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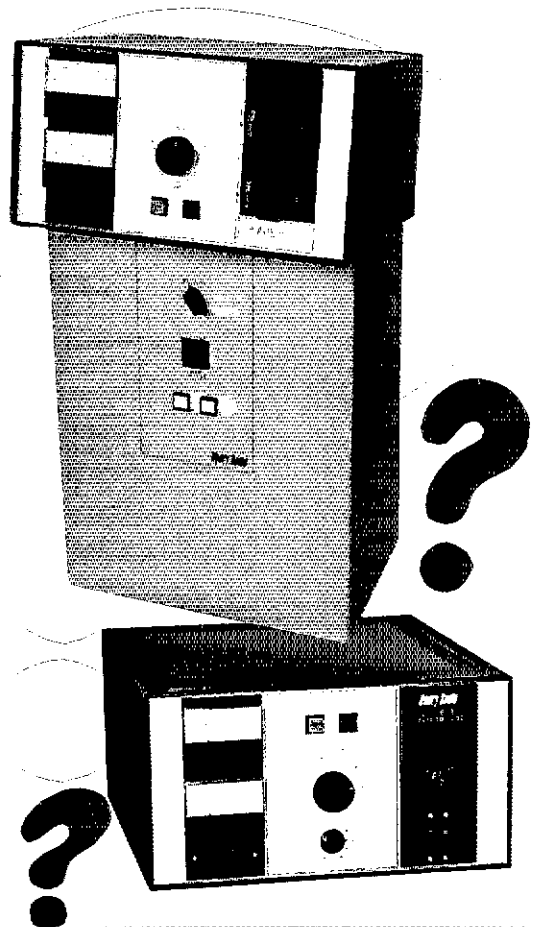
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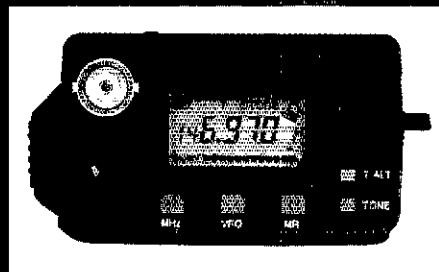


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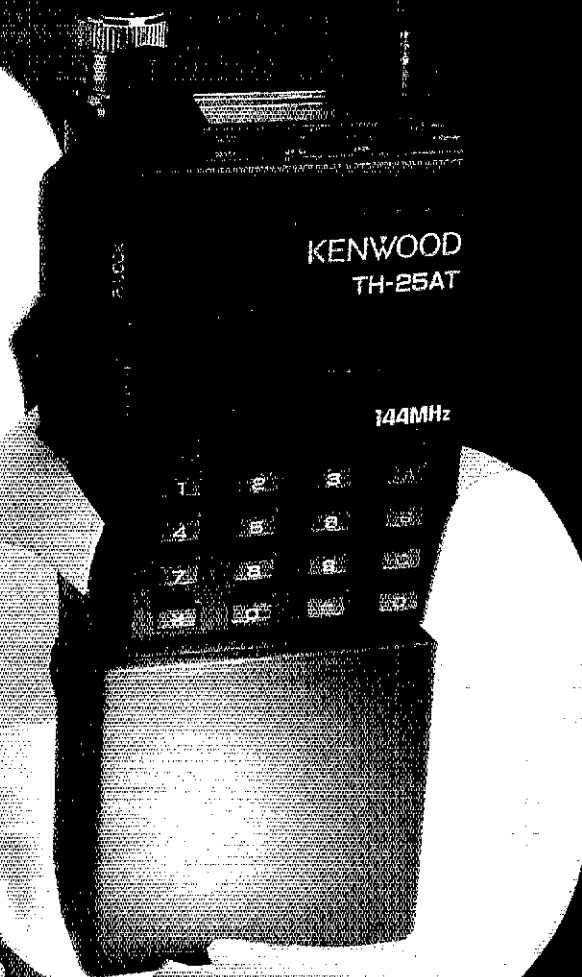


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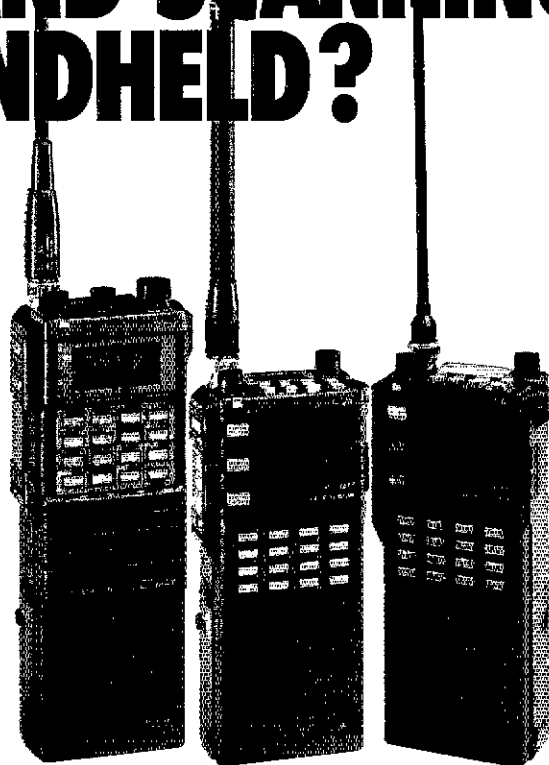
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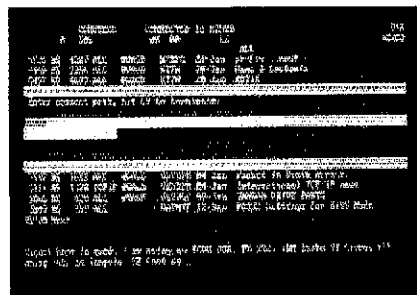
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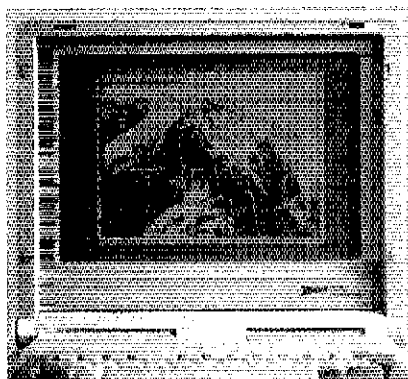
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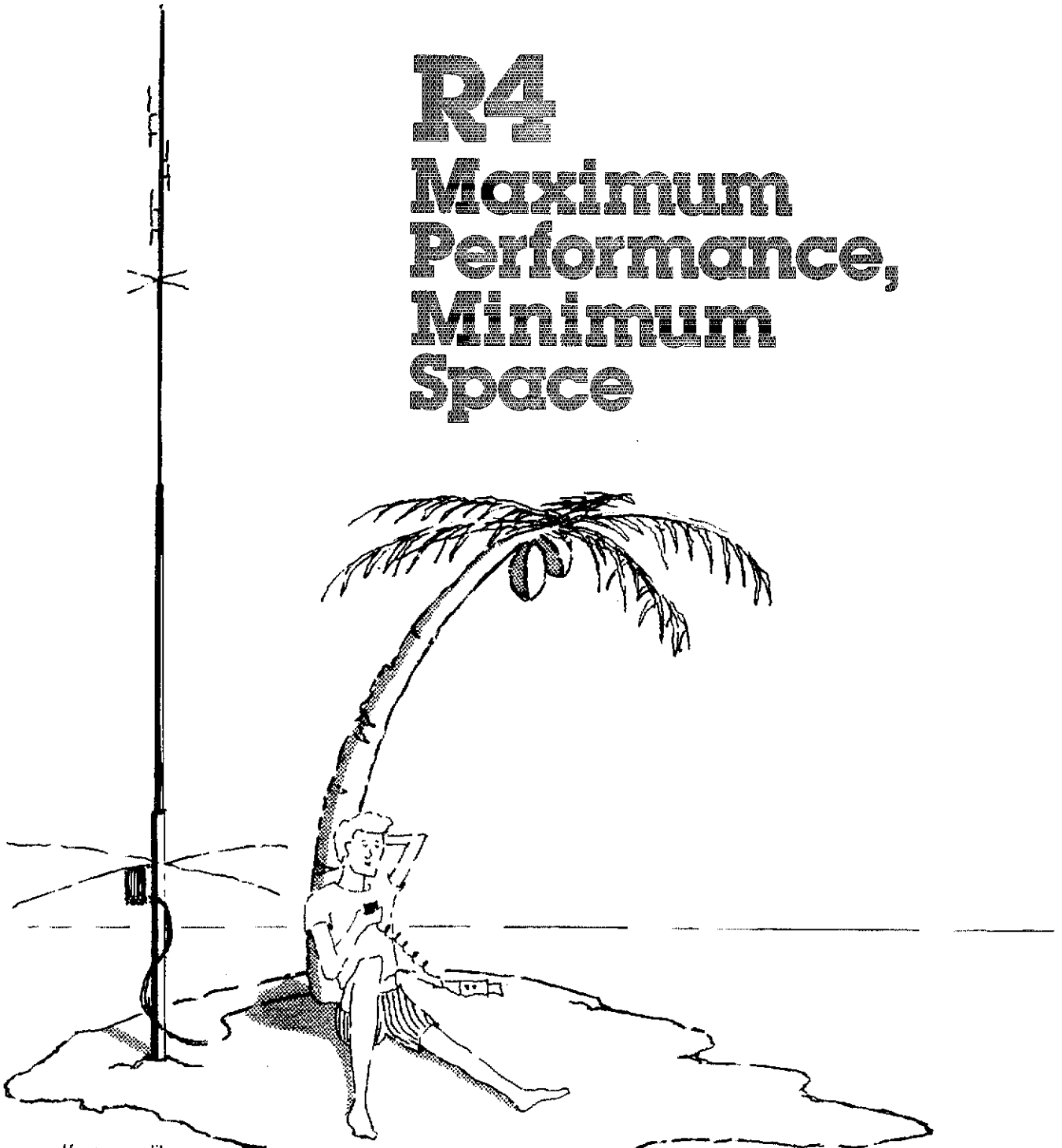
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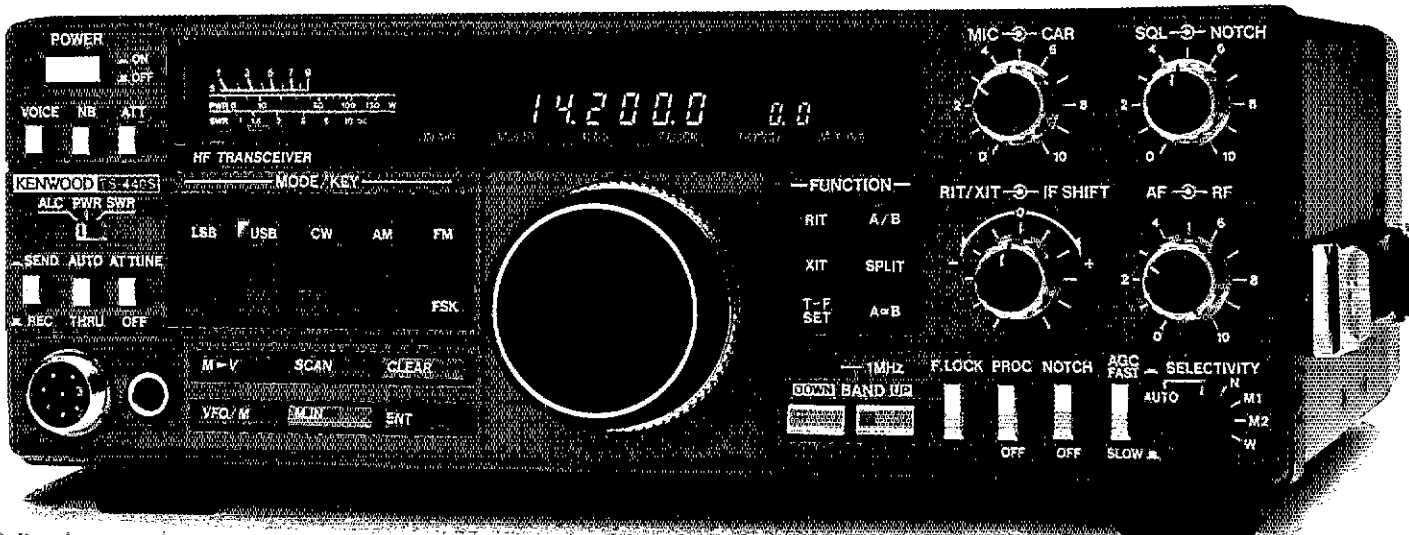
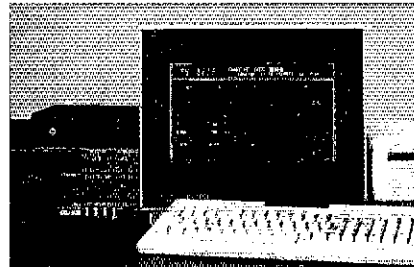
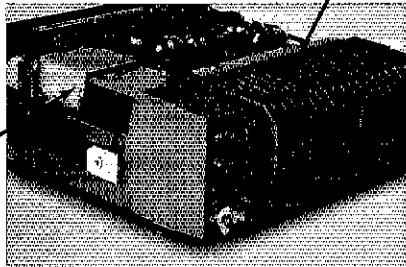
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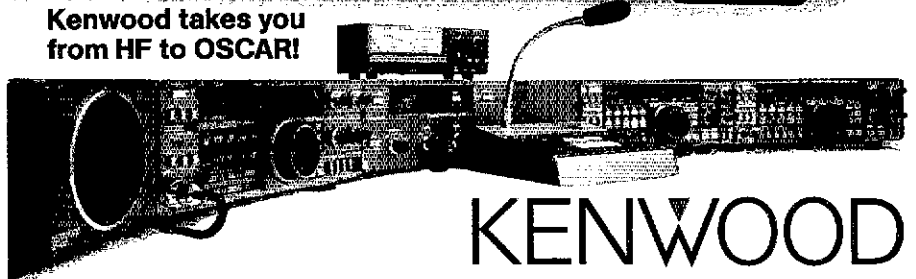
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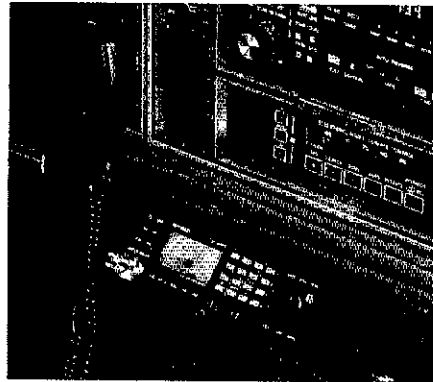
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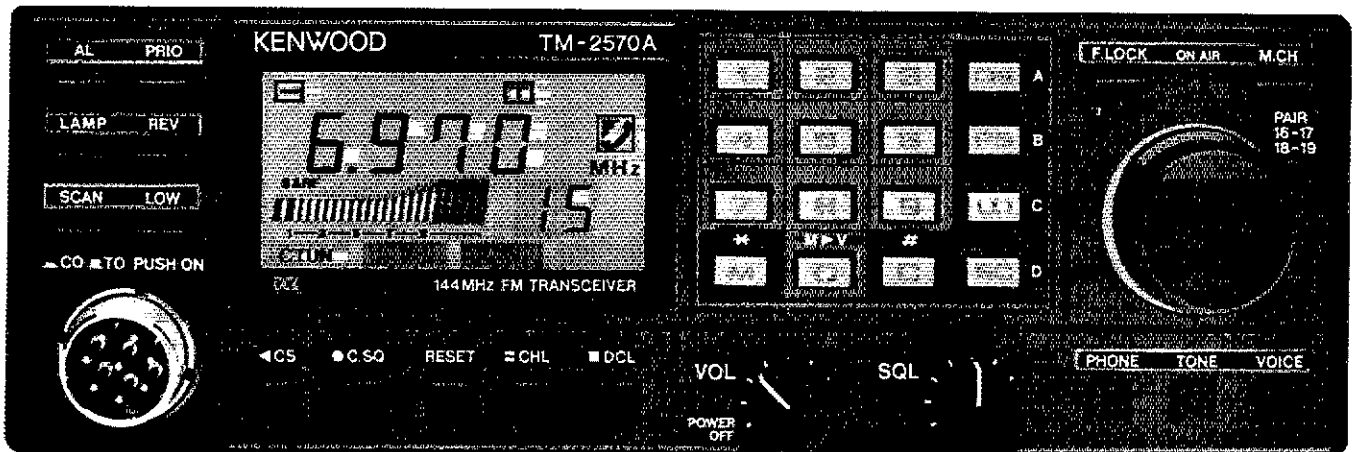
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- **MU-1** DCL modem unit
- **VS-1** voice synthesizer
- **PG-2N** extra DC cable
- **PG-3B** DC line noise filter
- **MB-10** extra mobile bracket
- **CD-10** call sign display
- **PS-430** DC power supply for TM-2550A/2530A/3530A
- **PS-50** DC power supply for TM-2570A
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"It Seems to Us ..."

Hurricane Gilbert

No sooner had the curtain come down on a top-notch ARRL National Convention in Portland, Oregon, than our attention was shifted to the other side of the continent—to the Caribbean, where a ferocious Hurricane Gilbert was bearing down on Jamaica and its neighboring islands. Amateur Radio was destined to play a lifesaving role in the days that followed.

In the event of a hurricane, the first task for Amateur Radio is to assist in monitoring its progress. Even in these days of weather satellites, Hurricane Hunter aircraft must fly right into the storm to obtain needed meteorological information. Their observations are supplemented by amateurs on land and sea, and fed to the National Hurricane Center through the Hurricane Watch Net on 14.325 MHz. The information heard on the net is as good as any available, and people likely to be in the path of the storm rely on it in making their own survival preparations. Even before the storm makes landfall, amateurs may find themselves providing a link for mariners caught in its fury.

Once a major hurricane hits a populated area, chances are that regular communications with the affected area will be interrupted at least briefly and we'll be called upon to fill the gap. Called upon by whom? Well, these days the media are often first in line. This is both understandable and commendable; it's their job to find out and to report what's going on, and when human suffering on the scale that was (and is) being experienced in Jamaica and the Yucatan is involved, it's important that the rest of the world know about it. Within hours of Gilbert's striking Jamaica, hundreds of amateurs across the country had been contacted by television, radio and newspaper reporters for some word on the status of the island. This gave us our first test of the guidelines for media contact adopted by the ARRL Board last July (September *QST*, pp 58-59). The result was a lot of favorable news coverage for Amateur Radio, although interest in our part of the story subsided quickly once on-site sources could be reached by other means.

While the public's attitude toward Amateur Radio is influenced by the media, the attitude of government and disaster relief officials is formed in an entirely different way. Do we provide them with the communications they need, calmly and efficiently and without adding to the chaos? If so, in their eyes we've done a good job; if not, then we'd better improve if we want to retain their confidence and support. It's too soon for a full-blown postmortem on Hurricane Gilbert, but it looks as if we have some work to do in this regard. Some initial observations from the Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance, Agency for International Development, should keep our press clippings from going to our heads:

- Communications channels in support of damage assessment and disaster relief agencies were slow to be established, and in some cases had to be established outside the amateur bands. (Incredibly, some stations even followed these officially designated stations outside the bands, without authorization!)

- Preoccupation with welfare inquiry traffic got in the way of higher-priority communication. The Red Cross placed a moratorium on inquiries to Jamaica for several days; this provided time for outbound welfare messages to be sent, each

of which could potentially head off at least one, and perhaps many, inquiries. Accepting inquiry traffic before there is any way to handle it raises false hopes and clogs the system.

- In a disaster, control belongs in the affected area; they are in the best position to know the priorities. Those of us who are fortunate enough to be outside the disaster area are there to support them, not the other way around.

- In providing information to the media, we must make sure that what is being passed along is authentic, and not unsubstantiated hearsay.

On the plus side, the ARRL Field Organization in South Texas was well prepared for any eventuality arising from Gilbert. Thankfully, the Texas coast was spared its full impact; but had it been otherwise, Lone Star amateurs were ready.

In short, Amateur Radio must provide a more disciplined response to disasters if we're to continue to deserve our hard-earned reputation as a disaster communications service. The ARRL National Emergency Response Committee (ANERCOM) will be looking at how to do this in the months to come.

To those who helped, including those who kept silent so that important traffic could be passed, thank you. There is every reason for radio amateurs to be proud. But we can and will do better.

—David Sumner, K1ZZ

A Vote of Confidence

Earlier this year, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the ARRL Field Organization and the ARRL Bylaws, a group of members in Montana petitioned for the recall of their Section Manager, Ken Kopp, K0PP. By signing the recall petition, the members indicated that they were so dissatisfied with their elected official's performance that they didn't want to wait until next year's scheduled election to turn him out of office. Accordingly, the ARRL Executive Committee ordered that the 501 Full Members in Montana be sent ballots to determine whether they wished the SM to be recalled.

The results speak for themselves. There were 72 votes for recall, and 295 against. This means that more than 73% of the eligible voters went to the trouble and expense of marking and returning ballots! Of those who voted, 80% opposed the recall initiative. A majority of the total section membership—59% in all—voted to oppose recall.

Thus, Ken Kopp has been given a tremendous vote of confidence by the members in the Montana Section, and to Ken go our hearty congratulations. But we think the vote means even more than that. The sheer size of the turnout represents a vote of confidence in the Field Organization itself. Clearly, League members in Montana see the Field Organization as an important, relevant part of Amateur Radio; something worthy of their interest and participation.

There may still be League members who look upon themselves primarily as *QST* magazine subscribers—but not, apparently, in Montana.

—David Sumner, K1ZZ

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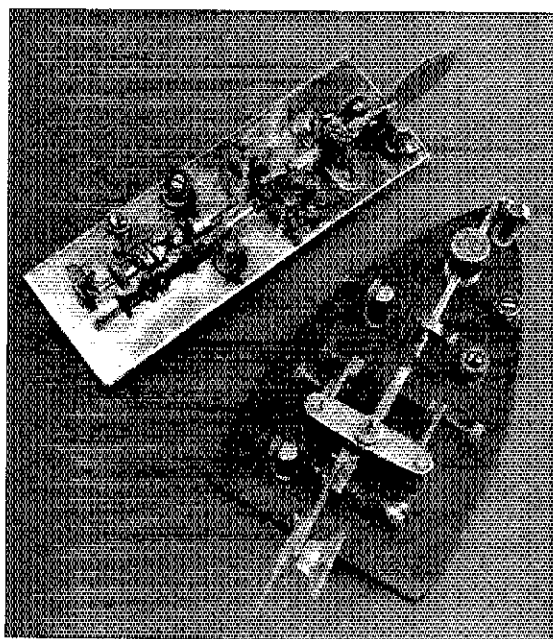
Media mecca: HQ and W1AW became a center of news attention in mid-September as Hurricane Gilbert devastated parts of the Caribbean, Mexico and the US. The Field Services Department was particularly busy responding to telephone inquiries regarding health and welfare traffic into the affected areas. Mike Riley, KX1B, handled inquiries from the press, which included ABC, CBS, AP, UPI, Reuters, the New York desk of the BBC, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, more than a dozen radio stations and a dozen newspapers. Here, Dave Sumner, K1ZZ (l), is interviewed about the role amateurs played by a CBS News television crew who had just flown in from New York. In the background, "Pip" Sager, WB4FDT, monitors emergency frequencies. (photo courtesy N1EOZ)



And many more to come: Sixty-five years as a ham was cause for celebration for Myron "Mike" Hexter, W9FKC right, of Highland Park, Illinois. At the monthly meeting of the North Shore Radio Club (Chicago), he received a cake decorated by Bill Ross, KY9M (l), and Bill's 9-year-old daughter, Katie, KB9ADX. Mike remembers attending the first Pacific Division ARRL meeting in Modesto, California in 1924. Mike, who prefers CW, is a DXCC Honor Roll member, with 361 countries confirmed. (photo courtesy KY9M)



Getting connected: Packet activity in Taiwan received a boost recently when Tim Chen, BV2A (center), of Taipei, Taiwan, was presented with a Heathkit HK-232 multimode TNC by the Heath Company. Dave Altwies, VS6UY (l), Vice President of Far East Operations for Heath, and Denton Bramwell, K7OWJ (r), Director of Heath Instruments, presented Tim with the TNC in Taipei. Denton and Wayne Wilson, WB8TSO, operated from Tim's shack in October. (photo courtesy K7OWJ)



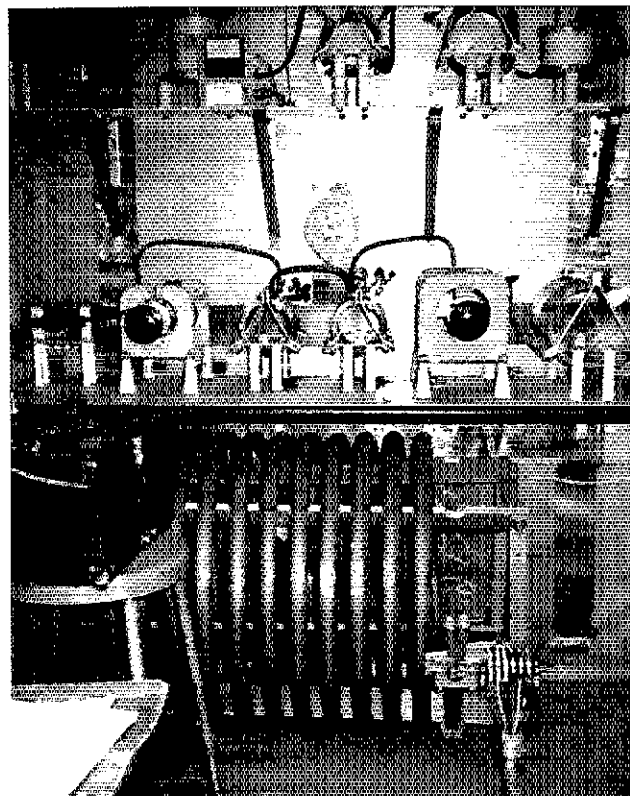
Bitten by the bug: The first bug (l) built by T. Hunter Wood, W4ANK, of North Charleston, South Carolina, back in 1930, was made using a binding post, parts from a headset band, and a brass jewelry case filled with lead. Years later, he built another fine bug (r) from a discarded electric iron and parts of a telephone relay, and painted it with Chevrolet metallic maroon auto enamel. It took first prize in the home-brew contest at the 1973 Charleston (SC) Hamfest. (photo courtesy W4ANK)



WA1LOU honored: During a recent visit to HQ, Stan Horzempa, WA1LOU (l), of Wolcott, Connecticut, was presented with a framed and matted copy of the cover of his popular book, *Your Gateway to Packet Radio*, by ARRL Executive Vice President Dave Sumner, K1ZZ. The second printing of the book may be purchased from the ARRL or Amateur Radio dealers. (photo courtesy K8CH)

The Doctor Will See You Now

Is there a psychological disorder related to the recent technological advances in digital information transfer by Amateur Radio? What stage are you in? Is there hope? Find out on page 46.



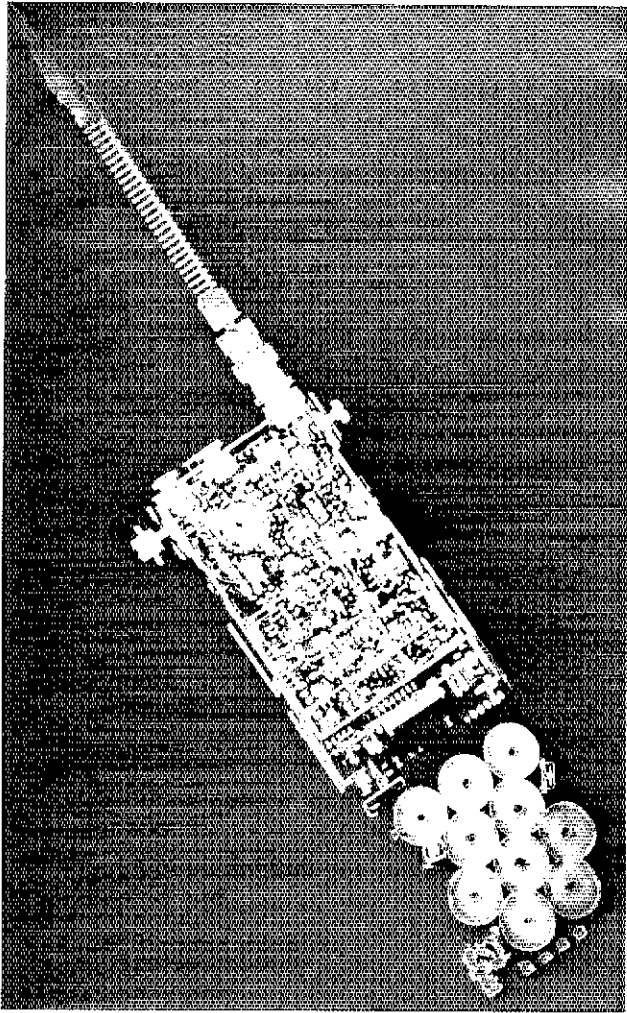
Common ground: When Peter Kodis, N1EXA, of North Dartmouth, Massachusetts, was hired as an engineer at WNBH-AM (New Bedford), he thought his Amateur Radio skills would come in handy. One of his first jobs was inspecting the transmitter; when he looked at the tower, he thought it would make a nice 80-meter setup. When he opened the door to the transmitter and saw the antenna tuner, he concluded that ham radio is just a small version of broadcast radio. Pete reports, "Those finals glow like the sun." (photo courtesy N1EXA)

Packet, Baudot, AMTOR, ASCII

The League announces a new contest—*The First ARRL RTTY Roundup*—to encourage digital communications and activity. The rules are on page 88.



Something old, something new: Niel Wiegand, WA5VLZ, of Austin, Texas, recently built two QST projects. On the left is Niel's version of the two-tube receiver described in the December 1930 issue of QST; at right is the two-IC Neophyte receiver described in February 1988 QST. WA5VLZ's modifications include the substitution of band-set and band-spread capacitors for the National drum dial on the two-tube receiver (but they are vintage Pilot capacitors), and the addition of an L network to the Neophyte receiver to improve performance when used with short antennas. He gives the Neophyte better marks for performance, but says the type 24 and 27 filaments on the two-tube receiver warm the cockles of his heart. Niel reports that he is not ready to part with either receiver. (photo courtesy WA5VLZ)



The inside story: In what is perhaps a novel use of technology, Neil Halin, WA3RPG of Philadelphia, came up with this inside look at his Yaesu FT-209RH. Neil, a radiology resident, used a technique call xeroradiography to get this unique perspective on a piece of Amateur Radio equipment. It may never catch on as a diagnostic tool for radios, but it does produce interesting results. *(photo courtesy WA3RPG)*

We're in the Search Mode for Novice/ Family Articles

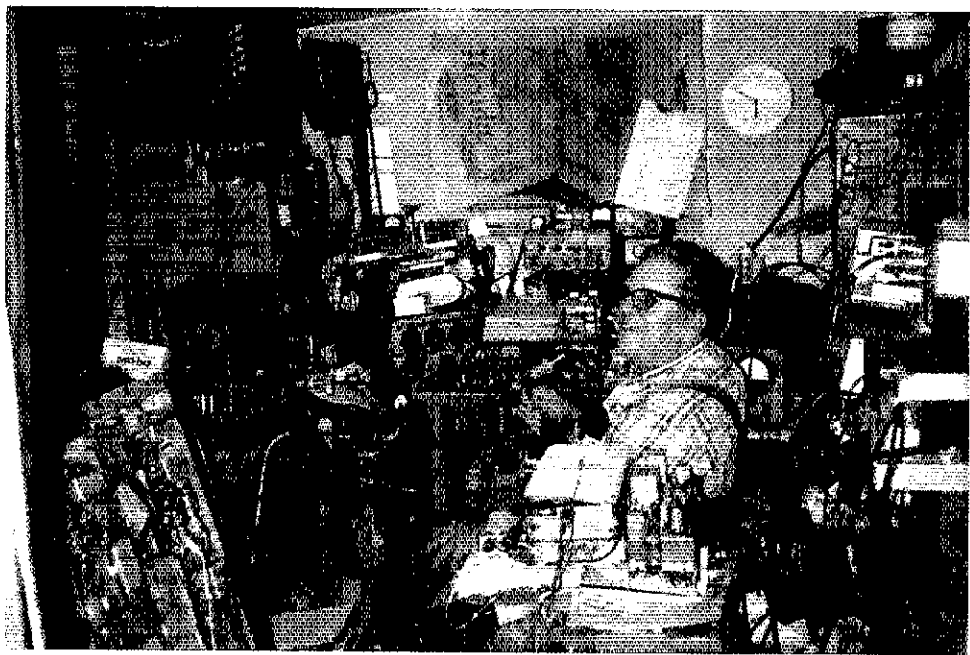
HQ is looking for Novice articles—maybe yours is just what we're looking for! Maybe you would like to tell others about your on-the-air experiences as a Novice. If you have some photos, send them along. Perhaps you have some pointers for Novice Roundup or the ARRL 10-Meter Contest, or hints for Novices on earning operating or contest awards.

Is your family active in Amateur Radio? Then tell

us how they became interested and about their ham activities. If you're a YL, tell others how you got started in Amateur Radio and what you have enjoyed about it.

If you have a story, send it to HQ for possible use in *QST* or another League publication. Send stories or inquiries to ARRL, Attn Editorial Supervisor, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

Now where's that capacitor? Dean Plimmer, WA4NIJ, of Jacksonville, Florida, is a first class pack rat, according to Bob Bricker, K4CSV. Bob reports that in addition to what Dean has in his shack, Dean also has equipment stashed in buildings all over town. Sounds like Jacksonville may have to start annexing to keep up with Dean. *(photo courtesy K4CSV)*



League Lines

Were you blessed with a fantastic Amateur Radio licensing class instructor(s)? Did the instructor have a way of making the most complicated section of the amateur rules, or a detailed schematic, appear simple? Want a way to thank him/her? Nominate your instructor for the *1988 Instructor of the Year awards*. Just send the names and a brief explanation of why you are nominating them to your Section Manager (p 8 of any *QST*). See October 1988 *QST*, page 48, for details.

The *DXCC Annual Listing* will appear in January *QST*, instead of the December issue.

ARRL Repeater Directory: Yes, it's that time of year again. The next edition of the *Repeater Directory* is now well underway. It is recommended that repeater owners/trustees be sure that their area frequency coordinator/spectrum management group has up-to-date information on file regarding the operation of your repeater. Remember, *Repeater Directory* listings must be submitted by your coordinator. No frequency coordinator in your area? Then send your update directly to ARRL HQ.

Attention, "*We the People*" 200 club call sign fans: Applications for the 200 endorsement sticker for your Bicentennial of the US Constitution Worked All States certificate are available as of November 1. The endorsement will be offered at the conclusion of the calendar year, after each state has had an opportunity to sport their club 200 call signs. Working 50 of the 51 entities, with the District of Columbia available as a "wild card," will qualify. Send application requests with an SASE and one unit of postage to: "We the People" 200 Endorsement, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

We're taking a survey, and to make it useful, we need your input. This month's *FM/RPT column* features a short questionnaire that will help us improve the column. Please take a few minutes to let us know what you like—or don't like—about the *FM/RPT column*. Thanks!

An opening exists in the Technical Department at HQ for an Assistant Technical Editor. We are looking for a licensed (and experienced) amateur with a Bachelor's degree in science or engineering, or equivalent experience. The successful candidate for this job must have a good grasp of electronic fundamentals, be able to do library research and be able to write effectively. The ideal candidate would have experience in preparing material for publication, operating personal computers and speaking before groups of people. Starting salary is \$25,012. Contact Mark Wilson, AA2Z, or Chuck Hutchinson, K8CH, at HQ.

Want a copy of an amateur-related FCC public notice, proposal or rule making? Such documents are available from HQ upon request from the Regulatory Information Branch at HQ. Be sure to include the FCC docket or RM number if known and a large SASE with three units of first-class postage.

During the holiday season, the dedicated traffic handlers of the *ARRL's National Traffic System* are often swamped with overloads of messages generated by individuals, message booths at shopping malls and military personnel overseas. Take the time now to familiarize yourself with formal NTS traffic procedures. Better yet, check into your local or Section net or Packet Bulletin Board to determine the traffic loading in your area before the deluge hits. Contact your Section Manager or Luck Hurder, KY1T, or Steve Ewald, WA4CMS, at HQ for further details on traffic handling in your area.

The *Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award* has been awarded to 13-year-old Stacey L. Garner, KA9WDE. She is the first woman recipient of the award (the late Vic Clark, W4KFC, was the first HPM Award winner in 1936). The ARRL International Humanitarian Award has been awarded to Fr Michael Mullen, WB2GQW, President of the International Mission Radio Association, Inc (IMRA). For further details, see this month's *Happenings* column.

CQ SS! CQ SS! Sweepstakes! It's time again for this popular ARRL Contest. CW SS will be held November 5-6, and Phone SS will be held November 19-20. Send an SASE with 45 cents postage to HQ for Sweepstakes forms. For further details, see the Sweepstakes announcement on p 106 of October *QST*.



Getting from Here to There on 2304 MHz

Interested in doings above 1296 MHz? Here's a guide to propagation on the highest amateur UHF band.

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Contrary to popular belief, propagation on the 13-cm band is *not* limited to line-of-sight distances! With more and more stations making the move to 2304 MHz, day-to-day contacts of 100 miles have become routine, and contacts of several hundred miles are also fairly common. The current world distance record of 1170 miles (made in Australia during February 1978) and the current North American record of 940 miles (a Texas-to-Michigan QSO made in November 1986) provide a gauge of the potential of this band.

High power, exotic equipment and large antennas are not necessary to achieve good results on 2304 MHz. The North American distance record, for example, was set by Lew Munford, W8YIO, running 50 W to two loop Yagis¹ at 20 feet, and Dave Hallidy, KD5RO, who ran just 0.5 W to a 5-foot dish! Commercially made transverters, power amplifiers and antennas make it possible for almost anyone to get on 2304 MHz. With over 50 MHz of spectrum available on the band, 2304 MHz is wide open for a variety of modes and uses.²

Propagation on 2304 MHz, the highest UHF amateur band, is considerably different than that on 432 MHz and the VHF bands. Ionospheric effects are essentially absent at 2304 MHz. There is no possibility of E-layer skip, meteor scatter or other exotic ionospheric propagation modes, as far as we know. Very-high-power military radar stations have recorded auroral echoes at frequencies as high as 3000 MHz, but similar feats are probably not achievable at amateur power levels. (No amateur aurora contacts have been reported on 1296 MHz either, although this may be technically possible.) Virtually all long-haul 2304-MHz propagation falls into two broad

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areas: tropospheric phenomena and various kinds of reflections.

Tropospheric Propagation Modes

A small portion of 2304-MHz energy passing through the troposphere—the lowest six miles of the atmosphere—is scattered back toward the earth. This allows over-the-horizon communication. Tropospheric scatter provides the means for most beyond-the-horizon contacts at

Virtually all long-haul 2304-MHz propagation falls into two broad categories: tropospheric phenomena and various kinds of reflections.

2304 MHz. Scatter losses increase with frequency, so normal working distances at 2304 MHz are somewhat less than those at 432 or 1296 MHz. With a modest 2304-MHz station (using 10 W and four loop-Yagi antennas, for example) you can expect to work over 100-mile paths with similarly equipped stations under normal conditions. This compares well with the 200-mile radius over which an average 432-MHz station (using 100 W and a single Yagi) can work under average conditions.

Table 1 provides an approximate guide to normal working ranges for various stations, assuming the stations on both ends of the path are similarly equipped. Distances will be greater if one station is significantly better equipped. Use of FM results in shorter ranges than given in Table 1 because of increased bandwidth requirements; video and data-mode bandwidths are generally greater still—working distances will be no more than half those given, even for well-equipped stations. The calculations used to create Table 1 assume a receiver noise figure of 2 dB, and 3 dB of feed-line loss, except for the EME-grade station, which is assumed to have a 1-dB receiver noise figure and a nearly loss-free feed line.

Atmospheric effects on propagation increase with frequency, making propagation on 2304 MHz much more weather dependent than on any lower-frequency band. Low-pressure conditions and unsettled weather are generally detrimental to

Table 1

Expected Station Performance at 2304 MHz Under Average Conditions

Power output (watts)	Antenna	Bandwidth (Hz)/Mode	Maximum distance (miles)
2	1 loop Yagi	1800/SSB	30
10	4 loop Yagis	500/CW	100
100	6-foot dish	100/CW	300
200	12-foot dish	100/CW	EME capable

¹Notes appear on page 16.

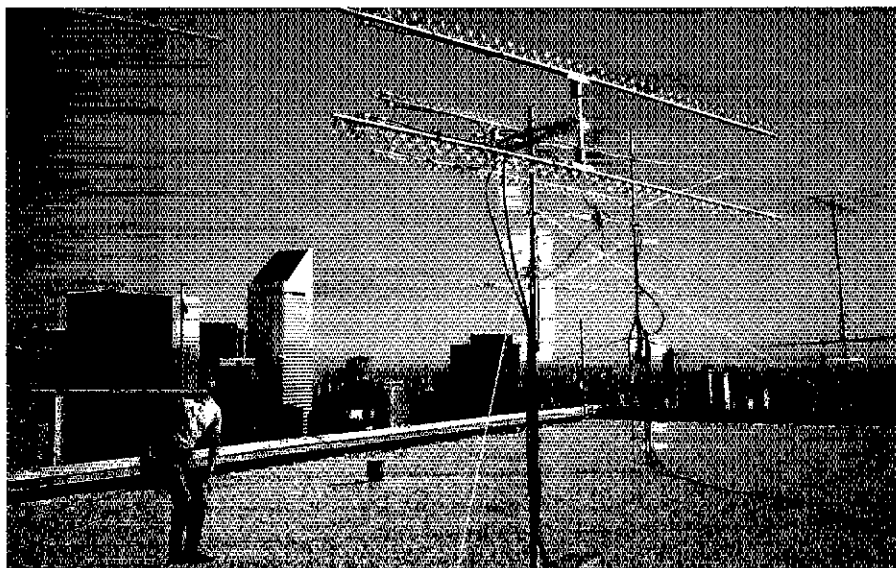


Fig 1—Loop-Yagi antennas for the 2304-MHz band are small enough to carry almost anywhere. This photo shows a pair of 45-element, 81-inch-boom 2304-MHz loop Yagis mounted (on the same mast and frame) behind a pair of 45-element, 12-foot-boom 1296-MHz loop Yagis. The entire assembly, including feed lines and power dividers, weighs only a few pounds, and can be turned by a lightweight TV rotator. This antenna system was used at United Nations Headquarters station 4U1UN, New York City, during the 1988 ARRL June VHF QSO Party. CW contacts of over 200 miles were made on 2304 MHz using 9 W and this antenna system. (W1XX photo)

UHF propagation; above-average propagation usually occurs when calm air, clear skies and high pressure are predominant. Summer provides marginally better conditions than winter; early morning and evening are generally better than midday. Weather conditions must be considered when accounting for distances worked.

When atmospheric conditions are especially favorable, tropospheric ducting may allow 2304-MHz signals to propagate 200 miles—and much farther—with very little path loss. Large, sluggish high-pressure systems of late summer and similar weather conditions are most conducive to duct formation. Nearly all 2304-MHz contacts of more than 400 miles can be attributed to some form of tropospheric ducting.

Reflections

Working distances at 2304 MHz may be extended by reflections from solid objects ranging in size from relatively small metal signs to natural features such as mountains and even the moon! The best reflectors of 2304-MHz signals are flat metal objects at least several wavelengths across. (Ten wavelengths is just 50 inches at 2304 MHz! See Fig 1 for an idea of the size of 2304-MHz antennas.) Steel buildings, water tanks, signs and specially designed reflectors all work well and are worth investigating, especially when these objects are situated on hilltops. Hills and mountains themselves may make good reflectors, but their effects are not always predictable. High-flying airplanes are also

good reflectors, and can extend routine working distances to 200 or 300 miles for well-equipped stations.

The ultimate reflector is the moon: EME contacts have been made on 2304 MHz. Minimum station requirements include at least 200 W output, a 12-foot dish antenna, a good receiver (with a 100-Hz receiving bandwidth), and minimal feed-line loss. EME activity on 2304 MHz is still in its infancy, but it promises to become more popular in the future because of the band's relatively modest antenna-size requirements.

Losses

Free-space and atmospheric losses at 2304 MHz are somewhat higher than on lower-frequency bands, so direct signal paths experience somewhat more attenuation for comparable stations than on the lower bands. Unlike the bands at 10 GHz and above, where line-of-sight paths are important, 2304-MHz propagation is little affected by rain, snow, fog, humidity or losses resulting from atmospheric gases. Path losses caused by precipitation, for example, amount to less than 0.01 dB per mile in an average rain, and are still insignificant even in the heaviest storms. Snow and hail losses are similarly small. Attenuation from fog is also low, amounting to just 0.03 dB per mile, even when visibility is less than 100 feet. A 2304-MHz path that lies across 100 miles of dense fog would have only 3 dB more loss than a clear path of the same length.

Absorption losses in solid objects, such

as wooden buildings and trees, are significant at 2304 MHz. Because of this, antennas must be completely clear of obstructions. Absorption in trees may be as high as 0.2 dB per foot—even a small stand of trees can absorb half the power of the transmitted signal! **Caution: High effective-radiated-power levels at 2304 MHz are dangerous. Care must be taken to keep people and animals out of the radiation paths of UHF antennas.** Protection from most radiation hazards consists of using common sense: Don't look into waveguides, don't work on or get near an antenna while power is applied, and so on. For more information on RF safety, see Chapter 1 of *The ARRL Antenna Book* (15th edition) and *The ARRL Handbook*.

Additional information about UHF propagation can be found in *The ARRL Handbook*, The New Frontier column in *QST* and in other amateur publications. Bibliographies accompanying these materials contain sources of detailed discussions of various aspects of UHF propagation. If you're looking for a new challenge, try your hand at 2304-MHz operation!

Notes

¹A loop Yagi is simply a Yagi with circular loop elements instead of linear elements. For more information on loop Yagis, see *The 1988 ARRL Handbook*, pp 32-54 to 32-56.

²The ARRL proposed 13-cm band plan appears in Apr 1988 *QST*, p 73.

Strays



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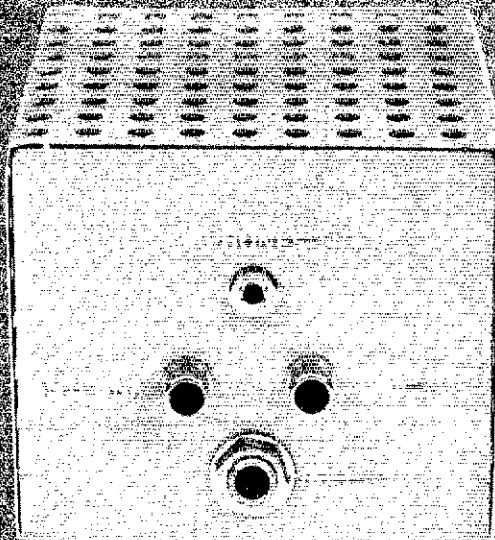
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A Three-Channel CW Emergency Transceiver

Part 2: Here are the details for the crystal-controlled DC receiver to mate with the transmitter of Part 1 of this article.² Simplicity and good sensitivity are the design high points.

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A block diagram that shows the receiver and transmitter portions of the emergency transceiver was presented in Part 1. This month we will concentrate on the receiver circuit and how to construct it. A direct conversion (DC) receiver is used in order to utilize the transmitter oscillator as the beat-frequency oscillator (BFO) for the receiver product detector.

Understanding DC Receiver Performance

If you have never used a direct conversion receiver, you should become familiar with some of the good and bad points. This type of receiver is also called a *synchrodyne* circuit. Unlike a superheterodyne receiver, the DC receiver responds to an incoming signal on *both* sides of zero beat. The superhet having adequate selectivity offers what is called *single-signal* reception. This greatly reduces potential QRM by suppressing the energy that is present on the side of zero beat that is of no interest. You may think of this as an SSB receiver that responds to the upper or lower sideband, but not to both sidebands at one time. You can understand the difference between the two types of receiver by imagining yourself listening to a CW signal with a superhet receiver. You will plainly hear the desired response (usually the upper sideband mode) at 700-800 Hz,

but if another signal is present on the opposite side of the filter response curve (lower sideband), you will not hear it. This is not true of a DC receiver. If you are listening to a CW or SSB signal when another signal is present on the opposite side of zero beat (opposite sideband), it will appear as QRM in the receiver output. Although this can be a problem at times, you will find many frequencies where there are no adjacent signals that will interfere with reception of the desired one. It is a trade-off for circuit simplicity.

DC receivers are at times affected by unwanted hum that is heard in the phones. This is seldom a problem when battery power is used. It is most likely to take place when you are using an ac-operated power supply. This malady is known as *common-mode hum*. Stray RF energy from the DC receiver oscillator gets into the power-supply rectifiers and is then modulated by 60-Hz hum. The signal is reradiated at the incoming signal frequency. The receiver detects it, and a loud hum is superimposed on the signal you are copying. This ailment can be eliminated by using an effective earth ground on the QRP equipment, by using coaxial-fed antennas rather than end-fed wires, and by installing a decoupling choke (bifilar winding) at the power supply positive and negative output terminals. The bifilar choke is wound on a high permeability toroid or balun core. The negative power supply lead is routed through one of the parallel windings, and the positive lead is routed through the other

winding. The choke prevents stray RF energy from reaching the power supply diodes via the dc power leads.

DC receivers tend to be microphonic, especially as the operating frequency is increased. If you tap the receiver case you will hear mechanical clanks and clinks in the audio output. This is because DC receivers require 80-100 dB of audio amplification after the detector (not true of superhets). Therefore, any small electro-mechanical disturbance in the receiver front end is amplified many times before it reaches the phones or speaker.

A final shortcoming of DC receivers is unwanted AM detection if the product detector is not a doubly balanced type (four diodes in a ring, or a doubly balanced active IC detector). Singly balanced detectors, such as the one in Fig 7, provide acceptable performance most of the time. However, very strong in-band and out-of-band commercial AM signals (not tunable) can blanket the receiver. This may be minimized or eliminated by reducing the signal level *ahead* of the detector. A 500- Ω potentiometer may be used as an attenuator at the antenna input of the receiver. It will clear up the blanketing from most AM detection, with a small reduction in receiver sensitivity.

Selectivity for a DC receiver is accomplished at audio frequency. IF filters are used for this purpose in superhet receivers. Coil-capacitor (passive) audio filters are sometimes used, or the designer may include a resistance-capacitance (RC) active

²Notes appear on page 20.

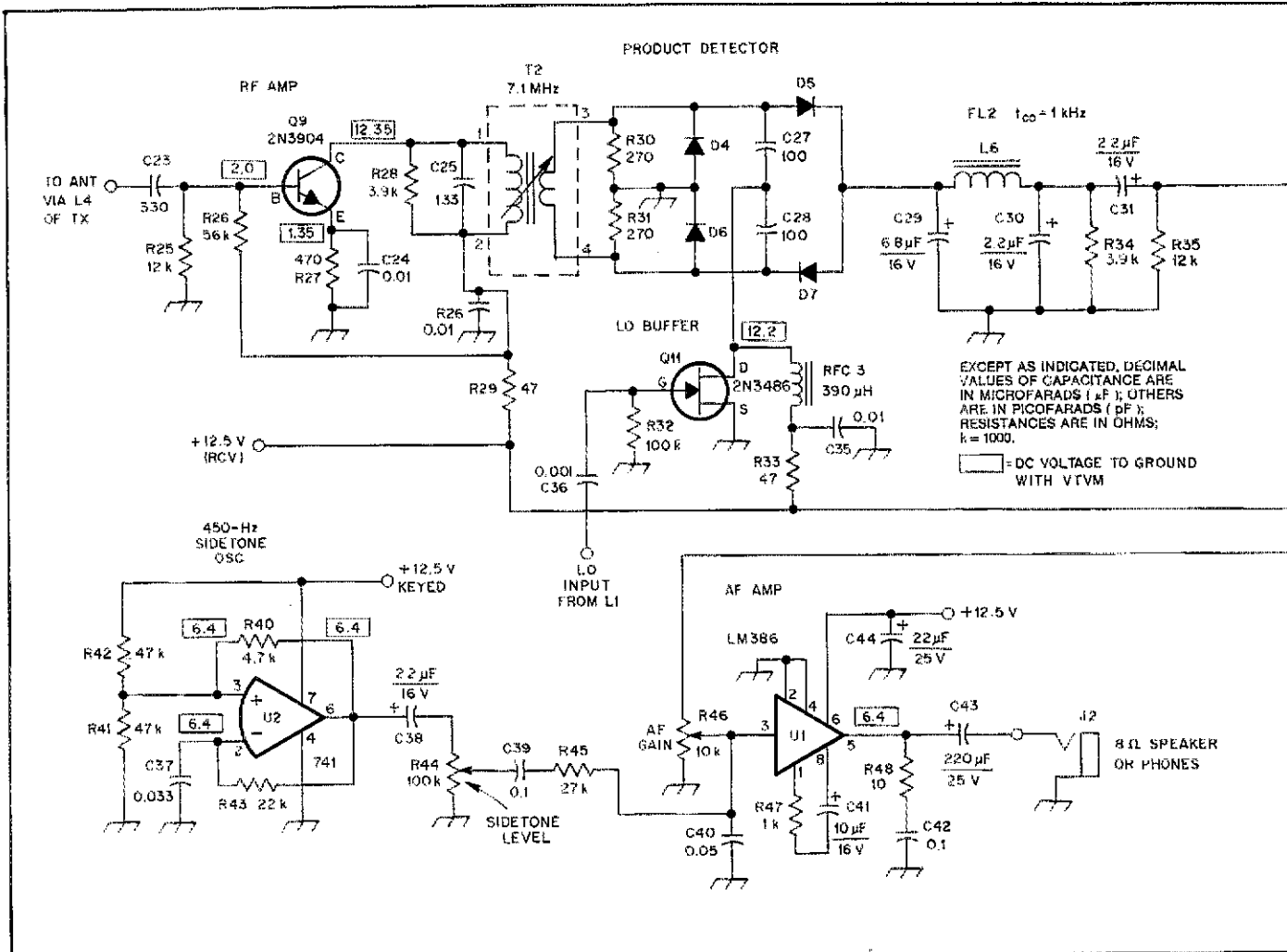


Fig 7—Schematic diagram of the direct conversion (DC) receiver. Capacitors are disk ceramic except those with polarity marked, which are tantalum or electrolytic. Fixed value resistors are 1/4-W carbon composition.

- C29, C30—Tantalum capacitors required.
- D1-D4, incl—1N914 or equiv, matched for forward resistance.
- J2—Miniature phone jack.
- L6—Pot core inductor, 86 turns of no. 30 or small Litz wire on an Amidon Associates PC-1408-77 pot core bobbin.⁵ Inductance is 14.33 mH.

- R44—Linear taper PC control.
- R46—Linear taper carbon-composition control, panel mount.
- RFC4—Miniature 220, 390, or 500- μ H RF choke (not critical).

- T2—Shielded transformer, 21 turns of no. 30 enam or Litz wire on bobbin for an Amidon L-43-2 assembly. Secondary has 7 turns. Primary inductance (nominal) is 4 μ H.
- U1, U2—Integrated circuit in 8-pin, low-profile IC socket. ICs available from Radio Shack.

filter that uses one or more ICs. A passive low-pass filter is shown in Fig 7.

A Practical DC Receiver

I chose a simple circuit for this project. The schematic diagram may be seen in Fig 7. Q9 is an RF amplifier. It uses the filter of the transmitter output circuit as the input network, thereby eliminating a number of parts. The Q9 collector is broadly tuned to 7.050 MHz by virtue of T2. A four-diode, singly balanced product detector follows the RF amplifier. Injection voltage is supplied to Q11 from the oscillator chain of the transmitter. The Q11 JFET isolates the product detector from the sampled stage of the transmitter. This minimizes unwanted loading of the transmitter tuned circuit, which would lower the drive to the transmitter PA. Q11 also amplifies the injection signal.

Audio filtering is provided by the pi-network low-pass filter, FL2. It is designed to roll off the frequencies above 1 kHz. The response is down 6 dB at 1200 Hz, 12 dB at 1500 Hz, and 20 dB at 2000 Hz. This helps to prevent high-pitched QRM from spoiling reception. The filter is designed for a loaded Q (Q_L) of 7. It matches the detector output (50 Ω) to the AF preamp input impedance (600 Ω).

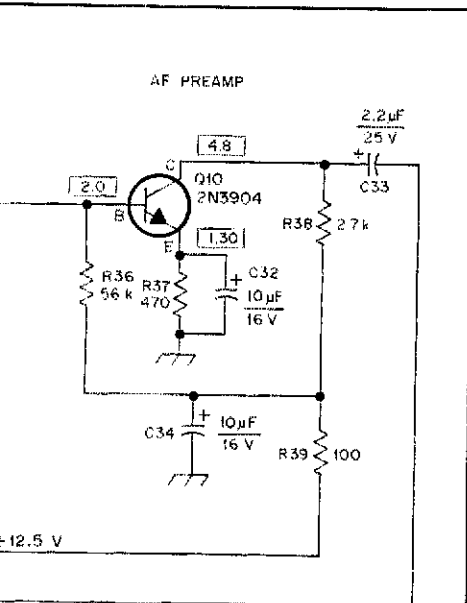
Q10 is a low-noise audio preamplifier. Output from this stage is routed to audio amplifier U1. You may use a speaker or low-impedance phones at the output of the receiver.

You may think that U2 is a pointless appendage, since the receiver has been described as complete. The purpose of U2 is to provide a sidetone note during transmit. This enables you to monitor your sending. Output from the 450-Hz sidetone

oscillator is supplied to audio amplifier U1. The latter IC operates at all times. R44 is adjusted to allow a comfortable listening level for the sidetone signal. R46 is the receiver audio gain control. It does not affect the level of the sidetone signal.

Maximum current taken by the receiver is 180 mA. This occurs when a speaker is used, a strong signal is present, and when R42 is set for maximum gain. Comfortable headphone level for the same signal results in a current drain of only 30 mA. It is wise, therefore, to use headphones when batteries are used to power the transceiver. I prefer lightweight hi-fi phones (8 ohms) with my transceiver. The stereo feature is disabled by shorting the two related rings on the phone plug or jack.

You may change the frequency of the sidetone oscillator by altering the value of C37. I prefer to listen to a 400-500 Hz note,



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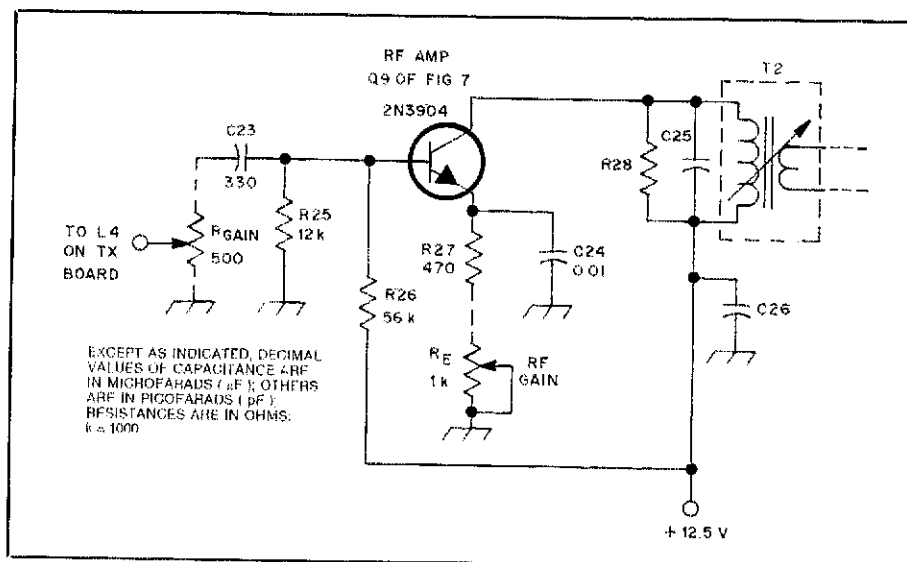
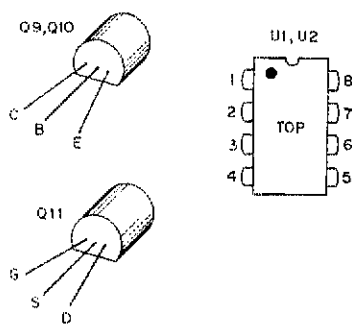


Fig 9—Schematic diagram of the receiver RF amplifier, showing two places for installing an RF gain control. Such a control minimizes AM detection, should that be a problem. See text.



and hence my choice of values at U2. The frequency may be increased by using a lower capacitance value at C37.

Construction Notes

Please refer to the title photo and Fig 4 of Part 1. These photos show interior and exterior views of the transceiver. The title photo this month shows the layout of the rear panel. Dimensions for the transmitter and receiver PC boards are identical. This was done to permit stacking the modules with spacers. PC boards for this project are available.³

Packaging is a matter of personal preference. You may prefer a low-profile transceiver, in which case you can place the PC boards side by side. Alternatively, you may want to stack the modules one atop the other, or stack them side by side vertically as shown in Fig 8. The choice is yours to make!

Receiver Checkout

Connect Q11 to the appropriate takeoff point on the transmitter PC board. Likewise with the antenna connection for Q9 in Fig 7. Attach a speaker or phones at J2. Connect a signal generator or antenna to J3 of the transmitter. Now apply operating voltage to both units. Listen for a weak signal on one of the three operating channels, then adjust the slug in T2 for maximum signal, as heard in the phones or speaker. L4 on the transmitter board may now be adjusted for maximum signal response.

The next step is to key the transmitter and listen to the sidetone signal. Adjust R44 for a comfortable listening level while keying the transmitter.

You will need to adjust the oscillator offset trimmer in accordance with the instructions in Part 1 of the article (C14 on the transmitter board). The receive frequency must be 700-800 Hz higher than the

transmit frequency in order to match the typical offset of commercial transceivers.

Unwanted AM detection may vary with the geographic location. Should you experience this problem frequently, you will want to install the 500-Ω RF gain control mentioned earlier. Another way to deal with this problem is to lift R27 (receiver board) from ground and insert a 1-kΩ control in series with R27 to ground. This will provide control of the Q9 gain, which will in turn minimize the effects of AM detection. See Fig 9. An ideal DC receiver would have a doubly balanced detector, such as a Mini-Circuits SBL-1 or similar.⁴ This type of detector virtually eliminates AM detection. If you are designing your own PC board for the receiver, you may want to change the circuit for a doubly balanced diode detector. Homemade doubly balanced mixers and detectors are described in *Solid State Design*.⁵

Receiver sensitivity is good. I used my URM-25 signal generator for a signal source during checkout. With the generator connected to J3, the antenna jack of the transceiver, I was able to plainly hear a 0.1-µV signal. A 1-µV signal was quite loud in the headphones.

In Conclusion

Details for the PC board are provided in Figs 10 and 11. A scale etching template is presented in Fig 10 and a parts placement guide in Fig 11.

For emergency applications you may want to consider a ¼-wavelength wire radiator (no. 22 enamel wire for lightweight carrying). One or two ¼-wavelength radials may be made from the same wire gauge to keep the weight and bulk minimized. Fig 12 shows a matching network for this type of antenna. The radiator is cut to 50 feet (short of resonance) to permit the use of L1 as a resonating/matching coil. The coaxial cable is tapped

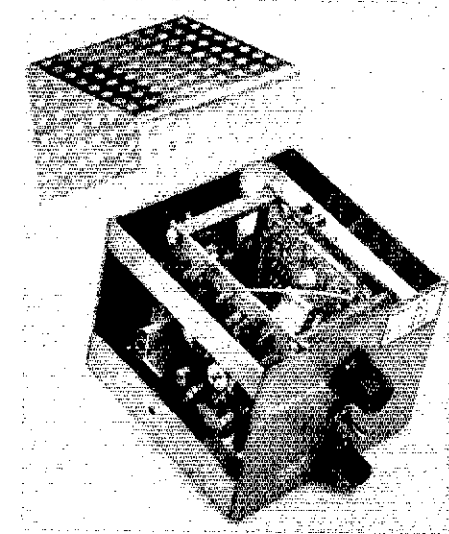


Fig 8—This photo shows the method of housing the 1-watt emergency transceiver. Circuit board material is used for the enclosure. The construction technique is discussed in Part 1. A 0.1-µV signal at the antenna terminals is audible in the headphones.

on L1, from the grounded end upward, to obtain an SWR of 1. Before you do the matching adjustment, select the total turns for L1 that resonates the antenna. A dip meter may be used for this check.

As an alternative to the simple $\frac{1}{4}$ -wavelength antenna, you may prefer to carry a dipole antenna made from small diameter wire. The feed line can be made from miniature RG-174 coaxial cable. This type of line is very lossy per 100 feet, even at 40 meters. Therefore, try to keep the feeder length to a minimum.

A further reduction to the bulk of the emergency package can be realized by using a single earphone of the type that is supplied with pocket-size AM receivers—the variety that you insert into your ear.

Eight size D cells can be used as a short-term power supply for the transceiver. The transmitter draws 210 mA key down, so keep this in mind. A rechargeable NiCd pack (12 V) and a small solar electric panel are worth considering for long treks into the wilderness. Boaters and pilots may use the on-board battery when it provides 12 V. Likewise with ATVs and other vehicles that contain batteries.

I'm sure you will have no difficulty overcoming the temporary psychological barrier presented by the crystal controlled receiver. I designed this rig for portable use, but I've had a lot of fun using it at home as a QRP transceiver. If one channel is in use, I switch to one that is open. I have seldom found all three frequencies occupied. There is no reason why you can't build a small outboard 7-MHz VFO for the receiver, should you want to tune all of the band while camping or vacationing. A switch can be added to disable the injection source from the transmitter when an external VFO is plugged in.

Notes

- ²Part 1 appeared in October 1988 QST.
- ³See note 1 in Part 1.
- ⁴Mini-Circuits, PO Box 166, Brooklyn, NY 11235, tel 212-934-4500.
- ⁵W. Hayward and D. DeMaw, *Solid State Design for the Radio Amateur* (Newington: ARRL, 1977).
- ⁶Amidon Associates, 12033 Otsego St, North Hollywood, CA 91608.

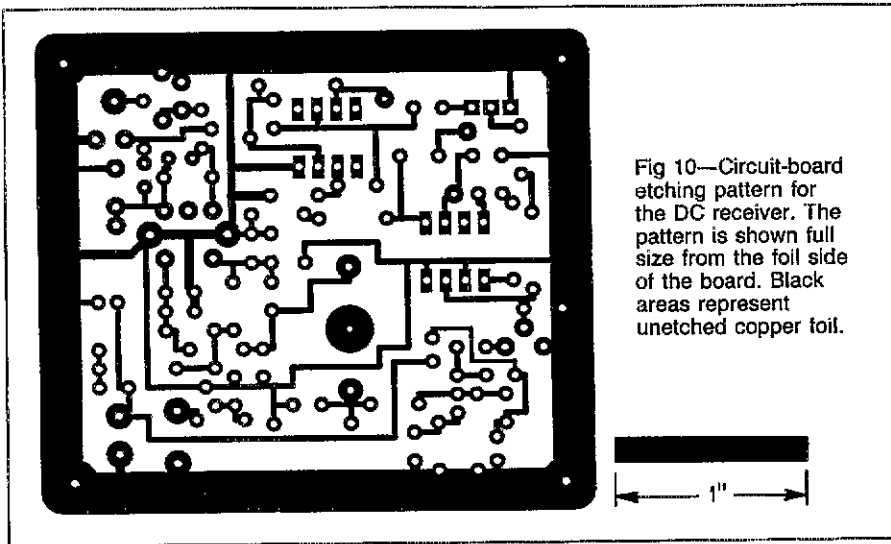


Fig 10—Circuit-board etching pattern for the DC receiver. The pattern is shown full size from the foil side of the board. Black areas represent unetched copper foil.

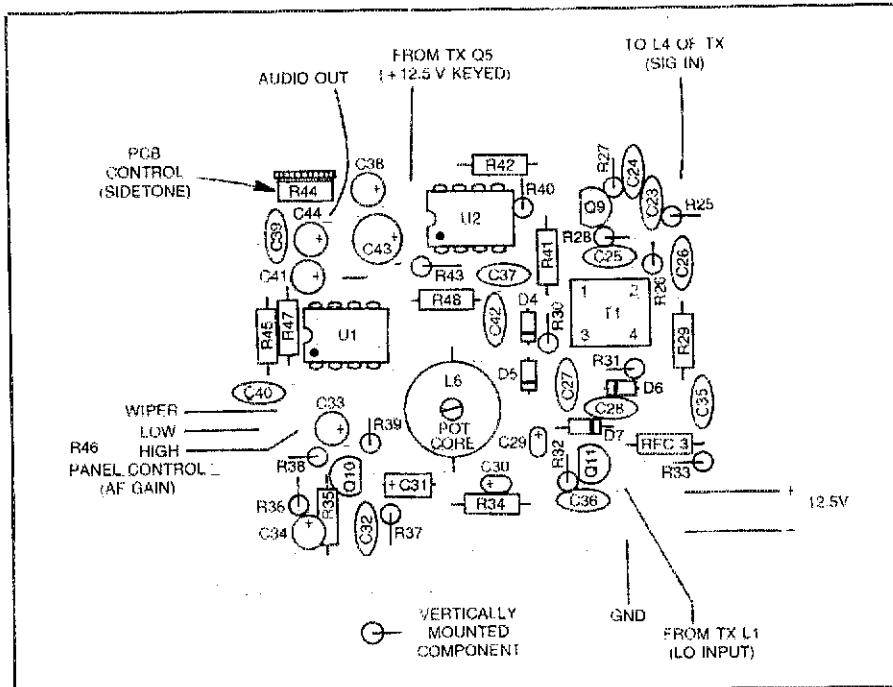


Fig 11—Parts-placement guide for the DC receiver; not to scale. Parts are placed on the nonfoil side of the board; the shaded area represents an X-ray view of the copper pattern. Component outlines are not necessarily representative of the shapes of the actual parts used.

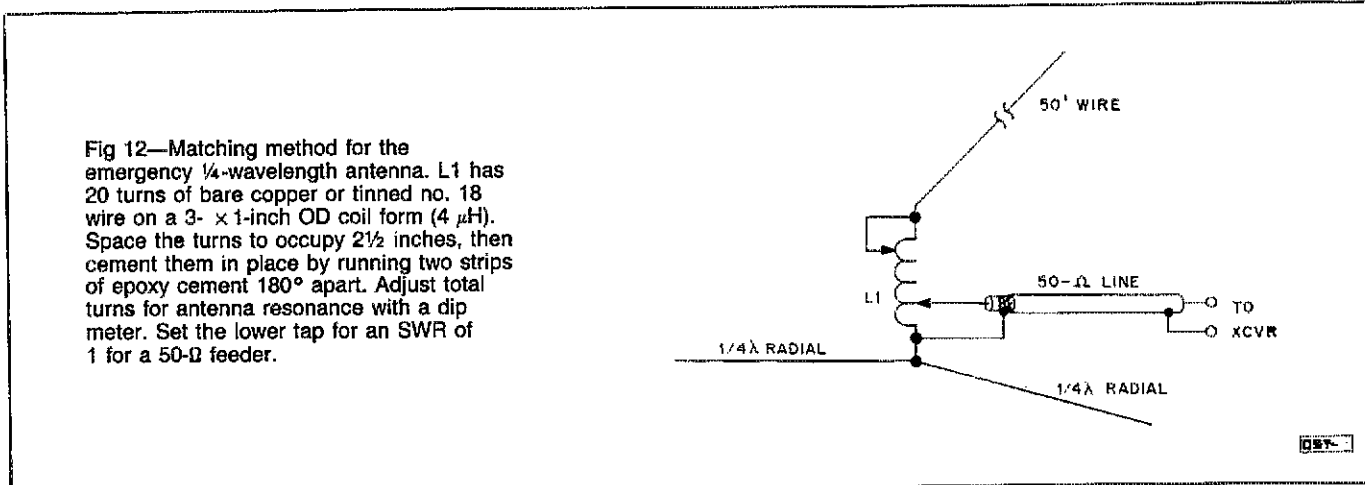
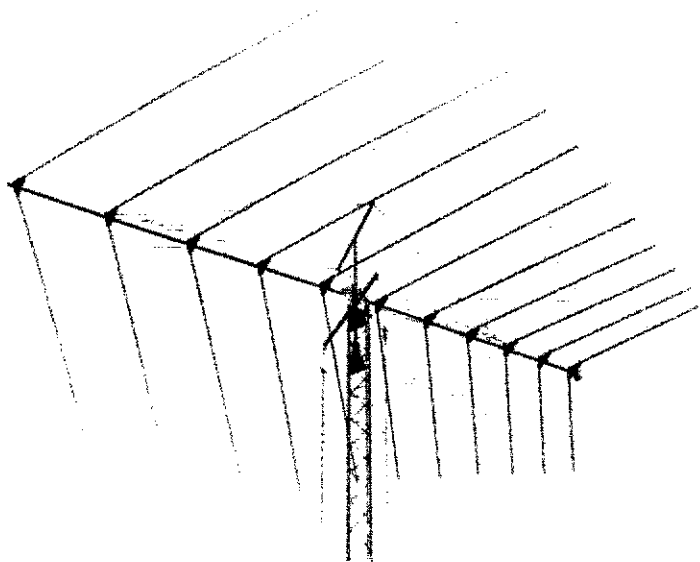


Fig 12—Matching method for the emergency $\frac{1}{4}$ -wavelength antenna. L1 has 20 turns of bare copper or tinned no. 18 wire on a 3- x 1-inch OD coil form ($4 \mu\text{H}$). Space the turns to occupy $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, then cement them in place by running two strips of epoxy cement 180° apart. Adjust total turns for antenna resonance with a dip meter. Set the lower tap for an SWR of 1 for a 50- Ω feeder.

Log-Periodic Dipole Arrays for the Upper HF Bands



Tribanders are fine—for three bands. Here's how to build an LPDA "continuous bander" capable of good beam-antenna performance over an *unbroken* frequency range.

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The acquisition of the 18- and 24-MHz amateur bands¹ has made the LPDA an attractive antenna for use on the upper end of the HF spectrum. The frequency-independent nature of an LPDA (2:1 frequency coverage ratio) gives coverage of *all* of the amateur bands from 14 through 28 MHz—with a single antenna!

The LPDA has no traps, is easy to construct and does not require tuning adjustments after assembly. Reasonable care

in measuring the element lengths and spacings is all that's required to build an efficient antenna system. I have received many requests for information on the antennas described in this article, so I thought that a description of the system, along with dimensions for several frequency ranges, would be of interest to *QST* readers.

I calculated dimensions for 7, 9 and 11-element LPDA antennas (see Tables 1, 2 and 3) using a BASIC program I wrote based on equations in *The ARRL Antenna Book*.² The tables also give the design constants I used for the antennas. The 7-element LPDA covers 20 to 30 MHz, the

9-element system covers 17.5 to 30 MHz, and the 11-element antenna covers 13.5 to 30 MHz. The antenna design is based upon standard lengths of aluminum tubing to make construction easier. I verified the antenna dimensions using the MiniNEC antenna analysis program.

The LPDA elements are insulated in the center, and each element (all are driven) is fed 180° out of phase with the adjacent elements. Fig 1 shows a simplified schematic of an LPDA. In the 11-element design shown in the title photo, the ele-

¹Notes appear on p 28.

Table 1
Seven-Element LPDA Dimensions for 20 to 30 MHz

Element number	Element length (feet)	Spacing (feet)
1	24.53	2.45
2	22.08	2.21
3	19.87	1.99
4	17.89	1.79
5	16.10	1.61
6	14.49	1.45
7	13.04	N/A

Boom length: 12 feet
Shorting strap length: 7¾ in.
Average impedance: 93.6 Ω

Design Information

Design constant: 0.9
Spacing constant: 0.05
 B_{AR} : 1.41 (bandwidth of the active region)
 R_O : 64 Ω (input resistance)
 Z_A : 390 Ω (average characteristic impedance)

Table 2
Nine-Element LPDA Dimensions for 17.5 to 30 MHz

Element number	Element length (feet)	Spacing (feet)
1	28.94	2.78
2	26.05	2.50
3	23.44	2.25
4	21.10	2.03
5	19.00	1.82
6	17.09	1.64
7	15.38	1.48
8	13.84	1.33
9	12.46	N/A

Boom length: 16 feet
Shorting strap length: 8½ in.
Average impedance: 96 Ω

Design Information

Design constant: 0.9
Spacing constant: 0.049
 B_{AR} : 1.41 (bandwidth of the active region)
 R_O : 64 Ω (input resistance)
 Z_A : 380 Ω (average characteristic impedance)

Table 3
Eleven-Element LPDA Dimensions for 13.5 to 30 MHz

Element number	Element length (feet)	Spacing (feet)
1	36.44	3.64
2	32.80	3.28
3	29.52	2.95
4	26.57	2.71
5	23.91	2.68
6	21.52	2.39
7	19.37	2.15
8	17.43	1.94
9	15.69	1.74
10	14.12	1.57
11	12.71	N/A

Boom length: 25 feet
Shorting strap length: 10 ½ in.
Average impedance: 93.6 Ω

Design Information

Design constant: 0.9
Spacing constant: 0.05
 B_{AR} : 1.41 (bandwidth of the active region)
 R_O : 64 Ω (input resistance)
 Z_A : 390 Ω (average characteristic impedance)

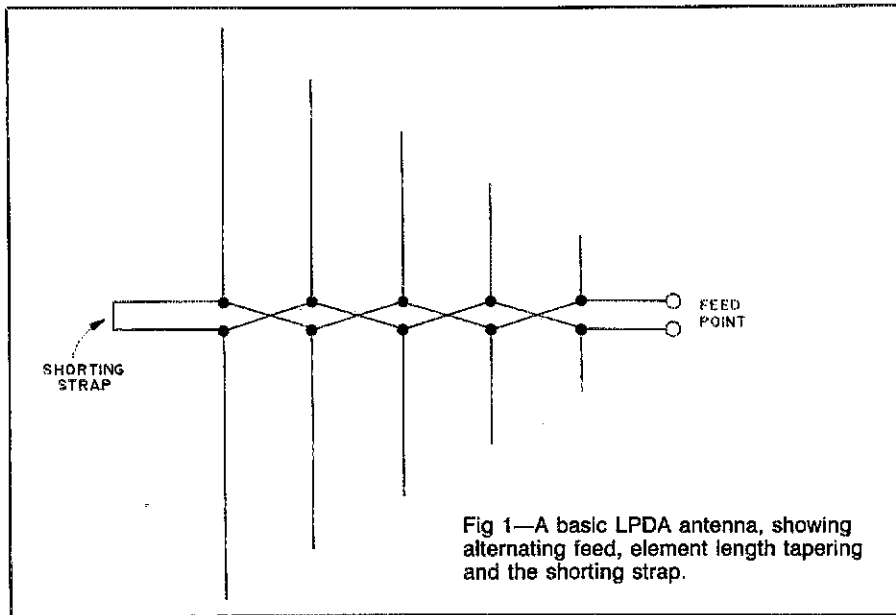


Fig 1—A basic LPDA antenna, showing alternating feed, element length tapering and the shorting strap.

ments are angled 30° forward (the element ends are more forward than their respective element-to-boom attachment points). This technique gives some additional gain, and provides more uniform gain distribution over the antenna's frequency range. The antennas described here can be built with the elements perpendicular to the boom or swept forward. The assembly of the swept-element versions is somewhat more complicated than the straight-element versions, however.

All of the antenna elements are made of 6061-T6 aluminum tubing. Each element uses tubing of three outer diameters: Center sections, 1 inch; middle sections, 7/8 inch; outer sections, 3/4 inch. The insulating material used between the element halves is 1-inch ID Schedule 40 PVC pipe.

I used 1-inch OD wooden dowels inside the PVC pipe sections at the points where the U bolts attach the elements to the boom. The wooden plugs keep the pipe from collapsing under the pressure exerted on it by the hardware. The 7- and 9-element antennas (with straight elements) use 1-inch ID PVC pipe as element-center insulators (see Fig 2). The element supports for the 11-element LPDA are constructed of 1/8-inch aluminum sheet, with 1-inch ID PVC pipe used as insulators (see Fig 3).

Construction

The elements are assembled first, beginning with the element-to-boom attachment points. The 1-inch OD 6061-T6 aluminum element-center tubing sections and the PVC insulators for each element are assembled as shown in Figs 2 and 3 (depending on the element-mounting technique you choose). Install the U bolts to hold the wooden plugs in place. Leave the U bolts loose enough to allow the elements to be slid onto the

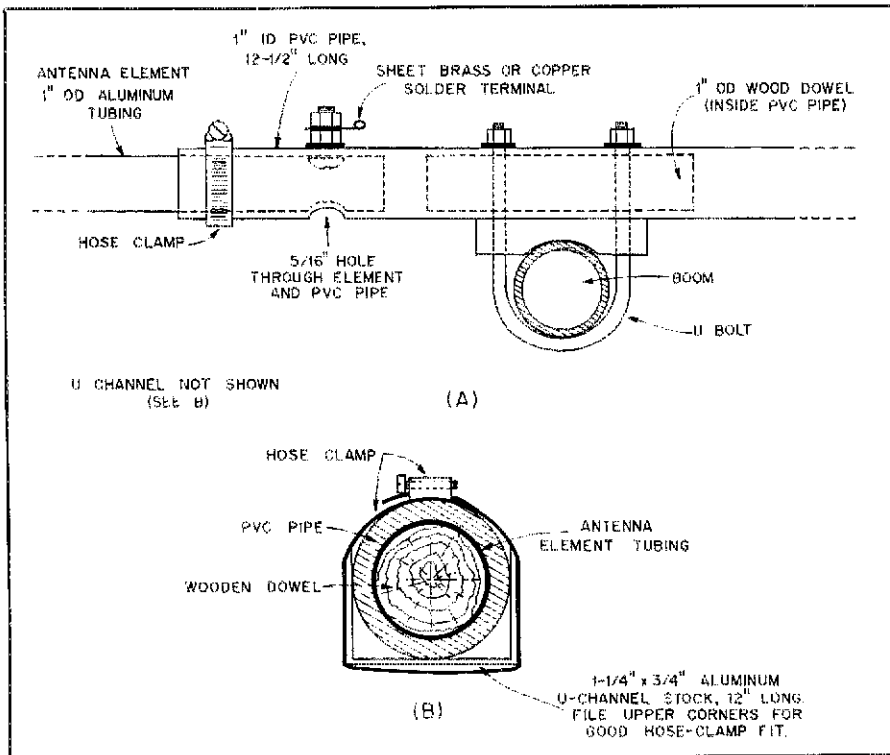


Fig 2—The method of mounting straight LPDA elements is shown at A. At B, a cross-sectional view of this mounting technique is shown. A piece of aluminum U-channel stock is used to reinforce the assembly, but is omitted at A for clarity. Be sure to use all-stainless-steel hose clamps when assembling the LPDAs.

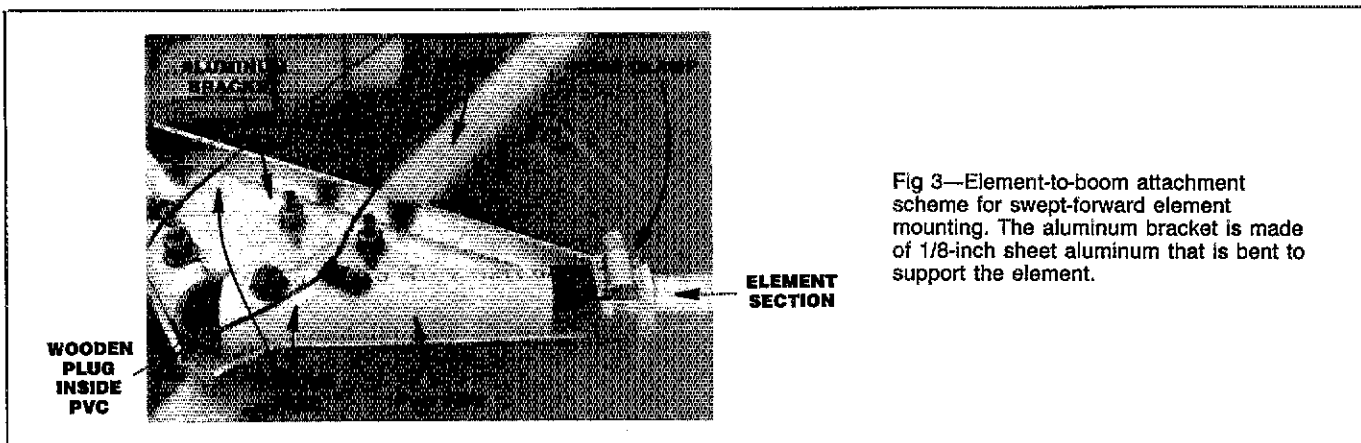


Fig 3—Element-to-boom attachment scheme for swept-forward element mounting. The aluminum bracket is made of 1/8-inch sheet aluminum that is bent to support the element.

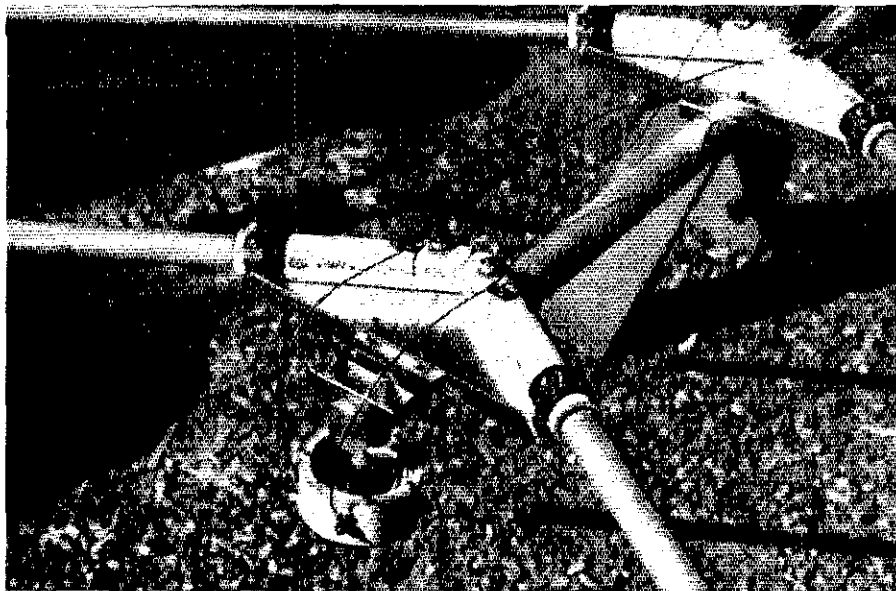


Fig 4—Photograph showing the feed-point end of a swept-forward-element LPDA. The antenna shown is an 11-element version, with the balun mounted just below the boom and in front of the shortest element.

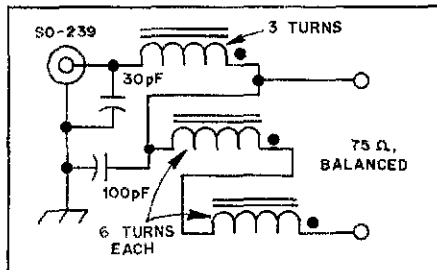


Fig 5—Schematic of the balun used on the 11-element version of the LPDA. The balun inductor is wound on a T-200-2 powdered-iron toroidal core. The entire assembly should be enclosed in a weatherproof enclosure at the feed point, as shown in Fig 4.

boom. Carefully measure and mark the location of each element on the boom, using Table 1, 2 or 3, depending on the antenna version you are building.

I assembled my 7-element antenna on the ground. I used two 12-foot-long 2×4 s as a jig to help in element alignment. To do this, place the 2×4 s on level ground, six inches apart and parallel to each other, with the boom between them. Slide all of the elements to their respective locations on the boom. Place the assembly on the 2×4 s with the element insulators resting on the edges of the jig and the boom hanging between the 2×4 s. Make the final spacing adjustments and tighten the U bolts. Be sure to double check the element spacings before continuing.

Starting with the longest element, insert the $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch element section into the 1-inch center section. Measure the length, and tighten the hose clamp. Do the same with the shortest array element. Then, without moving the boom, place a chalk line or straightedge from the tip of the longest to

the tip of the shortest array element and adjust the tips of the remaining elements so that their ends are on the chalk line, and tighten the element clamps. This procedure eliminates a lot of tedious measuring.

Find the balance point of the array on the boom by lifting the antenna by the boom and holding it loosely until it balances. Attach the boom-to-mast mounting plate at the balance point. The 7, 9 and 11-element antennas all use $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch-thick aluminum mounting plates, 8 inches square.

Attaching the Feed Wires

After element assembly is completed, the element feed wires are attached. I used solid copper insulated no. 12 house wire for the feed wire. A continuous length of wire (twice as long as the boom, plus four feet) makes up the feed wire. The 7-element array, for example, has a 12-foot boom. The feed for this antenna requires $(12 \times 2) + 4$, or 28 feet, of wire. Fig 1 shows the feed-system arrangement for the LPDAs.

Bend the feed wire at the halfway point (the ends are connected last—they are wired to the balun, which is located on the boom underneath the shortest element). The looped end makes up the shorting strap, and is the first wiring connection made—at the center of the longest element. Beginning with the looped end, find the center of the total wire length. Mark the length of the shorting strap (given in the tables—half the length should be on each side of the center of the wire). Remove $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of insulation at the marks and solder the wires to the two feed-point lugs on the longest element.

The feed wires are spaced 4 inches apart for their entire length along the boom. The spreaders that maintain the 4-inch spacing

between the feed wires can be made of $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch OD, 5-inch long pieces of wooden dowel sprayed with several coats of clear Krylon® or other waterproofing material. The spreaders can also be made of plastic, as shown in the upper right of Fig 4. Holes are drilled $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in from each end of the spreaders. The holes should be small enough to provide a tight fit when the feed wire is passed through.

After attaching the feed wires to the longest element, thread a spacer onto the two feed wires to a point halfway between the two longest elements. Pull the wires taut and rotate them so that the spacer is perpendicular to the boom. Rotate the wires another 90° and attach them to the next element by removing $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of insulation from the wire and soldering it to the feed-point lugs of the element. Connect the feed wire to the remaining elements in the same way. After the feed wire is connected to the shortest element, connect the balun as shown in the foreground of Fig 4.

The balun is attached to the underside of the boom at the shortest element. House it in a small plastic container to protect it from the weather. If a coaxial balun is used, it can be attached to the boom with cable ties. Coat any exposed feed connections with silicone sealant.

The balun used on the 11-element antenna (Fig 5) is housed in a 3-inch-long, 2½-inch ID piece of PVC pipe. The ends of the pipe are covered with $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch-thick clear plastic. This housing holds the two capacitors, the balun coil, connections for the antenna feed, and the SO-239 coax connector.

The Boom Truss

A boom truss is required on the 11-element array to reduce boom stress caused by the element weight. The 7- and 9-element antennas do not require trusses. The truss is made in the form of a T, as shown in Fig 6 and the title photo. The truss is constructed from 1-inch angle iron and welded at the junction of the T. The T is $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet high with a 4-foot-long cross bar. Stainless steel boom-support wires pass through holes in the ends of the cross bar, and are attached to eye bolts mounted through the boom, 6 feet in from each end. Use $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch or larger guy wire for the boom truss wire.

Feed Line

Coaxial feed line is used on all the LPDAs. The 11-element system uses 52-Ω line with a toroidal balun (see Figs 4 and 5). The 7- and 9-element systems use 75-Ω line and baluns made of 10 turns of 75-Ω coax wound into 6-inch-diameter coils. The turns of cable are fastened with cable ties.

The feed-point and element impedances are complex, and are not constant over the entire frequency range of the antenna. Feed-line impedances of 75 to 100 Ω will provide SWRs under 2:1. An antenna tuner

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Automatic TR Switching For the Kenwood SM-220 Monitor Scope



Let a relay do the scope's TR switching! This simple modification provides you with "hands off" monitoring of received or transmitted signal patterns.

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The Kenwood SM-220 Station Monitor scope is a popular, high quality accessory found in many ham shacks. (I received mine—along with a BS-8 panadaptor—from Santa in 1986.) The SM-220 is designed to visually display received and transmitted signals. The scope has a built-in, two-tone test oscillator, and can also be used—to some degree—as a general-purpose troubleshooting scope.

I use the SM-220 with a Kenwood TS-940S transceiver. Initially, my applications of the scope were quite limited. First, I simply connected the transceiver's IF-1 jack to the IF INPUT jack on the SM-220 and used it as a panadaptor to monitor band activity. Then I found that if I connected the output of the transceiver's IF-2 jack to the scope's vertical input (V. INPUT) BNC connector and placed the FUNCTION switch in the OSC/RTTY position, I could obtain a sideways "Christmas-tree" (trapezoidal) pattern on received signals. Of course, I was also able to obtain the trapezoidal pattern on transmit by moving the FUNCTION switch to the MONI/TRAP position.

After my initial fascination with the new scope wore off, I used it only to monitor the transmitter output. That was because I'd have to *manually* move the FUNCTION switch between the BAND SCOPE, MONI/TRAP and OSC/RTTY positions each time I went from transmit to receive, and vice versa. Because of this required manual switching, the '220 acted as a *part-time* monitor. The thought occurred to me that the scope would be twice as useful if it

could *automatically* switch from transmit to receive along with the station transceiver. Wouldn't it be nifty—I thought—if I could *automatically* move between the BAND SCOPE (panadaptor) or the OSC/RTTY (received-signal envelope) displays to the MONI/TRAP position (to monitor the transmitter output) without having to physically move the FUNCTION switch? Some sort of TR relay seemed to be in order here.

What's Needed?

Fig 1 shows a portion of the SM-220 schematic diagram in the area of the FUNCTION switch (S2) as it is originally wired. After some investigation of the circuit, I realized that a small, low-current, 3PDT relay ought to perform the required switching functions nicely.¹ Conveniently, there's a source of 12 V dc available inside the SM-220 with which to power the relay. Fig 2 shows the modifications to the SM-220.

A search of my "junk box" turned up a Potter & Brumfield KHS17D12—a small, 12 V dc, 4PDT, hermetically sealed relay that draws about 60 mA. The type of relay you use is not too critical. However, the

relay you select should have at least three double-throw poles and—if the relay energizing current is to be stolen from the SM-220—ensure the relay coil's current requirement is 60 mA or less.

In addition to the relay, you should have some red and white wire handy; no. 22 will do. (Color-coded wire makes wire tracing easier.) You'll also need three single-hole-mount phono connectors.

Modifying the SM-220

First, remove the top cover of the scope. Loosen the set screws at the switch-shaft ends of the couplers connecting the FUNCTION and RF ATT shafts to the switches contained in the shield case (see p 7 of the SM-220 service manual). The shield case is the small metal box fastened to the rear panel at the top rear of the scope and above the power transformer. Slide the switch shafts out through the front panel as far as they will go so that they will be out of your way while you're working. Remove the shield case from the inside of the rear panel by removing the two screws located between the two pairs of SO-239 coaxial connectors on the rear panel. Carefully remove the socket from the CRT to allow more slack in the wires.

Loosen the rear cover of the shield case by removing four screws, two on each side of the box. Unsolder the 560-Ω, 3-W resistor from the SO-239 connector labeled RF INPUT, and unsolder the large, white wire from the connector labeled DRIVE OUTPUT; then remove the rear cover. Remove the inner metal panel from the case

¹Multipole, double-throw relays contain contact sets that employ a movable center contact—the operating arm—and two stationary contacts known as the normally open (NO) and normally closed (NC) contacts. A three-pole, double-throw relay (3PDT) contains three such sets. On each set, the NO contact is open when the relay is de-energized, and the NC contact is closed.

