

RADIO TODAY

"If you can't beat them! . . ." Things can be difficult for the small independent amateur radio retailer, and some are finding it advantageous to associate themselves more directly with a major distributor.

Harry Leeming, G3LLL, of Holdings of Blackburn Ltd., advises us that his company will now be known as Holdings/Amateur Electronics North West, and, whilst still independently owned, will in effect become a branch of Amateur Electronics UK of Birmingham. Harry has a long association with Yaesu equipment and tells us that the deal allows him to more than double his stock of Yaesu plus adding TET aerials and numerous other items. The new shop is only 15 mins. from Junction 31 on the M6, parking is free and plentiful, and the address is: 45 Johnston Street, BLACKBURN, Lancs. BB2 1EF. Tel: (0254) 59595.

Cody Commemoration

On 16 October 1908, Colonel S.F. Cody made the first sustained powered flight in Britain. This historic event took place at the Balloon Factory in Farnborough, Hampshire, now known as the Royal Aircraft Establishment. To commemorate this event The Farnborough and District Radio Society will be holding a special event radio station.

The Farnborough and District Radio Society has been granted special permission to use the callsign GB2CDY (*CoDY*). The station will be on the air from 14 October until 22 October, on the following bands 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m and 10m both CW and SSB and on 2m and 70cms CW, SSB and FM. A rather attractive QSL has been produced for the occasion.

East Anglian Repeater Update

GB3PI, Britain's first ever repeater, is currently undergoing an overhaul. Deterioration in the receiver feeder, due to long term weathering, has led to work being undertaken with a view to single aerial working. The aerial will be fed with Heliac coaxial cable. The new system will give better reciprocity to stations using the repeater, in addition to providing a 3db improve-



Polish Radio Districts — reproduced courtesy of RSGB

Amateur Radio in Poland — a normal situation?

A recent item in the Australian magazine 'Amateur Radio Action' reveals that there are still only some 500 stations on-the-air in Poland. Although this may sound a reasonably large number, that is only 7% of the licensees before martial law was imposed. Licences have only been issued to approximately 10 sta-

tions in each of the 49 districts in Poland.

Far and away the most active areas before martial law were SP2 and SP9. There are now only 59 stations in SP2 and 86 in SP9. This is especially interesting when you realise that SP2 contains the large cities of Gdansk and Bydgoszu, and SP9 the main Polish manufacturing and mining centres.

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