD E7 20	CMP	\$20E7	217A-	1B	???	
207D-	A9 EE	LDA	#\$EE	20FE-	D0 E5	BNE	\$20E5	217B-	5B	???	
207F-	CD 5F 20	CMP	\$205F	2100-	A9 EE	LDA	#\$EE	217C-	1B	???	
2082-	D0 08	BNE	\$208C	2102-	CD E6 20	CMP	\$20E6	217D-	45 1B	EOR	\$1B
2084-	38	SEC		2105-	D0 DE	BNE	\$20E5				

Fig 2--Disassembled listing of the HF WEFAX machine-language program for the Apple II computer. Enter this program using the Apple's built-in monitor or the miniassembler, then save it to disk with the command: BSAVE FAXPNT.OBJ0, A\$2000, L\$17F. The printer setup table lies between \$2175 and \$217E; ignore the mnemonics, "instructions" and question marks at these locations in the listing, they are a peculiarity of the Apple's disassembler. To get the program operational, you can then use the BASIC program loader of Fig 3 or BRUN the program from disk. If the program is already in memory, simply CALL 8192 from BASIC or enter 2000G from the monitor. For those of you uncomfortable with machine-language entry, a BASIC program listing using POKEs and DATA statements to enter this program is available from the ARRL. A commented source-code listing may also be obtained from the ARRL. Please address your request to the Technical Department Secretary; include \$1 for the BASIC listing, \$2 for the source-code listing and a business-size SASE for each listing. Identify your request as Sueker WEFAX BASIC Listing/QS-3/86 or Sueker WEFAX Source Listing/QS-3/86. See note 5.

necessarily be machine and printer specific, I would prefer to present in some detail the logic and data flow so that you can adapt the program to your equipment. The main program listing is shown in Fig 2, and a BASIC startup program is presented in Fig 3.

Let's assume a picture transmission has started with line number 1. Our program repeats in sets of 24 received lines, so we can jump in with the start of set two at line 25. The reason for doing this is that the processing and printing of data are a full set out of sync, and it is confusing to start

at the beginning. Such is often the case with iterative processes; it is easier to see the logic once the starting transients are gone.

The program uses the game port location PB0 to take 750 samples from line 25. If the sampled bit is a 1, it sets the carry flag; if a 0, it resets the carry. The carry flag is then rotated into the appropriate byte of a 750-byte picture (PIX) buffer. Each byte will ultimately have a one-to-one correspondence with the printed graphics byte in one print-head pass. At the end of sampling line 25, the program generates a time delay of about 1000 ms so that the next sample

will be taken precisely at the start of line 28. This process is repeated for the first 15 received lines. During this time (7.5 seconds), the printer is allowed to complete carriage-return and line-feed operations. Line 40 is received and processed in the same fashion, but at the end, 250 graphics bytes are sent to the printer. These bytes are the first 250 from a 750-byte printer buffer that represents the previous set of lines (1-24). We sample only every third line, so we have a full second to send the 250 bytes to the printer. They are sent out with a fixed time delay that is

**Table 2**  
**Program Action**

Picture Line No.	Action
23	(prior set)
24	...PNTR buffer   Do resets   CR LF   TD*
25	Sample 750 pixels—write bits to PIX buffer
26	then start time delay
27	to total 1500 ms from start of line 25
28	Sample 750 pixels—write bits to PIX buffer
29	then start time delay
30	to total 1500 ms from start of line 28
31	Sample 750 pixels—write bits to PIX buffer
32	then start time delay
33	to total 1500 ms from start of line 31
34	Sample 750 pixels—write bits to PIX buffer
35	then start time delay
36	to total 1500 ms from start of line 34
37	Sample 750 pixels—write bits to PIX buffer
38	then start time delay
39	to total 1500 ms from start of line 37
40	Sample 750 pixels—write bits to PIX buffer
41	Send first 250 bytes to printer from PNTR buffer then
42	start time delay to total 1500 ms from start of line 40
43	Sample 750 pixels—write bits to PIX buffer
44	Send second 250 bytes to printer from PNTR buffer then
45	start time delay to total 1500 ms from start of line 43
46	Sample 750 pixels—write bits to PIX buffer
47	Send final 250 bytes to printer from PNTR buffer then
48	write PIX buffer to PNTR buffer   Do resets   CR LF   TD*
49	Sample 750 pixels...
50	(next set)

\*TD—Time delay to total 1500 ms from start of second prior line. Lines 25 through 48, inclusive, represent one printed line eight bits high.

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100 REM APPLE FAXPRINT PROGRAM
110 REM BY K. H. SUEKER, W3VF
120 REM 110 GARLOW DRIVE
130 REM PITTSBURGH, PA 15235
140 REM 412 793 8909
150 REM REFER TO QST, MARCH 1986 FOR DETAILS
160 HGR : PRINT CHR$ (21) : TEXT : HOME : VTAB 10
170 PRINT "RESET PRINTER AND PRESS ANY KEY TO BEGIN"
180 HTAB 18: PRINT "----> "; GET X
190 VTAB 10: PRINT "PRESS <RETURN> FOR 120 SCANS/MINUTE,"
200 PRINT
210 PRINT "PRESS ANY OTHER KEY FOR 60 SCANS/MINUTE."
220 GET X$
230 T$ = "120 SCANS/MINUTE": IF X$ < > CHR$ (13) THEN
T$ = "60 SCANS/MINUTE"
240 PRINT : PRINT "YOU CHOSE "; T$
250 PRINT : PRINT "WAIT FOR PROGRAM TO PRINT."
260 PRINT CHR$ (4); "BLOAD FAXPNT.OBJ"
270 IF X$ = CHR$ (13) THEN GOTO 430
280 REM
POKES FOR 60 SCANS/MINUTE
290 POKE 8497,20
300 POKE 8503,07
310 POKE 8505,255
320 POKE 8513,213
330 POKE 8518,07
340 POKE 8524,07
350 POKE 8526,255
360 POKE 8534,142
370 POKE 8539,16
380 POKE 8545,12
390 POKE 8547,255
400 POKE 8555,140
410 POKE 8560,06
420 REM
START THE PROGRAM
430 CALL 8192

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Fig 3—This BASIC "HELLO" program performs several functions. It permits you to select 60 or 120 scans per minute, BLOADs the FAX program and POKEs any necessary changes into the proper memory locations.

acceptable to the printer. A time-delay routine fills out the time to exactly 1500 ms from the start of line 40. Line 43 is received next and processed, followed by transmission to the printer of the next 250 bytes from the printer buffer and an accompanying time delay. The last sample from this set, line 46, is handled in the same fashion and the last 250 bytes are sent to the printer. Now, we have sent all 750 bytes from the printer buffer and have completed all eight sampled lines from the current set of 24 to fill out our picture buffer. The final steps are to write the picture buffer to the printer buffer, get ready for the next set by doing resets where required and set the printer for the next line of 750 graphics bytes. A carriage return and line feed are also initiated. Again, a time-delay loop is used to fill out the 1500-ms period.

The BASIC "HELLO" program provides you with a selection of 60 or 120 (standard) scans per minute. If you select 60 scans per minute, several POKEs alter the machine-language routine before the program is started. The 60-scan-per-minute rate is used, for instance, by Russian FAX and by commercial radio stations sending pictures. It is possible to copy such pictures with this program.

**Operating**

Connect the demodulator between the receiver and computer. Use shielded wire for the interconnections. Since most computers can be expected to radiate some RF hash, a good signal level from the antenna will help reduce the effects of this interference. A random-length long wire or dipole antenna will suffice, but the better the antenna, the better the results.

Receiving conditions can be expected to vary considerably. HF-signal propagation is nothing to write home about these days, but perseverance on your part should pay off. On occasion, signal strength may be good, but multipath distortion will ruin maps. Some off-the-air pictures I've captured are shown in Fig 4. The stations listed for North America in Table 1 are on the air often enough so that one of them should be available to you nearly any time of the day or night. FAX transmissions may alternate with RTTY on some frequencies.

Load and run the program. Place the receiver in the SSB mode for FAX reception. Sideband selection and tuning should be chosen so that the first segment of the LED bar graph is lit most of the time, and the remaining segments flash with the incoming signal. The receiver audio level should be set to deliver about 500 mV to the demodulator. Use of the opposite sideband will invert black and white in the printed picture.

The start of each FAX transmission is signalled by a sync signal of about 25 lines, each of which is 95% black and 5% white. During this time, tuning-bar segments 1 and 10 should light in correspondence. The sync signal can be recognized as a steady

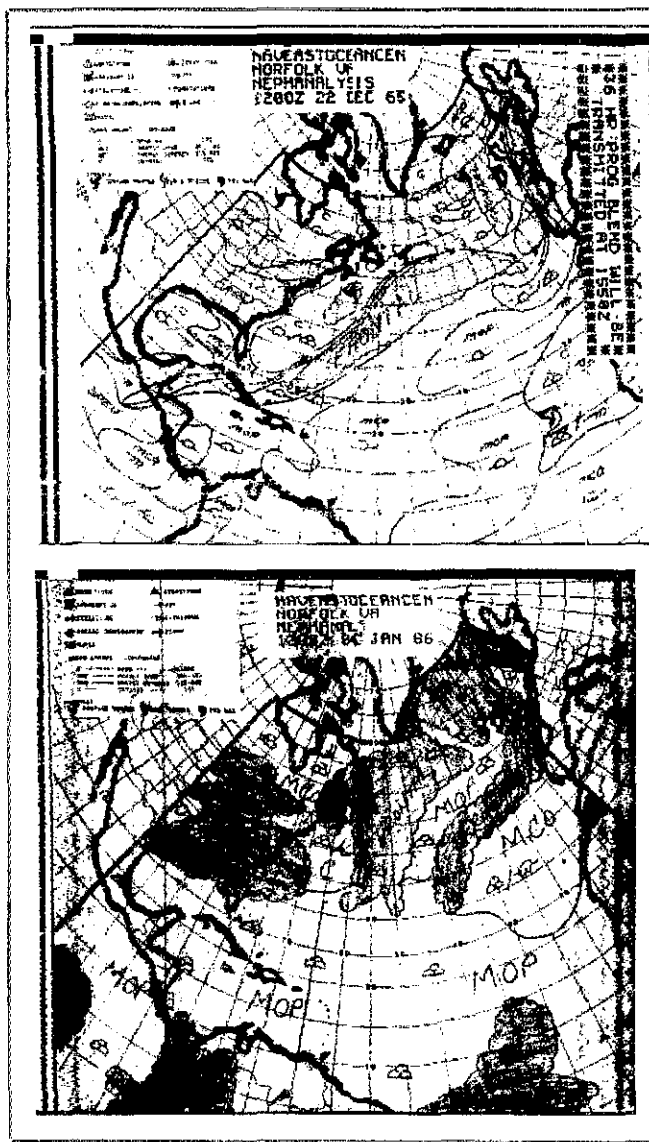
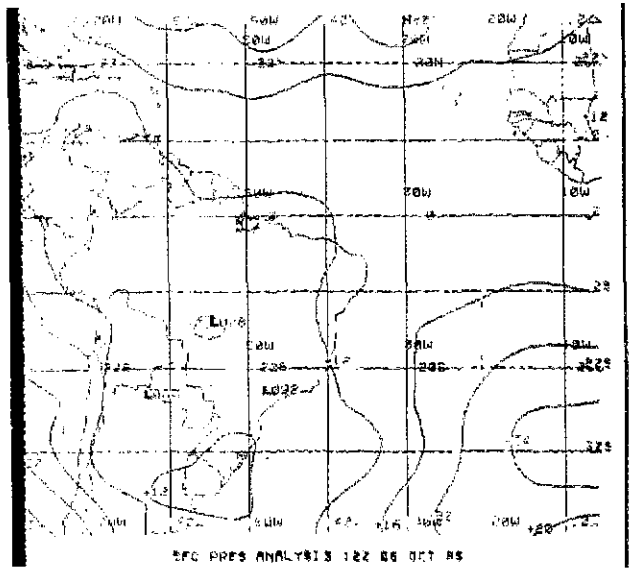


Fig 4—Some weather maps produced on the author's dot-matrix printer.

tone interrupted every half-second by a short burst of a second frequency. If you miss this, you will have to take pot luck on phasing and get out the glue and scissors. The map will be rendered correctly, but will wrap around the page. Synchronization can be accomplished manually by pressing any key on the computer while the sync signal is being transmitted. Print density is adjusted by means of R13, which varies the trigger point of the comparator, U2B. R13 can be used to aid in noise rejection and for optimizing the contrast on satellite photos. The satellite photos are computer enhanced with geographical features and political boundaries, but the print density is rather critical for best reproduction of these faint details.

#### Other Aspects

I must confess that the receiving adapter and programming form my major interest in FAX weather maps. For those of you interested in pursuing the meteorological aspects of the maps, I recommend "A Mariner's Guide to Radiofacsimile Weather Charts" by Dr. Joseph M. Bishop. It is available from Alden Electronics.<sup>7</sup> Alden manufactures a complete line of facsimile machines for general use. Surplus FAX machines and more FAX information are available from Atlantic Surplus Sales.<sup>8</sup>



Anyone with access to a high-speed printer with near-letter-quality dot density and a wide carriage may be able to print entire maps at significantly better resolution. These computer printing techniques should be adaptable to reception of weather-satellite transmissions and to amateur SSTV and FAX. This particular program does not render a gray scale, but perhaps one of you may be able to figure out a way to do this. That is the spirit of Amateur Radio!

#### Notes

- <sup>1</sup>K. H. Sueker, "Apple FAX: Weather Maps on a Video Screen," *BYTE*, Jun 1984, pp 146-151.
- <sup>2</sup>E. W. Schwittek and W. G. Schwittek, "WEFAX Pictures on Your IBM PC," *QST*, Jun 1985, pp 14-18.
- <sup>3</sup>The C. Itoh 8510AP and Apple dot-matrix printers are essentially identical to the NEC printer. When using a printer other than an NEC 8023A, be aware that some printer-code differences may exist. Also, some printer-interface cards (like the Microtek Apple Dumpling) do not send a strobe signal automatically as does the Apple card. These differences must be taken into account when adapting the program to different equipment types as the timing loops are certain to be affected.—Ed.]
- <sup>4</sup>Robert B. Grove, "Confidential Frequency List," Gilfer Associates Inc, Park Ridge, NJ, pp 68-71.
- <sup>5</sup>A & A Engineering, 7970 Orchid Dr, Buena Park, CA 90620, tel 714-521-4160. (PC board only, \$8.35 plus \$1 shipping and handling; complete kit, \$24.15 plus \$1.50 shipping and handling; assembled unit, \$31.40 plus \$1.50 shipping and handling. California residents add 6% sales tax.) All of the programs associated with this article are available on disk from A & A Engineering for \$5. These programs include a "HELLO" program with a unique billboard written in machine language, the BASIC loader, the main program and a commented source-code text file.
- <sup>6</sup>PC-board templates (*this is a double-sided board layout*) and a parts overlay are available from the ARRL for \$3 and an SASE. Address your request to the Technical Department Secretary and identify your request as the HF FAX Demodulator/QS-3/86.
- <sup>7</sup>Washington St, Westborough, MA 01581, tel 617-366-8851. The book price is \$9.95 plus \$2.50 shipping and handling.
- <sup>8</sup>"Weather FAX Guide," Atlantic Surplus Sales, 3730 Nautilus Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11224. [Some of the information contained in this guide was also published in *A5*, May 1982. Readers will also find occasional WEFAX coverage in *SPEC-COM* (formerly *A5*). For information, contact Mike Stone, WB0QCD, SPEC-COM Communications, Inc, PO Box H, Lowden, IA 52255-0408.—Ed.]

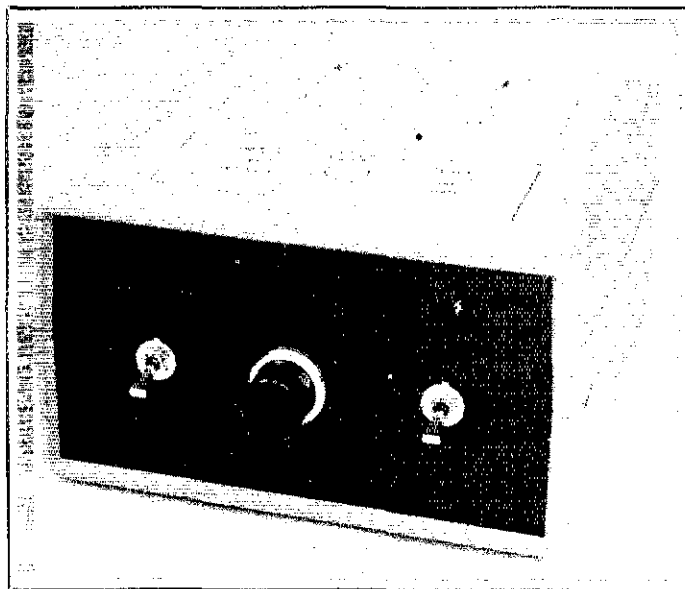
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# The Romscanner

Here's an easy-to-build, low-cost source for SSTV images!

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A few minutes spent tuning around 14.230 MHz on 20 meters will confirm the extent to which full-color operation in both standard and high-resolution formats has captured the fancy of the SSTV community. Currently available commercial equipment for SSTV, in the form of the Robot™ Research 450C and 1200 digital scan converters, provides operating features undreamed of only a few years ago. Unfortunately, while such equipment performs flawlessly, the cost of this technology, coupled with the price of color monitors and cameras, appears to limit the options for those who would like to start SSTV in a modest way.

Alternatives for multimode SSTV reception do exist in the form of microcomputer-assisted SSTV scan converters that are far less expensive than their commercial counterparts.<sup>1</sup> While such systems do an excellent job of displaying SSTV, their capabilities for transmission are typically limited to retransmitting an image already in memory, or relatively simple graphics for call signs, CQs, etc. Upgrading to "live" camera operation involves additional hardware, and, of course, a standard TV camera that serves as the source from which the digital circuits capture or "snatch" the SSTV image. The time-honored option for new operators is to have an active SSTV station prepare a set of taped images using pictures supplied by the newcomer. This provides basic image material for the new station, but tape handling is clumsy (you

have to locate the precise picture you want), tapes decline in quality with continued use and RF feedback is an ever-present possibility because of the minimal shielding of small cassette recorders.

Newcomers to SSTV are not the only ones with problems. The casual or part-time operator needs a source of pictures for occasional QSOs without the fuss and bother of firing up the camera, adjusting the lights and composing a good-looking picture. Many operators have such a small area devoted to the station that it is impractical to have lights and cameras out and ready at all times for the sake of an occasional contact. As a consequence, many—perhaps most—SSTV-equipped stations simply "look in" without actually getting on the air. There is even a problem with the *gung-ho* SSTV types who have the latest in color scan converters. The average amateur may not feel particularly colorful, and there is a tendency to transmit flashy color pictures rather than pictures of the operator, shack or family. This is unfortunate because Amateur Radio represents people-to-people communications, and it seems a shame not to see the operator on the other end, particularly in the case of a first QSO.

The Romscanner is a device created to meet all these problems. Basically it is a digital "black box" that performs a single function—the transmission of standard-format SSTV images (128 line/8.5 seconds) that have been preprogrammed into read only memory (ROM). The Romscanner can handle as many such canned pictures as you wish, and since the images are stored per-

manently, they are available for immediate transmission at the flick of a switch. For the newcomer or casual SSTV operator, the Romscanner can provide the primary source of pictures. For the fully equipped operator, it holds all the basic CQ and ID images and pictures of the operator, shack or family. Any of these can be sent at a moment's notice, while the station camera is devoted to color material. The Romscanner is a stand-alone unit that will function with any SSTV station, from a simple P7 monitor to the most elaborate camera/color-scan-converter system.<sup>2</sup> It is extremely simple to construct, with only eight ICs plus a ROM for each picture you wish to store. Finally, it incorporates all of the fundamental principles of digital-image storage and thus provides a good lesson in digital SSTV fundamentals at a low cost.

## Circuit Description

Refer to Fig 1. Five circuit modules, or subsystems, will be described—the memory, clock and address counters, sync circuits, data output and subcarrier modulator.

## Memory

The "standard" SSTV format uses a 128-line picture that is transmitted at the rate of 15 lines/second for a total frame time of 8.5 seconds. To provide acceptable resolution in the basic format, each line is digitized into 128 picture elements (pixels), each of which is coded as one of 16 possible gray-scale values ranging from 0 through 15. The memory capacity required to store one SSTV picture is related to the total

<sup>1</sup>Notes appear on page 27.

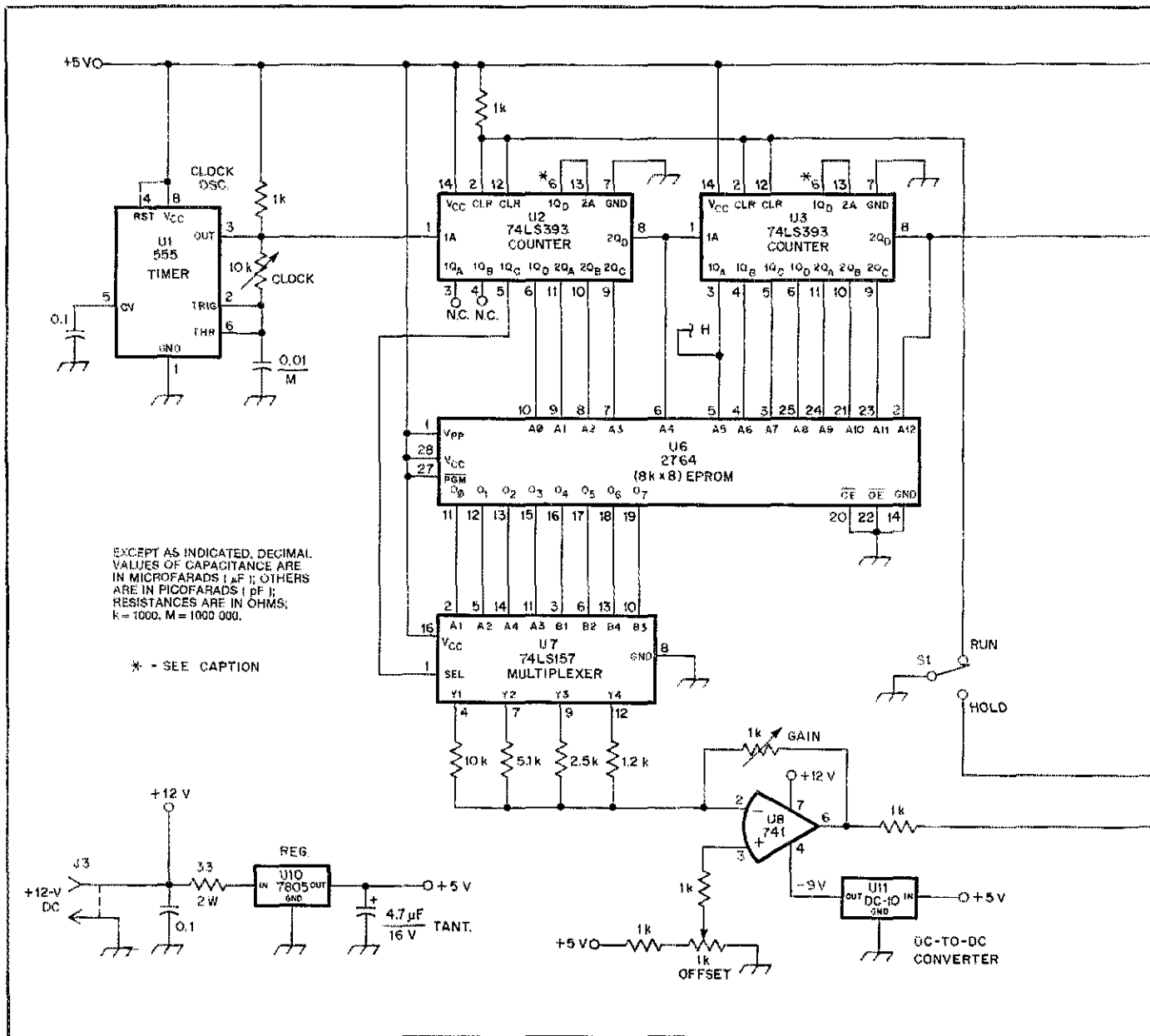


Fig 1—Schematic diagram of the Romscanner circuit. Individual IC bypass capacitors are not shown (see text). An \* next to an IC pin number indicates that the number is repeated for clarity. Look for the same pin number elsewhere on the same IC diagram.

- U1, U4, U5—NE555 timer. U7—74LS157 quad 2-line to 1-line multiplexer. U10—7805 5-V regulator.  
 U2, U3—74LS393 dual 4-bit binary counter. U8—741 op amp. U11—Mostek DC-10 voltage converter.  
 U6—2764 (8K × 8) UV erasable PROM. U9—EXAR 2206 monolithic function generator.

number of pixels in the image, and the number of bits required to code the gray-scale value for each pixel. The total number of pixels is 128 (pixels/line) × 128 (total number of lines) or 16,384. The 16-step gray scale requires 4 bits/pixel, so the total memory requirement is 4 × 16,384, or 65,536 bits. The Romscanner uses erasable programmable read only memory (EPROM) that is typically organized in terms of 8-bit units (bytes). Our storage requirement, expressed in bytes, is thus 65,536/8 or 8192 bytes/image.

Two available EPROM chips, the 2764

and 68764, both meet this requirement exactly since they contain 8192 × 8 memory cells, and thus will hold one SSTV image. The 68764, a 24-pin device, was used in the prototype, since they were available as leftovers from another project. This chip presently costs about \$14 in unit quantities, compared to only \$5 for the 28-pin 2764. Fig 1 shows the circuit based on the 2764 chip. Table 1 shows the equivalent pinouts for the two devices. Functionally the two chips are identical.

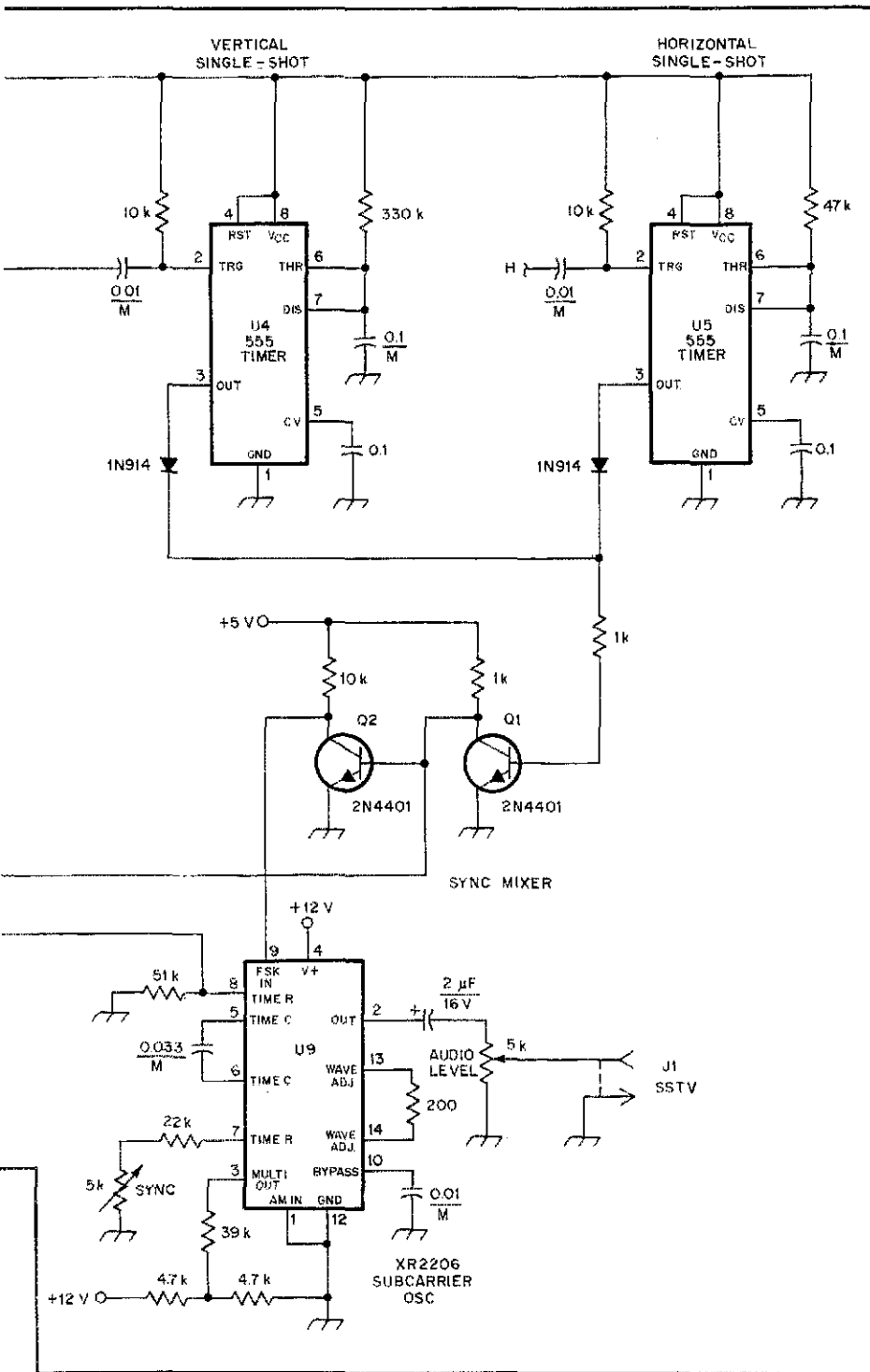
Each byte of EPROM will store data for two pixels, since only 4 bits are required for

each pixel. Each pixel pair is formatted as follows with reference to the eight data-output lines of the EPROM.

High Nibble	}	O7—Pixel 2 (MSB)	} One Byte
		O6—Pixel 2	
		O5—Pixel 2	
		O4—Pixel 2 (LSB)	
Low Nibble	}	O3—Pixel 1 (MSB)	} One Byte
		O2—Pixel 1	
		O1—Pixel 1	
		O0—Pixel 1 (LSB)	

Essentially—the first pixel of each pair





resides in the low "nibble" (4 bits) of each byte while the second pixel is in the high nibble. The pixel pairs are arranged sequentially with the first pair (upper left corner of the display) located at memory address 0 (\$0000) and the final pair (lower right corner of the display) at memory address 8191 (\$1FFF).

Getting the data out of the EPROM requires a total of 13 address lines (A0-A12), which are generated by a series of binary ripple counters. If the clock that feeds the counter chain is properly adjusted, the

output of data will be at the proper rate to provide the required 15 lines (128 pixels) each second.

We have not discussed how the image data get into the chip to begin with. We will cover this later in the Image Programming section.

#### Clock and Address Counters

The system clock and address counters are extremely simple, but effective. U1 is used in an astable configuration and adjusted to a frequency of 7680 Hz by the

**Table 1**  
Comparison of Pinouts for the 2764 and 68764 EPROMs

Function	2764	68764
A0	10	8
A1	9	7
A2	8	6
A3	7	5
A4	6	4
A5	5	3
A6	4	2
A7	3	1
A8	25	23
A9	24	22
A10	21	19
A11	23	18
A12	2	21
O0	11	(DQ0) 9
O1	12	(DQ1) 10
O2	13	(DQ2) 11
O3	15	(DQ3) 13
O4	16	(DQ4) 14
O6	17	(DQ5) 15
O6	18	(DQ6) 16
O7	19	(DQ7) 17
Enable	20,22	20
Ground ( $V_{ss}$ )	14	12
+5 V ( $V_{cc}$ )	28	24

10-k $\Omega$  CLOCK potentiometer. This signal is routed through a total of 16 binary divider stages contained in two counters, U2 and U3. The outputs of the first two counter stages (pins 3 and 4 of U2) are not used. Output 3 (pin 5 of U2) provides a 960-Hz signal that is used to differentiate the individual pixel data in the output multiplexer (see Data Output). Output 4 (pin 6 of U2) is the basic byte clock frequency (480 Hz) and functions as address line A0 with all of the remaining outputs providing lines A1 through A12. The address counters are controlled by the HOLD/RUN switch, S1. In the HOLD position, the counter reset lines are pulled high by a 1-k $\Omega$  resistor. To retrieve a picture, the switch is set to RUN, which pulls the reset lines low and triggers the counters. This arrangement assures that you always start at the beginning of the image in memory. As long as the switch remains in the RUN position the image data will output continuously, beginning with the first memory location and proceeding to the last, after which the cycle will repeat until the switch is returned to the HOLD position.

#### Sync Circuits

The standard SSTV format requires that the signal have a 5-ms burst of 1200-Hz horizontal sync at the start of each line (15-Hz rate) and a 30-ms burst of 1200-Hz vertical sync at the start of each frame. Address line A5 toggles at the required 15-Hz line rate and drives a 5-ms single shot (U5) that provides a TTL high at the start of each line. Address line A12 toggles once every 8.5 seconds (0.117 Hz) and drives a 30-ms single shot (U4) that produces a 30-ms TTL high at the end/beginning of

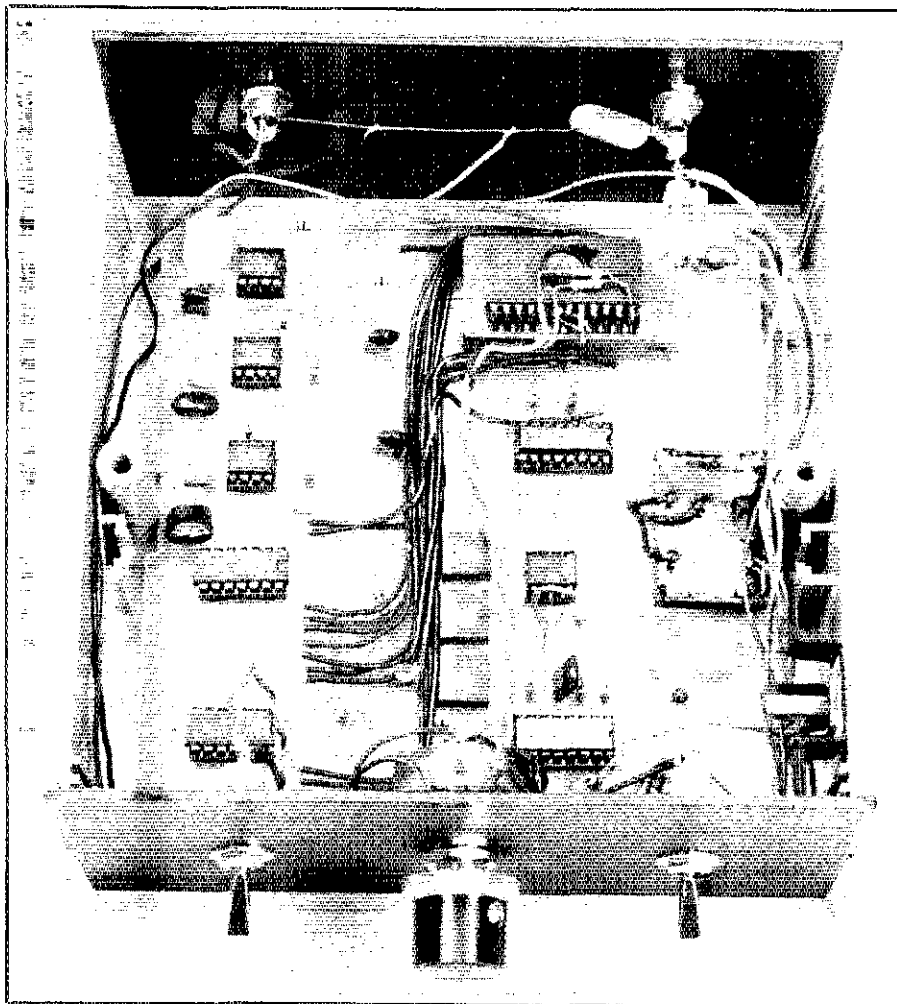


Fig 2—An internal view of the prototype unit showing the general parts layout and the simplicity of the overall circuitry. The rear apron has only two jacks—one for +12- to 14-V dc and the other for SSTV output. Front-panel controls include an image selector switch on the left, a central LEVEL control and the HOLD/RUN switch on the right. The clock oscillator, single shots and address counters are aligned along the left side of the board, and most of the visible wiring represents the 13 address lines for the EPROM bank. Two stacked EPROMs, in a zero insertion force socket, are visible in the upper right. The output multiplexer is immediately below the EPROM stack—below that are the op amp and subcarrier generator. The large, square black module is the Mostek DC-10 voltage converter that supplies negative voltage for the op amp.

each memory scan or frame. The two TTL sync pulses are mixed by Q1 and Q2 to provide a composite TTL signal that is high for the duration of both the 5-ms horizontal and 30-ms vertical sync pulse intervals. This composite signal provides the sync drive to the subcarrier modulator (U9).

Since the vertical sync pulse is produced at the end of each memory scan, the first image out of memory would normally lack a pulse to reset the display at the other end. This is prevented by using the HOLD contact of S1 to ground the collector of Q1 and the base of Q2 when the switch is in the HOLD position, forcing the subcarrier oscillator to 1200 Hz (sync). This ensures that the display system at the receiving end will be reset at the start of the first image scan when the HOLD/RUN switch is set to RUN.

#### Data Output

Each time the address lines toggle by one

count (referenced to A0), eight bits of output data are available from the new memory location on lines O0-O7. These eight data bits represent two pixels of image data and must be sorted out if we are to reproduce the image as stored in memory. This is achieved using an 8- to 4-bit multiplexer (U7) that is connected to the memory data lines. This chip functions as a 4PDT switch, controlled by the 960-Hz signal applied to pin 1 from the timing chain. Wired as shown, the lower four bits of each output byte (pixel 1) are routed to the four output lines during the first half of each byte cycle while the upper four bits (pixel 2) are routed to the output lines during the second half of each address cycle. The required digital-to-analog conversion is accomplished by a summing amplifier (U8) that is driven by the four multiplexed output lines through a weighted resistor network. The output of U8 is thus one of 16 possible discrete

voltage levels, based on the coding of the 4-bit pixel data. Gain and offset of the summing amplifier are adjustable to provide the voltage required to swing the subcarrier modulator from 1500 Hz (black) to 2300 Hz (white).

#### Construction

The circuit is extremely simple, by digital SSTV standards, and can be constructed using perf board. There is nothing particularly critical about layout, since everything operates at mid-range audio or lower. The CLOCK, GAIN, OFFSET and SYNC potentiometers should be mounted on the board and the LEVEL potentiometer located on the front panel. Ideally, the LEVEL control should be an audio-taper unit to minimize level-setting sensitivity. The other essential front-panel control is the HOLD/RUN switch as well as a selector switch if you want multiple EPROMs (see Multiple EPROM discussion that follows). The use of a zero insertion force socket for the EPROM is recommended so that EPROMs can be checked out without damaging either the chips or the socket with repeated removals and insertions.

The prototype unit is powered from a 12- to 14-V dc supply with the +5 V provided by a 7805 (LM340T-5) regulator. The prototype, with two 68764 EPROMs, draws approximately 170 mA, and a 33-ohm, 2-W resistor was placed in series with the 7805 to reduce regulator power dissipation to the point where a small heat-sink was sufficient for cooling. Using multiple EPROMs will increase the current demand. The proper value for the series resistor should be calculated, based on the current drawn, to provide approximately 7 V at the regulator input. The accuracy of your calculation is not seriously affected if you assume that all the indicated power supply current is drawn by the 5-V bus since only a few milliamperes at 12 V is required by the 741 and the subcarrier generator. The -9 V required to bias the 741 op amp (U8) is obtained using the Mostek DC-10 voltage-conversion module operating from the +5-V line. Since the output voltage swing of U8 is entirely positive, you may be able to get by with simply grounding pin 4, but I included a negative supply for greater flexibility later, should I desire to experiment with additional circuit configurations.

Adequate bypassing is critical for stable operation. In addition to the bypass capacitors indicated in Fig 1, each chip should also be bypassed at the supply pin with a 0.01- or 0.1- $\mu$ F, 50-V disc capacitor. You may be able to get by with fewer bypass capacitors, but don't be surprised if you have instability or digital noise effects if you scrimp too much in the bypass department. If you bypass each chip, the system will be unconditionally stable and immune to RFI, even in an unshielded cabinet. The prototype Romscanner was

packaged in a small plastic utility box as shown in Fig 2.

### Setup

The only setup adjustments for the Romscanner involve setting the clock and subcarrier frequencies. Wire a 28-pin header plug as shown in Fig 3A and insert it into the EPROM socket. If you are using a 68764 layout, use a 24-pin header wired by consulting Fig 3A and Table 1. The switch in the header circuit will allow you to switch the system output from black to white levels and greatly speeds the setup procedure. Connect a 12- to 14-V dc supply to the POWER jack, (J2). If a frequency counter is available, proceed as follows:

- 1) Connect the counter to pin 3 of U1 or pin 1 of U2 and adjust the CLOCK potentiometer for a frequency of 7680 Hz.
- 2) Transfer the counter to the SSTV output (J1) and set the LEVEL control for maximum output.
- 3) Set the HOLD/RUN switch to HOLD and adjust the SYNC control for a frequency of 1200 Hz.
- 4) Set the HOLD/RUN switch to RUN and preset the GAIN control for minimum resistance between pins 2 and 6 of U8.
- 5) Set the test header switch to black and adjust the OFFSET control for a frequency of 1500 Hz.
- 6) Set the test header switch to white and adjust the GAIN control for a frequency of 2300 Hz.

Note: Go back and forth between steps 5 and 6 several times, as there will be some control interaction.

At this point you can connect the SSTV output to a display system, and you should be able to shift the display from black to white by toggling the header test switch.

If no frequency counter is available, align the system using your SSTV display. Proceed as follows:

- 1) With the HOLD/RUN switch in the HOLD position, adjust the SYNC control for maximum indication on your SSTV tuning indicator.
- 2) Set the HOLD/RUN switch to RUN.
- 3) Beginning with the maximum setting of the CLOCK potentiometer, adjust the control until the interval between vertical sync pulses is 8.5 seconds. The adjustment can be fine tuned by "tweaking" to obtain a picture of normal width on your display once alignment is complete.
- 4) With the GAIN control set to minimum and the test header switch to black, connect a high-impedance voltmeter to pin 6 of U8 and adjust the OFFSET potentiometer for a reading of 2.25 V.
- 5) Toggle the header switch to white and adjust the GAIN potentiometer for a reading of 1.9 V.
- 6) Repeat steps 4 and 5 several times to minimize control interaction.
- 7) Connect the SSTV output to your display and repeat steps 4 through 6, tweaking for a good black to white shift as

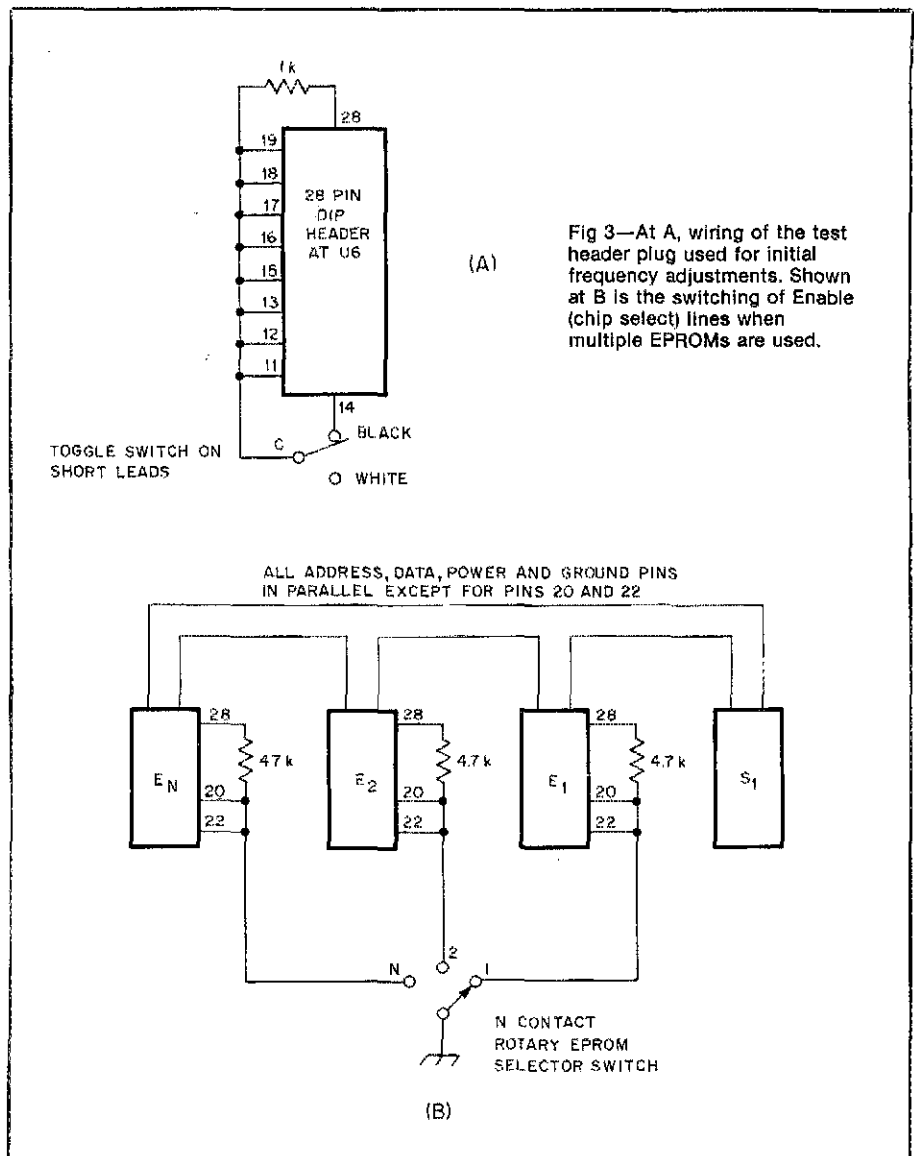


Fig 3—At A, wiring of the test header plug used for initial frequency adjustments. Shown at B is the switching of Enable (chip select) lines when multiple EPROMs are used.

you toggle the header switch.

Once you have your first programmed EPROM installed, you can tweak the GAIN and OFFSET controls as required to obtain the same contrast range obtained when the original taped version of the image is played into your display.

### Multiple EPROMs

Up to this point we have assumed that the system has only a single EPROM (U6), but there is no real limit to how many you can use. A small board can be wired to contain multiple EPROM sockets (28- or 24-pin sockets depending on the device chosen), with all address, data, ground and 5-V lines in parallel. A small 28- or 24-conductor ribbon cable, equipped with header plugs at each end, can then serve to interconnect the EPROM socket on the main circuit board with one of the sockets on the EPROM board. The only pins that are not paralleled are pins 20/22 (the chip

select or enable) of the 2764 (see Table 1 for the 68764 equivalent). The enable pins should be pulled high with a 4.7-k $\Omega$  resistor to +5 V on each EPROM socket. Run a wire from the enable pins of each socket to a selector switch (typically a rotary type) on the front panel as shown in Fig 3B. The switch is used to ground the enable pins of the selected EPROM, making it the active chip. The other chips will simply "float" on the address and data lines in a high-impedance state and will not affect image output.

If you require only a few programmed chips, another alternative is available. Once the chips have been verified for proper image output, bend out the enable pins and stack your chips so that the pins overlap. Carefully solder the pins together and install a 4.7-k $\Omega$  resistor and switch lead to each enable pin. The +5-V side of the resistors can be tied together and returned to the common V<sub>cc</sub> (+5 V) pin of the chip

stack. This will be pin 28 for the 2764 or pin 24 for the 68764. The enable-pin switch leads can then be routed to a selector switch that will ground the enable pin(s) of the chip you want. The entire chip stack is then inserted into a single EPROM socket on the main circuit board. My unit contains two chips (a CQ/ID image and my picture), and the chip stack can be seen in Fig 2. This arrangement works well for a modest number of chips (2 to 4) if you know you will use the programmed chips for some time. It is inconvenient, however, to unsolder the stack to remove a specific chip for erasing and reprogramming, so you should go this route only if you are perfectly satisfied with each programmed image.

### EPROM Programming

If you already have a microcomputer integrated into your SSTV station, programming the chips can be educational, and even fun. If you have little or no computer gear, or the wish to use it, you can link up with a local hacker for some assistance at this point.

Programming requires a microcomputer, an EPROM programming system compatible with the computer and a hardware/software system for transferring an SSTV image into memory in the proper format. Scan converters that use a microcomputer as part of the display system are ideal, since the image data are already in the computer memory as part of the normal system operation. In the case of the K6AEP system described in reference 1, the image is already in the proper format. In the case of recent-vintage commercial scan converters, such as the Robot 450C and 1200, the units are designed for easy computer interface and programming, and it is a relatively easy task to move the image from the scan converter memory to the computer memory. In principle, the programming of a chip involves the following steps:

- 1) Display the primary image using the scan converter.
- 2) Reformat (if required) in the case of a microcomputer scan converter, or transfer and reformat in the case of a scan converter interfaced with the computer.
- 3) Save the image data to tape, or disk, in the form of a machine-language program.
- 4) Configure the computer with the EPROM programming hardware and software.
- 5) Load the image machine-language program.
- 6) Program and verify the EPROM.

How each of these steps is accomplished in practice will depend on the type of computer, scan converter and EPROM programmer used. A program listing for the Robot 450 scan converter using the Radio Shack Color Computer<sup>TM</sup> is available from the ARRL Technical Dept. Send a business-size SASE to ARRL-TD, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111, and ask for "Romscanner."

For those who wish to avoid the hassle completely, I will provide a chip-programming service. I am equipped to program images from standard SSTV tapes and can also generate CQ and ID images and other graphics material. I will be happy to furnish details if you contact me, and include an SASE.

### Color

The Romscanner can be used to transmit frame sequential (RGB) color pictures by storing each color separation image in its own chip, with provisions to switch the enable lines in sequence. To transmit color, simply transmit the desired number of frames of the red image, switch to green and repeat the process, and then finish with the desired number of frames of blue.

### Graphics

To say that most of the alphanumeric graphics used on SSTV today are crude is

a great understatement. The primary letter and number symbols used by most computer and dedicated SSTV terminals were developed when memory was scarce and expensive so the symbols are quite elementary in form. One interesting aspect of the Romscanner is that you can develop programs with much more perfectly formed letters and numbers to create a more pleasing effect when used on ID slides and the like. It takes some effort to develop the character fonts, but the programs can be written in BASIC to create your ID slides and other material. If the program is set up properly, it will place the graphic image precisely where you want it in memory so that you can create your machine-language program directly from the graphics program. A little ingenuity here will go a long way toward improving the stick-type letters and numbers you see so often on the bands today. A modest example of such enhanced graphics can be seen in Fig 4.

### Results

The image output of the Romscanner is essentially identical to the source image and cannot be distinguished from direct camera output. Figs 4 and 5 show an example of a CQ slide created by one of my graphics programs and burned into EPROM. The Romscanner output is shown as displayed on a Robot 450C monitor in Fig 4. Fig 5 shows the same signal displayed on an old P7 analog SSTV monitor. A continuous-tone image is shown in Fig 6, as displayed on the Robot 450C, and Fig 7 shows the same continuous-tone image displayed on the P7 monitor. As you might expect, digitization effects are evident on the Robot display, enhanced slightly because the 128 pixels generated by the Romscanner can never precisely match the 128 samples taken by the Robot. In contrast, the image on the P7 monitor looks as if it were derived from an analog source because of the roll-off effects of the analog monitor circuits.

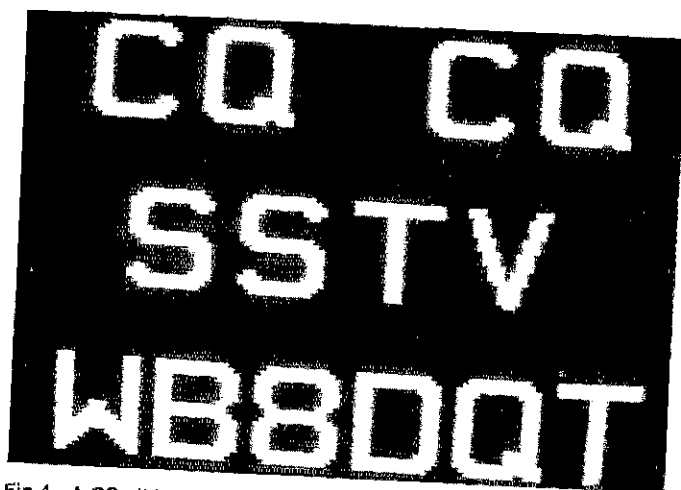


Fig 4—A CQ slide prepared using a graphics package developed by the author to provide a more pleasing alphanumeric display, as shown on a Robot 450C display.



Fig 5—The CQ slide of Fig 4, as shown on an analog P7 monitor.



Fig 6—Romscanner output of a continuous-tone image displayed on the Robot 450C scan converter. This picture of the author was created using the 450C. The image was transferred from the scan converter to a Radio Shack Color Computer™ and programmed into EPROM.



Fig 7—The continuous-tone image of Fig 6 as displayed on an analog P7 monitor. Note the gray scale at the bottom of the image. The 450C creates a 120-line image, while the standard format is 128 lines. An author-developed image transfer program inserts an 8-step gray scale in the final eight lines not used by the Robot format. The gray scale is not visible when displayed on Robot 450C or 1200 scan converters, but is visible on all other display systems that use all 128 lines of the standard format.

In operation, the HOLD/RUN switch is normally kept in the HOLD position when not transmitting pictures. This will cause a 1200-Hz tone output from the unit. If your Romscanner output is routed to the transmitter, you can use the LEVEL control to set the proper audio-drive level for the transmitter. To transmit an image, simply select the desired chip, key in the Romscanner and set the HOLD/RUN switch to RUN. The frame will start at the beginning and will repeat until you set the switch back to HOLD. If the switch is cycled to HOLD and back to RUN during a transmission, the frame will reset and begin again. If you change the image-selector switch during a transmission, the unit will simply switch from one picture source to the other. Depending on the pictures you have in memory, this can create interesting special effects such as call signs at the top or bottom of photographs, etc.

The Romscanner is an extremely useful SSTV accessory, and you will soon wonder how you got along without one. My present

mode of operation is to get on the air with the unit, and only in the case of an extended QSO do I take the time to fire up the lights and camera. I also find it very useful for contests as well as vacation portable operation, since the amount of gear that is transported is quite reasonable. Lest you think that SSTV is a kilowatt activity requiring a huge antenna farm to counter band conditions and QRM, I should explain that all of my HF operating is with a 5-W Ten-Tec Argonaut using dipoles and long-wire antennas. On SSTV this has netted me 36 confirmed states and 13 countries, with most of that on 20 meters! If you have a sideband station of any sort, SSTV represents a logical extension into the "video age."

While it may appear that higher-resolution formats are now the dominant mode, standard 128-line monochrome pictures have a number of operating advantages. The short time required to transmit a single image (8.5 seconds) makes it more feasible to dodge QRM, compared with the longer frame times required for color and high-resolution formats. With modern gear, 128-line images can be of quite good quality, meeting the needs of most amateurs, and the gear itself can be fairly simple and quite inexpensive. There is a tremendous amount of 128-line equipment available, ranging from P7 monitors and sampling cameras to the Robot Model 400 scan converters. All of the newer equipment, regardless of its color and high-resolution capabilities, can handle standard-format imagery. If you can find some of this gear, or have it on hand, by all means get on the air! There is very little activity on 15 and 10 meters, yet these bands are superb for SSTV with very little QRM when open. If you would like more information on SSTV and the many operating options now available, check in or listen to the SSTV net on 14.230 MHz at 1800 UTC every Saturday.

There is no doubt that SSTV is now a fully digital mode. What is needed is more basic, easy-to-construct SSTV gear to encourage new operators, both here and abroad. The Romscanner is one step in this direction.

#### Notes

<sup>1</sup>C. Abrams and R. E. Taggart, "Color Computer SSTV, Part 1," *73 Magazine*, Nov 1984, pp 10-21.

<sup>2</sup>The term "P7" refers to the type of high-persistence phosphor used in CRTs originally adapted to SSTV. The P7 phosphor could hold an image for the 8.5 seconds required for a single frame. (R7P)

## Strays



### I would like to get in touch with...

- any hams with a portable OSCAR station willing to give Amateur Radio demonstrations to the general public at the Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum's annual Festival of Flight in Wapakoneta, OH in July. Contact John Zwez at the Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum, I-75 and Wapak-Fisher Rd, Wapakoneta, OH 45895.
- anyone using a Magicom RF speech processor and a Kenwood TS-130S. Russ Smith, W6ONK/7, PO Box 141, Brownsville, OR 97327.
- anyone with a manual or circuit diagram for an EICO 239 solid-state FET-TVM. E. H. Strieter, W6FZO, 3040 Rohrer Dr, Lafayette, CA 94549.
- anyone who can help identify an H. H. Scott receiver with a missing model number. Dave Schoepf, W0OZG, 418 Lake Forest, Vicksburg, MS 39180.
- anyone with a service manual for a Measurements Corp 84-R standard generator, or information on converting a T-282 GR army transmitter for operation on 450 MHz. Bob Sondack, VE2ASL, 260 Bellerive, Ile Ste Helene, St Luc, PQ J0J 2A0.

# Gaining on the Decibel

*Part 2: Money is power, and the decibel is an expression of a power ratio. Wouldn't you like to receive a 3-dB increase in spending money?†*

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In the first part of this article we introduced the decibel, a logarithmic expression of *power ratio*, and demonstrated why it is inappropriate to apply this measurement tool directly to changes in EMF or current. We also presented standards for the proper capitalization of dB and explained how it can be used to express either absolute or relative power. You may wish to review the previous part before reading further.

In this part we will explore various applications, both proper and improper, of the dB to electronic communications in general and Amateur Radio in particular.

## Antenna Gain

Most of us have considerable difficulty in visualizing how an antenna can have gain. Being a passive device, there's just no way an antenna with an applied input of 100 watts can possibly put out anything greater than 100 watts! The whole idea of antenna gain relates to the fact that the same 100-watt transmitter can deliver varying amounts of power *in a specified direction*, when connected to different antennas. Similarly, a receiver of specified sensitivity may recover widely varying signal-to-noise ratios, from a specific distant station *in a certain direction*, when fed with different antennas.

If you get the impression that antenna gain involves the performance of a particular antenna as compared to that of a specified reference antenna, you're absolutely right! The problems start in trying to specify the appropriate reference antenna.

A popular reference antenna for theoretical evaluations is the isotropic radiator, the only truly omnidirectional

antenna. (Remember, "omnidirectional" means that the antenna radiates equally poorly in all directions.) An isotropic antenna connected to a transmitter disperses the radiant energy in a perfectly uniform sphere. An isotropic receiving antenna will similarly respond uniformly to applied signals from any direction in three-dimensional spherical space.

The only problem with referencing the performance of any physical antenna to that of an isotropic radiator is that the perfect isotrope doesn't really exist. You cannot build one, buy one or observe one in nature. Nothing is that uniform.\*

An antenna whose radiation pattern is *nearly* uniform, in *most* directions, is the half-wave dipole. Simple to visualize and easy to implement, the half-wave dipole radiates a fairly uniform pattern in all directions except off its ends, where deep nulls appear. Does a dipole have gain, relative to an isotrope? Yes! All of the power fed to a properly matched dipole system must be radiated. And since there are nulls off the ends, the energy that would have gone into those nulls, if the dipole were an isotrope, has to go in some other direction. In actual fact, it adds to the power radiated *broadside* to the dipole, making its familiar "doughnut" radiation pattern a little fatter. Redirecting the energy from the nulls makes the signal available from a dipole, in the direction of its maximum radiation (broadside), about 2 dB greater than that from an isotrope.

Knowing the above, we now have a way of determining an antenna's gain, relative to an isotropic radiator, even though we do not have an isotropic reference antenna lying around the shack. Simply compare the signal power received from a distant station with the antenna under test to that

received from the *same* station with a dipole.<sup>7</sup> The resulting power ratio can be converted to dB just as you've always converted power ratios to dB, by calculating 10 times its common log. The resulting figure is antenna gain in dB *relative to a dipole*, or dBd. Since you know the relationship between a dipole and an isotrope, you can now find antenna gain in dBi (decibels relative to an isotropic reference) simply by adding 2 dB to dBd.

The most common mistake made in antenna-gain measurements is that of not specifying the reference to which the antenna under test was physically or mathematically compared. An antenna gain of +10 dBi means something very different from a gain of +10 dBd. And an antenna gain expressed simply as +10 dB means something else again. It means the person specifying the gain was either trying to mislead and deceive, or he simply doesn't understand dB!

## Free-Space Path Loss

Even before Congress passed the Inverse Square Law, it was well known that S-meter readings vary inversely with the distance to the DX station. To understand the relationship between distance and attenuation, we need to consider two points (A and B) of a communications path, separated by distance D and communicating via electromagnetic waves of wavelength  $\lambda$ . And to remove from the analysis the effects of antenna gain, beamwidth, radiation pattern or effective aperture, we will assume that both the transmitter (at Point A) and the receiver (at Point B) are connected to perfectly matched, ideal, lossless isotropic antennas.

As long as the distance D is great relative to the wavelength  $\lambda$  (the far-field restriction mentioned in Ref 7), it can be shown that the EMF recovered by the receiving antenna is a fraction of the EMF applied

†Part 1 appears in Feb 1986 QST. Part 3, the conclusion, will appear in a subsequent issue.

\*Notes and references appear on page 31.

to the transmitting antenna, which varies with the ratio  $\lambda$  over  $D$ . The equality is:

$$A_v = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi D}$$

where

$$A_v \text{ is the voltage ratio } \frac{(V \text{ received})}{(V \text{ transmitted})}$$

and the constant  $4\pi$  comes to us from spherical trigonometry, representing the number of steradians in a sphere.

Of course, since  $A_v$  is a unitless ratio (volts over volts cancels), it is important that  $\lambda$  and  $D$  be expressed in the same units.

Since we defined our antennas as being ideal, they are perfectly matched to free space. Thus, the potentials transmitted and received are measured across the same impedance, and power ratio becomes the square of potential ratio. We can therefore say

$$A_p = A_v^2 = \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi D}\right)^2$$

And we know how to convert power ratios to dB:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dB} &= 10 \log A_p \\ &= 10 \log \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi D}\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

This yields a *negative* number, since path gain is less than unity. If we change the sign, it follows that free-space path *loss*  $\alpha$  (the Greek letter alpha, lower case) would be:

$$\alpha = -10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi D}\right)^2$$

Since  $-10 \log(x) = 10 \log(1/x)$ , it follows that

$$\alpha = 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{4\pi D}{\lambda}\right)^2$$

This relationship allows us to predict free-space path loss at any frequency, over any line-of-sight distance, as long as we measure distance and wavelength in the same units. It is certainly easier to employ than the various nomographs provided for that purpose in the literature, and is far easier to remember than those published equations that contain fudge factors to compensate for distance expressed in, say, miles, and wavelength in inches. Furthermore, if you understand the meaning of the decibel (and you should by now), the above equation should allow you to visualize the relationship in a physical sense.

### Effective Isotropic Radiated Power

Moonbouncers use EIRP a lot. This is total output punch, measured in dBm. Think of it as a measure of the goo you

have going out, in dB relative to a 1-milliwatt transmitter, connected through a lossless transmission line to an ideal isotropic antenna.

EIRP is calculated by adding together transmitter output power in dBm, feed-line loss in *negative* dB and antenna gain in dBi. Thus, a transmitter output of +40 dBm, applied through a 6-dB lossy transmission line to an antenna whose gain is +10 dBi, will generate an effective isotropic radiated power of (+40 dBm) + (-6 dB) + (+10 dBi) = +44 dBm.

It bothers some that we can mix such obviously diverse units as dB, dBi and dBm, but in each case, we are comparing a particular signal level to a *specified* reference. Only the reference changes for each element analyzed; the units of measure, dB (10 times the log of a power ratio) remains consistent throughout the calculation. Note that the transmitter output in the above example is 40 dB more than a milliwatt, the feed-line gain is 6 dB less than a lossless transmission line, and the antenna gain is 10 dB more than that of an isotrope. The resulting EIRP is then a power level, measured in dB relative to a specified (though perhaps elusive) reference power, or 44 dB more than the power radiated in a given direction, if 1 milliwatt were applied through a lossless transmission line directly to an isotropic antenna.

Actually, we mix units in other fields of endeavor with minimal confusion. Consider the technician earning \$12 an hour, who receives a 10% raise. What is his new hourly salary? If you've been paying close attention, you might be tempted to say, "Wait a minute. You can't mix percents with dollars!" But of course you can. The final unit of measure will still be *dollars*. Percent simply signifies a *change*. Similarly, a power level in dBm (or dBW) can be thought of as an absolute level, like a wage in dollars. Cable loss in dB, path loss in dB, antenna gain in dBi (or dBd) and amplifier gain in dB all represent changes to the original signal level, much as a 10% raise represents a change in salary. The resulting power level, after all these changes have been accomplished, is of course measured in the original unit, dBm or dBW.

### Receiver Sensitivity

A previously published article defines the major factors affecting receiver sensitivity.<sup>4</sup> Here we shall concern ourselves with how receiver sensitivity can be measured in dB.

In the absence of interference, any signal applied to the input of a receiver is competing with noise. For a signal to be heard, its power must exceed the total noise power by a specified amount (called signal-to-noise ratio) that varies as a function of modulation type, modulation percentage, signal conditioning, any special coding on the signal and the type of detector circuitry employed. Given the required signal-to-noise ratio, the receiver sensitivity is limited

by the amount of noise power the signal has to override.

The noise power present at the input of a theoretically perfect receiver (that is, one which generates in its circuitry no additional noise above that occurring naturally in the environment) is a function of heat and bandwidth. Mathematically,

$$P_n = kTB$$

where

$P_n$  represents noise power in watts  
 $k$  is Boltzmann's Constant

$$(1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ joules per kelvin})$$

$T$  is the temperature of the receiver circuitry, in degrees absolute (or kelvins)

$B$  represents the narrowest bandwidth (typically the IF bandwidth) of the circuitry preceding the detector stage, in Hz.

Since noise power can be calculated in watts, we can further convert it to milliwatts (simply multiply by 1000) and express it in decibels compared to a milliwatt, or dBm.

Consider the sensitivity of an ideal, noiseless receiver with a bandwidth of 1 Hz, operating at a temperature of 290 K (an accepted standard temperature for earth-based equipment). The resulting noise power with which any signal would have to compete will equal:

$$\begin{aligned} P_n &= kTB \\ &= (1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ joules/K}) \times (290 \text{ K}) \\ &\quad \times (1 \text{ Hz}) \\ &= 4 \times 10^{-21} \text{ watts} \\ &= 4 \times 10^{-18} \text{ mW} \\ &= -174 \text{ dBm} \end{aligned}$$

You may have read that the noise threshold (that is, the sensitivity at unity signal-to-noise ratio) of an ideal, noiseless receiver is -174 dBm per Hz of bandwidth, and you can see where this figure came from—except for one thing. The above value holds *only* at the so-called standard temperature of 290 K. The same receiver in the cold depths of space will experience significantly less thermal noise, and thus will exhibit higher sensitivity than the "-174 dBm/Hz" approximation would indicate.

Until now we have been talking about an ideal, noiseless receiver. In truth, the receiver circuitry itself is going to contribute some noise to its own input; thus the actual sensitivity of any receiver will be less than we have predicted by  $kTB$ . We can quantify the noise contribution of the receiver circuitry (and its resulting impact on sensitivity) in three different ways: noise factor, noise figure or noise temperature.

Noise factor (often abbreviated  $F$ ) is a measure of the degree to which the receiver's internal noise increases the noise power,  $kTB$ . It represents a power ratio. Thus, if  $kTB$ , in watts or milliwatts, is

known, multiplying it by noise factor yields the actual noise power level which the applied signal must override. In the preceding example of a receiver with a 1-Hz bandwidth operating at standard temperature, a receiver noise factor of 2 would raise the actual noise threshold to:

$$\begin{aligned} P_n &= F \times (kTB) \\ &= 2 \times (4 \times 10^{-18} \text{ mW}) \\ &= 8 \times 10^{-18} \text{ mW} \\ &= -171 \text{ dBm} \end{aligned}$$

Noise figure (usually abbreviated NF) is simply noise factor expressed in dB. Since noise factor is a power ratio, we can convert it to dB by multiplying its common log by 10. To find a receiver's noise threshold when NF is known, simply add NF (in dB) to the dBm equivalent of  $kTB$ , that is, 10 times the common log of  $(kTB \times 1000)$ .

In the previous example,  $NF = 10 \log_{10} 2 = 3 \text{ dB}$ . Thus, the actual noise threshold was:

$$\begin{aligned} P_n &= 10 \log_{10} (kTB \times 1000) + NF \\ &= (-174 \text{ dBm}) + (3 \text{ dB}) \\ &= -171 \text{ dBm} \end{aligned}$$

You can see from this calculation that the 3-dB NF effectively degraded the sensitivity of our sample receiver by exactly 3 dB.

If a receiver's internal noise is expressed in noise temperature, we know that the equivalent thermal noise to which the receiver is subject exceeds its physical temperature by a specified amount. To find a receiver's noise threshold when noise temperature (sometimes called  $T_{eq}$ ) is known, simply *add* noise temperature to 290 K (or whatever other physical temperature may apply) and utilize this sum when calculating noise power from  $kTB$ .

If noise temperature equals 290 K (equivalent to a 3-dB noise figure, or a noise factor of 2) and the receiver is operated at standard temperature, then the receiver's noise threshold is:

$$\begin{aligned} P_n &= k \times (290 + T_{eq}) \times B \\ &= k \times (290 + 290) \times B \\ &= 8 \times 10^{-18} \text{ mW} \\ &= -171 \text{ dBm} \end{aligned}$$

The preceding three examples illustrate that when calculating receiver sensitivity, whether employing noise factor, noise figure or noise temperature, proper use of the decibel yields consistent results.

### Link Analysis

Link analysis, perhaps the most elegant application of decibel calculations in electronic communications, allows us to quantify all of the elements of a communications system and predict its success. It combines all of the foregoing examples, in an attempt to predict the overall performance of a communications link. It is also the one application of decibels least favored

by the Amateur Radio community.

The true ham, so legend has it, shuns any calculation that might dissuade him from any desired endeavor. After all, it is through analysis that the engineering community has determined that this or that objective is impossible, and thus expends no effort toward achieving it. The ham, it is argued, by not knowing that something is impossible, simply sets about accomplishing it . . . and frequently succeeds.

The argument is certainly appealing. If you want to know how far you can communicate with a particular combination of equipment and conditions, the time-honored method is to point your antenna and call CQ. Who ever bothered to calculate EIRP, path loss, receiver sensitivity and required signal-to-noise ratio before getting on the air?

Yet there are applications where the analytical approach does make sense. Consider the world of communications satellites, where countless thousands of hours and hundreds of thousands of dollars may be expended in preparing a payload for orbit. There is certainly an advantage to making our OSCARs accessible to the greatest number of experimenters, and this can be assured by predicting, in advance of a launch, the precise user equipment necessary to access the satellite. If we wait until after a spacecraft achieves orbit, only to discover that its transponder is not accessible to stations operating within legal amateur power limits, we have done the user community a disservice.

Link analysis can be performed through multiplication of power ratios, that is, by multiplying transmitter power by antenna gain by path loss by receiving-antenna gain by required signal-to-noise ratio, and comparing the resulting power level to the receiver noise threshold,  $kTB$ . But this becomes awkward in the extreme. A far better approach might be to add logarithms. After all, isn't that why they were developed in the first place?

If we express transmitter power in dBm, transmitting-antenna gain in dBi, path loss in dB and receiving-antenna gain in dBi, the sum of these four quantities (less any feed-line losses along the way, in dB) will give us an accurate picture of the power level, in dBm, available to the distant receiver. We can compare this figure to the receiver sensitivity, in dBm, found from  $k, T, B$ , required signal-to-noise ratio and noise figure, and discern the available signal margin in the link, in dB. If this figure happens to be negative, we can explore various ways of improving link performance, before investing significant resources in what might otherwise prove a fruitless effort.

Of course, there will always be times when simply pointing the antenna and calling CQ is the appropriate way to quantify a communications path. But when prior knowledge of performance is required, proper use of the decibel can make

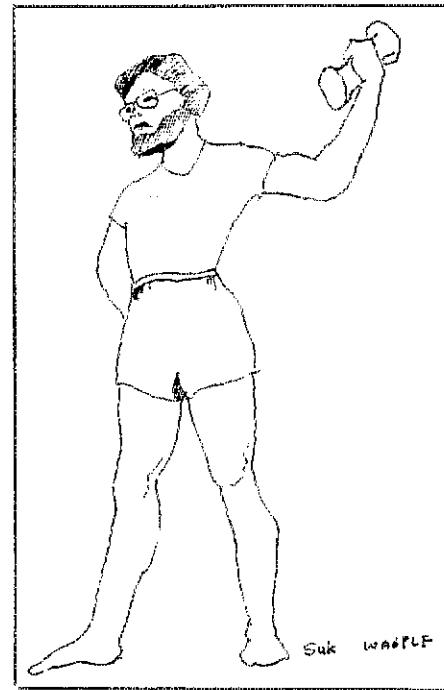


Fig. 2—The author lifting one Db (see text). (drawing by WAGPLF)

the mathematics almost painless.

### More Creative Misapplications

Gruchalla has cited a number of examples of creative misapplication of the decibel.<sup>9</sup> His powerful presentation bears some amplification, if we are to gain a full misunderstanding. Recognizing that using decibels is a way of expressing power ratios, consider the following case studies.

#### Case 1: Finance

A gallium-pesticide transistor delivers 12 dB of gain in a particular application and costs \$9. A GLASSFET delivers 16 dB of gain in the same circuit and sells for \$18. Which active device is the more cost effective?

The hollow-state device delivers a 4-dB gain advantage, at twice the unit cost. Ten times the common log of (twice the cost) equals 3 dB. Thus, the latter device delivers 4 dB of additional performance for 3 dB more dollars, for a net cost vs performance advantage of 1 dB. And the analysis is easily justifiable on the obvious basis, confirmed by countless economists, that money is power.

#### Case 2: Time Management

An engineer toils from 9 AM to 6 PM. Can you express his workday in dB? Let dB equal 10 times the common log of (time out over time in). Dividing 1800 hours by 0900 hours, and solving the above relationship, yields a 3-dB work day.

Except that the engineer takes an hour off for pretzels and bridge. Dividing 1300 hours by 1200 hours, we find that the



employee has enjoyed a 0.35-dB lunch hour, and thus should be paid for only 2.65 dB of labor.

The proof of the above relationship derives from a simple syllogism. Since time is money (just ask any busy executive), and money is power (see Case 1 above), and power is measured in dB, time can be measured in dB. If you don't understand this completely, come back in 10 dB and I'll explain it again.

#### Case 3: Athletics

You may recall our discussion about proper capitalization in Part 1. Fig 2 depicts an athlete lifting 1 Db.

During the Los Angeles Olympics, a weightlifter from West Hernia beat the world's record in his event by 0.6 dB. This figure was found in the usual way, by first dividing the weight he lifted by the previous record, then taking 10 times the log. And of course, dB is the appropriate unit, since the West Hernian was a power lifter.

#### Case 4: Municipal Planning

The mayor of the booming metropolis of Hictown (pop 37) comes to the startling discovery that not a single radio amateur resides within his jurisdiction. Upon researching the matter, he attributes this phenomenon to an obscure law, one that has been on the books since colonial times,

prohibiting "the erection of any flagpole, standard, mast or similar structure, which exceeds the height of the Giant Sycamore gracing the town square." Said sycamore was struck by lightning in the Great Storm of '08, with only a gnarled stump remaining. Hence, all antennas but TV rabbit ears are prohibited.

Recognizing the many public service benefits of ham radio, this astute leader promptly and permanently rescinds all antenna ordinances. Obviously, Hictown soon becomes a mecca for our brethren, who immigrate in significant numbers, erect impressive towers, swell the population to 138,214 and change the name of their town to Antlerville.

What, you may ask, was the population gain in dB in the above example? Ten times the common log of the ratio (population now over population then) equals 35.7 dB, but is this a valid application of the dB? It is if you, as I, were a college student during the turbulent '60s, when the watchword was "Power to the People!"

#### Case 5: Literature

This last example will constitute your homework assignment; please complete the analysis and turn it in at the beginning of the next class period. You are asked to assess the extent to which this article has expanded the available literature in the area

of dB analysis. Count the number of words in both parts of this article, as well as those in Gruchalla's paper (Ref 9). The number of dB by which this paper increases human knowledge can be estimated as 10 times the common log of the quantity (words here) divided by the sum (words here plus words elsewhere).

Why is dB notation appropriate here? It was Thomas Hobbes who wrote, "Knowledge is Power." Furthermore I remind you, as is mentioned every month in *Reader's Digest*, "It Pays to Enrich Your Word Power."

#### Notes and References

<sup>1</sup>The sun's radiation pattern comes close, but remember that the sun is not perfectly spherical. Because of its rotation on its axis, the sun is oblate, like the earth (that is, fatter around the equator than at the poles). Since the sun's radiation pattern is closely correlated to its shape, the sun cannot be a perfect isotropic radiator. Neither is any physically realizable antenna.

<sup>2</sup>For meaningful measurements to result, the antenna under test must be evaluated at *far-field*—that is, at a measurement distance which is very great, relative to both wavelength and antenna aperture.

<sup>3</sup>J. R. Fisk, "Receiver Sensitivity, Noise Figure and Dynamic Range—What the Numbers Mean," *Ham Radio*, Oct 1975, p 8. This article, penned 10 years ago by the late W1HR, represents *the* definitive work on the subject of receiver performance. I consider it to be one of those landmark papers that should be reviewed (and hopefully reprinted) periodically.

<sup>4</sup>M. Gruchalla, "Defining the Decibel," *Ham Radio*, Feb 1985, p 51.

## New Products

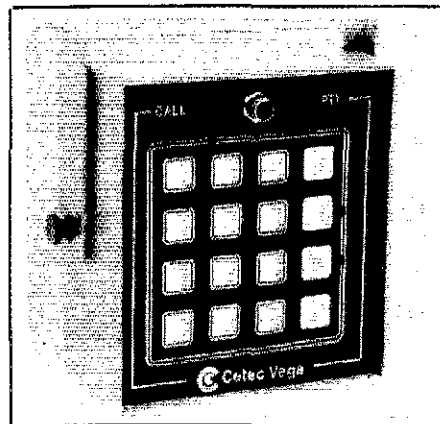
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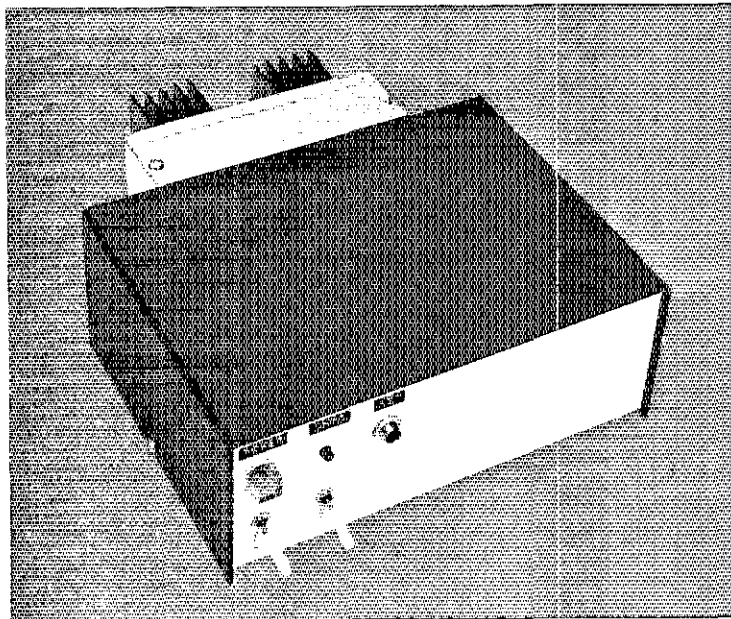
## Next Month in QST

Several construction and tutorial articles await you in April QST. Among them is an article on SuperSCAF and Son—a team of switched-capacitor audio filters that can't be beat, and Part 1 of a four-part series on OSCAR operation. The first installment introduces you to some basic satellite terminology and concepts. And no April issue would be complete without a variety of antenna projects. Having trouble meeting the code requirements for that Extra Class ticket? Check out the article on one ham's system for cracking the 20-WPM barrier. Also, if contests are your thing, you won't want to miss the results from the 160-Meter and EME contests and Straight Key Night, and the rules for the Great Armadillo Run.

# A CW Transmitter for 902 MHz

This easy-to-build project is the perfect companion to the receiving converter and antenna described earlier in *QST*.

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The 902-MHz band, made available to the Amateur Service last September, can provide many stimulating challenges to the amateur who enjoys constructing equipment. Experimenters with some VHF and UHF building experience should have no trouble getting equipment for 902 MHz into operation. Many of the construction techniques used on 432 MHz still apply.

The project described here is a multiplier-type, crystal-controlled CW transmitter. Output power is 10 W. It is relatively simple to build and can be tuned up with readily available test equipment. Amateurs familiar with VHF and UHF techniques will see that stages of this transmitter design can be used along with the 902-to-144 MHz receiving converter I described in October 1985 *QST* to build a 902- to 144-MHz transverter, if tunable operation is desired.

## Block Diagram

I designed the transmitter with many similarities to the 902- to 144-MHz receiving converter. Fig 1 shows a block diagram of the transmitter. The low-level exciter section uses four 2N5179 transistors. These devices are relatively inexpensive and are readily obtainable. The oscillator is tuned to approximately 112 MHz. The crystal frequency used depends on where in the 902-MHz band you want to operate. Three doubler circuits multiply the oscillator signal to the 902-MHz band. Output power is a few milliwatts. A simple band-pass filter cleans up the exciter output.

The power amplifier section consists of two prepackaged, class-C gain blocks from Toshiba. The driver requires about 1-mW of input power for 100-mW output, and the final amplifier requires about 100-mW drive for 10-W output. Another bandpass filter ensures a spectrally clean signal. A single power supply provides operating voltages for the various stages.

The transmitter is built in modules for maximum flexibility and ease of construction and troubleshooting. First, I will describe the design, construction and testing of the exciter. Then I will move on to a complete description of the RF power amplifier, followed by a discussion of filtering. Last, I will describe a suitable power supply and control circuitry.