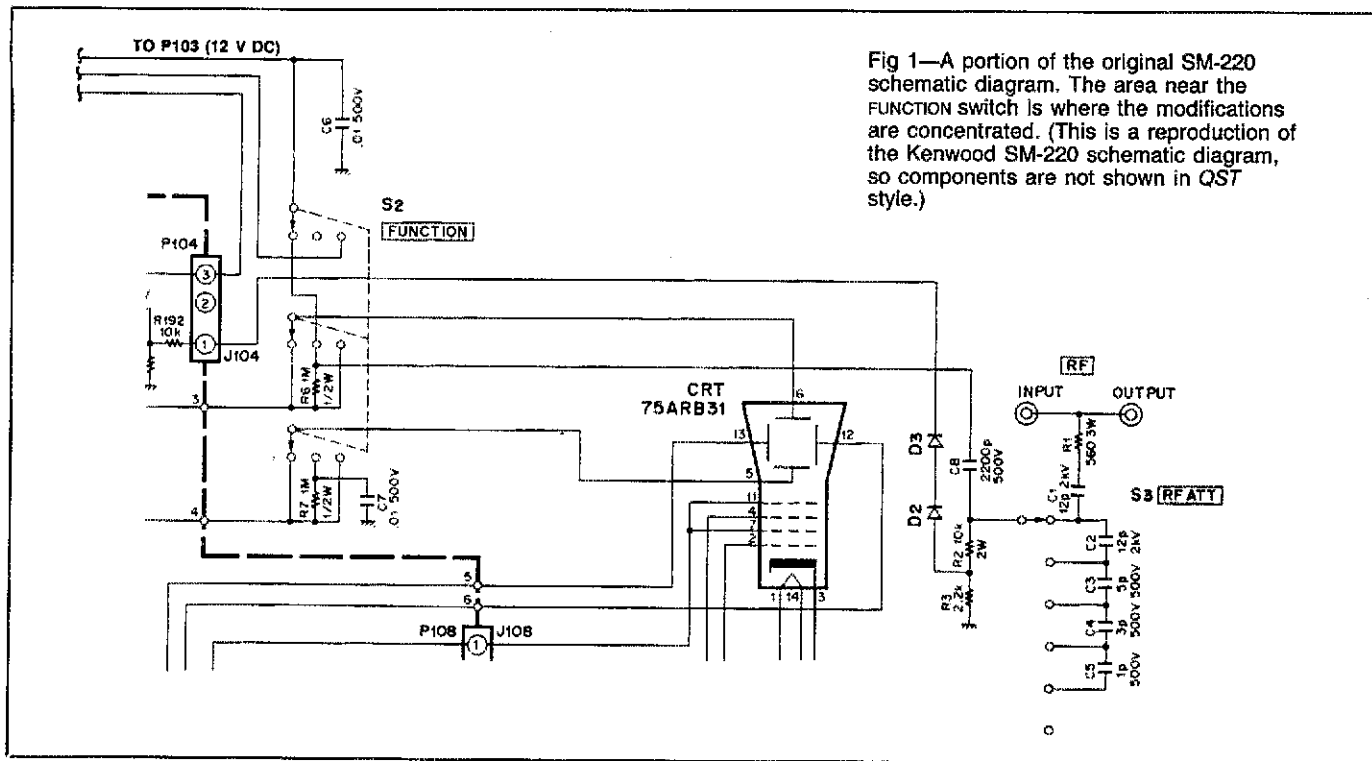


Fig 1—A portion of the original SM-220 schematic diagram. The area near the FUNCTION switch is where the modifications are concentrated. (This is a reproduction of the Kenwood SM-220 schematic diagram, so components are not shown in QST style.)

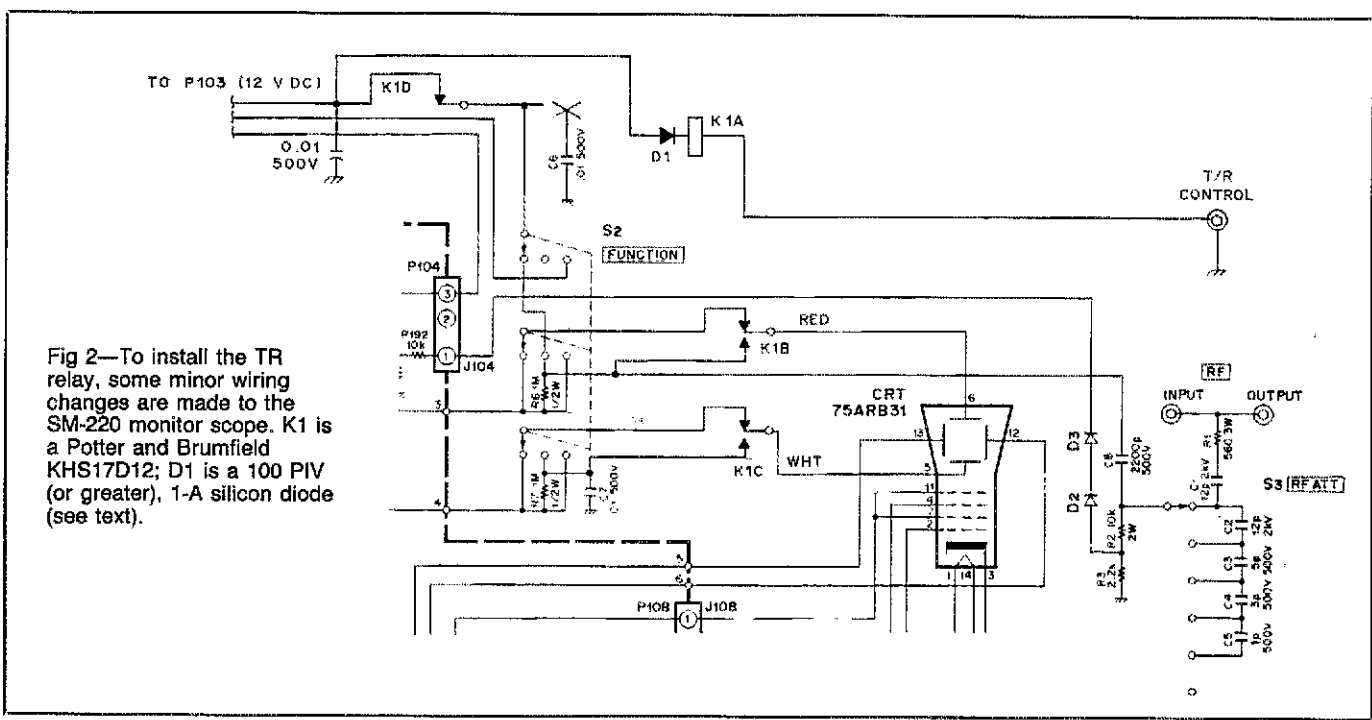


Fig 2—To install the TR relay, some minor wiring changes are made to the SM-220 monitor scope. K1 is a Potter and Brumfield KHS17D12; D1 is a 100 PIV (or greater), 1-A silicon diode (see text).

by removing the single screw in the top, near the center. The two wafer switches inside the case will now be plainly visible. At the CRT socket, unsolder the red lead from terminal 6, and unsolder the white lead from terminal 5. Solder these two leads to two NC-contact terminals on the relay (K1B and K1C, respectively). Solder a length of red hookup wire from CRT socket terminal 6 to the operating-arm terminal of the relay contact set to which the red wire from the wafer switch was just

connected (K1B). Similarly, solder a length of white hook-up wire from CRT socket terminal 5 to the operating-arm terminal of the relay contact set to which the white wire from the wafer switch was just connected (K1C). A sketch of the rear view of the two wafer switches is shown in Fig 3. The FUNCTION switch is the one on the right. Number the terminals as indicated in Fig 3. Connect a length of red wire from FUNCTION switch terminal 3 to the NO

contact terminal of the relay contact set at which the red wires are already connected (K1B). Likewise, connect a length of white wire from FUNCTION switch terminal 7 to the NO contact terminal of the contact set to which the white wires are connected (K1C). (The new red and white wires from the FUNCTION switch wafer are routed through the bottom of the shield case via the rubber grommet). A 0.01-μF disc ceramic capacitor and a brown wire are connected to the FUNCTION switch at ter-

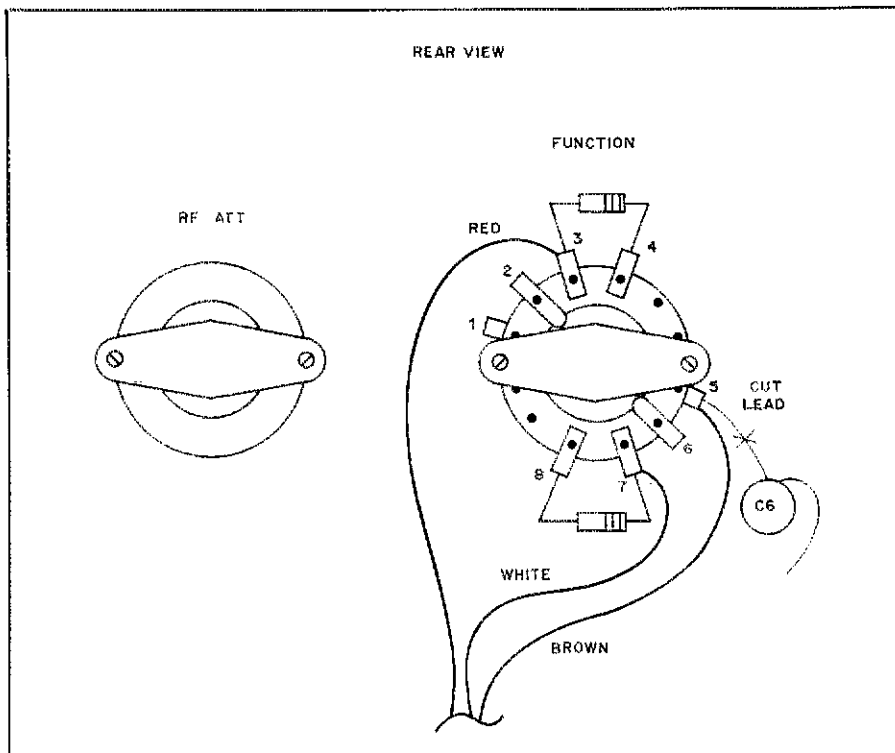


Fig 3—Sketch showing rear view of wafer switches. The FUNCTION switch is on the right.

terminal 5. Disconnect the capacitor from the switch terminal by clipping the lead; leave the brown wire attached to the terminal.

Replace the metal panel inside the shield case, being careful not to pinch the large white wire or the 560-Ω resistor. Resolder the large white wire and the resistor to their respective SO-239 connectors. Fasten the rear cover to the shield case and reattach the case to the rear panel of the SM-220.

Find a place to mount the relay close to the shield case in order to keep lead lengths to a minimum. Fig 4 shows how I mounted my relay. I attached it to a homemade aluminum bracket secured beneath a locknut on the power transformer frame. (Note: Place a ground lug under the locknut for use later on.)

Locate the brown wire that runs from plug P103, terminal 2, into the underside of the shield case. Cut this brown wire at a point that will allow both ends to reach a third contact set on the relay. (It may be necessary to add a length of hook-up wire to the existing brown wire depending on your choice of relay location.) Connect the two cut ends of the brown lead to a third NC contact pair, K1D (ie, one brown lead to the NC contact terminal, and the other brown lead to the operating-arm terminal). This connection should provide continuity through the brown lead to the FUNCTION switch when the relay is de-energized, but break the continuity when the relay is energized.

The brown lead that originates at P103, terminal 2, is connected to the 12 V dc source that will be used to power the relay.

Connect one lead of a 0.01-μF, 500-V disc capacitor and the anode lead of a silicon diode (I used a 200-V/1-A diode) to the relay terminal that is attached to the P103-leg of the brown wire (see Fig 4). Connect the cathode of the diode to one of the relay coil (K1A) terminals. The other lead of the capacitor is soldered to the ground lug under the transformer locknut used to mount the relay. I installed the diode to the relay coil on my unit to offer some isolation and to reduce the coil voltage slightly.

Mount the three phono jacks (T/R, H-INP, V-INP) on the rear panel of the SM-220 as shown in Fig 5. Connect a piece of wire from the remaining relay coil terminal to the center contact of the T/R jack. This completes the wiring of the TR relay.

Run two lengths of small coaxial cable (RG-174) from the H.INPUT/EXT.SYNC and V.INPUT connectors on the SM-220 front panel to the H-INP and V-INP jacks on the rear panel. These jacks allow you to make cable connections at the rear panel, leaving the front panel of the SM-220 clean and uncluttered when interconnected to other equipment.

Reattach the control shafts to the shaft couplers and retighten the set screws. Be careful to align the knob pointer lines on the front panel for proper indication when the switches are rotated. Replace the top cover of the scope.

Operation

The TR relay in the SM-220 is actuated

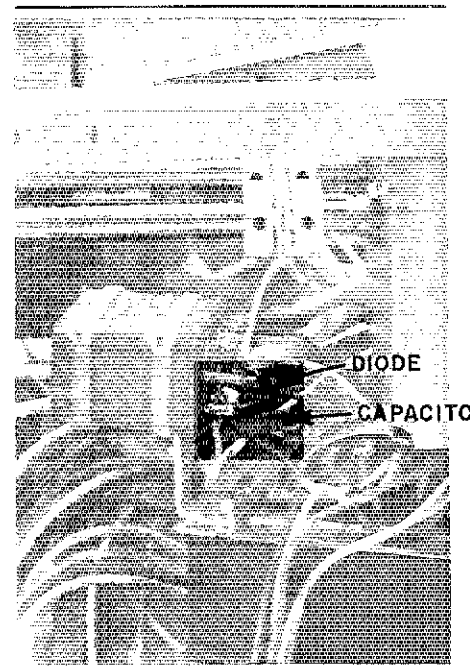


Fig 4—In this photo, you can see the homemade aluminum bracket and ground lug fastened under one locknut of the power transformer. Note the 0.01-μF disc-ceramic capacitor connected between the relay coil terminal and the ground lug. The relay is secured by tie wraps to the aluminum bracket.

by grounding the center conductor of the T/R jack. The TR contact in your radio must connect the center conductor to ground (and must be capable of carrying the current required by the TR relay); otherwise, some type of interface relay will be needed. If you're going to use an amplifier, you'll have to parallel the amplifier's relay control line with the SM-220 control line. The transceiver's TR contact then offers a ground on transmit to both the amplifier and the scope. Check your owner's manual for the current and voltage limitations of your transceiver's control-relay contacts.

Make all the necessary cable connections between the transceiver and the scope. Connect the RF output from your transceiver to the RF INPUT connector on the scope, and connect your antenna lead to the RF OUTPUT connector. Then turn on the scope.

The displayed pattern size of the transmitted signal is controlled by the RF ATT control at the upper right on the SM-220's front panel. The size of the displayed pattern of the received signal is controlled by the V. ATT control at the lower left of the SM-220 front panel. Tune in a signal and display either the trapezoidal receive pattern (FUNCTION switch in the OSC/RTTY position), or the panoramic spectrum (FUNCTION switch in the BAND SCOPE position and panadapter installed). Adjust the controls to obtain a display approximately two divisions high. Center and

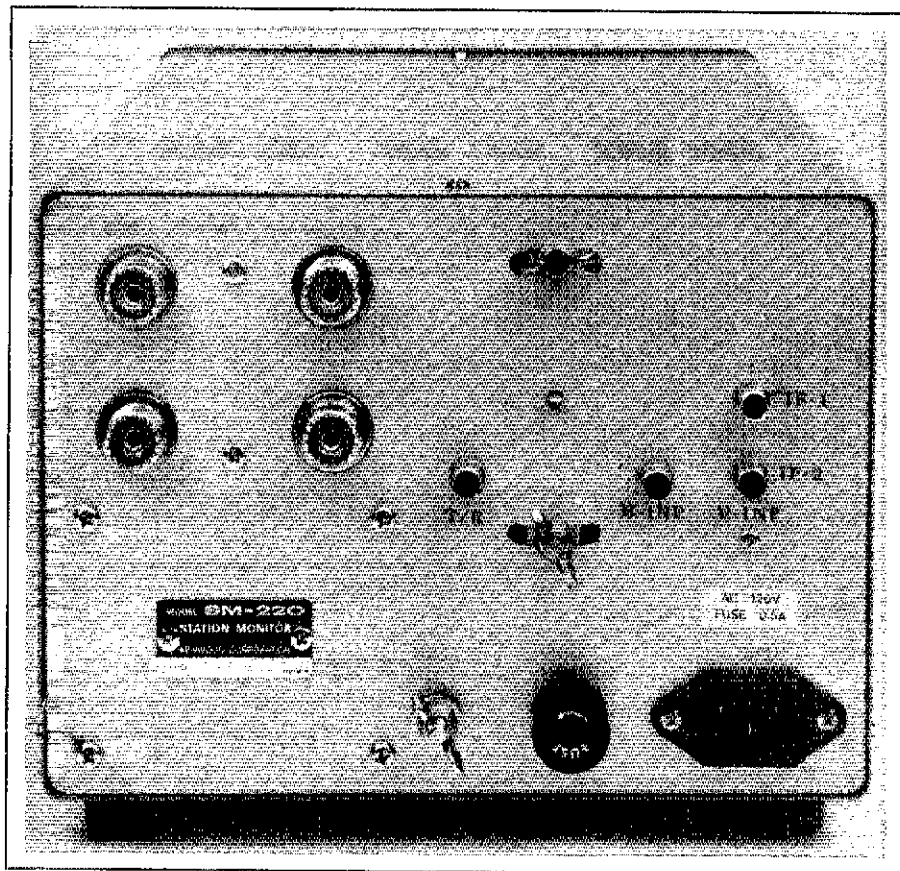


Fig 5—A view of the rear panel of the modified SM-220. Three phono jacks have been added to the rear panel. The TR relay control jack is near center of the panel. The horizontal (H. INP) and vertical (V. INP) inputs (which are connected in parallel with the corresponding front-panel BNC connectors) are directly to the right and below the original IF INPUT jack. The IF INPUT jack is also labeled IF-1, and the V. INP jack is labeled IF-2 to identify the TS-940 transceiver jacks to which they are connected. The installation of the additional phono jacks permits all connections to be made at the rear of the scope, leaving the front panel uncluttered.

“left-justify” the trace. The SWEEP RANGE control should be in the 10-100 position.

With a dummy load connected to the SM-220 RF OUTPUT connector, place the transceiver in the SSB transmit position and speak into the microphone. Listen for the operation of your newly installed relay; it should operate in conjunction with your transceiver's TR relay. Adjust the width of the displayed transmit signal using the SWEEP VAR/EXT GAIN control. This control also affects the monitored received-signal level, but a good compromise can be reached by switching back and forth from transmit to receive and adjusting this control. Adjust the RF ATT switch for a transmitted pattern height similar to that of the received-signal pattern.

Now, the SM-220's FUNCTION switch can be left in either the OSC/RTTY or BAND SCOPE position. The SM-220's TR relay will automatically switch to the MONI/TRAP position each time you transmit, and switch back to the OSC/RTTY or BAND SCOPE during receive.

Additional Notes

I'd noticed that the scope pattern on

transmit would exhibit a tendency to shrink horizontally on voice peaks; the stronger the signal, the more noticeable this effect became. A friend informed me that the shrinkage can be diminished by operating the scope with the SYNC/MKR push button closed. Although I have not taken the time to determine why, the fix works well.


One other thought: It should be possible to build a simple, low current, transistorized circuit to switch the scope's TR relay by sensing the presence of RF at the scope's SO-239 connectors. This would eliminate the need for a connection to the radio's TR relay and, thus, any incompatibility of the modified scope with some rigs.

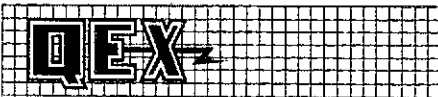
Summary

I completed this modification in one afternoon. Prior to that, a couple of evenings were spent reviewing the schematic while parked on the couch in front of the TV set. (Remember: Any modifications to equipment still under warranty, including this one, may void the scope warranty. To be on the safe side, wait until the warranty period has expired.) Sit back

and enjoy your SM-220 full-time monitor 'scope!

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- “A Logarithmic RF Detector,” by Zack Lau, KH6CP.
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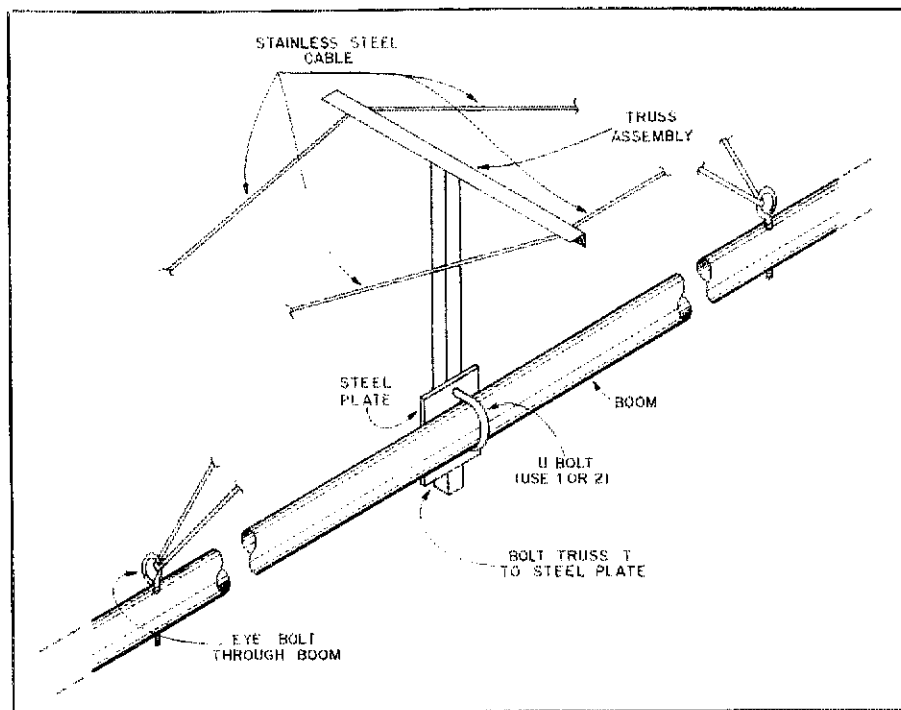


Fig 6—Details of the boom truss needed on the 11-element LPDA. The steel T bracket can be attached to the boom directly (with a U bolt) or via a steel or aluminum plate. The truss must be secured to the boom so that it cannot twist with respect to the boom.

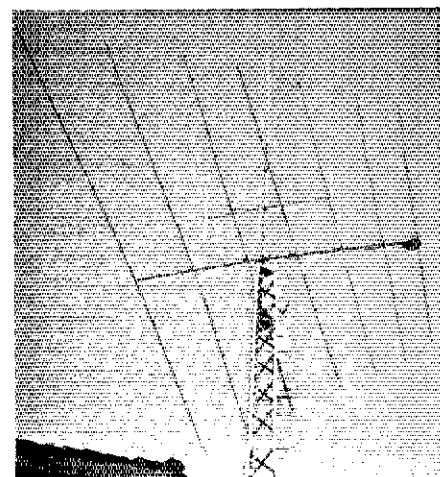


Fig 7—Photo of K6VV's 7-element LPDA antenna mounted below a 2-meter FM Yagi.

should be used at the transmitter to keep any spurious radiation out of the antenna passband.

Results

The antennas shown in the title photo and Fig 7 have been in operation for over two years. My 7-element version performs better than the three-element monoband Yagis that it replaced.

An LPDA is not an inexpensive antenna to build. The time and expense involved in construction have been worthwhile, however, considering that I now have one antenna that covers four bands. Working DX on all modes is easy using the LPDA.

The improvement in performance is so great, in fact, that I've disassembled the old monoband Yagis and used their aluminum in other projects!

Thanks to Fred Schulz, K6UK, for his assistance with the measurements; Bob Crawford, WO6I, for help with the manuscript; Chet Knoll, NK0O, for building and testing the 11-element LPDA; and Maurice Harp, KF7L, for designing the toroidal balun used with the 11-element array.

Notes

- 1) US radio amateurs are to gain access to the 18-MHz band no later than July 1989.
- 2) J. Hall, ed, *The ARRL Antenna Book* (Newington: ARRL, 1988), pp 10-1 through 10-7.

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Straits



SAFETY FIRST

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Heed the ARRL safety code: While there's no reason for you to be involved in a ham-related accident, that possibility always exists if you are not thinking safety. Following the ARRL safety code will make your ham experience more enjoyable. Read it and practice it.

- 1) Kill all power circuits completely

before touching anything behind the panel or inside the chassis or the enclosure.

- 2) Never allow anyone else to switch the power on and off for you while you're working on equipment.
- 3) Don't troubleshoot gear when you're tired or sleepy.
- 4) Never adjust internal components by hand. Use special care when checking energized circuits.
- 5) Avoid bodily contact with grounded metal (racks, radiators) or damp floors when working on the transmitter.
- 6) Never wear headphones while working on gear.
- 7) Follow the rule of keeping one hand in your pocket.
- 8) Instruct members of your household how to turn the power off and how to apply artificial respiration. (Instruction sheets on

the latest approved method can be obtained from your local Red Cross office.)

- 9) If you must climb a tower to adjust an antenna, use a safety harness. Never work alone.
- 10) Do not install antennas at levels that permit humans or animals to come in contact with them. Not only might the victim sustain a serious RF burn, he or she could run into the antenna and be injured.
- 11) Do not operate high-power UHF or microwave gear that has inadequate shielding against radiation. Similarly, do not look into or stand near microwave antennas when transmitter power is being fed to them.
- 12) Do not install antennas near electrical power lines.
- 13) Don't drink alcoholic beverages when working on equipment or installing antennas. *Take time to be careful. Death is permanent.*

The Mobile Roof-Rack Antenna

Looking for a low-profile mobile antenna? Take a directional discontinuity ring radiator on the road—disguised as a roof rack!

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My old automobile was fitted with metal fenders that provided solid mechanical support and grounding for a conventional mobile antenna system. The plastic fenders of my new auto are not suitable for this purpose, so a different type of antenna or antenna mounting was required. Antennas mounted on a roof rack worked fine, but were high enough to be obtrusive. Searching through the *ARRL Antenna Book*, I found the description of an antenna called the directional discontinuity ring radiator (DDRR).¹ (See the sidebar “What’s a DDRR?”) The original DDRR design was ground mounted; it used automobile exhaust tubing as the radiating element and chicken wire netting as a ground screen. I decided to build a mobile DDRR in which the auto roof would serve as a ground plane.

Mark I DDRR Mobile Antenna

My Mark I DDRR antenna was constructed out of 22-mm (7/8-inch) diameter copper tubing. I substituted copper tubing and fittings for the exhaust-system tubing because they are readily available and highly conductive. The Mark I is shown in Fig 1.

The Mark I Mobile DDRR followed the original DDRR design as closely as possible, because I didn’t know how the antenna worked. (The rather imposing name of directional discontinuity ring radiator made me think it was some sort of slot antenna.) My major departure from the original design was to use a square, instead of a circular, configuration; the tube-bending equipment necessary to make the circular configuration was not available. I also reasoned that a square shape would give the antenna a roof-rack appearance and be less

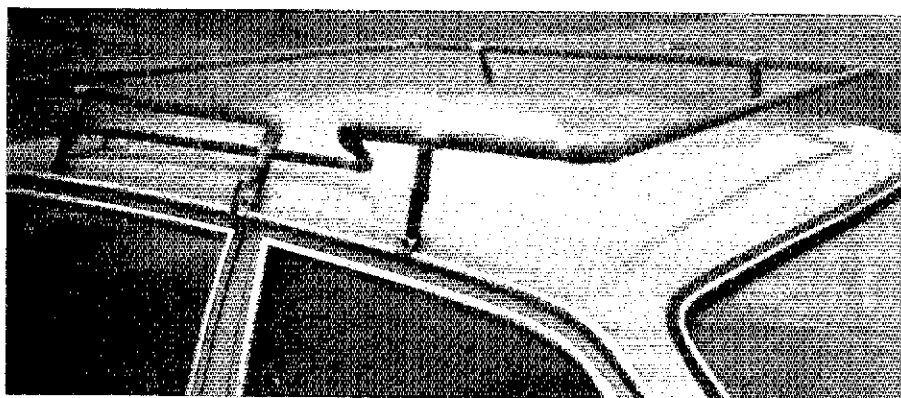


Fig 1—The G3LDO Mark I DDRR antenna. Note the plastic tuning block located at the front of the element (the ungrounded end of the antenna element).

obtrusive. My square design used 90° joints at the corners.

In my case, the average height of the antenna element was 6 inches above ground (the roof of the automobile). I flattened the feed end of the element so that it could sit in, and attach to, the roof gutter with a clamp. The overall length of the Mark I element was greater than that in the original design, because I used a tuning capacitor with less capacitance than that in the original.

This antenna appeared to perform well. Using a Kenwood TS-120V transceiver running 10 watts output (SSB and CW), I worked about 30 countries over three months. Only two transatlantic QSOs were made.

The Mark II DDRR Mobile Antenna

After reading a mathematical analysis of the DDRR antenna by Robert Dome,

W2WAM,² I decided to modify my design. Dome’s analysis gave the original DDRR antenna an efficiency of 2.75%, mainly because of low radiation resistance; conductor resistance consumed much of the available power. Dome suggested that by increasing the height of the antenna above ground to 20 inches and using highly conductive materials (copper tubing for the element and copper sheet for the ground plane), the DDRR’s efficiency could be raised to 25.8%—an increase of 9.8 dB when compared with the original design. I regarded a roof rack 20 inches high as being a bit conspicuous, so the Mark II DDRR design represents a compromise: its average height above the auto roof is over 10 inches.

Construction

The antenna is fixed to the automobile by a bar roof rack—the sort used to trans-

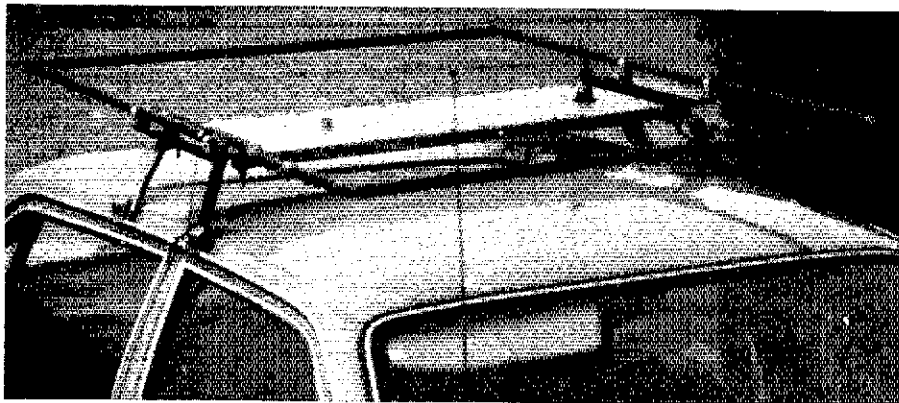


Fig 2—The G3LDO Mark II antenna. Mechanical support and roof clearance are provided by a car roof rack.

¹Notes appear on page 32.

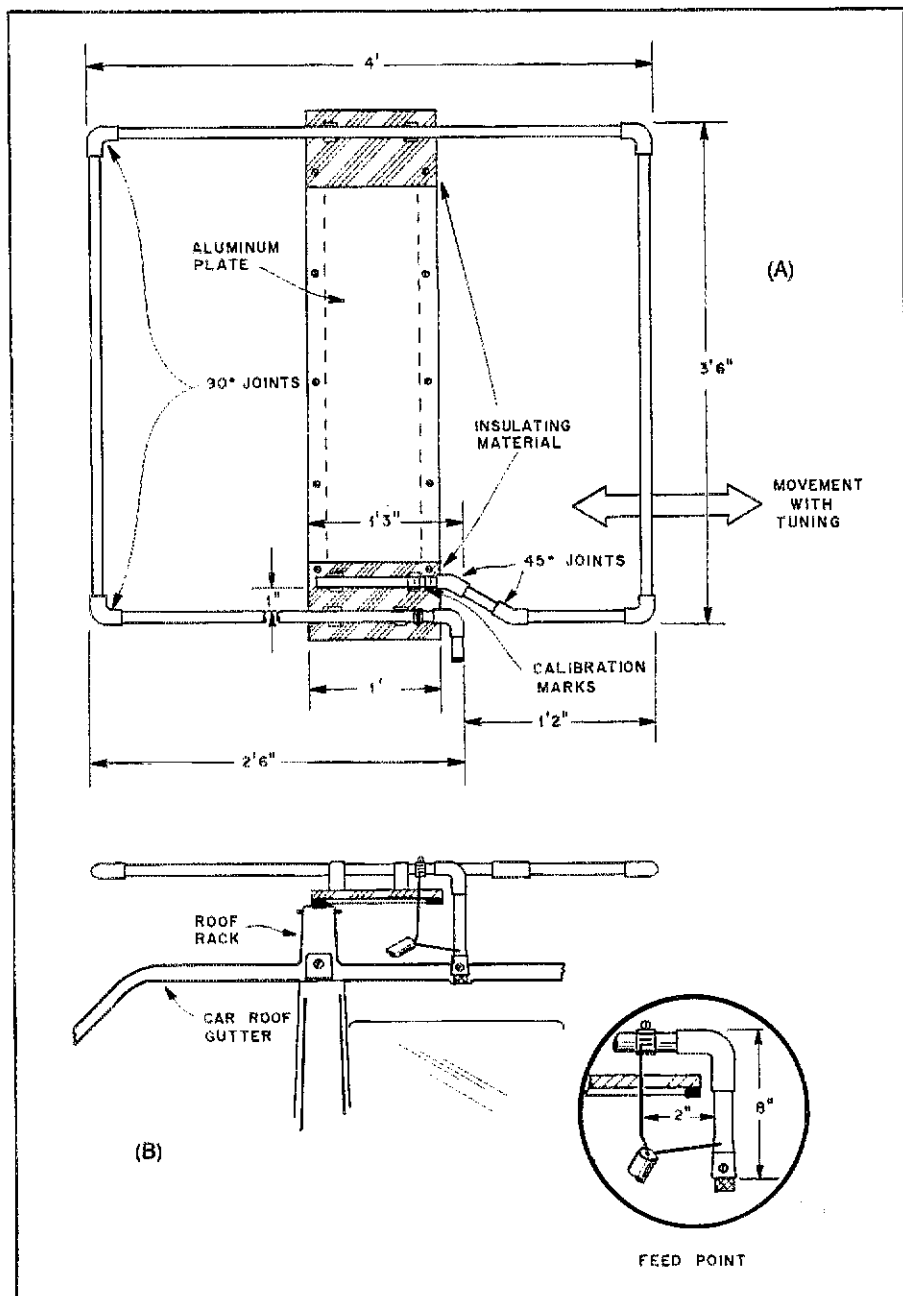


Fig 3—Top (A) and side (B) views of the DDRR mobile antenna. The top view shows how the elements are insulated from the roof rack. The antenna is tuned by moving the element along the roof on its insulating block. Dimensions are approximate. The side view shows feed-line and construction details. See text.

port ladders or lumber—and is illustrated in Fig 2. As well as providing a support for the DDRR antenna, this rack also provides facilities to mount more conventional antennas for other bands or comparative tests, and so on. Set the bars about 12 inches apart and bolt a sheet of aluminum to them. Remove the roof-rack support leg nearest to the element ground leg that connects to the car body. (This reduces RF absorption from by the element ground leg.)

Two pieces of Bakelite (or any other suitable insulating material) are fitted to the ends of the rack for mounting the element.

As in the Mark I antenna, the Mark II DDRR element is made of 22-mm copper tubing. (English plumbing fittings are now metric; 7/8- or 1-inch-diameter tubing is suitable.) 90° copper joints form the corners. Cut the element sections with a pipe cutter to ensure a snug fit between the element sections and corner fittings. Construct the element to the dimensions in Fig 3. It might be wise to add an extra 3 inches to the ungrounded end of the element. This will allow you enough material to prune the element to resonance.

The design shown in Fig 3 is for right-hand-drive autos; the DDRR tuning-

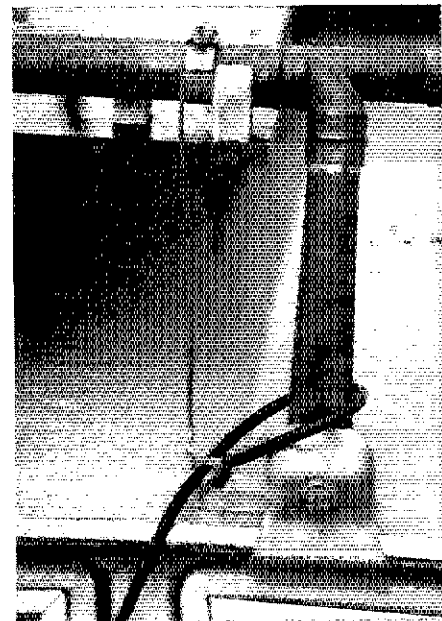


Fig 4—This photograph shows how G3LDO attached the DDRR mobile antenna to his car's rain gutter. Feed-line connection details are also shown. The base of the element has been flattened to fit the gutter. See text.

adjustment capacitor is on the right-hand side, above the driver's door.³ (If the top view of Fig 3 is inverted, this will put the capacitor on the left-hand side, suitable for a left-hand-drive auto.)

Mount the element to the insulated roof-rack sections with plastic tube-to-wall fittings. I put the element-to-roof rack bolts right through the element, plastic tube-to-wall fittings and roof-rack end insulator, but not the capacitive overlap section. Note: This mounting procedure is only necessary if you require the antenna to double as an actual roof rack.

The feed end of the element is flattened to sit in the roof gutter. Attach it to the auto top using the leg clamp from the removed roof-rack leg (See Fig 4). Additional electrical contact with the car is provided by soldering braid to the base of the element and attaching the braid to the door post with a self-tapping screw. (Note: Place this ground screw such that it is covered by the closed car door.)

A thick piece of wire is also soldered to the ground end of the element to facilitate connecting the feed-line shield to the ground plane (car top) when the antenna is installed.

Feeding the Roof-Rack Antenna

The mobile DDRR is shunt fed by tapping the feed-line center conductor up from the ground end of the element. The feed-line tap is made by clamping a piece of hard-drawn copper wire fixed to the element by a jubilee clip (hose clamp) so

What's a DDRR?

The *directional discontinuity ring radiator* (DDRR) can be thought of as a short grounded vertical antenna with a horizontal extension that provides quarter-wave resonance. Factors in DDRR resonance include (1) the ring diameter (length of the element); (2) height of the horizontal element section above ground; (3) length of the gap (G) between the element ends; and (4) the value of tuning capacitor C. (Some form of tuning is usually necessary because of the DDRR's narrow bandwidth.)

DDRR efficiency is affected by the diameter of the ring, the height of the horizontal portion above ground and the value of C. Generally, DDRR efficiency increases with (1) increasing ring diameter; (2) increasing element height above ground and (3) decreasing capacitance at C. (Because the DDRR operates as a short vertical antenna, a highly conductive ground—preferably a metal plate or screen—is also important to the efficiency of the DDRR.) The DDRR can be matched to coaxial feed line by tapping the line center conductor up from the element's grounded end (FP).

The Mobile Roof-Rack Antenna is a DDRR variation that does not use a tuning capacitor. Instead, the antenna is tuned by adjusting the gap between the ends of the DDRR element. This is a worthwhile modification: According to Dome's analysis (see note 2 of the main text), radiation from C's leads tends to cancel radiation from the element's vertical portion in the far field.[†] Thus, Peter Dodd's "no C" tuning technique may be worth trying in your next DDRR project.—David Newkirk, AK7M

[†]Peter Dodd cites Rudge, Oliver, Milne and Knight (*Handbook of Antenna Design*, Vol 2 [publisher unknown], p 10-7) as indicating that, as C increases, the DDRR changes from an essentially vertically polarized radiator to a half-wave loop of nearly constant current, and its elevation-plane pattern changes.

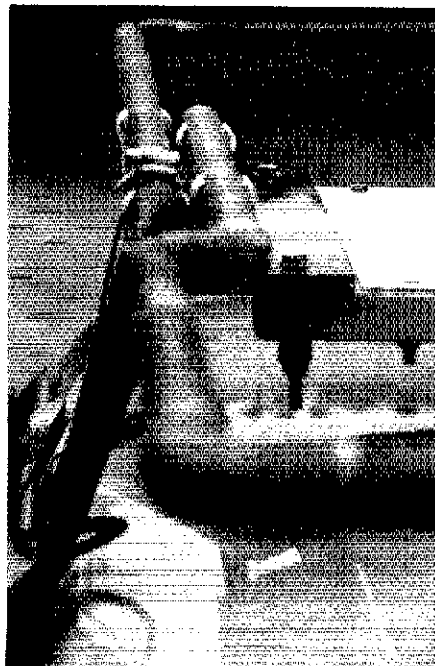
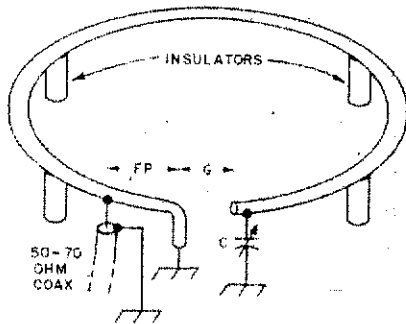


Fig 5—Tuning capacitor details. Note the insulating material (the dark material between the roof rack and antenna element). The antenna is tuned by moving the element in the plastic clips. See text.

that it can be adjusted for the correct feed-point impedance. Solder the center conductor of the feed line to the other end of the gamma rod, as shown in Figs 3 and 4.

The Mark II DDRR does not use a capacitor to cancel inductive reactance. I assume that one has not been necessary because the antenna's radiation resistance is so low that the 50-Ω feed point is only a few inches up the element from the grounded end. This keeps the connecting rod short and of low inductance.

Capacitive Tuning

To keep the radiation resistance as high as possible, the tuning capacitor should only be large enough to tune the band. This capacitance is provided by overlapping the ends of the element, and is adjusted by sliding the ungrounded end of the element into the plastic tube-to-wall fittings. (See Fig 5.) These fittings offer just the right amount of friction to retain the elements at the desired position. Element positions for your favorite band frequencies can be marked allowing you to quickly retune.

The 45° pipe couplings shown in Fig 3 are not required if the front longitudinal section of the element is shortened by

1½ inches, although the capacitive section may need to be extended slightly to compensate.

Adjustment

CAUTION: All antenna adjustments must be carried out with the transmitter off. High voltage exists at the end of the element—even with low power.

The ideal method of setting the antenna to resonance is to use a dip meter. As I mentioned previously, the element should be constructed so that the ungrounded end of the element is too long. Prune the element (about ½ inch at a time) until the antenna resonates at the desired frequency. An SWR of 1:1 can be easily achieved when this antenna is set up properly.

Fig 6 shows the antenna characteristics with the tuning rod set for an SWR of 1:1. In my case, this occurred when the feed-wire tap point was 3 inches from the vertical section (see feed-line attachment details of Figs 3 and 5). These measurements were obtained using a ½-λ length of 50-Ω coaxial cable and the method described in the November 1987 issue of *QEX*.⁴ As you can see in Fig 6, the DDRR antenna appears to have very narrow bandwidth characteristics and exhibits only a single

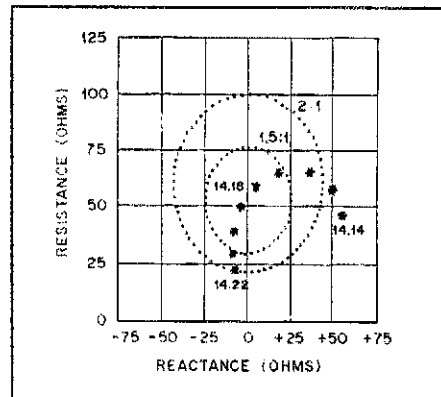


Fig 6—An impedance plot of the DDRR Mobile antenna built by G3LDO. The circles indicate SWR, and the stars indicate frequency in MHz. The method used to determine and graphically display antenna impedance was described in November 1987 *QEX* by the author and Tom Lloyd, G3TML.

resonance—unlike dipoles and monopole antennas, which have higher-order resonances.

The DDRR is very sensitive to tuning capacitance changes. Even opening the driver's door can affect the SWR. Placing a hand 6 inches from the element end also detunes it, resulting in a SWR change from 1:1 to 3:1. This change causes a solid-state transmitter with high-SWR protection to shut down. I tested this built-in safety factor by touching the free end of the ele-

DDRR Design History

The DDRR was designed by J. M. Boyer for shipboard operation at very low frequencies. Basically, the DDRR is a $\frac{1}{4}$ - λ , end-fed antenna, grounded at one end and shaped as a single-turn coil. (Mr. Boyer described his antenna design in the January 1963 issue of *Electronics* as a "hula-hoop" antenna.) The DDRR requires a counterpoise (ground plane) for effective operation.

The antenna was described to Amateur Radio operators in the June 1970 issue of *73* magazine by W. E. English, W6WYQ. This article illustrated the problems confronted in building an HF version of the DDRR and how these problems were overcome. After numerous requests for a ground-mounted version, English wrote an article for the December 1971 issue of *QST*, in which he described a 40-meter DDRR as "an apartment dweller's dream." There are some costs, however: The antenna is very inefficient and difficult to build. The *QST* version of the DDRR is described in the 15th edition of *The ARRL Antenna Book*.

The *QST* DDRR antenna construction article attracted the interest of R. B. Dome, W2WAM, who wrote an elegant mathematical description of how the DDRR antenna works for the July 1972 issue of *QST*. This analysis detailed the shortcomings of the DDRR precisely and without mincing words. At the same time, however, Dome suggested ways to increase the antenna efficiency and concluded that "increasing the vertical height could improve the efficiency very appreciably," which is precisely what W6WYQ found in his first experiments.

—Tom Francis, NMTQ

bands. I use a 100-pF wide-spaced transmitting capacitor for 40-meter work. The capacitor frame is fixed to the antenna support and a lead from the fixed plates of the capacitor is attached to the ungrounded end of the element. I have had several QSOs with other European stations with this arrangement, but with my QRP rig, the signal reports are not very good. I have not tried the antenna on 10 MHz.

The original DDRR design called for a remotely controlled tuning capacitor. Making a waterproof motorized capacitor is a challenge, particularly if the antenna is to be used with a high-power transmitter. Fig 7 shows one way of solving this problem. The insulated support section is vertical, reducing the effect of detuning when the antenna is used in wet weather. The rotor plates of the capacitor are adjusted by a screw mechanism that can be operated from the driver's seat. When using a solid-state-PA rig like the TS-120V, the best method is to tune the antenna for maximum RF output while transmitting a carrier.

Results

My roof-rack antenna has been in use for about 18 months. During this time, it has been used only with a TS-120V running 10 W CW or SSB. The transatlantic QSO count has increased dramatically—to about two QSOs per week. (I operate for half an hour in the middle of the day during weekdays.) The best DX has been a two-way SSB contact with Australia as I drove along England's M3 motorway at 70 mi/h!

Notes

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2. Robert B. Dome, "A Study of the DDRR Antenna," *QST*, Jul 1972, pp 27-31, 36.
3. The width of the support, and possibly the element, may also have to be altered to suit different autos, but the total length of the element should remain the same (approximately 150 inches).
4. P. Dodd and T. Lloyd, "Measurement of Antenna Impedance," *QEX*, Nov 1987, pp 6-9.
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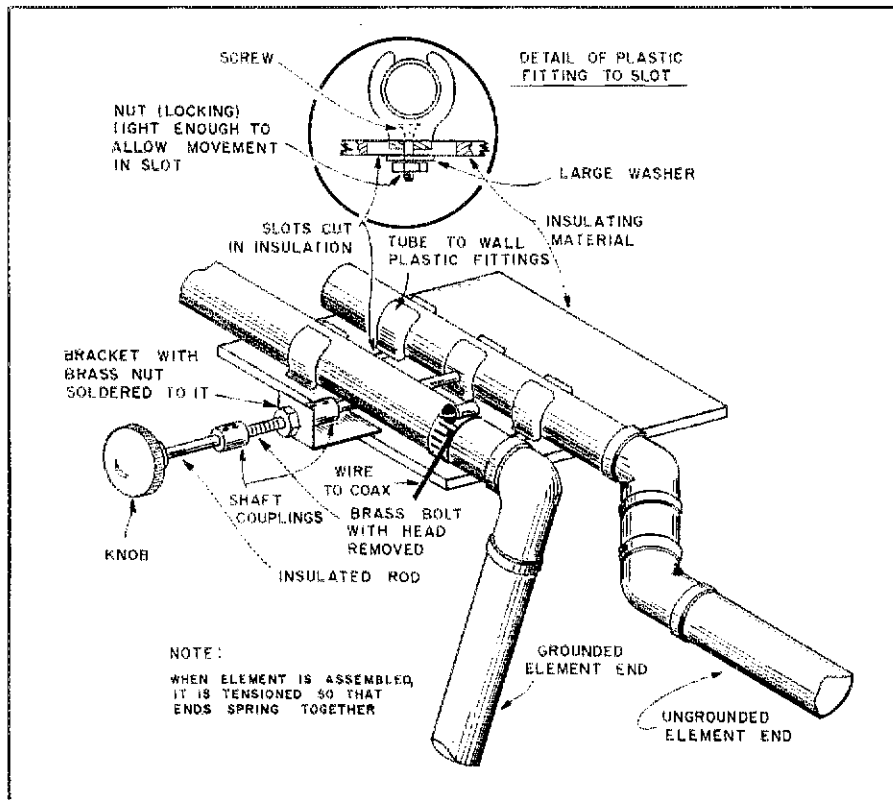


Fig 7— An improved method for tuning the DDRR mobile antenna. This method allows antenna tuning without having to leave the driver's seat.

ment with a large insulated-handle screwdriver with the TS-120V in transmit. How this works in practice depends on the efficiency of the transmitter's SWR protection circuitry.

Suggested Modifications

There is one problem with the Mark II's tuning method. Because the insulator supporting the ungrounded element end is

horizontal, it tends to collect water in wet weather, detuning the antenna. This problem can be alleviated by coating the insulator with silicone grease. This causes the water to bead and have less of an effect on the antenna tuning. Also, beaded water flows off the insulator more easily when the car is moving.

If a tuning capacitor is added, the antenna can be tuned to the 10- and 7-MHz

Strays



I would like to get in touch with...

anyone who may have a QSL from my deceased father, K5ROB, circa 1957-66. Charles Stokes, N5GFX, 8803 Sparkling Dr, Austin TX 78729, tel 512-250-8005.

anyone who has a pre-1930 QSL from Canadian 3XN. It's needed for a local display. Dave Noon, VE3IAE, 19 Honey-suckle Cir, London, ON N5Y 4P3 Canada.

members of the Naval Communication Reserve who were on active duty before and during World War II. Capt Frank M. Dukat, USNR Ret, K6NL, 573 Pincrest Dr, Los Altos, CA 94021.

ICOM IC-575A 50- and 28-MHz Multimode Transceiver

Reviewed by Mark Gamble, N1FOZ, and Kirk Kleinschmidt, NT0Z

With the introduction of the IC-575A, ICOM has filled an important niche in its latest series of compact, VHF all-mode transceivers. Among its features are AM, FM, SSB, and CW operation, full 10- and 6-meter coverage (plus receive coverage of almost everything in between), built in ac-operated power supply (rear panel dc supply connectors are also provided), a fast (5 ms) TR turnaround DATA mode, memories and scanning, passband tuning and notch filter, and full-break-in CW operation. The operating features and functions of the IC-575A are essentially identical to those of the 144-MHz IC-275A, reviewed in October 1987 *QST*, and the 220-MHz IC-375A, reviewed in March 1988 *QST*. Refer to those reviews for a detailed description of the radio's many controls and connections.

Frequency Control

Like the other radios in the series, the IC-575A features VFO A/B selection, 99 programmable memories, RIT and the ability to enter any frequency split (necessary for repeater work) from 1 kHz to 9.999 MHz. In DUPLEX mode, the LCD displays both the transmit and receive frequencies.

Receiver

The '575A's receiver covers 26 to 56 MHz. In addition to amateur frequencies, you can listen to CB radio, maritime mobile and cordless telephones. For serious 6-meter operators, it's handy to be able to listen to the spectrum between 6 and 10 meters to hear rising MUF in anticipation of a band opening.

The receiver has excellent sensitivity, but the built-in preamp (activated by a front panel push-button switch) is helpful for digging out weak signals. The main tuning knob feels exceptionally smooth, and sliding up and down the band is a breeze.

The only complaint we have about the receiver is its noise blanker. According to the ICOM instruction manual, "This operation effectively reduces unwanted pulse-type noise from outside sources such as ignition noise from vehicles." And, "The noise blanker may not work as well . . . when the noise is continuous rather than pulse-type." This is certainly true: The noise blanker proved totally ineffective against power-line noise at several locations. We ran across several other IC-575A owners who voiced similar complaints. If you live near a noisy power line, make arrangements to test the rig at your QTH.

The passband tuning and notch filter work well. In fact, when the PBT is used



to slice away adjacent-frequency QRM, the desired signal remains intelligible—even when the control is turned "deep" into its range. The selectable-rate AGC control is another nice touch.

Receiver performance is good. Lab tests indicate that it has adequate sensitivity, and the dynamic range approaches that found in mid-priced HF transceivers.

Transmitter

Unlike the 25-W-output IC-275A (2 meters) and IC-375A (1¼ meters), the IC-575A's output power is only 10 watts. The output level is continuously adjustable from a front panel control. Tuneup is easy. Simply set the mic gain to provide the proper ALC level, and adjust the drive control for the desired power output. On-air signal reports included favorable comments on the rig's SSB audio quality with

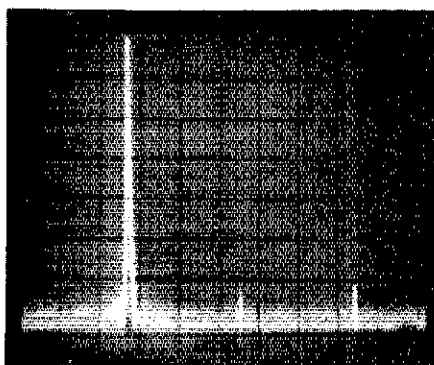
the speech processor on or off.

The built-in SWR meter is a nice feature, but to use it you have to move a slide switch located on the rear panel (it's down near the bottom, underneath another connector). This isn't a big deal for most fixed operations, but in the field it's often necessary to check the SWR more frequently.

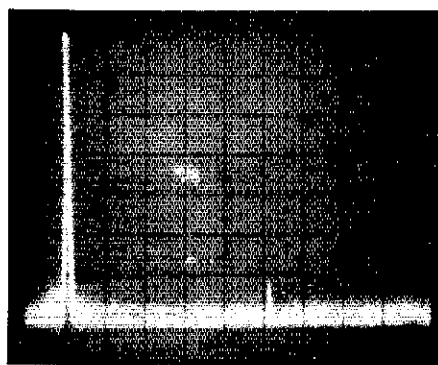
The full-break-in CW operates smoothly and silently. There are no annoying clicks or pops between characters. That's probably to be expected in a rig that's designed for a 5-ms turnaround time!

Manual

The manual that comes with the IC-575A is well written and easy to read. It not only explains the operating procedures and functional options in a straightforward manner, but also depicts them graphically. That's a far cry from the manuals that used to



(A)



(B)

Fig 1—Worst-case spectral display of the ICOM IC-575A. Horizontal divisions are each 10 MHz; vertical divisions are each 10 dB. In the photo at A, output power is approximately 10 W at 28 MHz. All harmonics and spurious emissions are at least 60 dB below peak fundamental output. In the photo at B, output power is 10 W at 50.2 MHz. All harmonics and spurious emissions are at least 62 dB below peak fundamental output. The IC-575A complies with current FCC specifications for spectral purity.

Table 1**ICOM IC-575A 28- and 50-MHz Multimode Transceiver, Serial no. 01012****Manufacturer's Claimed Specifications**

Frequency coverage: Receiver, 26 to 56 MHz; transmitter, 28 to 29.7 and 50 to 54 MHz.

Modes of operation: AM, FM, USB, LSB, CW.

Frequency display: 6-digit LCD, black on an orange background, 3/8-inch high digits.

Frequency resolution: Not specified.

Power requirement: 13.8 V dc ($\pm 15\%$) at 5.2 A max.

Transmitter

Transmitter output power: FM, SSB, CW, 1 to 10 W adjustable; AM, 1 to 4 W adjustable

Spurious signal and harmonic suppression: Greater than 60 dB below peak power output.

Third-order intermodulation distortion products: Not specified.

Keying waveform: Not specified.

Transmit-receive turnaround time (PTT release to 90% audio output with an S9 signal): Not specified.

Receiver

Receiver sensitivity:

SSB and CW: less than 0.13 μV for 10 dB S/N (preamp on).

FM: less than 0.25 μV for 12 dB SINAD; less than 0.35 μV for 20 dB quieting (preamp on).

AM: less than 1.0 μV for 10 dB S/N (preamp on).

Receiver dynamic range: Not specified.

S-meter sensitivity (μV for S9 reading): Not specified.

Squelch sensitivity: FM: less than 0.1 μV ; AM/SSB: less than 0.7 μV (preamp on).

Receiver audio output at 10% THD: More than 2 W.

Color: Black.

Size (height, width, depth): 4.25 x 9.6 x 11.6 inches.

Weight: 13.4 lbs.

[†]Blocking dynamic range and two-tone, third-order IMD dynamic range measurements were made at the ARRL Lab standard signal spacing of 20 kHz.

Measured in the ARRL Lab

Receiver, as specified. Transmitter, 28.0 to 30.0 and 50.0 to 54.0 MHz.

As specified.

As specified

100 Hz.

As specified.

Transmitter Dynamic Testing

28 MHz: FM, SSB, CW, 1 to 10.4 W, AM 1 to 4.6 W; 50 MHz: FM, SSB, CW, 1 to 12.3 W, AM, 1 to 4.6 W.

See Fig 1.

See Fig 2.

See Fig 3.

3 ms.

Receiver Dynamic Testing

Minimum discernible signal (noise floor) with 2.3 kHz filter:

Preamp off

28 MHz: -131 dBm

50 MHz: -132 dBm

Preamp on

28 MHz: -136 dBm

50 MHz: -137 dBm

Preamp on

28 MHz: 0.17 μV for 12 dB SINAD;

0.26 μV for 20 dB quieting.

50 MHz: 0.16 μV for 12 dB SINAD;

0.2 μV for 20 dB quieting.

For 10 dB (S + N)/N, test signal 30% modulated with a 1-kHz tone, preamp on:

28 MHz: 0.15 μV

50 MHz: 0.15 μV

Blocking dynamic range[†]:

Preamp off

28 MHz: 123 dB

50 MHz: 127 dB

Preamp on

28 MHz: 128 dB

50 MHz: 128 dB

Two-tone, third-order intermodulation distortion dynamic range[†]:

Preamp off

28 MHz: 90 dB

50 MHz: 89 dB

Preamp on

28 MHz: 88 dB

50 MHz: 87 dB

Third-order input intercept:

Preamp off

28 MHz: 4 dBm

50 MHz: 1.5 dBm

Preamp on

28 MHz: -4 dBm

50 MHz: -6.5 dBm

Preamp off: 29 MHz, 16; 52 MHz, 13.

FM: 0.08 μV min, 0.3 μV max;

AM/SSB: 0.5 μV min, >1 mV max.

2.0 W.

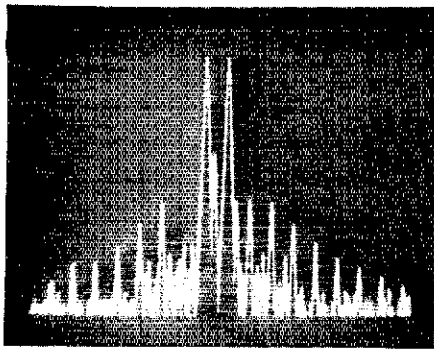


Fig 2—Spectral display of the ICOM IC-575A during two-tone intermodulation distortion (IMD) testing. Vertical divisions are each 10 dB; horizontal divisions are each 2 kHz. The transceiver is being operated at 10 W PEP output on 50 MHz. Third-order products are approximately 44 dB below PEP output, and fifth-order products are approximately 45 dB down.

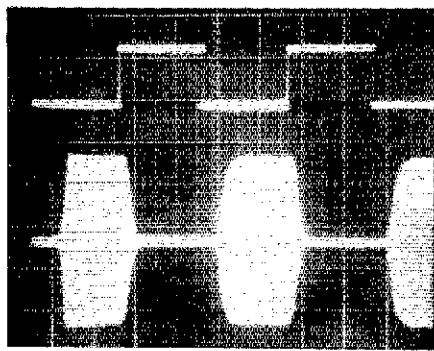


Fig 3—CW keying waveform for the ICOM IC-575A, with the transceiver in the semi-break-in mode. The lower trace is the RF envelope; the upper trace is the actual key closure. Each horizontal division is 10 ms.

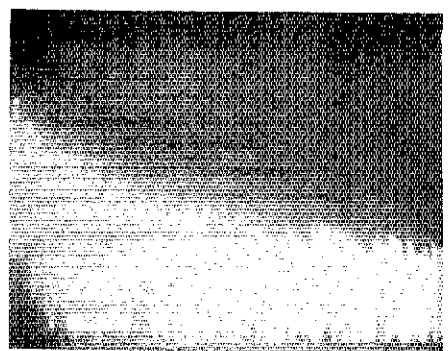


Fig 4—Spectral display of the ICOM IC-575A transmitter output during phase-noise testing. Power output is 10 W at 28 MHz. Each vertical division is 10 dB; each horizontal division is 2 kHz. The scale on the spectrum analyzer on which this photo was taken is calibrated so that the log reference level (the top horizontal line on the scale in the photo) represents -60 dBc/Hz and the baseline is -140 dBc/Hz. Phase-noise levels between -60 and -140 dBc/Hz may be read directly from the photograph. The carrier, which would be at the left edge of the photograph, is not shown. This photograph shows phase noise at frequencies 2 to 20 kHz offset from the carrier.

come with many older Japanese-made rigs! Also included is a large-size schematic diagram (you won't need a magnifying glass for this one).

Operation

Taking the ICOM-575A on a field test was simple. Its compact size was a real advantage for N1FOZ's portable operation to grid square FN51 (Cape Cod) during the June VHF QSO Party. Using a marine battery and a three-element quad, Mark was easily able to hear anything on the band—although an amplifier would have been nice for working them from a 10-foot-above-sea-level location.

We really enjoyed using the memory channels during the contest (and at home during band openings). It's easy to program several stations up and down the band into different memory channels and

quickly flip back and forth between them.

Bart Jahnke, KB9NM, another HQ staffer, used the review transceiver and shared his thoughts. Bart has used an IC-551D—the '575A's predecessor—for many years. Bart found the newest ICOM to be more convenient for repeater operation on both 6 and 10 meters, and he noted that the memory channels make short work out of monitoring several beacon frequencies (one of the rig's SCAN modes allows rapid access to any or all programmed memory frequencies). (The '551D has no memories.) The selectable tuning rate makes large excursions up and down the band much easier (the '551D has only one tuning rate—slow). Bart's impression is that the receiver is good—better than the '551D—with a couple of exceptions. The preamp is susceptible to overloading from very strong adjacent-channel signals, and the preamp was unusable during periods of strong and frequent power line noise. Bart also noted that the noise blanker is ineffec-

tive against some types of noise.

The IC-575A is a well-designed, top-notch rig. It also carries a top-dollar price tag. If the price is within your budget, however, and the lack of an effective noise blanker is not a problem, you won't be disappointed. The rig is decked out for any and all operating modes, including the popular and not-so-popular digital modes. It has connections for every conceivable outboard accessory.

Manufacturer: ICOM America, 2380-116th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004, tel 206-454-7619. Price class, \$1400.

A&A ENGINEERING DELUXE MEMORY KEYSER KIT

Reviewed by Bruce S. Hale, KB1MW

The A&A Engineering memory keyer kit is based on a design presented in Chapter 29 of *The ARRL Handbook* by Tom Miller, NK1P. A full description of the project can be found in the *Handbook*, so I'll briefly discuss the keyer's features and talk mostly about the A&A Engineering kit version.

This keyer features eight memories, a sidetone, MOSFET keying transistors and a nonvolatile memory. Basic keyer functions are excellent, thanks to the use of a

Curtis 8044 keyer chip. The keyer has an internal 5-V regulator and can be powered from the supplied wall transformer or from any 7.5- to 15-V dc source. You'll have no trouble finding a spot for this keyer on your operating table—it measures only $2 \times 8.25 \times 6.25$ inches (height, width, depth).

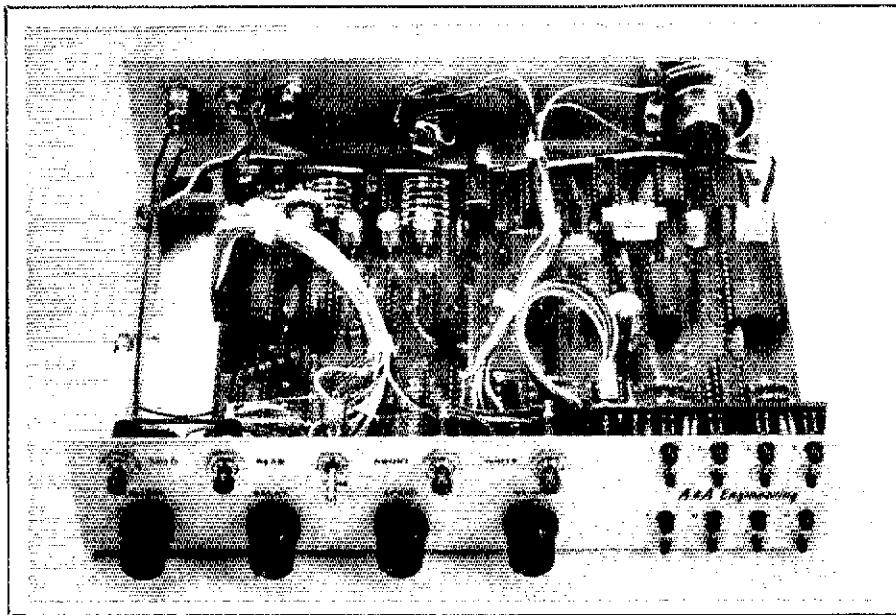
The Kit Version

The A&A Engineering kit consists of a complete set of parts, two PC boards (the main board and a smaller one for memory push buttons) and a cabinet. The PC boards and all parts are of excellent quality.

Front-panel controls are arranged in two rows. The top row includes these switches:

AUTO (automatic message repeat), memory READ, transmitter TUNE, message ABORT and memory WRITE. The bottom row includes potentiometers for sidetone VOLUME, DELAY (between message repetition in the AUTO mode), keyer SPEED and character WEIGHTING. Memory selection push buttons are at the right-hand side of the front panel (more on this later). Rear-panel connections include a three-circuit $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch phone jack for your keyer paddle, phono jacks for + and - keying outputs and a power jack. The sidetone speaker also mounts on the rear panel.

A&A's kit varies slightly from the *ARRL Handbook* version. The *ARRL Handbook*



version uses battery-backed-up RAM (random-access memory) to store information. The A&A version uses an EEPROM (electronically erasable programmable read-only memory) for this function. The EEPROM retains contents when power is turned off, so no battery backup board is offered (the *Handbook* version shows NiCd battery power as an option).

Assembly

I started assembly with the main PC board. It took me about an hour to stuff and solder all the components on the board. There are no step-by-step assembly instructions like a Heathkit®, but A&A supplies a detailed parts list and parts-placement diagram. With a little common sense applied to the sequence of part installation, the whole process goes very smoothly. I installed the IC sockets first so I could be sure they were all seated flat on the board, then the resistors and diodes, followed by the connector headers and finally the capacitors. The only problem I had was making the two-pin power connector fit into the PC board mounting holes. The pins on the connector were spaced a bit narrower than the mounting holes, but I was able to persuade the pins to fit the PC-board spacing with a pair of needle-nose pliers.

The second PC board holds the memory push-button switches, a few ICs and LEDs that are used to show which memory is in use. Called the “mouse” board (similar to a computer mouse), it’s mounted behind the keyer’s front panel. For an additional \$10, you can order the remote mouse option. The remote mouse option mounts the small PC board in a separate enclosure to place at a convenient spot on your operating bench. For this review, I assembled one keyer with a “remote mouse” and one with a “local mouse.”

The mouse PC board went together very smoothly. There are eight LEDs on this board, and they must be mounted up off the board so that they stick through the front panel. Mounting the push-button switches first allows you to turn the board upside down to rest the tops of the LEDs even with the switches when you solder them in. Again, a little common sense is required, but the process is not difficult. This assembly took about 15 minutes.

The keyer is supplied with an unpainted, undrilled aluminum cabinet. A&A also supplies a drilling template that you can cut out and tape to the front and back panels. There is a detailed drawing showing the correct diameter for each hole. With all this information, it was easy for me to drill the cabinet. I used a drill press and a complete set of bits in the ARRL Lab; it might be a bit more difficult for someone with only a hand drill and a few bits. The key to ending up with all the holes the right size and in the right place is to start with center-punched holes and work your way up to the final hole size with smaller bits. Drilling and deburring the cabinet took me about an hour.

As I said, the cabinet is supplied unpainted. I don’t like painting cabinets, but I also don’t like how careful I have to be not to scratch a factory-painted cabinet when I drill it. I guess there just is no easy way to end up with a nicely drilled and painted cabinet. I used light blue paint for the top and a cream color for the front and back. I painted the cabinet right after I drilled it and put on a few coats of paint while I assembled the PC boards. I left everything to dry overnight before I finished the assembly.

Panel labeling is another task I really don’t enjoy. A&A makes this relatively painless by providing clear Scotchcal® panel lettering. Once the cabinet is painted,

you cut the Scotchcal to fit the panel and line up the markings on the Scotchcal with the holes in the panel. It’s a bit difficult to apply the Scotchcal and get all the bubbles out from under it, but the result looks pretty good. This is *much* easier than trying to get dry-transfer letters applied correctly.

After the cabinet is drilled, painted and labeled, you can start the final assembly. Again, A&A has made this a lot easier by providing a front-panel wiring diagram. There are four potentiometers to wire on the front panel, and I’ve always found that if there is a 50/50 chance of wiring a potentiometer wrong, it *always* comes out wrong! (This must be one of Murphy’s Corollaries.) The wiring diagram takes all the guesswork out of the assembly and ensures that Murphy stays home. With the cabinet drilled according to the drilling guides, the potentiometers, switches and connectors fit nicely around the PC board and the whole assembly process goes very smoothly. Assembly takes a little while, because there are several connectors to wire and each connector requires several wires, each with a pin connector soldered on at least one end. It took me about two and a half hours to complete the assembly.

I assembled two kits. One board worked from power up with no problems, but the memory did not work on the other board. The keyer functions worked correctly, but I could not load or play the memory. I tried replacing the memory chip with no success, so I started troubleshooting with an oscilloscope. Since it was a memory problem, I checked all the signals at the memory chip. The WRITE signal was not making it to the memory chip from one of the gates elsewhere on the board. I traced the problem to a bad solder connection on a header connector. Once this problem was fixed, the board worked correctly. This was *not* a problem with the kit itself; any time you assemble a piece of equipment from components to finished unit, there is a chance that some debugging will be required before the unit functions correctly.

The A&A deluxe memory keyer is a pretty simple kit to assemble. Although the keyer itself is fairly complex, the kit goes together well and A&A provides enough aids to make it *much* easier to assemble the kit than it would be to build the keyer from a bare PC board. I estimate the total assembly time for the keyer at about six hours, not including the time it takes the paint to dry on your cabinet.

You won’t be disappointed with your finished keyer. The unit is compact and attractive, and it performs well. With up to eight memories to choose from, you can store a *lot* of information. The output keying transistors allow easy connection to virtually any transmitter.

Manufacturer: A&A Engineering, 2521 W LaPalma Ave, Unit K, Anaheim, CA 92801, tel 714-952-2114. Price class: model 217 (local mouse), \$150; model 223 (remote mouse), \$160.

USING THE DRAKE TR-7 AND TR-7A TRANSCEIVERS WITH FULL-BREAK-IN AMPLIFIERS

□ The Drake TR-7 exhibits a characteristic that makes it difficult to use with several full-break-in (QSK) amplifiers on the market (ETO models Alpha 77, 78 and 86, and the Ten Tec 425). The problem is that there is RF at the TR-7/7A's ANTENNA jack before the transceiver's VOX relay has closed. This condition activates the amplifier's "hot-switch protect" circuitry, causing the amplifier not to amplify the first dot or, in the case of the Alpha 86, to trip the protection latch and not amplify at all. In SSB VOX operation, a similar condition exists, but is less pronounced.

The Drake's VOX relay, which takes approximately 10 ms to close, is the cause of this problem. The solution is to add a transistor switch (Fig 1) to the TR-7—a switch that closes immediately on the generation of a transmit command from the key, PTT or VOX. Once this is done, the transistor switch, *not* the TR-7's VOX relay, keys the amplifier. The circuit is easy to build and can be installed by a reasonably competent technician in less than 15 minutes. No familiarity with the inner workings of the Drake is required.

Refer to Fig 1. Circuit operation is simple: The +10T line goes from zero to +10 V when the TR-7 goes from receive to transmit, regardless of the position of the transceiver's MODE switch. This turns on Q1, which keys the amplifier.

Drake has graciously placed a spare phono jack on the transceiver's rear panel; we'll use this jack for the new amplifier-control output. Once you've collected the parts listed in the Fig 1 caption, proceed as follows:

- 1) Remove the TR-7's cover (slot-head screws) and bottom plate (Phillips-head screws).
- 2) Remove the six screws that hold the rear center panel. This allows access to the spare phono jack's solder terminals.
- 3) Solder one end of the 5-inch wire to the center pin of the spare phono jack and route the wire toward the bottom of the panel.
- 4) Replace the rear panel and its six screws.
- 5) Turn the TR-7 over and locate the +10T trace on the large circuit board (the motherboard; see Fig 2).
- 6) Solder the emitter lead of the transistor to the ground pad of the coaxial cable closest to the rear center of the board.
- 7) Solder the free end of the wire from the QSK jack to the collector lead of the transistor.

8) Solder the 4.7-k Ω resistor between the +10T trace and the transistor base lead. Be careful that the leads of the transistor do

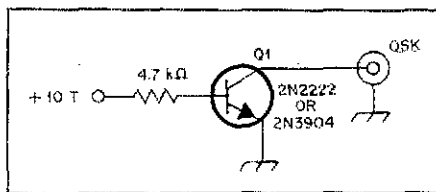


Fig 1—Dick Frey added QSK compatibility to his Drake TR-7 transceiver by adding a 4.7-k Ω resistor, NPN transistor (2N3904 or 2N2222), 5-inch piece of wire and panel label to the rig. The QSK jack is a spare phono connector already installed on the TR-7/7A back panel by Drake. See text and Fig 2.

not short any traces on the board.

9) Label the new jack QSK with tape or a stick-on label.

10) Check your work. Replace the TR-7's bottom cover (Phillips-head screws) and top cover (slot-head screws).

To use the TR-7 with the amplifier, connect the new QSK jack to the RELAY or KEY IN jack on the amplifier. No other control connections are required.—Dick Frey, K4XU, 4138 Maine St, Quincy, IL 62301

IMPROVEMENTS TO "A REAL TURN-ON"

□ I read George Murphy's "A Real Turn On" with great interest.¹ It was the first time I'd seen a ladder diagram in *QST*. One thing that bothers me about George's circuit is that if the first control circuit is de-energized, all of the following circuits are de-energized. Fig 3 shows a redesign that allows each circuit to be controlled independently after startup. This modified circuit requires that K2 (a DPDT relay in George's circuit) be changed to a 4PDT unit, three poles of which are used.

Modified as shown in Fig 3, the Turn-On works as follows: When power is applied, DS1 (OFF 1), DS3 (OFF 2) and DS5 (OFF 3) come on. Pressing momentary push-button S2, START 1, energizes solenoid K1A. The NO contacts of K1B close to shunt S2 and send 12 V dc to output 1 and DS2 (ON 1); the NC contacts of K1B open, turning off DS1. The closure of K1C's NO contacts arm the second control circuit.

¹G. Murphy, "A Real Turn-On," *QST*, Nov 1987, pp 23-27.

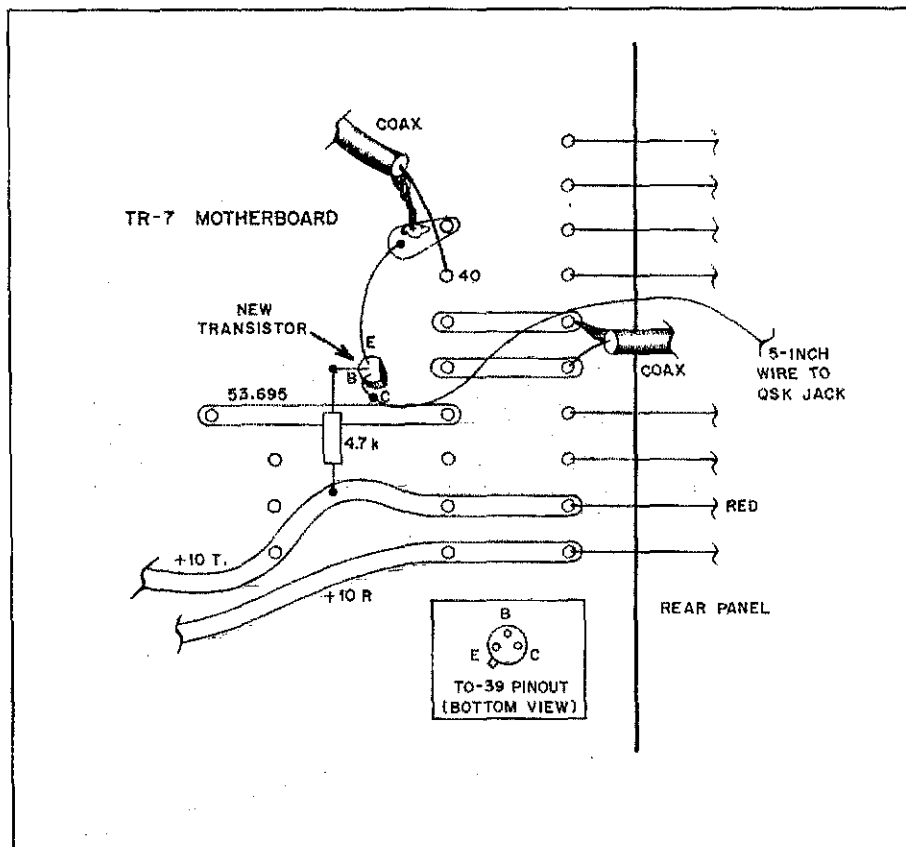


Fig 2—The 4.7-k Ω resistor and transistor are connected to the TR-7/7A motherboard as shown at A. If you use a 2N2222 in a metal can (TO-39, pinout at inset), be sure that the can does not touch other components.

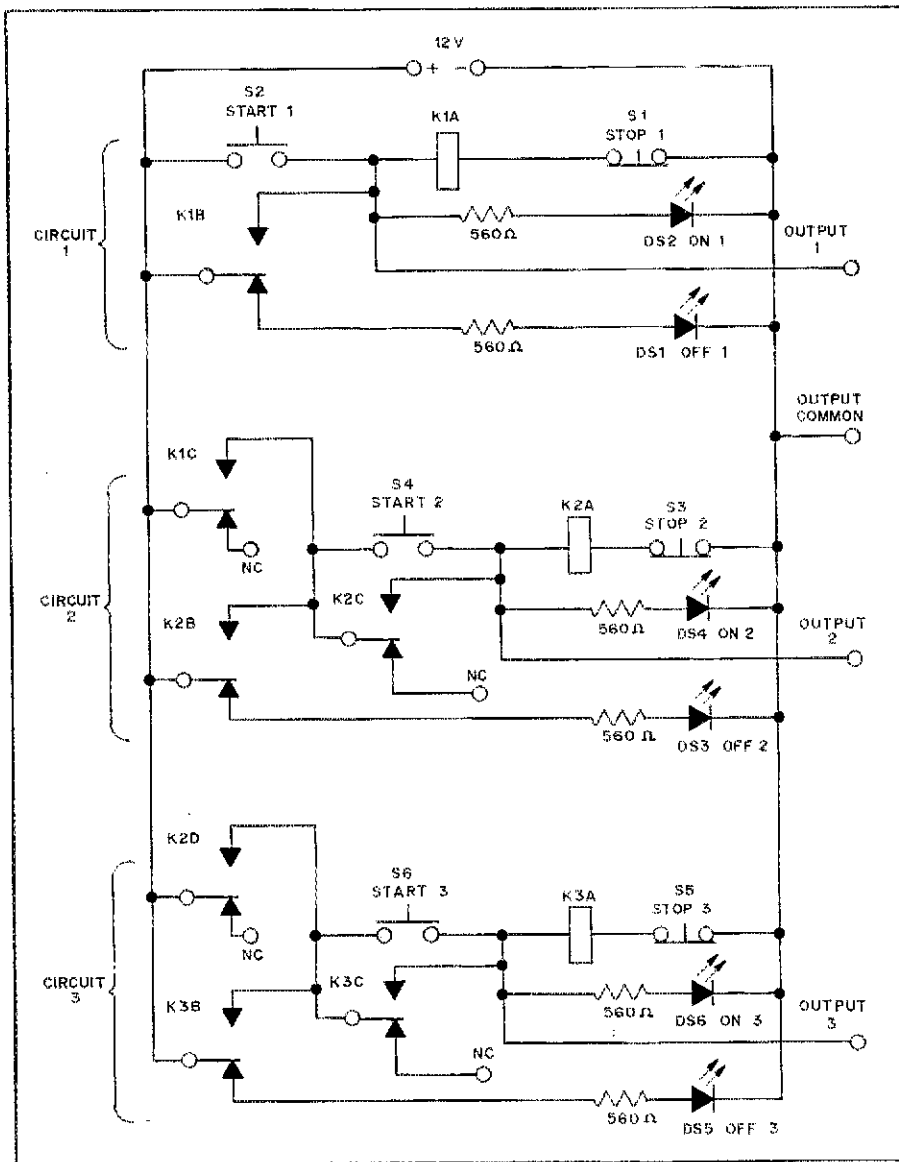


Fig 3—Eugene Hecker's modified Turn-On allows the various control circuits to be turned off independently once they've been powered up in 1-2-3 order. Note, however, that the ability to turn earlier circuits on and off independently can allow other than a 1-2-3 startup sequence if turned off circuits 1 and/or 2 are turned back on without restarting the entire ladder. (See text.) The remainder of George Murphy's circuit (see the article cited in note 1) is used without modification.

K1, K3—DPDT relay, 12 V dc solenoid (Radio Shack® 275-249 or equiv).
K2—4PDT relay, 12 V dc solenoid (three poles used; RS 275-214 or equiv).

DS1, DS3, DS5—Green LED.
DS2, DS4, DS6—Red LED.
Resistors are ¼-watt carbon film.

Circuit 2 operates when S4, START 2, is pressed. Pressing S4 actuates K2A; the NO contacts of K2B shunt K1C; K2C shunts S4 and turns on DS4 (ON 2). At the same time, the NC contacts of K2B open, turning off DS3. Circuit 3 is identical to circuit 2.

As in George Murphy's circuit, the START switches are shunted by relay contacts once their respective circuits turn on. My circuit differs from George's in that the relay contacts that arm circuits 2 and 3 (K1C and K2D) respectively, are themselves shunted by relay contacts (K2B and K3B, respectively). K2B and K3B act as "arm-latch" contacts, allowing circuits higher on

the ladder to be turned off without affecting circuits lower on the ladder. This preserves the 1-2-3 cold-start sequence. —Eugene Hecker, WB5CCF, PO Box 940, Magdalena, NM 87825

UNPOWERED COMPUTER GENERATES RFI

□ Reception from 160 through 10 meters at my location was marred by severe splatter from a "broadcast band" station located 1½ miles away. The interference wasn't continuous, though; it came and went for no apparent reason. After putting up with this for several weeks, I went to

work tracking down the interference source. The interference appeared to be emanating from a 30-foot shielded RS-232-C data cable connected to my unpowered computer. Disconnecting the cable from the computer made the interference go away. Problem solved?

No! Attaching a new cable brought the interference back! Further investigation revealed a poorly soldered joint at pin 1 (equipment ground) on the computer's RS-232-C DB25 connector. Evidently, this solder joint was acting as an effective frequency multiplier. So, when hunting for sources of frustrating RFI, consider checking equipment that's not turned on—it *may* just be the culprit!—David Barker, 38486 Cheldon, Mt Clemens, MI 48044-2312

Turned-off electronic equipment can generate such interference even *without* faulty wiring. Investigating interference similar to David's—pops, sizzles and crackles that occurred by day on all medium and high frequencies—I discovered that my unpowered, solid-state general-coverage receiver was generating the junk in step with the modulation peaks of a medium-wave broadcaster 1¼ miles away. Hunch: The interference is caused by the unpowered receiver's unbiased input-network switching diodes and/or RF-amplifier MOSFET. (Further hunch: The interference occurs only during the day because the station changes its antenna pattern at night, resulting in a considerably weaker RF field at my location.) Evidence: Turning the receiver on makes the problem disappear. Solution: Disconnect the antenna from the receiver when the receiver is not in use.—AK7M

A SIMPLE CURRENT LIMITER FOR EQUIPMENT TESTING

□ Many years ago, when I was installing and servicing electron microscopes as a field representative for RCA, one of the most important items in my tool kit was a rubber pigtail socket equipped with alligator clips and a 100-W, 120-V lamp. This gadget was really useful for locating fuse-blowing faults in power supplies and associated equipment. Since then, I've gone a step further and added switches and a fuse as shown in Fig 4. The result is a compact current-limiting unit that can be used to check transformers and other equipment for short circuits.

The 100-W lamp, DS, serves as a current limiting resistor. The device under test is plugged into J, and P is connected to a 120 V ac source. S2, LIMIT, is a SPDT (on, center-off, momentary-on) toggle switch. With S2 set to LIMIT ON, DS is in series with the device under test across the ac line. Full line voltage appears at J only if the device under test draws no current. The more current drawn by the device under test, the lower the voltage at J when S2 is set to LIMIT ON.

When S1 is turned on, the brightness of DS indicates the absence or presence of a short-circuit fault in the device under test. If the lamp burns at full brilliance, a short circuit exists. If the lamp burns at partial brilliance, the device under test is probably sound. S2 can be set to LIMIT OFF to apply

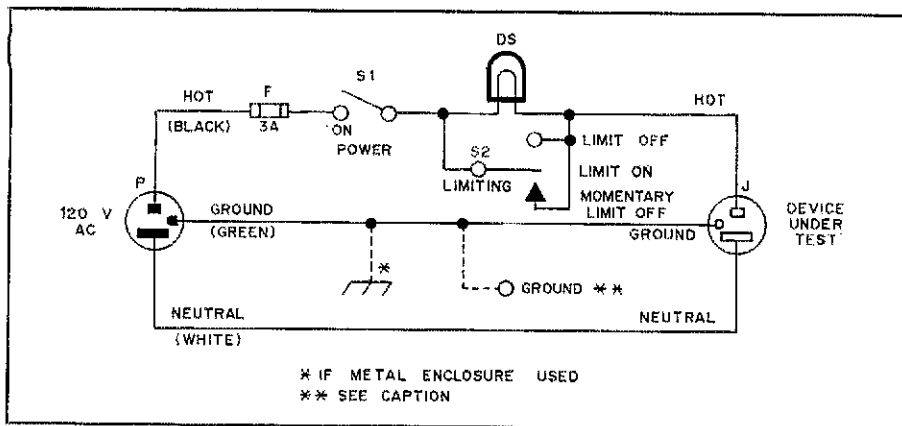


Fig 4—Lew Howard's current limiter uses an incandescent lamp to prevent serious equipment damage should a short circuit occur in the device under test. If you build the current limiter into a metal enclosure, be sure to connect the mains ground wire (green) to the enclosure. It's also a good idea to add a GROUND binding post (connected to the mains ground wire) to the current limiter for use with equipment having two-wire ac cords. This allows the chassis of the device under test to be connected to the ac mains ground for safety. Speaking of safety: Contact with the ac mains can kill you. *Be careful* when constructing and using this circuit.

DS—100-W, 120-V incandescent lamp in ceramic socket. Other wattages may be useful; see text.

F—3-A, 250-V fuse in panel-mounted holder.

J—120 V ac jack.

P—120 V ac cord set with plug.

S1—SPST toggle rated 3 A (or more) at 120 V ac.

S2—SPDT on, center-off, momentary-on toggle rated 3 A (or more) at 120 V ac.

120 V ac to the device under test if all appears well; pushing S2 to MOMENTARY LIMIT OFF does likewise as long as the switch is kept in this position. Should the device under test fail with full mains voltage applied, the fuse, F, provides much better protection than the 15-A fuses or breakers that are standard in house wiring.

Of course, this device is nothing new and is certainly not an invention of mine. After listening to many weebegone on-the-air discussions related to troubleshooting, though, I felt compelled to share this bit of knowledge—it may help save a lot of fuses and expensive gear!—*Lewis N. Howard, W4LHH, 4132 Creek Stone Ct, Stone Mountain, GA 30083*

Properly applied, this circuit can also be used as an aid to restoring vintage or long-unused equipment—especially transformer-operated equipment that has been stored under humid conditions. ("Firing up" such gear cold may literally result in fire because of moisture-induced short circuits in transformer windings.) Page 26-28 of the 1988 *ARRL Handbook* discusses safe procedures for burning in vintage gear with the help of a variable-voltage autotransformer. Lew Howard's current limiter can serve as a cheap-and-dirty substitute for a variable-voltage transformer in this application if a suitable selection of incandescent lamps is available. (The lower a lamp's wattage, the higher its resistance. Use the lamp current limiter to power up vintage equipment in steps by starting with a low-wattage lamp—say, 40 W or less—and working up in lamp wattage until even a high-wattage lamp—200 W or so—is not lit to full brilliance by the current drain of the device under test.)

You can also use a light-bulb current limiter to reduce the heat of a soldering iron. Plug the iron into J and try lamps of different wattages until the iron's temperature is where you want it.—*AK7M*

A DOORBELL ALERT ALARM

Have you ever missed hearing your doorbell or chime when you were deeply engrossed in operating your station? The solution to this problem is simple: Run a length of thin, two-conductor speaker wire from the terminals of the existing bell or chime to an appropriate location in your shack and complete the circuit with an electromechanical buzzer. There's a much more pleasant-sounding and sophisticated method, however: Use a piezoelectric buzzer instead! (Radio Shack sells several suitable types.) The dc drive necessary to operate these devices can be obtained using the circuit shown in Fig 5.

Since installing these alerting devices in the shack, attic, basement and back porch,

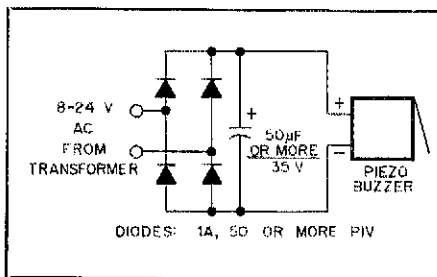


Fig 5—Maurice Sasson uses piezoelectric buzzers to extend the coverage of his doorbell. The filter capacitor, C, smooths the pulsating dc output of the bridge for purer buzzer tones. If the bell transformer voltage is too high for the alerter circuit, add a dropping resistor in series with one of the FROM TRANSFORMER lines.

I haven't missed answering a ring—and my family is pleased with the alerter's melodious sound.—*Maurice Sasson, MD, W2JAJ, 3021 Middletown Rd, Bronx, NY 10461*

RECEIVE-ONLY UP/DOWN OPERATION WITH THE KENWOOD TW-4000A TRANSCEIVER AND MC-48 MICROPHONE

Kenwood's MC-48 microphone includes UP and DWN buttons that allow frequency and scanning control in transceivers capable of providing this useful feature. Using the MC-48 with my TW-4000A transceiver, however, I'd often inadvertently push one of these buttons while transmitting. Each time, I discovered the resultant frequency change only after I returned the rig to receive mode.

To avoid this problem, rewire the MC-48 microphone as follows:

1) Open the microphone case and locate the PTT switch.

2) Disconnect the red wire from the C terminal of the PTT switch and disconnect the two black wires from the NO terminal.

3) Solder the red wire to the NO terminal.

4) Separate the two black wires and identify the one that goes to the UP and DWN switches.

5) Solder this wire to the PTT switch NC terminal.

6) Solder the other black wire to PTT switch NO terminal.

7) Reassemble the microphone.

This modification disconnects the MC-48's up/down switching circuit in transmit but maintains normal up/down operation during receive. It may be applicable to other microphones that have unused normally closed PTT-switch contacts.—*Stanley P. Sears, W2PQG, 188 Concord Dr, Paramus, NJ 07652*

NOISE BRIDGE AIDS TRANSMITTER OUTPUT NETWORK ADJUSTMENT

The anode matching network in a grounded-cathode or grounded-grid RF amplifier circuit must provide a proper load resistance to the amplifier tube(s) for maximum power transfer. Matching-network design formulas can provide the appropriate component values necessary for this condition, but adjustment of the network is often necessary after the amplifier is built—especially if the exact values of the components used are unknown. Here is the technique I use to make output-network adjustment quicker and easier. The method depends on the use of a resistance-reactance (RX) noise bridge.

Remove all voltages but filament or heater from the amplifier tube(s). Determine the proper load resistance for the tubes from the appropriate formulas and shunt a noninductive resistor of this value from the tube anode(s) to ground (across the input of the output matching network).

Put the amplifier into its transmit mode, or temporarily rewire the amplifier's TR relay to connect the amplifier output to its load. Connect the noise bridge's UNKNOWN port to the amplifier's OUTPUT connector with a *short* piece of coaxial cable. Adjust the bridge to read zero reactance and a resistance equal to that for which the amplifier is designed (usually 50 ohms).

With a receiver connected to the appropriate noise-bridge port and tuned to the frequency at which the output network is to be adjusted, attempt to obtain a noise-bridge null by adjusting the amplifier output network. If you obtain a null, no further adjustments are necessary. If you cannot obtain a null, add or remove inductance in the amplifier output network until you achieve a null at zero reactance and 50 ohms resistance. (If you like, you can adjust the bridge for a null before changing network component values. The reactance and resistance values necessary for the noise-bridge null can help you decide whether to add or remove output-network inductance for a 50-ohm match.)

Once you've gotten your output network into proper adjustment, don't forget to remove the noninductive load resistor between anode(s) and ground!

This noise-bridge method sheds some light on what is otherwise often pure guesswork. Two amplifiers that I adjusted in this way both operate at near optimum efficiency. Although I've used this procedure only on pi networks, it should be equally

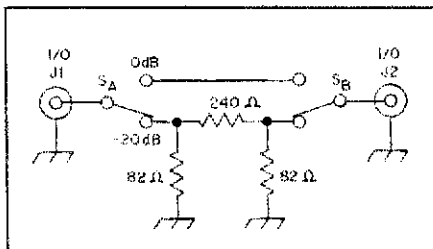


Fig 6—Earle Grandison took advantage of the IC-745's inclusion of RECEIVER INPUT and RECEIVE ANTENNA OUTPUT jacks to add this switchable 20-dB RF attenuator. The circuit is built in a small aluminum box; phono-plug-equipped coaxial cables connect the box to the IC-745. The resistors are carbon-film or -composition units. J1 and J2, phono jacks, are labeled I/O because the attenuator is *bilateral*—either jack can serve as input or output.

applicable to other network configurations.—I. Dean Elkins, K4ADJ, 212 Old Orchard Ln, Henderson, KY 42420

TWO NOTES ON THE ICOM IC-745 TRANSCEIVER

A Switchable 20-dB RF Attenuator

□ The IC-745 does not include an RF attenuator, but one can be added easily. The rear panel of the '745 holds connectors for numerous accessory functions. These include an SO-239 ANTENNA socket and phono jacks for RECEIVER INPUT and RECEIVER ANTENNA OUTPUT. The IC-745's TR relay switches the SO-239 between the

transmitter output (inside the radio) and the RECEIVER ANTENNA OUTPUT jack (on the rear panel). Normally, a shielded jumper cable connects the RECEIVER INPUT and RECEIVER ANTENNA OUTPUT jacks for single-antenna, transceiver operation. This jumper offers the perfect access point to install an RF attenuator without defacing the transceiver.

To construct a 20-dB attenuator, wire and install the circuit shown in Fig 6. This simple addition allows selection of 0- and 20-dB attenuation values at the flip of a switch.

If Your IC-745 Seems to Be Lacking in Receiver Gain...

□ My IC-745 transceiver suffered from sporadic, slight changes in overall receiver gain. Moving the radio and tapping its components affected the problem but did not reveal its cause, and no *repeatable* effects were found. I did notice, however, that prodding the wiring around the '745's Main and IF circuit boards had the most effect.

I discovered the cause of the problem by accident. While realigning the receiver, I found that R2, the '745's 22-kΩ TOTAL GAIN trimmer potentiometer, had been set almost to its "no gain" point. Very slight readjustment of R2 during realignment solved the gain-variation problem, and no further abnormal gain shifts have occurred.—Earle Grandison, K6WS, 11657 Gladstone Cir, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

New Products

WD4BUM M-300 SERIES MOBILE ANTENNAS

□ The Lakeview Company of Anderson, South Carolina, has introduced a new series of $\frac{1}{4}$ -λ magnetic-mount mobile antennas. The M-300 (144 MHz), M-301 (220 MHz) and M-302 (440 MHz) antennas feature a stainless steel whip, chrome-plated 2-inch magnet and 15 feet of RG-58 coaxial cable with PL-259 connector (a BNC connector is available for an additional \$2). The M-300 antenna is also available pretuned from 100 MHz through 500 MHz on a special-order basis. Price class for the M-300 series antennas is \$13. To order, or for more information, contact Lakeview Company, PO Box 5906, Anderson, SC 29623, tel 800-226-6990.—Tom Francis, NMIQ

NEW HAM IV ROTATOR BRAKE WEDGE

□ Craig's Antenna and Tower Service (C.A.T.S.) has introduced the Super Wedge, an improved rotator brake wedge for Ham III and IV series antenna rotators. The

Super Wedge is designed to hold antennas with boom lengths of up to 40 feet. Ham M and Ham II rotators can also be modified with the Super Wedge, but require a rotator housing change. Price class: \$15. To order, or for more information, contact C.A.T.S., 7368 SR 105, Pemberville, OH 34350, tel 419-352-4465.—Tom Francis, NMIQ

NEW CES AUTOPATCH

□ The model 510SA-II telephone autopatch for Amateur Radio fixed-station or repeater operation is available from Communications Electronics Specialties, Inc. The 510SA-II

controls automatic telephone interconnections using a microprocessor that can be configured to operate in simplex sampling mode for amateur VHF/UHF fixed stations, or half or full duplex for repeater operations. Additional 510SA-II features include multidigit DTMF connect codes, activity and time-of-day timers, CW ID, toll restrict and disconnect overrides. Special security codes allow for remote control via telephone lines or a fixed station. For more information, contact Communications Electronics Specialties, Inc, 931 S Semoran Blvd, Ste 218, Winter Park, FL 32792, tel 800-327-9956.—Tom Francis, NMIQ



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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES CATALOG ON DISK

□ If you're an experimenter—and you've got an IBM® PC or compatible with at least 384 kbytes of RAM—you may be interested in Motorola's semiconductor devices catalog on disk. Contained on a 5¼ inch floppy disk, the "Motorola DATA DISK: Discrete Semiconductor Version" is a data base containing technical information on more than 624 RF devices. The data base contains more than 6600 device parameters and over 2300 cross-references for RF bipolar transistors, RF MOSFETs and RF amplifiers. In addition, the data base offers parametric data for power transistors, small-signal devices, thyristors, sensors, Zener diodes and optoelectronic devices.

