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TRIO R1000

£298 inc VAT Carr £4.50

The R-1000 uses an advanced PLL system in an up-conversion scheme to a high (48MHz) first IF to remove any possibility of image responses. The receiver covers the entire frequency range from below 200kHz right up to 30MHz in 30 bands, each 1MHz wide. The bands are selected, not by ambiguous knob twiddling as in receivers using the Wadley loop but by a 30 position band switch which controls the PLL system.

The band switch also electronically selects the appropriate band pass filter network in the RF stages of the receiver so there are no "preselector" or "antenna trim" controls to twiddle — simply set the band switch to the range required — that's it!

A highly stable VFO tunes each 1MHz range and its linear, back lit scale makes readout easy. However, in addition to this dial, Trio have also provided 5 digit true frequency digital readout so as to guarantee spot on accuracy on any frequency. As a further feature, the digital display can also be switched to read time, this being derived from a quartz standard. Marvellous for accurate log keeping. The display uses high intensity readout units which can be dimmed for use in low light conditions.

As for what else is inside this superb instrument — selectivity is catered for by three custom made IF filters; a 12kHz wide AM filter; 6kHz narrow AM filter; and a new 2.7kHz SSB filter with a shape factor of better than 1:2 6:60dB. Selectable sidebands are available at the touch of a switch.

For the first time in mid-price receiver, a true noise blanker is provided to remove pulse type ignition noise.

To minimise front end overload, a step RF attenuator is included which gives 0-60dB attenuation in four steps.

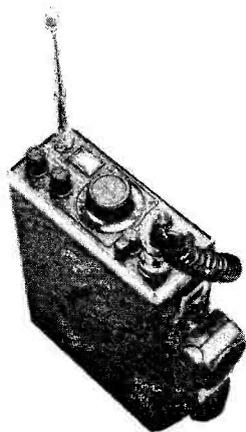
All the rear panel connectors are recessed on a sloping panel so that you can stand the receiver either on its back, or pushed hard against a wall when used in conventional shelf mounting. The antenna inputs allow the use of either a high impedance wire aerial or a 50ohm balanced input so that the proverbial long lump of wire will work really well with the R-1000.

This receiver is so advanced it makes everything in its price range completely obsolete.

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TRIO TR2300



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VB2300 £49.45 inc.

The high sensitivity receiver section uses a combination of effective RF filters providing optimum cross modulation rejection across the entire band. An extra low profile speaker uses a samarium cobalt magnet to reduce equipment size whilst improving speaker efficiency and clarity of reproduction.

The remarkable asset of the TR2300 has to be its unexcelled versatility. Using the carrying case and shoulder strap, you can take the 2300 anywhere, powered by the rechargeable ni-cad batteries, and this is certainly the way that most operators use the rig. Sit the 2300 on top of a 12V dc supply at home, however, using the power cord provided, and you have a terrific home station FM rig.

If you want mobile operation, slot the 2300 into an MB1 mounting bracket, possibly add the matching VB2300 amplifier and you have a really high performance mobile transceiver — and being so small, the TR2300 fits almost anywhere. The front panel layout was designed for ease of operation and the back illuminated dial is so easy to read that it's a delight to use.

TR2300 — truly the transceiver for all seasons.

Now — if you insist on a hand held, and don't need the versatility of the 2300, take a look at the new TR2400. Full details on request.

Trio have always been acknowledged leaders in the field of portable VHF equipment and this leadership is amply demonstrated by the TR2300. Following the long established, TR2200 line, the TR2300 combines all the virtues of small size, ease of use and rugged go-anywhere construction but introduced for the first time, full band coverage in 25kHz steps from the same advanced synthesiser used in the TR7500. This provides all 80 FM channels from 144-146MHz together with 600kHz repeater shift (and reverse repeater if requested). Automatic tone burst is provided for repeater operation thus catering for all operational needs.

TRIO TS120V/S

TS120V £347.30 inc. VAT

TS120V	£347.30	TS120S	£432.40
PS20 4 Amp	£44.85	PS30 20 Amp	£85.10
AT120	£55.20	MC35S mic	£13.80
SP120	£25.30	TL120 linear	£128.80
VFO120	£89.70		

THE SYSTEM APPROACH

What do we mean by the "System Approach"?

Well, take the TS120V and you have the finest 20W p.e.p. mobile HF transceiver you could buy. Many operators are even buying it as a second station because it's so good. Consider its features, the single conversion PLL derived top performance; the accurate digital readout; the passband tuning; the noise blanker; the superb engineering; THEN may be add the PS20 mains power supply and you have an equally great home station; OR maybe add the multi-function VFO120 second VFO unit; OR the SP120 external speaker; OR the 100W AT120 antenna tuner or maybe even a superb Microwave Modules 2 metre or 70 cm transverter to get you up on the VHF and UHF bands. It all adds up to a fine station tailored exactly to your own needs.



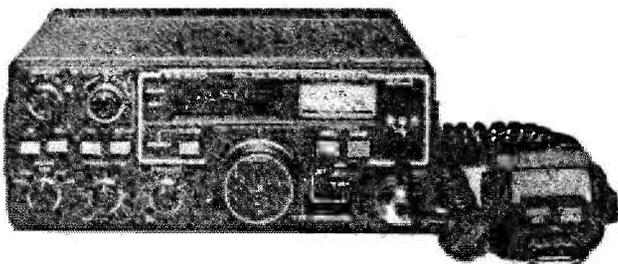
If you need more power, the TL120 200W p.e.p. linear is now available, but you will need a heavier 12V supply to run it. A suitable unit would be the PS30 which delivers up to 20 amps fully regulated and protected. Lots of people are buying the PS30 as a general purpose heavy duty supply for shack use.

Finally, should you really want high power all the time, consider the TS120S which incorporates all the features of the TS120V but has a built-in high power, fully protected 200W p.e.p. linear and it's still not too expensive to enjoy!

TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THE PRICES!!!

Don't forget, we stock almost everything that the keen DXer, short wave listener or radio amateur could possibly need, including the complete range of J Beam aeriels, Microwave Modules equipment, feeder, clamps, insulators — in fact our catalogue makes good reading for 48p and includes honest advice on aerial matters. For all that's good in Amateur radio, contact Lowe Electronics at Matlock.

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TRIO TR9000

2 metre MULTIMODE
£345 inc. VAT

If you sat down at some time and designed your ideal 2 metre multimode rig, you probably laid down the specification for the new Trio TR9000. I believe that this transceiver will satisfy the needs of every radio amateur, combining as it does small size (same as the TR7600), light weight (same as the TR7600), and powerful performance.

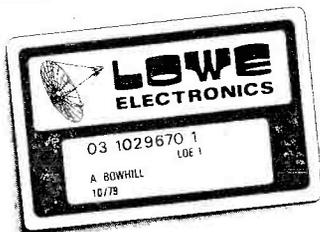
As you can see, the TR9000 has a complete array of facilities including all mode operation, noise blanker, RIT, 5 memories, twin digital VFOs and digital frequency readout to 100Hz. Now for the smart parts.

The TR9000 is based on a 100Hz synthesiser controlled either by a photo microsensor on the main dial or by the remote up/down microphone. On FM, the operator has instant selection of either 25kHz steps (for convenient mobile use), 12.5kHz steps (for future use), or 100Hz steps (for continuous tuning). On SSB and CW, the synthesiser steps are automatically switched to 100Hz and the digital display is extended to match.

A special feature is the search facility on SSB which tunes the whole band, and the scan facility on FM which scans in 25kHz or 12.5kHz steps, stopping momentarily on any received signal. The scan may then be held by touching the HOLD button or depressing the PTT switch on the microphone.

The TR9000 has so much to offer, it's bound to be yet another leader, from Trio. Contact us soon for further details.

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 Frequency stability: Within ± 500 Hz during the first hour after 1 minute of warm up, and within 50 Hz any 30 minutes thereafter at 25°C (constant)
 RPT tone burst frequency: 1,750 Hz
 Power requirement: 13.8V DC $\pm 15\%$ negative earth
 Operating temperature: -20°C to $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$
 Current drain: 0.4A in receive mode with no input signal

2.3A in Hi transmit mode (approx.)
 1.3A in low transmit mode (approx.)
 Less than 2.5 mA for memory back-up
 170 x 68 x 234 mm
 2.5 kg (5.5 lbs)

Dimensions:
 Weight:

TRANSMITTER SECTION:

RF output power: Hi (SSB, FM, CW) 10W
 Low (FM, CW) 1W approx.

Frequency tolerance: SSB, CW: less than $\pm 10 \times 10^{-6}$
 FM: less than $\pm 20 \times 10^{-6}$
 Less than -60 dB
 Better than 40 dB

Spurious radiation:
 Carrier suppression:
 Unwanted side band suppression:
 Maximum frequency deviation (FM):

± 5 kHz
 Dynamic microphone with PTT switch, 500 Ω

RECEIVER SECTION

Circuitry: FM: Double conversion superheterodyne
 SSB, CW: Single conversion superheterodyne

Intermediate frequency: 1st IF: 10.695 MHz
 2nd IF (FM) 455 kHz
 FM: better than 0.2 μV for 12 dB SINAD

Receiver sensitivity: SSB, CW: 0.2 μV for 10 dB S/N
 FM: More than 12 kHz (-6 dB)
 Less than 25 kHz (-60 dB)
 SSB, CW: More than 2.2 kHz (-6 dB)
 Less than 4.8 kHz (-60 dB)

Spurious interference: Better than 70 dB
 Squelch sensitivity: 0.16 μV (threshold)
 Auto scan stop level: Less than 0.2 μV (threshold)
 Audio output: More than 2.0 Watts across 8 ohm load

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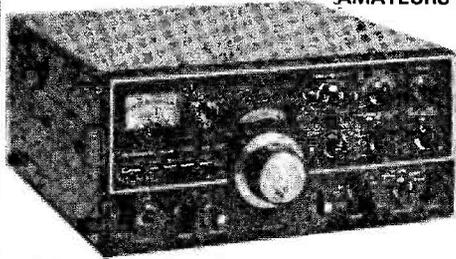
Everyone is talking about the new Lowe credit card scheme, following its introduction at Leicester. This is the new, easy way to have the rig you wanted right away and avoid any future price rises. How does it work? You simply agree to pay a fixed amount each month and you then get instant purchasing power of 24 times the payment. For example, a payment of £10 gives you £240 of credit, more than enough to buy that TR2400, aerial and accessories. No fuss and no hefty deposits needed. A further advantage is that as the payments continue your credit is automatically extended to allow further purchases. Why not send for full details right away and join the growing numbers who hold the Lowe blue card — the way to have tomorrow's equipment today. A major advance to your purchasing power.

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TS520SE

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In the face of ever increasing complexity in amateur radio equipment, its comforting to know that the TS520SE is still in volume production. Radio amateurs all over the world (and dealers too) have voted the TS520SE "my favourite transceiver" because of its astounding reputation for reliability, high sensitivity receiver, and of course the unequalled Trio audio quality coming from the transmitter. The TS520SE incorporates all of the features demanded by today's amateur, and at an outstandingly low price. No wonder it's top of the list in popularity, and comparison with other transceivers will convince you that the TS520SE is the best value for money on the market today.

Of course, the bare figures cannot tell you just how nice the TS520SE feels in use, nor can they tell you the pleasure of hearing other operators saying "never heard better audio QM, what rig are you using?"

The TS520SE standard specification includes CW wide/narrow switching (using the optional 500Hz filter), semi break-in keying with sidetone, PTT or VOX operation, really effective noise blander, switched AGC time constants, 5 function metering, switched RF attenuator, "RIT, speech processing for punchy transmit audio, fixed channel facilities, 25kHz calibrator, fan cooled PA, internal loudspeaker, and of course the TS520SE will take all the wide range of current matching accessories including the DG5 true frequency digital readout, the VFO520S remote VFO unit, the SM220 station monitor scope and panoramic display and so on.

When talking to prospective purchasers of the TS520SE, the question we are most often asked is "how does it compare in price to its rivals?" and the transceiver it is most compared with is the Yaesu FT101Z series. The price for the FT101Z taken from March 1980 RadCom is £575 including VAT and you also should add PA fan at £13.80 (the fan is standard on the TS520SE) making a grand total of £588.80.

THE TS520SE costs **£437** including VAT.
Now tell me if that's not value for money.

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320	2M stainless quarter wave on PL259	£1.50 inc VAT
RG4M	Base for all above units including 4 metres of cable ready terminated in PL259	£3.00 inc VAT
GSS	Heavy duty gutter/boot mount to take RG4M base	£3.15 inc VAT

SPECIFICATIONS	
General Frequency range:	160 meter band: 1.8 to 2.0MHz 80 meter band: 3.5 to 4.0MHz 40 meter band: 7.0 to 7.5MHz 20 meter band: 14.0 to 14.35MHz 15 meter band: 21.0 to 21.5MHz 10 meter band: 28.0 to 28.5MHz 28.5 to 29.1MHz 29.1 to 29.7MHz
Mode:	WWW: 15.0MHz (receive only) SSB (USB, LSB), CW
Antenna Impedance:	50 to 75 Ohms
Frequency Stability:	Within ±1KHz during one hour after one minute of warm-up, and within 100Hz during any 30 minutes period thereafter
Tubes and Semiconductors:	Tubes: 3I2 × 6146B, 1 × 12BY7A) Transistors: 5Z FETs: 19 Diodes: 101
Power Requirements:	120/220 V AC 50/60Hz
Power consumption:	Transmit: 280 Watts Receive: 26 Watts (with heater off)
Dimension:	333 (13½) wide × 153 (6.0) high × 335 (13¼) deep mm (inch)
Weight:	16.0kg (35.2lbs)
Transmitter RF Input Power:	SSB: 200 Watts PEP CW: 160 Watts DC
Carrier Suppression:	Better than 40dB
Sideband Suppression:	Better than 50dB
Microphone:	High impedance microphone (50k Ohms)
AF Response:	400 to 2,600HZ
Receiver Sensitivity:	0.2µV for 10dB (S+N)/N
Selectivity:	SSB: 2.4kHz/-6dB, 4.4kHz-60dB CW: 0.5kHz/-6dB, 1.5kHz/-6dB (with optional CW filter)
Image Ratio:	Better than 50dB
IF Rejection:	Better than 50dB
AF Output Power:	2 Watts (8 Ohms load, with less than 10% distortion)

Great News!

The AR240 is back in town but with higher battery capacity, provision for separate microphone and the hot performance (better than 0.2µV for 12dB SINAD, and 2W output on TX) that you all appreciate. PRICE? Even better value at £168 inc. VAT (price includes Nicads, charger, etc). It has a new name too — the AR240A.

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FM Hand-Held



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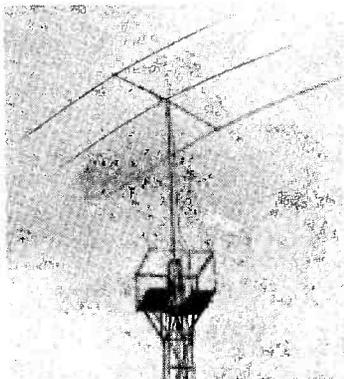
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FT225R Transceiver £445.00

MEM memory option £85.00

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FT207R Transceiver £173.04
NC-1A Slide-in charger £16.50
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YM24 Speaker/mic £14.50
FLC1 Heavy duty case £18.00
AA Nicads, each £0.87

FT202R Transceiver £103.50
NC-1 AC charger '202 £16.50
PA-1 12V PSU '202 £16.50

FT207R — FT202R: 2m HANDHELDS

The FT207R is a microprocessor controlled synthesized handheld that offers 12.5kHz channel steps!! 4 memory channels are provided and these may, as can the whole band, be scanned. Any one of the memories can be used as a priority channel. Simply operate as normal on any frequency, designate one of the memories as priority, and every few seconds, for a few milliseconds, the set will check occupancy of the channel. All frequency entry is by the keyboard (which includes touch tone). The readout displays frequencies (to 100Hz), memory channel number and 'P'. Switches are provided for keyboard lock (prevents accidental operation) and display "time out". A 600kHz shift, and any programmable split, is available, both of course plus and minus. Memory back-up is provided but can be switched off for long-term storage. 2.5W + 200mW outputs and a whole host of accessories complete the brief specification of this exciting transceiver.

The FT202R is an economical 6 channel handheld physically similar to the FT207R.

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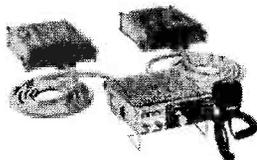
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The FT720R is a new concept in mobile FM. Take a neat 'removable' control head (2m or 4m of extension cable and your choice of 2m (10 or 25W) and 70cm 10W main units. Add if you wish a switching box and then both 2 and 70cms are available from the one money and space saving controller.
The package offers sophisticated microprocessor PLL control system, optical coupled tuning, 5 memory channels, priority channel, up/down scanning from the mic (stop on busy or empty), auto or man. Tone burst up/down repeater shift and a string of yellow and red leds for power out and S meter etc.