## The Exciter Circuit

Fig 2 is a schematic diagram of the exciter. The oscillator (Q1) is a standard overtone circuit. A fifth-overtone crystal, 80.545 MHz, is operated on the seventh overtone, 112.763 MHz. Typically, fifth-overtone crystals work well up to the eleventh or thirteenth overtones. They are usually less expensive than higher-mode crystals and are more readily available.

C6 couples the output of the oscillator to Q2, which operates as a doubler to 225.5 MHz. A double-tuned circuit (C7, L2, L3, C10) is used in the collector of Q2 to reduce the level of the 112-MHz oscillator signal. This type of filtering is required if the spurious components at the output frequency are to be adequately suppressed. The output of Q2 is capacitively coupled (C11) to the base of Q3. This method of coupling may not be optimum, but it is simple and works adequately in this

circuit. The double-tuned circuit in the collector of Q3 (C12, L4, L5, C15) is tuned to 451 MHz.

A small capacitance, 2.7 pF, couples the 451-MHz signal to the base of another 2N5179, Q4, which doubles the signal to 902 MHz. Originally I tried an MRF911 in this circuit. However, the MRF911 was rather unstable and its output somewhat low. After spending a couple of hours trying to stabilize it, I tried a 2N5179. It proved to be stable and had considerably more output. Undoubtedly the MRF911 could have been made to function well, but the main purpose in designing the exciter was to provide a circuit that is stable, easily adjusted and inexpensive. Considering these goals, the 2N5179 is a better choice in this circuit.

The output of the 902-MHz doubler has a triple-tuned circuit (C17, L6, C19, L7, C20, L8) in its collector. Using only a double-tuned circuit, the signals 451 MHz on either side of the carrier were down only about 40 dB below the carrier (-40 dBc), and the second harmonic was down only about -40 dBc. The addition of another tuned circuit reduced the 451-MHz component to -44 dBc and the 1353-MHz component to -64 dBc. A 50-ohm pi attenuator (R7, R8, R9) at the exciter output reduces the power level to that required to drive the next amplifier stage.

## Building the Exciter

The enclosure that houses the exciter is made from unetched pieces of 0.062-inch, G-10 glass-epoxy circuit board. The base piece is 6 × 1 3/4 inches, and the sides and ends are 3/4-inch high. This provides a strong, well-shielded box.

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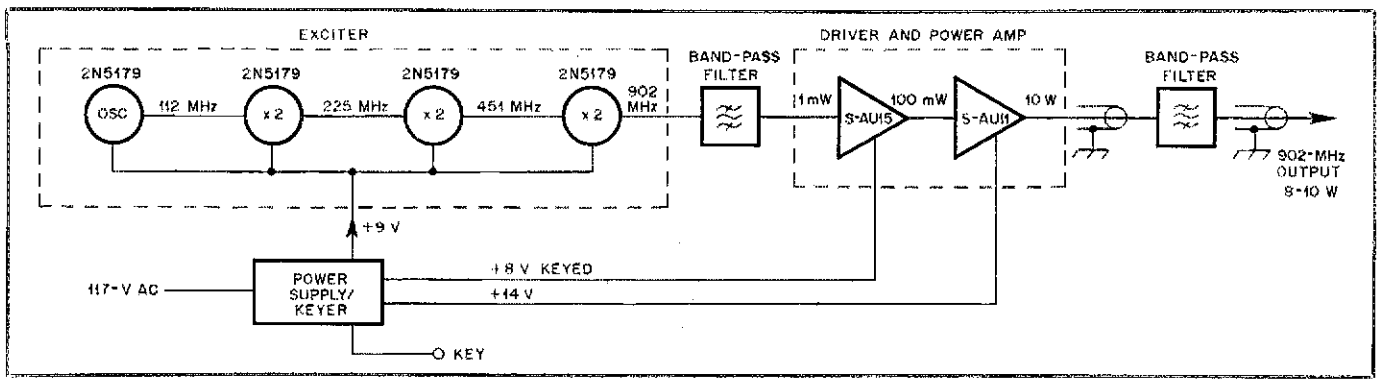


Fig 1—Block diagram of the 902-MHz CW transmitter.

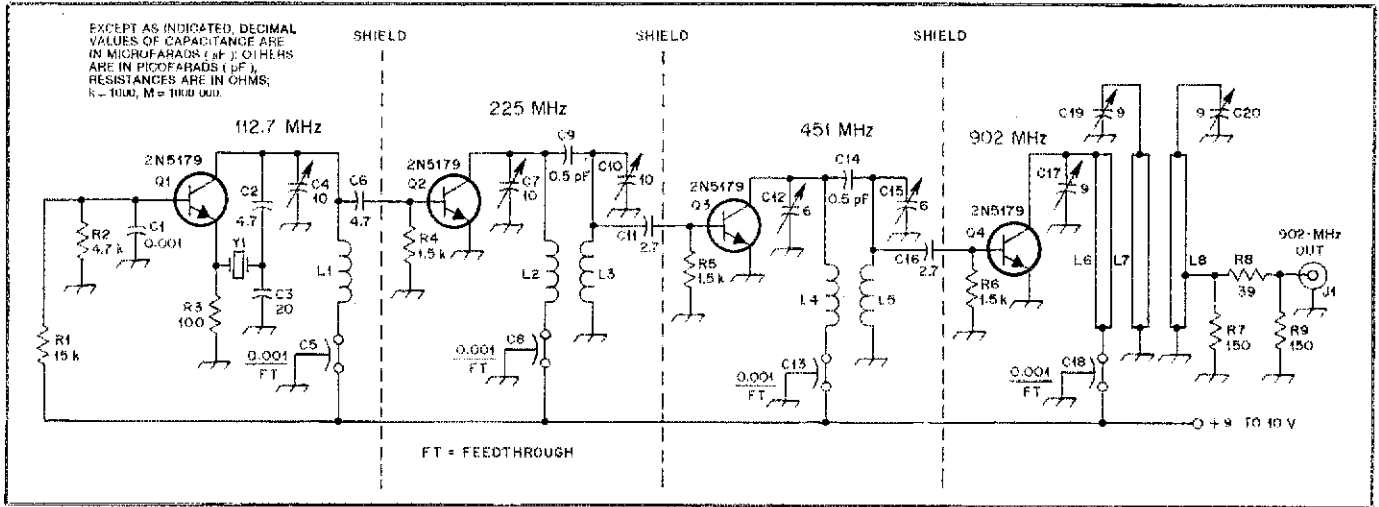


Fig 2—Schematic diagram of the exciter. Resistors are 1/4-W carbon composition. Capacitors are 50-V epoxy-coated ceramic types unless otherwise noted.

- C4, C7, C10—1.5-15 pF miniature air-variable capacitor (Trim-tronics 10-1120-25015-000 or equiv).
- C5, C8, C13, C18—470- to 1000-pF ceramic feedthrough capacitor, solder-in type preferred.
- C9, C14—0.5-pF "gimmick" capacitor (see text).
- C12, C15—1.6 pF miniature air-variable capacitor (Trim-tronics 10-1120-25006-000 or equiv).

- C17, C19, C20—0.6-9 pF ceramic piston trimmer capacitor (Voltronics EQT9 or equiv).
- J1—Chassis-mount female BNC connector (UG-1094 or equiv).
- L1—5t no. 22 tinned wire, 0.228-in ID (no. 1 drill), spaced 1 wire dia.
- L2, L3—4t no. 18 tinned wire, 1/4-in ID, spaced 1 wire dia.
- L4, L5—2t no. 18 tinned wire, 1/4-in ID,

- spaced 1 wire dia.
- L6, L7, L8—inductor made from copper strap, 1-in long × 1/8-in wide. See text and Fig 3 for details.
- Q1-Q4—2N5179 transistor.
- Y1—Fifth-overtone crystal, 80.545 MHz, or seventh-overtone crystal, 112.763 MHz, HC-25 holder, series resonant, 0.005% (avail from JAN Crystals, 2400 Crystal Dr, Ft Meyers, FL 33906 tel 800-237-3063).

Figs 3 and 4 show the general layout. Unless you have had experience laying out UHF circuits, I strongly recommend that you follow the described layout. Build the oscillator section first, then the first doubler, and so on. This allows you to test the circuits individually as you build.

All components except J1, the output BNC connector, are mounted on the foil side of the board. Ground connections are made directly to the copper ground plane. Using Fig 3 as a guide, first install the components that mount through holes in the circuit-board box. The four transistors mount in 0.190-inch-diameter holes. The feedthrough capacitors should be of the solder-in type and must have good UHF characteristics. The piston trimmers used in the 902-MHz output circuit mount in 1/4-inch holes. The output connector, J1,

mounts in a 3/8-inch hole.

Components such as resistors and capacitors that make up the circuit are soldered together and supported by their leads. Keep in mind throughout the construction phase that all leads should be kept to a minimum length. Stray capacitance and inductance can be troublesome in a circuit such as this. All resistors are 1/4-W carbon types. Do not use metal-film resistors.

The 0.5-pF coupling capacitors in the 225- and 451-MHz tuned circuits are of the "gimmick" type. They are made from short lengths of small, plastic-covered hookup wire twisted tightly together. The twisted length is 1/4 to 5/16 inch.

Refer to Fig 4 for layout specifics. L2 and L3 are mounted approximately 1/2 inch apart, center to center. L4 and L5 are mounted approximately 3/8 inch apart,

center to center. Details of L6, L7 and L8 are given in Fig 3.

After the oscillator circuit is finished, solder in place the shield that separates the oscillator and first doubler. In the unit shown in Fig 4, this shield is made from thin brass stock. This brass may be obtained from most hobby and hardware stores. If you wish, however, you could use circuit-board scraps instead of brass. There are similar shields between the other stages.

#### Exciter Adjustment

If you're experienced in tuning up UHF equipment and have a spectrum analyzer, you can probably tune up this exciter in two to three minutes. It is best to adjust one stage at a time, starting with the oscillator. First adjust C4 for maximum output at 112.7 MHz. A dip meter may be used to

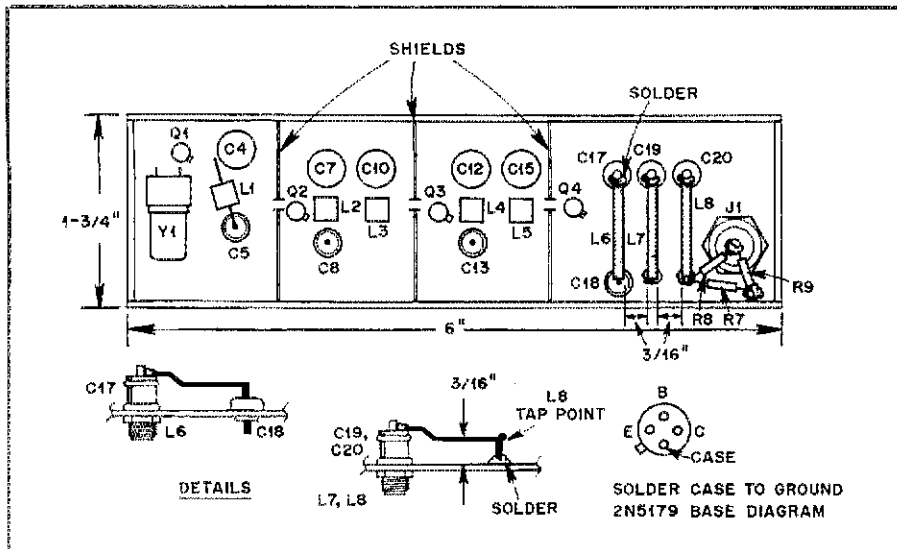


Fig 3—Suggested layout and construction details for the 902-MHz exciter.



Fig 4—The exciter is built on a piece of copper-clad circuit-board material. Component leads are soldered together; lead lengths are as short as possible. Shields are used between each stage. Study this photo and Fig 3 for additional details.

determine this. Check to see that the oscillator starts readily by removing and reapplying the 9-V supply.

Once you're satisfied with the oscillator performance, apply supply voltage to C8 also. Again, using a dip meter or some other indicator, peak C7 and C10 for maximum output at 225 MHz. Similarly tune the next doubler by adjusting C12 and C15 for maximum output at 451 MHz.

Now adjust the 902-MHz doubler stage. Your dip meter probably does not cover this high a frequency, so you need another way of monitoring power. A simple diode detector such as an RF probe on your VTVM will work well. Touch the RF probe to the center pin on the output connector, J1, and tune C17, C19 and C20 for maximum output. This point will occur with all three capacitors near minimum capacitance if the circuits have been constructed properly. A power meter such as the Hewlett Packard 430, 431 or 432 series may also be used as an indicator.

Repeat all the tuning capacitors for maximum output at 902 MHz. Once this is done, the output should be approximately 4 to 6 mW. Fig 5 shows what the

output should look like on a spectrum analyzer.

This power level is still more than the 1 to 1.5 mW needed to drive the S-AU15 amplifier. The maximum drive power

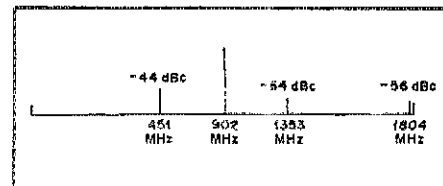


Fig 5—Spectral output of the 902-MHz exciter with no external filtering.

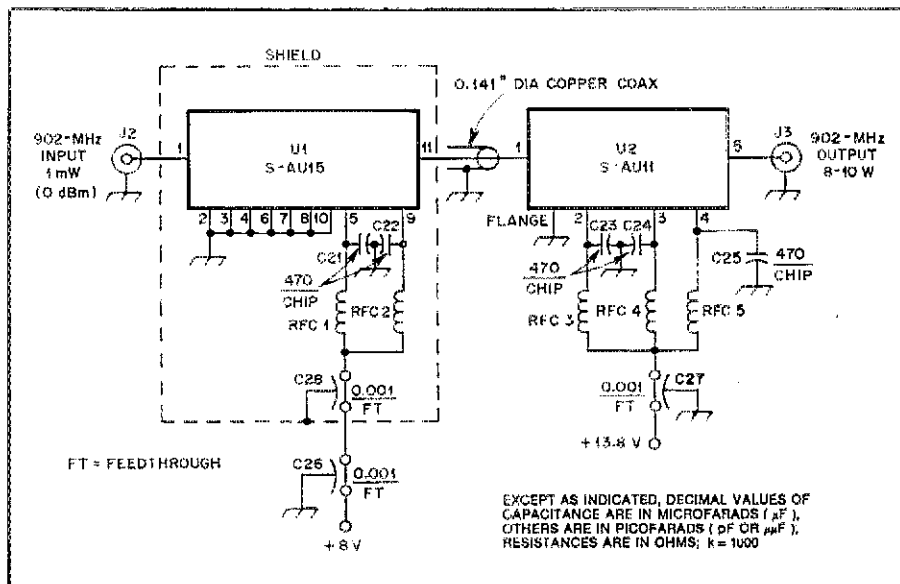
specified is 3 mW, so a pi attenuator is used to reduce the exciter output to the right level. The exact output power will vary from unit to unit, so the values of resistors R7, R8 and R9 that form the pi attenuator may have to be changed to obtain the desired output level. Resistor values may be obtained from Chapter 25 of *The 1986 ARRL Handbook*.<sup>2</sup> Keep in mind that a bandpass filter will be used between the exciter and driver stage, and the attenuation in this filter will also reduce the exciter output level.

### Driver and Power Amplifier Stages

During the development of this transmitter, I initially decided to use tuned amplifiers and a 20-W power block to amplify from the milliwatt level to a reasonable amount of power. The units were constructed and tested, and they worked well. The power block used as a

Fig 6—Schematic diagram of the driver and power-amplifier stages.

- C21-C25—470-pF, 50-V ceramic chip capacitor.
- C26, C27—470- to 1000-pF ceramic feedthrough capacitor, mounted with nut.
- C28—470- to 1000-pF ceramic feedthrough capacitor, solder-in type preferred.
- J2, J3—Chassis-mount female BNC connector (UG-1094 or equiv).
- RFC1-5—3t no 28 tinned wire, 0.10-in ID, spaced 1 wire dia.
- U1—Toshiba S-AU15 driver module (see text).
- U2—Toshiba S-AU11 power-amplifier module (see text).



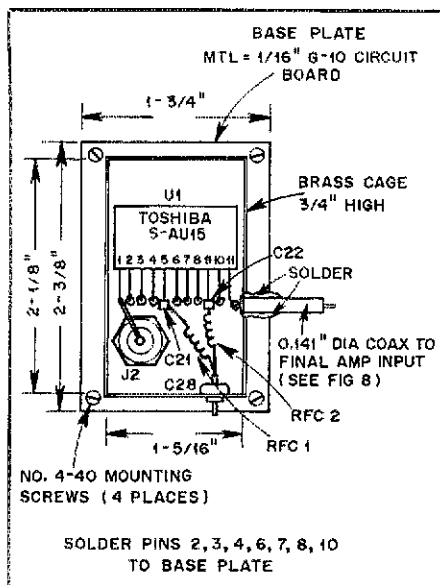


Fig 7—Construction details of the Toshiba S-AU15 driver subassembly.

final amplifier was rather expensive, however, so I looked for a better, less expensive way.

In mid-1984, Toshiba started producing power amplifiers for 900 MHz. The Toshiba S-AU15 driver stage and S-AU11 final stage appeared to be just what was needed. The S-AU15 is a small, multi-lead package that delivers up to 200-mW output with only 1.5-mW drive. It requires 8-V dc. The S-AU11 power module is rated at more than 9-W output with 100-mW drive. A check with the West Coast distributor for Toshiba yielded single-quantity price information of \$9.95 for the S-AU15 and \$31.50 for the S-AU11.<sup>3</sup> Wow, I thought—10-W output and 40-dB of gain for just over \$40! The day after receiving them, I spent two hours building the amplifier unit described here.

Fig 6 is a schematic diagram of the driver and power amplifier stages. The Toshiba modules are encapsulated "black boxes" with leads. The only additional components are input, output and power connections, and some RF chokes and bypass capacitors on the power leads. No adjustments whatsoever are required. Just apply dc and RF drive. This is so much simpler and easier than building up discrete component amplifiers and struggling to get them working properly!

Initially, I had some reservations about building one box with 40 dB of gain in it. I decided to give it a try, however, and tried to use adequate decoupling. Maybe I could get away with it. I connected power supplies to the completed unit and apprehensively applied 1 mW (0 dBm) of 902-MHz power to the input. The wattmeter on the output registered 10 W. The unit appears to be unconditionally stable.

#### Building the Driver and Power Amplifier

Figs 7, 8 and 9 show construction details

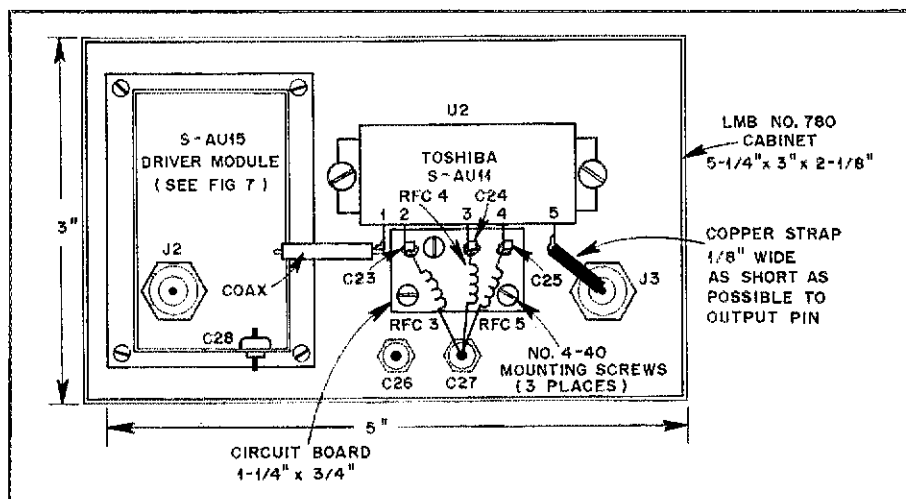


Fig 8—Construction details of the Toshiba S-AU11 final amplifier and the driver subassembly.

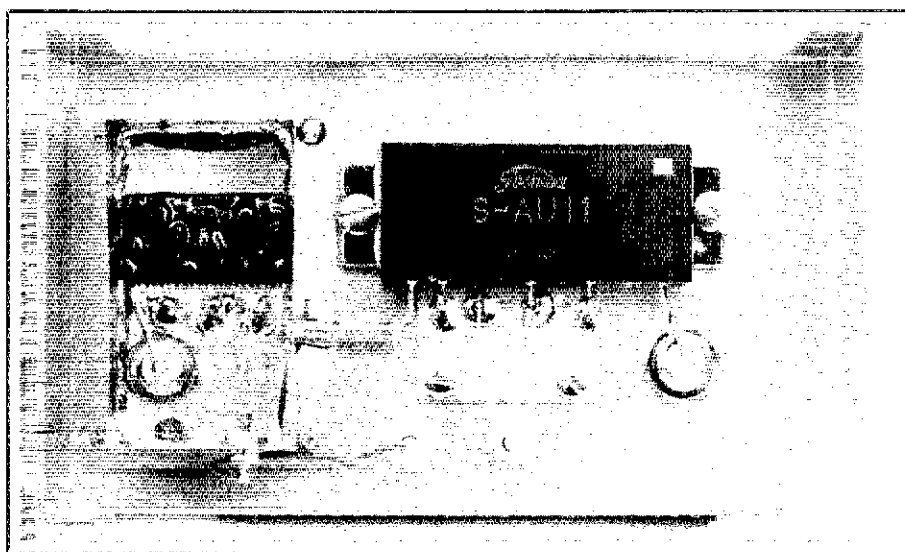


Fig 9—The driver and power amplifier mount in an LMB-780 Minibox. A heat sink is necessary for the final-amplifier module.

of the driver/power-amplifier module. The driver amplifier is built as a subassembly, as shown in Fig 7. A 2-3/8- x 1-3/4-inch piece of 0.062-inch-thick G-10, glass-epoxy circuit-board stock is used as a base plate. An enclosure 3/4 x 2-1/8 x 1-1/4 inches (HWD), constructed of "hobby-shop" brass sheet, is soldered to this base plate. This is the same brass material that I used for the shields in the exciter. It can be cut with regular scissors and bent into shape easily. It may be easier to cut or punch the holes for C28 and the output coaxial cable before this enclosure is soldered to the base. The completed driver subassembly is mounted in place by four no. 4-40 screws, one in each corner of the plate.

Fig 8 details the general component layout. A small piece of 0.062-inch-thick G-10 circuit-board material is mounted with three screws immediately under the leads of the S-AU11. This allows for easy soldering of chip capacitors C23, C24 and

C25 to the ground plane.

The S-AU11 device must be capable of dissipating a few watts, so the heat sink shown in Fig 9 is necessary. This heat sink is held in place by the two no. 6-32 screws used to mount the S-AU11 module. Holes are drilled and tapped in the heat sink to accommodate this type of mounting.

Again, there are no adjustments to make to the Toshiba power modules. Just apply power and RF drive, and you're on the air. Output power should be between 8 and 10 W, depending on the drive level from the exciter.

#### RF Filtering

Amateur-designed equipment often will not be spectrally clean. Although the FCC does not specify a minimum level for harmonics and spurious signal components at 902 MHz, good amateur practice dictates that they should not exceed -60 dBc. When class-C amplifier stages are added,

the spurious levels may increase significantly. Additional output filtering is required for this transmitter. I recommend that a filter be used at the output of the exciter and another at the power amplifier output.

I built and tested three different filters for possible use with this transmitter. They vary in performance and complexity. Two of the designs have relatively high loss and would make good choices for filtering the exciter output. The third filter, although a bit more difficult to build, has much lower loss than the other two (only 0.2 dB) and would make a good choice for an output filter. Using either of the first two filters between the exciter and power amplifiers and the third filter at the output, all spurious levels are greater than -60 dBc.

Fig 10 shows the construction details of a simple bandpass filter. It uses a box constructed from circuit-board material, much like the box the exciter is built in. The one drawback of this filter is that it uses two rather expensive (about \$3 each) piston trimmer capacitors for C1 and C2. Perhaps a redeeming feature is that it has a wide tuning range. Fig 11 shows what inserting this filter at the exciter output does. The 451- and 1353-MHz components are reduced significantly. The 3-dB bandwidth of the filter is approximately 7.6 MHz, and the insertion loss is approximately 1.7 dB with the coupling loops positioned as shown in Fig 12.

The second filter is similar to one described by Rick Campbell, KK7B, in a paper presented at the Estes Park, Colorado 1296/2304 Conference held September 19-22, 1985. It is based on a computer-aided design that recently appeared in *Ham Radio* magazine.<sup>4</sup> This interdigital filter has only 1-dB loss at 902 MHz. It does not require any tuning if built according to the description. Small errors in the dimensions, however, will degrade performance, and this usually means that losses will increase.

Fig 13 shows the construction details. The top and bottom plates of the enclosure are made from 0.062-inch-thick circuit-board material. The side and end plates are made from 0.032-inch-thick brass sheet. Inside dimensions of the enclosure are critical and must not be modified. Solder all contacting edges at final assembly.

This filter uses short lengths of 0.141-inch miniature Hardline for the resonators. The KK7B design used SMA connectors, but I opted for the BNC connector. Although inferior to the SMA series, the BNC series is adequate at this frequency if the connector has not been physically abused. The center conductor will be removed from the Hardline during final assembly, leaving the Teflon<sup>®</sup> dielectric in place in the copper tube. When assembling the filter, you may find it convenient to partially remove the inner conductor wire and use it to hold the resonator in place while making the soldered connections. Save the center con-

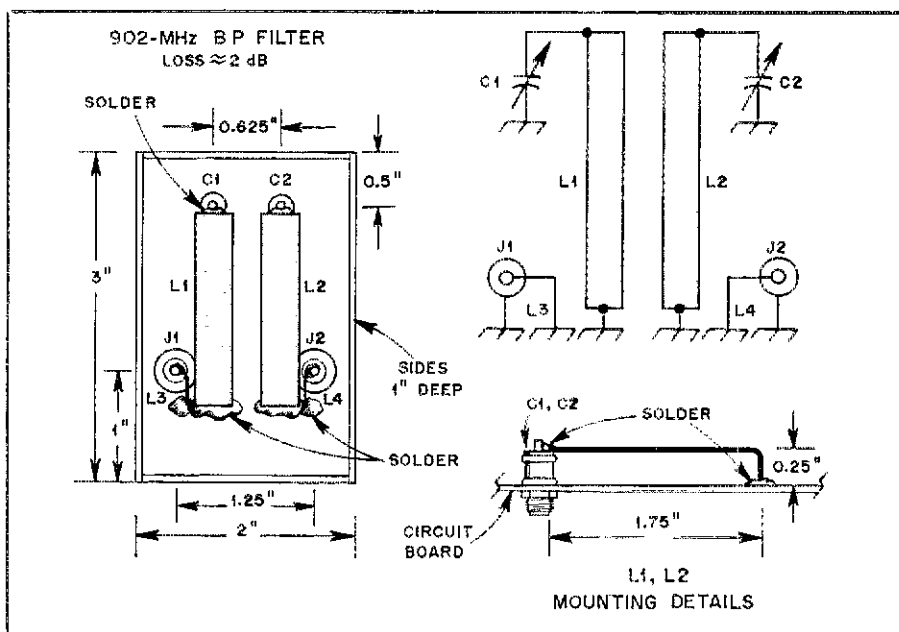


Fig 10—Schematic diagram and construction details of the simple 902-MHz band-pass filter. The base and sides are made from 0.062-in copper-clad circuit-board material.

C1, C2—0.6-9 pF ceramic piston trimmer capacitor (Voltronics EQT9 or equiv).

J2, J3—Chassis-mount female BNC connector (UG-1094 or equiv).

L1, L2—Copper strap 2-in long  $\times$  11/32-in wide  $\times$  1/32-in thick.

L3, L4—Coupling loop, no. 18 wire, spaced 1/16 inch from L1 and L2.

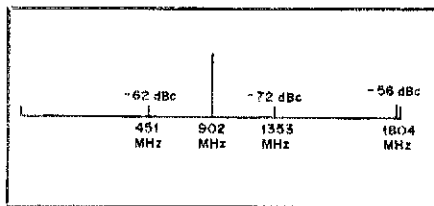


Fig 11—Spectral output of the 902-MHz exciter with the simple band-pass filter shown in Fig 10 on the output.

ductor. If you want to tweak the filter for optimum performance, make small tuning changes by inserting the inner conductor into the open end of the resonator.

This interdigital filter has an advantage over the simple tunable band-pass filter. Depending on the load impedance, the capacitors in the tunable version may arc if power levels of several watts are used. The interdigital filter does not use capacitors, so this limitation does not apply.

Fig 14 shows the effect that this filter has on the exciter output. The 451- and 1353-MHz components are reduced significantly, and the second-harmonic level at 1804 MHz remained about the same, -56 dBc. This filter has a 3-dB bandwidth of 26.5 MHz and an insertion loss of 1 dB. The finished, sealed filter is shown in Fig 15.

The third filter is shown in Figs 15 and 16. It is a variation of one described in *QST* some years ago.<sup>5</sup> Although somewhat larger than the previous two filters, it has

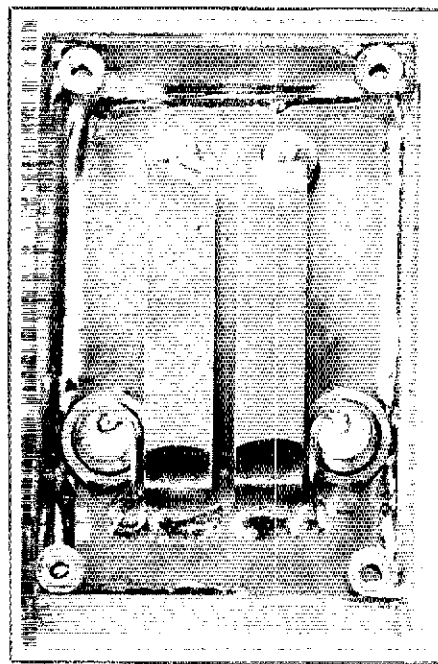


Fig 12—The simple bandpass filter is built in an enclosure made from circuit-board material.

relatively low loss and a considerably higher power-handling capability.

Again, it is important to follow the dimensions carefully if you expect the best performance. The resonator and coupling elements are made from brass rod, and the end plates are rectangular aluminum bar stock. The top and bottom plates are aluminum sheet. Good contact between the

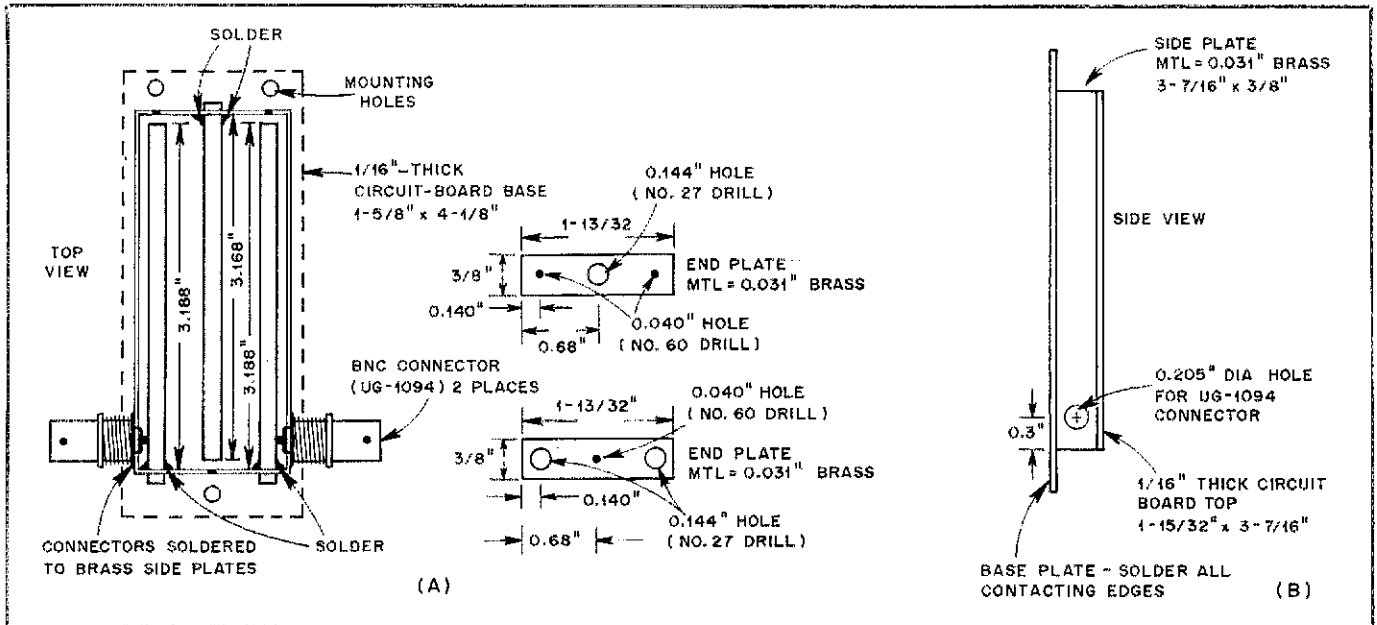


Fig 13—Construction details for the three-resonator interdigital filter. No tuning is required if you follow the dimensions given. The inside dimensions of the box are critical.

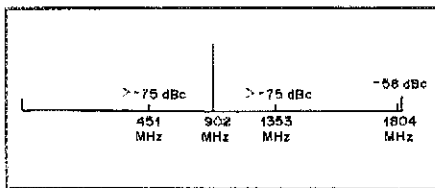


Fig 14—Spectral output of the 902-MHz exciter with the three-resonator interdigital filter shown in Fig 13 on the output.

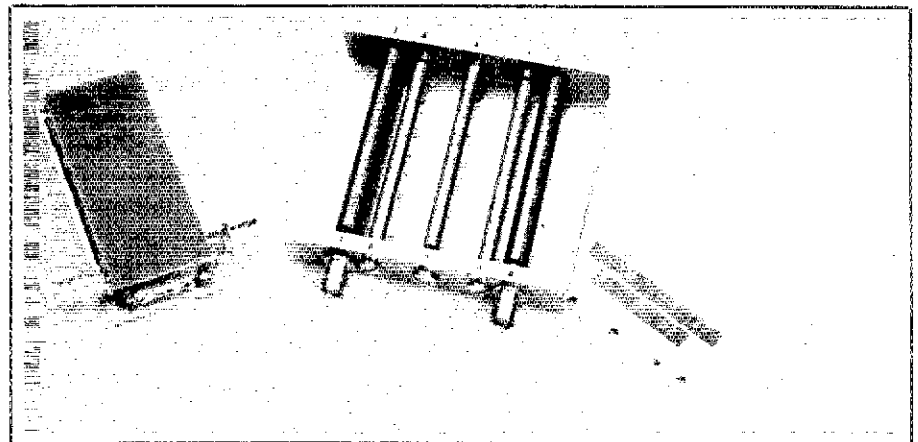


Fig 15—The three-resonator interdigital filter (Fig 13) with the cover soldered in place and the five-element filter (Fig 16) with the cover removed.

resonator rods and the end plates is essential to reduce losses. Note the number and placement of machine screws. The top and bottom plate mounting screws are positioned so that there is a good connection at each of the filter element rods.

Long-term performance may suffer if the electrical connections between the filter parts deteriorate. I'm fortunate to live in a dry climate where corrosion is not a problem. If you live in an area where exposed metals tend to oxidize, you should probably make all of the metal parts from brass. Have them silver-plated before assembly. Another alternative is to make the parts from brass and solder the connections after assembly and testing. If you can't find them locally, brass and aluminum sheet, and rod and bar stock are available in small quantities from Small Parts, Inc.\*

The resonant frequency of this filter may be lowered by turning the no. 10-32 screws at the ends of the resonator elements or raised by shortening each of the elements. The 3-dB bandwidth is 68.9 MHz, and the insertion loss was measured at 0.2 dB.

#### Power Supply and Keyer

The power-supply schematic diagram is

shown in Fig 17. The transformer/bridge, rectifier/capacitor combination delivers the unregulated dc voltage to three separate adjustable 3-terminal regulators and a fixed 12-V regulator. U1, a 7812 12-V regulator, is included to supply a matching receiving converter and preamplifier. U2, a 317-type of adjustable regulator, is set to supply a keyed voltage of approximately 8 V through Q1 to the Toshiba S-AU15 driver stage. U3, another 317-type regulator, is adjusted to supply 9 to 10 V to the exciter stages. You can vary the voltage of this supply to adjust the transmitter power output. U4, a higher-current 317K-type of regulator, supplies 13.5 V at approximately 1.5 A to the Toshiba S-AU11 final-amplifier package.

The keyer transistor, Q3, is a PNP power device. I used a Radio Shack 276-2027.

Almost any PNP transistor capable of handling a collector current of 100 to 125 mA can be used here.

The regulators require adequate heat sinking. The power transformer shown in the photographs has a 24-V secondary, resulting in an unregulated output of approximately 37 V. This means that the regulators must dissipate quite a bit of power. A much better choice would be a transformer with a 13- to 15-V secondary. This would reduce the voltage drop in the regulators and allow them to run cooler. The LM317K shown in the photographs runs rather warm, and more of a heat sink should have been used than just the corner of the cabinet.

The keyer circuit provides a clean-sounding CW note. If desired, an RC network could be used in the base of the

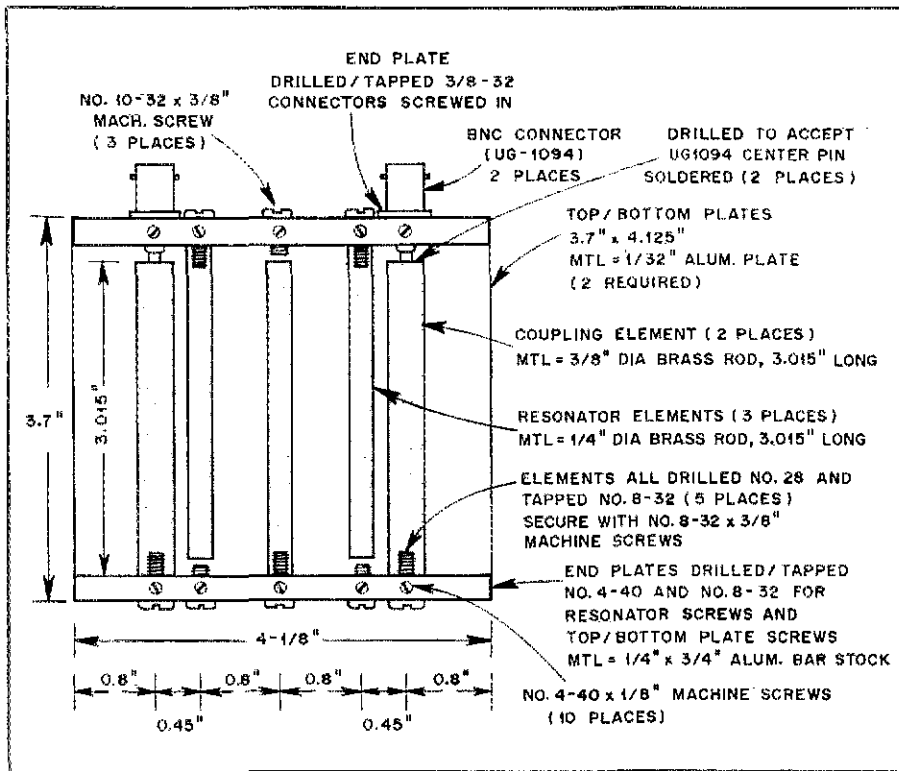


Fig 16—Construction details for the five-element interdigital filter.

keying transistor to alter the attack and decay times of the keying wave form.

### Packaging

I tend to build things without thinking much about how the end product will be packaged. This should be obvious from the pictures. There are X number of boxes to be combined into one unit, with power supply and so on. I packaged them as shown in Fig 18 because I happened to have the cabinet. It would be wise to estimate in advance what area you need and acquire an appropriate case. For convenience, you may want to package the receiving converter, preamp, transmitter and power supply in the same cabinet, along with antenna-changeover relay and other control circuitry. Consider these options as you decide on the final packaging.

### Conclusion

Although 10 W is a rather modest amount

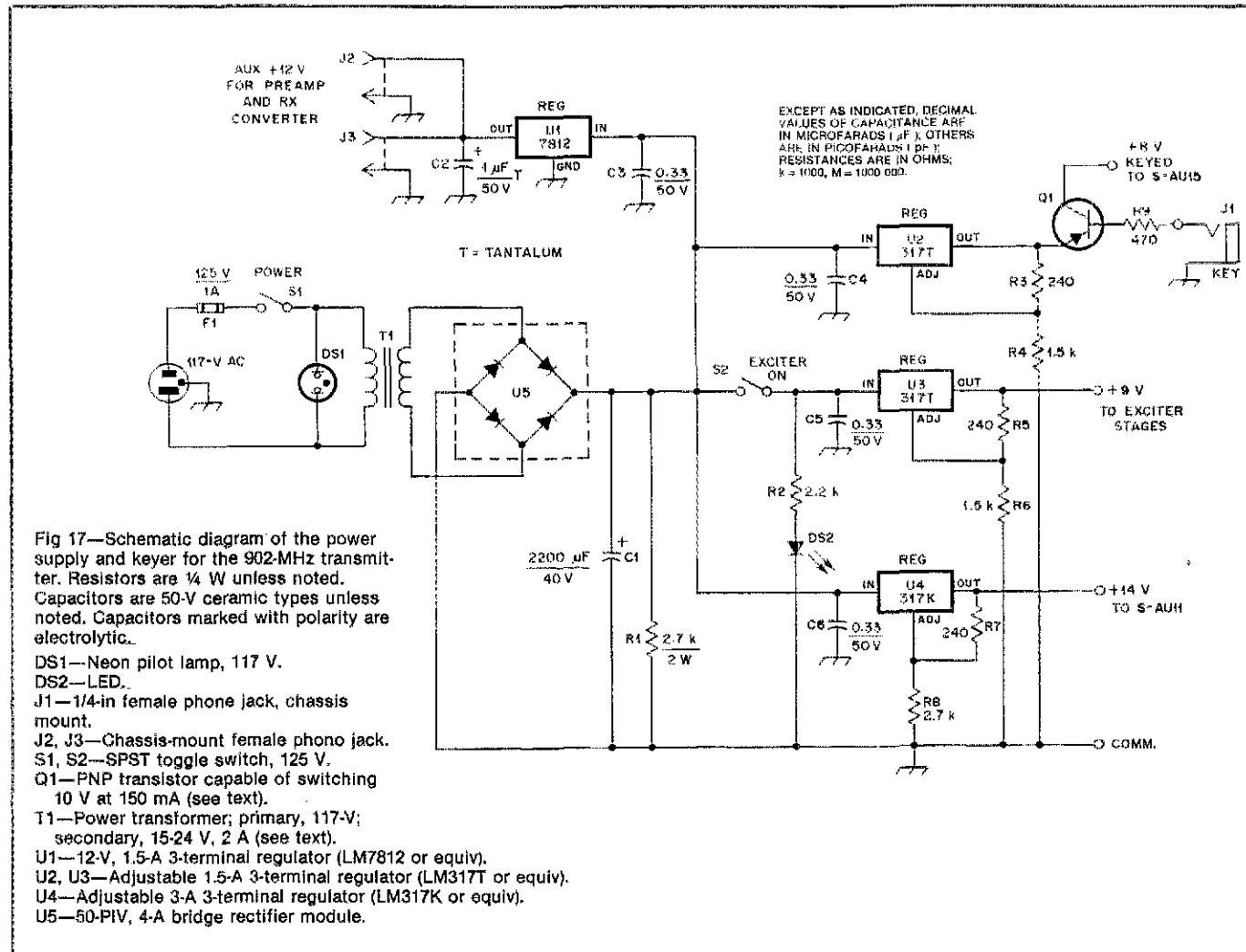


Fig 17—Schematic diagram of the power supply and keyer for the 902-MHz transmitter. Resistors are 1/4 W unless noted. Capacitors are 50-V ceramic types unless noted. Capacitors marked with polarity are electrolytic.

DS1—Neon pilot lamp, 117 V.

DS2—LED.

J1—1/4-in female phone jack, chassis mount.

J2, J3—Chassis-mount female phono jack.

S1, S2—SPST toggle switch, 125 V.

Q1—PNP transistor capable of switching 10 V at 150 mA (see text).

T1—Power transformer; primary, 117-V; secondary, 15-24 V, 2 A (see text).

U1—12-V, 1.5-A 3-terminal regulator (LM7812 or equiv).

U2, U3—Adjustable 1.5-A 3-terminal regulator (LM317T or equiv).

U4—Adjustable 3-A 3-terminal regulator (LM317K or equiv).

U5—50-PIV, 4-A bridge rectifier module.



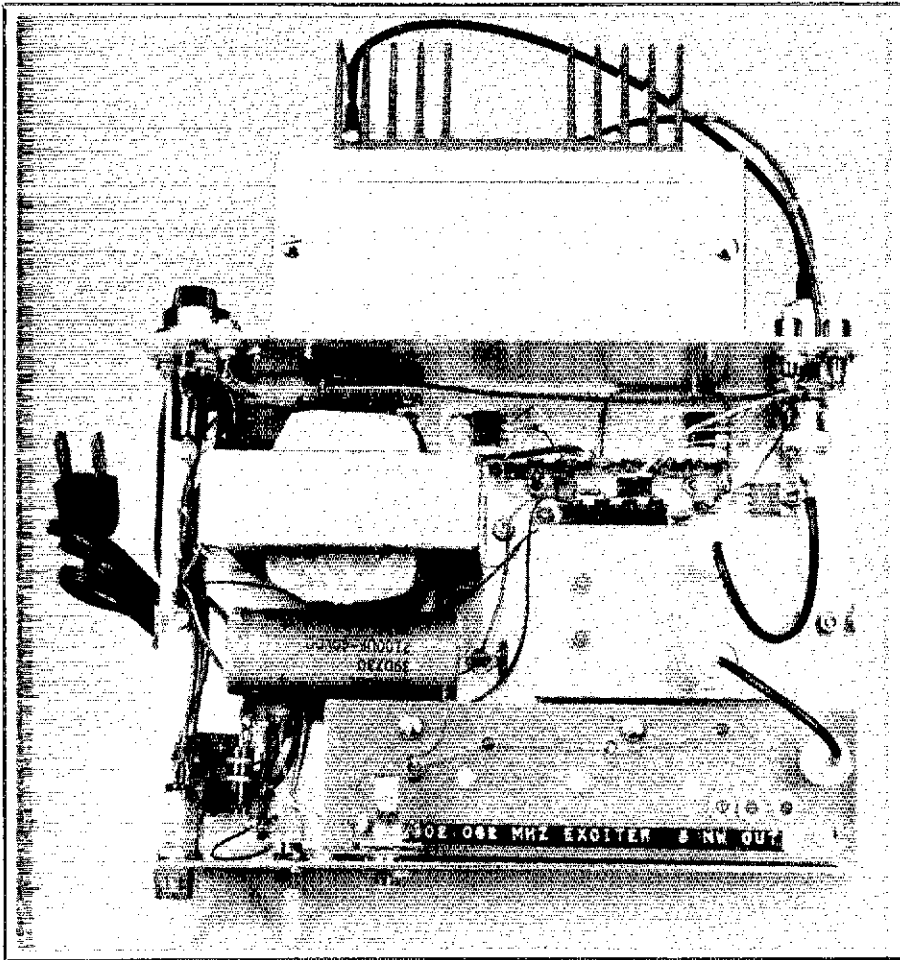


Fig 18—Interior view of the completed 902-MHz transmitter.

of power on 902 MHz, many interesting things can be done. When used with a good antenna system, contacts out to 200 to 300 miles should be easy with stations of similar or better capability. This assumes a good location with the antenna above surrounding objects and trees. During periods when tropospheric ducting is present, contacts at distances greater than 1000 miles might be made. Of course, this unit can be used to drive a higher power amplifier.

Give 902 MHz a try and be among the first to explore our new band!

#### Notes

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# Field Tester for Antennas

**Part 5:** Avoid bringing ac power and heavy test gear to the antenna site. Cut your burden with a portable QRP transmitter and resistive bridge.

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Is antenna adjustment in the field or backyard a drag because of the test equipment needed out of doors? Perhaps you're weary of using the indoor station for SWR measurements, then trotting back and forth between the house and yard to check the progress of antenna adjustments. Having agonized through both impractical routines, I can understand how one might find the exercise less than appealing!

Being a person who does a substantial amount of antenna design and test work, I chose to build a small portable RF source for checking the SWR at the antenna site. Battery-operated equipment seemed to be the best choice, thereby eliminating the need to run an ac extension cord to the test site. The RF-power source should be QRP in order to minimize battery drain and to reduce the possibility of causing QRM to amateurs who might be operating on or near the test frequency. A transmitter power-output level of 100 to 200 mW should be ample, provided a sensitive SWR bridge is included in the setup. Since most of my antenna-development work is done from 1.8 to 7.3 MHz, I built a three-band tester. There is no reason why the circuit described here can't be expanded to include the 30-, 20-, 15-, 12- and 10-meter bands.

## Circuit Philosophy

Fig 1 contains the circuit for my three-band test unit. A VFO seemed more appropriate than a crystal oscillator for Q1. Although we could develop a versatile tester by having three or four switchable crystals per band (Fig 2), the cost would be high and there would be gaps in the frequency coverage. Practically, it is better to be able to cover all of a given band, since this permits us to find the frequency of the lowest SWR, which coincides with the frequency at which the antenna is resistive (resonant). This helps indicate whether the

antenna needs to be lengthened or shortened to provide resonance at a chosen frequency.

I made no attempt to design a highly stable VFO. Although the oscillator drift is not great, with a fairly constant ambient temperature, it would be prohibitive for use in a conventional transmitter. A few kilohertz of drift, in a worst-case example, has little significance for most antenna testing. Therefore, no special measures were taken when designing the VFO section of this tester. NP0 ceramic capacitors are recommended for C5, C6 and C7 as a step toward stability.

Inductors that have trimmers in parallel with them are switched into the circuit at S1. C4 serves as the main-tuning control for all three bands. After toroidal inductors L1, L2 and L3 are wound, you should give them at least two coatings of coil cement, such as GC Corp polystyrene Q Dope®. You may make your own high-dielectric cement by dissolving small pieces of polystyrene tubing or sheeting in carbon-tetrachloride. Use enough polystyrene stock to provide a thick consistency. *Caution: Do not allow the carbon tetrachloride to come in contact with your skin, and do not breathe the fumes.* This chemical can cause liver damage!

I chose a broadband, linear amplifier for the buffer stage, Q2. This avoids the need for switching resonant circuits at the Q2 output side. A 2N5179 CATV transistor, or equivalent UHF device, will ensure equal gain for each band, owing to the use of heavy feedback and an untuned collector circuit.

A broadband amplifier without feedback is my choice for Q3. Like Q2, it operates class A. A 2N2222A is suitable for this stage, since it has a high  $f_T$ . T1 is a broadband step-down transformer. A key jack (J2) is included in the emitter lead of Q3 to permit proper station identification

during test periods.

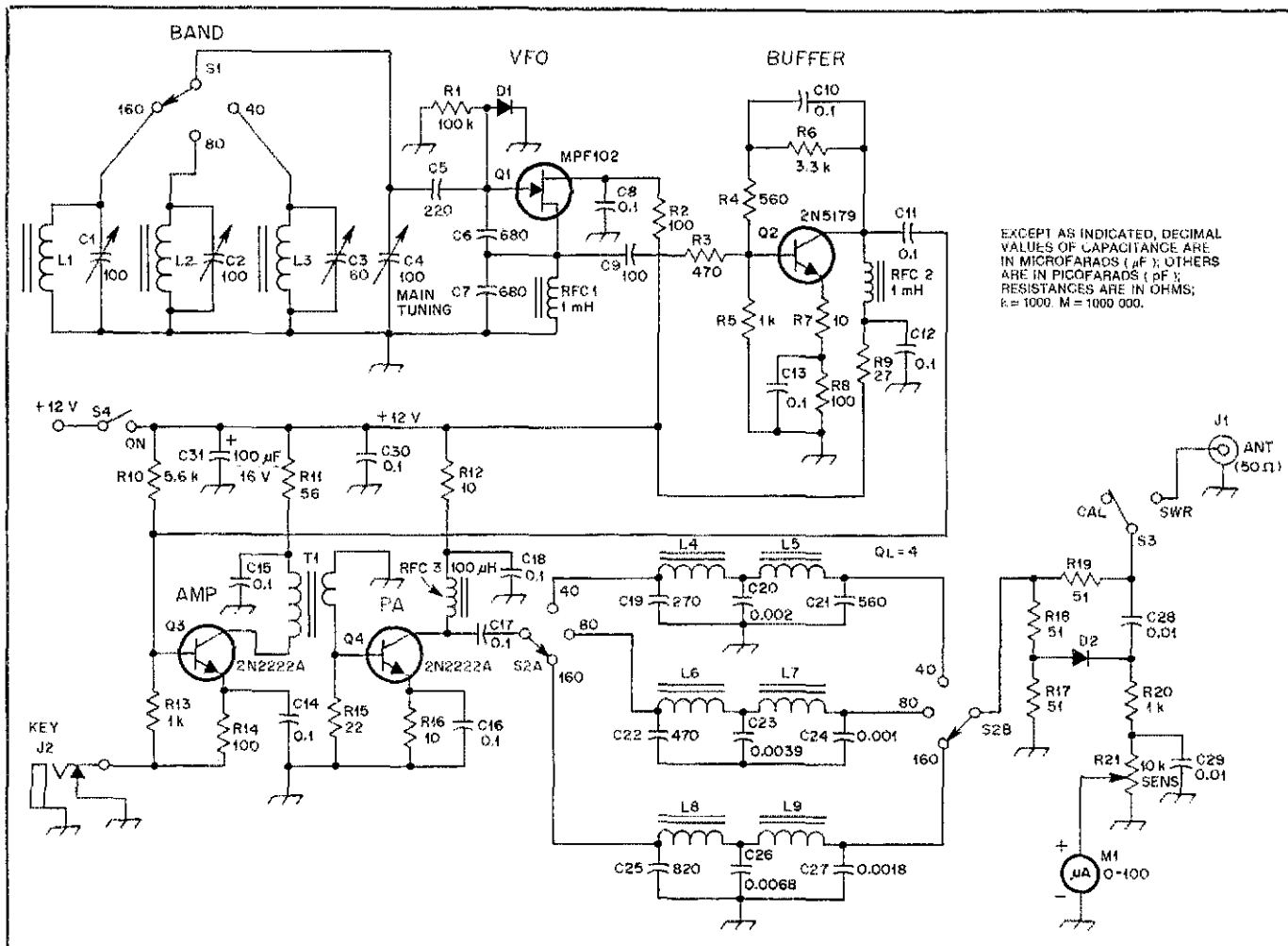
Our PA section contains another low-cost 2N2222A. It is possible to obtain up to 250 mW ( $\frac{1}{4}$  W) from this transistor in the HF spectrum. R15 helps prevent unwanted self-oscillations by swamping T1 (to reduce the transformer loaded Q). R16, on the other hand, provides emitter bias for the class-C PA, Q4. This improves the efficiency while lowering the collector current. I measured the Q4 efficiency at 70 percent with the circuit values provided in Fig 1.

Half-wave filters are used between S2A and S2B. They are designed to transform the Q4 collector impedance to 50 ohms (the SWR-bridge impedance). These harmonic filters are essential in order to minimize harmonic currents at the output of the test set. If harmonics of significant magnitude reach the antenna, erroneous SWR readings can be observed. This is frequently the situation when we are unable to obtain an SWR of 1:1. The harmonics are reflected from the antenna and cause false readings.

The half-wave filters are designed to use standard-value capacitors. They are not optimized in accordance with Ed Wetherhold's (W3NQN) computer derivations for standard-value capacitors, but they will provide adequate harmonic suppression for our purposes. Exercise care in the layout of the filters and S2. Try to provide as much physical isolation as possible between the input and output sides of the filters. If this is not done, leakage will occur across the filters, which will degrade their effectiveness. I recommend a two-pole, three-position wafer switch that has two wafers (SP3T per wafer).

## SWR Bridge

Not all SWR indicators are true bridges, but the one in Fig 1 qualifies as a bridge. The antenna represents the missing leg of



EXCEPT AS INDICATED, DECIMAL VALUES OF CAPACITANCE ARE IN MICROFARADS ( $\mu\text{F}$ ); OTHERS ARE IN PICOFARADS ( $\text{pF}$ ); RESISTANCES ARE IN OHMS;  $k = 1000$ ,  $M = 1000000$ .

Fig 1—Schematic diagram of the antenna test unit. Fixed-value capacitors are disc ceramic unless otherwise noted. Polarized capacitors are electrolytic or tantalum. Fixed-value resistors are  $\frac{1}{4}$ - or  $\frac{1}{2}$ -W carbon composition. Numbered components not appearing in the parts list are numbered for PC-layout purposes only.

- C1, C2, C3—Ceramic or air-dielectric trimmer
- C4—Air variable, 100-pF maximum capacitance. Double-bearing type recommended for best stability.
- C6, C7, C9—NP0 ceramic or polystyrene.
- C19—C27, incl—Silver mica or polystyrene.
- D1—1N914 or equiv.
- D2—Germanium diode, 1N34A or equiv.
- J1—SO-239 coaxial connector.
- J2—Phono jack or  $\frac{1}{8}$ "-dia jack
- L1—28- $\mu\text{H}$  toroidal inductor. 20 turns of no. 24 enam wire on an Amidon FT-50-61 ferrite core, 125  $\mu$ .
- L2—7.0- $\mu\text{H}$  toroidal inductor. 35 turns of no. 26 enam wire on a T50-2 core.

- powdered-iron core (red).
- L3—2.2- $\mu\text{H}$  toroidal inductor. 21 turns of no. 24 enam wire on a T68-6 core (yellow).
- L4—1.88  $\mu\text{H}$ . 20 turns of no. 24 enam wire on a T50-2 core.
- L5—0.47  $\mu\text{H}$ . 10 turns of no. 24 enam wire on a T50-2 core.
- L6—3.34  $\mu\text{H}$ . 25 turns of no. 26 enam wire on a T50-2 core.
- L7—0.83  $\mu\text{H}$ . 13 turns of no. 24 enam wire on a T50-2 core.
- L8—6  $\mu\text{H}$ . 35 turns of no. 26 enam wire on a T50-2 core.
- L9—1.5  $\mu\text{H}$ . 17 turns of no. 24 enam wire on a T50-2 core.

- M1—Dc panel meter, 100  $\mu\text{A}$  full scale (see text).
- R21—Carbon-composition control, 10-k $\Omega$ , linear taper, panel-mount.
- RFC1, RFC2, RFC3—Miniature RF choke.
- S1—Single-pole, three-position wafer switch, ceramic or phenolic.
- S2—Two-pole, three-position ceramic or phenolic wafer switch, two sections.
- S3—SPDT toggle or wafer type.
- S4—SPST toggle or wafer type.
- T1—Broadband transformer. Primary = 15 turns of no. 26 enam wire on an FT37-43 (850- $\mu$ ) ferrite toroid. Sec = 4 turns.

the circuit. The bridge is balanced when the antenna presents a 50-ohm impedance at J1. A 100- $\mu\text{A}$  indicating meter provides a good response to the low-power signal from the QRP transmitter. A 50- $\mu\text{A}$  instrument would be even better, if you have one available.

### Construction Suggestions

Instability is often caused by excessive lead lengths in an RF circuit, so we should keep all signal leads as short as practicable. This includes the pigtailed on resistors and

capacitors in the RF part of our circuit. This practice must be kept in mind if you lay out your own PC pattern.

Similar care must be exercised in laying out the SWR-bridge portion of this test instrument. It is especially important to minimize the pigtail lengths of R17, R18, R19 and C28. Short, direct leads between S2B and R18, along with a short connector from C28 to S3, are necessary. If these leads must be more than 1 inch in length, use RG-174 miniature 50-ohm coaxial cable between the points of concern. Ground the

shield braid at each end of the coaxial lines. RG-174 should be used also between S3 and J1.

Packaging is a matter of personal choice. Since this unit is meant for out-of-door use, it is wise to house the circuit in a dust-proof enclosure that will also keep moisture from reaching the circuit. A homemade cabinet can be fashioned from sections of PC-board material, or you may consider building a box from scraps of galvanized-iron furnace-ducting material. A 100-W soldering iron will work nicely for joining

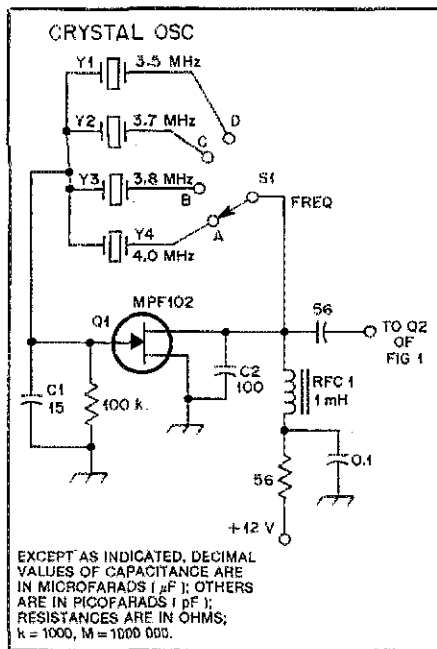


Fig 2—Circuit example of a crystal oscillator that can be used in place of the VFO in Fig 1. Three such oscillators, with appropriate crystals for the bands of your choice, may be integrated into the antenna tester. Each oscillator could be activated by means of a band switch, such as using three sections for S2 of Fig 1. Crystals for use below 20 MHz are fundamental types, 30-pF load capacitance (International Crystal Mfg Co type GP or equiv). Overtone crystals are needed for the 15, 12 and 10-meter bands, plus a different oscillator circuit.

the seams of either style of cabinet. Contact paper may be used to cover the completed cabinet, or you might consider

gluing Formica on the exterior surfaces to impart a professional look. There is no reason why a wooden cabinet can't be used for the tester. As an inveterate scrounger (and miser), I try to avoid purchasing expensive project boxes and cabinets! Circuit boards and parts kits for this antenna tester are available.<sup>1</sup>

#### Adjustment and Use

Connect a 51-ohm, 1-W carbon-composition resistor across J1 as a dummy load. Set S1 and S2 for 160-meter operation. Place S3 in the CAL position. Apply operating voltage via S4. Adjust sensitivity control R21 for a full-scale indication on M1. If the tester is working correctly, you should have no difficulty obtaining a full-scale meter reading. Now, switch S3 to the SWR position. M1 should read zero to indicate an SWR of 1:1. Repeat the foregoing procedure for the two remaining bands.

Calibration of the VFO can be done by monitoring the tester signal with a calibrated ham-band receiver. Set C4 for maximum capacitance, then adjust the related trimmers (C1, C2 and C3) so that the low end of each tuning range falls at zero on the dial plate of the vernier mechanism.

When adjusting antennas for resonance, connect the 50-ohm feed line to J1, then sweep the tuning range for the lowest meter reading at M1 with S3 in the SWR position (the calibration procedure should be carried

out just prior to this step). The lowest meter reading will indicate antenna resonance. Now you may adjust your feed-point matching system for a low SWR (1:1) by observing the reading on M1 (tune for the lowest meter indication). A portable receiver should be used to ensure that the frequency is unoccupied before proceeding with the measurements. (This is, after all, a low-power transmitter.)

#### Power Supply

This test unit draws between 50 and 60 mA. I suggest the use of eight series-connected size-D flashlight cells to provide a 12-V power supply. A 12-V motorcycle or NiCd battery might be a wise investment if you anticipate a lot of antenna testing. This would permit recharging the batteries between testing periods.

Of course, it is practical to use an ac-operated 12-V power supply if you don't object to bringing ac service to the test site. A 100-mA regulated supply would be entirely suitable for the purpose.

#### In Summary

This is but one more piece of handy test gear you can add to the workshop. Chances are that when your friends learn about your new gadget, it will be on loan more than it is at home! If your preference is for experimenting with antennas for higher frequencies (20, 15, 12 and 10 meters), you may restructure the VFO section of the circuit by changing the L and C constants, or by converting the VFO to a VXO or straight crystal oscillator. The emphasis here has been to illustrate a foundation unit and to mention how the circuit can be used in a practical application.

<sup>1</sup>PC boards and parts kits for this project are available from A & A Engineering, 7970 Orchid Dr, Buena Park, CA 90620, tel 714-521-4160.

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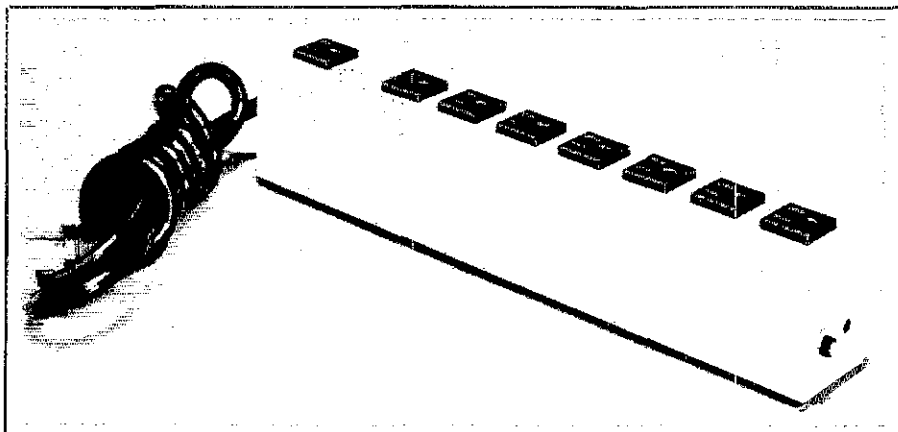
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□ The Smart Outlet Box, a device that allows single-switch control of seven ac outlets and provides protection from line surges and transient spikes, has been introduced by the Heath Company. Turning on any device plugged into the GD-1495's control socket will cause power to be sent to six more ac outlets. An eighth socket is unswitched for a clock or other device that requires a constant ac source. The unit provides superior surge and noise suppression and, in addition, has a UL-approved power tap. It includes a new surge absorber that opens under direct surge conditions to eliminate the "hot-to-chassis" ground prob-

lems that can result from use of the usual MOV surge suppressor. The Smart Outlet Box is available in kit or assembled form.

For additional information contact your

local Heath distributor or Heath Company, Dept 150-589, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, tel 616-982-3210.—Bruce O. Williams, WA6IVC



## Heath HW-99 Novice CW Transceiver

About a year ago, the Heath Company introduced a new rig that is truly elegant in its simplicity. The HW-99 CW transceiver is a thoroughly modern, HF, CW-only radio that owes much to the lessons learned in developing the HW-9 QRP transceiver. This is *not* a warmed-over HW-16 from the 1960s. The Heath HW-99 is VFO controlled, tuning the bottom 250 kHz of the 80, 40, 15 and 10-meter bands (sorry, *no* 20-meter coverage!). It seems to be targeted primarily for Novice and Technician class operators using CW on the four HF Novice bands, but it should appeal to veteran brass pounders who think 50-W output is enough to work the world.

Like any good CW rig, no matter how simple or complex, the HW-99 has a sensitive and stable receiver, a solid and comfortable tuning dial with no apparent backlash, a tuning rate that is neither too slow nor too fast, a mellow-sounding sidetone and a well-keyed waveform. We have one major complaint about the documentation on the HW-99: We looked through the 1/2-inch-thick manual several times and never did find a block diagram of the circuit. Reading the more-detailed schematic diagram is no problem for the experienced person, but the block diagram is crucial for the beginner to get a handle on how the circuits interact.

### Circuit Description

Both the transmitter and receiver feature broadband circuitry so that no user-actuated preselector or final tuning are required during normal operation. This makes the rig simple to use—a nice feature for Novices. A transmitter using a solid-state output stage, however, requires a low SWR for proper operation. Therefore, the industry trend to broadband rigs brings with it the requirement for antenna matching networks and SWR meters, and thereby adds costs and complexity to setting up a beginner's Amateur Radio station. An ALC circuit in the HW-99, however, does provide protection to the transmitter power amplifier if the antenna SWR is too high.

The HW-99 may look simple on the outside, but some very sophisticated circuitry lies within the dark-brown case. A separate low-pass filter is included for each band in both receive and transmit modes, providing optimum rejection of received spurious signals and transmitted harmonics. The receiver features a doubly balanced ring mixer, for a cleaner mixer-stage output. This results in fewer spurious responses (known as "birdies," those mysterious carrierlike signals that sometimes appear here and there on the band). The receiver's IF strip does an excellent job of rejecting signals on one side of zero beat, but isn't particularly sharp otherwise. We have no problem receiving and understanding Canadian USB phone stations operating on the low end of 40 meters. Even in weak-signal situations, we rarely have to run the volume control more than two-thirds of the way up before the speaker is over-

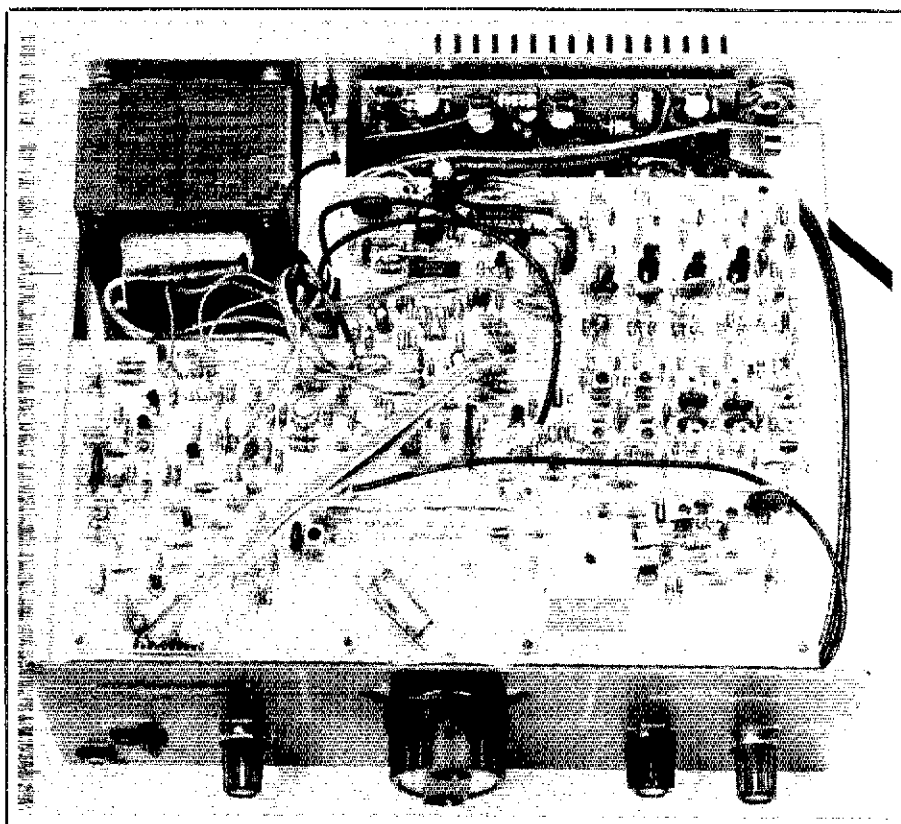


Fig 1—Top view of the Heath HW-99 transceiver. The main oscillator circuit board is on top of the chassis, the small power-amplifier board is on the rear wall (with shield removed), and the T-R board and power supply (not shown) are accessed from the bottom. All circuit boards are sparsely arranged, making assembly easy.

driven! This rig has plenty of gain.

Heath claims that the HW-99 can be used in the full-break-in mode up to 30 WPM. Our experience indicates this may be the upper limit. There is a noticeable audio thump in switching from transmit to receive, but even when using earphones it is not objectionable. A relay disconnects the antenna from the receiver and solid-state switching handles all other functions when the key is closed. An internal variable resistor sets the time delay for return to the receive mode.

### Building the Kit

Since Heath plugs the HW-99 as a Novice rig, we gave it the acid test—we let a relative newcomer to Amateur Radio build it. Edie, N1CZC, has been licensed less than three years, although she already holds an Advanced class license. Her busy life-style prevents her from spending much time inside ham gear, however. She was the perfect candidate to see if the HW-99 is truly a kit for the Novice builder.

Heath's reputation for high-quality instructions continues in the thick manual that comes with the HW-99. Heath's packaging of components is better than ever, which really helps inexperienced builders succeed. There is

always that necessary step of getting the parts out and arranging them in some orderly fashion. *Do not skip this step!* The HW-99 kit has a lot of parts, and the time and care of checking though the parts list will be of great help later during the assembly process.

Since the HW-99 is a new product, and ours was shipped during the first two months of production, we were not too surprised at a fairly extensive list of corrections and modifications to the manual. It is important to incorporate this information into the manual carefully before assembly begins.

The HW-99 circuitry is fairly sophisticated, and the kit takes a long time for a beginner to build, but the inside of the radio is spacious enough for inexperienced hands to have little trouble during the construction phase. See Fig 1. Even if you're a veteran tinkerer, don't expect to grab this kit from the mail on Friday afternoon and have it on the air by Sunday evening. Edie spent 30 hours unpacking and building about two-thirds of the kit before she ran out of time—I needed another 20 hours to finish the job.

Alignment was relatively easy, although for accurate dial calibration a 10-MHz frequency source is *required*. The instructions caution the builder to not push down on the slugs

## Heath HW-99 Novice CW Transceiver, Serial No. 01-55615

### Manufacturer's Claimed Specifications

Frequency coverage:  
 80 m, 3.5-3.75 MHz; 40 m, 7.0-7.25 MHz; 15 m,  
 21.0-21.25 MHz; 10 m, 28.0-28.25 MHz.  
 Modes of operation: CW.  
 Frequency display: Analog dial.  
 Frequency resolution: Not specified.  
 Frequency stability: Less than 200 Hz/h drift  
 after 30-minute warm-up.

### Transmitter

Power output: 50 W, except on 10 m;  
 40 W on 10 m.  
 Spurious signal and harmonic  
 suppression:  
 Keying wavetorm: Not specified.

### Receiver

Receiver sensitivity: Less than 1.0  $\mu$ V  
 for 10 dB signal + noise/noise.

Receiver dynamic range: 70 dB.

Receiver audio output at 10%  
 total harmonic distortion: 1.0 W.

Color: Dark brown.

Size (height, width, depth): 4-5/8 x 11-1/2 x 10-3/4 in.

Weight: 13 lb.

### Measured in ARRL Lab

As specified.  
 As specified.  
 As specified.  
 5 kHz per division.  
 2.5 kHz after 1 h.

### Transmitter Dynamic Testing

80 m, 50 W; 40 m, 45 W; 15 m, 30 W;  
 10 m, 22 W.

See Fig 3.  
 See Fig 4.

### Receiver Dynamic Testing

Minimum discernible signal  
 (noise floor) (dBm):

80 m	15 m
-123	-116

Blocking dynamic range (dB):

80 m	15 m
117	112

Two-tone, third-order intermodulation  
 distortion dynamic range (dB):

80 m	15 m
91	87

Third-order input intercept (dBm):

80 m	15 m
13.5	14.5

1.16 W.

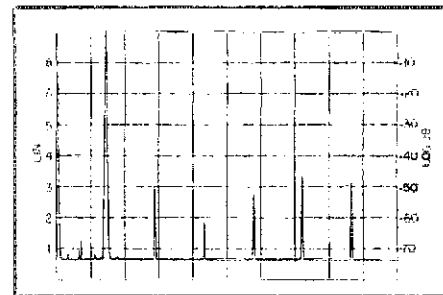


Fig 3—Worst-case spectral display of the HW-99 transmitter. Power output is 45 W at 7 MHz. Horizontal divisions are each 5 MHz; vertical divisions are each 10 dB. All spurious and harmonic emissions are at least 46 dB below the fundamental output. The HW-99 meets current FCC requirements for spectral purity.

were easily replaced after a quick trip to Radio Shack. The power-supply problems did not return with the new components, although some additional ICs failed over time, probably from the stress of the initial problem.

We found an error in the transmitter's power-amplifier circuit board and the associated voltages on the schematic. The 220-ohm resistor that ended up in the power supply came back to haunt us when we noticed that the transmitter had no output. It turned out that the 220-ohm resistor belonged in the power-amplifier circuit, but the power supply's 2.2-megohm resistor was there instead. Once we corrected that problem, the transmitter output was fine. Moral: Check the values of the components as you install them, don't depend on the strip packaging of components. Murphy's law applies everywhere!

In troubleshooting the power-amplifier problem, we discovered that the voltages, as indicated on the schematic, were wrong. A quick call to Heath's excellent technical information service confirmed the error. The proper voltages are noted in Fig 2.

The HW-99 worked perfectly with our old keyer using a relay output, but a newer transistor-output keyer caused the keying circuit to hang up halfway between the transmit and receive modes. The fault is in our keyer, not in the HW-99. The manual says to use a contact to ground for transmit—our homemade transistor output keyer was designed for grid-block keying and applied 5 V to the keying line. We will have to add a relay to that keyer to use it with the '99.

### Some Modifications

We live in an apartment where space is limited. The HW-99 appeals to us because of its small size—therefore we did not buy the matching speaker. Instead, we installed a small 3-inch speaker in the grillwork on the cabinet top. It works and sounds just fine.

To make the HW-99's key jack compatible with our other ham gear, we used a 1/4-inch headphone jack instead of the phono jack furnished by Heath. No modification of the hole is required. Just be sure to connect the wiring to the tip-contact lug, not to the ground lug.

Another HW-99 owner felt that the dial illumination was inadequate, and devised an ingenious solution. He used the reflector from

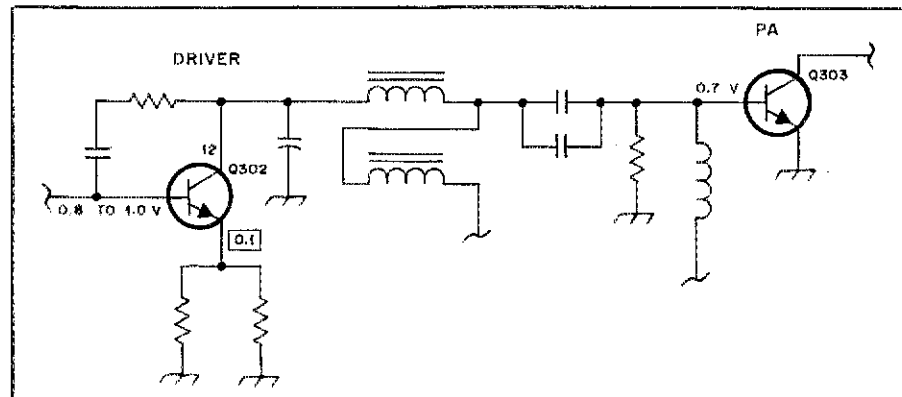


Fig 2—Schematic diagram of the HW-99 power-amplifier stage showing correct voltages.

while adjusting the coils. They're *not* kidding! The slugs are quite delicate, and I managed to crack two of them; be very gentle.

### Some Problems

Take special care when assembling the large tuning capacitor for the VFO. When you put the shield around the capacitor, be sure the metal can does not short circuit the wire coming out of the capacitor housing. Another problem: When shipped, the band-switch wafers were rotated 180° from their proper orientation. Once the band-switch wafers were reoriented, however, the receiver sprang to life, and we could proceed with alignment. The errata sheet from Heath corrects this problem on the drawing, but makes no mention of the correction in the step-by-step instructions.

After the power-supply subassembly was wired, we did the chassis subassembly tests prescribed in the book. The fuse blew immediately upon applying line voltage. It turned out that instead of the 2.2-megohm resistor that goes from the power-supply line cord to ground, a 220-ohm unit had been supplied on the component part strip. Of course, 220 ohms to ground on the line cord *will* cause the fuse to blow. We installed the correct resistor, and the power-supply checkout continued with no apparent problems. We then proceeded to install the large oscillator board. We still don't know why, but a filter capacitor in the power supply began to smoke, and finally went SNAP! That power-supply breakdown caused the 12-V regulator to fail—in addition, an IC and a transistor were lost on the oscillator board. All components

a camera flashcube to focus more light on the dial (see Hints and Kinks, Feb 1986 *QST*).

Heathkits have always been fair game for those who would modify their ham gear because the owner can so easily become acquainted with the insides of the radio. Our HW-99 is likely to see two modifications: The 10-meter band is ripe for conversion to the much-missed 20-meter band; another possibility is to do something about the 30-V final output transistor so the rig can operate off a 12-V battery supply.

### Using the Rig

On-the-air QSOs resulted in good signal reports. Everyone we contacted said the keying sounded fine, with no clicks or chirp. Once the rig has about an hour to stabilize, drift is not a problem. The front-panel controls are easy to use. I have fat fingers, though, and sometimes I turn the volume up while changing the band switch.

As mentioned earlier, the HW-99 needs some kind of antenna matching network and SWR meter to be useful throughout its full range of frequencies. If you don't roam around the bands too much, however (as in the case of Novices who must stay inside the

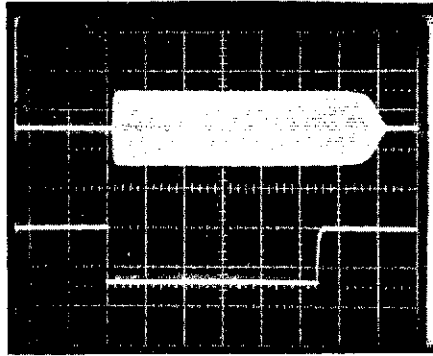


Fig 4—CW keying waveform of the HW-99. The lower trace is the actual key closure, the upper trace is the RF envelope. Each horizontal division is 5 ms.

Novice bands), you can probably fine-tune your antenna for your favorite frequency and do without the matching network and SWR meter.

By the way, Edie and I live two blocks from W1AW. The code-practice and bulletin schedules, sometimes with over 6000 W total being transmitted on several bands, make it a tough situation for many receivers. Not so with the HW-99—we get on the air and enjoy QSOs while the code practice and bulletins are hammering along only a few kilohertz away.

The hams at Heath have made a good move with the HW-99, satisfying those who like the smaller HW-9 QRP rig, but who wish for a bit more output power. Perhaps, someday, there will be a HW-99A with 20 meters and a WARC-band expansion option. Other than that, Edie and I are really enjoying this latest addition to the Heathkit stable of Amateur Radio equipment.