An interesting feature of this data base is that the information is available to you in five languages! You can select from English, German, French, Italian or Spanish.

The next version of the disk (the present is REV 1), will include data on over 30,000 Motorola Semiconductor products—ICs as well as discrete components. Motorola plans to update the data base at least once a year.

Each disk costs \$2. For your copy, contact the Motorola Semiconductor Literature Distribution Center, PO Box 20912, Phoenix, AZ 85036, tel 602-994-6561, and request DK101/D REV 1. According to Motorola, you can also obtain the disk from your local Motorola Semiconductor sales office.
—Paul K. Pagel, N1FB, ARRL HQ

MORE ON THE SNAKE ANTENNA

□ It is unfortunate that my article about on-ground receiving antennas appeared in the April issue of *QST*! I have answered numerous letters and phone calls from amateurs who were convinced that the article was the annual April Fool offering! The presentation is definitely *not* a leg-pull.

Since the paper was published, I have received some interesting and helpful information about coaxial snake antennas. Among the things I learned from correspondents is that W2AHZ is the station at which this type of antenna was deployed quite some time ago. Two correspondents referred to it as "The W2AHZ Snake Antenna." I apologize for not having given a reference to W2AHZ; I was unaware of the background in the matter.

¹D. DeMaw, "On-Ground Low-Noise Receiving Antennas," *QST*, Apr 1988, pp 30-32.

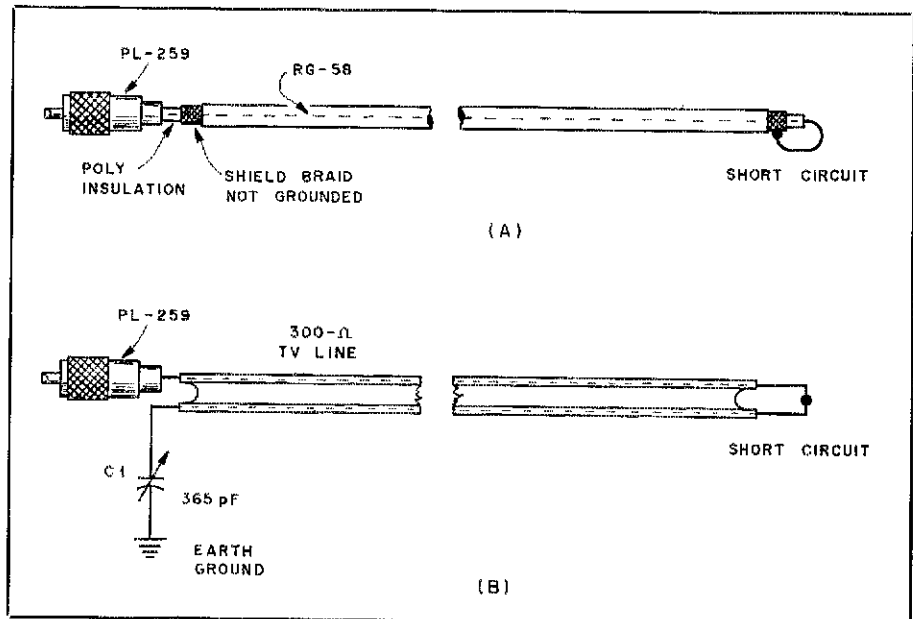


Fig 1—Examples of the snake antennas used at W1HXU. At A, the W2AHZ coaxial snake antenna. The far end is short-circuited, but the shield braid "floats" at the receiver end. The illustration at B shows the W1HXU "Tapeworm Antenna." It is made of 300-ohm TV ribbon line. The far end is short-circuited. One conductor is connected to the receiver at the opposite end of the line, and the remaining conductor at the receiver end is grounded through C1. Either antenna may consist of a random length of transmission line, but the longer the line, the better.

Some of the amateurs who contacted me mentioned improved antenna performance if the scheme shown in Fig 1A is used. The shield braid of the coaxial antenna is *not* grounded at the receiver end. Rather, only the center conductor of the cable is attached to the receiver input port. The far end of the coaxial antenna is short-circuited. I have not compared this method to the resistor-terminated version I worked with.

John Tyskewicz, W1HXU, reports good results with the arrangement of Fig 1A. He stated that he has a 100-foot snake antenna that is buried in the ground. He worked a VE3 on 30 meters while using the antenna for transmitting! John has also worked stations on 80 and 40 meters while using his snake antenna for transmitting. I did not attempt to use mine for this purpose.

Fig 1B illustrates a variation of the snake antenna that is used at W1HXU. The on-ground receiving antenna consists of a length of 300-ohm TV ribbon line. The far end of the line is short-circuited. At the receiving end of the antenna, John connects *one* of the ribbon conductors to ground through a variable capacitor, and the remaining conductor goes to the input port of the receiver. (Although John provided

no value for the capacitor, it is presumably a 365- or 400-pF unit, because John said he obtained his capacitor from an old AM broadcast-band receiver.) John says that he adjusts the variable capacitor for optimum signal-to-noise ratio on receive. He refers to the system in Fig 1B as his "Tapeworm Antenna."

This new information about on-ground, low-noise receiving antennas should be of interest to those of you who are experimenting with snake antennas. I want to thank those amateurs who took the time to contact me about this type of antenna. Many interesting performance reports were given. I feel obligated to pass these gleanings along to you.—Doug DeMaw, W1FB, PO Box 250, Luther, MI 49656

BORN-AGAIN ALKALINES

□ George Schleicher's comment on resurrecting NiCd cells² reminded me of a technique I use. This tip may be of interest

²G. Schleicher, "Resurrecting NiCd Cells," *Technical Correspondence, QST*, May 1988. See also G. Schleicher, "Zapping Life Back into a Nickel-Cadmium Cell," *QST*, Feb 1980, p 35.

to others, allowing them to squeeze a bit more life from alkaline cells. I discovered this method at a wedding I attended, when I desperately needed a bit more life from my electronic flash.

If you heat the batteries *safely*—under hot water, for example, they'll recover somewhat and can be returned to service. The heating obviously causes some chemical rejuvenation, and is recommended only as a last-ditch resort. The technique, however, has worked for me many times.

—Michael Neidich, K2ENN, 145 East 15 St, Suite 6A, New York, NY 10003

NETWORK TRANSFORMER EXPOSED!

☐ Do you need a good transformer for your next phone patch—or phone line to almost anything? Chances are good you have several such transformers lying around the shack now. Almost every tele-

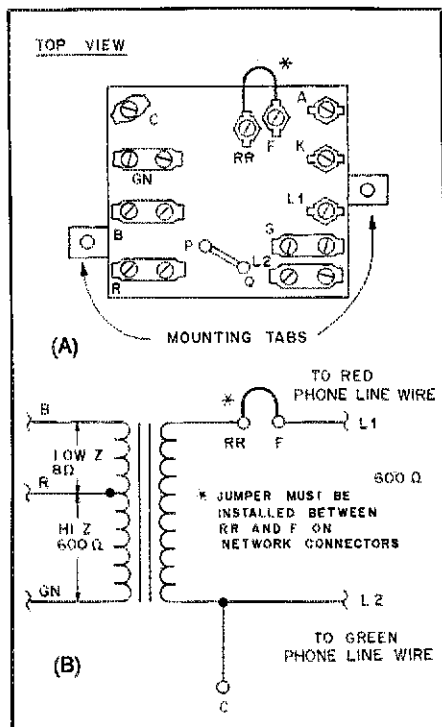


Fig 2—At A, the drawing of a top view of a Network 425 transformer. The schematic at B shows how you can put one of these transformers to use in a phone patch or other circuit.

phone made contains a Network 425 transformer. Few people, however, know of its inner connections. The lowdown is shown in Fig 2.—Steve Kimber, W7VEW, PO Box 669, Washington, UT 84780

DAILY SMOKE REPORT

☐ Although my principal field of operating interest lies at the opposite end of the spectrum, I would like to pass along

a tip for predicting temperature inversions to those amateurs who use VHF. The information may prove useful in predicting when tropospheric openings may occur.

In some areas of the country, the National Weather Service (NWS) includes a "smoke management report" in its radio broadcasts. This report is not broadcast by *all* NOAA stations, but appears to be used principally in rural areas where controlled burning of forests and brushy areas is common.

The smoke management report includes much information that is not useful for hams. But, the report *does* include a daily prediction on whether or not a temperature inversion is anticipated, and at what hours the inversion should occur. Although the report does not specifically state the altitude of the expected inversion, it does predict a "mixing altitude," which could be used to determine roughly at which height the inversion is expected. Other items included in the smoke-management report that may be of interest to the radio amateur are the mid-level wind speed and direction reports.—Drayton Cooper, NALBJ, PO Box 5, Bowling Green, SC 29703

[A check with the Connecticut NOAA office confirms that the broadcast of smoke reports is determined locally. Such reports are not given in this area.—Ed.]

811A TUBE REPLACEMENTS

☐ I'd like to offer some information on the nature and replacement of 811A power triodes. Especially for those amateurs who were raised on transistors and ICs, and have had limited dealings with filament-type vacuum tubes such as the 811A, this information should prove quite valuable.

In amplifiers such as the popular Collins 30L-1, four 811A tubes are mounted horizontally. The tube sockets are oriented so as to place the tube filaments (pins 1 and 4) in the *vertical* plane. [Manufacturer's data sheets specified that pins 1 and 4 should be in the vertical plane if the tube is mounted horizontally (see Fig 3).—Ed.]

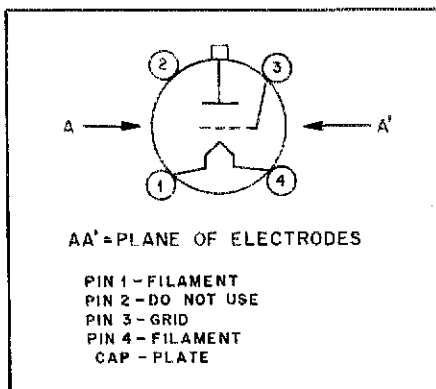


Fig 3—For proper operation of the 811A tube in a horizontal position, pins 1 and 4 should be in a vertical plane. See text.

If horizontally positioned 811As are used with the filaments in the *horizontal* plane, the filaments can sag, causing the filament to short to the grid. The end result: a destroyed tube(s), grid resistor(s), fuses, and a thorough application of Murphy's Law to the remainder of the amplifier.

In the not-too-distant past, this problem would not have occurred because of the tight mechanical specifications adhered to by the US tube manufacturers. Not so today! There are 811As being offered by at least two American companies (RCA and Westinghouse) that have the tube elements rotated to a position anywhere from 45 to 90 degrees from the electrode plane of the earlier design. The Westinghouse tubes are made in West Germany, and the RCA tubes are made in the USSR. It's quite possible that these tubes are being offered under other names as well.

There appears to be no problem with the quality of these irregular tubes, and they will work fine in a *base-down* position. But if you must use them in a horizontal position, *don't!* At some point, you *will* have a problem. Look for US-made replacements.—Pat H. Walton, W5RES, 10300 Delta Ct NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114

Note: All correspondence addressed to this column should bear the name, call sign and complete address of the sender. Please include a daytime telephone number at which you may be reached if necessary.

Feedback

☐ Doug McBride, N1DPK, found these errors in "Professional Quality DTMF Decoder and SELCALL System," *QST*, Feb 1988, pp 19-22. On p 22, in the first column, in the 10th line from the bottom, the text should read: "... appropriate clock occurs, AND gates U9B and U9C toggle..." In the first column, starting with the second line from the bottom, and continuing into the second column, correct the text to read: "... sequence is met at either AND gate (U9B or U9C), a latch is set (U6A for an individual code, U6B for a group code). These latches turn on a corresponding LED (DS1-DS2) and relay driver (Q1, Q2). They also turn on Q6, driving K1 and connecting a speaker, LS1, to the radio." Also, see the Feedback item in *QST*, Apr 1988, p 47.

Before Your Ticket Arrives

Can't wait to get your ticket in the mail and get on the air? Here's what to do so you'll be all set when the postman makes your day.

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Every new radio amateur faces this problem: You've studied long and hard and you've just passed your Novice test. The first obstacle on the road to ham radio is behind you and you feel like a million bucks. Now you're passing time waiting for your license to come in the mail and as the weeks go by, the frustration is mounting. Until that ticket arrives, you're not a ham.

But there are things you can do—*must* do—to ward off that frustrated feeling and, at the same time, ensure that your first QSO will be all that you have imagined. You cannot get on the air yet, but you can get ready. The time between your Novice test and the arrival of your license can be one of the most valuable times in your ham career, *if* you use it wisely. Instead of getting more and more frustrated, direct your efforts toward preparing your shack and yourself.

Don't Stop Learning

It's very important to keep studying. All the work you did to pass your Novice test is only the beginning of a lifetime learning process in radio. Keep reviewing your Novice study material—the information you've learned so far is vital to proper operation of an Amateur Radio station and your enjoyment of the hobby. Even more important—go out and obtain the study materials for your next upgrade and get to work immediately. I made it a practice to do just that after I upgraded each time, and that helped me go from SWL to Extra Class.

Don't think that you're confined to *studying* radio because your ticket hasn't arrived yet. You'll get lots of practical knowledge by getting to know the hams in your area. Tell them who you are and your situation. If you have an Elmer, he'll be glad to have you in his shack. Visit as many

hams as you can and see how they set up their shacks and solved various problems and how they operate their stations. Every minute you spend in someone's shack may mean hours of problems you avoid by picking up practical information.

Most hams you meet will be happy to have you as a guest in their shack. They'll give you the benefit of their experience, and a lot of things they teach you cannot be found in books. Real-life experience is a necessary complement to written study material. And there's another benefit: The opportunity to establish friendships that are deep and lifelong.

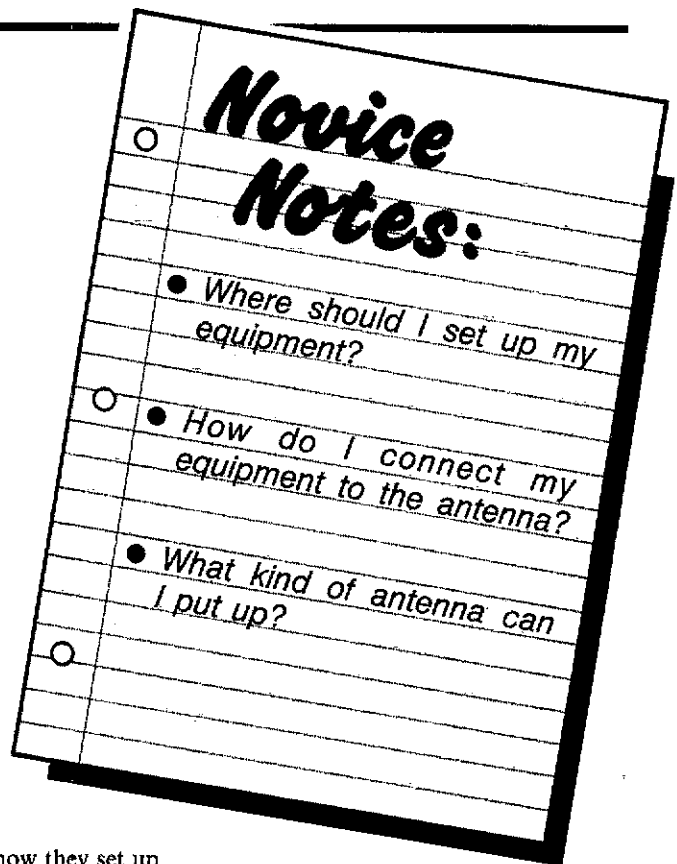
Get Your Shack Ready

Fine business. You're studying hard, keeping all that hard-won knowledge in your head and maybe preparing for your next upgrade. You've also met some local hams; visiting their shacks and seeing their equipment gives you some direction toward setting up your own shack and buying your first rig. Perhaps you have joined a club, whose members can provide you with a font of lore, both theoretical and practical.

Before purchasing a rig, there are two things you should do:

1. Prepare your operating position.
2. Put up an antenna.

Getting your operating position ready is as important as buying your first rig. A shack requires careful planning and now is the time to do it, while you're waiting for your license to arrive. It would be presumptuous to offer specific advice, as every ham faces different problems in setting up and operating a station. Still, a few observations are in order.



The shack and the antenna location should be considered as a single problem. It does little good if you erect an antenna in a place which makes it impossible, or very difficult, to run the feed line to your shack. If you are feeding your antenna with coax and a very long run is needed, much of your signal will be dissipated in feed-line losses, especially on 10 and 15 meters.

On the other hand, if your antenna is too close to your shack, you and your equipment will be saturated with RF, to the detriment of your operating. Your shack must be located so that you can provide your station with a very short run of wire for the station ground, or, failing that, so that counterpoise wires can be routed outside your shack (see the sidebar, "What is a Counterpoise?"). This is why most hams prefer to have their shacks on the ground floor or in the basement.

If you must operate from an apartment or condominium, you may have grounding problems, especially if you live on an upper floor. Ground leads, even when there is a ground available, may approach a quarter-wavelength or longer, particularly on the higher-frequency bands. In addition, you may face antenna restrictions and other legal impediments to operating your station.

Don't despair. There are solutions to every problem, and there may be several hams among those you have been meeting who have faced the very same problems. They can tell you how to make an effective ground system, how to install an

What is a Counterpoise?

A good RF ground is often necessary to ensure that your rig isn't too hot to handle (if you've ever been bitten by stray RF energy on a piece of gear, you know what I mean!).

Your equipment (*all* of it) should always be connected to a good electrical ground—you want to be around to enjoy Amateur Radio for a while—but what serves well as a 60-Hz ground may not function as an effective RF ground. As the operating frequency is increased, the conductor between your equipment and your ground may approach a quarter wavelength (a quarter wavelength on 10 meters is just a little over eight feet!). Unless your ground lead is substantially shorter than this, you may have problems with stray RF getting into your equipment, resulting in RF bites and even erratic operation or malfunction of equipment.

A quarter-wavelength conductor may not serve as a good RF ground because it acts as an *impedance transformer*. When you connect one end of a quarter-wavelength conductor to a low-impedance object (ground, for instance), its ungrounded end exhibits a *high* impedance. "Grounding" your equipment to such a high-impedance point is like not grounding it at all—for frequencies at and near which the wire is a quarter-wavelength, or an odd multiple of a quarter-wavelength, long. Under some conditions, such an "RF ground" may be worse than no ground at all!

If you experience this problem—or if you simply don't have a good ground available—don't give up! You can make the impedance-transformation characteristic of a quarter-wavelength conductor work for you instead of against you by using that quarter-wavelength wire as a form of *counterpoise*. (A counterpoise is a wire or group of wires, insulated from ground, that serves the same purpose as a low-impedance path to ground.) Making a quarter-wavelength counterpoise is easy: Cut a piece of wire that is a quarter-wavelength long at the band you intend to operate on. Attach one end of the wire to your equipment ground terminal(s) and *don't* attach the other end to anything. Because there is nothing attached to the free end of the wires and because of the impedance-transformation characteristic of a quarter-wavelength wire, the equipment end of the wire will substitute for an RF ground for any band on which the wire is a quarter-wavelength (or odd multiple thereof) long.

One precaution that *must* be observed is to route the free end of the counterpoise where no persons or animals can come in contact with it—there can be enough RF on the wire to cause a nasty burn.

It is not necessary to use a heavy wire for the counterpoise. When installing a true ground, however, always use as large a conductor as possible (the shield braid from RG-8 coax works nicely).

Depending on the availability of a ground and the length of conductor needed to reach it, you may not need to install a counterpoise. For example, if you have a good ground available only 16 feet away, you won't need a counterpoise while operating on 40 or 80 meters—a 16-foot wire between your station and ground will work fine.

The use of a counterpoise to replace a true RF ground should be regarded as a single-band solution. Attaching more than one counterpoise will result in mutual coupling between the counterpoise wires, which will detune each wire enough to make it ineffective. If you must use more than one counterpoise wire, the one(s) not in use must be disconnected from the equipment and removed from the vicinity of the wire currently in use.

Table 1 shows the lengths of wire necessary to make a counterpoise for the 80, 40, 15 and 10-meter bands. Note that the 40-meter counterpoise will also serve as a counterpoise on 15 meters (but not vice versa!).—Jeff Kilgore, N1FGB

Table 1

Counterpoise Lengths for the 80, 40, 15 and 10-Meter Bands

Band	Center Frequency (kHz)	Length ¹
80	3725	66'5"
40	7125	34'9"
15	21150	11'8"
10	28300	8'9"

¹Lengths are computed for the center of the Novice subband, but each should work well over the entire band.

antenna that is invisible or inconspicuous, and how to filter your station so as to avoid arousing the ire of your neighbors. Your studying will also pay off, as you will learn other possible solutions to your problems.

Operating from a house presents less severe problems, but still requires careful consideration. If you plan to put an anten-

na in your backyard, your shack should be close enough that your feed line can be as short as possible, especially if you are using coax. Again, your shack should be as close to the ground as possible, in the interest of having the shortest ground lead possible. In some respects, basements are ideal for shacks, but beware: Most basements are

humid, and many are susceptible to flooding from time to time. In addition to the danger of electric shock, water and humidity are very bad for your equipment. Waterproofing and dehumidifiers are a must. So is good ventilation. Your rig needs good air flow to keep its finals cool.

Ideally, your operating position will have a window facing the yard, which will facilitate the routing of feed lines and ground leads. Now is the time to get out the tools and round up a friendly ham to help drill all those holes and seal them against the elements. Install copper ground rods in moist, electrically conductive soil a few feet from the house foundation. These mundane chores, necessary to prepare your station, are best done before your ticket arrives.

Your Operating Position

Even though you may not have bought your rig yet, you should consider the desk which will hold it and all the other wonderful gear you're planning to buy. At a minimum, your station will probably include a transceiver, a power supply, a microphone and a key. In addition, you will have a log, some paper, a call book, and some other publications. Not only must your desk hold all this stuff, it must be large enough for you to rest your forearm while keying and there must be enough open room for you to write. Make sure you get a desk big enough to comfortably accommodate both you and your station. Drawers are handy for keeping small tools, extra paper and pencils, and so forth. Since you will be spending many hours there, don't forget good lighting and a comfortable chair, preferably one that swivels.

Preparing your operating position before your ticket arrives means you can spend more time on the air after it arrives. The same can be said for installing your antenna—now is the best time to do it.

What Kind of Antenna?

There is perhaps no subject that elicits such excited—even partisan—discussion among hams as antennas. One thing is certain: You do not need a beam and a kilowatt to work the world. However, careful study and planning is necessary. At this point in your Amateur Radio career, even before the arrival of your license, your library of antenna publications should be expanding. *The ARRL Antenna Book* contains a wealth of theoretical and practical information on antenna construction, your library should include two books by Doug DeMaw, W1FB: the *Antenna Notebook* and the *Novice Antenna Notebook*.

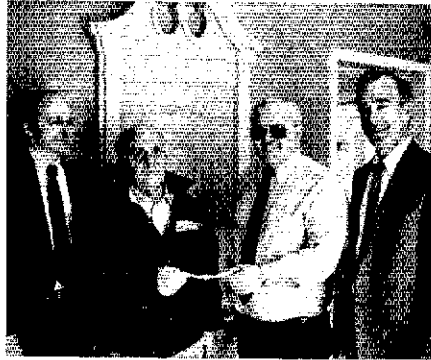
The type of antenna you choose will often be dictated by your QTH. Apartment and condo dwellers must usually make do with antennas whose primary characteris-

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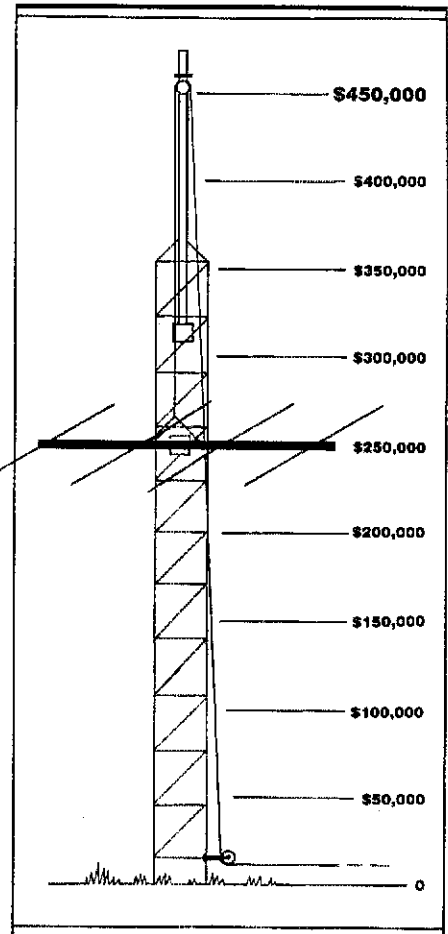
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Howard Pomeroy, stalwart League supporter and active member of the Hampden County (MA) Amateur Radio Association, presents his W1AW Kilowatt Club check to ARRL Controller Larry Shima, W0PAN, at W1AW. Looking on are ARRL Executive Vice President Dave Sumner, K1ZZ (l), and John Lindholm, W1XX (r), Trustee of W1AW. Howard has a long-time love of Amateur Radio and is working on getting his ticket. (photo courtesy of KU7G)



How to Contribute to the W1AW Renovation Drive

W1AW has served the Amateur Radio public nonstop through daily code practice transmissions, amateur news bulletin service and general on-the-air operating for the past 50 years. Today, the W1AW installation needs to be completely refurbished, inside and out, so that these services can continue to be provided into the year 2000 and beyond. As indicated in April QST and succeeding issues, we need your support to make it happen for a new dedication scheduled for 1989. Here's how to contribute to the W1AW Fund Drive:

• **By Mail:** Address all contributions to W1AW Fund Drive, 225 Main St, Newington CT 06111. Please make your check or money order payable to W1AW Renovation Fund.

• **By Phone:** For your convenience, credit-card contributions can be made by calling Jennifer at ARRL HQ, tel 203-666-1541, between 8 AM and 4 PM Eastern Time, weekdays.

All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, as ARRL is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Does your employer have a match-contribution program? Some major employers will match your contribution. Check with your personnel department to see if this type of program is available to you. Please be as generous as you can to help W1AW maintain its leadership on the frontlines of Amateur Radio technology. Thank you.

Recognition

Contributors to the W1AW Fund Drive will be recognized as follows:

- **W1AW Kilowatt Club:** Those contributing \$1000 or more.
- **Hiram Percy Maxim Club:** Contributions of \$500-\$999
- **W1AW Century Club:** Contributions of \$100-\$499
- **W1AW Booster Club:** Contributions of up to \$100

All contributors will receive a handsome certificate, suitable for framing. Members of the *Hiram Percy Maxim* and *Kilowatt Clubs* will, in addition, have their name and call sign inscribed on a special plaque that will be on permanent display in the renovated W1AW Building. Members of the *Kilowatt Club* will receive a specially inscribed personalized plaque, which you'll be proud to display in your ham shack. In addition, special recognition will be given to those who donate substantially more than \$1000.

The Packeteer Addictive Syndrome

Been spending more and more time on packet radio? Heed this warning before it's too late!

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As a psychiatrist who is also an active ham, I have used Amateur Radio as an escape from the pressures of a busy practice. Until recently, there had been very little overlap between these two aspects of my life. Over the past year however, I have become increasingly aware of what I believe to be a new psychiatric disorder worthy of further study.

As you well know, over the last several years packet radio has revolutionized information transfer by radio. A significant proportion of hams have embraced this new technology and used it to further enhance their enjoyment of their radio hobby.

Let the User Beware!

However, some psychiatric casualties have occurred. I have observed individuals for whom packet radio no longer is a pastime, but an obsession similar to some psychiatric disorders. There is a pattern to the symptoms of these individuals that initially resembles a depression, but, for reasons that will become apparent, should be classified as an addictive disorder. I have therefore named the syndrome the *Packeteer Addictive Syndrome (PAS)*.

PAS Stages

The first stage of PAS is marked by an increase in energy and a heightened mood. During this stage, the ham has expressed an interest in packet radio, talked with other hams about it, read available literature, and perhaps ordered equipment. Although they may appear preoccupied at times, they maintain their usual level of social and occupational functioning. The affected individual may even appear better than usual, as his mood is elevated in anticipation of receiving his equipment. He may become elated or euphoric and may display a significant increase in energy level as he connects the equipment and programs in the software.

Unfortunately, the individual soon becomes extremely frustrated and dis-

couraged as he finds that modifications to his equipment and/or software are necessary to get on the air. Due to the myriad of radios and computers, it is inevitable that modifications will be required, and as this is a new technology, documentation to cover all possibilities does not exist.

Thus, the ham contacts other hams (packetees) feverishly in an attempt to obtain information on how to get his rig operational. They may work themselves into a state of exhaustion as they try different software parameters and pin connections for hours at a time. They become obsessed and may neglect social and family obligations. Depression and irritability are hallmarks of this stage. Although suicidal thoughts have not as yet been observed in this second stage, this possibility may exist. Despite the depressed mood, the energy level remains high, distinguishing this from other types of depression seen by psychiatrists.

The syndrome enters the third, and chronic, stage as the packeteer begins to spend increasing amounts of time at his computer and radio. If there is only one computer that is used by the entire family, then arguments may erupt as the affected individual monopolizes it. As the packeteer compulsively connects with others, searches out new nodes and explores bulletin board services, he becomes obsessed, further ignoring his social and family obligations. He is heard less and less on the local ham radio nets, ignores the HF bands completely and forgets his Morse code as he picks up a new vocabulary punctuated by "digi-peater," "CTEXT," "PACLEN," etc.


Soon he may have excluded nearly all of his former friends and family and com-

municates only with other packetees. As the syndrome progresses, he may spend all of his spare time hunched over his video screen, his eyes chronically inflamed as his "hobby" monopolizes his life. In spite of marked impairment in his social and family involvement, occupational functioning usually remains adequate, perhaps to ensure sufficient income for antennas, transmitters, etc.

At this stage, if equipment fails, every effort is made as the packeteer frantically attempts to get back on the air. If unable to do so, he may appear distant, depressed and listless, resembling someone who has a severe organic or endogenous depression. Sometimes spontaneous remissions have been observed at this stage if family members and friends are able to coax him back into his former lifestyle.

No Cure Yet

Currently, there is no known cure for PAS. Further research into treatment modalities will need to be undertaken, for as packet radio becomes more popular, it is anticipated that the number of individuals afflicted with Packeteer Addictive Syndrome will increase. However, self-help groups (Packetees Anonymous) may be useful in controlling the progression of this syndrome until a cure is found. Perhaps the ARRL could take the lead by appointing a task force to look into the problem. I would also encourage a healthy dialogue about this disorder in the pages of *QST* and invite any "recovered" packetees to tell their stories as an inspiration to others.

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The Bill Bennett, W7PHO Story

Western Washington DX Club establishes a scholarship fund to honor the memory of the well-loved DXer and creator of the W7PHO Family Hour Net.

By Mary Schetgen, N7IAL

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For even the most inactive ham the idea of working DX inspires a mental image of an against-all-odds, exotic-adventure-type of effort to snag an elusive quarry—a rare station (with its confirming QSL). While the challenges of working DX have changed dramatically since the early days of Amateur Radio operations, DXers continue to find new ways to make the chase for a prized country or DXpedition station as exciting (and challenging!) as ever. Progress in radio technology and the realities of world politics/geography provide an ever-changing combination of DXing options for the enthusiast.

The late Bill Bennett, W7PHO, appreciated the thrill of DXing so much that the majority of his hamming career was devoted to introducing fellow hams to this exciting aspect of Amateur Radio. The best known vehicle for his goal was the daily *W7PHO Family Hour Net*, familiar to many hams at its General sub-band location of 14.227 MHz. Bill's assistance helped thousands of DXers gain rare Pacific and Oceania contacts. The profes-



W7PHO, as fondly remembered by many DXers who participated in the *W7PHO Family Hour Net*.

sionalism with which Bill's nets were conducted kept pileups to a minimum and allowed the "rare ones" to be worked in an orderly fashion. Enlisting the aid of several W7-area friends, Bill founded the Western Washington DX Club in 1952 and coordinated gatherings that brought many Pacific-Northwest DXers together on the net as active check-ins and alternate net controls.

Having spent a part of his working career as a public-school teacher and coach in Oregon, Bill never lost his interest in the training and education of youth. As generous to the neophyte DXer as to the experienced big gun, Bill's on-the-air instruction gave encouragement to many nervous Novices. After a long and rewarding Amateur Radio career, Bill became a Silent Key in December of 1987 at the age of 69.

With the goal of awarding a scholarship in Bill's memory in 1989, the Western Washington DX Club has established a scholarship fund with The ARRL Foundation. Contributions should be sent to: *The Bill Bennett, W7PHO Scholarship Fund, c/o The ARRL Foundation, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.*

New Scholarship Established for Radio-sciences Studies

On receipt of a generous bequest by the estate of the late Charles N. Fisher, W6FFN, of Covina, California, The ARRL Foundation has established a scholarship in Mr. Fisher's name, with the first scholarship award to be made in 1989. Students majoring in the radio-science fields are encouraged to apply for this new scholarship. Send for information and applications to The ARRL Foundation, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111

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The late Bill Bennett, W7PHO, and his wife, Ruth, at a 1987 luncheon with ham friends. A Seattle eatery, The Dog House, has a special room devoted to the local ham crowd, with Bill and other WWDXC members frequent patrons!

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Before Your Ticket Arrives

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tic is that they are inconspicuous. Even if you operate from your own house, your choice will be influenced by the dimensions of your property, the locations of supports such as trees, and the locations of power lines. Once again, before confusion and despondency set in, make some phone calls and enlist the help of friendly hams with antenna experience. They will give you ideas that may not be found in antenna publications, and will probably be glad to help you install your first antenna.

In studying for your Novice exam, you learned enough antenna theory to design a dipole for one resonant frequency. You probably know that, with a good antenna tuner, you can make such an antenna work on several bands. Nonetheless, I strongly suggest that you put up a true multiband antenna. My brief experience as a Volunteer Examiner has taught me that the new crop of Novices are upgrading very quickly,

and many an applicant walks into a test session with no ticket and emerges with a Technician or General. There is little point in putting up an antenna that you may soon outgrow. There are a number of antennas that cover all the HF bands. Many antenna manufacturers advertise in *QST*—write them for more information and then study and compare to determine what is best for your situation. Other hams who have used various antennas are also an excellent source of information.


However, you can make your own all-band wire antenna. There is no project as inexpensive and satisfying as making and installing a wire antenna. If you have simple soldering skills and a few tools, you can make an antenna for a few dollars from materials obtained at your local hardware store, and this same antenna will continue to serve you as you upgrade.

A simple antenna that will work on all bands from 80-10 meters is the G5RV. It

is 102 feet long, center fed with 32 feet of 300-Ω twin-lead. Fifty-two-Ω coax can be attached to the twin-lead and routed to your antenna tuner (which you *must* use with this antenna!).

There are many antennas to choose from, but there is much to be said for starting with a multiband antenna so that you can easily take advantage of your new privileges as you upgrade.

Get With It

Hopefully I've given you some ideas. We've all been in your situation. Don't waste this time—use it to get ready so that when your ticket does arrive, you can get on the air right away and start enjoying your station. If you have a problem (as we all do at times), don't be afraid to ask for help. Most hams will agree—there's no better way to pay back the hobby than to help a new ham. 

Strays



TV GUIDE SCREENS ATV

□ Amateur Television scored a major publicity coup in a 4-page article in the August 27 edition of *TV Guide* magazine. "Look! Down in the Basement! It's Captain Video of the East Coast Tuning His Ham TV!" is

the title of the piece by *Guide* staff writer Joanmarie Kalter, which investigates the A5 mode in layman's terms.

The article, which prominently features "vidiot" Ron Cohen, K3ZKO, in a large illustration and throughout a majority of the text, leads the reader through Ron's basement shack, explaining the difference between fast- and slow-scan television, equipment costs and how one can get involved in ATV. It refers to comical ATV episodes in a fun-to-read style. But that's not all. It goes on to explain several aspects of the hobby including

repeaters, bouncing signals off the Southern California smog and transmitters mounted in helium balloons, planes and race cars. It even adds a paragraph on how hams use ATV for public-service purposes. The story wraps up by looking at repeater networking, a fast-scan system on a shuttle mission and a satellite featuring A5—the future of ATV. In general, *TV Guide's* treatment of ATV puts this aspect of Amateur Radio in a positive light. It's likely to produce new recruits into Amateur Television out of the *Guide's* 17 million subscribers and buyers.

Ham Radio Remembered

A ham digs up his old QSL cards and writes to his contacts of 25 years ago...

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1962 was a time of 4-cent stamps, no ZIP codes, and the arrival of my hard-earned Novice ticket. That Novice ticket opened the doors of ham radio, and after 25 years of enjoying a great hobby, 1987 was a time to celebrate by doing something special. That "something special" was to write to some of the hams in my Novice log. Would they still remember?

First, I copied about 50 call signs from old QSL cards. Then I checked the calls in a current *Callbook*, and I obtained current addresses for about half of them. Of course, calls which were completely changed during upgrading could not be located.

I sent each ham a copy of his old QSL card, a copy of my Novice card, photos of my Novice and current station and a personal letter. The letters included: "Perhaps you will recognize the photocopy of the QSL card which you sent to WNØCRJ in 1962... It would really be great if you would write back and share some of the nostalgic moments of your early radio days. Are you still active? Has your interest in ham radio affected your life and career?"

The letter also described my Novice station, a "Command" military surplus receiver and a Globe Chief transmitter. The antenna was a longwire from the shack to the top of a windmill. Nothing was grounded, but TVI was no problem, because the nearest TV was a mile away.

Writing letters, buying prints and photocopying the cards took some time and a few bucks, but each response made it all worthwhile. Some of the comments received were:

"Thank you for the nice photo and the copy of my old QSL. A lot has changed in the past 25 years since we had our Novice tickets. The gear maybe wasn't as good and reliable, but I think it may have been simpler to operate."—WAØCQA

"I notice that today is 25 years to the day. Our first contact was November 27, 1962... It sure has been nice to hear from you. Hope we can meet again. Thanks for being my South Dakota contact in 1962."—WA5EVW



"I was surprised and delighted to receive your letter. Funny how some things become imprinted on one's memory—when the photocopy of your card came out of the envelope, I immediately recalled the red ink it had been printed in. I'd love to send you back a copy of your original card—unfortunately, it is in my archive of Novice cards, currently located at the folk's place in Minnesota. One day I'll visit again and return the favor... Ah nostalgia—I believe that the station at the time of our QSO must have consisted of an EICO 720 transmitter (which nearly burned the hair off another local Novice the following year when a B+ bypass capacitor shorted) and my venerable old Knight Kit R-100 receiver (built with agonizing care, and requiring realignment on an almost-weekly basis). The antenna was either a base-loaded vertical at the corner of the house, or one of the inverted Vs strung from my parents' fringe area TV tower (70 feet or so, and officially forbidden territory). I was forbidden to climb it to erect new antennas, even to take down the ones I sneaked up. I'd climb it anyway, of course, and my older sister would take pictures of me up there with her Brownie camera and blackmail me with them... Ham radio has been very good to me, a constant comfort and refuge, at times, from chaotic and exhausting vocational pursuits. Ham radio is, in the final analysis, the fellowship of those who have shared the trip over the last quarter century or so... and the company's been good. Thanks, Wendell,

for the letter, and for the memories."—WAØDIM

"I read your letter to the guys on the air and all of them thought it was very nice of you... let's have a lot of QSOs in the years to come."—WA6ZSW

"I very much enjoyed receiving your letter and photos... I thought you might enjoy the copy of the card which you sent to me in '62. I distinctly remembered your card when I opened your letter as I still have every card I ever received and look through them every few years... Ham radio has proven to be an enduring interest for me, and I look forward to much more activity over the next few years... I greatly appreciate

your prodding of my memory of many terrific years in ham radio. I certainly hope that we have the opportunity to QSO again and that you have a lifetime of pleasure from being a ham."—WAØDVQ

"You are right, it's a great hobby, and we meet the best people on the air."—KØWKT

"You know that really meant a lot to me to see a copy of my old QSL card come back after 25 years. It really had a sentimental value to it... And, thank you for being there in 1962, Wendell."—WAØAXM

Many other interesting comments about early experiences were received. Descriptions of home-brew and makeshift gear were great. It's amazing that we were actually able to communicate, considering the stations we were using. But now, the glow of tubes and the solid feel of the old rigs is sometimes missed. I wonder where that old NC-173 is now.

So, thanks to everyone who wrote back. And to the ex-Novices who were heard from that shack located in an unheated South Dakota farmhouse attic, you are remembered, too. WNØDJE, WN9EKX, WN8FUY, WNØFLJ, WN5EEG, WN9DPD and all of the rest, where are you now?

Writing to these hams was like greeting a long-lost friend on the street... At first you are afraid that he may not remember you, but when he does, you wouldn't trade the moment for a pot of gold. ☐

The Brief Flight of the *Eclipse*

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The flight of the *Eclipse*, all 45 seconds of it, occurred on a chilly day in Dayton, Ohio in the autumn of 1982. The *Eclipse* was a unique flying machine on a unique mission. Dave Patterson, WB8ISZ, pioneered its design while I assembled the electronics. Together we shared equal responsibility for the outcome!

The Rocket

The *Eclipse* was a single stage, multi-engine model rocket designed for one purpose: To carry a 2-meter FM transmitter to 1000 feet, a moderately high altitude for a model rocket. It was to be the first of many flights, each one increasing the sophistication of the electronics package as well as the altitude achieved. The *Eclipse* was to be the vehicle for experiments that would blend the hobbies of Amateur Radio and model rocketry in an unusual way.

The operational version of the *Eclipse* rocket stood over 3 feet and weighed slightly under 2 pounds when fully loaded. By model rocketry standards, it was a monster. Power was provided by a centerline Estes® D14-5 solid fuel engine along with two pod-mounted Estes B14-5 engines. These three engines together would provide the necessary thrust to carry the rocket to the desired altitude. Like many model rockets, the bulkhead sections were made of specially reinforced paper tubing to minimize weight. The large payload section was painted fluorescent orange to aid in recovery while the booster was painted black for easier tracking. Fully assembled and standing upright, the *Eclipse* was an awesome sight.

The Electronics

At the heart of the electronics package was a VHF Engineering TX-144B 2-meter FM transmitter strip. We chose the TX-144B due to its small size and sheer ruggedness. It could provide slightly over 1 watt of reliable output on a continuous basis for up to ten minutes without completely draining the AA NiCd cell pack that we had designed for it. This was crucial in case the payload landed in dense undergrowth. If what had started as a model rocket launch turned into a transmitter hunt, we would need every minute we could get.

For the maiden flight, we decided to keep the electronics simple. The primary goal of the first launch was to test reception at the launch site itself and at distant points. At first we considered sending up the transmit-



At the instant of ignition, three individual tongues of flame are visible at the base of the *Eclipse*.

ter with just a basic CW identifier, but when I managed to produce a tiny microphone element, we included it as well. It would be interesting, we thought, to get a feeling of what it might be like to ride along in the *Eclipse's* payload section. Our chosen frequency was 146.52 MHz.

The TX-144B utilized a 19-inch, ¼-wave whip antenna that was fastened along the length of the rocket body. In keeping with our basic design, we used a Kenwood TR-7830 2-meter mobile transceiver on the receiving end, working into a ¼-wave trunk-mounted antenna. In addition, a cassette tape recorder was wired to the TR-7830 auxiliary speaker jack. While this system might seem simple, it fulfilled our desire to have an Amateur Radio/model rocket package that could be transported to any launch site with ease.

The Way It Was Supposed To Work

According to WB8ISZ's calculations, the rocket would climb swiftly to an altitude of about 800 feet (at speeds of up to 400 mi/h) before the engines shut down. At that point the *Eclipse* would begin its coasting phase, emitting a smoke trail while climbing an additional 200 feet. By the end of the coast cycle, the rocket would have surrendered to gravity and "nosed over" into a headlong

dive. A small explosive charge in the main engine would fire at the point of nose-over, ejecting the payload section (connected to the main fuselage by a flexible "shock cord") and deploying a large, brightly colored parachute. The pod engines would eject at about the same time and free-fall to the ground. If winds aloft were calm, the rest of the assembly would drift downward, soft-landing approximately three minutes later...we hoped.

The Moment of Truth

We chose a huge farm field on the southeast side of the city to be our launch site. The corn had just been harvested, leaving little more than broken stalks. On a slightly overcast Saturday morning, we drove into the field and began to set up our equipment.

A thin steel rod was driven into the soil and carefully aligned. The rod would hold the *Eclipse* upright prior to launch and provide an extra measure of guidance in the critical fractions of a second following ignition. Most model rockets utilize portable launch pads for this purpose, but our behemoth was too heavy and tall. It would have to take off directly from ground level.

As any model rocketeer will tell you, part of the trick in launching a multi-engine rocket is to get all the engines to fire at the same time. Lift-off with only two engines would have meant immediate disaster. Therefore, we utilized heavy duty model rocket "igniter" wires and employed an automobile battery as our power source. Our best bet was to supply a surge of high current to the igniters in the hope of a simultaneous firing.

As launch time approached, WB8ISZ took his position about 100 yards away from the rocket. Despite his earlier confidence, seeing it wired and ready to fire had placed a few doubts in his mind. "I'll need a head start if something goes wrong," he said as he took a few more steps backward. Unfortunately, there would be no head start for me. I had to launch it, crouched behind a car door at a distance of only 15 feet. This dubious arrangement seemed a bit odd to me, but there was no time to question it. Preparations had been underway for months and egos were on the line. The *Eclipse* had to launch today.

At 11:15 AM, I removed the nose cone and threw the switch that would supply power to the transmitter. Replacing the nose

cone, I made one last check of the rocket to be absolutely certain that everything was in place. As I took my position I saw all the S-meter LEDs aglow on the TR-7830. The TX-144B was working perfectly. WB8ISZ had alerted our local monitoring stations on .52 and now he quickly informed our distant monitors via the local repeater. "Let her rip," he said. "She's all yours." I inserted the safety key into the launch system switch and turned it. The LED glowed brightly, indicating that the system was armed and ready. By now my mouth was dry and my stomach was in knots. This was it. I shouted out the brief countdown. (This was later audible on the tape.) "Five... four... three... two... one... ZERO!" I held my breath and pressed my thumb down on the launch button.

To our utter amazement, all three engines exploded into life and the *Eclipse* roared off the ground in a shower of loose soil and gravel. It climbed into the sky on a broad column of white smoke, rotating slowly like a graceful ballet dancer. WB8ISZ and I must have looked like lunatics as we waved our fists in the air together screaming, "Go! Go! Go!" We soon lost sight of it as it entered the coasting phase and streaked up toward its peak altitude. That's when we heard the pop.

"It's too soon," Dave muttered. "I think the ejection charge fired too soon." "Are you certain?" I asked.

"I don't know," he replied as he scanned the sky with his binoculars. "Wait. I see it." "Is it okay?"

"Yeah. I think the parachute is out. Maybe it's alright. No! The parachute is damaged. The rocket is free-falling!"

WB8ISZ was right. The parachute, or what was left of it, was flapping in the wind like a tattered flag. The payload section and the main fuselage attached to it were tumbling wildly as they fell. This tumbling action turned out to be its saving grace. The rapid tumbling of the body fins created just enough drag to slow the fall substantially. Had the rocket simply fallen like a stone, the destruction might have been total. In my panic I didn't notice that the Kenwood was still getting a full-quieting signal from the rocket. Instead, I watched in silent despair as the rocket struck the ground with a loud thud. Grabbing my hand-held, I began running toward the crash site. "You won't believe this," WB8ISZ shouted after me. "The TX-144B is still transmitting!"

It was hard to believe, especially when I saw the wreckage. The body of the *Eclipse* had buried itself into the soft soil like a dart. Wisps of smoke curled upward from the main engine nozzle. The payload section was lying on its side with a crack that extended about 5 inches along its length. The nose cone had broken off on impact and the TX-144B had spilled almost halfway out of the ruptured payload tube. Still, it continued to transmit. This gave a new meaning to the old advertising phrase, "Takes a licking and keeps on ticking!" I reached down and



Sixty seconds after impact—the black booster section had buried itself 2 inches into the soft earth. The damaged payload tube with the partially ejected transmitter strip can be seen on the right.

pulled the battered power switch from the soil. With a single flick of the switch, the flight of the *Eclipse* ended.

The Final Analysis

WB8ISZ and I had declared the experiment to be a total failure—until we listened to the tape! To our surprise, the audio quality of the rocket-to-ground link was far better than we had ever expected. Even within the confines of the relatively narrow audio bandwidth, we could hear a rich chorus of sound. It didn't take much imagination to become a miniature passenger on the doomed flight.

First, there was the incredible sound of lift-off. It was a long, unbroken roar combined with the rushing of air. Then, abruptly, the roaring ceased. The only sound was the eerie whistling of the wind. The *Eclipse* was coasting now. Two seconds later there was a loud bang which confirmed WB8ISZ's theory: The ejection charge had fired several seconds too soon. We clearly heard the parachute tearing in the slipstream that Dave had estimated to be over 100 mi/h. (In a normal flight it would have deployed when the rocket was at virtually zero airspeed.) The whip antenna had also torn away from the main body and was now creating a rhythmic "twang" as it slapped the side of the payload with each gyration. The sound of impact was jarring to say the least! It reminded me of the sound a hollow steel drum makes when dropped on a cement floor. Finally, the microphone picked up my approaching footsteps as well as my comments as I surveyed the wreckage.

Monitoring stations as far as 50 miles away had heard the same incredible transmission. I was on the telephone and the radio most of that night discussing the results. It was clear that the D14-5 main engine had malfunctioned, ejecting the payload and deploying the chute before all the in-flight stress factors were at minimum and

the speed was low. Such a failure was rare in an Estes "D" engine and we were never able to determine what caused it. Even so, we reversed our earlier defeat and declared victory. While the rocket itself had been destroyed, the electronics had worked flawlessly. The idea was still sound and, with a good working rocket, the potential seemed almost unlimited.

The cassette tape stole the show at several club meetings and I still treasure it to this day. We considered building another *Eclipse*, but our professional careers, and later our domestic lives, always seemed to get in the way. Now, six years later, WB8ISZ and I still talk about it. Every once in a while one of us will conjure up some harebrained scheme to revive the *Eclipse* with larger engines and more elaborate electronics. (A tiny on-board ATV system was proposed once.) Despite our past experience, the challenge of placing Amateur Radio technology aboard model rockets is still very hard to resist. No doubt some hams have far exceeded our meager "triumph" already, but the question for us remains: Will the *Eclipse* ever fly again? Well, let me tell you about this idea I have...

Epilogue

This was the first and last flight of the *Eclipse*. The reason we did not attempt another flight was that WB8ISZ was transferred to another city shortly after the launch. Without his expertise in rocket design, I was reluctant to continue. When we were finally together again a couple of years later, we were both married and our wives took an understandably dim view of placing costly electronics in potentially untrustworthy rockets. Another frustrating problem has always been the limited lifting power of the commonly available model rocket engines. The kind of engines we would really prefer are the type presently in use at NASA!

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FCC Issues Report and Order in 87-14

On September 6, the FCC released its long-awaited Report and Order in Docket 87-14, which reallocates 220-222 MHz to the Land Mobile Service. The Report and Order gives details of the reasoning behind the FCC decision.

FCC begins by giving a selective history of the 220-MHz band. The Commission said when it made the proposal last year it felt the public interest would be best served by providing dedicated spectrum for the development of narrowband technologies. The FCC noted that it did not maintain a listing of amateur operations in the 220-MHz band, and felt *The ARRL Repeater Directory* "provided an accurate representation of amateur repeater activity ... because the number of repeaters was light in comparison with other amateur bands, it appeared that displaced amateur 220-222 MHz operations could be reaccommodated above 222 MHz."

The FCC noted that in response to its notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), it had received a large number of comments with "most of the comments... filed by amateur licensees." The Commission also said that it had received a large number of letters from Congress concerning the reallocation.

According to the FCC, in their comments amateurs said there was already adequate spectrum allocated to the land mobile service, or that 216-220 MHz should be considered instead. Amateurs also argued that ACSB technology was flawed, or that there was not a market for narrowband equipment. The Commission responded by saying that spectrum-efficient technologies will be essential for future land mobile requirements. "We are convinced that in order for narrowband land mobile technology to flourish, it must be afforded a reasonable opportunity to gain full acceptance in the market place. We do not believe this can be accomplished by the existing provisions for narrowband operations in the 150-MHz land mobile band." The Commission noted that any reallocation of the present land mobile 150-MHz band would displace thousands of existing licensees and could have a negative impact on safety services, such as fire and police, whereas amateurs had the technical ability to convert their transmitters from 220-222 MHz to above 222 MHz.

The FCC said it had considered allowing mobile-dispatch type operations in the 216-220 MHz band, but had decided it would be premature to permit additional services in the 216-220 MHz band before its new Automated Maritime Telecommunications Systems (AMTS) service had a chance to develop. The Commission was

also worried about possible interference to TV channel 13, adjacent to the 216-MHz band.

The FCC noted that the ARRL had argued that the 30-50 MHz land mobile band could be used for narrowband technologies. The FCC rejected the idea, saying that "skip" interference, increased antenna lengths, and increases in man-made radio interference at those frequencies presented too many obstacles to the development of narrowband technologies in this band.

In their comments, amateurs argued that 220-222 MHz was heavily used and that 222-225 MHz could not reaccommodate 220-222 MHz users. Amateurs also argued that the band was needed for packet operations. The FCC responded by noting that the 1988-89 edition of the *Repeater Directory* lists 1279 repeater stations on 222-225 MHz or only a little more than 23 repeater operations nationally per channel pair.

In the 220-222 MHz band, the FCC noted: "ARRL's comments list 773 fixed operations. This is less than eleven fixed operations per channel on a nationwide basis. This leaves an extremely large number of unused channels throughout much of the country. In fact, we find only three states, California, New York and Texas, that even have enough operations to require sharing of frequencies... the 144-148 MHz amateur band has four times as many repeater operations per channel as the 222-225 MHz band."

The Commission noted that only nine percent of the packet listings in the *Repeater Directory* were in the 220-222 MHz band and said that few packet operations would therefore be affected by the reallocation.

Amateurs argued that 220-222 MHz was needed to support amateur communications during emergencies, but the Commission said that it "had examined this issue closely and have concluded that allocating the 220-222 MHz band to the land mobile service will not impair amateurs' abilities to provide emergency communications."

In conclusion, the Commission said that amateur use of the 220-222 MHz band is light, and it appeared to the FCC that the existing users of this band can be reaccommodated in the 222-225 MHz band. "We note in particular that, with the exception of 400 kilohertz of spectrum allotted for experimental and control links, all of the amateur activities in the amateur band plan for the 220-222 MHz band have exact duplicate provisions above 222 MHz... Further, it appears that control links and packet radio can be located above 222 MHz

with no difficulty in most areas of the country and with some coordination in a few areas of high density use. At the same time we conclude that there is sufficient spectrum available in the 222-225 MHz band to accommodate growth well into the future."

Finally, the Commission believes that the reallocation will help Amateur Radio. "...as amateurs readily admit in their comments, a cloud has long hung over the amateur allocation in the 220 MHz band. This prompted numerous requests and petitions over the years for reallocation of frequencies in the 220 MHz band. We believe this had discouraged amateurs from pursuing operations in this band and manufacturers from building equipment for this band. We also believe that greater use of this band by amateurs will be encouraged by resolving the allocation issues and providing a primary exclusive allocation of the 222-225 MHz band for the amateur service."

Amateurs may continue to use the 220-222 MHz band until private land mobile and government users are allowed access, which is not expected for some months. The Commission also asked amateurs to suggest any changes to the amateur service rules that it finds desirable in preparation of the removal of 220-222 MHz.

An abridged version of this Order was printed in the *Federal Register* September 19 on page 36287. This date is very important since amateurs have 30 days after the publication of an Order in the *Federal Register* in which to file petitions for reconsideration. This means that the FCC accepted such petitions until October 19. In a news release dated September 23, the FCC noted that a number of petitions for reconsideration had already been filed.

The ARRL continues to fight the FCC decision and will file a petition for reconsideration.

FCC DENIES "POLICE BOX" PETITION

The Commission has denied a petition by William R. Gardner, W8WG, requesting that amateur stations be permitted to engage in direct emergency communications with local police and state patrol officers. Gardner proposed a system whereby amateurs would transmit emergency messages to be designated as "National Police Box Frequencies." The transmissions would be monitored by local police, and amateurs would monitor the police frequencies.

Gardner supported his petition by drawing a comparison to the "call box" system that many large city police departments employed in years past allowing direct links to police headquarters.

In denying the petition, the FCC noted the type of communications Gardner proposes are prohibited by FCC Rules and stated, "The communications the petitioner asks us to authorize are normally conducted on public telephone systems and in the Police Radio Service... the Commission has determined that the Amateur Service should not be used as an alternative to other radio services... further the petitioner has not demonstrated that the Amateur Service is an effective means of providing such supplemental communications."

The Commission further noted that most amateur repeaters provide some form of interconnection with the public telephone network via autopatch devices, a more appropriate means of communications with police departments. The Commission also said that routine interception and divulgence of police communications could violate privacy statutes.

FCC UPHOLDS STANDARDS FOR RF LIGHTING DEVICES

The FCC has denied a petition by Linear Corporation, requesting the Commission to reconsider its decision with respect to existing technical standards for RF lighting devices (Docket 83-806). The ARRL's position on Docket 83-806 is that the FCC require labeling of such devices warning consumers of the potential for interference to radio receivers. The label would also be a source of information concerning remedies to specific interference problems.

In their petition, Linear contended that the FCC's decision to retain existing standards failed to promote the use of radio services in accordance with the Communications Act of 1934; specifically, Linear disagreed with the Commission's decision with respect to such issues as interference to Part 15 devices and labeling requirements.

In denying the petition, the FCC concluded that equipment used under the provisions of Part 15 should continue to be required to accept harmful interference from other devices, including RF lighting devices. The Commission noted that this proceeding was initiated to study the interference potential of RF lighting devices, and any change in the basic policy of Part 15 should be addressed in a separate proceeding.

The Commission also concluded that existing emission limits for RF lighting devices are adequate to protect authorized services and are the same applied to computing equipment. Two sets of limits are applied—one for industrial applications, the other for residential, the latter being more restrictive due to the higher probability of finding equipment susceptible to radio noise and the need to protect equipment such as broadcast receivers.

FCC-Issued Call Signs Update

The following is the list of "just issued" call signs as of September 1.

District	"A" Extra	"B" Advanced	"C" Tech/Gen	"D" Novice
0	WN0D	KE0XQ	N0JSE	KB0DFB
1	NT1J	KC1KY	N1FYG	KA1SOD
2	WJ2P	KE2IO	N2INY	KB2GIC
3	NR3Q	KD3JK	N3GMG	KA3TOV
4	AB4KD	KM4GS	N4TTD	KC4GTN
5	AA5HP	KG5MX	N5NBU	KB5HHH
6	AA6KI	KJ6LK	N6TCA	KB6ZWO
7	WS7M	KF7NM	N7LPU	KB7FTQ
8	WJ8P	KE8TW	N8JWS	KB8FLL
9	WC9M	KE9MJ	N9HTE	KB9BLV
Alaska	**	AL7KH	NL7OT	WL7BSD
Hawaii	**	AH6JD	NH6QR	WH6CAD
Puerto Rico	**	KP4PP	WP4QU	WP4IEJ
Virgin Islands	NP2C	KP2BN	NP2CR	WP2AGB

**All 2x 1 calls have been issued in the district.

The FCC found that Linear didn't present any information in its petition that had not previously been considered, nor did it bring up any new arguments or evidence to warrant a policy change regarding Part 15 devices.

NEW SECRETARY OF FCC NAMED

Donna R. Searcy has been named Secretary of the FCC. As Secretary, she supervises the publication of Commission actions and decisions, and is responsible for Commission meetings and agenda.

Searcy joined the FCC in 1975, serving as Special Confidential Assistant to the Bureau Chief. Since 1983, she has been Information Specialist to the Chief of the Mass Media Bureau. In that capacity, she served as Bureau liaison with Congress, private industry and the general public.

In 1986, she served with the US delegation to the Regional Administrative Radio Conference in Geneva, Switzerland. She is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Northern Virginia Community College.

MONTANA SM RECALL FAILS

The Committee of Tellers met September 16 to count ballots in the election for recall of the Montana Section Manager. This was the first recall election of a Section Manager in ARRL history. The Committee found 72 votes in favor of recall and 295 opposed to recall. Accordingly, Ken Kopp, K0PP, continues to serve as Section Manager for the duration of his present term.

QST CLASSIC FICTION AUTHOR W4VT SK

A few sharp-eyed readers noticed the call of John C. Flippin, W4VT, in the October 1988 Silent Keys column. Flippin was well known for his three classic fiction articles in QST during the 1930s. The first, "Jim," published in April 1935 and reprinted in May 1966 QST, concerned a teenaged boy named Jim and his first QSO at a university ham station. The second, "To a Lady With

Red Hair," printed in April 1936, told of Jug, the chief operator at the college station, and his need to send a message to his girlfriend. The third, "Freshman Marlow," printed in September 1938, told of a ghostly incident by the tower of the college station. It's well worth your time to try to locate these three stories, considered by many to be some of the best fiction ever published in QST. Flippin, 84, lived in Memphis, Tennessee.

17 METERS ONE STEP CLOSER TO REALITY

The FCC has proposed to open up the 17-meter band (18.068-18.168 MHz) to radio amateurs by July 1, 1989 in Docket 88-467.

In the FCC proposal, the 17-meter band would be available to General, Advanced and Amateur Extra Class licensees, with the power limitations which generally govern the Amateur Service. The Commission proposed a CW/digital subband on the bottom 42 kHz (18.068-18.110 MHz) and a phone (including CW, television and FAX) subband on the remaining 58 kHz (18.110-18.168 MHz).

The 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC) allocated the 17-meter band to the Amateur and Amateur-Satellite Services. Normally a two-step process follows domestically after an international allocation like this: First is to add 17 meters as an Amateur Radio Service allocation; this step has already been taken by the FCC. The second step must be for the FCC to adopt new rules in the Amateur Service for use of this spectrum. This is what the FCC has begun with this proposal. The FCC has delayed proposing these new rules until now, since certain government fixed operations will continue on the band until July 1, 1989.

EXTENSION GRANTED IN PART 97 REWRITE

The FCC has announced that it has granted the ARRL's request for a 90-day

extension for filing comments in Docket 88-139, the FCC proposal to rewrite the amateur rules (Part 97). Comments are now due November 29, 1988, and reply comments are due by January 31, 1989. Copies of the FCC proposal are available from the Regulatory Information Branch at HQ upon receipt of an 8- x 10-inch SASE with 85 cents postage.

There appear to be many problems in the proposed rewrite, and they are being painstakingly identified by the ARRL committee studying this proposal. The Committee met in August and again in September to make a detailed comparison between the present rules and the proposed rewrite. For background on this important FCC proposal, see June *QST*, p 53 and July *QST*, p 61.

GOLDWATER RECEIVES AMATEUR AMBASSADOR AWARD

Former Senator Barry M. Goldwater, K7UGA, has been selected as the recipient of the 3rd annual Amateur Electronic Applications (AEA) Amateur Ambassador Award. Goldwater was chosen from over 100 nominees of amateurs possessing the qualities of "ambassador" for the Amateur Radio Service. Nominations were judged on the criteria of dedication to Amateur Radio, positive influence on those outside of Amateur Radio and initiation of special projects or programs promoting the hobby.



The award was presented to K7UGA at the 1988 ARRL National Convention in Portland, Oregon on September 10 by Mike Lamb, N7ML, President of AEA.

The award came with a \$1,000 check from AEA, which Barry turned over to the ARRL. Citing K7UGA's long record of support for Amateur Radio, ARRL President Larry Price, W4RA, announced that the contribution would be deposited in the Fund for the Defense of Amateur Radio Frequencies.

FCC DENIES PETITIONS

The FCC has denied a petition by Wolfgang Kaiser, ND1O, who proposed to lower the General class code speed requirement to 10 WPM and raise the Advanced class code speed requirement to 15 WPM. This would result in a telegraphy skill ladder of 5-WPM steps. The FCC, in

denying the petition, said that increasing the requirement to 15 WPM for Advanced class would make it more difficult to upgrade to that class. Also, adoption of the proposal would increase the burden upon Volunteer Examiners because it would require them to prepare and administer another examination element. The Commission concluded that the petition provided no significant benefits for the amateur service or the public and denied the petition on August 4.

On the same day, the FCC also denied a petition filed by Bentley Adams, Jr, K7LR. The petition proposed to define information bulletins as a brief, one-way transmission of timely news or important announcements, considered to be of current interest. In support of his petition, Adams noted that some one-way broadcasts last for 45 minutes, five times a day and are simulcast on several frequencies five times a day. Adams said that a significant percentage of the programs consist of rambling interviews, editorials, the reading of listeners' letters, recitation of signal reports received and organizational membership solicitation.

The FCC said that the definition proposed by Adams "allows for a subjective determination by each amateur operator as to what is a brief, timely announcement and whether the news to be conveyed is of outstanding importance or current interest. There would be no way to enforce compliance with such a requirement. Further, the flexibility that has been enjoyed by those stations that currently transmit information bulletins would be endangered." The FCC also said Adams failed to show that the amateur service is being seriously disrupted by the transmission of information bulletins, and concluded that new restrictions on information bulletins were not warranted at this time.

ARRL "LAUNCHES" NEW PUBLICATION

The ARRL's new *Satellite Anthology* book is now available. This publication is the collected best of the Amateur Satellite Communications column, as well as articles from 31 issues of *QST* written by experts in the field. You'll find the latest information on OSCARs 9 through 13 as well as the RS satellites. Operation on Phase 3 satellites (OSCAR 10 and OSCAR 13) is covered in detail. A previously unpublished article gives a profile of the UoSAT OSCAR-11 satellite, and the popular four-part series, "Adventures in Satellite DXing" and "Working OSCAR-the Basics" are also included. The price of *Satellite Anthology* is \$5 (plus \$2.50 shipping if ordered from HQ).

ARRL AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award has been awarded to 13-year-old Stacey L. Garner, KA9WDE, the first female recipient of the HPM Award. (The

late Vic Clark, W4KFC, was the first HPM Award winner in 1936.)

Stacey is an active CW operator and installs and maintains (with her father's assistance) her own equipment and antennas. She assists with teaching Novice classes and hopes to one day teach one of her own in Minocqua, Wisconsin. Stacey plans a career in communications with special interest in teaching children with learning disabilities, possibly through the use of Amateur Radio equipment.

The ARRL International Humanitarian Award has been awarded to Fr Michael Mullen, WB2GQW, President of the International Mission Radio Association, Inc. IMRA is a group of concerned amateur operators, both Stateside and abroad, who conduct message handling nets for American missionaries and their families. "Father Mike" is IMRA's best-known net control.

Fr Mullen was ordained in 1941 and holds several graduate degrees, including a doctorate in theology. He taught for 44 years at St John's University in New York, where he continues to reside.

IMRA and Fr Mullen have been cited by numerous governments for providing communications during times of natural disaster.

HALPRIN LEAVES HQ

Robert J. Halprin, K1XA, Deputy Manager, Membership Communications Services, brought to a close a distinguished 13-year career at ARRL HQ on September 9. An active CW contester, Bob has always been identified with the operating side of League activities. Perhaps his greatest legacy is the current edition of *The ARRL Operating Manual*, which established a new standard for nontechnical Amateur Radio books. Among his many responsibilities, he was also the conductor of *QST*'s Public Service column from 1975 to 1984. More recently, he has been playing a significant role in supporting the Working Group that is framing the League's response to the FCC's Part 97 Rewrite proposal.

A May 1987 graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law, Bob will be practicing law in Waterbury, Connecticut, and will be joining the roster of those ham-attorneys who are in the League's Volunteer Counsel Program.

WESTLINK YOUNG HAM OF THE YEAR WINNER ANNOUNCED

A Washington, DC, area teenager has been named as the *Westlink Report* Young Ham of the Year. Eighteen-year-old Jonathan Binstock, NK3D, of Potomac, Maryland, is the recipient of this year's award. Jonathan progressed from Novice to Extra Class license in less than four months and has been very active in Amateur Radio public service. This activity has earned him the position of Public Service Chairman of the 250-member

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 431
Kansas City, Missouri
August 27, 1988

AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes of May 14, 1988, Executive Committee Meeting

2. FCC Matters:

2.1. Review of status of 18 MHz amateur allocation

2.2. Review of status of PRB-3, FCC call sign privatization inquiry

2.3. Review of FCC policies in RFI cases which place unwarranted restrictions on amateur operating

2.4. Review of status of PR Docket Number 88-139, Rewrite of Part 97

2.5. Review of status of ARRL opposition to FCC action in General Docket Number 87-14, reallocation of 220-222 MHz

2.6. Other FCC matters

3. Local Antenna/RFI matters

4. Report on affinity credit cards for League members

5. Report on WIAW renovation program

6. Review of draft petition for changes in sub-bands for automatically controlled VHF/UHF beacons

7. Discussion of repeater coordination matters arising from Minutes 53 and 61, 1988 Second Meeting of the Board

8. Review of methods used to record Board meeting proceedings

9. Review of progress on Board directives:

9.1. By the vice presidents and/or chairmen for the Committees

9.2. By the Executive Vice President, on behalf of Headquarters

10. Recognition of new Life Members

11. Affiliation of clubs

12. Convention matters:

12.1. Approval of division, state, section or specialty conventions

12.2. National Convention matters

13. Certification of candidates for Director and Vice Director, and review of candidates' statements

14. Announcement of appointment of Committees of Tellers

15. Other business

16. Date and place of next Executive Committee meeting

Pursuant to due notice, the Executive Committee of the American Radio Relay League met at 8:35 AM Central Daylight Time, August 27, 1988, at the Kansas City (Missouri) Airport Marriott Hotel. Present were President Larry E. Price, W4RA, in the Chair; First Vice President Jay A. Holladay, W6EJJ; Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ; and Directors Tom Frenaye, K1K1, Paul Grauer, W0FIR, and Rodney J. Stafford, KB6ZV. Also present were Secretary Perry Williams, WIUED; Directors Frank Butler, W4RH, Edmond A. Metzger, W9PRN, and Hugh A. Turnbull, W3ABC; and Counsel Christopher D. Imlay, N3AKD.

1. On motion of Mr. Stafford the Minutes of the May 14, 1988 meeting were adopted as printed.

2. FCC matters:

2.1. Without objection, discussion of the item which had been listed as 2.1 on the draft agenda, dealing with Docket 87-14, was deferred so that Mr. Nathanson, who was expected shortly, and other Board members present in the hotel for another meeting, could join the discussion. Counsel Imlay then reviewed the status of the future amateur band at 18 MHz, on which a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is expected to be issued by the Federal Communications Commission within a short time. On motion of Mr. Frenaye, Counsel was directed to file a petition with FCC again seeking early entry into the 18.068-18.168 MHz band.

2.2. Counsel Imlay reported that there has been no further action by FCC with respect to PRB-3, FCC inquiry into privatization of call signs. Counsel and staff will continue to follow-up in pursuit of

League objectives.

2.3. There followed a review of FCC policies in RFI cases in which unwarranted restrictions are placed on operation by amateurs. On motion of Mr. Stafford, Counsel was asked to seek a declaratory ruling from the Federal Communications Commission that, under the provisions of the Communications Act of 1934 as amended and the existing FCC Regulations, hearings are required before any normal privileges of amateur operators are altered or suspended. During the course of the above, Executive Committee member Leonard M. Nathanson, W8RC, entered the meeting at 9:19 AM.

2.4. With respect to PR Docket Number 88-139, Rewrite of Part 97 Rules for the Amateur Radio Service, Counsel Imlay reported that the ARRL request for an extension of time had been granted. The new dates are November 29 for comments, and January 31, 1989 for reply comments. A draft ARRL position in the matter, being prepared by a Working Group, will be reviewed by the Executive Committee at its November meeting. During the course of the above, the Committee was in recess from 10:00 to 10:10 AM at which time Vice President George S. Wilson, III, W4OYL, Directors Stephen A. Mendelsohn, WA2DHF and Marshall Quiat, AG0X, and Publications Manager Paul L. Rinaldo, W4RI, joined the meeting.

2.5. The group then discussed the unfavorable decision of the Federal Communications Commission in Docket 87-14. On August 4, 1988, the Commission adopted an order reallocating 220-222 MHz from the Amateur Service to the Land Mobile Service despite overwhelming public opposition to the FCC proposal. It was moved by Mr. Nathanson that the League should immediately hire trial counsel and seek an injunction in Federal Court. But there was no second, so the motion was lost. On motion of Mr. Grauer, the following statement was adopted:

The ARRL strongly affirms its outrage at the FCC decision. The League will continue to pursue every available administrative, judicial and legislative remedy to insure that Radio Amateurs retain access to the spectrum they need to serve the public. Judicial initiatives will include protecting our options to file in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

The group was in recess from 11:05 to 11:15 AM, after which Messrs. Wilson, Mendelsohn, Quiat and Rinaldo departed from the Executive Committee meeting to resume their tasks as the Working Group on Rewrite of Part 97.

2.6. Counsel Imlay reported on the filing of comments in Docket 88-138, FCC's inquiry into cable carriage of local broadcast signals. While the Docket is not, on its face, of interest to Amateur Radio as such, it provided an opportunity for ARRL to place on the record a study by Dr. Wayne Overbeck, N6NB, showing that covenants running with residential property are so nearly universal that they constitute *de facto* regulation of Amateur Radio antennas.

3. Counsel Imlay reported briefly on local antenna/RFI matters, notably those involving Boulder County, Colorado and Burlingame, California.

4. Following up on Minute 71, 1988 Second Meeting of the Board of Directors, Executive Vice President Sumner reported that negotiations were proceeding with appropriate companies which would be able to issue affinity credit cards to those ARRL members desiring them, with half of any royalties derived being reserved for the Fund for the Defense of Amateur Radio Frequencies.

5. Mr. Sumner reported on progress in the WIAW Renovation Program, both as pertains to the fund raising process and to preparation of blue-prints, and selection of material and equipment to be used in the refurbished building. At this time, \$217,000 has been raised. Plans for building renovations are essentially complete. The Executive Committee was in recess for lunch from 12:30 to 12:57 PM, and reconvened with Messrs. Wilson, Mendelsohn, Quiat and Rinaldo again in attendance.

6. The Executive Committee reviewed the draft petition prepared by Counsel in response to Minute 13, 1988 Second Meeting of the Board, seeking changes in subbands for automatically controlled VHF/UHF beacons. On motion of Mr. Grauer, Counsel was instructed to file.

7. The group then discussed Repeater Coordination matters arising from Minutes 53 and 61, 1988 Second Meeting of the Board. Membership reaction generally has been very favorable to these actions by the Directors. Discussion revealed, on the other hand, that there was a question as to whether the Minute as printed reflected in every detail the action of the Board. The Secretary reported that this matter would be taken up with other technical corrections to the Minutes in an erratum planned for publication in the October issue of *QST*. At this point, 1:55 PM, the members of the Working Group departed from the Executive Committee Meeting to resume consideration of the Part 97 rewrite.

8. On motion of Mr. Stafford, a certified stenographic reporter will be hired to record and transcribe the 1989 Annual Meeting of the Board.

9. Review of progress on Board directives:

9.1. Mr. Turnbull, as Chairman, reported briefly for the RFI Task Group concerning increased participation in the work of an Ad Hoc Industry Group studying electromagnetic compatibility.

9.2. Mr. Sumner presented a chart reporting the status of Board directives from the 1988 Second Meeting.

10. On motion of Mr. Frenaye, the names of 43 newly elected Life Members were recognized, and the Executive Vice President was directed to list their names in *QST*.

11. Affiliation of clubs:

11.1. On motion of Mr. Stafford, the following clubs were declared affiliated:

Category 1

Air Capitol TEC-NE-CHAT Amateur Radio Club, Inc., Wichita, Kansas
Bell Tower Pioneer Radio Club, Jacksonville, Florida
Central California Amateur Communications, Inc., Fresno, California
Christian County Amateur Radio Club, Taylorville, Illinois
Englewood Amateur Radio Society, Englewood, Florida
Massanutten Amateur Radio Association, Harrisonburg, Virginia
Montcalm Area Amateur Radio Club, Gowen, Michigan
Nostalgia Amateur Radio Club, Ackerman, Mississippi
Pioneer Radio Operators Society, East Aurora, New York
Telephone Employees (TEL-EM) Amateur Radio Club, Des Peres, Missouri
TRIAC, Parkersburg, Pennsylvania
Western Reserve Amateur Radio Group, Hudson, Ohio

Category 3

Temple University Amateur Radio Club, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Category 4

Florida Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Council, Inc., Clearwater, Florida

11.2. The Secretary reported the election by mail vote of the following Societies:

Category 1

Allagan County Amateur Radio Club, Allagan, Michigan
Baldwin Hills Amateur Radio Club, Los Angeles, California
High Point Amateur Radio Club, High Point, North Carolina
Ladies Amateur Radio Association of Orange County, Anaheim, California
Mountaintop Amateur Radio Club, Fairfield Glade, Tennessee

Category 3

Ransom Middle School Amateur Radio Club,
Cantonment, Florida

South Fork School Amateur Radio Club,
Weldon, California

Mr. Frenaye requested that his opposition to the affiliation of one of the clubs be noted, on the grounds that its constitution bans males from membership.

With the election of these clubs, the League has 1,766 clubs in Category 1, 21 in Category 2, 135 in Category 3 and 4 in Category 4. During the course of the above, Messrs. Butler and Metzger departed from the meeting, at 3:40 and 3:30 PM respectively.

12. Convention matters:

12.1. On motion of Mr. Stafford, the following conventions were approved:

Florida State
February 4-5, 1989
Miami, Florida

Atlantic Division/New York State
May 19-21, 1989

Rochester, New York

West Gulf Division

July 28-30, 1989

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Mr. Frenaye observed that a conflict in dates had developed between the New England Division Convention and the ARRL Amateur Radio Computer Networking Conference, on October 1, and expressed the hope that in the future, approval for such Conferences would not be granted until the date was certain.

12.2. Mr. Sumner reported briefly on plans for Headquarters participation in the ARRL National Convention at Portland, Oregon. The Committee was in recess from 4:05 to 4:15 PM.

13. Election matters:

13.1. On motion of Mr. Frenaye, the policy was established that the candidates' statements of unopposed candidates will not be mailed with ballots for the other office in the division.

13.2. The Executive Committee then proceeded to examine candidates' statements and questionnaires in the current elections for ARRL director and vice director. More than one candidate was found eligible for each office listed below. Except in the Rocky Mountain Division, each vote was unanimous: Mr. Nathanson requested to be recorded as voting that Mr. Quiat was ineligible. The candidates' names were ordered placed on ballots sent to Full Members of the respective Divisions, accompanied by the candidates' statements of no more than 300 words.

CENTRAL—for Vice Director:

Kenneth A. Ebnetter, K9EN

Howard S. Huntington, K9KM

HUDSON—for Director:

Vincent J. Biancomano, WB2EZG

Stephen A. Mendelsohn, WA2DHF

NEW ENGLAND—for Director:

Tom Frenaye, K1KI

Albert W. Hamilton, AGHF

—for Vice Director:

William A. Burden, WB1BRE

Clevis O. "Cliff" Lavery, W1RWG

NORTHWESTERN—for Director:

Rush S. Drake, W7RM

Mary E. Lewis, W7QGP

ROANOKE—for Director:

Claude E. Feigley, W3ATQ

John C. Kanode, N4MM

(Gay Milius, Jr., W4UG, was lawfully nominated, but withdrew his name.)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN—for Director:

Laurence A. Eichel, K2NA

Marshall Quiat, AG0X

—for Vice Director:

William M. Sheffield, KQ0J

Hugh Winter, W5HD

SOUTHWESTERN—for Vice Director:

Wayne E. Overbeck, N6NB

Karl V. Pagel, N6BVU

(James E. Swafford, W7FF, was lawfully nominated, but withdrew his name.)

WEST GULF—for Director:

Thomas W. Comstock, N5TC

Jim Haynie, WB5JBP

13.3. The eligible candidates listed below were the only candidates for the office shown. On motion of Mr. Grauer, they were declared elected without membership balloting, for a two-year term beginning January 1, 1989:

CENTRAL—for Director:

Edmond A. Metzger, W9PRN

SOUTHWESTERN—for Director:

Fried Heyn, WA6WZO

HUDSON—for Vice Director:

Paul Vydareny, WB2VUK

NORTHWESTERN—for Vice Director:

William R. Shrader, W7QMU

ROANOKE—for Vice Director:

James G. Walker, WD4HLZ

WEST GULF—for Vice Director:

Sam C. Sitton, KV5X

During the course of the above, Mr. Nathanson departed from the meeting at 5:16 PM; there was

a recess from 5:47 to 5:53 PM.

14. Announcement of appointment of Committees of Tellers:

14.1. Without dissent, the following were appointed as a Committee of Tellers for the current Director/Vice Director elections: Mr. Metzger, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Grauer; Mr. Williams, alternate.

14.2. Without dissent, the following were appointed as a Committee of Tellers in the special election for recall of the Section Manager in Montana: Mr. Frenaye, Mr. Sumner, Mr. Williams.

15. Other business:

15.1. On motion of Mr. Grauer, the following resolution was adopted:

The Treasurer and Controller of this Corporation, and each of them signing individually, be and hereby are authorized on behalf of this Corporation to enter into an agreement, in substantially the form previously presented to the Board of Directors, with Shawmut Bank of Boston, N.A. for the transfer of funds of, or for the account of, this Corporation in response to telephonic, telegraphic, oral, written or other requests.

15.2. On motion of Mr. Sumner, Mary Basch, Accounting Manager, is added to the checking account at Connecticut Bank and Trust Company as an authorized signer on behalf of the Treasurer, subject to the previous policy with respect to number of signatures and limitation on authority.

15.3. On motion of Mr. Grauer, the Executive Committee directs the Administration & Finance Committee to study League policy with respect to the selection of depository banks for League funds.

15.4. On motion of Mr. Grauer, a clarification of the "Terms and Conditions Governing the Availability of Mailing Lists from Headquarters" was adopted; to wit, the "convention" and "hamfest" labels described in Category 1 as being available free of charge do not include lists prepared from the FCC database, such labels to be available at cost.

15.5. On motion of Mr. Frenaye, the following resolution was adopted:

The League endorses and supports in principle the ongoing efforts of the Western Washington DX Club to enhance international goodwill through joint activities with counterpart organizations in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

16. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at the call of the President in accordance with Article 6, with either November 12 or November 19 being a likely date.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Stafford the meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Perry Williams, W1UED
Secretary

Strays



I would like to get in touch with...

anyone with a manual and/or schematic for a World Radio Laboratories Duobander-84 transceiver. Jerry Edgerton, 7315 E 11th St, Indianapolis, IN 46219.

anyone who has a service manual and/or schematic for a Lafayette HA 350 receiver. Leo Siekierski, K3IEZ, 737 S Linwood Ave, Baltimore, MD 21224.

anyone with technical documentation for the Hallicrafters Sky Champion S 20R HF receiver. Jim Belles, NH6CN, 160 Hamilton Ct, Vallejo, CA 94589.

former members of the Civilian Technical Corps who served in England during WW II. Stan Fogala, W3GFT, 6209 Hudson Bend Rd, Austin, TX 78734.

anyone who has a schematic and/or manual for a model 390 Lafayette Starflite transmitter. Roy Kenna, W7NLR, 332 W Maple, Winslow, AZ 86047.

any Radiomen who served in WW II aboard the USS Ancon, AGC-4, from 1943-45. Also, does anyone have info about CW nets for retired postal workers? Marvin Swihart, 433 S 8th St, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351.

STRAY HINTS

Strays are those interesting fillers used when space allows in *QST*. Think you have an item with Stray potential? Here are some hints to help your submission become one. (1) Be sure the information will be of interest to most *QST* readers. (2) Any photographs you send should be good-quality black-and-white

glossy prints. Items submitted are normally acknowledged, but that doesn't necessarily mean that your item will be appearing in *QST*. Strays are used on a space-available basis, and we receive far more material than we can find room for in each issue. Follow the above hints and maybe your Stray will find a home in *QST*.—Sheldon Ball, N1EOZ

TRAVELING ABROAD?

ARRL HQ is equipped to assist members in obtaining operating permits for most places in the world. In addition, we can provide you with information on Amateur Radio societies and repeaters in foreign countries. Instructions and information are available from the Regulatory Information Branch. Please enclose a business-size SASE, and don't forget to indicate which country you plan on visiting.

Turkey-USA on 160 Meters

March 20, 1988, 0143Z appears to have set the scene for the first-ever contact between the US and Turkey on 160 (W1FZ-TA1E). The excitement this event created was conveyed to this writer in a telephone call from W1FZ and reinforced by reading Jim's correspondence with Aziz, TA1E and Kamil, TA2CF (ex-KB6JCX). Share with me the thrill of that evening, in these quotes from their correspondence.

"I cannot describe how happy we were after the QSO. We couldn't believe it when we first heard you. Thinking that we were most probably being called by a UA1, we checked several times. We knew it should be a good time for the USA, but we still couldn't believe it. Amateur Radio was legalized (in Turkey) in 1984. Before 1984, there were no regulations. We had a law dated 1937 which was highly restrictive. It didn't make Amateur Radio impossible, but not mentioning the service by name made it practically impossible. Our society, existing since 1962, made several attempts to change it, but failed. Some activity was going on which was tolerated to a certain extent. The few actives were keeping a low profile, mainly operating the higher bands. The huge dimensions of a good antenna on top band would have attracted too much attention. Thus, I don't believe that there was any 160-meter contact between the US



(L-r) TA2CF, TA1E at the TRAC HQ contest station in Istanbul, TA2KC.

and TA before this contact. First or not, it was thrilling! Our first 160-meter try was made during CQWW CW. Only Europe was worked, with great problems on the receiving end. Our next step was putting up the Beverage antenna."

Here is the story by KB6JCX (now returned home as TA2CF). "When I returned from the states I brought a TS-520S. After an unsuccessful try in the CQ 160-meter contest, TA1E and I made a Beverage antenna 1500 feet west/east,

1500 feet north/south, only 5 feet above the ground, so that keeps the QRM away. The transmitting antenna is a top-loaded vertical (modified from an RSGB design). The night of the contact, Aziz told me to 'play with the key a bit.' It was our first try using the Beverage. It was 11:30 PM local time, and freezing cold. I made a few contacts and then a US station called. I did not believe it, and asked for confirmation. I thought it was a U. Then, Jim, you hit us with W1FZ. I still did not believe it. I asked Aziz: Is this W1FZ, or am I dreaming? Could you listen again. Then when you confirmed that you were W1FZ, I just screamed yeah! Aziz and I hugged each other and started dancing up and down. It was a very emotional, historical and a very happy time for us. After that there was a tremendous pile-up. I had no intention of staying late, but I stayed at the rig till 6:30 AM local time, a total of 7-and-a-half hours on, nonstop. We worked over 200 stations." Aziz continues, "We have not quite a good setup for top band at my QTH. I'll be quite active the next season with TA1E/2, and during major contests we will be operating with TA2KC or YM2KC." [The enthusiasm of Aziz, Kamil and the other active TA stations should keep Turkey very workable in the seasons ahead—Ed.]

W1FZ

Our lead this month partially involves that persistent and consistent New Hampshire DXer, W1FZ. Jim has seen the entire breadth of DXing, evolving from a rotary spark gap rig to a Corsair II. En route he achieved the



W1FZ

DXCC Honor Roll, 5BDXCC, DXCC on 160 and RTTY, WAZ and a host of other awards and honors.

AFRICA NEWS

At this writing, Tom Gregory, N4NW/9Q5NW, was gearing up for a DXpedition to Brazzaville, Congo Republic, as TN4NW. Tom planned a 5-10 day operation with future visits to Brazzaville as his personal commitments permit. On CW check 25 kHz up from the band bottom; SSB spots include 3.750, 7.043, 14.145/14.180, 21.250 and 28.490 MHz (no authorization for 160). Card requests go to manager Tom Harrell, AL7EL, Box 368, Stockbridge, GA 30281-0368 (or via AL7EL at his home 1988 *Callbook* address). To speed processing, please place your own call on the bottom front of envelopes addressed to the manager.

Tom also notes that 9Q5DA closed his Zaire operation mid-summer, returning to England before moving on to the Far East (QSL via KC4NC). YL TL8DN is anticipating installation of a tower and quad, and enhancement of her signal from Bangui. (QSL via N2AU.) 5N0RE has left Lagos for his new assignment in Cairo, hoping to get operating permission.

HOW DO YOU SEND THAT?

Continuing on this theme of *CW Into Foreign Languages* (CW Publications, Box 2571, Station A, London, ON N6A 4G9, Canada; \$7 Canadian, postpaid), let's add a few more common phrases:

English/Russian (italicized letters are sent together, without normal letter spacing)

My name is/Menaa zowut

Thank you for the new country/Spasibo za nowuew stranu

It is sunny today/Segodnaa solnce

Good DX/Horootego DX

If you like this feature, and would like me to continue it, please let me know!

THE CIRCUIT

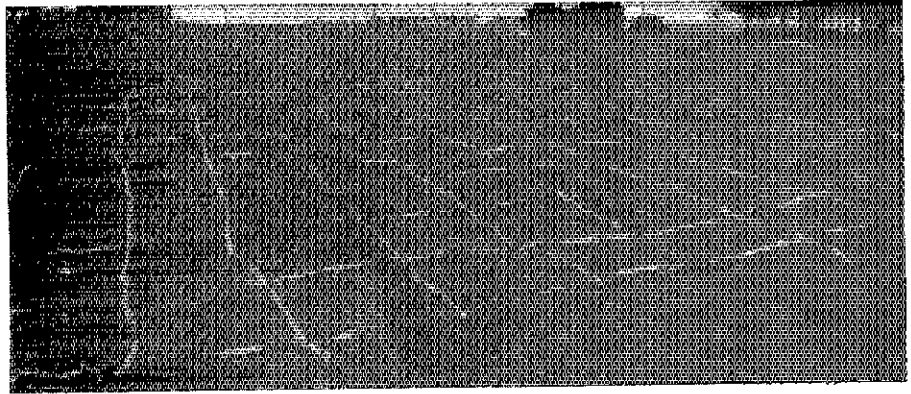
P40V: Aruba Oct 29-30. All contacts will be confirmed via the bureau. Certificates will be sent for 4-or-more banders.

LASHE: Re Rag's Commandments to QSL Managers (August issue): It goes almost without saying that the commandment for the manager to provide a card is contingent on the contact having taken place! (Thanks WIYRC.)

VK9LU: Dave, NZ9E operated on



(L-r) VK9LU, KA9UCK, VK9LU/NZ9E (see Circuit).



TA2KC radials, 1 meter by 1 meter. TX antenna is a top-loaded vertical, RX a 500-meter-long unterminated Beverage.

Norfolk, using VK9ND's well-equipped station. Cards to Dave under his former call K9POX (SASE, please).

□ **ZF2KY/KZ:** OH2BJW/OH1ZAA, etc note that it saves half the work to leave some equipment with the locals when leaving a DX spot, their tip for all expeditions. Jan and Arja promise speedier cards in the future now that they've become computerized!

□ **VP2MW:** Montserrat during CQWW CW by AA5DX, KM5R and WQ5W, 160-10 meters. Before/after attention will be focused on low bands for 5BDXCC purposes. VP2MW only goes via KM5R. Others as will be indicated.

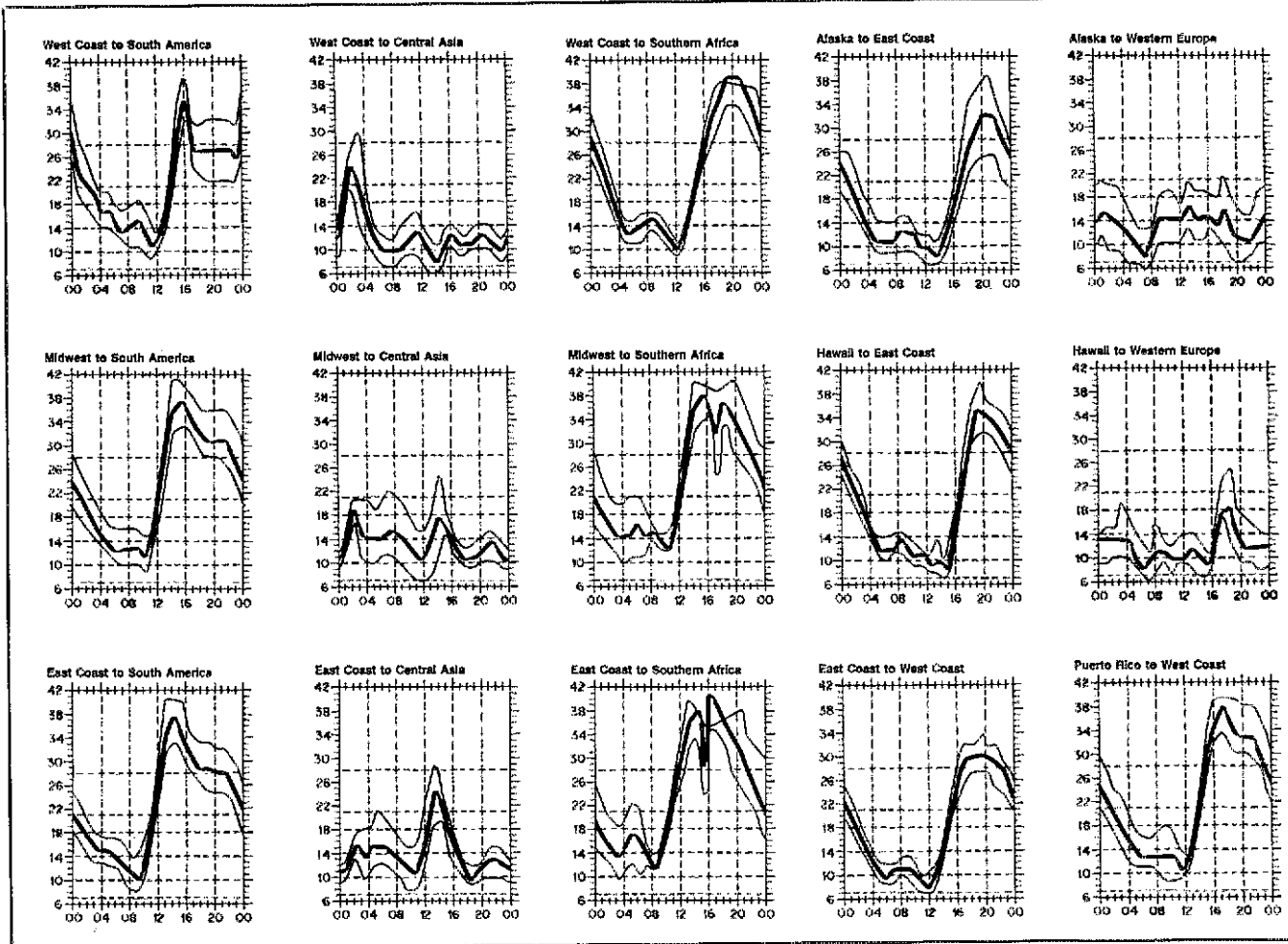
□ **PJ2MI:** Jose Cintje, PJ2MI/PJ7JC, was recently knighted by the Queen of the Netherlands for service to his country.

(Thanks QSL Mgr K2PEQ.)

□ **HI3UD/4:** The Union of Dominican Radio Amateurs, Santiago section, activated Tuna Key late September. QSL to Luis P. Caamano, HI8LC, Box 88, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

□ **Routings:** 4C2JTW, via AA5B.

□ **Clubs:** New officers: Redwood Empire DX Assn—Pres W6OSP, VP K6BWX,



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

Secy/Treas VP2ML; Long Island DX Assn—Pres W2JGR, VP KB2HK, Secy K2MFY, Treas WA2BGE; Northern California DX Foundation—Pres W6OAT, VP K6UD, Secy W6DU, Treas WB6UOM.