FT720R S72	Control Head Switching Box	£130.00 £47.50	E72S 720RV	2m Cable Transceiver 10W 2M	£20.00 £148.00	E72L 720RVH	4m Cable Transceiver 25W 2M	£23.50 £153.00	720RU 70cm	Transceiver 10W	£179.00
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FT227 SYNTHESIZED MOBILE TRANSCEIVER

The FT227s are 10W output 2 metre transceivers whose receiver performance — sensitivity and immunity to overload has become the standard against which others are compared. They use a signal knob (photo interrupter) to control the synthesiser, which basically turns in 10kHz steps with a 5kHz 'fill in' oscillator. FT227RXS is an FT227R fitted with SMC's scanner. This maintains all the normal features of the 227 but the neat internal installation provides automatic tuning from 145 to 146 in 25kHz steps. When finding an occupied frequency the scanner pauses for about seven seconds and if not held will move on. A flick of the P.P.T. will lock out one (or all) unwanted channels next scan around. FT227RBXSt is an FT227RB fitted with SMC's stepper. A four channel memory is provided in this model and tuning may also be accomplished by push buttons on the microphone. A single push moves the transceiver 25kHz, hold the button down for ½ second and it scans the band until a station is found.

FT227RXS Transceiver	£252.17	FR227RBSt Transceiver	£247.83	FP4 12V 4A PSU	£35.00	YD148 Desk mic	£18.50
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The FT707 'The Wayfarer' is an ultra-compact solid-state transceiver covering 80-10m, including 30, 17 and 12m — all factory installed, with 100W output (10W 'S' model) 50% out developed in 3:1 VSWR, digital (bright LED's in mode sensitive counter) and analogue readout, status at a glance (from string LED and single displays) 16 poles of crystal filtering adjustable IF bandwidth 2.4kHz to 300Hz. Noise blanker of most advanced design using local AGC loop, Schottky diode ring module, power transistor buffers, ultra-clean low noise local oscillator are combined to produce, size and price notwithstanding: Probably the best receiver you have ever used.



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FT107M NEW SOLID STATE TRANSCEIVER

All solid state transceiver. 160-10M (+ WWV Rx and 2 Aux). 12V DC, SSB, CW, FSK and AM. 240W PIP. The fan cooled (thermostatically controlled) no tune "broad band" power amplifier delivers 75% power output into 3:1 VSWR. Analogue and digital readout to 100Hz. Sensitive and with excellent dynamic range (hard driven Schottky diode ring mixer). Continuous variable bandwidth 300Hz to 2.4kHz plus optional "basics" of 350/600Hz and 6kHz. Full equipment includes: audio peak/notch filter, full metering including SWR, RF speech processor, advanced noise blanker, semi break-in with side tone, VOX, clarifier on Tx, Rx, or both, 20dB attenuator etc. The optional memory system provides 12 stored channels (with fine tuning), and offers scanning from the microphone. The store employs DMS — digital memory shift — to allow tuning, via a photo interrupter of any of the memorised frequencies (equivalent to 13 VFO's!!).



FT901DM

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FT901DM THE SUPERB PERFORMER

160-10M (+ WWV Rx), 12 and 234V (PSU Built-in). SSB, AM, CW, FSK and FM (Tx & Rx), 180W PIP, 80W FI. Analogue 1kHz and digital to 100Hz. Sensitive $\frac{1}{2}$ μ V with AGC controlled Mosfet RF, to push pull FET RF. Balance active mixer, push pull IF amp, to crystal filter then noise blanker. Continuously variable selectivity 300Hz to 2.4kHz and fixed 350/600Hz, 2.4kHz, 6kHz and 12kHz (at 6dB), 80dB cross mod rejection, 90dB desensitisation immunity (at 20kHz off at 14MHz). Audio Peak and separate notch tuning. Negative RF feedback on 6146B stage (-31dB 3rd order). RF processor, VOX, Curtis electronic keyer, tune button (10sec on full power), PLL VFO with memory for any Tx, Rx or T/Rx frequency. Modular plug-in construction, permeability tuning (for new band allocations) 25kHz calibrator, 20dB switchable attenuator, sidetone, clarifier and an advanced noise blanker, etc.



FT101ZD

FT101ZD Transceiver Digital £575.00

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FT101ZD PERFORMANCE AND ECONOMY

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FT7B & YC7B

FT7B Transceiver £375.00

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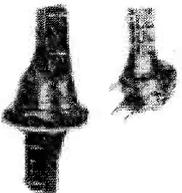
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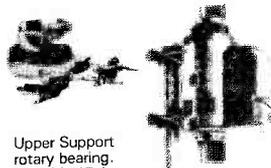
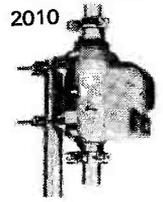
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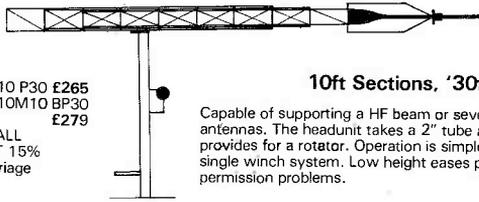


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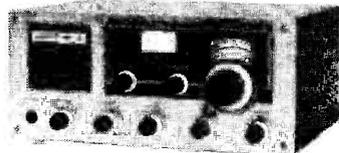
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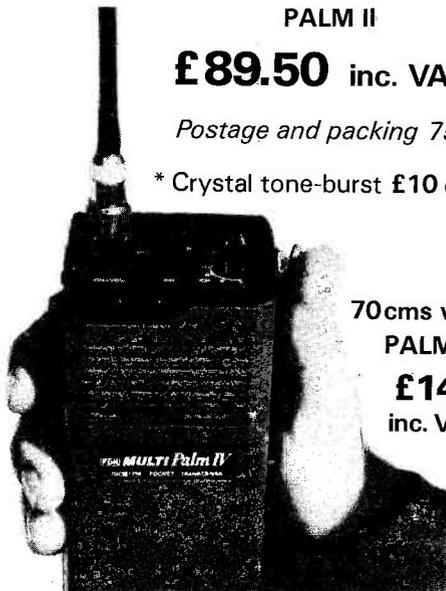
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The R-1000 uses an advanced PLL system in an up-conversion scheme to a high (48MHz) first IF to remove any possibility of image responses. The receiver covers the entire frequency range from below 200kHz right up to 30MHz in 30 bands, each 1MHz wide. The bands are selected, not by ambiguous knob twiddling as in receivers using the Wadley loop but by a 30 position band switch which controls the PLL system.

The band switch also electronically selects the appropriate band pass filter network in the RF stages of the receiver so there are no "preselector" or "antenna trim" controls to twiddle — simply set the band switch to the range required — that's it!

A highly stable VFO tunes each 1MHz range and its linear, back lit scale makes readout easy. However, in addition to this dial, Trio have also provided 5 digit true frequency digital readout so as to guarantee spot on accuracy on any frequency. As a further feature, the digital display can also be switched to read time, this being derived from a quartz standard. Marvellous for accurate log keeping. The display uses high intensity readout units which can be dimmed for use in low light conditions.

As for what else is inside this superb instrument — selectivity is catered for by three custom made IF filters; a 12kHz wide AM filter; 6kHz narrow AM filter; and a new 2.7kHz SSB filter with a

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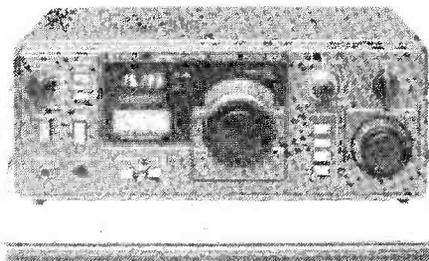
**TS120V. £408
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Up until now there has been a natural reluctance to accept solid state HF rigs as anything but a second rig or mobile unit with dubious reliability of the PA devices. Now at last the new TS120 series gives you 80-10 metre coverage at either 10 watts output or 100 watts output. Digital readout and variable selectivity are just two features that put them in a class above any other solid state rig we know of (apart from the TS180S) — even those costing nearly £1,000. The TS120 will put to shame many of the older valve PA designs and can confidently be regarded as a good reliable base or mobile station — and no tune-up means instant QSY from band to band at the flick of a switch.



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NEW ☛ **TRIO**

R-1000 £298 inc VAT

At last the Trio R1000 has been announced — a real purpose-built receiver for the serious short wave listener. 200kHz to 30MHz in 30 bands. This receiver has many features that are not available on other models and, of course, has the technical backing of the world's largest manufacturers of amateur communications equipment. Features include: 1kHz digital readout and separate analogue dial, large high quality speaker, digital 12 hour clock — AM and PM, three separate filters for razor sharp selectivity, noise blanker (try finding this on any other receiver!), automatic preselector tuning via the 1MHz band switch, three-stage attenuator, dimmer control, tone control, timer circuit, and all this in a diminutive package measuring 12½ x 4½ x 8½ in. Trio have now solved the problem of choosing a receiver — there is no choice — it's got to be Trio!

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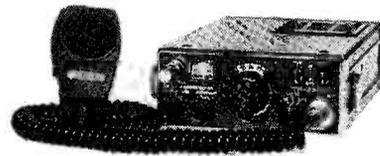
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The TR2300 is a remarkable package which combines all the advantages of a portable station with those of a mobile transceiver. In many ways it's the ideal "starter rig" in amateur radio. Full band coverage from 144-146MHz in 80 x 25kHz channels plus 600kHz repeater shift and 1750Hz automatic tone-burst complete its versatility. The dial is directly calibrated in frequency and has illumination for night use. The transmitter is exceptionally clean with an output power in excess of 1 watt. Receiver sensitivity is every bit as good as the best mobile rigs and either internal batteries or an external DC source may be used. Fits easily into a suitcase or on the corner of a desk and makes a really compact mobile rig. Price includes carrying case, shoulder strap, battery charger, external DC cord and, of course, the Waters & Stanton 12 month warranty. An absolute bargain — we even sell them to our staff!

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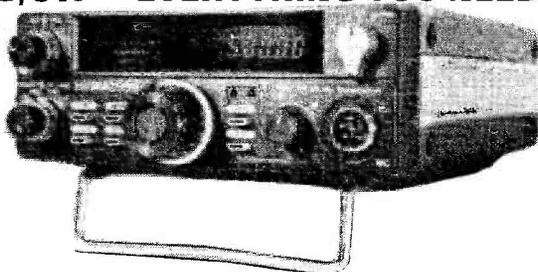


The Multi 700EX is the replacement for the Multi 700E, having an updated specification — without making it too complex for safety under mobile conditions! Its powerful 25 watts output has been retained together with the front panel continuously variable power control. The frequency range has been expanded to cover the entire band 144-146mHz in 25kHz steps. Of course, essential to all current equipment is its ability to operate on 12½ kHz channel spacing and this you can do at the press of a button. Four priority channels that are user programmable have been added and these can be electronically scanned. The channels are not lost when the equipment is switched off! The stable crystal controlled tone-burst is automatic and both normal and inverse repeater operation is possible at the press of a button. By simple alteration of the diode matrix the plus 600kHz facility can be changed to 1.6mHz for operation through the proposed FDK 70cms transverter (in matching cabinet). Altogether a simple but highly effective mobile transceiver that provides everything you could wish for in a 2 metre FM mobile.

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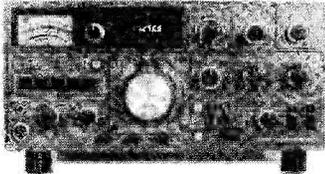


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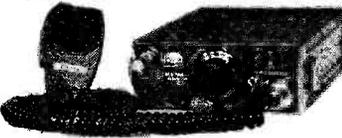
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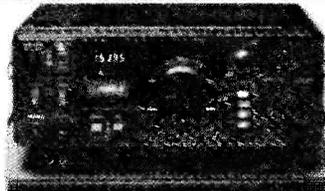


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TRIO R1000

R1000 Receiver **£298.00**
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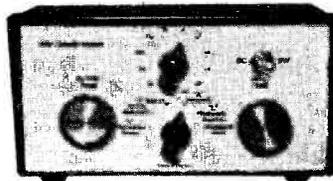


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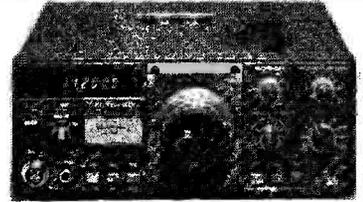
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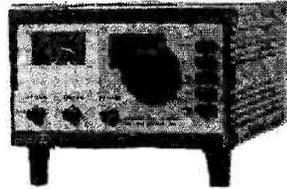
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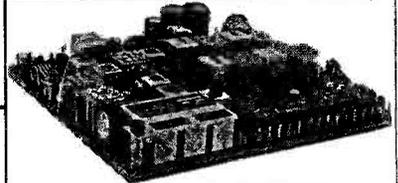
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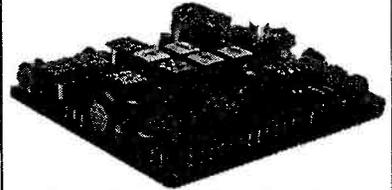
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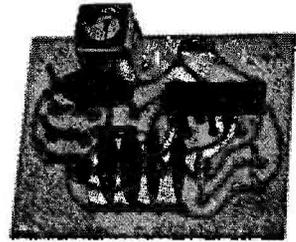
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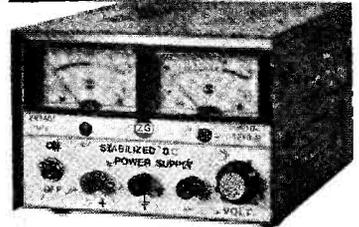
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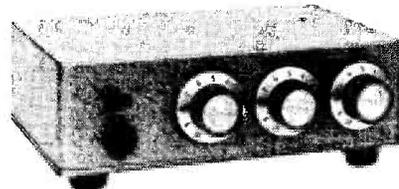
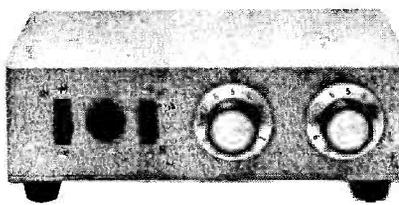
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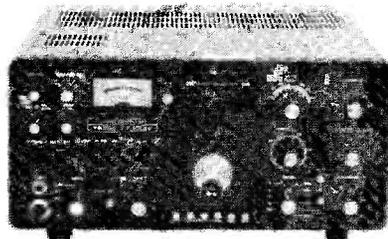
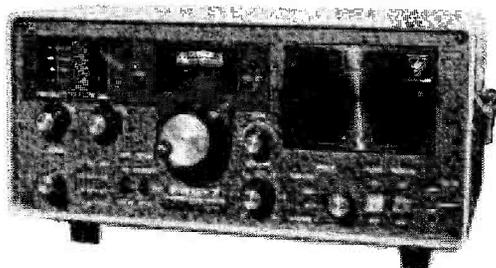
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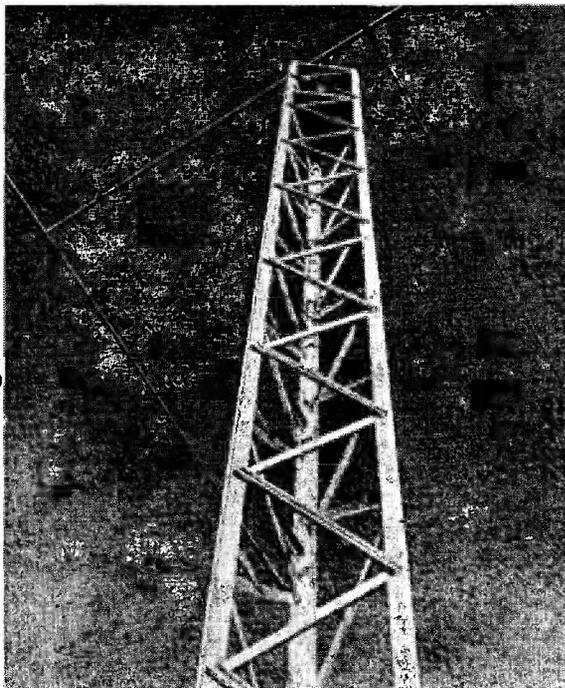
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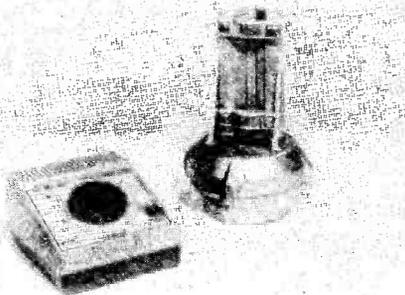
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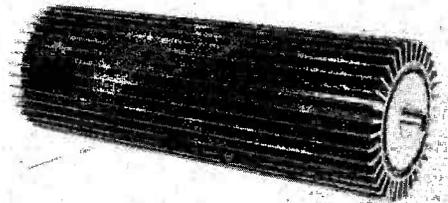


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The SHORT-WAVE Magazine

EDITORIAL

Industrial Action

We apologise to readers for the late appearance of this, and the previous, issue of *Short Wave Magazine*, caused by the recent weeks-long dispute in the printing industry — and therefore a matter over which we had no control.

Although the industrial scene is now back to normal, it can take a considerable time to re-establish printer's schedules which take only a few days to completely disrupt: this means that it is likely to be the August issue before publication of this journal is back to normal.