The HW-99 is available from the Heath Company, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, tel 616-982-3411. Price class: HW-99 transceiver, \$300; SP-99 station speaker, \$30. (Special offer for Novices: Get a \$100 gift certificate good on any Heathkit product when you mail Heath Co a photocopy of your license and the HW-99 registration card.)—*Curt Holsopple, K9CH, and Edith Holsopple, N1CZC*

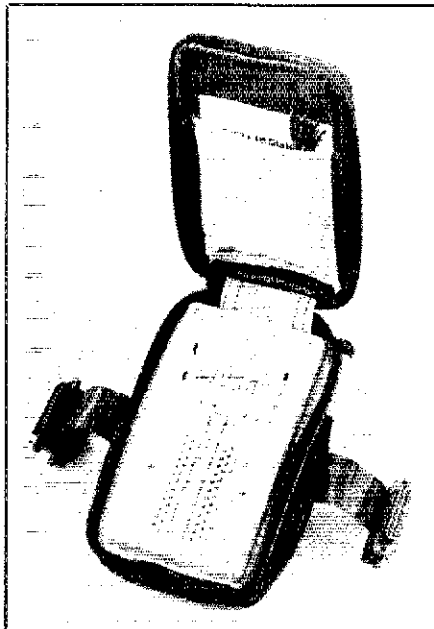
## New Products

### MODEL 650 DC/VOM TEST SET FROM DATACOM

In addition to all of the features of their industry-standard Model 600 Tri-state test set, the self-contained Datacom Model 650 includes accurate dc-voltage measurements with an easily read, built-in, digital VOM for easy logic level analysis and a full RS-232-C breakout in one compact, rugged instrument.

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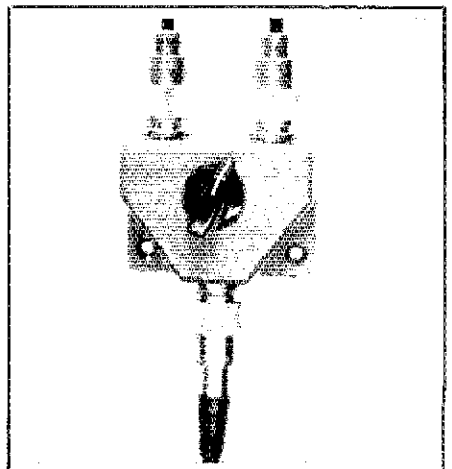
Datacom Northwest, Inc, 3303 112th St, SW, Bldg 100, Everett, WA 98204, tel 206-355-0590.—*Bruce O. Williams, WA6IVC*

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## 900-MHz PROPAGATION

□ On the basis of some limited tests, Helfrick states "... 900-MHz FM propagation is definitely line-of-sight: If you can't see it, you can't hear it!" and "Its line-of-sight nature limits mobile communications and the band is more suited to point-to-point links."<sup>1</sup>

There have been more propagation studies at 900 MHz than perhaps any other band. Most of these have involved paths in which neither station could see the other. The entire November 1973 issue of *IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology* is devoted to propagation on this band.<sup>2</sup> Recent studies include propagation into suburban houses and metal buildings.<sup>3-5</sup>

Propagation is not much different at 900 MHz than at 432 and 1296 MHz. Anyone seriously interested in mobile propagation at 900 MHz should examine the past 15 years of *IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology* (available at many city libraries). Those interested in the DX potential of this band should expect propagation similar to 432 and 1296 MHz.

The 902-MHz band has much to offer in the way of interesting propagation for both the weak-signal and FM enthusiast. High-gain antennas are very small, signals pass through ordinary house windows with little attenuation, almost anything makes a good reflector (mountains, airplanes, water towers, the moon), and the fading rate (150 Hz for a vehicle moving at 55 mi/h) is low enough that both FM and SSB mobile communications are possible.—Richard L. Campbell, KK7B/8, Rte 1, Box 115, Chassell, MI 49916

## SUPER DUPER POOP

□ I congratulate Mr. Allison on his excellent article in the November issue of QST.<sup>6</sup> After reviewing the program and the accompanying article, I would like to offer a few simple suggestions that will greatly improve the speed and memory efficiency of the program.

The extensive use of FOR/NEXT loops is done in single precision numbers. These numbers consume 4 bytes per variable and require much more processor overhead than the simple 2-byte integer. Since no precision calculations are required, we are safe to define all variables as integers and capture a signifi-

<sup>1</sup>Helfrick, A. D., "The 900-MHz Band—What's in Store for Amateurs?" QST, Jan 1985, p 27.

<sup>2</sup>IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology, Vol VT-22, No. 4, Nov 1973.

<sup>3</sup>Cox, D. C., R. R. Murray and A. W. Norris "800-MHz Attenuation Measured in and Around Suburban Houses," AT&T Bell Laboratories Technical Journal, Vol 63, No 6, Jul-Aug 1984, pp 921-954.

<sup>4</sup>Cox, et al., "Measurements of 800-MHz Radio Transmission into Buildings With Metallic Walls," AT&T Bell Laboratories Technical Journal, Vol 62, No. 9, Part 1, Nov 1983, pp 2695-2717.

<sup>5</sup>Walker, E. H., "Penetration of Radio Signals into Buildings in the Cellular Radio Environment," AT&T Bell Laboratories Technical Journal, Vol 62, No. 6, Part 1, Nov 1983, pp 2719-2734.

<sup>6</sup>G. Allison, "The Super Duper," QST, Sep (p 27) and Nov 1985 (p 44).

Add these lines:

```
1005 DEFPNT A-Z
1007 DIM I(500)
3315 FOR I = 0 TO C - 1: I(I) = I: NEXT I 'INITIALIZE ARRAY
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Replace lines 2370 and 2380 with:

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2370 PRINT Q$(I(I),1); TAB(14); Q$(I(I),7); TAB(19); Q$(I(I),2);
TAB(29); Q$(I(I),3);
2380 PRINT TAB(38); Q$(I(I),4); TAB(46); Q$(I(I),5); TAB(53);
Q$(I(I),6)
```

Replace lines 2510 through 2640 with:

```
2510 ' NEW INDEXED BUBBLE SORT ROUTINE BY WB9NDM
2520 FOR I = 1 TO C - 1 ' INITIALIZE THE INDEX
ARRAY
2530 I(I) = I
2540 NEXT I
2550 FOR I = 1 TO C - 1
2560 LOCATE 20,41: PRINT USING "#####";I;
2570 P = 0
2580 FOR J = 1 TO C - 1 - I
2590 IF P$(I(J)) > P$(I(J + 1)) THEN SWAP I(J), I(J + 1)
P = 1
2600 NEXT J
2610 IF P = 0 THEN GOTO 2630
2620 NEXT I
2630 ' END OF SORT
2640 ' CONTINUE
```

Replace line 2710 with:

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2710 IF Q$(I(I),7) < > Q$(I(I + 1),7) THEN PRINT
```

Replace line 2960 with:

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2960 IF Q$(I(I),7) < > Q$(I(I + 1),7) THEN H = H - 1: LPRINT
'BAND SEPARATION
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Replace lines 3100 and 3110 with:

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3100 LPRINT Q$(I(I),1); TAB(14); Q$(I(I),7); TAB(19);
Q$(I(I),2); TAB(29); Q$(I(I),3);
3110 LPRINT TAB(38); Q$(I(I),4); TAB(46); Q$(I(I),5); TAB(53);
Q$(I(I),6)
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Fig 1—Suggested changes to the Super Duper program.

cant speed increase. See line 1007 in Fig 1.

As written, the program does not take advantage of one of the important features of the bubble-sort routine: One item "bubbles" into its final position after each sort. With this in mind, we can compare one less item in the list after each pass through the array. While this may seem somewhat insignificant, this could result in as much as one half of the comparisons having to be made. A simple benchmark test shows that taking advantage of this fact can make the sort routine run in less than half the time for a worst-case sort (one in which the list to be sorted is completely backwards).

Another item that can be changed in the sort routine is the swapping of a numeric array that indexes the string arrays, rather than swapping all eight string arrays each time. This technique, known as "indexed bubble sorting," leaves the string arrays in their original order and thus avoids string swapping, which takes more time and consumes more memory.

My final comment concerns the use of a 7 × 500 array to store the string data. Since each item in a string array consumes 3 bytes of memory in addition to the data, this array consumes 12024 bytes (8 × 501 × 3) in

pointers alone! I suggest that the program be modified to use just one string array and take advantage of the 10521 bytes that would be freed. Also, do not forget to use the zero subscript of the array. In this case, it would have saved 1503 bytes. Because of the extensive nature of these array changes, I chose not to include them in Fig 1. I hope these suggestions will allow all users of this helpful program to realize even more of its potential.—Glenn B. Schulz, WB9NDM, 2356A North 65th St, Wauwatosa, WI 53213

## Feedback

□ The carrier-generator for the SSB series by W1FB Fig 3 (Oct 1985 QST, p 29) may require a series trimmer for netting the crystal depending on the crystal traits. A wide netting range can be had by placing a 4.7-μF miniature RF choke between the series trimmer and ground. Also, should oscillation be weak when using series crystal tuning make sure Q2 has ample gain. A 2N2222/1 is better than a 2N2222 or PN2222 device



## RF PROBES REVISITED

[Since "Match Your RF Probe to Your Meter" appeared in Hints and Kinks (May 1985), I have received some enlightening correspondence about RF probes and the resistive divider that I added to Mr. Mann's letter. Here are some excerpts—Ed.]

Most VTVMs have a 10-MΩ input resistance and a 1-MΩ resistor in the probe tip. Thus, the typical circuit is as shown in Fig 1A.  $E_M$  is the dc voltage as read on the VTVM scale, and  $E_M'$  is the actual voltage across the voltmeter terminals. Notice that  $E_M'$  is only 0.909 of  $E_M$ , the meter reading. For example, when  $E_M$  is 15 V,

$$E_M' = 15 \times 0.909 = 13.636 \text{ V}$$

When  $E_M'$  is known, the meter reading can be found from:

$$E_M = \frac{E_M'}{0.909}$$

We must consider this characteristic when choosing the resistance for a crystal-diode probe that replaces the standard dc probe.

Fig 1B shows a common RF probe.  $E_{RF}$  is the RMS voltage at the probe tip.  $E_{pk}$  is the peak value of  $E_{RF}$ .  $E_M'$  is the actual dc meter voltage required for a reading of  $E_{RF}$ . Further, assume that the diode is perfect, and that the time constant of C and  $R_1 + R_M$  is long with respect to the period of the incoming signal. Now, let us consider an example where  $E_{RF}$  is 10 V:

$$E_{pk} = 1.414 \times E_{RF} = 14.14 \text{ V}$$

$$E_M' = 14.14 \times \frac{10}{14.7} = 9.619 \text{ V}$$

$$E_M = \frac{9.619}{0.909} = 10.582 \text{ V}$$

Notice that  $E_M$  is greater than the 10 V (RMS) applied, but that perfect rectifier and filter action was assumed. The actual voltmeter reading would probably be closer to 10.0 V because of the rectifier forward voltage drop and reverse leakage. This is why crystal-diode probes are not accurate to better than 3%.—*Franklin Swan, W9SIA, Oak Forest, Illinois*

The RF probe suggestion by Steven Mann should prove useful; however, the 10:1 resistive divider will work only at very-low frequencies. To see this, consider that the diode "sees" a 1-MΩ impedance from the divider. Any stray capacitance at this point will reduce the frequency response. For example, at 30 MHz, it will take:

$$C = \frac{1}{2(\pi)f(R)} = 0.005 \text{ pF}$$

to reduce the probe response by 3 dB! It would be difficult to avoid stray capacitance several orders of magnitude larger than this.

A better scheme would be to use a capacitive divider (Fig 2). The divider will load a circuit under test somewhat. With the values shown, circuits having impedances less than 100-200Ω should not be unduly loaded

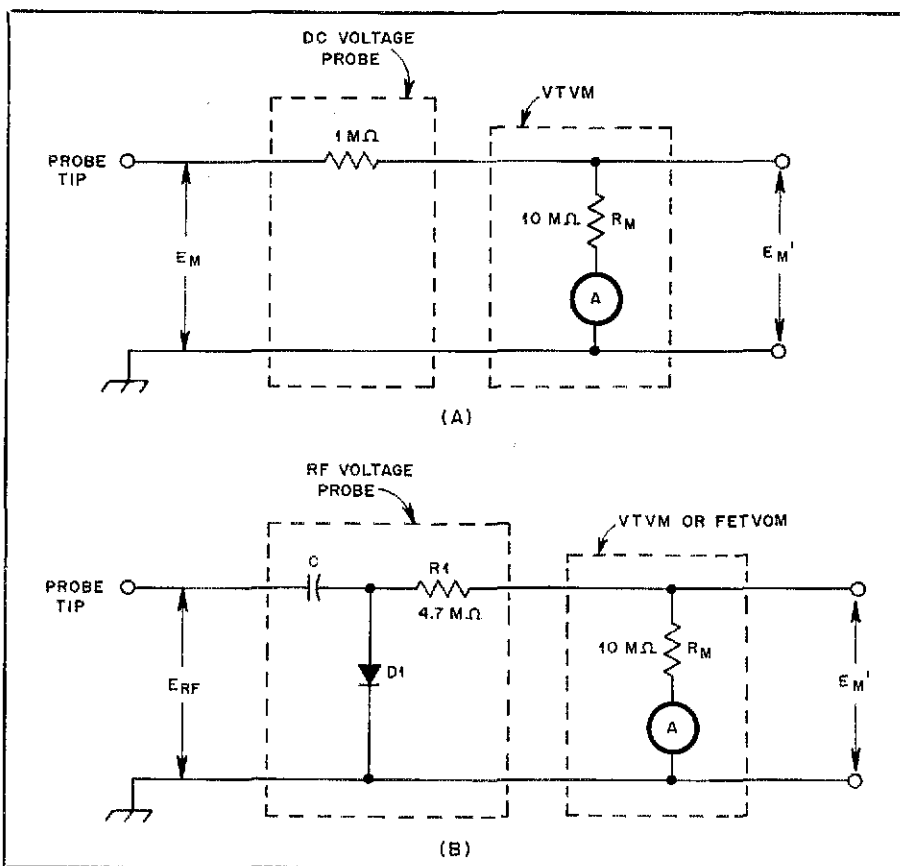


Fig 1—The equivalent circuit of a typical VTVM is shown at A. B shows the voltmeter with an RF probe substituted for the dc probe.

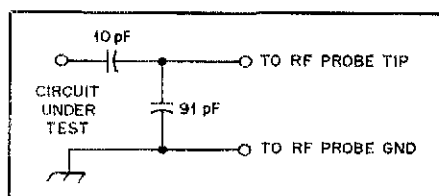


Fig 2—A 10:1 capacitive divider for measuring voltage up to 200 V (RMS) in circuits of 200 Ω or less up to 30 MHz.

at frequencies up to 30 MHz. At higher frequencies, scale the capacitances accordingly and remember to consider stray capacitance.—*Gordon Hardman, KE3D, Boulder, Colorado*

The 10:1 resistive divider and calibration suggestion in May 1985 Hints and Kinks are incorrect. When the diode is reverse biased, the divider could be adjusted so the voltmeter would read 1 V. This adjustment, however, would not hold for RF. At 10 MHz, a probe shunt capacitance of only 2 pF has a reactance of only 8 kΩ, which would load the circuit under test and prevent an accurate measurement.

The correct divider uses a high capacitance

across the probe and a low capacitance in series. This arrangement cannot be dc calibrated, but capacitors whose capacitances were measured at 1 kHz would do pretty well.

In considering the basic probe circuit, the effect of the capacitor, C, is important. If the time constant,  $C(R_1 + R_M)$ , is considerably greater than the period of the waveform being measured, the dc output voltage is proportional to the peak voltage of the waveform: with sine waves,  $1.414 \times V$  (RMS). The diode conducts for only a very short time at the peak of the wave. For an explanation, I suggest Terman and Pettit's *Electronic Measurements* or *The 1975 ARRL Handbook*.<sup>1,2</sup>

The big problem with ac voltage measurements at high frequencies is shunt capacitance—but you cannot avoid it. To reduce capacitance effects at very-low frequencies, some bioelectric probes use feedback methods. Resistive capacitance-compensated dividers are used in oscilloscopes and in amplifier-before-rectification

<sup>1</sup>F. Terman, F. and J. Pettit, *Electronic Measurements*, 2nd ed (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1952) pp 17-18.

<sup>2</sup>R. Myers, ed, *The 1975 Radio Amateur's Handbook*, 52nd ed (Newington: ARRL, 1974), pp 513-514, Fig 17-13B.

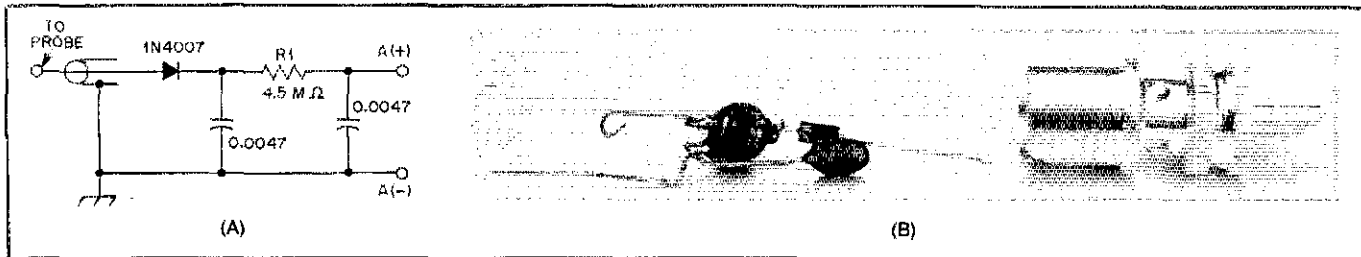


Fig 3—A schematic of the W2DVG/W2CJN RF sampler probe (A). B shows an assembly that fits into a PL-259 connector.

voltmeters. Internal terminal effects limit the minimum capacitance of such instruments to about 10 or 15 pF, at the terminals. Tektronix® states, in its 1985 catalog, that input capacitances of high-voltage, capacitance-compensated, resistive-divider probes (100 × or 1000 ×) can be reduced to approximately 3 pF. Their 50-Ω probes, however, can achieve 1 pF. Active probes for RF are not yet a solution for input capacitance. The best Tektronix lists is the P6230, which presents 450 Ω in parallel with 1.3 pF.—James A. Cronvich, W5FZW, Harahan, Louisiana

... And here is another solution:

#### A HANDY RF SAMPLER FOR COAXIAL TRANSMISSION LINES

□ George Klaus, W2CJN, and I have been working on an RF probe to work with voltages that would destroy the typical small-signal diode used in most RF probes. Our objective was to design a device to measure RF voltage on a coaxial transmission line with a high-impedance dc voltmeter. The sampler in Fig 3 is adequate up to 30 MHz. We also worked on a 150-MHz version, but the effort was unsuccessful.

In the conception stage, the goal seemed simple enough to apply the "KISS" principle: Simply tap the coax cable with a diode, bypass the output, attach a dc voltmeter and read the voltage.<sup>3</sup> But, this approach did not work. So much RF appeared on the dc output terminals, and the voltage regulation was so poor, that the reading was meaningless.

Short of developing mental hernias, our experimenting continued and led to several conclusions: (1) Effective RF filtering is essential; (2) The dc voltmeter should be one of high input impedance (Z), 10 MΩ or more; and (3) the voltage reading should be an RMS value, to facilitate power calculations.

These criteria, for a load Z of 50 Ω, and power levels of up to 150 W (typical for the ubiquitous transceiver), require components capable of withstanding 100 V or more and fairly high peak currents. We tried both parallel and series diode connections, and while both work, we selected the series circuit because it places less RF voltage on the input capacitor. A 1N4007 diode proved useful to 30 MHz. An RC pi network does the necessary filtering. R1 does double duty as part of a voltage divider that places the RMS value of the peak voltage across the voltmeter. Its value is calculated by:

$$R1 = R_M \left( \frac{1.4142}{k} - 1 \right) \quad (\text{Eq 1})$$

where

$R_M$  = voltmeter resistance

$k$  = scale factor of voltmeter (see letter from Swan, above—0.909 for the instrument in Fig 1B)

In our case,  $R_M$  is 10.8 MΩ and  $k$  is 1. Thus, R1 should be 4.47 MΩ. This theoretically correct value for R is not too critical, however. A tolerance of 5% changed our voltage reading by about 1%.

A schematic for a 2- to 30-MHz version of the sampler, built entirely into a PL-259 connector and used with an FET voltmeter having an input Z of 10.8 MΩ, is shown in Fig 3A. To assemble the probe, connect two capacitors, a diode and resistor as shown in the schematic. Slide that assembly all the way into the PL-259 connector. Solder the diode lead to the center pin of the plug and the capacitor leads to the plug shell. A pair of leads for the voltmeter can be soldered to points "A," and secured to the plug with packing and epoxy.

To use the probe, a coax "T" connector is inserted in the feed line and the sampler is plugged into the third port of the T. The voltmeter is then connected to the dc output terminals of the sampler. The voltmeter shows the RMS value of the RF voltage.

If the load is matched to the feed line and purely resistive, the voltage can be converted to power with the formula:

$$P = \frac{E^2}{R}$$

—Robert M. Forster, W2DVG, Southern Pines, North Carolina

[Editor's Note: This letter has been edited somewhat from the way it appeared in *CQ de WA2LQO*, the monthly bulletin of the Grumman Aerospace Corporation Amateur Radio Club. Particularly, I changed Eq 1 to reflect the information in Mr. Swan's correspondence above.

The sampler shown in Fig 3B was constructed and tested in the ARRL lab. (R1 is 4.7 MΩ.) Output power and RF voltage from a TS-820S transceiver were measured simultaneously with a Bird ThruLine® Model 43 wattmeter and the RF sampler connected to a Heath IM-13 VTVM. The sampler response was +1.6 dB at 1.945 MHz and -0.86 dB at 28.720 MHz. Useful probe frequency range is considered to be the area where the response is within 3 dB of the true value. While the response of the sampler falls within those limits, the response error should be considered when RF voltage is to be accurately measured.

For example, if an amplifier were adjusted to show 274 V (RMS—corresponding to 1500 W fed to a 50-Ω load) at 28 MHz, with the lab-built sampler, the actual voltage would be 322 V (RMS—2076 W). Whenever a homebuilt device is used for critical measurements it should be

calibrated against another instrument of known accuracy.]

#### MORE RFI/TVI TIPS

□ Here is some advice for hams operating in apartments and restricted to indoor antennas. If you are experiencing TVI/RFI or are aware of such a condition in another apartment, the following techniques may provide some relief:

1) Use the least possible number of ac-powered accessories. Use battery-powered keyers and install good low-pass and ac-line filters. Sell your high-power amplifier.

2) Eliminate any rat's nest of wire and cable from behind the operating position by keeping cables and leads as short and as neat as possible: Suggest the same to a complaining neighbor. It is amazing how many 48-inch cables are used when 18 inches will do. Twenty-foot speaker leads often feed stereo speakers that are only separated 8 or 10 feet.

I discovered, quite by chance, that TVI/RFI to my downstairs neighbor resulted from my own television when connected to the ac line—even though the set was off during ham operation. Both apartments are served by CATV, and my neighbor has many CATV lines, including one to his stereo system. Nevertheless, I was the source of interference to both TV and stereo. The problem dogged me for nearly a year before I pulled the plug of my own CATV-connected television.

3) If you are using an indoor antenna, try moving it a bit. A small change in position can make a large difference. Avoid random length antennas. Run a couple of  $\lambda/4$  "counterpoise" wires along the baseboard for each band used and attach them to the ground post of a quality Transmatch.

Do not ignore any possibility when searching for an RFI solution, no matter how absurd it may appear. If operating while standing on your head eliminates interference, you may have to install leg straps on the radio room ceiling!—Dick Downey, KA2JIZ, Amsterdam, New York

#### A HIGH-CURRENT TEST LOAD

□ Save a couple of discarded dual-beam headlamps that still have one good filament. They can be used as dummy loads for testing low-voltage power supplies. A typical lamp draws 50-60 W, or about 4 A at 13.8 V. Several can be connected in parallel to test high-current supplies; switch one or more of the lamps in and out of the circuit to check regulation.—Hugh Turnbull, W3ABC, College Park, Maryland

<sup>3</sup>Technicians and engineers often refer to a "KISS" principle, an acronym for "Keep It Simple, Stupid!"

# VHF Mountaintopping for the '80s

By playing "king of the mountain" you can have a booming VHF signal with simple equipment and low power.

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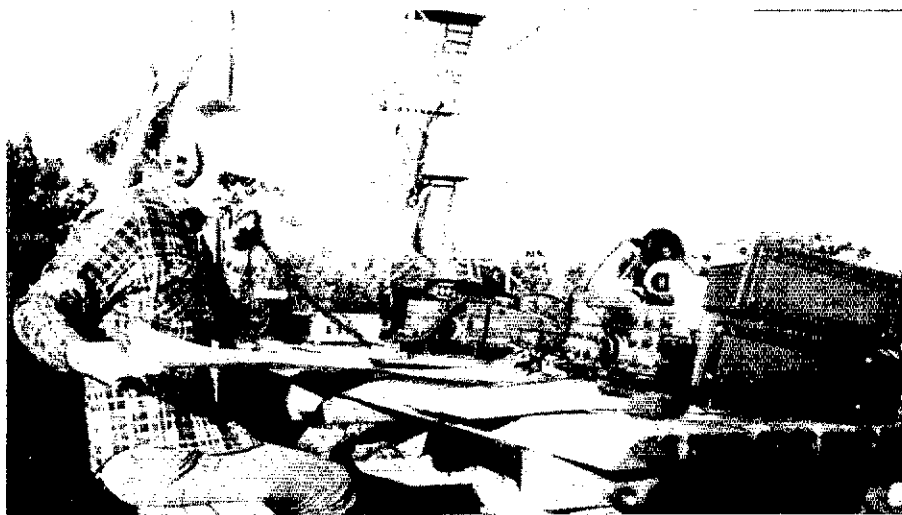
Manager, ARRL Membership Communications Services

Recently, VHF has seen a resurgence of an activity as old as VHF itself—mountaintopping. Few are blessed with a home operating location that facilitates a total command of the frequency. Consequently, ardent VHFers construct bigger and bigger arrays and amplifiers for the home station in order to produce that booming signal. Some, however, use the "great equalizer" to compete on an equal footing with the big home QTHs—namely, a mountaintop location. Here, perched high above all the home stations, a small portable rig with a single Yagi antenna only a few feet off the ground suddenly sounds like a kilowatt feeding a killer antenna at home. Simple equipment performs amazingly well from a mountaintop QTH on VHF.

A mountaintop expedition can vary from a spur-of-the-moment Sunday afternoon picnic to a full-fledged weekend contest. Quick trips can also be conducted during band openings. Since a contest optimizes the opportunity to work a lot of stations on VHF, this article is mostly a "how to" for weekend contest operation conducted by one or two people. But this can be scaled down to a mountaintop stay of shorter duration.

## The Times Are a Changin'

Old-timers will remember the drudgery in decades past of lugging "boat anchors" up rocky crevices. Dragging equipment and generators weighing hundreds of pounds up steep mountainsides was no picnic. Those who suffered sprained backs soon gave it up. The advent of solid-state equipment, however, has made mountaintopping a far less strenuous activity. With a greater selection of such compact, commercially available equipment, VHF has become a hotbed of activity. Even some of the highly competitive HF types have found new worlds to conquer above 50 MHz. A key factor in this revival has been the introduction of a worldwide grid-locator system, now much in vogue on VHF. The use of grid squares in the major VHF contests has tickled the innermost secret desire of every



Author W1XX, operating /2 from Overlook Mountain, New York (FN22) checks the dupe sheet during the September 1985 VHF QSO Party. Also part of the all-important bookkeeping is to maintain a grid-square map for each band. As worked, the square is colored in with a highlighter. In the past two years, John has operated on VHF/UHF from eight different grid squares, from Rhode Island to California, and holds VUCC no. 40 on 432 MHz. (photo by Gregory Greenleaf)

radio amateur—to be on the receiving end of a DX pileup.<sup>1,2</sup> Now, instead of going on safari to some distant DX land, you can head for the mountains—some nearby mountaintop located in a rare grid square.

## Choosing a Site

Choosing a mountaintop site involves considering how far you want to travel to get there, accessibility to the top of the mountain and its all-important grid-square location. Ideally, your mountain is only a short driving distance away, towers into the cirrusphere, sports a six-lane interstate to the top and rises within a grid square that has never been on the air before!

Obviously, some of these considerations may have to be compromised. Your first step to finding VHF heaven involves extensive study of a road atlas. How far do you want to travel? Where are the mountains? How high are they? Can you drive to the

top? Draw in the grid-line boundaries so you can tell which square it is in. Ask some active VHFers which are the difficult squares to work. When you start zeroing in on a potential site, you may want to get a topographic survey map of the area to determine access roads and direction of "drop-off" from the summit.

I've never operated from a mountaintop without first scoping it out in person. Access is most important. Thus far, I've operated from sites I have reached by car, ferry, gondola, 4-wheel drive, motor home and hiking. Unless you are going with mini-radios and gel-cells, you want to get there without backpacking it. A passable road to the top is ideal. When checking out a potential site, bring a compass and a 2-meter FM hand-held rig. A call on 146.52-MHz simplex should tell you how good the location is. Are you blocked in any direction? Is it already "RF-city" with commercial installations—a potential source of interference? Will you be able to clear any trees with a lightweight mast? Then the

<sup>1</sup>Notes appear on page 51.

prime requisite: Is there a picnic table permanently at the site? If not, plan on bringing an operating table and chair—which adds considerable bulk and weight to transport.

Once you've selected an operating site, be sure you have secured the necessary permission to use it. This may simply require verbal permission from some authority or the owner, or it could involve a lengthy exchange of correspondence with a state environmental agency of forests and parks and the signing of a liability release. But be sure you have permission. The last thing you want is the local sheriff shining a flashlight in your eyes at 2 AM, rousting you out of a fantastic tropo opening on 2 meters. You'll find rangers on fire watch most helpful in pointing out how to obtain necessary permission.

### Power Source

Unless you are awfully lucky to find a location that will permit you to just "plug in," make plans for providing your own power. With a single-band operation from a car (with antenna mast mounted just outside the car window), the car battery will probably suffice. Run a set of heavy-duty jumper cables directly to the car battery. Even a solid-state "brick" amplifier can be run off the car battery without ill effects. Better to be safe than sorry, however; park the car facing downhill!

For a more serious effort using several VHF and UHF bands, a small generator is recommended. If the word generator conjures up an image of an ugly engine block from a 1947 LaSalle, then tune in to the modern world. Small, even attractive, generators in the 500-1000 W category that look more like American Tourister luggage are now available. Mine is a 650-W beauty that weighs in at 43 pounds and runs for four hours on a half gallon of petrol. And quiet? You can hear the wings of a Monarch butterfly flutter at 50 paces. A not-filled 5-gallon jerrican provides more than enough flammable juice for a contest weekend.

### Equipment

A mountaintop location effectively places your antenna atop a natural tower of hundreds or perhaps thousands of feet. With this height advantage, compact, lightweight, low-powered radios that can be boosted up to the 50- to 100-W range with solid-state amplifiers will perform nicely. Low-powered portable transceivers are manufactured for just this purpose. The popular 10- and 25-watt multimode rigs are also quite adequate. Many discontinued models can be obtained at a substantial savings through the Ham Ads section of *QST*. Using transverters operating with mobile-type HF radios should also be considered.

If you don't have any sizable trees to get over, you can use simple mast sections that fit together. I use 5-foot sections, available

## A Checklist of Typical Items Needed for a Weekend Portable Mountaintop Operation

### Radio Equipment

- Transceivers for each band
- Solid-state amplifiers
- Antennas
- Coax (Belden 9913 or equiv)
- Keyer
- Paddle
- Antenna masts
- Earphones
- Coax connector cables
- Coax adapters
- dc cables with plugs
- Power supply (ies)
- Fuses
- Antenna rotator crosspiece
- Microphones
- Key line with plug
- Multi-ac plug outlet
- SWR meter
- VTVM
- Multi-dc plug box
- Clip leads

### Tools

- Wrenches
- Pliers
- Screwdrivers
- Hammer

### Power Source

- Generator
- Power cable
- Gasoline
- Oil
- Jumper cables (if on car battery)
- Gas funnel

### Personal

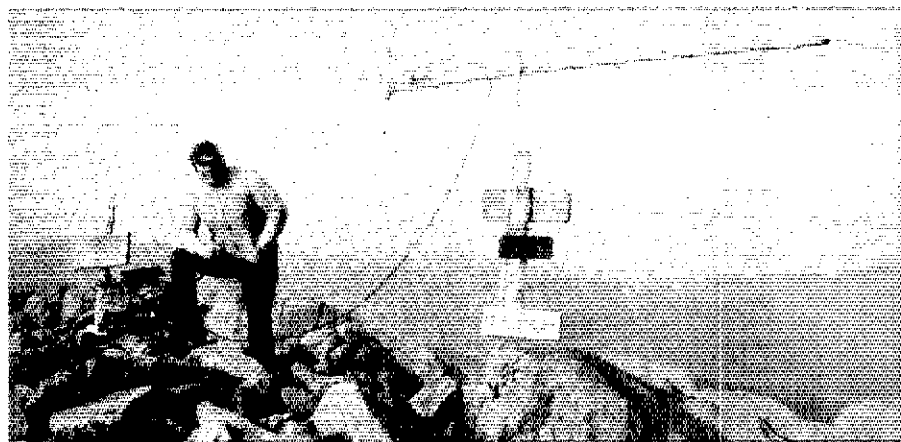
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Soap
- Towel
- Suntan lotion
- Change of clothes
- Rain gear
- Hat
- Warm jacket
- Alarm clock
- Bug spray
- Insect repellent
- Electric shaver
- Toilet paper

### Camping Equipment

- Matches
- Tent stakes (enough for tent and masts)
- Tarpaulin canopy
- Tent
- Ground cloth
- Extra rain cover
- Cot
- Lantern
- Flashlight
- Pot and pan set
- Pot holder
- Spatula
- Can opener
- Water bottle (5 gal)
- Rope
- Charcoal briquettes
- Table and chair (if needed)
- Sleeping bag
- Food and drink
- Knife and fork set
- Paper plates
- Paper towels
- Paper cups
- Cooler with ice
- Cook stove
- Stove fuel
- Funnel for fuel
- Fluorescent-type battery lantern
- Old newspaper
- Coffee cup
- Aluminum foil
- Trash bag

### Miscellaneous

- Compass
- 24-hour clock
- Black plastic tape
- Masking tape
- Logs
- Grid-square maps
- Pencils (many)
- Clipboard
- Highlighter



Bob, WA1YKM, who enjoys backpacking to mountaintops, is operational on 2 meters from Mount Moosilauke, New Hampshire, elevation 4802 feet.

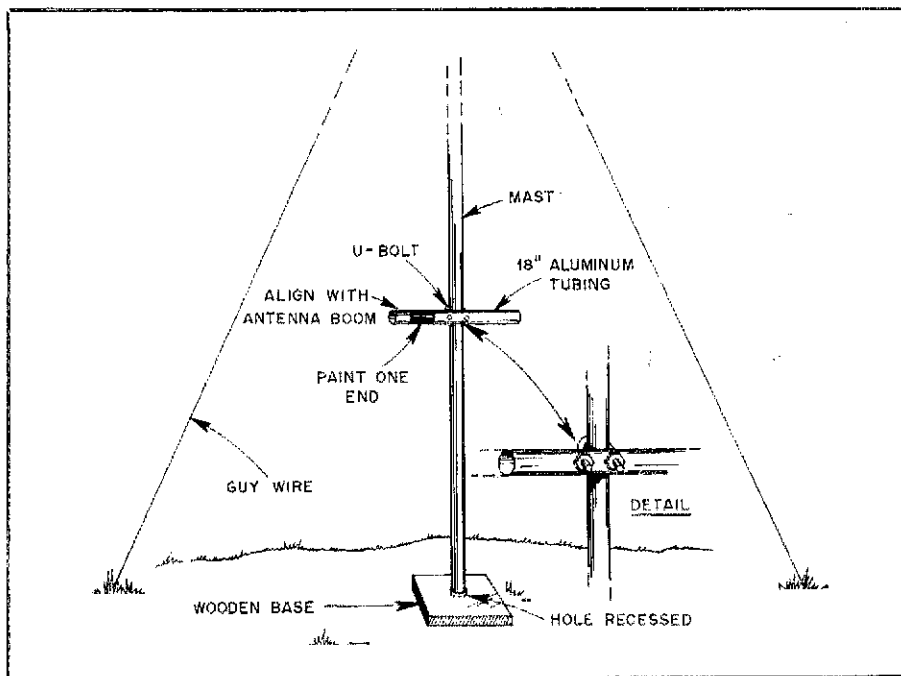


Fig 1—A close-up of the "Armstrong" rotator, used for quick peaking of signals.

at the popular shack of radios. They are easily transportable. Important, too, is the method of antenna rotation. If you can install the antenna mast right next to the operating position, do it. It will save all the hassle of installing motorized rotators. Nothing beats the "Armstrong" method for speed and simplicity. I use a crosspiece of aluminum tubing mounted with U bolts to the mast at arm level. See Fig 1. This provides instantaneous antenna-peaking capability—a necessity on V/UHF. While home stations are twirling their antennas in every direction trying to peak a weak signal, I've already worked him!

Installing antennas for several bands on the same mast is recommended. They should be oriented in the same direction. Many contacts on UHF are the result of moving stations over from other bands. For example, in a contest if you move a multiplier to 432 MHz after first working on 2 meters, and both antennas are on the same mast, you will first want to peak the signal on 144 MHz. Then, when you QSY to 432 MHz, where the antennas are probably a bit more sharp and propagation perhaps marginal, both antennas will be pointing at each other for maximum signal. This can make the difference in whether the contact is made.

If your mountaintop operation involves staying overnight, additional attention must be paid to having the proper survival equipment. The most luxurious way to go is a van or RV. Otherwise, a tent will be required. For the rugged, outdoors type, this can be as appealing as the radio part. I find that cooking steaks over a campfire with a canopy of stars overhead (while a programmable keyer is calling CQ) is half

the fun. But keep this aspect of the operation as simple as possible. Champagne and caviar can be held for another time. I've also found out the hard way that one can



This photo of W1XX/2, taken from atop a nearby fire tower, shows all the equipment lined up on the on-site picnic table. A tarpaulin is always in readiness in case of inclement weather. Two masts of different heights are at opposite ends of the operating table. (photo by Daran Ostrover and Bill Thomas)

## VHF and UHF Contests†

Early January	ARRL VHF Sweepstakes
Mid April	ARRL 2-meter Sprint
Late April	ARRL 220-MHz Sprint
Early May	ARRL 432-MHz Sprint
Early May	ARRL 1296-MHz Sprint
Mid May	ARRL 6-meter Sprint
Mid June	ARRL June VHF QSO Party
Mid July	CQ Worldwide VHF WPX Contest
Early August	ARRL UHF Contest
Mid September	ARRL September VHF QSO Party

†See Contest Corral in the appropriate issue of QST for operating details.

expect heavy winds on mountaintops. Large tents blow down easily in such weather.

Further on the subject of weather, just because you're topping it in July or August, don't expect it will always be T-shirt and shorts weather. No matter what the season, expect to need a heavy jacket after dark. I always bring a heavy flannel shirt and ski jacket for night, and shorts in the daytime. And bring lightweight raingear, just in case. And depending on the habitat, don't be surprised to be introduced to a critter or two, especially after dark!

## Getting Started

Okay, you've read this far and are beginning to say to yourself: "Self, I think I'd like to try that." But there is a little voice of caution in you that says: "Don't go bonkers until you've sampled a little first." Good advice!

Start out by setting up on an easily accessible mountain for an afternoon during a contest period (see table) on a single band. For a first effort, I recommend 2 meters. With so many 10-W multimode rigs out there in radioland, 2 meters is your "bread and butter" band. Using a multi-element Yagi a few feet off the ground of a strategically located mountain or hill can whet your appetite. I first got hooked by operating from the side of a highway on Hogback Mountain, Vermont, with a 3-W portable 2-meter radio to a 30-W brick and 11-element Yagi. I was astounded by the results, with contacts hundreds of miles away. This launched my interest in acquiring more equipment for portable mountaintop use, each operation adding a new band or better antenna. The basic formula of keeping it lightweight and simple has prevailed, however.

Now what's holding you back from operating from Mount Everest?

## Notes

†A grid-square locator is a four-character designation of location encompassing a 2° longitude by 1° latitude square. The first two letters define the "field" (20° × 10°), followed by two numbers that indicate the unique square.

‡J. Lindholm, "VHF/UHF Century Club Awards," QST, Jan 1983, p. 49.

# Club Involvement in the Volunteer Examiner Program

One ARRL-affiliated club describes its system for success in giving Amateur Radio exams.

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One of the most exciting and challenging things to happen in the history of Amateur Radio has been the creation of the Volunteer Examiner Program. As a result of action by the Federal Communications Commission, radio amateurs all over the country are now conducting test sessions that lead to new and upgraded Amateur Radio licenses. The ARRL has been the leading force in ensuring that the process is uniform and of a high quality.

This article describes the experiences of the Bryan (Texas) Amateur Radio Club, an ARRL-affiliated club. We have established and developed a successful system for conducting test sessions under the Volunteer Examiner (VE) Program. We hope the information provided will be useful to other clubs in starting or improving their local VE Teams.

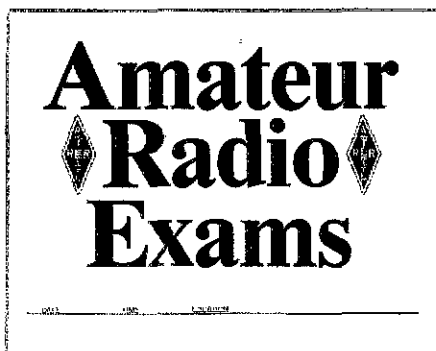
## Establishing a VE Team

Our community was fortunate in getting started with the VE Program because we had a pool of ARRL-accredited Volunteer Examiners very early in the game. Shortly after the League announced its involvement as a VEC, five local radio amateurs became accredited by the League's Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) office. As a result of our first test session, two more persons upgraded and became examiners. We now have 10 ARRL-accredited VEs in the club.

Local radio amateurs were anxious to conduct examinations from the very beginning. The five League-accredited VEs from the Bryan Amateur Radio Club decided to take the plunge and schedule a session. The club agreed to handle logistical support for the VEs, providing facilities, publicity and the application processing.

## The First Session

It would be nice, but not accurate, to say that the success of the first session was due



Public announcement of an Amateur Radio exam is not only required by the FCC, it's a vital part of ensuring good attendance at your test session. In addition to seeking coverage by local newspapers and radio and television stations, many Volunteer Examiner Teams post this sign at businesses and in civic buildings. The sign appears on the back of the ARRL's *VE Manual*.

to good organization and extensive planning. Such was not the case, although the session *was* a success—things went fairly smoothly, resulting in 13 new or upgraded licenses.

All of us were new at the game, though, and we operated by the "seat of our pants." We were successful for two reasons: One was the superb support of the ARRL/VEC. The League's *VE Manual* was an invaluable how-to-do-it source. The timeliness and quality of the ARRL/VEC's materials provided were also excellent.

The second reason we were successful was because of the dedication, innovativeness and cooperativeness of the members of the VE Team. These people overcame all obstacles with patience, and good humor and with smiles on their faces. *[Experience has shown that the local VE Teams have proven their excellence in handling the many unexpected twists and*

*quirks that have developed in conducting successful test sessions—Ed.]*

## Learning from Experience

We learned several valuable lessons from the first session, especially that the coordination of an overall VE Team effort in the community should be the responsibility of the local club. We established, therefore, a permanent group to serve as a focal point of the long-term VE Program. Qualified club members have the opportunity to serve as accredited VE Team members, but we need more than this.

Others in the club provide the support services essential to the ongoing success of running test sessions. We believe that a club standing committee needs to be formed. The committee should consist of the following positions: Chairperson (or Team Liaison), Publicity Coordinator and Team Contact Person.

## The Club's Standing Committee

### Chairperson

The most important step in forming a VE Team committee is to select a chairperson with an Extra Class license who also has leadership and organization skills. He or she should be willing to work with a large number of people with different backgrounds, interests, motivation and desires. The coordination of the activities of a widely diverse group of persons requires a chairperson who is good at handling people. The complexity of coordinating the many tasks involved in running a test session also requires a leader who is a good organizer and pays attention to details.

### Publicity Coordinator

One or more persons on the committee should have experience in acquiring publicity. A club member with extensive civil and business contacts often works well in this position. One of the more important qualifications for this job is en-

thusiasm; another is persistence.

### Team Contact Person

The contact person is the point of contact for all potential candidates. Other people may communicate with the Team Contact Person simply because they're interested in Amateur Radio in general. In addition to being able to meet the public effectively, this person must be available to the public. Club members who are retired often are ideal for this job.

### Get Organized—Use Checklists

The Bryan ARC conducts test sessions four times a year. The makeup of the VE and support teams varies with each session. Consequently, each session includes a mixture of experienced persons and some who are participating for the first time.

We designed several checklists that spell out the various tasks to be accomplished. Although the four checklists are not comprehensive, they contain enough information for a person to be able to function well in running a test session.

### Facilities Checklist

An essential part of any good test session involves having an adequate facility. It is surprising how many possibilities exist in a community. Look around and you'll find free test sites in police and fire stations, libraries, schools, banks, churches, hotels and motels, community centers and Red Cross buildings. We used index cards to record the individual features of each potential site, such as size, access and the times each site is available.

When a potential test site is identified, a committee member should visit the site, make a visual inspection and check to see if the site is acceptable (see Site Selection box). The information card about a potential test site should also include the name and phone number of a contact person responsible for the test site, such as the building manager or custodian for a library.

In addition to obtaining the answers to the above questions, the committee member should carefully explain to the

person in charge of the potential facility the purpose of Amateur Radio in general and what the Volunteer Examiner Program is all about in particular. This action will often result in free publicity for the event.

### Administrative Checklists

Conducting a test session is not always something that comes by second nature. The Administrative Kit (see box) includes many important supplies that could easily be overlooked. [The ARRL/VEC recommends that candidates be responsible for providing their own pencils and pens, but it never hurts for the VE Team to have some spares handy!—Ed.]

### Administrative Kit

- \$20 in change
- ARRL VE Manual
- Calculator
- Checklists
- Two extension cords
- File folders
- Black markers for signs
- Red pens for grading
- Packing tape
- Paper clips
- Pencil sharpener
- Pencils (20)
- Ballpoint pens (5)
- Scissors
- "No Smoking" sign
- "Amateur Exam" signs (3)
- Stapler
- Tape player
- Spare tape player

The Publicity Checklist (see box) helps the VE Team meet the FCC's requirements that a test session be announced publicly in advance. It includes a kit containing sample news releases, letters, signs used to publicize the event (from the back of the ARRL's VE Manual) and lists of agencies (such as clubs, electronics stores and industrial firms) that should receive examina-

### Publicity Checklist

- Sample news release
- Mailing list of local newspapers
- Mailing list of local radio and TV stations and local cable-TV offices
- Mailing list of local clubs, schools, electronics stores and industrial firms
- Publicity posters advertising session

tion announcements. By the way, we have had excellent success in getting public-service announcements aired during prime time on local radio and television stations.

Table 1 lists the Team Contact's jobs in a "countdown" format. This is keyed on how many days before or after the test day something is to occur. The Team Contact's prime responsibility is to handle inquiries from candidates and prepare them for the day of the test.

Table 2 (see page 53) is a master "countdown," the Exam Session Time Table, also keyed on the number of days before or after a session something is to occur. This is adapted from a similar checklist that appears in the ARRL/VEC's VE Manual. Our version shows the person responsible for each activity and takes into account FCC, ARRL/VEC and local requirements.

The Exam Day Support Checklist (see page 53) highlights the important things that must be done during the day of the examination. This is very helpful when you can use Advanced Class Volunteer Examiners and non-accredited helpers to really make your test session shine!

### Conclusion

All of these items are found in the ARRL's VE Manual. We found, however, that arranging them in simple checklist form greatly assists the process of knowing

(continued on page 53)

### Site Selection

- Quiet location
- Good acoustics
- Number of rooms
- Room capacity
- Type of seating
- Additional space, if needed
- Proper lighting
- Restrooms
- Drinking fountain
- Handicap access
- Good ventilation
- Access to copy machine
- Site for talk-in station
- Waiting area
- Building supervisor

**Table 1**  
**Team Contact's Responsibilities**

Duty	Activity Time Period	Completion Deadline
Publicity distribution	- 45 to - 30 days	- 30 days
Distribute Form 610	- 45 to - 30 days	Test Day
Collect preregistration Form 610s and fees	- 45 to - 27 days	- 27 days
Forward preregistered 610s and fees to Team Liaison	- 27 days	- 27 days
Mail session appointment confirmation letters to preregistered candidates	- 45 to - 7 days	- 7 days
Notify Liaison of postage costs for reimbursement	- 3 days	Test Day
TEST DAY	Day zero	Day zero
Mail post-test letters to candidates, if needed	Test Day	+ 5 days

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About a year ago, we announced a new series of study materials for Amateur Radio licenses. At that time *The ARRL Technician/General Class License Manual* had just come off the presses, and work was under way on *The ARRL Advanced Class License Manual* and *The ARRL Extra Class License Manual*. Since then, thousands of hams have used those manuals to upgrade. Your response to these books has been so favorable that we have also revised our popular Novice training package, *Tune in the World With Ham Radio*, to include many of the same teaching concepts used in the *Advanced* and *Extra Class License Manuals*. The new (5th) edition of *Tune in the World* should prove to be even more useful and popular than the previous editions.

We have now begun work on the second editions of the books in the *License Manual Series*. The FCC released a new Element 3 (Technician/General) question pool in October 1985, and that began the cycle of revision needed to keep the books up to date. The second edition of *The ARRL Technician/General Class License Manual* has been reorganized to include the popular idea of directing the reader to the question pool to study small groups of questions as the appropriate portions of text are covered. This new organization also better reflects the organization of the FCC Study Guide, making the license manuals much easier to follow.

Each chapter of the books in our *License Manual Series* now begins with a list of *key words* with definitions. These *key words*, many of which appear in exam questions, are explained in the text for that chapter. If you are familiar with all of these terms, chances are you have properly prepared for the exam.

We still receive quite a few inquiries about

**Table 1**  
**Important Question Pool Dates†**

License Class	Deadline for Comments to FCC	New Question Pool Released by FCC	New ARRL License Manual Available	New Questions Used on ARRL VEC Exams
Novice	July 1	August	January	February 1
Technician/General	October 1	November	February	April 1
Advanced	January 1	January	May	June 1
Amateur Extra	April 1	May	August	October 1

†All of the dates listed are tentative. They are as accurate as possible at the time of this printing, but depend on the actual dates the FCC releases new Question Pools and on final printing schedules for the *License Manuals*.

what manual to use, or why we decided to split the one manual into three individual ones. The main reason for producing three license manuals (four, if you count *Tune in the World With Ham Radio*) is the FCC schedule for releasing revised question pools. With a different question pool being released every three months, it just is not practical to produce a new edition of a single book every time a new question pool is released. But each book in the *License Manual Series* can be updated once a year. Another consideration is that even if all license classes were included in a single book, if you purchased the manual to study for the Technician or General class license, the Advanced and Extra Class question pools would probably be outdated before you got to study for those licenses anyway!

So what is the publication schedule for the manuals, and how can you determine if you have the correct book? The key is to understand the FCC schedule for releasing new question pools. Table 1 summarizes these schedules for easy reference. Once a question pool has been released by the FCC, Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (VECs) have up to six months to begin using those

questions, although they may begin using the new questions immediately. We can't tell you what other VECs are doing, but the ARRL/VEC announces well in advance the dates when they will begin using the new questions on exams. Generally, the ARRL/VEC waits at least five months before using the new questions. This ensures adequate time for all publishers to update their study materials and have the new books available for students. Keep in mind that these dates are dependent on the actual dates the FCC releases the question pools.

The cover of each *ARRL License Manual* includes the year, such as 1986 for *Tune in the World With Ham Radio* or 1985/1986 for *The Advanced Class License Manual* and *The Extra Class License Manual*. The date on the second edition of *The ARRL Technician/General Class License Manual* is 1986/1987. When the second editions of *The Advanced* and *Extra Class License Manuals* are released, the cover dates will also be 1986/1987. When a new edition is released, there may still be a few copies of the old books on the dealer's shelves for some time. This is why it is important to know when the VEC coordinating your



exam will begin using the new questions. If you are taking the exam before the new pool will be used, the first edition of the appropriate manual is the one you need.

The (green) 80th edition *ARRL Radio Amateur's License Manual* (and all of the larger—8½- × 11-inch—editions) are now outdated and should not be used to study for any exam. If you are ready to begin studying for your Technician or General exam, and will be taking the exam sometime after April 1, you should look for a copy of the second edition of *The ARRL Technician/General Class License Manual*. The question pool released by the FCC in October 1985 has been included in the second edition of this book.

Any book is bound to have a few typographical errors, no matter how carefully it was proofread. Sometimes, we even find that an answer to a question printed in a license manual is incorrect. What can we do about that, and how can you find out about it? We have prepared an Errata Sheet for each book in the *License Manual Series* as soon as we become aware of any significant errors. You can obtain a copy of the Errata Sheet for your manual (if one exists) simply by writing to the License Manuals Editor at ARRL HQ. If you have a specific question about something in the book, state your question clearly.

Other solutions to the problem of how to provide the Errata information, such as including an Errata Sheet with each book when it is sold, or printing the information in *QST*, are just not practical. We have these books printed in relatively small quantities, so as errors are discovered they can be corrected in subsequent printings. When you open your book to the Copyright page, at the bottom of the box on that page you will see the edition number and the printing number listed. If there is no printing number, then you have a first printing of the book. Any way you look at it, the *ARRL License Manual Series* gives you the best study material you can buy!

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## Club Involvement In the VE Program (continued from page 50)

what to do and when to do it. This is crucial for an inexperienced VE Team, but still very useful to veteran Volunteer Examiners.

Running a good test session is a learning experience for our club members. It also promotes fellowship and a sense of accomplishment among the persons that participate, both as examiners and candidates.

Like any "how-to" article describing a

way to build and operate a piece of equipment, this is intended to spark your thinking. Your circumstances will be different, so adapt our suggestions to your local needs.¹

¹For specific information about the ARRL/VEC's test procedures, see page 90 of this issue. The ARRL/VEC welcomes qualified Advanced and Extra Class licensees who wish to become ARRL-accredited Volunteer Examiners. Write to ARRL for details.

### Exam Day Support Checklist

#### Task

- Make and post signs
- Room setup
- Locate photocopier
- Repeater talk-in operator
- Check-in candidates
- Copy licenses as needed
- Bring candidates into exam room
- "Go-fer" as directed by Liaison
- Escort candidates to restroom
- Clean and secure test site

Responsible Person  
(Assigned by VE Team)

Table 2

### Session Countdown for Team Liaison

Task to be Accomplished	Starting Time	Deadline	Responsible Person
Set test date and location; form VE Team	-- 45 days	-- 37 days	Club committee
Mail confirmation letters to candidates when Form 610s are received	—	-- 7 days	Team Contact
Mail Session Registration to ARRL/VEC office	-- 45 days	-- 37 days	Team Liaison
Finalize membership of VE Team	—	-- 27 days	Team Liaison
Preregistration ends; send 610s and fees to Liaison	—	-- 27 days	Team Contact
Send Request for Materials, fees and roster to ARRL/VEC	—	-- 25 days	Team Liaison
ARRL/VEC ships test materials	—	-- 21 days	ARRL/VEC
Materials should have come from ARRL/VEC; call VEC office if they haven't	—	-- 7 days	Team Liaison
Test materials received, immediately inspect materials for completeness and accuracy of shipment; call ARRL/VEC if any problems are noticed	-- 7 days	-- 5 days	Team Liaison
Team Contact notifies Liaison of postage costs to candidates	—	Test Day	Team Contact
TEST DAY—conduct session and complete summary paperwork	—	Day zero	VE Team and club support persons
Return all test materials and completed paperwork to ARRL/VEC	Test Day	+ 5 days	Team Liaison
ARRL/VEC forwards checked 610s to FCC/Gettysburg	When received	No more than 10 days after receipt	ARRL/VEC
FCC issues licenses	+ 4 to + 6 weeks		FCC-Gettysburg

# IARU Region 3 Meets in New Zealand



IARU delegates gathered in Auckland in November to find ways to make the Amateur Radio Service even stronger internationally.

By Richard L. Baldwin, W1RU  
President, IARU

Quite often, there is a single aspect of a meeting or conference that is worthy of note, something truly outstanding in the arrangements or the conduct of the meetings or their results. In Auckland, excellence stood out on every side. Arriving delegates were met at the airport by local amateurs who delivered to each delegate, on the spot, a New Zealand operating permit with special call sign *and* a supply of preprinted QSL cards! The New Zealanders went out of their way to organize and carry out the logistic details of the conference so everything proceeded smoothly and according to plan. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of many, many people, the deliberations of the conference were successful. It was a conference that, while also tackling some of the immediate problems in ham radio, especially in Region 3, truly looked ahead and did some long-range planning.

To give you some idea of the stature of IARU these days, the conference was opened by Mr. Richard E. Butler, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). Not only did Mr. Butler open the conference, but he sat in on the meetings for the first couple of days, giving him an exposure to Amateur

Radio he had not previously enjoyed.

## IARU Triennial Conferences

The "business" of IARU is carried out at triennial conferences of the three regions, one being held each year by an individual region. These conferences are the ultimate decision-making authorities within their respective regions. In 1985, it was the Region 3 IARU Conference, held in Auckland, New Zealand. There, delegates from the various member-societies of Region 3 gathered during the week of November 13 to discuss mutual problems and to find common solutions.

Here's how these conferences function. Several months prior to the scheduled date of the conference, the secretary of the regional organization (in this case, Masayoshi Fujioka, JMIUXU) sends out a call for the meeting, naming the date and place, and calling for papers. The member-societies of the region are urged to prepare papers addressing topics of concern.

What concerns? Well, concerns range from matters affecting QSLing and contests to the adequacy of our preparation for some future ITU World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC). Whatever the topic, it is a matter of concern for the

society presenting the paper, and the conference gives careful consideration to each submission. These papers are submitted to the secretary well in advance of the actual conference, and they are then distributed to each society in the region as well as to key IARU officials worldwide. This ensures that everyone attending the conference has an adequate opportunity to study the papers ahead of time and to give some thought as to how he might participate in the discussion at the conference. What the conference tries to avoid is "surprises"—that is, topics being brought up that the delegates haven't had time to study in advance.

At the conference, the papers are grouped by topic (often, more than one society will address a particular subject) and are discussed by those assembled. Invariably, rather than try to come up with a solution to a particular problem in the group as a whole (which might be rather cumbersome), smaller working groups will be formed. These working groups meet separately and work out solutions, which are then presented to the conference as a whole for approval or modification. There might be five or six working groups, each tackling a different problem or area of concern.

Then, the decisions taken at the conference are supposed to be implemented by those so designated by the conference. For example, some of the actions might be the responsibility of the individual member-societies, the regional officers, or requests made of the Administrative Council, and so on. What the conference has done is establish the policies that will guide the region for the next three years.

### Region 3 Membership

Region 3 is the smallest of the three regions in terms of the number of member-societies, but has the potential of being the largest in terms of numbers of radio amateurs. Japan is a strong and influential member of Region 3, and has a large and active Amateur Radio population. Most of the other societies in Region 3, although enthusiastic and capable of providing excellent leadership, are somewhat smaller in size. But wait, there's a giant in the wings! The Chinese Radio Sports Association (CRSA), representing the People's Republic of China, has recently become a member of the IARU and of the Region 3 Association. The meeting in Auckland was China's first participation in IARU conference activities, and surely not the last. Presently, only club stations are permitted in China, although the number of these is growing constantly. But sometime in the not-too-distant future individual licenses will once again be permitted in China. Then there is the promise of considerable growth—growth that may be limited only by the economics of individual Chinese amateurs obtaining station equipment.

Indeed, the growth in China may be similar to that in Indonesia, which now has a number of amateurs approaching 50,000. Ten years ago, the number of amateur stations in Indonesia was small, and there was concern that economic conditions might limit Indonesian growth. That hasn't proven to be the case. Over the past several years, we have watched with considerable satisfaction as the number of amateurs in Indonesia has grown, and as the amateur organization there has become more and

### What Is the IARU?

The International Amateur Radio Union is a federation of national Amateur Radio societies representing the interests of two-way Amateur Radio communications worldwide. Founded in Paris in 1925, the IARU is governed by a Constitution and Bylaws. It has three regional organizations: Region 1—Africa, Europe, USSR, Middle East (excluding Iran) and Mongolia; Region 2—North and South America, including Hawaii and the Johnston and Midway Islands; Region 3—the rest of Asia and Oceania. The International Secretariat is located in Newington, Connecticut. To date, the IARU has 124 member-societies.

more involved with IARU activities.

### People

People are the heart of any organization—with good people the machine runs smoothly; with not-so-good people, there's sand in the bearings. Auckland was full of good people!

According to IARU tradition, the chairman of a conference is chosen from the host society. So it was that Terry Carrell, ZL3QL, was unanimously named chairman of the Sixth Regional Conference of the IARU Region 3 Association, Nov 13-17, 1985, Auckland. Terry, who is president of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (and who flies 737s for Air New Zealand), was an excellent chairman, doing his job in a thoroughly competent fashion. His right-hand man during the conference, Region 3 Secretary Masa Fujioka, JMIUXU, was always totally aware of what was going on and what needed to be handled next. As a result, the conference ran smoothly and efficiently.

Arthur Godfrey, ZL1HV (much better known as Jumbo), the immediately past president of NZART and a retiring director of the Region 3 Association, was responsible for most of the logistics planning for the conference. He had a great crew of ZL assistants, both OMs and YLs. Their care of delegates and delegates' wives was just super.

Those mentioned previously are only a few of those who were most influential in setting up the conference and making it go. In addition, there were the delegates, observers and assistants themselves, representing the member-societies of the region, including observers from the International Secretariat and the other two IARU regions. Their calls are listed here, by society:

American Radio Relay League (ARRL)  
—W4RA, K1ZZ, W6ZM, N1CIX  
Chinese Radio Sports Association  
(CRSA)—Wang Xun, Huang Yongliang

Japan Amateur Radio League (JARL)  
—JA1AN, JA1HQG, JA1CLN,  
JR1ANP, JA0AD, JA1TZK, JH1UNS,  
JA1FUY, JA1GJE  
Korean Amateur Radio League (KARL)  
—HL1AFR  
Malaysian Amateur Radio Transmitters'  
Society (MARTS)—9M2SS  
New Zealand Association of Radio  
Transmitters (NZART)—ZL3NR,  
ZL2AMJ, ZL2AZ, ZL2NN, ZL2AKV,  
ZL2GX, ZL1BAD, ZL2SJ, ZL2SZ,  
ZL3TLB, ZL1BI, ZL1AOX  
Organisasi Amatir Radio Indonesia  
(ORARI)—YB0MS, YB0BZZ, YB0JH,  
YB0CAR, YC0EBS  
Papua New Guinea Amateur Radio  
Society (PNGARS)—P29CH, P29BP  
Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB)  
—G3GVV, G3OUF  
Wireless Institute of Australia  
(WIA)—VK3ADW, VK1RH, VK4ZXZ,  
VK2DEW  
IARU Region 3 Association—9V1RH,  
JM1UXU, ZL1HV, JA1KAB,  
VK3KI, Tsuyako Miyagi  
IARU—W1RU, W0BWJ  
IARU Region 1 Division—PA0LOU,  
G3FKM  
IARU Region 2—YV5BPG, HK3DEU,  
W7JIE, 9Y4NP  
International Telecommunication  
Union (ITU)—Secretary-General  
Richard E. Butler

### Decisions, Decisions!

What did the conference do? Lots of things, but I'm going to list only those actions that are, in the opinion of this writer, most important to the future of Amateur Radio as a whole. Of course, a *complete* record of the transactions of the conference will be found in the minutes of the meeting transmitted to each member-society in Region 3 and included in the *Region 3*



NZART President/Conference Chairman Terry Carrell, ZL3QL (left), looks on as Chinese delegate Wang Xun addresses the group.



ITU Secretary-General Richard E. Butler addresses the opening ceremony. Conference Secretary Masayoshi Fujioka, JM1UXU, is seated at Mr. Butler's right.



ARRL President Larry Price, W4RA (left), and NZART President Terry Carrell, ZL3QL.

*News* (a periodical circulated to members of Region 3).

a) The conference adopted detailed plans for the 7, 10, 14, 18, 21, 24, 28, 50, 144, 430 and 1240-MHz bands, with the proviso that whenever there were conflicts between the band plans and national regulations, the latter should prevail.

b) All Region 3 members are to submit their proposals for the planning of the 1.8- and 3.5-MHz bands to the Secretary so a suitable paper may be presented to the next Region 3 conference.

c) IARU societies were encouraged to negotiate with their administrations for the allocation, on a local, noninterference basis, of the 10.15- to 10.20-MHz bands, in order to demonstrate the need for expansion of the present allocation to serve the needs of the Amateur Service.

d) All societies were encouraged to take appropriate action to ensure that the transfer procedures specified by ITU would be completed by July 1, 1989, so the 1979 WARC bands can be completely utilized by the Amateur Service.

e) Noting the importance of IARU representation at ITU conferences, the conference agreed that Region 3 should make every effort to provide appropriate representation by Region 3 observers at each ITU conference.

f) The conference adopted, with the understanding that no date has yet been set for another General WARC and that the next such WARC may be limited in scope, a preliminary set of goals and objectives for the Amateur Service that had been suggested by the IARU Administrative Council and are subject to refinement by future regional conferences.

g) The conference asked the IARU Administrative Council to initiate a continuing program of action, to be started forthwith, with the object of ensuring worldwide support for the interests of Amateur Radio before and at future ITU conferences.

h) The conference encouraged the continued participation of IARU in the work of CCIR, particularly in Study Group 8. (The CCIR is the arm of the ITU that provides the technical bases for decisions at ITU conferences.)

i) The conference agreed that sufficient funds should be made available so there

could be adequate Region 3 participation in the Regional Administrative Radio Conference to "Establish Criteria for the Shared Use of the VHF and UHF Bands Allocated to the Fixed, Broadcasting, and Mobile Services in Region 3" sometime in the 1987/88 time frame.

j) The conference recognized the need for a number of improvements to the IARU Constitution and Bylaws, and recommended the adoption of some amendments. The IARU Administrative Council was asked to circulate the recommendations of the conference for discussion and appropriate action by the IARU membership.

k) The conference took action to ensure that there would continue to be two Region 3 representatives at the meetings of the Administrative Council, keeping in mind the need for continuity of representation and the desirability of giving broad IARU experience to those actively involved in the affairs of Region 3.

l) The conference recognized the importance of amateur satellites and resolved that IARU Region 3 members should consider funding of amateur-satellite projects, and further resolved that all frequency-planning matters of both the Amateur and Amateur Satellite Services be coordinated through the IARU organization and that both the Amateur and the Amateur Satellite Services be presented solely by IARU at international telecommunications conferences.

m) The conference, recognizing that the promotion of Amateur Radio in developing countries is an excellent way of encouraging technical and scientific training and knowledge of electronic techniques, as well as a way of strengthening international friendships, and further recognizing that there are different levels of support available and differing individual needs, decided to circulate a questionnaire to all Region 3 societies to determine on the one hand the needs and on the other hand the assistance available.

n) The conference agreed that member-societies should endeavor to limit the number of special prefixes.

o) It was agreed that in addition to the "Human Language System" developed by JARL, the IARU (Region 1) International Locator System, often referred to as the Maidenhead Locator System, be adopted by Region 3 societies.

p) The conference agreed to adopt ARDF rules based on the Region 1 rules, with this matter to be reviewed at the next conference.

q) The conference agreed to adopt in principle the Region 1 HF emergency procedure as adopted by Region 1 at its 1984 Cefalu conference.

r) The conference adopted the recommendations of the IARU Monitoring System Study Group (see *IARU News*, February 1986 *QST*).

s) The Administrative Council was asked to provide encouragement and coordination for the International Beacon Project.



IARU President Dick Baldwin, W1RU (left), shares a convivial moment with JARL President Shozo Hara, JA1AN.

t) The conference adopted the AX.25 protocol as an interim standard for packet radio and asked ARRL, through their Ad Hoc Committee on Amateur Radio Digital Communication, to act as the coordinating body, subject to the requirements of radio amateurs as expressed through IARU.

There you have a synopsis of some of the more significant actions of the conference. As mentioned earlier in this article, that's not all that happened, but we've outlined enough to give you an idea of the sort of IARU activity that will be taking place in the months ahead—all of it with the goal of making the Amateur Radio Service better and more secure in its international position.

### Standard Bearers

For the next three years, David Rankin, 9V1RH, continues as the chairman of the IARU Region 3 directors. His fellow directors are Michael Owen, VK3KI; Keigo Komuro, JA1KAB; Fred Johnson, ZL2AMJ; and D. D. Devan, 9M2DD. Their terms of office are until the next Region 3 conference, which will be held in 1988.

### Korea

Seoul, South Korea will be the site of the next Region 3 conference, to be held in October 1988, immediately following the Olympic Games. In the meantime, there will have been a Region 2 conference in Buenos Aires in 1986 and a Region 1 conference in the Netherlands in 1987. Thus, through the interchange of observers from the three regions, we will continue to have good international liaison.

### Conclusion

And to what purpose this international liaison, and these conferences and all of the rest of the IARU activities? Purely to make sure that the Amateur Radio Service is properly represented on the international scene so that we may fare successfully at future international telecommunications conferences. Everyone has a stake in these activities, and everyone has some responsibility. *Your* way of supporting all of this activity is to support your national society, wherever you may live.

# Board Braves Connecticut in January

Board concerns over FCC issues highlight the January Annual Meeting in Hartford.

By Steve Place, WB1EYI  
Manager, Volunteer Resources

The 1986 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Radio Relay League was held at the Parkview-Hilton Hotel in Hartford, Connecticut on January 23-24. Representatives from each of the 16 regional ARRL Divisions were present, including the newly elected Director from the Pacific Division. Attending a Board Meeting as an ARRL Director for the first time was Rodney J. Stafford, KB6ZV. (The names and addresses of all Directors appear on page 8 of *QST* under the headings of their respective Divisions.)

Elected for two-year terms were Larry E. Price, W4RA, President; Jay A. Holladay, W6EJJ, First Vice President; Leonard M. Nathanson, W8RC and William J. Stevens, W6ZM, Vice Presidents; and Tod Olson, KØTO, International Affairs Vice President. Replacing Mr. Olson as Dakota Division Director is the former Vice Director, Howard Mark, WØOZC. Also reelected were Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ, Secretary Perry Williams, WIUED, and Treasurer James E. McCobb, Jr, K1LLU.

## FCC Matters

A number of issues considered by the Board involve actions with the FCC. After a lengthy and thorough discussion of the pros and cons of ARRL's possible role in the issuance of call signs, the Board instructed staff to continue its work on a proposal to FCC. The President was instructed to convey to the FCC the Board's strong sentiment that all VECs be held to the same high standards in meeting their administrative and clerical responsibilities. Also, the President was instructed to take the necessary action to correct the restrictive and crippling effect on the development of packet radio and, particularly, on packet-radio emergency communications caused by FCC Docket 85-105. Under this Docket a control operator is required to be present at each packet-radio relay point for third-party traffic to be passed, bringing into question the legality of relaying

## Table 1 Board Committees

### Executive Committee (Minute 14)

Larry E. Price, W4RA, Chairman  
Paul Grauer, WØFIR  
George S. Wilson, III, W4OYI  
Frank M. Butler, Jr, W4RH  
Hugh A. Turnbull, W3ABC  
Jay A. Holladay, W6EJJ  
David Sumner, K1ZZ

### Administration and Finance Committee (Minute 48)

Edmond A. Metzger, W9PRN, Chairman  
Clyde O. Hurlbert, W5CH, Alternate Chairman  
Thomas B. J. Atkins, VE3CDM  
James E. McCobb, Jr, K1LLU  
Leonard M. Nathanson, W8RC

### Volunteer Resources Committee (Minute 48)

Mary E. Lewis, W7QGP, Chairman  
Rodney J. Stafford, KB6ZV, Alternate Chairman  
Fried Heyn, WA6WZO  
William J. Stevens, W6ZM

### Publications Committee (Minute 48)

Raymond B. Wangler, W5EDZ, Chairman  
Thomas W. Frenaye, K1K1, Alternate Chairman  
Howard Mark, WØOZC  
Richard Ridenour, KBØZL

### Membership Services Committee (Minute 48)

Lys Carey, KØPGM, Chairman  
Linda S. Ferdinand, N2YL, Alternate Chairman  
Gay E. Milius, Jr, W4UG  
Allan L. Severson, AB8P

such traffic via unattended digipeater links. On another front, Counsel was instructed to file a petition with the FCC to require the labeling of home electronic equipment with regard to its susceptibility to RF energy.

## Operating

The Board was concerned with more than regulatory issues, however, and it addressed a number of operating matters. One of the hot issues was the adoption of a voluntary 160-meter band plan. The result of lengthy discussion was the following recommendation: 1800-1840 kHz is to



In the thick of battle . . . At the table, left to right, Directors Butler, Heyn, Wangler, ARRL Counsel Imlay and First Vice President-Elect Holladay. (all photos courtesy N4MM)



Directors Atkins and Turnbull work during a break.

be used for CW, RTTY and other narrow-band modes, while 1840-2000 kHz is to be used for CW, SSB, SSTV and other wide-band modes; and the 1830-1850 kHz window recommended for intercontinental QSOs. Awards fared well, with the Board's authorizing ARRL awards credit (other than for 5-band awards) for all Amateur Radio bands except 10 MHz; and, because of the unique role Field Day plays in emergency preparedness, credit was also authorized for contacts made on all bands but 10 MHz. In addition, the Membership Services Committee was directed to develop a plan for a special Golden Jubilee DXCC

**Table 2**  
**Summary of Board Actions**

**ARRL Organizational (Regarding Articles of Association and Bylaws)**

Minute	Purpose	Disposition
55/68	Amendment of Bylaw 25, Board meeting dates	Postponed/Defeated
85	Amendment of Bylaw 24, recall procedures	Adopted

**Other ARRL Organizational Matters**

6-13	Election of Officers	Adopted
14	Election of Executive Committee	Adopted
25	1986 Budget	Adopted
31	1989 Diamond Jubilee National Convention	Adopted
44/104	Election of ARRL Foundation Directors	Adopted
45	Study PIO/PIA/Clubs' public relations roles	Adopted
48/102	Appointment of Committees	Adopted
51	Section speakers bureaus under PIO	Adopted
56	ARRL Family Membership promotion	Adopted
57	Study ethics and government contact policy	Adopted
60	NWS and CAP Memoranda of Understanding	Adopted
65	Scholarships assigned to ARRL Foundation	Adopted
66	NTS Blue Ribbon study committee	Adopted
70	Local MOUs for ARES officials	Adopted
73	Special Study Committee on Advisory Ctes.	Adopted
74	Vice Directors' attendance at Board Meetings	Adopted
77	Legal Strategy Committee formation	Adopted
78	Forms and brochures to Section Managers	Adopted
80	Study availability of mailing lists from HQ	Adopted
89	Advisory Committee proceedings summaries	Adopted
95	HQ organization chart	Adopted
96	1986 Directors' Division budgets	Adopted
97	Committees' 1986 budgets	Adopted
98	QSL Bureau Manager travel budget	Adopted
99	National Traffic System travel budget	Adopted
100	1986 ARRL Foundation administrative budget	Adopted
101	Supplemental allocation for 1985 NTS travel	Adopted

**Amateur Radio Operations**

26/61	160-m band plan	Tabled/Adopted
27	IARU awards-credit policy on 10 MHz	Adopted
28/50	ARRL awards-credit on all bands but 10 MHz	Postponed/Adopted
45	Study packet radio traffic channels	Adopted
45	Study VHF/UHF packet radio frequencies	Adopted
45	Study operating practices of W1AW	Adopted
52	Golden Jubilee DXCC Award planning	Adopted
63	Study reaction to elimination of QSO Parties	Adopted
67	Field Day credit for all bands but 10 MHz	Adopted
79/84	National Repeater Data Base and advisory	Adopted
86	Review three-tier club competition plan	Adopted

**Legal and Regulatory (Non operating)**

53	Seek to amend FCC Docket 85-105/packet radio	Adopted
88	RF-susceptibility labeling home electronics	Adopted
92	Continue on possible issuance of call signs	Adopted
94	Equal standards required of all VECs	Adopted
103	US call designator precede foreign call	Adopted

**Publications/Media**

45	Study listing packet stations in a directory	Adopted
45	Study diskettes of call directory info	Adopted
45	Study feasibility of ARES training videotape	Adopted
45	Study acquiring videotapes	Adopted
49	Study combining present ARRL newsletters	Adopted
54	Disaster Communications brochure	Adopted
64	Repeater Coordinator's Newsletter for sale	Adopted
69	Study tape-recorded telephone news service	Adopted
72	Board QST directives rescinded	Adopted
75	Convention and Hamfest Guidebook	Adopted

**Miscellaneous**

45	Develop activity for youngsters in clubs	Adopted
45	Study plastic holder for ARES ID card	Adopted
45	Study club liability insurance	Adopted
71	Commend Mrs. Marjorie C. Tenney, WB1FSN	Adopted
76	Study membership "travel plans"	Defeated
81	Radio clubs at US military installations	Adopted
91	Commend Mr. Garfield A. Anderson, KØGA	Adopted



President Price and Executive Vice President Sumner work their way through a knotty issue. (all photos courtesy N4MM)

out, however, that granting access to such a data base does "not constitute nor imply endorsement or recognition of the authority of such coordinators," and it directed that League officials be reminded that "the League, as a matter of policy, takes no part in the (repeater) coordination process."

**Other Matters**

Along organizational lines, the Board created a Legal Strategy Committee to enhance the Volunteer Counsel Program by providing assistance in the areas of antenna ordinances, zoning restrictions as they relate to Amateur Radio operations, and deed restriction problems. Staff was directed to explore the possibilities of national Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with the National Weather Service and Civil Air Patrol, and to implement a plan to promote Local MOUs for use by ARES officials. Staff was further directed, on the final authorization of the Volunteer Resources Committee, to institute a program that would permit ARRL Field Organization volunteers to purchase distinctive, official ARRL call sign badges; the badges will be patterned after the official call sign badges now worn by ARRL elected officials, officers and staff, but will have distinctive background colors that will identify the categories of volunteer service. Finally, the process for selecting the site of the 1989 Diamond Jubilee National Convention, marking the 75th anniversary of the ARRL, was initiated.

**Following This Article . . .**

Tables summarizing the actions taken by the ARRL Board of Directors appear elsewhere in this article. As these charts are only thumbnail descriptions of what happened, we urge you to read the whole text of what interests you in the official Minutes, which follow this article under the heading, "Moved and Seconded."

Award to commemorate the upcoming 50th anniversary of the prestigious DXCC Award. Finally, staff was directed to

establish a computerized National Repeater Data Base for use by frequency coordinators. The Board was careful to point

# Moved and Seconded . . .

MINUTES OF THE 1986 ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INC.  
January 23-24, 1986

## AGENDA

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Moment of Silence
- 3) Consideration of the agenda for the meeting
- 4) Approval of Minutes of 1985 Second Meeting
- 5) Election of Officers
- 6) Election of Directors to Executive Committee
- 7) Supplementary oral reports by the Officers
- 8) Receive reports and consider recommendations of the committees
- 9) Appointment of committees
- 10) Election of Foundation Directors
- 11) Matters for Study and Directors' Motions
- 12) Authorizations of certain expenses for 1986

1) Pursuant to due notice, the Board of Directors of the American Radio Relay League, Inc., met in annual session at the Parkview-Hilton Hotel in Hartford, Connecticut, on January 23, 1986. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 A.M., EST, with President Larry E. Price, W4RA, in the Chair and the following directors present: Thomas B. J. Atkins, VE3CDM, Canadian Division; Frank M. Butler, Jr., W4RH, Southeastern Division; Lys J. Carey, KBPGM, Rocky Mountain Division; Linda S. Ferdinand, N2YL, Hudson Division; Thomas W. Frenaye, K1KI, New England Division; Paul Grauer, W0FIR, Midwest Division; Clyde O. Hurlbert, W5CH, Delta Division; Mary E. Lewis, W7QGP, Northwestern Division; Edmond A. Metzger, W9PRN, Central Division; Gay E. Milius, Jr., W4UG, Roanoke Division; Tod Olson, K0TO, Dakota Division; Fried Heyn, WA6WZO, Southwestern Division; Rodney J. Stafford, KB6ZV, Pacific Division; Hugh A. Turnbull, W3ABC, Atlantic Division; Raymond B. Wangler, W5EDZ, West Gulf Division; George S. Wilson, III, W4OVI, Great Lakes Division.

Also in attendance as members of the Board without vote were Leonard M. Nathanson, W8RC, First Vice President; Jay A. Holladay, W6EJ, Vice President; Richard L. Baldwin, W1RU, International Affairs Vice President; and David Sumner, K1ZZ, Executive Vice President. Also in attendance at the invitation of the Board as observers were the following Vice Directors: Richard P. Beebe, K1PAD, New England Division; Thomas W. Comstock, N5TC, West Gulf Division; Rush S. Drake, W7RM, Northwestern Division; Evelyn D. Gauzens, W4WYR, Southeastern Division; John C. Kanode, N4MM, Roanoke Division; Howard Mark, W0OZC, Dakota Division; Stephen A. Mendelsohn, WA2DHF, Hudson Division; James M. Mozley, W2BCH, Atlantic Division; Lionel A. Oubre, K5DPG, Delta Division; Wayne Overbeck, N6NB, Southwestern Division; Marshall Quiat, AG6X, Rocky Mountain Division; Richard Ridenour, KB0ZL, Midwest Division; and Allan L. Severson, AB8P, Great Lakes Division. There were also present Harry J. Dannals, W2HD, President Emeritus; Honorary Vice President Robert York Chapman, W1QV; Secretary Pery Williams, W1UJL; Past Director William J. Stevens, W6ZM; Counsel Christopher D. Imlay, N3AKD; Canadian Counsel B. Robert Benson, Q.C., VE2VW; John F. Lindholm, W1XX, Membership Communications Manager; Stephen C. Place, WB1EYL, Volunteer Resources Manager; Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, Publications Manager; and Michael R. Zeigler, Controller.

2) The assembly observed a moment of silence in recollection of amateurs who have passed away since the previous Meeting of the Board, especially Harold Richman, W4CIZ, member of the RFI Task Group.

3) The Chair introduced Rodney J. Stafford, KB6ZV, new Director from the Pacific Division; James M. Mozley, W2BCH, new Vice Director from the Atlantic Division; and William J. Stevens, W6ZM, attending for the first time in the new role of Past Director. The Chair recognized Mr. Hurlbert who introduced Lionel A. Oubre, K5DPG, former Director from the Delta Division returning as Vice Director. The Chair presented apologies for the Treasurer, James E. McCobb, K1LLU, absent because of the press of business.

4) On motion of Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Milius, the agenda was adopted as presented.

5) On motion of Mr. Milius, seconded by Mr. Atkins, it was VOTED to approve the Minutes of the 1985 Second Meeting in the form in which they appeared in the September 1985 issue of QST.

6) The Board then proceeded to the election of Of-

ficers. The Chair appointed Messrs. Mendelsohn, Severson and Ridenour as tellers. The Chair declared that nominations for President were open. Mr. Turnbull nominated Mr. Price. On motion of Mr. Milius, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, it was VOTED that nominations are closed. On voice vote, Mr. Price was elected (applause).

7) The Chair declared nominations open for First Vice President. Mr. Wilson nominated Mr. Nathanson. Mr. Wangler nominated Mr. Holladay. On motion of Mr. Milius, seconded by Mr. Wangler, it was VOTED that nominations are closed. Voting was by secret ballot. The tellers found 9 votes for Mr. Holladay to 7 votes for Mr. Nathanson. Accordingly, the Chair declared that Mr. Holladay was elected as First Vice President (applause).

8) The Chair declared nominations open for an additional Vice President. Mr. Wilson nominated Mr. Nathanson. Mr. Stafford nominated Mr. Stevens. On motion of Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Olson, it was VOTED that nominations are closed. Voting was by secret ballot. The tellers found 9 votes for Mr. Nathanson, 6 votes for Mr. Stevens and 1 blank vote. Accordingly, the Chair declared Mr. Nathanson elected as a Vice President (applause).

9) The Chair declared nominations open for an additional Vice President. Mr. Stafford nominated Mr. Stevens. On motion of Mr. Milius, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, it was VOTED that the nominations are closed. Whereupon, on voice vote, Mr. Stevens was elected as a Vice President (applause).

10) The Chair declared nominations open for International Affairs Vice President. Mr. Atkins nominated Mr. Olson. Mr. Grauer nominated Mr. Butler. On motion of Mr. Milius, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, it was VOTED that nominations are closed. Voting was by secret ballot. The tellers found 9 votes for Mr. Olson, 7 votes for Mr. Butler. Accordingly, the Chair declared Mr. Olson elected as International Affairs Vice President (applause).

11) The Chair declared nominations open for Executive Vice President. Mr. Metzger nominated Mr. Sumner. On motion of Mr. Milius, seconded by Mr. Butler, it was VOTED that the nominations are closed. Whereupon, on voice vote, Mr. Sumner was elected as Executive Vice President (applause).

12) The Chair declared nominations open for Secretary. Mr. Turnbull nominated Mr. Williams. On motion of Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Wangler, it was VOTED that nominations are closed. Whereupon, on voice vote, Mr. Williams was elected as Secretary (applause).

13) The President declared nominations open for the office of Treasurer. Mr. Metzger nominated Mr. McCobb. On motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mr. Stafford, it was VOTED that nominations are closed. Whereupon, on voice vote, Mr. McCobb was elected as Treasurer (applause). Mr. Grauer requested to be recorded as voting opposed.

14) The Chair declared nominations open for four Directors to serve on the Executive Committee for one year. Mr. Atkins nominated Mr. Turnbull. Mr. Wilson nominated Mr. Carey. Mr. Hurlbert nominated Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wangler nominated Mr. Butler. Mr. Carey nominated Mr. Grauer. Mr. Butler nominated Mr. Wangler. Mr. Frenaye nominated Mrs. Ferdinand. On motion of Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Milius, it was VOTED that nominations are closed. With 9 votes required for election, at the end of the first ballot it was announced by the tellers that Messrs. Grauer and Wilson were elected. At the end of the second ballot, Mr. Butler was declared elected. At the end of the third ballot, Mr. Turnbull was declared elected. Accordingly, the Chair announced that Messrs. Grauer, Wilson, Butler and Turnbull would be Director members of the Executive Committee for one year (applause).

15) During the course of the above, the Board was in recess from 9:20 to 9:34 A.M.

16) Moving now to agenda item 7, reports of the Officers were presented. In his written report, Mr. Price pointed out that in 1985 the League had a near-record growth in membership, about 15,000, or 12% over 1984. Obvious, he said, are the gains that have been achieved in staff and management efficiency. Other achievements for 1985 are detailed in the editorial of January, 1986, which was made part of the report. In the coming year, the President said, we must have even more League members in order to enlarge our financial base and we must have even more radio amateurs if we are to continue to be seen by governmental decision makers as a growing and vital service. Sometime in the 1990s, Mr. Price warned, it may become necessary for radio amateurs worldwide to once

again face the perils of an allocations conference of the International Telecommunication Union. In brief oral remarks, the President urged League officials to think positively about Amateur Radio's future and to "talk up Amateur Radio, to talk up ARRL."

17) First Vice President Nathanson, while acknowledging the growth of 15,000 in League membership, pointed out that this was a partial success, less than had been hoped for a year earlier. The Volunteer Examining program showed it could sustain itself and provide the amateurs of the country with more opportunities than had been possible under FCC administered examinations. An active campaign by ARRL led to a declaration by FCC of partial pre-emption over amateur antennas, in PRB-1. This was followed by victory in the case of *Thernes v. City of Lakeside Park, KY*, in the US Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit, which remanded the case to the District Court to fashion a decision in consonance with PRB-1. Challenges remained, in the possibility of the League's administering the call sign program for FCC, in updating W1AW, in streamlining Advisory Committee procedures and in, especially, attracting new people to Amateur Radio.