□ **IOTA**: Late last month Cat Island, IOTA NA-82, was activated by K5MK with WB5PPG, N5FG, WN5IJZ (SASE, or 2 IRCs, please); IOTA AF-42, Alboran Island, EH9IA-EE9IA or ED9IA, was manned by Union de Radioaficionados Espanoles operators mid-September. QSL via Antonio Diestro, EA7BUD, Box 1123, 29080 Malaga, Spain.

□ **XE**: The Radio Club de Nuevo Leon, offers a beautiful award for working 3 club members July 1988-July 1989. Info from Gino Decanini, XE2GGD, Box 441, Monterrey, NL 64000, Mexico.

□ **JT**: The Central Radio Club of Mongolia offers an award for working five continents June 1, 1988-June 1, 1989 (Asia has to be Mongolia). No cards, certified list with 3 IRCs to Award Manager, Central Radio Club, Box 639, Ulan Bator 13, Mongolia.

□ **WA4WTG**: Kappy handles cards for FY7AE K7NJ/4X TJ1BF V2AK ZF2IB/4X ZF2GE ZP5KS 4Z4DX 4Z4HF 4Z4LF 4X4NJ 4X4UF 4X4VB 4X2BYB 4X6BYB 5Z4RH 6Y5MC 6Y5RL 8P6AH 8P6BN

8P6IB 8P0A P29RY. QSL to his new QTH as no mail is being forwarded: Kappy Kaplan, WA4WTG, 718 SE 3rd Ln, Dania, FL 33004.

□ **LUIMPM**: Sergio is now managing cards for LU4MEE AZ4M LU1MFK CE2/LU4MEE LU1MPU LU4M (contests only) and LU1MKC. Write Sergio Grinberg, LUIMPM, PO Box 382, 5500—Mendoza, Argentina.

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F2DX/ (F6BFH)
PJ6
HD8GZ (HC2DZ)
HL9JZ (KA1OXO)
J52US (WA8JOC)
KG4CL (KC3CL)
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TU4CU Box 12
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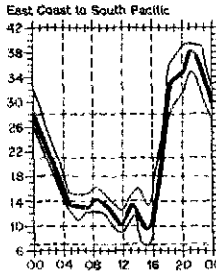
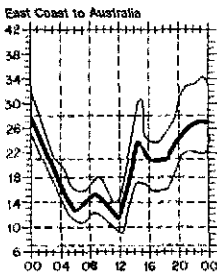
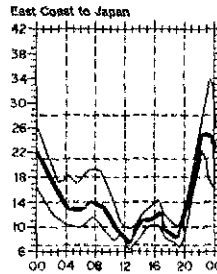
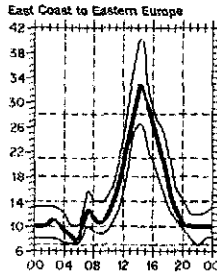
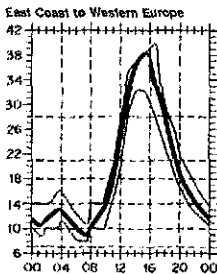
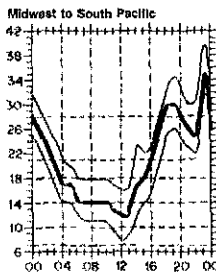
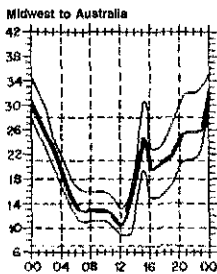
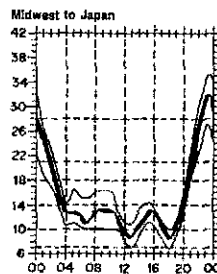
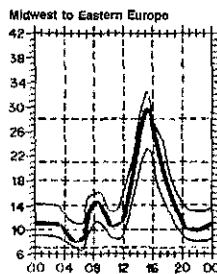
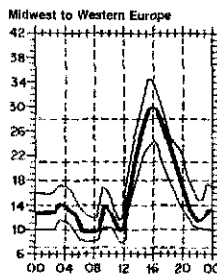
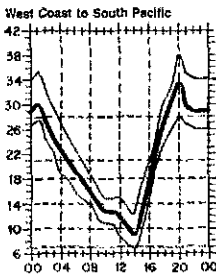
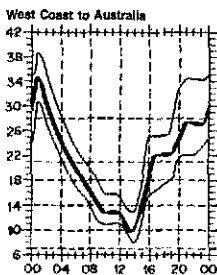
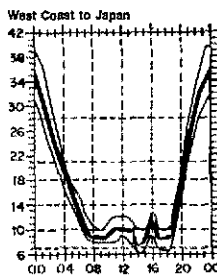
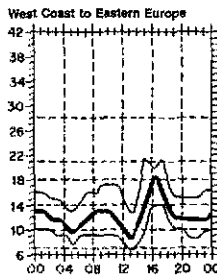
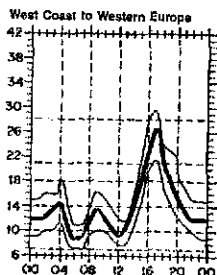
Administered By Joanna Hushin, KA11FO

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

A15AA (DJ6SI) AH0AD (JF1IRW)
A15AB (DL8CM) FM5BH (W3HNC)

□ QSL Manager Volunteer: W5UIP

□ QSL Corner, June 1988, QST, p 72, contains information and addresses for the ARRL Incoming Bureau. QSL Corner, September 1988 QST, p 59, contains information on the operations of the ARRL Outgoing Service. For additional information on bureau operations (Incoming and Outgoing), send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to ARRL QSL Bureau, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.



Universal Time (UTC); the vertical axis, frequency in MHz. See April 1983 QST, pp 63-64, for a more-detailed explanation. The 3rd edition of *The ARRL Operating Manual* contains similar charts for a range of sunspot numbers and times of the year. Data provided by the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, Boulder, Colorado. These predictions, for October 16 to November 15, 1988, assume a sunspot number of 134, which corresponds to a 2800-MHz solar flux of 177.

DX Century Club Awards

Administered By Don Search, W3AZD

The ARRL DXCC is awarded to amateurs who submit written confirmation for contacts with 100 or more countries on the official DXCC Countries List. You may also submit cards to endorse your award in 25-country increments through 250, 10-country increments through 300, and 5-country increments above 300. The totals shown below are exact credits given to DXCC members from July 12 to August 14, 1988. An SASE will bring you the rules and application forms for participation in the DXCC program.

New Members

Mixed

CO7KR/110 DL2AAW/116 DL2LY/115 EA1DOD/168 F8PD/102 HB9DJC/109 I3MDU/107 JA1BGX/109	JA1DJ/110 JA1BSB/108 JG1PII/208 JH3BGG/272 JA8DMV/255 LA7AFA/187 LU2CC/293 OH1BV/157	PA3DGN/109 SM6JWW/122 SP2GKQ/113 SP5ES/258 SP5PB/273 VE7FOP/102 VK2ESG/110 XE1AMS/188	XE1MN/174 XE1TU/190 XE1XFP/102 XE1XRC/151 XE1Z/105 YU4EKK/115 K1BR/114 K1RH/FP/100	KA1HFL/107 KA1LMR/100 K1BG/104 N1EJF/101 N1J17/151 NM1K/105 K2ANC/103	KA2FEP/109 KC2OL/100 NF2X/107 W2JEK/106 WC2B/102 K3ANS/109 K3IMC/105	N3CFA/103 KA4CVL/106 KJ4CS/101 N4IF/178 N4PZF/137 N4SKE/106 W4WAW/109	WA4AEI/106 WA4BEU/125 KA5YCM/262 NKAE/105 KJ6GC/150 KA7LPP/103 N8AGU/109	NR8Z/110 A9Y/100 ND9X/118 KD8RT/104 N8IC/107 W8YZS/281 WD0ALE/107
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Phone

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CW

DL9LBR/110 HB9DED/116 HB9DGZ/125	HB9DJC/105 JA1CLW/119 JF1PHJ/102	JH3BGG/261 JR8NTR/111 KL7J/104	LA7AFA/169 OZ1IDL/109 PA3DUA/133	SM6JWW/122 SP5PB/212 UT5RH/102	ZL1LS/105 NA11/19 NF2X/103	W2JEK/104 WB2AMU/100 N4RNR/102	WA4BEU/100 W8JBI/292	NW9G/104 K0TLM/164
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RTTY

CT1AUR/106	I2TZK/108	KD6PY/100	AG9S/105		160 Meters NN3O/104		Satellite DL1CF/104	
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5BDXCC

SP5DRH K9BJ	N2DL ND6U	I3ZKD K4PR	SP5ES SP5PB	JA7YAA WD4BTF	V31AB I3ZRL	W6WMV N4TG	F2YT AA4NC	W6KON
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New Honor Roll Members

Mixed

311 OZ1CTK/316 K9MFI/318	310 K4BP/315 K7ZBV/314	Phone 313 W2RGU/329	311 K6EV/340	310 I4WZK/316 W0JMZ/321 WB0CIW/317	CW 308 OZ1CTK/312
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Endorsements

Mixed

DF3CB/289 DJ7EE/127 DK5J/289 DL1BS/335 DL1KB/364 DL1LD/335 DL3NBL/251 DL3ZA/336 DL6DK/250 DL8FU/184 EA3RF/237 F2NBJ/321 FS1J/338 FBHKD/177 F6IFE/278 G2FFO/321 G3KDB/332 G4GIR/302 HB9CEY/207 HB9NL/314 HB9PL/353 HB9NL/168 IK2FCZ/250 I4FGG/225 JA1CLW/260 JK1TLP/202 JR1BVU/294 JA2AYH/299 JE2GMO/152 JA3DWT/306	JA5ELM/305 JA7FS/330 LA3VV/258 LA4DM/310 LU6DHR/302 OE2EGL/336 OH2FJS/325 OH2NB/365 OH5OZ/281 OZ1FAO/294 OZ2E/291 PA3ABH/207 PA9OI/251 PY4DD/299 SK4EA/201 SM6AOU/346 SM6DYK/320 SM7AB/225 SM7CMY/205 VE1KG/336 VE3DMC/310 VE3GMT/336 VE3LDT/312 VE3NE/339 VE3OIT/250 VE7EW/134 VK6HD/335 XE1CI/306 XE1F/218 XE1GBM/315	XE1HTT/184 XE1OX/315 XE2MX/291 YB5AQC/236 YU4BM/283 YV5KKG/127 ZL1AMO/338 ZL4BO/349 ZS6RM/355 AD1C/290 K1CWX/132 K1RM/338 K1VJH/315 K1WJB/305 K1YHM/286 KA1MFA/136 KB1HY/273 KE1F/307 N2AP/329 N1CIX/229 N1XX/343 NA1I/283 NF1G/212 NG1J/200 W1DQH/335 W1GG/339 W1QUS/315 W1WLW/337 WA1UDH/280	WB1ATZ/209 AF2C/304 K2AGJ/330 K2AJQ/311 K2FB/351 K2LG/323 K2UFM/327 K2UO/320 K2UPD/206 KA2NRR/176 K12P/257 KS2O/251 N2AP/329 N2JD/304 N2KW/318 NA2G/290 NA2K/298 N2FH/336 W2FR/331 W2GA/329 W2HZ/340 W2IOT/331 W2JB/328 W2LPE/361 W2LZX/321 W2MIJ/325 W2OWG/210 W2PSU/328	W2TS/289 W2YY/352 WA2MID/312 WA2PJ/127 WA2TMP/280 WB2CE/314 WB2FT/250 WB2HJW/225 WB2LNR/135 WE2L/292 AI3Q/311 K3QMR/220 K3RY/125 K3TUP/333 K3WUW/149 KB3X/300 KQ3E/160 KV3J/227 N3AKD/287 N3CSL/179 NM3Q/201 W3CDG/330 W3EKN/338 W3HVM/235 W3KYN/179 W3LBJ/321 W3LDD/300 W3PLJ/251 W3XN/341	W3ZBF/252 WA3DMH/293 AA4TV/226 K4DR/147 K4HQ/200 K4LP/315 K4OQ/266 K4SV/290 K4XG/336 KB4HU/309 KB4NJ/187 KC4XA/133 KE4UC/250 KF4YH/257 K4HL/250 KN4F/291 N4GE/312 N4TG/261 N4ZG/164 NF4A/330 NI4Y/220 N4Y/290 W4BFR/352 W4DHZ/349 W4FCA/336 W4ZMC/320 W4PJD/306 WT4J/310 K5BLV/319	K5HKX/125 K5JUC/313 K5NV/280 K5OS/333 K5RPC/251 K6CM/310 KF5EA/227 KR5D/294 N5CB/290 N5TC/311 N5KZ/256 NNSO/267 W5KWK/283 W5VZ/312 WA5IGD/315 WA5KBH/175 WZ5I/204 K6BWX/248 K6EV/350 K6IC/124 KE6OT/286 KF6A/300 K6AN/176 K6BN/199 K6LE/320 K6WF/205 W6CSI/271 W6HDP/124 W6PN/345	W6SOP/359 W6SWM/314 WK6E/317 W6MP/180 K7OXB/328 K7RLS/324 KA7GXO/150 N7U/312 NX7K/303 W7CG/360 W7FP/320 W7GB/280 W7LR/318 W7MI/334 K8ICE/287 K8IP/339 K8ZO/313 N8AVK/294 N8ZA/330 ND8D/133 WD8WP/290 W8JQ/344 W8LZV/303 W8BEUN/334 W8BIW/190 W8BZRL/306 WD8RTW/152 K9DF/318 K9KA/336	K9NB/319 K9RA/336 K9RHY/311 K9TN/317 K9SL/163 N9RF/316 N9V/255 N9JK/152 W9HR/205 W9LNU/339 W9NNE/319 W9RY/328 WA9WJE/329 W9DGA/184 K0AX/281 K0TLN/295 K0TVY/199 KB0JL/255 K6GC/306 ND0F/291 WD0W/260 W0FF/318 W0GAX/306 W0ZJ/149 W0ZJC/308 W0JN/287 W0JMZ/323 W0JS/316 W0RSH/228
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CW

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DL1BS/282	G3KDB/283	SM6DYK/298	W1WLW/301	N2KW/312	N3AKD/220	N5TC/272	N57J/304	W9HR/176
DL1LD/250	G4GIR/275	SM6OLL/202	AF2C/220	NA2K/165	W3BBL/270	W5LVD/304	NX7K/162	W9NLC/294
DL3RK/290	HB9CEY/183	SP2BKF/208	K2AGJ/299	W2FP/316	W3EKN/305	K8EID/249	W7LR/313	W9NNE/161
DL5YBU/204	HK3YH/270	VE3LDT/284	K2AIO/229	W2LZX/302	W3PLI/236	KE6OT/153	K8IP/266	W9RY/299
EA7BZN/134	OH2FS/256	XE1MD/199	K2JJ/303	W2MIG/312	AA4DO/207	W6ENZ/256	K8NA/300	W9ZM/316
FE2VV/177	OH5OZ/250	XE1MDX/127	K2OWE/290	W2YY/305	K4XG/301	W6SZ/198	WB8ZRL/270	W0BW/311
F6HBI/258	OX3QA/130	AD1C/280	K2QL/250	AF3E/203	KA4YAE/153	K7NN/273	K9KA/201	W0GAX/263
F6HKD/176	OZ1FAO/280	AI1N/150	K2JFM/293	AI3Q/285	NF4A/254	KY7M/249	K9MFI/305	W0JM/233
F9QI/172	OZ2E/272	N1CYA/225	K2UO/316	KQ3E/155	KR5D/283	N7HUS/165		

RTTY

I5FLN/270	W1FZ/125	W6GC/183
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160 Meters

DJ6RX/137	W2BXA/180	W2JB/170	W2LZX/110	K3UA/150	W4DHZ/121	W7AWA/125	W8UVZ/150	W0ZV/206
KH6CC/130	W2FP/145	W2LPE/161						

DXCC Notes

The DXCC Annual Listing will appear in the January 1989 issue of QST.



Happenings

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Montgomery County Amateur Radio Club. He is responsible for the amateur coordination of over 20 Washington-area events throughout the year.

As the winner of the Young Ham of the Year Award, Jonathan received an expense-paid trip to the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention (HamCon '88) held at Anaheim, California, September 2-4, where he was presented with a plaque and a Yaesu rig at the convention Grand Banquet. Westlink established the Young Ham of the Year award to highlight the accomplishments of the nation's many young radio hobbyists and to encourage other young people to join the exciting and rewarding hobby of Amateur Radio.

SECTION MANAGER ELECTION NOTICE

To all ARRL members in the Arizona, Arkansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Montana, Mississippi, North Texas, Orange and Wyoming Sections: You are hereby solicited for nominating petitions pursuant to an election for Section Manager. Incumbents are listed on page 8 of this issue.

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

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

(Place and date)

Field Services Manager, ARRL
225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111

We, the undersigned Full members of the...ARRL Section of the...Division, hereby nominate...as candidate for Section Manager for this Section for

the next two-year term of office.
(Signature...Call...City...ZIP).

Any candidate for the office of Section Manager must be a resident of the Section, a licensed amateur of Technician class or higher, and a Full Member of the League for a continuous term of at least two years immediately preceding receipt of a petition for nomination. Petitions must be received at Headquarters on or before 4:00 PM Eastern Standard Time December 9, 1988.

Whenever more than one member is nominated in a single Section, ballots will be mailed from Headquarters on or before January 2, 1989. Returns will be counted February 21, 1989. SMs elected as a result of the above procedure will take office April 1, 1989.

If only one valid petition is received for a Section, that nominee shall be declared elected without opposition for a two-year term beginning April 1, 1989.

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

Vacancies in any SM office between elections are filled by the Field Services Manager.

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

Richard K. Palm, K1CE
Field Services Manager

REPEAT NOMINATING SOLICITATION

Since no petitions were received for the Puerto Rico Section by the petition deadline of June 10, 1988, as a result of Notices placed in April and May QST, nominating petitions are herewith resolicited. See the above notice for details on how to nominate.

Strays



NINE MINUS ONE

□ There were a few years in the '50s when I had to put ham radio on hold due to establishing a family and building a home. When things leveled off, I decided to get something on the air. The old SX-16 was still working fine, so I dug out my home-brew CW rig which I had built shortly after WW II. It had an 811 final with a series feed to the plate. I never quite got around to shielding the exposed parts. After a few parts were replaced, I found that I could load up to about 100 W input without any fireworks.

One afternoon, I was tuning up on 40 meters out in my workshop/ham shack, when the family pet, a large tomcat known as "Old Kitty," wandered in. He rubbed around on my ankles, purring happily. All of a sudden, though, he leaped up and came smack down on the tank coil with 1000 volts—and RF too.

The subsequent events were rather blurred. Old Kitty rose rapidly amidst a slight frying sound, and he appeared to be half flying as he went out the door. When I followed him outside, he was nowhere to be seen. About dusk, I heard a plaintive meowing. It was Old Kitty out at the end of the driveway. He had to be carried into the house. No injuries were visible, but he was still very nervous. Well, Old Kitty lived for a number of years after that, but as far as I can remember, he never entered the shack again.—Tom H. Thomas, W5ITK

ARRL COMPUTER NETWORKING CONFERENCE

□ Special thanks go to Don Bennett, K4NGC, registration chairman for the 7th ARRL Networking Conference held in Columbia, Maryland on October 1. Attendance was approximately 150 people. The papers and talks were excellent. Copies of the proceedings are available from ARRL HQ at \$12 per copy plus \$2.50 shipping and handling (\$3.50 for non USPS delivery).

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.

CW—OBSOLETE?

□ The use of Morse code as a means of communication in WW I was a necessity, not an achievement. The same is true for WW II. It truly was "state of the art" in those times. The use of Morse code in future conflicts as a principal means of communication is unthinkable. To suggest such a thing could be an invitation to ridicule. Those amateurs who continue to praise the merits of CW and quote the axiom of "CW forever" indeed speak truly. It takes "forever" to manage information using this mode, even without the great need to be "correct."

The new digital, electronic methods of communications available today are engineering marvels. It could be around the use of this equipment that the first "no code" license be issued. Perhaps this approach would lessen the traditional opposition.—*W. A. Swanson, N8IKW, Dearborn, Michigan*

AMATEUR RADIO—EQUIPMENT OR OPERATOR?

□ The ultimate demise of Amateur Radio may be just around the corner, according to a piece by Brad Wells, KR7L, in September 1988 *QST*. Mr Wells has unfortunately missed the point: The strength of Amateur Radio lies in the personal interaction among amateurs. Hearing a person's voice for 10 years before ever meeting the individual, listening to an operator's fist and knowing who the operator is before he gives his call sign—this is the power and attraction of Amateur Radio. Take away the personal interaction, and Amateur Radio as we know it will be destroyed. Is our hobby destined to be destroyed rather than enhanced by the space age?

In reading his article entitled "Future Shock in the NTS," one would come to believe that Amateur Radio and the National Traffic System (NTS) are made up only by equipment-related items and not by the operators! I feel strongly that if the operators see the need to make the shift to packet-based traffic handling, it then will occur as evolution. If these so-called entrenched NTS operators who have been the backbone of the system for years do not decide to go that way, then, as Mr Wells suggests, NTS will cease to exist. My only hope is that if this occurs, that a system as organized as the current NTS system, based upon packet, will replace it. For the moment, no formal plan exists. At present, no expertise is required to operate or put a packet bulletin board on the air; packet ops don't even acknowledge "ARRL format" as the official format for traffic. So,

because of the freelancing which occurs, each BBS is different and has its own set of rules. This freelancing cannot exist if packet is to replace the NTS, so someone has got their hands full to turn this system around before the NTS has a whole lot to worry about!

In closing, there are some wholesale truths in the article written by Mr Wells, but until many of the so-called bugs "go away" from packet, I hope this "demise" in Amateur Radio will be slow in coming. Can the whirr of a TNC replace the voice inflection or fist of friends who grew up with Amateur Radio? Hopefully, this "future shock" will not be as dramatic as proposed by Mr Wells. It seems that, at the moment, the only persons doing better because of packet radio are the folks selling the equipment.—*Herb Dye, NC3V, Frostburg, Maryland*

TUBE VS TRANSISTOR

□ I was breezing through some old *QST*'s and found a short article on the transistor. It was very interesting to see how the state of the art has changed in 40 years. What was really interesting was the last paragraph [of an article on] page 48 of October 1948 *QST* which stated:

... It doesn't appear that there will be much use made of transistors in amateur work, unless it is in portable and/or compact audio amplifiers. The noise figure is said to be poor, compared to that obtainable with vacuum tubes, and this fact may limit the usefulness in some amateur applications. These clever little devices are well worth keeping an eye on...

Amen! This was certainly true.—*Dale E. Mecomber, N2DM, Skaneateles Falls, New York*

COMMUNICATIONS SURVIVABILITY AND EMP

□ [I enjoyed] the excellent article on the National Communications System (August 1988 *QST*). Communications survivability is an important issue for both radio amateurs and commercial communications networks.

However, Amateur Radio participation in the Shared Resources (SHARES) High Frequency Program would be more effective if ham stations were protected against electromagnetic pulse (EMP). As the NCS pointed out two years ago (August-November 1986 *QST*), amateur stations can be protected from EMP, so why don't we hams pull together and shield our stations against EMP? Our emergency plans should include EMP events and possible pulse war scenarios.—*Nickolaus E. Leggett, N3NL, Washington, DC*

10-METER COMPRESSION!

□ Through the years, we've all heard [the term] "use the whole 10-meter band, not just the first 500 kHz." Before Novice Enhancement, it seemed that most amateurs [in the sideband segment of the band] were using 28.5-28.8 MHz.

Now we have Novices and Technicians operating SSB on 28.3-28.5 MHz. This is great, tremendous, but I think the ARRL and the FCC have created a new "problem"—I now hear most SSB operations "compressed" into the 28.3-28.5 segment. All of us "old" guys QSY to talk to the new guys on 28.3-28.5 MHz. As a result, there are few signals above 28.5 MHz.

The rebuttal I hear is that no matter where Novices [and Technicians] are put [in their new subbands], everyone would "compress there." Don't you believe it! Why didn't the FCC say that 29.0-29.2 MHz be used rather than the present Novice subband? ... Wouldn't this seem logical and beneficial to spread out activity on 10 meters rather than concentrating it in one small area?—*Joel Tenenbaum, K1J1Y, Brockton, Massachusetts*

[Novice and Technician operators were also given the CW/digital subband of 28.1-28.3 MHz and the two other VHF/UHF bands so that these new operators could be put in the mainstream of Amateur Radio activity.—Ed.]

MICROPHONE TECHNIQUE

□ There are many comments on the poor CW operator. However, I haven't heard a lot of comment about the ham who shouts into his mike or who holds the mike so close to his mouth that you can hear his tonsils rattle! He usually is the one guilty of flat-topping and causing interference to others. Let the audio amplifier do its job!—*Ray Schaub, W8ATO, Lake Leelanau, Michigan*

HXG

□ I agree with what Bob Weinstock, KN1K, says [in his article entitled "A Public Service Opinion"] in the Public Service column of August 1988 *QST*. In my opinion, a message should not be serviced back to the originator unless: (1) the content of the radiogram violates some FCC rule; or (2) it cannot be delivered either by hand, telephone or US Mail.

The cost of an occasional toll call or postage stamp is minimal, and Amateur Radio deserves this much dedication from anyone who would call himself or herself an NTS traffic handler.—*Robert C. Becker, N3FM, Oil City, Pennsylvania*

[HXG will be familiar to amateurs involved in traffic handling. Used in the preamble (heading) of messages, it means "Delivery by mail or landline toll not required..."—Ed.]

Heathkit HV-2000 YAPPs About Packet Radio

In the December 1987 issue of *QST* (page 39), I noted a product review of the Heathkit HV-2000 voice synthesizer, a plug-in card for the IBM® family of personal computers. The review was written by Bruce Hale, KB1MW. I found Bruce's review to be accurate. He said the board is a simple project and can be built in less than two hours. I agree!

I purchased the HV-2000 for "talking packet radio." Although I cannot put myself in the place of a person with impaired vision, I think the following information may be useful to such a person or, if you are like me and are interested in new technology, the following should interest you, too.

The HV-2000 uses hardware to perform the actual voice synthesis. However, Heathkit includes a disk containing a file called VOICE.SYS, a device driver that interfaces the HV-2000 hardware to other software running on the computer. Heathkit also includes a file called SPEAK.COM, which contains a "bare bones" terminal program. I wanted to use YAPP Version 2.0 with the HV-2000 (YAPP, or "Yet Another Packet Program," is a popular split-screen packet-radio terminal program written for MS-DOS® computers by Jeff Jacobsen,

WA7MBL). Unfortunately, the HV-2000 will not work with YAPP.

The HV-2000 will work with AEA's PC-PAKRATT, and with PTP Packet, a public-domain program by Carl Moreschi, N4PY. With these programs, you just set the program to receive an ASCII file, sometimes referred to as "capture mode," and name the file "HV." HV is the token name used by Heathkit to invoke the device driver that, in turn, communicates with the HV-2000 hardware. All data will be routed to HV and the unit will vocalize the packets as they are received. To stop the voice synthesizer, you simply close the capture file as if you were stopping a file capture.

The Problem

Unlike PC-PAKRATT and PTP, when you ask YAPP to capture a file and enter a file name, the program checks to see if that file already exists. If it does, YAPP asks if you wish to erase the duplicate file. If you say no, you are prompted for a different file name.

The problem is that the token name HV is permanently installed by the device driver VOICE.SYS. When you ask YAPP to capture a file with the file name HV, the program says that the file already exists. If you try and erase it, the computer crashes and displays an error message. Attempting to reload YAPP or any other program without first rebooting causes the computer to lock up.

The Solution

The answer to the riddle is to lock out the portion of the YAPP code that asks if you wish to erase a duplicate file name. At first glance, this may seem like a simple task, but without access to the YAPP source code, it took me 30 hours to trace through the code with a sophisticated debugger called "AT86," which, among other things, allowed me to disassemble parts of the YAPP code and examine it.

The changes necessary to lock out the erase prompt are listed in the accompanying sidebar. For clarity, I have listed both the disassembled code as a list file and also as it would appear with a simple debugger like DEBUG that is supplied with MS-DOS. Although I used AT86 to make the necessary changes, you should have no trouble making the changes with DEBUG as

well.—Richard Tashner, N2EO (163-34 21 Rd, Whitestone, NY 11357)

BASIC PROPAGATION TOOLS

The *QRPer's BASIC Propagation Tool Kit* is a 42-page booklet written by Robert R. Brown, NM7M. The booklet is described as "a tool kit for those QRPers interested in propagation... who have a modest acquaintance with BASIC programming." My only objection to this is that QRP operators are not the only ones who will be interested in this booklet (unless your definition of QRP is anything less than the legal limit).

The booklet provides you with the tools for predicting radio propagation using the BASIC programming language. The booklet also contains software modules that you use to build your own customized propagation prediction software. Using the modules, you learn what is involved to make the program run, rather than simply how to plug solar flux values into a program and type RUN. The booklet is available from the QRP ARCI Candy Store in care of Bob Spidell, W6SKQ, 45020 N Camolin Ave, Lancaster, CA 93534.

NOVICE PACKET-RADIO HOT SPOTS

The following is a compilation of Novice packet-radio activity centers throughout the United States. If you are aware of one that is not listed, let me know and I will include it next time.

Arizona, Phoenix: 223.56 MHz: Phoenix area network node
California, Southern: 223.42 MHz: access to WESTNET PBBSs: Torrance AJ6F-11, Chatsworth K6IYK-14, Rialto KB6GVT-1, Riverside KD4SQ-2; digipeaters: Hollywood Hills KB6CUN, Riverside KD6SQ-4, Huntington Beach N6PWD; NET/ROM nodes: Hollywood Hills K6IYK-13, San Bernardino Mountains W6TJ-2, Palos Verdes W6VPZ-11
California, Sunnyvale: 223.54 MHz: KB6OWT-1 PBBS port
Connecticut, Central: 223.40 MHz: KCIJ and K1TKP PBBSs/KA-Nodes
Indiana, Indianapolis: 223.40 MHz: N2BVJ gateway to 145.09 MHz
Maryland: 223.40 MHz: W3VPR PBBS port
New England: 223.58 MHz: designated Novice packet-radio frequency by the New England Spectrum Management Council
New Hampshire, Nashua: 223.54 MHz: WA1OMM PBBS port/145.01-MHz gateway
New Jersey, Northern (Alpine): 223.42 MHz: W2LWB-4 PBBS and NET/ROM node
New York, Albany (Valatie): 223.58 MHz: WA2WNI digipeater/PBBS port
New York, Syracuse (Skaneateles): 223.58 MHz: KC3BQ PBBS port
New York, Watkins Glen (Alpine): 223.58 MHz: N2EZG PBBS port
New York, Woodside: 223.42 MHz: WA2EXE-4 PBBS port

YAPP Version 2.0 Code After Modification

Note: All changes are enclosed within dashed lines.

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2098:78A6 E91201 JMP 79BB
2098:78A9 B97200 MOV CX,72
2098:78AC E82297 CALL 0FD1
2098:78AF 4C DEC SP
2098:78B0 8D7EDF LEA DI,[BP-21]
2098:78B3 16 PUSH SS
2098:78B4 E81599 CALL 11CC
2098:78B7 B11E MOV CL,1E
2098:78B9 E88199 CALL 123D
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2098:78BC E8E800 CALL 79A7
2098:78BF 90 NOP
2098:78C0 90 NOP
2098:78C1 90 NOP
2098:78C2 90 NOP
2098:78C3 90 NOP
=====
2098:78C4 B95800 MOV CX,58
2098:78C7 E80797 CALL 0FD1
2098:78CA 4C DEC SP
2098:78CB 8D7EDF LEA DI,[BP-21]
2098:78CE 16 PUSH SS
2098:78CF E8FA98 CALL 11CC
2098:78D2 E81099 CALL 11E5
    
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78B0 8D 7E DF 16 E8 15 99 B1-1E E8 81 99 E8 E8 00 90
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78C0 90 90 90 90 B9 58 00 E8-07 97 4C 8D 7E DF 16 E8
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10-GHz EME First

On August 27, 1988, at 0935 UTC, the first 10-GHz EME contact was made—between Texas and Arizona. On the Texas end were Kent Britain, WA5VJB, and Greg Raven, KF5N. James Vogler, WA7CJO, and Dave Chase, KY7B, were located in Arizona. Contact was made after six unsuccessful schedules over the preceding eight days. The equipment used in Texas by WA5VJB and KF5N was a highly modified SSB transverter feeding a TWT amplifier

delivering 55 W output to a 12-foot dish. The system noise figure on receive was 2.1 dB. In Arizona, WA7CJO and KY7B used a 4.8-meter dish fed with 90 W and a receive system with a 1.5-dB noise figure. "O" reports (full call signs and reports copied in one transmit period) were exchanged. Kent, WA5VJB, commented that the signals were Doppler smeared to a width of about 1 kHz. Instead of copying

a pure note, it was more like copying "CW white noise"—the signal was often quite distinct, but very difficult to copy. Antenna aiming was accomplished by first peaking the dish for maximum moon noise (0.3 to 0.6 dB above sky noise), then optically tracking the moon with an antenna-mounted bore sight or CCTV camera. I hope to have more information and equipment photographs for next month's column.

NEW USA 3456-MHz DX RECORD

After two attempts, a new 3456-MHz record of 454 miles was set at 10:58 AM MDT on August 7, 1988. The contact was made between Dan Osborne, WB5AFY, in Vernon, Texas and Lauren Libby, KX0O, located on Pikes Peak, Colorado (see Fig 1). Two previous attempts were made on July 16 and August 6, but poor conditions made contact impossible.

KX0O, as well as Aubrie Goobie, NY0T and James Scarlett, KD7Q, traveled to Pikes Peak on July 16 for the first attempt at the record. Path conditions on the Pikes Peak end were good, but conditions in Texas were not favorable for a try at the record. KX0O/0 was able to salvage the record attempt by completing his 3456-MHz VUCC, working James Starkey, W0KJY, Keith Ericson, K0KE, and Bill McCaa, K0RZ (mobile), for the final three grid squares. K0RZ/M was running 1 watt to a 32-inch dish antenna. When working KX0O/0, K0RZ/M never dropped below $S9 + 20$ dB.

On August 6, KX0O and KD7O climbed Pikes Peak again, operating on 432, 903 and 3456 MHz. WB5AFY had strong signals on 432 MHz, but the attempt to establish contact on 3456 MHz fell short; weak signals were heard from WB5AFY, but no signals from KX0O/0. KX0O/0 did work Al Ward, WB5LUA, located in McKinney, Texas, on 902.1-MHz at a distance of 625.2 miles. This contact was six miles short of breaking the US DX record for 902 MHz.

Another station worked on 903 MHz on August 6 was Dean Lewis, WA0TKJ, in Salina, Kansas, a distance of 390 miles. WA0TKJ ran 35 W to a single 33-element loop Yagi.

WB5AFY and KX0O/0 tried the path again on August 7. A liaison frequency on 432 MHz was established to coordinate beam headings and identify propagation

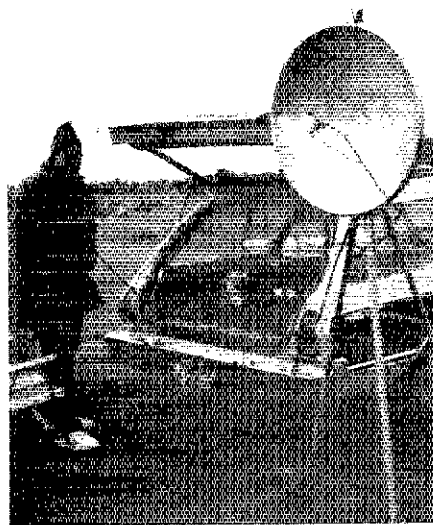


Fig 1—Lauren Libby, KX0O, stands poised to set a new 3456-MHz DX record—454 miles—at Pikes Peak, Colorado. Dan Osborne, WB5AFY, did the honors at the other end of the path in Vernon, Texas.

peaks. (It is interesting to note that 3456-MHz propagation peaked after 432-MHz signals would peak; an almost inverse relationship seemed to exist between signal peaks on the two bands.)

At 10:58 AM MDT, KX0O/0 completed 3456-MHz contact with WB5AFY, peaking 8 dB above the noise at WB5AFY and WB5AFY peaking 12 dB above the noise on Pikes Peak. Because of the higher power used on the Texas end, KX0O/0 had solid copy on WB5AFY for almost 40 minutes before the record two-way contact was finally made. (WB5AFY and KX0O observed that all signals peaked at approximately 5-minute intervals and the 3456-MHz signals experienced extremely rapid QSB on both ends of the path.)

The equipment used at WB5AFY included a 6-foot dish with a soup-can

feed and 275 W from a TWT amplifier. KX0O/0 used a transverter with 1296-MHz 1F, 13.5 W and a 32-inch dish with a soup-can feed. Both receiving systems had 1-dB noise figures.

Weather conditions on Pikes Peak exhibited temperatures in the high 30s, with humidity near 50%. The geographic center of the 3456-MHz record contact signal path was the Texas panhandle where the temperature was 90° and humidity was nearly 60%. At the WB5AFY end of the contact, temperatures were in the low 90s, with humidity near 60%. Many thanks to KD7O, NY0T, K0RZ, KD0GT, W0MXY and NK0P for their valuable assistance in the project.

EAST COAST 10-GHz DX

Ed, W2TTM, has sent along details of a recent 10-GHz DXpedition to Cape Cod. On the morning of August 9, W2TTM worked Victor, W2VC at Mt Mitchel (near Sandy Hook), New Jersey, at a distance of 227 miles. Signal strength started at the noise level and peaked to $S9 + 10$ dB over a 45-minute period. W2TTM also worked Tony, W2GUM, over the same path. Later that evening, Fred, KG2K, was contacted over the same path, but the signals had dropped to $S5$. Ed noted that weather conditions were worse during the evening contact, with high winds almost blowing his dish over! All stations were using similar equipment: SSB transverters running about 200 mW out, a 3-dB noise figure on receive and 3-foot dishes. (Warren, WB2ONA, traveled to Duck, North Carolina in the hope of extending the path, but he did not hear any 10-GHz signals. Weather in North Carolina was poor during the schedule periods.) On his journey back to New Jersey, W2TTM stopped at Pt Judith, Rhode Island, and worked W2VC and W2GUM again (both on Mt Mitchel) over a 147-mile path.

CSVHFS ANTENNA AND NOISE FIGURE MEASUREMENT RESULTS

Tables 1 and 2 show the antenna and noise-figure measurement results obtained at the 22nd annual Central States VHF Society conference held in Lincoln, Nebraska on July 22, 1988. In Table 1, all antenna-range results are expressed in dBi (dB over an isotropic source). A few words of caution: Antenna gains are notoriously

hard to measure with absolute accuracy. Relative gain between two antennas, measured on the same range, at the same time, *may* be measurable to 0.1 dB, but the gain of any one antenna *measured on separate occasions, on different ranges, may differ by a dB or more*, depending on the nature (length, height and so on) of the range.

The antenna class abbreviations are: C = commercial, HB = home-brew, REF = reference. Table 2 details the results of the noise-figure measurements for the listed devices. The device classes were: C = commercial, HB = home brew, 2st = two stage and XVTR = transverter. Device manufacturers are MGF = Mitsubishi; NE = NEC; ATF = Avantek and DXL = Dixel.

Table 1
Antenna Gains

1296 MHz				
Operator	Class	Antenna	Gain (dBi)	
KB0HH	HB	68" dish	21.8	
K9VGE	C	KLM 44-el Yagi	21.5	
W7GBI	HB	67-el DL7QY	21.1	
W3HQT	C	2345LY loop Yagi	20.2	
KB0HH	HB	44" dish	20.1	
W9DNT	HB	44-el Yagi	19.3	
WA8TVK	HB	22-el Yagi	18.3	
W0OHP	HB	15-el Quagi	17.5	
W0UC	HB	21-el F9FT fiberglass boom	16.3	
NE8I	HB	22-el loop Yagi	16.3	
WB0TEM	REF	11-el Yagi	14.5	
W9DNT	HB	6-el end fire	12.6	
WA9HCZ	HB	Alford slot	12.0	
WB5ZDP	HB	Can feed	8.3	
2304 MHz				
Operator	Class	Antenna	Gain (dBi)	
KB0HH	HB	44" dish	24.5	
KB0HH	HB	44" dish choke feed	22.3	
W7GBI	HB	DL7YC Yagi	22.2	
W4ODW	HB	79-el loop Yagi	20.3	
W4ODW	HB	51-el loop Yagi	19.7	
NE8I	HB	44-el loop Yagi	19.0	
WA8VTK	HB	28-el Yagi	18.4	
3456 MHz				
Operator	Class	Antenna	Gain (dBi)	
WA5VJB	HB	59-el loop Yagi	21.4	
WA5VJB	HB	48-el loop Yagi	20.6	
WA5VJB	REF	12 x 9 x 12" horn	17.5	
WA5VJB	HB	21-el loop Yagi	16.5	
K0KE	HB	TVRO horn	9.2	
WB5LUA	HB	Soup can	7.8	
5760 MHz				
Operator	Class	Antenna	Gain (dBi)	
WA5VJB	REF	10 x 8 x 18" horn	21.4	
WA3TTS	HB	8 x 5 x 12" horn	20.3	
10 GHz				
Operator	Class	Antenna	Gain (dBi)	
K0NG	HB	25" dish	29.2	
WA5VJB	HB	18" dish	27.3	
WA5VJB	HB	7 x 5.5 x 15" horn	22.7	
WA3TTS	HB	7.5 x 5.25 x 13" horn	22.1	
WA5YOU	C	5.25 x 4.75 x 10" horn	19.6	
WA5VJB	HB	5 x 8" collinear	18.3	
WA5VJB	REF	5 x 8 x 6" horn	17.7	
NE8I	C	2.75 x 2 x 1.4" horn	12.0	
24 GHz				
Operator	Class	Antenna	Gain (dBi)	
WA5VJB	HB	4.25 x 3.5 x 12" horn	25.0	
WA5VJB	HB	2 x 2 x 4" horn	20.0	
WA5VJB	REF	1.5 x 1 x 2" horn	16.5	

Table 2
Noise Figures

1296 MHz				
Operator	Class	Device	Noise Figure	Gain (dB)
WB8BKC	C	MGF1412	0.47	18.14
VE4MA	2st	NE71084	0.49	32.23
WD5AGO	HB	MGF1412	0.56	16.87
WA8EUU	C	MGF1302	0.58	16.82
WA8EUU	C	MGF1302	0.60	17.83
WD5AGO	HB	MGF1302	0.62	16.95
WB5LUA	HB	ATF10135	0.64	13.46
WA7CJO	HB	NE72084	0.68	13.94
W3HQT	C	MGF1302	0.70	11.12
K0FQA	HB	MGF1412	0.71	16.53
K0TLM	HB	MGF1402	0.96	14.10
WD5AGO	XVTR	MGF1202	1.26	22.06
WA5VJB	C	TWT	5.88	19.20
2304 MHz				
Operator	Class	Device	Noise Figure	Gain (dB)
WB5LUA	HB	ATF10135	0.57	13.25
WB5LUA	HB	ATF10135	0.61	13.98
WB8BKC	C	MGF1402	0.71	14.30
WA5VJB	HB	ATF10135	0.75	10.60
VE4MA	HB	MGF1412	0.80	30.40
WA5VJB	HB	ATF10135	0.90	10.04
WB5LUA	XVTR	DXL1503	2.70	25.40
3456 MHz				
Operator	Class	Device	Noise Figure	Gain (dB)
WB5LUA	HB	ATF10135	0.78	23.80
WB8BKC	C	MGF1402	1.85	8.40
WB5LUA	XVTR	ATF10135	3.53	25.80
5760 MHz				
Operator	Class	Device	Noise Figure	Gain (dB)
WB5LUA	HB	ATF10135	0.94	18.94
W5UGO	HB	ATF10153	1.09	7.96
W5UGO	HB	ATF10135	1.20	16.80
K5PJR	HB	MGF1302	1.55	24.00
WB5LUA	XVTR	ATF10135	1.80	28.93
WA5VJB	HB	MGF1302	2.66	19.17
W5UGO	HB	NEC694	3.74	15.28
WA3TTS	HB	MAR-8	5.75	7.25
10368 MHz				
Operator	Class	Device	Noise Figure	Gain (dB)
WB5LUA	HB	ATF13135	1.24	8.32
WB5LUA	HB	ATF13135	1.32	7.22
WB5LUA	HB	ATF13135	1.52	15.51
WA5VJB	HB	ATF13135	1.90	16.49
WA5VJB	HB	ATF13135	1.95	8.46
WA7CJO	HB	ATF13135	2.15	16.12
WA5VJB	HB	ATF13135	2.25	20.16
WA5VJB	HB	MGF1303	2.30	12.35
WA5VJB	XVTR	MGF1403	3.30	32.12
WB5LUA	XVTR	ATF13135	3.35	22.30

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Strays



a TET triband antenna model HB34D. Lee Brink, N1FSE, 25 Phelps Rd, Marlborough, CT 06447, tel 203-295-9063.

N8JDA, 1307 Georgia Ave, Marysville, MI 48040.

□ anyone with a manual and a noise blanker circuit for a Stoner Pro 80-10 mobile SSB transceiver. Ross Stambler, K6DLH, 8420 La Bajada Ave, Whittier, CA 90605.

I would like to get in touch with...

□ anyone with info on replacement parts for

□ anyone with a manual for a Tektronix oscilloscope model 561A. Dick Dawson,

Activity Nights—An Idea Whose Time Has Come and Stayed

Activity nights have been discussed in *The World Above 50 MHz* on several occasions over the years. But, as we come to the end of another season of high VHF activity and enter the cold winter months, it seems like a good time to look for ways to maintain activity on our bands. Concentrating activity during certain prescribed periods can be crucial in finding someone to QSO. Many localities have their own peculiar activity periods but the ones most used are those that follow the Spring and Fall Sprints. (The

Fall series of Sprints is presently running. See October 1988 *QST*, page 107, for specifics.) These most common activity periods are at 2100 local time, with 2 meters on Monday, 1¼ meters—Tuesday, 70 cm—Wednesday, 23 cm—Thursday and 33 cm—Friday. In many areas where there is activity on the band, 13-cm devotees usually meet in conjunction with the Thursday evening 23-cm period. With its greater general level of activity, there is no specific

meeting time for 6 meters, but many nets meet in various localities. There are also a number of 2-meter nets; many run under the auspices of Sidewinders-on-Two (SWOT).

Whatever the activity pattern is in your area, it pays, during the coming low-activity months, to try and get on the air at those times. It's a good way to keep the VHF gear dusted off.

I will be happy to publicize activity periods or nets in various parts of the country. Please drop me a line with the details.

ON THE BANDS

6 Meters—All signs point to quite widespread F2, probably by the time you read this. Already, some of the more propagation-blessed parts of the world are experiencing openings. On September 8, I listened on 28.885 while LU7DZ (transmitting on both bands simultaneously) worked eight Gs on 6 meters and an Italian via crossband. The Gs were still in here on 10 meters at 2130Z which should be something of a harbinger of things to come on 50 MHz. WSFF adds that they had a good South American opening the same day, with several LUs plus HC2CG/HC8 in with strong signals in the Albuquerque area. Fred also noted that the contest was somewhat enlivened in his area with a few South American signals. This was while the northern part of the country was experiencing a strong aurora. I am sure that there will be more about this buzz session next month. By the way, the contest operators seemed to be pretty much adhering to the 50.100 to 50.125 DX window at least here in the mid-Atlantic states—until the aurora hit and then most of the bars came down. Remember, it is exactly at such times when we need a place to listen for weak DX stations who are most likely to be around 50.110.

Sporadic-E lingered into mid and late August. CO2KK put in an appearance on the 14th, working about 20 stations with his old AM rig. QSLs for CO2KK should go to W4OO. (SASE please!) Possibly aided by E_s was an opening from Ohio and Indiana to South America. WB8YFE/9 Indianapolis reports working LU9AEA and CXIDOO on August 28 at 2200Z. Ray says that although signals were strong, the opening lasted only about 5 to 10 minutes.

Despite the rise of F2, the 6-meter EME contingent continues to add contacts. The latest this conductor has heard about is W6JKV's September 8 QSO with ZL1BGJ. Jim says that the New Zealander is using a rhombic, so his moon time is quite limited. This represents a new 6-meter EME record and apparently the first contact involving a non-US station.

2 Meters and 1¼ Meters—News of these bands is dominated by tropo this month. In mid August, many mid-western stations

reported an excellent opening stretching up to about one thousand miles. N0LL Smith Center, KS says that it was the best tropo opening they have had in his part of the country in three years. Larry filled six log pages of contacts on 6 meters, 2 meters and 70 cm. His best DX was W2DRZ FN02, who he worked on both 2 meters and 70 cm. WB0YZN chimes in with his report of 91 2-meter contacts in 7 states with the best DX as WA3BGJ in western Pennsylvania FM09. One station he worked was running a dipole and 4 W. The opening reached as far west as Colorado. The husband-and-wife team of N0EOQ and KA0NNO report working 79 stations in 17 grids and 7 states with the most easterly contact being with WA8BHX in Michigan EN74. Another notable tropo opening occurred in the East in early September. K5UR in Arkansas seemed to be in a particularly good position to take advantage of it. Through W3ZZ, Rick reports that he concentrated on 1¼ meters and 70 cm with the strategy paying off very well for him. On 1¼ meters, Rick worked a large number of 8s plus WA3NZL and W3ZZ FM19 near Washington, also VE2DUB and K1WHS—the latter a distance of about 1289 miles and possibly a new North American tropo record for the band. W3ZZ is very enthused with the 220- to 225-MHz band, having been on only since mid-May. In that short time, Gene has worked 21 states and 45 grids. His station isn't what you would call "big," consisting of an FT-736R to an RF Concepts amplifier and a Cushcraft 225WB. Not all the VHF DX is worked on CW and SSB. W5LDH New Orleans reports a FB extended QSO of 500 miles with KA4OPM Umatilla, FL on 224.14 MHz FM.

The Higher Bands—The August 432 and Above EME News put out by K2UYH notes that this past summer has been an unusual one for moonbounce activity on 70 cm and higher bands. Normally, Al writes, the summer months have not been considered exactly "prime time" for moonbounce. First there was the June 11 operation from 4U1UN by NC1I. Although it was not the full-blown EME operation that Frank had envisioned, it was a start in terms of that mode being used from

the United Nations. Using only two Yagis, he was able to QSO DL9KR and OE5JFL on the rising moon. Another UN EME operation occurred in August. I'll try to provide a report on this one next month. July brought what the 432 and Above EME News says "may be the most successful EME expedition in history." F6HKA assisted by F1EHN, F1GPL and F6DZK put Andorra on as C30BVA. Over the weekend of July 9 and 10 they reportedly worked over 40 70-cm stations using an array of sixteen 21-element Yagis. This was followed by KL7WE's operations from Missouri July 14 and 15 and Nebraska the next two days. Tim's efforts certainly held the attention of 70-cm state chasers during these fast-paced operations. It is reported that his "portable" array of twelve 11-element Yagis was successful in working his home station from both states as well as most of his sked stations. As if to top it off, word comes that the Space Observatory at Onsala (25-meter dish) will be on 13 cm the weekend of October 22 and 23. I'll try to have a report on this next month. Meanwhile, further details can be obtained on the 70 cm and Above EME Net Saturdays and Sundays at 1600Z on 14.345. The 2-meter EME Net follows this one at 1700Z. Also, Al's September newsletter notes that K6MYC, during his late summer stay in Hawaii, worked 15 stations on 70 cm including K4QIF for Rusty's 50th state. He's been at it a long time and deserves it. Mike is reportedly leaving his 8-Yagi array and kW final with KH6FOO, so Hawaii should be on 70-cm EME quite regularly.

Also in the moonbounce department, word comes from K7ICW that WA9FWD conducted a short 70-cm EME DXpedition to Nevada the weekend of August 26. He was aided by equipment loaned by K1FO and NC1I and assisted in the operation by W7HP and K7ICW. The station was set up in a shed in the backyard of W7HP. After a number of problems, mainly heavy rain, lightning and wet palm trees in the path getting rain in the final amplifier, they did manage to work K1FO for Steve's final state. He is another who has worked very hard at achieving 70-cm WAS. Others snagging the hard-to-get state were: KU4F, W0SD, N4GJV and NC1I.

Moonbounce at 10 GHz has long been the

50-MHz DX Standings

DXCC countries are based on information received as of September 9, 1988. Space limitations dictate that continental US and lower-tier Canadian stations with fewer than 15 countries (except those who claim WAC) not be listed. Countries are those listed in the latest ARRL Countries List and deleted countries worked prior to their deletion. Credit has not been granted for contacts with stations known not to have been authorized 6-meter operation at the time of the contact. Unless noted, totals are those worked by individual or club stations operating from a single location or multiple locations within a radius of 150 miles. The next update will be published in June 1989. In order to be included in that update, reports must arrive at this conductor's address (as listed at the top of each World Above 50 MHz column) by April 1, 1989. Reports need not be on the special forms, but use of these forms is helpful. Forms are available by sending an SASE to the column address. Whether or not reporting forms are used, reports must list each country, one station worked in that country, an indication as to whether the contact was two-way on 6 meters or cross-band, the date of the contact and whether or not the contact has been confirmed by receipt of a QSL. Stations located in countries where 6-meter operation is not generally permitted are listed in a separate crossband list.

6-Meter Two-Way Contacts

VE1YX*	86	88	WA6JRA*	55	19	K0TLM*	45	41	JH3WXB	36	32	O5AEH*	29	—	KA5FLE*	22	14	VK9YT	14	12
W2CAP/1*	81	79	W1QXX	54	54	CX8BE*	45	35	K3HCE	36	31	KC8J*	28	27	KA1GIY	22	12	GW3LDH	14	10
JA4MBM*	81	79	JE1TGN*	54	54	K4QXX	44	43	WB8PAT*	35	35	N5JM	28	25	JE3YIA	22	12	V2ADX	14	4
K8WKZ*	81	78	WA6BYA*	54	53	K6QXY	44	43	WA8ETW*	35	34	N5DD5*	28	25	HC1TMD/HCS	22	—	KL7JAI	13	13
W2IDZ*	#80	79	WB4RUA	54	52	W1A1M*	44	42	K1LPS	35	32	W9TC	28	25	WD8FOY	21	21	VK2EEC	13	12
K1TOL*	80	79	WA3DMF	54	51	K1MNS*	44	42	K0UDZ*	35	32	N7AQM*	28	22	KD6PQ	21	21	VK3ZZX	13	12
K5FF*	77	77	N6AJ*	54	51	JA2GHT	44	42	KC2TX/5	35	32	WA5QCP	27	27	KB6OX	21	21	VK6HK	13	8
VE1BNN	77	74	W2RTW	54	50	AE3T*	43	43	K8TGC	35	31	N9ANO*	27	27	VK2BNN	21	20	E1ZW	13	—
W4CKD/8*	#77	73	K1G9J*	54	48	N9CEX*	43	42	N6AMG	35	26	W7FV	27	26	K4CGR	21	20	WA8LHK*	12	12
W5VY*	76	72	K5CM*	54	—	WB8KAY*	43	42	W8AMQ	35	26	VK2VC	27	28	W0JRP*	21	20	VP9WB	12	11
W5FF*	75	75	W7KMA*	53	52	K2OVS	43	39	N7DB	34	34	KQ8J*	27	25	WB4WXE	21	20	W1QXX/KP4	12	10
WB4QSN*	75	73	K52T	53	52	WB4NMA	43	—	W2CNS*	34	33	N6AMD	27	25	WB6CTQ	21	19	G4BPFY	11	11
W3XQ*	75	63	K8EFS*	53	51	VK8GB	42	42	K1DAT	34	33	KA5CAW	27	23	K6ZMW	21	18	AL7FH	11	11
W400*	74	74	WA5HNK*	53	51	ZL1MQ	42	42	W0JUR*	34	33	K9SM*	27	21	VK3AUJ	21	17	AL7C	11	11
WB2QZB*	74	73	K5GE*	53	51	KABAYN*	42	41	WA6CRA/4	34	31	YV4UY	27	20	VK9XT	21	17	J6LOV	11	9
KH8IAA	74	72	K0GJX*	53	50	KA1DHO	42	40	K80ETE*	34	31	N2ASC	26	28	N1E6	21	16	JN1DQO	11	5
WA1OUB	74	71	JA2ODM*	53	48	KG6JDX*	42	38	WA1ZUB	34	30	WA9DYV*	26	26	K1HTV/3	21	15	G3JYHU	11	3
KA1PE*	74	70	W0UWB*	53	42	KH6FLD	42	35	W2AFH	34	28	VK2QF	26	26	9Y4JW	21	12	VK6OX	10	10
N3AHJJ*	#73	71	WB8BK0*	52	52	N5BBO*	41	41	K1SC7*	34	28	VK2DDG	26	25	VK4ALM	20	20	KL7WE	10	10
JA1RUJ*	72	72	JADAGA*	52	52	K1FWF*	41	40	V2PMJ	34	26	VE5LY	26	25	WA8LLY/6	20	20	KL7JHJ	10	10
W8CMS	72	68	WA1AY8	52	51	W5KRH*	41	39	K6JYO*	34	22	VK9OT	26	25	W80OXK	20	19	KL7IKV	10	10
W4WHK	72	64	W8SF*	51	51	WB78LY*	41	38	W2LT	34	20	K9XY*	26	22	K9LCR	20	19	ZD7BW	10	10
ZD8TC	71	71	W1EJ*	51	50	WB5CHW*	41	37	K6JZK	33	33	WA9DYT	26	22	JG3JLC	20	19	FK8EB	10	10
JA8EGE*	70	70	N5KW*	51	48	JG3AOD*	41	37	WA7GCS	33	33	K0SE*	26	21	VK3JQ	20	19	VK4KHZ	10	8
W3JO	70	68	WA7EPU*	#50	50	W5HN*	41	35	W2RL7	33	31	NP2AE	26	21	VK7JG	20	18	S22DH	10	—
K4GKS*	70	66	W3BWU	50	49	K7ICW	41	34	KA4AOK	33	30	KA1CDZ	26	13	K2JF	20	17	XE2BC	10	—
WA40WC*	69	69	WB2PMP/4*	50	49	WA0CSL*	41	15	N6RZ	33	24	WA2YWP	26	13	VE1BUF	20	15	W6RO	9	—
W3WU*	#69	67	WB0PKN*	50	49	VP2VGR*	41	—	A69M*	33	23	N7EJ	25	25	G3CQJ	20	12	WB4WXE/KL7	9	8
LUS6X*	69	67	N4TL	50	48	K4VPK*	40	—	W9ZZ*	33	23	KA0CDN	25	25	K80K	20	—	K5KW*	#9	4
WA5IYX*	69	60	W8SMS*	50	48	N5WM*	40	39	K6GSS	32	32	WA50LT	25	22	VK47L	19	19	K6KLY/BP6	9	3
W5HUQ/4*	#68	64	PY2XB*	50	47	K8KLY	40	39	K5VVV*	32	31	JF3TDC	25	22	ZB2BL	19	18	VP2VDL	8	6
JA1VOK*	66	66	WB7TOV*	50	47	K8ACRT	40	38	AD1C	32	31	W0R9J*	25	21	VE5JU	19	18	G13ZSC	8	—
WD4YS*	65	65	N6CT*	50	44	N4VC	40	38	K8SJ*	32	31	VE5JQ	25	20	PY2DJC*	19	15	8P6MH	6	6
WB2MAI	65	65	WA9AHZ*	48	48	WB6BMB*	40	38	N6VI	32	31	W9NAW	25	20	NA4I	19	12	G4JCC	6	4
JA2DDN*	65	65	JA2TTO	48	48	VP2MO	40	34	N7ARC*	32	31	N8AXA*	25	19	W90EH	19	—	G4GLT	6	—
W1JR*	65	63	WB8YFE/9*	48	47	WB6KBZ*	40	29	WS4F	32	30	XE1FE*	25	17	VE6CX	18	18	G3PWK	6	—
WA7JTM*	65	61	K2QWD*	48	46	K1FJM/4*	39	39	K6OAX	32	29	9Y4LL	25	13	W6SD	18	18	GW3LDH	6	—
WA4UAS*	64	63	K8JNV*	48	46	K4GOK	39	37	K1ZKR	32	29	WB4SLM	25	13	W7IDZ	18	17	WB4YLR	5	5
WA2BPE*	64	62	W2MPK*	48	44	JA1NVG	38	38	K09JQ	#32	29	WBNE/4*	24	24	N0AJU	18	16	G2HML	5	—
N4EJW	#64	60	K1SF	48	42	WA7UJH*	38	37	WB2QLP/4	32	26	WA4TJV	24	24	WA4TNV/KL7	18	15	G4HUP	5	—
K4KUZ*	63	63	JA6YBR*	48	—	WA5VJB	38	35	W5NKG	32	25	K0SFH*	24	23	GW3MHW	18	15	G4JLH	5	—
WB8IGY*	63	56	JF3KQA	47	47	WB5JAR*	38	34	K4LFF*	32	22	W7HAH	24	23	WB6OFO	18	14	G2AOK	4	—
K2YOF	61	59	WA1UQC*	47	45	N7AKS*	38	34	K6PHE	31	31	WB9RJR	24	22	KC4K	18	14	G4BAO	4	—
K3QMX*	60	58	WA6PEV*	47	44	VE3ASO*	38	31	V2EQK	31	30	KD4HR	24	21	VK3AMK	17	17	Z56WB	3	3
WA8LXJ*	60	65	K68DX	47	42	N4MM	37	37	VE4AS*	31	30	W8QOI	24	21	VK4ZAL	17	17	GM4FZH	3	—
K5SW*	59	59	WB8GEX*	46	44	WA1CRE	37	36	WB8NMT	31	26	JM1LCW	24	17	WB9OPD	17	16	VK2ZDI	2	2
K5ZMS*	59	58	K2QIE*	46	43	JA7QVI	37	35	VE1RC	31	26	KJ3F	23	23	KB7Q	17	16	—	—	—
JA8HTP*	59	58	W5NZS*	46	43	W1GXT	37	34	W2BN	31	24	HK4EB	23	23	VK3NM	17	16	Crossband	—	—
WBXJ	59	—	LU8BF	46	42	WA2QCE	37	34	LU6DLB	31	16	W7ABX	23	22	N2AVR	17	15	SM6PU	23	10
WB7OHF*	58	58	WA5UFH*	46	41	K3ICU/4	37	32	VK2BA	30	30	VK2AY	23	21	W4AYX	17	14	DJ2RE	14	9
W3WFM	58	57	W30TC	46	39	WA8HXM	37	29	VK4ZJB	30	30	W7JXU	23	20	KA4CRT/5	17	14	DK6JL	11	4
N0LL*	57	56	K11CM*	45	45	K7GGJ	37	28	N4CD	30	27	HC8VHF*	23	—	W0PVL*	16	16	SV1DH	10	—
W6BJJ*	57	56	JA9DUR*	45	45	K0US*	37	23	VE3EUV	30	22	OABV	23	—	K0CJ	16	15	SM7BAE	6	3
LJ9AEA	57	56	KA1A	45	45	WB0ZKG*	37	20	JG8RGG*	30	22	W7KNT	22	22	VK4ZSH	16	15	CT2EF	5	2
LU7DZ*	57	55	WB8GEW*	45	44	VE8DSS*	36	36	KC3EP	30	22	WB6AAG	22	22	VK2ZRU	16	15	OZ9QV	5	1
W5DZF/4*	56	54	WANVW/3	45	44	WD2AKA	36	34	VK2DDG	29	28	KA6ING	22	22	KL7GL/4	16	14	I5CTE	4	0
N5DDB*	56	52	WD4FAB	45	43	HC2FG	36	34	K4ROM	29	27	VK3AWY	22	22	WB8PNK	16	12	F6EMT	3	2
K1ZFE*	55	55	WB2WSV*	45	42	WA6THT	36	34	WA6NOK	29	27	VK5LP	22	21	WB8SD	16	11	HA6NP	3	—
LU8DCA	55	55	XE1GE	45	42	WA6SBZ*	36	35	K0RZB*	29	26	WB2QLP	22	18	OABCW	16	—	HB9QQ	2	2
KA1BRD*	55	55	WA8ONQ*	45	41	W6ABN*	36	32	VE3FDP	29	25	KA1YQ	22	17	K0WM	15	15	OE1HGW	2	—
									WB2TMD	29	25	K7NV	22	16	VK3AQR	15	14	OZ7IS	2	1
									WA80GS*	29	25	KB7N	22	16	N5BOG	15	13			
									8P6KX	29	24	PY2TV*	22	15	8P6CX	15	11			

*6 meter two-ways claimed with all continents.

#Some contacts made from locations more than 150 miles apart.

dream when EMEers let their imaginations run wild. It is a dream no longer, thanks to the pioneering work of WA5VJB, KF5N, WA7CJO and KY7B. According to reports, on August 27 the four managed a contact between a station setup at WA5VJB's QTH near Dallas and that of WA7CJO in the Phoenix area. The New Frontier for this month will have further details on the equipment at the two stations.

Congratulations are certainly in order to this group for a difficult job well done.


The West Coast, long a bastion of microwave activity, is not resting on its laurels. N6XQ writes that, as part of the San Diego group's participation in the VHF WPX Contest, they mounted a 10-GHz wideband effort

from XE2GDK near San Quint in DM20. Using a 15-mw Gunnplexer into a 4-foot dish, they worked NN6W/6 near Santa Barbara a distance of 358 miles and nearby N6CA/6 at 356 miles, WB6NOA 176 miles, W6KGS 216 miles, W6CPL 280 miles and W6JOY 80 miles. NN6W was using a similar rig into a 19-inch dish, while WB6NOA, operating at sea level and using a horn antenna, nevertheless had strong signals. On 70 cm the group worked as far as K6QXY near Santa Rosa, a distance of over 700 miles. Those participating in the XE2GDK operation included N6CW, K9VV, WA5LIG, K6JYO and N6XQ.

Not to be outdone, the Midwest comes up with some exceptional microwave work of its own. It is reported that, during the Microwave

Contest, KX00 near Colorado Springs and WB5AFY near Vernon, TX exchanged reports on 3456 MHz over a 445 mile terrestrial path.

CENTRAL STATES VHF CONFERENCE

This year's Central States VHF Society Conference was held in Lincoln, NE, and a fine affair it was, with Roger WB0DGF and his able crew assisting. The Chambers award this year went to Al Ward, WB5LUA for his many excellent technical talks and papers presented over the years. The Wilson Award recipient is VE7BQH for his tireless efforts in conducting the 2-meter EME net. Next year's conference will be held in the Chicago area the last weekend in July. More later. 

FM/RPT Column Survey

FM/RPT will be celebrating its 10th birthday shortly. Although the column is still a young pup, this writer is a lot grayer than he was when he started the column and it is time to shake out some of the cobwebs

upstairs and find out if FM/RPT is what the FM and repeater world wants today. A reader survey, like those conducted in other QST columns, follows. Your responses to the survey will assist the Headquarters staff

and me in determining the future content of this column and this magazine. Please send your responses to FM/RPT Survey, c/o Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU, 75 Kreger Dr, Wolcott, CT 06716-2702.

Photocopies or answers on a separate sheet of paper are acceptable. For the following responses, either answer or circle all the appropriate letters that apply.

1. What is your location? (state, province or country)
2. What is your license class?
 - a. Novice
 - b. Technician
 - c. General
 - d. Advanced
 - e. Extra
 - f. foreign
 - g. unlicensed
3. Which bands do you use in the FM and repeater mode?
 - a. 29 MHz
 - b. 52-54 MHz
 - c. 144-148 MHz
 - d. 220-225 MHz
 - e. 420-450 MHz
 - f. 902-928 MHz
 - g. 1240 MHz and/or Above
4. Which band do you use most often in the FM and repeater mode? (circle one)
 - a. 29 MHz
 - b. 52-54 MHz
 - c. 144-148 MHz
 - d. 220-225 MHz
 - e. 420-450 MHz
 - f. 902-928 MHz
 - g. 1240 MHz and/or Above
5. How many repeaters do you use on a regular basis?
 - a. 0
 - b. 1
 - c. 2
 - d. 3
 - e. 4
 - f. 5 or more
6. Are you a repeater owner?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
7. How do you rate FM/RPT's coverage of the FM and repeater world?
 - a. Very complete coverage of all facets.
8. Briefly, what topic(s) would you like to read about in this column that has/have not already been listed in Question 7?
 1. 29 MHz
 2. 52-54 MHz
 3. 144-148 MHz
 4. 220-225 MHz
 5. 420-450 MHz
 6. 902-928 MHz
 7. 1240 MHz and Above
 8. ATV
 9. packet radio
 10. RTTY
 11. autopatching
 12. DX information exchanging
 13. emergency communications
 14. experimentation
 15. mobile communications
 16. ragchewing
 17. traffic handling
 18. nets
 19. simplex operation
 20. new products
 21. new techniques
 22. controversial matters
 23. frequency coordination matters
 24. FCC matters
 25. ARRL VHF Repeater Advisory Committee matters
9. Do you believe that the subjects chosen for the lead story of FM/RPT are:
 - a. To the point and appropriately varied?
 - b. Slanted too much toward a few subjects (if so, please specify)?
 - c. Too long?
 - d. Not long enough to present subject properly?
 - e. Even-handed and fair in treating controversial subjects?
 - f. One-sided and biased in treating controversial subjects?
 - g. Too technical?
 - h. Not technical enough?
10. How often do you read FM/RPT?
 - a. Every month
 - b. Every other month
 - c. Occasionally
 - d. Never

11. Do you believe that FM/RPT is:
 - a. About the right length to cover the various aspects of the FM and repeater world?
 - b. Requires more page space? If so, how much more?
 - c. Takes up too much QST space
12. If answer to Question 11 is C, would you like to see an abbreviated or eliminated FM/RPT?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
13. Do you feel that the Repeater Log section is:
 - a. Very useful and interesting
 - b. Is of little interest
14. (optional) Please include your name, call sign and number of years licensed.
 - a. Name _____
 - b. Call sign _____
 - c. Years licensed _____

ARRL REPEATER DIRECTORY

Yes, it's that time of year again. Compilation of listings for the next edition of the *Directory* is now well underway. So that your repeater is listed accurately in the ARRL *Repeater Directory*, be sure your area frequency coordinator/spectrum management group has on file up-to-date information regarding the operation of your repeater. Remember, *Repeater Directory* listings must be submitted by your coordinator. If no coordinator exists in your area, then send your update directly to ARRL HQ.

REPEATER LOG

According to July 1988 reports received, repeaters were involved in the following public-service events: 644 vehicular emergencies, 27 fire emergencies, 20 weather emergencies, 17 public-safety events, 12 medical emergencies, 12 drills/alerts, 12 power failures, 5 criminal activities, and 1 search and rescue.

The following repeaters were involved (followed by the number of events): K1UN/K1ISR/WA1UCO 5, W2KB 16, NK2W 30, WB2WPA 10, WA2ZWP 9, WA3BXW 7, W3LIF 8, WA4SWF 4, W5FC 54, K5OS 7, WB5PCY 1, WA6BJY 7, WD6DIH 98, KA6EEK 109, W6FNO 244, N6ME 119, K9LSB 22.

The History of the National Traffic System—Part 1

By J. A. (Doc) Gmelin, W6ZRJ, Honorary Vice President, ARRL

In 1989, the ARRL National Traffic System will be 40 years old. During that 40-year period, it has grown from the original concept as outlined by George Hart, W1NJM, in the September 1949 issue of *QST*, with nets that were almost exclusively on CW, to include operation on phone, RTTY, AMTOR and packet as well as on the old reliable CW. There is now a day-time system as well as the original system of evening operation, and the system is integrated with the Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

How well is the system working today? Have we achieved the goals outlined in the original organizational article? How has the system changed and why? What problems do we have and how are we going about solving these problems? What is the future of the NTS if indeed such a system is needed?

This series of articles will attempt to answer some of the questions above through first a review of the history of the NTS, then a look at the system today, and finally a discussion of what might be done in the future.

It should be pointed out that, as has been said before, those who fail to study history are bound to make the same mistakes as those who came before them. Or as a well known radio commentator once said, "The trouble with this generation is that they have failed to read the minutes of the previous meeting."

Here then are those minutes.

Nearly all the members of the ARRL know that the letters of our organization stand for the American Radio Relay League and almost all of these members know that the League was started by Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW, who wanted to relay messages beyond the limited range of his simple spark type transmitting station.

From these early radio relays by Maxim and the other amateurs who set up the ARRL, the "trunk lines" of the early League were organized. By the start of World War II, the ARRL was a highly organized national society involved with all aspects of Amateur Radio of that day.

At the end of the war, Amateur Radio returned to the air and the previously existing trunk lines were reactivated and new ones were organized.

But by 1948, there were obvious problems with the trunk line system. In the early days, the relaying of messages was certainly a necessity, since transmitting distances were still somewhat limited. However, by the early 1930s, traffic could be transmitted across the country in one hop on 20 meters.

After the war, new radio communica-

tions equipment made such transmissions relatively easy at almost any time of day. As a result, the trunk lines were slowly turning into large wide area nets instead of the relay lines that they were in the early days.

Another problem was the fact that there was only a loose organization for local delivery of traffic. In most cases, the local nets had evolved into wide area nets often covering as much area as short trunk lines.

These independent local nets were not officially connected with the ARRL trunk lines and thus delivery of traffic that had come across the country so rapidly was often haphazard.

It was true that some sections had organized section nets, but in many cases these nets overlapped. There was no integrated traffic plan set up on a nationwide basis to coordinate section traffic activity.

In 1948, Al Hayes, W1IN, ARRL Emergency Coordinator, George Hart, W1NJM, Communications Assistant for CW, and Joe Moskey, W1JMY, ARRL Deputy Communications Manager, started discussing traffic organization and from these early conferences, there evolved a "National Traffic Plan," which later became the present National Traffic System.

The basic design of the proposed system was the brainchild of Hart, who had worked in the US Army Communications System. In fact, most of the suggestions for the system came from Hart, who laid out the basic structure of sections, regions and areas as the framework for the new "Plan."

Announcement of the proposed plan came in an article that appeared in the September 1949 issue of *QST*. Hart, who had become National Emergency Coordinator, authored the original article. He had been assigned the task of organizing the new system by Ed Handy, W1BDI, then the Communications Manager at Headquarters.

The plan called for local section nets in each of the ARRL sections. Then, traffic would be relayed between sections on regional nets.

Traffic between regions would be exchanged on area nets, and originally traffic between areas was handled by special area net liaison stations.

The original plan called for four area nets and 13 regional nets. Regional nets would be established in each of the four areas. The area nets were to be established on the basis of time zones: Eastern, Central, Mountain and Pacific.

The Plan called for an integrated time schedule that would move traffic within sections, between sections, between regions

and between area nets, all following a smooth time pattern. Traffic would move from east to west in one night and from west to east in a two-day cycle.

The system was also designed to encourage participation by a large number of operators, and at the section level, little experience was needed to check in and originate or deliver local traffic.

After some discussion, the Plan went into effect in December of 1949, with the organization of several regional and area nets. In some cases, already organized nets simply shifted over and became part of the NTS by fulfilling a specific function. Some sections already had operating "section nets" which simply became part of the "system," sometimes simply by changing the times the net sessions were held.

However, in many cases, particularly with regional and area nets, whole new nets had to be organized, and this sometimes proved to be difficult.

But that winter, NTS nets held their first sessions and took the tentative step to the organization it is today. There were many problems to be solved, and in our next article we will look at the early problems of NTS in its formative first few years.



Amateur communications assists Red Cross—Ev Chitester, WABEYF, a member of the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society and long-time Red Cross volunteer, was on the scene during a fire at Mineral Met Inc on May 12, 1988. Chitester provided vital communications on the amateur bands for the Greater Cleveland Chapter of the American Red Cross. On the scene along with Chitester were over 100 fire fighters, 40 policemen, 40 media personnel and 18 Red Cross Disaster Service volunteers. (photo courtesy of Greater Cleveland Chapter of the American Red Cross)

SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE

The View from the Peak

Two Amateur Radio operators were piloting a single-engine aircraft for the Colorado Civil Air Patrol at Kenosha Pass on the Continental Divide west of Denver on the evening of July 18. They were Milt Bonham, KY0E, and Bruce Bevers, KA0CPI.

They were on a CAP training mission and, because of engine trouble, were forced into an emergency landing against a mountain. Miraculously, neither was injured. The plane flipped upside down, destroying the avionics antennas and knocking out all radios, including the ELT (emergency locator transmitter). At first it seemed the two were stranded without communications in the rugged mountain country for the night.

But, they had brought a 2-meter handheld along. The next move: try to access a repeater. Fortunately, they accessed the Colorado Repeater Association 2-meter system on 147.225 MHz (WD0FVV/R). West of Denver in the Fort Range, it provides coverage north and south into the mountains for 100 miles in each direction.

Several stations were using the repeater at the time; all traffic was immediately halted and Doug Lomax, KA0YAU took the downed plane report. The CAP was contacted, an emergency net commenced, and a time was set with the downed fliers for another contact so as to conserve the battery of the handheld.

Three amateurs, Bob Ragain, WB4ETT, Greg Burnett, K0ELM, and Warren Gretz, N0FVG, had put their skills at direction finding to work using the plane's ELT, which the pilots had been able to activate. As a result, they were able to ascertain that the downed aircraft was on the west side of the Continental Divide rather than on the east side as had been thought before. In doing so, they were all ahead of the CAP searchers and valuable information was relayed resulting in much time being saved.

The Civil Air Patrol used the amateur repeater to confirm the search area, then a TV station helicopter arrived and made a visual sighting of the crash. In the meantime, special mountain search and rescue personnel from the Denver area were en route to the scene to effect a night rescue.

Six hours from the time the craft crashed into the mountainside, the pilots were transported to waiting rescue vehicles for the trip down the mountains and into Denver. It was only then that the ham repeater was returned to normal service.—George Hinds, N8CIX

Airplane Lands with Help of Amateur Radio

Lorraine Pershing, N3ERN, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, was monitoring 146.52 simplex so she could contact her husband Jim, NM3Z, when she became the vital link to an airplane pilot and the control tower. "It was Friday, July 8, shortly before 2:30 PM," Lorraine explained. "Our Foothills repeater was down at the time, so I had [the radio] on simplex, so I could talk to my husband when he was mobile. I heard a call on frequency, but I didn't pay much attention at first. Then the caller said it was an emergency and was asking for someone to respond.

The radio amateur who was calling was a pilot who had lost his transmitting ability on his aircraft radio and couldn't contact the airport. He needed the airport to contact him

since, at that time, his receiver still worked. So Lorraine called 911 and informed the operator of the situation. The 911 operator contacted Greater Pittsburgh International Airport control tower and relayed the message.

The pilot, Jay Ryno, AD8C, from Ohio, was originally headed for Philadelphia when his aircraft developed electrical problems and had to land in Pittsburgh. He had no radio communication in the plane except his 2-meter handheld—just something he took with him.

"Jay came back on frequency a few minutes later and said that his radio was now out all together; he could neither transmit nor receive," Lorraine said. "He was not familiar with the Pittsburgh area, and when contacted, he said 'I'm over a river in Pittsburgh.' (I'm thinking—there are three rivers in Pittsburgh!) That, however, was all he knew, and he wanted the airport contacted so that he could be put down at the nearest airport. He had no idea what heading to go."

Lorraine called 911 for the second time, and they took her phone number and called Greater Pittsburgh International Airport. The tower called Lorraine by phone. "The first thing the tower had me ask Jay to do was to put

his transponder onto a certain squawk frequency. This puts out a beacon signal, and then they picked him up. The tower wanted to confirm it, so they had Jay do a turn to make sure that it was him."

Lorraine relayed heading directions to Jay via Amateur Radio while the tower at Pittsburgh's airport was in contact with the control tower at Allegheny County Airport, the closest airport to Jay's location.

"Jay had problems getting his landing gear down due to the electrical system failure. He asked me to ask the tower if his landing gear was down. The control tower said it was not. Jay could use a foot pump to put the gear down, but he had no verification on his own to know if it was down. Now low on fuel, Jay passed the tower three times and the gear was still not down. Finally, on the fourth pass, the landing gear was down!"

After landing safely, Jay called Lorraine to thank her. The Amateur Radio community is proud of you, Lorraine, for what you've done. It is a part of being a ham and responding when needed.—Robert V. Ferrey, Jr, N3DOK, Public Information Officer, Western Pennsylvania

Fame and Glory: Your Traffic Total, PSHR Report, and Traffic Awards and Appointments

Even if you handle only one message in a month's time, you should send a message to your ARRL Section Traffic Manager (STM) reporting your activity. Your report should include your total originations, messages received, messages sent and deliveries.

An *origination* is any message obtained from a third party for sending from your station. If you send a message to Uncle Filbert on his birthday, you don't get an origination. However, if your mom or your neighbor wants you to send him one with her signature, it qualifies (it counts as one originated and one sent). The origination category is essentially an "extra" credit for an off-the-air function. This is because of the critical value of contact with the general public and to motivate traffickers to be somewhat more aggressive in making their message-handling services known to the general public.

Any formal piece of traffic you get via Amateur Radio counts as a message *received*. Any message you send via Amateur Radio, even if you originated it, counts as a message *sent*. Therefore, any time you relay a message, you get two points: one received and one sent.

Any time you take a message and give it to the party it's addressed to, on a mode other than Amateur Radio, you are credited with a *delivery*. (It's okay if the addressee is a ham.) As long as you deliver it off the air (eg, telephone, mail, in person), you get a delivery point.

Your monthly report to your STM, if sent in radiogram *format*, should look something like this:

NR 629 R KY1T 14 NEWINGTON CT NOV 2
BETSEY DOANE K1EIC
STM CT
SHELTON CT 06484

OCTOBER TRAFFIC ORIG 20 RCVD 60 SENT 109 DLVD 10
TOTAL 199 X 73
LUCK KY1T

If you have a traffic total of 500 or more in any month, or have over 100 originations-plus-deliveries in a month, you are eligible for the Brass Pounders League (BPL) certificate, even if you did all that traffic on packet! If you make BPL three times, you receive a handsome medallion for your shack.

Another mark of distinction is the Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR). You don't have to handle a single message to get PSHR, so it's a favorite among traffickers in rural areas. The categories have traditionally been listed in the Public Service column of QST, and they include checking in CW and phone nets, acting as net control, handling an emergency message, and so on. See the Public Service column for particulars.

Almost any station, with regular participation, can get an ARRL Net Certificate through the Net Manager. Once you have participated regularly in a net for three months, you are eligible. If you are a League member, you can also become eligible for an Official Relay Station appointment in the ARRL Field Organization. Either certificate makes a handsome addition to your shack.

Field Organization Reports

August 1988

ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator Reports

Twenty-nine SEC reports were received, denoting a total ARES membership of 18,214. Sections reporting were: AK, EPA, GA, IA, IN, MI, MN, MO, MS, NH, NJ, NJL, NM, NTX, OH, OK, PAC, SCV, SD, SDG, STX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WNY, WPA, WTX, WV.

Transcontinental Corps

Area	Successful Functions	% Successful	TCC Function Traffic	Total Traffic
Cycle Two				
TCC Eastern	112	90.00	485	972
TCC Central				
TCC Pacific	117	91.10	568	1077
Summary	229	90.55	1053	2049
Cycle Three				
TCC Eastern	62	100.00	40	80
Cycle Four				
TCC Eastern	119	96.00	479	970
TCC Central	65	82.30	276	589
TCC Pacific	111	91.74	435	832
Summary	295	90.01	1190	2391

TCC Roster

Eastern Area, Cycle 2: KW1U Director, K1EJC WA1FCD KA1MDM KT1Q W1QYY KW1U WA2FJJ W2FR NN2H W2MTA N2XJ N3AZW N3EMD KK3F KQ3T NC3V NU3V AA4AT WD4FTK N4GHI NJ4L WB4PNY N4SS WD8LDY WB8MJ N8S W8BYDZ VE3ORN.

Eastern Area, Cycle 3 and 4: KN1K Director, KB1AF W1CE W1EFW WA1FCD KN1K W1NJM W1QYY KW1U W2FR W2GKZ NN2H NQ2H KB2HM W2LWB W2RQ WA2SPL N2KJ N3COY N3EMD N3FM W3GZU W3OKN W3PQ KQ3T NC3V AA4AT N4GHI KB4N N4SS N4TE K4ZK W8BO W8PMJ N8S K8TFP N8XX K8WNO VE3FAS VE3GSG.

Central Area, Cycle 4: K5GM Director, WBSJ AJ5K K5MXQ WZ5N N5TC K5TL W5TNT K5SW W9CBE W9UYU A100 KS0U.

Pacific Area, Cycle 2: ND5T Director, W5JOY KU8D N6LHE K6UYK WF6O WA7CBN KF7R W7TGU W7IGC N8HFZ N8IA VE8CHK.

Pacific Area, Cycle 4: K0DJ Director, N2IC ND5T W5QVK K8LL W6EOT W6INH W6VZT KN7B KA7CPT NR7E W7GHT W7EP W7LG W7VSE W7GKX K8EJZ K8TER K8QD KJ8G.

National Traffic System

Net	Sess	Ttc	Avg	Rate	% Rep	% Rep to Area
Cycle Two Area Nets						
EAN	31	820	26.50	.698	91.9	
CAN	31	575	18.55	.508	100.0	
PAN*	55	343	6.23	.421	82.7	
Region Nets						
1RN						100.0
2RN	59	250	4.23	.345	88.8	93.8
3RN	31	170	5.48	.480	93.5	93.6
4RN	61	372	6.09	.310	72.5	100.0
RN5	62	635	10.24	.421	86.0	
RN6	48	141	3.37	.281		89.0
RN7						98.1
8RN	62	349	5.62	.266	94.0	96.8
9RN	62	224	3.60	.267	87.7	
TEN	72	680	9.40	.412	82.0	
TWN	62	300	4.83	.250	83.2	92.7
ECN						67.7
Cycle Three Area Net						
EAN	30	172	5.73	.450	73.2	
Region Net						
1RN						76.6
2RN	29	93	3.20	.292	97.8	76.6
3RN	28	18	0.64	.106	90.5	78.5
4RN						66.6
8RN						60.0
ECN						76.6

Cycle Four Area Nets

EAN	31	918	29.61	.943	95.8
CAN	31	720	22.23	.858	100.0
PAN	31	697	22.46	.779	99.4

Region Nets

1RN					100.0
2RN	44	133	3.02	.333	70.0
3RN	62	193	3.11	.279	98.4
4RN	62	402	6.46	.282	97.4
RN5	62	530	8.39	.580	79.4
RN6	62	464	7.48	.760	98.0
RN7	62	310	5.00	.647	94.6
8RN	61	255	4.18	.318	88.0
9RN	62	334	5.38	.410	92.7
TEN	61	387	6.34	.539	74.2
TWN	56	223	3.98	.398	97.8
ECN					100.0
ARN	31	154	4.96	.135	100.0

*PAN operates both cycles one and two.

ARRL Section Traffic Managers reporting: AL, AR, AZ, CT, DE, EA, ENY, EPA, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, MDC, ME, MI, MN, NC, NFL, NJL, NH, NTX, OH, OK, OR, ORG, RI, SB, SC, SCV, SD, SFL, TN, UT, VA, VT, WA, WMA, WNY, WPA, WTX, WVA.

Public Service Honor Roll

This listing is available to amateurs whose public-service performance during the month indicated qualifies for 80 or more total points in the following nine categories (as reported to their SM). Please note maximum points for each category: (1) Checking into CW nets, 1 point each, max 30; (2) Checking into phone/RTTY nets, 1 point each, max 30; (3) NCS CW nets, 3 points each, max 12; (4) NCS phone/RTTY nets, 3 points each, max 12; (5) Performing assigned NTS liaison, 3 points each, max 12; (6) Delivering a formal message to a third party, 1 point each, no max; (7) Handling an emergency message, 5 points each, no max; (8) Serving as Emergency Coordinator or net manager for the entire month, 5 points max; (9) Participating in a public service event, 5 points, no max. This listing is available to Novices and Technicians who achieve a total of 40 or more points. Stations that qualify for the Public Service Honor Roll 12 consecutive months, or 18 months out of a 24-month period, upon sending written notification to ARRL Public Service Branch, will be awarded a special PSHR certificate from HQ. This certificate is a one-time award, ie, it is not issued more than once.

364	109	94	K2VX
N7ELF	W9YCV	ND0N	80
369	107	W7LBR	W1KX
KC9CJ	WD6BZQ	KJ4VT	K6UYK
218	N1CPX	N4SMB	NQ3M
KA7EEE	WB1HH	W6INH	79
183	KA2F	92	KB9LT
W7VSE	NM1K	KA1FC	KA2QOO
WB7VSN	106	WA1FCD	AA4AT
151	K4ZK	91	N3AZW
W4RWB	105	KD7ME	78
147	WB1GXZ	AA4ZV	AA4HT
WA2SPL	W2RRX	KA1GWE	N1BGW
138	104	90	N8CE
WA4QXT	KA7AID	W8KK	N81A
WB4DVZ	AA4TE	KA2INE	77
129	K4MTE	89	KA8KPY
KA8EPY	N4EXQ	KT9I	KDBWX
WB2OWO	WF60	W9CBE	KC3Y
127	103	88	W8OYH
W4RWB	KT1Q	W7GHT	76
126	102	K2ZVI	KC5NG
WX4H	N8FOO	KA1FVY	KA1JXH
123	K5MXQ	67	WA3UNX
WB7WOW	K2YAL	W7LBJ	N3COY
122	W4ANK	N4MEJ	75
W2MTA	WE2G	WB4ZTR	WD8GUF
121	101	86	KB4LB
K2YQK	WA2ERT	NB2D	N2AKZ
K7IVQ	KI4YV	W4TZC	NC3V
120	KZ8Q	KB4WT	74
N4GHI	K8TVG	85	KD8NH
NG1A	WA2JBO	85	N6EQZ
119	100	KA9RII	WA6QCA
N2EIA	W7LNE	WA8HTN	WB2QMP
WA9VLC	WB4WII	N2JMP	73
99	N8LW	WA3YLO	N8EBF
118	W4PIM	KA9FNY	W8VOM
WD4COL	98	WB4WQL	72
117	WA9VND	83	WD4KBW
KW1U	WB2VJK	KA8ARP	K9ZBM
KA3DLY	WDBKQC	W4EJC	Clearing House Net
N2XJ	N2XJ	W5YQZ	Early Bird Net
116	97	KA7SYG	71
W2QNL	KB1A	71	WA8TEC
113	KD8HB	KA1JXH	WC4D
WD8DOB	96	WB2UVB	Golden Bear Amateur Radio Net
112	K8ERM	82	KAZZNZ/T
N9BDL	WA6WJZ	KJ3E	NJ3V
K4NLK	K5UPN	KQ3T	Hit and Bounce Net
W12G	WA2FJJ	WA1JVJ	70
WA4JDH	W3FA	81	IMRA
K9CNP	W4CKS	WA3WYI	70
111	N3EMD	W8S	KA4HHE
WA4PFK	N5AMK	W1KX	KN1K
KF5BL	95	WA1TBY	69
	KV7F	WB6QBZ	69

68	KD8KU	K3GHH	56
K4IWW	WB9PFZ	NAORZ/T	KA9CTW/T
KJ4NK	64	61	50
67	N8DPF	WA8DHB	KA2CQX/T
WAJLS	K3JL	W1PEX	48
N2EVG/T	N5KCL	N7APC	48
N8FWA/T	N2ABA/T	KI4BR	KA1HP0/T
NC9T	WB1BTJ	60	KA2JMA/T
66	W4HON	N8HWO	45
W2FR	N3DRM	N4JAO	KB2BNW
WB8KWC	WB2FTX	WB8WNJ	46
N3EGF	63	WB8OUD	W1Y0L/T
KA8TNO	NS9Q	KA2UBD	41
65	WD8KBW	K2TWZ	41
WA4RUE	KA3JUN	WB0UMH	KA1NOI/T
N8HSC	WB8ZNY	N1DHT	N8HRM/T
NO8A	62	N2DXP	40
WZ5N	KA8CPS	58	KA1QFV
A100	WB3AVZ	KB2EPU/T	KA2UIU/T
N2HLZ	K4BGZ		

The following stations qualified for PSHR during the month of July, but not were listed in last month's column. WB1HH W1KX KA1IFC KA1QFV N2AKZ KB2BKE NB2D W2G N2HLZ KA2UIU KA2JMA K2YQK WB3AVZ AA4HT N4JAO KB4LB KJ4NK WA4QXT KL7IVQ/KH8 K9CNP KA9CTW/T KB9LT N8HWD KT9I WA9VLC NC9T KA8ARP N8FOO WD8GUF K8QBE WA8TEC WB8WNJ.

Brass Pounders League

The BPL is open to all amateurs in the United States, Canada and US possessions who report to their SM a message total of 500 or a sum of originations and delivery points of 100 or more for any calendar month. All messages must be handled on amateur frequencies within 48 hours of receipt in the standard ARRL form.

The Brass Pounders League Medallion is available to individual operators who achieve BPL and are listed in the BPL column for the third time. This medallion is a one-time-only award, ie, it is not issued more than once. It is not necessary that the three months involved be consecutive. Any three months will qualify an operator. Stations that qualify for the BPL medallion, upon written notification of the qualifying months to the ARRL Public Service Branch, will be awarded the call-sign-engraved BPL medallion.

Call	Orig	Rcvd	Sent	Divd	Total
W3CUL	690	701	1179	92	2662
W9YBY	0	1120	79	762	1961
W1PEX	109	1107	481	7	1884
WA1FHB	1	491	489	2	983
WB8WNJ	220	90	650	1	961
N3AZW	344	177	234	44	799
W3VR	3	269	389	11	771
WA4JDH	0	374	374	0	748
KD6SQ	0	374	374	0	748
W4CKS	0	374	374	0	748
WA9VND	2	295	315	14	625
KT1QY	206	285	90	20	601
WF6O	2	293	295	8	598
KC9CJ	7	354	48	187	596
KA9VII	118	189	269	8	538
WX4H	0	289	290	2	581
N4GHI	82	248	250	19	579
WD4COL	17	301	241	12	571
NM1K	16	258	240	25	539
W2MTA	8	304	217	1	530

BPL for 100 or more originations plus deliveries:

WD8BZQ	193
WB2QMP	144
NR9K	143
W5TNT	120

The following stations qualified for BPL during the month of July but were not listed in last month's issue: WB8WNJ 958, KT9I 746, KA1IFC 621.

Independent Nets

Net Name	Sess	Ttc	Check-ins
Amateur Radio Telegraph Society	27	181	247
Central Gulf Coast Hurricane Net	31	129	3228
Clearing House Net	31	381	344
Early Bird Net	31	601	248
Empire Slow Speed Net	31	55	334
Golden Bear Amateur Radio Net	31	215	1593
Great Lakes Emergency & Traffic Net	31	66	972
Hit and Bounce Net	31	185	561
IMRA	27	692	1568
Mission Trail Net	31	93	878
NYSPTEN	31	54	442
Southwest Traffic Net	31	357	1616
West Coast Slow Speed Net	31	484	148
20ISSBN	27	808	379
N2DS	31	600	1165
75 Miles Interstate SB Net	31	600	1165
7290 Traffic Net	50	361	3319

Getting On the New OSCAR

*Part 3: Basic Satellite AO-13 Operations
(updates based on operating experience)*

AMSAT OSCAR 13 has now been in orbit for almost four months and its transponders have been in operation for three months. In this column, I'll review and update basic AO-13 station requirements in light of actual operating experience instead of prelaunch estimates.¹

As previously discussed, among the most important things to know about AO-13 are its operating frequencies. After a few months of operation, these frequencies have been carefully measured. The measured values (see Table 1) differ somewhat from the prelaunch estimates. These values include corrections for Doppler shift and are believed to be accurate to within 1 kHz.

Based on current operating experience, I reviewed the "Minimum Station Requirements" in Tables 5A and 5B of the June article.² It is important to emphasize that these tables present *minimum* requirements. Stated another way, the station equipment specified will provide satisfactory results under ideal or near-ideal conditions. Thus, the wise station outfitter will pack in a few extra decibels of uplink power for operation under less-than-ideal conditions.

For example, factors increasing uplink power requirements include polarization losses (there's a 3-dB penalty for running linear polarization instead of right hand circular polarization), squint angle (see Fig 1),³ increased path losses, increased absorption at low elevation angles, heavy transponder loading, local obstructions (trees, houses), and so on.

Extensive on-air tests proved that the recommended minimum values for Modes J and L given in the June article remain valid. But, as mentioned earlier, uplink reserve power is most helpful. The more reserve power you have available, the "deeper" into poor conditions you can work. So, although the recommended minimum Mode B uplink power of 21.5 dBW EIRP (141 W) can—and indeed has—provided satisfactory results under good conditions, having another 6 to 10 dB of reserve power available is prudent. An uplink of 21.5 dBW can be attained by feeding a 12-dBic gain antenna with 10 W.