Open Channel

In a House of Commons written reply on May 7th the Home Secretary, Mr. Whitelaw, announced that the Government was in favour — in principle, at any rate — of Citizen's Band radio. The name which would be used in this country would be "Open Channel". He said that a discussion document on the subject would be published by the Government within the next few weeks and that public reaction (which means radio amateurs as much as anyone else!) would be taken into account in reaching a final decision — although in any event it would be some time before a channel could be introduced.

As far as Amateur Radio is concerned, Open Channel is likely to have both positive and negative effects. Positive because many OC-ers, finding the inherent limitations of OC frustrating, would turn to amateur radio to fully satisfy their needs and interest. Negative because abuse of the Open Channel, such as occurred in Australia and the United States, would bring the whole of the non-professional use of the air-space into disrepute: safeguarding and promoting the interests of the separate entity of Amateur Radio in the corridors of power would then be very much harder.

We look forward to the discussion document with great interest - and not a little concern.

Ed. Whelan
K3KFE.

VHF BANDS

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Award News

THE ninth QTH Square Century Club certificate has been awarded to the Radio Club of the Technical University of Gdansk, in Poland, the call-sign of which is SP2PZH (JO44f). The date of issue was April 17 and the band, 2m. Their cards comprised confirmations of 76 tropo., 21 Ar and 3 MS contacts. Roger Thorn, G3CHN, holder of QTHCC No. 3, is now up to 151 squares confirmed and his "150" sticker was issued on May 2.

The QTHCC awards rules require applicants to possess confirmations of QSOs with stations in at least 100 primary QTH squares, e.g. ZL, AG, EM, etc. The starting date was Jan. 1, 1975 and there are separate awards for 2m. and 70cm. An *s.a.e.* will bring full details and an application form.

Two more VHF Century Club, 2m. certificates have been issued. No. 320 goes to Julie Rose, G8MKD, from Oldbury, West Midlands. First licensed in Sept. 1976, she operated on low power FM for a couple of years. Then an *Icom* IC-202E was purchased and used with a *Modular Electronics* 25 watts amplifier. Julie's present station comprises a *Trio* TS-700 fitted with a *J-Fet* preamplifier, the aerial array being a pair of 9-ele. *Tonna Yagis*, at 30 feet. She is also operational on 70cm. and has plans for 23cm. too.

John Cleaton, G4GHA, from Wareham in Dorset, wins certificate no. 321 and all his contacts were over 100 miles. John's interest in the hobby goes back to his youth but it was not till a few years ago when forced, early retirement for health reasons provided the time to study for the *R.A.E.* He is a "white stick" operator and now fairly housebound due to multiple sclerosis. The VHF station comprises a *Trio* TS-700S with a 6-ele. *Quad* aerial at 30ft.

For FM, a colinear is used. He has a transverter for 70cm. and an 88-ele. *Multibeam* is envisaged. John is also on the HF bands and, in spite of his handicaps, admits to some painting and decorating!

Beacon Notes

Paul Galea, 9H1BT, has written to advise of a new Mediterranean 2m. beacon. The call-sign is 9H1VHF and the locator HV03f, his old QTH before moving after his recent marriage. The frequency is 144.830 MHz and the power, 1.5 watts to an omni-directional turnstile aerial. It sends its callsign only on A1, with small breaks between calls. Reception reports should be sent directly to 9H1BT at his new QTH, which is;— 63 Housing Estate, Dingli, Malta, G.C.

Jimmy Bruzon, ZB2BL, is reported to have the 4m. Gibraltar beacon going again from his QTH. The call is ZB2VHF and the frequency 70.26 MHz. It is a valved Tx which he does not leave on unattended. Consequently, it operates only in the evenings and at weekends, when he is at home.

The first U.K. 6m. beacon, GB3SIX, was due to start up on May 18. Due to the occupancy of the band by TV stations, the beacon can only be operated between 0100 and 0830 local time.

On 70cm., GB3SUT (ZM31b) is back again on 432.890 MHz beaming north and south as before. Any reception reports to Tom Douglas, G3BA (*QTHR*). Dave Sellars, G3PBV, asks if the southerly aerial could be turned towards Devon. This seems a very sensible suggestion since those in the southeast have Emley Moor.

Contest News

Results;— From *GB2RS*, the following information was gleaned concerning the 144/432 MHz contest of March 1/2. In the 144 Mhz, single-op. section, the winner was G3NAQ, with G8GGP and G8NEY in 2nd. and 3rd. place. The winning multi-op. station was GW3OXD/P with G4BW/P, runner-up, and GW8CSA/P in 3rd. spot. In the 144/432 MHz, single-op. part, G14GVS won, with G8OPR 2nd., while the multi-op. section was won by the Addiscombe ARC, with the Lagan Valley RS 2nd.

The Barking R & ES 2m. event on March 30 attracted 45 entries, about double that of last year. No doubt this

was due to better advanced publicity and perhaps that it was an afternoon event?

Coming events;— The 2nd. *AGCW-DL* VHF/UHF Contest date is June 28, this leg being the 2m. one. The times are 1900-2300 GMT, 144.010 to 144.150 MHz. For details of the exchanges and scoring see page 41 of the March issue. Entries should go to DK3UZ at P.O. Box 38, D-2358 Kaltenkirchen, Fed. Rep. of Germany, by July 31. Although a German event, the scoring and potential level of U.K. CW activity can enable Gs, etc., to do very well, so why not have a go in this Saturday evening event?

The Satellite Scene

By the time you read this, if all went according to plan, the first of AMSAT's *Phase 3* satellites should be in its transfer orbit, awaiting the firing of its *Thiokol* kick motor to tilt it into the desired elliptical orbit, inclined at 57° to the equator. No attempt should be made to access the satellite until AMSAT gives the "go ahead." This means that no transmissions should be made in the 200 kHz band centred on 435.215 MHz. Thus it would seem advisable *not to use 0-8 in Mode "J"* which would create signals in part of this area and which could be picked up by the new satellite's transponder. (The suggestion last month to keep off 0-7 Mode "B" was unnecessary as the uplink for that is *not* on 435 MHz. Sorry!)

AMSAT has confirmed that *right hand circular polarization* is preferable for the 70cm. uplink Tx, and *left hand circular polarization* for the 2m. downlink Rx. An *e.r.p.* of up to 1,000 watts may be necessary for reliable access at extreme range and a good, low noise receiving system is a "must".

Bill Johnston, N5KR, has written to advise he will produce *Orbital Prediction Computer Printouts for A-O-9* as soon as the final parameters are known accurately enough. The elliptical nature of the orbit, plus the perturbations over the years, make it impossible to produce a perpetual prediction printout for a specific QTH, so these will be valid for three months. Each printout will cost \$6.00 *via* 4th. class mail or \$8.00 *via* air mail. Inquiries to N5KR at;— 1808 Pomona Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001, U.S.A.

AMSAT-UK held its Annual General Meeting on April 12 at which 22 members were present. New folk

ected to the Committee were G4IQQ and G8TMN. Secretary Ron Broadbent, G3AAJ, was invited to meet the AMSAT Board of Directors in Washington at which it was agreed that he arrange a meeting in Britain for all AMSAT reps. of the numerous worldwide groups to attend. This has been fixed for Sept. 19-22, 1980 at the University of Surrey, in Guildford. For details, an *s.a.e.* to Ron is suggested to;— 94 Herongate Road, London, E125EQ.

Perry Klein, W3PK, the erstwhile President of AMSAT-USA, has resigned from the Board of Directors and from AMSAT.

Rare Stuff

Eddi Ramm, DK3UZ, writes that during VHF NFD on July 5/6, the rare QTH square DO will be activated from the island of Heligoland using the local callsign, DL0IH. The actual locator is DO70j and they will be QRV on both 2m. and 70cm. They hope to arrive on the island on the 3rd. and stay till the 8th. As it is impractical to make skeds in advance and they do not contemplate taking any HF bands gear, Eddi suggests telephoning their shack between those dates to fix up skeds. The number from England is given as;— 010 49 4725 310, and MS skeds will be possible for those out of tropo. range.

Barry Titmarsh, GM8SAU, will be on St. Kilda in VR18 in August and September and will be available for skeds on 2m, 70cm. and 23cm. using QRGs of 144.260, 432.260 and 1296.260 MHz respectively. Further details from;— Sgt. Titmarsh, c/o Sgts. Mess, R.A. Range, Benbecula, Outer Hebrides, Scotland.

Repeaters

UHF repeater GB3PH at Portsdown Hill on RB2 has been moved to a new site and was to be on from May 15. Bill Jarvis, G8APX (Lancs.) is seeking support for a Dumfries/Stranraer 2m. repeater. He suggests that a relay in the Wigtown/Creetown/Gatehouse vicinity would provide useful links with GI and GD if necessary, but more importantly better serve the A75 than does GB3AS. Supporters should contact Bill at;— Salewheel House, Salesbury Hall Road, Ribchester, PRESTON, PR3 3XU. (Phone;— Ribchester 215).

When the notorious London repeater GB3LO was changed to

QTH LOCATOR SQUARES TABLE

Station	23 cm.	70 cm.	2 m.	Total
G3POI	—	—	282	282
I4EAT	—	25	238	263
DK3UZ	—	—	218	218
G8HYV	12	73	130	215
G3IMV	—	—	210	210
G8GML	11	74	122	207
GJ4ICD	—	54	150	204
G3JXN	36	73	94	203
G3VYF	—	60	138	198
9H1CD	—	13	178	191
G8LEF	22	62	101	185
G3CHN	—	—	185	185
G4ERG	—	16	168	184
G3COJ	24	66	93	183
G3SEK	—	—	179	179
G4CMV	—	35	140	175
9H1BT	—	11	163	174
GM4COK	—	12	154	166
G18KNV	—	46	118	164
GM4CXP	—	25	136	161
G3FPK	—	—	158	158
EA3LL	—	15	137	152
G2AXI	2	54	93	149
G3BW	3	26	120	149
G4BWG	—	29	118	147
G8LHT	7	39	98	144
G3OHC	4	33	104	141
G8ATK	5	43	93	141
G4IJW	1	30	108	139
G8HHI	—	36	103	139
G4AWU	—	22	110	132
GD2HDZ	12	41	76	129
G4IGO	—	—	127	127
G4IJE	—	—	127	127
G4HYD	—	40	83	123
G3SPJ	10	36	71	117
G8OPR	1	30	86	117
G3KPU	—	25	91	116
G4ERX	—	41	72	114
G8KGF	—	20	94	114
G8IFT	14	27	68	109
G8IXG	—	—	104	104
G8KAX	—	40	63	103
G4FBK	—	5	98	103
G8LGL	—	15	87	102
GJ3RAX	1	27	73	101
G4DEZ	—	—	101	101
G3PBV	—	35	64	99
GM8NCM	—	12	84	96
G4AEZ	5	29	61	95
G3FIJ	—	27	68	95
G8MFJ	—	17	78	95
G8KPL	—	7	87	94
G18EWM	—	25	67	92
G8GXE	—	33	56	90
G6UW	—	—	89	89
G4GEE	—	28	60	88
G8JJR	—	9	78	87
G8JAG	—	7	79	86
G8LEJ	—	—	83	83
G8KSP	—	2	76	78
G4GET	—	—	72	72
G4GHA	—	—	67	67
G4GXT	—	1	56	57
G8JGK	—	—	52	52
G8PRG	—	12	39	51
G4GSA	—	1	50	51
G8RWG	—	—	29	29

Starting Date January 1, 1975. No satellite or repeater QSO's.

GB3SL and supplemented by three others, the so-called "experts" suggested it would lessen the deliberate interference. Those who concluded that it would give the squeakies, whisperers and foul language

merchants four times the opportunity to indulge in their "hobby" have, alas, been proved only too right. Observations by your scribe suggest that use by licensed amateurs is steadily declining and that most evenings and weekends, GB3SL in particular is taken over by pirates and frustrated CB-ers. Few of the callsigns given actually exist.

One would have thought, and expected, that our national society, which holds the licences for these repeaters, would wish to promote and encourage responsible use of amateur radio. In many fields, such as propagation study, members do a superb job and their achievements are deservedly recognized internationally. Since the Society stubbornly refuses to close down these offensive relays and the Home Office seems either unable or disinterested in a concerted crack-down on the offenders, it would seem that the only recourse open to those who feel they should be closed down is to lobby their respective Members of Parliament. Perhaps if enough constituents send their members a few minutes of the filth and rubbish being broadcast from an amateur radio station on a tape, some positive action would result.

Six Metres

Scant news this month on the 6m. scene. However, ZB2BL made the first Europe to Japan two-way contact at 0012 on Apr. 10 working JA1BK in Tokyo during a 30 min., long path opening. Jimmy had QSOs with several other JAs afterwards. From Namibia, ZS3E now listens on 28.330 MHz for crossband contacts. Brian Bower, C3COJ, reports that SV1DH in Athens is on 50.015 MHz and that I5TDJ has 6m. capability. 5B4AZ has had a crossband QSO with G4BPY.

Four Metres

John Baker, GW3MHW, (Dyfed) continues to champion the band. He read that G3FDW (Notts.) was holding nightly skeds at the same time and QRG as he and G2AOK. Correspondence has resulted in a round-table on 70.205 MHz from 2300-2330 with 30% success. G4FXW (Sheffield) has called in on CW. G3IKR (Worcs.) is a consistent signal and John thinks another three or four GWs are coming on. GW4DRR (Anglesey) is QRV, as is GW4BCD in Mid-Glam. Gs are requested to beam towards north, mid

and south Wales more often. John mentions an 80m. net on 3718 kHz 0830-1030 clock time as a meeting place for 4m. buffs.

Two Metres

G3CHN, (Devon) has now worked 185 squares with 153 confirmed, a return rate of 82% — not bad! Even so, he *still* awaits cards from GM3JIJ and OH0JW. Roger reports, "... terrible conditions for some time ..." which makes for little news. He mentions that whenever FICRP/P is heard, Alain will have 70cm. gear too, soon with 80 watts to a 19-ele. aerial. From Essex, Frank Howe, G3FIJ, used the May 3/4 contest to add to his table score, best DX being GI4BAC/P in Co. Down and G4FJK/P on the Lizard.

Dave Sellars, G3PBV, found conditions in the contest poor although he did work into ON and PA from Devon. Virtually no fixed stations were worked and he feels that the single call sign rule did not help activity. His best DX to the north was G3ZQM/P in Co. Durham. Ken Osborne's, G4IGO, (Bristol) letter arrived too late for last month. He mentions MS successes with LA7KK (FU62j) on March 30 and with SM5CNQ (HS46c). On April 4, there was *E*'s propagation up to 80 MHz with good TV pictures on Band 1 from Italy and Norway. EA3ADW was copying GB3SU on 70.695 MHz.

John Pilags, G8HHI, (Surrey) found a lot of activity in the contest. He heard GM3WOJ (YP72c) and part of a QSO a DL was having from GI square. John Lemay, G8KAX, (Essex) enjoyed the Barking club's contest on Mar. 30. He and G8HGN operated portable from Havering Village and amassed 3213 pts. in spite of deliberate QRM. Dave Cox, G80PR, (Hants.) is now 17 pts. clear of other contenders in the annual table but cannot seem to work Gwynedd. (Neither can your scribe!) Dave had a QSO with GM4CVI/P in the Grampian Region and with GM80DN/P in Dumfries & Galloway. An Ms sked with I6WJB on Apr. 20 produced nil.

Neil Montanana, G8RWG, (Surrey) does not have too much time to get on the band due to college studies. He uses a *Trio* TR-7010 and 100 watts amplifier to a 9-ele. *Tonna* Yagi at 35ft. A *Lunar* preamp. is used as the 7010 is a bit deaf. Tony Haas, G8VJJ, is another new correspondent from

THREE BAND ANNUAL VHF TABLE
January to December 1980

Station	FOUR METRES		TWO METRES		70 CENTIMETRES		TOTAL POINTS
	Countries	Countries	Countries	Countries	Countries	Countries	
G80PR	—	—	62	17	44	7	130
GJ4ICD	—	—	54	13	37	9	113
GD2HDZ	15	3	39	10	32	6	105
G4HNS	—	—	55	10	35	5	105
G3BW	—	—	57	13	25	7	102
G3PBV	—	—	46	10	36	8	100
G8GXE	—	—	47	10	34	8	99
G8MFJ	—	—	49	12	23	6	90
G4BYP	17	4	32	9	19	3	84
G4ERX	15	2	30	10	18	8	83
G8HHI	—	—	31	8	34	9	82
G8VLQ	—	—	52	10	16	3	81
G3FPK	—	—	64	15	—	—	79
G4DEZ	—	—	53	21	—	—	74
G3KPU	—	—	33	5	28	6	72
G8KAX	—	—	26	8	29	8	71
G3FIJ	12	1	37	8	10	2	70
G8KGF	—	—	42	13	10	4	69
G8JJR	—	—	28	7	19	1	55
G8RWG	—	—	45	9	—	—	54
G4IGO	—	—	35	17	—	—	52
G8IFT	—	—	19	4	19	6	48
G8RZA	—	—	36	9	—	—	45
GM8TSI	—	—	37	4	2	1	44
G8JGK	—	—	33	9	—	—	42
G8VJJ	—	—	36	5	—	—	41
GW3CBY	2	2	22	6	2	2	36
G3KEP	9	4	12	4	2	2	33
G4FKI	10	1	15	1	3	1	31
GM8MNG	—	—	21	3	—	—	24
GM4CXP	—	—	16	7	—	—	23
GM4COK	—	—	4	9	—	—	13

Essex who uses a *Mizuho* SB-2M transceiver and 25 watts amplifier. A BF900 preamp. is used and the aerial is a 5-ele. Yagi at 50ft. Tony has had a total of 530 QSOs in 2½ months, best DX being DK0VL (Eh). For a while, some clut was "borrowing" Tony's call on FM and was heard through some London repeaters.