18) A brief written report by Vice President Anderson was presented. It called attention to the progress of both the Volunteer Examining and Volunteer Monitoring programs and touched on the work of the Publications Committee on which Mr. Anderson served.

19) Next came the report of Vice President Holladay. The past year was the first in which amateur radio volunteers had complete responsibility for administering license examinations, he said. Other highlights were the favorable ruling on PRB-1 and the second amateur radio operation from space aboard the Space Shuttle *Challenger*. Areas in which the League should focus its energies in the coming year include attracting new radio amateurs by sponsoring a good "Elmer" program. Others are enhancing the public service aspects of Amateur Radio and fostering the application of new technology such as packet radio and satellites. Finally, we must continue to support and encourage local and regional frequency coordination efforts, Mr. Holladay said.

20) The report of the Vice President for International Affairs, Mr. Baldwin, focused on his other role as President of the International Amateur Radio Union. Its primary goal is to make sure that Amateur Radio is adequately represented at and between international telecommunication conferences. To this end, IARU was represented at the Geostationary Satellite Conference in August, at Geneva. The IARU delegation comprised W1RU, I1RYS, SP5FM, YU7NQM, HK3DEU and JMIUXU. In November there were meetings of the IARU Administrative Council in Melbourne, Australia and the Region 3 Triennial Conference in Auckland, New Zealand. IARU, he said, will begin WARC preparatory travel, explaining to IARU societies the necessity of adequate liaison with their government telecommunication authorities.

21) The Executive Vice President, Mr. Sumner, presented an extensive written report covering membership and amateur radio statistics, finances, personnel, publications (particularly improvements in productivity from even greater use of computers), the *Handbook*, many other items in the League library, an earlier schedule for the production of QST beginning with the April issue, DX Century Club application backlog status, Project Goodwill, the reorganization of Hq., draft criteria for the 1989 Diamond Anniversary National Convention, and the recruitment program. Appended to the report were charts showing the status of action items from the 1985 Second Meeting of the Board; a report on the possibility of using Amateur Radio in electronics and communications schools of the nation's armed forces; a study on a possible national repeater data base; a report on the feasibility of a national archive facility for Amateur Radio and a report on revitalizing the ARRL Instructor Program. During the course of the above the Board was in recess from 10:27 to 10:58 A.M.

22) The extensive report of Counsel Imlay covered maintenance of question pools, FCC Docket 85-196; the ARRL petition to enhance Novice privileges, RM-5038; frequency coordination of repeaters, Docket 85-22; deregulation of auxiliary operation, Docket 85-215; field disturbance sensors, General Docket 85-231; various TV interface matters; waiver for use of amateur radio frequencies for newsgathering purposes, PRB-2; F2A emissions in the 29.5-29.7 MHz repeater subband, PR Docket 85-168; cable television interference matters; F8E emissions above 928 MHz,

RM-5028; creation of a new radio service and allocation of spectrum for owners of personal computers, RM-5241; and a draft proposal for the labelling of home entertainment devices. The report also covered the Electronics Communications Privacy Act of 1985, S.1667 and H.R.3378. The twin victories of PRB-1 and *John Thernes v. City of Lakeside Park, KY* were covered as well.

23) Canadian Counsel Benson presented a short report concerning the Canadian trademark problem, now solved; corporate activities; membership contacts on tower and RFI problems, and several antenna By-Laws in Canadian cities.

24) Mr. Grauer, as President, presented the report of the ARRL Foundation. Highlight of the year was reaching the goal of \$50,000 to endow the Barry Goldwater Scholarship Fund. Other scholarship activity was also covered in the report. Funds of the Foundation increased from \$120,000 to almost \$180,000 by yearend.

25) The Board then moved on to agenda item 8, reports of committees. Mr. Metzger, as Chairman, presented the extensive report of the Administration and Finance Committee. Highlights of his written report included the Committee's acceptance of the 1986 HQ operating budget and recommendation for its ratification by the entire Board of Directors; review of the Headquarters' staff job-classification system, performance evaluation program and "Employee Manual" revision; upgrades to the Headquarters' central Honeywell minicomputer; and the phase out of the Washington, DC, Development Office and staff, with the transfer of certain functions to the Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut. In an annex to its report, the Committee presented the results of its year-long feasibility study of relocating ARRL Headquarters. Its recommendation to the Board is to terminate the study as the Committee was unable to find a clear benefit to the League and its objectives, nor sufficient advantage to Amateur Radio generated by such a move to offset the costs of that move. Mr. Metzger further reported that the Treasurer's report had been presented to the Administration and Finance Committee at a meeting the day before by Mr. McCobb who would be unable to attend the Board meeting. It was moved by Mr. Metzger, seconded by Mr. Butler, that the report be received and the budget for 1986 adopted. After discussion, Mr. Hurlbert, seconded by Mr. Wilson, Moved the Previous Question. The Chair ruled that, on request of a member, in accordance with Board custom and practice, the question would be decided by roll call vote. Mr. Heyn appealed the ruling of the Chair. The assembly sustained the ruling of the Chair. Whereupon, on a roll call vote, the Board VOTED to terminate discussion of the budget, 13 votes in favor to 3 opposed. Those voting in the negative were Mrs. Ferdinand, Mr. Frenaye, and Mr. Heyn; all the other directors voted aye. Whereupon, a roll call vote again being called for, the budget was adopted 13 votes in favor to 3 opposed. All the directors voted aye, except Mrs. Ferdinand, Mr. Frenaye and Mr. Heyn, who voted no.

26) The Report of the Membership Services Committee was presented by its Chairman, Mrs. Lewis. It was moved by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Frenaye, that a band plan for the 160 meter band be adopted as follows: 1.800-1.840 MHz, CW, RTTY, other narrow band modes; 1.840-2.000 MHz, SSB, SSTV, other wide band modes. Further, that because the segment from 1830 kHz to 1850 kHz is the most common international allocation on 160 meters, amateurs are encouraged to utilize that segment for intercontinental QSOs only. And further, to help ensure orderly use of the band, that Counsel file a petition with the FCC to revise Section 97.61 of the Rules to reflect the mode segments delineated above. It was moved by Mr. Hurlbert, seconded by Mr. Grauer, that the matter be referred back to the Membership Services Committee for further study with a report to be presented at the July Meeting of the Board. After discussion, the ayes and nays being ordered on request, the motion to refer was defeated, 3 votes in favor to 13 votes opposed. Those voting in favor were Messrs. Grauer, Hurlbert and Metzger; all the other Directors voted against the motion to refer. It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Heyn that the motion be amended to add "CW" to the upper portion, so it would read "... 1.840-2.000 MHz, CW, SSB, SSTV, other wide band modes." It was moved by Mr. Frenaye, that the amendment be amended by deleting specific modes and substituting "to restrict the wideband mode segment to 1.840-2.000 MHz," but there was no second, so the motion to amend the amendment was lost. It was moved by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Carey, that the matter be laid on the table. On a point of order raised by Mr. Heyn, the Chair ruled that the motion to table was in order. Mr. Heyn appealed the ruling of the Chair and requested a roll call vote. All of the Directors voted to sustain the ruling of the Chair except Mr. Heyn and Mr. Milius. The question then being on the motion to

table, the same was ADOPTED; Messrs. Frenaye and Milius and Mrs. Lewis requested to be recorded as voting no. During the course of the above the Board was in recess for lunch from 12:36 to 1:53, reconvening with all members hereinbefore mentioned present except Mr. Zeigler, who returned to the Hq.

27) It was moved by Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, that the President is to actively pursue a uniform IARU policy regarding awards credit for contacts made on 10 MHz. After discussion, on motion of Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Atkins, it was VOTED that the motion be amended to read: "The President is to actively pursue persuading IARU to adopt a policy regarding awards credit for contacts made on 10 MHz, similar to that of ARRL." Mr. Frenaye requested to be recorded as voting no on the amendment. The question then being on the motion as amended, the same was ADOPTED. Mr. Frenaye again requested to be recorded as voting no.



Past International Affairs Vice President Baldwin, Canadian Counsel Benson, and Directors Atkins and Turnbull.

28) It was moved by Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, that ARRL awards credit be recognized for contacts made on all amateur radio bands, with the exception of 10 MHz because of our secondary status to other services. After discussion, on motion of Mr. Wangler, seconded by Mr. Heyn, it was VOTED to postpone discussion of this matter until tomorrow. Mr. Frenaye requested to be recorded as voting against the motion to postpone.

29) Mr. Butler, as Chairman, presented the report of the Publications Committee, covering a reply paid feedback form, new membership stationery, QST index, changes in the 1986 edition of the *Operating Manual*, the publications master schedule, the forthcoming *Field Resources Directory*, QST contest coverage, shipping and handling fees, and price marking of ARRL publications.

30) Mr. Wilson, as Chairman, presented the report of the Volunteer Resources Committee, which had conferred the Herb S. Brier Instructor of the Year Award for 1984 on Mr. Gordon West, WB6NOA; 1984 Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award on Donald R. Santangelo, KAZRIW; and the 1985-1986 Goldwater Scholarship on Clark S. Barrow, K14UT. Other matters in the report were the determination that no action was required on a proposal for a club-membership category; local Memoranda of Understanding; a favorable progress report on the technical information service; the timetable for the ARRL International Humanitarian Awards; distinctive call sign badges for field organization appointees; revised requirements for the Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge; volunteer monitoring matters; volunteer examining program matters; a new certificate for Special Service affiliated clubs and the recommendation to appoint a Blue Ribbon committee on the National Traffic System in light of the Mexican earthquake situation.

31) Mr. Price, as Chairman, presented the report of the Executive Committee. With reference to Minute 66, Second Meeting of 1985, the President will continue informal efforts to achieve standardization of both the Morse and the written tests. Draft criteria for selection of the site of the 1989 Diamond Jubilee National Convention were presented. On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Wangler, the criteria were approved as follows:

The 1989 ARRL National Convention will be one of the main activities to mark the 75th, or Diamond, Anniversary of the American Radio Relay League. Accordingly, in addition to the usual criteria, the following will be used in selecting the site and the sponsoring local organization for this convention:

1. The convention shall give attendees a historical perspective, and a look ahead to the last quarter of the League's first century. Applicants should address as

specifically as possible their plans in this regard.

2. The convention shall provide attendees with a commemorative souvenir that will form a lasting part of their Amateur Radio memorabilia.

3. The convention shall provide non-attendees with an opportunity to share in the experience through QSOs with a special convention station, through videotaped highlights for distribution by ARRL to its affiliated clubs, and through other means to be proposed by the convention committee at the time of application.

4. The convention application shall demonstrate financial and personnel resources sufficient to accomplish these aims, in addition to the usual high caliber of National Convention programs and exhibits.

5. The location will be selected so as to provide for a relatively large attendance.

Announcement of these criteria shall be made in March and April 1986 QST. Applications received by the Secretary by July 1, 1986 will be circulated to Board members, and the selection made at the 1986 Second Meeting of the Board from among the applications thus received. If no fully qualified applicant steps forward for July 1, the application process shall be repeated prior to the 1987 Annual Meeting of the Board. The application itself, and supporting documentation addressed specifically to the above-listed criteria, will be duplicated for Board members at League expense; for other supporting material such as Convention and Visitors Bureau pamphlets, letters from local officials, etc., the convention committee should supply 24 copies of each at the time of application.

32) Mr. Atkins, as Chairman, presented a brief report for the Ad Hoc Committee on the Strengthening of CRRL. Everything is right on schedule, and CRRL will be operating as a financially independent entity from January 1986 onwards. This is in accordance with the CRRL five year plan timetable, for the end of the third year.

33) Mr. Butler, as Liaison, presented the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Amateur Spread-Spectrum Radio Communication. Effective June 1, 1986 the FCC has authorized spread-spectrum communication on the amateur radio bands above 420 MHz. Interim standards to assure interoperability between amateur stations using this new mode will be developed and presented in QST by the effective date for use of the new mode.

34) Mr. Turnbull, as Chairman, presented the report of the RFI Task Group. A voluntary standard for RF immunity in television sets and VCRs is about to be adopted by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). On another front, ARRL has opposed efforts to relax leakage standards for cable television. Studies of the "ingress" problem with NCTA, the National Cable Television Association, are continuing.

35) Mr. Wangler, as Chairman, presented the report of the ARRL Committee on the Biological Effects of RF Energy. The Committee continues to monitor FCC and other governmental activities in this area. Efforts are underway to educate Amateur Radio operators on the proper and prudent use of RF energy. Questions on RF safety will be submitted for addition to the FCC Volunteer Exam Question Pools.

36) Mr. Quiat, as Liaison, presented the report of the ARRL Committee on Amateur Radio Digital Communication. The number of Terminal Node Controllers (TNCs) in the hands of Amateurs had risen to 10,000 in late 1985 from 4,000 early in the year. Packet radio is essentially a one-frequency operation at present; efforts must be made to increase the frequencies available and the speeds in use so as to avoid congestion. Development of new protocols and new software for packet radio continues. The Board was in recess at 3:13 P.M., reconvening at 3:47 P.M.

37) Mr. Nathanson, as Chairman, presented a brief oral report for the Task Force on Federal Preemption. With the adoption of PRB-1 by the FCC and its confirmation in the federal courts in the case of *Thernes v. City of Lakeside Park, Kentucky*, the work of the task force is essentially complete. The Board demonstrated its appreciation of the work done by the Task Force on Federal Preemption with a round of applause.

38) The Board now turned to the reports of its Advisory Committees. Mr. Butler, as Liaison, reported on the work of the VHF Repeater Advisory Committee, including studies of band plans for 23 centimeters and 440-450 MHz.

39) Mr. Drake, as Liaison, presented a brief oral report for the Contest Advisory Committee. A number of matters continue under study including the 160-meter DX window, club competition rules changes, use of 10 MHz in contests, DX contest rules changes, use of spotting nets, and separate multiplier status for VEB and VY1 stations.

40) Mr. Kanode, as Liaison, reported for the DX Advisory Committee which has studies underway on a golden anniversary DXCC operating event, Council of Europe country status, and updating and clarification of the DXCC country criteria.

41) Mr. Beebe, as Liaison, presented a report of the



Emergency Communications Advisory Committee. In answer to a question referred to it by the Board, the ECAC was prepared to support longer RACES drill periods, as proposed by Beverly, Massachusetts. That petition, however, has been dismissed by FCC. The Committee found no need to produce a new identification badge, but suggested a holder for the present ID card so it could be worn. The Committee's report included a draft of a proposed pamphlet on ARES. On motion of Mr. Hurlbert, seconded by Mr. Butler, it was VOTED to accept the report of the Emergency Communications Advisory Committee with thanks for a job well done.

42) Mr. Mendelsohn, as Liaison, presented the report of the Public Relations Advisory Committee, in which they stated a preference for the Marvel Comics group (Spiderman, Captain America, etc.) to produce an illustrated educational brochure for young people. Progress was reported on the slide show for served agencies. The Committee also outlined a possible approach to identifying ways to promote League membership.

43) Mr. Overbeck, as Liaison, reported briefly for the VHF/UHF Advisory Committee, essentially stating that its activity had been low and it had no formal report.

44) Proceeding next to the election of ARRL Foundation Directors, on motion of Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Butler, it was VOTED that Messrs. Metzger and Carey are reelected for another three-year term.

45) On motion of Mr. Carey, seconded by Mr. Atkins, it was VOTED, at 5:07 P.M., to recess for dinner, reconvening thereafter to continue the work of the Board. The assembly was called to order at 8:26 P.M. with the same persons present as the afternoon session, with the exception of Mr. Lindholm. Moving to Agenda item 11, Matters for Study and Directors' Motions, the following items were accepted without dissent, for assignment to committees for study:

a) By Mr. Wangler: Study designation of packet radio traffic channels; to the Membership Services Committee.

b) By Mr. Wangler: Development of activity for youngsters in radio clubs; to Volunteer Resources Committee.

c) By Mr. Frenaye (for the ECAC): Study plastic holder for existing ARES ID card; to staff.

d) By Mr. Butler: Study the Public Information Officer/Public Information Assistant and club public relations roles; to the Public Relations Advisory Committee.

e) By Mr. Grauer: Study the club liability insurance plan; to the Membership Services Committee.

f) By Mr. Wilson: Study listing packet stations in a Directory; to the Publications Committee.

g) By Mr. Wilson: Study costs of diskettes of Call Directory information; to the Publications Committee, for a report by the next Annual Meeting.

h) By Mr. Stafford: Study recommended operating frequencies for VHF and HF packet radio; jointly to the Membership Services Committee, the VHF-UHF Advisory Committee, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Amateur Radio Digital Communications.

i) By Mr. Stafford: Study feasibility of producing a videotape to train Emergency Coordinators and ARES members; to the Emergency Communications Advisory Committee.

j) By Mr. Grauer: Study operating practices of WIAW; to the Membership Services Committee.

k) By Mr. Olson: Study acquiring of videotapes which depict amateur radio activities/subjects; to the Volunteer Resources Committee.

46) On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Carey, it was VOTED to recess at 8:45 P.M., reconvening on the morrow at 8:35 A.M., with all persons hereinbefore mentioned present except Messrs. Beebe and Zeigler.

47) The Chair reported the resignation of International Affairs Vice President Elect Olson as the Dakota Division Director and recognized Mr. Mark, who assumes the office of Dakota Division Director, both to take effect at the conclusion of the meeting (applause).

48) Moving to agenda item 9, Appointment of Committees, Mr. Price announced the following appointments:

**Administration and Finance**—Mr. Metzger, Chairman; Mr. Hurlbert, Alternate Chairman; Mr. Atkins; Treasurer McCobb; Vice President Narhanson.

**Volunteer Resources**—Mrs. Lewis, Chairman; Mr. Stafford, Alternate Chairman; Mr. Heyn; Vice President Stevens.

**Publications**—Mr. Wangler, Chairman; Mr. Frenaye, Alternate Chairman; Mr. Mark; Vice Director Ridenour.

**Membership Services**—Mr. Carey, Chairman; Mrs. Ferdinand, Alternate Chairman; Mr. Milius; Vice Director Severson.

49) Continuing with agenda item 11, on motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mrs. Ferdinand, it was VOTED that the Publications Committee study the

feasibility of combining present ARRL newsletters into a single, inexpensively produced publication able to carry material in a more timely and cost-effective manner than separate newsletters, and be made more widely available to the ARRL membership.

50) It was moved by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Frenaye, that ARRL awards credit other than for five band awards, be recognized for all Amateur Radio bands, with the exception of 10 MHz because of our secondary status to other services. After discussion, on motion of Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Stafford, it was VOTED that the motion is amended by striking all text after "10 MHz"; whereupon, the motion as amended was ADOPTED.

51) On motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Milius, it was VOTED that the job description for the Section Public Information Officer be modified to include the responsibility for establishing a speakers bureau within the Section to provide amateurs to present talks on Amateur Radio to non-amateur groups including schools, service clubs, civic groups, etc.

52) It was moved by Mr. Milius, seconded by Mr. Stafford, that the Membership Services Committee develop a plan for a special Golden Jubilee DXCC Award, and report back to the Board at the July 1986 meeting. Moved by Mr. Hurlbert, seconded by Mr. Wangler, that the motion be amended by substituting for "develop" the phrase "study feasibility of developing." After discussion, the motion to amend was LOST. The question thereupon being on the original motion, the same was ADOPTED.

53) On motion of Mr. Carey, seconded by Mrs. Ferdinand, it was VOTED that the President take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate to cause FCC Docket 85-105 to be amended to correct its restrictive and crippling effect on the development of packet radio and packet-radio emergency communications caused by requirements for the control operator to be present at domestic intermediary relay points for transmission of third-party traffic. Mr. Ridenour took the seat for Mr. Grauer at 9:17 A.M.

54) On motion of Mr. Heyn, seconded by Mr. Butler, it was VOTED that the Executive Vice President is instructed to have produced, in sufficient quantity to permit field testing, a brochure explaining amateur radio disaster communications capabilities. The brochure is to be similar in design and objectives to that proposed by the ECAC, and is intended for distribution to the media and served agencies.

55) It was moved by Mr. Wangler, seconded by Mr. Atkins, that By Law 25 be changed, the first sentence to read "Beginning on the 4th Friday of January," and the second sentence to read, "Beginning on the 4th Friday of July," effective January 1, 1987. After discussion, upon motion of Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Wangler, it was VOTED to postpone action on the motion to be among the first business after lunch. During the course of the above, Mr. Grauer returned to his seat at 9:30 A.M.

56) At 9:36 A.M. Mr. Oubre took the seat for Mr. Hurlbert. On motion of Mr. Oubre, seconded by Mr. Olson, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

WHEREAS, it is desirable to increase the percentage of ARRL members in relationship to the number of licensed amateurs in the U.S., and

WHEREAS, there is an ever increasing number of "ham families," and

WHEREAS, the ARRL has provisions for a class of "full member" without receipt of QST, and

WHEREAS, there has been very little information disseminated to potential family members,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Vice President accomplish the following, using his discretion as to the most effective and appropriate means:

1. Notify all Life Members of the options available to members of their households who are also licensed amateurs to become Life Family Members or Annual Family Members. Family members selecting Annual Family Membership will be allowed to pay a number of years in advance. Upon the expiration of the membership period, Family Annual Members shall be notified in the same manner as other Annual Members.

2. Track and report to the Board on a regular basis the Family Member population by Division.

57) Mr. Severson took the seat for Mr. Wilson at 9:45. It was moved by Mr. Severson, seconded by Mr. Grauer that the provisions of Part II of the Directors Workbook ("Guidelines for Ethical Conduct of Officers and Directors") and of Part II-A ("Policy Governing Contacts with Federal Government Officials by Members of the ARRL Board") will be applicable to Officers, Directors, Vice Directors and Section Managers. After discussion, on motion by Mr. Holladay, seconded by Mr. Milius, it was VOTED to refer the matter to the Executive Committee. During the course of the above, Messrs. Hurlbert and Wilson returned to the meeting.

58) It was moved by Mrs. Ferdinand, seconded by Mr. Grauer, that it is the policy of the ARRL that ARRL booklets and reference cards intended to educate

and assist in improving public service and operating skills be made available at no cost except for postage. After discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Frenaye, that the motion be amended by striking the text and substituting: "Moved, that Section Managers receive Net Directories for their section leadership appointees at no charge." The Chair ruled that the wording of the motion to amend is not relevant to the original motion; whereupon, Mrs. Ferdinand, with the consent of her second, withdrew the original motion.

59) It was moved by Mr. Grauer, seconded by Mr. Carey that By-Law 13 be changed by substituting the word "General" for the word "Technician." After discussion, Mr. Grauer, with the consent of his second, withdrew the motion on the floor.

60) It was moved by Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mr. Milius, that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the amateurs of the United States have a long tradition of service in emergencies, to the people and their government; and

WHEREAS, agreements in advance to broad principles concerning emergency communications facilitate action in time of need; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the ARRL explore the possibilities of Memoranda of Understanding with the National Weather Service (NWS) and Civil Air Patrol (CAP).

It was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, that the motion be amended by striking the words "and Civil Air Patrol (CAP)." After discussion, a roll call vote being requested, the motion to amend was LOST with 6 votes in favor, 9 votes against, and 1 abstention. Messrs. Atkins and Hurlbert, Mrs. Lewis, Messrs. Metzger, Olson and Wilson voted aye; Mrs. Ferdinand and Messrs. Butler, Carey, Frenaye, Heyn, Milius, Stafford, Turnbull and Wangler voted in opposition to the amendment and Mr. Grauer abstained. The question then being on the original motion, a roll call vote being requested, it was ADOPTED 9 votes in favor, 6 opposed with 1 abstention. Mr. Butler, Mrs. Ferdinand, Messrs. Frenaye, Grauer, Heyn, Mrs. Lewis and Messrs. Milius, Olson and Stafford voted in favor. Messrs. Carey, Hurlbert, Metzger, Turnbull, Wangler and Wilson voted opposed, and Mr. Atkins abstained. During the above the Board was in recess at 10:30 A.M., reconvening at 11:11 A.M.

61) On motion of Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Olson, the matter of the 160-meter band plan was lifted from the table (Min. 26). The question then being on the pending amendment, it was VOTED to amend the original motion to read:

"Moved, that a band plan for the 160 meter band be adopted as follows: 1.800-1.840 MHz CW, RTTY, other narrow-band modes; 1.840-2.000 MHz CW, SSB, SSTV, other wide-band modes. Further, that because the segment from 1830 kHz to 1850 kHz is the most common international allocation on 160 meters, amateurs are encouraged to utilize that segment for intercontinental QSOs only. Further, to help ensure orderly use of the band, that Counsel file a petition with the FCC to revise Section 97.61 of the Rules to reflect the mode segments delineated above." On motion of Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Butler, it was VOTED to amend the amended motion by striking the last sentence. It was moved by Mr. Heyn, seconded by Mr. Milius, that further action be postponed until after lunch; the motion to postpone was LOST. The question thereupon being on the motion to amend the amended motion, a roll call vote being requested, the amendment was adopted with 10 votes in favor, 5 opposed, 1 abstention; Mrs. Ferdinand and Messrs. Frenaye, Milius, Wangler and Wilson voted against the amendment; Mr. Atkins abstained; all other directors voted in favor.

It was then moved by Mr. Hurlbert, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to strike the amended motion and substitute therefor the following: "Moved, that it is recommended that all amateur emissions authorized by FCC regulations in the amateur band 1.8 MHz to 2.0 MHz be voluntarily limited to 3.0 kHz or less in bandwidth." Mr. Frenaye raised a Point of Order questioning the relevance of the amendment to the motion on the floor. The Chair ruled the motion to strike and substitute to be germane and therefore in order. Mr. Frenaye appealed the ruling of the Chair; it was sustained. The question then being on the motion to substitute, it was LOST. The question thereupon being on the motion as amended, the same was ADOPTED. Mr. Milius and Mr. Carey requested to be recorded as voting no. Thus, the League recommends 1800-1840 kHz for CW, RTTY and other narrow-band modes, 1840-2000 kHz for CW, SSB, SSTV and other wide-band modes, and further recommends that only intercontinental QSOs take place in 1830-1850 kHz.

62) It was moved by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, that a summary of all advisory committee proceedings be included in the publication *Field Forum*. After discussion, Mr. Stafford, with his second's consent, withdrew the motion.

63) On motion of Mr. Carey, seconded by Mr.

Butler, it was VOTED that the Membership Services Committee conduct a survey to determine accurately the reaction of members to the elimination of QSO parties cancelled under Minute 68 of the Second Meeting of the Board in July, 1985.

64) On motion of Mr. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Butler, it was VOTED that the Executive Vice President shall determine the costs associated with the reproduction of the Repeater Coordinators Newsletter and offer it for sale to the general membership of the League while continuing free distribution to repeater coordinators. The Chair declared a recess at 12:18 P.M. The Board reconvened at 1:16 P.M. with all persons hereinbefore mentioned present except for Messrs. Beebe, Chapman, Lindholm and Zeigler.

65) On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Carey, it was VOTED that scholarships are not "awards bestowed by the Board" under By Law 40, and will be considered and awarded by the ARRL Foundation rather than by the Volunteer Resources Committee.

66) On motion of Mrs. Ferdinand, seconded by Mr. Wilson, it was VOTED that the recommendation of the Volunteer Resources Committee that the President appoint a Blue Ribbon Committee for study and recommendations as to methods of handling message traffic overloads during an emergency is approved, and the President is directed to appoint such a committee. The budget is amended to include funds for one in-person meeting of the Committee, to be charged to such account as may be directed by the Administration and Finance Committee.

67) On motion of Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Frenaye, it was VOTED that, in light of the unique role that Field Day plays in emergency preparedness, credit be recognized for contacts made on all amateur radio bands, with the exception of 10 MHz.

68) The Board then took up the matter of the revision of By Law 25, to begin Board meetings on Fridays rather than Thursdays, that had been postponed. A roll call vote being required with 12 votes necessary for adoption, the motion was 10 ST, 10 votes in favor, 6 opposed. All directors voted in favor except Mrs. Lewis and Messrs. Grauer, Metzger, Milius, Stafford and Turnbull who voted in opposition.

69) It was moved by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Heyn that the ARRL staff establish a tape-recorded news and information service to be accessed by telephone. After discussion, on motion of Mrs. Ferdinand, seconded by Mr. Butler, it was VOTED to refer the matter to the Membership Services Committee for study.

70) On motion of Mr. Carey, seconded by Mr. Frenaye, it was VOTED that the Executive Vice President is directed to implement the staff plan to actively promote Local Memoranda of Understanding for use by Amateur Radio Emergency Service officials, as approved by the Volunteer Resources Committee.

71) On motion of Mr. Turnbull, seconded by Mr. Frenaye, the following resolution was unanimously ADOPTED:

WHEREAS, Marjorie C. Tenney, WB1FSN, has served on the ARRL Headquarters staff for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, as ARRL Hamfest and Convention Coordinator she has been a friend to countless members of the ARRL Board of Directors, Field Organization members and hamfest and convention committees; and

WHEREAS, her personal touch over the years has made ARRL hamfests and conventions just that much more enjoyable for all; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that this Board commends Marge for her contribution to the League and Amateur Radio and wishes her the very best for a richly deserved, long, healthy and happy retirement. (Applause)

72) Moved by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mrs. Ferdinand, after discussion, it was VOTED that existing Board directives with respect to mandatory monthly presentation of certain QST columns are rescinded. Mr. Heyn requested that he be recorded as voting opposed.

73) Moved by Mr. Hurlbert, seconded by Mr. Olson, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

WHEREAS, the present structure of national Advisory Committees was created by the ARRL Board of Directors in the course of implementation of recommendations of the Long Range Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the dedicated efforts of the appointed members of these Committees, Staff and the Board, the results obtained from these Committees have not reached expectations; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the Committees as now constituted and organized are too large and so underfunded as to prevent realization of expectations; and

WHEREAS, the matter is of such importance and concern that it requires special attention, treatment and expertise, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by this Board that the President of ARRL is directed to appoint a Special Study Com-

mittee, empowered, funded and charged as follows:

a) to study the feasibility of reducing the size of each Committee to a more manageable number;

b) to study the method of selection of membership on the Committees, and their tenure in office;

c) to study funding of the Committees, and determine the feasibility of funding that would permit in-person meetings;

d) to study the structural concept and mission of each Committee and the need for each Committee;

e) to make its findings and recommendations known to the Board with all reasonable dispatch;

f) to make such further studies, findings and recommendations as the Special Study Committee may see fit and proper in the premises;

g) the Special Study Committee here created is hereby funded by an initial appropriation of \$5,000;

h) the Special Study Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the ARRL President, and exist until it shall have completed the tasks assigned to it by the Board, unless earlier abolished by the Board.

74) It was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Carey, that Standing Order No. 80 is amended to read as follows:

"The Board of Directors authorizes the attendance of Vice Directors at Board Meetings. Their attendance will be subject to the approval of the Division Director. Expenses will be chargeable to the Board Meeting account." A roll call vote being requested, the motion to amend was ADOPTED with all directors voting in favor.

75) On motion of Mrs. Ferdinand, seconded by Mr. Grauer, it was VOTED that the Headquarters staff be instructed to prepare, in consultation with experienced members in the field, a guidebook for sponsoring conventions and hamfests.

76) It was moved by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Frenaye, that the Membership Services Committee is requested to continue its study of the desirability of ARRL members being offered vacation travel plans and credit cards, and to include in its study:

1) the determination of the level of membership interest in these and similar programs, and

2) a review of the products of various marketers serving the association field.

The Board was in recess from 2:26 P.M. to 2:43 with all persons hereinbefore mentioned present with the exception of Mr. Price; Mr. Nathanson assumed the Chair and discussion continued. On motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Heyn, it was VOTED that the motion is amended by striking the words "credit cards" and adding therefor the phrase "additional membership benefits." The question thereupon being on the motion as amended, a tie vote was found to exist, 7 votes for, 7 votes against the motion, with 2 abstentions. The Chair voted in the negative, so the motion as amended was LOST.

77) On motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Frenaye, it was VOTED that the ARRL Board of Directors create a "Legal Strategy Committee." The Committee shall be appointed by the President and shall work with the Volunteer Resources Committee to enhance the Volunteer Counsel Program by providing assistance in matters related to antenna ordinances, zoning restrictions as they relate to amateur radio operations, and deed restriction problems.

78) On motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Butler, it was VOTED that the staff be directed to forward to new Section Managers a complete sampling of all available forms, handouts, brochures and pamphlets relevant to the Field Organization that are available from League Headquarters. Further, that whenever a new form, handout, brochure or pamphlet is developed, it shall be promptly forwarded to all Section Managers.

79) On motion of Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Milius, it was VOTED that the report of the Executive Vice President in response to Minute 59 of the 1985 Second Meeting of the Board, the National Repeater Data Base, is accepted. The Executive Vice President is instructed to proceed with implementation. During the course of the above, Mr. Price resumed the Chair at 3:15 P.M.

80) On motion of Mr. Turnbull, seconded by Mr. Atkins, it was VOTED that the Executive Committee review the "Terms and Conditions Governing the Availability of Mailing Lists from Headquarters" policy and report recommended revisions to the Board at its 1986 Second Meeting.

81) On motion of Mr. Turnbull, seconded by Mr. Hurlbert, it was VOTED that the report of the Executive Vice President in response to Minute 76 of the 1985 Second Meeting is accepted; and further, that the Executive Vice President is instructed to develop a program of special encouragement and support to Amateur Radio Clubs located at U.S. military installations, particularly those at which communications and electronics training is performed, and to pursue with the MARS organizations the possibility of enhanced MARS operations at these sites, with training

of new amateur licensee a primary objective.

82) On motion of Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Atkins, it was VOTED that the ARRL offer to host the 1989 Triennial Meeting of IARU Region 2 in the United States with special emphasis on coordinating the event with the Diamond Anniversary of the ARRL.

83) On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Ferdinand, it was VOTED that the Volunteer Resources Committee may authorize implementation, which shall begin forthwith, of a program for authorizing ARRL Field Organization volunteers to purchase distinctive, official ARRL call sign badges, such program to be implemented with the following stipulations:

a) that the design of the badge be patterned after the official call sign badges for ARRL elected officials, officers and staff;

b) that the background colors of the badges be distinctive and identify categories of volunteers;

c) that each badge manufacturer who wishes to participate must agree to meet and continue to adhere to quality standards; and

d) that the program operate at no cost to ARRL.

84) On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Frenaye, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

To implement the Board's previous insulation of the League from repeater coordinating activities, BE IT RESOLVED that access to a League repeater data base or publication does not constitute nor imply endorsement or recognition of the authority of such coordinators. Upon being advised by a disputant of a *bona fide* dispute concerning the authority of one having access, further authority to input data as to the subject area of the dispute will be suspended pending its resolution.

Appropriate caveats will be made in the *Repeater Directory* as to the disassociation of the League from coordination and certification of coordinators, and pointing out that the coordinators and not the League represent the fact of coordination of repeaters in future issues of the Directory.

League Officials will be reminded that the League, as a matter of policy, takes no part in the coordination process and will be directed to govern their actions accordingly.

85) It was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Frenaye, that By-Law 24 be amended as follows to be effective January 1, 1987:

"24. In accordance with the provisions of Article 7 of the Articles of Association, members of a territorial division may petition for recall of the director of their division. Any League member may give notice of a proposed recall by mailing to the Secretary by certified mail a letter to that effect. The fact of receipt will be communicated only to Officers, the Director concerned, the sender and the Executive Committee. The recall petition shall be presented to the secretary not later than 75 days after the mailing of the notice of recall and not later than June 1st of the second year of the term of office. A valid petition shall contain the dated signatures obtained on or after the date of mailing of the notice to the Secretary, and will include (of) not less than 10 percent of the number of Full members voting in the election at which the director was elected or not less than 10 percent of the Full members resident in the division on the preceding December 31st if the director was elected without membership balloting. Upon certification by the Executive Committee that the petition is valid, the Secretary shall prepare a ballot asking the single question, "Shall the Director be recalled, yes or no?" If a majority of the votes cast are for recall, then the office of director shall be declared vacant. No director shall be subject to more than one recall election during a single term of office." (Note: Italicized words are added, words in parentheses are deleted. Other text remains as written.)

After discussion, a roll call vote being required, the question was decided in the affirmative; all Directors voted in favor, so the By Law is AMENDED.

86) On motion of Mrs. Ferdinand, seconded by Mr. Stafford, it was VOTED that the Contest Advisory Committee and the Membership Services Committee be requested to review the present three-tier club competition plan to ensure that the club categories are reasonable.

87) It was moved by Mrs. Ferdinand, seconded by Mr. Wangler, that it is the policy of ARRL that reference cards and pamphlet intended solely for recruiting and training radio amateurs in providing disaster and public service communications services be made available at no charge except the cost of postage. On motion of Mr. Carey, seconded by Mr. Hurlbert, it was VOTED to amend the motion by inserting "not to include Net Directories and Repeater Directories" after "... communications services," whereupon Mrs. Ferdinand, with unanimous consent withdrew the motion.

88) On motion of Mr. Grauer, seconded by Mr. Heyn, it was unanimously VOTED that Counsel is instructed to file with the FCC a petition requiring the

labelling of home electronic equipment with regard to its susceptibility to RF energy, along the lines of the draft prepared at the direction of the Executive Committee. The text of the petition shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to filing with the Commission.

89) On motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, it was VOTED that the standard operating procedures for all Advisory Committees be modified to require all Advisory Committee Chairpersons to submit a brief summary of the Advisory Committee proceedings at least twice per year for publication.

90) It was moved by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, that the Volunteer Resources Committee study ways to improve the liaison between the Board and National Traffic System officials regarding matters dealing with traffic, both national and international, the Volunteer Resources Committee to report to the Board of Directors at the 1986 Second Meeting. After discussion, the Chair ruled that such matter falls within the scope of the Blue Ribbon Committee appointed to study the NTS, whereupon Mr. Stafford, with his second's consent, withdrew the motion. During the course of the above, Messrs. Mendelsohn, Severson and Oubre took the seats for Mrs. Ferdinand, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hurlbert respectively at 4:20 P.M. Mr. Wilson returned to his seat at 4:24 P.M.

91) On motion of Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Holladay, the following resolution was unanimously ADOPTED:

WHEREAS, Garfield A. Anderson, KØGA, took office as Director for the ARRL Dakota Division in 1976, serving with distinction and honor until 1982, and

WHEREAS, he was in that year selected by his peers to serve as a Vice President, until the present meeting, and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Vice President he led the way to development of the Volunteer Examining and Volunteer Monitoring Programs as chairman of the Ad Hoc committee, achievements of great credit to the ARRL, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the American Radio Relay League in Annual Meeting assembled this 24th day of January 1986, does thank Garfield A. Anderson, KØGA, for his long, diligent service to ARRL and wishes him continued success in all his endeavors. (Applause)

92) Mr. Nathanson took the Chair at 4:28 P.M.; Mrs. Ferdinand and Mr. Hurlbert resumed their seats. It was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Grauer, that after reconsideration and consultation with the members, the Board feels that it should proceed no further with the issuance of call signs at this time. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Heyn, seconded by Mr. Holladay that the motion be postponed indefinitely. The motion to postpone FAILED. The question then being on the original motion, a show of hands being required, there were 5 votes in favor to 10 votes opposed, so the motion was LOST. Mr. Atkins abstained.

93) It was moved by Mrs. Ferdinand that the Net Directory be supplied free of charge to ARRL field appointees on request, but there being no second, the motion was LOST.

94) Mr. Ridenour then took the seat for Mr. Grauer at 5:21 P.M. On motion of Mr. Ridenour, seconded by Mr. Butler, it was VOTED that the President represent to the FCC that all VECs be required to equally perform all administrative and clerical functions required of any VEC.

95) On motion of Mr. Ridenour, seconded by Mr. Stafford, it was VOTED that the Executive Vice President publish, at least semi-annually, an up-to-date Headquarters organization chart, showing principal functions and organizational relationships, covering all supervisory personnel, for inclusion in the Directors Workbook. At this point, at 5:36 P.M., Mr. Price resumed the Chair and Messrs. Metzger, Nathanson, and Imlay departed from the meeting under the necessity of returning to their homes.

96) Moving now to item no. 12(a) on the Agenda, Directors' Administrative Expenses for 1986, on motion of Mr. Wangler, seconded by Mr. Milius, it was VOTED that the Executive Vice President is hereby authorized to reimburse the Division Directors for actual expenses incurred by them during the year 1986 in the proper administration of ARRL affairs in their respective divisions, and in accordance with Board policy, up to the amounts as follows:

Atlantic Division	\$11,500
Central Division	7,500
Dakota Division	3,500
Delta Division	10,000
Great Lakes Division	11,000
Hudson Division	5,600
Midwest Division	6,500
New England Division	8,500
Northwestern Division	13,000
Pacific Division	10,500

Roanoke Division	10,500
Rocky Mountain Division	6,000
Southeastern Division	10,500
Southwestern Division	10,900
West Gulf Division	7,500

During the course of the above, Mr. Kanode took the seat for Mr. Milius.

97) On motion of Mr. Wangler, seconded by Mr. Carey, it was VOTED that the Executive Vice President is hereby authorized to reimburse the following Committees, Task Groups and Task Forces created by the Board for expenses incurred by them during the year 1986 in the proper execution of their duties, and in accordance with Board policy, as follows:

Ad Hoc Committee on Strengthening of CRRL	\$6,000
Ad Hoc Committee on Spread Spectrum	2,000
RFT Task Group	2,500
Committee on the Biological Effects of RF Energy	3,500
ARRL Committee on Amateur Radio Digital Communication	14,000
Legal Strategy Committee	10,000

98) On motion of Mr. Heyn, seconded by Mr. Kanode, it was VOTED that to continue the Board's policy of reimbursing QSL bureau managers of the League for certain travel in furthering ARRL organizational objectives, the Executive Vice President is hereby authorized to pay during the year 1986 a total amount not to exceed \$4,000 under terms prescribed by the general pattern established by the Board.

99) On motion of Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Wangler, it was VOTED that, to continue the Board's policy of reimbursing National Traffic System officials above the section level for certain approved expenses in furthering ARRL organizational objectives, the Executive Vice President is hereby authorized to pay during the year 1986 a total amount not to exceed \$12,000 under terms prescribed by the Field Services Manager following the general pattern established by the Board.



Directors Hurlbert, Wilson, Ferdinand and Grauer study the reams of paper that deal with the thorny issues before the Board at its 1986 Annual Meeting.

100) On motion of Mr. Grauer, seconded by Mr. Turnbull, it was VOTED that to continue the policy of the Board to assume the administrative expenses of the ARRL Foundation, the Executive Vice President is hereby authorized to pay during the year 1986 a total amount not to exceed \$2,000 in accordance with ARRL standing policies with respect to travel, accounting procedures and auditing.

101) On motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Kanode, it was VOTED that the additional sum of \$147.65 is authorized to reimburse National Traffic System officials above the section level for certain approved expenses in furthering ARRL organizational objectives, as a supplement to the authorization provided at Minute 88 of the 1985 annual Meeting of the Board; and further, that National Traffic System officials above the section level are urged to continue their efforts to minimize travel-related expenses, in accordance with sound fiscal policy.

102) Returning to item No. 9 on the Agenda, Appointment of Committees, Mr. Price announced the following appointments:

VHF/UHF Advisory Committee—Mr. Terry Van Benschoten, WØVB, Chairman; Vice Director Overbeck, Board Liaison;

Public Relations Advisory Committee—Mr. Richard Mosesson, N2BFG, Chairman; Vice Director Evelyn Gauzens, W4WYR, Board Liaison;

Emergency Communications Advisory Committee—Mr. Joel Kandel, K14T, Chairman; Vice Director Beebe, Board Liaison;

Contest Advisory Committee—Mr. Douglas Grant, K1DG, Chairman; Vice Director Kanode, N4MM, Board Liaison;

DX Advisory Committee—Mr. Robert W. Thompson, K6SSJ, Chairman; Vice Director Drake, Board Liaison;

VHF Repeater Advisory Committee—Mr. Joseph I. Eisenberg, WAØWRI, Chairman; Vice Director Oubre, K5DPG, Board Liaison;

Repeater Coordinator Newsletter Editor—Vice Director Mendelsohn, WA2DHF;

NTS Blue Ribbon Committee Chairman—Vice Director Comstock, N5TC; ARRL Committee on Amateur Radio Digital Communication—Mr. Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, Chairman; Vice President Olson, Board Liaison; Vice Director Quiat, Alternate;

Special Study Committee on Advisory Committees—First Vice President Holladay, W6EJJ, Chairman.

103) On motion of Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Olson, it was VOTED that the Commission be petitioned to modify Section 97.313 of the FCC Rules and Regulations so as to specify that, in accordance with IARU recommendations, when overseas stations are operating in the United States under terms of a reciprocal operating permit, the U.S. call area designator precede the foreign call sign—i.e. W4/DL6TJ rather than DL6TJ/W4. The following Directors wished to be recorded as voting opposed: Messrs. Hurlbert and Wilson and Mrs. Lewis. Mr. Atkins abstained.

104) On motion of Mr. Grauer, seconded by Mr. Turnbull, it was VOTED that Mr. Dick Eilers, WØZYV, is elected as Industry Director of the ARRL Foundation (applause).

105) There followed an opportunity for all present to make final comments, during which it was noted that with this meeting Mr. Baldwin was bringing to a close a 37-year span of attending Board Meetings as a staff member and officer, but that his relationship with organized Amateur Radio would continue. There being no further business, the Board adjourned *sine die* at 6:36 P.M. Total time in session as a Board: 14 hours, 44 minutes; direct authorization: \$194,147.65.

Respectfully submitted,  
Perry Williams, W1UED  
Secretary

#### Minutes of Executive Committee No. 421 Hartford, Connecticut January 23, 1986

##### Agenda

1. Determination of date and place of next meeting
2. Consideration of correspondence concerning 1986 Northwestern Division Convention

The Executive Committee of the American Radio Relay League, Inc., met at 9:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, Thursday, January 23, 1986, at the Parkview Hilton Hotel, Hartford, Connecticut. Present were President Larry E. Price, W4RA, in the Chair; First Vice President Jay A. Holladay, W6EJJ; Directors Frank M. Butler, Jr., W4RH; Paul Grauer, WØFIR; Hugh A. Turnbull, W3ABC; George S. Wilson, III, W4OYI; and Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ. Also present were Vice President William J. Stevens, W6ZM; International Affairs Vice President Tod Olson, KØTO; Directors Lys J. Carey, KØPGM, Linda S. Ferdinand, N2YL, Mary E. Lewis, W7QGP, and Rodney J. Stafford, KB6ZV; and Counsel Christopher D. Imlay, N3AKD.

1) It was agreed to reschedule the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee to Saturday, March 22, 1986, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

2) Recent correspondence concerning the approval of a Northwestern Division Convention to be held May 30-31 and June 1, 1986, was reviewed. On motion of Mr. Wilson, the President unanimously was instructed to write the sponsors of a proposed event in Seaside, Oregon advising them that the Committee had discussed their concerns with the Division Director and that she had indicated she would consider favorably an application for state convention sanction for their events; and further, that in view of the incorrect dates for the Northwestern Division Convention that appeared in January QST, the sponsors are to be advised that if they apply for state convention sanction, a ¼-page advertisement in one issue of QST will be provided to them at no charge.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Sumner, K1ZZ  
Recording Secretary

## Gains and Losses at the Microwaves—and Major Part 97 Revisions

On January 10, FCC acted in PR Docket 85-23, the so-called "Microwave Access Docket," granting us new privileges in some Gigahertz bands and removing or modifying others. More frequencies are available to the Amateur-Satellite Service—anyone for Mode L? Our stance at 160 meters is clarified, and new 1810-1850 kHz privileges are granted for Region 1. There's quite a bit of Part 97 "editing." (Background on what 85-23 means to the Amateur-Satellite Service appeared in February 1985 *Happenings*; April 1985 *Happenings* covers more of the terrestrial 85-23 changes.)

The frequency-losses-and-gains aspect of the *Report and Order* in 85-23 aside, what's perhaps most striking about the action is the strong continuation of an increasingly important theme: Amateur Radio is but one in a community of services that *share* the electromagnetic spectrum, and it (we radio amateurs) must recognize that fact and operate accordingly. As you'll see when you read the Part 97 revisions resulting from 85-23, the bulk of the rules changes is specification of Amateur Radio's relationship to other services. Why is this? It's because we *share* so many of these new and modified bands. As soon as we share a given band, we, as operators in a radio service, must afford stations in other services on that band the proper protection from interference. Depending on our status in a given band, stations of other services may have to avoid stepping on our toes as well. You've already read wording to this effect in last month's *QST*; there, FCC added wording to Part 97 ordering us not to cause harmful interference to radiolocation at 1900-2000 kHz. Get ready for a whole bunch of similar wording in the 85-23 modifications to Part 97. It's "share," but not necessarily "share alike."

These changes are effective 0001 UTC March 1, 1986. While we're pleased that the release of the Report and Order in 85-23 hit the streets in time to make this (March) *QST*, there are two apparent "boobos" in the resultant Part 97 amendments you should know about. ARRL had hoped for correction of these errors right up to press time. Since this hasn't happened, we go to the presses with the text as it stands. Here are the points in question: (1) Through a typographical error, Technician class licensees are authorized telegraphy operation from 7100-7175 kHz. Don't you believe it; this should be 7100-7150 kHz. (2) In the table of emissions at Section 97.61, emissions H3E, J3E and R3E have been mistakenly authorized at 7075-7100 kHz for all FCC-licensed amateurs General class and above. Nope; these emissions should have been associated with Limitation 2 (a footnote to the table) or, alternatively, in a Limitation all their own. We're still "limited" to nonvoice emissions at 7075-7100 kHz, folks, if we're north of 20 degrees north latitude and east of 130 degrees west longitude. (See League Lines, this issue, for news on the authorization of 7075-7100 kHz radiotelephony for stations south of 20 degrees north latitude.) FCC is aware of these problems and is working on a correction. *Note: Operation under the color of any of these inadvertent "expansions" after March 1 is not recommended.* You may obtain a copy of the *Report and Order* in PR Docket 85-23 from HQ for a large SASE bearing 56 cents postage. To update your copy of *The FCC Rule Book*, make these changes to Part 97:

Paragraph (k) of Section 97.3 is revised to read:

(k) *National Radio Quiet Zone.* The area bounded by 39° 15' N on the north, 78° 30' W on the east, 37° 30' N on the south and 80° 30' W on the west.

Section 97.7 is revised in its entirety to read as follows:

### § 97.7 Frequency privileges.

The following transmitting frequency bands are available to amateur radio stations having a control operator of the license class designated, subject to

the limitations of paragraph (g) of this section:

(a) *Novice class:*

Meter band	Terrestrial location of the amateur radio station			Limitations (see para.[g])
	ITU Region 1	ITU Region 2	ITU Region 3	
	kilohertz			
80	3700-3750	3700-3750	3700-3750	1,3,32
—	—	5167.5	—	2
40	7050-7075	7100-7150	7050-7075	1,3,32
15	21100-21200	21100-21200	21100-21200	1,32
10	28100-28200	28100-28200	28100-28200	1

(b) *Technician class:* All of the frequency bands listed in paragraph (f), as well as the frequency bands in the following table:

Meter band	Terrestrial location of the amateur radio station			Limitations (see para.[g])
	ITU Region 1	ITU Region 2	ITU Region 3	
	kilohertz			
80	3700-3750	3700-3750	3700-3750	1,3,32
—	—	5167.5	—	2
40	7050-7075	7100-7175 <sup>1</sup>	7050-7075	1,3,32
15	21100-21200	21100-21200	21100-21200	1,32
10	28100-28200	28100-28200	28100-28200	1

(c) *General Class:* All of the frequency bands listed in paragraph (f), as well as the frequency bands in the following table:

Meter band	Terrestrial location of the amateur radio station			Limitations (see para.[g])
	ITU Region 1	ITU Region 2	ITU Region 3	
	kilohertz			
160	1810-1850	1800-2000	1800-2000	3,5,21
80	3525-3750	3525-3750	3525-3750	3,32
75	—	3850-4000	3850-3900	3,32
—	—	5167.5	—	2
40	7025-7100	7025-7150	7025-7100	3,32
40	—	7225-7300	—	3,32
30	10100-10150	10100-10150	10100-10150	28,32
20	14025-14150	14025-14150	14025-14150	32
20	14225-14350	14225-14350	14225-14350	32
15	21025-21200	21025-21200	21025-21200	32
15	21300-21450	21300-21450	21300-21450	32
12	24890-24990	24890-24990	24890-24990	29,32
10	28000-29700	28000-29700	28000-29700	

(d) *Advanced class:* All of the frequency bands listed in paragraph (f), as well as the frequency bands in the following table:

Meter band	Terrestrial location of the amateur radio station			Limitations (see para.[g])
	ITU Region 1	ITU Region 2	ITU Region 3	
	kilohertz			
160	1810-1850	1800-2000	1800-2000	3,5,21
80	3525-3750	3525-3750	3525-3750	3,32
75	3775-3800	3775-4000	3775-3900	3,32
—	—	5167.5	—	2
40	7025-7100	7025-7300	7025-7100	3,32
30	10100-10150	10100-10150	10100-10150	28,32
20	14025-14150	14025-14150	14025-14150	32
20	14175-14350	14175-14350	14175-14350	32
15	21025-21200	21025-21200	21025-21200	32
15	21225-21450	21225-21450	21225-21450	32
12	24890-24990	24890-24990	24890-24990	29,32
10	28000-29700	28000-29700	28000-29700	

<sup>1</sup>Apparent error; see text.

(e) *Amateur Extra class:* All of the frequency bands listed in paragraph (f), as well as the frequency bands in the following table:

Meter band	Terrestrial location of the amateur radio station			Limitations (see para. [g])
	ITU Region 1	ITU Region 2	ITU Region 3	
<i>kilohertz</i>				
160	1810-1850	1800-2000	1800-2000	3,5,21
80/75	3500-3800	3500-4000	3500-3900	3,32
—	—	5167.5	—	—
40	7000-7100	7000-7300	7000-7100	3,32
30	10100-10150	10100-10150	10100-10150	28,32
20	14000-14350	14000-14350	14000-14350	32
15	21000-21450	21000-21450	21000-21450	32
12	24890-24990	24890-24990	24890-24990	29,32
10	28000-29700	28000-29700	28000-29700	—

(f) *Frequency bands available to all amateur stations having a control operator of the Technician, General, Advanced or Amateur Extra class:*

Meter band	Terrestrial location of the amateur radio station			Limitations (see para. [g])
	ITU Region 1	ITU Region 2	ITU Region 3	
<i>megahertz</i>				
6	—	50-54	50-54	3
2	144-146	144-148	144-148	3,32
1.25	—	220-225	—	3,4,5
0.70	430-440	420-450	420-450	3,5,6,7,10,30
0.35	—	902-928	—	3,5,8,9
0.23	1240-1300	1240-1300	1240-1300	5,11,22
—	2300-2310	2300-2310	2300-2310	3,5,12,13
—	2390-2450	2390-2450	2390-2450	3,5,13,14
<i>gigahertz</i>				
—	—	3.3-3.5	3.3-3.5	3,5,15,16,17
—	5.650-5.850	5.650-5.925	5.650-5.850	3,5,18,19,20
—	10.0-10.5	10.0-10.5	10.0-10.5	5,21,22,23,31
—	24.00-24.25	24.00-24.25	24.00-24.25	3,5,22,24,26
—	47.0-47.2	47.0-47.2	47.0-47.2	—
—	75.5-81	75.5-81	75.5-81	5,21,22
—	119.98-120.02	119.98-120.02	119.98-120.02	15,25
—	142-149	142-149	142-149	5,15,21,22
—	241-250	241-250	241-250	5,21,22,27
—	above 300	above 300	above 300	15

(g) *Limitations*

(1) Novice and Technician class radio operators are limited to the use of international Morse code when communicating in this band.

(2) This band may only be used by Amateur stations in the State of Alaska or within fifty nautical miles of the State of Alaska for emergency communications with other stations authorized to use this band in the State of Alaska. This frequency band is shared with licensees in the Alaska-private fixed service who may use it for certain non-emergency purposes.

(3) Where, in adjacent regions or subregions, a band of frequencies is allocated to different services of the same category, the basic principle is the equality of right to operate. Accordingly, the stations of each service in one region or subregion must operate so as to not cause harmful interference to services in the other regions or subregions. (See International Telecommunication Union Radio Regulations, RR 346 [Geneva, 1979].)

(4) This band is allocated to the amateur, fixed and mobile services in the United States on a co-primary basis. The basic principle which applies is the equality of right to operate. Amateur, fixed and mobile stations must operate so as not to cause harmful interference to each other.

(5) Amateur stations in the 1900-2000 kHz, 220-225 MHz, 420-450 MHz, 902-928 MHz, 1240-1300 MHz, 2300-2310 MHz, 2390-2450 MHz, 3.3-3.5 GHz, 5.650-5.925 GHz, 10.0-10.5 GHz, 24.05-24.25 GHz, 76-81 GHz, 144-149 GHz and 241-248 GHz bands must not cause harmful interference to stations in the Government radiolocation service and are not protected from interference due to the operation of stations in the Government radiolocation service.

(6) No amateur station shall operate north of Line A (see § 97.3[f]) in the 420-430 MHz band.

(7) The 420-430 MHz band is allocated to the Amateur service in the United States on a secondary basis, but is allocated to the fixed and mobile (except aeronautical mobile) services in the International Table of Allocations on a primary basis. Therefore, amateur stations in this band must not cause harmful interference to stations authorized by other nations in the fixed and mobile (except aeronautical mobile) services and are not protected from interference due to the operation of stations authorized by other nations in the fixed and mobile (except aeronautical mobile) services.

(8) In the 902-928 MHz band, amateur stations shall not operate within the States of Colorado and Wyoming, bounded by the area of: latitude 39° N to 42° N, and longitude 103° W to 108° W. This band is allocated on a secondary basis to the Amateur Service subject to not causing harmful interference to the operations of Government stations authorized in this band or to Automatic Vehicle Monitoring (AVM) systems. Stations in the Amateur service are not protected from any interference due to the operation of industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) devices, AVM systems or Government stations authorized in this band.

(9) In the 902-928 MHz band, amateur stations shall not operate in those

portions of the States of Texas and New Mexico bounded on the south by latitude 31° 41' N, on the east by longitude 104° 11' W, on the north by latitude 34° 30' N, and on the west by longitude 107° 30' W.

(10) The 430-440 MHz band is allocated to the Amateur service on a secondary basis in ITU Regions 2 and 3. Amateur stations in this band in ITU Regions 2 and 3 must not cause harmful interference to stations authorized by other nations in the radiolocation service and are not protected from interference due to the operation of stations authorized by other nations in the radiolocation service. In ITU Region 1 the 430-440 MHz band is allocated to the Amateur service on a co-primary basis with the radiolocation service. As between these two services in this band in Region 1 the basic principle which applies is the equality of right to operate. Amateur stations authorized by the United States and radiolocation stations authorized by other nations in Region 1 must operate so as not to cause harmful interference to each other.

(11) In the 1240-1260 MHz band amateur stations must not cause harmful interference to stations authorized by other nations in the radionavigation-satellite service and are not protected from interference due to the operation of stations authorized by other nations in the radionavigation-satellite service.

(12) In the United States, the 2300-2310 MHz band is allocated to the Amateur service on a co-secondary basis with the Government fixed and mobile services. In this band, the fixed and mobile services must not cause harmful interference to the Amateur service.

(13) In the 2300-2310 MHz and 2390-2450 MHz bands, the Amateur service is allocated on a secondary basis in all ITU Regions. In ITU Region 1, stations in the Amateur service must not cause harmful interference to stations authorized by other nations in the fixed service, and are not protected from interference due to the operation of stations authorized by other nations in the fixed service. In ITU Regions 2 and 3, stations in the Amateur service must not cause harmful interference to stations authorized by other nations in the fixed, mobile and radiolocation services, and are not protected from interference due to the operation of stations authorized by other nations in the fixed, mobile and radiolocation services.

(14) Amateur stations in the 2400-2450 MHz band are not protected from interference due to the operation of industrial, scientific and medical devices on 2450 MHz.

(15) Amateur stations in the 3.332-3.339 GHz, 3.3458-3.3525 GHz, 119.98-120.02 GHz, 144.68-144.98 GHz, 145.45-145.75 GHz, 146.82-147.12 GHz and 343-348 GHz bands must not cause harmful interference to stations in the radio astronomy service. Amateur stations in the 300-302 GHz, 324-326 GHz, 345-347 GHz, 363-365 GHz and 379-381 GHz bands must not cause harmful interference to stations in the space research service (passive) or Earth exploration-satellite service (passive).

(16) In both ITU Regions 2 and 3 the 3.3-3.5 GHz band is allocated to the Amateur Service on a secondary basis. In the 3.3-3.4 GHz band amateur stations must not cause harmful interference to stations authorized by other nations in the radiolocation service, and are not protected from operation due to the operation of stations authorized by other nations in the radiolocation service. In the 3.4-3.5 GHz band amateur stations must not cause harmful interference to stations authorized by other nations in the fixed and fixed-satellite services, and are not protected from interference due to the operation of stations authorized by other nations in the fixed and fixed-satellite services.

(17) In the United States the 3.3-3.5 GHz band is allocated to the Amateur service on a co-secondary basis with the non-government radiolocation service.

(18) In the 5.650-5.725 GHz band, the Amateur service is allocated in all ITU regions on a co-secondary basis with the space research (deep space) service. In the 5.725-5.850 GHz band the Amateur service is allocated in all ITU regions on a secondary basis. In the 5.650-5.850 GHz band amateur stations must not cause harmful interference to stations authorized by other nations in the radiolocation service, and are not protected from interference due to the operation of stations authorized by other nations in the radiolocation service. In the 5.725-5.850 GHz band amateur stations must not cause harmful interference to stations authorized by other nations in the fixed-satellite service in ITU Region 1, and are not protected from interference due to the operation of stations authorized by other nations in the fixed-satellite service in ITU Region 1. In the 5.850-5.925 GHz band the Amateur service is allocated in ITU Region 2 on a co-secondary basis with the radiolocation service. In the 5.850-5.925 GHz band amateur stations must not cause harmful interference to stations authorized by other nations in the fixed, fixed-satellite and mobile services, and are not protected from interference due to the operation of stations authorized by other nations in the fixed, fixed-satellite and mobile services.

(19) In the United States, the 5.850-5.925 GHz band is allocated to the Amateur service on a secondary basis to the non-government fixed-satellite service. In the 5.850-5.925 GHz band amateur stations must not cause harmful interference to stations in the non-government fixed-satellite service. In the 5.850-5.925 GHz band amateur stations must not cause harmful interference to stations in the non-government fixed-satellite service and are not protected from interference due to the operation of stations in the non-government fixed-satellite service.

(20) Amateur stations in the 5.725-5.875 GHz band are not protected from interference due to the operation of industrial, scientific and medical devices on 5.8 GHz.

(21) Amateur stations in the 1900-2000 kHz, 10.45-10.50 GHz, 76-81 GHz, 144-149 GHz and 241-248 GHz bands must not cause harmful interference to stations in the non-government radiolocation service and are not protected from interference due to the operation of stations in the non-government radiolocation service.

(22) Amateur stations in the 1240-1300 MHz, 10.0-10.5 GHz, 24.05-24.25

GHz, 76-81 GHz, 144-149 GHz and 241-248 GHz bands must not cause harmful interference to stations authorized by other nations in the radiolocation service and are not protected from interference due to the operation of stations authorized by other nations in the radiolocation service.

(23) In the 10.00-10.45 GHz band in ITU Regions 1 and 3 amateur stations must not cause harmful interference to stations authorized by other nations in the fixed and mobile services, and are not protected from interference due to the operation of stations authorized by other nations in the fixed and mobile services.

(24) In the United States, the 24.05-24.25 GHz band is allocated to the Amateur Service on a co-secondary basis with the non-government radiolocation and Government and non-government Earth exploration-satellite (active) services.

(25) The 119.98-120.02 GHz band is allocated to the Amateur service on a secondary basis. Amateur stations in this band must not cause harmful interference to stations operating in the fixed, inter-satellite service and mobile services, and are not protected from interference caused by the operation of stations in the fixed, inter-satellite and mobile services.

(26) Amateur stations in the 24.00-24.25 GHz band are not protected from interference due to the operation of industrial, scientific and medical devices on 24.125 GHz.

(27) Amateur stations in the 244-246 GHz band are not protected from interference due to the operation of industrial, scientific and medical devices on 245 GHz.

(28) Amateur stations in the 10100-10150 kHz band must not cause harmful interference to stations authorized by other nations in the fixed service. Amateur stations shall make all necessary adjustments (including termination of transmission) if harmful interference is caused.

(29) Until July 1, 1989, amateur stations in this band must not cause harmful interference to stations authorized by other nations in the fixed and mobile services. Amateur stations must make all necessary adjustments (including termination of transmission) if harmful interference is caused.

(30) Amateur stations in the 449.5-450 MHz band must not cause interference to and are not protected from interference due to the operation of stations in the space operation service, the space research service, or for space telecommand.

(31) In the United States, the 10.0-10.5 GHz band is allocated to the Amateur service on a co-secondary basis with the non-government radiolocation service.

(32) Amateur stations in these bands may be used for communications related to relief operations in connection with natural disasters. See Appendix 6 to this Part.

Section 97.61 is revised in its entirety to read as follows:

§ 97.61 Authorized emissions.

(a) kilohertz

Frequency band (kHz)	Emissions	Limitations (see Paragraph [d])
1800-2000	A1A, F1B, A3F, F3E, G3E, A3C, F3C, A3F, F3F, H3E, J3E, R3E	
3500-3750	A1A, F1B	1
3750-4000	A1A, A3E, F3E, G3E, A3C, A3F, F3C, F3F, H3E, J3E, R3E	
5167.5	J3E, R3E	
7000-7075	A1A, F1B	1
7075-7100	A1A, F1B, H3E, J3E, R3E	1, 2
7100-7150	A1A, F1B	1
7150-7300	A1A, A3E, F3E, G3E, A3C, F3C, A3F, F3F, H3E, J3E, R3E	
10100-10150	A1A, F1B	
14000-14150	A1A, F1B	
14150-14350	A1A, A3E, F3E, A3C, F3C, A3F, F3F, H3E, J3E, R3E	
21000-21200	A1A, F1B	1
21200-21450	A1A, A3E, F3E, A3C, F3C, A3F, F3F, H3E, J3E, R3E	
24890-24930	A1A, F1B	
24930-24990	A1A, A3E, F3E, G3E, A3C, F3C, A3F, F3F, H3E, J3E, R3E	
28000-28300	A1A, F1B	1
28300-29700	A1A, A3E, F3E, G3E, A3C, F3C, A3F, F3F, H3E, J3E, R3E	

(b) 50-144.1 MHz:

Frequency band (MHz)	Emissions
50.0-50.1	A1A
50.1-51.0	A1A, A2A, A2B, A3E, A3C, A3F, F1B, F2B, F3E, G3E, F3C, F3F, H3E, J3E, R3E
51.0-54.0	N0N, A1A, A2A, A2B, A3E, A3C, A3F, F1B, F2B, F3E, G3E, F3C, F3F, H3E, J3E, R3E
144.0-144.1	A1A

(c) Above 144.1 MHz: Amateur stations are authorized to transmit the following emissions on amateur frequencies above 144.1 MHz: N0N, A1A, A2A, A2B, A3E, A3C, A3F, F1B, F2B, F3E, G3E, F3C, F3F, H3E, J3E and R3E. P0N emissions (the emission letters "K, L, M, Q, V, W and X" may also be used in place of the letter "P" for pulsed radars) may be transmitted at all amateur frequencies above 2300 MHz, except in the 10.0-10.5 GHz band. In the 902-928 MHz band F8E emissions may also be used.

(d) Limitations:

(1) Novice and Technician class radio operators may not use F1B emissions in this band.

(2) Amateur stations located in Regions 1 and 3, and amateur radio stations located within Region 2 which are west of 130° West longitude may also use A3E, F3E and G3E emissions.

Section 97.67 is amended by revising paragraphs (a) and (b), and by adding new paragraphs (g), (h) and (i) to read as follows:

§ 97.67 Maximum transmitting power

(a) Amateur stations may use no more than the maximum transmitter power specified in this Part. Additionally, within the constraints of this section, amateur stations must use no more than the minimum transmitter power necessary to carry out the desired communications.

(b) Unless otherwise provided in this section, each amateur transmitter may be operated with a transmitter power not exceeding 1500 watts.

(g) On 5167.5 kHz the transmitter power shall not exceed 150 watts.

(h) In the 420-450 MHz frequency band the transmitter power shall not exceed 50 watts in the following areas unless expressly authorized by the Federal Communications Commission after mutual agreement, on a case-by-case basis, between the Commission Engineer-in-Charge at the appropriate District Office and the Military Area Frequency Coordinator at the appropriate military base:

(1) Those portions of Texas and New Mexico bounded on the south by latitude 31° 45' N, on the east by longitude 104° 00' W, on the north by latitude 34° 30' N and on the west by longitude 107° 30' W. (The Military Area Frequency Coordinator for this area is located at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.)

(2) The entire State of Florida including the Key West area and the areas enclosed with a 200 mile radius of Patrick Air Force Base, Florida (latitude 28° 21' N, longitude 80° 43' W), and within a 200-mile radius of Eglin Air Force Base, Florida (latitude 30° 30' N, longitude 86° 30' W).

(3) The entire State of Arizona.

(4) Those portions of California and Nevada south of latitude 37° 10' N, and the area within a 200-mile radius of the Pacific Missile Test Center, Point Mugu, California (latitude 34° 09' N, longitude 119° 11' W).

(5) In the State of Massachusetts with a 160-kilometer (100 mile) radius around locations at Otis Air Force Base, Massachusetts (latitude 41° 45' N, longitude 70° 32' W).

(6) In the State of California within a 240-kilometer (150 mile) radius around locations at Beale Air Force Base, California (latitude 39° 08' N, longitude 121° 26' W).

(7) In the State of Alaska within a 160-kilometer (100 mile) radius of Clear, Alaska (latitude 64° 17' N, longitude 149° 10' W). (The Military Area Frequency Coordinator for this area is located at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.)

(8) In the State of North Dakota within a 160-kilometer (100 mile) radius of Concrete, North Dakota (latitude 48° 43' N, longitude 97° 54' W). (The Military Area Frequency Coordinator for this area can be contacted at: HQ SAC/SXOE, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska 68113.)

(9) In the States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina within a 200 kilometer (124 mile) radius of Warner Robins Air Force Base, Georgia (latitude 32° 38' N, longitude 83° 35' W).

(10) In the State of Texas within a 200 kilometer (124 mile) radius of Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas (latitude 31° 25' N, longitude 100° 24' W).

(i) In the 902-928 MHz frequency band the transmitter power shall not exceed 50 watts outside of but within 150 miles of the following boundaries of the White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico: those portions of Texas and New Mexico bounded on the south by latitude 31° 41' N, on the east by longitude 104° 11' W, on the north by latitude 34° 30' N, and on the west by longitude 107° 30' W.

Paragraph (f) of Section 97.85 is revised by removing subparagraph (2) and redesignating subparagraph (3) as subparagraph (2).