Adding a 50-W "brick" (a solid-state amplifier) to your 10-W exciter adds 7.5 dB to your uplink power. That extra 7.5 dB would provide up to 29 dBW EIRP (792 W) for use *only* when poor or marginal conditions prevail. A 100-W brick adds 10 dB to the 10-W exciter and results in an EIRP of

Table 1

Measured AO-13 Translation Frequencies

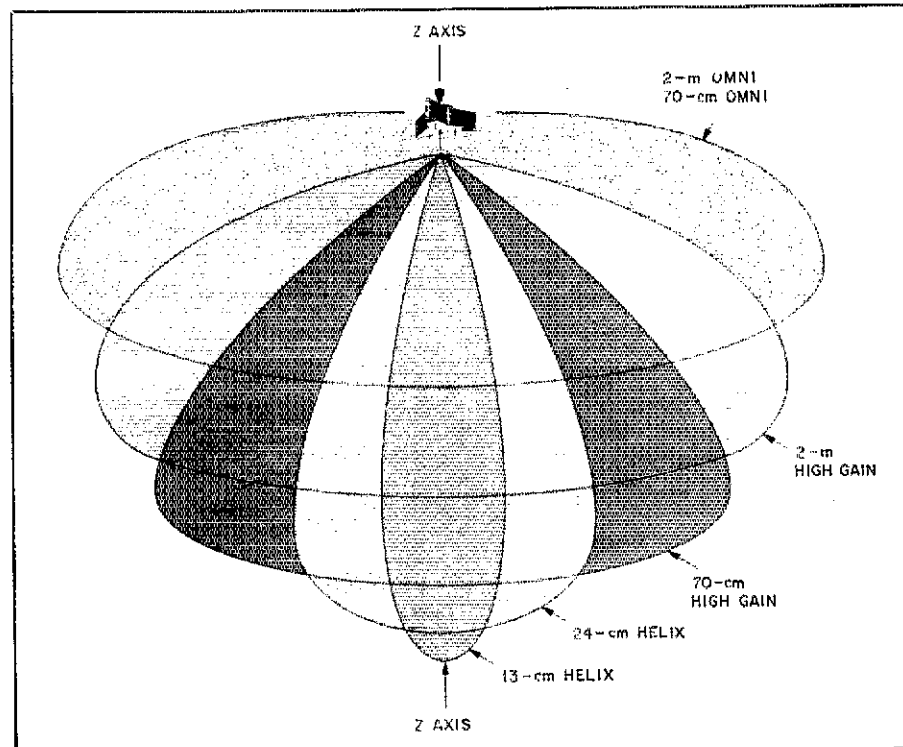
Mode	Sum of Up and Downlink Frequencies	Uplink Mid-Band Frequency	Downlink Mid-Band Frequency
B	581.398 MHz	435.508 MHz	145.890 MHz
J	580.413 MHz	144.448 MHz	435.965 MHz
L	1705.356 MHz	1269.496 MHz	435.860 MHz

Notes

- A) Please refer to June 1988 QST, p 22, for complete frequency tables that form the frame of reference for the frequency discussions in this column.
- B) A correlation between J and L uplinks and the JL downlink has now been confirmed. The JL downlink sub-band center is 435.965 MHz; the corresponding L uplink is 1269.391 MHz and the corresponding J uplink is 144.448 MHz. Thus, stations transmitting on 1269.391 and 144.448 MHz should appear on the same downlink frequency in the absence of Doppler shift.
- C) The Mode B uplink frequency is 3 kHz higher than previously announced, the Mode J uplink frequency is 2 kHz lower than previously announced and the Mode L uplink frequency is 21 kHz higher than previously announced. When using the frequency tables on p 23 of the June 1988 QST article, these changes should be made to the Uplink side of the table only.
- D) When making frequency measurements, pay careful attention to Doppler shift. All beacon frequencies appear to be very close to the previously announced values (within 1 kHz). See the June 1988 QST article for complete frequency charts.

To use Table 1, look at the second column. It gives the sum of the uplink and downlink frequencies. For example, for Mode B, the sum is 581.398 MHz. If you want your downlink to appear at mid-band, 145.890 MHz, subtract that value from the sum frequency to get 435.508 MHz. Conversely, if you intend to transmit on 435.508 MHz and want to know where your downlink will appear before beginning your transmission, subtract 435.508 from 581.398. In the absence of Doppler shift, your downlink will appear at 145.890 MHz. An analogous computation can be made for any frequencies within the passband of any of the three modes shown in this table and on p 23 of the June 1988 QST article. Be sure to take the Doppler shift into account. On Mode B and J, Doppler shift can amount to a few (less than 5) kilohertz. Mode L will be up to three times higher.

Fig 1—AO-13 antenna radiation patterns. Relative beamwidths and gain are symbolically illustrated.



32 dBW (1585 W) when used in conjunction with a 12-dBic antenna. Employing as much as 32 dBW EIRP should be a rare practice indeed. There are few occasions where power levels in this range are truly justified.

The problem in specifying how much power to have available for use is simply that station receive capabilities vary widely. What sounds "loud" to a station that hears well may be inaudible to a station with a poor or defective receive system. The station that doesn't hear well will inevitably run much more power than is necessary and prudent for QSOs. If he can't hear his own downlink, he figures he's not running enough power, so he "turns up the wick." This reduces the power available to *all* other transponder users and is universally frowned upon. So when we say a 100-W brick might be required occasionally, chances are the station with a receiving problem will not only employ the 100-W brick to its full capacity under poor conditions (when it might be justified), but also under good conditions, when its use is totally unjustified.⁴

Moreover, some users have the unfortunate choice of running either the exciter alone (at perhaps 10 W)—which often can be too little power—or driving an amplifier that yields perhaps 100 watts or more, which is most often too much power. It's wise to have a range of intermediate power settings available. Some UHF exciters do not have power-level adjustments, but you can reduce the drive to the brick by simply inserting different lengths of lossy 50-ohm coaxial cable between the exciter and the brick. RG-58 cable is a marvelous attenuator at 435 MHz. Ten feet of RG-58 coax will provide 3-dB of attenuation at 435 MHz and cut the output of your 100-W brick to 50 W when you don't require full power.

A receiver preamp is *essential* for all AO-13 modes. Operating without a preamp is a prescription for failure. Instead of straining to hear signals, use a good preamp (preferably mounted at the antenna); it'll make receiving all the modes (especially L) a pleasant experience.

Mode L operation recommendations for ground-station transmitter power need to be revised upwards for several reasons. First, there appears to have been a specification error in the Mode L values published by AMSAT-DL, which designed and built the AO-13 transponders. Those erroneous values were incorporated in the calculations and went undetected until after we went to press with the June *QST* article.

Second, Mode L operation places an additional requirement on users of that mode, a requirement that was not fully appreciated prior to launch. Users of Mode L must correctly reckon where the satellite's 24-cm Mode L uplink antenna is pointed. Although this is easily done with available computer programs, the fact remains that operating outside the Mode L uplink antenna's main lobe imposes a stiff uplink power requirement for the user. Thus, for operating under a wide range of conditions

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and access angles, reserve power is required on Mode L, too. This also affects our station-equipment recommendations.

Recent tests have suggested that under ideal conditions, a Mode L uplink of 29 dBW EIRP (about 800 W) will produce about a 10-dB signal-to-noise ratio in a 2.4-kHz channel when received on a typically "good" Mode L receive system.⁵ Based on these tests, it now appears 33 dBW EIRP (2 kW) is the lowest *practical* level with which Mode L SSB users should expect to be regularly successful. For higher reliability—that is, for your ability to work well when combining penalty factors as described previously—another 5 dB or more of reserve power should be available. Based on these tests then, 38 dBW EIRP (6.3 kW) can be expected to produce good SSB results under *most* (but definitely *not all*) operating conditions. Obviously, if you want to work under the most adverse conditions with large, compound penalty factors, much more power is needed.

The 38-dBW level seems, however, to be a reasonable compromise between performance, reliability, cost and physical demands. For example, 30 W applied to the feed of a pair of 20-dBi loop Yagis will produce about 37.3 dBW EIRP (5.4 kW) including losses; sufficient for good SSB QSOs under most conditions and excellent for CW under most conditions.

Comparing AO-13 Mode L and AO-10 Mode L, it now appears the actual measured performance of AO-13 Mode L exceeds the expected performance of AO-10 Mode L by 1 to 2 dB. (Of course, AO-10 Mode L fell short of its potential performance by a factor of at least 10 dB). By contrast, AO-13 Mode L is coming close to its corrected specs.

Next month, we'll take another step with AO-13 by looking at specific operating practices on the various modes.

Notes

¹ The values presented herein (and in "OSCAR 13 Report Card," *QST*, Oct 1988, p 48) update those published in prior Amateur Satellite Communications columns and those given on p 22 of my June 1988 *QST* article, "Introducing Phase 3C: A New, More Versatile OSCAR."

² At this writing, Mode S had not yet been activated, so no validation of Table 5C in the June article could be made.

³ The angle between the satellite antennas' boresight and your location is called the "squint angle." In other words, it's the angle between the line from satellite to your station and the line representing the center of the main lobe of the satellite's antennas (see Fig 1).

"In fact, it is just this circumstance which helps to create poor conditions in the first place. This "power escalation scenario" begins with a few "alligators" running too much power because they don't hear well. Because they consume more than their fair share of power, they reduce power to other transponder users' downlinks. Therefore, those running reasonable levels of uplink power feel obliged to increase their uplink power, further reducing the power to all on the passband. This loop seems to act very quickly until nearly everyone is running at full power with no reserve at all. This makes it very difficult to recommend specific equipment that will serve the individual user well, and maintain conservative use of uplink power by most users. Until we have a uniform station equipment suite constantly maintained and operated by a well-trained community of OSCAR users, uplink power levels employed will vary sharply. This will, in turn, perpetuate the need to specify station equipment suites with multiple caveats attached!

⁵ A "good" Mode L receive (435-MHz) system has an approximate 50 Kelvin system noise temperature. A 50 K, 435-MHz receive system might consist of a 0.6-dB noise figure preamp behind a 15-dBic RHCP antenna and a modern UHF SSB receiver. 957-1

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

Amateur Radio Direction-Finding Championships

The Fourth International Amateur Radio Direction-Finding (ARDF) Championships were held in Beatenberg, Switzerland, September 7-11. Conducted under rules developed by the IARU Region 1 organization, and hosted by the Union Schweizerischer Kurzwellen-Amateure (USKA), the championships were held in superb weather in a locale of breathtaking beauty. Indeed, a contestant could look from the administrative site of the championships and see a panorama of the Alps, including that infamous North Wall of the Eiger which has been such a challenge to mountain climbers.

ARDF is highly popular sport throughout Europe and is gaining in popularity in Asia. On this occasion, there were 19 teams present, representing Yugoslavia, the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, West Germany, Norway, Austria, Sweden, Switzerland, China, North Korea, France, Belgium, Japan, Holland, Italy and Luxembourg. At the last minute, for a variety of reasons, teams from South Korea, Romania and East Germany had to cancel their planned attendance.

As usual, there were a number of questions as to why there were no competitors from North or South America. Well, what can one say, again, except, "C'est la vie."

In case you noncompetitors don't know it, ARDF, or foxhunting, is a radio sport wherein the competitors run over hill and vale looking for hidden transmitters. Separate competitions are held on both 80 and 2 meters. Generally, there are five hidden transmitters and the winner is that competitor who finds all five in the shortest elapsed time. The sport requires skill in DFing and orienteering, and a healthy physique.

In countries where there is a minimum age requirement to hold an amateur license, ARDF can be a way of encouraging an initial enthusiasm for Amateur Radio among those too young to become licensed. Youths are encouraged to take part, but not all of the competitors are young. What is common to all of the competitors, however, is a great spirit of camaraderie. There were about 200 competitors and team officials at Beatenberg, and a fine lot of people they were.

The opening ceremonies included presentations by Dr Peter Erni, HB9BWN,



W1RU addresses the opening ceremony, bringing greetings from ITU Deputy Secretary-General Jean Jiguet.



In the foreground, PA0LOU, chairman of IARU Region 1, and John Allaway, G3FKM, secretary of IARU Region 1. To the left rear, Max Cescatti, HB9IN, president of USKA.

president of the championship committee of USKA, by Max Cescatti, HB9IN, president of USKA, and by the mayor of Beatenberg. The guest of honor was to have been Mr Jean Jiguet, deputy secretary-general of the International Telecommunication Union, but last-minute pressures of the WARC-ORB (more about that conference in next month's column) being held at the same time in Geneva prevented him from attending. Mr Jiguet's prepared remarks were read by his good friend W1RU, IARU president, who added a few comments of his own.

USKA and its Championship Committee, which included Dr Peter Erni, HB9BWN; Hans Endras, HB9QH; Annelies Staedeli, HB9CEW; Paul Rudolf, HB9IR; Alice Rudolf, HB9BIR; Walter Staedeli, HB9CGP; Walter Schmutz,

HB9AGA; and Peter Waldner, HB9MMM, are to be congratulated for their excellent organization of this event. All eyes are on the competitors at one of these championships, but behind the scenes the organizing committee has a great deal of work to do. Also somewhat behind the scenes is the International Jury, which oversees the competition itself. The perennial international jury chairman in Region 1 is Krzysztof Slomczynski, SP5HS, who is always present, always helpful.

Also present, on behalf of IARU, were Louis v.d. Nadort, PA0LOU, chairman of IARU Region 1; Wojciech Nietyksza, SP5FM, vice chairman of IARU Region 1; Dr John Allaway, G3FKM, secretary of IARU Region 1; and Mirko Mandrino, YT7MM, member of the Region 1 Executive Committee.



At the opening ceremonies, competitors line up behind their national flags.

KG5CS Carries On a Family Tradition of Achievement

Meet Diane Magen, KG5CS (daughter of WDSFQX and WD5HIL), who in anyone's book might be called a mini whirlwind of accomplishment. Diane received her Novice license on Valentine's Day in 1987. Given that many Novices are so nervous and apprehensive about their first QSO, many of us were happy to get our feet wet by working our Elmer across town on 80 meters! Not so with Diane. Her first QSO was with Kari, VR6KY, from Pitcairn Island. Three weeks later she had worked all continents and she upgraded to Technician on March 21st—the same day her mother, WDSFQX, upgraded to Extra. By her 14th birthday in August, Diane had passed the 13-WPM code test and claimed an Advanced Class status. A few days later she had confirmed all states on CW.

Diane is an honor student at Lakeside Junior High School in Hot Springs, Arkansas, plays the trumpet in the band and is the featured baton twirler during the football and parade seasons. She is secretary of the school's science club and Spanish club and a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Her talent for baton twirling and gymnastics has brought her many national and local awards. She has

been a member of the Arkansas All Region Band for two years and has received plaques for Most Outstanding Auxiliary in Band and Most Outstanding Brass Player. Diane was recently chosen, along with 21 other students, for the Gifted and Talented Pool sponsored by the Washington Workshops. This group of outstanding young people spent a week in Washington to study our governmental system. Diane also attended the Space Academy in Huntsville, Alabama in March and in June traveled to Ecuador, the country of her birth. To mark this special occasion, Diane passed her 20-WPM code test in Ecuador during special testing sessions for US amateurs. Upon returning to the US, she finished the theory requirements for the Extra Class license before she repacked her bags for a 30-day cruise to exotic Asian ports!

The Saga of Diane's Mom, WDSFQX, Continues

Vigilant amateurs who monitored the air waves during 1971 and 1972 may remember the nomadic signal of Darleen, radio's famous YL who toured the world on a magnificent DXpedition and then returned home to tell the rest of us about it in her book *Globetrotting Via Amateur Radio*. Today Darleen Magen, WDSFQX, resides in Hot Springs, Arkansas with OM Joe, WD5HIL, and daughter Diane, KG5CS.

Those who have read her book might wonder if there could be any more travels for this amazing YL. Ah yes! Even though her book ends in 1977 when she and Joe left Guayaquil, Ecuador and returned to the States, a year later they took a trip around the world. One of their first stops was DXPO where they met 9N1MM and other prominent DXers. While the Magens were in Japan, Darleen was invited to speak at the Tokyo Hamfest, and while there, JLRS held a dinner in her honor. After a barbecue in her honor in Hawaii, Darleen returned home and hosted the 1979 YLISSB Convention in Hot Springs.

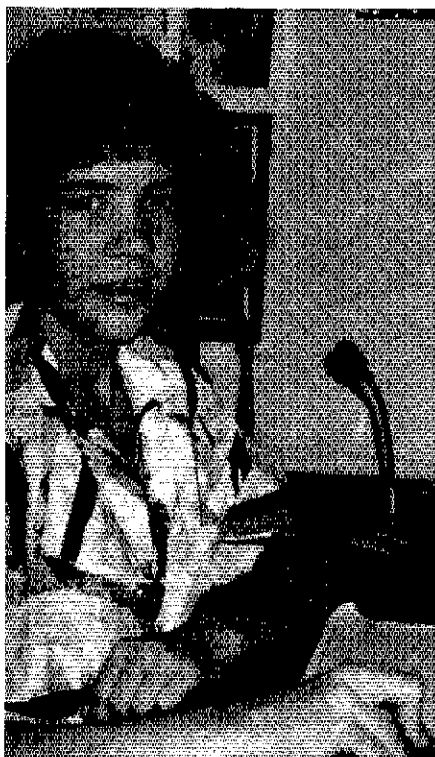
In 1980 she upgraded to Advanced, a year later took a mobile tour of Vancouver and then boarded a cruise ship for Alaska. Since then there have been cruises to China and Japan, another to Scandinavian countries with a stop in Leningrad where Vlad, UA1CK, took her on an extensive tour of the Hermitage Museum. In 1985, Darleen spoke at the YLRL Convention in Las Vegas; a month later she and Diane flew to Australia for visits to many VK amateurs as well as a tour of the Great Barrier Reef, and stops in New Zealand and Fiji. Between 1984 and 1988, Darleen served YLRL as its DX Membership Chairperson



Globetrotting Mother and Daughter—Diane (l), KG5CS, and Darlene (r), WDSFQX, take time out of their busy schedule for a photograph on the grounds of the Royal Grand Palace in Bangkok, Thailand.

and increased the DX membership from 170 to 265. When she is not on the road or high seas, Darleen is an active radio operator who not only participates in many contests but wins them! Her most recent acquisition is the 1987 YLAP SSB gold cup and 1st place with her OM in the 1987 YLISSB CW QSO Party.

For more information about *Globetrotting Via Amateur Radio* by WDSFQX, contact her at her *Callbook* address. ☐



Yes, KG5CS is actually sitting, a rare posture for such an active and talented amateur. (photo WDSFQX)

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I would like to get in touch with...

☐ hams who were members of a US armed force unit and who participated in the D-Day landing, June 6, 1944 (or very shortly thereafter) on Utah Beach. The purpose is to join the ARAM club of St Lo, France on the air in a special 45th anniversary commemoration on June 6, 1989. Please reply with an SASE and include unit identification and date of landing. Don Wagner, W2QFC, 308 Parkdale Ave, East Aurora, NY 14052.

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of these amateurs:

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 N51JN, Henry Purvis, Meridian, MS
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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. Canadian reports should be sent to the CRRRL HQ address on page 9.

Many hams have remembered a Silent Key with a memorial contribution to the ARRL Foundation. Should you wish to make a contribution in a friend or relative's memory, you might designate it for an existing youth scholarship, the Jesse A. Bieberman Meritorious Membership Fund, the Victor C. Clark Youth Incentive Program Fund or for the General Fund. Contributions to the Foundation are tax-deductible to the extent permitted under current tax law. Our address is: The ARRL Foundation, Inc, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

50 Years Ago

November, 1938

□ A triple calamity—hurricane, tidal wave and flood—struck Long Island and New England in late September; once again amateur radio rose to the task of providing disaster communication when all power was out and most telephone lines down. Both individuals and organized club groups participated in the humanitarian effort, though still some 600 lives were lost.

□ Another tragedy was the sudden death, by electrocution, of the brilliant Australian-born amateur Ross Hull, editor of both QST and the Handbook. Ross had been experimenting with television, surprising N.B.C. engineers by his reception of signals from New York City over a 100-mile path to his home in northeast Connecticut; a careless gesture near a 4,000-volt pole transformer he had modified for the picture tube caused the end.

□ Just what is an antenna? W1LJI helps the beginner over some rough spots of radiating fundamentals, including dope on transmission lines.

□ We have new regulations effective December 1st. New bands are 112-118 and 224-230 Mc. No more modulated oscillators on 5 meters. Better frequency monitoring required, plus accurate measurement of any power input over 900 watts. No more music transmissions under the guise of "testing." Plus a number of minor items, with details next month.

□ W1TS has produced a neat little three-tube transmitter of about 50 watts power. It is crystal-controlled, so you can add W2AOE's electron-coupled oscillator unit to provide frequency flexibility and still maintain stability.

□ Virginia must be the ideal location for DX; three (W3EMM, W3EVT, W3CHE) of the six top scores in the 1938 DX competition were located in that state. W2UK took top national honors.

□ The "greatest ham gathering of all time" took place in Chicago in September—the first national convention of the League in many years. Over 2,000 attended.

□ W1XAL in Boston is resuming its "modern radio course" programs on short-wave, which have instructed and entertained many amateurs and would-be amateurs during the past four years.

□ If you have an all-wave b.c. receiver and want to copy c.w., try Fred Schor's (Hallcrafters) neat and simple circuit for a combined beat oscillator and i.f. amplifier. You can plug the little unit right in.

25 Years Ago

November, 1963

□ Acting to strengthen our license structure by providing more incentives, the Board of Directors of the League is requesting the Federal Communications Commission to reinstate the Advanced Class license and require it (or an Extra Class) for operation on our basic voice bands. No additional code test would be required, and the effective date would be several years hence to allow adequate time for existing amateurs to qualify for the new class of license.

□ Three pages of "correspondence" are filled with member comments on the subject of incentive licensing. The general tone indicates a substantial trend in favor of the principle compared with the initial angry reaction in many quarters.

□ A "Skew-planar" antenna, mobile? W11JD and W1FVY find considerable success on two meters with four "wheel" elements, each skewed at an angle of 45 degrees, resulting in nearly uniform response to signals of any polarization.

□ Official Observers provide a most useful service for us amateurs, often catching a malfunction in our rigs before it grows big enough to warrant an FCC citation. Communications Manager Handy, W1BDI, outlines the functions of an OO and the frequency-measuring tests an applicant must pass before appointment is made, to ensure high-accuracy results.

□ Neon bulbs and dial lamps make inexpensive substitutes for elaborate test instruments, a subject which W1ICP covers this month in detail. A code-practice oscillator with a neon bulb is also featured.

□ VE3KF converted a standard v.o.m. to Braille for sightless amateurs by substituting a transistor comparator and audio amplifier for the microammeter normally used.

□ It is simpler to buy an r.f. choke than construct one, but W1HDQ points out that, particularly at v.h.f., a homemade job can be tailored to the specific need and thus be much more efficient.

□ The Quarter Century Wireless Association is now 16 years old, and co-founder W2FX relates some of its history and growth to a membership of more than 3,000.

□ FCC denied 17 petitions, including the League's, for rehearing on the question of license fees and thus will put them in effect next January 1st.

□ League officials W6ZH, W3PS, W1LVQ and W6MLZ testified before the communications subcommittee of the Senate in support of reciprocal operating privileges in the bill introduced by Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, and 25 others.

□ A mockup of the first Oscar satellite was presented to the Smithsonian Institution by K6LFH for the Project Oscar Association.—W1RW

Coming Conventions

SOUTH TEXAS SECTION CONVENTION

November 11-13, 1988, Houston

The 1988 South Texas Section Convention will be sponsored by the Houston Ham Convention, Inc. It will be held at the Sheraton Crown Hotel/Intercontinental Airport from 7 AM-6 PM. Admission will be \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Features will include seminars, flea market, transmitter hunt, ARRL activities, banquet, QCWA breakfast, auction, nonham activities and VE exams. Talk-in will be on 147.68/08, 147.92/32, 146.52, 147.60/00 and 222.5/4.1. For further information write to Houston Ham Convention, PO Box 800128, Houston, TX 77280-0128 or tel 409-297-8656.

SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION CONVENTION

November 19-20, 1988, Tampa, FL

The Southeastern Division Convention will be sponsored by the Florida Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Council, Inc. It will be held at the Curtis Hixon Convention Center, 600 Ashley Dr. Doors will be

November 11-13
South Texas Section, Houston

November 19-20
Southeastern Division, Tampa, FL

ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

June 2-4, 1989—Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas

June 8-10, 1990—Kansas City, Missouri

open on Saturday from 9 AM-5 PM, and on Sunday from 9 AM-3 PM. Admission will be \$6 for both days. Tables will be \$15 for both days. Features will include ARRL forums, packet, DX, Public Service, MARS, AMSAT meetings, VE exams Saturday at 1 PM and Sunday at 10 AM (walk-ins welcome). Talk-in will be on 147.705/105, 224.74/3.14, 449.4/444.4 (PL tone 103.5 Hz). For further information write to the ticket chairman at 1556 36th Ave, N St Petersburg, FL 33703.

Attention Hamfest and Convention Sponsors
ARRL HQ maintains a date register of scheduled events that may assist you in picking a suitable date for your event. You are encouraged to register your event with HQ as far in advance as your planning permits. Note that the hamfest and convention approval procedures for ARRL sanction are separate and distinct from the date register: Registering dates with ARRL HQ does not constitute League sanction, nor does it guarantee there will not be a conflict with another established event in the same area.

We at ARRL HQ are not able to approve dates for sanctioned hamfests and conventions. For hamfests, this must be done by your Division Director. For conventions, approval must be made by your Director and, additionally, by the Executive Committee. Application forms can be obtained by writing to or calling the ARRL Convention Program Manager, tel 203-666-1541 ext. 283.

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. [ARRL]

Hamfest Calendar

Administered By Bernice Dunn, KA1KXQ
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.

Alabama (Montgomery)—November 19. Sponsor: Montgomery ARC. Time: dealers setup 6 AM, public 8 AM-3 PM. Place: Garrett Coliseum. Features: free parking, overnight RV parking with hook-up (\$5/night), flea market, VE exams (Novice through Extra Class beginning at 9 AM, bring copy of current license for upgrades). Talk-in: 146.24/84, W4AP/RPT, 147.78/18, 444.50/9.50 and 146.32/92 with autopatch. Admission: free. Tables: \$7 each. Contact: Montgomery Hamfest, PO Box 3141, Montgomery, AL 36109, or tel AL, W4CNO, 205-272-9130. For table reservations tel Jiggs, K4JZA, 205-365-0380 or Fred, K8AJX, 205-263-9357. For dealer information tel Randy, N4LZK 205-832-4598.

Arizona (Apache Junction)—December 3-4. Sponsor: Superstition ARC. Place: held at the corner of Brown Rd and Meridian, take I-10 to southeast Phoenix, AZ 360 Freeway, east through Tempe and Mesa to Power Rd (last exit), north on Power 3½ miles to Brown, then east on Brown 6 miles. Features: free camping on grounds (no hookups), swap shop, refreshments. Talk-in: 147.72/12, 144.81/145.41, 223.82. Admission: advance \$1, door \$3. Contact: Bill Glaze, KA7SUF, tel 602-832-3955 or Larry Kuck, WB7CRK, 602-986-2298.

Illinois (Grayslake)—October 30. Sponsor: Waukegan CAP. Time: 7 AM-5 PM. Place: Lake County Fairgrounds, Rtes 120 and 45. Features:

large indoor flea market, refreshments, free parking. Admission: \$3. Tables: \$5. Contact: send SASE to CAP, 637 Emerald St, Mundelein, IL 60060.

Indiana (Fort Wayne)—November 13. Sponsor: Allen Co Amateur Radio Technical Society. Time: dealer setup begins 5 AM, public 8 AM-4 PM. Place: Allen County Memorial Coliseum on Coliseum Blvd (US 30). Features: parking, forums and women's activities. Talk-in: 146.28/88. Admission: advance \$3.50, door \$4. Tables: \$10 each (ac power extra), tables along the wall and free ac power \$25 each. Contact: for reservations write to AC-ARTS Hamfest, PO Box 10342, Ft Wayne, IN 46851. For general information contact Becky Glaser, KA9GWE, tel 219-432-6951, 6 PM-10 PM.

Massachusetts (Concord)—November 5. Sponsor: New England DXCC Banquet. Time: Afternoon program 1-5:30 PM, evening program 6-10 PM. Place: Masonic Lodge, Monument Square. Features: DXCC news and DXpedition presentations including NO1Z/KH1, 411FS, W0RLX/KH5K, 9M6ZR, XF4DX and W3AZD. Admission: Afternoon \$5 with coffee, soda and snacks, evening \$18 with catered dinner, reservations required. Contact: Steve Tolf, K1ST, RFD 1 Box 176A, Exeter, NH 03833, 603-772-6131 (nights).

Michigan (Hazel Park)—December 4. Sponsor: Hazel Park ARC. Place: Hazel Park High School, 23400 Hughes, north of 9-Mile and west of Dequindre. Features: free parking. Talk-in: 146.04/64. Admission: advance \$2, door \$3, children under 11 free. Tables: \$1 per foot. Contact: for tickets and table reservations, write to Hazel Park ARC, PO Box 368, Hazel Park, MI 48030.

New York (Selden)—November 13. Sponsor: Radio Central ARC. Time: 9 AM-3 PM. Place: Suffolk Co Community College, follow signs to exit 62 on Long Island Expy. Features: exhibits, lectures and VE exams. Talk-in: 145.150, (PL 4Z) and 444.525/9.325, (PL 2A). Admission: \$4. Contact: Andy Feldman, WB2FXN, tel 516-928-3863, or John Mark, KB2QQ, tel 516-689-6336.

North Carolina (Greensboro)—November 26-27.

Sponsor: Mark 4 Radio Club. Time: Saturday 9 AM-5 PM, Sunday 9 AM-3 PM. Place: National Guard Armory, Franklin Blvd. Features: VE exams, exhibitors. Talk-in: 147.63/03, 146.52. Admission: advance \$4, door \$5. Tables: inside \$12 per 6-ft table, good both days; outside paved tailgate and flea market area for price of ticket and \$2 for unlimited space. Contact: information and registration Fred Redmon, N4GDD, 3109 Goodall Dr, Greensboro, NC 27407, tel 919-852-9244 between 9 PM-11 PM only; tickets, Henry Hughes, KA4LPA, 2811 Gwaltney Rd, tel 919-292-0633; exams TEARC, Jim Williamson, NQ4T, 3504 Stonehurst Pl, High Point, NC 27260, tel 919-869-6637.

Ohio (Massillon)—November 20. Sponsor: Massillon ARC. Time: sellers setup at 7 AM, public 8 AM-5 PM. Place: Massillon K of C Hall on Cherry Rd, off Rte 21. Features: refreshments, free parking, auction (starts at 11 AM). Talk-in: 147.78/18. Admission: advance \$3.50, door \$4. Tables: \$7 per 8-ft space. Contact: Massillon ARC, PO Box 73, Massillon, OH 44648.

South Carolina (Sumter)—November 19. Sponsor: Sumter ARA. Time: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM. Place: South Carolina National Guard Armory, North Pike Rd. Features: VE exams (bring photocopy of license), flea market, ATV seminar, refreshments, handicap access. Talk-in: 147.615/015 WA4UMU/R. Admission: advance \$3, door \$4. Contact: write to SARA, PO Box 193, Sumter, SC 29151-0193, or tel George Mudd, KK4QZ, 803-773-5053, or Hap Griffin, WA4UMU, 803-469-6381.

Wisconsin (Milwaukee)—November 12. Sponsor: Milwaukee Repeater Club. Time: sellers 7 AM, public 8 AM-1 PM. Place: Serb Hall, 51st and Oklahoma Ave. Features: swapfest, VE exams. Talk-in: 146.31/91 and 146.52. Admission: advance \$2, door \$3. Tables: advance \$3, door \$4. Contact: send SASE to Milwaukee Repeater Club, PO Box 2123, Milwaukee, WI 53201, or tel 414-444-4589. [ARRL]

†ARRL Hamfest

North Dakota Camporall Features Scout to Scout Contacts

Story and photos by Warren J. Tobin, WF0V

The Forx Amateur Radio Club, Grand Forks, North Dakota, knows the special appeal Amateur Radio can hold for young scouts. On June 4, the club operated North Dakota Centennial Camporall special-event station WA0JXT at Camp Grafton to introduce Amateur Radio to more than 800 scouts from North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota, Montana, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Operating with emergency power and temporary makeshift antennas, the station made contacts with amateurs from 16 states and 3 Canadian provinces. Many scouts participated in the QSOs. In



Jim, N1ENF, demonstrates packet radio to Mike Belton (l), Minot AFB, North Dakota, and Darcy Olmstead (r), Weyburn, Saskatchewan.



John, KA0SLI, and Parky, K0TMH, fine tune the generator for the day's activities.

one QSO, the scouts communicated directly with Illinois scouts participating in the N9BAT Camporall activity at Brookfield, IL.

In addition to the voice and packet demonstrations, the club showed the League's *Tune In The World With Ham Radio* package, played code tapes, displayed QSL cards from around the world and demonstrated a code oscillator. The Devils Lake ARC provided equipment.

WANTED: ACTION PHOTOS, STORIES

All clubs: Get *QST* recognition for your good work! Send your stories and photos of club activities and programs to Rick Palm, K1CE, ARRL Headquarters, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. Thanks!



Parky, K0TMH, and Dominic Solberg are busy looking for 20-meter contacts.



Jesse, KB0CAW, is busy logging a 15-meter contact while Eric Trembath (l) and Stewart Leen (r) of East Grand Forks, Minnesota look on.

New Pubs for Clubs

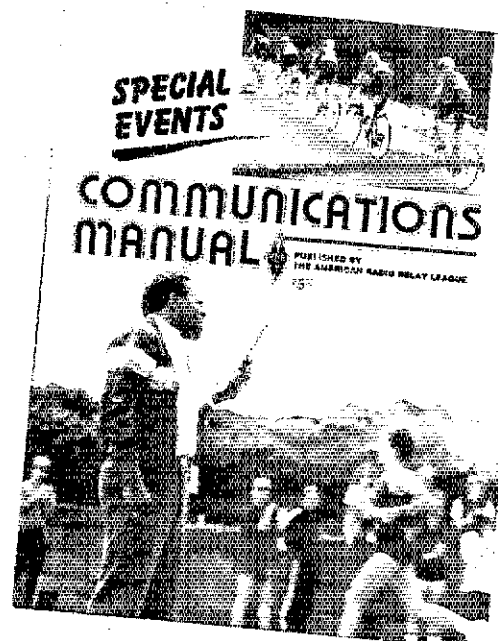
To help radio amateurs plan special event stations, public exhibits and demonstrations such as the North Dakota Camporall activity, the ARRL has just released a new publication *The Special Events Communications Manual*, a 100-page book featuring practical tips, suggestions, and examples.

The book is liberally spiced with reprints of *QST* articles describing amateur communications efforts in various events including marathons, mall displays, museum exhibits, Boy Scout Jamborees and more.

Amateurs may order copies by sending \$5 plus \$2.50 shipping/handling to the ARRL Publication Sales Department, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

To help club presidents plan an active club year, the League has just published *The 1988-1989 ARRL Club President's Workbook*, a set of planning calendars with suggestions for club programs and activities. The book also contains the ARRL's audiovisual library catalog, an overview of the ARRL Club Program and the role of the Affiliated Club Coordinator, and tips on working with club members.

Copies have been sent to all ARRL Club Presidents, Section Managers and Affiliated Club Coordinators. For your copy, send \$5 plus \$2.50 shipping/handling to the ARRL Publications Sales Department (address above).



Field Day 1988

Lightning, Hail, Rain and Heat Field Day!

By Billy Lunt, KR1R and Mark Gamble, N1FOZ
 Contest Manager, ARRL Assistant Contest Manager, ARRL

June brings Field Day, the premier operating event of the year. Amateur Radio's true spirit comes forth on this occasion, because most participants build a station from the ground up. The station must be built within the 24 hours prior to or at the start of FD, depending on whether you or your club wish to have 24 or 27 hours of available operating time. To the first-time Novice, FD is a learning experience, but for the old-timer it is a time of innovation. Everything from antenna designs to power sources are experimented with. The FD spirit not only abounds in the experimenter, it is also alive in the contesters and traffic handlers. These two groups work hard in optimizing their abilities, by increasing operator speed, organizing the station set up and improving signal gain. All of this is performed under field conditions. Field Day is more than this! It has become a time for the family to go out and participate as a group in something very meaningful to the community. Others find it to be a perfect opportunity to enjoy the company of their peers.

When a club, group or individual participate in Field Day, they are honing their skills (and usually having fun while doing so), for that time when "just in case" happens. Setting up temporary stations with skill and enthusiasm, FD participants simulate emergency conditions within a competitive atmosphere. One of the primary functions of the hobby is voluntary service to the community through

emergency communications, but who says you can't enjoy the simulation.

This year's Field Day weekend ran hot, in more ways than one! For example, an operator from the W0EQU FD team reports that temperatures were well above the 100 degree mark and that QSOs on 50 MHz were just as hot! Other operators commented on how 15 meters never stopped yielding QSOs, while others swore that 40 was their bread and butter.

There were the typical battles with Murphy this year. Broken rigs, antennas and generators, but never once a broken spirit (let us note that spirit and heart are not the same, as many of you complained of the latter). Besides Murphy, there were weather difficulties in some areas of the US and Canada (other than the summer heat). Jeff, WB4UIE, and Steve, WA4YGG, the operators of WA4YGG, reported lightning strikes, hail, and the ever threatening "rain and hail falling sideways." Yes, all of their equipment was saved. Another concern this

year was Moe Skito and his compadres. It seems Moe did a job on quite a few of this year's FD participants. In any case the final statistics show that FD '88 was a complete success, even with the usual inconveniences.

On June 27, 1988, a reported 27,471 persons took to the fields of Canada and the US, setting up 1758 stations. These stations worked a staggering 1,332,710 QSOs in the FD time allotment. SSB amassed 891k contacts, while CW QSOs amounted to 442k. The bonus points earned by all stations eligible were 808k.

This year the most popular category was 2A. This category turned up 542 participants. 1A and 3A also showed some strong competitive gumption with 235 and 310 entries respectively. In all, the A (club or non-club portable) category had the largest

Entries Per FD Class		
1A—235	11A— 3	2C— 3
2A—542	12A— 1	4C— 1
3A—310	15A— 3	1D—104
4A—123	18A— 1	2D— 12
5A— 58	22A— 1	3D— 8
6A— 33	1B1— 79	4D— 3
7A— 20	1B2— 66	1E— 55
8A— 12	2B1— 2	2E— 15
9A— 6	2B2— 22	3E— 3
10A— 4	1C— 22	4E— 1

Assembling the satellite antenna is the crew of the Stewart Lake ARC, WD7X.



The NN7T FD gang start off with setting up their portable antenna.



Canadian "QST" Stations

Call	QSOs	Power Indicator	Number of Participants	Final Score	Entry Class
VE1QST	636	-2	-2	-1,912	-2B2
VE2QST	63	-2	-2	-876	-1B1
VE3QST	1262	-2	-15	-4,502	-6A
VE5QST	1021	-2	-30	-3,408	-2A
VE7QST	1061	-2	-25	-3,676	-3A

turnout, 1352 in all. In the B (one or two person portable) category, the largest population turned out to be the 1B 1 operators, followed by the 1B 2 operators. The final tally in this category was 168 participants.

For the 1988 FD there was a chance to earn special bonus points for working any of the Canadian Radio Relay League's eleven official bulletin stations ending with a "QST" suffix. Five of the "QST" stations sent logs in and are listed in the boxes.

The Contest Branch would like to extend a special thanks to Mark R. Burke, KA1MIS, for his help in preparing these results.

Comments from several different groups are listed below in Soapbox. If you're looking for some interesting ideas as to how others set up and operated this year's Field Day, the following should help, if not amuse you. See you next June 24-25 for FD 1989.

SOAPBOX

W2DMC, 8A

This year our club had two major objectives: To achieve 10k or higher and to have all stations operational 2 hours prior to the beginning of Field Day. This Field Day was the best in the Crystal Radio Club's history, as both objectives were met.

Plans for Field Day started early. First, we decided to have two 20-meter stations in operation at all times. Since we only owned one 20-meter beam, which was designated for SSB, it was decided that a purchase of another 20-meter beam for the 20-CW station was in order. Since the Dayton Hamvention was right around the corner, we decided to



One of the N8MC ops tuning for QSOs.

see what we could find there. Not only did we find our 20-meter antenna but we also found a great deal on a 15-meter beam which was used to replace our aging home-brew.

Our 20-meter stations brought in the most QSOs on any single band, 1278 SSB and 429 CW. Our 40-meter effort produced the second largest QSO count with 619 on SSB and 330 on CW.

All was not perfect, however; Murphy struck a severe blow to our 80-meter effort by removing our chief operator and hence his equipment. Fortunately, we were able to fill the gap by the time Field Day rolled around. As for next year, who knows? Propagation and Murphy willing, maybe 13k.

AA5EQ, 2B, 2 operators

Field Day 1988 looked grim for Alan, KB5CUS, and me. We had several plans for good sites, but they kind of fell apart. At the last minute, Alan found a primo site, located on a hilltop north of Ft Worth, TX, with a windmill. Al and I set out late Saturday morning and arrived at our FD loca-

tion just as things were starting. We easily hung a G5RV to the top of the windmill and were almost set at FD start. The ground rod was a different matter; it took 46 minutes to pound the 6 foot rod into the hard dirt. Once all was set up, though, QSOs flowed freely on both 10 and 20 meters. The Kenwood 440S played like a violin! We generated multiple pile-ups and played king-of-the-hill on both bands from time to time. We were doing well into the wee hours of the morning, when suddenly we got hit by a bad storm. The lightning was crashing around us when we decided to abandon the site and move to lower (and hopefully safer) terrain. After dismantling everything, we withdrew a few hundred yards down-slope and waited about three hours. We snatched some sleep during this period and went back up the hill as soon as the bad stuff had ceased. Unfortunately, the coax and end connector were found buried in the mud, it took a while to clean it up. Alan tried to make an RS-10/11 contact, but we were so whipped that we couldn't read the computer printout. I played "natural power" QRP for the needed bonus contacts. No luck. Alan returned and hit RS-10/11 for 3 contacts. I was amazed and rather upset. Al not only made 3 contacts on one pass, but the fool also engaged in a ragchew session on his second contact! I kept yelling ... "OK, you got him now move on!", but Alan knew the guy and had to discuss the finer points of satellite work. After this I was shamed into making my "natural" QRP contacts, which I did after no small amount of effort.

We both passed out on lawn chairs only to be aroused a few hours later by Alan's wife Debbie. She brought a Coleman stove out to the site and proceeded to cook us a hot breakfast. After an "FB" meal we hit the airwaves again and hashed up the contacts. We stayed on the air about 18 hours in all.

The big surprise came after the end of FD for the guys who set up early. The QSOs became real easy and "laid back." We did well in not starting to set up prior to FD start! Those last few hours were fun, honest to God, fun! The heavies had dropped out and we had a chance to "play" radio. It really made up for all the earlier grief and hassle. All in all, I'd have to say FD '88 was a blast for us. It kind of gave us a standard for future FD efforts.

AA4NP, 2A

The perfect Field Day operation ... almost. All of the volunteers arrived on site at 1300Z as scheduled. Radios, antennas, cables, and accessories were there, even the ever-necessary sun-shade and rain cover tarps with their supports arrived on time. One of the club members decided to bring his 20-foot camper trailer, which made the inevitable necessity very close at hand for the duration of operations. It was an event too good to be true. The sunshades went up, followed by the two verticals and the forty-foot telescoping mast, which supported the great dipole. For the first time in the history of our Field Day plans and operations, there was no need to run for a single missing item ... even down to the food and drink brought by each participant, all was there. The 3500 W generator arrived at 1700Z, everything was in readiness for the 1800Z hour. But where were the two Novice



Untangling the coax from the guy wires, these members of the KH6WO FD crew lay the finishing touches on the tribander.



The CW crew at W8MAA is ready for FD.

operators?! Alas ... a search found one to be AWOL and the other indisposed. A perfect Field Day ... almost.

W200RKC, 3A

Originally, we weren't going to use our allocated W200RKC call for FD, but decided to anyway. What a mistake! At least 15% of the stations we worked thought we were bootlegging. It seems that they had never heard of the Bicentennial call signs! I guess some people sleep all year to get ready for FD!

WITRB, 1C

Last year, during Field Day, I was on vacation, driving the Alaska Highway. I had the privilege to operate mobile VY1 and KL7 during that FD. I did lose several contacts while QRX, I had to take photos of a grizzly bear.

This year I was driving the northern peninsula of Newfoundland mobile VO1. And again, I lost several contacts while QRX, this year it was to take photos of moose. I made nearly 100 QSOs on 40 through 10, but most were made on 20. There were a lot of big signals heard from all states.

VE6FD, 1B 2 operators

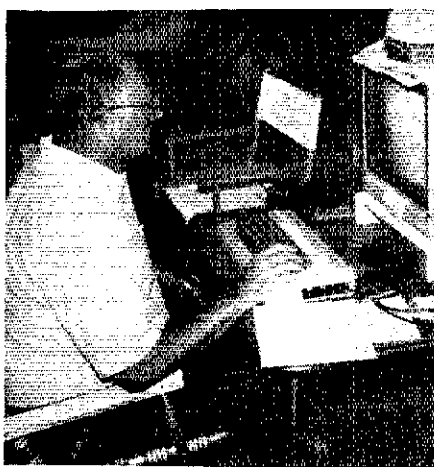
The Pembina River Flying Dinosaurs lumbered onto the Field Day airwaves in fine style, with Murphy close behind. He made sure that the rotor motor was burnt out, the packet rig was stuck in "transmit," and 20 minutes of HF phone CQs were sent while still in CW/TUNE mode. The resulting wildly profane catharsis when this was discovered prompted a visitor to say that we really should try to find a more relaxing hobby, or else change our phonetics "Fairly Disgusting." For an encore, Murphy arranged a light rain of several million gallons per square foot for most of Sunday. The only good part of this was the sight of VE6BOA slithering out of his station wagon after several slothful hours of snoozing and stuffing his feet into his jumping boots left outside Saturday night. He jumped, but not as high as VE6FD did when a mouse stuck its head out between the rig and tuner to see what was going on.

Regardless of what the official position says, Field Day isn't really about operating, it's about eating. Hot chili, mild chili, hamburgers, rhubarb pie, ice cream, poppyseed cake, cold beer, bacon and eggs—the logistics of the culinary department boggles the mind. It was really a trial to go back to radio while groaning under the weight of our stomachs, which is probably why there are several large gaps in our logbook at times.

Lastly, thanks to that W7 station who, when told he was speaking to VE6 Flying Dinosaur, remarked, "well I guess that your generator's got a Pterodactyl in its tank."

KQ1X, 1B 1 Operator Battery

I have operated many Field Days in the past, but this one had to be the most enjoyable. It was the first time I operated using battery power with only 5 watts out. At first, I didn't think anyone would



The packet setup at the Varian ARC's K6TM Field Day site.

hear me through all the QRM, but I was pleasantly surprised!

My wife and I set up camp at Canal Camp ground in Sandy Hook, MD, some 200 feet above the Potomac and C & O canal and just across the river from historic Harpers Ferry, WV. My station consisted of a Ten-Tec Century 22 and an MFJ-949B antenna tuner which fed a 120-foot wire slung through the trees at about 20 feet. My power source was an old 12-volt car battery that had been used to start my pick-up truck. I actually operated Field Day and could hear the wind through the trees and crickets at night! That sure beats the deafening roar of gas generators that have to be fed every few hours! QRP and battery power from now on!

K9NG, 2A Battery

We ran two stations with a maximum output of one watt each. Both stations consisted of Argonauts, powered by batteries and solar panels. We used two very long wires (one didn't function very well; the other was used for 24 hours!) and a Butternut vertical.

We had much more grandiose plans for experimenting with antennas, but the heat was a strength-sapping 100 degrees as we set up. It settled to about body temperature with very warm winds during the afternoon. We didn't set up tents, choosing instead to conserve our energy and drink cold fluids. Early in the evening the temperature dropped 15 degrees in 15 minutes and kept going. One station was off for several intervals while CW operators tried to warm up their fists!

We were visited by a Cub Scout den and their fathers, the latter showing a lot of interest. W9ZSJ was pretty glad he could work Nevada on SSB and Oklahoma on CW for a demo, but the kids were more interested in trying to get cool. Too bad they didn't stick around!

Several local hams also dropped in, some with neighbors, for a visit. One, N9ESH, came at a time when we were short of operators. He operated SSB at some length despite his unfamiliarity with our gear. When one of us checked up on him later, it was noted that the contacts weren't coming as quickly on 40 SSB now. A check showed that the wattmeter wasn't getting off the peg ... but he was still getting QSOs. Maybe next year we'll run a MILLI-watt station or two!

K6VE, 4A

Field Day, 1988 is an event that the members of the Mountain Repeater Association may never forget. I hadn't participated in Field Day in more years than I'd care to remember. The reason was most likely because my birthday and FD occur at approximately the same time, every year. This year was no exception, but I decided to participate anyhow, birthday or not. At 8:00 Saturday evening, it was time for me to leave the Field Day site, which was no easy chore. A mile of rather bumpy road connected our location to civilization. I no sooner reached the main boulevard that bordered our site, when I spotted a television Electronic News Gathering vehicle. Could they be looking for us? Sure, we sent a press release for the bonus points offered in the contest, but surely the media wouldn't act on it ... would they? The truck was headed in the wrong direction, and besides that, the driver appeared to be lost. I turned my car around, and gave chase.

When I pulled along side, I asked if they were looking for the "hams." "We sure are," the driver replied, "where are they?" "Follow me," I said. The rest is a matter of record. Los Angeles television station, KABC-TV, was planning to report about FD on the 11:00 news, and we were going to be the lead story! What a way to return to the FD site, in a VW rabbit followed by a fully equipped ENG truck, topped with a 2-GHz microwave dish and telescoping pole. When we arrived at the site, the reporter and two engineers proceeded to set up their camera and gather the story from all who were there. After a few interviews, some pictures, and dinner at the Bar-B-Que, the story was finished, and ready to be transmitted back to the studio. There was one problem, however, the television ENG vehicle was parked right under our long-wave antenna. Since at least part of the story was going nationwide, this could be the most serious TVI problem ever! We decided to stop transmitting, so that the story could be sent back to the studio by way of the 2-GHz microwave equipment, without TVI! We were very happy later, because the minute and a half story did appear on the 11:00 news. The 2-GHz transmitter that we didn't count on having at the Field Day site had done its job very well, and we were glad that it had.

Scores

Class A stations are clubs or groups operating with more than two operators. Score listings are grouped according to the number of transmitters in simultaneous operation. The listings show club or group name, call(s) used, total number of QSOs, number indicating power output used (5 is less than 5 W; 2 is less than 150 W; 1 is more than 150 W), number of participants and total score including bonus points. Scores are listed from highest to lowest in each class. Non-club groups are identified by the letters "NCG." Class B stations are portables manned by one or two operators. These may have one or two transmitters in simultaneous operation. Class 1B stations manned by one operator are listed first, followed by those with two operators, followed by Class 2B stations. When there are two operators, the other operator's call is listed in parentheses, if it is known. Numbers following the calls indicate QSOs, power and final score. Class C stations are mobiles. They are listed by call, QSOs, power, number of operators and final score. Class D stations are home stations using commercial power. Line scores are the same as Class C. Class E stations are home stations using emergency power. Line scores are the same as Class C.

Club/Non-Club Portable

Battery	VI ARC AND BVIRL	Dinosaur Valley FD Group	Overlookers	Imperial Valley ARA
ama City ARC	KP2A	K5MW	NR2R	NR7O
NYZ	Central NC DX Chasers	IITRI FDG	Tidelands ARS	Union Metropolitan
away ARL	N4DAZ	W3MR	K5BS	VE2UMS
M	MJ FD Party	Hiawatha, KS/Falls City, NE ARC	University ARC	Saskatoon ARC
iden ARC	WINMJ	WA6W	NQ7Q	YESAA
NRG	RCA ARC	Lightning Arrestor QRP Group	HERO	Lookout Mountain QRPers
G	N9RJ	KC5ZT	KD8IE	KAALKH
J	Eastern Iowa QRPers	Country Western Boys SDXA	Three Musketeers ARC	El Paso QRP Group
	NO8O	NM8K	VE7ZAP	NK6V
	588-5- 9- 6,445	618-5- 9- 4,860	448-5- 9- 3,860	287-5- 8- 2,860
	689-5- 6- 5,905	503-5- 6- 4,780	328-5- 13- 3,780	230-6- 30- 2,700
	510-5- 7- 5,565	444-5- 24- 4,245	492-5- 35- 3,750	304-5- 25- 2,450
	923-5- 14- 5,370	383-5- 6- 4,130	386-5- 15- 2,975	380-5- 6- 2,305
	489-5- 7- 5,190	420-5- 6- 4,045	302-5- 3- 2,915	222-5- 6- 2,295



Under the careful eye of the coach, Jim, W0UO, and Tim, KA0YAA; Debi, KB0AOQ and Alex operate the Novice station at the K0NA Field Day effort.



Denise, KB7CNL, runs them in true contest style.



Members of the Japanese American Amateur Radio Society, W8AN, operate from the local mall. Pictured here is the Novice station.

Kings Bay ARC W1MT4	620-2-	8-	2,205	Wantagh ARC W2VA	706-2-	15-	1,974	Nashville ARC K4CPO (+W4IMX)	499-2-	18-	1,720	Lake Cumberland ARA AJ40	633-2-	15-	1,468	Pahrump Valley ARC K7NV (+KB7EYI)	390-2-	7-	1,111
Nittany ARC W3YA	725-2-	12-	2,199	Port Lavaca ARC W080	431-2-	17-	1,960	MO Valley ARC W0NH (+KB8AEC)	495-2-	27-	1,720	Charlotte ARS K04K (+W43DUX)	364-2-	15-	1,464	Riense Co RACES/ARES K2RBR (+KB2FOW)	279-2-	14-	1,111
Rockport RG W8NI	543-2-	12-	2,192	Nemo AHC W0CBL	484-2-	10-	1,954	West Georgia ARS W4FWD	501-2-	20-	1,718	El Paso ARC W5ES (+N8HRD)	497-2-	37-	1,462	McMurry ARS KF4VM (+KB5EHG)	470-2-	30-	1,111
MARC/MAR/ARES K4GG (+WB4CLG)	777-2-	24-	2,192	W1VW (+KA1QQJ)	605-2-	17-	1,948	Kings ARC NWSK (+KB6TSQ)	567-2-	45-	1,718	Illinois Navy/Marine Corps MARS K19H	678-2-	6-	1,456	River Cities ARA K24G	378-2-	20-	1,111
Plano ARK K15R (+NSDBI)	565-2-	10-	2,162	NCG NP9Z (+KA9TJY)	735-2-	6-	1,936	UNISYS ARC KB3UU	494-2-	21-	1,710	Sun City ARC K5WPH	450-2-	25-	1,456	Yellowhead ARC VE9YAC	308-2-	20-	1,111
Concordia ARC VE2GUA	762-2-	13-	2,162	Lower Yellowstone ARS N7AQJ	488-2-	20-	1,930	Athens ARC W5CR (+KB5GEO)	522-2-	15-	1,700	Texas City Area WN5J	436-2-	13-	1,442	Fair Lawn ARC VE7RAR (+VE7LO)	308-2-	20-	1,111
LAMARS W9HOQ (+KA9UNQ)	653-2-	14-	2,162	Ascension ARC W8SKKM	537-2-	30-	1,924	Bay Area Med Cent W8PIE	394-2-	2-	1,696	WNSV PRARC	432-2-	15-	1,410	Nutley ARS W2GLQ	335-2-	10-	1,000
Cebarrus ARS W4DSU (+KC4AJJ)	688-2-	16-	2,146	White Water Hills ARC N98V	544-2-	14-	1,922	Varian ARC K6TM	485-2-	11-	1,680	WBSV PRARC	432-2-	15-	1,410	Minneapolis RC W0CKF	278-2-	10-	1,000
Clarksville ATS KF4L	829-2-	24-	2,132	Boone ARK K8CY	513-2-	7-	1,920	Better Luck Next Year ARG KB7KY	618-2-	11-	1,680	Liberty Co ECARC KF4UM (+KB4ZRIK)	347-2-	11-	1,402	Gaston Co ARS K1K4T	302-2-	10-	1,000
Cape May Co ARC K2CGD	625-2-	18-	2,132	Penticton ARC VE7PRC	390-2-	10-	1,918	Los Angeles ARC NoYA (+KA8QKM)	562-2-	24-	1,654	HAREM W3LDD (+KA3PUH)	485-2-	6-	1,380	Tippecanoe ARA W9REG (+N9GWN)	525-2-	13-	1,000
Garden State ARA W2GSA (+KB2ERX)	458-2-	35-	2,130	Neshoba ARC W6SI	601-2-	14-	1,894	S Platte ARS NE0X	614-2-	16-	1,646	South Bay ARA N6BFO	414-2-	10-	1,382	Lakes Area ARC W99FZH (+KA8TVD)	307-2-	12-	1,000
Fort Madison ARC NWX	762-2-	30-	2,130	Kansas Nebraska RC W9TU	421-2-	15-	1,890	Northrop B-2 Division RC AA6CR (+WB6YNP)	397-2-	18-	1,642	White River Valley ARS N8DST	426-2-	10-	1,384	Chesco ARA K38KG	348-2-	15-	1,000
WB6W et al WB2QZ	424-2-	8-	2,126	Charlottetown ARC VE1CRC	1254-1-	21-	1,889	Midstate RA W9DQA (+N8GAF)	483-2-	30-	1,642	Ray Clay ARC K8EET (+KB8CVI)	464-2-	40-	1,382	Sheridan RAL W7GUX	277-2-	5-	1,000
North SASK ARC VE5EEE	515-2-	26-	2,120	Metuchen ARC K2YNT	584-2-	20-	1,886	W9DQA (+N8GAF) Stanislaus ARA W06EJF	842-2-	15-	1,640	Waldo Co ARC & Pen Bay ARC KB1OF	429-2-	15-	1,328	Ken Valley Repeater Group K6QJ	374-2-	14-	1,000
Penny Pines Brass Pounders N8CW (+KB6VUE)	609-2-	6-	2,116	East Bay AWA N1RI	607-2-	11-	1,878	W06EJF Lake Co ARS W0QXN (+KB6WUW)	366-2-	29-	1,636	Southern Catskill ARS W03E	448-2-	10-	1,328	Bluff ARC W0BAXV	262-2-	8-	1,000
KN9G (+N9EDIK)	647-2-	28-	2,114	Temple ARC W6LM (+KA5IIA)	518-2-	40-	1,874	McDonnell Douglas ARC W88CGV	351-2-	11-	1,628	W03E Stewart Group K07K	348-2-	4-	1,328	Island ARA K84GY	335-2-	9-	1,000
Lake View ARC and SC ARC and NG8U (+KA8GZU)	688-2-	15-	2,114	ARESET W2VY (+N2IDS)	465-2-	10-	1,872	Stewart Lake ARC W07X (+KB7CXI)	411-2-	15-	1,812	Miami Co ARC K9ZEV	274-2-	6-	1,324	Blackamas ARC N7WY (+KB7BYI)	296-2-	20-	1,000
15-Meter Ragchewers Group KD8NJ (+KA8CGP)	729-2-	10-	2,108	Patrick AFB MARS Team WAAA	601-2-	12-	1,870	Borderline ARC NV7Z	705-2-	32-	1,610	North Eastern Indian ARC K9ZBM (+KA9RVH)	440-2-	21-	1,608	Apple Valley ARC K8BS (+KA8CQB)	460-2-	17-	1,000
Almonte RRL VE3AAT	466-2-	4-	2,102	Pearl River Co ARC W5UO	444-2-	20-	1,870	North Eastern Indian ARC K9ZBM (+KA9RVH)	440-2-	21-	1,608	Hoffman Estates ESDA W0NIC (+WB9TJC)	449-2-	12-	1,298	Monroe Co RCA W8MTX	270-2-	10-	1,000
Butler Co VHF Assn W8CC (+N8JFW)	703-2-	12-	2,084	Rappahannock ARA A44HQ (+K04EYV)	603-2-	22-	1,860	Grand Strand ARC W04JMT	580-2-	5-	1,596	Sand Hills ARC W8MI	439-2-	18-	1,302	Southwest Louisiana ARC W85NET	222-2-	17-	1,000
Explorer Post 599 WB7BX (+KB7CJU)	854-2-	22-	2,076	Middle Peninsula ARC N84P (+KC4DYZ)	715-2-	17-	1,854	HTTY-AMSAT Houston W4E2IB	485-2-	13-	1,578	Bay Area ARC N8BBR (+KB8DSE)	496-2-	8-	1,292	Folk CDACS W4TJM	341-2-	9-	900
Pennyroyal ARS KE4KE (+KC4ERO)	557-2-	12-	2,058	Boone Co ARC NX9Q (+N8HKP)	825-2-	10-	1,854	Rip Van Winkle ARS W2FSL (+KA2QYG)	430-2-	25-	1,570	Voice of Alabama W4IAX	386-2-	12-	1,286	Flint Hills ARC W8HT	326-2-	8-	800
Franklin ARC AB4R (+KC4AOP)	531-2-	30-	2,054	NCG K2GO (+KB2BJJ)	816-2-	30-	1,848	West Morris WS NX2P (+KB2BBT)	441-2-	20-	1,564	South Brevard ARC AA4NP (+KB4SPA)	346-2-	10-	1,284	BWD and Hot Dog Club W0WSM (+KA5NSA)	327-2-	15-	900
Hardford Co Civil Defense N3DVK	737-2-	2-	2,054	KRV ARC W6TN (+N6PXR)	475-2-	23-	1,848	Sabine Valley ARA WFSC	464-2-	19-	1,556	Hammiston ARC WITZ (+KB7CKJ)	378-2-	37-	1,276	Lumars ARC W4MH	347-1-	12-	900
North Peninsula W6PMK	387-2-	14-	1,846	North Peninsula W6PMK	387-2-	14-	1,846	Muscle Shoals ARC W4JNB (+WB4ZVH)	574-2-	10-	1,556	Three Generation's Group W6BIV	288-2-	3-	1,272	Gwyns Harbor ARC W7ZA	333-2-	6-	900
Santa Clarita ARC W8JW (+N8COP)	438-2-	25-	1,836	Santa Clarita ARC W8JW (+N8COP)	438-2-	25-	1,836	Champlain Valley ARC W2UXC	496-2-	15-	1,550	Santa Ynez Valley Hams N6JNS	325-2-	21-	1,266	RAGS N2FZS (+KB2ERJ)	284-2-	8-	800
Framingham ARA W1FY (+KA1RLT)	497-2-	20-	1,834	Framingham ARA W1FY (+KA1RLT)	497-2-	20-	1,834	North Providence ARC KY1G (+KA1JRLJ)	411-2-	16-	1,536	Hamilton Co ARA K8KWO	380-2-	10-	1,260	Navarro ARC W8W5J	942-1-	42-	900
Winggrass ARA NS4J	668-2-	25-	1,830	Winggrass ARA NS4J	668-2-	25-	1,830	Mid-OH Valley ARC W8BU (+W08RGZ)	497-2-	20-	1,526	West Seattle ARC W7AW	394-2-	7-	1,252	Dillingham ARA KL7N (+W7BPF)	435-1-	11-	900
Centralina ARC N4QR	418-2-	23-	1,828	Centralina ARC N4QR	418-2-	23-	1,828	Sandy River ARC K1B (+KA1JGE)	366-2-	24-	1,524	Bel Brook ARC AB8U	507-2-	8-	1,238	Fort Dodge ARC W8UL	302-2-	11-	900
Audrain ARC N8BH	446-2-	8-	1,818	Audrain ARC N8BH	446-2-	8-	1,818	Hastings ARC N8FKC	359-2-	12-	1,520	Pike Co ARC W8CZH	209-2-	11-	1,224	K8CNG (+N8GZT)	286-2-	3-	900
North Kitsap ARC W07B (+N7ILT)	470-2-	17-	1,814	North Kitsap ARC W07B (+N7ILT)	470-2-	17-	1,814	Amateur Radio and Youth N8GQC (+KA8AXD)	506-2-	40-	1,518	Rochester ARA K8JD (+KA2PUN)	298-2-	15-	1,210	St Peter ARC W88VFW	181-8-	11-	800
Falls ARC K8RHH	503-2-	10-	1,796	Falls ARC K8RHH	503-2-	10-	1,796	Jayhawk ARS W8LB (+N8GAB)	378-2-	22-	1,504	Cape Ann ARA WTRK (+N1FMQ)	223-2-	54-	1,198	Delaware Co ARA W3UER (+KA3SXB)	171-8-	10-	900
Kenah ARC W07K	448-2-	12-	1,792	Kenah ARC W07K	448-2-	12-	1,792	KB9V Sterling Park ARC WARW	530-2-	25-	1,502	Glynn ARA K4TVE (+KC4DNJ)	228-2-	10-	1,192	Columbus ARC W9SIO	183-2-	15-	900
Quad City ARC W9YCR (+N9NDY)	643-2-	12-	1,778	Quad City ARC W9YCR (+N9NDY)	643-2-	12-	1,778	Hampton RD RA N4SD	412-2-	10-	1,498	Michigan City/LaPorte W8CSF	190-2-	30-	1,190	RCA ARC N82R (+N8HSU)	286-2-	12-	900
Bay Area ARS KM3I	524-2-	12-	1,774	Bay Area ARS KM3I	524-2-	12-	1,774	Monterey Boatanchor Assn K6DYX	344-2-	4-	1,496	Connecticut ARES W8SD	426-2-	12-	1,168	Kings Co RC W2RAK	180-2-	53-	800
Lee's Summit Emergency ARC W0IE	626-2-	10-	1,770	Lee's Summit Emergency ARC W0IE	626-2-	10-	1,770	NGC VESPRC	389-2-	10-	1,496	Northwest ARA/EA Assn N00G	257-2-	13-	1,182	Washington Co ARC N9DER	396-2-	18-	800
Southern Valley ARC NN1M (+WB1BW)	482-2-	11-	1,766	Southern Valley ARC NN1M (+WB1BW)	482-2-	11-	1,766	Gratiot Co ARA W8AWE	566-2-	7-	1,482								
Straits Area ARC W8QDN (+KB8ELD)	498-2-	21-	1,766	Straits Area ARC W8QDN (+KB8ELD)	498-2-	21-	1,766	Warshaw Co AH KB4EES	508-2-	7-	1,478								
Lorain Co ARA N8AM	450-2-	28-	1,732	Lorain Co ARA N8AM	450-2-	28-	1,732												

bold ARC				Portland ARC			Huntingdon County ARC			Coastside ARC			Holland ARC						
ARC	579-1-	11-	887	W7KYC (+N7HSX)	590-5-	19-	5,048	W3V1 (+N3ELE)	1111-2-	25-	4,278	W3TOW	923-2-	14-	2,912	K8DAA	888-2-	35-	2,212
ARC				Colombiana Co ARC				Yuba-Sutter ARC				Montgomery ARC				Dalton ARC			
T (+WB2TZJ)	182-2-	13-	888	N88B (+N8HGN)	523-5-	11-	4,880	K8AAW (+K8BNMY)	1380-2-	22-	4,278	N8BE (+N8ESR)	829-2-	40-	2,908	K8ALL (+N8SLJ)	700-2-	28-	2,208
tham Counties ARA				NOG				Black River ARC				Morone Valley ARC				Pawnee ARC			
ARC	256-2-	10-	882	WB8HKK (+K8BAHQ)	377-5-	10-	2,795	KM8E (+K8B8CR)	1650-2-	18-	4,282	W8RG (+K86W3H)	690-2-	65-	2,900	A8FN	906-2-	25-	2,198
ARC				Reason QRP				Mount Vernon ARC				Hamilton Co ARS/RACES				NCG			
ARC	337-2-	10-	874	N1DAT (+N1FHR)	255-5-	6-	1,885	K8EEN (+K8BEVB)	1182-2-	13-	4,224	K8GK	819-2-	12-	2,886	N8YD	877-2-	15-	2,184
ARC				NGC				Lower Columbia AFA				Ottawa ARC				Mancord Club			
ARC	177-2-	20-	854	K6FRN (+N8PJT)	39-5-	4-	680	W7DQ (+K47NWQ)	869-2-	35-	4,220	VE3RC	763-2-	30-	2,884	W9DK (+K492TG)	521-2-	13-	2,178
ARC								Shenandoah Valley RC				Rock Creek ARA				THAAC-ARC			
ARC	221-2-	5-	842					W288RKC (+N4SLR)	1285-2-	25-	4,172	W3RCN	908-2-	15-	2,876	NJ3A (+K43THW)	748-2-	9-	2,170
ARC								Saline Co ARC				Harrison ARC				Bloomfield ARC			
ARC	220-2-	10-	840	Ashtabula Co ARC				K5NE (+N5JVB)	1188-2-	20-	4,170	KM8E	745-2-	29-	2,852	W1CWA	682-2-	8-	2,170
ARC				W8CY (+K48LTX)	3902-2-	20-	12,560	Kankakee Area RS				Stockton-Delta ARC				Mitch-a-con ARC			
ARC				Hughes Fullerton Emp Assn ARC				W9AZ	1075-2-	15-	4,076	W8SF (+K86YWP)	812-2-	15-	2,850	N8LT (+K8BEYF)	620-2-	12-	2,148
ARC				K8QEH (+K88RFX)	3513-2-	50-	11,360	Austin ARC				Sierra Island ARA				Weasel's Weiridos			
ARC				Poughkeepsie ARC				W5KA (+N5JGK)	1138-2-	30-	4,070	W2CWW (+N2GPPW)	788-2-	15-	2,850	KW4M	568-2-	5-	2,142
ARC				N2YL (+K82FTZ)	3583-2-	40-	10,804	Smoky Mountain ARC				Honeywell ARA				MI State Transmitters			
ARC				Hebron AWG				W4QL (+K48YB)	1228-2-	20-	4,048	A4SFP (+W42DIQ)	1019-2-	12-	2,848	K8VNG	505-2-	12-	2,130
ARC				K1GK (+K41QKE)	3310-2-	11-	10,370	San Lorenzo Valley RC				Algonquin ARC				Boonville ARC			
ARC				Golden RG				N6ZJ (+N8LNT)	2427-1-	25-	4,022	K81WV (+N11FFX)	891-2-	15-	2,828	NC2Q (+K42SUG)	531-2-	7-	2,078
ARC				Red Ryder Contest Club				Arizona ARC				Portage ARC				Sky High ARC			
ARC				W8VS (+K48BFF)	3187-2-	12-	8,890	W7IO (+N7JUY)	1493-2-	25-	4,012	N8KW (+K8BEWQ)	765-2-	10-	2,828	K8ZAR (+K4CEKV)	533-2-	8-	2,078
ARC				Action-Boxborough ARC				W7IO (+N7JUY)	1493-2-	25-	4,012	Boulder ARC				FORCE			
ARC				W1UC (+K42DJH)	2566-2-	25-	8,508	Echo Repeater Assn				W8DK	849-2-	14-	2,788	AF8M	580-2-	25-	2,064
ARC				MADRAS				WD9HCR (+K49WBT)	1189-2-	32-	3,992	W8FLD	1019-2-	10-	2,778	MGJ Group			
ARC				K3NA (+N3FTJ)	2847-2-	16-	8,398	Kent Co ARC				W8NFU (+K82FVF)	785-2-	10-	2,778	VE3TCA	805-2-	10-	2,052
ARC				Southern Peninsula ARK				W8BU (+N7KZT)	1102-2-	20-	3,890	NC5	676-2-	4-	2,776	Indian Hills RC			
ARC				W4PFO (+N4IIC)	2859-2-	60-	8,112	Livermore ARK				K6PD				W8GCS	489-2-	15-	2,032
ARC				Shanktooth ARC				W8W8 (+K86YV)	1220-2-	45-	3,876	York RC				Umpaua Valley ARC			
ARC				N8NW	2163-2-	10-	7,968	San Fernando Valley ARC				W9PCS	860-2-	27-	2,766	WJ7E	402-2-	13-	2,008
ARC				Coeway RC				W8SD (+K85KY)	1008-2-	50-	3,856	Coastal Area RS				Young Amateurs of Colorado			
ARC				K1BU (+K41BBU)	2373-2-	12-	7,306	Port City ARC				A84B (+K42CJQ)	747-2-	15-	2,758	W8DC (+K48NND)	589-2-	18-	1,988
ARC				K3XV (+N3FTI)	2583-2-	20-	7,854	W1WQM (+W41TOL)	1301-2-	43-	3,818	Sangamon Valley RC				Tri-Co Ham RC			
ARC				Waterbury ARC				VE2WJ				W8DUA	749-2-	8-	2,758	N8CG (+K48ZMF)	577-2-	14-	1,980
ARC				K1EB (+K41RRG)	2882-2-	30-	7,568	Kaw Valley ARC				Opequin RS				Anchorage ARC			
ARC				Shenopet ARC				WBCT (+K48EPE)	1381-2-	50-	3,728	W8FSE (+K8SDG)	809-2-	17-	2,718	KL7AA (+N173N)	411-2-	10-	1,972
ARC				W8SAU (+K85AU)	2675-2-	45-	7,518	Candlewood ARA				SC0ARA	790-2-	45-	2,680	Nebraska Radio Development Soc			
ARC				North FL ARS				W1QI	1236-2-	25-	3,720	W8LW (+K86UFP)	843-2-	18-	2,678	N8UC	829-2-	17-	1,964
ARC				W4IZ (+N4TB1)	2971-2-	55-	7,410	Survey ARC				Jersey Shore ARS				Top of MI RA			
ARC				JPL ARC				VE7CST	1061-2-	25-	3,676	W2DOR				W8BREH	613-2-	12-	1,980
ARC				W8VIO (+K86VPO)	2295-2-	35-	7,376	NIRA				Allegany Highlands ARC				Spring Hill ARC			
ARC				Williamsburg Area ARC				K8JK (+W86ZZG)	951-2-	20-	3,636	W2SAM	707-2-	15-	2,670	N4US	333-2-	38-	1,946
ARC				K4RC (+W4DJY)	2175-2-	25-	7,320	Argonne ARC				Clinton ARC				Thruville ARC			
ARC				Radio Central ARC				W8QVE (+K49PVD)	927-2-	16-	3,614	W8CS	1080-2-	8-	2,660	K4ZS	631-2-	12-	1,920
ARC				NY2A (+K82FUR)	2339-2-	80-	7,282	Clark Co ARC				West Island ARC				CCARES & EARA			
ARC				Tri Co ARA				W8WV (+N4RUJ)	1094-2-	17-	3,554	VE2CWI	846-2-	20-	2,654	W2ZJ	377-2-	16-	1,916
ARC				K89C	2210-2-	11-	7,258	Lincoln Trail ARC				Silvercreek ARA				AMEARC			
ARC				Paso Robles ARC				AA4OR (+K48GQ)	905-2-	30-	3,554	W8PNF (+K88DMU)	738-2-	30-	2,652	VE7ECC	561-2-	10-	1,910
ARC				W8LKF (+N8JQE)	2086-2-	37-	7,152	West Allis ARC				Laurel ARC				Top of Panhandle ARC & Dust Bowl ARC			
ARC				Riverland ARC				W8FK (+W89AYD)	2339-1-	17-	3,544	W8D5 (+K85GJA)	870-2-	30-	2,648	KYSC	651-2-	17-	1,904
ARC				KV9U (+N9FDE)	1979-2-	15-	7,006	Aniolo Valley ARC				Marshall Co ARC				Central Texas & Heart of Texas ARCs			
ARC				CAREN				K8OX (+N8JUI)	1086-2-	24-	3,530	W8GU (+N4SEJ)	704-2-	15-	2,642	W8ZDN	449-2-	21-	1,870
ARC				KE9I (+K49ZFG)	2279-2-	14-	6,834	City ARS				Clinton Co ARC				Post 73			
ARC				Dallaware-Lething ARC				W8EPU (+K89AZL)	1097-2-	15-	3,516	W8LRF	807-2-	10-	2,638	AA5GI (+K45EBT)	489-2-	25-	1,880
ARC				W8OK	2231-2-	40-	6,946	Albany ARA				PhD ARA				Albany Co RACES			
ARC				Ramapo Mt ARC				K2CT	1162-2-	27-	3,480	W8JUG (+K48WZZ)	831-2-	20-	2,634	KN2I	366-2-	8-	1,852
ARC				NR2T (+K42HNQ)	1958-2-	10-	6,414	Twin Cities RC				Salem ARC				Pine State ARC			
ARC				VA Beach ARC				W8BWT	1162-2-	27-	3,480	W7SAA (+N71BV)	924-2-	17-	2,622	K1AG (+N1DYM)	422-2-	12-	1,844
ARC				K4IX (+K84UED)	2065-2-	40-	6,310	QCEAN	1017-2-	12-	3,444	Hebron Hot Shots				Minston ARS			
ARC				Ozaukee RC				W8VVL (+K88DVI)	851-2-	25-	3,432	N4YX (+K48QM)	853-2-	6-	2,604	W4OIX (+K84BGE)	635-2-	10-	1,844
ARC				K9CAN (+K48DDN)	1655-2-	27-	6,212	NC3				Ocean/Monmouth ARC				Sleepy Hollow Badgers			
ARC				General Dynamics RC				W8W7L	1224-2-	9-	3,420	KC2Q	706-2-	25-	2,602	W8URM	415-2-	8-	1,842
ARC				WSIU (+K45VFT)	2461-2-	67-	6,022	Elkhart Red Cross ARC				IBM Owego ARC				Rantouf ARA			
ARC				North Shore RA				AE9T	1030-2-	10-	3,408	W2VDX	748-2-	18-	2,588	W9ZK	543-2-	7-	1,798
ARC				WIND (+N1EVH)	1855-2-	35-	6,002	Oregon Tanalatin Valley ARC				North Hills ARC				Highland ARA			
ARC				Mississippi Coast ARA				WN7W (+K87DNQ)	1103-2-	63-	3,400	W3XK	708-2-	24-	2,576	NF8G (+N8INT)	617-2-	12-	1,790
ARC				K5OS	1762-2-	30-	5,664	Schaumburg ARC				Johnson Co ARC				Newark ARA			
ARC				San Mateo RC				K8K9 (+K49ZOO)	1068-2-	28-	3,354	N55N (+K85GDI)	778-2-	22-	2,574	W8SG	551-2-	30-	1,786
ARC				W8LJN (+K86NYZ)	1608-2-	32-	5,572	Cumberland Co RS				STARS	987-2-	20-	2,574	Beloit ARC			
ARC				Parkersburg ARK				NE3H	1201-8-	4-	3,344	K4JU	816-2-	25-	2,566	K9EP	629-2-	5-	1,758
ARC				K8UC (+K48VGV)	1509-2-	10-	5,534	White Lake Area ARA				W8WV	1000-2-	15-	2,548	Garden City ARC			
ARC				Shelby Co ARC				W8FH	2257-1-	17-	3,320	White Star ARC				Granite State ARA			
ARC				AC4T (+K44VCA)	1325-2-	36-	5,504	Morris RC				W7VJN				K1RD	446-2-	43-	1,716
ARC				Santa Barbara ARC				W2OYH	1037-2-	21-	3,318	Shiawasee ARA				Raritun Bay RA			
ARC				K8TZ (+K48EPF)	1765-8-	56-	5,460	Palisades ARC				W8QQQ (+K48YVW)	870-2-	10-	2,512	K2GE	488-2-	15-	1,716
ARC				Joliet ARS				N8Y9 (+K49ZKT)	905-2-	12-	3,308	Kennahoochee ARC				Wichita ARC			
ARC				W9OFR (+K89ACJ)	1439-2-	22-	5,398	AT&T ARC				AA4VE (+N4POK)	800-2-	15-	2,498	W8OCE (+K48ZZU)	588-2-	22-	1,712
ARC				Redwood Empire DX Assn				KU8C	943-2-	18-	3,240	Kendall ARS				Sub Club ARA			
ARC				WV6D	1716-2-	12-	5,368	Tri-State ARC				W85O (+K45WJY)	652-2-	24-	2,494	KF8TG (+K46NCOH)	502-2-	12-	1,702
ARC				Springhill ARC				AK3M (+K43QIKU)	957-2-	31-	3,202	Western Piedmont ARC				Burnaby ARC			
ARC				N5II	1742-2-	12-	5,276	3M ARC				K4VLY	798-2-	25-	2,458	VE7BAR	429-2-	30-	1,702
ARC				Goz's Gang				W8MR (+N8AK)	948-2-	16-	3,198	Victor Valley ARC				Raritun Valley RC			
ARC				K2SA (+N2HKA)	1342-2-	16-	5,192	Hiawatha ARC				K8QWR (+K88WHT)	903-2-	24-	2,444	W2QW	695-2-	9-	1,698
ARC				Band Dir-Dah				K0BU	887-2-	33-	3,154	UM3 ARC Alumni				Adams Co ARC			
ARC				K2MP	1425-2-	14-	5,122												

Lambton Co RC	VE3IG	519-2	18	1,522	Conois ARC	K9HGX	141-1	5	567	Everglades ARC	W4SVI	710-2	22	3,224	Gladwin ARC	KD8NC	405-2	7	1,330	Warren Co RACES	NVBY	908-2	43	2,820			
ESL Irregulars	KAA5SV (+ KA6RDJ)	211-2	29	1,520	Leward Coast AC	KH6MOP	28-2	10	458	ARA of the Tonawandas & ARES	W2SEX	881-2	16	3,196	Mountaintop ARC & Plateau ARC	W4EXE	409-2	12	1,318	Navby	KB6BV	650-2	37	2,842			
RF Rascals	K3TJM	487-2	6	1,512	Communications Vancouver	VE7VCH	58-2	6	416	Hazleton ARC	W3SJI	818-2	25	3,162	W4EAW	181-2	22	1,230	Milford ARC	W5YDK	823-2	14	2,816				
CARC/CARS	N7SF (+ N8JFH)	382-2	27	1,498	3A Commercial	GRAM				Discrete Components of 955	K3WJV	903-2	21	3,142	W4YLAW				Field Day's Finest	N9DD	592-2	10	2,420				
SW La Amateur Repeater Club	W5BI	439-2	20	1,490	W2RCX (+ KB2FRB)	1493-2	30	3,540	Virgina ARA	K5TYP					Catskill Mountain ARC	KC2H (+ KB2FEP)	312-2	12	1,182	Toledo Mobile RA	W8HFF (+ KB2EEN)	534-2	18	2,256			
Emergency ARC	KH4BI (+ KH8KL)	215-2	35	1,466	W4FEG	805-2	30	2,818	San Gabriel Valley RC	W9QFK (+ KB6PBR)	799-2	40	3,114	Alliance ARC	W8BF (+ N8HVV)	952-2	25	3,098	Quad Co ARC	NA3Y	182-2	30	1,050				
Del Val Omik Elec Comm Assn	KB3X	463-2	12	1,452	Lawton-Ft Sill ARC	W5KS (+ N5MFP)	473-2	36	1,610	W8CF (+ N8HVV)	Parker Co RC	W8CP	576-2	20	3,088	St Charles ARC	N8GL (+ N8HDL)	913-2	48	3,064	Country Cousins	K3KW (+ KA3SYS)	252-2	5	1,086		
Hartford Co ARC	W1NEM	558-2	12	1,416	San Francisco ARC	W8PW	386-2	20	1,378	St Charles ARC	N8GL (+ N8HDL)	913-2	48	3,064	Adrian ARC	W8TOE	444-1	30	984	Northwest OH ARC	WB5ULC	340-2	12	1,180			
Dixie ARC	W1TJ	325-2	30	1,416	Eastern Illinois Hamateur Club	W8GWF	284-2	20	716	N8GL (+ N8HDL)	Harrisburg RAC	W3UJ	842-2	15	3,048	Keowee Toxaway ARC	K4PYM	113-2	20	970	W8HFF (+ KB2EEN)	Mount Tom ARA	910-2	20	2,144		
Portland AWA	W1KVI (+ KA1RZU)	483-2	20	1,408	DeForest ARC	KB4MVF/8	165-2	10	330	Temiskaming ARC	VE3CTT	1061-2	11	3,030	K4PYM	Fayette ARA	249-2	10	698	Monterey Park ARC	KBGP	851-2	19	2,133			
Moultrie ARC	W9BIL	437-2	9	1,398	Telephone ARC of Manhattan	W2FWG	58-2	10	124	Pionessella ARC	N6SR (+ N6OPB)	811-2	26	2,900	W8BPHL	Ebonaire ARS	249-2	10	698	Allegan Co ARC	K9CJQ	651-2	14	2,112			
Newport City RC	W1SYE	310-2	12	1,396	4A Battery	Suffolk Co RC	W2DQ (+ N2HJ)	870-5	30	7,530	N6SR (+ N6OPB)	KWARC	906-2	12	2,870	W8BPHL	NP2N (+ K2TWZ)	249-2	25	772	WACOM	AD3T	717-2	18	2,104		
Starling Rock Falls ARS	W9MEP	497-2	35	1,394	W2DQ (+ N2HJ)	Mason Dixon ARC	KB8S (+ N8JAG)	636-5	24	4,906	St Louis QRP Soc	N8ZZ (+ N8JZ)	507-5	13	4,410	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	AD3T	Scotland ARA	KBAA	648-2	26	2,053	
Nevada Co ARC	W8DD	387-2	12	1,382	KB8S (+ N8JAG)	St Louis QRP Soc	N8ZZ (+ N8JZ)	507-5	13	4,410	N8ZZ (+ N8JZ)	Central Organ RA	NR7Y (+ N7JZ)	442-5	6	3,252	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	AD3T	LaShoad ARC	VE3FW	873-1	12	1,942
Skyline ARC	W9WZ	382-2	16	1,382	N8ZZ (+ N8JZ)	Central Organ RA	NR7Y (+ N7JZ)	442-5	6	3,252	North Shores ARC	KB8HAI	787-2	28	2,848	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	Clark Co ARC	W7AIA	850-1	25	1,678		
North Shore ARC	VE3NSR	367-2	28	1,348	4A	Kettle Moraine RA	N9KS	3400-2	45	10,882	North Shores ARC	KB8HAI	787-2	28	2,848	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	ARC Silvertown	KD7X	833-2	24	1,840		
Mine Creek ARC	KB9CG (+ N8OIR)	319-2	17	1,338	N9KS	Scottsdale ARC	K7TR (+ KB7CGB)	3029-2	40	9,842	Antietam Radio Assn	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	Chicago ARC	W9CAF	426-2	40	1,778		
Cascade RC	W7EK	412-2	10	1,322	Scottsdale ARC	K7TR (+ KB7CGB)	3029-2	40	9,842	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	Genesee Co ARC	W8ACW (+ KA8TMC)	479-2	8	1,666				
Bethel Educational ARS	KA1KPT	260-2	12	1,320	Eastern Connecticut ARA	K1MUJ (+ KA1HTX)	2967-2	21	8,812	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W8ACW (+ KA8TMC)	479-2	8	1,666					
Irvedell Co	NG4X	410-2	21	1,320	Cary ARC	N4NC (+ KC4BDV)	2509-2	28	9,022	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	Mobile Slivers RC	W3AWA	344-2	19	1,548				
RA of Greater Eibridge	N2DM	693-1	9	1,318	N4NC (+ KC4BDV)	2509-2	28	9,022	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	Missionary Radio Network	KA8NLY	358-2	20	1,338					
Milwaukee RAC	W9PH	456-2	19	1,312	Sturdy Memorial Hospital ARC & Foxboro Co ARC	K1ZZJ (+ N1DZJ)	2549-2	40	8,740	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	Jefferson Barracks ARC	KBZFK	802-1	23	1,308				
Metrocrest ARS	KB5A (+ N5LJQ)	424-2	23	1,306	Pentagon ARC	K4AF (+ N4PVQ)	2790-2	20	8,506	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	KBZFK	Palesine/Anderson Co	W8ORW	92-2	30	908			
KB5A (+ N5LJQ)	American Airlines RC	KR5P	354-2	15	1,288	K4AF (+ N4PVQ)	2790-2	20	8,506	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W8ORW	92-2	30	908					
Thunder Bay ARC	K8CS	486-2	10	1,272	Westchester ECA	K2ZM (+ KB2APX)	2456-2	35	8,262	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	Yakima ARC	W7AQ	58-2	8	716				
NCG	WA6SLA	516-2	5	1,242	L'Anse Crouse ARC	KB80	2805-2	25	8,224	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716					
St Augustine ARS	W4WSS	412-2	15	1,224	Columbia ARA	WBTO (+ KA8WRC)	2507-2	30	7,946	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716					
W4WSS	W5LX	412-2	15	1,224	Columbia ARA	AA4V (+ N4QOG)	2782-2	44	7,776	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716					
W4WSS	W4M4ZD (+ W4NIT)	333-2	7	1,222	Wayne ARTS	WD8LLD (+ KB8CMQ)	2049-2	14	7,138	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716					
Irving ARC	KX5G (+ N5MFI)	327-2	28	1,210	WD8LLD (+ KB8CMQ)	2049-2	14	7,138	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716						
KX5G (+ N5MFI)	Trioga Co ARC	NQ3O (+ KA3TIN)	381-2	23	1,162	Cherryville Rpt Assn II	NR2R (+ KB2EEN)	2710-2	15	6,782	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716				
NQ3O (+ KA3TIN)	Elgin RC	WD9CVP	430-2	6	1,160	Riverside County ARA	W8TJ (+ KB8UNJ)	2059-2	42	5,700	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716				
WD9CVP	Wolland Co ARC	VE3WCA	251-2	10	1,144	CH-KY-IN ARS	K8SGH (+ KB8GPT)	2009-2	35	5,832	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716				
VE3WCA	Santa Cruz Co ARC	K8BJ (+ KB6VOO)	232-2	14	1,144	FI Worth Kilocycle Club	K5LJ (+ N5KEQ)	1872-2	20	5,596	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716				
K8BJ (+ KB6VOO)	Westcum ARC	VE1WRC	214-2	10	1,128	West Palm Beach ARC	W4HAW (+ N3CNK)	1941-2	50	5,524	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716				
VE1WRC	Geraldton ARC	VE3NHZ	363-2	4	1,126	Reservoir ARA	K8QYL	1863-2	25	5,448	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716				
VE3NHZ	Whitman ARC	W1A1NPO	306-2	18	1,114	Tuscarora ARA	K1D (+ KA5TIO)	1985-2	27	5,394	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716				
W1A1NPO	Kings Co Rpt Assn	AQ2Z	351-2	3	1,058	Alamance ARC	K4EG	1872-2	25	5,296	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716				
AQ2Z	Redwood ARC	NGAFT	276-2	10	1,050	Montgomery ARC	W4AP	1461-2	29	5,180	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716				
NGAFT	Copper Co RAA	W8CDZ	314-2	15	1,040	Sloux Empire ARC	W8ZWY (+ N8IHQ)	1393-2	30	4,782	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716				
W8CDZ	Clark Co ARA	W8OG	318-2	11	1,036	Sloux Empire ARC	W8ZWY (+ N8IHQ)	1393-2	30	4,782	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716				
W8OG	National Trail ARC	K8UXZ	274-2	12	982	Griffiss ARC	W4AZZS (+ KB2FBE)	1578-2	12	4,748	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716				
K8UXZ	Yellow Thunder ARC	W9BFDZ (+ KB9ANB)	212-2	7	958	San Andreas Faultline Survivors	NZ8N	1471-2	38	4,720	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716				
W9BFDZ (+ KB9ANB)	Tri-City RAC	W9VQN	325-2	14	950	NZ8N	1471-2	38	4,720	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716					
W9VQN	Southwest ARC	KF6TK	199-2	18	936	Greater Lawrence AR Fellowship	W1FW	1430-2	20	4,648	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716				
KF6TK	Golden Empire ARS	W6RHC	118-2	9	928	Ararat AR Shrine Club	A56L	1360-2	23	4,638	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716				
W6RHC	Cherhalis Valley ARS	W7A7UD (+ W7BIE)	224-2	9	902	Ararat AR Shrine Club	A56L	1360-2	23	4,638	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716				
W7A7UD (+ W7BIE)	Coastline ARA	NC1D	294-2	30	880	Ararat AR Shrine Club	A56L	1360-2	23	4,638	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716				
NC1D	High Plains ARC	W6GGP	239-2	8	876	Ararat AR Shrine Club	A56L	1360-2	23	4,638	W3CWC	839-2	15	2,638	NCG	WG7X (+ N7HNX)	119-2	4	738	W7AQ	58-2	8	716				
W6GGP	Sierra Foothills ARC	KJ6CA	119-2	9	860	Ararat AR Shrine Club	A56L																				

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 Area ARC
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 Lakes ARC
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 (+N8NFB) 1089-5-30-8,510

ARC
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 4082-2-31-11,920

2566-2-20-9,876

Tacoma
 (+N7KLX)
 A ARA 2505-2-35-7,842

1294-2-60-4,376

of Long Beach
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1117-2-69-3,968

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 Y (+KA8TZD) 779-2-20-3,108

enango Milk & Key Club
 588-2-20-2,778

ey ARS
 Z 702-2-36-2,734

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 J (+N6ONZ)
 ke Valley ARC
 CA (+KA4YU)
 Co AR FD
 1207-2-84-3,986

Coast ARC
 1045-2-45-3,804

n Ontario ARC
 LU 1039-2-20-3,720

n West HS ARC
 480-2-14-2,464

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 ster Co ARC
 2901-2-45-9,534

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 d ARS
 (+KB5BIM)
 9 Park ARC
 (+N4OOF)
 858-2-30-3,886

Jersey RA
 4528-2-40-13,082

o/Central Valley ARC
 822-2-24-3,058

ado Co ARC
 416-2-12-2,552

ridge Wireless
 (+KC4FUE)
 4791-2-55-13,646

Battery
 Valley ARC
 2920-5-34-21,015

ARC
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 n ARC
 R 2195-2-28-6,948

Springs RC
) 2502-2-58-8,642

22A Commercial
 Englewood ARA
 K2ND 94-2-10-606

One or Two Person Portable

1B-1 op Battery
 NU7B 408-5-4,585
 N6EKV1 323-5-3,830
 AA4YZ 399-5-3,380
 WB2MBM/3 330-5-3,050
 K4EJQ 300-5-3,000
 WA80WR 261-5-2,910
 KT5D 269-5-2,775
 AA1O 233-5-2,530
 K5ER 212-5-2,485
 NW7U 210-5-2,285
 NM7N 198-5-2,280
 K4RDU 157-5-1,770
 WA2DFU/5 132-5-1,720
 K7DFL 144-5-1,455
 N4UJ 154-5-1,405
 W9PNE 125-5-1,350
 K8ERL/6 240-5-1,200
 K4ZKMU 71-5-1,110
 WA9STU/6 135-5-1,090
 KQ1X 98-5-1,080
 K6LMN 171-5-1,055
 N6SBE 77-5-970
 WB5PAY 84-5-940
 KC8XR 67-5-770
 WBWEJ 105-5-625
 WB9HRO/6 47-5-570
 WB2DLA 22-5-420
 KA7BCCD 32-5-420
 K5VA 30-5-400
 K8BDZ 24-5-340
 N8DDX 43-5-315
 NR1A 14-5-240
 WD6DTK 10-5-200
 W6MHS 3-5-130
 KF6MU 18-5-120
 K5Q 23-5-115
 W4VE3EWK 3-6-115

1B-1 op
 W4NW8 834-2-3,436
 K3MD/1 700-2-3,210
 NG8F 549-2-2,708
 KT8Y 558-2-2,412
 WA5OYU 794-2-2,140
 K2TB 388-2-1,798
 AG5C 306-2-1,534
 W1NJM 356-2-1,524
 KA9EWN 240-2-1,248
 WA8UYB 237-2-1,220
 W7GKF 484-2-1,168
 KM4AK 353-2-1,006
 N9HKD 333-2-858
 W6CBA 149-2-850
 K6CWW 239-2-778
 VE2QST 678-2-676
 W6NA 169-2-664
 W8MGH 419-1-619
 WA4GNR 154-2-616
 NQ8T 205-2-610
 WB5IUG 149-2-608
 WIFZ2 (WA2QIC,op) 99-2-598
 N4QNF 149-2-490
 KD7RX 186-2-478
 WB3GEM 232-2-464
 K6AQE 180-2-460
 KE8SJ 168-2-436
 WB8LWJ 154-2-408
 W8SG 100-2-400
 WB5KPF 131-2-382
 KA8KKV 30-5-300
 K6WX 44-2-288
 WA3TTI 123-2-248
 N3DXJ 43-2-192
 WD4CBZ 40-2-188
 K9HYG 68-2-136

1B-1 op Commercial
 WD5V 189-2-422
 N4RNJ 128-2-358
 KD8AC 148-2-296
 W1AUMA 51-2-194
 WB8ULZ 45-2-180
 WB4KSL 119-1-178

1B-2 ops Battery
 NC7B (+ND7A) 473-5-4,670
 N9ACD (+WB9AMJ) 620-5-4,570
 W7EL (+K0ED) 388-5-4,090
 W6BFSF0 (+WB8LJE) 338-5-3,620
 N11L (+WB2AMU) 321-5-3,240
 NZ7Q (+N7JUP) 291-5-3,210
 K9YL (+N9FVN) 378-5-2,945
 NK1I (+N1FJ) 271-5-2,920
 AH8V 269-5-2,790
 K7VYY (+N7KCP) 242-5-2,715
 K8AF (+KB9MQ) 322-5-2,635
 NR5A (+WB9WGS) 239-5-2,520
 K7J (+WB6APL) 339-5-2,225
 KB4GID (+N4LDZ) 182-5-2,200
 N5AE (+KF9QE) 216-5-1,635
 NSJPX (+AL7GQ) 215-5-1,615
 W7LG (+KA7HCL) 82-5-1,215
 VE3HIE (+VE3OBS) 86-5-1,180
 KJ6AK (+KU8N) 130-5-1,050
 VE1AGZ (+VE1BXI) 92-5-1,020
 NN9H (+KA9MOU) 69-5-890

AA5AC (+KB5DBJ) 98-5-780
 NDDET (+N5HSG) 37-5-470

1B-2 ops
 W8TK (+WB8AUB) 1107-2-5,000
 N7AZ (+WB7SRQ) 1394-2-4,382
 W9LNO (+N8ALC) 843-2-2,740
 WA4CEI (+KB4BVC) 1000-2-2,410
 WD8L 493-2-2,364
 K5TMS (+K5FNJ) 1327-1-1,843
 AD7L (+KA7WDM) 420-2-1,840
 WE2Y (+WB2GWA) 515-2-1,900
 K8RYU (+KA8YZT) 556-2-1,784
 NM8X 596-2-1,718
 N6MZH (+N6QLZ) 557-2-1,614
 K16YX (+KB6SMK) 657-2-1,558
 AB0Y (+KP4DR) 359-2-1,524
 WTSU (+WN5ET) 338-2-1,280
 KA1QDXO (+N1EYO) 235-2-1,240
 W1HBP (+WB1FAW) 398-2-1,200
 WA4YQD (+WB4UIE) 491-2-1,192
 WA7QDK (+W7LTN) 962-1-1,162
 K8BP (+WB0LZ) 509-2-1,118
 N8FLK (+N8AZD) 399-2-1,108
 VE6FO (+VE9BOA) 575-1-1,009
 K84PLH (+WB8LGH) 427-2-960
 N6KFS (+WB6WE) 286-2-940
 AA5EQ (+KB5CUS) 336-2-896
 AB4GB (+N4QBF) 381-2-882
 AH8CD (+NH6GP) 389-2-878
 KA6NEU (+KA7CMP) 184-2-844
 N5LHF (+N5LWS) 356-2-812
 N5KCI (+W5WSN) 156-2-612
 WB0U (+WB9MBD) 123-2-582
 WA8YRS (+WA8CHN) 222-2-544
 KD9JB (+WB9NQD) 171-2-542
 W7DHS (+N7EDQ) 111-2-516
 W3LPQ (+KA3ITV) 178-2-452
 KB8CPC9 (+KB8CPD) 121-2-342
 AA4QA (+WB9IVR) 58-2-342
 KB2XP (+KB2ALL) 51-2-302
 N1EBT (+W1AIM) 58-2-216
 K5PA (+N5KRW) 57-2-214
 KC4UJ (+KA5B) 55-2-210
 WB8IXT (+KA7RZW) 11-2-122

1B-2 ops Commercial
 NJ9C (+A9Q) 618-2-2,180
 N4OHV (+KB4QNR) 387-2-884

2B-1 op
 WA6RND 155-2-1,110
 KA3PMK 113-2-684

2B-2 ops Battery
 N3AE (+WA2SOC) 738-5-5,810
 W8UJ (+K8WRY) 448-5-3,635
 N06B (+WB6VRN) 548-5-3,130
 N6M8Y (+KB6MEP) 282-5-2,225
 VE2ABO (+VE2ALZ) 37-5-870
 WD6CLZ (+K8ZYU) 57-5-485
 KA8NRC (+KA8ODP) 45-5-455

2B-2 ops
 W2GD (+K2NJ) 2580-2-8,814
 K8GVJ (+KB8QJ) 1096-2-3,848
 W2AVZ/3
 (K2RMY,K2UKM,ops) 640-2-2,484
 K8BXJ7 (+W1EJ) 369-2-1,614
 KCADBS (+KC4E0G) 523-2-1,450
 NTR8 (+KB8ND) 377-2-1,324
 KJ6FD (+KB8NLQ) 311-2-1,126
 WB5OAP (+WB5OAO) 262-2-938
 K08S (+KB8AM) 165-2-718
 ND8TR (+KA0LJ) 187-2-634
 N4QLD (+N4GBK) 74-2-482
 K80BS (+WB8AXW) 36-2-274
 KA8CBQ (+WD8CXB) 31-2-172

2B-2 ops Commercial
 KJ8I (+KB8DRR) 556-2-2,046
 VE1QST
 (VE18 BQO,GA,ops) 636-2-1,912

Mobile Stations

1C
 K4MF 525-5-2-4,620
 N6FL 450-5-2-4,205
 K3KMO 370-5-1-3,580
 NN5O 320-5-3-3,080
 W6J 725-3-2-824
 WD5N 203-5-1-1,840
 K4VYF 168-5-2-1,680
 KB7NV 175-5-2-1,210
 VE8NW 488-2-1-976
 AB4FX 277-2-2-554
 N6GII 241-2-1-482
 N7ICV 214-2-1-436
 W3FG 46-2-1-180
 WA1TXJ 81-2-2-162
 KB8UUA 61-8-10-122
 KB2C/4 47-3-1-94
 KA7FEF 23-2-1-92
 W2MTA (+W2BCH) 39-2-2-78
 K9OCU 38-2-1-78
 KA7EE 18-2-1-72
 N1EWB/5 34-2-1-68
 N5MAX 16-2-1-32

2C
 KR4M 749-2-4-2,900
 W2UB 180-2-8-562
 VE3J 219-2-6-448

4C
 N9BAC 18-2-2-36

Home Station Commercial Power 1D
 KF4FZ 1342-2-2-4,210
 W5LTR 1540-2-3-3,420
 W3GB 1778-1-4-2,885
 K9CCV 709-2-1-2,570
 K5ZD/3 1899-1-1-2,348
 KK4QX 1101-2-1-2,202
 KV3D 755-2-18-1,842
 K9Z0 1706-1-1-1,771
 K4OAO 418-2-1-1,672
 WD4AHZ 459-2-1-1,554
 WB5TFM 418-2-1-1,494
 KS7T 380-2-1-1,440
 WA3RGH 693-2-3-1,386
 WA2LBT 440-2-1-1,332
 NTBA 413-2-2-1,324
 ND4Y 464-2-1-1,100
 N8FFZ 247-2-1-988
 KF4GW 467-2-2-934
 WB2FGZ 200-2-1-800
 VE2CMV 523-1-1-704
 KB4DCG 343-2-1-688
 NJ1Q 275-2-1-688
 NW4G 191-2-1-686
 KA9VNH 200-2-1-650
 KJ4YS 314-2-1-628
 N5GW 158-2-1-624
 N1DJX 287-2-1-574
 NF3I 223-2-1-572
 WB2NRK 317-1-1-507
 KB8BFA 242-2-4-488
 KB9PJU 177-2-1-480
 W4HMV 140-2-1-470
 W3BUC 226-2-1-458
 NG1J 131-2-1-456
 NT2X 224-2-1-444
 W6SV 245-1-1-444
 AB1U 215-2-1-430
 KD2HE 108-2-1-408
 KD5XH 401-1-1-401
 WB8EJN 110-2-1-368
 WB3BRF 106-2-1-366
 KE9S 179-2-1-358
 W8YNY 92-2-1-358
 WA5YX 179-2-1-358
 KA4DBZ 129-2-1-332
 KB2R 146-2-2-320
 W8DSG 110-2-1-302
 KA5VZG 149-2-1-298
 W8DNY 145-1-1-290
 N4HF 121-1-1-282
 K9NI 218-1-1-280
 K1KQ 135-2-1-270
 N9GMM 127-2-1-258
 K8LMD 128-2-2-256
 N4SQZ 254-1-1-254
 KAAMAP 123-2-2-250
 K5EIS 112-2-2-242
 WD5CWZ 117-2-1-234
 WB2JTE 109-2-1-218
 WA8HRK 108-2-1-216
 KA3LCP 105-2-1-214
 AB8I/4 105-1-1-210
 WB4DVN 103-2-1-208
 KB7DWA 86-2-1-202
 KB4XE 66-2-1-190
 W7LNG 47-2-1-178
 WA3SQU 44-2-1-178
 W8V7B 48-2-1-168
 W6YVK 78-2-1-156
 KA1DSQ 148-1-1-148
 N8JZZ 74-2-1-148
 AA2L 146-1-1-146
 W8IZV 38-2-1-144
 KB5EYC 70-2-10-144
 WB6YE 71-2-1-142
 N8HSC 52-2-1-140
 KB9PA 62-2-1-126
 WB9NWP 59-2-1-124
 N9GGE 41-2-2-122
 K2HVN 60-2-1-120
 WALEP 55-2-1-110
 A88V 25-3-1-100
 K17F/6 47-2-1-94
 VE2CMC 46-2-1-92
 K88CEK 78-1-1-79
 VE3NCK 38-2-1-76
 W5JUJ 32-2-1-64
 WB4ZHZ 29-2-1-58
 K8VSR 28-2-1-56
 VE4ATC 53-1-1-53
 K43GX 24-1-1-48
 K4VAF 23-2-1-48
 K6GBH 23-2-1-46
 K8BAD 17-2-1-34
 W4KM 18-1-1-33
 N78O 7-8-2-24
 WB4WDX 10-2-1-20
 KA1VW 18-1-2-18
 K8SWJZ 7-2-1-14
 N2HT 6-2-1-12
 WA4WEN 6-2-1-12
 K5HIM 10-1-1-10
 N08Y 3-2-1-6
 WA1ZXX 2-2-1-4

2D
 NQ2F 487-2-14-1,588
 K18S 506-2-18-1,272
 NM8N 474-2-2-864

KM3D 329-2-7-850
 W6DTV 315-2-7-830
 W6DUY 287-2-9-578
 WB9SVK 276-2-9-568
 KA1ST 205-2-5-410
 WB8AP 171-8-8-342
 K8SUR 98-2-7-198
 N8EDV 51-2-2-102
 N7ELF 47-1-11-47

3D
 WBXQ 1483-2-12-4,818
 WBSUN 1300-2-3-3,254
 KB8N 363-2-3-1,000
 AK7L 470-2-10-968
 W1AW 742-1-4-938
 K5OZ 358-2-10-788
 WB3KQK 40-2-1-80
 NN3S1 14-2-1-36

4D
 KO4J 1185-2-14-2,482
 NX9I 579-2-12-1,158
 WB6KYQ 283-2-8-548

Home Station Emergency Power 1E
 KR8B 1525-5-3-11,490
 N5TR 1348-5-3-10,835
 KV9I 1548-2-1-4,080
 N4IV 373-5-2-3,720
 KK4O 482-6-6-2,805
 W3ZE 1331-6-5-2,882
 K88S 1819-1-3-2,560
 K8CV 242-5-1-2,415
 W5ORM 239-5-1-2,390
 K8LL7 1872-1-32-2,311
 W3LIF 764-2-9-2,298
 NAHWL 441-5-1-2,205
 VE2FOT 884-2-3-1,984
 KD7E 489-2-1-1,722
 W4WKQ 430-2-1-1,324
 WA2DHF 612-2-1-1,292
 KZ5UJ 151-5-1-1,285
 W8RT 113-5-1-1,130
 W2WQE 280-2-1-1,120
 N5CQF 105-5-1-1,050
 K5DF 95-5-1-950
 W5DFW 252-2-1-942
 W6PR 284-2-1-940
 N2SV 230-2-1-920
 NHFC 229-2-1-910
 K83-5-1-890
 VE2DZS 889-1-1-869
 K8H6J 85-5-1-850
 W5AFDK 341-2-1-830
 K8RV 203-2-1-812
 N8GL 173-2-1-692
 N1ES 61-5-1-610
 WB8JUEY 295-2-1-600
 WN7Y 84-5-2-535
 N6NF 173-2-1-528
 K4VY 98-5-2-506
 248-2-1-496
 W2CVW 60-5-1-495
 W4GOG 116-2-1-484
 K8JDM 142-2-2-458
 K1TTW 186-2-2-448
 W88QBC 184-2-8-386
 VE7FB 147-2-2-294
 W6YVK 50-5-1-280
 W1TS 117-9-1-256
 WA2FZ 41-5-1-236
 K5SDF 103-2-2-206
 WB6YYZ 93-2-1-200
 W7DF 28-5-1-190
 W1SE 83-2-2-188
 NL7HT 71-8-1-142
 N4MUJ 11-5-2-110
 WB4CKY 50-2-1-100
 WA8GFR 16-5-1-80

2E
 WB8JBM 1419-5-4-11,080
 WK4D 3064-2-6-8,122
 N6MI 1082-2-2-3,182
 W7F8 2845-1-3-2,887
 K8OH 252-5-4-2,520
 W8NS 711-2-29-2,340
 W8BM 2180-1-15-2,170
 W3AD 541-2-9-1,968
 WD4IO 419-2-9-1,406
 K8BLF 353-2-2-1,356
 K8QHK 259-2-14-598
 KA9MOM 236-2-3-482
 KB6TR 192-2-10-422
 K9ONA 165-2-3-354
 K9YHB 123-2-5-250

3E
 W1XN 1100-2-3-3,288
 KD8SA 379-2-8-758
 K6EAG 154-2-11-374

4E
 W1EO 819-2-9-2,420

Checklogs
 KA1OFC, N2FZS, K4ZRH, W68TM,
 VE3AWWB, W7LQU, KR8L, W8UVU, N2ZF,
 VE8CM

First ARRL RTTY Roundup Announcement

Packet—Baudot—AMTOR—ASCII

Many digital communication choices await participants in this year's **NEW RTTY Roundup**. This is the **FIRST** annual all-digital contest sponsored by the ARRL.