From Jersey, Geoff Brown, GJ4ICD, mentions *E*'s openings on April 16, 17, 21 and 22 wherein French stations worked into HG, IT9, RA3 and YU. He has now fitted gold-plated lines to his K2RIW amplifier and reckons this has increased the efficiency somewhat. Next a confession from Derrick Dance, GM4CXP, that other commitments, including a YL, have drastically curtailed amateur radio operations.

"Noticing the lack of GMs in your three band annual table, we have decided to submit entries to encourage you sassenachs to turn your beams towards Jockland!" Thus starts a letter from Chris and Ian Raine, GM8s MNG and TSI respectively, from Midlothian. The station consists of an *Icom* IC-211E plus QV06-40A amplifier, the aerial being a 16-ele. *Tonna*. The QTH is 650ft. *a.s.l.* with good take-offs to G, GW and Scandinavia. They are willing to arrange skeds with anyone wishing to work Lothian Region (YP) on 2m. The QTH is;— "Broomhill," Edgehead, Pathhead, Midlothian.

Also QRV from the same QTH is Alan, GM8VYZ.

The first genuine *E*'s wherein a QSO resulted, this season, occurred between 0715 and 0720 on May 4. During the contest, G4JAR/P in YK21g, had a CW "CQ" call answered by YU3ES in GF39d. Subsequent QSOs were with YU3CAB (HG55f) and OK2KRK (IJ05h). All these were at a QRB of about 1450 kms. The operator at the time was G4FUF who reckons he logged a QSO with YO5AVN/3 (NE01h) at the end of this brief event. That would be a QRB of 2307 kms. worth 93 pts!

YU3ES said the opening lasted about two minutes and confirms the QSO. He had an uncompleted exchange with G3ZQM/P. John Hunter, G3IMV, was on CW too at this time and heard a YU calling a German station and also heard HG5KDQ. One wonders how many of these fleeting openings are missed just because nobody is listening? Had it not been for the contest, would anyone have been monitoring the CW band to the east at such a time on a Sunday morning?

G4BWG team operated portable from AL45e in the contest and chalked up 596 scoring QSOs including Y350 (GM65). They used a single *Cushcraft* "Boomer" aerial at 70ft. G6UT/P in AL21b made 506 contacts but thought conditions poor. No HBs were heard and there were precious few French

stations copiable.

On May 10, there was a fine example of coastal ducting across the North Sea to Denmark in the late evening and early morning of the 11th. Pete Etheridge, G4ERG, (Hull) told your scribe about very strong OZ signals from stations running low power. In London, signals were only about S5 at G3FPK and the strongest OZs were OZ1BRJ (EQ69c); OZ1CWM/A (EP17b) and OZ4VV (EQ17a).

Arthur Tait GM8TLO, has sent in a welcome first, detailed account of 2m. activity in the Shetland Isles. Since the old AM days of 1954, 2m. operation has been sporadic with never more than one or two stations active. However, 1979 saw an upsurge in interest when the Lerwick club, GM3ZET, acquired an *Icom* multimode transceiver, 6-ele. *Quad* and rotator. The station is mainly operated by Tommy Goodlad, GM8SOP. The 2m. brigade grew to include Bruce Spence, GM4FNE; John Sinclair, GM3HTH; Billy Williamson, GM8MMA; Billy Goudie, GM8RUI; John Young, GM4DQD; Sam Polson, GM3RFR; Neil Onions, GM8HUT, and Andy Halcrow, GM3KZH. 4FNE and 8HUT have been active on FM and SSB with QSOs to the mainland, the former also using the satellites occasionally.

Arthur himself was licensed in Sept. 1979 and had his first taste of real DX on April 25/26. The highlight of an impressive list of DX was the contact with Dave Aram, G8DVK, (Oxon) at 2200 on the 25th, a distance of about 600 miles. The signals from the north of England were very strong.

From the car, using a seven-eighths wavelength whip, LA2BR, GM8SVB, LA4EV and GM3DZB/M were worked *via* the Bergen repeater, the latter from a site on top of the Ward of Scousburgh in ZT04j, 860ft. *a.s.l.* Subsequent portable operation from there using a 9-ele. *Tonna* in the next couple of hours produced QSOs with 10 GMs, two LAs and possibly G6WR.

Seventy Centimetres

During the contest on Apr. 13, G3PBV's best DX was G8SFI (N. Yorks.) giving Dave his 40th all-time county on the band. He worked 30 stations for an average of 7 pts. per contact in poor conditions. He

mentions that G4DGU (Oxon.) worked G3AUS (Devon) *via* and *Aurora* on Apr. 11, and that on the 14th, G8SFI worked over to DN and FN squares in a nice, North Sea duct, Dave says that G3WKF is quite active from St. Austell (Cnwl.) and that G4HFO has recently moved down there too and should be QRV on the band soon.

Mike Lee, G3VYF, (Essex) has added another seven squares recently. He took advantage of the ducting on May 10/11 and started at 1840 with a QSO with DB1BP (DN). Later, 11 OZs in FP, FQ and GP squares were worked plus SM6HYG (FS) and SM6FHZ (CQ). The event was still in full swing when he switched off at 2400 GMT. Alan Scott, G4BYP, (Cheshire) added 11 more 1980 counties during the Apr. 13 contest and kept on 70cm. for the last half of April. He mentions a lot of SSB activity now.

Gary Allitt, G4HNS, also found conditions in April, "... pretty average..." but reports activity a little better than usual from his Notts. QTH. Both GD2HDZ and G3BW have been good signals but he has not been able to raise either of them. During April, Tony Collett, G8GXE, (Berks.) made his first GD contact with GD8EXI. Coinciding with the re-appearance of GB3SUT on the 4th, he made 11 QSOs and remarks, "Must be an all-time record!"

G8HHI now has his aerials up at the maximum allowable for anyone living within half a mile of an airport, namely 50ft. John has also built a 12v, 30A. *p.s.u.* for his *Microwave Modules* amplifier. He has also heard, but not worked, GD2HDZ, but reports activity as, "... very low..." which is at odds with others' views. G8KAX thought the contest on Apr. 13 interesting in flat conditions and he did get *Glos.*, an all-time new county, out of it. He is still looking for Cornwall, though.

G80PR added Clwyd, Powys and *Glos.* in the contest but was unable to contact G8EEM in Co. Durham. On the 17th., in flat conditions, F1DBN in AK gave Dave his 30th. square on the band. The contest provided Arthur Breese, GD2HDZ, with 8 more 1980 counties and a couple of countries. From Jersey, GJ4ICD worked G3WKF in Cornwall on the 4th and EA1CA (ZC12c) on the 13th. The GM8MNG/TSI team hope to increase

their 70cm. scores in the coming months using borrowed gear; good news for Lothian Region seekers.

During the excellent conditions on May 10/11, G4ERG in Hull listened to an hilarious "howl around" between an English and Norwegian repeater. This is possible because the outputs of our RB relays are on the inputs of the IARU Region 1 RU repeaters. Once triggered off, they will continue to access one another until propagation no longer sustains the possibility.

Your scribe has been told by several operators that the French amateurs are to lose SSB and CW facilities on 70cm. some time this year due to the demands of the land mobile and military services. If true, this would be a serious blow. F1ANH mentioned their contest on June 7/8 — HF NFD weekend! — when many unusual squares will be activated; this *via* G3PBV.

Gigahertz Bands

Chris Whitmarsh, G8CIU, was with the HADRABS Contest lads during the May 3/4 contest at YK21g. He set up a sked on 10 GHz with GW3PPF/P at Prescally which came off in foggy conditions on the morning of the 3rd. The QRB was 154 kms. and Chris used 10mW. to a 20 dB. horn aerial.

During the ducting event on May 10/11, several 23cm. enthusiasts are reported to have worked Scandinavian stations so perhaps we can have details for next month? G8HHI is all set for 23cm. but is seeking anyone with some spare *Quad Loop* aerials.

Final Miscellany

On the operating tactics subject, G3PBV mentions that many new stations do not indicate when they have finished calling "CQ." Also, many such calls are far too short to enable them to be tuned in properly, let alone peak the beam. As Dave says, these habits may be alright on FM with vertical aerials and squelch, but are hardly suited to serious DX-ing on SSB.

Deadlines

Please send all your reports, claims and comments for the July feature by June 4 and for the August issue, by July 2. Everything to;— "VHF Bands", SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, 34 High Street, WELWYN, Herts., AL6 9EQ. 73 *de* G3FPK.

THE G4FRX TRANSVERTER/ CONTROL SYSTEM

PART III

A METHOD OF INTERFACING TRANSVERTERS
WITH AN HF TRANSCEIVER

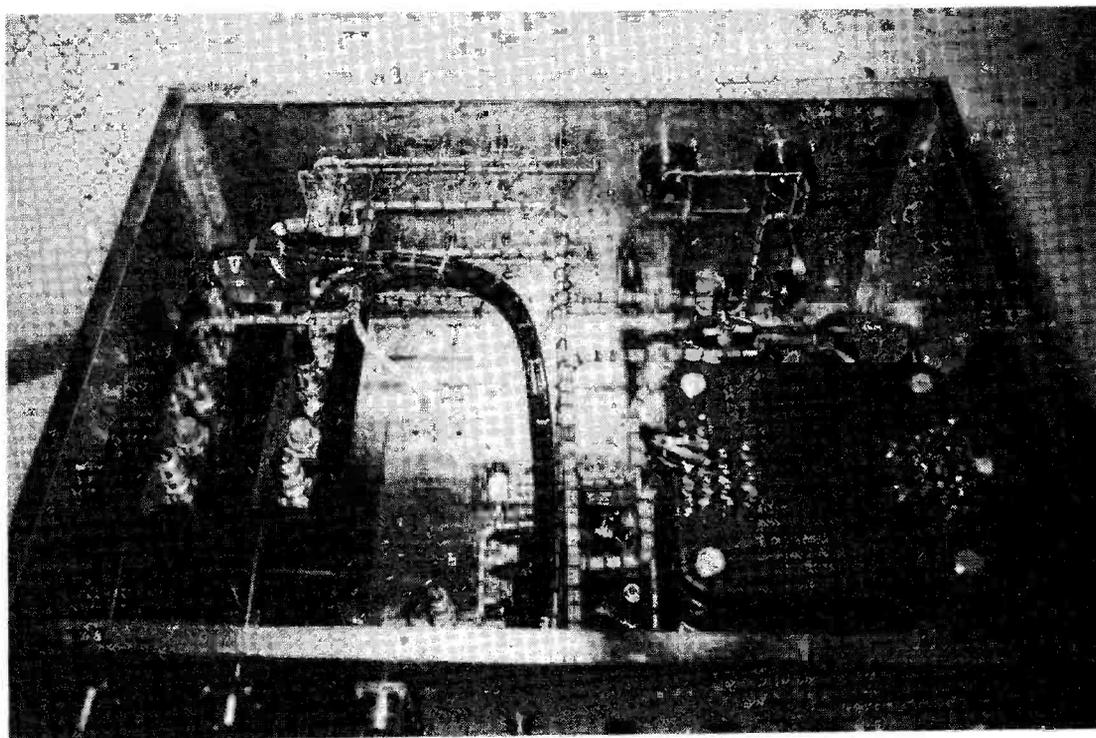
JOHN H. NELSON, G4FRX

RLD/5 (CO) has three functions. It is used to switch the 12v. relay supply to two pins of a 6-pin socket on the rear of the chassis so that relay volts are available as required on receive or transmit — this facility is useful for interfacing other equipment. An unswitched output from the relay supply line is also routed to this socket. RLD/5 (NC) on receive applies 12v. to RX4 and hence the “VHF2 receive” LED, RX3 having applied 12v. to the “VHF2 receive standby” LED. On transmit, RLD/5 (NO) applies 12v. to TX3 and hence RLF, which applies to 28 MHz drive made

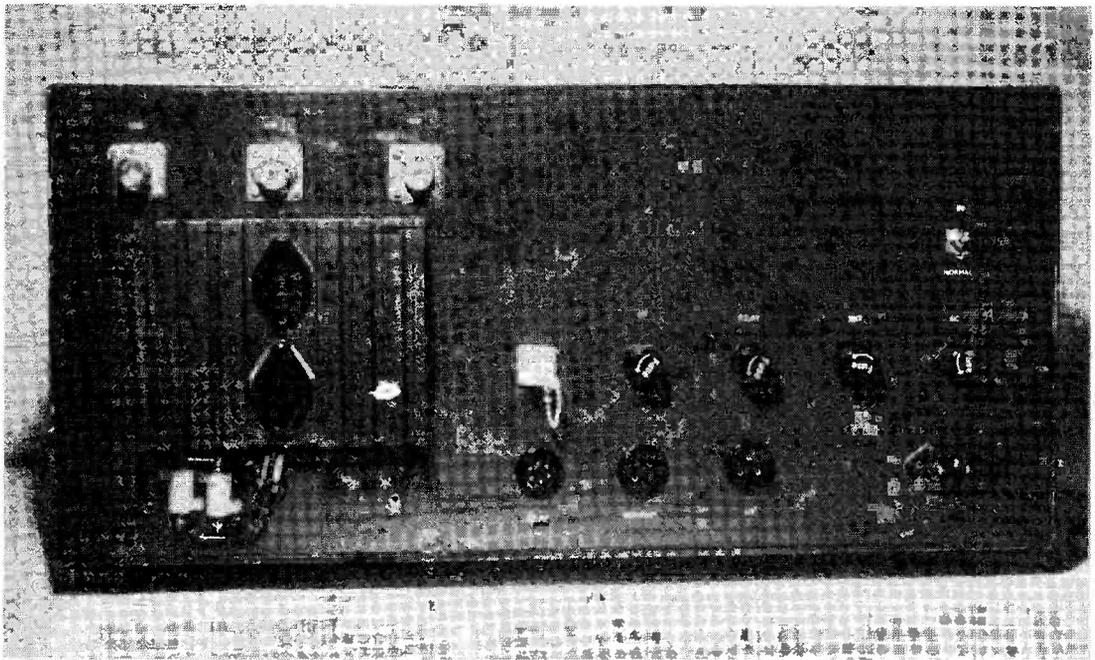
available by RLB to the transverter input socket. This voltage also lights the “VHF2 transmit” LED, which has been selected by TX3. On transmit, of course, 12v. is removed from RX4 by RLD/5 (NC) so that the “VHF2 receive” LED extinguishes; the “VHF2 transmit standby” LED, selected by TX5, remains on. The converse occurs with RLD/5 (NO) on receive, which removes 12v. from RLF so that it falls to the “receive” position and passes transverted 28 MHz output to the IC-701: the “VHF2 transmit” LED also extinguishes, since its voltage is the operating voltage of RLF.

RLD/6 is used to extend an earth to another pin of the 6-pin socket for equipment requiring this facility to switch to transmit; this facility is useful for transverter testing outside the cabinet. On receive, this relay connects the same pin to another pin on the socket to provide a further switching facility.

TX4 and RX2 switch the stabilised HT supply to wherever it is required. In the “simplex” case, of course, they switch the supply to the same place, whereas in the crossband situation, both transverters required have HT switched to them all the time. If we wish to transmit on 2m. and receive on 4m., for instance, TX4 feeds HT to the 2m. transverter, and RX2 feeds the 4m. transverter. This is done so that drift does not occur, as it would if the HT were switched between the two alternately during transmission and reception.



Inside view looking towards front panel, showing co-ax runs from RF relays to transverters. Note LP1 on connexion to right-hand electrolytic. The three RF output sockets are visible at bottom left of photo.



Rear view of cabinet, showing R3 and R4 at bottom left of heatsink, and TR2 and TR3 on heatsink. 'On-Normal' switch is S1 across thermistor; BNC input socket has dust cap. The IEC mains socket and filter can be seen at the bottom right.

It will be seen that in crossband working the system is substantially similar except that the "master transverter select" relays RLA, B and C will also switch depending what band is required for what function. Taking the 2/4m. case mentioned above, for instance, on "receive" RLA will be operated by RX1 and RLD/3 and RLE unpowered; 28 MHz output from the 4m. transverter is therefore fed to the IC-701. Although the 2m. transverter is powered, its output will not be passed to the IC-701 because RLB is not operated at this stage (RX1 is selected to RLA and TX1 is receiving no voltage because RLD/1 is open). On "transmit" RLD/3 removes voltage from RLA, breaking 28 MHz away from the 4m. transverter, RLB operates via RLD/1 and TX1, thus selecting 28 MHz drive to the 2m. transverter and RLF is operated by TX3 and RLD/5 to apply the drive to the transverter input. The transverter is put into "transmit" condition via RLD/2 and TX2. A similar analysis can be performed for any crossband condition, including the use of HF.