The last sentence of paragraph (d) of Section 97.87 is revised to read: "In such cases, the rules of Section 97.85 (f) (1) and (2) shall apply."

Section 97.185 is amended by removing Limitation 6 from the 420-450 MHz entry in the Frequency or Frequency Bands Table in paragraph (b), and by removing and reserving subparagraph (6) of paragraph (c) in its entirety.

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## KH6BZF, "A Ham's Ham"

For almost as long as some of us can remember, KH6BZF has been around and active in just about every phase of Amateur Radio, retaining *his* love of the service and enhancing *our* enjoyment of it. Lee Wical, KH6BZF (the Bloomin' Zipper Flipper), lives off beautiful Kaneohe Bay, on Oahu, Hawaii, where you'll find not less than 16 antennas of various shapes and forms (stacked Yagis, phased arrays, slopers and dipoles, all rising skyward), enjoying his passions of DX/contest operation and his lovely XYL Laura (but not necessarily in that order! A look into Lee's shack finds it loaded with Collins, ICOM, Kenwood and Henry transceivers/amplifiers that permit him to consistently work 1.8-432 MHz. Not only is Lee a DX/contest man, but he's heavily into moonbounce and has run DX tropo tests with West Coast stations for the past 10 years.

An ex-SCM of Hawaii (10 years), KH6BZF is currently an Assistant Director from ARRL Pacific Division, an Affiliated Club Coordinator for Hawaii, and is also active in the Intruder Watch and with his solar-flux observations. (Lee writes a popular weekly propagation newsletter, *KH6BZF Reports*, which is widely quoted in ham radio newsletters worldwide.) This versatile ham is a Charter Life Member of ARRL, a Life Member of QCWA and a member of *many* clubs, and is



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a co-founder of the Honolulu DX Club. Professionally, he's a member of both IEEE and AFCEA, and holds FCC first-class commercial tickets with radar endorsement.

Lee now holds 7J1AAP (American Apple Pie), the first KH6 to receive a 7J1 call sign. Recent DX operations saw him operating as KH6BZF/OZ/SM/LA, while former DXing included Guam, Saipan, Wake, Midway and Southeast Asia. For years, he managed cards

for KH6EDY (Kure). Attesting to his activity are Lee's DXCC, WAZ and WAS awards.

KH6BZF's professional background includes 32-years experience in communications planning, design, operations, transmission and systems management, encompassing radio transmission, systems interfacing and complex analog/digital radio systems. He has experience with many of the nation's leading high-tech firms (GE, Hawaii Telephone Co, the Army's Strategic Communications Command, the Air Force's Ground Electronics Engineering Installations Agency, Litton). Presently, Lee is a Section Chief at DCA-Pacific.

Lee's propagation weekly is an interesting sidelight on the man himself. The weekly sheet chronicles a day-by-day rating of conditions, flux level, geomagnetic level, Alpha and K indexes, and remarks (which analyze conditions in an easy-to-use manner). His newsletter's "thoughts from Rainbow Bay" tickle the reader's fancy, i.e., "Propagation study is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself."

This "ham's ham" has discovered one of the basic laws of life and has remembered to "put some of himself back into Amateur Radio, the reservoir he has derived such pleasure from." If you hear the Bloomin' Zipper Flipper on sideband, you'll know it!

### APRIL 18-20 DX CONVENTION

Going, going . . . March 31 is the preregistration deadline for this annual extravaganza, sponsored this year by the Southern California DX Club. The fee is \$38, payable to SCDX Convention, and goes to Don Bostorn, N6IC, 4447 Atoll Ave, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423. (This covers the Saturday banquet, the Sunday brunch and several cocktail parties.) Room reservations at the Holiday Inn in Visalia go via 209-651-5000; ask for the convention reservation desk. The program will feature a DX Forum with N6RJ, contest forum with N6AA, the peripatetic Colvins (see next item) and many others. Amateur Radio representatives from the People's Republic of China will be at the Saturday banquet.

### THE COLVINS

As of holiday time, Lloyd and Iris (W6KG, W6QL) concluded operation in Lesotho as 7P8KG, making some 5k contacts with 137 countries. For the first time they operated from a casino hotel, the manager allowing them to put their antenna on an unused portion of the hotel some 600 ft from the main casino lounge. After everything was installed, however, they found reception terrible, caused by a 33,000-V transmission line some 1000 feet away. They promptly relocated everything some 1200 feet, to a small room in a quiet area. Swaziland was next on the agenda, as 3D6QL. Their stories at the DX Convention in April (see above item) should be interesting!

### Troster's Tips for Easy Listening

Occasionally, when a DX station has about faded out with the skip, the listener will hear the signal begin to get stronger again—a sort of second peak. Sometimes, late at night, it is easy to QRT when the signal has faded. But, if you *really* need that DX station for a "new one," force yourself to listen a while longer to see if that occasional second peak might not get you through for that needed contact.

More next month from W6ISQ.

### BEWARE OF THE SORCERESS

*The following is courtesy of W6BDN.*

I checked 14.195. Nobody there. Must be too early. Let's look around while waiting. Down 10 kHz is an awful pileup. I listened for about 15 minutes. With all that constant shouting and screaming, I couldn't even figure out the call of the target DX station. Might be an FR something. Could be a needed one, but the *Circe* of DX is obviously at work here. Best get back to my original objective.

While I was distracted down the band, DK9KX/S9 had started operating. There's already a fair pileup. He is handling the crowd efficiently, doing a fine job. I'm able to spot some of the stations he is contacting. He keeps moving around. He appears to be covering, and staying within, the stated 200-205 range. I can't

determine exactly how he's moving, but maybe it would be prudent to stop analyzing and start calling before the pileup gets much bigger. Let's assume he's just cruising around. (For sideband it's a small spread for much of a pattern anyway.) As usual, most of the callers are near the low limit. It should be best to settle in the middle, or the upper end. I'll pick 14.205 (maybe even plus a bit).

Now, gotta try and get the timing. There's no sense calling when he's talking—you can't make contacts that way. He's tuning after each QSO. That takes a few seconds and causes a little delay. He's getting someone each time, maybe only a letter or two, but he gets 'em. Okay, wait for his QRZ, call twice, and then listen. He should hit my frequency eventually.

My timing is off. There is usually a lag before his reply. Should I delay, or call three times? Before I could decide, Hans called me. "QSL, 5 and 9, QSL?" "QSL!" That was that.

Let's check the other pileup down the band. Gone! The DX has been driven away. *Circe* scores again.

### N4FKZ

Franco Capuano, N4FKZ, is also well-known as TG9NX (the first and only Spanish-speaking station on the CW DXCC Honor Roll, one of the best CW operators on the other side of the Rio Grande. Additionally, he holds 5BDXCC and 5BWAS, and is the first ham in Central and South America with a 5BWAZ plaque. Franco also operates N4FKZ/HR5 in Honduras (with a DXCC total of 257), N4FKZ/EA4 in Spain



TG9NX/N4FKZ. (tnx TG9RB/W4)

(with a DXCC total of 156) and from Italy as N4FKZ/IØ (DXCC total 130). Oh, yes, from home in South Florida he has 300 DXCC mixed, 260 DXCC CW and 5BDXCC!

Franco was born in Italy and lives in Guatemala, but his real estate company has him traveling worldwide. He started his DXCC in the Miami area in 1978 as TG9NX (where he is a member of the South Florida DX Association) and has since upgraded to Extra/N4FKZ.

Franco is now working on his 160-meter DXCC and his third 5BDXCC from a different country! You might guess it: His CW teacher (one of the best in the world) was K8CW.

#### THE CIRCUIT

□ VP2EHF: Direct cards via Dave Mann,

N4CVX, 1201 N Roosevelt St, Arlington, VA 22205.

□ Djibouti: Dany's now back in France and reports on his Nov 7-10 Sawabia Islands expedition, 738 contacts. J28EI/S is J2 for DXCC, AF for WAC, 37 for WAZ, and Perin (AS16) for Islands on the Air. QSLs continue to go via manager Roger Luder, FC1JEN, 11 rue Belle D'Argent, 13300 Salon, France.

□ VK3MO: WA9BXB now manages Ian's cards.

□ TF3XUU/8: Martin notes that all contacts are sent cards via the bureau within two weeks of the contact. If you want yours sooner, send an SAE with 2 IRC's or equivalent to Martin Berkofsky, Gardskagi Lighthouse, 250 Gardur, Iceland. When the pileups are really large, Martin starts with the Ø call area!

□ WAC: Two new certificates have been created: CW and phone (the latter replacing the sideband award to cover *all* telephony). You can keep pretty busy with bookkeeping for the following certificates/endorsements: mixed mode, CW, phone, SSTV, RTTY, FAX, satellite, 5-band, 6-band, QRP (for contacts on/after 1-1-85), and stickers for 1.8, 3.5, 50, 144 and 430 MHz, and higher-frequency bands. Drop an SASE to your society's HQ for full details!

□ GJØAAA: During CQWW CW '85, GJØAAA was operated by G3s SXW TFX WVG to the tune of almost 4k contacts. This was the fifth successive visit of this same team to the Channel Islands. Their five visits during that contest weekend have now exceeded 15,000! QSL via Nigel, G3TXF.

□ Panama: HP1XKR (JA7ARW) and HP1XKT (JA7HLO) are now back in Japan. Cards for either Koichi or Akiko go via Takao Togashi, JA7AGO, 4-48 Shogunno Higashi 1



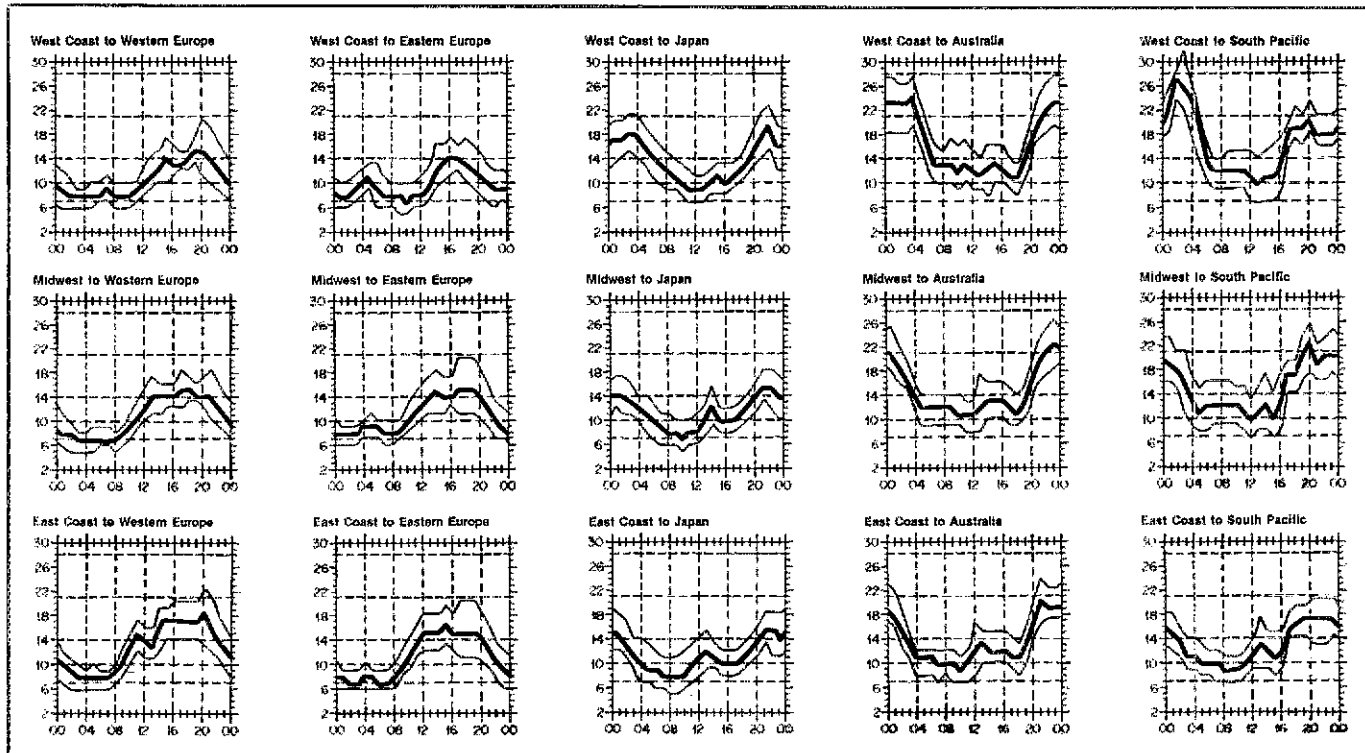
K2RDB (left) and YJ8MC during K2RDB's recent South Pacific business trip, which included a boondoggle to idyllic Vanuatu.

chrome, Akita-city, Akita, 011, Japan.

□ Montserrat: At just about the time you get this, you may be hearing new DXer K1CLN/VP2M operating portable. Cards via Box 866, Truro, MA 02666.

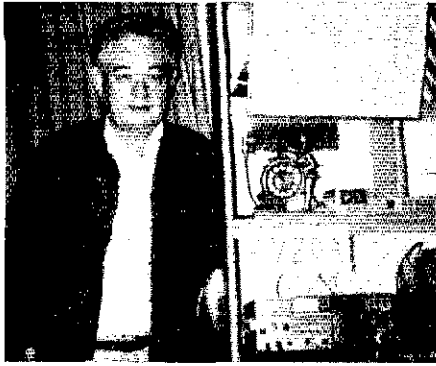
□ DXAC: New DXAC members from the Canadian and Great Lakes Divisions are VE3EJ and W8LU (committee chairman continues to be K6SSJ).

□ Gambia: The Gambian Licensing Authorities are not issuing any "MM" licenses so those operators heard /MM should be considered suspect. C53 calls are only issued to *permanent*



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





BY2DA (ex-XW8BP); QSL via DL7FT. (tnx ZP5XDW, ex-XW8CR)

residents of The Gambia and are valid only for the period of residence for fixed base operations. QST

## QSL Corner

Administered By Joan Hushin, KA1IFO

### ARRL-MEMBERSHIP OVERSEAS QSL SERVICE

Send outgoing cards: American Radio Relay League,

QSL Bureau, 225 Main St, Newington, CT USA 06111.

This is an "outgoing" service that allows ARRL members to send DX QSL cards to foreign countries at minimum cost and effort. While QSLing direct to foreign amateurs is faster, it is also more tedious. Time spent searching for addresses in the foreign *Callbook*, addressing and stuffing envelopes and mailing could be better spent operating DX. And, the cost of IRCs, Airmail postage and envelopes can be prohibitive.

An unlimited number of QSLs may be sent for distribution 12 times per year. The fee is just \$1 per pound or portion thereof (155 QSL cards average a pound). Recommended size of QSL cards is 3 1/2 x 5 1/2 in (90 mm x 140 mm).

The ARRL-Membership Overseas QSL Service operates *only* in an "outgoing" capacity. To receive QSLs from DX stations, see "The ARRL DX QSL Bureau System," Dec 1985 *QST*, page 73, or send an SASE to ARRL QSL Bureau, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

US amateurs may send SWL reports to foreign short-wave listeners. Unlicensed (associate) members may send SWL cards to foreign amateurs. QSL managers: Write for details.

Note: The ARRL QSL Service should not be used to exchange QSL cards within the 48 contiguous states.

#### Requirements

1) Presort your DX QSLs alphabetically by call-sign prefix (AP, C6, CE, DL, F, G, JA, LU, PY, 5N, 9Y, and so on).

2) Enclose the address label from your current copy of *QST*. The label shows that you are a current ARRL member.

3) Enclose payment of \$1 per each pound (or less) or cards—approximately 155 cards weigh 1 pound. In other words, \$1 is the *minimum charge* whether you send 1 card or 155 cards. Please pay by check (or money order) and write your call sign on the check. Do not send cash.

4) Include only the cards, address label and check in the package. Wrap the package securely and address it to the ARRL Outgoing QSL Service, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

5) Family members may also use the service by enclosing their QSLs with those of the primary member. Include the appropriate fee with each individual's cards and indicate "family membership."

6) Blind members who do not receive *QST* need only include the appropriate fee along with a note indicating

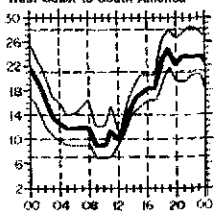
that the cards are from a blind member.

7) ARRL affiliated-club stations may use the service when submitting club QSLs by indicating the club name. Club secretaries should check affiliation papers to ensure that affiliation is current. In addition to sending club station QSLs through this service, affiliated clubs may also "pool" their members' individual QSL cards to effect an even greater savings. Each club member using this service must also be a League member. Cards should be sorted "en masse" by prefix, and a *QST* label enclosed for each ARRL member sending cards.

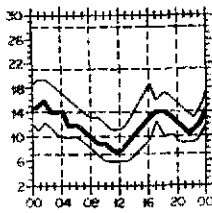
#### Countries Not Served

A5	Bhutan	TZ	Mali
A6	United Arab Emirates	V4	St Christopher and Nevis
A7	Qatar	VP2E	Anguilla
BV	Taiwan	VR6	Pitcairn Island
C9	Mozambique	XT	Burkina Faso
D6	Comoros	XU	Kampuchea
ET	Ethiopia	XW	Laos
HZ	Saudi Arabia	XX9	Macao
J5	Guinea-Bissau	XZ	Burma
KC4	US bases in Antarctica	YA	Afghanistan
KC6	Belau	ZA	Albania
KC6	Micronesia	ZD7	St Helena
KH1	Baker and Howland Is	ZD9	Tristan da Cunha
KH3	Johnston Is	ZK3	Tokelau
KH5	Palmyra and Jarvis Is	3C	Equatorial Guinea
KH7	Kure Is	3V	Tunisia
KH9	Wake Is	3W	Vietnam
KP1	Navassa Is	3X	Guinea
KP5	Deseccho Is	4W	North Yemen
P5	North Korea	5A	Libya
SU	Egypt	5H	Tanzania
T2	Tuvalu	5R	Madagascar
T3	Kiribati	5U	Niger
T5	Somalia	5X	Uganda
TJ	Cameroon	7O	South Yemen
TL	Central African Rep	7Q	Malawi
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TI	Chad	9G	Ghana
TY	Benin	9N	Nepal
		9U	Burundi

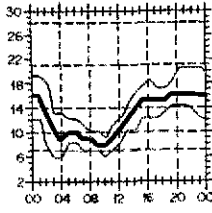
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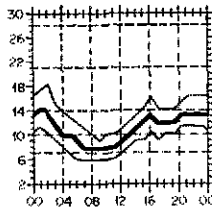
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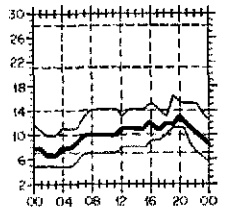
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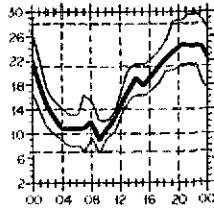
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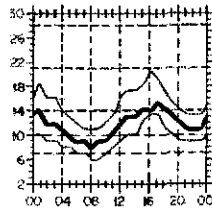
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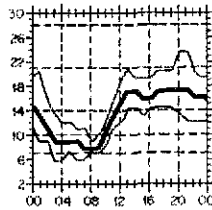
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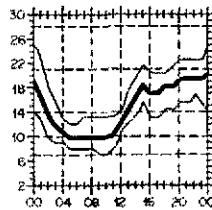
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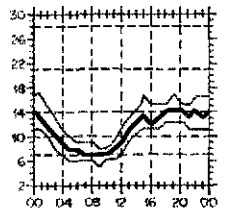
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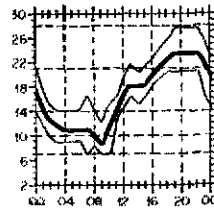
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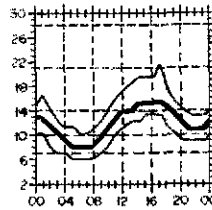
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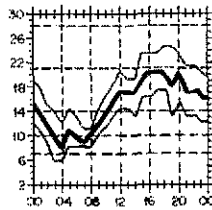
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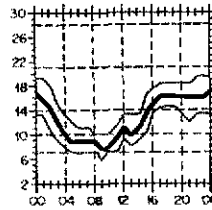
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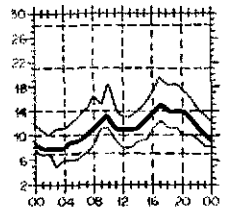
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Hawaii to East Coast



Hawaii to Western Europe



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 March 16 to April 15, 1986, assume a sunspot number of 11, which corresponds to a 2800-MHz solar flux of 73.

# DX Century Club Awards

Administered By Don Search, W3AZD

The DX Century Club certificate is awarded to amateurs who submit written confirmations for contacts with 100 or more countries on the official ARRL Countries List. There are now 316 current countries on the list. The DXCC Honor Roll includes those who are within 9 countries of that figure. The following annual listing of the DXCC membership contains the call signs and exact country totals of those who have joined the DXCC or increased their country totals by endorsement during the two-year period from October 1, 1983, through September 30, 1985. Honor Roll members are indicated in bold face print.

MIXED	W6CHV	PY1HQ	VE3AAZ	YV9BX	W8PT	J8AAA	W8UD	N4KG	W5RO	K8RWL	W5SP	JH1QD	SM7BBV	YU2CBM	R3JG	WB4ZNH	
358	W6BA	SM8AJU	VE3BWY	YV5BZ	YU1HA	K1DRN	WB2HXD	N4WF	W5TU	K8EIA	W5HTY	JK1OP	SM7TV	ZS1OU	R3AG	WB4ZNH	
	W8TK	W2FXA	W2ZTP	ZL1AJU	YU7BCD	K1M2U	WB7ABK	N4WV	W6KJ	K8EYX	W5WFX	JASMP	VE3FR		N2CO	313	
W1QKK	W8TK	W2SAW	W4BFR	ZL1AV	K4M7I	335	N8UC	N8UC	W7EDA	N4CC	W8DN	JARF	W1RR	318	N4HH	A4AM	
368	W7OF	W2XN	W4HR	345	341	K6XW	AJX	N9AB	W8YA	N4FA	W8YU	JAFS	W1VV	AE5B	N4NX	ASBK	
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LU6DX	W6WFS	W4AXR	W4CO	I7ZPB	DJ5DA	N4JF	EA4DO	SM8VR	W4ZJBV	N5TP	W7TE	K1CC	W4TK	DJ3ND	N4CW	F6BE	
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	K4YR	W8ZCO	J89A	W1ELR	W2HI	W2HI	KS1L	W8GKM	I1APO		W8WJ	LA5UF	4Z4X	K1VR	W8VJ	NS2A	
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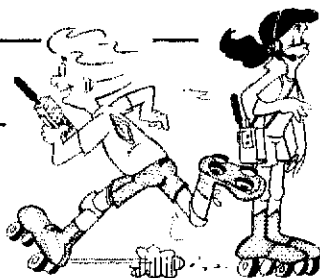


Table with multiple columns (A-Z) containing alphanumeric codes, likely representing a lottery drawing or a data grid. The table includes columns for numbers 1 through 29, with each cell containing a unique alphanumeric string.



# Making Waves

Conducted By Scott Springate, N7DDM  
2095 Broadview, Eugene, OR 97405



## THREE YOUNG HAMS HAVE WHAT IT TAKES

When I attended my first ham radio class, I felt terribly lost. I understood very little of the material and could have easily quit right on the spot. I stayed with it, however, and gradually some of the information began to stick. Not much made sense yet, but that was to come later. After what seemed like an eternity, I finally passed the code test and later went on to pass the written. That was five years ago, when I was 11. I am now a General, but receiving that Novice ticket was a very happy day in my life. I was very proud of my accomplishment at the time, and actually I still am. But then I didn't know about the following three young hams.

### Deep in the Heart of Texas

Nathan Moore, KA5YCA, of Sherman, Texas, is one of many hams in his family. His grandfather, Sam Moore, Sr, is AC5D and lives in Stigler, Oklahoma. His father, Sam Moore, Jr, NX5Z, and mother, Carolyn, KA5WQX, are hams. Nathan got his license in September of last year, but the incredible part is that he was only six years old at the time.

Nathan got his young start in ham radio when his mother began studying for her Novice exam. At the same time she was working for her Novice ticket, she was also working with Nathan to teach him some of the material. Nathan's father even made up a program for their computer that asked sample Novice questions, making studying easier and more fun at the same time. After Nathan's mother was successful in her attempt for the Novice, Nathan began working with the code. He passed the test one week before his mother upgraded to General.

Nathan is now attending first grade at Fairview Elementary School. Aside from ham radio, Nathan also enjoys programming his computer and playing his chord organ. His younger sister, Janna, 2, will certainly have to study hard and early to get her license at a younger age than her big brother, but I'm sure he'll be pulling for her all the way!

### Young Volunteer

The following story comes from Marsha E. Wait, KA4OKW, about her daughter, Bethany, AA4MU. Bethany's achievements are enormous; I wish I had buckled down and done what she has. The effort she put into ham radio to earn her ticket is highly commendable, but her continued volunteer work over the air is to be applauded as well.

Bethany Wait, AA4MU, of Geneva, Florida, is a third-generation ham who first

became interested in Amateur Radio at the age of seven. She earned the Novice class license in 1981, shortly after her eighth birthday. Later that same year, she upgraded to Technician. At age nine, she upgraded to General and then to Advanced class. Nine weeks after her 12th birthday, Bethany passed her *Extra Class examination*, in August 1985.

Bethany is a member of both the RACES and ARES, and was one of the communications operators at two county shelters for emergency evacuation during Hurricane Elena. For this community service, she was presented citations by Florida Governor Bob Graham, as well as the Seminole County Board of Commissioners and the Seminole County Department of Public Safety. In May 1985, during the wild fires that ravaged central Florida, Bethany was in charge of a local command post,

coordinating communication between the volunteer and county fire fighters.

For the past two years, Bethany has been the lead operator of the 20-meter-phone station of the Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society (LMARS) Field Day entry. During the 1985 Orlando Hamcation, Bethany initiated and participated in the Young People's Forum, designed to interest youth in Amateur Radio.

Bethany has also received commendations from fellow Amateur Radio enthusiast Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, Florida Congressman Bill McCollum and several government agencies, including the FCC Private Radio Bureau.

Bethany has been active both in DX and local communications. In addition to Amateur Radio activities, Bethany plays the flute in her school's marching band, writes stories and poetry, and plays with her cat, "CQ."

Bethany looks forward to continued growth and learning, not only about Amateur Radio, but also the world that is open to her because of this great hobby.

### From Maine to MARS

Alex Clifford, NB1T, of Newport, Maine, is yet another ham who began young in this hobby and didn't stop upgrading until he made it to the top! He attained his *Extra Class license* in August 1985, at age 13. When he turned 14, in October 1985, he became a member of Navy-Marine Corps MARS and holds the call NNNØFSU. He bought a computer and an interface with part of his earnings from mowing lawns and various other odd jobs in order to operate RTTY. He also purchased a disk drive and printer to go along with the computer. Alex participates regularly in traffic nets on both CW and phone.

Aside from ham radio, Alex writes regular columns for a school newspaper and occasionally a local newspaper. He also plays trombone and sousaphone in the junior high/high school band.

These young people are a credit to Amateur Radio for the time and effort they have contributed. I hope to someday earn an Extra Class license, but that is still quite far off. However, when I do decide to try for it, only then will I fully appreciate the work involved in attaining this prestigious achievement. By the way, even though all three of these young people have accomplished a great deal at an early age, there may be some accomplished hams who are even younger. If you know someone who is, write to me via the address given at the top of the column and tell me about them!



Six-year-old Novice Nathan Moore, KA5YCA, pauses between CW contacts.



Bethany Waite, AA4MU, tries out a new transceiver at the JAX Hamfest. (WA4B photo)





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## RABC

We've often run items on RABC, but we've never told you what it is or what it does. This month, we intend to correct that.

RABC, the Radio Advisory Board of Canada, consists of 25 member-societies representing those concerned with use of the radio spectrum. CRRL is a member. So is CARF. So are the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, the Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers of Canada, Telecom and Teleglobe Canada, and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. These and the 18 other member-societies represent some 2000 commercial interests, 10,000 radio amateurs and 30,000 members of professional organizations.

Each member-society appoints one representative and an alternate. These— together with the General Manager, the elected Executive, the chairpersons of committees and the ex-officio representative of the Department of Communications (DOC)— form the RABC General Council, which meets in Ottawa twice each year. However, it is in committees, staffed by experts from the member-societies, that the detailed work of RABC is carried out. At the moment, RABC has five standing committees: Broadcasting; Land, Fixed and Mobile Radio; Marine Radio; Radio Relaying; and Electromagnetic Compatibility. That last



Radio amateurs were much in evidence at the 41st Annual Meeting of RABC, the Radio Advisory Board of Canada. From left to right are VE3HD (Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers of Canada), VE3ZS (Canadian Amateur Radio Federation), VE3ERQ (Motorola Canada), VE3FN (Canadian Radio Relay League), VE3WI (Telecom Canada), VE3TT (Consultant), Gerald Lutley (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) and VE3QO (Canadian Association of Broadcasters). RABC is recognized by the federal government as the industry's voice in radio spectrum affairs. (VE3HD photo)

committee deals with RFI—of vital concern to radio amateurs.

What does RABC do? Basically, it advises DOC on anything and everything connected with the development, management and regulation of the radio spectrum. Through RABC, member-societies are able to receive early indications of changes in government standards, procedures and regulations. They are able to contribute to spectrum planning, help create standards for radio and radio-related equipment, and make recommendations about licensing and other regulatory matters. They are able to collectively respond to DOC actions. They are able to ensure that their views carry weight with DOC and the Canadian government because they are expressed through RABC.

CRRL's representatives on RABC are Ontario Director Ray Perrin, VE3FN, and Bill Loucks, VE3AR. Both are active members and experienced professional engineers. Of course, amateur input to RABC doesn't stop with Ray and Bill and the two representatives from CARF. Many of those representing commercial interests and professional organizations just happen to be radio amateurs! Amateur Radio has a strong voice in this powerful and respected body.

RABC membership is not free. For CRRL, RABC membership fees and cost of travel to meetings use up several hundred dollars each year—paid for by you, the CRRL member.

## SECTION MANAGER ELECTION NOTICE

To all CRRL members in the Manitoba Section: You are hereby solicited for nominating petitions pursuant to an election for Section Manager. Name of the incumbent appears on page 8 of this QST.

A petition, to be valid, must carry the signatures of five or more CRRL Full Members residing in the Section concerned. It is advisable to have more than five signatures. Photocopied signatures are not acceptable. Signatures must be on the petition.

Petition forms, FSD-129-C, are available from CRRL Headquarters in London, Ontario, but are not required. The following form is acceptable:

(Place and date)

The Secretary, CRRL  
Box 7009, Station E  
London, ON N5Y 4J9

We, the undersigned Full Members of the Canadian Radio Relay League residing in the Manitoba Section, hereby nominate... as Manitoba Section Manager for the next two-year term of office. (Signatures...Calls...Addresses including postal codes...)

A Section Manager must be a resident of his or her Section, a licensed amateur holding a Canadian Amateur Certificate or higher and a Full Member of the League for a continuous

term of at least two years prior to the receipt of the nominating petition at CRRL Headquarters. Petitions must be received at CRRL Headquarters before 1600 EST Friday, March 7, 1986.

If only one valid petition is received, the person nominated will be declared elected. If more than one valid petition is received, a balloted election will take place. Ballots will be mailed from CRRL Headquarters on or before April 1, 1986. Returns will be counted on or after May 16, 1986. A Section Manager elected as a result of these procedures will begin his or her two-year term of office on July 1, 1986.

If no valid petition is received, the Section will be resolicited in July 1986 QST. A Section Manager elected after resolicitation will serve for 18 months.

Vacancies in any Section Manager office between elections will be filled by the CRRL Secretary, acting on advice from the CRRL Board.

You are urged to take the initiative and file a nominating petition immediately.—Harry MacLean, VE3GRO, CRRL Secretary

## JACK RAVENSCROFT UPDATE

The trial of Jack Ravenscroft, VE3SR, is over. Testimony was presented on January 14, 15 and 16. Most observers felt the trial went well.

Jack is the Ottawa-area amateur who was sued for \$35,000 for allegedly interfering with a neighbour's microwave oven, furnace control and home-entertainment equipment. At the trial, CRRL Director Ray Perrin, VE3FN, testified that Jack could not be held responsible for the interference. He said the problem was like rain entering through a hole in a roof. You can't stop rain; you have to fix the hole. The analogy was appropriate. DOC, which indicated that Jack's station was clean and that Jack had been operating within the law, testified that even their own hand-held transceivers could create problems in the plaintiffs' home. And when the plaintiffs produced a tape recording of a CW transmission, copied on their home entertainment equipment, it was found, to their embarrassment, not to be a transmission by Jack, but a transmission by another amateur living a block and one-half away!

At press time, the case had moved into written argument. Given what appears to be a successful trial, Jack should be cleared. However, things are rarely as simple as they seem. There could be a surprise decision. We'll all know the outcome by the end of February, when the final decision will be handed down.

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## Gs Get 6 Meters!

The event for which many have hoped has taken place. A major European country—actually a group of countries—has received an amateur allocation at 50 MHz. Beginning Feb 1, all Class A UK licensees gained access to a new band of frequencies from 50.0 to 50.5 MHz. No operating time limits are imposed, but power, antenna and location restrictions do apply, at least for the time being. British authorities state that they will reconsider these provisions over the next year. At that time, some of them may be relaxed, or possibly amateur use of the band could be withdrawn altogether. The decision will be based on interference reports (or the lack of them) received from nearby European countries.

What are the provisions and restrictions governing the British use of 6 meters? First, it applies only to Class A licensees. This is the grade of British license held by all of the Gs we encounter on the HF bands. It requires the passage of a code test. Many VHF operators in the UK have not been required to pass a code test. They are issued Class B licenses and may operate only above 144 MHz. Until recently, Class B operators were permitted voice operation only; however, an experimental program is underway to permit them to use CW. Not allowing Class B licensees to take advantage of the 6-meter allocation will somewhat limit the number participating. In-

deed, this is one of the stated reasons for the restriction. Despite the limitation to Class A licensees, I believe that we will see a large number of G stations on the band, so great has been the anticipation of its availability.

The other major restriction facing British 6-meter operators is power. Normally, Gs are allowed a transmitter output of 100 W on CW and FM or 400-W PEP on amplitude-modulated voice. This may be distributed over both sidebands in the case of AM, or concentrated into one when operation is on SSB. On 6 meters, the power limit is defined in terms of effective radiated power, or ERP, rather than transmitter output, and the values are 25 W for CW and FM and 100 W-PEP for AM and SSB. Defining power in terms of ERP, rather than transmitter output, means that antenna gain and feed line loss must be considered. Thus, the Gs on 6-meters will be running quite-low power, probably about 10-25 W. A little easier to live with are several antenna restrictions. Antennas must be horizontally polarized, and their height above ground no greater than 20 meters (66 ft). In addition, mobile or portable work is out, as is operation from locations other than that specified in the license—no hilltopping.

The reason behind these restrictions is, apparently, the fear of interference to TV reception and other services on the Continent. Reportedly, the provisions for amateur use

of 6 meters by G amateurs was worked out through extensive negotiations between British government officials and those of neighboring countries. The closest TV station to the British Isles, using the band, is a low-power station in Antwerp, Belgium. This station transmits with vertical polarization, which may explain the restriction to horizontal antennas. Other European Channel 2 stations operate in Germany, Norway and Sweden, with powers of up to 100 kW.

Despite the somewhat severe restriction, I am sure that our British colleagues will make good use of their new allocation. If sporadic-E openings in future summers approach those experienced during 1985, many contacts will be made across the Atlantic. Won't it be nice not to have to wait until 2230Z before two-ways can take place?

As good a piece of news as the British release of 6 meters is, its greatest impact may be as an example to other governments in the area. Already, there are indications of moves underway in several countries to permit some form of amateur 6-meter operation. As more and more countries come to the conclusion that 50 MHz is not a very good place for television, especially with another solar peak approaching, we may see additional hams on the band. It's interesting to speculate on how a 6-meter F2 opening might sound with a number of Europeans on the band.

## ON THE BANDS

**6 Meters**—Although the winter E<sub>s</sub> season has been in full swing during the period covered by this report, the major 6-meter news, other than that announced in this column's lead, comes from the regulatory front. One concerns a proposal filed by Donald Stoner, W6TNS, to take half of the band away from us to provide space for a new service. His petition calls for the reallocation of 52-54 MHz from the Amateur Service to what he calls "The Public Digital Radio Service." This is envisioned by Stoner as some kind of super packet system of specially designed transceivers attached to personal computers. He refers to them as "Radio Modems." These radio modems would exchange data at a very-high rate, which explains the "need" for 2 MHz of spectrum space to accommodate a single channel. Many users would be able to occupy one channel, presumably through time sharing. Data would be relayed through whatever series of radio modems would be necessary to get to the addressed unit. According to the proposal, the radio modems would include a power-management feature that each would adjust power from a maximum of 1 W down to a few milliwatts. This would be done automatically, and the level selected would be no more than would be necessary to maintain contact with the next unit in the net. One wonders what a person not having another radio modem within relay range would do. The 1-W power level and the use of vertical antennas are

specified in an effort to eliminate the possibility of TVI. W6TNS's petition states that he selected the 6-meter band because, "it is essentially unoccupied" and because use of frequencies in this part of the spectrum would make the radio modems cheap.

ARRL has filed a strongly worded brief opposing the Stoner proposal. It takes exception to deleting half of the Amateur 6-meter band to create the proposed service. The League bases its opposition on two principal arguments: First, the proposed service is unnecessary because Amateur Radio already makes use of packet radio, which enables the interconnection of home computers. Second, the contention that the 6-meter band is virtually unoccupied is untrue. I am sure that readers of this column can also attest to the interest that a great many of us have in the 50- to 54-MHz band. The closing date for comments on the Stoner was Jan 6, but I'll let you know if any further action is needed.

The other regulatory item concerns a petition submitted by Albert D'Errico Jr, N4IXU, to allow Novice class licensees to operate voice and CW between 50.3 and 50.5 MHz. Under this proposal, Novices would be limited to a transmitter output power of 15 W. This is aimed at overcoming opposition that might result from fear of television interference, as well as providing an incentive to upgrade. No indication is forthcoming as yet as to how this proposal will be received by the Commission.

A number of good E<sub>s</sub> sessions have taken

place over the winter season. One—on Jan 5, between the Washington, DC area and Florida—lasted for several hours. Both W1DGA/3 and W3OTC reported working this column's originator, W1HDQ/4, during the opening. The VHF Sweepstakes also featured scattered openings that put a little more excitement into the contest than we are accustomed to experiencing during that particular event.

For those still awaiting a QSL from TF3T, it appears there is still hope. The latest to meet with success, to come to my attention, is WA6PEV. Apparently, after several unsuccessful attempts, Ron's use of the registered-letter approach, which has worked for several others, finally paid off. I understand that the current address is listed under the call TF1T. Good luck to all of those still trying.

K8UNV passes along an interesting piece of information picked up in a 75-meter QSO with V3FB. It seems that station is operational on 6 meters with up to 400 W. Those who believe that the band may be open in the direction of Belize may telephone V3FB. K8UNV says the country code is 011 and the number is 501-042602.

**2 Meters**—W7HAH comments that the Geminids was very good on the north-south path from his area. On Dec 14, Shep was able to complete contacts with eight stations: K6PVS, W8LLY/6, K6HXW, K7ICW, AA7A, W6HDO, KF6NX and WA6LHD. Some of these were worked in less than 15 minutes. The

### 70-cm Standings

For WAS holders, listings are WAS number, call, state, call areas worked and grids worked. For others, call, state, US states worked, number of call areas worked and grids worked. Call areas are the 10 US call areas plus KL7 and KH6, plus each VE and XE call area, plus DXCC countries not located within the continental limits of the US, Canada or Mexico. Grids are those Maidenhead designators worked since the VUCC Award was instituted January 1, 1983. Those not showing some indication of activity or interest within the past two years are subject to being deleted. They will be reinstated upon providing an indication, in writing that they are still interested in being listed in the 70-cm Standings. It is not necessary to have worked any new states or grids in order to be reinstated. Compiled January 15, 1986. Deadline for next update is July 5, 1986.

WAS Holders	K2YCO	NY	17	8	WB4NMA	GA	17	6	W5N2S	TX	6	3	KA8Y*	IA	40	9
1 W0YZS*	MO	—	—	—	K4LHB	VA	13	6	W6ABN*	CA	43	34	W0PW*	CO	28	10
2 K2UYH*	NJ	55	—	—	K4KAE	SC	12	5	N6AMG*	IA	9	16	K0DAS	IA	26	7
3 K5JL*	OK	—	—	—	W4A0FS	FL	10	3	K6JYO*	MO	24	8	W0FY	MO	24	8
4 WB5LUA*	TX	41	—	—	WB4RUA	GA	10	3	K8QXY	KS	21	6	WB0DRL	KS	21	6
5 W5FF*	MA	28	—	—	W4A0WC	FL	10	—	W6A8XM	ND	20	12	K0ALL*	ND	20	12
6 W1JR*	NM	45	128	—	N14Z*	FL	9	3	W4WD7*	UT	38	33	W0OHU	MN	20	6
					W3IP	MD	27	7	W7HAH*	MT	15	17	KF6M	KS	18	5
					KB3QM	DE	23	—	K7ICW	NV	4	2	W0TKJ	KS	15	6
K1FO*	CT	40	39	116	W3ZG	MD	22	9	N7EJ	ID	2	1	WB0DGF	NE	10	3
W2SZ1*	MA	29	12	79	W3AFYJ	PA	22	9	W8WW*	OH	45	34	W0JRP	MO	9	4
K1PXE	CT	25	11	—	A63T	PA	21	7	W88BK	MI	30	9	W0NOK	MO	9	3
K1LPS*	VT	22	12	—	K3HZO	MD	20	9	N18C	OH	28	10	WB0ZKG	IA	9	3
W1RIL	MA	14	7	26	K3ILV	PA	19	5	W88PAT	OH	23	9	W0BRWC	IA	8	3
W1GXT	MA	13	6	—	W3XO	MD	13	5	W82DIN/B	WV	13	6	KC0QR	NE	7	2
W1QXX	MA	13	5	20	W3XDMF	MD	10	5	W89SNR	IL	33	11	N08TN	NE	4	2
WA1JOF	MA	13	4	—	W4MVI*	SC	43	25	W92JH	IL	33	11	KH6HME	NE	2	2
N1AIS	MA	11	5	—	K4QIF*	VA	39	21	W9JUD	IL	28	10	KL7WE*	NE	28	25
K2RIW*	NY	28	12	—	W5HUQ/4*	FL	36	39	N9CF	IL	20	9	VE1UT	NS	14	6
W2CV	NJ	27	11	67	WB4NXY	KY	29	8	K9SM	IL	16	7	VE3LN	IA	15	6
K2GK	NJ	24	9	59	WA4PC6	KY	27	9	W9M5V	IL	14	5	VE4MA*	IA	43	40
W2DWJ	NJ	22	9	—	W4FJ*	VA	25	8	W9YCV	WI	7	4	G3SEK*	IA	19	38
WA2FGK	NJ	22	9	—	W4ISS	GA	25	8	W0JC9	WI	7	2	JA9BOH*	IA	18	31
W2PGC	NY	20	10	—	K4CAW	NC	23	—	K0TLM*	MO	47	24	—	—	—	—
					WS4F	GA	22	8	W0RAP*	IA	45	32	—	—	—	—
					KC4EG	KY	21	8	W0TEM*	IA	42	—	—	—	—	—
					WA4SBC	VA	20	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
					W3IY4	VA	19	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

\*EME used for some contacts  
 WAC  
 —information not supplied

W7HAH QSO represented state number 12 for WABLLY/6. Steve notes that Doppler was greater on this occasion than he had observed in many previous meteor showers. He observes that Doppler can be quite a problem when one or both stations are using transceive mode. They can walk across the band and never succeed in tuning each other in. He suggests that the transmitter frequency be kept constant and only the receive frequency adjusted. This can be accomplished by the use of RIT on transceivers. Of course, with separate receivers and transmitters there is no problem.

By the time you read this, another WA1JXN operation from the Bahamas should be well underway. Lance plans to operate from C6A during the last two weeks of Feb and will work both EME and terrestrial modes. Given reasonable tropo or meteor scatter, many stations in the eastern part of the US and Canada not equipped for moonbounce should be able to pick up a new country on 2 meters.

K7ICW writes that the grid system and the VUCC Award has been producing some interesting times in his part of the country. Al says that on Nov 9, N6ENU operated from near Mono Lake, California in DM08, which is about 320 miles over a very obstructed mountainous path from his Las Vegas QTH. This effort provided a new grid for him as well as N7BPA, K7ZOK and WA7JUO. A few days later, on Dec 3, WB6ODX Fresno in DM06 was worked by N7BPA, N7AJU and K7ZOK, with K7ICW not able to make the grade on this occasion. A few minutes later, however, WB6PTF, located 40 miles south of Fresno, was worked by K7ICW, N7AKU and K7ZOK. Al notes that this path into the San Joaquin Valley has been worked on 2 meters only a few times before.

WA4WKO writes from Seminole, Florida that many in his area lost their antennas in the recent storms, but apparently most have their stations back in operating order, as witnessed by the fact that 30 to 40 stations from Key West to Panama City regularly check in to the 144.160 SSB net, which meets Thursday evenings at 2100 local time. The net is normally called by W3ZR/4, with occasional help from WA4WKO, K4QXX or K4PBP. There are plans to start a 70-cm net in the area soon.

70 cm—G3SEK reports that he has now worked

19 US states via 70-cm EME. He notes that Europeans have a difficult task in working states, but much less in amassing grids and call areas. Ian has 152 grids to his credit. He hopes, as I do, that more DX stations will submit totals for listing in the Standings boxes. You may recall that one of the reasons for adopting a worldwide grid system was to enable VHFers everywhere to compare results on an equal footing as possible. G3SEK also notes the differences between operating in this country and Europe. He has put in a few contest stints at W2SZ, so is familiar with operation on this side of the Atlantic. He comments that during contests the activity level is higher in Europe than it is here, but that less use of CW and the higher QRM level over there result in not being able to work some of the more-remote stations. He says that generally it's during noncontest times that best DX, such as Eastern Europe, is accomplished.

K2UYH comments in the Jan issue of his 432 and Above EME News that one of the major benefits of the ARRL EME Contest is the number of new stations it brings out. Many of them can be categorized as "super stations," which provide a great deal of encouragement for those trying moonbounce with minimal setups. Despite relatively poor conditions during the last running of the contest—a geomagnetic storm the first weekend and uncooperative Faraday the second—activity was quite good and some rather impressive scores were turned in. On 70 cm, DL9KR appears to be well in the lead with 86 contacts and a multiplier of 32. K2UYH had 71 contacts and a multiplier of 27. WA1RWU follows with 64 and 25, and K1FO with 61 and 23. On 23 cm, OE9XXI appears to be in the lead with 19 QSOs with a multiplier of 15. The Feb issue of the newsletter includes an item on what must be quite unusual, if not a first—a three-way SSB-EME QSO on Dec 30 between K2UYH, DL9KR and SM4IVE. Signals generally ran 5 x 5 between the three stations—another sign of EME's coming of age.

The newsletter also notes that W4HHK has been recovering from heart surgery, but that he hopes to be back to his 13-cm EME activities before too long. We all wish Paul the best of luck.

N2WK says that he is active on all of the bands and looking for skeds, especially on 70 cm, 1 1/2 meters and 23 cm. Wayne's phone number is 716-247-7283.

### Canadian News

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#### NOTES FROM ALL OVER

□ DOC has informed CRRL that, effective February, there will no longer be a regulations test for the Advanced Amateur certificate. CRRL is checking how this will affect those writing examinations for the Digital certificate.

□ Officials from both CRRL and CARF represented radio amateurs at a December meeting of RABC, the Radio Advisory Board of Canada. What was learned? DOC is making little progress in its major review of the Radio Act. New regulations governing radiation from power lines, digital equipment, and industrial, scientific and medical equipment are held up at the Privy Council Office. DOC is drafting regulations that will give them new powers to act in cases of excessive radiation from cable-television systems. There may be small increases in licence fees in 1987. Finally, AM broadcasting should move into 1605-1705 kHz by 1991.

□ IARU Region 2, consisting of North and South America, will hold its triennial conference in October. CRRL will be sending the Canadian representatives. Main item on the agenda: preparations for the next General WARC (World Administrative Radio Conference), which might be held as early as 1992.

□ CNIB has updated its Amateur Radio program for the blind. CNIB is now renting to blind amateurs Ten-Tec Argonaut IIs to replace the aging Heathkit HW-12s and HW-32s available previously. For more information, contact Fred Roberts, VE3AFA, CNIB National Office, 1931 Bayview Ave, Toronto, ON M4G 4C8.

□ Congratulations to Malcom Timlick, VE4MG, who is the first amateur to earn the Worked All "QST" Award. Malcom is a CRRL Official Bulletin Station and trustee of VE4QST. Now, what about the rest of you? Many of you are very close. We'll organize a "QST" QSO Party sometime this spring. Watch this column for an announcement.

□ Canada's first repeater, VE3RPT, Toronto, recently celebrated its 20th birthday.

## A 10-GHz Diode Detector/Mixer

A waveguide-mounted diode detector/mixer for use at 10 GHz is both inexpensive and easy to construct. It finds use in aligning filters, measuring power output, determining waveguide VSWR and even as a simple mixer. All this for a cost of a few dollars. A suitable diode is one of the 1N23 series. These are found with letter suffixes (eg, 1N23C), which denote the diode noise figure. The lowest noise figures are denoted by the latter letters of the alphabet. A 1N23C has a noise figure around 9.5 dB, while a 1N23G typically measures around 6.5 dB. In a diode detector, the noise figure is of no consequence, and so the cheapest (or most easily found) diode is the one to choose. If the device is also to be used as a mixer, then it is worth selecting a low-noise diode.

The package outline of the 1N23 series is shown in Fig 1A. To construct the detector, the diode is mounted across a short piece of closed-end waveguide, one quarter wavelength from the shorted end as shown in Fig 2. One quarter wavelength, measured inside WG90, corresponds

to about 9.5 mm at 10.368 GHz. In order to better match the detector to the waveguide, matching screws are inserted through the wall of the waveguide some distance in front of the diode. The distance between the diode and the matching screws is not important, but the distance between the screws themselves should be about  $\lambda/8$  (~ 5 mm in this case). Usually, with a three-screw tuner of this type, only one or two of the screws will be required to provide a good match, but three positions are required, as it isn't possible to determine in advance just which of the screws will do the matching.

The construction of the detector is quite straightforward. First take a 3-inch length of brass waveguide and square off the ends with a file. Mark out a point in the center of the broad face of the waveguide exactly 9.5 mm from one end. Using a drill press or stand, if available, drill a 1/8-in-diameter hole through the waveguide wall at this point. Continue drilling through both broad walls. Open out the hole drilled in the opposite wall with a 1/4-inch drill. Clean up the holes and remove any burrs from inside and outside the waveguide with a small file. Solder a flange on the end of the waveguide opposite the holes just drilled. A short length of the guide (< 1 mm) should protrude from the front face of the guide. After the guide has cooled, this should be filed back to produce a smooth face on the flange. Next, cut out a 0.5-inch x 1.0-inch piece of brass sheet (any convenient thickness). This brass sheet is now soldered in place to close off the end of the waveguide closest to the holes. About 2 inches from the closed end, mark out the positions for the three matching screws. These should be in the center of the broad face of the waveguide and 5 mm apart. Drill through the waveguide at these positions with a no. 50 (0.0700 inch) drill and tap these holes with a 2-56 tap. Using 2-56 screws (preferably stainless steel, which will not take solder), jig three 2-56 brass nuts to the waveguide over these three holes and solder them in position. Three brass screws with

locknuts may be inserted into the three nuts until they are just flush with the inside wall of the waveguide.

The diode should now be prepared for mounting. Carefully thread the brass pin on one end of the diode with a 4-40 die. Take care, or there is a chance of damaging the diode by twisting the end off. The other end of the diode is 1/4 inch in diameter, with a small flange. File off the flange to produce a uniform 1/4-in-diameter end, as shown in Fig 1B. Next take two thin 4-40 washers and cover one side of each with a single layer of Scotch® tape. These will be used to form a capacitor to decouple the output of the diode to the waveguide. The last part to make is a brass disk, about 1/4 inch thick, 1/2 inch in diameter with a 1/4-inch hole through its center and a set screw through the side.

An alternative to making this piece is to take a plastic knob designed to fit a 1/4-inch shaft. Choose one with a metal center. A sharp blow with a hammer will remove the plastic, leaving a suitably shaped brass piece complete with a set screw! This brass piece is soldered to the bottom of the waveguide so that the 1/4-inch hole in the brass piece lines up with the 1/4-inch hole in the waveguide.

Take the diode and insert it through the 1/4-inch hole. With a pair of tweezers place one of the insulated 4-40 washers, with the Scotch tape side up, over the threaded end of the diode inside the waveguide. Push the diode up so that the threaded end pokes through the hole in the top of the guide. Place the second insulated washer, Scotch tape side down, and a small solder lug over the threads. Screw on a 4-40 nut and tighten it down. Make sure that the diode is centered in the hole in the waveguide and that it is not shorting to the wall. Tighten up the locking screw on the mount on the bottom of the waveguide. The detector/mixer is now complete.

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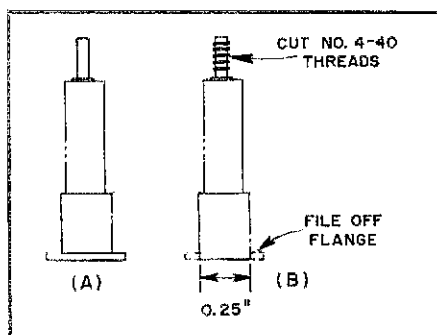


Fig 1—At A is the 1N23 series diode; at B is the 1N23 series diode after modification of package.

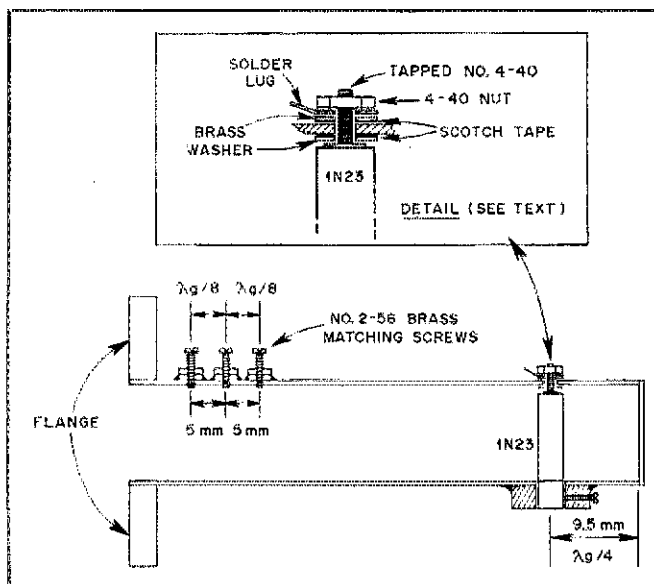


Fig 2—The microwave detector/mixer.

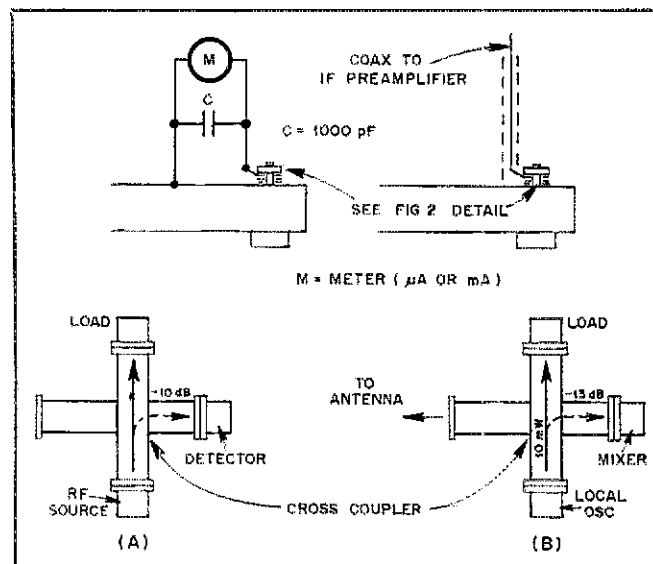


Fig 3—At A are the connections for use as a power meter. The connections for use as a mixer are at B.

## 2 Meters Is Alive and Well

*The following are the views of Steve Wolf, NO8M.*

In recent months, a number of authors have expressed the opinion that 2 meters is an unholy mess. There are too many repeaters! All of the repeaters are ego boxes! There is not enough simplex activity! So what if we lose a few repeaters with the new band plan!

Yes, 2 meters is very popular. Why is that so? It does not offer the thrill of nabbing a rare DX station. You will not learn about some particularity of a QTH many hundred miles away. What's the draw?

### Communities—Lots of Them!

A sense of community belongs to Amateur Radio. Where does this sense of community come from? Not from 10-minute "How's the weather?" contacts with a person you will never talk to again. Not from working pileups. Not even from long ragchews.

How about 2 meters, on the repeaters? There are activities such as fox hunts, emergency-preparedness drills, public-service events, antenna parties and the like. A person gets to know the people they talk to, perhaps every day while commuting. Is this not a sense of community?

A DXer in the Cleveland area would find his community on the 7.36 repeater. We have at least two RTTY machines. Emergency preparedness in the making? No problem—dial up 5.29. More preparedness and Red Cross? Look to 6.82. SKYWARN? Yep, it's on 6.76. Want to work a station on a WW II submarine? Check on 7.15 for info. How about the adjoining counties? 7.21 to the east, 7.03 to the south and 5.23 to the west are among the many. There are a number of communities in Cleveland. Many of them are as different as day and night.

### Let's Build a Repeater, Then Not Use It!

"Use simplex if possible; don't tie up the machine." I don't know of too many repeater-based clubs that say, "Don't use the repeater." This is exactly what the simplex phrase suggests. Most repeater operators say, "Join in! Join our community." And if we can't think alike, try one of the other machines. You'll fit in somewhere; we have quite a variety.

You see, we did not put our repeater on the air so it would sit idle waiting for the "proper" low-power station. We put it on the air so that it would be available 24 hours a day for emergency preparedness, meetings, forums, discussions, shared knowledge and a sense of community. To accomplish this goal, we had to put up a bunch of them because many of us do not think alike.

### No Controversy

If you have an opinion, let's have it. We will talk. I'll know your thoughts and you'll know mine. If you still subscribe to the non-controversial subject rule, try this method. You will be surprised to find how many of the many listeners become talkers.

Maybe that's why many authors are upset.

Perhaps they disagree with this approach. Perhaps they subscribe to the censorship that noncontroversy brings. Maybe they dislike hearing anything with which they may disagree. Maybe they consider the repeater as being "tied up" and unavailable for their more lofty usage. There are repeaters for them, too.

### You Still Don't Understand Why There Are So Many?

Wish you had been in Trumbull County, Ohio on June 1, 1985. Tornadoes destroyed a number of cities, and Amateur Radio became a key element in the initial response. Unfortunately, there was only one repeater available for emergency traffic. Yes, there were repeaters with overlapping coverage, but that didn't prove very effective. There was just too much area, too much traffic and too little repeater time.

All governmental and Red Cross traffic was coordinated through one repeater. The administration of net control took on a spiritual overtone. The builders did a good job; the repeater stayed on the air the whole time. The need for redundancy was not a problem.

### How About Voice for Novices on 220?

Let's make 220 another 2 meters. Let's take the Novices and give them a sense of community that they never had before. Why do so many Novices drop their interest in Amateur Radio? Perhaps it is because we have relegated them to noncommunity CW contacts. We all have gone through that; many drop out. That was our loss. We lost people to help during Field Day. We lost people to help in our public-service events. We lost people to work in emergencies. Many could have been kept in ham radio. We never offered them a sense of community. With that sense of community would come a sense of belonging and, more importantly, support.

220 phone is the solution to this problem. Active, club-supported machines would offer these Novices the opportunity to be involved with Field Day, assist with public service, help in emergencies and open the door to a myriad of other activities. It would give them the opportunity to see what Amateur Radio can do in public service.

### That's Why There Are So Many Repeaters

Why are there so many repeaters? We might need them. If the recent disasters were to strike a metropolitan area, we would need all the repeaters we could get and all of the people to provide the services. We would need the Amateur Radio community.

For now, I think I'll go over to 6.82 and see if I can catch a guy I have been meaning to talk to. He has a great idea for putting an Amateur Radio course on the air. Then I'll switch over to 7.36 and see if there is any word on TN8EE. Then, over to one of the RTTY machines to see if there is anything new about 220 phone for the Novices. Then it's over to 5.29 to see if anyone wants to talk about the Cel-Tel controversy.

### REPEATER LOG

According to reports received in December, repeaters were involved in the following public-service events: 22 drills/alerts, 3 public-safety events, 13 vehicular emergencies, 3 weather emergencies and 1 fire emergency.

The following repeaters were involved (followed by the number of events): WB3GDH 7, WA4SWF 1, WB4UDS 3, K8DDG 5, KD8GL 7, W8ICN 4, WD8IEL 5, WA8ULB 8, KH6H 1. [RECEIVED]

## The New Frontier

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When operated as a detector, a sensitive current meter is connected between the solder lug on the top of the diode and the body of the waveguide (see Fig 3A). A small (~1000 pF) capacitor is usually connected across the meter. Note that the total series resistance of the circuit is important. More sensitive meters generally have a higher series resistance, typically 1000 ohms for a 100- $\mu$ A meter or 100 ohms for a 1-mA meter. These values vary considerably and should be determined for the meter in use. 1N23-type diodes have an absolute maximum CW power rating of about 250 mW.

The best way to measure power is with the use of a cross directional coupler, as shown in Fig 3A. In this configuration, the RF source operates into a matched load and a small fraction of the power (perhaps -10 dB) is coupled into the detector. The cross directional coupler is also useful when operating the detector/mixer as a mixer as shown in Fig 3B. Here the local oscillator operates into a matched load, and some of its output is directed to the mixer by the cross coupler. For optimum performance, a 1N23 series diode requires about 0.5 mW of local oscillator injection. This can be achieved using a 10-mW source with a 13-dB cross coupler. The output from the mixer in this case is taken to an IF amplifier via coax cable. In the case of the detector, the matching screws should be adjusted to give maximum output; in the case of the mixer, the screws should be adjusted to give minimum noise figure (best output signal-to-noise ratio). In either case, aim for minimum penetration of the screws into the waveguide. It may be found that one or more of the matching screws have no effect. This is quite okay. If none of the screws improve output, you are lucky: The device is already a good match!

### ANTENNA-GAIN POSTSCRIPT

Editorial comments made in the January column about the results of the Central States VHF Society antenna-gain measurements should not be taken to imply that their measurements are in any way less meaningful than measurements made by the East and West Coast societies. None of the antenna ranges used would yield results to EIA standards. However, measurements made in previous years on different ranges by these three societies have shown fairly good agreement. [RECEIVED]

# Silent Keys

Administered By Nancy A. O'Neill

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of these amateurs:

W1EAA, Bartholomew H. Healy, Eastham, MA  
WA1EHG, Michael Pagliaro, Stratford, CT  
K1GUV, Curtis "Chappy" L. Chapman, Waterford, CT  
W1MLT, William Mansfield, Jr., Putnam, CT  
W1UP, Philip L. Sprague, Bangor, ME  
W1ZKL, Frank Hesdorfer, Jr., Waterville, ME  
K2BEG, M. Thomas Burns, Kenmore, NY  
N2CPX, Russ Lindquist, Carmel, NY  
KA2CRW, Richard E. Tice, Burlington, NJ  
W2HHU, Harold D. Brundage, Eggertsville, NY  
WB2HST, Edward C. Greenwood, Fords, NJ  
K2KXB, Gasper J. Penicaro, Lodi, NJ  
W2OU, John H. Baile, Jr., Saddle River, NJ  
W2PJL, Edward Green, Scarsdale, NY  
KB2VE, Wallis Lovenberg, Morris Plains, NJ  
\*W2ZI, Edward G. Raser, Trenton, NJ  
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W3AWH, John J. Tinaglia, Ardmore, PA  
N3CDC, Dave De Witte, Eagles Mere, PA  
N3DRG, Charles A. Wagner, Jr., Levittown, PA  
W3DVY, Henry R. Lenz, Abington, PA  
K3HCT, L. Dale Squires, Zelenople, PA  
W3HR, Harold R. Reiss, Exton, PA  
WB3IOG, Walter Hoffritz, Narberth, PA  
W3KET, Melvin Leibowitz, Wilmington, DE  
W3QCV, Wynn Laurence Le Page, Ardmore, PA  
WA3QDN, Frank Chesla, Mildred, PA  
W3QLG, Ignatius W. Pitkiewicz, Baltimore, MD  
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W4CBK, Robert L. Stirk, Orlando, FL  
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N4ENH, George E. Taylor, Hubert, NC  
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K4FJS, Harold Geise, Pinellas Park, FL  
WB4FYS, Victor Astolfi, Medeira Beach, FL  
W4GXB, Charles G. Price, Greensboro, NC  
WA4JJU, David M. Holloway, Rockwood, TN  
W4JS, Hopkins K. Manley, Warner Robins, GA  
W4KD, Bill Battersworth, Memphis, TN  
N4KRT, Charles R. Walker, Tampa, FL  
W4OHD, Ramsey H. McDonald,

North Palm Beach, FL  
KF4WR, D. L. Abbey, Williamsburg, VA  
\*N4WT, Warren R. Torrington, Sun City, AZ  
W4WYI, Robert H. Wolcott, Ocala, FL  
W5ANM, Dempsey J. Burton, Belton, TX  
W5BZB, Patricia Lowe, Roswell, NM  
W5CSD, Joseph Hotard, Jr., New Orleans, LA  
W5DNB, Russell E. Buettner, Sr., New Orleans, LA  
W5FBS, Charles R. Webster, Ocean Springs, MS  
W5AFFE, Fredrick C. Von Wicklen, Weatherford, OK  
W5HEP, Harold Callaway, China Spring, TX  
W5LLH, Henry A. Rankin, Missouri City, TX  
W5PED, Wilfred F. Waters, Dallas, TX  
K5QPK, Frank W. Chambers, Odessa, TX  
W5RYW, B. J. Smith, APO San Francisco, CA  
KB5YO, Linus Nickerson, Sr., Colonial Beach, VA  
W6CI, Alfred E. Johnson, El Cerrito, CA  
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K6HIQ, Walter D. Stewart, San Rafael, CA  
W6HRS, George F. McGee, San Francisco, CA  
K6MHU, Ila M. Jennings, San Jose, CA  
KF6MM, Peter L. Waasdorp, San Marcos, CA  
W6QMG, Hugo P. Norr, Newport Beach, CA  
W6PQU, Westphal E. Willess, Santa Cruz, CA  
W6ASHN, William G. "Jerry" Philipp, Napa, CA  
W6TKN, Ernest F. Lasky, Lone Pine, CA  
\*W6TWP, George E. Reher, Denair, CA  
K7AS, Lloyd W. Root, Sun City, AZ  
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WA7HJ, Kenneth W. Miller, Milton Freewater, OR  
KA7HSQ, Chester E. Burk, Butte, MT  
W7KZF, Guy W. Scofield, Ogden, UT  
W7MKW, Hugh Compton, Seattle, WA  
WB7OGZ, George S. Watkins, Port Orchard, WA  
WB7RYN, Oran L. Lushbaugh, Cheyenne, WY  
W7UF, Lewis C. Beckman, Issaquah, WA  
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W8GLE, William G. Harris, Columbus, OH  
WB8LOO, John L. Irvine, Detroit, MI  
W8MTQ, William L. White, Berkley, MI  
W8NNE, Wilburn A. Schattler, Dearborn Heights, MI

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WA9IFO, James S. Ott, Springfield, IL  
KD9IK, John L. Van Deventer, Atlanta, IL  
W9KAS, Glenn R. Barr, Indianapolis, IN  
K9KWE, Ralph Roehrig, Mounds, OK  
WA9KWH, Ray E. Reichard, Butler, IN  
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AE9W, Robert L. Hicks, Milwaukee, WI  
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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

March 1936

- Editor Warner decries the formula QSO (ge om tnx fr call ur RST 579 ...) with little further chitchat. He suggests telling the person at the other end a bit about one's self, hopefully to start a real conversation. After all, he points out, personal contact is the very foundation of our avocation.
- He is also concerned that many 5-meter modulated oscillator and superregen receiver stations are coming down to 10 meters and messing it up with poor signals. Ten "is not an easier 5-meter band, it's a harder 20-meter band."
- Jim Lamb's noise silencing circuit in February QST received wide acclaim in the general as well as technical radio press. This issue, G. Grammer adds some pointers for adapting the circuit to present superhets.
- George also discusses the good and bad points of transmitter band changing systems—switching tanks, several tank circuits in series, or shorting portions of a large coil.
- A low-cost crystal transmitter design by W1JEQ uses a pair of 2A5 receiving tubes in the output but still produces a respectable signal. Bus bar connections with right-angle bends is his current wiring technique.
- The 80-meter transoceanic tests sponsored by the Radio Society of Great Britain were considered generally successful, with a good number of contacts and scores of calls heard.
- W9KUI's commercial power is 32-volts d.c., but he can get a suitable plate supply for his rig by using a Ford ignition coil in series with the primary of an h.v. transformer to produce a.c. output for rectifying and filtering.
- The problem of poor high- and low-frequency

response in some microphones was solved by W8BBK, who added two tuned networks in the output of his speech amplifier to peak up those areas.

- W9UZ built an ink-pen recorder and copied a number of c.w. signals at random. He presents a pictorial sampling with comments on how the "fists" can be improved in most cases.
- The Federal Communications Commission expresses concern that too many voice operators are tending to become pseudo-broadcasters, so monitoring stations will be spending more time checking this area of amateur activity. F.C.C. has also turned attention to diathermy interference and will seek Congressional action to give the Commission authority to control such radiation.
- You can produce a really professional front-panel appearance with a new crackle-finish paint developed by Sherwin Williams.

## 25 Years Ago

March 1961

- The 6146 transmitting tube was designed specifically to fill League Hq.'s specifications for a much-needed tube in amateur work. RCA's W2YM shows us his design of a band-switching transmitter-exciter using the new product.
- The Editor recounts the history of amateur self-policing and reproduces a letter from the Chief of the monitoring division at F.C.C., tossing us a bouquet for performance in that field. At the same time it is felt more Official Observers should be enrolled, since these volunteers are really the key to self-policing success. There is also a need for club class instructors to imbue newcomers with a respect for high amateur standards.

□ W1ICP stripped a broken-down old TV set and used the parts to provide most of the components in a low-cost 65-watt multiband rig of particular interest to the newcomer.

- V.h.f. pioneer Cal Hadlock has turned to wide-band f.m. emission to escape the stability regulations and avoid TVI problems. Amplitude modulation of an oscillator produces adequate frequency modulation at the transmitter output, and a limiter eliminates most of any remaining a.m.
- KZSEG's quad design does not require a welded "spider," bamboo pole or other hard-to-get fittings. Standard TV hardware has been put to good use.
- You don't have to be a plumber or machinist to work on u.h.f., K6AVN points out, and supports that view with the design of a 1296-Mc. converter using basic circuits and construction.
- Mobilers will be interested in W8QFH's deluxe transistor power converter—independent 250- and 600-volt supplies for the stages of a 50-watt transmitter. Transient limiting is an important feature.
- The expansion of the 20-meter voice band to the 14,350-ke. end has caused a lot of problems for serious DXers. W2SKE proposes increased use of lower sideband as one helpful solution, since a switch to the other sideband is usually more effective to clear up QRM than trying to find a clear frequency.
- A combination monitor and code-practice oscillator unit was chosen by the Burriss Amateur Radio Society (Indiana) both as a first construction project and as a practical gadget for everyday c.w. operating convenience.
- Robert McFarland has designed a pulsed, crystal-controlled signal generator to be used with an oscilloscope for adjusting your receiver and actually watching what happens to its gain and signal-to-noise ratio.
- The Washington, D.C. Television Interference Committee has published a very useful workbook on TVI causes, effects and solutions for this troublesome bugaboo. An s.a.s.e. will bring you one. —W1RW

# Correspondence

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All letters will be considered carefully. We reserve the right to shorten letters selected in order to have more members' views represented. The publishers of *QST* assume no responsibility for statements made herein by correspondents.

## COVENANT FEEDBACK

□ Chester Brent, N4TV, really hit the nail on the head in his letter in the Correspondence section of January *QST*. The notion that we voluntarily sign away our rights to have an antenna when we buy property with restrictive Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC & Rs) is a complete fallacy. It is the dream of every upward and mobile American citizen to someday have a new "dream house." But in California, and I suspect, eventually in every state of the union, all the new housing developments will have these CC & Rs banning antennas.

When we planned to move a few years ago, we spent over a year trying to find a property we liked where an antenna would be permitted. No luck at all: Anything decent had deed restrictions. Ham radio may be winning some battles with cities passing restrictive antenna ordinances. However, we are losing the war if all new construction in the future bans antennas.

Where we live, you can't park your car in your driveway. You can't have a boat, trailer or motor home on your property. No tree can grow higher than your house. You can't even put up a flagpole or paint your house without getting approval of the committee.—*John P. Elliott, WA6IOO, El Cajon, California*

□ It appears our articulate Chester Brent, N4TV is correct. I surely hope the ARRL and the rest of us do all we can.

This, as he notes, could involve any of us in the future.—*Raymond P. Gascon, Salem, Oregon*

□ I agree with N4TV about restrictive covenants. I don't think local real estate/homeowners' associations have any authority over radio communications installations beyond safety codes. I'd like to see the FCC petitioned to include those covenants in their decisions. Yes, please carry this message to the FCC.—*Bill Phillipson, W6PRI, Cupertino, California*

□ Please, let's not take up the cause against the protective deed covenants. My own unrestricted neighborhood is comfortably cluttered with people, paraphernalia, i.e., old cars, boats, RVs, race cars, etc.

Many adjacent neighborhoods are fully restricted and the folks residing there enjoy beautiful quiet surroundings. Imagine us moving there and using the influential ARRL and the FCC to override the status quo and permit us to raise our antenna farms. Would we be tolerant of our neighbors who would want to work on their race cars on their front lawns, bring in their RVs and so on? I doubt if our sense of fair play equals our desire to fulfill our own selfish interests.—*Ron Desautels, KQ6X, Canyon County, California*

□ I am in full agreement with Chester Brent, N4TV's, remarks that ARRL has a responsibility to carry the message about restrictive covenants to the FCC and request withdrawal of that part pertaining to covenant exclusion.—*Max W. Goldstein, K4EGZ, North Miami Beach, Florida*

□ Regarding restrictive covenants, you should know before you buy what kinds of restrictions, if any, exist. To hams, there is nothing more beautiful than a tower with a set of beams shining in the sun. The same goes for a dog or cat lover, too, but there are people who do not like any of these examples, and they are looking for a place with those kinds of restrictions.—*John Gill, WD0FNE, Burkville, Texas*

## A GOOD START

□ I was not having any luck with my Novice/Technician adult education course until I changed my announcement.

Instead of announcing the *course*, I announced a *seminar*, a free seminar, including a short introduction to radio, an operating station, and a question-answer period.

Now plenty of prospective hams show up and sign up for my course.—*David F. Quagliana, K2MTW, Williamsville, New York*

## THE ARRL HANDBOOK

□ I finally got to look at the 1986 *ARRL Handbook*, and it is super! You should be quite beside yourselves with joy! It is a pleasure to see something like this after so many years of mundane stuff. Really, I am not easily impressed, but I have to admit that I am overjoyed!

I believe that a new era of "construction" may evolve from this, and the ARRL has taken a positive step forward. May I ask one question? When will you produce Volume Two? Hi!—*Ralph C. Luellen, KB3PS, Westminster, Maryland*

## HOT TUBES GREAT FUN

□ Are you looking for a new thrill in ham radio, but can't afford packet or computer equipment? Does your super-duper all-mode transceiver do everything but fill out the QSL?

Have you chased your share of counties, countries and grid squares? Then, take a bold step backward and build a transmitter. Not a solid-state QRP rig, but a 25-watt tube rig that you can use every day.

After getting bored with guaranteed solid copy QSOs on my HW-101, I built a 6C5-6L6 rig on a breadboard. I run it at about 25 watts, and have worked 24 states with my eight crystals for 40 meters. I've never enjoyed ham radio so much, and I haven't felt like this since my Novice days.

If you're an old-timer, I'm sure you've built many such rigs in the past, but there are a lot of hams out there who, like me, were licensed in the past 15 years, and have grown up with appliances. If you are in that group, then dig out some old circuits, hit a few flea markets, and become a "born again ham." My transmitter cost me ten dollars, including the power supply. Send me a photo of your rig, and I'll send you a photo of mine!—*Greg Livingston, WA2EHV/1, Wellesley, Massachusetts*

## COMPLIMENTS TO DOUG

□ My compliments to Doug DeMaw, W1FB/8, for his many fine articles in *QST*. The printing of educational and informative articles of all aspects of Amateur Radio is the right policy and should be continued.—*Sam J. Tomaselli, N2EHR, Rochester, New York*

## ARRL VEs

□ I'm writing to express my feelings about the ARRL/VE program and of the VE team who recently administered my Extra Class exam.

Since I am paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair it was necessary to have an examination point that was fully accessible. I needed a table at a special height for my writing board to be set up within proper reach. I also needed someone to remove the used papers during the code test.

The VE team was just super. They came to my house and administered the test. Jim, KZ2P took on the task of removing the code-test papers and he did a great job. Bill, KK2G, and Ron, WA2HZT, were the rest of the team and they looked on as the test was administered. Ron interrupted his usual schedule to be at the test.

Thanks to the VE team and a little effort on my part I now hold the Amateur Extra Class license. Thanks ARRL/VE team! —*Stan Obrtiski, Jr., WB2TTY, Jackson, New Jersey*

[Editor's Note: The VE team mentioned above is from the Ocean-Monmouth Amateur Radio Club.]

## 6 METER SUPPORT

□ The purpose of this letter is to add my voice to that of Mark Cobbeldick, KB4CVN, who in his letter published in the December 1985 *QST* lamented the lack of six-meter handie-talkies. Mark stated that six-meter FM is popular in the rural and mountain areas of the U.S., and I'm writing to report that it is growing equally popular in metro areas as well.

This is indeed a wide open market with substantial potential, which I'm sure some savvy radio manufacturer could tap into quite profitably. Right here in the New York metro area, a group of the locals have put a machine on the air that covers portions of seven (yes, seven) states. This is a region populated by tens of thousands of potential handie buyers! And it's only one of many repeaters throughout the country that are alive and well, both in rural and urban areas such as Philadelphia, Miami, New Orleans, Dallas and many other areas that are densely populated with hams.

With many "civilians" hooking up to cable TV and with our friends in the UK getting six meters in 1986, the band shows tremendous promise. If any electronics assembly operation ever decides to market a six-meter handie, they certainly have my order, along with, most likely, tens of thousands of my fellow six-meter users.—*Greg Gambor, WB2GMK, Palisades Park, New Jersey*

## Potpourri

This month, we will examine some thorny issues that have developed from recent media events and FCC rule changes.

### "Private" Conversations

*Q. I've just listened on a government frequency to a most enlightening private conversation between President Reagan and the Secretary of Defense concerning methods of freeing American hostages in Lebanon. May I divulge this information?*

A. No. According to Section 705(a) of the Communications Act, "No person receiving, assisting in receiving, transmitting, or assisting in transmitting, any interstate or foreign communication by wire or radio shall divulge or publish the existence, contents, substance, purport, effect, or meaning thereof, except through authorized channels of transmission or reception, (1) to any person other than the addressee, his agent, or attorney, (2) to a person employed or authorized to forward such communication to its destination, (3) to proper accounting or distributing officers of the various communicating centers over which the communication may be passed, (4) to the master of a ship under whom he is serving, (5) in response to a subpoena issued by a court of competent jurisdiction, or (6) on demand of other lawful authority."

*Q. But what about information obtained from frequencies assigned to the safety services, such as police and fire?*

A. Again, the same rules apply. You cannot divulge this information. (Section 705[a] of the Communications Act)

*Q. I have heard Amateur Radio transmissions rebroadcast over local TV and radio stations. Isn't this in violation of Section 705 of the Communications Act?*

A. No. This law does not apply to the receiving, divulging, publishing or utilizing of the contents of any radio communication transmitted by an Amateur Radio station. In fact, broadcasters are no longer required to obtain the amateur's permission to retransmit Amateur Radio transmissions. (Section 705[a] of the Communications Act)

### Amateur Radio and the Weather

*Q. Is it okay for amateurs to use frequencies assigned to the Amateur Radio Service to advise the Government National Weather Service (NWS) of severe-weather conditions?*

A. For the time being, yes. This point was clarified in a November 8, 1985 letter to Joseph J. Conte II, of the NWS, from Robert S. Foonsaner, Private Radio Bureau Chief, FCC:

This concerns the use by the National Weather Service of amateur radio operators to engage in communications via amateur

radio frequencies in the event of severe weather conditions. This system, known as Skywarn uses amateur radio operators in the field to provide information to central points. The system is activated only when the weather service determines that a threat of severe, damaging weather exists.

A question about this system arose from the Commission's recent Report and Order in BC Docket 79-47, adopted June 7, 1985 (FCC 85-302). In that proceeding, the Commission reiterated that using an amateur radio station for forwarding ordinary weather reports for use in any broadcast context would continue to be expressly prohibited. In the same document, the Commission declared that emergency communications would be excepted from such prohibition and that a rule of reason would be applied when interpreting this emergency exception. Thus, there was no intent to disturb the Skywarn program of the NWS, which has a long tradition of minimizing loss of life and property when severe weather threatens.

A petition of partial reconsideration has been filed in the referenced proceeding by the ARRL. In addition, a joint response to that petition has been filed by the National Association of Broadcasters and the Radio-Television News Directors' Association. Both filings request that the Commission clarify the present definition of emergency communications. The Skywarn program may continue to function as it has in the past, pending the Commission's action on reconsideration of the Report and Order.

We feel that at some point in the consideration of this matter, it will be necessary to know whether the weather service can make use of government frequencies for its Skywarn program in much the same way as the Military Affiliated Radio Service makes use of amateur radio operators and government frequencies. Thus, we suggest that you explore this possibility with the Inter-department Radio Advisory Committee. Therefore, while this matter is pending, you may use your amateur frequencies in the Skywarn system.

*Q. Our local weather net regularly submits information collected from its members concerning routine weather conditions to the National Weather Service (NWS). Is this allowed by the rules?*

A. No. Your net is actually facilitating the normal business operation of the Government National Weather Service. Hence, your group is engaging in business communication—a practice clearly prohibited under Section 97.110 of the rules for the Amateur Radio Service.

*Q. A radio station would like to broadcast weather reports provided by Amateur Radio operators. Is this allowed by the rules?*

A. Broadcasters and ham radio operators must not make special arrangements to use amateur frequencies to broadcast, or collect for broadcast, any type of reports, such as weather, traffic and the like. However, if broadcasters happen to overhear such information from Amateur Radio stations, they may broadcast it (97.113[b]).

*Q. A repeater in a neighboring town is equipped to retransmit local NOAA VHF weather broadcasts as received on 162.55 MHz. Is this practice allowed by the rules?*