The object of the RTTY Roundup is to work as many digital stations as you can worldwide on any of the allowed digital modes within the allotted time period. QSO point totals are multiplied by the total number of different states + VE provinces + DXCC countries worked. So, it pays to try different bands to work into different areas. Remember, multipliers count only once (*not* once per band), but you can rework the same station on a different band for additional QSO points. You may operate more than one digital mode during the contest, but QSOs and multipliers may only be counted once regardless of mode.

One of the most exciting twists of this contest is packet radio. Packet stations are reminded that contacts for contest credit may *not* be made using digipeaters.

In addition to the competitive aspects of a digital-only contest, it is also a great chance to work new states, provinces and countries for awards.

Even if you've never operated an SSB or CW contest before, jump in—it's fun! You can read all about contesting and digital operation in *The ARRL Operating Manual* or *ARRL Handbook*, available from your local dealer or direct from ARRL HQ.

Getting Ready

Okay, you want to give the ARRL RTTY Roundup a try. What next?

1) For starters, carefully read the rules published here.

2) Get the proper paperwork. ARRL offers a package of forms to help you organize your contest entry. You wouldn't dream of doing your tax return on a sheet of notebook paper, right? Here's what you'll need:

- *Log sheets* for keeping track of your contest contacts. These special log sheets have spaces for all of the information that you need to record for each QSO.

- *Dupe sheets* to help you organize, in alphanumeric order, the call signs of stations contacted. If you fill out the dupe sheet as you operate, you can tell at a glance whether or not you've contacted a station before. You'll need one per band.

- *Summary sheet* to help you figure out your final score. The summary sheet is very important because it also helps us get your

Recommended HF Digital Operating Frequencies (kHz)

North and South America	Europe/Africa
3590 RTTY DX 3605-3645	3580-3620
7040 RTTY DX 7080-7100	7035-7045
14,070-14,099.5 21,070-21,100 28,070-28,150	14,080-14,100 21,080-21,120 28,050-28,150

Recommended Novice Digital Operating Frequencies (kHz)

10 meters: 28100-28150*	suggested simplex packet-radio frequencies: 28,102.3 28,104.3
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*Authorized power output 200-watts maximum for Novices/Techs *only* on the 10-meter Novice subband.

Starting/Ending Time Conversion

	UTC	EST	CST	MST	PST
Starts Saturday, January 7, 1989	1800	1 PM	12 PM	11 AM	10 AM
Ends Sunday, January 8, 1989	2400	7 PM	6 PM	5 PM	4 PM

Canadian Multipliers

Prefix	Province	Prefix	Province
VO1/VO2	NFLD/LAB	VE4	MB
VE1	NB	VE5	SK
VE1	NS	VE6	AB
VE1	PEI	VE7	BC
VE2	PQ	VE8	NWT
VE3	ON	VY1	YUKON

score listed correctly in *QST*.

You can get your package by sending a no. 10 (business size) SASE (with two units of First Class postage) to ARRL RTTY Roundup Forms, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. Each package includes one summary sheet, one dupe sheet and three log sheets. Each log sheet has room for 200 contacts. Feel free to make photocopies as necessary. Send for your forms package now so you'll have it in time for the contest.

Rules

1) **Object:** Contact and exchange QSO information with as many stations as possible on digital modes. **Any station may work any other station.**

2) **Contest Period:** First full weekend of January. Begins 1800 UTC Saturday, January 7, and ends 2400 UTC Sunday, January 8, 1989. Operate no more than 24 hours. Two rest periods (for a combined total of 6 hours) must be taken in two single blocks of time, clearly marked in the log.

3) **Modes:** Amateurs may use the following modes: Baudot RTTY, ASCII, AMTOR and Packet (attended operation only!)

4) **Bands:** All amateur bands 3.5 to 30 MHz (excluding 10, 18 and 24 MHz).

5) Entry categories

(A) **Single Operator, multi band**—One person performs all operating and logging functions. Use of spotting nets (operating arrangements involving assistance through DX-alerting nets, etc) is not permitted. Single-operator stations are allowed only one transmitted signal at any given time.

1. less than 150 W output
2. 150 W output or more

(B) **Multioperator, single transmitter only**—More than one person operates, checks for duplicates, keeps the log, etc. Once the station has begun operation on a given band, it must remain on that band for at least 10 minutes; listening time counts as operating

time. Multioperator stations are allowed only one transmitted signal at any given time.

6) Exchange

For United States: Signal report and State.
For Canada: Signal report and Province.
For DX: Signal report and serial number, starting with 001.

Note: Both stations must receive and acknowledge the complete exchange for the contact to count.

7) Scoring

(A) **QSO Points:** Count one point for each completed QSO (anyone can work anyone). A station may be worked once **per band** for QSO credit (but not for additional multipliers).

(B) **Multiplier:** Count only once (not once per band), each US state (except KH6 and KL7), each VE province (plus VE8 and VY1) and each DXCC country. KH6 and KL7 count only as separate DXCC countries. The US or Canada do not count as DXCC countries.

8) **Miscellaneous:** Crossband and cross-mode contacts are not permitted. Packet radio contacts made through digipeaters or gateways are not permitted.

9) **Reporting:** Contest forms (log sheets, summary sheet, dupe sheet) are available from ARRL HQ for an SASE with two units of First Class postage. Official forms are recommended. Any entry making more than 200 total QSOs must submit duplicate check sheets (an alphabetical listing of stations worked). Incomplete or late entries will be classified as check logs and are not eligible for competition or awards. Logs should indicate dates, QSO times, on and off times, call signs of stations worked, complete exchange sent and received for each contact, and band. Postmark your entry within 30 days after the contest ends (by February 8, 1989). Send entries to: ARRL Contest Branch, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

10) **Awards:** Distinctive certificates will be awarded to: Top high-power and low-power Single-operator and Multi-operator scorers in each ARRL/CRRL Section; Top high-power and low-power Single-operator and Multi-operator scorers in each DXCC country (other than W/VE); each Novice and Technician entrant; each entrant making at least 50 QSOs.

11) Conditions of Entry

(A) Each entrant agrees to be bound by the provisions as well as the intent of this announcement, the regulations of his/her licensing authority and the decisions of the ARRL Awards Committee.

Rules, ARRL 10-Meter Contest

Rules

1) **Object:** For amateurs worldwide to exchange QSO information with as many stations as possible on 28 MHz.

2) **Contest Period:** Second full weekend of December (December 10-11, 1988). Starts 0000 UTC Saturday; ends 2400 UTC Sunday. All stations operate no more than 36 hours out of the 48-hour period. Listening time counts as operating time.

3) Categories

(A) **Single operator:** One person performs all operating and logging functions. Use of spotting nets (operator arrangements involving assistance though DX-alerting nets, etc) is not permitted.

(1) Mixed mode (phone and CW)

(2) Phone only

(3) CW only

(B) **Multioperator:** Single transmitter, mixed mode only. Those obtaining any form of assistance, such as relief operators, loggers or use of spotting nets.

4) Contest Exchange

(A) W/VE stations (including KH6/KL7) send signal report and state or province (District of Columbia is a separate multiplier). Novice and Technician stations sign /N or /T.

(B) DX stations (including KH2/KP4, etc) transmit signal report and serial number starting with 001.

(C) Maritime or aeronautical mobile stations send signal report and ITU Region (1, 2 or 3).

5) Scoring

(A) **QSO points:** Count two points for each complete two-way phone QSO. Count four points for each two-way CW QSO. Count eight points for CW QSOs with US Novice or Technician stations signing /N or /T (28.1 to 28.3 MHz only).

(B) **Multipliers:** Fifty US states (plus District of Columbia), Canadian call areas (VE1-8, VY1, VO1-2), DXCC countries (except the US and Canada), ITU regions (maritime and aeronautical mobiles only) per mode (phone and CW).

(C) **Final Score:** Multiply QSO points by total multipliers (the sum of states/VE call areas/DXCC countries/ITU regions per mode). Example: W1XX works 2245 stations including 1305 phone QSOs, 930 non-Novice CW QSOs, 10 Novice CW QSOs, for a total of 6410 QSO points. He works 49 states, 10 Canadian call areas, 23 DXCC countries and a maritime mobile station in Region 2 on phone and 30 states, 8 Canadian call areas, and 19 DXCC countries on CW for a total multiplier of 140. Final score = 6410 (QSO points) × 140 (multiplier) = 897,400 points.

6) Miscellaneous

(A) Call signs and exchange information must be received by each station for a complete QSO.

(B) No cross-mode contacts; CW QSOs must be made below 28.3 MHz.

(C) Single-operator mixed-mode and multioperator stations may work stations once on CW and once on SSB

(D) Your call sign must indicate your DXCC country (K6LL in Arizona need not

Sample 10-Meter Contest Exchanges

Phone

CQ Contest CQ Contest
From Kilo-Alfa-Five-Whiskey-Mike-Juliet
KA5WMJ

N7IPG Thank you
You're 59 Texas

November-Seven-India-Papa-Golf

Roger, you're 59 Utah
N7IPG

QSL, QRZed
KA5-Whiskey-Mike-Juliet

CW

CQ Test CQ Test
DE KA5WMJ KA5WMJ/N

DE N7IPG/T

N7IPG/T
599 TX

R 599 UT N7IPG/T

R TU KA5WMJ/N QRZ

send K6LL/7, but K1JD in Hawaii must send K1JD/KH6).

(E) One operator may not use more than one call sign from any given location during the contest period.

(F) All entrants may transmit only one signal on the air at any given time.

(G) The use of non-Amateur Radio means of communication (eg, telephone) for the purpose of soliciting a contact (or contacts) during the contest period is inconsistent with the spirit and intent of this announcement.

(H) A transmitter used to contact one or more stations may not subsequently be used under any other call during the contest period (with the exception of family stations where more than one call is assigned by FCC/Comm Canada [ex DOC]).

7) Reporting

(A) Official forms are recommended (available from ARRL HQ for an SASE with two units of first class postage or 4 IRCs).

(B) Logs must indicate time in UTC, mode, call and exchange for each QSO.

Multipliers should be clearly marked in the log the first time worked. Entries with more than 500 QSOs must include cross-checking sheets (dupe sheets).

(C) Postmark your entry by January 11, 1989.

8) **Awards:** A certificate will be awarded to the highest-scoring single-operator station (in each category) from each ARRL Section and DXCC country. The top scoring Novice/Technician station (in each category) in each ARRL Section will be awarded certificates. Top multioperator entries in each ARRL Division and each continent will receive certificates. Additional certificates will be awarded as participation warrants.

9) Condition of Entry

(A) Each entrant agrees to be bound by the provisions, as well as the intent, of this announcement, the regulations of his or her licensing authority and the decisions of the ARRL Awards Committee.

(B) **Disqualifications:** Excess duplicates and call sign/exchange errors. See January 1988 QST for complete details.

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SOUTHEAST ASIA NETWORK CONVENTION

□ The Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST) invites all amateurs to the 16th Annual Southeast Asia Network Convention (SEANET 88) to be held at the Ambassador

Hotel in Bangkok November 11-13. The main purpose of the convention is to give SEANET participants a chance for eyeball QSOs. There will be lectures, discussions and commercial exhibits. Special events include Thai classical dancing, a grand banquet, buffet luncheon and a RAST station at the Hotel. RAST will offer arrangements for shopping and sightseeing tours. For more information contact: RAST Secretary, PO Box 2008, Bangkok, Thailand.

Rules, ARRL 160-Meter Contest

Rules

1) **Object:** For amateurs worldwide to exchange information with W/VE amateurs on 1.8-MHz CW only. DX-to-DX QSOs are not permitted for contest credit.

2) **Contest Period:** 2200 UTC December 2 until 1600 UTC December 4. Forty-two-hour period with no time limitation.

3) Categories

(A) **Single operator:** One person performs all transmitting, receiving, spotting and logging functions.

(B) **Multioperator:** Single transmitter only. Those obtaining any form of assistance, such as relief operators, loggers or use of spotting nets.

4) Contest Exchange

(A) W/VE: Signal report and ARRL Section.

(B) DX: Signal report. Country name is obvious from the prefix. Send ITU Region if maritime or aeronautical mobile.

5) Scoring

(A) **QSO Points:** Two points for QSOs with amateurs in an ARRL Section. W/VE stations count five points for DX QSOs.

(B) **Multipliers:** ARRL Sections plus VE8/VY1 (maximum of 76) and DXCC countries (W/VE participants only).

(C) **Final Score:** Multiply QSO points by multiplier. Example: K1MM works 357 stations, including 13 DX stations, and has a

multiplier of 67. His score would be 753 QSO points [(344 × 2) + (13 × 5)] multiplied by 67 for 50,451 points.

6) Miscellaneous

(A) Participants are reminded that the segment 1.830 to 1.850 should be used for intercontinental QSOs only, in conformance with ARRL band plan.

(B) The use of non-Amateur Radio means of communication (eg, telephone) for the purpose of soliciting a contact (or contacts) during the contest period is inconsistent with the spirit and intent of this announcement.

7) Reporting

(A) Official forms are recommended (available from ARRL HQ for an SASE or two IRCs).

(B) Logs must indicate time in UTC, call and full exchange. Multipliers should be clearly marked in the log the first time worked. Entries with more than 200 QSOs must include cross-check sheets (dupe sheets).

(C) Postmark your entry by January 4, 1989.

8) **Awards:** A certificate will be awarded to the top-scoring single-operator station in each ARRL Section and DXCC country, and to the top-scoring multioperator stations in each ARRL Division and continent.

9) Condition of Entry

(A) Each entrant agrees to be bound by the provisions, as well as the intent, of this announcement, the regulations of his or her licensing authority and the decisions of the ARRL Awards Committee.

(B) **Disqualifications:** Excess duplicates and call sign/exchange errors. See January 1988 *QST* for complete details.

W1AW Schedule

October 30, 1988—April 2, 1989 MTWThFSsn = Days of Week Dy = Daily

W1AW code practice and bulletin transmissions are sent on the following schedule:

UTC	Slow Code Practice	MWF: 0300, 1400; TThS: 0000; TThSSn: 2100; Sn: 0300
	Fast Code Practice	MWF: 0000, 2100; TTh: 0300, 1400; S: 0300; Sn: 0000
	CW Bulletins	Dy: 0100, 0400, 2200; MTWThF: 1500
	Teleprinter Bulletins	Dy: 0200, 0500, 2300; MTWThF: 1600
	Voice Bulletins	Dy: 0230, 0530
EST	Slow Code Practice	MWF: 9 AM, 7 PM; TThSSn: 4 PM, 10 PM
	Fast Code Practice	MWF: 4 PM, 10 PM; TTh: 9 AM; TThSSn: 7 PM
	CW Bulletins	Dy: 5 PM, 8 PM, 11 PM; MTWThF: 10 AM
	Teleprinter Bulletins	Dy: 6 PM, 9 PM, 12 PM; MTWThF: 11 AM
	Voice Bulletins	Dy: 9:30 PM, 12:30 AM
CST	Slow Code Practice	MWF: 8 AM, 6 PM; TThSSn: 3 PM, 9 PM
	Fast Code Practice	MWF: 3 PM, 9 PM; TTh: 8 AM; TThSSn: 6 PM
	CW Bulletins	Dy: 4 PM, 7 PM, 10 PM; MTWThF: 9 AM
	Teleprinter Bulletins	Dy: 5 PM, 8 PM, 11 PM; MTWThF: 10 AM
	Voice Bulletins	Dy: 8:30 PM, 11:30 PM
MST	Slow Code Practice	MWF: 7 AM, 5 PM; TThSSn: 2 PM, 8 PM
	Fast Code Practice	MWF: 2 PM, 8 PM; TTh: 7 AM; TThSSn: 5 PM
	CW Bulletins	Dy: 3 PM, 6 PM, 9 PM; MTWThF: 8 AM
	Teleprinter Bulletins	Dy: 4 PM, 7 PM, 10 PM; MTWThF: 9 AM
	Voice Bulletins	Dy: 7:30 PM, 10:30 PM
PST	Slow Code Practice	MWF: 6 AM, 4 PM; TThSSn: 1 PM, 7 PM
	Fast Code Practice	MWF: 1 PM, 7 PM; TTh: 6 AM; TThSSn: 4 PM
	CW Bulletins	Dy: 2 PM, 5 PM, 8 PM; MTWThF: 7 AM
	Teleprinter Bulletins	Dy: 3 PM, 6 PM, 9 PM; MTWThF: 8 AM
	Voice Bulletins	Dy: 6:30 PM, 9:30 PM

Code practice, Qualifying Run and CW bulletin frequencies: 1.818, 3.58, 7.08, 14.07, 21.08, 28.08, 50.08, 147.555 MHz.

Teleprinter bulletin frequencies: 3.625, 7.095, 14.095, 21.095, 28.095, 147.555 MHz.

Voice bulletin frequencies: 1.89, 3.99, 7.29, 14.29, 21.39, 28.59, 50.19, 147.555 MHz.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1400 through 2200 UTC, transmissions are beamed to Europe on 14, 21 and 28 MHz.

Slow code practice is at 5, 7½, 10, 13 and 15 WPM.

Fast code practice is at 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 WPM.

Code practice texts are from *QST*, and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds. For example, "Text is from July 1988 *QST*, pages 9 and 87." Indicates that the main text is from the article on page 9 and the mixed number/letter groups at the end of each speed are from the contest scores on page 87.

On Fridays, UTC, a DX bulletin replaces the regular bulletin transmissions.

On Tuesdays and Saturdays at 2330 UTC, Keplerian Elements for active amateur satellites will be sent on the regular teleprinter frequencies.

Teleprinter bulletins are 45.45-baud Baudot, 110-baud ASCII and 100-baud AMTOR, FEC mode. Baudot, ASCII and AMTOR (in that order) are sent during all 1600 UTC transmissions, and 2300 UTC on WThFSn. During other transmission times, AMTOR is sent only as time permits.

CW bulletins are sent at 18 WPM.

W1AW is open for visitors Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 1 AM EST and on Saturday and Sunday from 3:30 PM to 1 AM EST. If you desire to operate W1AW, be sure to bring a copy of your license with you.

W1AW is available for operation by visitors between 1 and 4 PM Monday through Friday.

In a communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: voice on the hour, teleprinter at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.

W1AW will be closed on November 24 and 25, December 25 and 26, January 1 and 2, February 20 and March 24.

Major reconstruction at W1AW is expected to begin soon. Some or all of the scheduled transmissions and visitor operating periods may be preempted at times. Check W1AW bulletins for up-to-date information.

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THE ARRL PROGRAM FOR THE DISABLED

□ Scenario: Your Novice class has a blind student who is unable to use print study materials. Sure, you could read appropriate passages of the textbooks aloud in class, but how can the student study at home? Answer: Get these materials in other-than-printed forms. The ARRL Program for the Disabled publishes a guide that lists organizations and companies that produce books such as *The ARRL Handbook*, the *License Manuals* and others in Braille, cassette or flexible-disc form. The guide has a wealth of other information of interest to the handicapped amateur community: lists of on-the-air nets for hams with disabilities, sources of specially adapted operating aids and devices, relevant *QST* reprints and organizations that have an interest in Amateur Radio and the handicapped. Basic information for the aspiring Novice is also provided. For more information and a copy of the program guide, write to the ARRL Program for the Disabled, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111, or contact your regional National Library Service for an audio version of the guide. *QST* is also available from the NLS on flexible disks.

Contest Corral

Conducted By Mark Gamble, N1FOZ
Assistant Contest Manager, ARRL

NOVEMBER

2

West Coast Qualifying Run, 10-35 WPM, at 0500Z Nov 3 (9 PM PST Nov 2). W6OWP prime, W6ZRJ alternate. Frequency is approximately 3.590 MHz. Underline one minute of the highest speed you copied, certify that your copy was made without aid and send to ARRL HQ for grading. Please include your full name, call sign (if any) and complete mailing address. A large SASE will help expedite your award or endorsement.

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CRRL Fall Sprints, 1296 MHz, see Oct *QST*, p 107.

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ARRL November Sweepstakes, CW, see Oct *QST*, p 106.

QST QSO Award Party, phone, see Oct *QST*, p 108.

Ten-Ten International Net, see Oct *QST*, p 108.

IPA-Radio Club Contest, sponsored by the International Police ARC, from 0600Z-1000Z and 1400Z-1800Z (CW) Nov 5; 0600Z-1000Z and 1400Z-1800Z (PH) Nov 6. Frequencies: (CW) 3.575 7.025 14.075 21.075 28.075, (PH) 3.650 7.075 14.275 21.275 28.575, (DX) 3.775-3.800 7.075-7.100. Non-IPA members work IPA members only. Exchange signal report and serial number. US stations also send state. IPA members send IPA as part of exchange. Work stations once per mode on each band. Count 1 point per QSO with non-IPA members and 5 points per QSO with IPA members. Multiply by sum of IPA countries/states worked per band. Mail entries by Dec 31 to Thomas Jenkins, WA8VDC, 4828 Elm, Newport, MI 48166. For further information send SASE to WA8VDC at the same address.

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W1AW Qualifying Run, 10-35 WPM, at 0300Z Nov 10 (10 PM EST Nov 9). Transmitted simultaneously on 1.818 3.58 7.08 14.07 21.08 28.08 50.08 147.555 MHz. See Nov 2 listing for further details.

CRRL Fall Sprints, 2304 MHz, see Oct *QST*, p 107.

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Japan International DX Contest, phone, see Oct *QST*, p 108.

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ALARA Contest, sponsored by the Australian Ladies' ARA from 0001Z to 2359Z Nov 12. Open to all licensed operators as well as SWLs throughout the world. YLs work YLs and OMs. OMs work YLs only. YLs call CQ ALARA Contest and OMs call CQ YL. Each contact may be counted twice on each band for credit—once for phone and once for CW. No net, list or crossmode operations allowed. ALARA members send RS(T), serial number, ALARA member and name. YL nonmember or OMs send RS(T), serial number and name. Score 5 points for ALARA members, 4 points for YL nonmembers, and 3 points for OMs. All logs must indicate date/time UTC, band, mode, call worked, reports and serial number, name of op worked, and points. Send logs to Mrs Marlene Perry, VK3JAW, 218 Ninth St, Mildura 3500, Victoria, Australia.

12-13

European DX Contest, RTTY, see Oct *QST*, p 108.

QST QSO Award Party, CW, see Oct *QST*, p 108.

Tennessee QSO Party, sponsored by the Dickson ART, from 1400Z Nov 13 to 2359Z Nov 14. Tennessee stations give report and county. Out-of-state stations give report and state/province/country. 2 points for CW contacts and 1 point for phone. Novice/Technicians count as 4 points on CW and 2 points on phone. Novice/Technicians must indicate their class by signing /N or /T. Out-

of-state stations multiply score by number of Tennessee counties worked, and Tennessee stations must multiply by the following: states, Tennessee counties, and VE provinces worked. DX countries count for points not multipliers. Portable and mobile stations add 500 points to score for each county worked in. A minimum of 10 contacts must be made per county. Add 10 points to score for working DART member. Only the initial DART contact counts for this bonus. Plaques and awards. Logs must be submitted prior to Dec 31. Mail log to: Tennessee QSO Party, PO Box 74, Burns, TN 37029-0074.

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ARRL November Sweepstakes, phone, see Oct *QST*, p 106.

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W1AW Qualifying Run, 10-35 WPM, at 2100Z Nov 22 (4 PM EST Nov 22). See Nov 2 for further details.

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CQ World Wide DX Contest, CW.

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ARRL 160 Meter Contest, this issue, p 90.

3-4

Texas State QSO Party, sponsored by the San Benito ARC from 0001Z Dec 3 to 2359Z Dec 4. Texas stations may contact any stations; non-Texas stations contact Texas stations only. All amateur bands except WARC bands may be used. Three contacts per station per band are permitted (1 each; CW, RTTY, SSB). Suggested frequencies: 40 kHz up from band edges on CW, and 1.890 3.885 7.285 14.285 21.360 and 28.405 on phone. Texas stations send RS(T) and county. Other stations send RS(T) and QTH. Mobile stations may be worked for points in each new Texas county they are in. All stations count 1 point for SSB; 2 points for CW and 3 points for each Novice contact. Add 100 points to your score for QRP operations and 100 points for contacting club stations N5GNK or WA2VJL. Texas stations multiply QSO points by sum of Texas counties, states, provinces and countries worked. Texas mobile stations multiply QSOs by the sum of multipliers earned in each county of operation. All other stations multiply by the total counties worked. All logs must be mailed by Dec 31 to San Benito ARC, PO Box 1382, San Benito, TX 78586-1382.

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West Coast Qualifying Run, 10-35 WPM, at 0500Z Dec 7 (9 PM PST Dec 6). See Nov 2 listing for further details.

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W1AW Qualifying Run, 10-35 WPM, at 0300Z Dec 9 (10 PM EST Dec 8). See Nov 2 listing for further details.

10-11

ARRL 10 Meter Contest, this issue, p 89.

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QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Home-brew CW Sprint, sponsored by QRP ARC International, from 2000Z to 2400Z Dec 11. Home-brew receiver, transmitter or transceiver must be used on each band worked. Commercial-gear-only entries will be checklogs. CW only. Single band or all band. Work stations once per band. Exchange signal report, HB (home-brew) or C (commercial), state/province/country and QRP number if member. Nonmembers send power output. Suggested frequencies: 1.810 3.560 3.710 7.040 7.110 14.060 21.060 21.110 28.060 28.110

50.060. Count 5 points for QSO with ARCI member. Others count 2 points for same continent and 4 points for different continent. If station worked is using home-brew, add 5 points per QSO. Bonus points for using home-brew equipment (HB): Add 200 points for each band an HB transmitter is used; add 300 points for each band an HB receiver is used; add 500 points for each band an HB transceiver is used. Multiply QSO points by states/provinces/countries worked per band by power multiplier (4-5 W output $\times 2$; 3-4 W output $\times 4$; 2-3 W output $\times 6$; 1-2 W output $\times 8$; 0-1 W output $\times 10$. More than 5 W output counts as checklog. If 100% natural power, multiply final score by 2; if 100% battery, by 1.5. Include description of home-brew equipment and antennas used and indicate which equipment was used on which bands. Awards. Mail entry (SASE for results) before 30 days after the contest to QRP ARCI Contest Chairman, Eugene Smith, KA5NLY, PO Box 55010, Little Rock, AR 72225-0010.

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Canada Day Contest, sponsored by the Canadian Amateur Radio Federation, from 0000Z to 2400Z, Dec 18. Everyone works everyone. 160-6 meters, phone and CW. Entry classes: Single op; all band mixed mode (phone and CW), all band CW, all band SSB, and single band mixed mode. There are two multiop classes: single transmitter and multi-transmitter. Work stations once per mode on each band. No crossmode QSOs allowed. Exchange name, RS(T), serial number (starting with 001) and province/state/country. VE1 stations must also send province. Multi-multi stations use separate serial numbers for each band. Count 10 points per VE QSO, 4 points for other countries. 20 point bonus for working any CARF station using TCA or VCA suffix. Multiply by total VE provinces worked per band on each mode (VO1/VO2 VE1-PEI VE1-NS VE2-8 VE0 VY1). Suggested frequencies: 1.810/1.840 3.525/3.775 7.025/7.070/7.155 14.025/14.150 21.025/21.250 28.025/28.500 and 50.040/50.110. Mail logs within 30 days of contest end (include SASE or SAE/IRC for results) to CARF Contest c/o Mr J. Parsons, VE6CB, Acton Corners Rd, Oxford Mills, ON K0G 1S0, Canada.

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W1AW Qualifying Run, 10-35 WPM at 1400Z Dec 27 (9 AM EST Dec 27). See Nov 2 listing for further details.

Deadline: The deadline for receipt of items for this column is the 1st of the second month preceding the publication date. For example, your information would have to reach HQ by **December 1** to make the **February** issue. Please include name of contest, dates, times (Z) and complete rules. Send to Contest Corral, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

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I would like to get in touch with...

anyone with a manual for a Collins 51S-1 receiver. Eric Snyder, N4OVU, 709 Monte Alto NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123.

anyone who has a schematic for a Dumont Fairchild dual trace oscilloscope model 757. Reid Whipple, 2120 N 86th St, Wauwatosa, WI 53226.

Special Events

Conducted By Mark Gamble, N1FOZ
Assistant Contest Manager, ARRL

Knokke, Belgium: Special event station ON4CLM will be operated Nov 1 and Nov 2 to commemorate the Canadian troops who fought a long and exhausting battle in the Belgium coast area on November 1, 1944. Suggested frequencies (phone) 3.685 7.045 14.145 21.245 and 28.345; (CW) 3.515 7.012 14.020 21.020 and 28.020. For QSLs and additional information on receiving awards write to Radio Station ON4CLM, PO Box 110, 8300 B-Knokke Heist, Belgium.

North Boston Suburbs, Massachusetts: Sponsored by the Quannapowitt RA, from 0000Z Nov 1 to 2400Z Nov 20. Work at least one QRA member on any band and mode as permitted by the participant's license. QRA members will identify themselves by sending QRA. To claim the QRA 40th Anniversary Certificate send your QSL and a large SASE to Jim Chetwynd, WIUZK, 124 Forest St, Melrose, MA 02176. QSLs must be received by Feb 28, 1989.

Conway, Arkansas: The Royal Ambassadors of the Second Baptist Church will operate WA5RRM from 2400Z Nov 4 until 1400Z Nov 5 to call attention to world hunger. Members of the church will give a donation to help fight world hunger in relation to the number of contacts made. Your QSO is needed! Suggested frequencies: 7.245 14.285 21.365. For a certificate send QSL and large SASE to Royal Ambassadors, Conway Second Baptist Church, Conway, AR 72032.

Halifax, Nova Scotia: The Halifax ARC will operate VE0MMA from 1500Z Nov 5 to 1500Z Nov 6 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the CSS Acadia. The station will operate from 80 to 10 meters in the phone and CW portions of the band. A QSL will be sent to all contacts. A commemorative certificate will be issued to any station that makes a QSO with VE0MMA on three of the five bands operated. Send QSL to Halifax ARC, VE1FO, PO Box 663, Halifax, NS B3J 2T3, Canada.

Lafayette, Indiana: The Tippecanoe ARA will operate a special-event station from 1200Z Nov 5 to 0200Z Nov 6 to celebrate the battle of Tippecanoe. Suggested frequencies: 3.870 7.260 14.290 21.375 28.400. For a certificate, send a QSL and large SASE to W9REG, 111 S Seventh St, Lafayette, IN 47901.

Hoquiam, Washington: The Gray Harbor ARC will operate W7ZA from 1600Z Nov 5 to 0200Z Nov 6 to commemorate the 100th birthday of Aberdeen. Operations will be on the lower 25 kHz of the General phone bands, 80 through 15 meters, and on the Novice phone portion of the 10-meter band. For a QSL and fact sheet send a no. 10 SASE and a QSL to Joe Ledesma, KA7AIR, 516 Sixth St, Hoquiam, WA 98550.

St Mary Parish, Louisiana: The St Mary ARTS will operate KASLMZ from Nov 6 to Nov 12 to celebrate Tourist Awareness Week. Operations will take place on 80 through 10 meters at various times during the week. All contacts will be sent a QSL and tourist information.

Vet's Day Special, sponsored by the Armored Force Network, from 0000Z Nov 11 to 2400Z Nov 13 to honor those Veterans who have departed. Work any of the 285 members to receive a certificate. Suggested frequencies: (phone) 3.920 7.283 21.375 14.250 28.640 and Novice 28.450; (CW) 7.065 7.125. Send a no. 10 SASE to P. Kohanski, WB1DWR, 16 Berkley Cir, Newington, CT 06111

Nitro, West Virginia: The Tri-County Ham Club will operate W8WVA from 1500Z Nov 11 to 2200Z Nov 12 to commemorate the "Living Memorial to World War I." All operations will take place 25 kHz up from bottom of the General bands on 80, 40 and 20 meters and in the Novice portion of 10 meters. For a certificate send a QSL and SASE to W8WVA, 103 Cleveland Ave, Nitro, WV 25143.

Turkey, North Carolina: The Onslow ARC will operate WD4FVO from 1400Z to 2300Z on Nov 19 to commemorate the Thanksgiving Turkey Talk. Suggested frequencies: 3.900 7.245 14.250 21.350 28.440. For a Turkey Talk certificate send a QSL and large SASE to the Onslow ARC, PO Box 841, Jacksonville, NC 28541-0841.


Gettysburg, Pennsylvania: The Penn-Mar RC will operate W3MUM on Nov 19 during daylight hours to commemorate the 125th anniversary of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Operations will be on all phone bands from 80 through 15 meters, 25 kHz up from the bottom of the General bands and on the Novice phone portion of 10-meters. For a certificate send a 9- x 12-inch SASE and a QSL

to The Penn-Mar RC, PO Box 763, Hanover, PA 17331.

Granite City, Illinois: The Egyptian RC will operate W9AIU starting 1800Z Nov 19 through Nov 20. The club will go in search of the Great Piasa bird. Help them by contacting W9AIU up 50 kHz from the bottom of the bands on CW and on the lower portion of the General phone bands 80 through 15 meters. Operations will also be located on the Novice phone portion of 10 meters. For a certificate send a large SASE to W9AIU, PO Box 562, Granite City, IL 62040.

Scotland: The Mid Lanark ARS will operate GB8SA on Nov 30 to commemorate St Andrew's (the Patron Saint of Scotland) Day. For a certificate send 4 IRCs and an SAE to Paddy, GM3MTH, or Danny, GM4LDU.

Deadline: The deadline for receipt of items for this column is the 1st of the second month preceding the publication date. For example, your information would have to reach HQ by Dec 1 to make the Feb issue. Please include the name of the sponsoring organization, the call sign of the special-event station, the city location, dates and times (Z), suggested frequencies and QSL information. Requests for donations will not be published.

QSLing Special-Event 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-inch 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



HAM HELPS CATCH SPIES DURING WW II "SILENT PERIOD"

□ You wouldn't believe it, but during WW II, I helped catch some German spies and saved many tons of Allied shipping leaving New York Harbor. Some of you remember that during WW II, hams were off the air by government decree. One day, Marilyn and I went looking for where her brother had moved, someplace on Strong Street in the Bronx, New York. We found the building but needed the apartment number. I went down to the super's apartment to ask. As I passed the bank of electric meters, dots and dashes came to me in a funny sounding way. I stopped at the meters, and sure enough the meter for apartment 4L had its little wheel spinning crazily sending code. The characters were in five-letter code groups and were indecipherable to me. I copied some of it, went to the super, learned my brother-in-law's apartment number and went out front to the


lobby. The mailbox for 4L showed two names—Bauer and Schmidt. At my brother-in-law's apartment, I telephoned my friend, Arthur Batchelder, the radio inspector for the 2nd call area, and reported what I had found. It didn't take half an hour before a few cars of FBI men drove up and the apartment was raided. Three men and a woman were arrested. Arthur later told me that they had a kilowatt buried in the upholstery of the couch and the key was in one of the couch's arms. The spies had motored to Shore Road in Brooklyn, used field glasses to see what was being loaded on the Allied freighters, picked out the more important cargoes, then went back to the Bronx to radio information the German U-boats lying off New York Harbor. The CW kilowatt drew so much electricity that when they stepped on the key the meter wheel jumped and sizzled.—Jonathan Pomeranz, KAAU, Editor of *Bugjuice*, the Palmetto (FL) Amateur Radio Club Newsletter, where this article originally appeared.

Exam Info

NEW EXTRA CLASS EXAMS

For exams given on or after November 1, 1988, all VECs must use the new Element 4B question pool that was released to the public earlier this year to design their Extra class exams. This question pool will be in effect for the next three years.¹ (Study manuals for the new material have already been available from various publishers for several weeks.)

Remember, though, that although there is a new question pool taking effect, many of the questions from the expiring pool have been carried over to the new pool. (Changes to a question pool are made only when necessary, not simply because the pool is due for revision.) Therefore, you will likely see some questions on your test that have been in use for a few years: Good luck!—Jim Clary, WB9IHH, Manager, ARRL/VEC

¹More information on the question pool revision schedule can be found on p 42-44, October 1987 QST. 

The ARRL Field Organization Forum

ATLANTIC DIVISION

DELAWARE: SM, Bob Pegritz, KC3TI—October was a busy month with the high point of hosting Father Marshall Moran, 9N1MM, recent recipient of the ARRL Humanitarian of the Year award. We were all captured by this living legend. A big welcome to Carl Sulak, KA3NBX, our new SEC and a great deal of thanks to Mike Wilkowski, N3FDD. Do you have a report from our recent Simulated Emergency Test (SET)? Please send them in ASAP. Our one and only Delaware Hamfest was a smashing success and may be relocated to a more central place next year! Many thanks to ARRL support from W3ABC and KC3LM (Hands Across the Sections). Sussex county is gearing up for winter ARES activities to support local EOC. From all of the Section Staff of the First State, "HAPPY THANKSGIVING and as always, good DX!" DTN stations 302, ftc 32 in 23 sessions. DEPN stns 63 ftc 13 in 4 sessions. SEN stns 63 ftc 1 in 5 sessions. Traffic: W3QQ 60, WB3DUG 39, K3YBW 38, KA3GRQ 24, W3FEG 17, WA3WY 13, K3JL 12, KC3TI 6.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA: SM, Kay Craigie, KC3LM—ASM: WA3PZO, KA3A, K3ZFD, SEC: KB3YS, ACC: KC3QB, OOC: W3IS, SGL: WA3IAO, STM: BM: KB3UD, PIO: W3ZVC, TC: W3FAF. Two newly-affiliated clubs are welcomed to the EPA family this fall: Temple University ARC, whose faculty sponsor is WB2LJG, and TRIAC, a new club meeting in northern Chester County whose president is NJ3A. This pushes our Section club roster well past the 60 mark. The ARRL Field Organization includes programs in the following areas: Amateur Radio Emergency Service, National Traffic System, Official Observers, state government relations, bulletin service, public information, technical assistance, and Affiliated Club relations. Many appointments are open to qualified Novices. To find out more about the Field Organization, write to the Section Manager (see page 8 for address). All Field Organization volunteers are reminded that current ARRL membership is necessary to maintain your appointment.

EPA 3610 kHz Daily 7 & 10 PM AA3B, Mgr. EPAEPTN 3917 kHz Daily 6 PM WA3EHD, Mgr. PTTN 3610 kHz Daily 6:30 PM WB3EPU, Mgr. Pocono ARK's fall picnic welcomed visiting traffic handlers from EPAEPTN. Special thanks to N3EFW for setting that up. WB3IGJ, EC Juniata, reports a successful 1988 Tuscarora AFA Novice class; several grades have since upgraded. NO3O is now an Assistant EC in Juniata. By the time you read this, new ECs in Berks and Perry Counties should be in place. EPA is full of winners, and we start 'em young. Consider N3CXB, KA3FX, and NK3M. N3CXB and KA3FX are 1988 winners of scholarships administered by the Foundation for Amateur Radio. N3CXB and NK3M were awarded scholarships by the ARRL Foundation. It's interesting that all 3 guys come from multi-ham families and are already Extras. Also in the winner's circle is WB3KTX, who was top EPA Novice/Tech tone op in the 1987 ARRL 10m contest. Scheduled for introduction this fall is an Atlantic Division bulletin from our Director W3ABC. Circulated via packet radio, it is also to be mailed to newsletter editors not on packet. Warminster's ARRL Night is on this month's sked, always a great evening. Hope the fellows from Tamaqua Transmuting caught lots of fish on their trip to Canada. Has your group ever visited W1AW? The RF Hill club trip to the Maxim Memorial Station was a great success. Think about it for 1989. Traffic (August): N3AZW 848, N3COY 188, N3DRM 166, N3CD 120, KA3DLY 89, WJ3JK 77, W3KAG 53, KD3AQ 52, WB8KPE 52, W31FX 46, AA3B 34, WA3CKA 28, W3DP 23, N3EFW 23, KU3R 22, W3AQN 21, K3XT 20, K3WPI 13, KA3RFG 9, W3ADE 8, W3VA 6, W3FAF 4, W3HK 4. NETS (QNI/QTC): EPA/487/146, EPAEPTN/489/178, PTTN/234/72, D6ARES/69/20, SEPA/TN94/32, D6SEN/79/10, MARCTN/163/43, MARCARES/70/13, D8ARES/55/1, PBBZ: K3RLI/193 WA3TSW/175 AG3F/116 KB3UD/345.

MARYLAND-D.C.: SM, Philip Battey, W3FZV—To all MDC readers: In order to write this column, I need YOUR input. There are a few of you who send data nearly every month, but most do not. I put the column together largely from info gleaned from various club bulletins, but would greatly appreciate news direct from YOU. Another thing: if you hold an appointment and cannot meet its obligations, then please notify the SMI. Maybe I can find someone else to do the job. Thanks to Director Turnbull, W3ABC, for his work in coordinating the FAR (Foundation for Amateur Radio) scholarship program. It's a real service to new hams. AI, W3YVQ, has been busy coordinating the RACES work with the State Government. ARES/RACES members provided communications for the Montgomery Co. Road Runners Club in the recent Rockville Runfest. The SM has received requests for information about upcoming VEC exams. Thanks to the periodic lists, compiled by Nancy, NK4U, of exams throughout the VA-MD-DC area, he could answer the queries. Many clubs have information about training classes. Mike, WA1QAA, participates in RACES exercises. Dan, WB3BJM, spawned by MSN, is now regular on MDD. N3GJB is none other than Byron, KA3QNT, with a new call. Herb, NC3V, is up on Amateur Radio, in particular, traditional key and tone menu. Hams at Leisure World, near Wash., DC, are trying to get on the air from a new club station. Ethel, K4LMB, recently spoke to the HFAPA about YLs in early radio work, and Jim, W3CY, showed a tape of the Mayor of Rockville naming one week in June as AR week. The AARC gave a nice contribution to the W1AW Renovation Fund. The MD Free State Six-Meter SB Net meets every Sunday at 1900Z on 50.125 MHz. The Chavermir Club also has a net (via the NIH Club repeater), on 145.23 MHz Thurs. at 8 PM. Don't forget the CQ WW SSB and CW contests in late Oct. and Nov. respectively. WITH THE NETS: NET/MGR QND/QTC/QNI: MSN/KC3Y 31/43/361, MDD/W3FA 62/209/557, MEPN/K2EB

31/101/802, HOCARES/WA1QAA 2/5/14. (TOP BRASS K3GHH/98, W3FA/95, WA5YLO/87, KC3Y/81), HOCARES/WA1QAA 2/0/11. PSRR/W3FA 96, WA3YLO 85, KJ3FE 82, KC3Y 77, NC3V 75, N3EGF 68, KA3JUN 63, K3GHH 62. Traffic: W3WVI 339, NC3V 214, K3GHH 158, KJ3E 110, W3LDD 98, W3FA 96, KK3F 88, WA3YLO 88, WB3BJM 80, KC3Y 75, K3NNI 60, N3EGF 51, NB3P 42, K2EB 32, W3FZV 25, WB3BPK 24, NF3X 21, W3DQI 19, NC3Z 16, WA3GYW 11, WA1QAA 7.

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY: SM, Richard Baier, WA2HEB—ASM: N2CER, SEC: K2JLJ, STM: WB2UVB, ACC: K2IXE, TC: N2BOT, QTC: VACANT, SGL: VACANT, BM: WB2UVB, OOC: WA2HEB, ATC's: K2JF, KA2RJA, and WB2MNF, VE testing this month: Thursday, Nov. 17 in Bellmawr. See June, 1988 QST SMU column for further info. DVRA VE session is scheduled for Nov. 19 at 12:30 PM. See May, 1988 QST Section News for the particulars. The Gloucester County ARC is offering many awards for working their members. Contact the GCARC at P.O. Box 370, Pinnaw, NJ 08071 for the rules. Awards include: Novice/Technician, RTTY, Extra, Mixed, CW, Packet, VHF/UHF SSB, UHF VHF/UHF Mixed and VHF/UHF RTTY. Your QST should have arrived before the Astro ARC commemorates the 50th anniversary of the famous Orson Welles broadcast of "The Martian Landing." The "landing" site was in Grover's Mill in West Windsor. WB2JQR will operate a special event station on Oct. 30 from 10 AM to 10 PM. I'd like to welcome our Section's newest ECs: Gary Wilson, WB2BOO in Mercer County, Roland Stubbs, N2HVV in Ocean County and Mike Cagel, KG5IL in Salem County. With the addition of these three gentlemen, every county in our section has an EC. Please help support their efforts. Until next month, 73. Traffic: WB2UVB 68, WA2HEB 10, KA2CQX 6.

WESTERN NEW YORK: SM, William W. Thompson, W2MTA—ACC: N2EH, BM: K2KWK, OOC: W2AET, PIO: WA2PUJ, SEC: NN2H, SGL: WB3CUF, STM: W2GLH, TC: K2QRJ. Get acquainted with the folks above, they are appointed to help you and your club serve the public and amateur radio. What do they do? Get a copy of the brochure FSD-300 "The ARRL Field Organization" to find out, or contact them to REALLY find out! New appointment: (OJ) N2FIZ. Sorry to report that the "RED ROUGH MOUSTACHE" K2RRM is a Silent Key. Doc was a true leader in New York State and performed outstanding public services, while also going "great guns" in VHF contests and guiding the Windsor School System. PSRR: N2ABA N2EIA N2EVG WA2FJW W2FWR W2MTA WB2OWO KA2QOO ND2S KAZURD NJ3V K2YAI KA2ZNZ. August BPL: W2MTA

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NYSR 013/003/04 OCTEVE* 674/177/31 BRVSN 025/001/01
NYSM* 284/170/31 STAR* 251/040/31 CRTN 033/003/05
WDNWA* 341/081/21 WDNWA* 440/102/31 CHYTN* 281/077/91
NYPON* 464/288/31 NYSE* 326/069/32 OCTENA* 277/065/21
ESS 334/055/31 BLUELINE 1 1 WDNL* 437/065/21
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Packet Node Station reports: WB2ACV 49 (July), 47 (August). Support for NYS Assembly Bill 8801 re one-time fee for call-sign plates running high; keep an eye out for them blasted "aesthetic" bills in the NY Senate—write to YOUR State Legislators and strongly support YOUR position on State Legislation. Village of Homer is re-visiting proposed restrictive antenna legislation, thanks to input from concerned local hams in Cortland County AND their County Emergency Office Director. Club Annual Reports: Blinghamton, Chautauqua, Rochester DXA—thanks. Now how about those 6 delinquents, including one SSC, C'MONI! Also, maybe some of the following former affiliated clubs would like to rejoin ARRL affiliates: Clarkson College, Elmira ARA, Gleason, N. Franklin, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rookles ARC, Schoharie, Toga Amateur Repeater, U. of Rochester; WATSAY? Contact SM W2MTA or ARRL headquarters. WELCOME new affiliate Pioneer Radio Operators Society, Club Officers: ARATS W8RIK W2VCI WA2BYN; CVARA KI2Y N2GVB KA2AOT W2RME; CVARC WA2JPM KA2MLQ KA2MOO; KLARA WB2ZPC N2GXG KB2BYF N2HOC KV2W; LARC N2HYN K2QCX N2HYM W2GLN NQZRF; Rome WA8NY N2GNH KA2JXA KA2JPH. Champlain Valley area stirrings: Essex/Clinton/Franklin Counties ARES/RACES Net 0900 Sat. 3995 kHz and Simulated Em.Net 0930 Sun. 147.15 MHz CVARC cookbook guaranteed publicity by K1CE in ARRL pubs, provided good membership involvement. WB2AAR, now 90, voted lifetime member of CVARC—Champlain Valley. CONGFATS: WA2PUU honored for outstanding contributions to community betterment thru disaster preparedness in Onondaga County. HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Remember to keep your LOYALTY tuned up! Traffic (Aug.): W2MTA 530, NJ3V 471, WA2FJW 351, WB2OWO 275, K2YAI 274, N2EIA 267, KA2ZNZ 114, KA2UBD 139, WB2JHJ 127, N2ABA 121, KA2QOO 112, NN2H 95, WB2CIX 62, ND2S 71, W2FR 66, KA2BBD 46, KC2JW 37, KG2D 31, WB2OEV 27, K2QW 27, N2EVG 23, AF2K 15, KE2EA 10, WA2OEP 6, KA2TWY 4. OCTOBER 15-16 is the SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST "contest!"

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA: SM, Otto L. Schuler, K3SMB—SEC: WA3JFN, STM: N3EMD, BM: KC3ET, TC: N3EFN, OOC: K3SV, ACC: AK3J, SGL: KA3OEM, PIO & ASM: N3DOK.

NET	QNI	QTC	SESS	KHz	TD	MANAGER
WPACW	197	108	31	3955	7:00 PJD	WA4UNX
WPAPTN	268	62	31	3983	6:00 PJD	WA3HLN
KFN	162	93	31	3983	1:00 PJD	KA3OEM
PFN	181	152	31	3958	5:00 PJD	WA3THT

WPA2MTN 238 53 31 46.28/88 KA3BGC
NWP2MTN 20 18 29 44.53/45.13 9:00 PJD KC3NY
Allegheny County has a new EC. He is W3HID, Bob Schlesinger. Does your county have an EC or a plan for any emergency that could occur? If you do, please send a copy for my files and to aid others looking for ideas. If you desire to help, contact WA3UFN and tell him what you can do to assist. We are going to be asked to provide communications for various activities in the section. Please send me any info about your activities in your area. I am most interested in club activities. Please consider having your club appoint an Asst. PIC, Asst. OOs, ATCs, check with the section level appointees for their needs. We need OES's, ORS, etc. Please check with NSEMD for areas in dire need of traffic handlers. We have many locations that do not have any outlets for traffic. We can mail them, but this can get a little expensive or service them back to the originating station. This does not make a good impression for Amateur Radio. For some reason our traffic totals are down this month. Perhaps the extreme heat had much to do with it. August traffic: N3EMD 332, KQ3T 255, N3OKN 205, N3FM 158, N3AES 107, WA3UNX 104, NQ3M 74, KC3YE 71, K3SMB 55, W3NGO 33, KA3EJE 12, WA3NVZ 9, N3COR K3LTV 5, KA3GXP.

CENTRAL DIVISION

ILLINOIS: SM, Dave Carlson, AA9D—SEC: W9QBH, STM: K9CNP, OOC: W9TT, BM: K9EUI, SGL: K9IDQ, PIO: N9EWA, ACC: W9SFT, TC: N9RF, DEC: WD9EBQ. Illinois Section Sets

NET	FREQ	TIMES (LOCAL ILLINOIS)
ISN	3905	1800 DAILY
ILN	3690	1830 & 220 DAILY
ITN	3705	1900 DAILY
CTN	149 69/09	2100 DAILY
ILARES	3905	1830 1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS

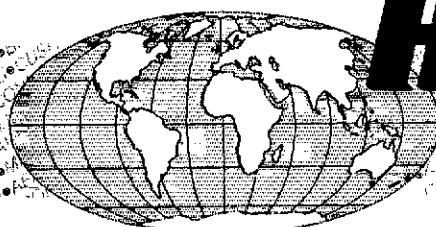
Illinois Independent Nets
 IEN 3940 0900 SUNDAYS
 ILFN 3855 1645 M-F: 0830 SUNDAY
 NCPN 3915 0700 MONDAY-SATURDAY
 NCPN 7270 1215 MONDAY-SATURDAY

The Southern Illinois SKYWAFN System Data Circuit has recently changed from 60 WPM Baudot to 300 baud ASCII. Special thanks are in order to those who have helped keep the circuit going for the past 7 years, including WD9EBQ, W9QBH, K9ZDN, WOLLF, N9CNO, WB9UEA, and KA9EWN. The new circuit uses software developed by WA9V. The Tri-Town Radio Amateur Club, W9VY, is setting up a club station in cooperation with the Village of Hazel Crest. The membership level of the Egyptian Radio Club, W9AUI, just reached the 150 mark! CONGRATULATIONS! The Chicago Traffic Net is always looking for more check-ins. They meet daily on the NORA repeater, 147.09 (+600 inpt), at 9 PM local time. It's an easy way to get introduced to traffic handling. If your club publishes a newsletter, I'd appreciate being added to your mailing list. It's the only way for me to know what's going on in your area, and to publicize your activities. Please use my address as printed on page 8 of QST. Traffic: WA9VLC 200, KG9EW 124, KC9NP 118, W9HLX 118, KA9EZF 105, W9HOT 85, NN9M 66, WB9TVD 50, NC9T 42, W9KR 41, W9LVH 40, W9BU 32, WB9JTK 18, WB8RFB 18, W9WPM 16, KA9CTWT 15, KB9HF 10, WD9EBQ 8, W9LNO 8, KA9B8K 7, WB9R 7, W9BPM 7, W9VEY 7, W9DQIR 5, WA9AX 2. (July) K9CNP 103, W9HLX 97, W9HOT 91, KG9EW 81, WB9TVD 57, W9KR 38, W9OBU 22, WD9CIR 14, W9LNO 10, W9VEY 8.

INDIANA: SM, Bruce Woodward, W9UMH—SEC: WD9AVQ, STM: NX9I, ACC: K9ZBM, TC: WA9JWL, SGL: WA9WQO, BM: W9OCL, PIO: KA9WVT, OOC: K9JG, Net Managers: ITN KA9EIV, QIN KJ9J, ICN K9DER, VHF W9PMT, IWN KA9ERC. August Net Reports:

NET	FREQ	TIME	DAILY	UTC	QNI	QTC	QTR	SES
ITN	3910	1330	2130	2300	3188	352	2253	93
QIN	3558	1430	0000	0300	376	159	1029	60
ICN	3705	2315			141	48	841	30
IWN	3910	1310			1182		308	31
IWN VHF BLOOMINGTON					829		217	31
IWN VHF KOKOMO					896		205	31
IWN VHF LIGONIER					710		215	31
HQSIER VHF NETS(12)					2653	148	5158	156

D9RN for August 224 QTC 62 ses. 82% KC9GS, W9UEM, N9DUW, C&ND 575 OTC in 31 ses. D9RN 94% W9UJJ and N9DUW. Appointments: ORS Benton Mullins, NX9J, John Wallace, WA9OHX. DEC District 2 Jay Maple N9FDS, EC Washington Co. Dennis P. Miller, N9GYO, EC White Co. Paul Bailey, W9S9OY, EC LaGrange Co. Jay Maple N9FDS, EC Carroll Co. Richard Curtis, K9EYF, OBS Jay Konefsky N9GGC, Ray Townsend, N9EER, Walter Dowell, KA9QME, Lucy Schendera, N9DTG, Dan Ceasar, N9YF, PIA Joe Kremar, N9VY, ATC AI Viduka, SR NR9F. Art Hopkins WA9VQO has resigned as OOC and Woody Booher, KJ9J has been appointed OOC. Silent Keys, Elbert Zen, N9EPI, Gerald Kihl, KA9CWN, Richard Kuonen, K9PHJ, and Audrene Crim, WB9KDA. Emergency Communications Commendations have been awarded to the following DeKalb Co. hams: W9QWI (EC), W9RWFV, (CD DIRECTOR), K9ZBM, KA9ZEE, KV9MP, WB9HWD, KA9VHJ, K9KAL, WA9KWO, and WB9VDK. A Certificate of Merit has been awarded to David E. Thomas, N9FOZ for his assistance to the Public via the Indianapolis 148.10/70 repeater. N9FOZ reported over 30 problems during his 456 hours of monitoring during August. I would appreciate reports of other repeater groups who actively monitor their repeater for trouble. Public Service activity should be reported



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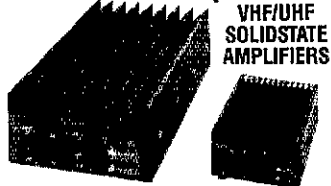
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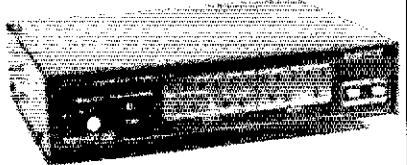


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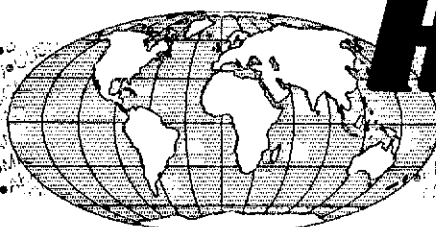
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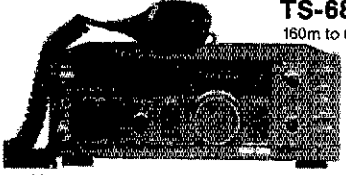


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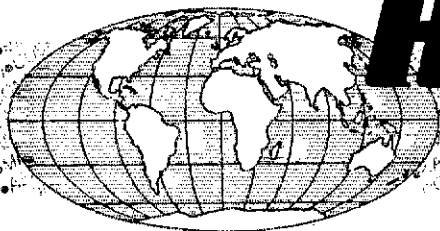


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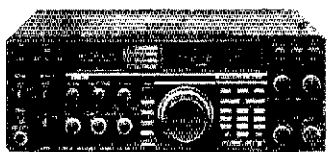
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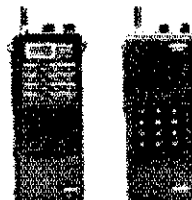
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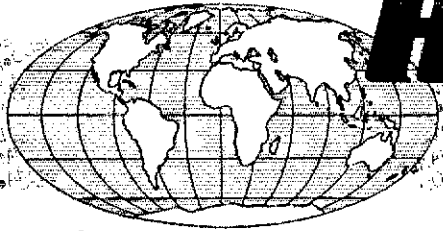
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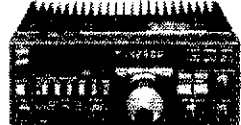
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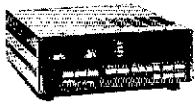
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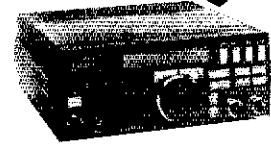
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on FSD-157. At Shipa (NW8) presented National Weather Service Certificates to Tom Bowen, KA9ERC and Barbara Miller, KD9DU for their outstanding service to the Indiana Wet Net, a valuable tool in providing flood warnings. I attended the Porter Co and Lafayette Hamlets and spoke on the ARRL Field Organization to the Michiana ARC of South Bend this month. EC reports: WB9FNR, W9BZT, N9FMO, W9QWI, KD9HB, N9FQA, N9DTG, KA8MRI, KA9OZ, KA9VNI, KD9ZN, N9FDS, W9SIO, N9GY, W9VP, KA9QWC, KA9QME, W9NCE, KA9HM, AND KA9PFD. OBS REPORTS: W9OCL, KA8MRI, N9Y, N9DOP, K9SBW, W9PMT, N9BS, WA9OHX, W9BTFD, AND KD9QB. OO REPORTS: WA9VLK, WA9JWL, WA9VQO, KA9QYK, KA9DZM, K9FW, KA9PCT, KA9BYN. Traffic: NR9K 344, KD9QB 275, K9J 148, W9UMH 108, W9UEM 104, WA9QCF 92, W9ZGC 68, N9BS 65, K9SBW 59, WA9OHX 57, KA8MRI 48, W9IHR 37, K9FEI 35, W9PFZ 29, KD9EH 28, N9XU 27, W9OCL 26, KA9RNY 20, N9DOP 20, W9QZF 15, W9PMT 12, W9BTFD 10, N9DTG 9, W9BZT 9, K9WC 9, W9DWD 8, N9FMO 8, K9DCC 6, W9CIV 5, K9OUP 3, W9KMY 3, AB9A 3, WA9JNC 2.

WISCONSIN: SM, Richard R. Regent, K9GDF—SEC: W9ZAG. STM: K9LTF. ACC: KA9FOZ. BM: W9JISW. OOC: NC9G. PIO: K9ZZ. TC: K9GDF. At the Wisconsin Nets Association Annual Picnic, members presented the 1987 traffic handling plaque to Les Peterson, W9YCV, with 3,024 points; endorsement tags for their previously awarded plaques were given to W99YPY (17,092 points), K9CJ (6,768 points), and KA9RII (4,898 points). Congratulations to new Official Observer KJ9I monitoring in Oconomowoc. Active hot-air balloonist W9SRE is operating two meters; not much of an antenna, but a lot of height. November 12th, the Milwaukee Repeater Club will hold the 6.91 Friendly Fest open at 8:00 AM, 7:00 AM for sellers, inside Serb Hall, 51st and Oklahoma in Milwaukee with free parking, contact K9IZV for more information. The Friendly Fest will have on-site exams given by the Milwaukee RAC VEC starting at 9:00 AM. See you at the friendly ARRL table. November 12th, exams at Credit Union Office Building, Menomonee, contact KD9TT for info; and at Nicolet College, Science Center, Rhineland, reservations with K9RIM. November 19th at 1 PM, Milwaukee area exams by Badger Examiners, 5353 North Green Bay Avenue, registration with WA9UJK. Sorry to report Silent Key WB9TCV. Remember to write your club name on your log for the November phone or CW ARRL Sweepstakes contest. Don't delay your antenna work any longer, winter is coming. Happy Thanksgiving to all. Traffic: W99YPY 1981, KC9CJ 556, KA9VJ 538, W9CBE 248, W9YCV 191, KA9RII 123, W9UW 119, N9BDL 107, WA9VYS 89, K9AKG 77, W9LKN 75, K9ULC 71, W9NGP 65, W9IEM 60, KA9DLZ 57, AG9G 53, W9ULC 53, N9BCX 44, W9IHC 38, K9FHI 33, K9BBD 27, W9ODV 27, N9Z2 14, W9PVD 4, N9BYS 2, KC9CJ 2.

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MINNESOTA: SM, George Frederickson, KC9T—A time of changes this past month. First, Cal, NR9S of Rochester is now the Net Manager for MSN/1, the 6:30 PM CW Net. Congratulations to Cal who promises to carry on in the best tradition of MSN/1. And, a big thanks to Jack, W9UCE, the previous manager who decided to give it up due to his current physical problem. Best wishes, Jack, for a speedy recovery, and we miss you. Then we have Kenny KD9CI who is now the Net Manager of the Minnesota Weather Net. He is taking over from Lou Guerre, KC9GI, who decided to take a sabbatical. So, again thanks to Lou for all his great work and our best to Kenny, KD9CI who has taken on this new responsibility. Of course, KD9CI is no newcomer to such having been STM for several years. This net resumed operation September 6. Good Luck, Kenny. So, we are headed into the "busy" season with all Nets in good shape with excellent leadership. Topping that, of course, we look to George Frederickson, KC9T, who was re-elected, without opposition, as our Section Manager for another term. Congratulations George — just great! Now we can all breathe easier. On a sad note we note two Silent Keys this past month. Audrey Kump, KD9KL of Mankato became a Silent Key August 12th and Ted Heikkila, W9EBX, August 30th. Our condolences to their families, friends, and the many hams that knew them so well. Congratulations to George Knapper, WA9KMR of Virginia who is the August Amateur of the Month. Thanks George, and it will be interesting to know who will walk away with the \$100 prize from the Hamfest Minnesota CW contest. Last year it was John, W9DCEP — who will it be this year? I'm glad to see this event incorporated into a Hamfest — just great! And Lou, KC9GI of Wankon, says it's not too early to make plans to participate with communications for the February, 1989 "Vasaloppet" cross country Ski Race in Mora. Lots of opportunity for 2-meter mobiles. So, for information contact Lou, KC9GI. That is, assuming he survived the October 1/2 POW/MIA Walk Around Mille Lacs Lake. The September 2 WIAW DX Bulletin was the longest one for quite some time. The list of Stations Heard and worked would excite anyone and the upgrading of band conditions bodes well for Traffic Handlers as well. That's it for this time. Jim Swisher, KA9EY, STM, MN EMERGENCY FREQUENCY 3860 kHz BULLETINS 3860 kHz.

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NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Bill Kurtli, W9CM—New technical developments have been the story in ND this summer with the superlink going into operation it is possible to talk on 2 meter between Bismarck, Carrington, Jamestown, Devils Lake & Fargo. Many tx to WB9VHW for taking over the technical leadership in this project after WB9TEE, who lost his life in an accident and started the project, and the many others that put much time into it. Also the Packet radio network has made large steps in providing messages. Bulletins etc to the amateurs in our section. With the addition of nodes at Coopers-town, Wing, Bismarck, Minot & Kildeer mtn. Almost all the state is covered. BBS service is provided by W9LHS, Fargo; WA9RE Grafton; KD9EM Devils Lake; N9CKE; Minot; Congratulations to N9HUY for upgrading to Extra. Don

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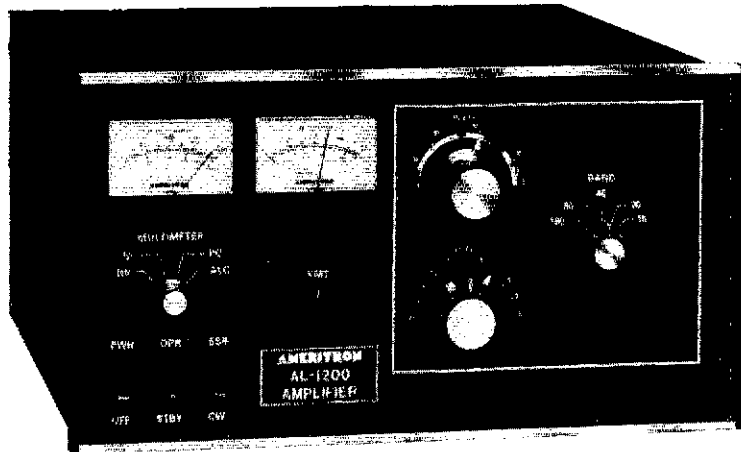


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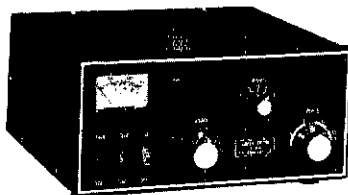
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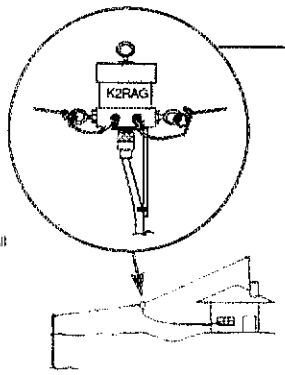
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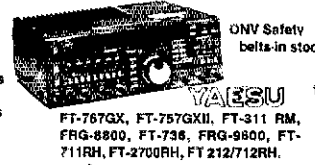
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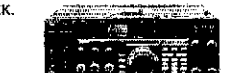
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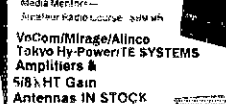
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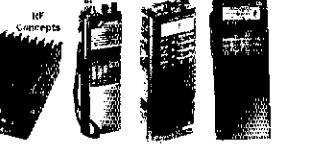
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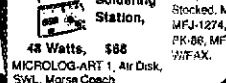
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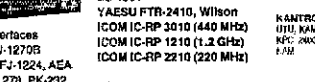
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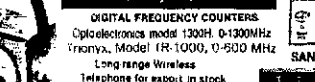
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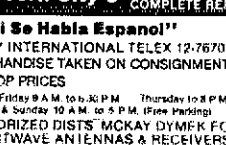
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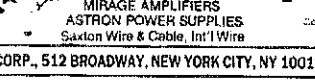
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SOUTH DAKOTA: SM, R.L. Cory, W0YMB-Asst. SM: N0ABE, W0PFR. SEC: K0KPY, STM: K0DYL. Sioux Empire ARC at Sioux Falls and Prairie Dog ARC at Yankton furnished two meter communications for the MS Bikeathon from Sioux Falls at Yankton and return on the sixth and seventh of August. South Dakota hams are sorry to learn of the Death of Milt, W0VDR, on August 31. Milt will be missed by all of us. The Black Hills ARC will operate their Special call sign, W200BLK, from Mt. Rushmore, Oct. 28 to Nov. 4. Six Radio Amateurs were pallbearers at the funeral of Martha Shirley, W0ZWL. Two Meter activity has returned to the State TV site near Pierport operating on 147.337K. Moberidge ARC committee headed by K0DLJ has installed a Digi on Sherwood hill west of Moberidge. Total traffic reported for August was 436. Traffic: N0DPF 181, K0EERM 119, K0ABE 113, W0MZI 43, K0KPY 29, W0BOMF 27, W0YMB 12, K0DYL 12.

DELTA DIVISION

ARKANSAS: SM, Bob Harmon, W5SEP-I would like to personally thank Dale Temple, W5FXU, who recently resigned as SM due to pressing business responsibilities. Dale has been great as SM and has pledged to continue to be of assistance wherever needed. Next month we hope to have a round up of the Packet activity throughout the State. Packet is the largest growing segment of activity in Arkansas and several bulletin boards are up and running. As soon as I can start getting input from the various clubs in the state, I intend to start a quarterly newsletter to go to each ARRL member in the state. The purpose is to share information about activities throughout the state. I should also have some information about the Mena Hamfest that is scheduled for the weekend of September 9, 10, and 11 which we are going to put on our QST program at the banquet. Aug Nets: Ark. Phone Net: 573 stations, Traffic: 73, Time: 1453 minutes, 27 sessions de W5QFU. CAND 575 stations, 31 sessions, RNS represented 100% by KFSYV de WBSYVD. DRN5 rpt: 635 msg in 82 sessions. Ark represented by KF5YV, W5QFU, WASYDO de WBSUDO. Message handling: W5QFU, rcvd 79, relayed 53, del 18. W9OK: rcvd 51, sent 51, del 2.

LOUISIANA: SM, John "Wondy" Wondergom, K5KR-ASM: K5BXC. SEC: NSADF. ACC: K5DGP, SGL: K5SSL. TC: W5RWF. OOC: K5GK. Packet: N5SS. Hats off to the Shreveport Amateur Radio Association on their 10th anniversary and for their recent outstanding Ark-La-Tex Hamfest. What a combination-with their large active club of 178 members, an ideal spacious civic center facility and a perfect tri-state location. They are obviously doing things right and drawing the out-of-towners in as I chatted with many hams from southern Louisiana which is over 300 miles as the not-so-straight crow flies. There were plenty of new dealers with loads of equipment and rows of swap tables. Another indicator of a real fine hamfest were the many standing room only forums. Jack, KA5RP SARA President presided at their large hamfest banquet and presented 10 attractive plaques to some of the many deserving. The SARA "Golden Key Award" was presented to John Harris, N5SY, for being the member that did the most for the club. The "Golden Mike Award" was presented to Bobby Matthews, KFSXV, in recognition of the member that contributed the most to Amateur Radio. Joel Harrison, Sr., W5BIF, ARRL Delta Division Director and Rick Floderick, K5JFR, our ARRL Delta Division DXAC representative, added to the hamfest with their forums and personal contacts. Traffic: DRN-5 Aug 88 635 msg in 62 sessions with La. represented 100%. LTN report Aug 88 63 msg 368 minutes 265 checkins in 31 sessions. 73 & GL de "Wondy," K5KR.

MISSISSIPPI: Jim Davis, KK5Z-ASM: W5TRD, SEC: KA4PKA. SGL: KASWRS. PIO: WN5M, STM: K5SW. BM: W5EPW. TC: KF5DE. OOC: KK5K, ACC: NCSY. VHF/UHF Coord: N5DWU. Packet Mgr WA5DVV. DRN5 (WBSYDD) Sess 62, QTC 635, Miss Rep 95% by NSAMK, K5ZD, W57CQC, W5HKW, K5SW and N5HGN. GCSBN (W5DJXT) Sess 31, QNI 1131, QTC 8, MTN (KK5Z) Sess 31, QNI 173, QTC 58. Magnolia Sec Net (W5YRX) Sess 31, QNI 173, QTC 5. Miss/Lou Emerg Net (N5EXZ) Sess 4, QNI 73, MSBN (KF5DE) Sess 31, QNI 1813, QTC 54. Neshoba ARC (N5EPP) Sess 4, QNI 39. ARRL Info Net (KK5Z) Sess 1, QNI 13. Traffic: K15Z, S-69, R-61, Total 130. W5JDF, R-63, R-53, O-9, Total 125. K5SW, R-178, R-208, D-3, O-1, Total 388. KK5Z, R-16, D-2, Total 18. Mtn tx to the clubs sending newsletters each month. Much of the news for this Miss. section news is derived from those letters. Am very grateful to the Miss section staff who have been friends in need with their assistance and support. When anyone passes away, we all lose to an extent. When a fellow ham becomes an SK, it hurts a little more and we all suffer a little more. Such a friend was NSAMK, Joe Teaster. Joe seldom earned less than 100 points for the PSHR. It was my pleasure to request ARRL HQ to issue Joe a PSHR certificate in April. This award is earned by amassing not less than 60 points per month for 12 months. In June, NSAMK, earned the BPL certificate. A few years back, he earned the coveted and prestigious A-1 op designation, an honor for those hams who show "the right stuff" in traffic handling and overall operation procedure. Joe was one of the best traffic handlers that I ever had the pleasure to know. I'm sure that Joe would like to be remembered as a ham who took great pride in helping his fellow human beings, especially during the many emergencies in which many of us have participated. If such a thing exists, NSAMK was a "professional" Amateur Radio operator in all respects. Rest in peace, old friend, we'll miss you. de KK5Z.

TENNESSEE: SM, Harry Simpson, W4MI-Eastern Assistant SM and PIO W4TYU, Central Assistant SM WA4GLS, Western Assistant SM and ACC K4CXY, STM: NG4J. SEC: K4UVH. OOC: K4LSP. SGL: N4PQY. TC: W4HHK. The TN Phone Net is on 3980 kHz with early sessions at 6:40 AM Eastern, regular sessions at 7:45 AM Eastern Monday thru Friday, at 9 AM Eastern on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Evening sessions are Monday thru Saturday at 7:30 PM Eastern. CW Net Sessions are on 3635 kHz at 8 PM Eastern, Monday thru Friday. There are many other nets for your convenience, including several on two meters. W4TYU reports on the 88 DX Net, serving the Knoxville-Oak Ridge area Thursdays at 8 PM, utilizing the W4SKH repeater; the East TN Hospital Net Tues-

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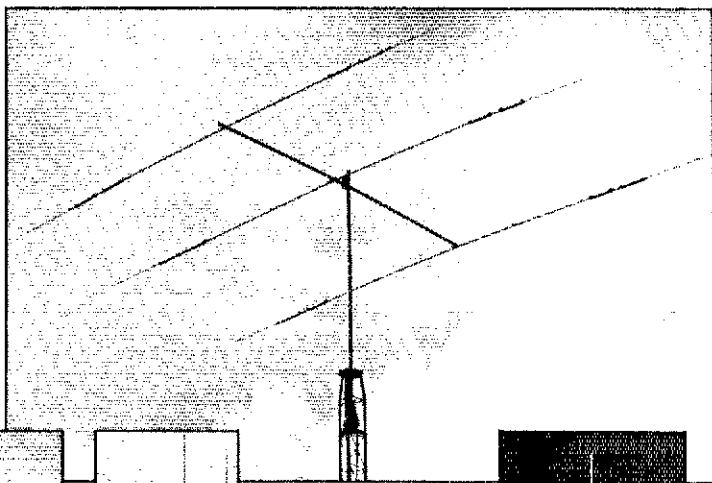
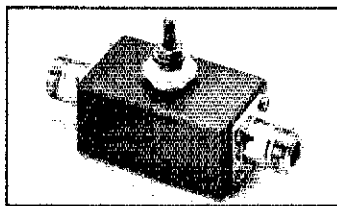
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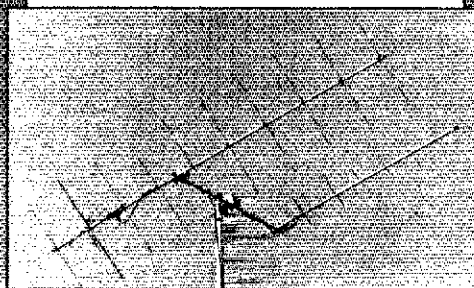
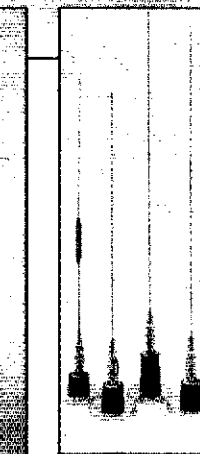
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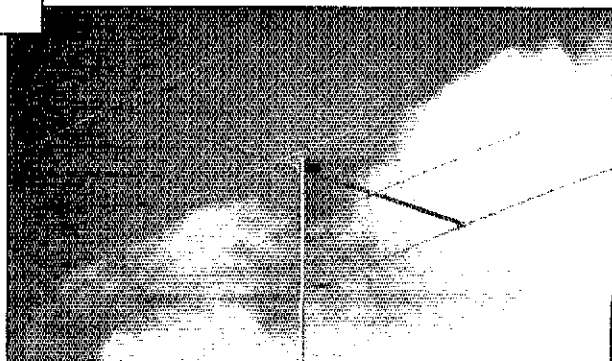
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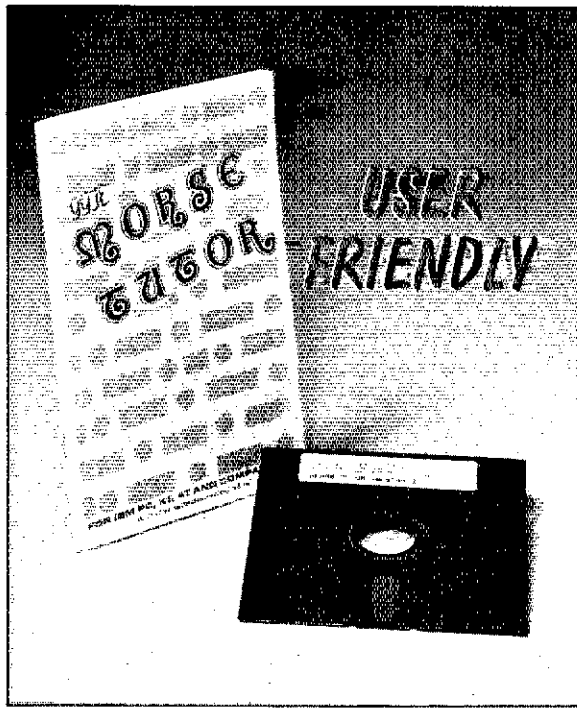


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days at 8 PM Eastern time, on the WB4IOB 13/73 repeater; the Anderson County ARES Net Mondays at 8 PM Eastern; the Westlink/Middle East Tennessee Emergency, and scores of others. This last net deserves more than a listing—it could be a model for others to follow. Operating on the W4BBB 90/30 repeater, and linked two meter and 220 MHz systems, it broadcasts the Westlink Amateur News Service, followed by a call-up of the emergency net. It averages 30 checkins, and perhaps 60 from a 75-mile radius during a weather emergency. I'll tell you about the Memphis 22/88 Weather Net when space permits—they have perhaps 100 checkins nightly from a three-state area! A word about hamfests: the Huntsville affair was bigger than ever, and I saw at least one hundred hams from Tennessee! Dealers were separated from the flea market by several hundred yards and a bunch of steps. That will probably change next year. It was a super occasion. Then came the Cedars of Lebanon Hamfest in the State Park of the same name! I have never before attended a mile-long, fifty-foot wide Hamfest! The friendship was a mile long, fifty feet wide and a mile high! Congratulations to the Short Mountain Repeater Club for a splendid event. Traffic: W9FZW 174, W4FMR 140, W4DDK 79, KA5KDB 40, W4TYJ 37, W4MI 30, WB4LAL 22, W4PFP 18, NG4J 14, K4CXY 12, KE4LS 10, WA4HKU 8, W4PSN 4.

GREAT LAKES DIVISION

KENTUCKY: SM, John Thernes, WM4T—Asst. SM: KC4WN. SEC: WB4NHQ. STM: KA4MTX. PIO: WA4SWF. (August) I have decided to run for another two year term as Section Manager. If more than one candidate petition is received at ARRL, you will be receiving a ballot. As one of your duties as an ARRL member, I urge you to vote for the candidate of your choice. BARS had another fine hamfest with its usual good flea market. The ARRL Forum was well attended and a lot of ideas were discussed. By the time you read this, contest season will be upon us. Best of luck in the November Sweepstakes. A large group of hams from BARS turned out to help with the local Shriners parade.

NET	QNI	QTC	SESS	MGR
MKPN	1375	179	31	WD4RWJ
KTN	711	54	31	WD4RWJ
KYN (E/L)	333	140	62	K4AVX/KZ8Q
TSTMN	433	34	31	KZ8Q
KNTN	282	99	39	WA4EBN

Traffic (Aug.): WD4RWJ 161, K4VHF 152, WA4EBN 61, K14QH 44, N4GNL 42, K4AVX 36, KC4WN 27, KA4MTX 27, KB4UJA 24, WB4AUN 18, WA4NOV 13, N4PEK 11, WD4CQF 8, K4HOE 6, KU4A 5. PSHR: N4GNL 84, K14QH 83, K4AVX 78, KA4MTX 74.

MICHIGAN: SM, George E. Race, WB8BGY. (@N8FTY)—ASM: WA1LRL (@ WA1LRL). STM: WD8KQC (@ NT8R). SEC: N8AYQ. SGL: N8CNY. TC: W8YZ OOC: WA2AJD. New EC appointments from N8AYQ, MI SEC: N8HRN. Allegan, WB8CTU-Charlevoix, WB8RTH-Delta, K8YVW-Oscoda, WA8HDG-Muskegon, N8ERF-Midland, N8GNF-North Ottawa. Congratulations and welcome to the MI team! We still have 21 Counties without ECs as of Sept. 1st. Contact Jim, N8AYQ, if you are interested in becoming EC and RACES officer for your County. The MI ARRL Convention was a great success. The 5 County Group did an outstanding job with all of the many arrangements. My thanks to Division and Section Staff for the many excellent presentations made throughout the day. A special thanks to John Bloom, from ARRL HQ, for his technical presentation. Also to fry Tallant Jr. Engineer in Charge of the FCC Detroit office, for his update on the role of the FCC. I had the honor of presenting awards honoring Congressman William Schuette and Congressman Bob Traxler for their co-sponsorship of House Concurrent Resolution 317. Joe, W8SCW, has retired as the Early QMN Net Manager. Your many years of service to MI Traffic Handling has not gone unnoticed. Well done, Joe, from all of the MI Section Hams. Will, W8EOI has been named the new Early QMN Net Manager by QMN Manager Larry, WB8R. Our thanks to Will for stepping in to fill the position. Congratulations to Vince, N8BR, for working all 3,076 counties. W8EOI has been named Ham Of The Year for the U.P. Net. The Garden City ARC gets my vote for the most professionally prepared Newsletter of 1988. Judging by the content, this group has to be one of the best informed AR groups in MI. Welcome to two new ARRL Affiliated Clubs, the Allegan County ARC and the Montcalm Area ARC. Maybe one of these days you will join the ranks of the ARRL Special Service Clubs as well. We have 6 SSCs in MI. SSC status indicates a sincere dedication to Amateur Radio. If your club does not have the resources and personnel to meet the overall goals of the SSC, several smaller clubs can band together to form a Council of Clubs and be granted SSC status. Check the SSC Manual for details. I am still looking for an Affiliated Club Coordinator. This would be a good position for someone who has a few evenings a month to attend club meetings around the State. If you are interested, please let me know. Novice classes are in full swing around the state. Please let me know if there are any League materials that I can supply for your classes. This is the time of year that Amateur Radio takes a back seat to the Holidays and family get togethers. Hope you all have a very pleasant Thanksgiving.