It is necessary to mention here the circuitry around the master transmit/receive changeover relay, RLD. With many rigs it would be possible to drive this relay directly from an output on the transceiver itself; almost all HF equipments that the author knows of provide a socket connected to an internal relay which grounds a contact on transmit, and it would then be a simple matter to connect the 12v. supply in series with RLD and connect it to this socket, thus operating the relay directly. Probably because it makes use of diode switching, the IC-701 provides an 8v. output on transmit, which cannot be used for direct control

of a relay in this way because the available current is too small. It is therefore fed to the base of a BFX85 transistor via a 1K resistor and used to turn the transistor on or off. The coil of RLD is in series with its collector and its emitter is earthed, so that on transmit the transistor is turned on and RLD operates. In order that back-e.m.f. from the relay coil does not damage the BFX85, a diode is wired across it. This unit was built on a small PCB and can be seen in the photograph adjacent to the RF switching relays; details are not given because this requirement, so far as the author knows, is peculiar to the IC-701. One point of interest, however, is that the relay RLD is mounted in its matching socket, which is itself soldered to the PCB: relays can fail, and it would be annoying to have to unsolder all the connexions (and indeed difficult to remove and desolder the 20 pins on the relay from the PCB) when a simple socket, costing about 40p, can be used instead.

This brings us to the point mentioned earlier regarding the necessity for thorough decoupling of all input and output lines to the power supply stabiliser board and the relay supply lines. Even though all the relays have diodes across their coils to remove back-e.m.f. and extend the life of associated contacts, it was discovered at an early stage in the development that every time one changed bands or went from transmit to receive or *vice-versa*, the power supply crowbar would operate, with the demise of another fuse. This was traced to small switching transients or back-e.m.f. spikes from the relays finding their way, presumably by capacitive coupling, on to the output rail from the stabiliser board. The crowbar detector, quite oblivious to the fact

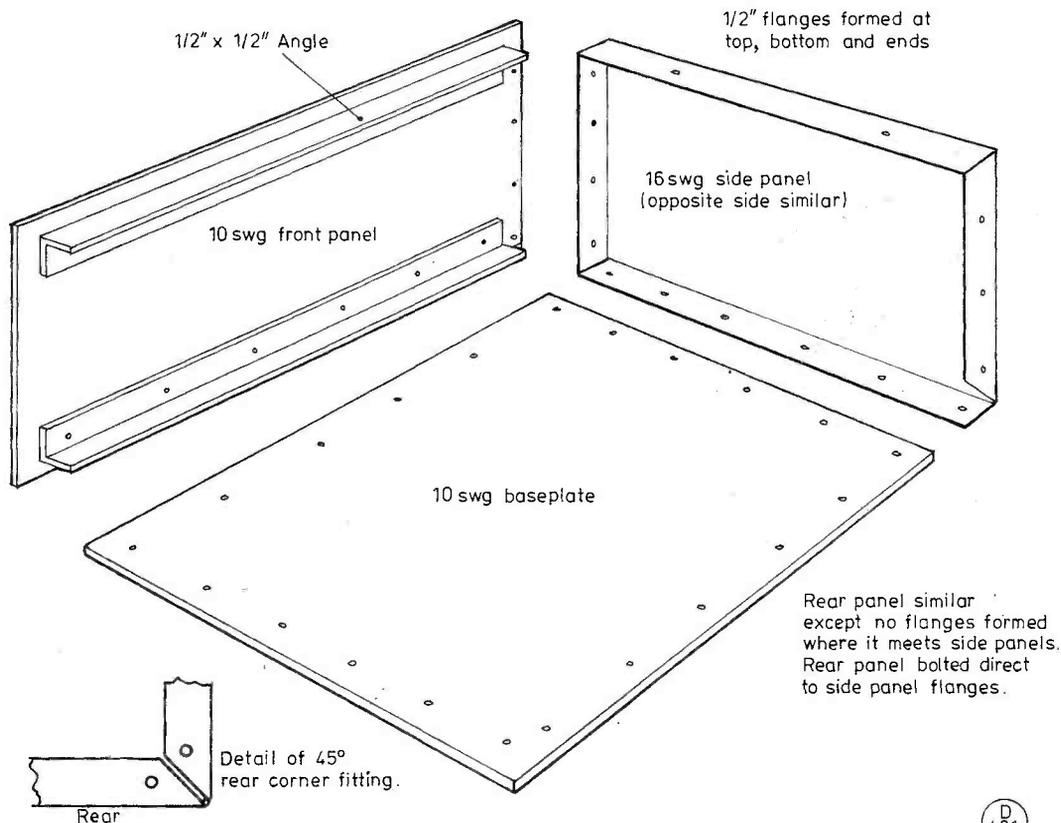


Fig. 5 DETAILS OF METALWORK

that these small surge voltages were originating outside the power supply and easily able, with its 3 microsecond response time, to detect them, was evidently reacting to them as though they represented a power supply overvoltage fault and shutting the system down. Reassuring but rather operationally tiresome; each over would have to end with "QRX one while I stand by to change the fuse OM" and certainly rather detrimental to the QSO rate in a contest! The remedy proved to be thorough decoupling of all input and output rails, including a 100 pF ceramic capacitor directly across the relay supply smoothing capacitor, and, for some reason, the replacement of the original 1N4001 diodes across the relays with BY127's (perhaps to do with different self-capacitance of the two types of diode).

That really concludes the electronic part of the transverter system, except that to set up the crowbar trip voltage, fuse F4 should be removed and replaced by a 24v. lamp. An accurate voltmeter is then connected to the output and the "crowbar set" potentiometer VR2 set fully anti-clockwise. Apply power, and temporarily set VR1 to the required crowbar operating voltage, in this case 13.5v. Adjust VR2 until the lamp lights. Remove power and back off VR1; reapply power and note whether crowbar fires as voltage reaches 13.5v. as VR1 is advanced. Remove power, back

off VR1 and reapply power: VR1 can now be set to required voltage, in this case 12v. Remove lamp and replace with 7.5A fuse.

Cabinet

We may finally consider mechanical construction and finishing. Precise details of metalwork, dimensions, etc, are not given since the author feels that few people will wish to make a "Chinese copy" of the system, but it is hoped that some of the ideas mentioned here may be incorporated into designs meeting individual requirements. Also the author, whilst admiring very much commercial equipment such as the IC-701 from the point of view of electrical performance, has a personal fondness for mechanical construction which would not have been out of place forty years ago. (Indeed, one of the author's friends observed "Did you get that out of a Centurion tank?" One reason I enjoy home-brewing is that it becomes possible to indulge in massive over-design, but not everyone shares this neurosis!).

As can be seen from the photographs and Fig. 5, the basis of the metalwork is a piece of 10 s.w.g. aluminium alloy around which 16 s.w.g. panels are bolted to form the sides and rear. The front panel is a piece of 10 s.w.g. 19in x 8¾in

standard rack front, and a 16 s.w.g. lid covers the whole assembly. All these pieces were made to my drawings by *H. L. Smith & Co.* in the Edgware Road, since 10 s.w.g. is rather beyond the capacity of my junior hacksaw! Half-inch flanges were formed at top and bottom of the side and rear panels, and half-inch angle bolted to the top and bottom of the front panel with countersunk 6BA bolts. If the holes for these are deeply recessed and the small cavities left after the aluminium angle has been bolted on filled with *Plastic Padding* or similar, it becomes possible to achieve a good finish later which is unspoiled by that bane of home-builders, protruding bolt-heads. In fact, the author treated the front and side panels as one entity in this way after all the metalwork was drilled and before spraying, so that the bolts holding the side panel flanges to the front panel do not show either.

At this stage, the transverters can be modified by bolting tapped standoffs to their cases and, along with the transformer, rectifiers, RF relays, retaining clips for the smoothing capacitors and the relay driver board, they can be bolted to the baseplate. The power supply stabiliser board was mounted vertically on the rear panel by standoff insulators, and the pass-transistor heatsink also bolted to the back of the cabinet along with the two emitter ballast resistors. SO-239 sockets for 4m. and 2m., with an N-type for 70cm., are mounted above the power supply board, and the transverter outputs routed to them *via* coaxial cable. This can be seen clearly in the photographs; note that the 4m. transverter has been removed for clarity.

The 28 MHz input from the IC-701 is routed to the relays *via* a BNC socket, and the previously mentioned 6-pin socket — along with a 4-pin socket for the PTT line and control voltage from the IC-701 and a 3-pin socket for the stabilised HT output — are also on the rear of the chassis. The IEC mains socket and all fuse-holders are mounted on the rear panel, and switch S1, associated with the termistor TH1, is seen above the socket. When the stabilised HT is switched by the front panel switch to the 3-pin socket, the LED adjacent to the socket illuminates as a reminder.

The front panel has the two meters, two function switches, the LED indicators and ancillary switching mounted directly on to it, and much of this can be wired before mounting it to the rest of the cabinet. Before this it can, if required, be painted, and a few words on finishing may be helpful.

Cabinet Finishing

Many horror stories have come over the air to G4FRX about the difficulties of obtaining a good finish on aluminium alloy such as that used for amateur metalwork, and indeed the chief engineer of my local flying club, who ought to know, assured me that it could not be done well without using etch primer or rather esoteric (and expensive) chromate or cadmium-based primers and paints. He might have missed them, and anyway I didn't particularly like the colours, nice though they look on our aircraft!

Some experimentation, however, showed that it was possible to produce quite a reasonable finish without resorting to such tactics. An 8 oz. box of *ICI* washing soda dissolved in moderately hot water (about three inches in the bath in my case) formed a good solution for removing the surface oxide layer, and all the metalwork was left in that for about ten minutes. Then, after being thoroughly rinsed, the surfaces to be painted were rubbed down with fine wet-

and-dry paper. The next step was to spray with grey primer from the local car accessory shop. If found *Holt's Dupli-Color* worked well, and three or four coats produced a good finish. This can then be lightly rubbed down. Primer applied directly to aluminium alloy will not "key" to it: it seems to take well but a small jolt will cause large areas to flake off, whereas the washing-soda-cum-wet-and-dry treatment gives the primer something to key to.

Have primed the metalwork, it can then be sprayed with the required colour. Since it was considered that the system should look reasonably in harmony with the IC-701, a colour as close as possible to Icom's was chosen, which for those interested is Holt's "Dupli-Color" No. D8-R9, known as "Chrysler Charcoal". (I am told that the corresponding Yaesu colour is called "Rootes, Mayflower"!). Three coats produces a good gloss finish, but it is important to use the paints at somewhere around room temperature: too low a temperature tends to cause uneven "glossiness" on different areas of the paint. When dry, a substance rather endearingly known as "Color-Bak" (also from the car accessory shop) can be used to polish the paintwork and bring up an even high gloss.

The front panel was treated in a slightly unorthodox manner. Since the author wished if possible to avoid a gloss finish on it and also rather liked the flat matt grey of the primer, it was resolved to keep that colour if at all possible. Primer, however, is a very soft finish, showing up scratches and fingermarks very easily, and very soon looks scruffy if left in its natural state. After some experimentation, the technique was found to be to *Letraset* all the required legends and then to take it outside on a calm, dry day for several thin coats of clear cellulose lacquer. The only important point here is to use a brand (such as "Spectra") which contains additives to prevent it yellowing with age. Some cellulose finishes are prone to this, which looks dreadful after a while. Polyurethane clear lacquers are, unfortunately, taboo; they can produce an excellent semi-gloss finish but seem to interact chemically with cellulose or acrylic paints to produce bad crazing; they also dissolve *Letraset* very quickly. The clear cellulose lacquer produces a slightly lustrous finish over the primer, and is also hard enough to resist the rigours of normal handling.

Certain parts of the interior, notably the connexions to the transformer and the nuts and bolts used in assembly of the metalwork, were given a coat of electrical insulating varnish.

Summary

This, then, is an outline of a transverter system and power supply which I enjoyed building and which offers scope for further expansion. It would be easily possible, for instance, to add transverters for 50 MHz or 1296 MHz simply by providing a little more space, two more RF relays per band and another way on the switch wafers, plus indicators as required. The system works very well, and the power supply alone is a useful addition to the station. Probably the most useful thing, as always, is the tremendous amount one learns when home-brewing even a fairly simple project like this; right the way from how to paint aluminium, to how clean the 50 Hz mains is!

The author would like to acknowledge the help of his colleagues Dave, G8IXG, and Peter, who freely gave of their time and skill.

CLUBS ROUNDUP

By "Club Secretary"

The Mail

QUITE a fat wodge lies in front of us, and so we had better just drive our way through to the bottom of it. Amateur Radio can count its blessings in the way of devoted club members who write, reproduce and distribute newsletters: without them the club movement, so vital to the health of our hobby, would be very much weaker.

First off, we have **Liverpool** who can be found every Tuesday evening at the Conservative Rooms, Church Road, Wavertree. June 3 is down for HF NFD preparation; and on 10th we see a tape/slide lecture on Propagation, and the question of whether Marconi was right or not, by G3IOR; July 17 is about LF-bands DX-ing, and on 24th there is the matter of VHF NFD to get ready for!

Bishops Stortford are to be noted as one of the most non-competitive groups ever, but nonetheless the committee are going to try. Meantime the programme on the third Monday in each month carries on at the British Legion club in Windhill, at the top of the steep hill west of the traffic lights of the town centre. There is something of interest each time.

Cornish have G3VWK and the theme "You and your Test Equipment" on the first Thursday of June, and the venue is the SWEB Clubroom, Pool, Camborne.

Over the water to Eire, and **IRTS**, their national society and leading local club all rolled into one. We refer you to the Hon. Sec. for all the details — see Panel. We were a little sad to see that EI3CP has retired from the editor's chair but EI2ACB will, we are assured, be a fine successor.

A new Hon. Sec. takes over at **Tyneside**, and he indicates that the group is booming along; if you want to look them up as a visitor, or to join, then go along to the Community Centre, Vine Street, Wallsend, on any Monday evening.

In **Hull** we hear of a Mobile Rally, to be held at the University of Hull Students Union Building, Cottingham Road, North Humberside, on . . . no date given! It sounds as if a contact with the Hon. Sec. would be in order; and at the same time he can give you details of what we recall as a very keen and active group. His address is in the Panel.

Verulam are now in the Jubilee Centre, Catherine Street, St. Albans, on the fourth Thursday in each month. On June 26 the SW Herts UHF Group will be taking the members from 1296 MHz upwards. The informals on the second Thursdays of each month are taken at Salisbury Hall, London Colney. Contact the Hon. Sec. — see Panel — if you are thinking of a "main" meeting.

Pink paper from **Crawley** makes their newsletter more obvious than most; however, the one we have was written before the June programme had been finalised, so we have to refer you to the Hon. Sec. at the address in the Panel.

Crystal Palace will be foregathering at Emmanuel Church Hall on the evening of Saturday June 21, to hear G3IIR expounding on microphones.

Over to **Reigate**, and the upstairs meeting room of the Constitutional and Conservative Centre, Warwick Road, Redhill. Their date is June 17, and G3LHZ is the speaker with his theme as ATUs and Matching.

A change of Hq address is reported by **Malvern Hills**; to be on the second Tuesday of each month, at the Foresters Arms, Wilton Road, Malvern.

At **Hereford** we note some discussion as to a change of a meeting-night, and for that reason we suggest a contact with the Hon. Sec. before setting off. He is down in the list in the Secretaries Panel.

Northern Heights newsletter carries on its front page an obituary notice to G3MDW, who died on February 24. Arthur was known far and wide among club secretaries booking the W1BB tape talks, and meeting him at shows and rallies. He had been disabled from birth, but that did not stop him founding the club, and being secretary-treasurer for 16 years, while running a successful business on his own which had a wide reputation for being "always open." This, in part, may have been because he combined business and pleasure by having his station in the shop. The club have lost a founder member, and many, many people a good friend and adviser. The funeral service was conducted by founder member Rev. Hubert Makin, G3FDC, and fourteen members and ex-members were there. To say he will be missed is an understatement of the feeling of loss in all sorts of places.

Deadlines for "Clubs" for the next three months—

(July issue—May 30th)

August issue—June 27th

September issue—July 25th

October issue—August 29th

Please be sure to note these dates!

To turn to the Northern Heights club, things have to carry on, and they gather at the Bradshaw Tavern, Illingworth, Halifax, on Wednesday evenings.

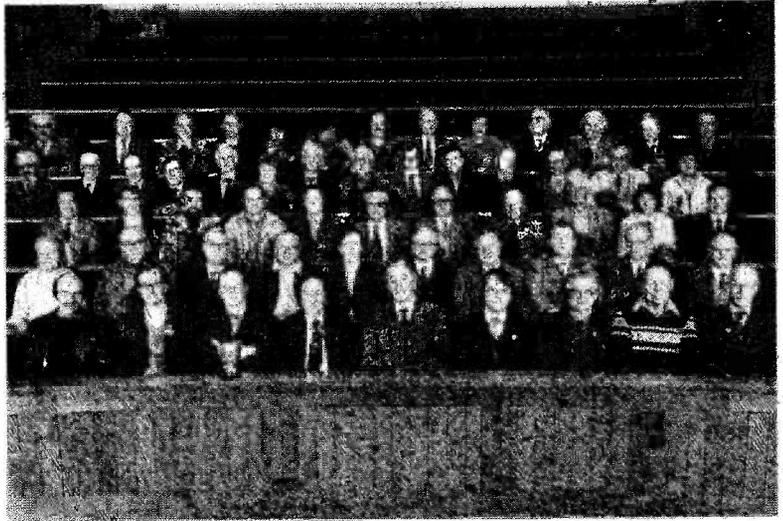
Turning now to **Cheltenham**, they have June 5 for a talk about Meteor Scatter at the Old Bakery, Chester Walk, Clarence Street, Cheltenham. The routine is first Thursday and third Friday in each month.

