

Fe-Three Rod Alert

Sharp people will have realised that the captions to figures one and two were swapped over on September's *Fe-Three Mini Dipole* article. Really sharp ones will have realised that the reference to Fig. 3 at the bottom of page 38 actually refers to Fig. 5b.

More important: author Richard Marris G2BZQ has heard rumours that the coils and rods mentioned may no longer be available from G & P Powles. If this turns out to be the case when you order, Richard has tried and approved Amidon type R-61-059-750 rods, 7 1/2 in by 1/2 in diameter. Amidon's USA address is given on page 39 of the September issue.

18-24MHz

The text of the Gazette Notice on the Notice of Variation to the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 which concerns the 18 to 24MHz bands, mentioned in last month's Radio Today, runs as follows:

"The Secretary of State gives notice pursuant to Section 1(4) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 to all those who are licensed under the Amateur Radio Licence (A) or (B) which have been issued and remain in force that from 1st July 1989 the Schedule of each such licence for frequencies below 30MHz shall be varied to read as follows:

Frequency bands in MHz	Status of Allocation in the United Kingdom to:		Maximum power		Permitted Types of Transmission
	The Amateur Service	The Amateur Satellite Service	Carrier	PEP	
1.810-2.000	Available on the basis of non-interference to other services (inside or outside the UK)	(Not allocated)	9dBW	15dBW	Morse Telephony RTTY Data Facsimile STTV
3.500-3.800	Primary, Shared with other services				
7.000-7.100	Primary	Primary			
10.100-10.151	Secondary	(not allocated)			
14.000-14.250					
14.250-14.350					
18.068-18.168			20dBW	26dBW	
21.000-21.450	Primary	Primary			
24.890-24.990					
28.000-29.700					

On behalf of the Secretary of State of Trade and Industry, 12 June 1989.

This notice appeared in the Gazettes for 30 June 1989. The DTI, after doing a bit of checking up for us, tell us that there is no firm way of predicting when a notice will appear in the gazettes; they don't necessarily even publish on the day the DTI ask them to. We will be keeping in touch with the DTI to locate texts of changes which may be of interest.

Paper Round

The UK FM Group (West-ern) quarterly bulletin, Talk-through, contains a short statistical homily on motorway driving from the Lancs Constabulary Accident Prevention division, well worth reading: some history on VHF/UHF development: letters and local news, much of it to the point: amateur radio on the Queen Mary (the old passenger liner, for young folk), an attack on morse for A licensing, local repeater update and some advice on how to combat repeater abuse, and, of course, Aunt Rita, A5, 32pp stapled, free to members, £4 a year to non-members. Queries to Gordon Adams, 2 Ash Grove, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 8BB.

The Irish Radio Transmitter Society Newsletter, August 1989 covers contest news, SWL reports, articles on coastal stations, ionospheric disturbances, the East Cork 2m Atlantic crossing and news and ads from members and dealers, A4 with photos, 12pp, editor Dave Moore EI4BZ, 12 Castle Avenue, Carrigwohill, Co. Cork.

The Wirral ARS Newsletter

August/September covers mainly club news, articles on bodily RF absorption (interesting) and Radio Mackintosh, A2 corner stapled, 8pp, editor Brian Jordan, 42 Ben Nevis Rd., Tranmere L42 4PD.

CQTV, the quarterly magazine of the British Amateur Television Club, August, contains a great deal, as usual: more than can be enumerated here. A must for anyone interested in amateur TV or technology, A5, stapled, card cover, 100pp, Editor Mike Wooding G6IQM, Membership £6 p/a, Dave Lawton, Grenchurst, Pinewood Rd., High Wycombe, Bucks HP12 4DD. Tel. 0522 703348.

Vital Spark, the journal of the Hastings Electronics and RC, contains articles on 'Interesting Radios', WW II, early history of amateur radio (from Book of Genesis onwards), RF reports, and a recipe for Baked Skunk (in connection with an alleged DXpedition to the St. Lawrence River in 1992), A4, stapled, quite a lot of pages, editor Tim Anderson, 2 Burry Rd., St. Leonards on Sea.

Wood Workers

The callsigns in the photo are cuts from stout, attractive and nicely-finished pieces of wood by a wood fretting company called Fretique. The samples shown are about 1 1/4 inches (3cm) high.

Fretique specialise in European and exotic (which can imply African, Far Eastern or South American timber, among others) hardwoods and offer plain sanded, oiled, varnished, polished and other finishes. More or less any-

thing that can be fretted in wood, not just callsigns. They will only quote prices individually, but can give over-the-phone estimates, and club or bulk discounts. For a small deposit a full-size sketch and firm quote can be supplied.

Fretiques are members of the Hereford Guild of Crafts. For more information contact John or Kathy Walker on 0432 850274 or write to Fretiques, The Sanctuary, Whitestone, Hereford HR1 3RX.