NET	FREQ	TIME/DAY	QNI	OSP	SESS	MGR
UPN*	3921	5:00PM DY	1051	44	35	WD8DHB
MACS*	3953	11:00AM M-SA	403	79	31	K8OCP
MITN	3453	7:00PM DY	530	189	30	WD8EIB
QMN*	3663	6:00PM DY	331	77	46	WB8R
SEMTN	145.33	10:15PM DY	490	76	30	N8HSC
GLETN	5932	9:00PM DY	572	56	31	K8EIBZ
W8SBN	3935	7:00PM DY				W8NDI

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*QMN Fast-6:30PM Dy; QMN Late-10PM Dy; MACS-1PM Sun; UPN-12PM Sun. Traffic for August: KA8CPS 414, N8HHH 139, WD8KQC 134, N8FTY/BBS 85, N8WM 82, K8GXV 71, WB8R 66, WA8DHB 49, N8HSC 48, K8ZJU 44, WB8YDZ 41, W8EOI 40, K8UPE 34, W8DMJB 32, W8YIQ 30, K8OCP 28, W7LVB 26, K1BQ 22, N8CNY 21, W8HIX 20, K8BLZ 20, N8JAT/BBS 18, W8RNO 16, N8FPN 16, WD8EIB 14, W8URM 13, K8HAP 12, N8Y8W 11, N8GGO 7, W8SYA 7, W8BEZ 7, K8BPWM 7, N8EXS 7, W8VIZ 6, W8BMVH 5, K8QVH 4, W8Y2 3, W8CUP 2, N8XS 1, (WB8YDZ 74, June), WB8YDZ 44, July).

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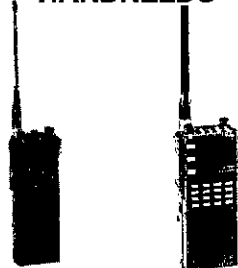
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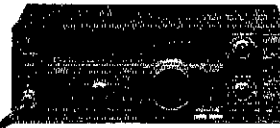
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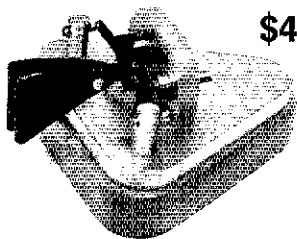
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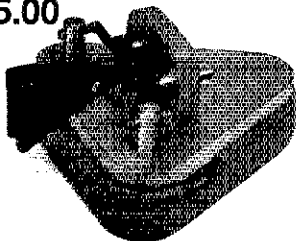
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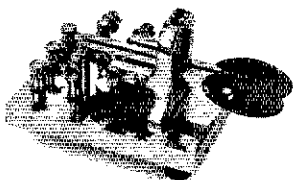
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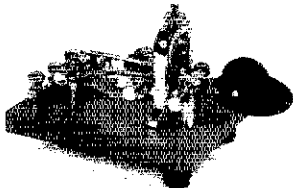
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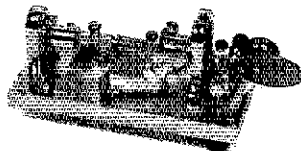
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Hamfests in November and December: Nonel Contact Affiliated Club Coordinator KJ3O to list your hamfest on the Section's schedule: it's not too early for 1989! Amateur Radio Examinations: Columbus 11/12; Maumee 11/12; Canton 11/28; Columbus 12/3; North Olmsted 12/10; Dayton 12/10; Ravenna 12/10; Maumee 12/10; Zanesville 12/10; Cincinnati 12/17. Contact me or Assistant Section Manager N8AUH (phone number above) for details on any session listed above; we can provide names and phone numbers for VE session contact persons. In addition, the list gathered and maintained by K3RC may be found on any of the many packet radio BBS systems around the Section. Long-time Official Bulletin Station WBRG has decided to give up that grind to allow more time to concentrate on NTS activities and other areas of Amateur Radio: thanks for the years of service, Bob! Congratulations to the members of the Western Reserve Amateur Radio Group, the newest of Ohio's ARRL Affiliated Clubs! Congratulations to Stan Cohen, WD8QDQ, of Cincy, who participated in the coordination of the delivery of needed medicine from Children's Hospital in Cincy to a very-ill child in Argentina. Stan's efforts were covered in detail on WKRC-TV, with interview and shots of Stan's station. I first saw an account as a result of an Associated Press story in the Columbus Dispatch. Thanks to W4RHZ for forwarding additional details! Charlie Cotterman, KA8OQF, was en route to a Dayton ARA committee meeting when he saw a man on a highway overpass preparing to jump. He autopatched the police, and assisted in traffic control as requested after they arrived until the man was talked down 90 minutes later. Public service IS Amateur Radio! As you all know by now, John Haungs, WA8STX, will be taking the reigns from me and will serve as your ARRL Ohio Section Manager for the next two years. I wish John the best in his new endeavor (I hope that he knows what he got himself in to!), and I trust that you will all show him the sides of the Ohio Section that have always impressed me: the skill, the dedication, the innovation, and the excitement! It's one thing to be the biggest ARRL Section, as Ohio is; it's quite another to be the best, as Ohio is as well. I wish that I had as much time to devote as this Section deserves from its SMI I expect to remain alert and active, holding several appointments, and I hope to catch up on some of my other interests in Amateur Radio. I will be writing one more of these columns, in which I will try to summarize the past four years. (Club newsletter editors: this would be a good time to replace me on your mailing list with John!) The stations listed below have practiced their traffic handling skills in preparation for disaster during August 1988: K8TVG 980, KD8HB 306, KD8KU 303, W8PMJ 250, W8BO 209, W8SKP 198, K8JDI 170, N8AUH 189, W8EK 144, W8QZK 133, W8ZOL 129, N8IIP 127, KC8YV 121, WD8KFN 121, WA8EYQ 116, W8JGW 113, K8CGF 109, WD8QXT 102, N8GEC 99, W8MIO 94, KD8HD 91, W8CXM 85, WD8IKC 81, N8EFP 79, N8EX 78, N8AUJ 77, K8ICW 77, WA8SSI 72, WA8HED 71, K8ALV 67, N8FWA 62, N8CEI 60, KA8GJV 55, W8LDU 52, WD8KBW 52, K8CMR 50, KA8DRR 49, W8BKWC 43, K83CV 40, KA8SOM 37, WD8RIB 36, N8GPU 34, N8CJS 33, KA8TXA 32, KB8ABO 31, N8HJB 30, W8HHZ 26, N8GOB 26, N8E25 25, W8LJW 23, WD8JAW 22, KA8SON 20, N8CW 19, KC8JV 19, KD8XL 18, KB8EIW 18, N8FPH 18, W8BKWD 17, W8SDPZ 16, N8AJU 16, WA8ZID 13, KE8DQ 13, N8FB 12, K8DXZ 12, KA8BNQ 12, WD8JYE 12, KA8RY 12, K8V0Y 11, K8WZX 11, N8CQ 9, W8BVN 8, K8CIX 7, N8H5 7, N8GZX 7, KA8VYT 6, W8GDQ 6, W8RG 6, N8HRW 6, W8SWM 6, W8DPWG 5, KD8IC 5, N8HBF 5, K8GH 4, W8ZM 4, WD8CTX 3, W8BHL 3, W8XT 3, N8JDH 3, KA8UVU 3, WA8EZN 2, WD8CPL 1.

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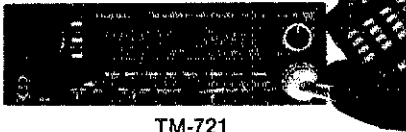
EASTERN NEW YORK: SM, Paul S. Vydaireny, WB2VUK—ASM & STM: K2ZM. SEC: WA2ZYM. BM: WB2IXR. PIO: KB2TM. OOC: N2DVO. ATC: WA2VGM. SGL: KB2HQ. ACC: KV2A. ASM & NWSLTR ED: WB2NHC. NET REPORTS FOR AUGUST (ONI/QSP): AESN 2710 CDN 611773 E8S 334/55 HVN 277/47 NYFON 484/288 NYS/E 328/180 NYS/L 271/158 NYS/M 284/170 SDN 293/131. CLUB NEWS: Albany ARA will have KA2WGO talk on "The Light that never Fails"—the LED at their Sept. meeting. They report that F.D. was a great success as was the 200 operation with 7829 QSOs! They welcome N2IDY and KB2FTM, new members. Communications Club of N.Y. is working to get all its members to write to Congress concerning 220 MHz. Crystal Radio Club will be discussing the upcoming VHF contest. PEARL congratulates the following upgrades, KB2FPA, KB2EGV and KB2FPH. Also Novice grads KB2FPD and KB2FPE. Overlook Mtn ARC had a fox hunt in August and will hold a Quiz Bowl in September. Saratoga RACES was busy during the summer with Field Day and the 200 operation. WA2DHF, Hudson Division Director and I attended their third annual Hamfest on Sep. 10th. The weather and the hamfest were both great! West ARA heard WA2DHF talk about the loss of 2 MHz of 220. Those in attendance filled out cards at the meeting to their congressman. WECA had a successful Field Day and heard WB2CJA talk about the latest in packet at the Sept. meeting. Please note: the time is NOW to write to your Congressmen to enlist their aid in returning the 220-222 portion of 220 MHz to the amateur allocation. Everyone's help is needed in order to be successful. DO NOT LET SOMEONE ELSE DO IT! August PSHR: WE2G WA2JBO WB2VUK K2ZV1 WB1BTJ KB2EPU. August TFC: WB2VUK 165, K2ZV1 140, K2ZM 69, KB2EPU 69, N2FTR 53, WA2GY 51, N2HF 38, WA2JBO 25, WB1BTJ 25, WE2G 25, W2CJO 13.

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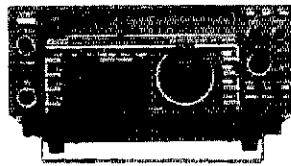
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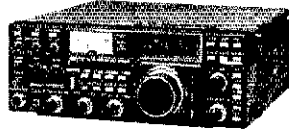
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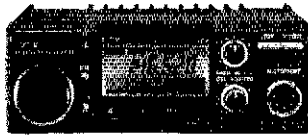
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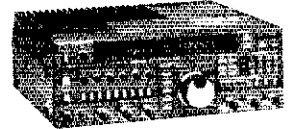
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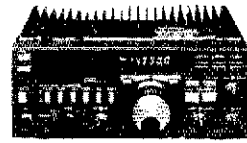
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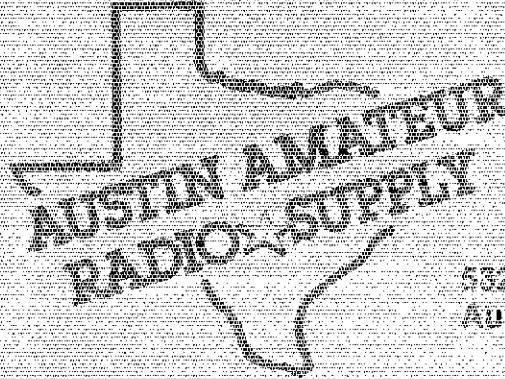
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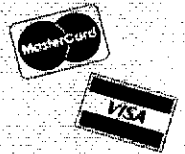
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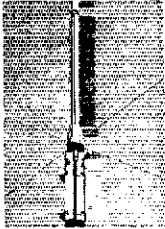
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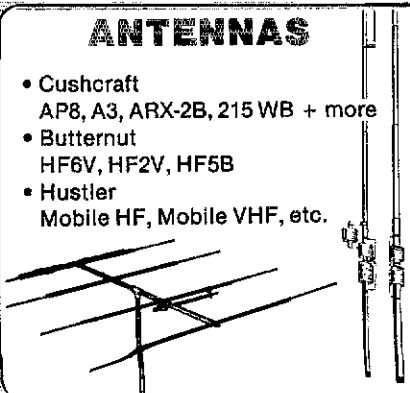
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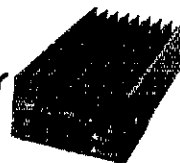
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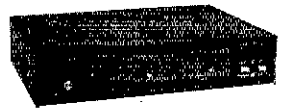
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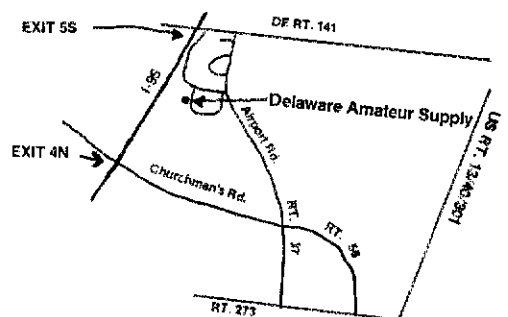
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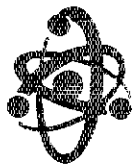
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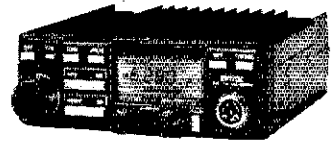
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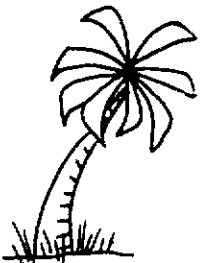
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NORTHERN NEW JERSEY: SM, Robert R. Anderson, K2BJG—ASM's: N2CXK (SE), N2WMM (NW), WB2NQV (SW), N2XJ (CEN AND VE), SEC: N2BMM, STM: KA2F, OO/AAC: KA2B38, ACC: WB2HBZ, SGL: W2KB, TC: K2B2LA, BM: WA2UPK and PIO: N2WL. I am sorry to have to report the resignation due to poor health of ACC Ken Hampton Jr., KY28. Ken has served the NNJ section well in this position since March 1988 and had previously represented the previous ACC in the southern area of the section. As to his replacement I am pleased to announce the section-level leadership appointment effective 09/88 of James Dockery, WB2HBZ as Affiliate Club Coordinator (ACC). New traffic appointments effective 09/88 are: N2DXP NM of NJTTTN, WA2OPY NM of NJNL and WA2OPY ORS. Bergen Area celebrated its 25th anniversary by operating special-event station NK2K from the USS Ling (SS297) at Hackensack. Congratulations to the following who were newly licensed or upgraded during August sessions conducted by: Haritan Bay ARC (11/8), Northeast NJ Testing Assoc. (7/3), NNJ VE Board (18/10), and Ramapo Mountain ARC (33/17). The Ramapo session held at their Hamfest was the first conducted by NENJTA as a service to another organization. This relieved the Ramapo VE team so they could support other requirements at their Hamfest. Novice (4): M Mintz, R Glatt, F Hora and S Elder. Technician (18): KB2FZJ, W Schell, F Jaeger, KB2GAU, KB2GER, KB2GFT, KB2CXS, KB2FCV, KB2FZB, KB2FZD, KB2GBS, KB2GDR, KB2GGG, KA1OVH, and KA1RJR. General (4): N2HIA, N2ILD, KB2FRQ, and KB2EMB. Advanced (8): N2HPZ, N2HVZ, N2KED, KA2HYW, N2CUY, WA2DAX, K2EII, and N2HQH. Extra (3): N2HYV, KL7HIR and WA1YCF. Total applicants (67). Total new or upgrade (35), 52.2%. At the December NJ Traffic Handlers Confab three annual awards will honor traffic excellence — The W2SUE award and the W2UEZ award will be complemented by the new K2ZSE / Edwin Soloy award for outstanding traffic work on NJ local VHF nets. Traffic Nets and Statistics for July 1988:

NET	MGR	FREQ	TIME	SESS	SES	QSP	QNI
NJM	WB2ZJF	3695	1000	DY	31	93	219
NJP	W2CC	3950	1800	DY	36	73	279
NJNE	OPEN	3695	1900	DY/P	...	...	...
NJNL	WA2OPY	3695	2200	DY/P	31	38	88
NJSN	KA2INE	3735	1830	DY	31	31	143
OBTTN	KA2F	147.12	2000	DY	31	90	240
NJTTTN	N2DXP	223.88	2100	DY	...	...	...
NJ/VNE	WB2FTX	146.895	1930	DY/P	31	76	430
NJ/VNL	N2FGC	148.49	2230	DY/P	...	...	...
NNJPL	W2QNL	145.01	24HR	VIA	WA2SNA-1	...	...

Packet NTS activity for August, 1988: Total 134. WA2SNA-1 auto forward (35) plus liaison (99) by N2ZT (9), N2HQZ (2), W2KB (3), W2QNL (49), WB2FTX (36), SAR/PNSR for July: W2RRX 81/97, W2QNL 158/116, K2VX 94/81, KB2BNW 32/50, W2XD 13/, W2CC 21/, N2XJ 83/76, N2DXP 121/63, KB4CY 9/54, KA2INE 68/89, WB2FTX 64/60, KA2F 115/106, WB2QMP -64, ND2K 18/, NR2N 26/.

MIDWEST DIVISION

IOWA: SM, Wade Walstrom, W0EJ—ASM, WB0AVW. SEC: KD0BG. STM: K0XL. ACC: NU4P. OCC: WA0QMU. BM: KB1IR. TC: K0DAS. PIO: W0EM. The Cedar Rapids Hamfest was a success in both attendance and receipts. License upgrades at Cedar Rapids include WB0FQH and KA0LES to Extra, KA0YPN, KB0ATA, WD0AQC, WD0HTD, KA0ESR, and KA0BLT to Advanced, KB0DAR and KA0ZPO to General, and KA0HZZ, KA9POK, KB0CZC, KA9TEA, and KA0SFF to Technician plus two who went from unlicensed to Technician and two more who became Novices. WB0JBL is the VE Team Coordinator in Cedar Rapids. KB0DAE is a new Novice in Fort Dodge and WA7UWG is now NAJKE. NU8P has a new QTH and now sports a new tower. WB0AVW is now on packet.

WA0VYW is the new packet bulletin board in Des Moines. A special congratulations to KE0AS who is the 1988 recipient of the John W. Gore Memorial Scholarship. Remember that the Iowa 75 Meter Evening Net time will change to 5:30 PM with the change to Standard time on the last weekend of October. NBGRX recently reported a two car personal injury accident north of Denison via 2 meters to K0CNM, who then alerted amateurs. Well done, Tim and Jack! Regrettably, WB0JRA, KD0YV, W0JUP, WA4J, K0CMA, and WA0YCF all became Silent Keys recently. Traffic: W0SS 148, K0IPT 142, KA0DF 116, W0YLS 89, K0GP 67, WB0MCK 40, WB0AVW 34, K00XL 20, KA0VBA 18, W0WIM 14, WB0OKA 11, K0KJQ 10, KE0W0 4, K0EVC 4, WB0FNA 4.

KANSAS: SM, Robert M. Summers, K0BFX—SEC: N0BLD. STM: W0ZYH. Net Manager K8BN/KPN, W0BFC. Net Mgr QKS, WB0ZYH, Ks RTTY Mgr, open. District Emergency Coordinators are W0OAG, W0JYT, W0EB, W0FRC, N0K9, WB0MDF. STATE Govt. Liaison: N0BLD. Tech Coord: open. Bulletin Mgr: K0JDD, ACC: K0BFX. PIO: WB0VSG. Manager of QKS-SS is W0MWM. Wx Net Manager, W0MWWZ. Always sorry to hear of another SILENT KEY, N7PM, KA0CHQ and W0GLC. K0KU, the club station at Kansas University, Lawrence is interested in starting a college net on HF. If anyone at the other colleges are interested, contact Nate @ K0KU-9, on packet. Welcome back to W0BFT as NCS, QKS-SS after a long illness. N0BLD reports that T26VV (KB0VV) has returned to the states and is now living in Dallas, Tx. It must be the middle of summer, traffic counts are down. Stations reporting are less and info for the column short. How about it gang, let's all try to report something each month. Please reference your own activity. Net activity for July K8BN QNI 1244, QTC 104, KPN 410/17, KMWN 695/559, KWN 856/634, QKS 216/65, QKS-SS 45/7. Still looking for a RTTY net manager. Someone tell me who in KS is active RTTY wise! Haven't heard much on PACKET from western Kansas, anyone like to fill me in? PLEASE DO SO. Traffic: K0BFX 203, W0FRC 141, N2ZM 34, W0OYH 62, N0BZ 62, WB0ZNY 54, W0QMT 48, WA0YXK 24, W0MYM 16, W0HJH 11, N0BLD 10, W0BRO 8.

MISSOURI: SM, Ben Smith, K0PCK—Congratulations to the Heart of America Club on receiving Special Service Club status. Amateurs from the St. Charles ARC helped with communications after a train derailment in Ellsberg, MO, August 6. Amateurs involved were KA0UJ, KE0KJ and N0IAB. Amateurs in the Kansas City area provided communications for two triathlons. A group assisted with the Indian Trails Mini-Triathlon. Helping with the project were WB0TIN K0ORB N0WBA and WB0ROQ who was Net Control. Another group took part in the Johnson County MS Triathlon. Those were N0JX W0OCT N0K6 WB0TIN N0H0B K0ORB W0BIA and WB0ROQ as NCS. New Field Appointments for the month: W0WV, OO and PIA. N0CG, PIA and ORS, K0PHI, OES and KE0KI OBS. Silent Key report: W0XA.

NET	SES	QNI	QTC	DAY	TIME(PM)	FREQ	MGR
MON	62	227	122	D	7:45	4	5.85
MOSSB	31	630	75	D	6:00	3	3.93
MEOW	31	581	35	D	5:30	3	3.93
HBN	23	335	23	M-F	12:05	3	3.80
PHD	5	139	11	M	9:00	1	143.43
CMEN	5	62	11	W	9:00	1	148.76
HARC(U4)	4	73	9	-	-	-	-
(Aug)	4	76	8	-	-	-	-
SWMSW	5	162	5	-	-	-	-
SLARES	5	314	4	M	8:00	1	148.91
RRABN	30	272	1	D	9:00	1	147.79
MOFO	5	16	1	W	8:15	1	224.02
KCARES	4	57	0	-	-	-	-
MCARES	4	46	0	-	-	-	-
MXARES	4	46	0	TH	9	1	147.255
SEDARES	4	32	0	-	-	-	-
CARL	4	24	0	W	5:30	1	148.48

Traffic: N0BG 403, ND0N 157, WA0YJX 141, A100 130, K0ORB 84, WA0HTN 50, W0BUD 39, K0CPK 16, W0RL 15, WA0KUH 9, WD200DVG 6, K0RAJ 3, W200RR 2.

NEBRASKA: SM, Vern Wirtka, WB0GQM—STM: Jerry Kohn, WD0EGK. Some stations have reported difficulty in passing traffic on various Nebraska section nets. It is understandable that, at times, a station in the particular community or area that has traffic is not on the net. However, the traffic could still be picked up by some station on the net for later relay to its destination. This is important especially when a liaison station has traffic for a Nebraska location, which has been picked up on some other National Traffic System (NTS) net. The liaison station should not be expected to keep checking into various section nets hoping to find somebody to take the traffic. It takes a great deal of cooperation to get a piece of traffic to its final destination. The handling of routine traffic is the source of the practice that is needed to assure trained Amateur Radio operators are available when emergency communication situations arise. Perhaps we need to do a better job of education and training for traffic handling in our section as far as the National Traffic System works. Our STM, Jerry Kohn, WD0EGK, of Lincoln, will be glad to explain how the system works. Jerry also has a program on traffic handling, which he has offered to clubs to help answer questions. Contact WD0EGK for further information. Our Section Emergency Coordinator, Michael Rührdanz, N0FER, of Lincoln, is suggesting that more amateurs consider leaving their packet stations on 24 hours a day. N0FER says there are many stations that do have their stations available around the clock but more are needed to assure better section packet coverage in order to provide emergency communications when needed. The Pioneer Radio Club of Fremont handled public-service type communications in conjunction with the 2nd Annual "John C. Fremont Days" during August. The AK-SAR-BEN club of Omaha is now sponsoring an Explorer post of the Boy Scouts of America. The post will meet prior to the regular, second Friday of the month, meetings. More information can be obtained from Kandi Hagstrom, 402-333-8758. If you need any type of information or assistance concerning the Field Organization in Nebraska, contact your Section Manager. Your Section Manager tries to check into the evening storm net about three times per week and the Saturday Comhusker Net. Radiograms are always welcome or just send a message via packet to the K0BOY BBS in Omaha or connect direct to the packet station which is on 24 hours a day. Traffic: K0DKM 180, W0KJ 82, KA0CB 22, WA0BOK 15, W0GQM 5, N0DA 3, W0C0 1.

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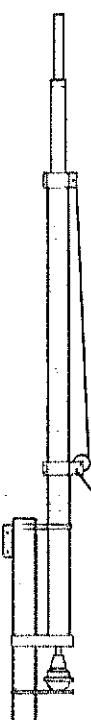
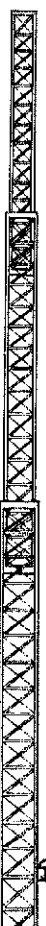
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TX-472MDP*	72'	22'8"	4	1210	12 1/2" 21 1/2"	\$4069.00
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HDX-572	72'	22'8"	4	1420	15" 25 1/2"	\$3959.00
HDX-572MDPL*	72'	22'8"	4	1600	15" 25 1/2"	\$6049.00
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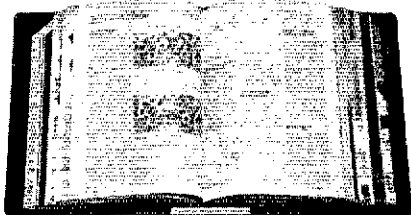
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NET	NM	TIME	FREQ.(MHz)	SESS	QNI	QTC
CN	WB1GXZ	7 & 10 PM	3.640	61	410	188
		Daily				
CPN	NK1J	6 PM M-Sat	3.965	31	356	103
		10 AM Sun				
NVTN	NM1K	9:30 PM	148.880	31	652	237
		Daily				
WESCONN	NQ1P	8:30 PM	147.180	31	486	130
		Daily				
RASON	KY1F	9:00 PM	146.730	31	224	61
		Daily				
CSTN	K1CE	24 Hour	145.010			200
		BBS				
CSN	WB1GXZ	7:30 PM	3.720	23	161	60
		M-F				

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Traffic: NM1K 539, N1DMV 349, W1EFW 256, WB1GXZ 243, KY1T 205, KA1JAN 130, KA1GWE 99, KY1F 76, KA1KP 62, N1FJW 57, KB1ZC 51, W1YOL 48, W1WV 41, KA1FVY 40, NK1N 28, WA1NLD 24, WA1RVI 17, N1BOW 15, NK1J 12, WB2SGI 9, W1BDN 8, W1CUH 7, W1QV 5, K1CE 4, WB1EFJ 4.

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Net	Mgr	Freq	Time(EDT)	Day	Seas	QTC	QNI
EMRI	N1AJJ	3658	1800/2200	DY	50	113	132
EMRIPN	WA1FCD	3880	1730	DY	27	60	80
EM2MN	KA1MDM	63/23	2000	DY	27	70	288
NEEPN	K1BZD	3945	0830	SUN	4	4	31
HHTN	NG1A	0464	2230	DY	31	173	281
EMRIS	N1QVE	3715	1800/2030	DY	35	28	86
CTN	KB1AF	745/045	1930	DY	31	76	411

Total packet liaison traffic: 122. When this is published, the New England Division Convention will be history for another 2 years. I hope to see many of you there. The club season is in full swing and the HF bands are wide open. Many clubs will be having classes and exams sessions. There are now many opportunities to get a ham ticket. What we need to improve on is follow up. Does any club have an on-going Elmer program?? Has any club adopted a local school?? There will be some type of SET activity at the end of October or early November. The details will be worked out at the BoroBoxo convention. I appreciate getting the newsletters from the various clubs, it keeps me abreast of the various activities in the section. The Wellesley Club Newsletter is sporting a new look. Seems like someone got a desktop publishing system. Not too much else for this month. Traffic: KW1U 478, KB1AF 262, WA1TB 235, WA1FCD 211, NG1A 198, K1GGS 143, N1CVE 76, KA1NO 69, KA1MDM 67, N1AJJ 64, W1ICE 63, K1ABO 52, WA1FNM 33, N1BNG 28, KA1LIH 26, N1EGN 22, K1LCQ 21, WA1CRE 20, W1TC 20, KA1EDY 6, KA1KCU 3. N1BGG Packet BBS: 128 QTC.

MAINE: SM, Bill Mann, W1KX—SEC: KABUVQ. STM: WA2ERT. ASM: (PACKET) N1AHH. BM: W1JTH. SGL: K1NFT. TC: KQ1L. ACC: W1RWG. August saw successful ham gatherings at St. Albans (Aug. 12-14) and the 15th Annual Bangor Hamband (Aug. 28-28). The Augusta Emergency Amateur Radio Unit has become incorporated and the name changed to Augusta Amateur Radio Association. The Pen Bay ARC provided communications for the second Bike Trek held by New Hope for Women. Helping were: N2LE, IX1I, W1CET, K1EHO, W1BDL, WA1ZDH, N1DEI, K1ALX, KA1HEH, WB1COP, KC1CG and K1EBE. K1WWT is again teaching Amateur Radio classes Weds. evenings at Cony High in Augusta. Code practice is provided on WA1ZDA/F on Tues. at 9:00 PM and 9:30 PM. Several Maine newsletters reported the passing of W1BYK, attesting to Don's stature as a mainstay in Amateur Radio for many years. Silent Keys: K1SRE and W1TAM. Help wanted: We need a Public Information Officer for Maine to provide leadership in public information and public relations matters. Also needed: Public Information Assistants. Contact W1KX. VE Exams: Nov. 12, Rockland, 8:30 AM (KX11); Nov. 12, South Portland (SMV7), 9 AM (KD2E); Nov. 26, Bangor (EMV7), 9 AM (K1AG). Maine's 7 OBS transmitted 16 ARRL Bulletins and 3 Maine Bulletins during Aug.

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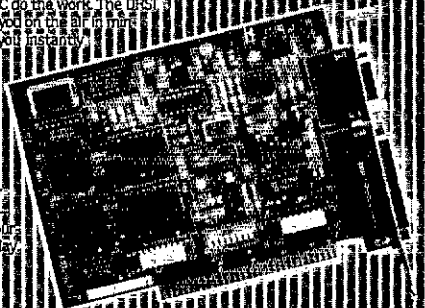
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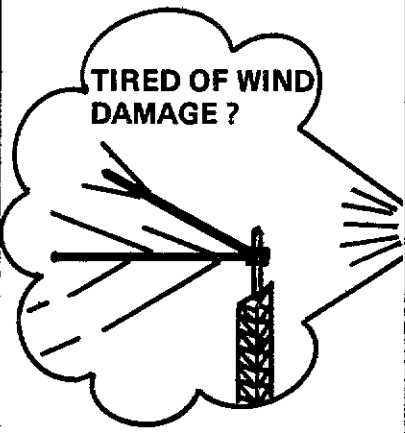
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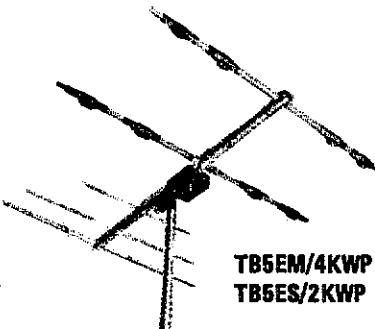
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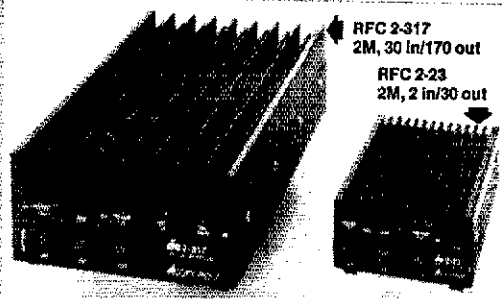
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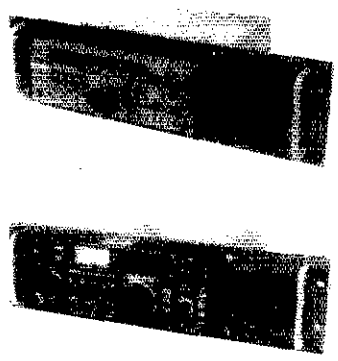
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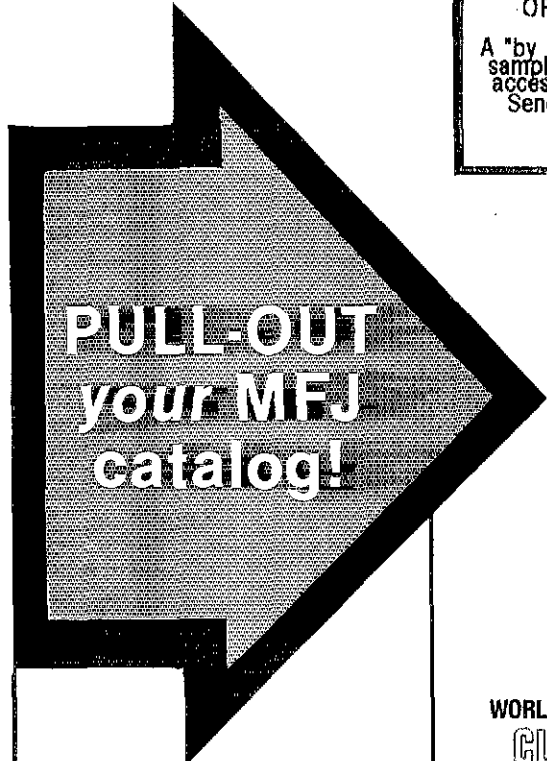
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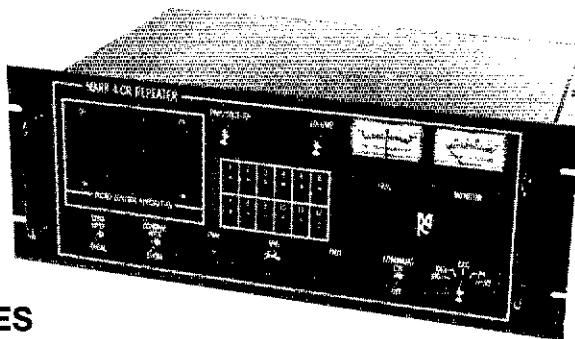
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NEW HAMPSHIRE: SM, Bill Burden, WB1BRE—SEC:
K1ACL. BM: K1OSM. As clubs moved back into high gear after
the long, hot summer, we saw a sample of the range of
possibilities in our hobby! On Aug 5, a chemical discharge
incident occurred at the W.R. Grace Co. in Nashua. EC
KA1GOZ reported that the ARES group was activated and sup-
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communications. Mobile and fixed operators in the area
helped track the movement of the cloud. Evacuation of 3000
people in the area was accomplished with no casualties and
the discharge was soon under control. In another emergency,
Dave W1FYZ, EC was notified of a comm emergency in
Portsmouth and the ARES group manned the fire dispatch
office and nursing homes throughout the city. Helping in this
effort were WA1PEL, KA1JUL, KA1LLP, K1ACL, W1OQG, and
N1EDU. More from the seacoast W1GGA is working on putting
an Amateur station aboard the U.S.S. Albacore, a submarine
in permanent "dry-dock" in a local park. He is looking for
equipment and help in setting up the station. N1DOU,
WA3LVH and W1UBG announced the official startup of the
Seacoast FM Packet Radio Net. The net meets on Wed at
20:30 local on 145.090. Thanks to the efforts of Butch
WB1GXM and others, the NHARA state organization has a
supply of Amateur radio bookmarks available for clubs or
groups that are running classes. We hope to distribute these
bookmarks to schools and libraries to promote the hobby. And
in New London, Roger N810 reported that their annual
Hospital Day parade was coordinated by a group of area Hams
including N1FSR, N1CIR, N1DRE, KA1PVX, W5ASD,
W1GUA, KB1DL, KB4NSA, W1GUX, KB1QY. Congrats to the
new MAPRA officers—Pres: W1JY, VP: KY1V, Sec/Treas:
WB1GXM. MAPRA maintains packet digi's on 145.01 on Mt
Acutey and in Concord. CNHARC has made a donation to
the ARRL building fund to support the upgrade of W1AW. Club
member K1NY5 was recognized for his QSO's with hams in
Plymouth, England to commemorate the 400th anniversary
of the defeat of the Spanish Armada. On the lighter side, IRS
members enjoyed an outing at the beach in Newcastle with
lobsters and breakfast prepared by WB1HBB and club pres
KA1OU. NARC members and families enjoyed a long weekend
at the Vermont home of KA1LDS and WB1BRE on their 6th
Podunk weekend. Highlights included star gazing with a 15"
telescope thanks to Ed, NM1N, and watching a house burning
on a fire dept training session! And then John, KB1HE sent
me a note indicating that he got into AMTOR recently and can't
get out! He has an experimental system running and is looking
for contacts for software ideas. On the traffic front, we had
90% representation on 1RN/3 this month and continued heavy
activity among the traffic handlers as the report indicates.
Nets: GSPN 127, GSFM 123, NHN 30, NHNTN 28, W1PEX
1684, WA1FHB 983, K1TOY 801, N1CPX 275, W1FVR 172,
KB4N 152, W1ALE 83, WB1HBB 73, KA1GOZ 56, N1ALM 43,
WA1Y2N 38, KA1OU and NE1J 36, K1E 23, KA1HPO 10,
KA1ROH and KA1PFS 6, KA1NXT 8, KA1JOU and K1M 7,
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is 5 yrs old & had its last net on Sep. 5th. OSARG Xmas party
is Dec. 3rd. Have you tried the 145.17 rptr in Cranston lately?
BVARC had a packet demo Sept. 26. Anyone want to join
BVARC contact KV10. Ham talk/Elmer program 2nd & 4th
Wednesday at the Red Cross in Apponaug from 7-9 PM.
OSARG has 315 members. If you want to learn about traffic
handling call Jim KA1KML at 487-8113. Jim would also like
to thank all the t/c handlers for a job well done. Hope every-
one has a nice X-mas. Traffic W1E0F 319, KA1KML 238,
PSHR: 83, KA1JXH 131, PSHR 76.

VERMONT: SM, Jonathan P. Maguire, N1CQE—ASM (RFI):
W1CTM. SGL/SEC: W1KRV. STM: KT1Q. It is with regret that
I report that Peter, AE1T, has resigned as SM. Peter has taken
a position as a teacher at Plymouth State College, Plymouth,
New Hampshire. I wish Peter all the best in his new endeavor,
and we will all miss him. He will be set up and on the air shortly,
so that we can stay in touch. Good luck, Peter! The annual
BARC Hamfest was held at the Champlain Valley Fairgrounds
in Essex Junction, Vermont, on August 13. NB1A reports over
700 enthusiastic attendees! Some of the many activities were
the Famous Flea Market, ARES and Packet meetings and
some great contests. Winner of the high speed (45 WPM)
contest was K1RR, with honorable mention to WA2SPL.
KA1QZD won the Novice/Tech session at 17.5 WPM, VE3SIR
won the QSL contest, and KA1RZF was the youngest ham
at age 10! Many thanks to the numerous volunteers who made
the Hamfest a success. W1AIM reports that the Worked All
Vermont award is available to any amateur who works a
verified 13 of 14 Vermont counties. Contact Chip, W1AIM, for
details. K1HKI and W1AIM have received certificates for
working the USSR/Canadian Skitrek expedition. New on
packet: N1FHI, Dave, CVARC VP. CVARC is planning on VE
sessions in January, April and September. CVARC has
become a Stocked ARRL VE group—the only one in VT.
Contact K1HKI for more info on the sessions. Upcoming
Burlington area VT sessions are scheduled for 12/17, 2/25/89
(tentative) and 4/21/89. Contact WB2JSJ for more information.
WA2SPL and KT1Q have earned BPL awards—congratula-
tions! Vermont has also had 97% participation in 1RN/2 and
1RN/3—keep up the good work! WA2SPL, KT1Q, WA2JVV,
NB1A, N1DHT have all earned Public Service Honor Roll
awards. BARC's W1KOO 01/61 repeater is running an ACC
RC-850 controller. August traffic: WA2SPL 1227, KT1Q 521,
WA1JVV 108, W3QQ 60, N1DHT 59, KC1K 54, WA1VXW 38,
NB1A 37, AE1T 25, W1KRV 20. Net reports: VTN 31/132/113,
VFN 4/60/4, GMN 27/430/28, CN 27/562/47, CVFMM 4/65/3,
SEN 4/44/0. TwinSFEMEN 4/46/1, TrisFM 5/75/3.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS: SM, Bill Voedisch, W1UD—
OO/RFI: N1OM. PIO/ACC: K1BE. SEC/SGL: WB1HIH, TC:
KA1JHM. STM: W1KK. Have you received a notice lately that
you have QSL cards in the bureau? At least one hundred of
these notices have been sent by KA1KRJ for the past three
months. A great job of originating traffic. KA1IFC has been
awarded the BPL Medallion and KA1KRJ has one on the way.
One of these days the ultimate may arrive—the A1 Operators
Club award. It can only be received by recommendation of

three A1 Club members sending in their recommendation for
the award. I was surprised many years ago when I opened
that envelope and found my membership certificate. The
HCRA (Zero Beat) has an article on their new toy. They have
an automatic keyer/logger. KA1KPH said, "If we had this for
the sweeps, we would be dangerous." I've been trying to find
out what is inside that little gem. I'll keep you posted. This
is the month that most clubs hold their first meeting. Next
month I should have more news about the planned activities
in the section. The WMPN meets Monday through Saturday
at 6:00 PM on 3.937, and the WM (CW) net meets each
evening at 7:00 PM on 3.562 MHz. The Western Mass
Emergency Net meets each Sunday morning at 8:00 AM on
3.937 MHz. Now that you know where these nets meet, give
them a try. Traffic: KA1IFC 780, KA1EJX 34, WB1HIH 22,
KB1TH 20, WA1YK 55, K1JHC 20, W1SVJ 10, WA1OPN 6,
W1GQP 1, KA1MPG (June) 220. (July) 209.

NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

ALASKA: SM, Dianne Marshall, AL7FG—SEC: KL7AF. DEC:
W7GHT. INTER: DEC: KL7JBV, Kodiak. STM: KL7VY. OBS:
NL7Y, Kodiak. On September 2 about 4:30 PM NBHLC came
on the Fairbanks 28/88 repeater looking for the local DEC,
NL7H. A tour bus of 42 people had rolled at a remote location
about 23 miles south of Eagle on the Taylor Highway. Two
known dead and 15 critical. KL7HPR stood by with AL7JJ and
his airplane ready to fly to Eagle with communication. The
emergency room doctor requested that hams be sent to the
site. Arrangements were made by Marge, KL7VY, to mobilize
hams into the area. Quickly, equipment was offered by KL7VY,
KL7SW and AL7PQ to accompany Dr. NBHLC and KH6AP
to the site via army helicopter. The emergency net was
activated on 3.920. KL7VK was mobile with the Director of
interior region EMS, monitoring the net. Others that helped
were, NL7DV, NL7MY, KL7XO and AL7HT. Thank-you all for
the instant response to this emergency and to all of those who
stood by on 3920.

IDAHO: SM, Don Clower, KA7T—ASM: K7REX. STM:
W7GHT. OOC: WB7CYO. ACC: N7BL. In spite of the smoke
and fires in Yellowstone, the WIMU Hamfest was a solid
success. The Utah group did a super job and Macks Inn
provided an excellent banquet and service. Some of us
learned what "up the creek without a paddle" means. Our
riverboat tour ended up with our Captain jumping overboard
with a rope and tying us to the bank when the paddlewheel
broke. All and all it was a super Hamfest. Next year WIMU
will return to Jackson Hole, WY. I am searching for a SEC
for Idaho. If you would like to help organize Idaho's emergency
services please give me a call. Traffic: W7GHT 124.

MONTANA: SM, Ken Kopp, K8PP—At column deadline many
are mulling comm stns for Yellowstone Park fires. RACES
activated by State DES with N7GX as NCS. Others helping
with fires in western Montana. Extreme fire danger cancelled
annual guided geology tour by KE7LH. Worst fire season in
history. Valley ARC (Glasgow) is section's newest club. BARC
(Butte) demo'd at shopping center & GFAARC (Great Falls)
at State Fair. AARC (Anaconda) will host WIMU at Jackson
Hole's Virginia Motel next year. KA7MMY now WR78. YL
KATKBD is SK. When does your club's license expire? Traffic:
WB7WVD 74 (PSHR).

IMN	30	346	143	KA7EEE
MSN	3	51	0	K8PP
MTN	31	1421	68	K7FR

OREGON: SM, Randy Stimson, KZ7T—ASM: KM7R. STM:
W7VSE. SEC: W7FBP. PIO: KCTYN. SGL: KA7KSK. ACC:
WF7Q. RFI: AK7T. QV: WN7W. STC: N7ENI. I am going to
get on my soap box. This is my opinion only. I am very upset,
as a lot of you are, over the loss of 220 to 222 MHz. I feel
that apathy and the "let the other guy do it" syndrome are
the reasons that we lost that portion. Surely if 450,000 hams
had written to their Senator, Congressman and the FCC, a
different decision would have resulted. Today the 220 band,
what is coming tomorrow? I talked to a lot of hams about the
problem, and I could feel that they didn't care as they didn't
use that part of the band. Well maybe, if we don't pull together,
the next segment of our frequency taken from us will be some-
thing that the unconcerned hams are using. Off the soap box.
The one Public Service event that takes the most time and
mileage is the Hood to Coast relay race. It is the largest relay
race in the country starting at Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood
and 168 miles later finishing at Pacific City on the coast. There
are 580 teams of 11 people each and every team has 2 vans
transporting the runners. This translates into a huge traffic
jam for 168 miles. The race starts at 6:00 PM Friday and ends
Midnight Saturday. The hams work Start, Finish and the
Exchange Points for emergencies that the runners might have.
We had 44 hams who helped. They worked 575 hours and
drove 3575 miles. Great job. Traffic (P) Packet W7VSE 323,
N7BGW 242, W7VSN 224, N7ELF 207, KA7EEE 167,
W7LRB 136, W7LNE 83, W7BSZM 71P, N7APC 70, N7CPA
69P, W7JE 60, W7XI 56P, KA7BYG 54, KF7BX 47, K7IFG
38P, KV7F 31, KZ7T 31P, KA7AID 19, N7DRP 18, W7EMO
14, KD7YJ 14P. (July) N7DRP 28.

WASHINGTON: SM, Brad Wells, KR7L. STM: KD7ME. SEC:
KA7INX. TC: W7BUN. OOC: N7DVR. SGL: KD7AC. BM:
N7CAK. PIO: N7CFY. ACC/ASM: KC7PH. ASM: KD7G. ASM:
KA7CSP. ASM: W7UOF. ASM: K7CUL. Three big contests this
month, the ARRL Sweepstakes on the first and third weekends
and the CQWW on the fourth weekend. These contests always
generate a lot of interest and offer an unexcelled chance
to pick up new states, new countries and new prefixes on any
of the HF bands. Even if you're not into contesting, take a
couple of hours of these weekends to help out those trying
to set new records. They will certainly appreciate your time
and effort. The latest news on DX and DXing may be found
on the 2 Meter DX Info Net which meets each Thursday at
8:00 PM local time on the 147.00 repeater. Everyone is
encouraged to check-in. The QRZ bug attacked K7ZR again
and he's busy working DX with milliwatts, not kilowatts. Each
of the Affiliated and Special Service Clubs in the Section
received a copy of the new ARRL Special Service Club
Manual. It's packed with information and ideas on how to
become an SSC. The many advantages of Special Service
Club status are fully outlined in this publication. However, there
MUST be at least one PIA, OES, ORS, or OBS appointment
held by a club member. Clubs are encouraged to have all four

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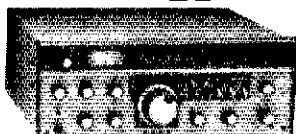
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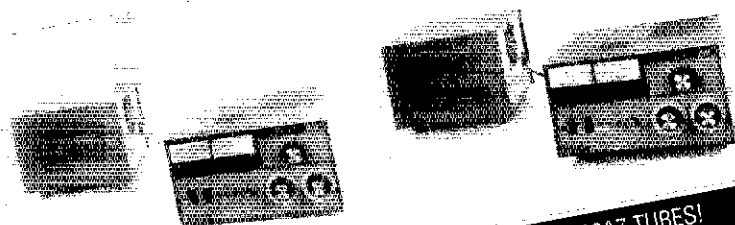
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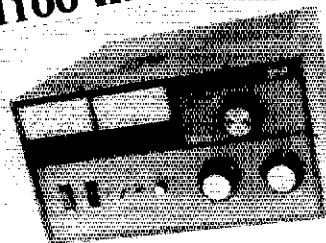
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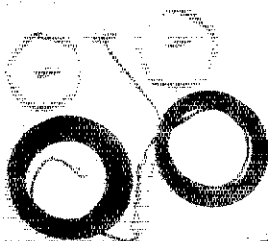
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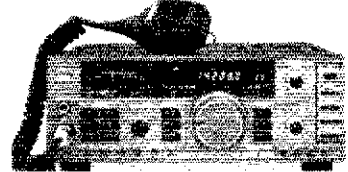
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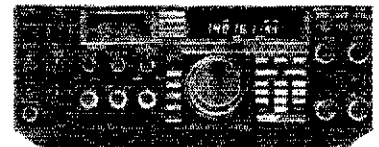
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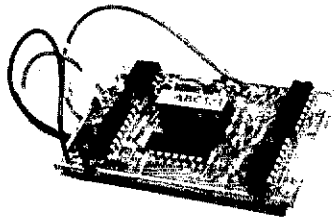


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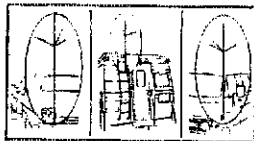
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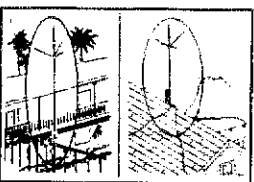
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appointments filled by their membership. Currently, there are no PIA appointments in this Section. There are 21 ORS, 11 OBS, and 8 OES appointments. The names and call signs of club members holding these appointments are an integral part of the original application or renewal form. If your club is lacking in one or more of these appointments, contact the appropriate staff member for specific information and application form: PIA—Public Information Officer: John Teale, N7FKV; POB 2875; Silverdale, 98383; ORS—Section Traffic Manager: Phil Dunn, KD7ME; 9104 113th Street SE; Tacoma, 98498; OBS—Bulletin Manager: Pat Morgan, N7CAK; 3410 South 356th Street; Auburn, 98001; OES—Section Emergency Coordinator: Ed Holloway, KA7INX; 3561 East Spokane; Tacoma, 98404. Additional information and help with SSC application or renewal can be had from the Section Affiliated Club Coordinator: Tom Plaisance, KC7PH; 101 North 37th Ave; Yakima 98902. Another ARRL program which traditionally receives little publicity is the Official Observer corps. Since government deregulation and reductions in the annual budget of the FCC, the Amateur Radio service has become virtually self-regulating. It is now the Official Observer who provides monitoring services and facilities for the FCC and amateur community. The OO is concerned with amateur-to-amateur interference and with the unauthorized use of our frequencies by other radio services. To become an OO, you must have at least a Technician ticket, have been a ham for a minimum of 4 years, and pass a written examination. If you're interested in participating in this important program, contact the Section Official Observer Coordinator: Dan Rooks, N7DVR; POB 566; Kingston, 98346. The Special Service Club, Lower Columbia ARA, has appointed K7WF as HF Awards Manager and WB7UUP as VHF Awards Manager. Another Special Service Club, Issaquah ARC, has appointed KA7MOC as VHF Awards Manager. These people can certify your QSL cards for a number of ARRL operating awards. KC7FA has resigned as DEC Peninsula after many years of service in ARES. YL's interested in attending the YLRL 50th anniversary convention at Kauai, Hawaii in June 1989 should contact K1HF for travel & convention information. PUBLIC SERVICE HOURS: Benton 68; Franklin 60; King 928; Kitsap 1320; San Juan 8; Thurston 112. Traffic: K7AJT 31, W4C8N 12, KE7EO 10, N6EQZ 87, KR7F 42, KF7FF 26, W7GB 87, N7GGJ 31, K7GZX 165, W7IEU 8, W7ICQ 232, W7L8K 31, W7LG 123, KA7PMD 18, W1PRT 16, K7SUX 96, KA7TTY 19, K7UQH 82, WB7WOW 295, WA7YEN 83, KD7ME KR7L. PSHR: N6EQZ, W7L8K, KD7ME, WB7WOW.

PACIFIC DIVISION

EAST BAY: SM, Bob Sallo, W6RGG—ASMs: W6ZF, WB3FCV. SEC: W6LKE. STM: K6APW. OOC: NY6Z. TC: N6AMG. MDARC's ATV Group has their ATV repeater fully operational, with plans to add 1.2 and 2.4 GHz outputs as well as translators to increase coverage. Present freqs are input/1264 MHz and output/427.25 MHz. The club welcomes new members KJ6CS and N6OSK, and congratulates N6SPT, N6SPX & N6OSK on upgrading to Tech. BARC's FD crew, with coordinator KJ6FY and group leaders K6GLV & KE6IA presiding, made 729 contacts and a total score of 6110. EBARC enjoyed a program by the EB section's dynamic duo of DXpeditions, Lloyd & Iris Colvin - W6KG & W6QL. Their members approved a dues increase by unanimous vote! LARK's FD score is estimated to be 3900. They welcome new members AA6GI & KB6ZFB. HRC's 10 meter net (Wednesdays at 8 PM on 28.350) is getting check-ins from Canada and Hawaii. They welcome new member N6SQC. I was invited, along with ASM WB3FCV, to attend VVRC's special breakfast meeting at which they received their ARRL affiliated club certificate. It was a pleasure to meet many of their members and to see that they had invited representatives from many of the adjacent clubs. I hope this concept spreads through all clubs. The OCCC welcomed new members KB6LUL, W6EFD & KA6ERF. Aug traffic: WB6DOB 191, W6VOM 101.

NEVADA: SM, Joe Lambert, WB1XD—ASM: Curly Silva, K7HRW. The Hamfest in Reno was a big success. Hope everyone had a good time. Plans are underway for a repeat next year. Also, hope everyone enjoyed the Pacific Convention in San Jose. There has been a major effort to save the 220 band by Nevada hams. Since the decision was issued August 4, many of us have written letters to our congressmen and the FCC. Special thanks to N7HDC and W17D. NW7O has been traveling through Northern Nevada, Alaska and Hawaii giving many people grid squares on several bands from 6 meters through 10 Gc. LVARC is planning a much more flexible controller for the 146.94 repeater. SIERRA had a ham station set up at the Alpine County Fair which drew considerable interest. They are also providing communications for the Genoa Candy Dance. TARA provided emergency communications for the world's toughest Triathlon at South Lake Tahoe. TARA's East Peak repeaters now have battery back up. Remember, when renewing your ARRL membership, to renew through your club. The ARRL gives a bonus for each new membership or renewal made through an ARRL affiliated club. Please send your items to WB1XD for this column before the first of the month.

PACIFIC: SM, Wayne Jones, NH6GJ—Greetings to all from the land of Aloha! A recap of Section appointments: ASM Hawaii—AH6J; ASM Maui—KH6H ASM Guam—WH2AEN; STM: KL7IVQ/KH6; SEC: NH6GJ; OOC: AH6GR; TC: AH6P. PIO: KH6JJ. BM: KH6H. DEC's: KH6S, KH6H, WH2AEN. Other appointments will be announced soon. Congratulations to the following upgraders: WH6BZX, WH6BYX, WH6BRS, KA3FSB/KH6, NH6PR, KH6RF, KL7IVQ, NH6KW, WH6BLC, AH9AD, NH6PO, NH6NG, AH6IX. Route packet traffic to Maui via KH6GPI BBS. WH6C has closed down. W1YRM, KH2CC, KH2GG, KH2CU, WH2AEN supported the "Hornet-Raleigh" bike race. KG2RN has retired from Guam Superior Court and moved to Washington DC. He will be missed on Guam! Give these new nets a try: 10 meter MM, 28.480; 0300Z daily, Hawaii Any Speed CW Net: 7.126 MHz; 0600 Z daily. Traffic: KH6S 63, KL7IVQ 52, KH6GMP 23, KH6H 35. Aloha from all of us to all of you!

SACRAMENTO VALLEY: SM, Bob Watson, W8IEW—Our hard working Section Emergency Coordinator, Deane, NR6A, has persuaded Cass, NX6Z to take on the responsibility as District Emergency Coordinator for the Metropolitan Sacramento District. All DEC positions are again filled. Congratulations to the recent upgrades including Amy, KB6ODA; Seth, KB6UZW; Sherry, KB6TUV and Cynthia, KB6YPE to Technician and Wayne, N6MII and Fred (formerly KB6BOJ) to General. Fred also has a new call (N6SVZ) that

many people, including Fred himself, are having trouble getting used to. The Sierra ARCs newest member John Mattingly has a new ticket with the call KB6ZOO and one of the graduates of their Novice class, another John (Bauman), upgraded to Tech. Bobby, WZ6Y is no longer the only Extra Class female in the Amador County ARC—she has been joined by Nancy, K6IXF who had passed the theory exam easily, months ago, and finally conquered the code. The two are now plotting improvements in the way the next VE exams will be given in Jackson November 12. I was saddened to learn that an old friend, Fred Lathe, W6DAC, became a Silent Key last spring. However, ham radio goes on at Fred's QTH with a new operator. Seems that John Waayers, K6MAU from southern California wanted to move up here, heard that Fred's place with tower and all was available and now keeps up the tradition—even has the same phone number. Traffic: WD6BZQ 427, WA6WJZ 348, N6LUY 290, K6SFF 97, WA6ZUD 84, W6RFF 24, WB6SRQ 12. (July) W6AUFZ 203, N6LUY 188, K6SFF 91, WD6BZQ 58, WA6ZUD 44, W6RFF 30.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY: SM, Charles McConnell, W6DPD—SEC: W6GU. STM: N6AWH. TC: WA6EXV. ACC: W6DPD. Asst. SAs: W6TRP and K6VY. WA6VPW and W6OIN are SILENT KEYS. Amateurs from Tuolumne and Calaveras counties provided communications for the Cal. Div. of Forestry during the 1988 summer fires. K6LHR was the liaison between the CDF and the Amateurs. The Sierra ARS furnished communications for the Mountain Festival. Congrats to W6REC and N6NQD on their recent nuptials. The following are new calls in the Lemoore area: K66YOD, K68YOE, K68YOF, K68YOG, K68YOH, and K68YQJ. KB6ZNU and KB6ZNV are active in Lodi. K6URI operated from the United Kingdom, Germany and Ireland. WB6VGH, KJ6CJ, and WB6QVO are Extra. K68OYS and N6RTU are Advanced. WB8KCE, KB6FEK, KB6VBX, and N6NML are General. KB6YBH is Tech. KB6MEE is N6SSD. N6PZS is KJ6JE. KJ6ZZ is AA6IZ. W6YO won a 2 m handheld. W6JPU has a KWM-2A. The gremlins ate the June Section News. Many SJV Amateurs attended the Reno Hamfest this year. Happy Thanksgiving to all. Traffic: WA6YAB 16, K6PMG 5, N6MXG 2, W6EITM 1.

ROANOKE DIVISION

NORTH CAROLINA: SM, W. Reed Whitten, AB4W—ASM: AB4S. SEC: N4MYB. STM: K4NLK. BM: K4IWW. ACC: WC4T. TC: K4ITL. SGL: KE4ML. PIO: AB4FW. Rudy Friedrich, AB4FW, is PIO and our section staff's newest appointee. Rudy lives in Minnesott Beach and is a member of the New Bern ARC. He was an Army high speed radio op., is a noted military historian of the Congressional Medal of Honor, a published author, & sailing enthusiast. In September he was honored as "Big Brother of the Year" for NC, SC, VA & WV. Rudy would like to hear from ALL clubs & also Amateurs who are interested in Public Information Assistant appointments. He will provide assistance and guidance in contacting media & getting coverage for emergency operations, special events, exams, & club meeting highlights (special guest speakers, etc.). This is IMPORTANT! Let's take advantage of Rudy's talents. Start with SET in October. [BT] SEC N4MYB suggests SET involve local & long distance telephone outages 0800-1200 + Sat, Oct 15. Cause of outages to be determined locally. All participants should send and receive formal traffic. ECs should contact and involve all served agencies & set up liaison with NTS nets and adjacent counties. Packet involvement should be encouraged and new packet station at State EOC will be operational. [BT] Questions about packet radio and traffic come up from time to time. Current situation: All NC packet traffic is considered to be part of an NTS net called NCPKT. AB4S is NC Packet Manager (as well as ASM). The PM coordinates packet radio traffic for NTS in NC. Reports sent to AB4S from BBS operators will be included in his NCPKT Net Report sent to STM. K4NLK at the end of each month. ALL BBS SYSOPS: Please send Ed a count of your "T messages" originated, received, sent, and delivered at the end of each month. Also please forward a Station Activity Report to SM AB4W and they will be included in the North Carolina activity report (below). See YOUR call sign in QST!! [BT] New packet group, NC Packet Radio Council will meet at State EOC on Sat, Nov 12. All are invited. [BT] ALL CLUBS: Please add SM, ASM, ACC, & PIO to your newsletter mailing list. [BT] Mark 4 ARC sponsored Greensboro Hamfest scheduled for November 24-25 [BT] Silent Keys: WA4FQJ, WB4MJH & Sandra Hampton (K4ITL XYL). [BT] August traffic: K4NLK 367, AA4TE 280, K4IWW 144, WD4HTE 128, KJ4VY 102, N9CGD 97, WD4RMCQ 1 62, WB4N 52, WB4WII 51, KA4CJN-0 47, AA4VZ 46, W4LWZ 38, N4JRE 37, WD4MRD 35, N4UE 34, AB4QE 32, W4LHF 31, KA4KJZ 27, WA2EDN 25, WA4MNR 19, AB4W 14, N4CJJ 11, NT4K 7, AJ5F 7, N4TCH 3, WB4UOU-1 2, K4KFC 1.

SOUTH CAROLINA: SM, Jimmy Walker, WD4HLZ—As you know, I was appointed SCM 5/3/82 and was elected by you to serve as SM for 6 years. Prior to that time I served as SEC. The past 10 years have been exciting for me because I enjoyed serving you and presenting Amateur Radio to South Carolina officials. The task was an easy one for me because of YOU. If it were not for the time and effort each of you gave in support of these programs, we could not have projected such a positive and professional image of Amateur Radio. I THANK YOU! On January 1, a new SM will step forward bringing fresh ideas and programs. Give your new SM the same support as you gave me and Amateur Radio will shine in our section. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK! And for each of you with the question in your eye—I will become Roanoke Division Vice Director January 1. Nets: SCSSB 795/49, York 1002/105, Greater Pee Dee 549/68, Lancaster 138/17. Traffic: W4ANK 123, NAMEJ 64, W4DRF 52, KA4LRM 30.

VIRGINIA: SM, Mark Whit, N441—SGL: W4UMC. PIO: AA4VP. TC: WX4C. STM: KB4WT. SEC: N4EXQ. ACC: NT4S. OOC: W4HU. BM: AB4U.

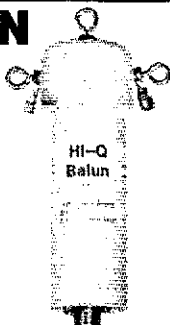
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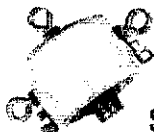
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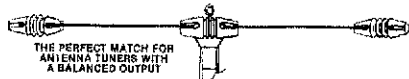
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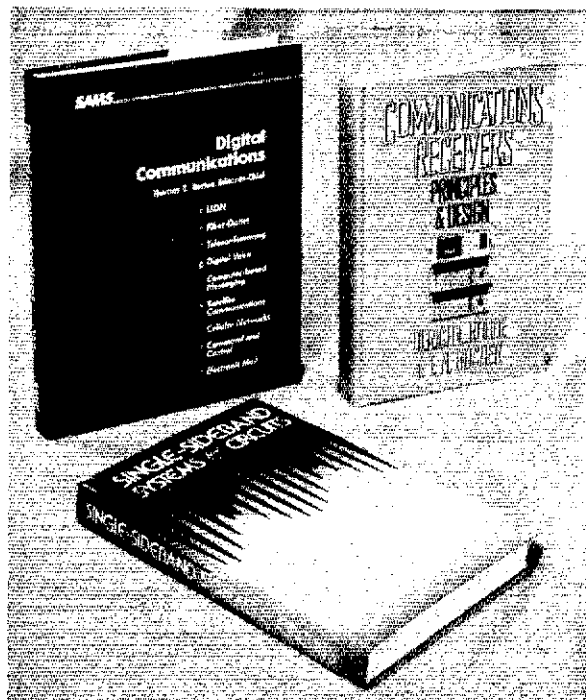
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of traffic. Much of it will be on packet so be sure to ask for LT (list traffic) on your boards, then be sure to kill it when you have taken it off. We will also need additional liaison stations to higher nets to keep a smoothly operating system. If you can be available for nets even occasionally it will help move traffic in the state. Look over the procedures for booking traffic and use it when you can. Welcome to NB3C and WA4PGI as Assistant Technical Coordinators. We now have the state fairly well covered with eight ATCs. Welcome to N4SMB, an active trafficker who has taken on the job of EC in Hampton. Traffic: N4GHI 579, K4MTX 293, N4EXQ 287, K4DOR 262, AA4AT 210, W3ATQ 177, W4FTK 127, WB4PNY 121, KJ4VT 109, KB4WT 103, W4JLB 93, W4T2Z, W6AMIS 82, K8RL 72, AA4GL 87, K4JBR 66, K44FV 65, W4GNZB 54, N4SMB 50, K4BGZ 40, K4JM 48, N4NQC 41, KB4NGO 41, W44UHC 35, K4MLC 34, W4EDB 33, W4HU 28, W4TZR 27, N44S 26, K4W 26, K4GR 23, N4KSO 15, W4HDW 12, K14VU 10, N4TJT 10, W44TVS 8, W44CCK 8, W44KIT 8, N4NFT 5, W44TY 3.

WEST VIRGINIA: SM, Karl S. Thompson, K8KT—SEC: K8QEW, STM: N8FXH, ACC: W8ACTO, SGL: K8BS, TC: K8LG, Rept. Coordinator W8BGDY. WVAV State Packet Radio Mtg was held 8/28 at Sutton to begin formulation of Statewide packet plan. Also a Mtg was held on 9/24. Contact W8DSEN. K4K3OK is now N8JVS, nice to have Gregg officially in 8 band. W8BV is back active on nets after surgery, hang in there Ollie, we're pulling for you.

NET	FREQ	TIME	QNI	QTC	SESS	NM
WVFN	3885	6:00	852	139	31	W8DHC
WVFN	3567	7:00	238	75	31	K2BQ
WVMD	7235	11:45	834	53	31	W8BV
WVRN	3640	6:30	144	19	31	K8LG
Hillbilly	14290	Noon Su	150	20	4	W8YP
Traffic:	K8QEW 213, W8DV 188, K2BQ 172, W8FZP 160, W8YP 160, W8DHC 120, K8WNO 107, W8LDY 90, K8BXP 87, K8WXX 64, K8BFI 59, N8FXH 48, K8KT 31, N8JBR 11, N8CB 7.					

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION

COLORADO: SM, Bill Sheffield, K0JN—ASM: KA0MQA, SEC: W80TUB, STM: K80Z, ACC: W80DUV, OOC: K8PCDN, W0JLR, TC: W0JLF, SGL: W8FQB, PIO: N8DZA, TC: W0JLF. A Court Ruling that could affect your Amateur Radio hobby occurred on July 29 when a federal judge in Denver issued a ruling that an amateur in Boulder County is limited to 35 feet tower elevation. The ruling is a direct contradiction to PRB-1. This case must be appealed or it could affect all communities not only in Colorado but also the nation. A tremendous sum of money must be raised to appeal this case in federal district court. We need the help of all Colorado amateurs. Please drop me a line for more information on the Amateur Radio Legal Defense Fund and how you can join in the fight that so drastically affects Boulder County and Colorado. Thanks to the many amateurs who worked with ARES in Jefferson & Boulder Counties during two severe forest fires. Congrats also to K0UEM who coordinated amateurs communications during the Burno Races in Leadville. A reminder to all ECs & NMs to send your SET reports to the SEC & STM. Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving. 73. K0BJ. NETS: CWN: QNI 52, QTC 45, QNF 30, 25 sess. COL: QNI 1818 QTC 1117-601, 31 sess. HNN: QNI 995, QTC 49-99 QNF 932, 30 sess. NCTN: QNI 239 QTC 84, QNF 384 31 sess. SCTN QNI 308, QTC 30, QNF 314, 29 sess. Traffic: N8HFZ 401, K8HCA 184, W8BFFV 86, K8BZ 84, K8WNO 99, K80W 6, K0INI 37, K80BJ 34.

NEW MEXICO: SM: Joe T. Knight, W5PDY—ASM: K5BIS, SEC: K5YJ, DEC: W5DHC, STM: NDST, NMS: WA5UNO, K5ANN, W5QNR, TC: W8G, ACC: K4SMB, Southwest Net meets daily, 3683 @ 0230 UTC, handled 62 msgs with 137 checkins. NM Roadrunner Net meets daily 3939 @ 0100 UTC, handled 65 msgs with 1052 checkins. NM Breakfast Club meets daily, 3939 @ 6:30 AM, handled 199 msgs with 958 checkins. Yucca 2-mtr net, 7818 handled 222 msgs with 308 checkins. Caravan Club 2-mtr Net, 66/06 with 132 checkins. SCAT Net, 66/06 handled 5 msgs with 513 checkins. Info Net 12/72, with 86 checkins. Almagordo Hamfest was a great success with record attendance. Good to have AG8X, RM Div. Dir. and W5HD RM Vice Dir. Congrats again to WA5UNO and all his valuable crew for putting on such a nice convention, and to Lee, WA5BLI, for a fine after-dinner address. Also many thanks to K5BIS, WA5UNO, W5VFO and others for picking up net control on RR net during my trips. Much appreciated. Traffic: W5DAD 96. Sunday Noon ZIA Packet net, 80 checkins.

UTAH: SM, Jim Brown, N7AG—SEC: Rich Fisher, NS7K, STM: John Sampson, W7OCX, Kevin, N7IUN, is holding monthly UCN breakfasts on the first Saturday of each month. QNI UCN for more info. WIMU, which was held at Mack's Inn, ID, this year, was a success. Clayton, AC7O conducted a very successful exercise in Cache County, and effectively used packet for hard copy traffic. AG8X visited a UARC meeting in SLC, talked about lightning and 220 and the Part 97 rewrite. N7AG talked about lightning and EMP protection at the same meeting. Laura, W7JM, won an award and plaque from UARC for being "Utah Contester of the Year." Traffic: N7JLC 87, WA7KHE 72, WA7MEL 40, N7IE 39, NS7K 23, N7AG 21, W7OXC 10.

WYOMING: SM, Jim Raisher, N7GVV—ASM: Steve Cochran, WA7H, SEC: Jim Anderson, W7TVK, STM: Dan Ransom, K7MM. Thanks, WA7H, for representing the WY Section at WIMU. Traffic and net reports for July and August follow: N7M7 543, W7T2C 482, W7SCT 244, K7SLM 11. Nets: Cowboy held 46 sessions with 1302 QNI and 15 QTC; Pony Express 9 ses, 334 QNI, 8 QTC; Albany ARES 4 ses, 28 QNI; Area 5 ARES 4 ses, 51 QNI. Wx Net which meets Monday thru Friday at 6:30 to 7:00 AM on 3923 had 207 QNI in July with 195 QTC. Dale, W7CS, would like to see more participation on this net. Dale would also like to remind you DXers to make sure when working split with stations outside the US to take care to check your transmitter VFO. His OO report shows several hams transmitting out of band. 73 till next month.

SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

ALABAMA: SM, James Spann, WO4W—ASM: W4XI, SEC: KB4GDN, STM: N4RT, ACC: AA4BL, PIO: KB4KCH, SGL: N4FRQ, OOC: KF4VS, TC: N4QIL, BM: KA4ZXL. With the holiday season nearing, the traffic load on our NTS nets will be getting heavier and more help will be needed. When was

the last time you checked into AENB, AEND, or the ATNM? The East Alabama ARC has earned ARRL Special Service Club status. Congrats to KA4PKB and crew. New packet nodes at Demopolis - DEM2 on 145.01 and DEM4 on 443.8 MHz. Birmingham ARC provides valuable service on the W4CUE PBBS with weather information on request. A data circuit from the National Weather Service is routed into the BBS system and by using product headers, you can call up about any possible weather information. WB4FAY heads the group that developed this service. By the time you read this, our hearing before the Alabama PSC on autopatch rates will be over. Look for late news on this on our section news update, available around the 20th of each month on all packet BBS systems, written by PIO KB4KCH. Thanks to all clubs in the state who send me their club bulletin - we have lots of amateur activity in the section! PSHR: WA4JDH, W4PIM, W4CKS, BPL: WA4JDH, W4CKS, Traffic: WA4JDH 771, W4CKS 695, W4PIM 217, WA4ZPZ 14, WO4W 9, W4DGH 8, W44TVY 2.

GEORGIA: SM, Eddy Kosobucki, K4JNL—ACC & ASM: WA4ABY, SEC: NC4E, STM: WB4WQL, ASst STM: (PACKET) W4QO, BM: WB4ZQJ, OOC: W4TG, PIO: W4D8E, SGL: WB4UVV, TC: WD4PAH. Georgia's last HAMFEST-COMPUTER FESTIVAL is scheduled for Nov. 5 & 6 at Lawrenceville, same place as last year. This is always a gud one, cu there? I have only one SILENT KEY TO REPORT this mo, KA4ENY, George Carter III of Douglasville. Our sympathies to his loved ones. AMSAT 6th Space Symposium will be held on Nov. 11 thru 13 at the Airport Marriott Hotel. Programs are to be great. GA TECH elected NR4E as Pres, WD4DWN VP, Treas: N4JQD, RPT MAn, WD4FSU. At the annual GA SSB ASSO meeting in Macon K44QJ elected Pres, VP: KF4FG, ST: WAHON, Dir: WA4EFPK & WB4ZMH, K4OUB was GA AMATEUR OF THE YEAR. I presented Certificates of Merit to K4OUB, WB4ZTM & KF4FG. On behalf of the sponsors of the RE-ENACTMENT OF THE BATTLE OF CHICK-AMAUGA we want to thank all who took time to furnish the communications to make things run smoothly. Once again tnx to a job well done. Valdosta ARC is led by Pres: WB4HYK, VP: KB0Y, Treas: N4ELN, Sec: KC4BEB, Atlanta ARC new officers are: Pres: W4BTVZ, VP: N4MAQ, Sec: N4MNR, Treas: K4Y, Act: WA4CUG. Aug PSHR nominees are: WB4DYZ, W4FRWB, WD4COL, WB4WQL, KA4HHE, KJ4NK (also in July) & W44ON. I hope that by now you have had the opportunity to talk to ur GA Legislators regarding the GA AMATEUR RADIO TAGS. As of this writing it doesn't look gud but big numbers can do lots of things. It's not too late so pse do it now. HAMS are marrying HAMS, recently K4JGK & WD4RKH tied the knot. CONGRATS. MALARC elected K4JGK as his leader, VP: KC4JFJ, Sec: N4DTC & Treas: KB4SSS. Don't know what this Winter will bring, but as always I know that this section is prepared for anything. My staff & all of u FB GA Hams make my job easy. MARY TNX. Once again get on the fone or write a letter to ur GA representative & inform him that the least thing the State of GA can do for us is to let us keep our TAGS. Traffic: WD4COL 571, WB4DYZ 184, KA4HHE 62, WB4WQL 50, W4FRWB 43, KJ4NK 28, K4ZUY 22, KC4BHX 18, N4MWR 18, WA4ON 12, WB4UIH 6.

NORTHERN FLORIDA: SM, Roy Mackey, N4ADI—ASM: KB4LB, ACC: WD4RIQ, SEC: WA4PUP. This is a partial list, to be continued next month. New Club Newsletter has been received from IARS, the Printed Circuit. DBARA's Groundwave is a regular as well as many others. If you are not sending a copy of your club newsletter, please add N4ADI to the list. Affiliated Club activity is evident by the receipt of 1988 Club reports and several new applications are in process. The Bell Tower Polestar Radio Club, Jacksonville is one, and the Ransom Middle School, Cantonment is another. We look forward to having them join the 40 or so in NFL. Reports received recently include NOFARS, SHARC from Pensacola, BARS and Univ. of Central Florida. If your 1988 report has not been sent, get it in the mail so we can have our records up to date! If your club is not affiliated with ARRL write to Vicky Amantano at HQ, or to WD4RIQ, Giff in Ocala for forms and info. Has your club appointed an Assistant Technical Coordinator? If not contact Ed Cox, W8RAA in Casselberry for the info. We're also still looking for new members to join the Amateur Auxiliary of the FOB and to aid the Local Interference Comm. John, AB6I would like to hear from you about that. Action is in the works for greater help by and with the FCC offices in Florida thru efforts by W4TAH in SFL section. There are three FOB's in Florida, all in SFL but we need to work with them, too, so if you are willing to listen and report contact AB6I. We're all volunteers and need your help too! Traffic: WX4H 581, KB4LB 404, WA4QXT 338, K4CY 337, AA4HT 248, WD4IIO 240, N4SS 220, W7YWF 203, N4GMO 170, KB9LT 126, WC4D 124, KC4FL 70, WAUEA 66, N4JAO 65, WB3AVZ 59, KB4FIY 52, W4KIX 49, K4LQ 42, N2AQX 40, NL7GV 34, AA4QC 33, WA4EYU 32, N4UF 32, WB4TZR 31, WA4STZ 29, N4DY 29, KA4KAH 27, N4FO 25, WA4PUP 24, WB4FJY 21, W4DVT 20, N4QYS 19, AA4FG 14, WA4SWX 13, W8IM 10, KJ4HS 7, WA4E 6, N4OZD 4, K4I4N 4, KV4HI 2.

SOUTHERN FLORIDA: SM, Richard D. Hill, WA4PFK—SEC: W4SS, STM: K4ZK, TC: K4T, BM: WD4KBW, PIO: N4PFB, SGL: KC4N, OOC: W4TAH, ACC: K4EUK, WD4KBW reports 64 bulletins received and 102 sent by AA4BN 19, WA4EIC 68, WT4F 27, K4IEK 26 and WD4KBW 28. Congrats to K47QH who has passed his Amateur Auxiliary exam—he also had the distinction of being one of only two people of the last 127 who took a particular version of the exam to correctly answer a certain question. The brand-new ARRL Special Service Club Manual is out and has been sent to all Special Service clubs as well as active affiliated clubs. Also received was a copy of project Suncoast Seniors, Guidebook for Volunteers—this was developed as an aid for the recruitment project underway in the Tampa/St. Pete area. Newsletters received this month were South Florida FM Assoc.; the Amplifier, Sarasota ARS reported a letter from Sahib Temple thanking the club for the donation to their building fund—they did appreciate having Field Day on the Temple grounds; QRM, the Voice of the Tampa ARC; The South Brevard ARC Spark; The Martin County ARA Common Emitter reports WA4LA is still active running patches for the research vessel Knorr three times a week. KA4FZI has started an Amateur Radio class at Calocsa Middle School in Cape Coral. The seventh and eighth graders will use Tune in the World as their text and aim for Novice

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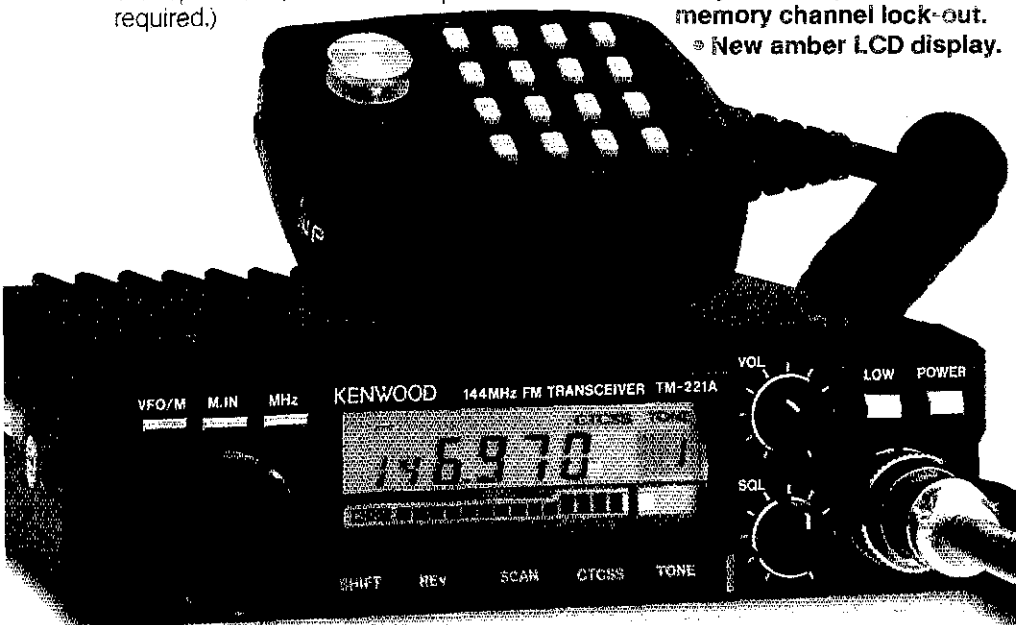
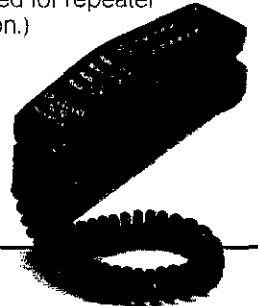
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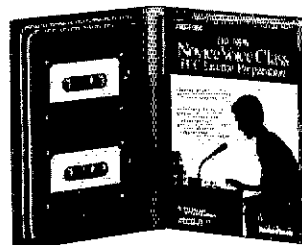


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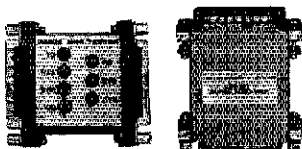
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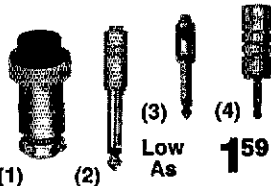


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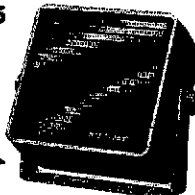
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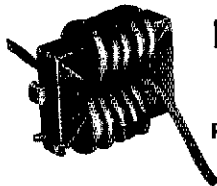
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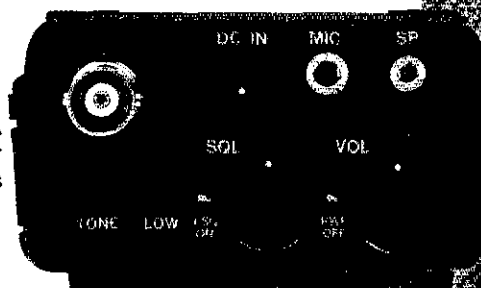
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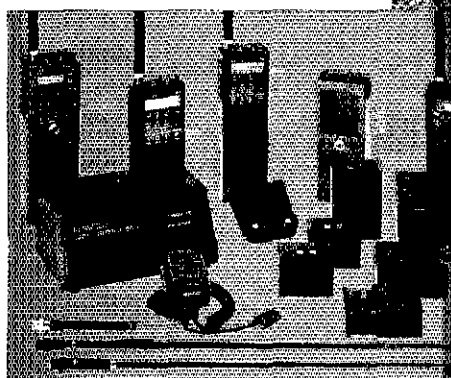
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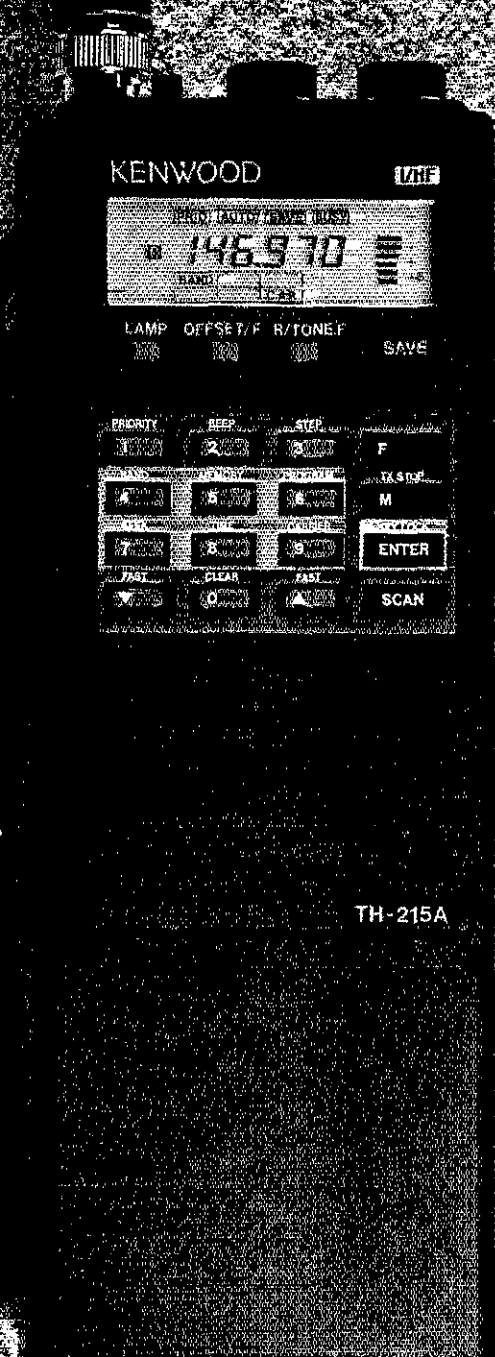


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licenses. Several hams from the Fort Myers ARC have volunteered to be guest lecturers and demonstrators. I am sorry to report that Joe Teaster, NSAMK, became a Silent Key August 12. A QNC from W5TNT, manager RN5, said in part, "Joe passed away in his sleep. Joe was the most active member of RN5. We all are going to miss him..." NSAMK was on RN5 late just a few hours before his passing. Your Section Manager has changed QTHs—the new address and phone are: 12380 NW 30 Street, Sunnyside, FL 33323, phone 305-572-3172. The move came at the first of the month as the reports to headquarters were due AND two diskettes crashed—haven't had a diskette crash in years, so why now? It is hoped that no information sent was lost, but if so those are the reasons! 73 da WA4FFK Traffic: W3CUL 2662, W3VR 799, WA6VND 626, WA4TRK 351, K4EUK 254, K4SCL 211, K4ZK 198, K4AFZ 191, WA4EIC 176, K4IA 149, WA4RUE 130, NA4HP 121, WB4WV 116, W4VZ 113, KB4COV 110, AA4BN 107, N4ORZ 92, KD4GR 92, W3TLV 85, N4MML 70, KA4YHS 62, KP4RL 58, KY4U 57, K4FOU 51, KB4MCH 47, N4ET 43, WD4KBW 41, KA4NXP 37, AA4CH 36, KA4SIH 33, KB4AXG 32, NA4FU 29, AB4BC 29, KA4AJR 27, KB4UJA 27, AA4WJ 20, K4JL 19, KB4YBS 18, KB4UHC 15, N4FLG 15, WB4CQK 14, WT4F 13, KA9GY 13, N2COI 11, WA4VWJ 10, W3JLR 10, KB4LPL 10, KA9AKY 10, K9ALX 8, WD4NXX 8, N6ABC 7, N5GQ 7, WA4P1 6, W4MPV 6, KA4GDU 5, N4PFO 5, W4DWN 4, N4QER 4, W4MFD 3, N4PSV 3, N4RHJ 2, N4NZI 2, AA4F1 (Judy) KK4WR 220, N4RHJ 5.

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION

ARIZONA: SM, Jim Swafford, W7FF—STM: W7EP. NMs: K7POF, K6LL, K6ZH. Welcome to new Cactus HF NM K6ZH. Net meets daily on 3915 kHz at 1800 MST. Am sorry to report that Charles Payette, WB7UYP, of Cochise, became a Silent Key in August. Bernie, W0Y0Y, has published FB listing of all known VE exams in AZ for the remainder of 1988. Contact him with SASE for the list. Superstation ARC ARRL Hamfest Dec. 3-4 in Apache Junction radio grounds. Contact Bill, KA7SUF, for details. No. AZ DX Assoc. puts out a FB newsletter with Bill, W7YS, as editor. Catalina Radio Club reports they have a six-meter repeater under construction in Tucson. Coconino ARC is busily putting together an ARES trailer for future use in emergency situations and drills. Congratulations. The No. AZ Rptr. Assn. has been asked by the ARCA repeater coordinator to move their new repeater frequency on Mt. Eldon from 146.30/90 to 146.22/82 due to a co-channel interference problem. This should be accomplished by the time you read this. We in AZ section can be proud of our Amateur Radio Council of Arizona for their FB efforts in repeater coordination. We can avoid all the difficulties such as law suits that are plaguing other areas such as CA and TX repeater owners by cooperating and appreciating the efforts of the ARCA coordination group. It is a tiring and thankless job that they do. We have good men who do their job well. Congratulations ARCA. Your SM went to ARRL SW Div'N Convention at Disneyland, Sept. 2-4. Will report on this next month. Plan to attend monthly meeting of the AZ ARC in Phoenix in November. Tried running computer-generated CW Morse and AMTOR with my Pincatop hamshack, after getting a used computer patch interface unit. New thrill. Still have to try packet. 73, and keep those cards and letters coming in.

NET	QNI	Traffic	Seas
SWN	137	62	31
Arizona Cactus Net	474	78	31
(HF)			
Arizona Cactus Net	265	46	31
(VHF)			
ATEN	No Report	31	

Traffic: W7AMM 218, W7EP 167, W7KCM 146, KA7ARZ 58, W7KXE 54, WE7G 43, K7VVC 40, W7OIF 38, K7KMM 37, N7ETP 20, W7GAQ 15, K7PLO 14.

LOS ANGELES: SM, Phineas J. Icenbica, Jr. W6BF—The SW Div. Convention at the Disneyland Hotel was a great success by methods of measurement. Thanks to the STAFF and all of the professionals who made HAMCON 88 a big success. ARRL was well represented by Jay, W6EJJ, Fried, WA6WZO, Sandy, WA6WZN, and all of the Southwestern Division Section Managers. Three of the ARRL Headquarters people gave the Section Managers and the ARRL leadership the opportunity to exchange up-to-date information with Headquarters. The area radio clubs were very active at this great convention. The Inland Empire Amateur Radio Club operated a special event station WA2OZEF from the Disneyland Hotel—A celebration of the Bicentennial of the US Constitution. QSL to Ken, WA6ZEF, for a great certificate. HAMCON 89 is now established and under way with Joe, KB6AXK, as the Chairman. HAMCON 89 needs a Los Angeles Club to establish a SPECIAL EVENTS Station for the next year at the LAX HILTON. This is your chance to get your club some real action and attract some new members. The HAMCON 89 Convention planners will meet every month until the Convention next year. The meetings will be on the last Sat. of each month just after the TRW Swap meet. The meeting place will be at Erv's W6GQTH or the hotel which ever has better dining facilities. Always check at the ARRL table at TRW for all of the latest info and free hand-outs. Fried, Phineas, and Sandy are scheduled every month to provide this ARRL service table. TRW officer Don Renkowitz, W6SQF, attended the Aug. HAMCON 89 planning meeting and pledged TRW's commitment to help with the FEATURED ATTRACTION. The TRW Swap meet special for HAMCON 89. Buses will be scheduled on a regular basis for HAMCON 89 to and from the LAX Hotel for anyone who wants to park at the TRW swap meet and attend the convention. The well-known celebrity Lenore Jensen, W6NAZ, reports that our local late-night coast-to-coast radio talk show, KABC, carried a three-hour Amateur Radio program recently. Ray Briem, N6FFT, interviewed Lenore Jensen, W6NAZ, Joe Moell, K6CV, and April Moell, WA6OPS, for three hours on many different Amateur Radio topics. Over 25 incoming calls were aired, many from hams who added interesting anecdotes, as they quite frequently do. The address of ARRL was given out frequently to those curious as how to earn a license. The Los Angeles County Fair, the largest in the Nation, is over for another year, and the local area Amateur Radio clubs made a big hit as usual. This year, the special events station W6LAF (Los Angeles Fair) was active from the fair grounds to publicize Amateur Radio, to nearly two million fair visitors. This is another regular event sponsored by the LAAGARC. An embossed certificate with the fair logo "MAKING TRACKS," is available if you send your QSL and 45 cents postage to W6LAF, PO Box 1770, Covina,

CA 91722 (DO NOT use the Callbook.) Seymour Schwartz is a very popular name, so popular in fact, that K6LP and KE6X3 both use this name at the Westside Amateur Radio Club. Incidentally both hams are also engineers and furthermore both have worked at the same time for three different companies. You guessed it wrong—they are not related! 73 Good DX. STM News: Local traffic is picking up and the packet boys are helping a lot. However, there seems to be some difficulty for them to get delivery on the messages. They seem to get delayed in the mail boxes along the way. We need some good CW/old timers to help out. Traffic: K6LYK 482, W6INH 255, W6TH 194, N7CZE 114, K6GA 57, W6NKE 13, K6CL 8.

ORANGE: SM, Joe H. Brown, W6JBQ—ASM: Riv. Co. W6LKN Bob (714-686-3823). ASM: Org. Co. Ralph, W6BJE (714-776-9272). ASM: San Ber. Co. Tony WB6QHB. SW Div Convention. It is an honor to congratulate Lenard, N6CH, and the HAMCOM staff KB6GPM, N6SFL, WA6ODK, N6GXZ, N6JSE, KA6DGD, W6ABA, N6AWF, N6ISY, N6ECA, W6HXC, WA6WZN, KA6WZN, KA6BJP, KJ6EW, W6LO, WA6OPS for a most enjoyable, informative and fun filled week-end at the convention. GOOD SHOW FOLKS!! ACC SANDY, WA6WZN, SC5MC T-Hunt, dual band event on John, WA6BFH and Merris, N6PON. It's been reported that K6OV and his red head helped a couple of confused hunters. From the BPARC Communicator. A plain ham likes to watch meters and see the rig go, and still gets a kick out of radio. He likes to listen and loves to talk around the world or across the table. He thinks hams are great people although they may live in strange places and think and do strange things. In our hobby, there are all kinds of hams. What kind are you? de Bill, KA6JIG. OCCORA sponsored Amateur Radio booth with first place at Orange Co. Fair. Designed by Virginia, KA6TSV, Chairperson Eric, KA6HT, paint and building by Brad, KB6GPM, Mark K6GKQ. Antennas by Stan, KA6NBB. Inland Empire ARC. The SW Div. Convention and the activation of the BICENTENNIAL WA2OZEF special-event station was a great success. de Charlie, N7QC. Circle City Comm ARC Norco Corona reps Sec/Tres Fred, W6TKV, has also taken over the job of Section Bulletin Manager. He will have a bulletin station at every club in the Orange Section. For a Ham that has just confirmed 3076 counties, a piece of cake. Fred, SEC Ken, WA6ZEF, rpts Larry, KA6GND, has been appointed EC for Riv Co. VIP Comm. Brett, N6NLN, appointed EC and RACES officer for the Cochilla Valley. Bob, N6NYZ, new EC for the City of Moreno. Good luck guys. STM Dan, W6BO, is now getting the majority of individual station reports via Packet. Jerry, AD6A, SCN 1/2 Manager sez you are the cream of the crop. Checking in for delivery of traffic is the biggest need. We are frequently starving for outlets. SCN QNI 309, QTC 174, SCN 1 QNI 289, QTC 347. BPL: W6BO, KD65C, G5ps N6KZB. PSRR W6FO WA6QCA WB6QBZ KA6TND. Traffic totals: W6FO 598, AD6A 177, K6DD 89, WB6QBZ 80, K6ZCE 76, KA6HJK 63, WA6QCA 56, W6CPB 53, N6GOT 42, KA6GND 23, KA6TND 22, W6NTN 13, KB6V10. Packet BBS totals N6ADU 12, N6KZB 182, WA6YNT 192, AJ6F 1244, K6DSQ-2748. SM Comments. The Simulated Emergency Test, 5th and 6th Nov 1988 for the Orange Section. What is the SET? If the ACC does the job, the clubs will be alerted to support the local EC. If the GL performers, the way will be paved for government involvement. The OOC will be prepared to find that ham, sitting on his mike. The TC will have assisted hams set up radios in public buildings, so that RFI does not become a problem. The BM will pass the word to the amateur community. The PIO will assist the locals get that all important media coverage. The STM will have liaison stations to local emergency nets for intercounty or interstate traffic. ARES types can now devote their time to tactical traffic in the local area. The SEC will be up to his ears filling requests for assistance in the area of manpower. Is the Section Data Base ready? If the SM does his job, all of the above will happen. So, what is the SET? It is a test of the ARRL SECTION Field Organization. 73.

SAN DIEGO: SM, Arthur R. Smith, W6INI—STM: N6GW. PIO: N6PKY. TC: N6JZE. SEC: W6INI. Packet ops urgently needed for portable-emergency operation in disasters. 12v opt not necessarily a requirement. Contact W6INI, 273-1120. The Blue Angels air show (Aug 20, 21) was assisted by 88 ops in an extensive medical response system. ATV and packet also proved valuable over the two-day period. SANDRA's newly-refurbished comm trailer was used as a comm center providing a central location for medical emergency reports. Extreme line-hazard weather cropped up in Southern Calif during the SW Div Conv resulting in a Red Flag Alert from the Calif Dept of Forestry in SD County. Patrol routes were staffed by 48 ARES ops over a three-day period. ARC of El Cajon now meets at Wells Park Rec Cen, 1153 E Madison Ave, El Cajon. Palomar ARC has a full-blown disaster preparedness program including hardening the repeater site to withstand fire and earthquakes. Convar ARC has open house at the club site, W6UUS, on second and fourth Wed each month from 7 to 9 PM. NCTN 30 sessions, QNI 216, QTC 474. ARES CW 4 sessions, QNI 8. Traffic: KJ6ZM 187, K6IZH 110, N6RVO 61, KB6PCF 68, N6GW 65.