A. No. The retransmission of programs or signals emanating from any class of radio station other than amateur is clearly prohibited under Section 97.113(c) of the amateur rules. However, there are at least two ways to make this information available legally. If the weather service has a recorded telephone message, you can have one of the autopatch functions encoded to dial that telephone number. Thus, it would not be a retransmission by automatic means, since it was never transmitted in the first place. The other way is to have someone speak the weather information from memory or from a script. And, of course, such a transmission should be addressed only to amateurs so that the transmission of the information is not intended to be received by the general public.

### Third-Party Arrangements

The United States has arrangements to permit FCC-licensed amateur stations to exchange messages for third parties with amateur stations in these countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, The Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Liberia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St Christopher and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Swaziland, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom (special-event stations with call-sign prefix GB followed by a number other than 3), Uruguay and Venezuela.

The United States also has an agreement with the United Nations, permitting third-party traffic with amateur stations 4U1ITU in Geneva, Switzerland and 4U1VIC in Vienna, Austria.

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



## K4AOH: A Friend Indeed

The residents of Greenville, South Carolina and surrounding communities can rest assured that in an emergency they can count on the friendship and readiness of Amateur Radio station K4AOH. Dot Bedford has been serving her community, neighbors and friends since she was licensed as KN4AOH, in 1953. During the past 33 years, Dot has extended the hand of friendship to hundreds of people through Amateur Radio by running phonepatches and handling traffic during a myriad of weather and medical emergencies, including the Mexico earthquake in September 1985 and again a week later as Hurricane Gloria battered the Eastern Seaboard.

Even though her OM, Don, W4WIY, was licensed first, Dot says, "I knew nothing about radio and really cared less. But our house was small, and Don was forever in the basement, seemingly happy as he could be with his old Army surplus equipment and his radio buddies." Life was peaceful for the Bedfords, even with small children, until Don started operating CW at night, and the clackety clicks prevented Dot from sleeping. "It almost drove me nuts," she admits with a laugh. "When I went with Don to my first hamfest, I met many people and the event seemed just like a big family getting together." This was enough to inspire Dot to start studying for her Novice ticket so she could "became an insider rather than an outsider." In October 1953, Dot joined the ranks of the Amateur Radio community.

Through the years, K4AOH has reliably handled health-and-welfare traffic during the inevitable hurricane season and tirelessly participated in message handling during the famous Alaska earthquake. One of Dot's most personally rewarding moments as an Amateur Radio operator came as the result of her efforts on behalf of a little YL from Panama who had come to Greenville's Shriner's Hospital for surgery. With the hospital's cooperation and encouragement, Dot ran phonepatches to the child's mother, relaying information about the results of the surgery and the patient's recovery. What seemed like a simple example of routine Amateur Radio capability became an important lifeline for this Central American family.

In September, when the world was shocked to hear of the tragedy of the Mexico earthquake, again K4AOH was ready and willing to help out. When word reached local television and radio stations that Dot Bedford was in contact with Amateur Radio operators in Mexico City, the reporters flocked to her house to interview her and take pictures. "They asked me if they could give out my telephone number on the air; when they did, in a matter of hours I was swamped with calls. Don answered the phone, took down the information for me and even brought me my meals so I wouldn't have to lose a minute. I worked continuously from the time the bands opened in the morning until they closed at night." The tireless efforts of Dot Bedford



Dot Bedford, K4AOH, handled over 100 pieces of health-and-welfare traffic during the Mexico earthquake.

brought emotional relief to so many families when they answered the telephone and heard Dot's voice say, "Your family is okay."

Joyce Bonner of Mauldin, South Carolina can attest to the joy of knowing that her brother, sister-in-law and son survived the earthquake, thanks to Amateur Radio and Dot. After trying for two days on her own to find out the welfare of her family in Mexico City and receiving no word, Mrs. Bonner called Dot to ask for her assistance. Approximately 11 hours later, she received the good news. "I couldn't believe it. We've been trying for two days, but we got no news," said Mrs. Bonner. "I'm just amazed at how fast that went through." Dot modestly commented, "That's my job when there's a disaster." K4AOH was responsible for handling over 100 pieces of traffic during the peak of the earthquake activity.

If handling traffic connected with a disaster the size of the Mexico earthquake wasn't enough, a few days later Dot was "on duty and on call" for Hurricane Gloria. The Emergency Coordinator for the local Red Cross, she was called to standby for yet more activity. On September 26, she packed up and headed for Myrtle Beach and Wilmington, North Carolina, again becoming the radio officer for the Red Cross chapter. Dot explains, "If a hurricane hits the South Carolina coast, our people go down to take the heavy load off the local chapter. We of the Red Cross go in and set up shelters. We have at least one ham in each shelter, and my job would be to stay with the Red Cross officials, once we get the shelters manned, and then to radio information back and forth between setups and shelters."

When hurricanes and earthquakes aren't invading the peaceful life of the Bedfords, Dot keeps busy as a director of the Special Service Radio Club, Blue Ridge Radio Society of Greenville. She is also a member of YLRL, AREA, RACES, YLISS, QCWA and

WCWW charter member no. 82. An Extra Class licensee, she is an ARRL Volunteer Examiner.

Many of the world's amateurs would agree that people such as Dot Bedford give the hobby its magical and fantastical aura. Because of Dot's response to the plight of others in times of emergency—such as the Mexico earthquake and Hurricane Gloria—Amateur Radio again sees one of its finest hours.

## EAST MEETS WEST SSB CONTEST

Date: 1800Z-2200Z Mar 22, 1986.

Eligibility: All licensed women operators throughout the world are invited to participate.

Procedure: Call "CQ YL West" or "CQ YL East." Those considered "East" are 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 8th and 9th US call districts, VE1-3, Europe, Africa, South America, Caribbean and Central America (except Mexico). Those considered "West" are 5th, 6th, 7th, 8, KL7 and KH6 US call districts, VE4-8, Asia, Oceania, Australia, New Zealand and Mexico. Those classified "East" may count only those classified "West," and vice versa.

Operation: All HF bands may be used. No cross-band operation. Net contacts, repeater contacts and contacts with OMs don't count. A station may be worked only once.

Exchange: Stations worked, RS, QSO number, name, state/province/country. Entries in log must also show date, time and band.

Scoring: Score one point for each different YL worked. "Western" YLs may count only "Eastern" YLs; "Eastern" YLs may count only "Western" YLs.

Awards: Winner will receive YLRL postcards.

Logs: Please print or type logs. Do not send a carbon copy of your log. All logs must be signed by the operator. No logs will be returned. Indicate claimed score in the log. Logs must be received by April 22, 1986 by Vice President Mary Lou Brown, NM7N, 605 Channel View Dr, Anacortes, WA 98221.

## RESULTS, 1985 HOWDY DAYS

YLRL Member Winner: WD4NKP

YLRL Nonmember Winner: TI2IY

### Scores

WD4NKP	144	SM0HNV	45
KM8E	121	SM5CXC*	44
TI2IY	116	PA3CEB	42
DJ1TE	116	VI3KS	42
WA3HUP	89	KD8SC	42
NM7N	86	DF2SL	42
CT1YH	81	WA1JYO	33
WA1UVJ	79	GM0AAX	32
KE5UO	79	G4EZI	31
KU7F	77	PA3CIS	30
4X6DW	74	N4DDK	29
VE1BWP	72	VP2MDY	27
GM4YMM	70	G4VFC	26
KD5MD	69	KA9CPW	25
SM5EUU	67	VK4ASK	17
WA2NFY	67	IS0SFZ	11
4X6KT	62	PA3DGF	6
WB0ZQZ	56		

Checklogs: NY4H, W6NAZ

# Coming Conventions

## NORTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION (VANCOUVER, WA)

The Northwestern Division Convention scheduled for May 31-June 1 in Vancouver, Washington has been canceled.

## NEBRASKA STATE CONVENTION April 5-6, Kearney

Nebraska (Kearney)—Apr 5-6: The Midwest ARC will sponsor the 10th annual Spring Convention at the Holiday Inn. Symposiums by Pete Eaton, WB9FLW, (packet radio); Roger Cox, WBØDGF, (antennas); QST editor Paul Rinaldo, W4RI (amplitude companded

March 7-9  
Florida State, Orlando  
April 5-6  
Nebraska State, Kearney  
April 11-12  
Michigan State, Saginaw  
April 12-13  
Missouri State, Kansas City

April 13  
North Carolina State, Raleigh

## ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

September 5-7, 1986—San Diego, California  
July 10-12, 1987—Atlanta, Georgia  
August 19-21, 1988—Portland, Oregon

sideband); and Jerry Kreps (computers). Ham flea market, VE license testing, equipment exhibitors, women's schedule of events, ARRL forum and Army MARS events promise something for everyone. Our

Saturday night banquet with entertainment will feature the Nebraska Cornhuskers "Biggest Fan"—Charlie Winkler. Information available from Midway ARC, Box 1231, Kearney, NE 68847-1231.

# Hamfest Calendar

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Convention Program Manager

[Attention: The deadline for receipt of items for this column is the 5th 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.]

**Canada (Vancouver)—Mar 8:** The Pacific North West Radio Amateurs is sponsoring their second annual banquet buffet at the Town County Inn, Delta, British Columbia, Highway 5/99. Activities include live entertainment. For more information and tickets, call either Janis at 604-738-5642, Dennis at 604-671-6261, Patricia at 604-987-2613 or Walter at 604-676-8128.

**Connecticut (West Hartford)—Mar 16:** The Insurance City Repeater Club will hold its annual Amateur Radio/Computer Flea market at the American School for the Deaf. Talk-in will be on 28/88. Tables \$10, call early to reserve in advance. Contact Chuck Motes, K1DFS, 22 Woodside La, Plainville, CT 06062, or call 203-747-6377 evenings.

**Florida (Ft Walton Beach)—Mar 15-16:** The Playground ARC hamfest will be held at the Ft Walton Beach Fairgrounds, Admission \$3, ARRL/VEC exams Sat. For further information, contact Hud Huddleston, KF4BU, 925 Forest Ave, Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548, tel 904-862-2566.

**Georgia (Columbus)—Mar 22-23:** The Columbus Georgia ARC will sponsor a hamfest on Sat, 9 AM-5 PM, Sun, 9 AM-3:30 PM, at the Columbus Municipal Auditorium. There will be an open-air flea market, free coffee, and free parking for self-contained RVs (no hookups). Women's and children's activities. Indoor tables are \$6.50 per day. Contact Joe Mills at 404-687-3050 for table rentals. Plan to attend the buffet dinner on Sat night at the Colonial Inn. Details on the buffet will be available at the hamfest site. ARES meeting to be held Sunday at 11 AM at the Civic Center. The GSN will have their annual breakfast meeting Sunday at 8:30 AM at the Colonial Inn. Contact Billy Bedgood at 404-323-5579 for exam information. Talk-in on 01/61. Tickets at the hamfest are \$1 each, six for \$5, and 13 for \$10. Reduced-rate motel rooms are available at the Colonial Inn, Phenix City, AL: \$25 single, \$29 double. Call 205-298-9361 for reservations. Be sure to specify "HAMFEST" rates when calling. For more information, call Billy Bedgood at 404-323-5579 or Bill Haycock at 404-327-7345, or write to CARC, PO Box 6336, Columbus, GA 31906.

**Georgia (Dalton)—Mar 8:** The Dalton ARC hamfest will be at the North Georgia Fairgrounds 9 AM-4 PM. Talk-in on 145.23. We offer plenty of parking, indoor tables, heated building and VE exams. More information: Write to Tom Smith KJ4IG, 1700 Vann Way NW, Dalton, GA 30720, or call 404-259-5200.

**Illinois (Grayslake)—Mar 23:** The Libertyville and

Mundelein ARS is sponsoring their 1986 Lamarsfest at the Lake County Fairgrounds. Doors open 8 AM-2 PM; setup at 6 AM. Admission: \$2 in advance, \$3 at the door. Swapfest tables: \$5 each; commercial tables \$10 each. Activities include large indoor electronic and radio swapfest, commercial exhibitors and code-speed testing. Services include rest area, free parking and public cafeteria. Talk-in on 63/03 and 52. For information, write to Marc Abramson, PO Box 633D, Wheeling, IL 60090 or call 312-255-0642 after 8 PM CST M-F.

**Illinois (Salem)—Mar 16:** The Centralia Wireless Association is sponsoring their 9th Annual Hamfest at the Salem Community Center, featuring flea market (flea-market tables free—first come, first serve), food and refreshments, inside displays and plenty of parking. Admission \$1 at door. Doors open 7 AM-3 PM. Talk-in on 147.870/270 and 146.520. For more information, write to Centralia Wireless Assn, PO Box 1166, Centralia, IL 62801, or David Conder, 213 S Cherry, Centralia, IL 62801, or call 618-532-2772.

**Illinois (Sterling)—Mar 9:** The Sterling-Rock Falls ARS 26th Annual Hamfest will be held at the Sterling High School fieldhouse, 1608 4th Ave. There will be commercial distributors, dealers, a large flea market and space to accommodate self-contained campers overnight. Doors will open at 7:30 AM and a concession stand will be available. Tickets \$3 advance, \$4 at the door. All commercial tables and tables requiring electricity are \$5. All others \$3. Talk-in WMEP 146.25/85. For information, tables or tickets, contact Sue Peters, PO Box 521, Sterling, IL 61081, or call 815-625-9262.

**Indiana (Indianapolis)—Mar 9:** The Morgan County ARA is sponsoring an Indiana Hamfest at the Indiana State Fairgrounds pavilion building. Admission \$5 at door. Flea-market tables \$8, space without table \$3. All tables must be reserved in advance. Setup for reserved tables will be available Sat, Mar 8, 3 PM-9 PM. Space setup will be Sun, Mar 9, at 6 AM-8 AM. No cars inside after 8 AM. Free talk-in on 145.25. For table reservations or information, send SASE before Mar 1 to Aileen Seales, KC9YA, 3142 Market Pl, Bloomington, IN 47401, or call 812-339-4446.

**Maryland (Timonium)—Apr 6:** The Baltimore ARC will present their 1986 Greater Baltimore Hamfest and Computerfest at the Maryland State Fairgrounds Exhibition complex. The indoor flea market and large dealer's display area will be in two modern exhibit halls. Amateur Radio, personal computer and small, business computer dealers will be featured. Food and free parking also available. The fairgrounds are located east of I-83 exit 17, three miles north of I-695 (just north of Baltimore). Gates open 8 AM. Admission \$4; children under 12 free. Overnight accommodations are available in the immediate area. For additional information and table reservations, contact GBHC, PO Box 95, Timonium, MD 21093-0095, or call 301-561-1282. For recorded announcement, dial 301-HAM-TALK.

**Michigan (Marshall)—Mar 22:** The Southern Michigan ARS and Marshall High Photo-Electronics Club is

having its 25th annual Michigan Crossroads Hamfest at Marshall High School. Free parking, free carry-in help, food service in the cafeteria. Doors open 8 AM-3 PM; set up at 6:30 AM. Tickets \$2 at door, \$1.50 in advance. Table space 30 cents/ft, min 4 ft (reserved until 8 AM). Talk-in on 146.52 and 07/67. Amateur Radio license exams (Novice through Extra) will be given, preregistration requested. For reservations, send SASE to SMARS, PO Box 934, Battle Creek, MI 49016, or call Wes Chaney at 616-979-3433.

**Missouri (St Louis)—Mar 14:** The Jefferson Barracks ARC is sponsoring their 26th Annual Auction Hamfest at Concordia Turners Hall, 6432 Gravois St. Doors open 7:30 PM. Free admission. Talk-in on 52, 36/94 and 5.21. For more information, contact Orda Gibbs, 6407 Inlet Ct, St Louis, MO 63123.

**New Hampshire (Hudson)—Mar 15:** The Annual Interstate Repeater society Flea Market will be held Sat at the Hudson Lions Club, Lions Ave, 9 AM-4 PM. Doors open 8 AM. Admission \$1; tables \$8. Food and drink available. Talk-in on 25/85 and 52. Ample free parking. For further information or advance table reservations, contact Richard Everhart, 25 Briand Dr, Nashua, NH 03063, or call 603-889-3479.

**New Jersey (Egg Harbor City)—Mar 22:** Shore Points ARC is sponsoring their Springfest '86 9 AM-2 PM at the Atlantic County 4-H Center, approx 15 miles west of Atlantic City. 8000 sq ft of heated indoor selling space; covered tailgating also available, weather permitting. Limited ac in indoor space. Sellers \$5 per space (bring own table); buyers \$2.50 in advance, \$3 day of hamfest. Talk-in on 146.985 and 52. Info: SPARC, PO Box 142, Absecon, NJ 08201.

**New Jersey (Upper Saddle River)—Mar 22:** The 9th Annual Ham Radio Flea Market sponsored by the Chestnut Ridge Radio Club is to be held at the Education Building, Saddle River Reformed Church, East Saddle River Rd and Weiss Rd. Tables are \$10 for the first one, \$5 for each additional table. Tailgating \$5. Food and drink available. For more information, contact Jack Meagher, W2EHD, at 201-768-8360.

**New Jersey (Trenton)—Mar 23:** The Delaware Valley Radio Association will hold its 14th annual flea market of Amateur Radio and computer equipment, 8 AM-2 PM, at the National Guard 112th Field Artillery Armory, Eggerts Crossing Rd, Lawrence Township. Advance registration \$3 (Mar 10 deadline) or \$4 at door. Indoor and outdoor flea market area (\$5 per space or \$7 for wall spaces; seller setup at 6 AM); commercial dealers and refreshments. Sellers must provide their own tables. Talk-in on 07/67 repeater. For advanced registration and/or spaces, write to KB2ZY, Box 441B, RD 1, Stockton, NJ 08559 (SASE, please).

**New Jersey (Morris Plains)—Mar 14:** The Splitrock ARA is sponsoring their First Annual Evening hamfest at the VFW Post 3401, Tabor Rd (Rte 53). Doors open 7 PM. Admission \$1; sellers' tables \$7 (suggest advance booking). Lots of free parking. Talk-in on 385/985. For further information, write to SARA, PO Box 3, Whippany, NJ 07981.

**New York (Auburn)**—Mar 15: The Auburn ARA is sponsoring the AARA Winter-Fest at the farm/home 4th Center Grant Ave, Rte 5, Doors open 9 AM-5 PM. Admission \$3. Indoor tables \$5. Food available, ARRL display, 50/50 forums. VE testing (ARRL); preregistration required! For information, send SASE to Sal Verdibello, W2NYQ, 34 Wegman St, Auburn, NY 13021, tel 315-253-8830.

**New York (Valhalla)**—Mar 16: The Westchester Emergency Communications Association's second annual hamfest and electronics fair, WECAFEST '86, will be held at Westchester Community College, Valhalla, NY (near White Plains). Features include electronics flea market, ham radio equipment testing, FCC license exams and more. Space will be available for more than 100 dealers. Refreshments and plenty of free parking will also be available. Location is in the WCC Student Center cafeteria. The event will be jointly sponsored by WECA and the WCC student radio station, WARY-FM. Doors open 9 AM-3 PM. Dealer booths are \$10 and must be reserved in advance. General admission is \$2; under 16 free. For booth registration or more information, write to WECAFEST '86, PO Box 348, Millwood, NY 10546.

**North Carolina (Charlotte)**—Mar 22-23: The 1986 Charlotte Hamfest and Computerfair, sponsored by the Mecklenburg ARS, will be held at the Convention Center downtown. Hours: 9 AM-5 PM Sat and 9 AM-3 PM Sun. Admission: \$5 in advance with SASE until Mar 14; \$6 at the door or after Mar 14. Forums both days including packet radio and DX, women's activities, code contest for amateur operators, VEC exams, over 150 dealer-manufacturer booths. Preregistration for VEC exams. Send completed Form 610, photocopy of present license, \$4 fee to Charlotte VEC, 227 Bennett La, Charlotte, NC 28213, or contact Clyde Weddle, KF4WY, Hamfest Chairman, 704-596-2168.

**Ohio (Dayton)**—Apr 25: The All New 17th Annual BASH will be held in the Conference Center at the HARA arena and Exhibition Center, starting at 7 PM. Free admission and free entertainment. Food and drink available. For more information contact the Miami Valley FM Association, PO Box 263, Dayton, OH 45401.

**Ohio (Madison)**—Mar 23: The Lake County ARA is sponsoring their Eighth Annual Lake County Hamfest/Computerfest. Doors open 8 AM. Exhibitor setup at 5:30 AM. Location is Madison High School, Burns Rd at Middle Ridge Rd (40 miles East of Cleveland). Admission: \$3 in advance, \$4 at the door. \$5 for 6-ft tables, \$6.50 for 8-ft tables. Features include large indoor first floor location, easy access, plenty of

free parking, food, VEC upgrade exams, equipment test bench. Talk-in on 81/21. Information: Send SASE to LCARA Hamfest, 5261 Harmony La, Willoughby, OH 44094, or call 216-953-9784.

**Ohio (Maumee)**—Mar 16: The Toledo Mobile Radio Association, Inc is sponsoring their 31st annual Hamfest and Computer Show, to be held at the Lucas County Recreation Center on Key St. Hours: 8 AM-5 PM. Plenty of free parking. Tickets are \$2.50 in advance, \$3 at door. Tables available and displays limited to electronic, amateur and computer equipment. FCC license examinations for Technician through Extra, by appointment only. Women's activities will be held in the 4H room, starting at 11 AM. Talk-in on 87/27, 447.850/442.850 and 224.140/222.540. Refreshments and other activities available. For further information and examination appointments, write to Joseph Nyitray, W8LNV, 3950 Drummond Rd, Toledo, OH 43613, tel 419-472-7935.

**Pennsylvania (Hermitage)**—Mar 22: The Mercer County ARC will welcome amateurs to socialize and exchange views at its "How to" seminar 9 AM-4:30 PM. Topics will be presented on development of ham-shack skills. License examinations (Novice through Extra Class) will be given. Free admission for examinees and those under 18; all others \$2. Talk-in on 75/15. Location is Hermitage Middle School, Rte 18. For more information, send SASE to MCARC, Box 996, Sharon, PA 16146.

**Pennsylvania (McKeesport)**—Mar 9: Two Rivers ARC is having a Swap 'n' Shop at the Green Valley Volunteer Fire Department near Eastland shopping Center, off Rte 30. Talk-in on 22/82. Free admission, free parking, food and drinks available. \$5 for tables. For more information, write to Andrew Salitros, W3OFM, 2901 Stewart St, McKeesport, PA 15132, or call 412-673-9225.

**Texas (Midland)**—Mar 15-16: The Midland ARC will hold its annual St Patrick's Swapfest at 10 AM-5 PM Sat and 8 AM-2:30 PM Sun. Location is the Midland County Exhibit Building, east of Midland on the north side of Hwy 80. Preregistration is \$5; \$6 at the door. Tables \$6 each. Refreshments and drinks available. Volunteer examiner tests for all license classes given. For more information and reservations, contact Midland ARC, PO Box 4401, Midland, TX 79704.

**Washington (Puyallup)**—Mar 8: The Mike and Key ARC will hold its fifth annual Electronics Flea market in the Expo Hall of the Western Washington Fairgrounds 9 AM-6 PM. Admission \$2. Table requests postmarked after Feb 15 will be \$18. Table setup 4 PM-9 PM Fri and 6 AM-9 AM Sat. Commercial space \$50. The Country Store will be available for consign-

ment sales; limit 10 items. Plenty of free parking, snack bar and club information. Free overnight space for self-contained RVs. Talk-in on 146.58 and 224.12. Further information or reservations, write to M&K Flea Market, 20903 NE 77th, Redmond, WA 98053, or call 206-868-0457.

**Wisconsin (Jefferson)**—Mar 16: The TRI-County ARC, W9MQB, will hold its annual hamfest 8 AM-3 PM at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Tickets \$2.50 in advance, \$3 at door. Tables are \$3 in advance, \$4 at door. Food and parking available. Amateur Radio exams by the Milwaukee Volunteer Core Group; walk-ins welcome. Doors open 7 AM for sellers only. Talk-in on 144.89/145.49, 52 and other area repeaters. For more information, advance tickets and tables, send a large SASE to Bob Barker, K9RIJ, 724 Burdick, Milton, WI 53563.

**Wisconsin (Madison)**—Apr 6: The Madison Area Repeater Association, Inc is sponsoring its 14th annual Madison Swapfest at the Dane County Exposition Center Forum Building. Doors open 7:30 AM for flea-market sellers, 8 AM for general public. Special arrangements for early setup are available for commercial exhibitors and purchasers of 6 or more flea-market tables. The Forum Building has over 20,000 sq ft of space for commercial exhibitors and the flea market, as well as plenty of space for parking in the adjacent paved lot. Hotel accommodations are within walking distance of the Swapfest. An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast and various luncheon sandwiches will be available at the Swapfest. Talk-in on 16/76. The Four Lakes ARC will conduct Amateur Radio upgrade examination during the Swapfest. Preregistration is encouraged, but walk-ins will be accepted. For information on examinations, contact Garrison Lincoln, W9UDY, 6215 Winnequah Rd, Madison, WI 53716. Admission is \$2.50 in advance, \$3 at the door. Children 12 and under free. Flea-market tables are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door plus admission. Be sure to reserve early, as tables were sold out last year. Deadline for mail orders of admission tickets and table reservations is Mar 31. For admission tickets, table reservations or information on commercial exhibit space, write to MARA, PO Box 3403, Madison, WI 53704, or call 608-222-4744 day or night.

[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.]

## Happenings

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Section 97.415 is revised in its entirety to read as follows:

### § 97.415 Frequencies available.

(a) The frequency bands in the following table are available for space operation, Earth operation and telecommand operation. Unless otherwise specified in this Subpart the rules for authorized emission modes (§§ 97.61 and 97.65) and authorized transmitting power (§ 97.67) are applicable for each of the listed frequency bands.

Frequency band (see para (b))	Limitations	Frequency band	Limitations (see para (b))
<i>kilohertz</i>		<i>gigahertz</i>	
7000-7100		3.40-3.41	1, 2
14000-14250		5.65-5.67	1, 4
21000-21450		5.83-5.85	1, 3
24890-24990		10.45-10.50	5
28000-29700		24.00-24.05	
		47.0-47.2	
<i>megahertz</i>		75.5-81.0	
		142-149	
144-146		241-250	
435-438	1		
1260-1270	1, 4		
2400-2450	1		

### (b) Limitations:

(1) Stations in the Amateur-Satellite Service must not cause harmful interference to other authorized stations operating in accordance with the Table

of Frequency Allocations in this band, except radiolocation systems authorized in accordance with Footnote US217.

(2) This frequency band is not available in ITU Region 1.

(3) Stations in the Amateur-Satellite Service in this band are limited to Earth-to-Space transmissions and are not protected from interference caused by fixed-satellite stations in Region 1, radiolocation stations, or industrial, scientific and medical equipment operating in this band.

(4) Stations in the Amateur-Satellite Service in this band are limited to Earth-to-space transmissions.

(5) Stations in the Amateur-Satellite Service in this band must not cause harmful interference to and are not protected from interference caused by stations in the Government radiolocation service.

## HAROLD R. RICHMAN, W4CIZ

We are saddened to report the death of Harold R. Richman, W4CIZ, of Annandale, Virginia. Hal, licensed in 1931, was an Extra Class operator for whom radio was both a career and a hobby: Until his retirement in 1974, he served as Engineer-in-Charge of the 24th District office of the FCC. His enthusiasm for radio didn't miss a beat: Hal's special expertise in RFI/TVI matters landed him a spot in ARRL's RFI Task Group, as well as making him a principal in the successful compilation of ARRL's RFI Assistance List. Hal was honored with the ARRL Roanoke Division Service Award in 1981. The proud Richman radio tradition is carried on by daughter Barbara, WB4MHX.

## SECTION MANAGER ELECTION RESULTS

Section Manager Arthur R. Smith, W6INI, of the San Diego Section, will begin a two-year term of office April 1, 1986. This election was uncontested.

## SECTION MANAGER APPOINTMENT

In the West Indies Section, Alberto L. Valdejuli, WP4CSG, has been appointed to complete the term (until September 30, 1986) of Carlos Flores, WP4J (resigned).—*Artline Bender, WA1VMC*

# Affiliated Clubs in Action

Conducted By Leo D. Kluger, WB2TRN  
Club Program Manager, ARRL

## MORE GREAT IDEAS FROM KB9UM

Details on Stanley W. Henson's booklet, *14 Ideas for More Radio Club Fun*, were given in the December 1985 column. Here's the fifth idea from the Meetings and Members heading.

### Help from Elmer

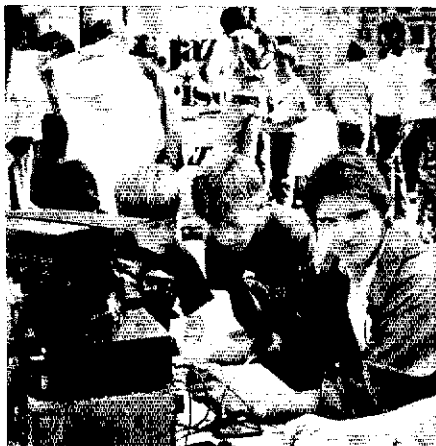
Who's Elmer? Elmer is the friendly, helpful spirit of all amateurs willing to help other amateurs and would-be amateurs learn and develop the skills pertaining to our hobby. Almost all of us have had one or even several Elmers along our Amateur Radio pathways, and they can only be repaid for their generosity by our being generous in turn to those who follow us into the world of Amateur Radio.

At one club meeting a newly licensed amateur was mentioning some of the problems he had with various aspects of our hobby. In reply to our general comment that almost any club member would be glad to help, he asked, "Who do I call?" Upon reflection, it's obvious that newcomers in a club will not know the various club experts who can be consulted when problems arise, and so, the Elmer List was born. Making such a list available at meetings or via a newsletter helps new members easily find out who to call for help, and the club officers won't catch all the questions!

### Elmer List

It's composed of club members willing to help other amateurs and would-be amateurs with questions and problems related to radio equipment and general topics. Club members willing to be club Elmers should let the Elmer List Editor know so they can be included in future versions of this list.

The "Equipment" subheading is a list of various popular equipment brand names,



Last fall the Oregon Tualatin Valley ARC participated in Beaverton, Oregon's "Beaverton Good Neighbor Days," an outdoor fair with vendor and general-interest booths. The weekend event drew nearly 30,000 people. Occurring just a few days after the Mexico City earthquake, the club's booth drew large numbers of people interested in hearing firsthand how the rescue efforts were going. (WB7SIC photo)

## New Special Service Clubs

Becoming a Special Service Club (SSC) is not for every Amateur Radio group. It takes commitment, planning and, mostly, a membership that sets the highest standards for itself. A number of your fellow clubs have recently undertaken the commitment and become SSCs. Here's a rundown of each of these special groups, their city, state and number of members:  
Baton Rouge ARC, Baton Rouge, LA (225)  
Gabilan ARC, Gilroy, CA (45)  
Vicksburg ARC, Vicksburg, MS (62)

each one followed by the call sign of the club's expert on that particular piece of gear. The "General Topics" subheading includes the following items: OSCAR satellite communication, RTTY, packet radio, vintage equipment, license upgrading, club repeater, club dues and club newsletter.

## Renewing Special Service Clubs

After completing a year of Special Service, SSCs go through a review process with their respective Affiliated Club Coordinators. With successful programs behind them, they plan their next 12 months of activities. Recently renewing SSCs are presented here, each club name followed by the city, state and number of members:  
Bergen ARA, Lodi, NJ (136)  
Cherryville Repeater Assn, Inc., Quakertown, NJ (100)  
Granite State ARA, Bedford, NH (42)  
Key Beekeepers of Sedro Woolley High School, Sedro Woolley, WA (29)  
Knickerbocker ARC, Port Washington, NY (18)  
Larkfield ARC, Commack, NY (225)  
Lower Columbia ARA, Longview, WA (62)  
St. Paul Radio Club, Inc., St. Paul, MN (306)  
Stamford ARA, Ridgefield, CT (148)  
Wantagh ARC, Seaford, NY (72)  
Yellowstone RC, Billings, MT (57)

## Volunteer-Examiner Information

from the ARRL/VEC, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111

**Locating A Test Session:** Sessions are advertised publicly via local Amateur Radio club newsletters and repeaters. A printout of sessions in any state and some overseas locations is available from ARRL HQ for an SASE. We list ARRL/VEC sessions plus those of some other VECs.

**Registering to Take an ARRL-Coordinated Test:** A completed FCC Form 610 application and a check or money order for the test fee, payable to the "ARRL/VEC," should be sent to the local VE Team where you intend to be tested. "Walk-in" candidates may be allowed at some sessions, but registering in advance helps. If you write to a VE Team, send an SASE to cover postage and handling.

**Test Fee:** For ARRL-coordinated sessions held during calendar 1986, the test fee is \$4.25, payable to "ARRL/VEC." A check or money order is preferred.

**What to Bring to the Session:** Bring the *original* plus a photocopy of your current FCC-issued Amateur Radio license, and the *original* plus a copy of any temporary upgrade certificate issued by a VE Team less than 1 year prior to the test date. (Duplicates of lost licenses are available through the FCC's Gettysburg office.) Also bring two forms of positive identification (including a photo ID, if possible) and at least two pencils and a pen. Scratch paper and answer sheets are provided.

**Calculators:** Nonprogrammable and "scientific" calculators are welcome. Pocket computers that store words are not allowed. Programmable calculators will be allowed only at the discretion of the VE Teams; be prepared to demonstrate that the memories have been cleared.

**Exam Format:** Written element exams are four-choice multiple-answer tests. Code test transmissions are played from an audio tape prepared by the ARRL/VEC with message contents similar in format to an Amateur Radio QSO. A score of 74% or more is required to pass a written element exam. Most VECs assemble tests based on the ARRL-issued multiple-choice question pool. The code test is "fill in the blank-style" and may be passed by answering at least 7 out of 10 comprehension questions correctly or by copying on paper at least one continuous minute of perfect copy from the code test transmission. The ARRL/VEC does not require a code sending test, based on the FCC's recommendation. Code tests may be copied on typewriters, but prior arrangement with the VE Team is required so that other candidates are not disturbed.

**ARRL/VEC Retest Policy:** A candidate who fails a written element and who has exhausted all code test possibilities at a session may not be retested during that same session. If a convention or hamfest test session schedules multiple sittings, a failed candidate may request that the VE Team retest him or her at a subsequent sitting. Retesting is allowed if the VE Team has a *different* test available and the VE Team determines that it has the time and resources available to accommodate the retest. A candidate for retest is required to pay another test fee, and may be required to complete a fresh application Form 610 at the Team's request.

**Special Tests:** Candidates who require special assistance, materials or equipment because of physical disability must attach to the application a signed and dated physician's statement certifying the nature of the disability, plus a letter explaining what special assistance, materials and/or equipment must be used to conduct the examination (see Section 97.26[g] of the FCC Rules). Be sure to notify the VE Team well in advance so that special arrangements can be made. If Braille or tape-recorded written tests or special-pitch code tapes are needed, contact the ARRL/VEC at least one month in advance to ensure materials will be available. Further questions about testing persons with disabilities should be addressed to the ARRL Program for the Disabled at HQ.

**How to Become an ARRL-Accredited Volunteer Examiner:** Qualified Advanced or Extra Class licensees (see Section 97.31 of the FCC Rules) are invited to notify the ARRL/VEC of their interest in becoming an accredited VE. Send us your name, call sign, license class and full mailing address. Information will be sent via *Third Class Mail*, which may take about three weeks to arrive.

**Registering an Upcoming Test Session with the ARRL/VEC:** Complete a Test Session Registration Form and submit it to the ARRL/VEC office at least 30 days in advance of your session. We need four weeks or more advance notice of a session to serve you in a cost-effective and accurate way.

## The Future Is Up There

We now recognize the need for a broader perspective in designing future satellite systems. The critical design elements must include not just the spacecraft itself but the whole system, including the user interface and environment. Present and future users will require that next-generation satellites be more convenient and accessible.

Future systems will need to be easier to use. They should provide a reasonable performance payback for the users' investment in time (to learn techniques) and equipment. The most satisfactory solution to realizing these and other important objectives is, simply, "up." Up in altitude, up in frequency and, consequently, up in cost.

Why up? The accompanying figures illustrate the advantages of higher altitude.

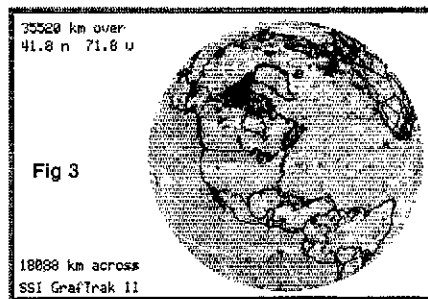
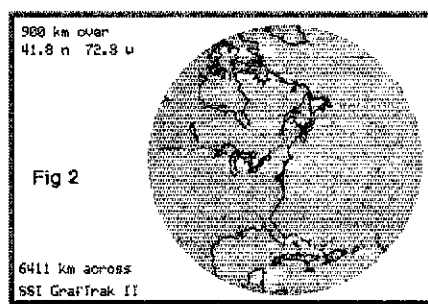
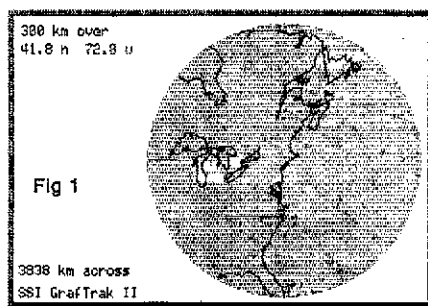
AMSAT has under consideration two major options for the next-generation high-altitude satellites. One would be the so-called Phase 4 plan for geosynchronous satellites. Phase 4 would have perhaps two geosynchronous satellites operational by decade's end. The other major option is a further refinement of the current Phase 3 program with some fascinating features. A Phase 3D option using two or more satellites in a true Molniya orbit inclined 63 degrees is being closely scrutinized.

Let's look at the latter advanced Phase 3D concept first. It would have two or more true Molniya orbit satellites phased in such a way as to provide nearly continuous coverage for the Northern Hemisphere. The orbital period would be 12 hours. This is important to reduce tracking complexity. The satellites would appear in the same part of the sky on a regular, easily predicted basis. As one satellite passed apogee, its partner would be on the rise. Later, the second one would appear in the same sky location as its partner earlier was located. They would continue in this bola-like arrangement indefinitely. The prime objective of nearly continuous coverage would be realized, since at least one bird would always be in view and "on line." And minimal tracking and antenna steering would be required.

Satellites of a Phase 3D option would build on existing technology. Although some stationkeeping would be required, current techniques using magnetic torquing might suffice.<sup>1</sup> Despun bearings and other very expensive components would then be unnecessary, and costs would be reduced substantially.

What about Phase 4? The view from a single geosynchronous satellite such as AMSAT might consider was pictured last month. The engineering challenges involved in a Phase 4 system are formidable. In the end, however, the deciding factor may be economic. The key technologies would have to be purchased rather than fabricated by in-house AMSAT.<sup>2</sup> This would certainly drive the cost of even a single Phase 4 bird over the one-megabuck threshold.

Whether in a Phase 4 geosynchronous orbit



One of the reasons for going "up" in altitude is coverage area. Fig 1 shows the view from a typical Space Shuttle mission if it were directly over Newington at its nominal flight altitude of about 300 km (186 statute miles). Coverage area extends north to Newfoundland, west to the Missouri River and south to Miami. Compare this to the coverage afforded by a typical low earth orbiter such as AMSAT-OSCAR 8, as shown in Fig 2, again positioned over Newington. Coverage is seen to extend north to central Greenland, west to the Rockies and south to Central America. Finally, compare with Fig 3 the view from a typical Phase 3-type elliptical orbit with apogee above Newington. Coverage now extends north over the pole to Asia, east to all of Europe and some of the Middle East and Western Africa, south to Argentina and Chile and west to Hawaii. Compare these three figures with the coverage from a typical geosynchronous satellite, as shown in the January 1986 edition of this column.

or a clever adaptation of a Phase 3 Molniya-type orbit, future satellites will surely embody our premise: The future is up.

But with increased coverage area comes the need for more transponder bandwidth. Clearly the 2-meter and 70-cm bands that now

support AO-10 traffic in a bit over 150 kHz cannot support the spectral requirements warranted by the coverage area of the next-generation satellites. The only answer is again "up." At the higher frequencies, 23 cm and up, lie the spectral resources needed for tomorrow's highly capable satellites.

Getting on the higher bands has never been easier, thanks to advances in key, gating technologies. Commercial manufacturers are about to unleash a torrent of equipment, making access to 23 cm and above easier than ever. The new ICOM 1271A all-mode 23-cm transceiver, I'm convinced, serves as harbinger of legions of UHF and even SHF equipment just around the corner. It will soon be possible to bolt together a complete 23-cm station. Soon, 13 cm will yield to the same market pressures that now have brought 23 cm to the brink of popularity.

The challenge of shaping the future of Amateur Radio satellites and, to an increasing degree, the course of the overall hobby is now engaged. Whether it be Phase 4A or Phase 3D, the outcome of current planning will determine the space-communications resources available to hams for at least the first half of the next decade.

Next month, we'll look at a few functions future satellites might provide, such as bulletin delivery to users through gateway repeaters.<sup>3</sup> Meanwhile, there's no time like the present to get your own station on OSCAR. Why wait for the future? Meet it halfway!<sup>4,5</sup>

### Notes

<sup>1</sup>By contrast, magnetic torquing as a means of stationkeeping is not possible at geosynchronous altitudes because the geomagnetic field is too weak at 22,300 miles.

<sup>2</sup>The key technologies involve either three-axis stabilization or despun bearings. AMSAT can expect little help on either account from donations in kind and has very little likelihood of being able to develop this hardware internally.

<sup>3</sup>Project Linkup will demonstrate bulletin delivery to repeaters using AO-10 Mode L and FM for high-quality audio. Regular AMSAT and space-interest-oriented bulletins will be available to all who interface their stations and/or repeaters. Free info is available from the author (at the address at the top of this column) for interested individuals and groups. An SASE is required, please. First on-air tests are scheduled for first-quarter 1986.

<sup>4</sup>Project NATCOM will provide nationwide AMSAT net connectivity for local interest groups as well as AMSAT-affiliated clubs and repeaters using a telephone bridge provided by the Darome Connection, a commercial telephone conference service in Minneapolis. Free NATCOM information is also available for an SASE to this column conductor.

<sup>5</sup>Help in getting started can be obtained from AMSAT Area Coordinators. The name and address of one in your state or province can be obtained for an SASE to this column conductor.

<sup>6</sup>Information on the GRAFTRAK II software, used to produce the figures as well as other software in the AMSAT Software Exchange, is available in the new ASE 1986 catalog, free for an SASE to this column conductor.

<sup>7</sup>Users of the ARRL OSCARLOCATOR can obtain current AO-10 ground-track templates for an SASE to this column conductor.

## Let's Communicate!

... on the Public Service column! We'd like to know how you feel about the editorial contents of your public service forum in *QST*. What would you like to see more of? Less of? We want the opinions of all readers of *QST*: ARRL members, clubs, Section Managers, Station Appointees, ARES registrants, everybody! With a healthy supply of feedback from you, we can evaluate every aspect of the column and make changes that will make this column more meaningful. In addition, your input will help us determine the present effectiveness of the League's public service program, and again, make changes if we can improve on this level of performance.

Won't you please help us by taking a minute to jot down your answers to the following questions and send this page (or photocopy) to the Public Service Branch at ARRL HQ by April 15? You'll have the good feeling of knowing that you made a meaningful contribution to the future of ARRL's public service commitment and this column. We'll publish the results of this survey in a future issue. Thanks!

NOTE: We ask that you simply write your call sign on the line in the upper-left corner of the survey, answer the questions, then mail the survey to the Public Service Branch at ARRL Headquarters by April 15. Although each issue of *QST* is protected by copyright, a special exception has been made to allow you to photocopy this survey.

### 1986 PUBLIC SERVICE COLUMN SURVEY

\_\_\_\_\_  
(your callsign)

- 1) Do you read the Public Service column every month?  
 Yes     No
- 2) After receiving *QST*, when do you read the Public Service column?  
 First  
 Last  
 Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) As compared to the other columns in *QST*, the Public Service column is (check one response):  
 Much better             Better  
 About the same         Worse  
 Much worse
- 4) Please rate your interest in the various components of the Public Service column by placing one number in each blank.  
1—Very interesting 2—Interesting  
3—No opinion 4—Not interesting  
5—Never read  
\_\_\_\_Lead Article  
\_\_\_\_in Service  
\_\_\_\_Your Conductor's Caboose  
\_\_\_\_Section Emergency Coordinator Reports  
\_\_\_\_Transcontinental Corps Reports  
\_\_\_\_National Traffic System Reports  
\_\_\_\_Section Traffic Manager Reports  
\_\_\_\_Public Service Honor Roll  
\_\_\_\_Brass Pounders League  
\_\_\_\_Independent Nets
- 5) What topic(s) would you like to see covered more often in the Public Service column?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6) What topic(s) would you like to see covered less often in the Public Service column?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7) If only one thing could be done to improve the Public Service column, what would it be?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Would increased use of relevant photographs improve the Public Service column?  
 Yes     No
- 9) The present three-page format of the Public Service column is  
 Fine     Too lengthy     Too short
- 10) Do you receive the ARRL Section Leader or ARRL Field Forum newsletters?  
 Yes     No
- 11) Are you a member of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service?  
     No
- 12) If one thing could be done to improve your ARES program, what would it be?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 13) Are you an active member of the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES)?  
 Yes     No
- 14) Please list the agencies/organizations you have worked with during the past 12 months:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 15) Are you familiar with the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD)?  
 Yes     No
- 16) Are you active in the ARRL National Traffic System (NTS)?  
 Yes     No
- 17) If you answered "yes" to question 16, how often per month do you check into a net?  
\_\_\_\_\_ times.
- 18) How many ARRL Radiogram messages did you handle last month? \_\_\_\_\_ messages
- 19) How many ARRL Radiogram messages did you originate from, or deliver to, a nonamateur last month? \_\_\_\_\_ messages
- 20) If one thing could be done to improve your NTS-affiliated net, what would it be?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 21) Are you a member of an Amateur Radio club?  
 Yes     No
- 22) If you answered "yes" to question 21, is the club ARRL affiliated?  
 Yes     No     Don't know
- 23) If you answered "yes" to question 22, is your ARRL affiliated club a Special Service Club?  
 Yes     No     Don't know
- 24) I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old
- 25) I have been involved with public-service-related Amateur Radio for \_\_\_\_\_ year(s).
- 26) My license class is: \_\_\_\_\_
- 27) I have been licensed for \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- 28) If the League could do one thing to assist you in serving the public more efficiently, what would it be? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 29) I own equipment that operates in the following modes (list modes): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 30) I own equipment that operates on:  
 HF     VHF     UHF
- 31) Do you hold an appointment within the ARRL Field Organization?  
 Yes     No

## SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE

### The West Virginia Flood

We have all read about hams providing emergency communications during disasters. I have always wondered what it would be like in the midst of one of these situations. In November, it happened. Heavy rains on November 5 caused the most-damaging flood ever recorded in many counties in the eastern part of West Virginia and some areas in Virginia. Pocahontas County, where Green Bank is located, was one of the affected counties. The flood severely damaged parts of the county, although the Green Bank Observatory, which is on higher ground, was spared. Telephone and power services were lost everywhere.

I was on my way to Boston and learned about the severity of the flood when I called back to my office in Charlottesville, Virginia. K2AOE and WB4ZJO told me that the only way they could communicate with Green Bank was via ham radio (80 meters) with WB3DZD, who works for the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank. I also learned that a disaster net was established on 3.865 MHz. I checked into the net and realized that the situation was very serious indeed, with 33 counties without any form of normal communications. Requests for medical supplies, food, clothing and bodybags were communicated by hams who already were in some of the areas, and I heard names of places like Green Bank, Cass, Marlinton and Circleville discussed.

At this point, I decided to turn around and head for Green Bank. I had some problems getting into the area; the roads were in bad shape, and one bridge was completely washed away. Fortunately, I know the area quite well (Pocahontas County was my home for seven years) and was able to detour on a few back roads. In Green Bank, I found a tired Rich, WB3DZD, and took over the operations there as he left for some well-deserved sleep. In the afternoon, I went to Marlinton (about 26 miles south of Green Bank), where the damage was most severe, with four people dead, many houses destroyed and most of the downtown stores totally damaged by the flood. On the second floor of the firehouse, I found WB8YJJ, who had moved in from Richwood (about 40 miles west of Marlinton) as soon as the water receded. He was sleeping on the operating table while two recent arrivals, KA8QCC and WD8SAO, manned the station. The station consisted of an FT-757GX with an inverted V on the roof of the firehouse and a 2-meter rig for local work and the Covington repeater (146.805). Everything was powered by car batteries.

After a few hours in Marlinton, it was decided that the Pocahontas County High School would be the distribution center for food, clothing and medical supplies, and I was dispatched to set up a station there. Since I had equipment for both HF and 2 meters installed in my car, I just drove up to the entrance door of the school and started operating from there. I stayed at the high school for about 24 hours (with some sleep during the night when traffic was low). Four hams from Weston, West Virginia, showed up the second day. Two of them, KD8OG and N8FIP, took over the operation at the high school, and two, KA8GSB and WD8EOM, continued north towards Circleville and Franklin where help was sorely needed. I then went back to Marlinton to relieve WB8YJJ and his friends, who wanted to go home to Richwood for a few hours of rest. During all this, a second station had been established in Marlinton by WA3RRG, who handled health-and-welfare messages while WB8YJJ concentrated on emergency traffic. Operations continued along these lines for a couple of days more. When telephone service was

reestablished in Pocahontas County, we closed down most of the operations. All HF operations were directed by W8NR in Charleston, West Virginia, who acted untiringly and very skillfully as net control for the whole period. The Covington repeater was used a lot for semi-local work, and 2-meter simplex came in handy.

So, what did I learn from all this? First of all, I was impressed with the efficiency of the 80-meter operation. In many cases when I needed to get in touch with any of the dozen or so disaster locations anywhere in the area, it took no more than 5 to 10 seconds to establish contact on 80 meters. Secondly, I discovered things that probably would never have occurred to me had I not been involved in an "actual" disaster. I learned a few guidelines from other hams who apparently had been through similar situations before: (1) Get in to the area as fast as possible; you are needed most in the beginning when the situation is chaotic. (2) Be transparent and act as a "telephone" only. Don't get involved in the decision-making process. The local authorities, Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc, know much more about disaster management than you do. (3) As soon as "normal" communications are reestablished, consider closing down ham operations. There is a fine line between being the essential communication link and being "in the way." I am not sure I fully appreciate this last point, but it was what the veteran operators felt.

After the Amateur Radio operations closed down, I spent two more days in Marlinton helping a friend dig out and clean his store. I spent a little less than a week in the area and left quite tired. Seeing so many of my old friends who lost and suffered so much became an emotional experience I hope I never have to repeat. However, I also left with a sense of satisfaction that I had been able to provide some help by using Amateur Radio as well as shoveling dirt.—Hein Hvatum, N4FWA

### IN SERVICE ...

**Ashurst Lake, AZ—November 12.** KA7PZL, WB7NFX and N7CEE assisted the Coconino County Sheriff's Department during a rescue of two lost hunters during the first severe winter storm of the season. During the search, the sheriff's radios failed, and all communication during the rescue was handled via the KA7TWW repeater on 147.08. (Bruce Grubbs, N7CEE, EC, Coconino County)

**Staunton, VA—November 12-19.** Many radio amateurs from Virginia were called to assist West Virginia amateurs in handling emergency communications during the heavy floods. On November 12, a link between WD8PBG (Franklin, WV) and WA4E (Bridgewater, VA), who was in contact with the University of Virginia Hospital, arranged for the hospital's emergency helicopter to pick up an injured girl in Franklin and transport her to the hospital in Charlottesville, Virginia.

During the next several days, members of the Valley Amateur Radio Association were among many volunteers who set up HF and 2-meter stations in hard-hit communities such as Franklin, Sugar Grove and Brandywine. Emergency, priority and health-and-welfare traffic originated from these stations and sent throughout the emergency networks in the region and NTS. (William F. Bowman, KA4UFI)

**North Adams, MA—November 28.** A twin-engine Piper Aztek airplane crashed the evening of November 27 in the Mt Greylock State Reservation, setting off its emergency locating transmitter (ELT). The pilot was found incoherent and wandering around Wednesday evening within the state park and was taken to the hospital.

Civil Air Patrol officials contacted members of the Northern Berkshire ARC early Thanksgiving morning to assist in the search for the plane. WA1ZFK, KS1N, WB1EYL and WB1HIH were assigned to search teams equipped with direction-finding receivers. The search teams maintained contact with W1YBT at CAP headquarters. WA1ZFK and his team located the plane at 10:45 AM and found no persons aboard. The search teams stayed on the scene until the CAP and North Adams Police Department secured the area. (Warner Smith, W1YBT, and Dick Goodman, WB1HIH, SEC WMA)

**San Martin, CA—December 11.** While driving home from work, Kevin Levonius, NJ6L, saw a house fire. He contacted the fire department using a local ARES repeater and proceeded to the fire scene. Once there, he began a search inside the residence and rescued a 10-year old boy. NJ6L reentered the home on a second search for occupants. Finding no one, he contacted the fire department again to advise them of the boy's condition. (Dave Larton, N6JQJ, EC, City of Gilroy, CA)

### ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator Reports December 1985

Thirty-eight SEC reports were received, denoting a total ARES membership of 21,214. Sections reporting were: AB, EMA, ENY, EPA, GA, IA, KS, MDC, ME, MI, MN, MO, NFL, NH, NLI, NNJ, NTX, NV, OH, OK, ONT, ORG, PAC, SC, SCV, SD, SDG, SFL, SK, SJV, SNJ, UT, VA, WI, WMA, WPA, WNY, WV.

### Transcontinental Corps December 1985

Area	Successful Functions	% Successful	TCC Function Traffic	Total Traffic
<b>Cycle Two</b>				
TCC Eastern	123	84.2	1112	2301
TCC Central	81	87.0	567	1278
TCC Pacific	109	87.9	1120	2002
Summary	313	86.4	2799	5581
<b>Cycle Four</b>				
TCC Eastern	—	—	—	—
TCC Central	65	90.3	590	1202
TCC Pacific	119	96.0	1270	2540
Summary	184	93.1	1860	3742

### TCC Roster

KA1AE N1BHH K1EIG WA1PCD KN1K KT1Q W1QYY KW1U N2IC WA2FJJ N2XJ VE3CDX N3COY KK3F WB3GZU KB3UD AA4AT N4EXQ N4GHI W4FTK W4JL WA4JTE WB4PNY K4WJR N5AMK N5BB N5BT WB5CIG W5CTZ N8DT W5GHP K5GM W5JOV W5KLV KD5KQ K5OAF K5OU W5SOXE N5TC K5TL K5UPN ND5T W5TFE W5TNT KD5RC W5VMP K85W KV5X WBSYDD VE6CHK K6UD W6EOT W6INH K6LL K6UYK W6VZT KN7B KA7CPT VE7EIL W7EP KD7EY KB7FE W7GHT NN7H K7HLR KR7L W7LG W7LYA K7OVK W7TGO K7FR W7VSE WB7WOW KA8CPS K8OZ W8PMJ W8QHB AF8V WB8YDZ W9FC KA9FEZ KW9J WB9UYU AD9A NJ9B KC9D K9EZ KA9EPY W9HI N9IA KJ9G WA9OYI

### National Traffic System December 1985

Net	Sess	Tfc	Avg	Rate	% Rep	% to Area
<b>Cycle Two</b>						
<b>Area Nets</b>						
EAN	31	1880	67.30	1.03	96.8	
CAN	31	1878	60.50	1.06	100.0	
PAN*						
<b>Region Nets</b>						
1RN	62	1104	17.80	.595	97.0	100.0





# Contest Corral

Conducted By Billy Lunt, KR1R  
Assistant Contest Manager, ARRL

## MARCH

### 1-2

**ARRL International DX Contest**, phone, Dec QST, page 93.

### 5

**West Coast Qualifying Run**, 10-35 WPM, at 0500Z Mar 6 (9 PM PST Mar 5). W6OWP prime, W6ZRJ alternate. Frequencies are approximately 3.590/7.090 MHz. Underline one minute of the highest speed you copied, certify that your copy was made without aid and send to ARRL for grading. Please enclose your full name, call (if any) and complete mailing address. A large SASE will help expedite your award or endorsement.

### 8

**W1AW Qualifying Run**, 10-35 WPM at 0300Z Mar 9 (10 PM EST Mar 8). Transmitted simultaneously on 1.818 3.58 7.08 14.07 21.08 28.08 50.08 147.555 MHz. See Mar 5 listing for more details.

### 8-10

**Virginia State QSO Party**, Feb QST, page 90.

### 9-10

**Wisconsin QSO Party**, Feb QST, page 90.

### 15-16

**YL ISSB QSO Party**, CW, Jan QST, page 96.

**Bermuda Contest**, sponsored by the Radio Society of Bermuda, from 0001Z Mar 15 until 2400Z Mar 16. Operate 36 hours maximum. Off times must be clearly indicated and must be at least 3 hours each. Single operator only. All stations must operate from their own private residence or property. It is recommended that all stations operate barefoot which is in keeping with the spirit of the contest. 80-10 meters, phone and CW. No cross-band or cross-mode QSOs. Exchange signal report and QTH (W stations send state; VE stations send province; UK stations send county; West German stations send DOK number; Bermuda stations send parish). W/VE stations work W. German, UK and Bermuda stations only. A phone contact and a CW contact with the same station on the same band counts for score if the contacts are made at least 30 minutes apart. A multiplier counts only once per band. Count 5 points per QSO and multiply by the number of VP9 stations worked per band. Separate logs for each band and mode. Logs must be received by May 31. Include a dupe sheet if more than 200 contacts were made. Mail to RSB Contest Committee, Box HM275, Hamilton, Bermuda.

**Iowa QSO Party**, sponsored by the Iowa Section, from 1600Z Mar 15 until 0600Z Mar 16. Work stations once per band and mode. No repeater QSOs. Exchange signal report and county for Iowa stations; Section or county for others. Suggested frequencies are: CW—1.810 3.550 7.050 14.060 21.050 28.050 MHz; phone—3.875 7.225 14.275 21.325 28.600 50.150 144.200 146.520 MHz. Novice—10 kHz from low ends. Count 1 point for each phone contact; 1.5 points for each CW contact; 3 points for each OSCAR contact. Novices and Techs count 5 points for each QSO. Iowa stations multiply totals by total Sections and total Iowa counties. Others multiply totals by Iowa counties (max 99) worked. Bonus multiplier for each ARRL Iowa Section Official worked (max 8). Awards. Mail logs by Apr 1 to Bob McCaffrey, K6CY, 3913 29th, Des Moines, IA 50310.

### 20

**W1AW Qualifying Run**, 10-35 WPM, at 1400Z (9 AM EST) Mar 20. See Mar 5 and 8 listings for more details.

### 22-23

**Tennessee QSO Party**, sponsored by the Tennessee Council of ARCs, from 2100Z Mar 22 until 0500Z Mar 23 and 1400Z-2200Z Mar 23. Work stations once per band and mode. Work portables and mobiles again as they change county. No repeater or list QSOs. CW QSOs in CW subbands only. Stations must remain on a band or mode for 10 minutes after making a QSO. Exchange signal report and QTH (county for TN stations; state, province or country for others). Suggested frequencies: CW—1.815 and 50 kHz up from lower band edges; phone—1.860 3.980 7.280 14.280 21.380

28.580; Novice—3.725 7.125 21.125 28.125. Count 1.5 points per CW QSO and 1 point per phone QSO. TN stations multiply by total states, VE call areas and TN counties (max 95) worked. Others multiply by total TN counties worked. Portables and mobiles add 500 bonus points to total score of each county operated from, excluding home county (min 10 QSOs from each county). Mail logs by May 1 (include a large SASE for results, return of log and/or certificate earned) to Oak Ridge ARC, Mel Wardell, K4PJ, PO Box 489, Oak Ridge, TN 37831.

**Spring RTTY Contest**, sponsored by the British Amateur Radio Teleprinter Group, from 0200Z Mar 22 until 0200Z Mar 24. Operate 30 hours maximum. Off-times must be no less than three hours each and must be indicated on log. Single operator, multioperator and SWL categories. Work stations once per band, 80-10 meters. Exchange UTC time, signal report and message number starting with 001. Count two points for RTTY QSOs with stations in your country, 10 points for others. Count 200 bonus points for each country worked per band. For final score, add QSO points  $\times$  (total different DXCC countries + W/VE/VK call areas per band) plus (band countries  $\times$  200  $\times$  continents). Use a separate log sheet for each band. Mail logs to be received by May 31 to Peter Adams, G6LZB, 464 Whippendell Rd, Watford, Herts, WD1 7PT, England.

### 29-30

**CQ World Wide Prefix Contest**, phone, sponsored by CQ Magazine, from 0000Z Mar 29 until 2400Z Mar 30 (CW contest, May 24-25). Single ops are allowed a maximum 30 hours operating time; off times must be taken in no more than five periods and must be clearly indicated in the log. Multioperator stations may operate entire 48 hours. Phone only, 160-10 meters (excluding the WARC bands). Categories: single op, all band and single band; QRP (5W output maximum); multiop (multiband only) multi and single transmitter. Multi-singles must remain on a band for at least 10 minutes after making a QSO; multi-multis are allowed only one signal per band. All transmitters must be located within a 500-meter diameter circle or limits of property; no remote stations. Work stations once per band for QSO point credit, but prefix credit may be counted only once. Exchange signal report plus serial number starting with 001. Multi-multis use separate numbers on each band. QSO points: Contacts between stations on different continents count three points on 28, 21 and 14 MHz and six points on 7, 3.5 and 1.8 MHz. For North American stations, contacts between stations in different countries on the NA continent count two points on 28, 21 and 14 MHz and four points on 7, 3.5 and 1.8 MHz. For non-NA stations, contacts with stations in other countries but on the same continent count one point on 28, 21 and 14 MHz and two points on 7, 3.5 and 1.8 MHz. QSOs between stations in the same country count zero points but are permitted for prefix multiplier credit. Multipliers are prefixes, to be counted only once. A prefix is the two or three letter/number combination that forms the first part of an amateur call sign, as in W1, G4, DF3, 8P6, etc. Stations operating outside the call area indicated by their call signs must sign portable. The portable prefix counts as the multiplier; for example, AA1K/3 in Delaware counts as an AA3 multiplier. Final score is total QSO points times sum of prefixes worked. Awards and club competition. Mail logs by May 10 (Jul 10 for CW) to CQ Magazine, WPX Contest, 76 North Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801.

## APRIL

### 1

**West Coast Qualifying Run**, 10-35 WPM at 0500Z Apr 2 (9 PM PST Apr 1). See Mar 5 listing for more details.

### 5-6

**GARTG SSTV Contest**, Part 1, sponsored by the German AR Teleprinter Group, 0000Z-0800Z Apr 5, 1600Z-2400Z Apr 5 and 0800Z-1600Z Apr 6 (Part 2 will be held Oct 11-12). 3.5, 7, 14, 21 and 28 MHz only. Work stations once per band. Exchange call signs, signal report and serial number. GARTG members also send membership number. Count 10 points per QSO. Multipliers: countries as defined by the WAE and DXCC lists and W/K, VE/VO, JA, PY, VK call areas. Final score = QSO points  $\times$  multipliers worked per

band  $\times$  continents worked per band. Add 50 bonus points per GARTG member worked. Mail logs to be received within 2 months to Wolfgang Punjer, DL8VX, PO Box 90 11 30, D-2100 Hamburg 90, Fed Rep of Germany.

**Connecticut QSO Party**, sponsored by the Candlewood ARA, from 2000Z Apr 5 until 0200Z Apr 7, with a rest period from 0500Z to 1200Z. Phone and CW. Exchange signal report, serial number and ARRL Section (county for CT stations). CT stations work DX for QSO points (only one multiplier). Club station W1QI counts 5 points per band/mode. Novice QSOs count 2 points; OSCAR QSOs 3 points. CT stations multiply QSOs by ARRL Sections worked, others multiply by CT counties worked. Suggested frequencies: phone—3.927 7.250 14.296 21.370 28.540 MHz; CW—40 kHz from low end; Novice—3.725 7.125 21.125 28.125 MHz. Certificate to highest scorer in each state, and CT Certificate for working all CT counties. Mail by Apr 30 to CARA, c/o R. Dillon, N2EFA, RFD 7, Noel Ct, Brewster, NY 10509.

### 12-13

**GARTG RTTY Contest**, Part 2, sponsored by the German AR Teleprinter Group. VHF, 1200Z-1600Z Apr 12; HF, 0700Z-1100Z Apr 13. VHF and HF are separate contests. Classifications: A—HF over 200-W input, B—HF under 200-W input, C—SWL, D—VHF. Exchange RST, QSO number, name, QTH, QTH locator (for VHF only). After each QSO the station, who called CQ must QSY. HF—3.5 and 7 MHz. Count 1 point per QSO. VHF—144, 432 and 1296 MHz. Count 1 point per 144-MHz QSO, 2 points per 432-MHz QSO, 3 points per 1296-MHz QSO. Final score is total QSO points. Mail logs to be received no later than 20 days after the end of the contest to Wolfgang Punjer, DL8VX, PO Box 90 11 30, D-2100 Hamburg 90, Fed Rep of Germany.

### 13

**W1AW Qualifying Run**, 10-35 WPM at 0300Z Apr 14 (10 PM EST Apr 13). See Mar 8 listing for more details.

### 14

**ARRL VHF/UHF Spring Sprints**, 144 MHz, from 7 PM until 11 PM local time. (Note: Other Spring Sprint dates are: 220 MHz on Tues, Apr 22; 432 MHz on Wed, Apr 30; 1296 MHz on Thur, May 8; and 50 MHz on Sat, May 17.) Single-operator only. Exchange grid-square locators (see Jan 1983 QST, page 49). Signal reports are optional. Count one point per valid QSO. Multiply QSO points by number of different grid squares worked for final score. Contests are separate; there is no accumulation of scores. FM restrictions: Retransmitting either or both stations, or use of repeater frequencies is not permitted. Only these recognized simplex frequencies may be used: 144.90 to 145.10; 146.49, .55 and .58; and 147.42, .45, .48, .51, .54 and .57 MHz. This restriction prohibits use of all repeater frequencies, including 146.76 and .94. Contest entrants may not transmit on repeaters or repeater frequencies on 2 meters for the purpose of soliciting contacts. Use of the national calling frequency, 146.52 MHz, is prohibited. Contestants may not transmit on 146.52 MHz for the purpose of making or soliciting contest QSOs. The intent of this rule is to protect the national calling frequency from contest monopolization. For a valid QSO to occur, call signs and grid-square locators must be exchanged and acknowledged. A station may be worked for credit only once per band, regardless of mode. Crossband QSOs do not count. Stations are allowed only one transmitted signal at any given time. A transmitter used to contact one or more stations may not be used subsequently under any other call sign during the contest (except for family stations for which more than one call sign is assigned to one location by FCC/DOC—and then for family members only). Entries for each contest must be postmarked by June 20. Contests are separate. Mail contest entries in separate envelopes. Submit separate log and summary sheets for each contest entered. Logs must indicate time, call sign and complete exchange for each valid QSO. Multipliers must be clearly marked in the log. Include dupe (cross check) sheets with entries of more than 100 QSOs. Use the official entry forms, available from ARRL HQ for an SASE. Each entrant agrees to be bound by the provisions as well as the intent of this announcement, the regulations of his or her licensing authority and the decisions of the ARRL

Awards Committee. Disqualifications: for excessive duplicate QSOs, call-sign errors or exchange errors. See Jan 1986 QST, page 94, for disqualification details.

19-20

QRP ARCI Spring CW Contest

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ARRL Spring Sprints, 220 MHz.

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Helvetia Contest

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W1AW Qualifying Run

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ARRL Spring Sprints, 432 MHz.

## Special Events

Conducted By Billy Lunt, KR1R  
Assistant Contest Manager, ARRL

**Wrightwood, California:** WB6FNI will operate from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory's Table Mountain Observatory during Feb and Mar to commemorate astronomical observations of Halley's Comet. Frequencies and times: CW—7.120 at 0400Z-0500Z; phone—7.228 and 7.249 at 0400Z-1000Z. Certificate and Halley's Comet photo for no. 10 SASE or 5 IRCs via PO Box 576, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

**Wales:** The Saint David's Day special-event station, GB2SDD, will operate 0000Z-2400Z Mar 1 to celebrate the National Day of Wales. Operation will be on all bands. QSL via R. R. Jones, GW4HOQ, Bryn-Ynys, 13 Strawberry Pl. Morriston, Swansea, West Glam SA6 7AG, Wales.

**San Antonio, Texas:** To commemorate the Battle of the Alamo and the Texas Sesquicentennial, a special-event station will operate from the Alamo Mar 1-2. Operation will be on 7.235 and 14.280. QSL via Barry Brewer, WA5DTK, PO Box 65, Randolph AFB, TX 78148.

**San Antonio, Texas:** From Alamo Plaza, next to the Alamo, W5SC will operate 0600Z-0600Z Mar 2 in celebration of Texas Independence Day. Operation will be in the lower portions of the 10, 15 and 20 General CW and phone bands. Send QSL and no. 10 SASE to W5SC, 90 Brees Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78209.

**Fulton, Missouri:** The Callaway ARL will operate KS6M 1400Z-2200Z Mar 9 from the Sir Winston Churchill Memorial to commemorate the Iron Curtain speech "Sinews of Peace," which was delivered at Westminster College in 1946 by Sir Winston Churchill. Frequencies: phone—7.235 14.235 21.310; CW—14.050. Special QSL for SASE to CARL, PO Box 241, Fulton, MO 65231.

**Wisconsin:** The Greater Rice Lake Contest Club will activate all 72 WI counties during the Wisconsin QSO Party, 1800Z Mar 9 until 0100Z Mar 10. For further information, contact Steve Dubberstein, NA9D, 812 Larsen Ave, Streamwood, IL 60103.

**Marysville, California:** The Yuba-Sutter ARC will operate K6HDE 1600Z-2400Z Mar 15 to commemorate

the 106th annual Chinese Water God Festival and parade in honor of Bok Kai, the Chinese water god and god of the dark north. Operation will be in the low end of 40 and 20 General phone bands and 147.54-MHz simplex. For certificate, send QSL and SASE to K6HDE, c/o YSARC, PO Box 1169, Yuba City, CA 95992.

**Green Center, Indiana:** The Fort Wayne RC will operate W9TE 1500Z-2300Z Mar 15 at the Green Township Community Center to commemorate St Patrick's Day. Frequencies: phone—3.910 7.280 14.285 21.385 28.525; CW—7.105. Certificate via PO Box 15127, Fort Wayne, IN 46885.

**Clinton, Ohio:** The Buckeye Belle QSO Party will be celebrating their 25th anniversary from 1200Z Mar 15 until 2200Z Mar 16. For a certificate, send an SASE to KA8MPH, 1241 Comet Rd, Clinton, OH 44216.

**Munising, Michigan:** In celebration of the Alger County Centennial, WD8PAF/KA8VOZ will operate CW 1500Z-1930Z Mar 15 and SSB 1500Z-1930Z Mar 16. Suggested frequencies: CW—3.710 7.110; SSB—3.870 7.280. For a commemorative QSL, send a QSL and an SASE to Alger Centennial Event, WD8PAF/KA8VOZ, Box 274, Munising, MI 49862.

**Seattle, Washington:** Volunteers from several local ARCs will operate KD7WS to commemorate the 9th annual Northwest Science Fiction Convention (NORWESCON) from 1800Z until 0200Z each day Mar 20-23. There will be a speaker and demonstrations to introduce young people to ham radio. Give us a call! Frequencies: phone—bottom 25 kHz of General band; CW—bottom 30 kHz General and Novice bands; RTTY—7.085 14.090 21.090; FM—146.96. Certificate for QSL and SASE to John Hedtke, KD7WS, 8729 Palatine N, Seattle, WA 98103.

**Macon, Georgia:** The Macon ARC will operate W4BKM from 1500Z until 2200Z Mar 22 to commemorate the Cherry Blossom Festival. Operation will be phone—14.237 and CW—7.137. For a Cherry Blossom Certificate, send a large SASE to Mona

Witherington, N4MPR, 2898 Williamson Dr, Lizella, GA 31052.

**Berwick, Pennsylvania:** The Columbia-Montour ARC will operate KC3TX 1700Z-2400Z Mar 22 to commemorate the bicentennial of the city of Berwick. Operation will be in the 40 and 20 General phone bands. Send QSL for nice certificate to CMARC, PO Box 930, Berwick, PA 18603.

**Radnor, Pennsylvania:** The 25-plus employee/hams of Sun Co, Inc will hold a special Sentennial Amateur Radio Contest on Mar 22-23. All bands and modes will be activated. Certificates will be awarded for a contact. For certificate, send QSL to PO Box 326, Radnor, PA 19087.

**Cleveland, Tennessee:** The Cleveland ARC will operate W4GZX on Mar 29, starting at 2300Z to commemorate the first anniversary of their club house. Frequencies: CW—3.700-3.750, 7.125-7.150, 21.100-21.150; SSB—3.825-3.875, 7.225-7.275, 21.300-21.350. Special QSL via Ken Browder, WW4X, c/o Cleveland ARC, PO Box 2692, Cleveland, TN 37311.

**New Deadline:** The deadline for receipt of items for this column, beginning with the April issue, is the 1st of the second month preceding the publication date. For example, your information would have to reach HQ by Mar 1 to make the May issue. Please include the name of the sponsoring organization, the location, dates, times(Z), frequencies and call sign of the special-event station. Requests for donations will not be published.

**QSLing Special-Events Stations:** To get your QSL or certificate from any of the special-event stations listed here, follow these simple guidelines. (1) After working the station, carefully fill out a QSL card for the QSO. Show the date and time accurately using UTC. (2) Prepare a self-addressed stamped envelope. If sending for a certificate, use a 9 x 12-in envelope if you want an unfolded certificate, or a no. 10 envelope if folds are okay. Include enough postage for return of your envelope. (3) Mail both your QSL and your SASE to the address listed, or to the address given on the air by the station you QSO. Be patient. Special-event stations will often print their cards and/or certificates after the operation is over so they will know how many to order.

## Strays

### REAL-HAM ALERT

□ How can you spot a real ham? Denton Bromwell, K7OWJ, of Minden, Nevada, gives the telltale signs:

- A real ham is incapable of throwing away a working meter movement, whether he'll ever use it or not.

- A real ham will take his absolutely mint-condition HT-32B to a hamfest and try to sell it for "\$249 firm." He will then sell this same transmitter for \$18.75 to the 12-year-old neighbor who just got his Novice license because that is all the kid can afford. He will also throw in an expensive coaxial relay at no charge.

- A real ham is slowly collecting parts for at least four projects, one of which has already appeared in the "25 Years Ago" column in QST.

- A real ham can pick out a BY prefix that is S1 from underneath six stateside signals running S9 + 20 dB.

- A real ham knows that antennas erected on calm days and during daylight hours will never perform as well as those erected in the dark and during a blizzard.

- A real ham wishes that his tower was at least 10 feet taller.

- Given a choice between Heard Island and Waikiki Beach for a vacation, the real ham will choose Heard Island. He will not understand why other people think this is peculiar.

### QST congratulates...

□ Michael Henderson, N6JFD, of Camarillo, California, on being appointed US National Sales Manager for Amateur Radio Products at Yaesu Electronics Corporation.

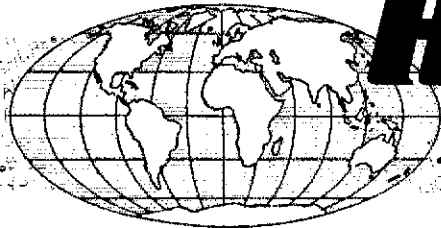
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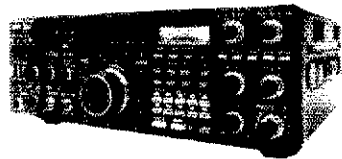


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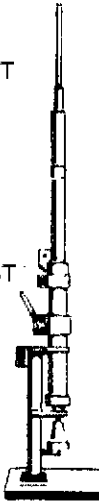
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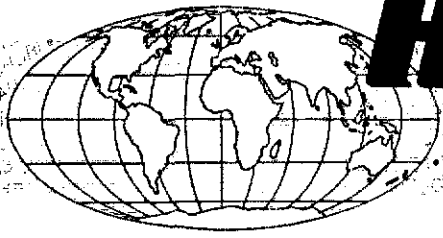
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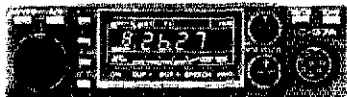


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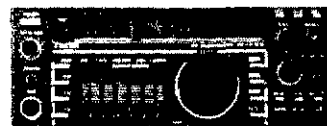
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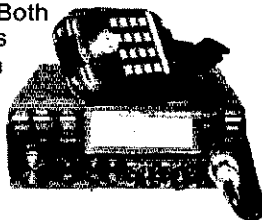
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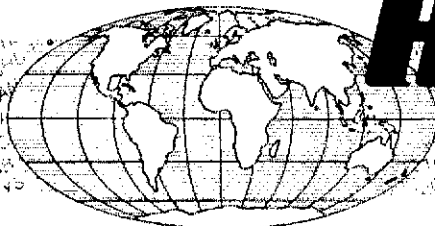


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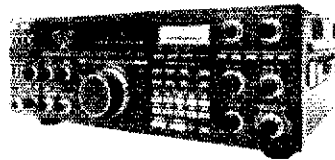
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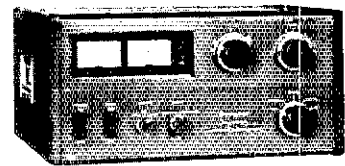
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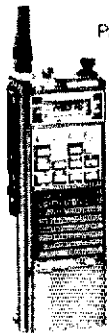
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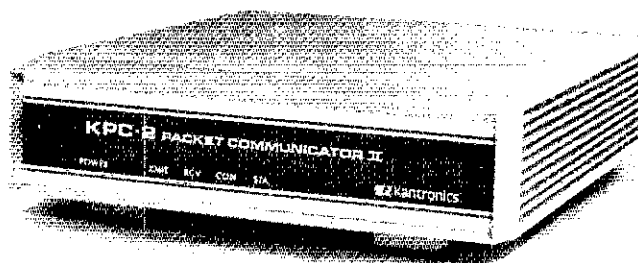
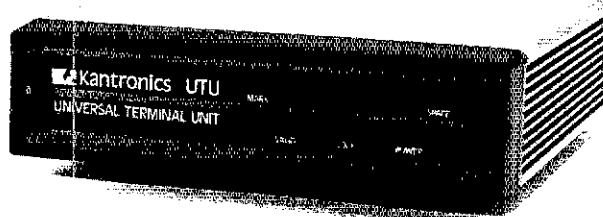
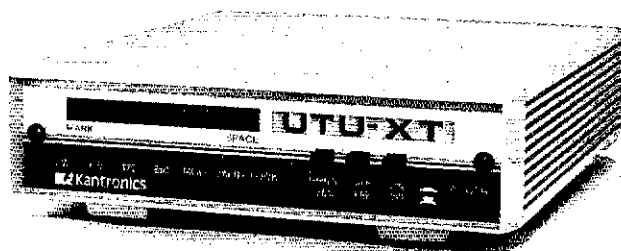
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Hooosier VHF Nets for December QNI 6329, QTC 218, Bulletins 82, QTR 6211 in 228 sessions for 23 nets. D9RN 974 messages in 1505 minutes. IN 94%, Sns. K9CGS W9JUJ N9DWU KA9EIV KB9NR W9JHI K8XBE. CAND 1878 messages in 31 sessions. D9RN 100%. Sns. N9DWU, W9JUJ, K9CGS, 9RN Cycle 4 Report for November QNI 352, QTC 449, PTR 1139 in 58 sessions. IN 100% Sns. W9FC, 19HZ, K9JZ, W9JUJ, W9BQFG, W9JWC, K9MMJ, Silent Keys: Wayne K Angola, K9KPC Danville, K9GDB Bond, and K9EEZ Parker City. The Indiana RTTY Net has a new manager NSASR and a time change to 00:30Z. Due to a conflict with the Ohio Novice Net, the ICN has moved to 3705 at 23:15. After about 7 trips to the dentist and 3 trips to the plastic surgeon my wife has recovered. She wishes to thank those who sent cards and words of encouragement. Congratulations to the Hancock ARC for their first Christmas Hamfest. It was enjoyable and looked like a success. Congratulations to the Clark County ARC on their annual Special Events Station from Bethlehem Indiana, and to Fort Wayne amateurs for Santa's annual visit to the Fort Wayne Hospitals. Our wish is for a speedy recovery to KA9PSA, K9JIB, K9JIB. Congratulations to W9LDE OPARC Ham of the Year and KASKRE Tri-State ARC Ham of the Year. Traffic: W9JUJ 1429, K9JZ 620, W9JWC 210, N9AEI 206, K9WVJ 205, W9CNE 185, W9FC 154, W9DWD 140, KA9FFO 133, W9QCF 133, W9SUY 121, K9BHH 116, WA9YIF 88, K8XBE 89, W9JHI 71, N9DYC 68, W9QZZ 63, N9HZ 58, KA9EIV 55, KW8C 54, K9NR 53, W9AWI 47, W9UMH 45, K9SER 40, W9MDS 40, W9P2 38, W9PMT 38, K9TKE 37, W9BTZ 37, K9DFK 35, W9BHR 34, KA9RN 31, WA9OKK 30, K9WD 28, K9KTB 24, K9FHQ 23, W9BQFG 23, W9ZGC 22, WA9JNC 21, N9DHX 18, K9PS 17, K9BKR 17, K9BZ 15, K9JCT 14, K9JBM 14, W9AZA 13, KA9KRC 10, K9DCC 9, K9DVI 6, K9N 6, K9OUP 5, W9RTH 5, W9XD 4, K9SBW 4, KA9LAU 4, W9DCIV 4, W9KMY 3, K9JDF 3, W9BDP 3, W9EI 2, W9EY 2, K9DE 1.

**WISCONSIN:** SM, Richard R. Reppert, K9GDF—SEC; W9OAK—STG; W9JUR—K9JUR, K9JUR—W9JIS/W, Q9C, N9CG, P9C; K9ZZ, SC9, AG9V, TC; K9GDF. Did you just skip reading the list of eight Leadership Appointees? These trained Wisconsin specialists are eager to help you to benefit from your ARRL membership or to insure you have fun in Ham Radio; ask me about the duties behind their titles in case you forgot. New ATCs are W9RYA, K9EVH and W9EQA; all willing to help with your technical questions or RFI problems. Greetings to new NM of the North Woods Traffic Net, KA9SKU, who has replaced Carl, W9JSF. Carl increased traffic and checkins during his year as NM, thanks for the hard work. Wisconsin Slow Speed Net Manager, N9BDL, will send a beautiful computer-generated certificate for checkins into the net, try any evening at 6:30 PM on 3645 kHz. Careful monitoring heard WA9TY on WINIE. Packet radio adds W9NNJ and W99SMM to the list of Wisconsin packeteers. For packet information and newsletter contact Wisconsin Amateur Packet Radio Association, POB 1215, Fond du Lac, WI 54935. Clubs: as you schedule your hamfest and events for 1986-87, please send me a note so that I can include the correct date in this column and can tell others that ask for that information. Volunteer Examination sponsors are reminded to promptly let the *Badger State Smoke Signals* know of your exam schedule. The BSSS newsletter goes all of its service by publishing a current exam list; contact K9ZZ or K9EN for the details. New officers: Manacorad RC: Rod Palula, Pres.; W99JJB, V.P.; W9B2V, Treas.; W990BX, Sec. North American Teleconference Radio Net on Milwaukee 145.13 repeater had 77 checkins and many more were listening. March 8th, Milwaukee School of Engineering RC Swapfest at 1121 N. Milwaukee St.; March 9th, Wisconsin QSO Party starts at noon; and March 18th, Tri-County ARC Hamfest at Jefferson County Fairgrounds. *Be grateful for luck, but don't count on it.* Traffic: W9BYP 827, KA9RI 384, N9BGE 364, W9CBE 303, WA9WYS 298, W9DID 298, W9JCV 282, W9FV 183, N9AUG 161, K9BHL 161, W9BHC 130, W9BCH 101, W9ODV 98, W9DND 90, W9JSF 86, N9BDL 85, N9DHT 81, W9EJO 76, N9BCX 67, AG9G 67, K9UTO 59, W9BESM 57, W9DNDQ 50, N9EQPT 35, KA9JYT 33, KA9BHKT 3, (Nov.) W99YPY 1402, W99FRI 141, W9DND 81, W9JSF 79, N9DHT 68.

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MSN/2	3685	10:00P	28/49/31	N9CBE