The Chiswick Town Hall in Chiswick High Road is now the Hq of the **Acton, Brentford and Chiswick** gang. Tuesday June 17 should be of some considerable interest in that ZL1BEP, an ex-member, is returning to talk about the hobby in ZL.

Chiltern had fingers crossed at the time of their letter for several members in for the May RAE. Good luck to all candidates, nationwide! Details of the club from the Hon. Sec. — see Panel.

One wonders a little about the **Brighton** club newsletter called *B.A.D. News*. However it tells us they have a mobile Rally on June 1 at Brighton Racecourse, with all welcome after 11 a.m. June 18 sees them back in Hq, to listen to the

The occasion of the AGM of the Bristol Group. Front row, left to right, is the 1980 committee: G3TKF, G8GLQ, G3JMY Vice Chairman, G4FRG Hon. Sec., G2BAR Chairman, G8FNR Hon. Treasurer, G3SXY, G3COP and G4BKU.



Post Office Interference Branch telling them how it's all done. However, we'd like to know the Hq address, and for that we must refer you to the Hon Sec — see Panel.

All we can tell you, at the time of writing, about **Bournemouth**, is that they will foregather at the Dolphin Hotel, Holdenhurst Road, on the first and third Fridays, which gives us June 6 and June 20.

On we go now to **Axe Vale** where we are notified of a change of Hon Sec; the post is now held jointly by G4JBG and his XYL Thelma. (Bert is a White Stick operator.) For details of the club, Hq address, programme and whatever, contact the name and address shown in the Panel. And please could we have the Hq details as well? It does so help when someone new to the hobby is looking for a local club or group for us to be able to give all the dope, rather than leave him scratching with half a story.

Next we look at the **Royal Navy**, catering not only for the present but also the ex-RN, and MN chaps and, as associates, members of foreign navies. They even let your "Club Secretary" in! Seriously, if you are qualified, it is definitely worth being a member; the *Newsletter* alone is worth a sub.

Next we turn to **Cheshunt**, where they get together every Wednesday at 2000, at the Church Room, Church Lane, Wormley, Herts. June 11 and 25 are down for a natter, G3KFE is down for a talk on 18th and on June 4 they have a VHF station in operation on Baas Hill Common. That leaves us to mention that they will be showing the flag on 7th, at Broxbourne School Fete. Keep an ear open for them.

"Talkthrough" is the title of the newsletter put out by the **UK FM Group (Western)**, who are the sponsors of, or associated with, lots of repeater projects from Wales to Cumbria; they have a monthly meeting at Grappenhall Community Centre, Bellhouse Lane, Grappenhall, on the first Thursday of each month.

For **Stockport** our last news is that they have a place at Blossom's Hotel, Buxton Road, every Wednesday evening. However the details we have only go to the end of May, so

we have to refer you to the Hon. Sec. for the real up-to-date stuff. His name and address are in the Panel.

If you are into RTTY, either the old-fashioned mechanical or the newfangled VDU, you need to be a member of **B.A.R.T.G.** Get the details from the Hon. Sec. now, while it's in your mind.

At **Yeovil** the Hq address is at Building 101, Houndstone Camp, Yeovil, where they are to be found on Thursdays. There is no note of a firm programme as such — often the case with clubs who are not in the area of many electronics companies, who therefore must grab who they can when they can. In any case, they have a pretty comprehensive radio station there, a library of electronics, and a lecture room, all separate and convenient.

Next we come to the **Ex-G Club** founded to bring together those who, though born in UK, have found their living elsewhere in the world. Details from the UK Hon Sec at the address in the Panel.

There can hardly be a single reader who does not know of **R.A.I.B.C.** and the fine work done for the blind and invalid of our fraternity, enabling them to be full members of our hobby. We fully fit and sighted ones can become associates, representatives or supporters (gaining a look at the chatty newsletter), and we could even nail the Hon Treasurer of the local club at AGM time to propose a donation from the club funds; or a whip-round, a raffle or whatever. The objective is to get all full members, qualified by virtue of their disability, to first become SWLs, and then if they wish to go further get them on the air.

Now Amateur TV, and the **B.A.T.C.** who look after the interest, whether it be in Slow Scan, normal fast-scan, or even the historical low-definition system, of the enthusiasts who transmit and receive pictures.

AMSAT-UK: the arm of AMSAT in this country. It is of interest to realise just how deep the involvement in UK has been — even the editor of the *Newsletter* who lives in Maryland holds the call G3ZCZ. The Hon. Sec. of the UK branch is noted in the Panel, and he is the one to contact for more details of AMSAT-UK membership.

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It is a very long time since we last heard from **Mid-Warwickshire**. They are now based on 61 Emscote Road, Warwick, on the first and third Mondays of each month. More details from the Hon Sec — see Panel.

Ipswich at this time of year is somewhat taken up with the East Suffolk Wireless Revival. However, in June they have two sessions "at home" — the only snag is to be sure you are at the right one of their homes! If you are new to them it is suggested you get in touch with the Hon Sec at the address in the Panel for the details on which is where, on June 11 and 25.

Now here is one that has it all settled — **Mid-Sussex** have just had an AGM, and the very next issue of the newsletter contains a full programme through to the autumn! The Hq address is Marle Place, Burgess Hill, Sussex, and it is a crowded June: 1st is the Sussex Mobile Rally, then 12th for

a real revival of their longstanding summer 'do' at Clayton Windmills, and on 26th it is back to Marle Place for the SWLs evening. Often the SWL evenings are the most instructive. . . .

Edware are booked for June 12 and 26. On the first date they have not yet announced the details of the goings-on; but on 26th everyone falls-to with a will and helps the preparations for VHF NFD.

Now **Cray Valley** seem to have the first and third Thursdays as their routine, using Christchurch Centre, High Street, Eltham, London SE9. More details from the Hon Sec — see Panel; at the time of writing he could hardly have had the dope as the ink was still wet on the AGM report in the newsletter!

We don't seem to have heard any outcome of the **Aylesbury Vale Repeater Group** proposal and the hope that

a club may result — if we hear nothing by next time we'll just have to assume it didn't get off the ground.

Farnborough are still at the Railway Enthusiasts Club on the second and fourth Wednesdays; this is up Access Road, off Hawley Lane near the M3 bridge. More details can be obtained by turning up — or you can contact the Hon Sec at the address in the Panel.

Burnham Beeches is based on the St. John Ambulance Hq in Slough, where they get together on the first Thursday in the month. Further details from the Hon Sec — see Panel.

Now **Southgate** who have a place at the Scout Hut, Wilson Street, which is just off Winchmore Hill Green. June should be interesting as there is a talk by G8NGF on Video Recording; the 12th of June if they stick to routine.

It is quite a while since we heard of **Bolton** but they seem to be still going strong. The Hq is at Horwich Leisure Centre, at the junction of Church Street and Victoria Road, on the first, third and fourth Wednesdays.

Over the water now, to **Lagan Valley**, at the Scout Hall, Dromore, where they are in session on the second Monday of each month. The programme comprises a short talk or film, followed by an informal chat and operation of the club station (and hopefully to turn visitors into new members!).

North Bristol's place is the oddly-named SHE-7, Braemar Crescent, Northville, Bristol 7 on Fridays. The letters SHE, in fact, stand for Self Help Enterprise.

Over to **Saltash**, who still are based on the Burraton Toc-H at the junction of Warraton Road and Oaklands Drive, Saltash; they are booked for the first and third Fridays.

There are two venues for the growing **North Devon** gang; on the second Wednesday in each month they are at Pilton Community College, and on the fourth one Bideford School and Community Centre in Abbotsham Road. Thus the North Devon coastline is quite well covered by the changing venues, despite the large catchment area.

If you are in **St. Helens**, pop in to the club there, any Thursday evening at the YMCA — more details from the Hon Sec at the address in the Panel.

Worcester have their corporate being in the Old Pheasant in New Street, Worcester; we see the June date is 2nd, when G8ASO dons his RAEN hat and explains what it is all about.

At Mosses Youth and Community Centre, Cecil Street, **Bury**, we find that on June 10 there is a booking in the name of the club, who will be having a talk on Electronic Traffic Control Systems given by G8SMB.

Off we head for **Cambridge**, where the Hq is — usually — the Visual Aids Room at Coleridge Community Centre, Radekund Road, Cambridge, on Friday evenings. The latest date we can give is June 6 for a Junk Sale. Otherwise, the Hon Sec — see Panel.

Wirral (West Kirby) is one of three known groups having Wirral as part of their title — we wish they would get together, either as one club, or at least to sort out distinct titles; meantime we have done our own separation. They gather at the West Kirby Sports Complex, on the second and fourth Wednesdays.

The older **Wirral** club is based on the Sportscentre in Grange Road, Birkenhead, and they have their evenings on the first and third Wednesday

For **Kidderminster** we can tell you the Hq, Aggborough Sports and Social Centre, in Hoo Road, and we can say that they are there on alternate Tuesdays; for the rest we must refer you to the Hon Sec — see Panel.

Ormskirk do not state a definite programme, as they normally fix things up at the last minute with a film or talk, at the "Over-Sixties Hut" Liverpool Road, opposite Christ Church, every Tuesday.

Stourbridge alternate main and constructional meetings; the Hq for these is at Longlands School, Brook Street. This gives June 2 for Construction, and June 16 for a main meeting. And, of course, as with most clubs, there is the occasional treat of a trip out.

Into GM-land now, to **Dumfries and Galloway**, who have on June 16 a lecture by GM8GEC discussing all the latest gear for the 1980s. In general they are at the Gargenholm Hotel, New Abbey Road, Dumfries on the first and third Mondays.

Finally we come to **White Rose**, who are now at Moortown Rugby Club, Moss Valley, King Lane, Leeds 17, every Wednesday.

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That will be the fate of some clubs if we don't get an update in good time. The deadlines are in the 'box' in the piece, all letters addressed to "Club Secretary" SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, 34 High Street, Welwyn, Herts. AL6 9EQ. And we must stress that the deadline date is for arrival with us, not your posting!

As we write there are long production delays due to industrial action. However, deadline dates will be held regardless.

Meantime, we'll be seeing you!

RALLIES

A clutch more mobile rallies to mention: **July 27**, Scarborough A.R.S. Mobile Rally, at Scarborough Technical College, Scalby Road, Scarborough. **July 27**, Anglian Mobile Rally, Stanway School, Colchester, talk-in on 2m., full details from G3YAJ (QTHR). **August 17**, Preston Amateur Radio Rally, Walton-le-Dale High School, Bamber Bridge, Preston (one mile from Junction 29 on the M6), talk-in on S22, further information from G8SIV (QTHR). And, of course, don't forget **Longleat Mobile Rally on June 29th**, at Longleat House, Longleat, Warminster, Wilts.

STOLEN

G. B. Phillips, G3XTZ (QTHR), is offering a reward of £100 for information leading to the recovery of his stolen equipment, as follows: Trio TS-820 s/n 610800, Motorola System 500 AM/SSB transceiver s/n SSM23688. Also, without serial numbers, Shure 444 mic. with 4-pin plug, S. G. Brown 'Classic' stick mic. with 4-pin plug, fist mic. with built-in gain control, black fist mic. with 4-pin plug, stereo phones wired with mono jack plug.

CONVERTING THE FRG-7 RECEIVER TO TRANSCEIVE EXCITER

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WHEN the author opened his FRG-7 to change the filter for one suitable for SSB working, he realised that there was plenty of room to convert the unit for transceive operation. After investigation of the board layout and circuit diagram the idea became even more exciting.

Description

The microphone signal is amplified by an SL630 and fed to the balanced modulator, SL640 (Figs. 1 and 2). The double sideband signal is fed to the filter by a small co-ax cable. SSB output from the filter is fed back to the exciter board into a 455 kHz IF amplifier; the gain of this amplifier is adjustable by RV1, which adjusts the negative feedback. The amplified SSB signal is fed to the mixer, SL640, and mixed with the 2.5-3.5 MHz VFO to produce a sideband signal tunable between 2 and 3 MHz by the main

dial; this signal is fed via a 1K resistor into T401, where it is tuned and amplified. The output is taken from the drain of Q401 via a small reed relay mounted alongside on the chassis.

This signal, about 100 mV. p/p, is fed by miniature co-ax to the HF exciter board, Figs. 3 and 4, where it is mixed in an SL641 with the signal from TP109. The output at 54 MHz is amplified and filtered in the Mosfet stage, then fed to an SL640 and mixed with the VHF VFO. The output is a signal which, among others, is tunable between 1.6 and 30 MHz; this signal passes through a 3:1 wideband transformer and relay to the input of S2a. The RF stage is used on transmit to filter and amplify this signal, the output

Table of Values
Fig. 1

C101, C102,	R101, R102,
C106, C108 = 2 µF tant.	R105 = 220 ohm
C103, C109, C112,	R103 = 22K
C114, C115, C117 = 0.001 µF cer.	R104 = 10K
C104 = 0.0001 µF cer.	RV101 = 2K2
C105 = 0.002 µF	IC1 = SL630
C107, C110, C111,	IC2, IC4 = SL640
C113, C116 = 0.01 µF cer.	IC3 = SL610
IFT1 = 455 kHz (from old transistor radio mixer)	TR1 = BC107

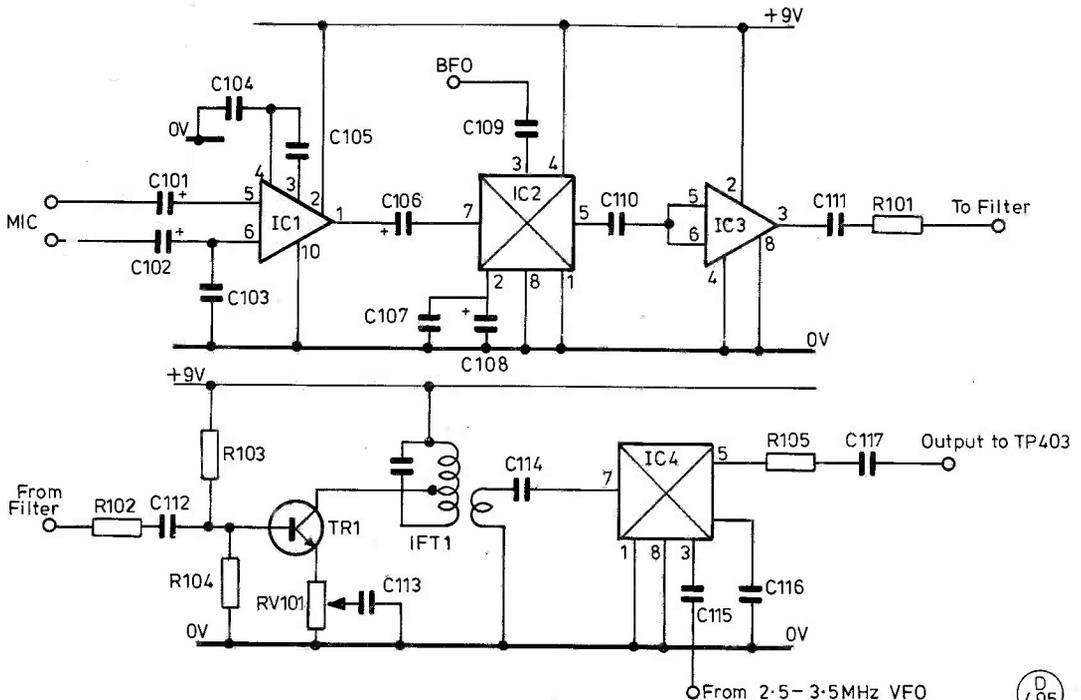


Fig.1 SSB GENERATOR AND 2-3MHz MIXER

being taken from the gate of Q102 via a relay — where an output of about 1 volt p/p is available at 50 ohms.

Owing to a mishap which put the original transformer 'to sleep', the writer is unable to comment on whether the original transformer is able to handle the additional load, but it is suspected that it could. However if it is considered necessary to change the transformer, take care of its positioning as the magnetic field can modulate the VFO.

Order of Modification

The first thing to be done is to arrange the method of disabling the stages not required on transmit. The IF stages are muted by cutting the track between R424 and R427,

Table of Values
Fig. 3

C200, C202, C203,	R204, R205 = 33K
C210, C212, C213, C214 = 0.001 μ F disc	R206 = 220 ohm
C201, C206, C207, C208,	R207, R210,
C211, C215, C216 = 0.01 μ F disc	R211 = 100 ohm
C204, C209 = 2.5 pF	IC201 = SL641
C205 = 100 pF	IC202 = SL640
VR201, VR202 = 2K2	TR201 = BC108
R201, R202, R208, R209 = 22K	TR202 = BC109
R203 = 47K	TR203 = 40822 (Ambit)

Coils: 5 turns tapped 2½ turns on Toko 10K coil formers from *Ambit*;
resonating capacitor 13 pF.
Note: all resistors are ¼-watt.