SANTA BARBARA: SM, Thomas I Geiger, W2KVA—ASM/Ventura: N6MA. ASM/Sbar: WB6BYU. ACC: KB5AH. BM: K6XG. STM: N6MA. OCC: W6AKF. PIO: N6FOU. TC: W6KRV. SEC: W6BIIY. DEC/Ventura: W6SRA. DEC/Sbar: KA8KG. DEC/N. Sbar: K6XG. DEC/SO: W6BIIY. All the "action" reported to your SM this month was in San Luis Obispo County. On August 13 PG&E conducted their annual EARLY WARNING TEST, with 103 amateurs participating from around the Section. While hams provided the manpower for this exercise, there were no ON-THE-AIR operations, as this would have been in violation of Part 97 rules. Instead, the amateurs mobilized out to various assigned locations and filed written reports on the time, duration and loudness of the PG&E sirens. The sirens are used to warn the public in the unlikely event of an accident at the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant. On August 28, the second annual SEA-VENTURE TRIATHLON was held in Pismo Beach. Amateur Radio provided communications for the event under the able direction of our own PIO, N6FOU-net control. Others supporting the event were: W6FD, K6GXQ, KA6PVG and KA6QQF. Their efforts were recognized in the local media by KSLY-FM sportscaster Dean Clark and KSBY-TV's Mitch Massey, as well as by the "Five Cities Times-Press-Recorder." Thanks to all the above for a fine job. The Santa Barbara ARC held their annual hamfest on Sunday, August 21, and all

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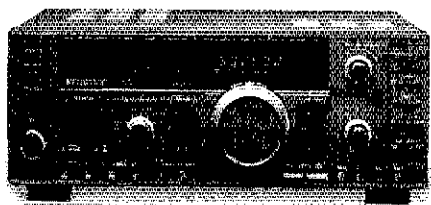
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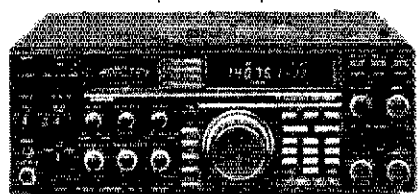


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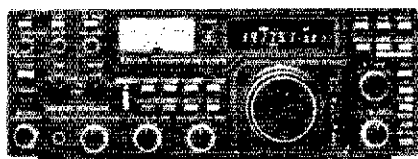
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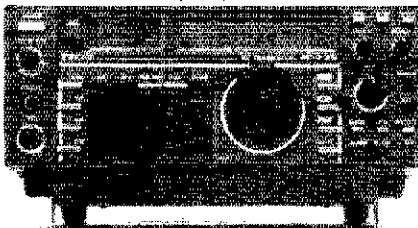
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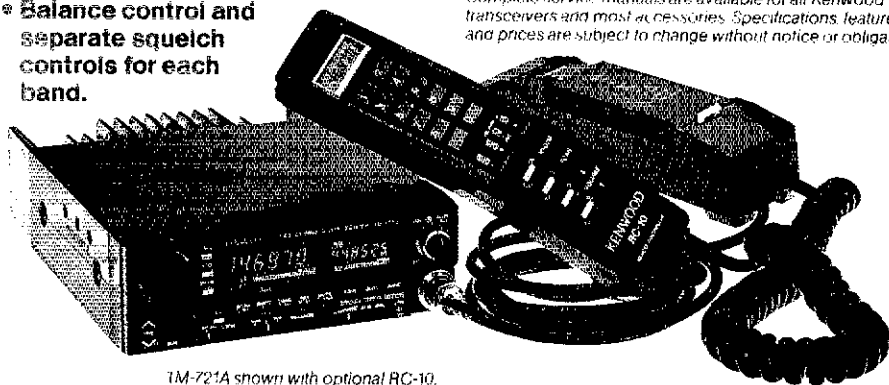
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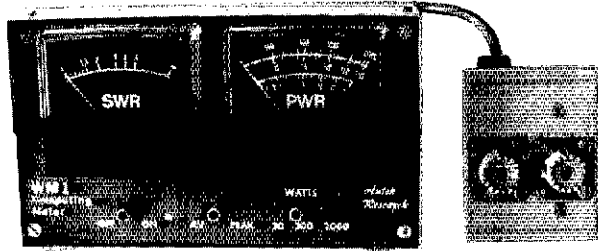
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reports indicate a terrific time was held by all. Sorry I had to miss this one, but it's only the second one I've missed in 10 years. In any event, ARRL was well represented by our Director Fried Hein, WA6WZD, and Orange Section ACC Sandy Heyn, WA6VZM, as well as ASM Dale Hunt, WB6BYU, ACC Bill Hoover, KB5AH, DEC Don Fuller, KA6KGF, and OOC Mike Baugh, WB6KF. The next hamfest (after the SW Div convention) on the calendar is the Ventura County ARC (K6MEF) bash on October 15. (Looks like I'll have to miss that one too, as previous commitments and business travel will interfere.) That's all for this month. 73 for now. Traffic: N6NLU 177, W6NOR 131, KB6IEC 26.

WEST GULF DIVISION

NORTH TEXAS: SM, Phil Clements, K5PC—Asst 6M; K5MXQ. SEC: W5GPO. STM: W5VMP. BM: W5QXK. PIC: K5HGL. ACC: W5URI. SGL: N1CWP. TC: W5LNL. OOC: W5BJP. Congrats to L.C. Crawford, W5TNT, for once again making Brass Founder's League by originating 103 messages into the NTS in August. Once again, the Dallas and Tarrant Co. RACES plans were activated due to the crash of Delta flight 1141 at DFW Airport on August 31. The primary mission was to provide hospital communications and to serve as a back-up for public safety comm. circuits. Further details later, when reports come in. This reinforces the importance of emergency preparedness in both the RACES and ARES organizations in our Section. All disasters are not weather related; we must devise our emergency planning to cover all contingencies. Logistics of how a net is to be activated in a timely manner, interfacing with served agencies, tactical and logistical considerations, equipment requirements, and realistic periodic drills and tests should all be included in our emergency planning, and carried out on our nets. SKYWARN is a fine and noble undertaking for amateur radio public service, but is by no means the only activity that a good ARES or RACES unit can provide vital life-saving services for. There are plenty of public-safety and public-service organizations out there that need our help. We are trained, professional communicators; no other organization on earth even comes close to providing world-wide communications with the flexibility and reliability that Amateur Radio operators do. We cannot stand on past performance; as we keep striving for the state-of-the-art in our stations, we must also update our emergency planning to keep up with the new threats and hazards in this modern society. We should all be proud of our dedicated work in public service; it pays our dues to our fellow Americans for the use of their frequency spectrum Northeast Texas Tlc and Emergency Net for August: QNI/108, QTC/36 in 23 ssn. 7290 Net for August: QNI/3319, QTC/361 in 50 ssn. The D/FW Metroplex Tlc Net now has almost Section-wide coverage through the use of well-placed liaison stations. The net meets daily on the Dallas 146.28/88 repeater at 6:30 PM local time. Public Service Honor Roll for August: W5YQZ KC5NG KF5BL K5MXQ N5KCL K5UPN and W5ZN. Traffic: K5UPN 446, W5TNT 289, W5YQZ 243, W9OYL 186, KB5DVF 193, K5MXQ 168, W5ZN 129, W5VMP 125, KF5BL 119, KD5RC 76, KC5NG 72, KA5AZK 56, AJ5K 37, WA5EZT 33, WX5O 22, N5KCL 16, WA5ZNC 2.

OKLAHOMA: SM, Bill Goswick, K5WG—Affiliated Club Coordinator Ernie Buck, WB5CDW. Section Emergency Coordinator Bennett Basore, W5ZTN. State Government Liaison Larry Hazelwood, W5NZS. Section Traffic Manager Sam Sitton, KV5X. Technical Coordinator Ken Isbell, W5QMJ. This will be the last Section News column that I will write as Section Manager. I would like to thank the League members of the Oklahoma Section for allowing me to serve you as Section Manager for the past two years. It has been a memorable experience, and I am grateful for the opportunity. But most of all, I am grateful for the experience of meeting and working with the many hard-working field appointees of the Oklahoma Section, especially the Section-level leaders listed above. These dedicated individuals have, through their selfless efforts, made significant contributions to the Oklahoma Section in particular and Amateur Radio in general, and have helped to make my job as Section Manager a manageable and enjoyable experience. The Section is indeed fortunate to have had the services of these outstanding amateurs. To these distinguished individuals, as well as the many amateurs who serve in the field organization, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for a job well done. 73, Bill, K5WG.

SOUTH TEXAS: SM, Art Ross, W5KR—SEC: K5DQ. STM: W5BO. ACC: W5YDD. PIC: W5AUZB. OOC: WA2VJL. TC: N25U. BM: K5CVD. SGL: K5JUN. ORS: W5DQKH enjoyed busman's holiday by QNI TEN, RN5, QLZ, and North Platte, NE 2-meter net while vacationing. NM N5KCL announced code practice 8:00 PM local time on Texas Slow Speed Net 3745 kHz nightly; also learn to pass traffic. B-VARC Bulletin, Brazos Valley ARC (Ft. Bend & Harris Counties) reports VE team's August session successful; W5WAF, KB5DWL, W5UGT went to Advanced; KA5USF to General; one unlicensed to General, one unlicensed to Novice, plus others who passed one or more elements; WJ5B, WA5P and Trustee N5APW made improvements in 145.47 repeater; KA5WJB and WN5A holding code practice sessions 8:00 PM local time week nights and 10:30 AM weekends on or about 28,200 kHz, 21,170 kHz or 7,120 kHz (check on 145.47 rpt for details. DRN5 NM W5YDD rpts 635 messages in 62 August sessions; STX represented 100% by KD5KQ, W5KLV, W5VX, W5BQR, W5H2Q, NZ5U, KD5CB, K5ZV, W5EPA, W5FQU, W5YDD. The Hill Country ARC Bulletin, Kerrville, rpts club responded to Red Cross request during July storm; with AK5M as NCS there were KB6PG, K5AZ, KF5GA, W5NTJ, W6BJA, N5CND, N5ASQ and KA5ONN. OBS W5KLV rpts 5 propagation forecasts, 16 bulletins given 32 readings on 7 nets in August. BARN, Beaumont AR News, rpts KB5FEC, KB5GX8, KB5FOW, KB5GHT and KB5GNX upgraded to Technician. CAND Asst NM W5YDD rpts 575 messages in 31 August sessions; RN5 represented 100%, STX stations helping were K5ZV, KD5KQ, W5KLV, N55V, W5EPA, W5FQU, W5YDD. ACC W5YDD announced San Benito ARC qualified for renewal of SSC designation. Recommend any club considering Public Service assistance in parades, air shows, boat races or other public affairs purchase at least one copy of ARRL publication F5D-400 (1-88), The Special Events Communications Manual; it will clear up 99.44/100% of your questions; Public Service in Special Events is legal, but there are some limitations.

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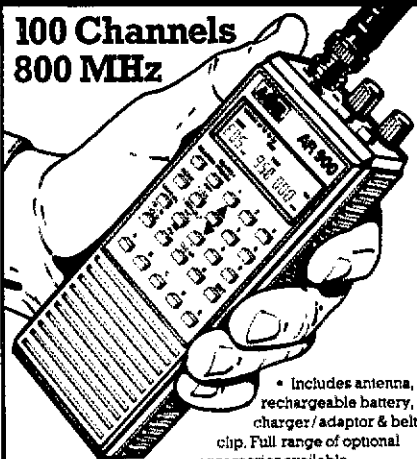
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KE5ZW, ACC: K518, OOC: K5KNC, TC: K5CU, STM: AE5I. West Texas appointments usually not written about much and to whom I wish to express my thanks for all the work they do. The Emergency Coordinators K5ISD, W5MEX, W5ZDK, KE5FE, NSINC, WA5ROE, K5NO, WA5Y6V, W5FRQ, N5CAN, W5GMZ, W5BEY, W5YCK, WA5MFP, N5JUD, N5FHR, KE5ZW, KE5YF, W5VRE, W5SOTF, K5JEZ, N5ENS, K5IS, W5TC, K5JC, K5GVC, W5EYA, KA5PTG, KA5IYW, NG5R. Then there are the DEC's: AE5I, NG5T, N5FHR, W5EFJ, W5MVC, K5KNC, and overall the Section Emergency Coordinator Sandy, W5MVJ. Next month the appointees of the TC, the OOC, the ACC (PIA's, ORS, OO's ATC's) and the NMs. Without the help of these dedicated persons, my work would be impossible. Prairie Dog ARC bulletin says their water leak in their comm. trailer has been fixed by KD5ZX and K5OVQ. The Amarillo Hamfest was well attended. N5IVK upgraded to Advanced. OOC Bill Brewer, N5KNC is still looking for qualified and capable OOs for West Texas. San Angelo ARC's bulletin "The Kilowhat" had news that an addition of a 2.5 kVA generator donated by Art, WA5ROV, makes the emerg. trailer have a total power capability of 9 kVA. Active duty officer Major Larry Zenter, KA2RUJ, took command of the CAP Squadron in San Angelo. The Panhandle ARC 146.67 repeater sustained heavy damage to its duplexers due to a lightning strike. Gene, AE5I, is remodeling house and moving ham shack to remodeled bedroom and installing a new ground and antenna system. 73. Milly Wise, W5OVH.



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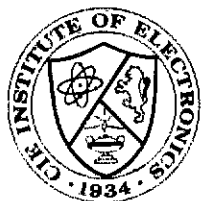
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Two previous Tech Talks discussed the exceptionally versatile operating features and advanced circuit designs responsible for top-line sensitivity in ICOM's deluxe IC-781 HF transceiver. This time we will look at another aspect of the IC-781 especially significant to all radio amateurs; its overall selectivity and interference reduction techniques. This transceiver's superior designs reflect direct inputs from noted DX'ers and contest operators around the world. ICOM carefully studied the most effective means of fulfilling those requests, then incorporated every imaginable QRM-minimizing feature in the IC-781. The final combination of unparalleled sensitivity and selectivity results in a true dream unit light years ahead of the competition.

Reception of a single desired signal on today's active bands requires the best interference reduction methods available in modern electronic technology. Independent selection of steep-skirted filters with various bandwidths is vital for mating with ever changing conditions, plus an effective means of tailoring their response is most important for weak signal reception and DX'ing. Concentrating exclusively on those prerequisites, however, still leaves "open ends" and exemplifies why many HF transceivers understandably exhibit shortcomings in reduction of undesired interferences. A pace-setting unit like the IC-781 must also sidestep tune-up heterodynes, a myriad of noises, and outside influences on AGC actions. Since the previous combination of special designs and features is quite extensive, let's take a closer look at how ICOM incorporates all of them in the IC-781.

First, the industry's most elaborate array of IF filters are factory-installed in the IC-781. Various bandwidths are front panel selectable in a mix-and-match manner according to your operating needs. You can independently activate its wide or narrow filters for SSB, and 2.4kHz, 500Hz, or 250Hz filters for CW/RTTY with separate switch call-ups of second and third IF stage filters. The beauty of this flexible arrangement is overall bandwidths and their skirts/shaping factors are easily tailored to every specialized need. Additionally, specific filter preferences can be stored

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Further complimenting multiple filter selection is the IC-781's exclusive twin Passband Tuning: a self-tracking system that optimizes frequency response of the second and third IF filters in a most pronounced manner. Rotating the Passband Tuning's concentric 9MHz and 455kHz controls in opposite directions peaks low or high frequency response to a signal while reducing overall bandwidth from that of a selected filter to less than 100Hz. Rotating both controls in the same direction optimizes receiver response while maintaining a selected filter's originally established bandwidth in a double IF Shift fashion. Briefly visualize combined use of the IC-781's clever operating features in your own station. You enjoy beautiful sounding SSB audio with a 2.8kHz filter, switch to a 2.4kHz filter for DX'ing, use the twin Passband Tuning to narrow that width to 1.8kHz and less (!) plus experience CW operations truly in a class all their own. Transceivers of this caliber happen only once in a lifetime!

Amazing as it seems, multiple IF filters and twin Passband Tuning are only part of the IC-781's interference sidestepping excellence. Additional

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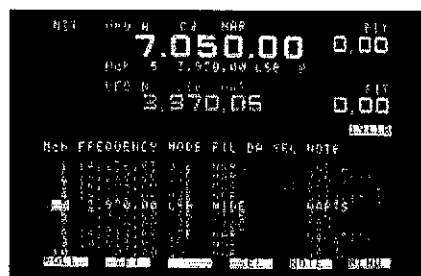
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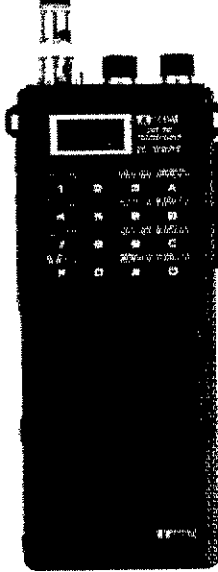
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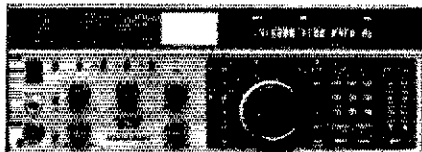
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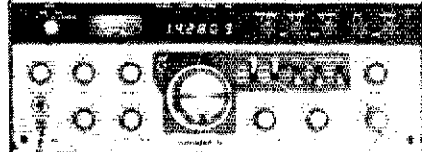


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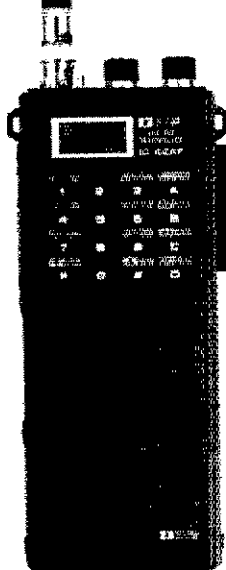
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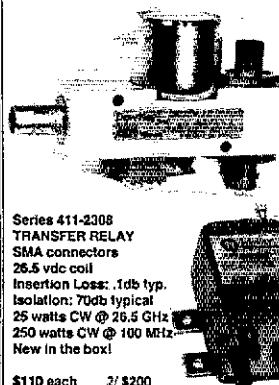
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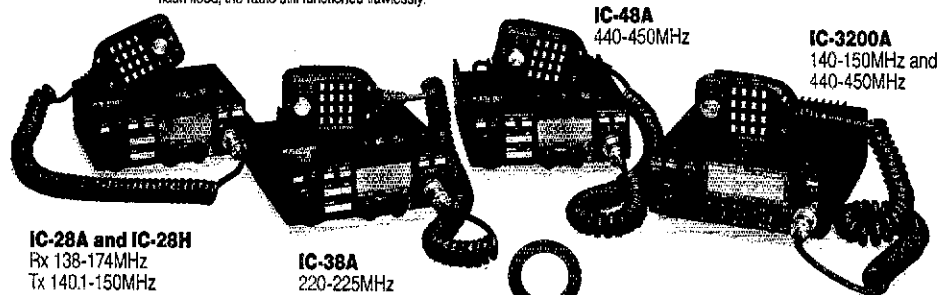
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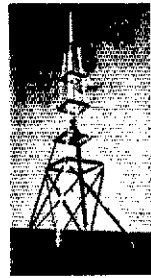
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Electrical and Mechanical Specifications
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 Height: 26 ft./7.9 m
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 VSWR at resonance: 1.5:1 or less on all bands in typical ground level or above ground installation.
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 20 meters - entire band
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 40 meters - 280 kHz
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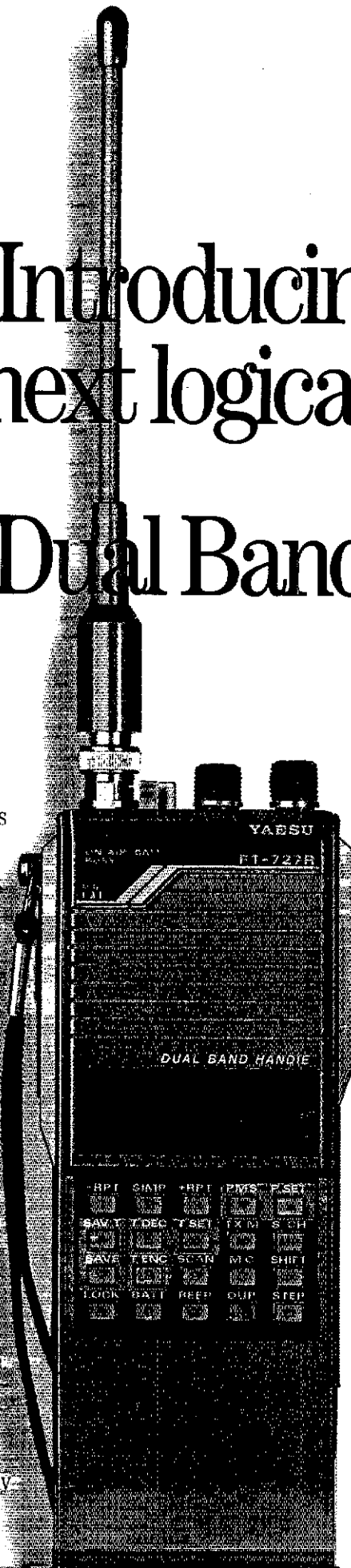
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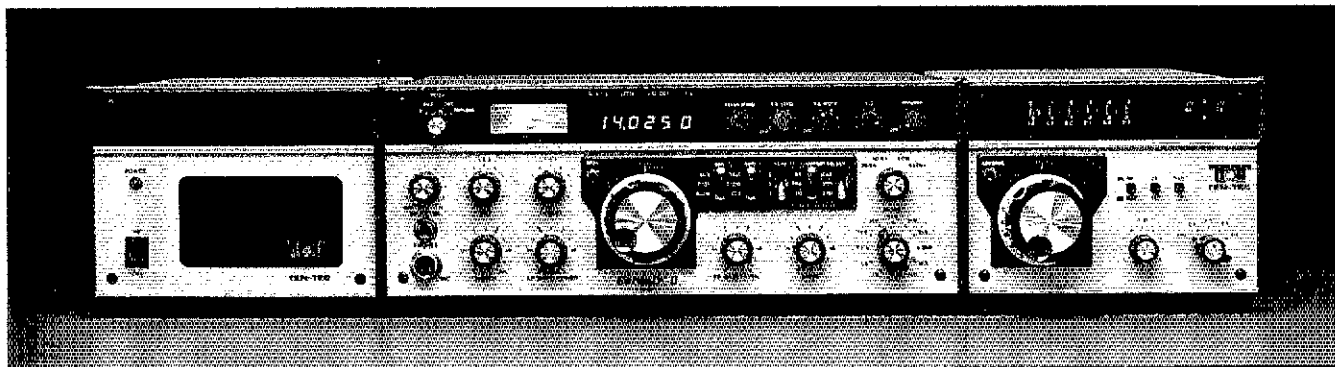
frequency, mode, filter selected, channel number and a 7 character alpha-numeric "tag" for entering channel I.D. Scan rate is selectable and as each memory is scanned all of the stored information is displayed (what a light show!). Alternately, the memories can be tuned with the main tuning knob.

Frequency selection is with the main tuning knob, direct keypad entry or up/down buttons that will shift in 100 kHz or one MHz increments or to the next ham band. DISPlay button selects 24 hour clock or date or tag. VOICE button causes a voice frequency announcement with optional synthesized voice board installed.

Rear panel controls are provided to adjust the VOX, cw monitor level and tone, and SSB

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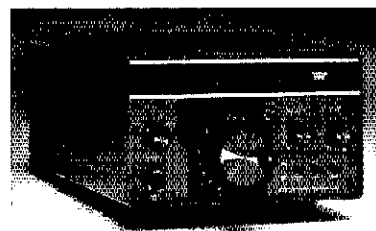
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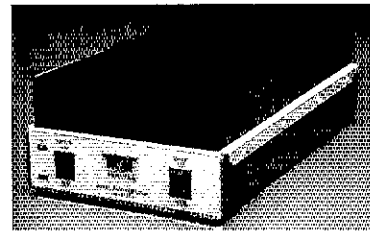
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Model 2510B

The Model 2510B, mode B, satellite station is a 70 cm, 10 watt SSB and CW transmitter with a super-sensitive, low noise, 2 meter to 29 MHz receive converter. The receive conversion idea takes advantage of the excellent selectivity and sensitivity that you already have in your HF station. Frequency tuning is with the PTO in the 2510B and the transmitter automatically tracks the receive frequency for "transceive" operation. "Split" operation is also provided. Two bands are included for full coverage of Oscar 10 and Oscar 13.

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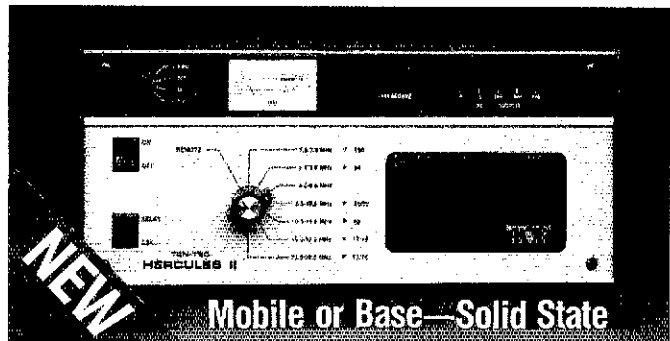
transformer is conservatively rated at 2.5 kva CCS. (9.5 kva I.V.S.) The power supply is housed in a separate utility enclosure and is nearly noiseless even at full power.

Front panel features include a ten element LED bargraph that displays peak power, a multi-meter selectable to read plate voltage, forward or reverse power and grid current. A matching meter is dedicated to display plate current. The TUNE and LOAD controls use 3:1 vernier drives which, in combination with a great RF deck design, make the TITAN a real "pussy cat" to operate.

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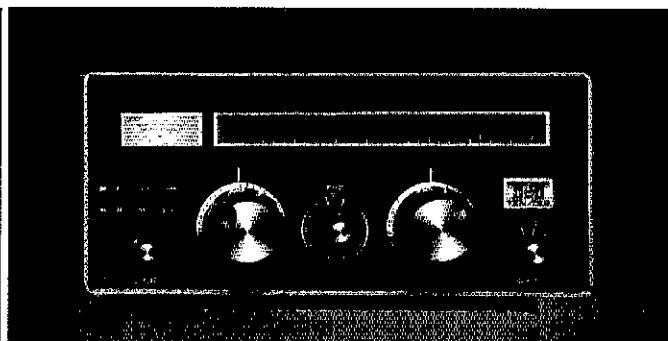
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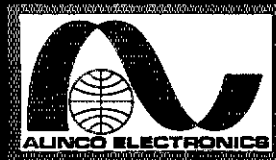
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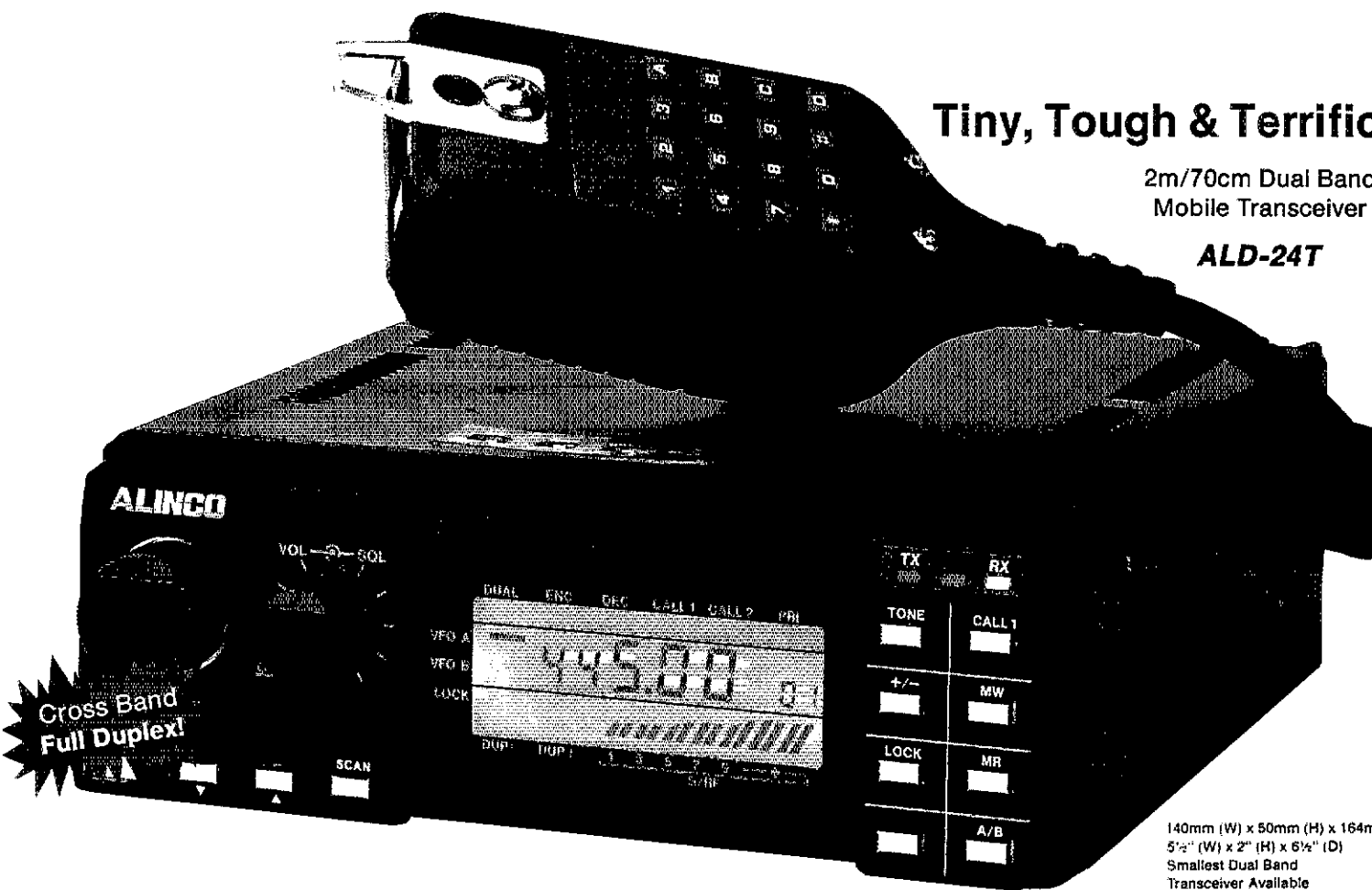
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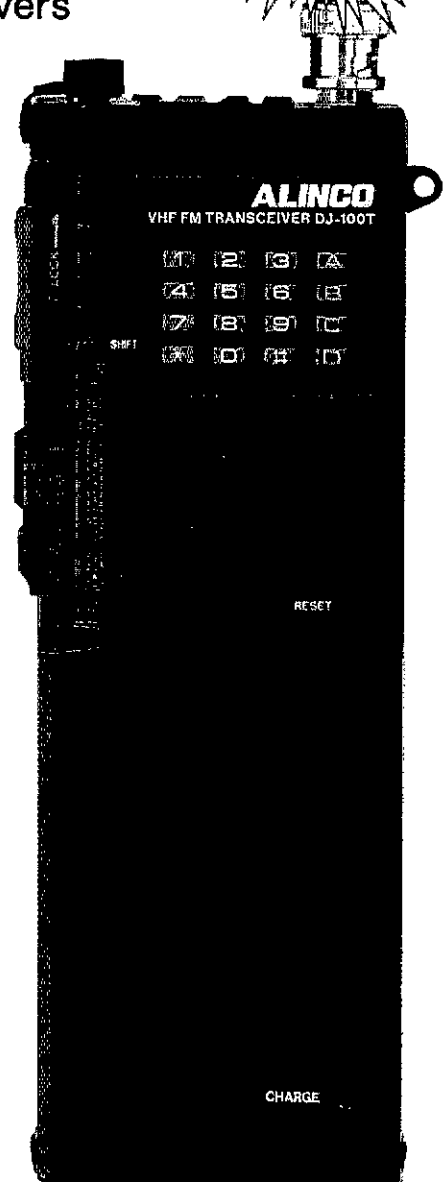
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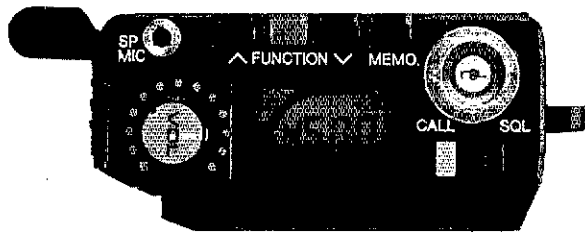


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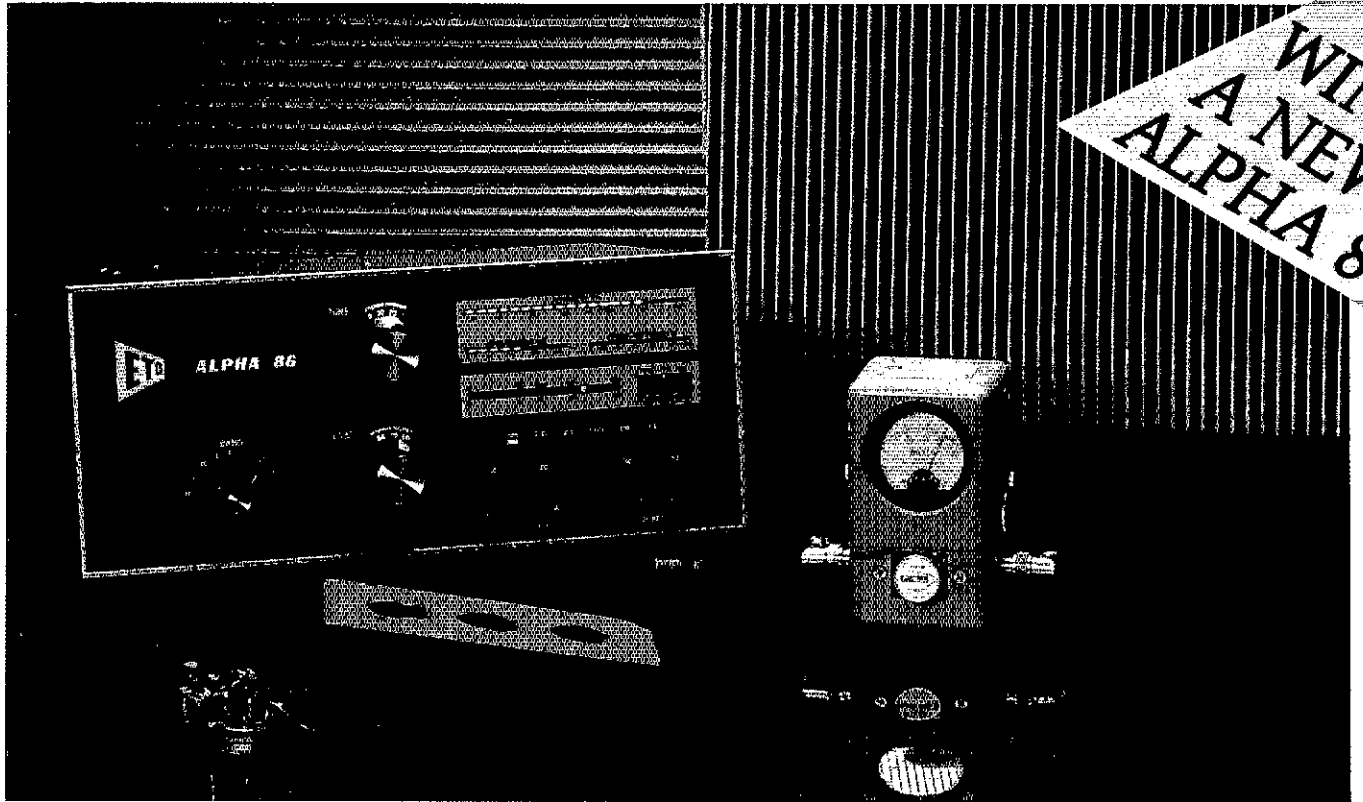
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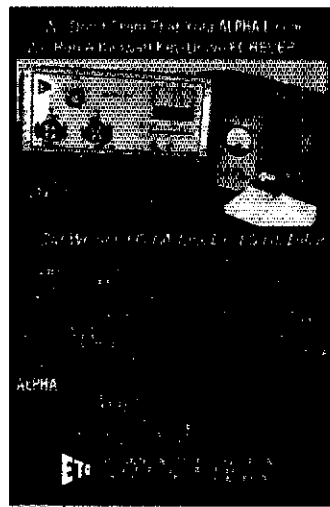


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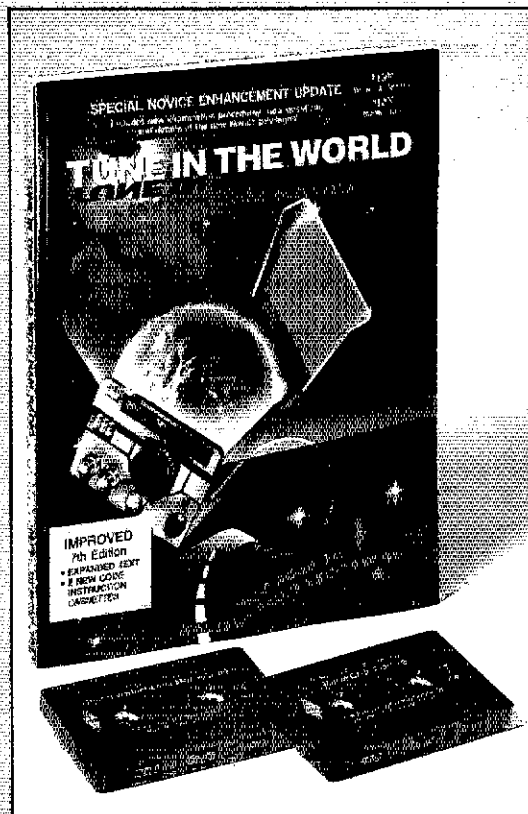
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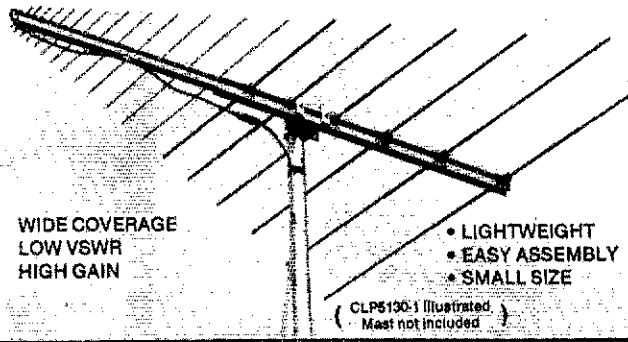
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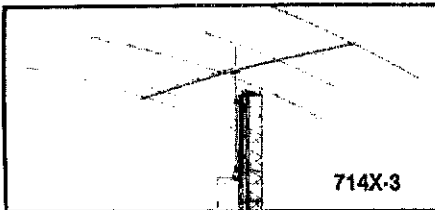
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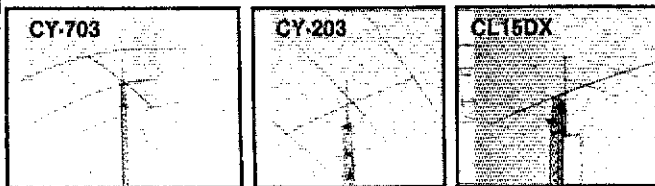


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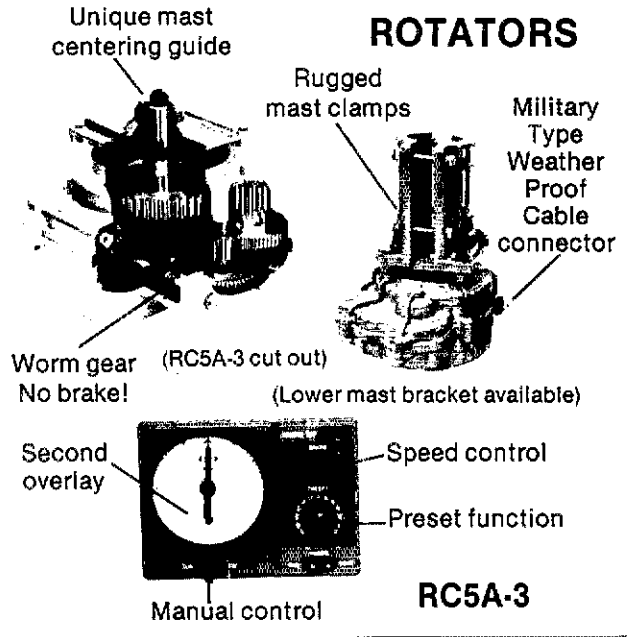
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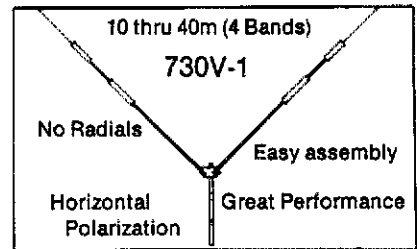
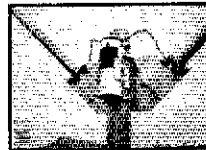
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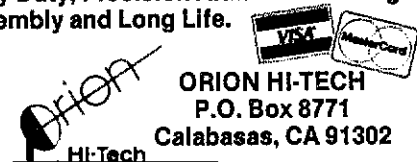


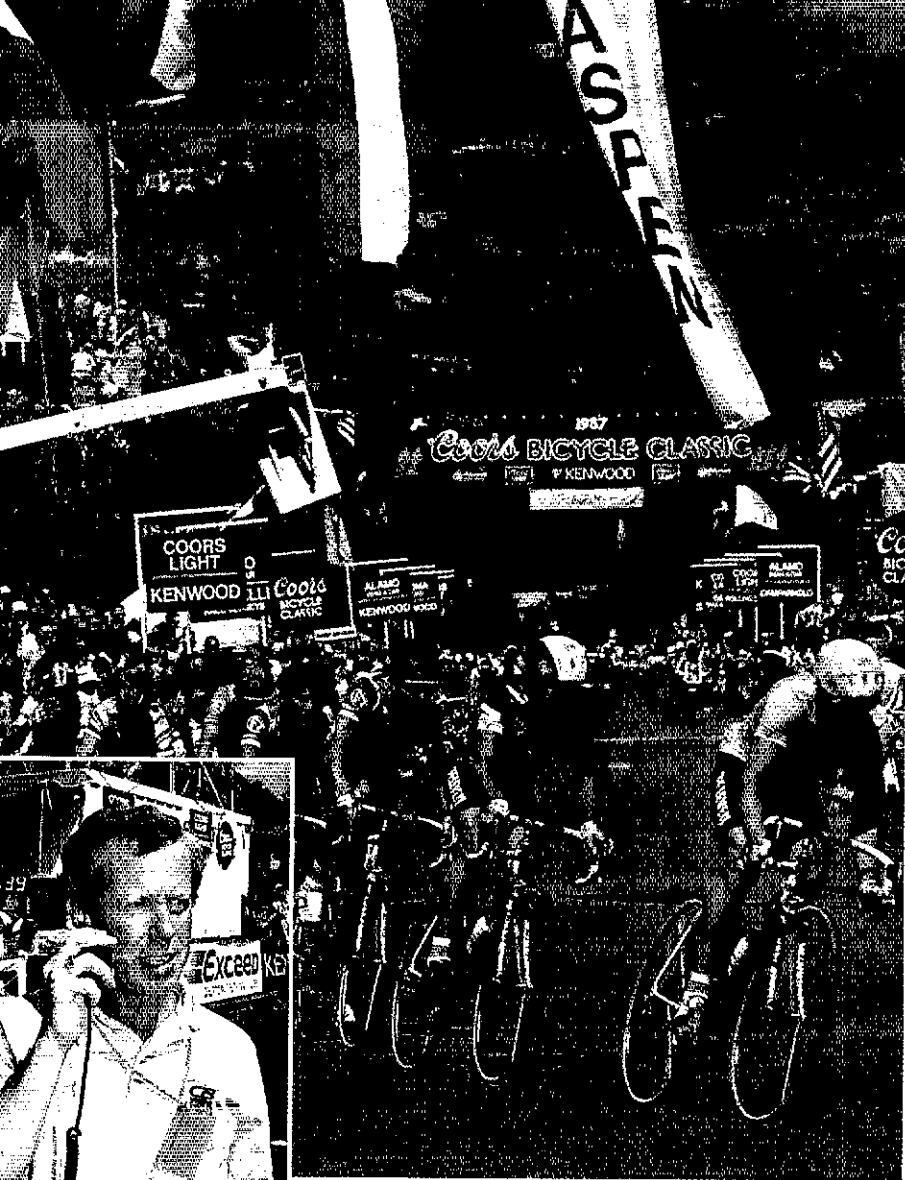
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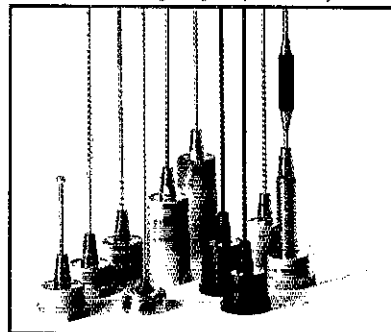


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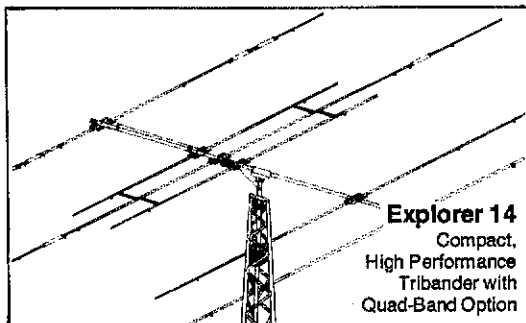
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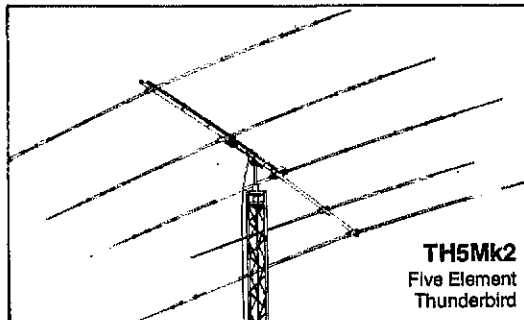
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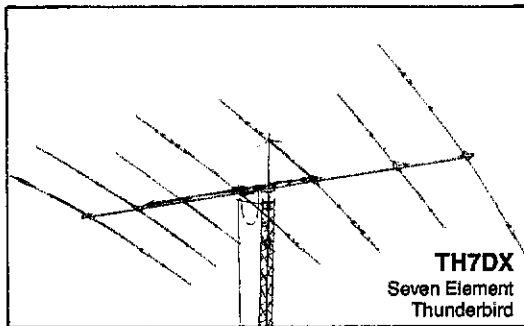
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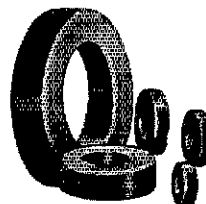
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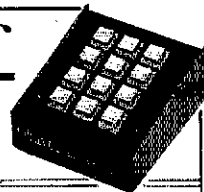
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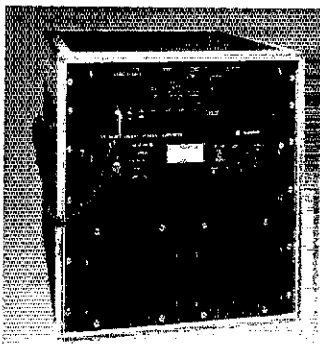
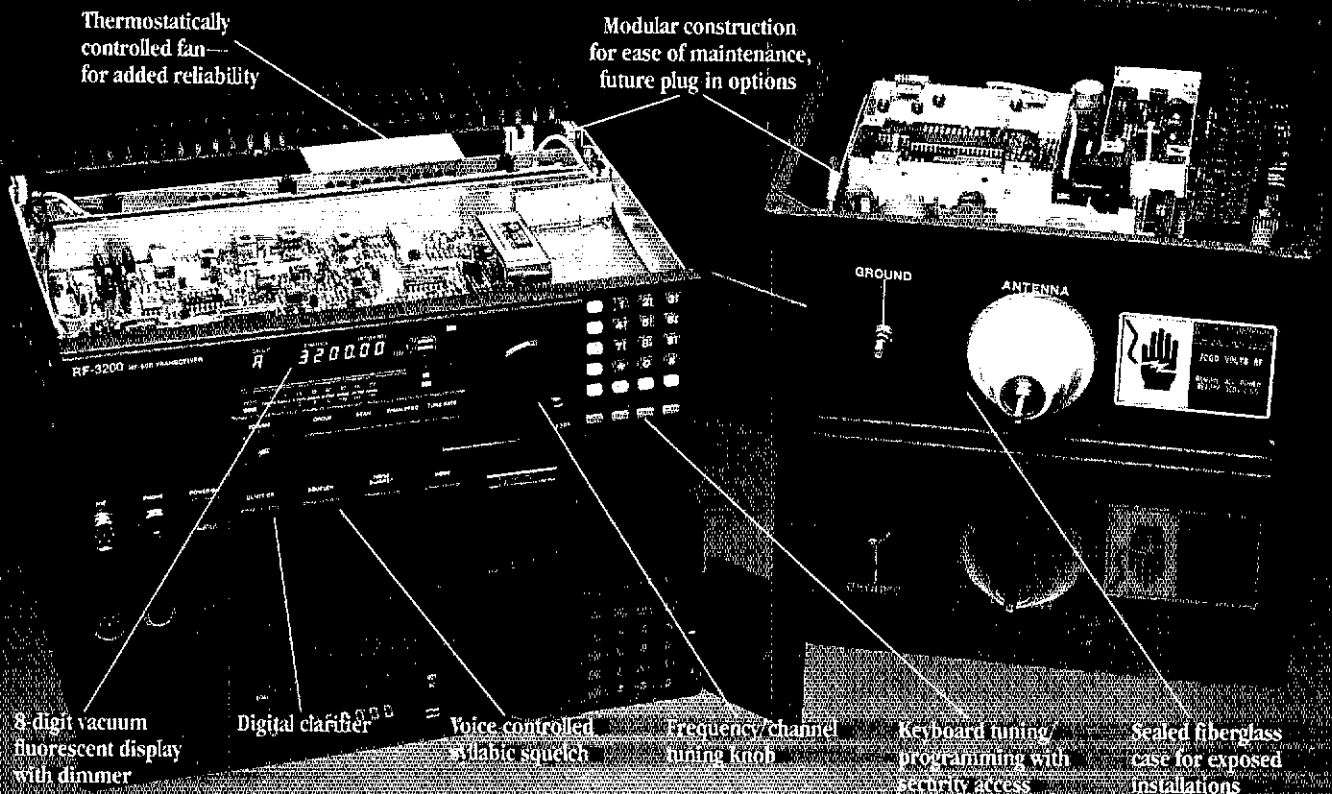
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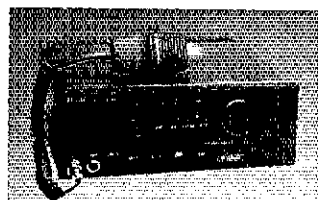
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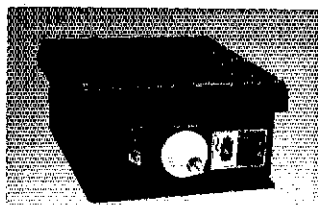
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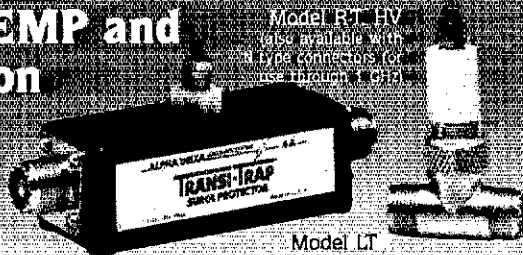
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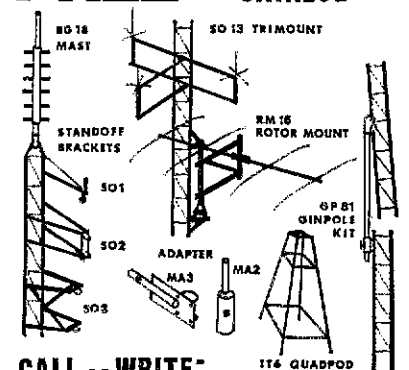
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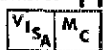
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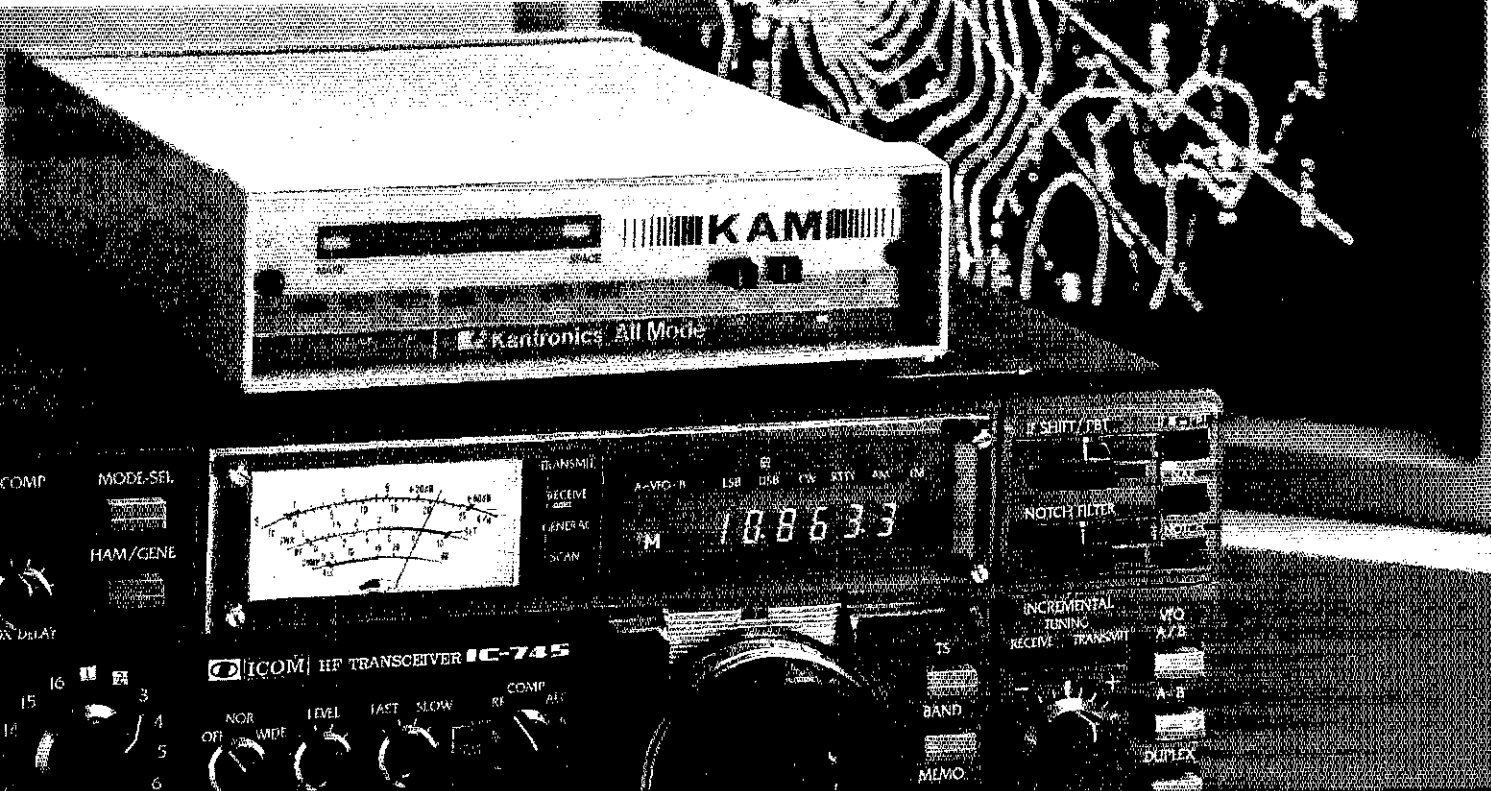
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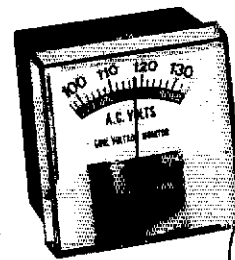
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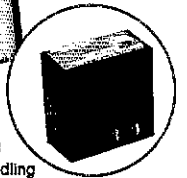
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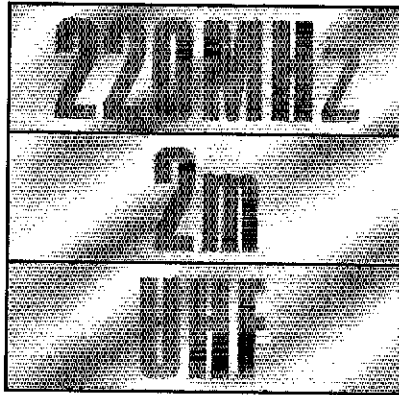
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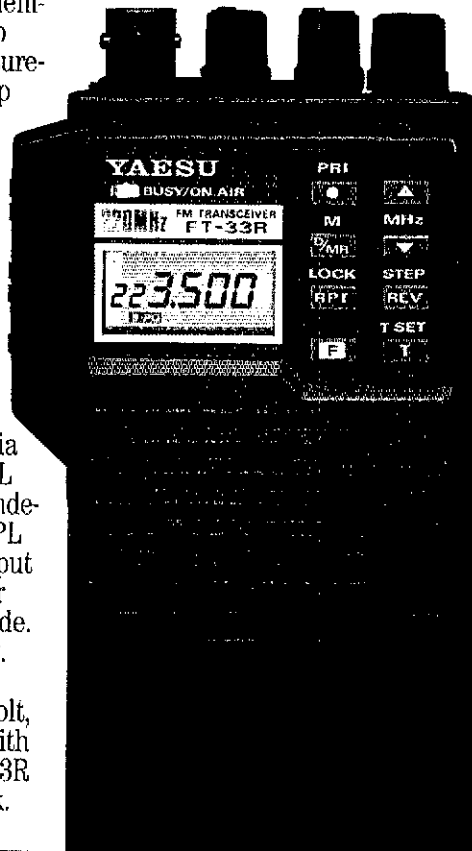
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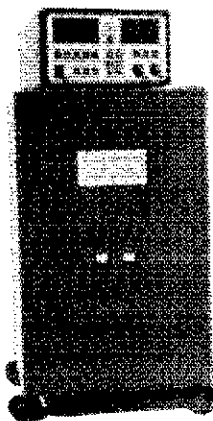
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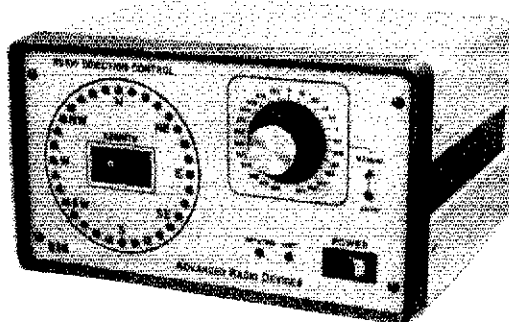
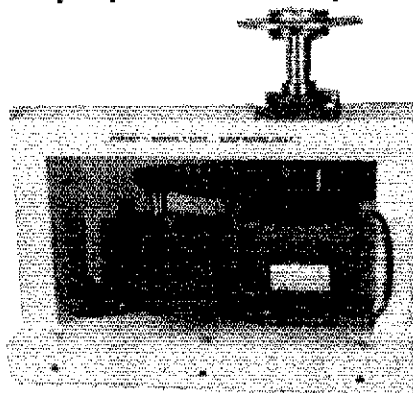
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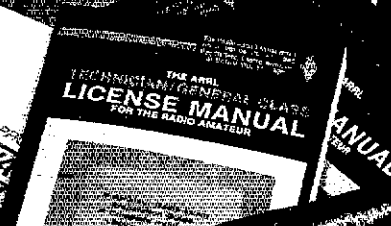
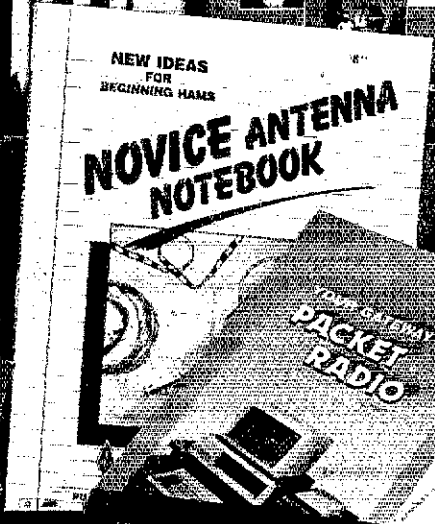
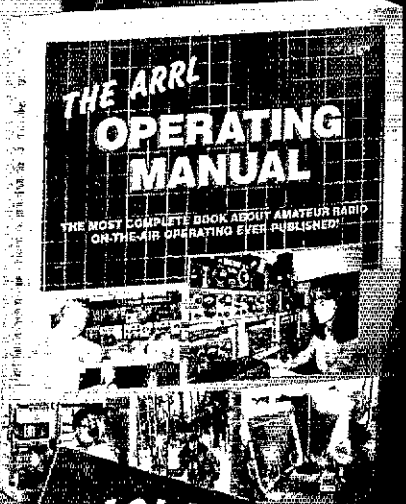
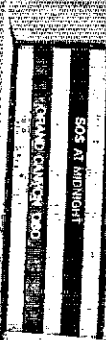
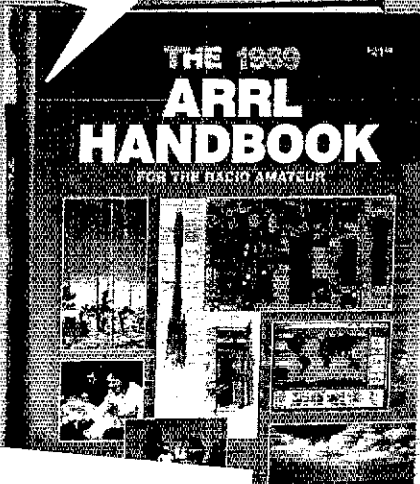
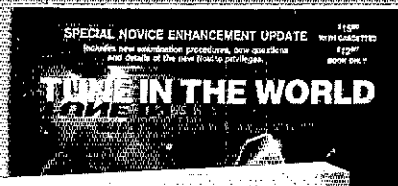
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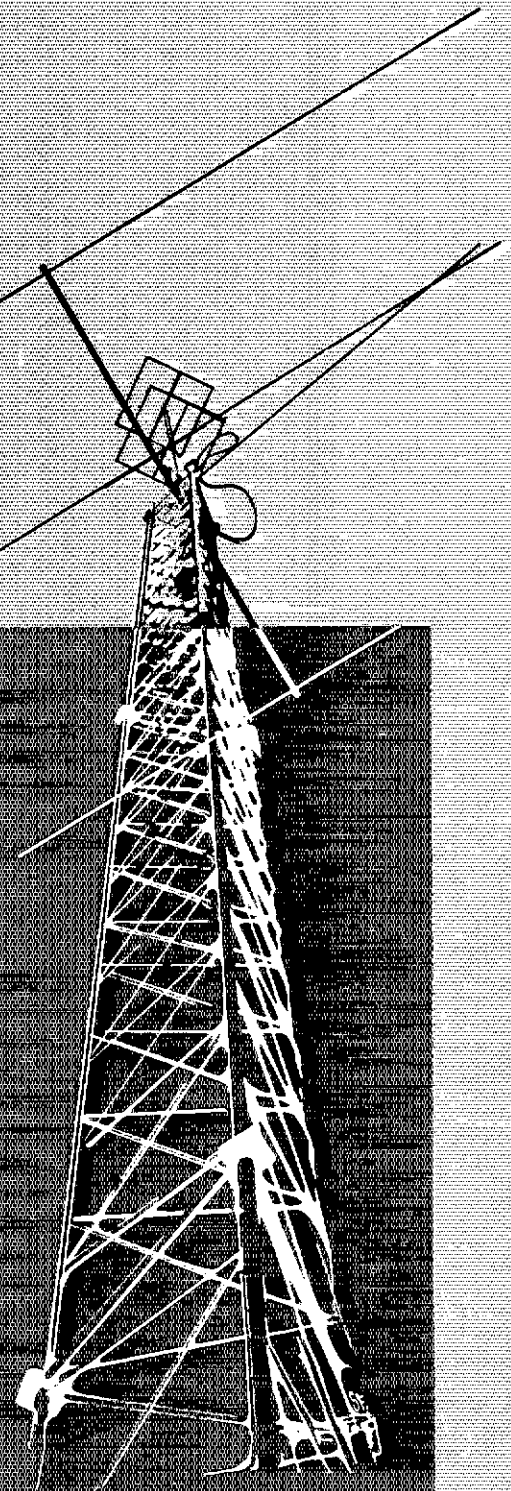
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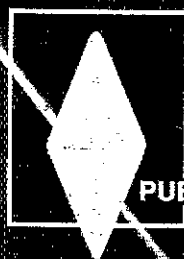
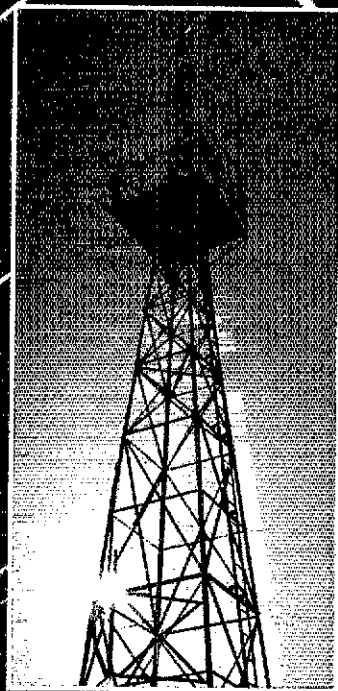
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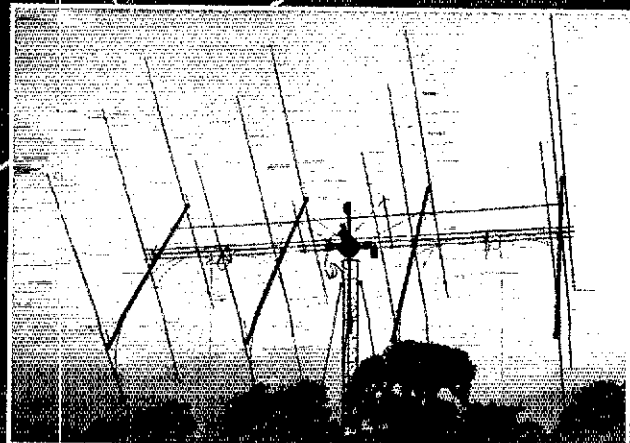
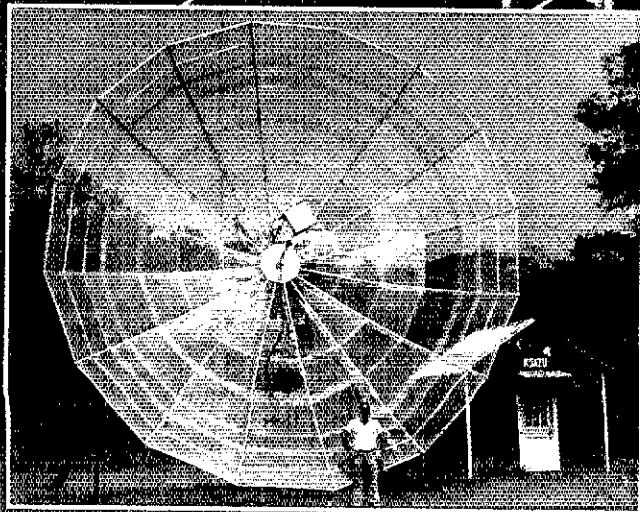


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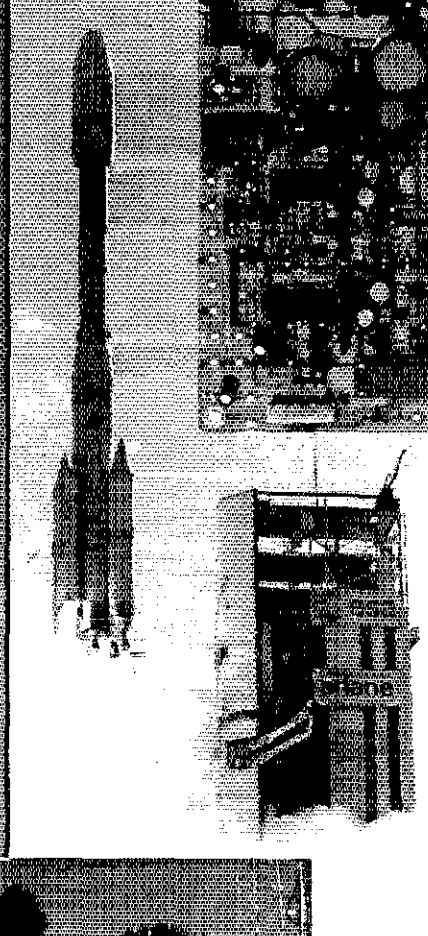
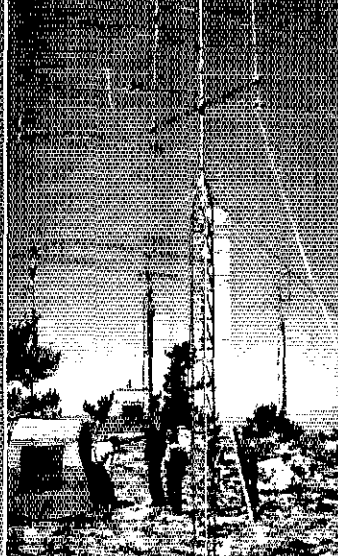


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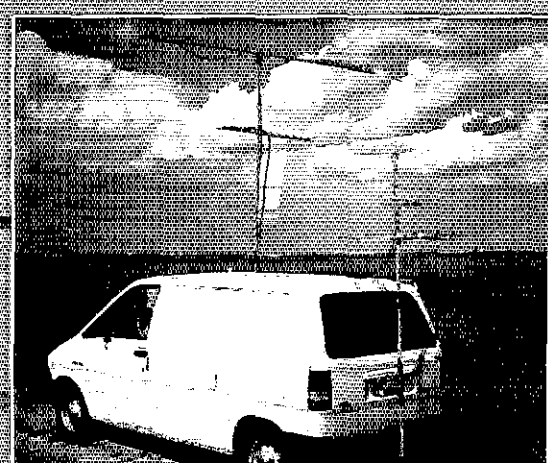
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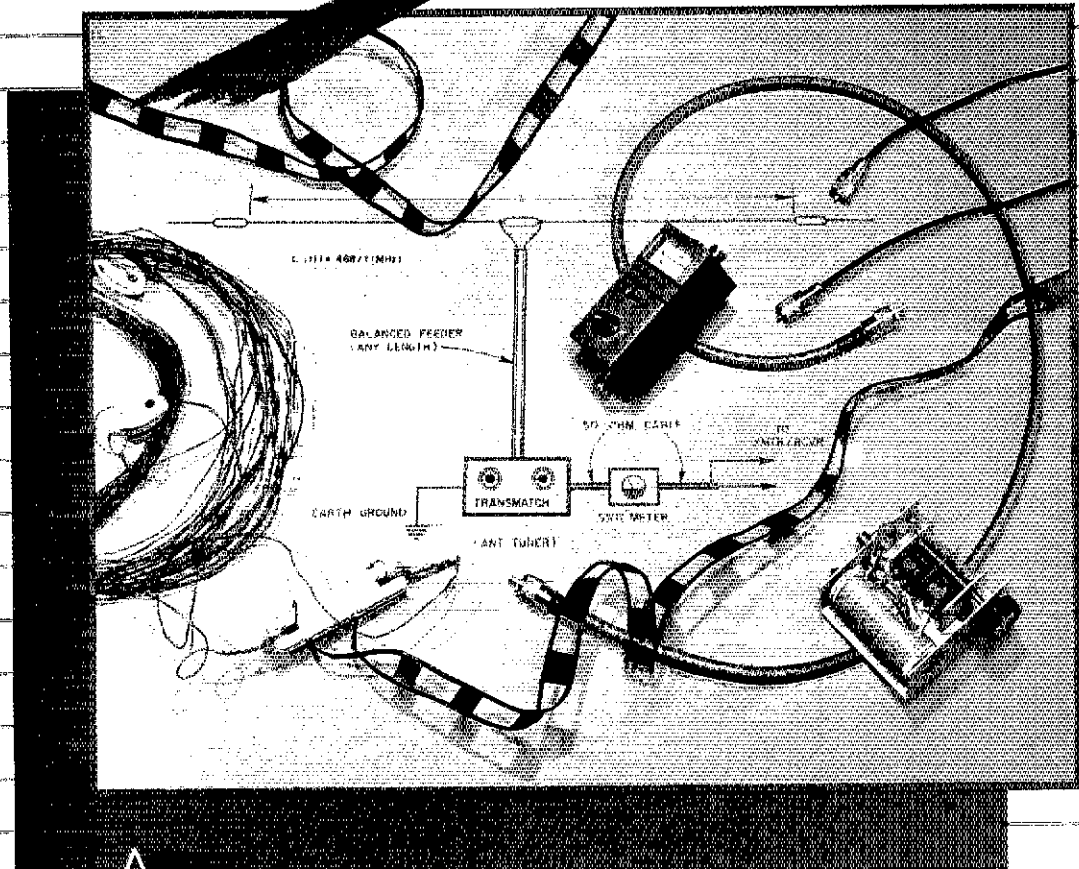
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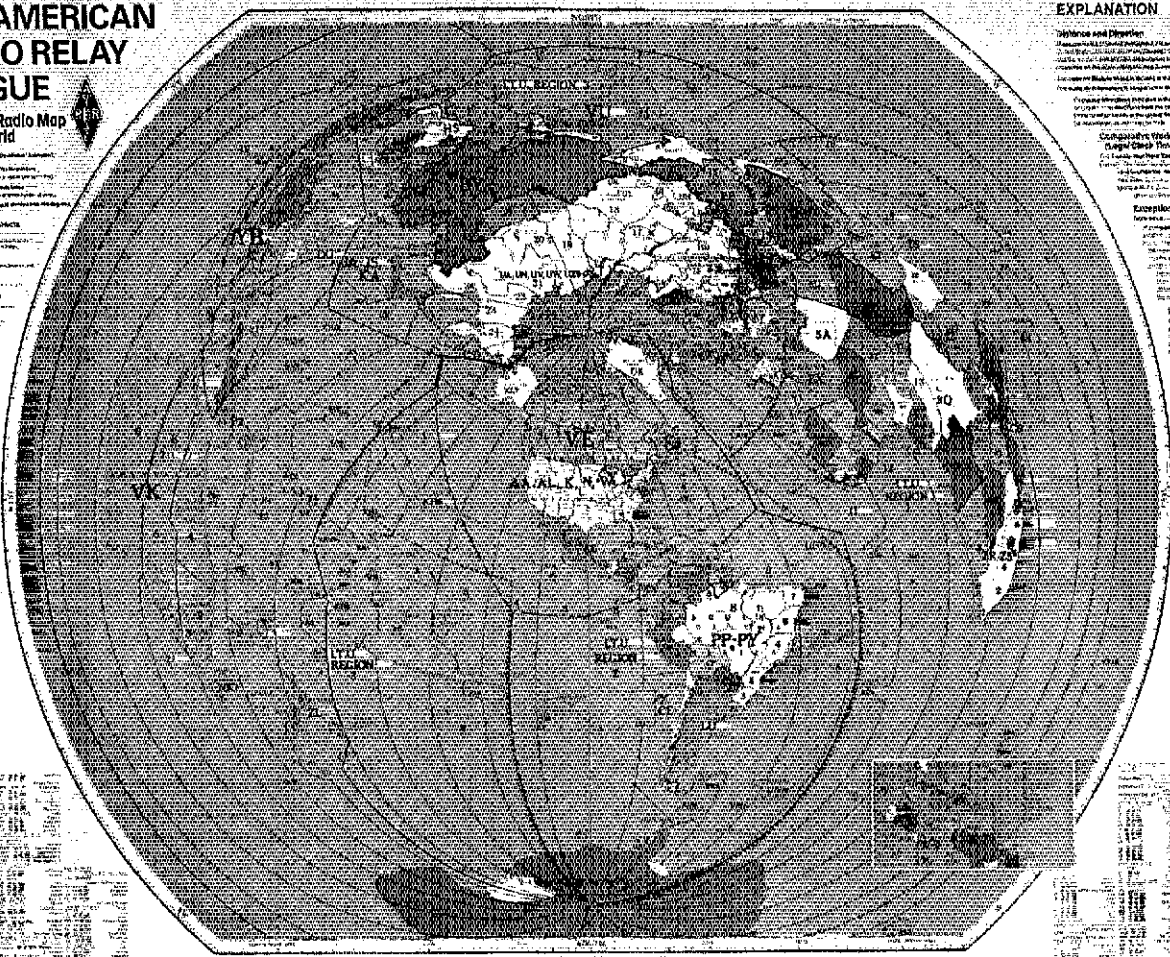
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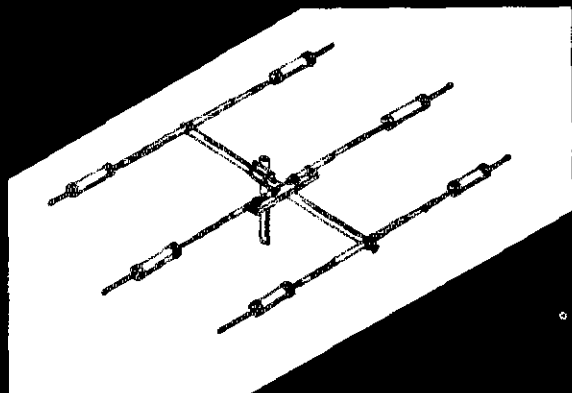
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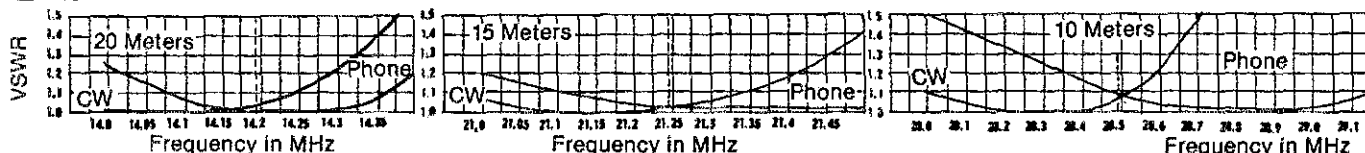
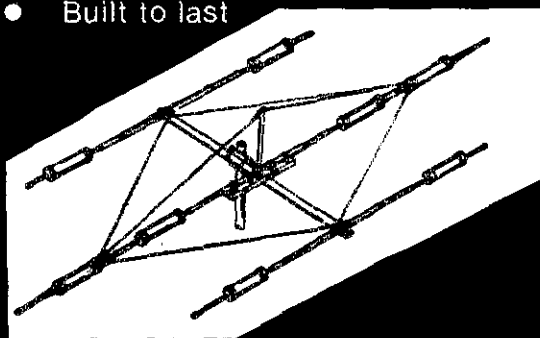
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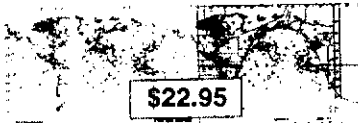
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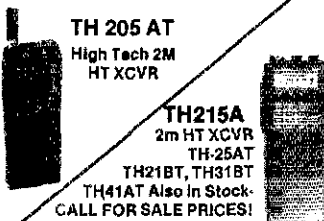


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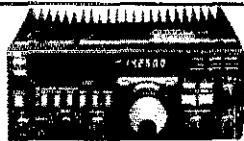
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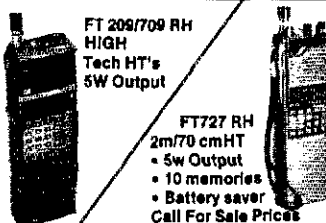
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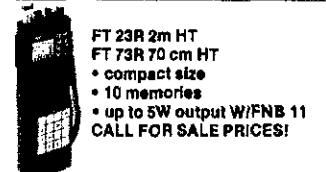


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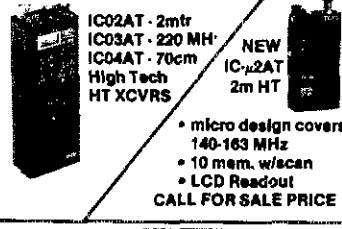
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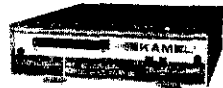
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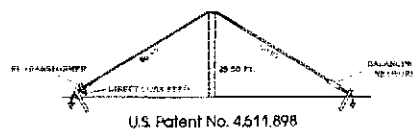
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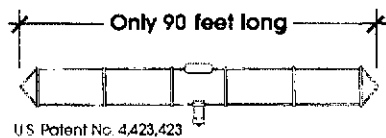


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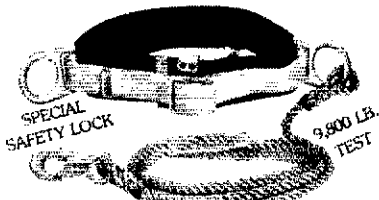
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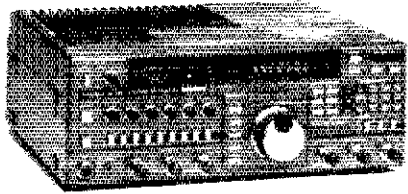
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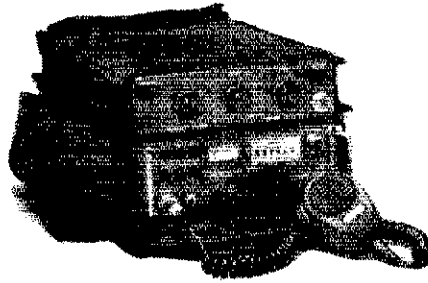
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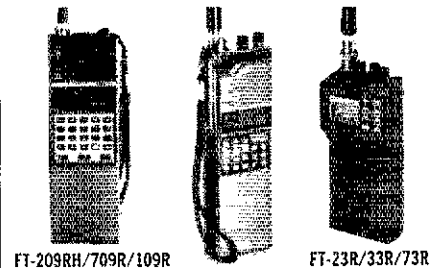
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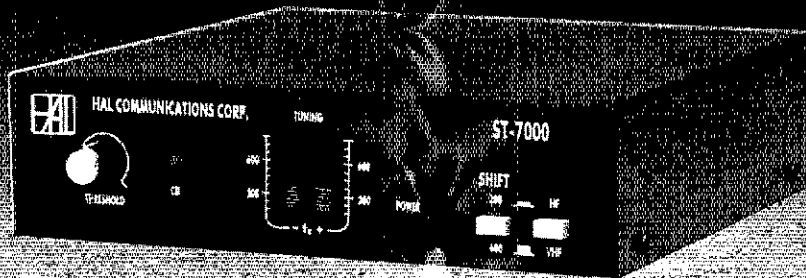
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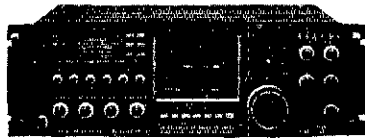
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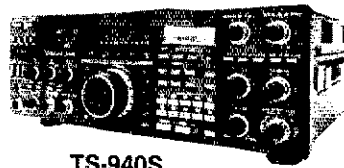
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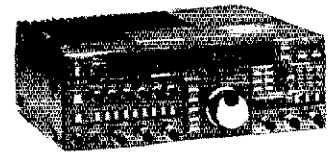
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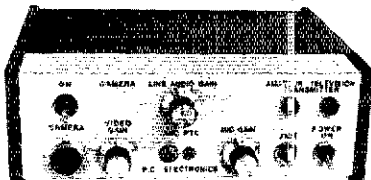
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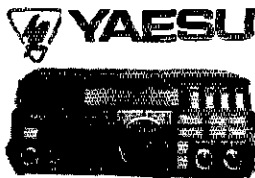
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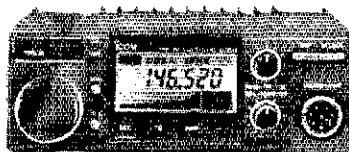
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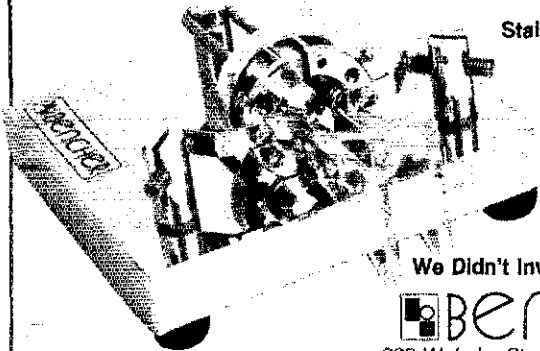


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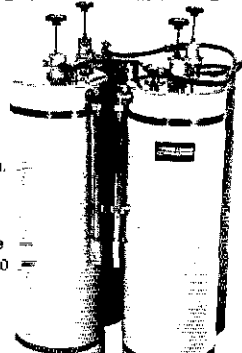
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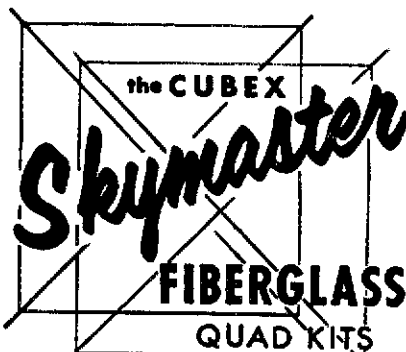
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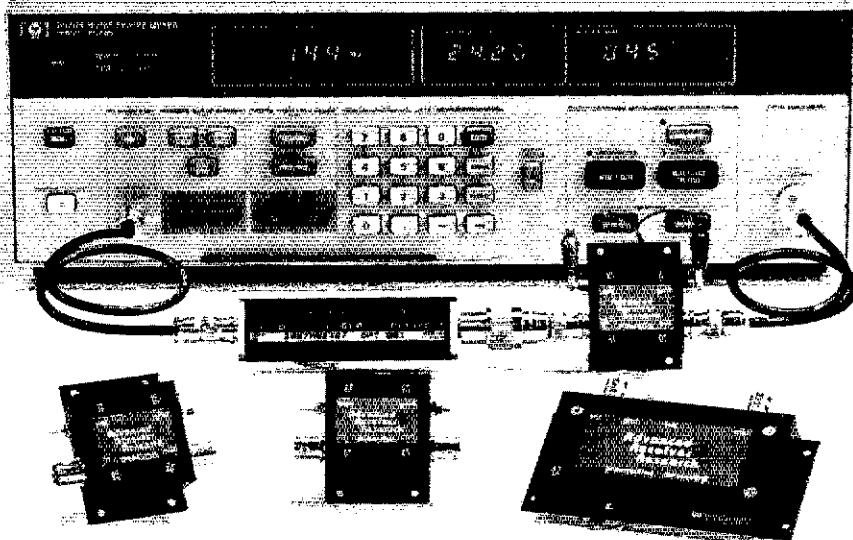
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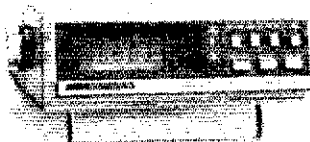
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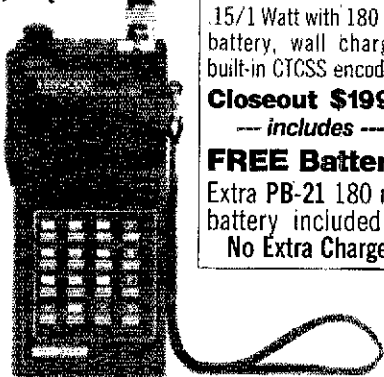
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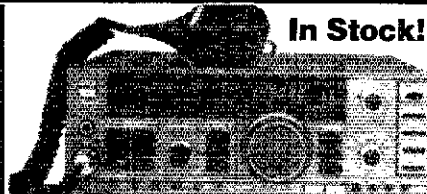
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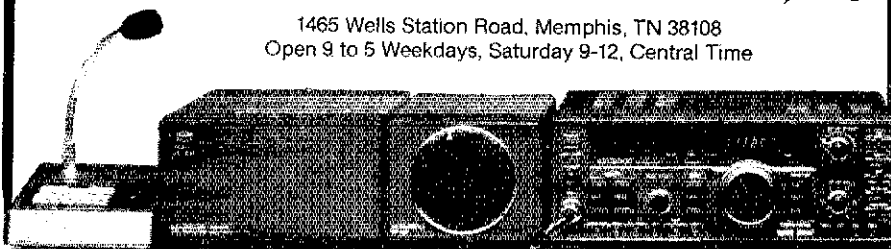
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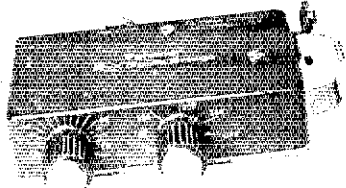
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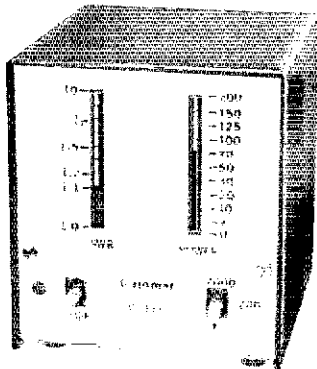


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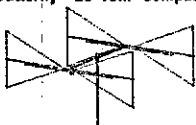
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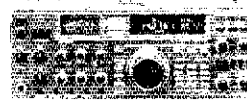
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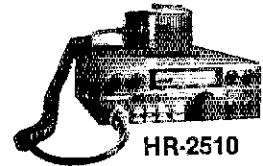
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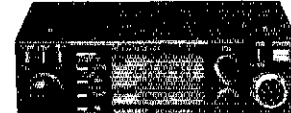
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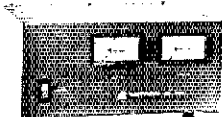
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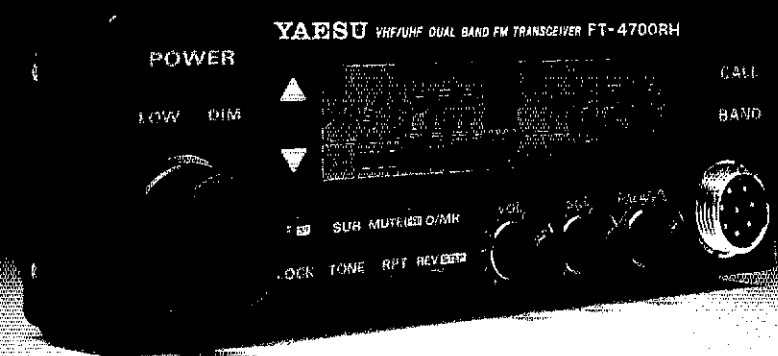
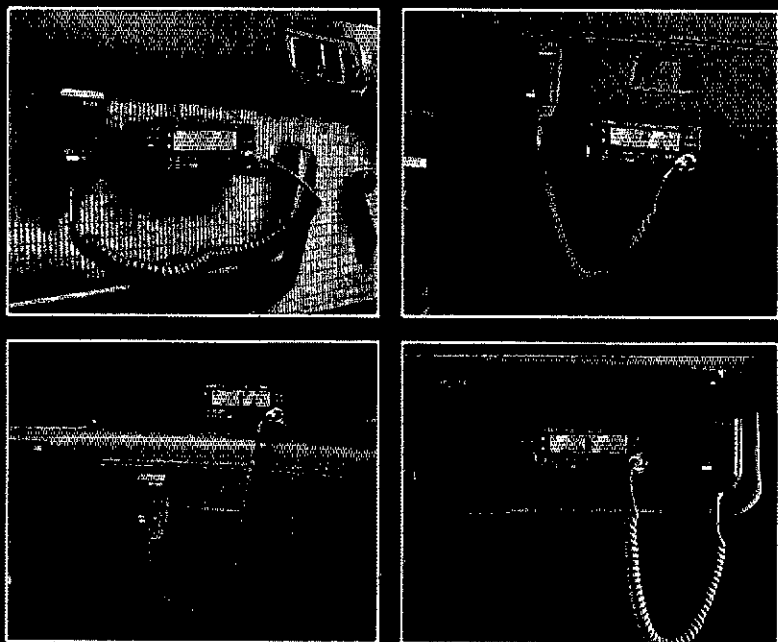
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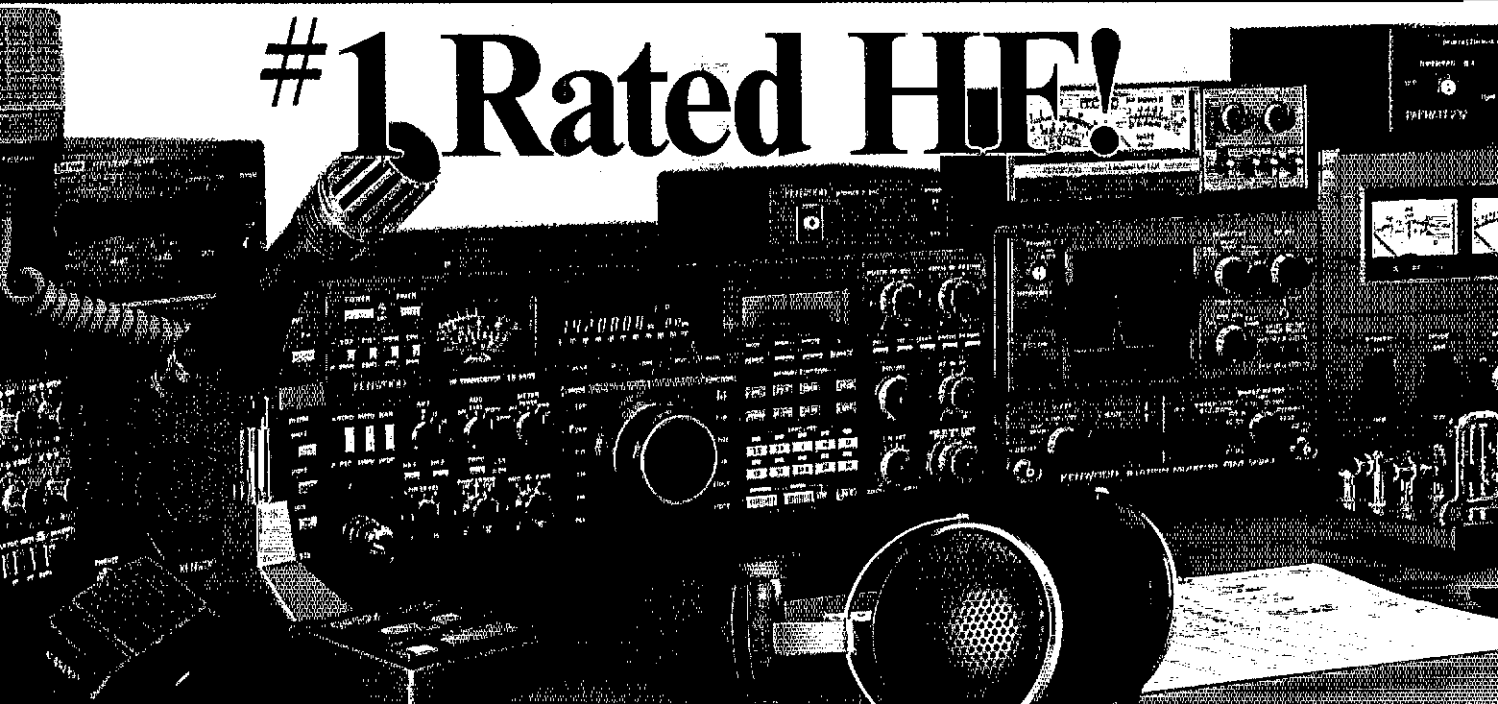
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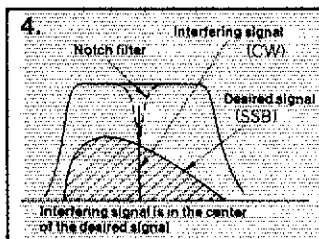
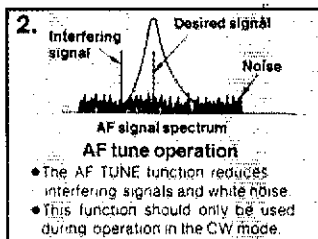
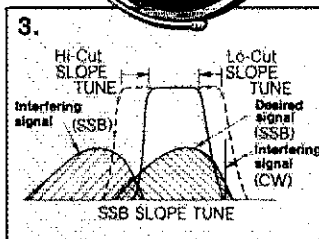
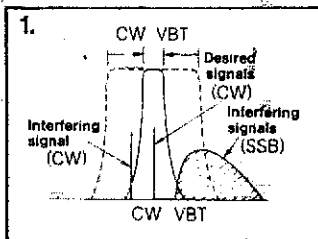
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