MSN	3710	6:00P	193/14/30	KA8ODQ
MSNR/TTY	3620	7:00P	39/2/10	WA8LUT
MSPN/J	3929	12:00P	53/0/26/31	W9JWJ
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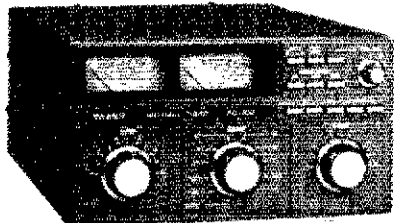
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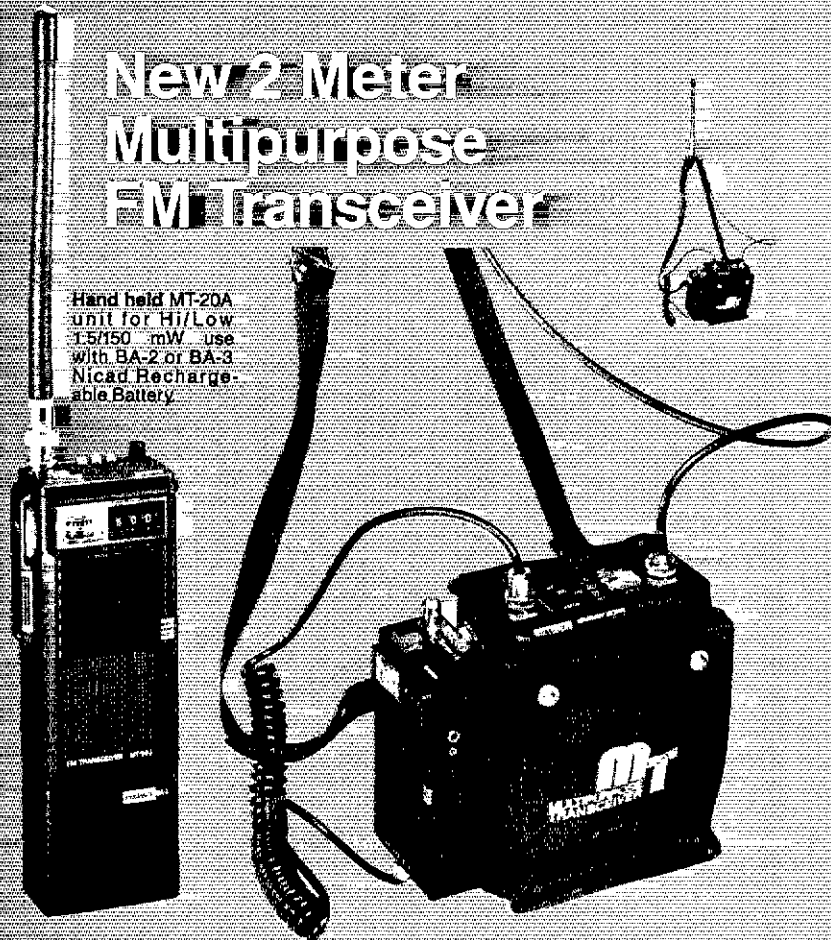
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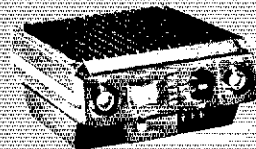
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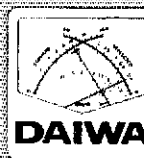
- Frequency: 144-148 MHz in 5 kHz steps
- Emission type: (FM)
- RF output impedance: 50ohm unbalanced (BNC socket)
- Power source: 8-14V DC (5.5-11V DC)
- Current drain: 150mA Max. on reception  
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**NORTH DAKOTA:** SM, Michael Mankey, W08TEE—Success in Devil's Lake best describes the recent testing session. Upgrades: KA0VNN-advanced; KA0VHW-tech.; KA0UMV-general; KA0SLH-tech.; KA0FIN-gen. KA0VOJ-tech. and KA0LIL-advanced. Congratulations to all and good luck. With five new techs. I am sure that the repeater activity will pick up in the future in the Carrington area. Thanks to the efforts of W08ATI & W08EUV and many rotating instructors classes have again begun in the Bismarck area. It is time once again to start thinking about SKYWARN. Please contact NYS office in person or by scheduling your groups training. Remember it is on a first come bases. Remember DATA Net 6:30 PM CST, 3883 KHz. 73's Mike. Net Summary for December.

Net	Freq	Mgr	Sess.	QNI	QTC
GOOSE RIVER	1990	W0CDO	5	152	115
ND WX NET	3883	WA0RWM	28	192	100
DATA	3883	KA0FSM	25	331	16
NORTH FORTY	84/64	N08HA	5	46	0

Traffic: KA0FSM 48.

**SOUTH DAKOTA:** SM, Roland Cory, W0YMB—Ole Johnson, N0ABE, STM & Bob Olson WA0FPP, ASST SM. All amateur radio clubs are urged to send me copies of their newsletters. It's the best way I can keep informed about your activities. My sincere thanks to those whose suggestions and comments have greatly helped me concerning the column, W08UC, W08C, N08C, and W08QHW using packet in the Black Hills area. Like to hear from anyone else using packet around the state. Which club is going to sponsor the state ham picnic this summer? K0BAF 110, N0ABE 14, K0ZBJ 50, K0BYL 7, W0YMB 14, KA0KPY 14, W08OMF 33, W0MZI 59, W0HQJ 7, WA0VRE 76, K0ERM 52, WA0UEN 61.

### DELTA DIVISION

**ARKANSAS:** SM, Joel M. Harrison, W5IGF—STM: W9OK, SEC: N5BPU, ACC: N15D, TC: W5FD, BM: W5HYW, ASM: K5UR, SGL: W5LCI, REPEATER COORDINATOR: W55FDP. 1986 Officers for the Northwest Arkansas Amateur Radio Club: Pres WASNRT, V.P. N5HAF, Sec K5RFG, Treas K5BML, Repeater Chairman W4RHJ. Congratulations to the Faulkner County Amateur Radio Club on becoming an affiliate with ARRL. The Arkansas Hamfest and ARRL State Convention will be April 12 and 13 in Little Rock. Contact Dale Temple, W5RXU, in Little Rock for more information. We want your club active in the Arkansas Sesquicentennial. N15D is coordinating the planned activities and wants to hear from you. Arkansas Weather Net: 146.34/94 and 3995 kHz when needed. Traffic: W5QFU 102, W5RIT 58, W5UUA 28, W9OK 24, W5IGF 12, AC5W 10, K5MEA 8.

**LOUISIANA:** SM, John "Wondy" Wondergem, K5KR—Congratulations to the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club for being officially designated as an ARRL Special Service Club. Through the work of its members, this club was recognized by ARRL for its extended efforts on behalf of Amateur Radio and radio amateurs in the West. LA ARC election of officers: Pres: W5JZQ, V.P.: N5HRD, Treas: N5GSK, Sec: N5CAH. The club, now 1 yr. old has grown to 40 members. The Baton Rouge QCWA Chapter 109 recently honored the following three lifetime members with certificates and pins: Vince-W5KC for 65 yrs. of licensing, "Doc"-W5DQ for 65 yrs. of licensing, Shirley-W5AXG for 60 yrs. of licensing. Congrats to these real "Old Timers" for their long participation in Amateur Radio. Their election of officers for a 2 yr term: Pres: EI-W5MD, V.P. Bill-W5URI, Sec/Treas: Warren-K5DVQ, Directors: Kirk-W5KYV & Al-W5GQV, Historian: George-W5LUX. The Louisiana Council of Amateur Radio Clubs uniting 1986 membership of 33 organizations was an all time record. The next official meeting will be at the Lafayette Hamfest in March 86. All are invited to the meeting. See you there. Traffic: DRN-5 1410 msg, 62 sessions. La. 95% with W5GHP, WA5LHL, K5WOD, WA5WZ, WA5V, W5NCGM, WA5DEV & N5HJE.

**MISSISSIPPI:** SM, Paul Kemp, KW5T—ASM: K5QNE, SEC: AL7GO, VHF Coord: N5DWL, ACC: K5VD, STM: K5SW, PIO: KA5VBE, BM: AJ0X, TC: W55XK, GOC: W5VMC. Make plans NOW for Jackson Hamfest April 19-20. Hattiesburg's 145.37 repeater now fully operational, complete with emergency power and autopatch. Hattiesburg ARCS 147.38 machine back at 250-ft. site following repair of lightning damage. Congrats to whole slew of new club officers: Laurel ARC—W5VKR, pres., K5FAU, vp; N5IKA, secy-treas. Neshoba ARC—W5VU, pres., W5VFP, vp; K5PEN, secy.; N5EPP, treas. Vicksburg ARC—W55XK, pres.; N5IEN and W5D5, vps; N5EZY, secy-treas.; N5Z2 prop off. Regrettably announce K5DA is now Silent Key. Congratulations to Vicksburg ARC on certification as Special Services Club (has YOUR club looked at this worthwhile program?). Hattiesburg ARC hosted joint dinner meeting with Laurel ARC for annual report from Delta Division Director W5CH. New appointment: K5PEN, PIA for Neshoba ARC. CLUB OFFICERS: Your organization's activities deserve recognition; please keep the ASM or PIO informed! Reminder: bad weather soon will be upon us... get your emergency gear and procedures ready for quick response you're needed. Laurel ARC has new solid state repeater on 146.81. VHF/UHF activity growing rapidly with second 6 meter repeater in works at Laurel and reports of at least two new 440 machines imminent in South Mississippi. CAND (W5KLV) sess 31 QTC 1878. DRN5 (W55YDD) sess 31 QTC 62. MSBN (W5HKV) sess 31 QNI 2165 QTC 85. MTN (K5OAF) sess 31 QNI 131 QTC 81. MMN (W5FGK) sess 31 QNI 576 QTC 8. MSN (N5AMK) sess 31 QNI 93 QTC 7. MLN (W5OJ) sess 5 QNI 134 QTC 0. CAEN (NF5Q) sess 5 QNI 136 QTC 3. HAEN (KA5RCA) sess 5 QNI 80 QTC 0. Traffic: N5AMK 1000, K5SW 453, K5OAF 347, K5Z 187, W5WZ 55.

**TENNESSEE:** SM, John C. Brown, NO4Q—ASM/ACC: WA4GLS, OO/AZ: W9FZW, PIO: N7EJL, SEC: WA4GZQ, SGL: WA4GZQ, STM: N54J, TC: W4HHK. Word has just arrived stating that your club has upgraded to the advanced class from Technician. Congrats to him and now we will be expecting him on the phone bands and nets so that items of information can be passed or noted. Word is starting to come in on the swap and hamfests. A new one

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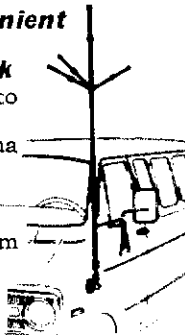
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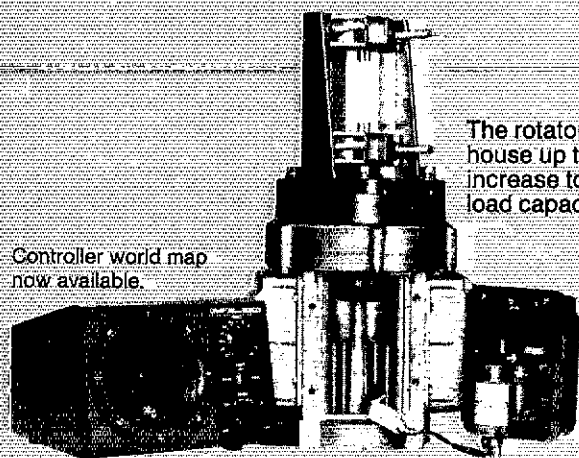
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Output torque Brake power	1 motor	610 lbs/inch 5,200 lbs/inch	220 lbs/inch 1,700 lbs/inch
	2 motor	1,200 lbs/inch 9,600 lbs/inch	440 lbs/inch 3,500 lbs/inch
	3 motor	1,800 lbs/inch 13,900 lbs/inch	650 lbs/inch 5,200 lbs/inch
	4 motor	2,400 lbs/inch 18,300 lbs/inch	870 lbs/inch 7,000 lbs/inch
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	
Dimensions		15.6" H x 8.43" W x 8.43" D (397 mm x 214 mm x 214 mm)	
Unit weight		16.5 lbs (7.5 kg) < with 1 motor unit fitted >	

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Power consumption	200 W (with 4 drive motors)	
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Weight	9 lbs (4 kg)	
Operation	Manual	Manual/Pre-set

Wind Load	MR-750E/PE	MR-300E
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is scheduled for April 13, Clarksville. Please note that on the activity schedule for the year. The packet-radio activity is starting to roll in the section. It appears that we need to get it together for the whole section under one control manager. Need to get some word as to how it should go and be managed. What do you say? Your section manager has made several contacts with our Delta Division Director about getting more appointments from the section. I have made some nominations to this end and as soon as the results are known, it will be made public. Those nominated are considered to be well qualified for the positions. There are several positions open in the section like net controls, official observer, assistant technical coordinator and emergency coordinator. How about getting in contact with one of the section staff and volunteering for one of the positions. Don't leave all the work and coordination to a few. We would like to hear from you and have you join the team. KA4JVR has been made the assistant net manager for the evening section of the Tenn phone net. He is doing one fine job and welcome aboard John. The band has been going out and it takes the added effort of many to get the job done. This has also caused a big drop in the activity for the evening net. Stay in there, it will get better soon. Hope all you people out there will try to gear your activity to add to the data now available about meteor-scatter communications. The section traffic for the period is as follows: LF nets Sessions 73, QNI 3591, QTC 107 (some reports missing); VHF Sessions 51, QNI 1126, QTC 453; CW Sessions 40, QNI 130, QTC 56; Traffic: NG4J 697, NG4J (last month) 536, KA4WVQ 245, KA4RSC 162, W9FZW 133, WA4FMR 131, NN4S 38, KE4LS 30, KB4KB 26, W4PFB 23, KA4JVR 22, W4HET 16, W4TJ 13, WA4ER 12, KB4UJ 7, N4KQX 6, W4PNS 5. Keep up the good work.

**GREAT LAKES DIVISION**

KENTUCKY: SM, Dale Bennett, WA4JTE—Looks like a bunch of congrats are in order. Several upgrades and change of calls. First congrats to Russ Chinn, KA4GBZ on becoming manager of RTN. Thanks Russ. Know you will do a fine job. Upgrades KA4PJG; KA4PUJ to General. KB4MYG to Tech. KI4UI, WB4IEA, KA4UX to Extra. KA4YBO/KJANN to Advanced. Fine business fellows keep up the good work. Frankfort has five YLs on their roster. Jessamine Amateur Wiregrass Society five new members in the club challenge. Western KY DX Association now 100 percent club. Still need help on listserve. DRNPSN Club (Bluegrass Amateur Radio Society, Inc (BARS), Lexington Ky. First Monday of each month at 7:30 PM EST at the Red Cross building. Use 146.1676 for directions to the meeting. President: Frank Brumett, WB4CIZ. 1st Vice President: Bill DeVore, N4DIT. Second Vice President: Jim Hughes, K4ZPL. Secretary: Nan Muth, KB4QCQ. Treasurer: Ed Bono, WA4ONE. Director(s) at Large: Terry Fugate, WN4ISX and Mike Maynard, KJ4FZ. Look for your club review in later editions.

MICHIGAN: SM, James R. Seely, WB8MTD—Departing STM WD8RHU has "left his house in order" in the same way he typically handled the assignment throughout his four years of service. Endorsements for all presently active ORS and NM appointees are current. If you know you have not been reporting any activity, then you know why you have been dropped from the rolls. Anyone who has not gotten ORS endorsement in the last two years and who feels he or she has been missed by oversight should contact me. I have all the records and will be able to make a recommendation to the new STM (not appointed as of this writing). Alas, there are no awards we can make to traffic nets for outstanding performance. I feel that each of our nets is outstanding in its own way, with valuable service to the public and to the amateur community being performed by all, so it is just as a note of interest that I hereby make these highly unofficial and imaginary "awards" based on the very interesting statistical summary that you compiled for 1985. For Best Attended Net, UPN, total QNI 13, 381; for Most Traffic Handled, MITN, total 3101, with QMN so close, at 3045, that I have to give them an Honorable Mention; and for Most Useful Service Under Strained Circumstances, the 160-meter Traffic Net—no whopping stats, but they've been there when everything else has closed down. (Yes, we do need to work to do everything possible to preserve our 160 privileges.) Now for an award in a different activity: Longest Suffering Editor of a Club Newsletter. I quote from the Jan. *Tuned Circuit*, L'Anse Creuse ARC: "Over 10 years ago I took the editorship of this bulletin on a TOWTECARY basis until we could find someone to take it." It goes to Art, WB8BO, and well deserved! Thanks to John Diefenbaker, N8FPN, for sending me info on amateur activity in the Michigan Emergency Patrol, the highly regarded road-reporting service so well known to motorists in the SE MI area. I shared the popular misconception that MEP is strictly a CB activity. Not so. I will be meeting with John in the near future and hope to have further to report soon. Welcome to newly affiliated clubs: Utica Shelby Emergency Communications Assn., and Spare Time Amateur Radio Society (Grand Rapids). K8OCQ has been appointed NM for MACS. Dec. net summary: QNI: 110; QMN: 1138; 458; MACS 507; 278; MITN528; 231; UPN 1424; 208; MNN 240; 45; 160-M 291; 58; GLETN 563; 38; WSSBN 820; 28; VHF: 14 rpts. 730; 10; Traffic: KA8CPS 1018 (BPL), AFF8V 733 (BPL), WD8KOC 517, (BPL), KA8VOZ 351, W8QHB 273, WD8RHU 248, WD8MJB 208, NJ8R 145, WARDHB 132, WD8OUO 131, WB8YDZ 127, NJ8S 85, KB8XV 82, K8EQO W8SCW 69, W8ACW 57 (GRCR), WD8PAF 53, W8EOI 48, WB8MTD 47, N8EXS K8HAP 44, N8CYN 42, K8UPE 41, W88SYA 37, K8OCQ 33, W8YIO 27, W88WJV 26, W8DEIB 25, W8URM 24, W8CUP 18, W8HX 17, K8JG W8VIZ 15, W8BTPM 10, W885IV 9, K8ZJU 8, K8MJK WA8MVH NM8Z 7, N8COA 6, KZ8V 3.

OHIO: SM, Jeffrey A. Maass, K8ND—ASM: N8AUH. SEC: W8BMPV. STM: KFBJ. BM: W8ZM. TC: KB8M. OOC: A8B1. PIO & SGL: N8CVK.

Net	QNI	QTC	Sess.	Time (Local)	Freq.	Mgr.
BNIIE	241	184	31	1845	3.577	WB3MD
BNLI	176	91	31	2200	3.577	WB3O
BNR	285	173	31	1800	3.605	WB8EK
BSSN	417	383	59	0945, 1830	3.885	N8AKS
ONN	102	22	29	1830	3.708	WB8KBW
OSN	329	160	31	1810	4.577	N8AEH
OSSBN	2102	1426	93	1030, 1815, & 1845	3.9725	WB8MZ
OSSN	156	123	31	0646	3.577	KA8JV
O8MN	268	21	30	2100	50.16	WB8CTV
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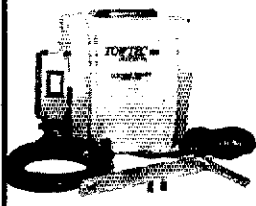
I missed two events in last month's column: hope these remind you in the April Dayton & Falls Hamfest is February 23, and the ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention will be held in Cincinnati February 21-23. Sorry folks! March hamfests: Circleville March 2, Toledo/Maumee

# NOW THERE ARE THREE!

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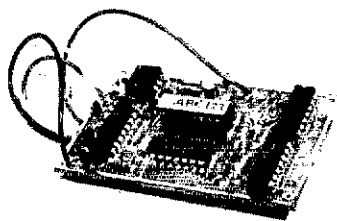
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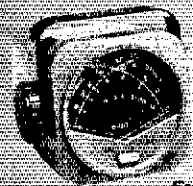
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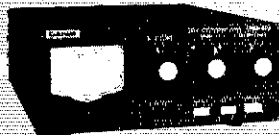
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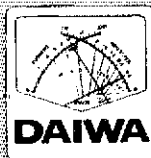
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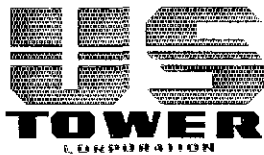
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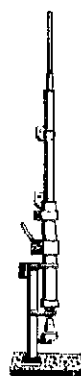
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March 16; Madison March 23. The Second Annual Lucas County ARRLS Benefit Banquet will be held March 15 in Toledo; contact W8BDYV for details. New OH-KY-IN Officers for 1985: Pres WA6EZV; VP KJ8K; Treas K8TH; Recording Sec K14QJ; Corresponding Sec W8BNMV. (OH-KY-IN lists 8 upgrades and 16 new licensees in December) New Portage ARC Offices: Pres W8MPPV; VP K8JLM; Sec Treas KJ3C; Radio Officer N8KW; Trustee N8BY. PARC will be sponsoring a new event this year, the Portage Hamfair, on May 18. Contact KX8V for details! At the NOARSL Christmas Banquet, this ARRL Special Service Club issued its annual awards: Ham of the Year WA8CAE; DXer of the Year K2BY; Public Service N8WV. Congratulations! During December, we received three applications from organizations seeking to become ARRL Special Service Clubs: has your club reviewed this valuable program? I'll be glad to send you details on request. Mike Bokulich, K8US, has stepped down as Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC) to pursue other interests. Thanks for your efforts. Mike! The ACC position will be filled shortly and will be announced in next month's column. We have donated a crane for use at the Central Ohio Chapter of the American Red Cross for use at the COARES station (K8DDG) at ARG Headquarters. The Triple States Radio Amateur Club (TSRAC) ARRLS net was put on "standby" during the December prisoner takeover of the Moundsville (WVA) Prison. Although their services were not required, they were there as a possible backup communications service, since the police and Prison administration were concerned that the prisoners might have access to radios receiving police frequencies. DAYTON HAMVENTION 1986: APRIL 24-26! The one and only hamfest in Ohio during April, this single event brings more Amateurs to our State than all others! As always, I know that they will find Ohio repeaters open to them and holding a few special surprises. I will send a copy of the WB3YUS Ohio Repeater Band, listing each 2 meter repeater in the State, to any Dayton-bound amateur sending me an SASE prior to April 17! I have also updated for the New Year the now-famous Ohio Section Hamfests List, which identifies over 30 hamfests in Ohio during 1986. It includes their dates and the call sign of a person to contact for details. I will be distributing this sheet at each of the hamfests that I attend this year, and a copy will be included in the Ohio Section Newsletter sent to clubs and Field Organization appointees! See you all at the hamfests or on the air! WB2ZOL 739, K8JRM 201, W8KJ 485, W8JOL 378, N8BJSW 336, N8BX 390, W8KJ 280, W8JMD 277, K8BIC 242, K8BYK 233, W8BMEK 222, K8TVG 221, W8BSS1 217, W8BDMF 214, W8BRAO 206, W8QZK 183, K8V80 179, W8SKP 170, K8BKHS 158, W8BR18 158, K8FJ 154, N8EFG 142, N8AKS 138, W8BHD 134, K8BCGF 133, W8ZOL 128, W8K8BW 123, K8CMR 123, W8BKWC 110, K8BJV 106, N8KB 101, W8ADYS 98, K8EF 95, N8AEH 94, K8B8E 94, W88HG 94, W8EK 92, W8JAW 90, N8HAZ 87, W8BKWD 85, W8WEG 84, N8FWA 75, W8BHHZ 75, N8FAZ 70, K8BXL 70, K8ND 69, K8CALZ 64, W8B8VY 63, K8BMFH 63, K8RC62 62, N8PPH 51, K8BNT 50, W8FFA 55, N8GCB 54, W8BIC 51, K8CQJ 51, W8DYE 49, N8CW 44, K8C 43, K8RFX 43, K8CKY 39, W8BMO 38, K8MFG 37, W8RG 37, K8BWH 37, W8CCK 36, N8EFG 33, K8BA 32, K8BJV 26, N8CIS 25, K8YV 25, W8CSP 24, W8IQ 24, K8BZE 24, N8FB 23, W8WVM 21, W8VHK 20, K8ICB 19, N8EEK 18, K8LAY 18, K8LGM 18, K8DWI 18, N8FNP 17, K8VOY 17, K8DXZ 16, K8BRQ 16, W8BEKI 15, K8BTHO 15, W8B8DM 14, K8NJO 14, W8BOYK 14, K8BUYM 13, N8AJU 12, N8KC 12, N8BGI 12, K8BNN 10, W8BOPR 10, N8IQ 10, W8BHL 9, W8FUP 9, W8FV 9, K8CWB 8, W8ZM 8, K8AUPR 6, K8CD 5, W8XT 5, N8CDN 4, W8BHV 4, W8BTRK 3, W8DCTX 2, W8BML 2, W8BND 2, W8B8MC 2, N8GST 1. (Nov.) K8AN 37, K8BTHO 35, W8IQ 18, N8GST 1.

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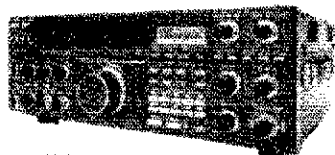
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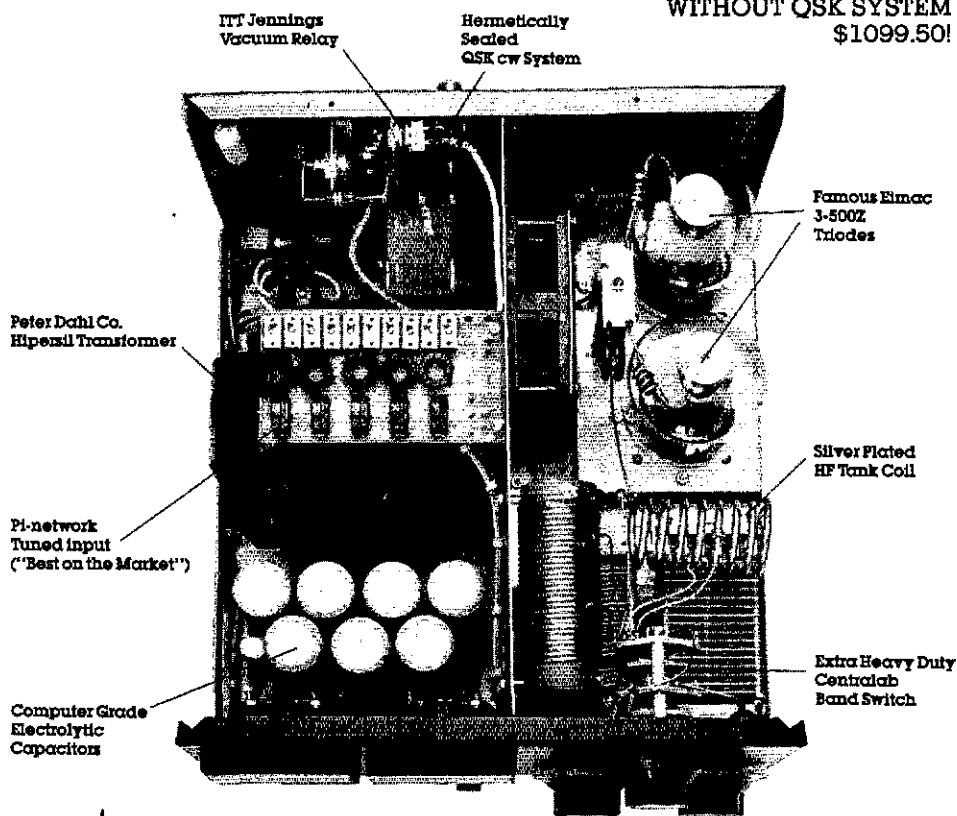
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provided communications for Lebanon Shriners Christmas Parade. Members holding were: WBSSB, KAPTS, KAQVJ, WAPQEV and KBDW. WQVJ died from the result of a boating accident. He was the father of KMOL, KU0W and the Father-in-Law of WDBXGJ. Our sympathy to the family. The Jefferson Barracks ARC will hold their annual auction March 14 in South St. Louis at 6432 Gravois. Contact WB0BZP for more information. Club officers elected for 1986 for the following clubs were: Kansas City DX Club, Pres. K0RWL, VP. K0JAA, Treas. K00 and Sec. K0CS. The Heart of America ARC; Pres. WB0EJJ, VP. N0CLV, Sec. W0BEIG and Treas. K00UH. OARS officers 1986; Pres. KY0B, VP. WBBGFJ and Sec-Treas. WB0SQY. I hope all clubs will report their activities to me this year.

Nets reporting:

MON	82	347	238	Dly	7:00/8:45	3.585	K0SI
MOSSB	31	608	118	Dly	6:00	3.983	K1SY
MEOW	31	596	101	Dly	6:30	3.963	K0DSQ
HBN	32	335	37	Mon-Fri	12:05	1.280	K0DSQ
ZAEN	5	87	37	Tue	8:00	147.84/24	NOE
PHD	6	171	19	Mon	9:00	146.43	W40KH
RRABN	29	425	10	Dly	9:00	146.39/79	K40LLN
MOFON	3	30	8	Wed	8:15	222.42/4.02	A180
MCARES	4	30	3	Thu	8:30	146.52	WB0EJ
LAPES	5	40	2	Wed	8:00	146.01/70	WB0RHC
LOZFM	2	87	0	Sun	9:00	146.13/73	WB0TL
SABN	4	55	0	Thu	9:00	146.43/73	WB0ENW
TCN	4	54	0	Thu	9:00	147.09/69	K40LO
CMEN	4	49	0	Wed	9:00	146.16/76	K0PCK
JCCCN	3	41	0	Wed	8:00	146.40/7.00	WB0DZX
IFN	4	35	0	Wed	7:30	147.84/24	WB0BSZ
LOZCW	4	17	0	Sat	9:00	3.707	W0RTL

Traffic: W0BMA 618, N0AIM 278, K0SI 221, ND0N 125, K1SY 116, N0SS 109, A180 106, K0PCK 88, K0CQJ 71, K0ORB 67, N0BE 62, K0BZL 52, N0BKE 47, W0UUD 45, K0DSQ 18, N10R 14, W0B0CJB 7, W40KH 2.

**NEBRASKA:** Vern Wirka, WB0GQM—Packet Radio enthusiasts have formed the "Tri-State Amateur Packet Association" (TRISAP) with members from parts of Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota. TRISAP president, Mike Nickolaus, NF0N, says there are no actual membership dues but donations are accepted by the elected treasurer and all funds are allocated for meeting and related expenses. TRISAP does not own any packet equipment. All packet related equipment, including digital repeaters is owned and maintained by individual amateur radio operators. The TRISAP club envisions a major role in network planning as packet activity increases. Information on TRISAP can be obtained by contacting any club officer at their callbook address. TRISAP officers are: President, Mike Nickolaus, NF0N; Vice President, Larry Workman, KA0JRC; Secretary, Loren Barbee, WB0YOW; Treasurer, Fred Groce, WB0BLR; Information officer, Dean Lanning, WB0TKC; Cornhusker Net Manager, Kenneth Albright, WB0GQM reports a Qth gain of 18% for 1985 when compared to 1984. Missouri Corneruser Net meets daily at 1830 UTC on 3980 kHz. Hall county 2 meter ARS Net Manager, Emory Rodabaugh, W0EXK reports he could use additional net control stations for the net which meets nightly at 7:00 PM local time on the Grand Island 146.34-94 MHz repeater. Traffic: K0DKM 300, W0KK 158, WB0TED 58, W40BOK 31, K0IXY 24, N00A 21, KA0BCB 13, W0B0BX 11.

### NEW ENGLAND DIVISION

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NET	FREQ	LOCAL	TIME	OTC	QTC	NM
CN	3640	1900/2000		175	254	K1EIR
CPN	396	1800 M-S		114	279	KA1BHT
NVTN	22/8B	2130		110	216	N1BOW
WCN	78/1B	2030		275	543	WB1GXZ
RTN	13/73	2100		51	255	KA1JAN

Spring is just around the corner! It's time to get out there and fix all the damages done by Old Man Winter. I know that's what I'm going to do. It has been another busy and productive month for traffic handlers. From Mary, WB1GXZ in spite of difficult HF bands WESCONS traffic control improves. Messages were sent ranging from forest fires to floods in West Virginia. The traffic continued even after the repeater in Nantuxat received direct hit by lightning. Apologies are in order to AJ Jaras, NA1L, whose call has been listed as NA1L in the past couple of columns. AJ has been busy this past month helping 5 new hams get licensed. Good work. Our Southington club has been busy as well. Milt Chatterjee W1EFW, tells us that they have a new repeater on the air located on the town hall. They are operating on 144.57 down 600. Congrats to the newly elected officers at ECARA: President-KB1H, Vice President-K1UQE, Secretary-N1BBI, Treasurer-KB1VM, Trustee-KA1LNM. It has come to our attention that PRB-1 is helping to show some good results for hams in court actions across the country. Because of PRB-1, the courts seem to be more sympathetic towards the position of hams perhaps because they see the FCC supporting us. Remember, any inquiries concerning repeaters should be relayed to John Ronan, K3ZJJ. Congrats to Arline Bender, WA1VMC, for 25 years of outstanding service to our field organization. 73s. Traffic: W1EFW 347, WB1GXZ 318, K1EIR 213, KA1KTH 141, KY1E 118, N1BOW 111, KA1GWE 111, W1YOL 102, N1DMV 85, KA1KPS 78, KA1BHT 81, W1BDN 52, W1DPR 45, W1WV 45, WA1EKC 43, WA1NLD 29, K1AGE 18, WB1CRH 18, NA1O 13, W1CUI 8, W1QV 2.

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Net	Mgr.	Freq.	Time	QTC	QNI
EMRI	N1AJJ	3850	1900/2200 Dy	153	214
EMRIPN	N1BGW	3880	1730 Dy	216	178
EM2MN	KA1AMR	145.23	2000 Dy	311	371
NEEPN	K1BZD	3945	0830 Sn	18	63
HHTN	WB1CMQ	04/64	2230 Dy	239	433
EMRIS5	N1CVE	3715	1600/2030 Dy	125	218
CITN	N1BYS	745/045	1930 Dy	141	275

Thanks to all clubs who have been sending me their newsletters—they're certainly a fine way to get an accurate "pulse" of Amateur activity within the EMAS Section. I get a lot of inquiries as to where to go for Amateur Radio classes and examinations—services that the larger clubs like Billerica ARS, Acton, Boro, Cape Ann ARS and others are providing with a great deal of expertise. FCC/ARRL amateur Auxiliary Coordinator KA1KF reports that ECARS and the New England Spectrum Management Council are both making progress in becoming members of the Auxiliary. Ass'n SM K9HI is presently making plans to coordinate CATV problems in the Section. If you're interested, Phil would very much appreciate your assistance, either in regard to providing or obtaining information on CATV difficulties. STM KW1U

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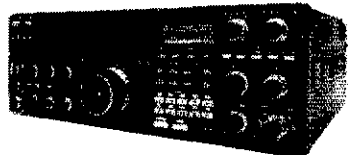
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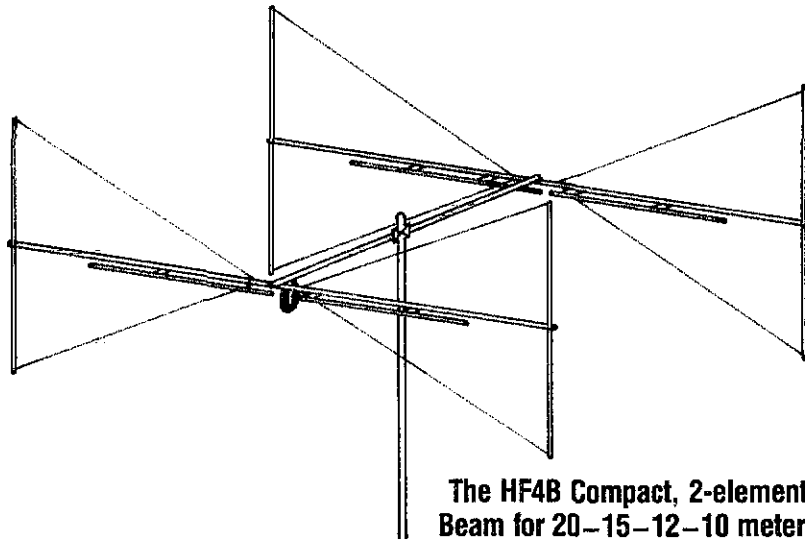
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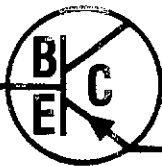


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**MAINE:** SM, Cliff Lavery, W1RWG—SEC: KL7JG/1. STM: AK1W, ACC: KY1C, BM: W1JTH, OOC: W1KX, PIO: KY1E, SGL: K1NIT, TC: K1PV, PSHR: WA1YNZ 89, W1RWG 84, N1BJW 77. Welcome to Mid-Coast as an ARRL affiliated club; Pres Frank Weaver KX1I has done super job in publicizing ham activities in several newspapers. If the public doesn't recognize a ham, it won't be Frank's fault. At Southwest Harbor 30 preschoolers tuned in for chat w/Santa on Elf Radio KA1JZ. Elf stations statewide operated by hams participated in schools and hospitals from Caribou, Presque Isle, Ellsworth, Waldoboro and listened to K1HHC provide "ho-ho-hos." Robert Kendall, member of Portland ARA, received 2nd award from Portland Press Herald. KL7JG has asked to be relieved due to need to put time on University studies. Interested hams for SEC please contact Section Manager.

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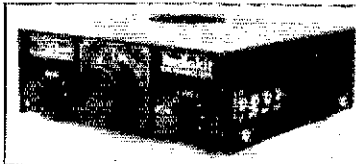
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**NEW HAMPSHIRE:** SM, Bill Burdan, WB1RE—OO: N1NH, PIO: WA2MBQ. The Nashua Area Radio Club completed 1985 with 10 more new licensees in December. Several have already taken advantage of the VE and upgraded. New officers for NARC for 1986 are KA1LDF—Treasurer, K1CII—Membership, WB1RE—Programs. Incoming board chairman Pauline, KA1LDF, reports that the Christmas and New Years parties were great successes. The club is currently installing antennas and stations at both the local police station and Red Cross to result in permanent emergency stations in both locations thanks to the efforts of KA1GOZ, N1BAO and W1UXA. More Novice license classes, participation in the Novice roundup and NHOSO party and another raffle at the Spring Deerfield flea market are in the 1986 plans. Looks like a busy 10th anniversary year for the club! Butch WB1GXM, reports a very successful 2M simplex test in the central NH area. 26 Hams participated including WA1SIR of the NHCD staff who operated the CD station in Concord. Two test messages were passed to NHCD as part of the test. Congrats to W1TN on becoming a new grandpa! NH NETS: GRANITE STATE PHONE NET 5:30 PM Daily 3870, NH TFC MAILBOX (MSOVTP) 6PM-8AM Daily 147-330, NEW HAMPSHIRE NET 7PM Daily 3547, GRANITE STATE FM NET 8:00PM Daily 145.9-146.855. As a result of the many new licensees in 1985 and many new hams moving into the state, we are hearing more new calls on the air. Many are looking for ways to make contact with groups, clubs, etc. Some need technical or operating help, some are trying to get on the air for the first time. Please stay sensitive to the opportunities to help other members of the fraternity to enjoy the hobby. And don't miss the opportunity to get them active in local clubs or other groups. Above all, make sure they feel welcome in Amateur Radio. Traffic: G5FM 317, N1HN 285, G5PN 115, MSOVTP 32, W1PEX 878, N1CPX 783, N1NH 682, K6LXD 285, N1AKS 175, WB1DSW/P 162, W1TN 161, KK1E 140, K1JY 84, K1WLE 81, W1LAE 81, KV1S 78, KA1LW 76, K1OJ 65, WB1GXM 52, W1FYR 27, KA1GOZ 26, K1TQY 20, KB1MK 16, KA1HO 15, WA1YNZ 12, W1MHX 9, W1LQO 8, N1ALM 6, KB1NS 4, K1ACL 4, (Nov) W1QYY 220.

**RHODE ISLAND:** SM, John (Bob) Votz, WB1FDY—New officers of the N.C.R.C. Pres K1FTV, VP, KB1RE Treas. WA1OSL, Sec. W1HC, Silent Keys WA1SGX WA1ZOZ. The Amateur Auxiliary in full swing in our section, if you are interested please call S.M. Amateur Auxiliary Coordinator KA1NDY Gary Lewis. Tnx Gary for taking on the job as Coordinator. Northern Area Coordinator Dick N1DRL Tnx Dick for helping out here. Did not receive any newsletters from any clubs this month. Come on I know you're out there. Traffic: KA1JXH 314, PSHR 129; W1EOP 264, 73s CUL.

**VERMONT:** SM, Ralph T. Stetson, KD1R—Well so far I have received one nomination for the youngest HAM in VERMONT, from CVARC. He is 11 year old Jacob Nevin, KA1NDY, who hails from the Radio Active family of KK1U Don KA1NO. Sara Jacobs mom and dad plus his brothers Joel KA1NDY, Peter KA1NO, David KA1NOP. Should I receive no other nominations by April 30, then I will present a suitable award to be announced to Young Mr. Nevin. A special thanks to WB1AJG for bringing this to my attention via Packet Radio. Welcome to the Burr & Burton ARC to the ranks of ARRL affiliated clubs. Club Secretaries don't forget to get your club's Annual Report Form filled out and returned to ARRL, so that your clubs can maintain their affiliated status. The BARC group in Burlington is celebrating their 50th year by looking for memorabilia from the early days if anyone out there can help please write to Barb N1DLE, P.O. Box 312, Burlington, VT 05402. So let's give Barb a hand so that she can put together a good presentation for all of us newcomers to enjoy. I am slowly getting reports on Novice classes finishing up so far: Mitch WB2JSJ reports that 14 folks have completed their Novice class and several will be upgraded to Tech by the time you read this. Also Don KK1U reports 10 people including those mentioned above have successfully completed their Novice work and are starting on the path to Tech/Gen and beyond, as are Mitch's students as well. The Silicon Junction ARC has been busy in areas of Technical Experimenting they are now part of the New England 220 MHz Network on a call up basis from 146.85 VTL. Repeaters located in Burlington, VT. While on the subject of technical things, NOW is the time to get your club's Field Day 86 plans started. During FD 85 I had the pleasure of visiting several FD sites here in VT, and hope to do so again. NET Reports VTN 31/149/89, CAR 26/67/30, VTPN 5/98/7, GMM 26/443/41, CVFM

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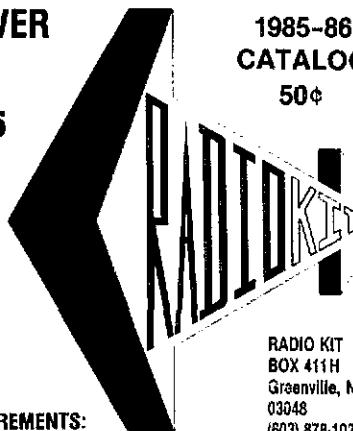
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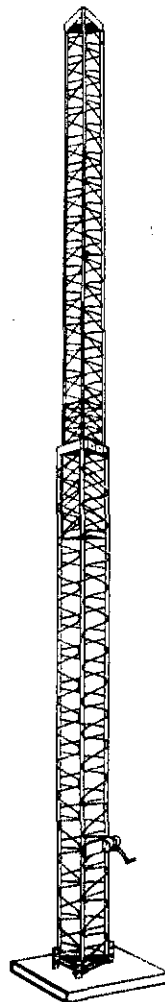
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5/119/10 Station Reports only totaled 4 this month but for a total traffic volume of 1,012 pieces passed. Please remember that your station activity report is often the only way I get to know what you're doing so don't feel your numbers are too small. Traffic: K1TQ 781, W1KRV 124, AE1T 89, W1OAK 18.

**WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS:** SM, Don Haney, KA1T—OO/RFI: N1CM, P1O/A/C; K1BE, SEC/SGL: W81HH, TC: KA1JJM, STM: W1UD, N.E. Spectrum Management Council was officially formed with K1JHC as WMA Director and KA1JJM as Vice Director. And on the subject of repeaters, CMARA could still use some donations toward the new .97 machine. Those who use this Worcester repeater can help support it by a donation sent to KS1B. Planned March HCRA program on HF propagation seems very timely as it continues to be a challenge to work that good DX and keep those schedules with friends. Starting to get into the outdoor activity season as NOBAHC plans to support the Bay State Games again. And their annual auction is March 30. Acton-Boxboro club has published their Novice classes in the local chapter of the Boston. With the number of boaters who have VHF or SSB, think about this as a good source of new amateurs. PSHR: N1DMU, W81HH, Traffic: N1DMU 369, KA1T 274, W1SVJ 186, W1UD 128, W1KKB 87, W81HH 61, KA1EKO 33, W1ZPB 30, W1OJPN 24, W81FSV 20.

### NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

**ALASKA:** SM, Jim Moody, Jr., NL7C—February commenced the amateur support to Sled-dog racing in Ataska. The Arctic ARC provided support to the Yukon Quest, a race from Fairbanks to Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory. The Anchorage ARC provided communications to the World Championship Sled-dog Races during "Bony" in Anchorage. Preparation is nearly complete for the Iditarod, the race of the year from Anchorage to Nome, a distance of 1049 miles and about three weeks of running. Hams from all over the state will assist on HF and VHF. I need input from all clubs and groups for this column on your activities for this column on your activities for this year. The lead time required makes it imperative that I have the information at least three months in advance. Traffic: KL7VL 70.

**IDAHO:** SM, Lem Allen, W7JMH—ASM; KA7T, STM: W7GHT, SEC: N7BI, OO: KUTT, P1O: W87PFQ, TC: W7ZRC, RFI: K7QQP, CLUB NEWS: The Boise, Payette, Twin Falls, Pocatello Clubs all had Xmas Dinner Parties. (There may be others not reported). Most Clubs are planning Upgrade classes to start in the near future. Contact your nearest Club and upgrade! ARRL MATTERS: W86CDD is new EC Bonner County. W8HL is ARES Training Officer. We still need a volunteer for EC Canyon County the VEC fee for all grades of VE Tests except Novice (Free) is now raised to \$4.25 per person. **PEOPLE AND THINGS:** KE7HO has new FT 101 ZD and 440 Rig. N7BI has Packet and Fast Scan Color TV but needs viewers! North Idaho has a Digipeater on Idaho Mike N7BI-4 on 145.01. NET REPORTS:

Net	Freq	Time	Sess	ONI	QTC
FARM	3937Lsb	7P Da	31	1796	113
ID CD	3990Lsb	810A M-F	22	832	96
IMN	3635w	8P Da	24	239	80
NW TFC	145.38/98FM	730P Da	31	626	23

GENERAL: When you get a 4d over 9 report, reduce transmitter power, to conserve power, equipment, and the nerves of other Hams trying to have a QSO near your frequency. FCC requires it. W7GHT 412, N7BHL 212, KA7KAI 203, W7JMH 109, KE7LL 72, KA7IHO 72.

**MONTANA:** SM, Les Belyea, N7AIK—SEC; W7LR, STM: KF7R, P1O: N7HAZ, ACC: WB7TWG, SGL: W7JMX, BM: K7KCR, 1986 club officers - Great Falls Area ARC - KD7VH pres, WB7ET sec'y, N7CTS treas, Capitol City ARC KA7MAH pres, NE7K vp, N7FFM sec'y, KA7PPK pia, Gallatin ARC - KE7LH pres, WB7USV vp, WO7ZH sec'y/treas. Congrats and good luck to all. Fourteen ARES members from Bozeman responded to a call early Sat. morning, Dec. 14th, when a Burlington Northern train derailed, spilling hazardous material (acetone) into the Missouri River. N7B7Q and N7HAZ were at the right place at the right time. (Flat Top Mountain north of West Yellowstone), when a lady snowmobiler had an accident and had to be taken out via helicopter. KE7X also assisted. If you need information on HAM license plates, WA7FLG of Butte is the one to contact. Try to remember the N.W. Div net on 3893 kHz at 10:00 PM the first Monday of each month. PSHR: KF7R, WB7WVD.

Net	Sess	ONI	QTC	Mgr
MTN	31	1810	248	KF7R
IMN	24	249	80	WA7GGO
IFNS	6	13	0	K7QVN
KSN	5	94	0	K0BP

Traffic: KF7R 158, WB7WVD 87, N7AIK 21.

**OREGON:** SM, William R. Shrader, W7QMU—STM: W7VSE, SEC: N7CPA, P1O: KC7YN, SGL: KA7KSU, STC: N7EN, ACC: KB7C, OO: N7EN, RFI: K7RT, Upgrader: KA7QPS (Advanced); KA7AHK, KA7TES, KA7SEL, KA7WGW, N7HIQ (General); KA7TX, KA7NXH, KA7VOI (Tech); KA7WNN (Novice). KA7AHK is 80 years young so let that be an example to all. Congratulations! Some calls missed in the Mexican Earthquake operation were W7LRB, WB7BBG, WA7VTD, WA7AWJ, N7HMV, KA75IK, N7HMB, N7NYG, N7GFB and W7NI. Without them things would not have happened. KX7Y, WA7VTD, AL7W, and K7RNN worked to get Amateur exemption from Portland antenna height ordinance. KX7Y and WA7VTD are working in the ARRL volunteer legal council program that is offering legal help to foster Amateur Radio. Rogue Valley ARC officers: N7EN, ACC: KB7C, OO: N7EN, RFI: K7RT, Upgrader: KA7QPS (Advanced); KA7AHK, KA7TES, KA7SEL, KA7WGW, N7HIQ (General); KA7TX, KA7NXH, KA7VOI (Tech); KA7WNN (Novice). KA7AHK is 80 years young so let that be an example to all. Congratulations! Some calls missed in the Mexican Earthquake operation were W7LRB, WB7BBG, WA7VTD, WA7AWJ, N7HMV, KA75IK, N7HMB, N7NYG, N7GFB and W7NI. Without them things would not have happened. KX7Y, WA7VTD, AL7W, and K7RNN worked to get Amateur exemption from Portland antenna height ordinance. KX7Y and WA7VTD are working in the ARRL volunteer legal council program that is offering legal help to foster Amateur Radio. Rogue Valley ARC officers:

**WASHINGTON:** SM, Gene Sprague, KD7G—OO: N7IL, P1O/SGL: W7CKZ, STM: KD7ME, TC: W7BUN, SEC: N7DRT, ASM: KR7L, ACC: KQ7PH, Refer to Jan QST for NTS Traffic Net times and freq's—to the ARRL Net Directory for other registered Washington Nets. Congratulations to the WA7S Net and Eye Emergency Net Officers for the cooperative manner in which they adjusted the starting times of both nets to allow both nets to function well. Well done Gentlemen! Working together benefits all of us. A letter from the STM & SM was sent to the nets for their commendable action. The Mike & Key ARC will hold its Electronics Flea Market at the Western

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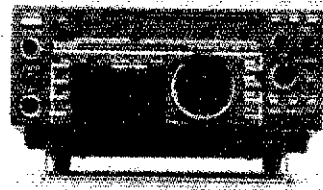
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Another concerns the current lack of activity on 900 MHz. Who'll be the first to have a radio for sale? Will they be in compliance with the JA personal radio hand plan or will they conform to the ARRL version? It's too soon to tell. This band has a tremendous amount of potential for digital and other forms of specialized communication as well as for voice.

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Washington Fairgrounds, Puyallup, WA on March 8. Talk-in on 146.5B (Simplex) and 224.12-16 (Repeater), W7BUN, the Tech Coordinator is busy with technical matters, RFI and assisting fellow hams with technical matters. RFI problems, etc. Is your part of the Section covered? If not, would you like to assist the TC? If so, contact Jerry. Congrats to the Radio Club of Tacoma, Lower Columbia ARA, Key Beepers of Sedro Woolley, Lower Yakima ARC on your Special Service Club renewals and to the Radio Club of Tacoma, North Seattle ARC and others (will list when known) who have received the ARRL Booster Certificates; thanks to all our Section is fortunate to have so many fine clubs, including the GTE Amateur Radio Repeater Group, Inc., Hewlett-Packard Lake Stevens ARC, and Mason County ARC who have become affiliates with the ARRL. Greetings and welcome aboard to GAN KC7PH, the ACC help your club? Let Tom know, W7CKZ, Section PIO is very active in promoting Amateur Radio to the Public; would you like to assist? Contact John to inquire about the Public Information Assistant (PIA) appointment. Thank you field appointees who report regularly, it really helps in getting the job done. Congrats to all new Amateurs and those who up-graded. I have been attending as many club and other meetings as possible to offer you the opportunity to ask questions, express your views, etc. This is your Section, your opinions and input are very much appreciated and are needed to serve you best. If you cannot make meetings, please contact the Staff or me, on the nets, by letter, etc. This is the reported December '85 traffic. Many people received holiday traffic due to the efforts of these people (and many others). An excellent way to demonstrate to the public what we can do as a service. 73 Traffic: KD7ME 708, WB7WOW 584, KR7L 334, KR7F 263, K76UX 253, W7LG 244, K7GZX 218, W7GB 160, W7IEU 50, KD7G 49, KD7TJ 46, N7GDW 45, K7AJT 26, WA7BDD 22, N7FXM 15, WA7CTS 8, KA7AEF R. (Nov.) W7APS 9.

## PACIFIC DIVISION

NEVADA: SM, Joe Lambert, W8IXD—A sad note: Ex-SCM, Carroll Short, W7CV who has been a ham for more than 50 years has recently passed away. TARA VE Test Schedule: 2/22, 4/19, 8/23, 10/18. Contact K7HRW. Trying to affiliate more clubs in Nevada. Clubs interested, contact SM. Nets as follows:

RACES Mon.	1900 PST	3,996.5
ARES Thurs.	1900 PST	148,01/81
WX Net M-Sa.	0600 PST	3,993

16 year old Chris, N7FZG has built a new repeater in Boulder City which is now operational on 145.35. W8IXD attended a Pacific Division Staff meeting. Major topics were staff organization and PRB-1. We would like to have more clubs affiliated. K7HRW coordinated communications for an American Red Cross Drill held 1/22. NY/WX Net had 323 check-ins. If you enjoy reading Nevada news, please contribute info to W8IXD, SM by 1st of month.

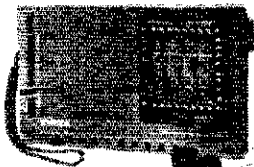
PACIFIC: SM, Army Curtis, AH6P—This report being made by AH6CO and section information is divided between Army and myself. From me mahalo for all cooperation of all of you over the past two years. I know you will all be helpful to get the info to your new SM. From Big Island the report of sixteen new Novices from their last class. A real challenge for the other islands. Oahu reports HARC Annual Dinner had 115 in attendance. From Kauai Packet Radio is very active with KH6S and KH6FMT checking in to the inter-island coverage offered by AH6P on BI; KH6GPI, AH6CP, and KH6JPL on Oahu; and KH6H on Maui. Packet Radio bulletin board is active on 145.05. KH6GPI digipeater is on 147.00. N5LW Net has nets active on 28.125 (phone), 14.084 (RTTY) and 28.505 (fone). Local info on nets (Oahu) is 146.97 repeater. Aloha and gud luk to all.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY: SM, Bob Watson, W6IEW—A first Section Meeting brought together section appointees and club representatives for a "get acquainted" session. Purpose of the meeting was to gather input to pass along to the Division Director at his Cabinet meeting. We had the great pleasure of having the new Director, Rod Stafford, KB6ZV with us. Club representation from the outlying areas was surprisingly good although that from the Sacramento area was disappointing. Those present voted to recommend the making available to ALL field appointees of a distinctive ARRL badge to make the presence of the League more apparent. Congratulations to the newly elected officers of several clubs. There is only space to mention the new president, W6EJZ, Sierra Footprints ARC, Bon. SACRAMENTO ARA: Sterling, KB6A, Amer County ARC; Brad, KA5TUK, El Dorado ARC; Walt, KE6EP, Golden Empire ARS. Sorry if I missed anyone! I just didn't know about them. FCC exams will be given March 15, July 19, Nov. 8 in Jackson. Contact KB6NS of Amador County ARS for info. Any others having exam sessions scheduled please let me know far enough ahead to get the info out. Traffic: WB6CL 395, N6EUY 351, W6BWWJZ 198, W6BZC 130, KB6RF 49, W6EEZ 42, W6BSRQ 24, W6RFF 34, W6AZUD 13, KB6CFX 7, W6EJZ 4.

SAN FRANCISCO: SM, Bob Smith, N8BT—SEC: Pete Spruance, KB6LF, STM: Bob Franklin, K6TP. Congratulations to Betty Bravin, AG6C. She was chosen as Amateur of the Year in Sonoma County. She has trained 38 YL Novices and is the Only Certified VE for Handicapped Amateurs in the North Bay. VOMARC is including a few Breakfast Meeting this year, you have no excuse for missing a club meeting in Sonoma on the 3rd Sat. VOMARC was also recognized for 600 hrs. of public service to the City of Sonoma. ACS will try an open atopack later this year. Don't abuse it or you will lose it. W6BWRB is the newest DXCC member in REDDA. Hope to see a good Turnout at SCRA in March for my visit—ARRL info and the 'Midway 1985' Slide Show. Let me know if your Club would be interested in a VK6QC slide show or mine. VE HOTLINE: 406-984-8353 FOR TEST INFORMATION. Traffic: KK1A 270, N6BFW 109, W6PWF 97, K6TJW 59, K6TP 37.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY: SM, Charles McConnell, W6DDP—SEC: W6AYAB, STM: N6AWF, TC: W6BFX, ACC: N6ECH, Asst. SMs W6TIP and K6YK. The Local ARC is a new club in the SJV. Officers are Pres N7ACT, VP W6BVF, S/T N6BC, Editor K6JPL. The club meets the 1st Wednesday in Local. Officers of the Kern County ARC are Pres N6DTS, VP K6B6CM, Sec K6B6BV, Treas K6B6JF. Officers for CCWA Chapter 99 for 1986-1988 are Pres W6MEL, 1st VP W6VMB, 2nd VP W6YO, S/T W6TRP. Officers of the Central Cal DX Club are Pres W6AUR, 1st VP W6YO, 2nd VP K6KPO, S/T W6DDP, W6B6ZC and W6B6S are Extra, W6B6YU and K6B6SS are General. W6JPU has a TS 940. Fresno Hamfest is May 2-4, 1986 in Fresno. The ARRL Pacific Division Convention is October 3-5, 1986 in San Jose. Traffic: N6AWH 226, W6DDP 41, W6AYB 28, (Nov.) K6B6HW 10.

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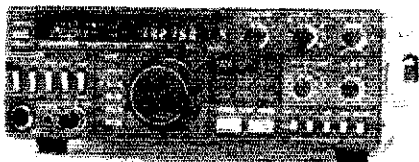
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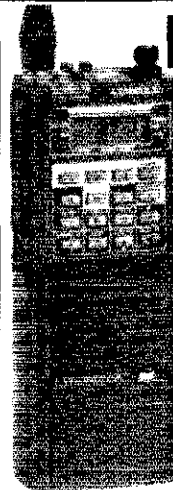
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**SANTA CLARA VALLEY:** SM, Glenn Thomas, WB6W—EM: W6BCY, PIO: (vacant), TC: WA6PWW, SEC: K6ITL, ACC: W6MKM, ASM: NS6N, STM: W6PHT. The Peninsula South Bay, and East Bay areas now have an OSCAR AMSAT-VHF Net on W6EDER, 148.61, at 8:00 PM on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in OSCAR, why not check in and join the gang? Congratulations to our newest Special Service Club, the Gabilan Amateur Radio Club. The South Peninsula Communications System had their quarterly breakfast on January 18... the FARS/EMARC annual banquet was held at Vahis in Alviso, and a goooood time was had by all. Also, congratulations to our new technical coordinator, Kit Blanke WA6PWW. It's not too early to start thinking about Field Day in June. This IS next year, so go get 'em! The SJSU Amateur Radio Club is entering the Engineering Depts engineering contest with an OSCAR packet setup, good luck guys. Congratulations to Sharon N6MWD on her recent upgrade. The Pacific Packet Radio Society meeting with a talk on packet operating do's and don'ts for the beginner by Walt AJ6T. Let's see those Club newsletters; how else can I publicize your coming attractions if I don't know about them? My address is somewhere near page 8 of this QST. OO reports from K6AYB, W6OKK, Traffic: W6YBV 266, W6KZJ 173, K6BCVM 138, W6PHT 137, KB6ZV 47, KA6SXW 36, W6PRI 26.

## ROANOKE DIVISION

**NORTH CAROLINA:** SM, Rae Everhart, K4SWN—This month marks the end of our term as your SM. It's been an exciting year. Thank you for your support in the re-election process for another term. Hope to see everyone at the Charlotte Hamfest March 22-23. Exams will be given the first Saturday of each month at Kemsersville Public Library—contact W9TZ. Attention all clubs. Field Day is only 3 months away so make your plans NOW to participate. Are YOU ready for the emergency? December was a busy month for traffic and showed a steady 10% increase over 1984. PSHR reports have doubled. Do you the membership think changes need to be made in counting PSHR points? Let me hear your ideas. Congrats to our TC, K4ITL, on being honored by APCC for his work in Amateur Radio Public Service. To NJ4L and W4KIP for making BPL (BPL) in '85. New appointments: N4MCT EC Lincoln County. Should the president invoke the Presidential Warpowers Act what would amateur radio as we know it do? Shut down our stations? Very possible. Do you want to operate your station under such conditions? Then join ARES/RACES. State government recognizes the joint association. Check with your county EC to make sure you have an approved RACES plan on file with Emergency Management Office and be sure that you are listed on file with that agency approved for such an emergency. No ARES/RACES plan? Start one and get approved today. Needed: Public Information Assistants and Official Observers. Contact WA4CGR and K1PLR. Make your plans NOW to attend the ARRL State Convention at Raleigh on April 13. W4CQ Newsletter has a NEW look. Very impressive. HQ will give away 3 transceivers in 1986 to 3 top clubs in USA getting most new members. Get new interest in your club by recruiting new ARRL members. Silent Key: W4JZA. Traffic totals for Oct. Nov. Dec. 85.

NET	QNI	QTC	TFC	QND	SESS.	MGR	FREQ.
NCEN	2182	763	651	2560	89	WB4WJL	3923
NCMN	1248	809	446	1793	90	WB4HRR	3927
CN	1704	1088	1003	4734	184	NJ4L	3573
CSN	873	200	196	2744	91	N6EST	3715
CACTN	2583	431	422	1620	92	WA4MNR	6,22/82
PCTN	1588	501	380	1620	91	NE4J	6,28/88
RARS	566	78	74	977	91	K4ABJ	6,04/84
CFARS	1118	55	54	1472	91	K4EHW	6,31/91
M2MEN	2584	149	147	1947	92	KD4JC	6,35,23
THEN	1499	175	139	1355	87	W4YBO	3923
PETN	293	87	79	560	62	WB4HRR	6,75,17

Traffic: K4NKL 481, NJ4L 408, AB0Y 336, KA4TLC 331, AK1E 244, KB4VU 240, WB4TOP 220, WB4N 182, WD4HTE 174, KB4FWL 164, WB4HRR 147, WB4WJL 144, K4WVW 127, AA4MP 113, N4MCT 103, K4YVY 81, WA4MNR 65, NJ4LE 62, K4YVY 62, KB4OGH 60, K4SWN 57, K4DDY 56, N4LST 49, N4LJO 47, WD4MRO 43, WD8BOO 42, WD4RMO 42, N4BYV 37, WD4EQK 36, NE4J 35, WB4CYN 34, K4GI 32, K4YJB 30, KA4EYF 28, K4QXA 26, N4CJJ 21, K4FOY 16, KU4W 16, K1PLR 13, WK4S 12, W4EHF 8, N4KYD 7, N4UE 7, W2JDB 5. Totals: SAR 44, TFC 4407.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** SM, Jimmy Walker, WD4HLZ—ASM: WB4UDK, ACC: WA3WIP, BM: W0IKT, OOC: W4NTO, PIO: KJ4DT, SEC: K4SUG, SGL: WD4HLZ, STM: W4ANK, TC: NE4G, AIRS: W4DRF. Did you notice this article missing last month? Took over three weeks for HQs to receive my reports! Several weeks ago I was approached by a CO-OP student at work and asked to inquire on the H&W or his parents in Beirut, Lebanon. His parents' apartment was the scene of severe street fighting and he had been unable to contact them for over two weeks. What would have been your answer to this individual if he did not understand my answer and asked why I could not talk to an amateur in Beirut and inquire about his parents. I was troubled by the conversation and determined to find out what could be done. Here are the results of my investigation. The Red Cross can help anyone regardless of nationality and the following information is required. Name and address of two (2) individuals to contact in the disaster area, what happened (flood, fighting, etc.), date and time of occurrence, telephone number and name of person requesting information. Then contact the ARC. Dick Sanders (803-284-9274) Columbia, Noy 6cc Traffic: K4ZN 506, WA4NK 228, W0IKT 206, WA4HU 193, KB4ZA 182, KA4LRM 87, WB4UDK 82, KA4YEA 78, K4ZB 74, WJ4P 57, N4LST 49, K4FRX 35, W4DRF 13, WA4JWS 8, WD4FJP 4. **VIRGINIA:** SM, Claude Feigley, W3ATO—STM: KB4WT, SEC: WB4UHG, OOC: W4HU, ACC: NT4S, BM: AB4U, TC: WB5MAE, SGL: W4THV.

VTN	1 PM	3097	AA4T
VSBN	6 PM	3947	K4VWK
VSN	6:30 PM	3680	NN4I
VN (EARLY)	7 PM	3880	K4AXF
VN (LATE)	10 PM	3680	N4GHI
VLN	10:15 PM	3047	N4KSO

I am sorry to report W4LXB as a Silent Key. John was very active on all Va. nets both phone and CW. He will be missed. Welcome to the Bedford Amateur Radio Club as an ARRL affiliated club. If any other clubs are interested in affiliation contact Club Coordinator, NT4S or the SM, by this time all affiliated clubs should have received the 1986 annual report form and sent the forms back to League Hdqs. If your club has not received a form contact me. Forms must be filed to keep your club on mailing lists. New ORS appointees are: N4KSO, K4BGZ and KB4NGO. Congrats to the Virginia DX Century Club as the only ARRL affiliated club in the Section with 100% ARRL

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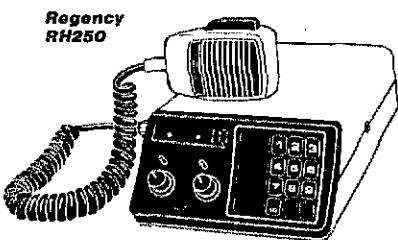
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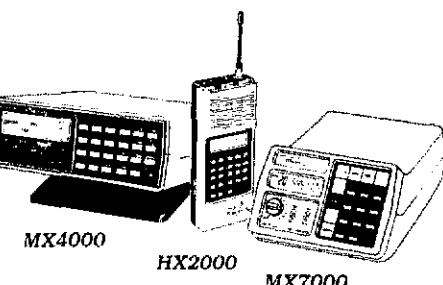
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membership. In spite of poor conditions December was an outstanding traffic month with a section traffic count of 9860 by 45 stations reporting. N4GHI, N4EXQ, K4JST, KB4WT, AA4AT, WB4PNY and Mail message stations WA4TGF and K44JFI made BPL. K4JST handled 75% of his traffic via HF and VHF Packet and AMTOR. WB4PNY says the CYCLE ONE TRAFFICBOX using 100 WPM RTTY is up and running on 7091 kHz. VE Exams are scheduled for Mar. 1 in Chesapeake, Apr. 5 in Williamsburg and May 3 in Hampton. Contact the SM for details. Mark your calendars. The Region Division Convention will be held in Virginia Beach, August 23 and 24. The Division League Planning Meeting will be in Greenville, SC, in May. I want to thank all the Clubs that send me copies of their newsletters. They are very helpful in keeping abreast of Section activities. Since no other candidate filed for the election of Section Manager I have been declared reelected for another term as your SM. I appreciate your support for the past 2 years and will look forward to serving you again. The appointment of Section Public Information Officer (PIO) is open. If interested in being our "PR" person contact me. Does your club have a HF committee, if so, at least one member of that committee should be an "ATC" appointed. It was good news to many of you at the Frostfest and Winterfest. See you at Manassas in June. OOC, W4HU reports OO's KE4EQ, WB1RT, K4JJD, KB4WT and AA4EL were active scanning the bands for operating discrepancies. Plan to participate in the Virginia QSO Party from 1800Z Mar. 8 to 0200Z Mar. 10. Traffic: N4GHI 1211, N4EXQ 877, K4JST 811, KB4WT 776, AA4AT 707, WB4PNY 604, WA4TGF 488, AA4GL 427, WA4CCK 397, W3ATQ 371, WD4ALY 273, WD4OCW 271, KA4LJE 243, K4MTX 219, WA4OQI 174, K4AXF 158, KA4ERP 158, K4JUM 143, WA4JI 142, K4JM 128, K4KSO 109, WB4KSG 108, WD4MIS 106, K3ZFR 100, WB4FJ 99, KB4NGO 98, WB4KIT 81, K4B5Z 72, N4S 65, N4N4 60, K4MLC 51, WA4LS 44, K4GR 33, W4T2C 31, K4VWK 31, KA4ILM 25, WB4UHC 20, N4DWO 19, N4FNT 18, WA4TVS 14, WB4ZNB 9, WB4DQZ 8, N3FC 6, W4YE 4.

**WEST VIRGINIA:** SM, Karl S. Thompson, K8KT—SEC: K8QEW, STM: K8BG, TC: K8CG, ACC: WA8CTO, BGL: K8BS, New Notice Net Freq. and time is 3730 at 5:30 EST. Fall Meeting of State Radio Council will be March 8, at Jackson's Mill. Pls attend. Participation is needed on all section nets. See times and freqs below. WVRN continues to grow, good work Mark.

Net	Time	QNI	QTC	Sess.	NM	Freq.
WVFN	6:00	893	230	31	WBYP	3865
WVMD	11:45	853	198	31	WBFPZ	7235
WVFN	7:00	289	117	31	KZBG	3587
WVFN	5:30	58	12	20	WBSDLY	3730
WVFN	6:30	278	51	31	KDBRD	3640

Traffic: NBGJO 534, WDBLDY 403, W8YP 272, WA3NUH 124, W8FPZ 106, WABKJ 70, KDBRD 65, W8WJX 43, K8QEW 40, NBEMO 36, K8UQJ 34, K8K1 33, K8DQF 30, NCBG 28, N8FXH 18, W8GYCA 15, W8BDHC 15, W8BME 9.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION**

**COLORADO:** SM, Bill Sheffield, KOJ—SEC: WB9FQB, STM: WD0AIT, ASM: W0RSG, KA8MOA, ACC: WB0DUV, OOC: NM0X, PIO: N0FOE, SGL: WDXGOL, TC: N0CBF, BM: KDBRX. The League reports that 1985 showed the largest increase in ARRL membership since 1977. Colorado has recently gained many new amateurs thru upgrades, and many new ARRL members... so I will touch on the fact that there are many "open" spots available in the Section. ORS if you enjoy traffic the STM can use your talents. QES and some EC positions are needed by the SEC. PIA's are needed from every area of the state to keep the PIO and myself informed of the activities happening in amateur radio locally. OBS to help disseminate ARRL bulletins and local events to the many nets and repeater groups around the state. OO is a most important program of the league and the FCC. The TC can use some ATCs in certain areas of the State. If your club is not ARRL Affiliated, let the ACC know there are many advantages including insurance. Drop me a note if you are interested. Congrats to the PFIA, ARS, and their installation of antennas on many of Colorado Springs' ospitals. 73, KOJ. NETS: Col: QNI 781, QTC 81-inf 84, CWN: QNI 101, QTC 47 CWN: QNI 2753, QTC 2227, HNN: QNI 2014, QTC 155 inf 461, NCTN: QNI 1304, QTC 221, SCTN: QNI 92, QTC 29. Traffic: WA0HJZ 2727, K0RXX 662, WA0YJ 1308, N0BQP 465, K0JAN 433, W0ACH 416, K0BZ 302, W0BSZ 181, W0PFFV 135, N0DZA 115, W0BAIT 57, A0W 37, K0CJ 14, W0NFW 12.

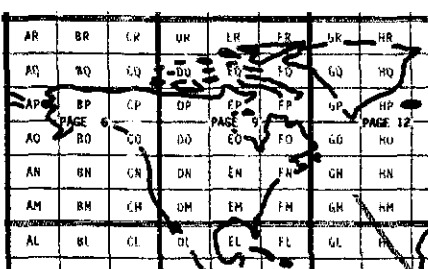
**NEW MEXICO:** SM, Joe T. Knight, W5PDY—ASM: W5HD, DEC: K5XD, STM: N5DJ, NMS: WA5UNO K6LL W5VFC, TC: W8GY, ACC: W5HD, Southwest Net (SWN) meets daily on 3583/7083 at 0230 UTC and handled 229 mag with 200 stations in. New Mexico Roadrunner Net meets daily on 3939 at 0100 UTC and handled 56 mag with 1056 stations in. New Mexico Breakfast Club meets daily on 3939 at 1330 UTC and handled 95 mag with 317 stations in. Yucca 2-mtr Net 7818 handled 23 mag with 355 checkins. Caravan Club 2-mtr Net 68106 handled 42 mag with 147 checkins. SCA1 2-mtr Net 68108 handled 30 mag with 513 checkins. Sorry to report the passing of KESUB, W2OV, K5PPC, K5QHF & W5QKA. W5ERJ in hospital but doing better. W5UR and about twenty others packteleging. KV78 gave a good packet talk in ABQ. Traffic: N5ST 1069, W6SX 28.

**UTAH:** SM, Jim Brown, N47G—SEC: W47JL, STM: W7OCX, Herb Summers, K4GYW received a Certificate of Merit for his hard work in promoting amateur radio with the Shriner's Hospital. Packet radio activity is steadily increasing, with over 50 stations on, a long range digipeater up, and several bulletin boards operating. Club presidents: W6BKM, K5AGC, N7EJC, OARC, K47SF, K4GARS, K4BQQ, UABC, K4VLD, K4VLD Society, N47G. Traffic: K7HLR 437, W47KHE 214, W47MEL 135, N7ASY 50, W47JL 25, W7OCX 18, N47G 14.

**WYOMING:** SM, Dick Wunder, W4WFC—ASM: KA7AWS, SEC: W7TVK, STM: KA0X, KA7FDL is Net Manager for "Albany County ARES Net". W7VEW and K7MM are on Packet Radio in the Riverton-Lander area. KA7WQI is new Novice, & upgrades include N7HBX to ADV and K7KC to Extra. Cheyenne's new repeater is up and running with autopatch on 146.175.775 and welcomes visitors. New officers in WARS (146.221.82 Rptr. on Sherman Hill are: W7NE-Pres, KA7FDL-Vice Pres, & KD7CF-Sec/Tras. K7AR reports the Wyoming Cowboy Net held 22 sessions with 884 QNI and 20 QTC. Traffic: NN7H 560, K7AR 20, W7SQT 14, and K7SLM 14.

**SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION**

**ALABAMA:** SM, Joseph Smith Jr, WA4RNP—STM: N4JAW, SGL: K4AVV, BM: K4AVV, O0JA AUC: AA4BL, TC: N4AL, ATC: WB4BYQ, ACC: WA4RNP. From Mobile comes this list of new club officers: President WJ4K, Jim; Vice President W4YXO, Cal; Secretary N4FRU, Cecil; and Treasurer WA4AVC, David. Also Mobile now sports a digipeater for packet and a new 440 machine. The Samsford University ABC is the newest club in our section with



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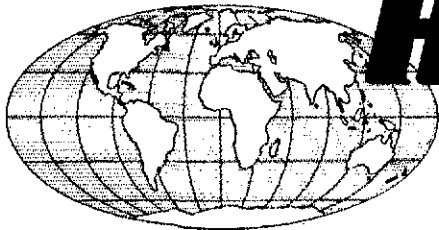
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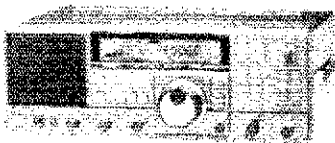
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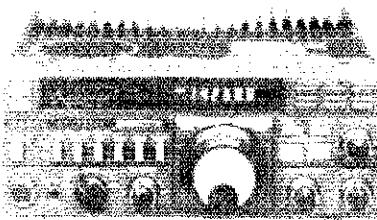


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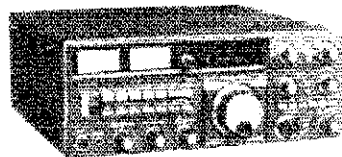


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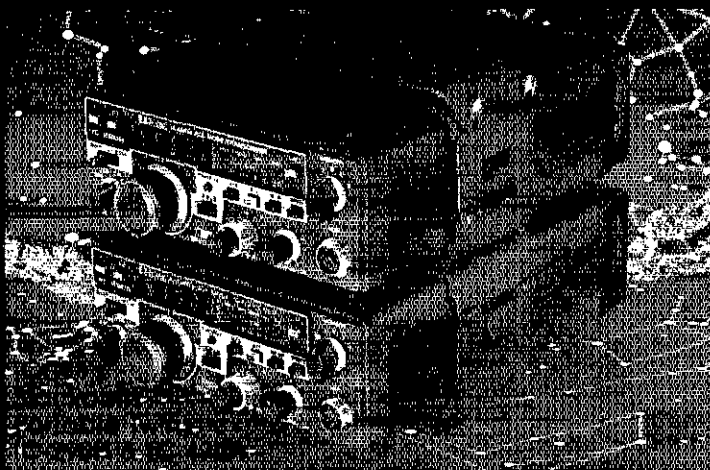
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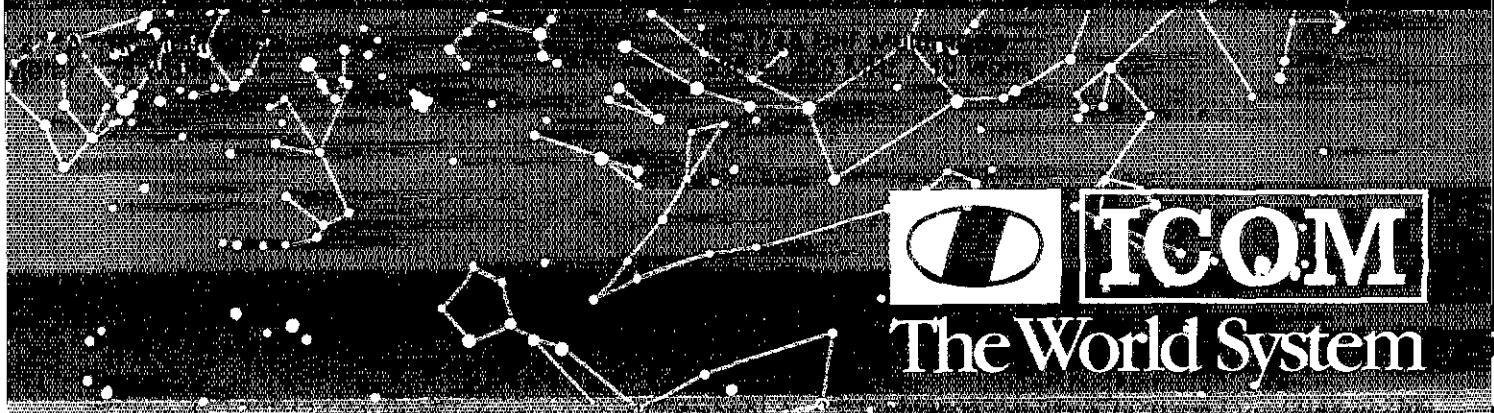
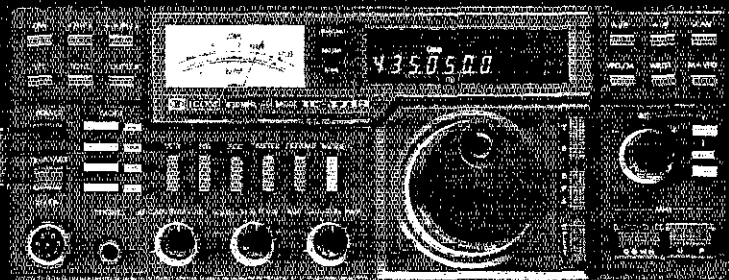
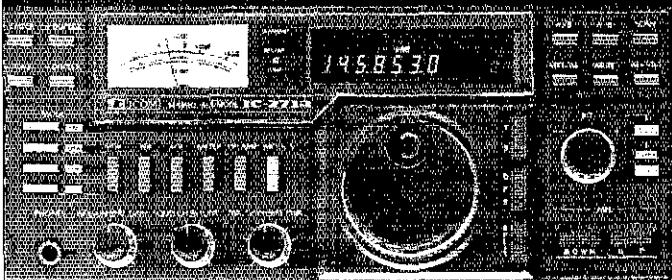
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these club officers: President KB4PJM, Tim; Vice President KB4PJF, Son; and Secretary/Treasurer N4ECZ, Liz. It's the season for hamfests and tornadoes and I wonder which one will get the most attention. I hope to see most of you at the "Fest" this season and I do pray that the twisters pass us by. I have two Silent Keys to report this month: W4FGF, Lois V. McKilstry of Wetumpka, Ala. and W4OGT, Tom Jones of Lincoln, Ala. They will be missed. Traffic: CAND reports 1878 messages in 31 sessions with AL rep by W4AJDH, W4CKS, NW4X, and KC4GS. The AEND reports 99 messages in 31 sessions. The AEND reports 76 messages in 31 sessions. BPL: W4AJDH, PSHR: W4AJDH, W4CKS, WD4NLY and W4ARNP. 73 all. Joe, Traffic: W4AJDH 1345, NW4X 288, W4CKS 218, K4AOZ 74, WD4NLY 59, W4ARNP 55, AA4KE 18, WD4GH 15, KC4GS 13, WB4TY 4.

GEORGIA: SM, Eddy Kosobucki, K4JNL—ASM & BM: K4VHC, SEC: NC4E, STM: W4PIM, ACC: W4A4BY, OOC: NA4I, PIO: W4APNY, AGL: W4BZT, TC: K4UDR. This month it's the annual Columbus Hamfest on the 22nd & 23rd & in April on the 19th in the Kenneshooclee at Marietta. Our section office congratulates to all who were elected to the leadership to your clubs & groups & to the new SSC clubs. Conyers APG & the Gwinnett ARS are the latest Special Service Clubs in the Georgia section. I know that many more can qualify for this honor so let's give it that good American try. The benefits alone are worth the effort. West Georgia elected W4B8VZ Pres., VP: N4JDM, Trg & Contest: N4UZ, VP prog: W4B4ZQJ, Sec/Treas: KB4GH. Congrats to the Chehaw Club who placed first in #3A in the 1985 FD. Macon ARC elected Pres: K4UJCC, VP: K44FUB, Sec/Treas: KB4PKJ, Dir: W44YG & Rpt Trustee: W4VZ, CGAR at Warner Robins elected W4TACY Pres. W4ICN who also won the MARIETTA section of the EARL W. BROWN Award, Prog Dir: W44ENO, Albany ARC new 3 yr Directors are W44DDA, W4EVG & KC4WL. The Ladies at MALARC continuing to tape YL HARMONICS for the YLRF. Gud job & ur helping the sightless. Dixie DXar's new 1986 officers are: Pres: W8ZF, VP: K4JPD, Sec/Treas: W44KI, Pub Edit: W84GW, Act: NQ4I & KB4IJC, Tech: N4UZ. They meet 3rd Thurs at Morrison's near Atlanta Airport at 6 PM Net meets Sun nites on 3805 at 8:05 PM. BGMRC at Newnan elected W4PAH Pres, VP: K4ERE, Sec/Treas: KB4GGX, Act: W4IGE & Finance: N4DSG. We lost 3 more section hams during the past month. W4FOE, K4AEC & AA4T1. May God have mercy on them & let their families suffer no pain. Traffic: W44J 41, W44W 128, K4MOG 99, K44FG 61, K4MIG 44, W44ON 44, W44SPB 35, K4BAI 33, K4AN 28, K4CAL 26, W8NXC 28, WB4SO 22.

NORTHERN FLORIDA: SM, Phil O'Dwyer, W4FY—ASM, ACC: N4ADI, STM: W44GHU, SEC: W44PUP, PIO: W44PUO, SGL: KC4N, BA: KB4LB, OO: K4JJE, TC: N4KF. Well, the past year has surely been an unusual one! We saw forest fires rage from one end of the state to the other and were encouraged and enthused by the unselfish performance of all of you and of our Emergency Corp especially. While I was off the air for a little while we had hurricanes Elena, Juan and Kate dub our area as "Hurricane Alley" and you all came through again in the same great way. While all this was going on we increased the number of DEC's and EC's so that only a few counties are not currently represented. When Mexico was devastated by the earthquake it was a different matter that gave us unusual fishly but with the same devotion to helping those in need. The propagation on all frequencies has remained a problem but our net members and managers have managed to keep the traffic moving despite a few extra grey hairs due to the frustrating conditions. By the time this column gets into print I hope to see and thank each of you at the Orlando Fest; until then, I salute and thank you on behalf of our Section and those fine volunteers who are listed at the beginning of this column and serve as our League Officials on my staff. Traffic: W44HD 2107, W44H 1061, N4FL 988, W44CX 895, W44ADL 769, KB9L 879, AA4FG 687, AA4HT 609, W44D 572, W44IJI 358, K44YK 284, K44K 252, W44GHU 248, W44TZR 220, W44YU 171, K44J 151, W44MLO 130, N4DY 117, W44K 107, KB4LB 102, W44MO 101, W44LJ 97, N44JA 82, W44EQB 82, N44O 87, N44MU 48, W44L 48, W44SXW 42, N44F 38, W8IM 37, N44JI 36, K44MH 35, N44EDH 34, K44CQ 25, N44C 23, N44P 21, W44FJ 19, W44HP 19, N44DI 18, W44PUO 17, K44KA 16, W44PUP 16, N44ENL 12, K44GY 11, W44AWG 9, W44HUZ 5, K44H 4.

SOUTHERN FLORIDA: SM, Richard D. Hill, W44PFK—SEC: W4SS, STM: K4ZK, TC: K4I4, BM: W44KBW, PIO: W44WYR, SGL: KC4N, OO: W4SS, ACC: W44NBE, W44NBE, W44KBW reports a total of 205 bulletins received and transmitted this month. OBS stations reporting were: AA4BL 10, W44ES 4, W44F, K44GLS 48, K44EK 27, W44AM 27, W44EC 56, and W44W 48. AA4W proudly reports that his daughter, KB4EY has now obtained her general class license. KW1K wrote that his first RTTY contact was a QSO with an HP11 Elite. KF3JA, conducted a traffic forum in early January for the Lee County amateurs. It was an excellent forum presented by KF4JA, who is manager of both the Southwest Florida Traffic Net and the Tropical Phone Traffic net. Also speaking were Blaine W44EIC, a well known CW and phone traffic handler as well as Miss Phil, KA4FZi, the manager of the All Florida Slow CW Traffic Net. It was an enthusiastic group and they were never at a loss for questions! Both N4KB and K4ZK were sick from Christmas through New Year's Day but OK now. W44PK received a note from an elderly lady for whom he had originated number of Christmas messages. A portion of her note follows— " . . . Just had a note from a 90 year old lady who has just had an eye implant. She said, you don't know how very much your message meant to me. I was alone and answered the phone myself. Thank you and the kind one who sent the message for you. It couldn't have been sent at a more appropriate time. . . . In the midst of a heavy Christmas traffic season it is nice to know and not lose sight of what our efforts do for others—W44PFK says thank you to all those traffic handlers who helped relay those messages. 73 de W44PFK. Traffic: W3CUL 3415, K44AM 173, W44PK 987, W44W 847, W44ANF 840, W44PFK 698, K4ZK 695, K44SL 527, KF4JA 507, N44FU 406, K4IA 382, AA4BN 377, W44TA 351, KY8T 320, W44KBW 334, W44EJ 325, W44WYG 302, W44EIC 280, K44NXP 249, K44GLS 239, W44HUE 217, W44CHO 151, W44NJM 146, W44AEP 135, N44K 131, W44DL 123, N44JO 120, W44HXU 117, W44X 116, K44ZV 102, K44YH 92, KF4RL 73, KB4MON 71, W44F 70, K44KAW 55, W44S 54, N44MML 49, W44NBE 48, W3JHF 46, K44J 45, KY8Y 43, W44VO 41, K44BLM 40, K5IHH 35, W44VND 35, N44E 34, N44IL 32, K44AKY 31, W44AD 30, W44HD 30, K44K 28, K44LPT 28, K44SH 28, W3TLV 27, W44NXX 25.

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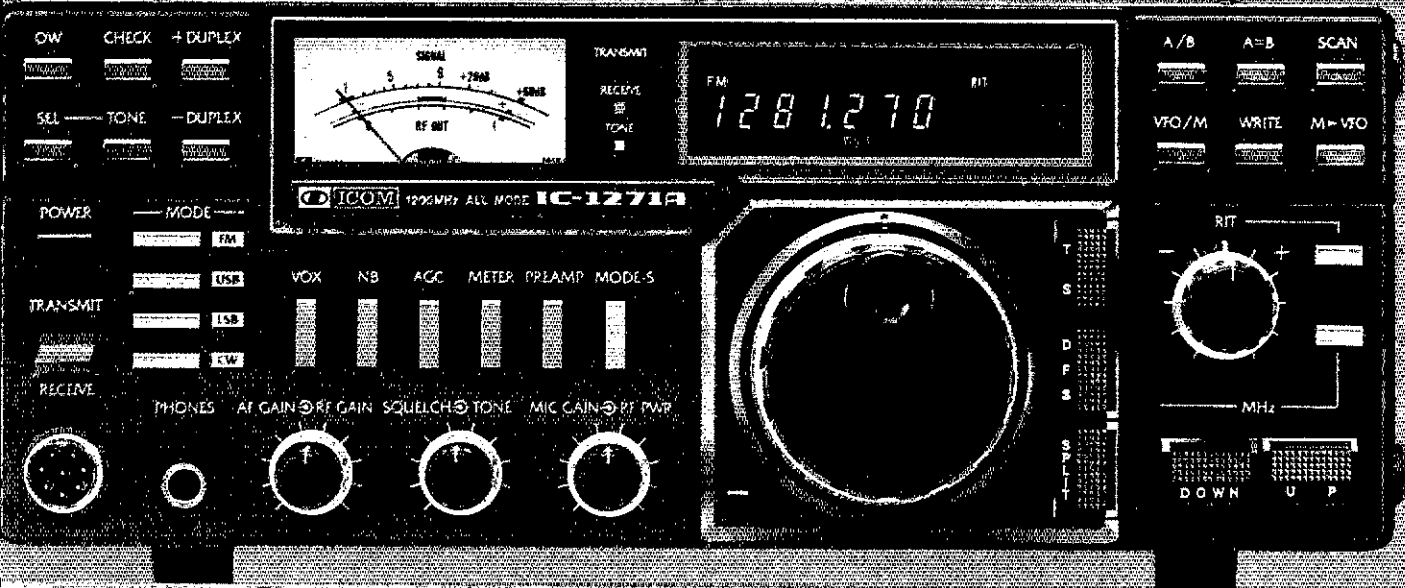
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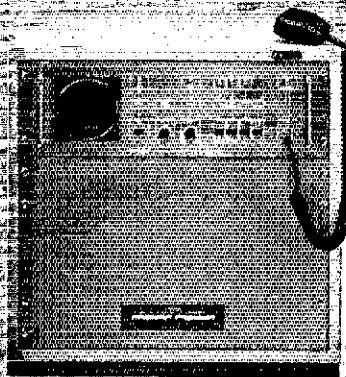
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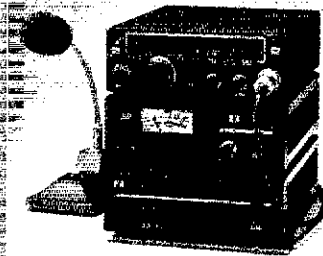
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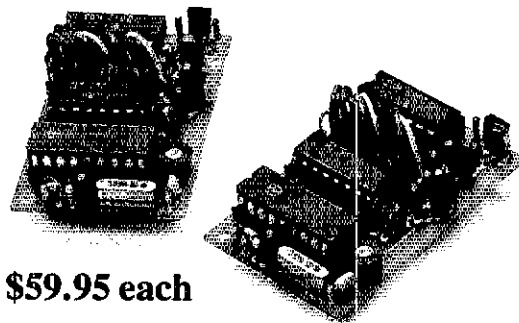
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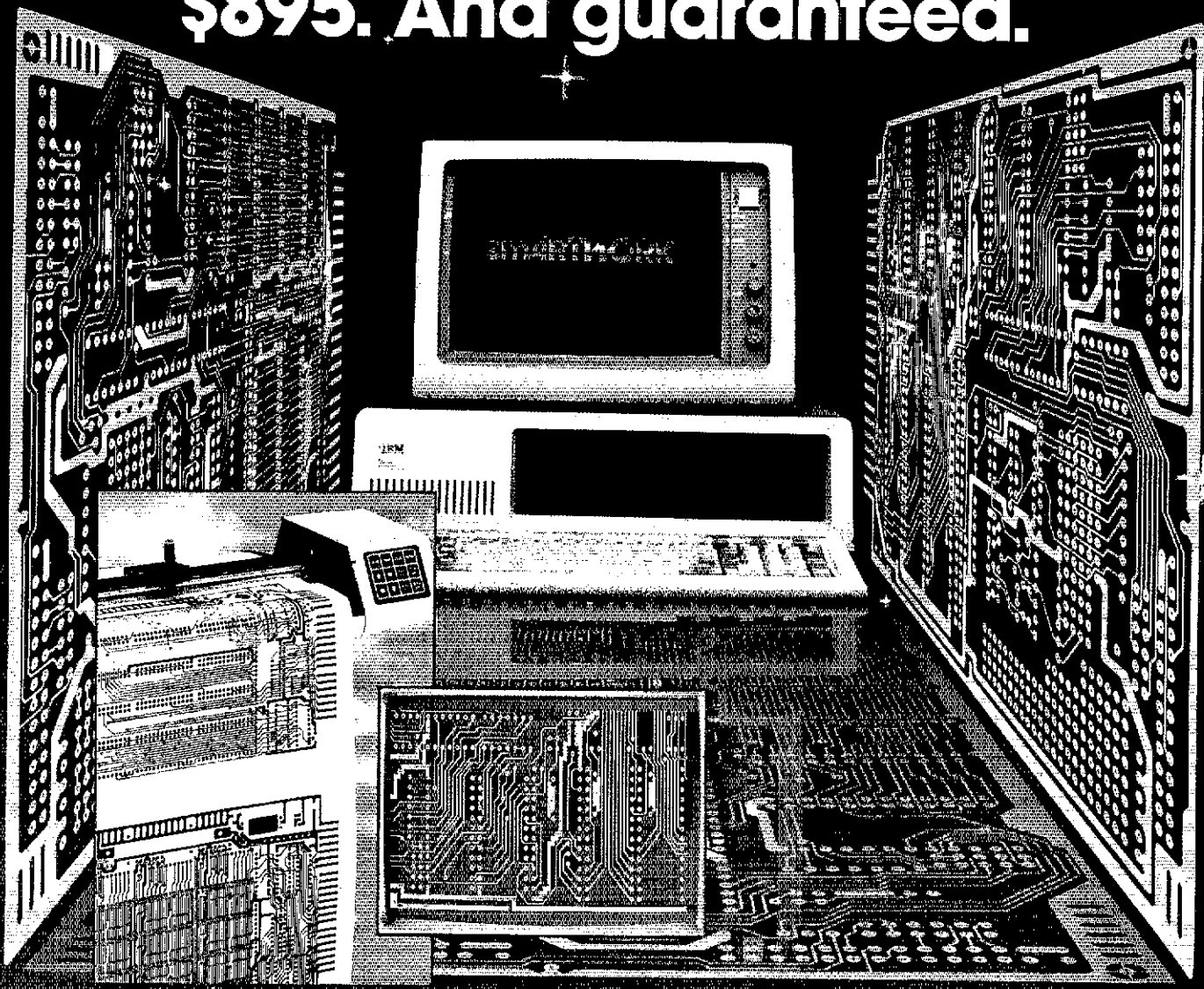
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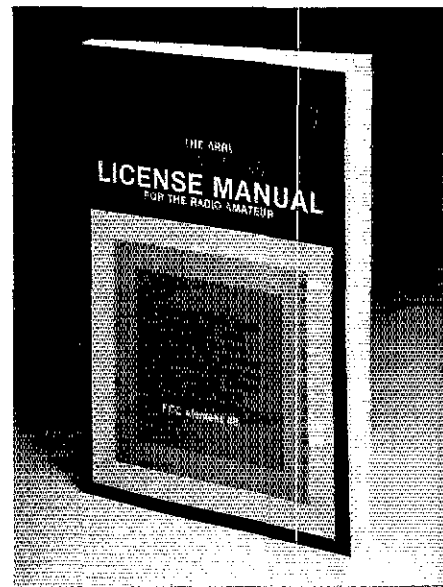
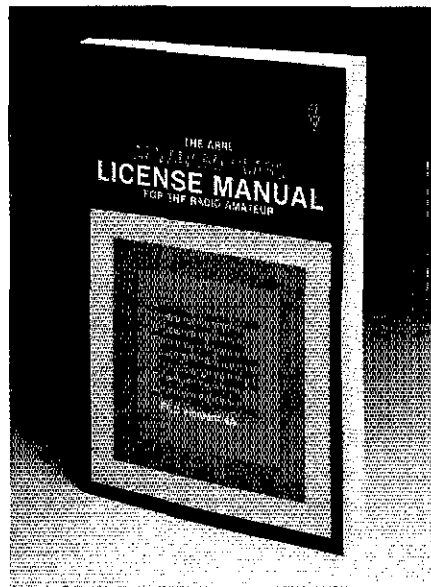
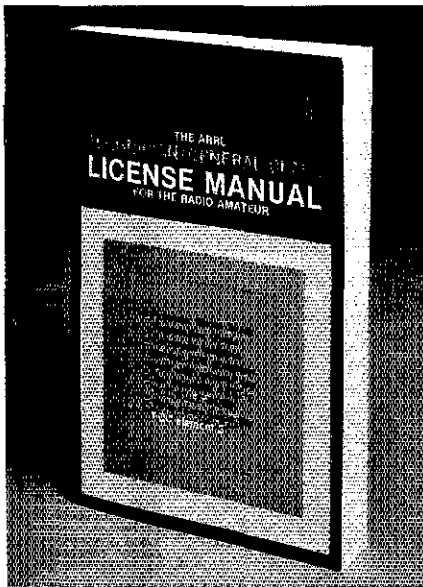
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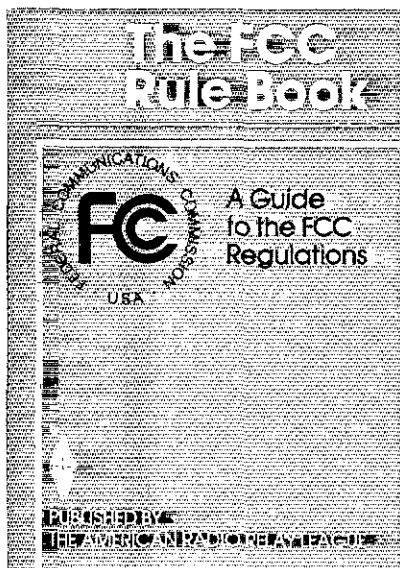
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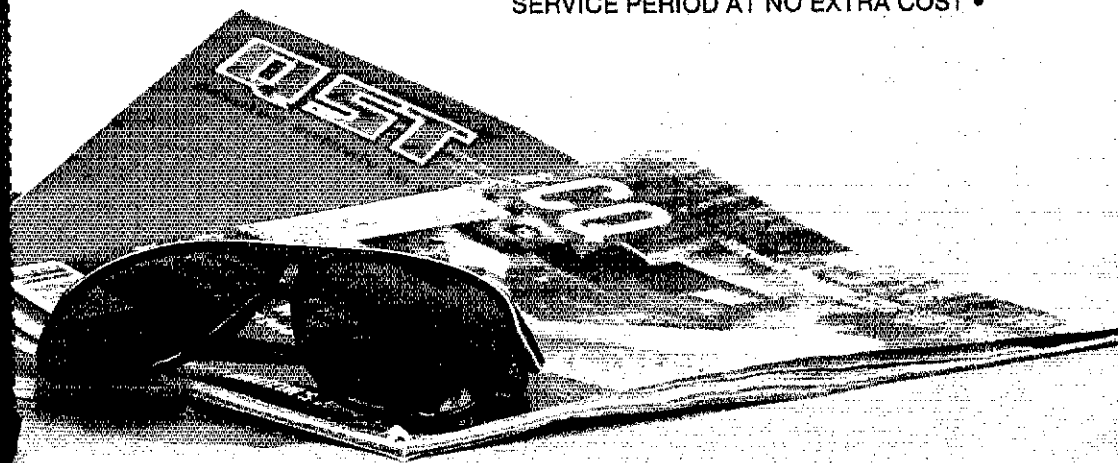
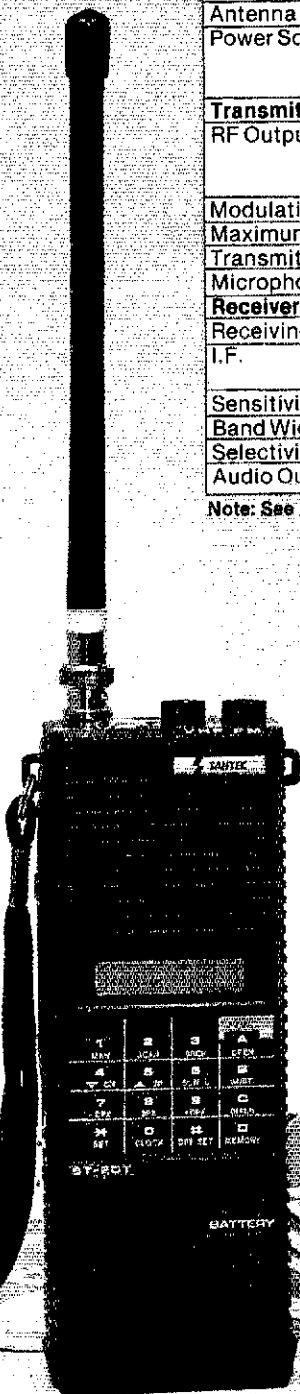
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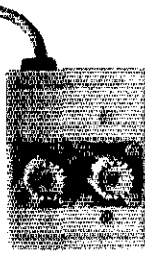
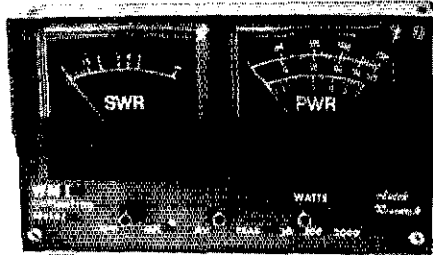
	VHF FM TRANSCEIVER MODEL ST-20T	UHF FM TRANSCEIVER MODEL ST-40T
Suggested Retail	\$349.95	Coming 1st Quarter 1986
Frequency Range	142.000 to 150.995 MHz	440 MHz to 449.975 MHz
Type of Emission	F3	F3
Memory Channels	10 Channels	10 Channels
Antenna Impedance	50 ohms	50 ohms
Power Source	9.6V NiCd battery pack 9V Dry battery pack D.C. 8.4-16V	9.6V NiCd battery pack 9V Dry battery pack D.C. 8.4-16V
<b>Transmitter</b>		
RF Output Power	5.0 Watts (H), nominal at 12V 3.5 Watts (H), nominal at 10.5V 0.5 Watts (L), nominal at 10.5V	3.0 Watts (H), nominal at 10.5V 0.5 Watts (L), nominal at 10.5V
Modulation	Frequency modulation	Frequency modulation
Maximum Deviation	± 5 KHz	± 5 KHz
Transmit Spurious	- 60 dB	- 60 dB
Microphone	Electret Condenser Microphone	Electret Condenser Microphone
<b>Receiver</b>		
Receiving Methods	Double superheterodyne	Double superheterodyne
I.F.	1st 16.9MHz 2nd 455KHz	1st 21.4MHz 2nd 455KHz
Sensitivity	Less than - 0.25uV at 12dB SINAD	Less than - 0.25uV at 12 dB SINAD
Band Width	± 7.5 KHz at 6dB down	± 7.5 KHz at 6dB down
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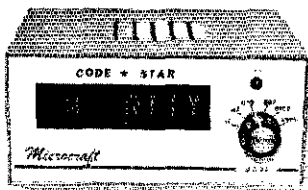
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## SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION

ARIZONA: SM, Jim Swatford, W7FF—STM: W7EP. NMs: K6LL, K47HEV, W87CAG.  
Current Net Schedules are:  
Daily: 1800 Cactus Net 3.915  
(local) 1830 Cactus Net 147.86/26  
1930 AZ TFC & EMERG. 3.992  
1930 Southwest Net 3.583

Last month's mention of the convention in San Diego next Sept. 5-7, should have said "ARRL NATIONAL" rather than "SW DIVN." Pima County Bd. of Supervisors recently passed an ordinance restricting heights and locations of communications towers. Tucson hams met with the Planning & Zoning staff as well as members of the Commission and succeeded in getting amateur structures less than one hundred feet height exempted from the ordinance. Considered a major victory for the ham community. Thanks to K7KI, W7HT, KD7WM, W7SA, W87RJV, K7KNP, K7DXD, K7CET, W7YXE, K7OMR, K87KZ and others who worked on this. FB show. Green Valley R.G. new officers are: W8ROD, Pres.; W8EVL, V.P.; and K8TXI, Sec-Treas. Their club station has full OSCAR satellite capability. ARCA has decided their first choice of dates second choice. The first choice dates will allow ARRL officials from HQ and Divn to attend. Dates to be firm up in January. CADA reports new officers: KY7M, Pres.; KC7CE, V.P.; N7US, Sec.; and W8AKH, Treas. Long skip shortly after sunset affecting some 80 meter traffic nets. Low sun spot numbers mean lower MUF's and as a result 80 and 40 meters become excellent DX bands. W7YS reports his current major activity is DX, DX, and DX! SARC again supported the 15th annual Fleeta Marathon run. K7PYK made packet radio history by QSO'ing from his Janus 2 glider while soaring at 4000 ft! He is also promoting the use of packet radio for emergency operations. Sounds like a good idea. 73, JIM.

Net Name/Destination	QNI	QTC	Net Mgr.
Cactus Net (SSB)	831	274	W87CAG
Cactus Net (VHF/FM)	377	129	W87CAG
Apache Junction Radiogram Net	217	27	KE7DR
Arizona Tic & Emergency Net	860	271	K47HEV

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Southwest Net (SWN) HF/CW 200 229 K8LL

LOS ANGELES: SM, Bob Poole, AJ6F—ASM: K51YK, SEC: AK6Y, STM: W8INH, ACC: KX7Q, OOC: K6BMG. Still not too early to get ready for the National Convention in San Diego; plan ahead for this. AK6Y and the LAX ARES team have made great progress in developing new vitality and leadership. Among the leadership are DECs W8MKA, K6YMJ, W8MZV and W8UPN. Contact AK6Y or AJ6F to see how you can help in this important field organization. W8HXZ reports that the members of the Palos Verdes Radio Club operate the video equipment to televise the City of Rancho Palos Verdes Council meetings. This all volunteer team makes this important service available to the community while promoting amateur radio at the same time. Our congratulations to this club. The W6FNO/F system, as reported by KA6ZDL, handles many emergencies, too numerous to report here; a total of 307 messages were handled in December on 146.82(-) here in the Los Angeles area. Further, their group provided the communications for the city of Covina's Christmas parade. Not only these prior items are worthy of note, but W6FNO-1, -2 and -3 on 223.72 are digipeating packets in a rapidly expanding digital emergency network, according to DEC W8BMK. Consider the fact that the area is expected to be the most important building block in the ARRL field organization is the Affiliated Clubs. ACC KX7Q requests that clubs update their affiliation paperwork if they haven't already done so. New applications are also solicited. Holidays are over and things are back to normal. This years traffic was exceptionally heavy, lots of Holidays messages. There is now a new OOTC club in the Los Angeles area it is Chapter #2 President is Stu Wolfe, W6FVY. Meetings will be twice a year. For more information contact W6FVY or Bert W6CFL. There are rumors that we will soon have a new SWPFL group in our area. Let's hope so. Staff: K8UJX 124, W8NH 752, N8LHE 122, W8ORF 53, W8NKE 28, W8ORF 25, K8CL 12.

ORANGE: SM, Joe H. Brown, W8UBC—SEC: Jim, A6BN, STM: Ernie, W8OCC, OOC: Alex, W8RPL, SGL: W8NHL, John, KD7XG, PIO: Joe W85DXT, ACC: K8BFRV, Phil, Karl Pape, N6BVU has resigned as ASM. With Karl's devotion to the preservation of privileges and interests of all Amateur Operators thru his radio frequency spectrum management activities, it was a little much to ask of Karl. Thanks OM, K48RON. Marv has resigned from the Emergency Position in the Hemet/St. Jacinto area. During his tour of duty the membership in the ARES/RACES increased, the City Council appointed Amateur Radio Operators to the City Emergency Service Council, a complete Amateur Radio Station was purchased and installed in the city EOC. A simulated air to ground damage assessment and communications exercise was flown. With Colonel Don Taylor at the controls, Gerhard, A161 (of VIP fame) at the Mike and Chester, W8MGU at the EOC the operation was successful. We are going to miss you Marv. Art Douglas, N6GDM will take over the EC slot. Art comes well qualified for the job, he was AEC for the District and presently holds the positions of AD and PIA. Members of the Corona-Norco ARC brought Santa Claus to Corona Community Hospitals Pediatric Ward via the air waves. A good write up appeared in the local press. The Victor Valley ARC reports the 1985 exams are wrapped up for the year, for the test will be given on the 2nd Saturday of the odd months. The Fullerton ARC Hunter of the Year. The data for 1985 FRC T-hunts indicate W8ADC, Clark, with average of 830. T-Hunt winners for DEC85, W8ADC/K8SXD, 10, 53. Rehab Radio had another round of successful Santa Claus QSOs. Childrens Hospital of Orange made contact with the North Pole Dec 17 and on the 19 Dec, with a video link. Many thanks to hams: Gary W8BGC; Betty, K8BAI; Joe, K8OV; Bruce, W8BDCB; Karen W8BDCB; Mark Adams (awaiting his Tech license). Many youngsters talked and watched Santa in his work shop. Listen for REHAB RADIO W8BPT on 2, 10, 15 and 20 meters each weekday morning, and on 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. Give them a QSO in 1986. Words of Wisdom from W8BGEI. Not all of us are able to serve as Club Officers or members of the Board, but many of us can find time to help with the smaller jobs that are part of running the club. Right now there's an opportunity for fame (not fortune). Any Volunteers? Nov. PSHR W860, W8QBZ, W8QCA, K8BJK, DEC. PSHR W860, W8QBZ, W8QCA,



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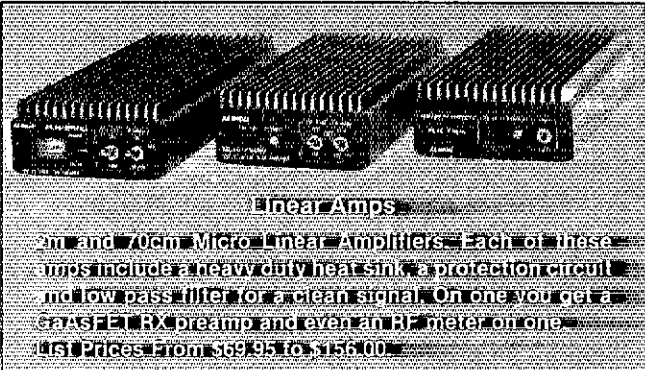
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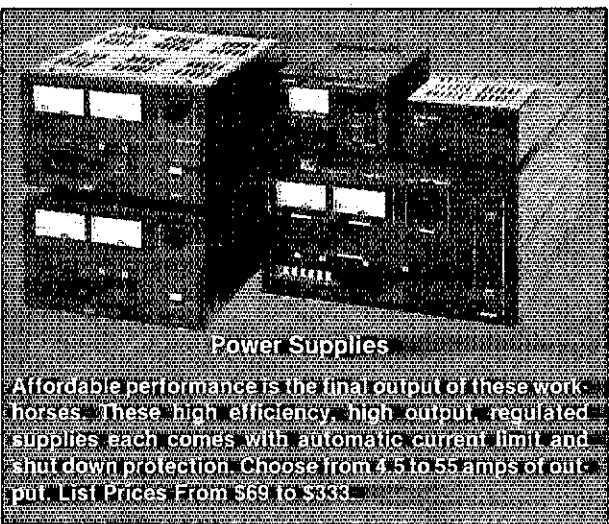
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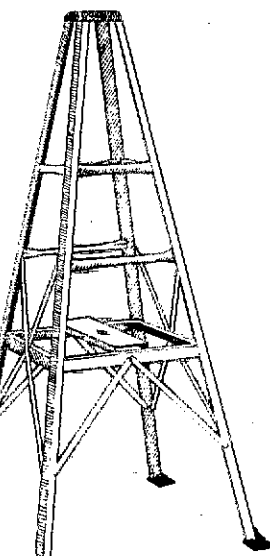
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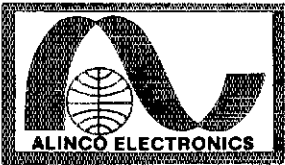
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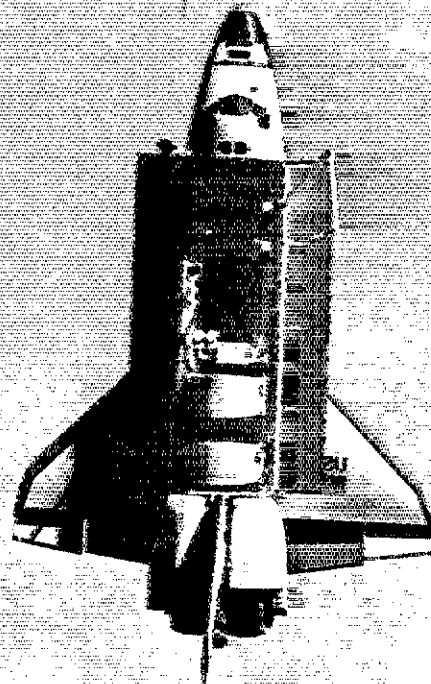
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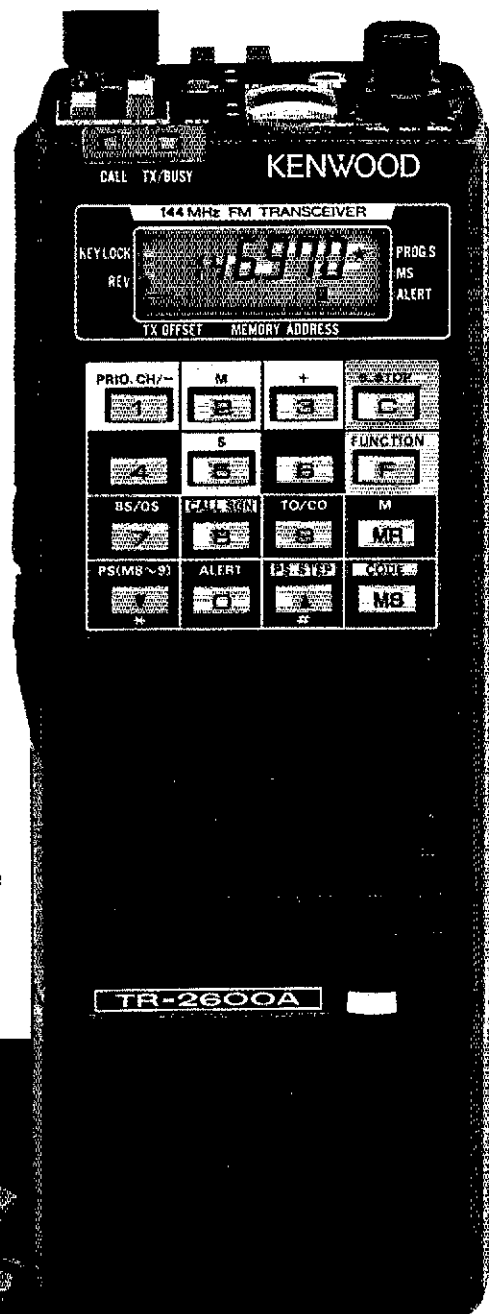
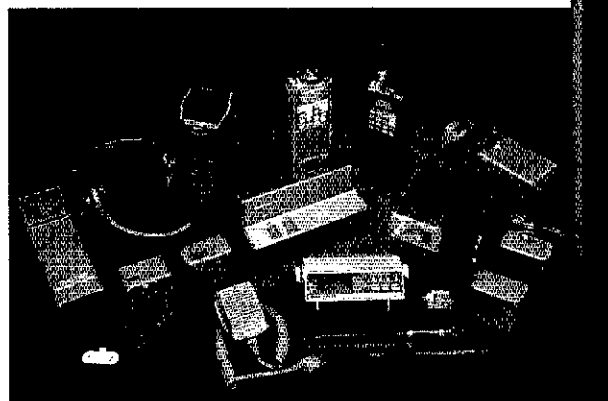
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- DC-26 DC-DC converter
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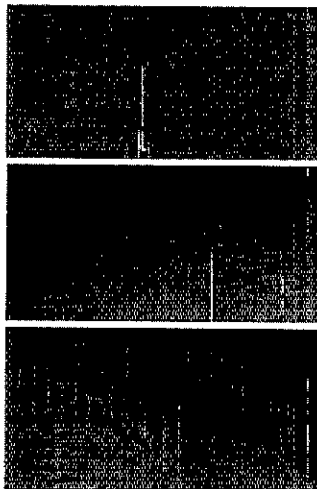
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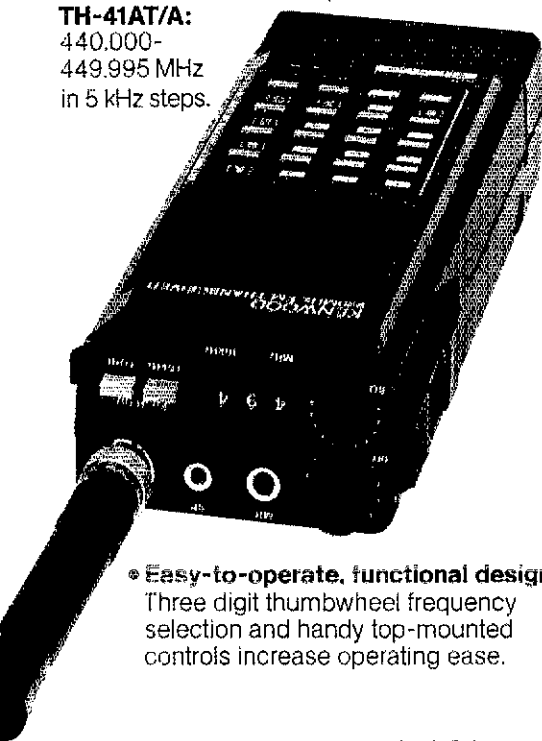
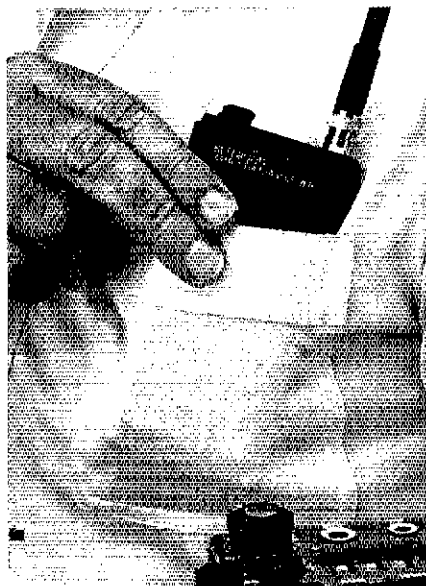
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**TH-41AT/A:**

440.000-

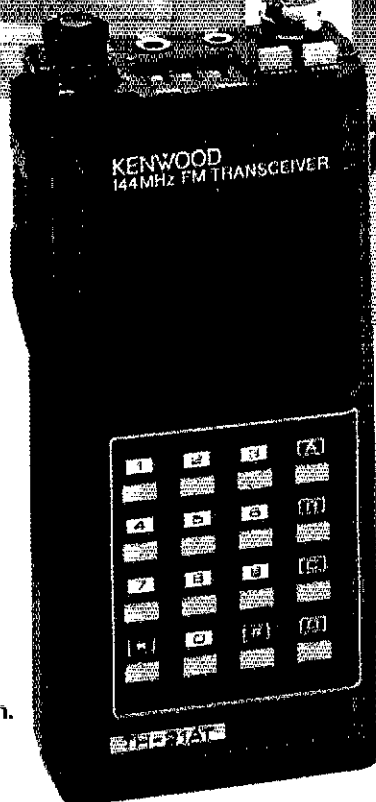
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**TH-21AT/A:**  $\pm 600$  kHz, simplex.

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**TH-41AT/A:**  $\pm 5$  MHz, simplex.

• **Standard accessories:**

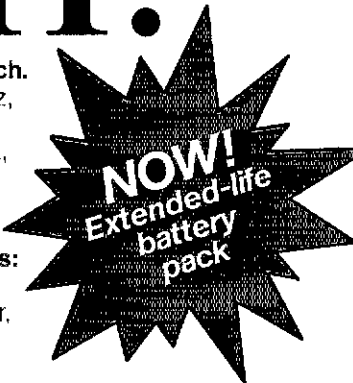
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- DC-21 DC-DC converter for mobile use
- BT-2 manganese/alkaline battery case
- EB-2 external C manganese/alkaline battery case
- SC-8/8T soft cases
- TU-6 programmable sub-tone unit
- AJ-3 thread-loc to BNC female adapter
- BC-6 2-pack quick charger
- BC-2 wall charger for PB-21H
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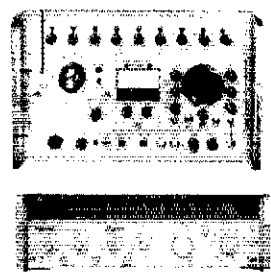
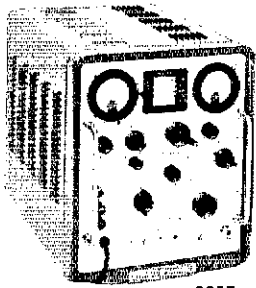
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AT-1200 Tuner	SL-1800 1.8 KHz filter	35 m	AT-230 Ant tuner	129 f	560 Corsair Xcvr	699 fv	FT-901DM Xcvr	549 fc
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(1) This list was prepared from an inventory taken on the date shown. The letters after the prices indicate in which store the equipment was located at that time. The quantities vary. In some cases there are several of an item; others, only one. Due to the lead and distribution time of this publication, some of the items may have already been sold by the time you see this ad. However, due to the number of trades we are involved in each day, some items are in stock that are not listed. (2) We reserve the right to sell certain power supplies and accessories only with matching transmitters or transceivers, depending on our stock situation. (3) Sometimes used gear is serviced after we receive your order. Please allow for a few days delay in shipping your order. (4) No trades on used gear. (5) Used gear policies do not apply to New Equipment specials. Closeouts, etc.

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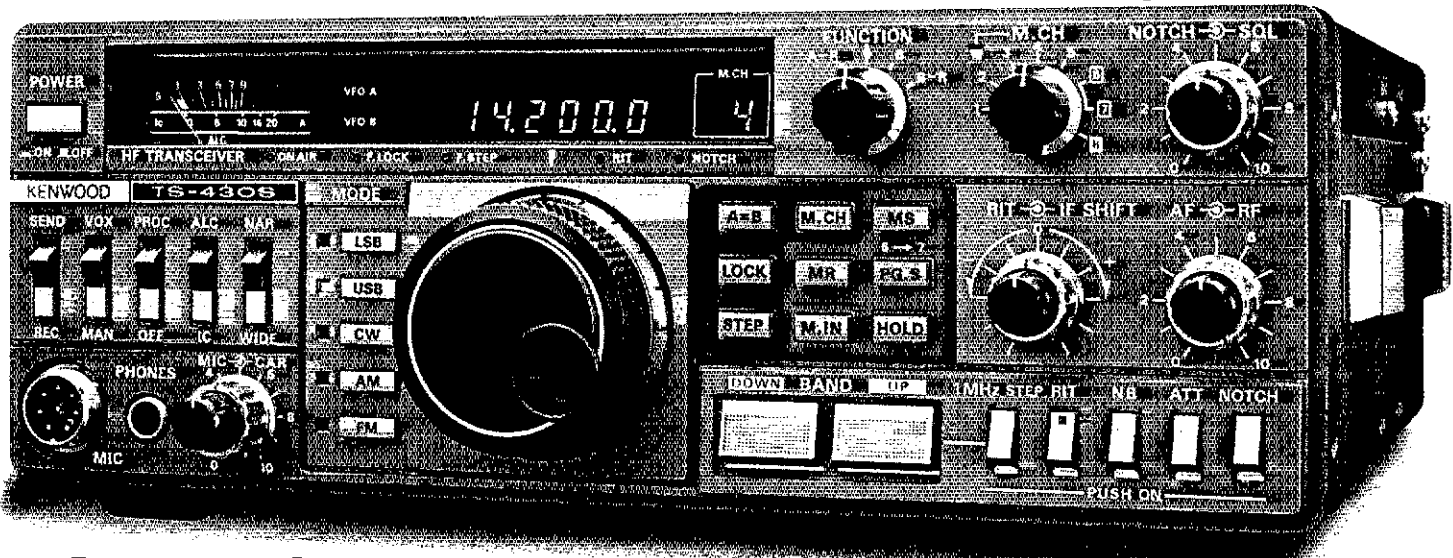
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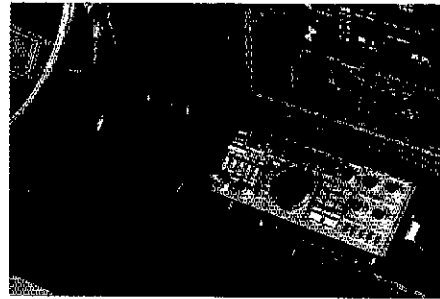
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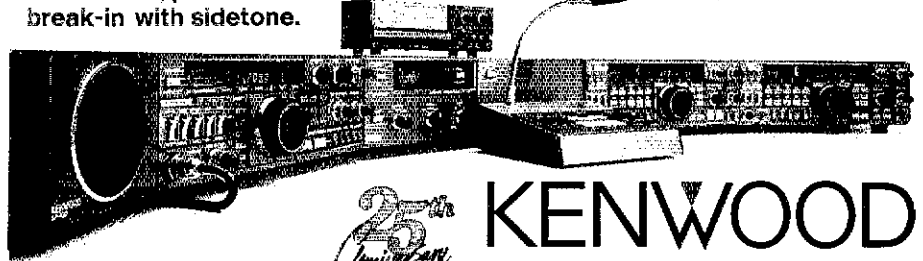
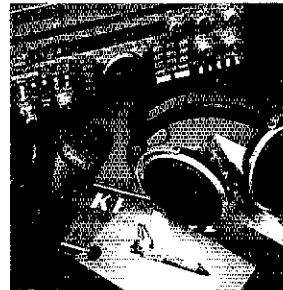
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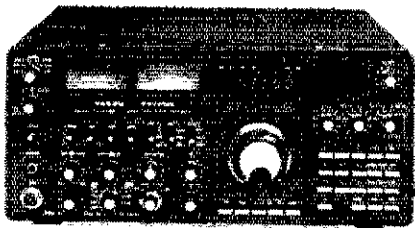
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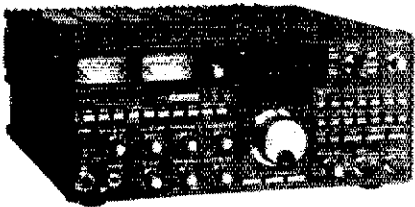
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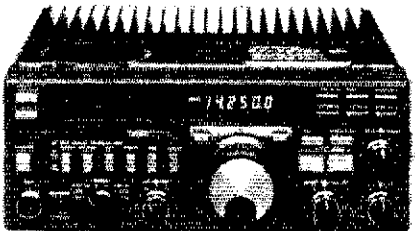
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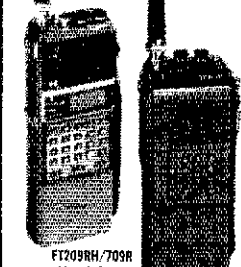


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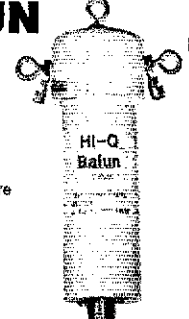
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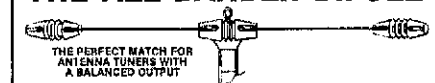
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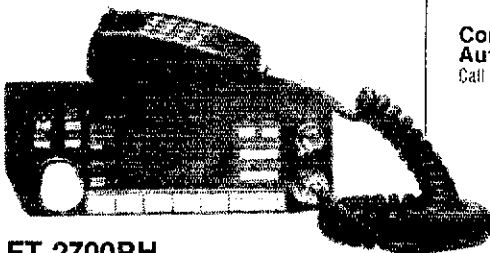
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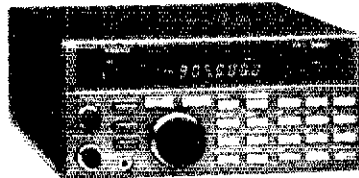
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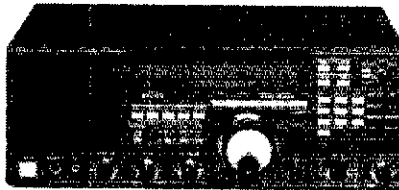
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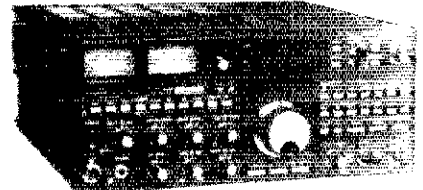
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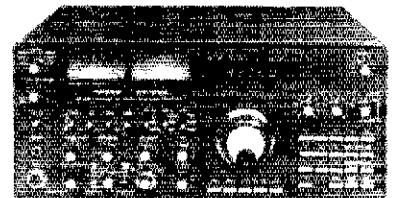
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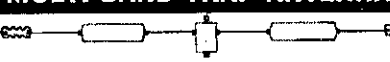
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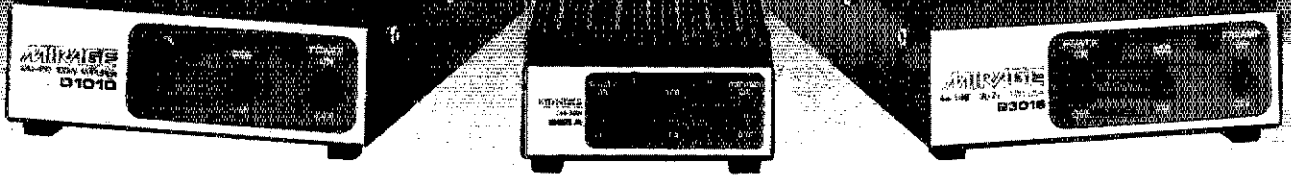
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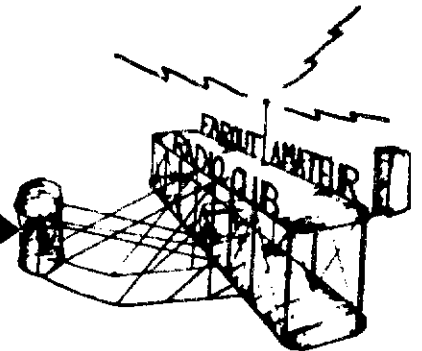
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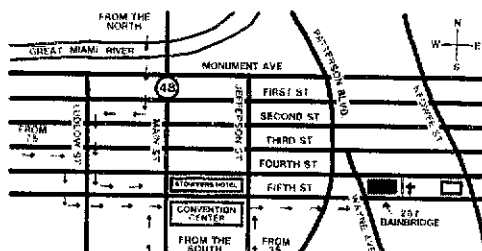


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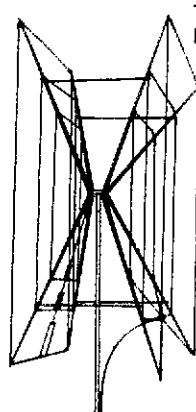
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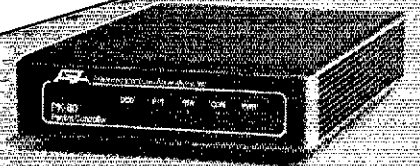
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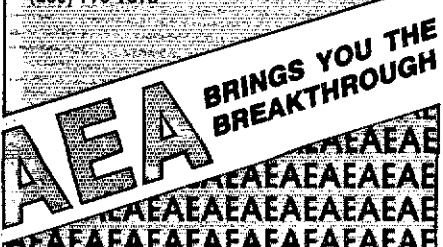
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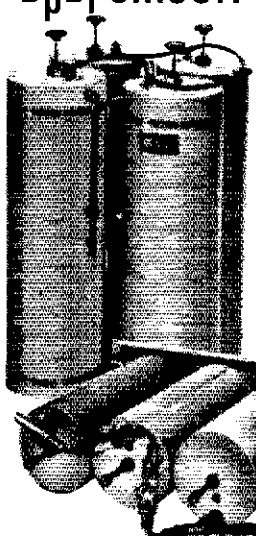
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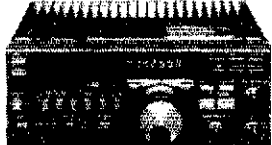
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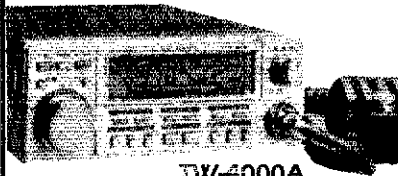
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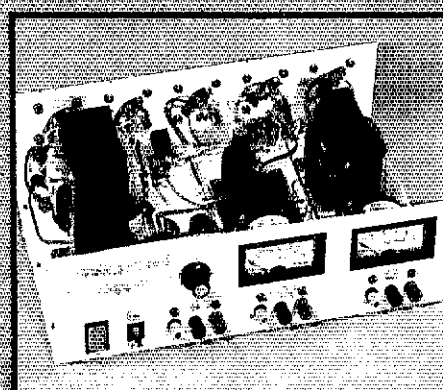
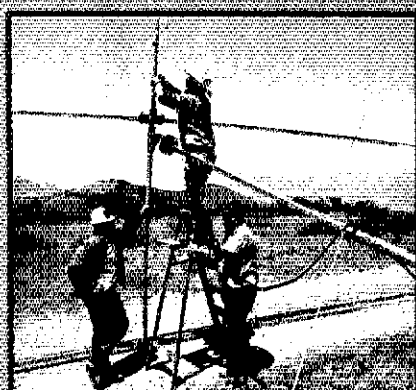
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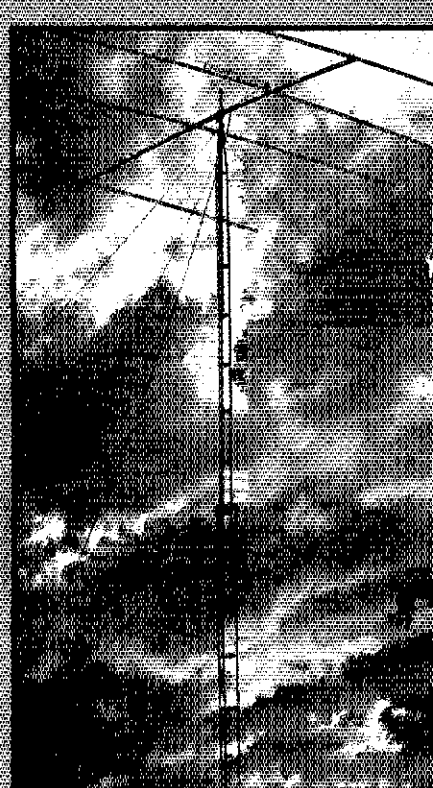
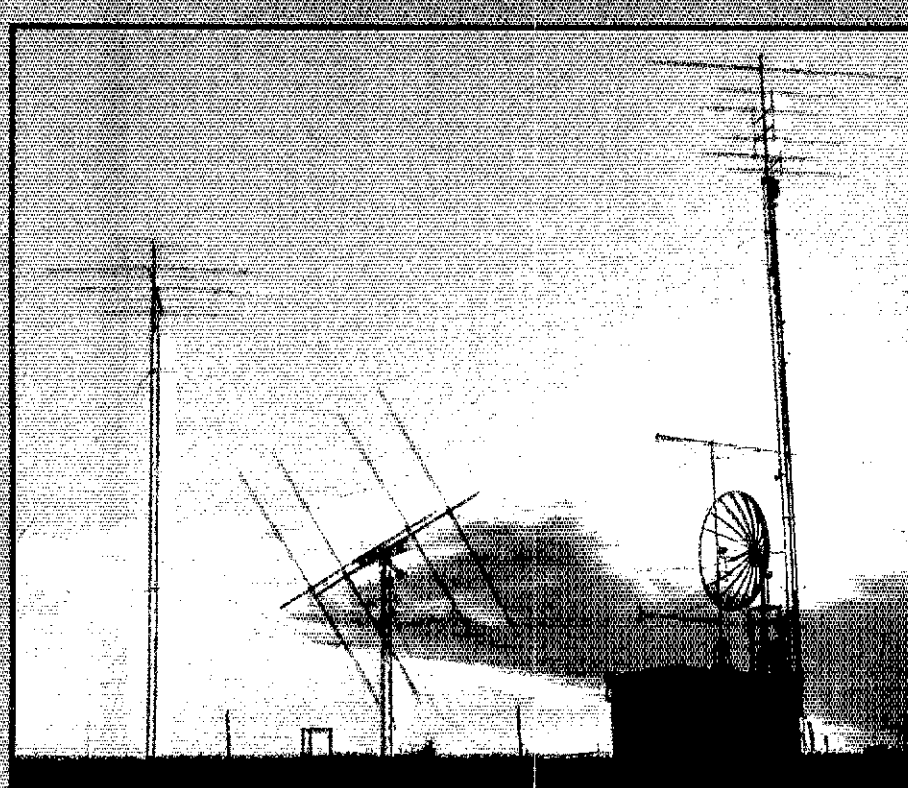
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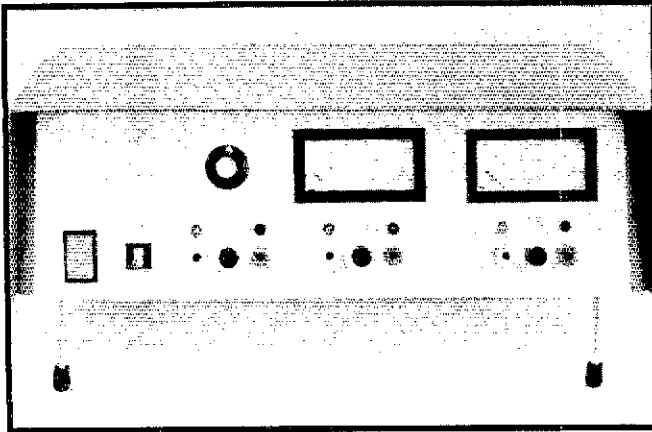
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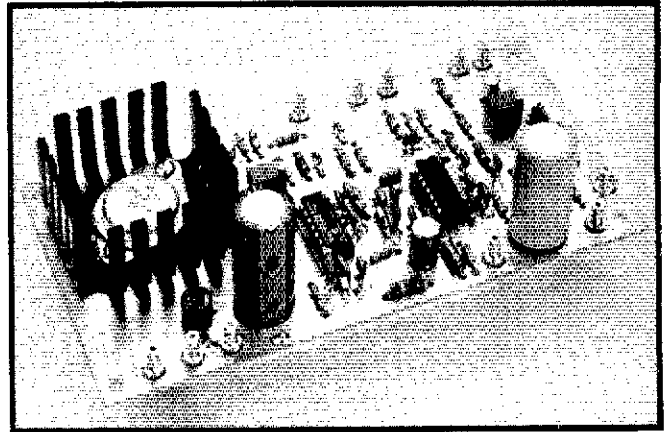
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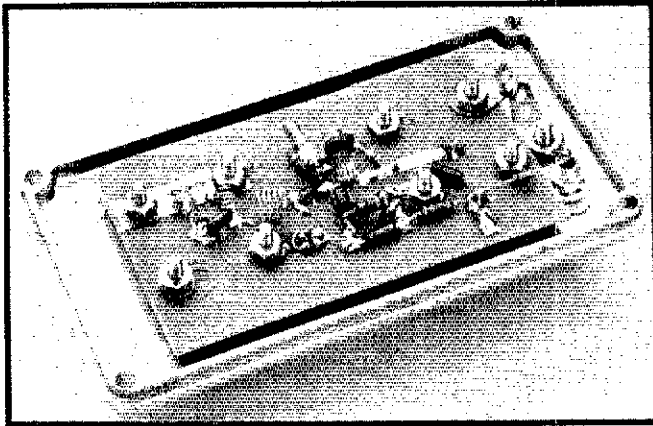
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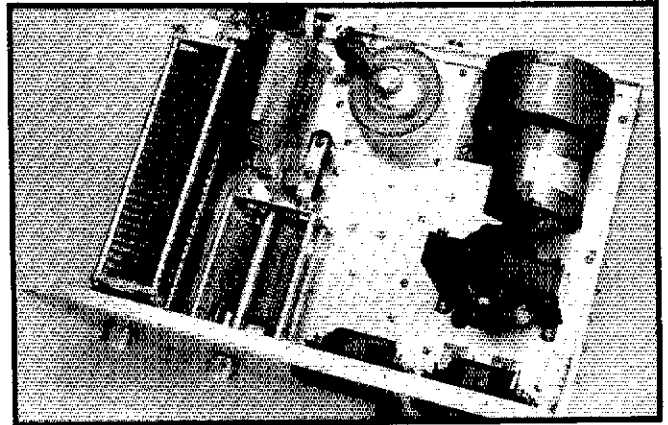
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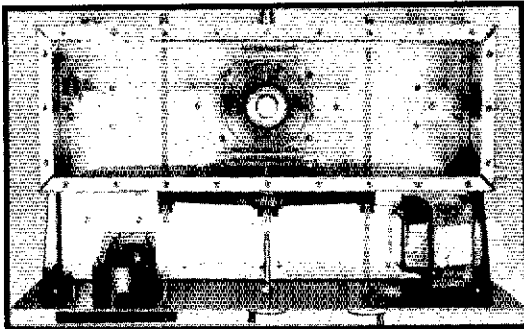
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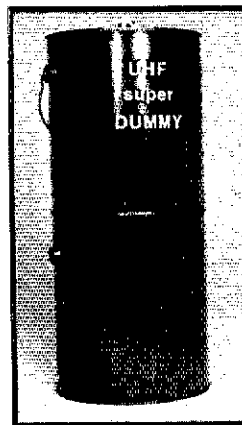
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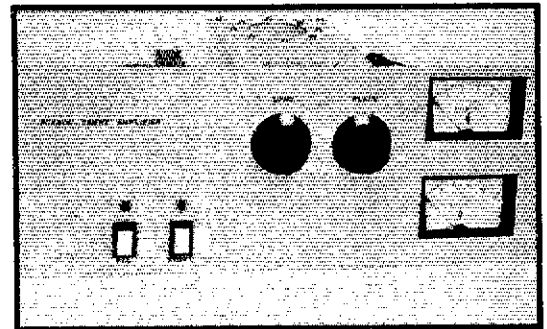
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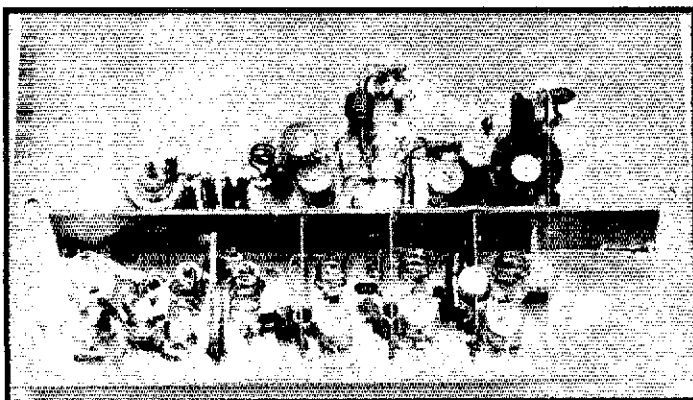
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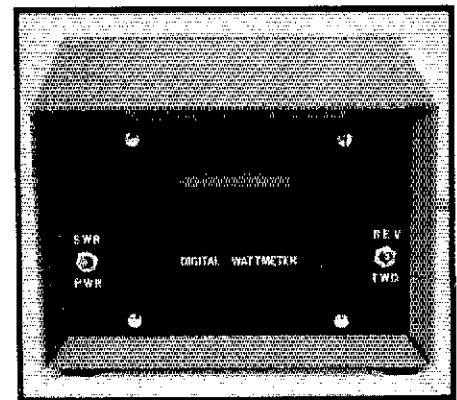


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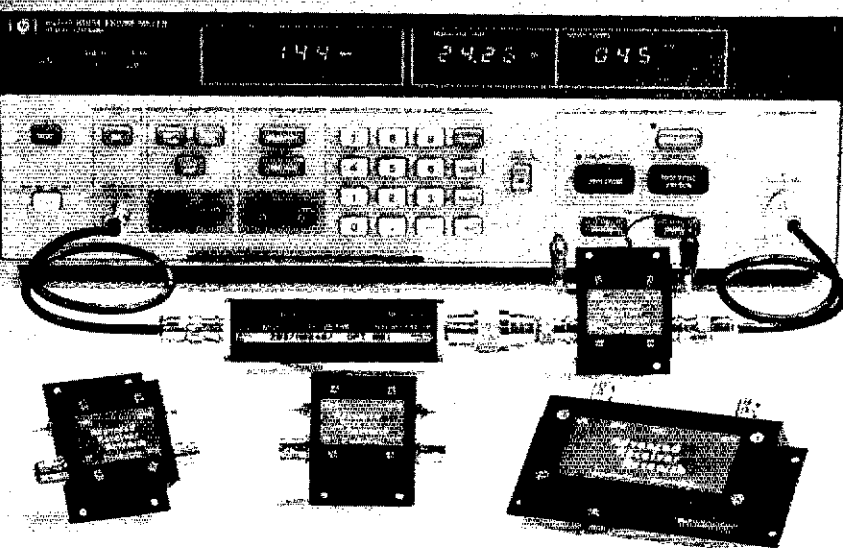
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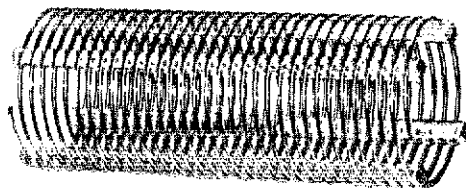
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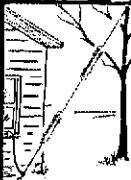
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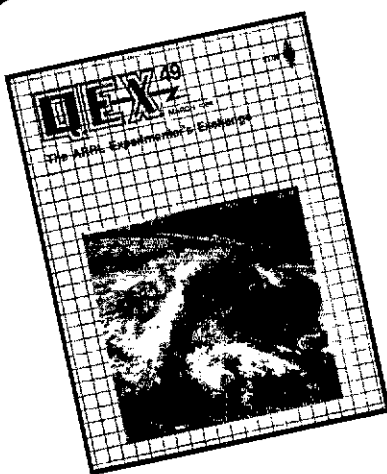
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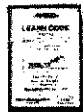
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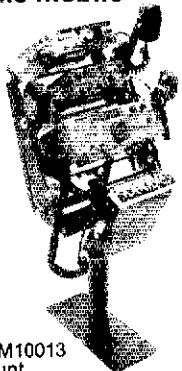
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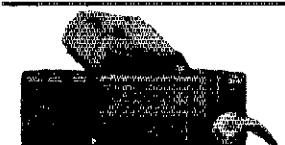
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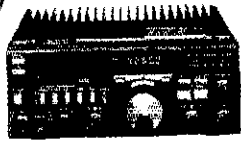
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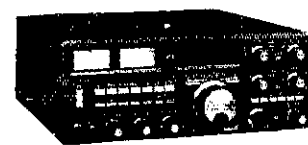
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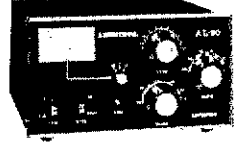
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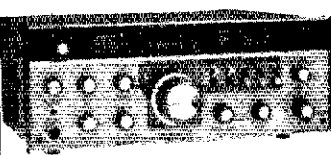
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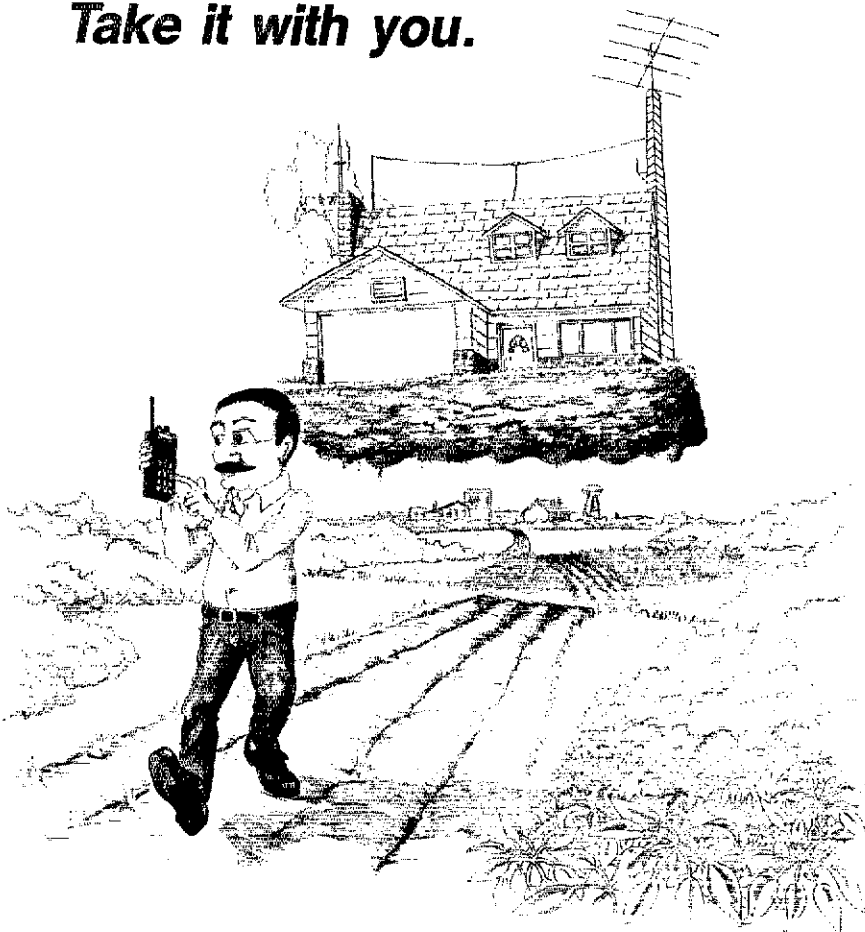
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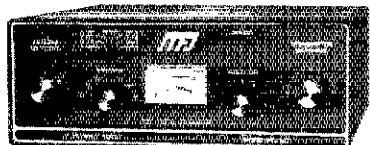
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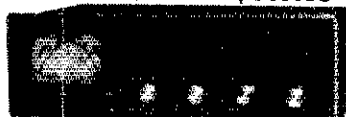


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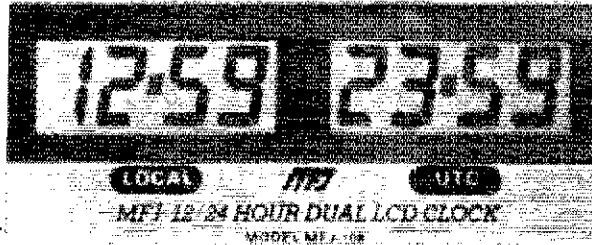
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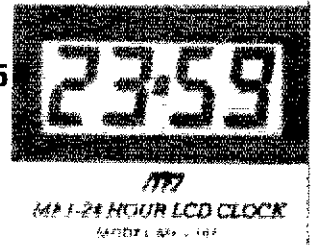
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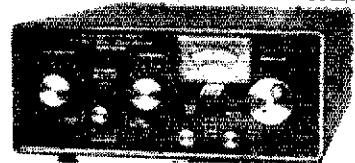
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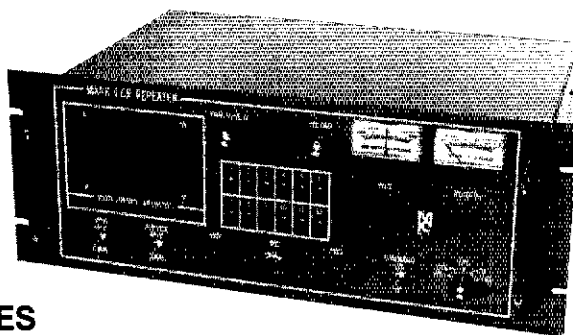
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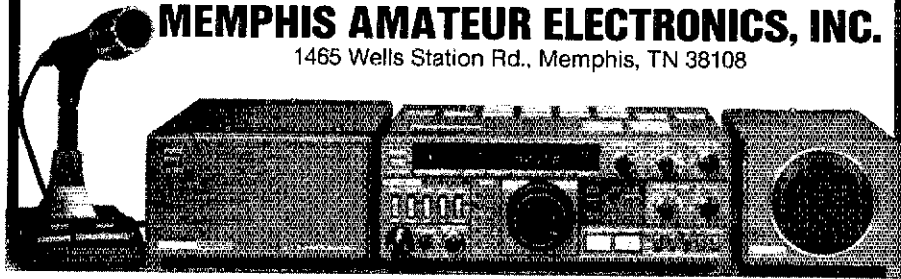
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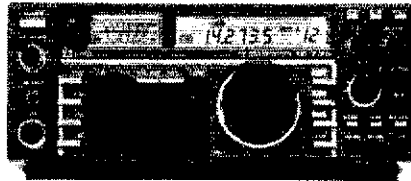
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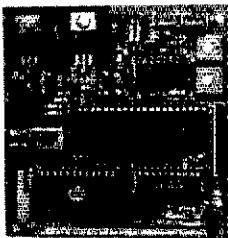


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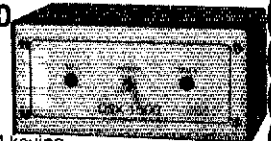
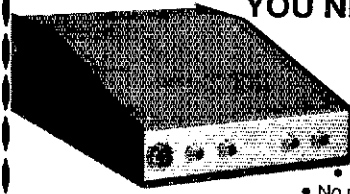


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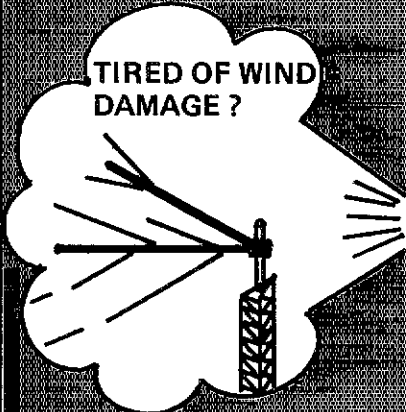
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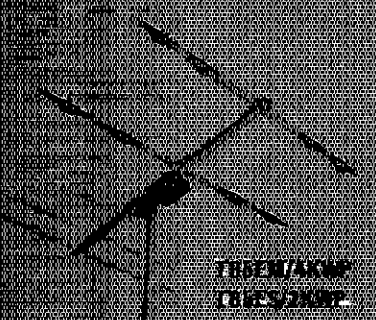
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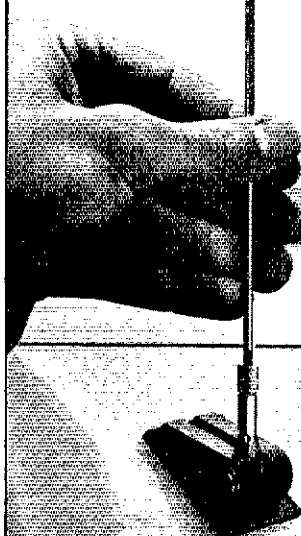
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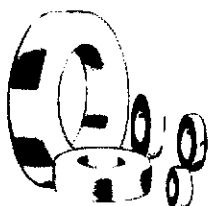


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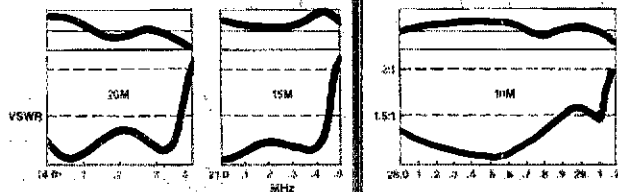
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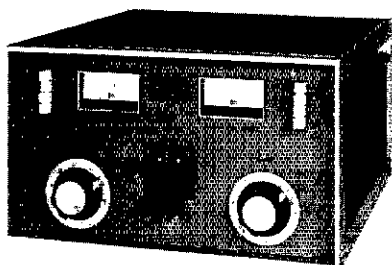
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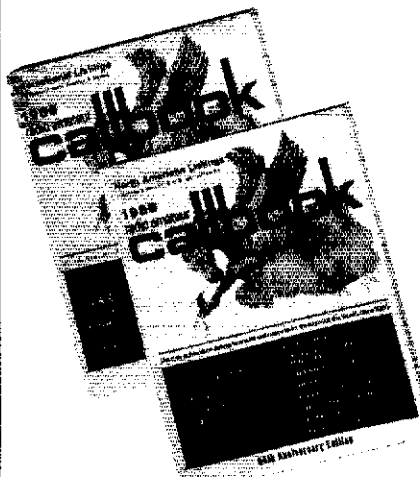
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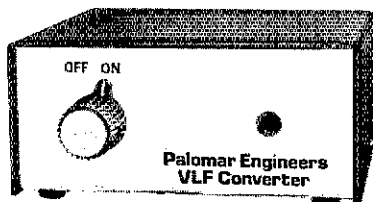
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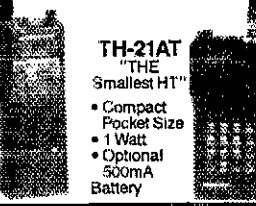
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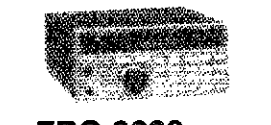
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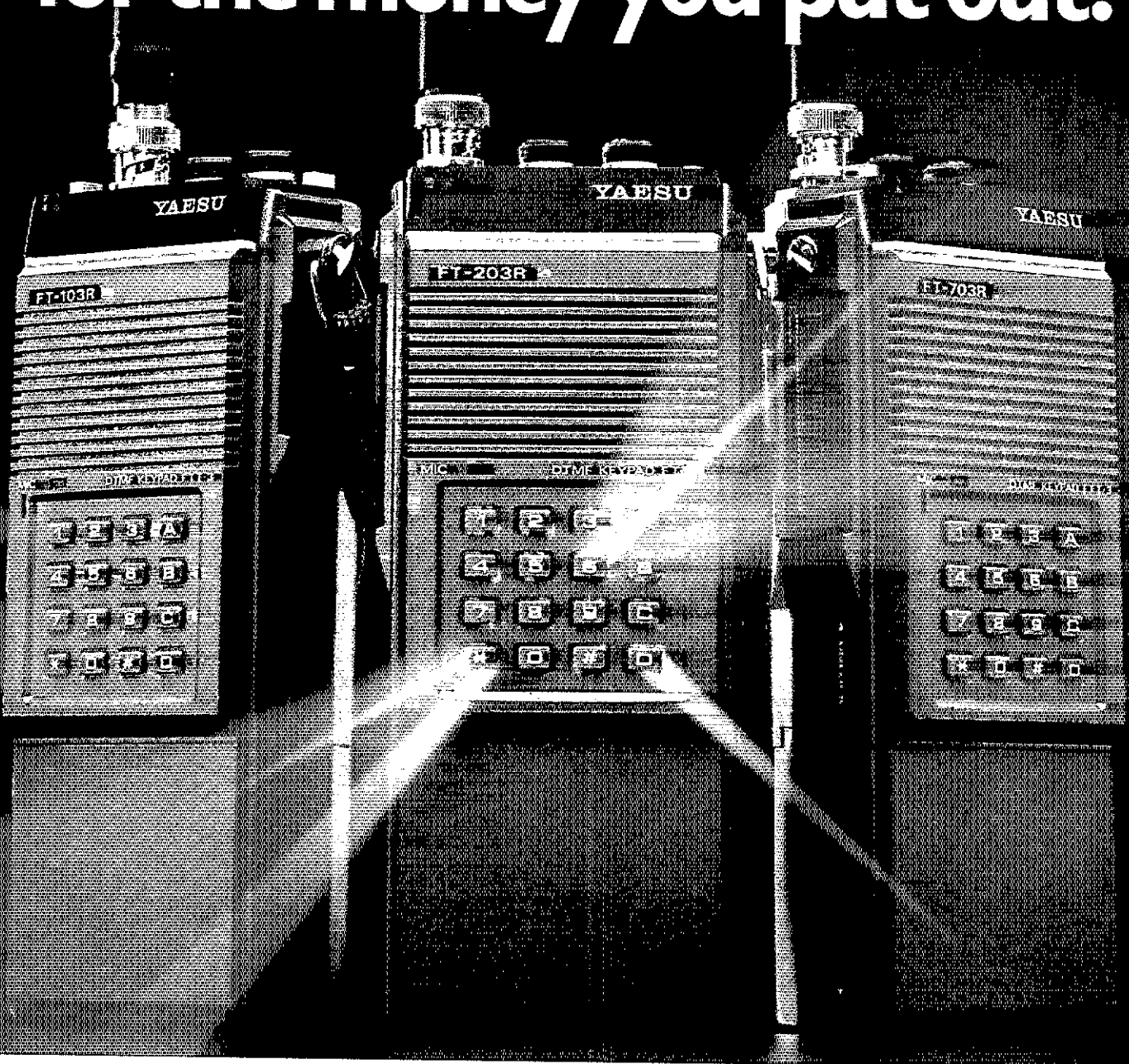


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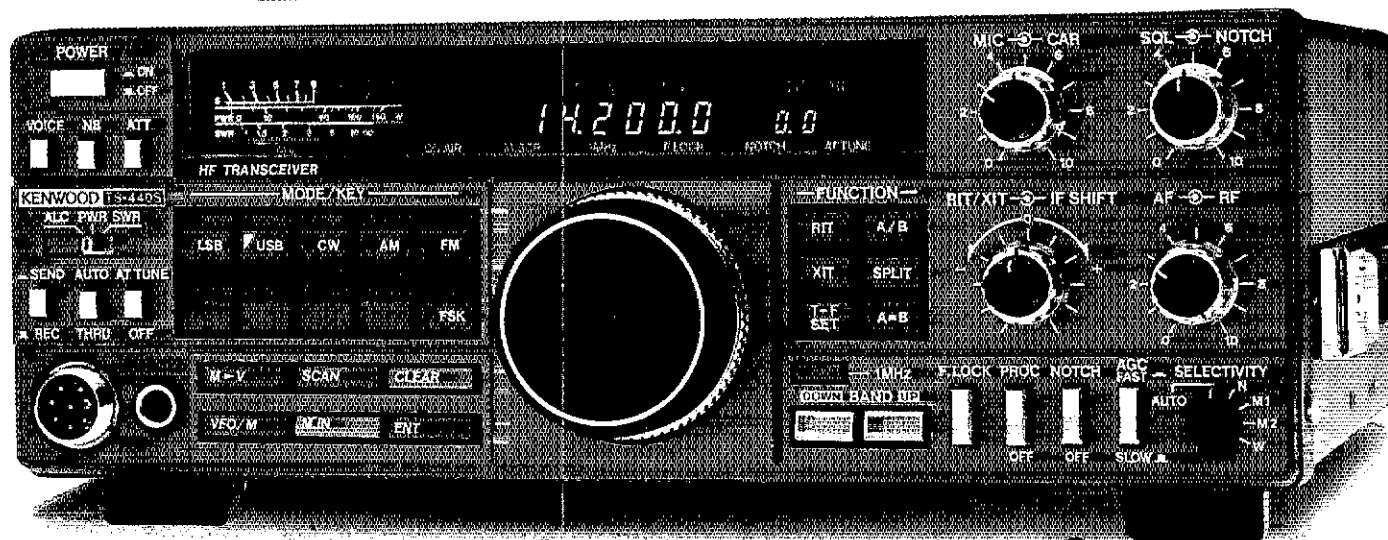
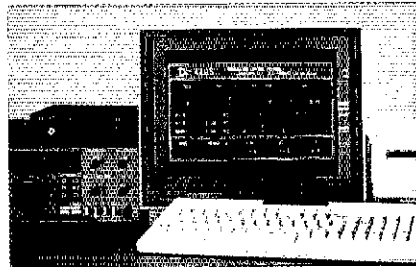
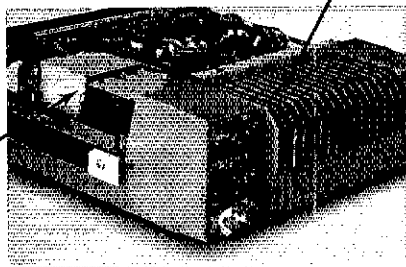
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