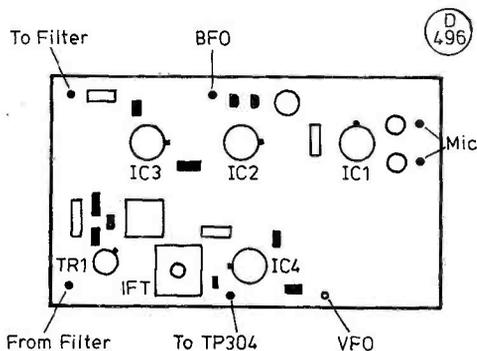


Fig. 2 SSB GENERATOR AND 2-3MHz MIXER (BOARD 1)

joining a wire to R424 and connecting this to the receiver's 9v. supply. Also it is necessary to disable the two HF mixers and the HF IF amplifier; again this is easily accomplished by cutting the track.

Next, arrange the outputs from the various oscillators. The VHF VFO output is taken from TP101; VC201 may require slight tuning to get the "Set MHz" dial to read correctly. The 52.5 "down convert" signal is taken from TP109. However, the output is a little low so C160 is increased to 30 pF; this also means that T116 may need very slight trimming to ensure that the 'lock' light goes out over

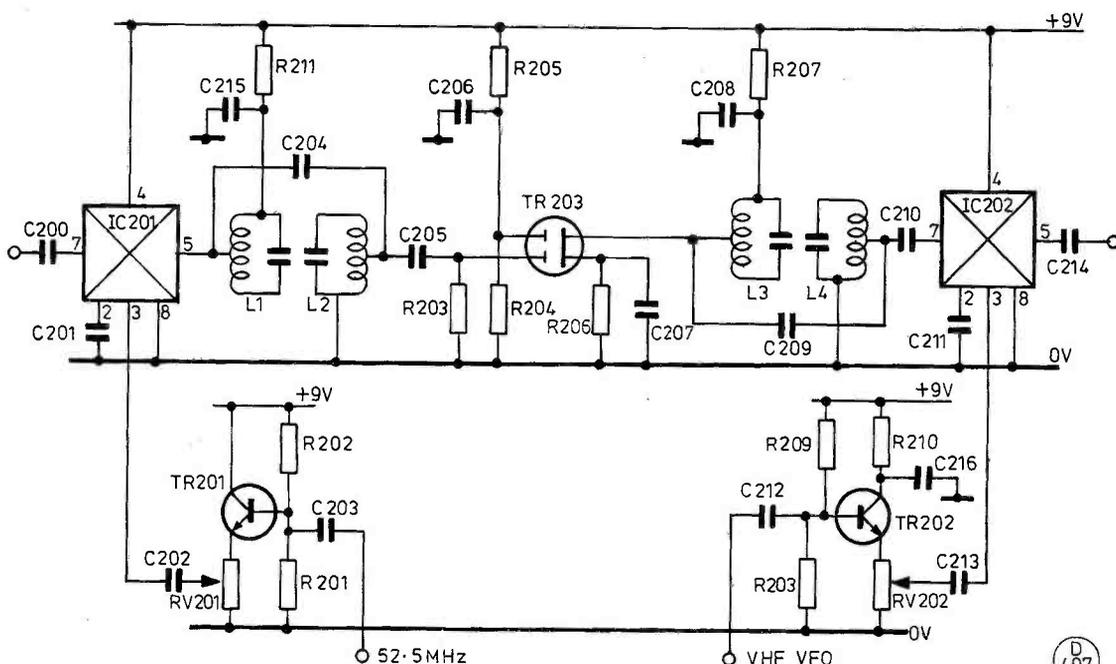


Fig. 3 MIXER CIRCUIT

the entire range at each MHz mark. The output for the 2.5 to 3.5 MHz VFO is taken from TP404; these outputs are taken from the boards by mounting miniature 2K2 ohm presets on the board in the case of the BFO and 2.5-3.5 MHz VFO, and in the case of the two high-frequency oscillators direct through miniature co-ax.

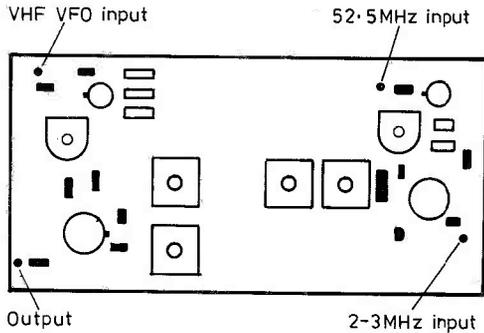


Fig. 4 HF MIXER (BOARD 2)

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The MFL-455 filter supplied by *Ambit International Ltd.* was used in this design: unfortunately, however, this is no longer available in the UK. Therefore, whichever filter is decided upon care must be taken, especially on the receive side, that the matching of the filter is correct: this will ensure that the passband of the filter is as flat as possible.

The filter board is mounted on the underside of the IF strip using wire feet, just to the rear of the original filter

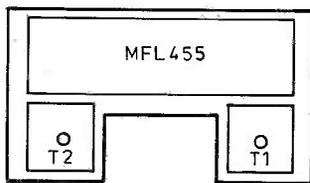


Fig. 5 FILTER (BOARD 3)

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position. Two miniature co-ax's are taken from the input and output of the filter assembly towards the rear of the set and going to the sideband generator.

The next problem is to match the output of the final to the input of the RF stage. Emitter followers were tried, but the most successful arrangement was a wideband transformer of five turns quadfilar-wound onto an FX2049 balun transformer core and wired as 3:1. This worked as well as anything tried and, being passive, was much easier to install.

The output of the RF stage is taken from the gate of Q102 where R12 joins the board; it is impossible to use the same relay as for the input switching for this position, because of the feedback produced in the RF stage. However, the spare relay contact on the input relay can be used to switch the 9v. supply on transmit and receive.

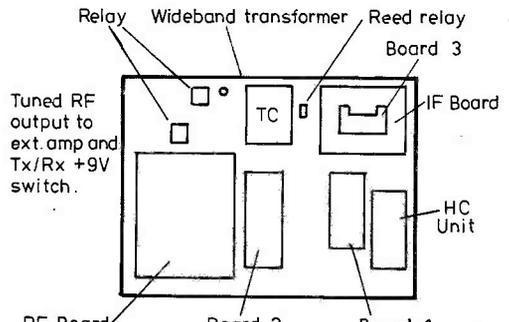


Fig. 6 TRANSCEIVER UNDERSIDE

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After these preliminary works are completed, tested, and found to be satisfactory, the more constructive side of the conversion can be tackled. The exciter and HF mixer boards are separate for two reasons: firstly, the boards are easier to position in two pieces and, secondly, different boards can be tried out without too much rebuilding.

The boards are mounted on *Radiospares* plastic pillars which are *Superglued* to the chassis. The relays are also mounted using a single drop of *Superglue*; if required these

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joints can be broken without too much difficulty. The reed relay is mounted in the same way.

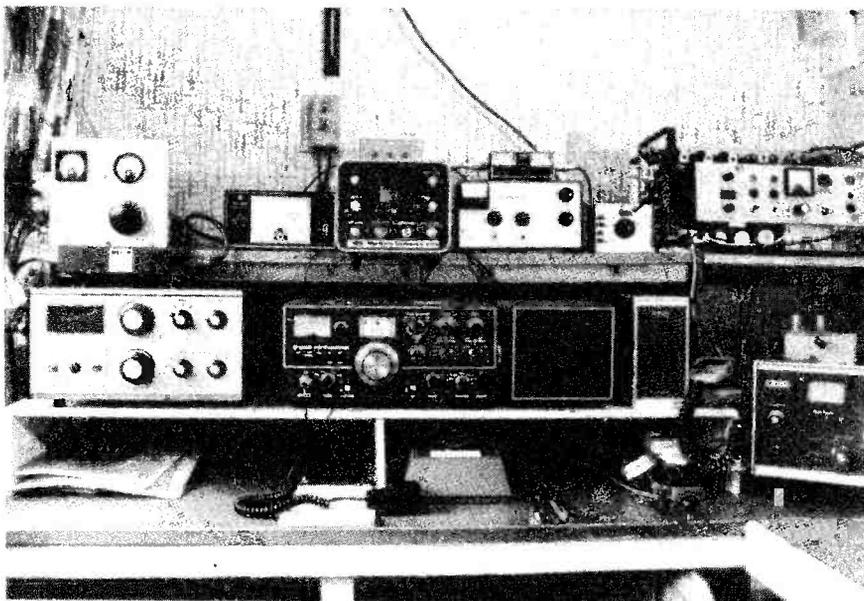
The foil pattern has not been given as the boards in use have not been optimised. However the basic component layout is shown, from which the design can be easily deduced.

Conclusion

It must be stressed that this is not a modification to be undertaken lightly: although the writer had the rig on the

air within two weeks, it took a further three months to iron out the problems. It is hoped that the G3ROO design will work without any additional design optimisation, but as a second set has yet to be converted this is by no means certain! At this point the author would like to thank G2ACG for many hours spent in QSO correcting the problems.

The rig has now been in use for five months with a small wideband amplifier giving a couple of watts, and reports have been very favourable — including a couple of VK's.



This tidy station belongs to A. F. (Bert) Bower, G3MKU, of Shepshed, Loughborough, and comprises a TS-520, a TL-911 linear and a Europa 'B'; for experimenting on 70cm. there is a U.450L Tx and a receive converter feeding a 9R-59DE Rx. Antennas consist of a 90-ft. long-wire for 80m., a Mosley TA-32 for 20-15-10m., an 8-ele Yagi for 2m., and a 9-ele for 70cm. On the ancillary front, there is a PM-2000 wattmeter, monitorscope, SWR bridge and home-brew Z-match.

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A LOW COST SCANNER SYSTEM FOR THE IC-240

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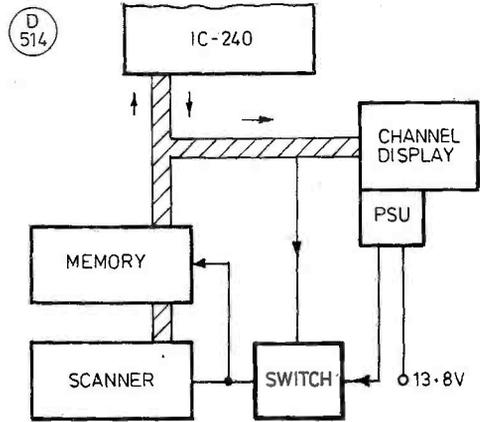


Fig. 1 SCANNER SYSTEM BLOCK DIAGRAM

THIS article describes how the digital channel display featured in the March 1980 issue of *Short Wave Magazine* may be uprated to a full automatic scanner. Fig. 1 is a block diagram of the system.

It will be remembered that the frequency synthesiser inside the radio is controlled by an 8 bit binary number, normally set up by a diode matrix board switched by the IC-240's channel selector switch. This number may be brought out to the accessory socket on the transceiver's rear, and a method of doing this was discussed in a similar IC-240 project published in the January 1980 issue of *Short Wave Magazine*. The binary number may be decoded and displayed by the display module as a channel number between 0 and 39, but obviously only those channels pre-programmed onto the diode board will appear on the display. At one particular position of the channel selector switch, however, the diode matrix can be disabled and a 9v. control signal made to appear on the 9th wire of the connecting cable: this signal operates the switch and powers-up the scanner and memory. The socket connection at the IC-240's rear then becomes an input device, as the number fixing the channel is inserted by the scanner and/or memory — while the channel display continues as before, monitoring the number on the cable and displaying what is there.

Scanner Details

Fig. 2 shows the switch circuit. When 9v. appears at point 'A', Q1 will turn on, operating the relay, and connecting the 9v. stabilised voltage (derived from the PSU stage of the display unit: see March 1980 issue of *Short Wave Magazine*) to supply the scanner and memory circuitry. C1, 2 and 3 are decoupling capacitors and should be connected close to the integrated circuit's supply rails. Thus the scanner is inoperative unless deliberately called for by the IC-240 channel selector switch.

Table of Values Figs. 2 and 3

R1 = 39K	D1 to D9 = 1N914
R2, R4, R8, R9 = 10K	Q1 = BC108
R3 = 18K	IC1 = 555
R5 = 4.7K	IC2, IC3 = CMOS 4029
R6, R7 = 1M	IC4 = CMOS 4011
C1 = 10 μ F, electrolytic	PB1, PB2, PB3 = pushbutton
C2, C3, C4 = 0.01 μ F, ceramic	RLA = reed relay
C5 = 1 μ F polycarbonate	

Note: All resistors are 1/4-watt, 5%.

Miscellaneous: Veroboard, IC sockets, memory switches (see text).

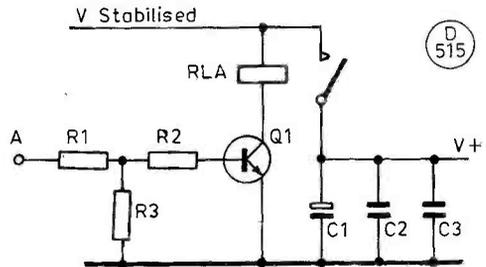
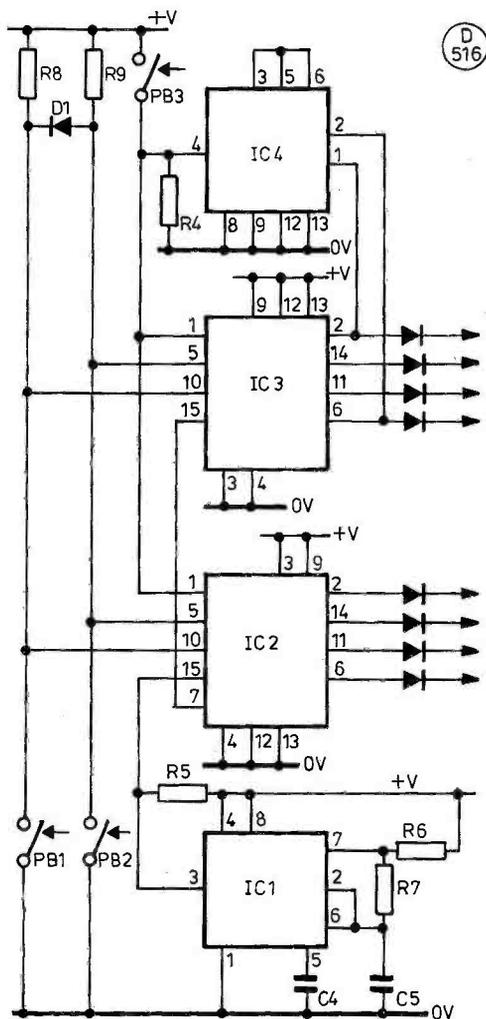


Fig. 2 SWITCH CIRCUIT



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Fig. 3 SCANNER CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

In addition, pins 16 of IC2 and IC3, and pin 14 of IC4 should be wired to positive voltage; pins 8 of IC2 and IC3, and pin 7 of IC4 should be grounded.

Fig. 3 is a circuit diagram of the scanner. IC1 is a simple 555 timer device wired as a stable multivibrator. It runs continuously providing a slow pulse train with a period of around 2 secs. This pulse train is fed to the clock input of IC2, a CMOS 4029 counter. IC3, another 4029, is wired in to provide an 8 bit counter. The counter will not operate unless pin 5 is taken to logical 0, which can be effected by pressing either PB1 or PB2. If PB2 is pressed, D1 is reversed biased and pin 10 remains at logical 1. In this condition the counter will count upwards. If PB1 is pressed, pin 10 goes to logical 0 and in this case the counter would count downwards. PB3 is a reset button. When pressed, the

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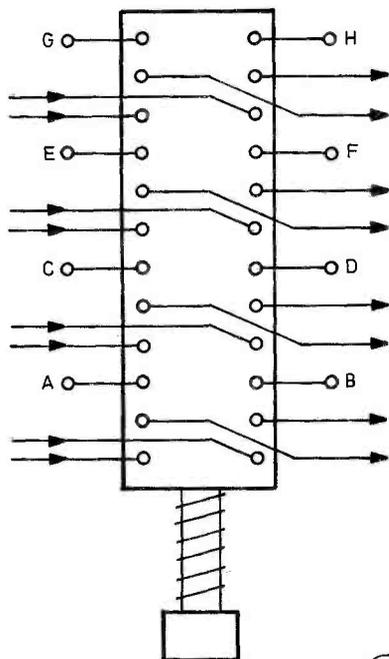


Fig. 4 MEMORY PUSH-BUTTON

Any number of memories may be mounted in cascade.

counter outputs are forced to that number preset on the "jam" input pins 4, 12, 13 and 3. In this application 104 binary is set up on the jam inputs, so when the reset button is pressed the counter goes to "104" which is the IC-240's code for channel 0 in the FM band.

If PB2 is a latching button, or if an on-off switch is wired in parallel with PB2, then the unit will scan upwards through 1 channel per 2 secs. "hands off". When the top of the band is reached, pins 2 and 6 of IC3 will both go to logical 1; IC4 is a quad NAND gate wired to detect this condition, sending pin 4 of IC4 high, resetting the counter back to channel 0.

Diodes D2 to D9 protect the ICs when their supplies are off, and the outputs go to the memory module to be described below.

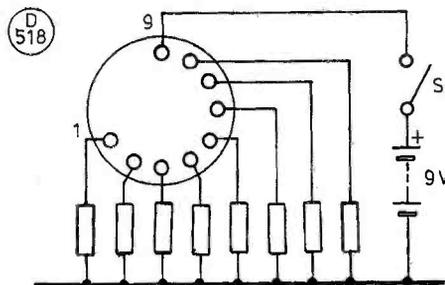


Fig. 5 SCANNER TEST RIG.

The rig is a dummy IC-240 accessory socket, i.e. a B9A valve base; all resistors are 10K, 1/4-watt. A 9v. calculator battery will suffice to supply the control voltage.

Repeater Operation

It may be felt that the design is rather clumsy in respect of repeater operation. As it stands repeater input frequencies will be monitored between 0 and 9, and the corresponding outputs between 24 and 33. To join in a QSO the operator would need to subtract 24 from the number displayed, scan downwards to match that number, and switch to duplex on the radio. This is actually easier than it may sound, but keen repeater users may care to consider the following modification: If a connection is made between the reset line (pin 4 IC4, or pin 1 IC2, 3) and the first bit (i.e. least significant) of the "tens" word of the display unit, then the counter will reset on encountering channel 10 on each scan. Therefore the IC-240 may be switched to duplex, and the scanner allowed to scan through the repeater channels only.

Memory

Fig. 4 shows how a simple, cheap and reliable memory system may be implemented. With the pushbutton out, the number on the input appears at the output: the switch has no effect, but when the switch is depressed, the input is disconnected and replaced by that number hardwired onto the terminals 'A' to 'H'. The switch is an eight, or more, pole-changeover latching pushbutton and kits are available to mount several side by side. Any number of pre-programmed memories may be provided this way.

Coming soon in "Short Wave Magazine": a review of the new Yaesu FT-707 'Wayfarer' transceiver.

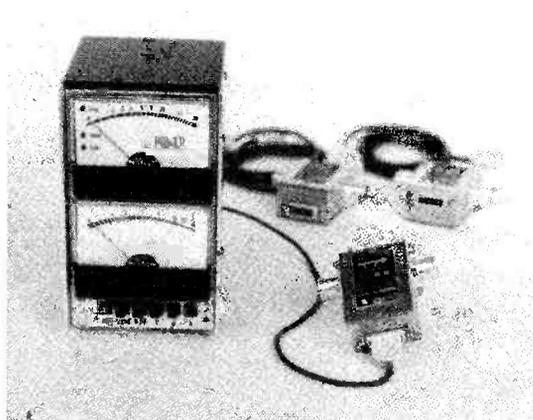
Construction and Testing

Layout is not critical and the circuit may be easily built up on *Veroboard*. The use of IC sockets is recommended as a precaution against static electricity damage to the CMOS during building and as an aid to subsequent troubleshooting and repair. The use of colour coded wire will be found a great help, both during the build stage and when trying to trace the circuit through afterwards.

The circuit may be tested by plugging the input/output plug into a B9A valve socket wired as in Fig. 5. The scanner should come on when the switch on the test rig is made, and the display should monitor the scanner's output. Pressing the memory buttons should change the display to that channel number hardwired onto the corresponding push-button switch. Voltages should be measured at the pins of the test rig socket, and should be 9v. or slightly less; each channel number should correspond to the same binary number as recorded in the IC-240 handbook.

Conclusion

The scanner is a cheap and straightforward project for the IC-240 owner. It is an accessory rather than a modification which allows the transceiver to be used perfectly ordinarily if required. When in use, the scanner will alert the operator to any activity in the FM band.



This combined VSWR/Power meter is available from Zycomm Electronics Ltd., 47 Pentrich Road, Ripley, Derbys DE5 3DS. The unit offers direct reading of both functions without interpolation. In operation it is autoranging for power output, covering 20W to 2kW in three ranges for 1.8-30 MHz and 50-150 MHz, and 2W to 200W for the 430-470 MHz range; VSWR from 1:1 to infinity can be measured. Separate sensing heads are provided for each frequency range, and these can be connected at any position in the feed line including the mast head.



Marketed in the UK by Electronic Brokers Ltd., the West German Hameg HM-307 oscilloscope is aimed specifically at the advanced radio amateur. This 10 MHz, single-trace, 'scope features a sweep circuit using a special LPS trigger technique and built-in component tester, plus several optional accessories. The HM-307 weighs 3.7 kg, and costs £149 plus VAT and carriage. Detailed specifications are available from the marketing firm, at 49/53 Pancras Road, London NW1 2QB. (Tel: 01-837 7781).

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SOME PRACTICAL ENERGY CONVERSION

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ON March 23 1979 the use of mains electricity for the transmitter station here was superseded by the use of solar energy, and since that date all continents have been worked on SSB from west Wales. Only the solar cells have been used for the GW2CVY station since then.

In essence, the solar cells are used in a battery-charging configuration, so that energy is stored against the moment the shack is entered. No mains power has been applied to the rig since March 23.

By kind permission of *Ferranti Limited*, a description follows of the 'solar module'. The silicon photovoltaic cell generates a difference of potential when the thin, accurately doped, slice is exposed to light. The magnitude of the

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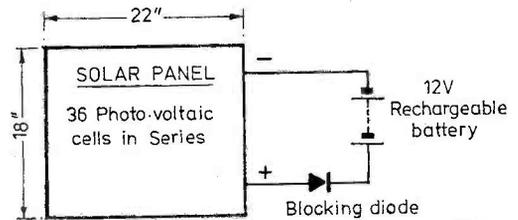
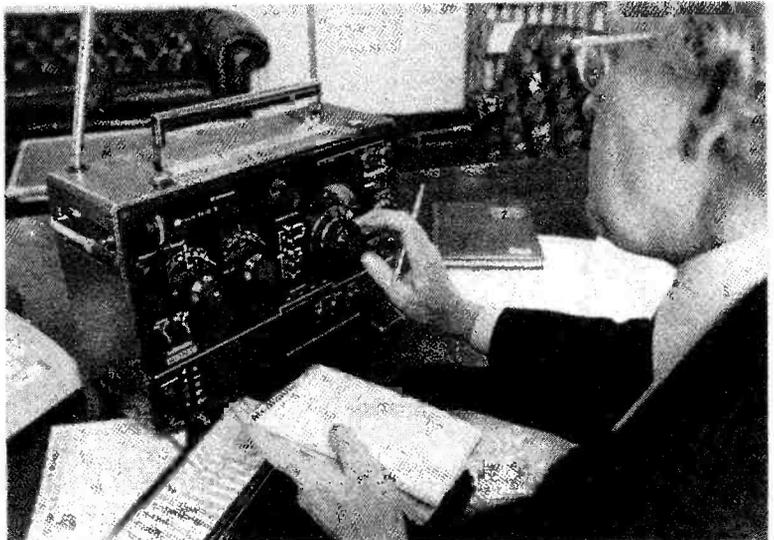


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COMMUNICATION and DX NEWS

E. P. Essery, G3KFE

BY the time you come to read this, it will be high summer, with all that that implies — gardens to be attended, summer static, and the rest. But doubtless there will be plenty in the way of radio-activity to please us as well.

Here & There

A letter from Douglas, G3KPO, asks us to mention the annual get-together at Alverstone Manor Hotel, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, which this year is on Sunday September 14. Douglas also asks us to mention the ways of obtaining a reciprocal permit for G stations going abroad. In answer to that we feel G4FTJ's "Amateur Radio Operating Manual" has it pretty well sewn up in Appendix 2. Another possible source for those who are members of A.R.M.S. lies in the club listings and data.

On a totally different tack, after reading the editorial by Jim Fisk W1HR, editor of *Ham Radio*, the shock of opening the current copy of Geoff Watts' *DX News Sheet* to read that W1HR has joined the ranks of the Silent keys. We hope *Ham Radio* can continue, it having a distinctive style of its own now, with as little change as can be with a new man at the head. One may say W1HR will be missed sadly, and know that this time it isn't cliché but stark truth.

Ten Metres

Quite a decent clip all round. G3CED/G3VFA (Broadstairs) used his usual ten watts and Joystick at 30 feet to work quite a lot of Ws, nearer Russians, and ZE2JD in Salisbury — the wolf-pack howling round this one George describes as being like Wembley on Cup Final day! This one is of interest in that the QSO came to a sticky end: after raising the ZE with the two watts, lost the full return from the ZE who was using an 820!

It's quite a while now since G3VLX found time to report from Petts Wood — he is usually too busy changing QTHs! However, he faithfully reports on things that happen from 9H3AM — like TZ4AQS, KH2AD, XT2AT,

VS6AG, YB0ACL, VP2MH, FM7AV, 9GIJX, VK3AQR, YB0BWW, VU2AWL, 9Y4LL, P29MJ, and JW8FG.

It seems to have been the case at G3NOF (Yeovil) that things have been more or less as before, but the summer conditions have knocked the reliability of the band for six. However, he did get a good crack of the SSB whip, with A4XGC, A6XJA, C5AAP, DU1FR, DU1KDA, FG0DMM/FS7, FM7AV, FP8HL, HL9UG, I2YXH/MM in the Red Sea, J28CC, JAs, P29GC, P29NLB, Vks, VS5SR, VS6AG, VS6FI, VU2MKS, VU2YK, YJ8NMB, various W7s in the rare states, YB3AP, YB0WR, ZL4BO, 5B4IT, 9M2MW, 9Q5GB, and 9V1UH.

A quickie from G4BUE (Upper Beeding) who added three new countries: FR0ACB/G on five watts of CW, plus ZS2MI, and the third on 21 MHz to take Chris to 290 worked overall, and 198 countries with the five watts. Chris is wondering what happened to his piece on QRP working; it's standing at the ready here, waiting for a slot to fit into.

G4EZA (Colchester) has been QRT for several weeks for one reason or another, and when he did find time to get 21 days when operation was possible, the Big Rig decided to protest by eating its own 6JS6. Once the rig had been beaten into submission, Tim found it possible to work VK6ZT on CW; and A4XGC, JA4LAZ, LU2KAE, TF3IRA, VE4VV, and 9K2DR on SSB, with N4HX/TT8 as a Gotaway.

How nice it is to hear Ron Barker (Worksop) — he of FRG-7 mods and other matters — now signing G4JNH. On the day of writing, Ron had just completed his first week of operations as G4JNH. The Woolworth's bell-wire indoor dipole is still serving faithfully, for 7 MHz the inverted-vee has to be partly in and partly outside, and on Eighty the thing is resonated by an ATU. So far it has been mainly 21 MHz, but on Ten we note WB2LHY, KA1BWT and WA1TJB, the former for New Jersey and the latter two in Connecticut.

From the *M/S Cast Osprey* (GRHL) we have another report from G3ZGC/MM. Richard spent March and much of April in European waters, Rotterdam-Narvik, Rotterdam again, and to Taranto where he stepped off for home. He says the best band by far was the 28 MHz bit; G3ZGC/MM found that once he was out of the skip QRP Gs with poor aerials were quite easily workable. For example, G3KUB with the FT-7 and a dipole was RS58 from Narvik area, and on the same day G3OHK in Workington was worked with a 66-foot wire wrapped round the skirting-board of the shack and an FT-75. A busy six weeks which saw off yet another logbook; not so dusty for a small mobile rig.

After Ron, G4JNH comes another fugitive from Justin Cooper, namely Steve Sharred, now G4JGD in Newcastle-on-Tyne. Steve seems to have progressed from the indoor bit of wire to a bit of wire round the brick-work, and on 27 February, thirteen days after getting the ticket and making a start, a quarter-wave inverted-L at 40 feet went up for Top Band.

G3OUC (Newbury) runs a rig in his company car park, with ten watts of AM, around 29 MHz, from where he has worked most USSR call areas plus several W/K stations; many of these AM and FM stations use very low power, and G3OUC had, at the time of writing, completed and tested a one-watt SSB rig, but hasn't plucked up the courage to displace the old rig from the car yet!

G2ADZ sticks to CW on Ten, although he agrees that from Chessington there are more pickings on SSB. This month there has been more listening than actual operating, after the chores are done and the youngsters safely in bed, the band being open quite late at times. There has usually been an hour to listen in the mornings too, but the band is often too tardy waking up to allow DX working. So: CW it was, on Ten, to KL7AF, VK3YD (long path at 21.35z), PPOMAG, HK4UT, MIC, 4S7KG, 4S7RS, UA0JDC near the

Chinese border, XE1OE, AP2ARS, K2FJ/PJ5, H16XQL, VP2GE, HM0W, AH2G and AH2C in Guam, ZL2BCW at 2200 on the long path, EA9EO, 9H3AK (Gozo), plus of course the usual long list of those who wouldn't play. One of these was A7XE on a (unusual) very clear spot, not to mention BY2QZ heard at a time when no signs were evident that UAO, UA9, or JAs were about, which is about proof positive that the station was a phoney. For G2ADZ, though, the biggest kick was in working VK6NLH, so keen at less than 5 wpm and the QSO lasting over an hour; for a first QSO that VK will reckon it the biggest thrill of his life. It was 1540 here when the QSO started, so it must have been around three in the morning over there.

More Here & There

We've already mentioned Peking Slim, and any ZA is also a phoney; the rumours that DL7FT was going there to operate were false.

Older readers will remember Don Miller, W9WNV and his DX station expeditions which resulted in a dust-up with ARRL and the DXCC desk. More recently we reported (from the old *WCDXB*) that he was up on a murder and fraud rap. The DX Bulletin now indicates he was found guilty on all counts in his murder trial, sentencing to begin June 10.

Some have wondered about 5N0DOG; he is K4QX and works for the Nigerian Minister of Telecommunications.

Another Slim is around signing A6XJA — NG for DXCC as UAR closed all amateur stations in February last year; indeed the chap has been heard to admit he is not licensed.

In Gaborone, the capital of the Republic of Botswana there is a Trade Fair in the month of August, and the Botswana Police Amateur Radio Club will be activating A22GTF. Each day, in addition to the normal operation, there will be a period of special activity; on Day 1 for example they will be using the Project Goodwill transmitter and receiver, on Day 2 a Commonwealth Capitals hook-up, not to mention an African net on Day 3. Between August 27 and August 31, they hope to make DXCC and WAS during the operation. Thanks A22AJ for the information.

Hong Kong A.R.T.S. have a couple of awards. The "Firecracker" has

been around for some years and we have a timely reminder of it, plus a sample, from VS6EZ. The requirement is to work six VS6 stations on any band or mode. This year being the club's 50th anniversary, they have a new award, called the "Nine Dragons" which we understand is the meaning of the word which we have anglicised into "Kowloon". Only QSOs on or after January 1 1979 to count. This one requires a QSO with a station in each of Zones 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, one of the nine QSOs to be with a VS6. If the applicant happens to reside in any of the nine zones, he must make two QSOs with each zone. Categories will be CW, Phone, or mixed, and the award can be so endorsed if desired. The cost of the Firecracker will be £1 or 10 IRCs, and the Nine Dragons three dollars, £1.50 or equivalent. Thanks VS6EZ, who is the VS6 QSL Manager at P.O. Box 541 Hong Kong. VS6EZ is also on the look-out for cross-band QSOs between 50.150 MHz, listening on 28.490 MHz, or for those countries having 50 MHz, listening on 50.150 and 52.1 MHz.

Incidentally, we also have it from VS6EZ, and others, that the number of VS6s on the air should be on the increase ere long, as there is now a local centre for the British RAE — wonder if a pass there would be valid in UK?

Now 9M2FK from Malaysia, with the SEANET 1979 results indicating just one G in the upper brackets, G4CVZ, the Hon Sec of the Liverpool Club, heading the single-band single-op Phone listings. The 1980 affair is aimed at bringing a timely reminder that the tenth SEANET Convention is coming up; this year's is to be held in Manila on 28-30 November. The contest for 1980 is down for (CW) 0001z Saturday July 19 to 2359 Sunday 20th July, and (Phone) same times August 16-17, 1980. All bands, 1.8-30 MHz. The call is "CQ SEA" for the keyers, and "CQ SEATEST" for the Phone men. Points are as follows: — For stations outside SEANET area who work DU, HS, YB, 9M2, 9M6, 9M8, or 9V1 stations, 20 points on Top Band, 10 points on 80/40m., and 4 points on 14/21/28 MHz. Other stations within the SEANET area may also be worked and count for half the ones above mentioned, e.g. 14/21/28 MHz QSOs are worth a couple of points. The

Multiplier will be 3 points for every country worked within SEANET area. QSOs by stations outside SEANET areas do not count. SEANET countries number some 50-odd, so it is suggested entries be made by sending for a copy of the rules to Eshee, 9M2FK, 281-C Jalan Pekeliling, Bukit Glugor, Penang, Malaysia. Anyone doing this might pass on our current address too!

Next a letter from WAB. The new Awards Manager is Keith Draycott, G3UQT, 175 Oliver Road, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston, Derbyshire DE7 4JW. The WAB record books are now £2, plus £1 post/packing within UK and £1.50 post/packing outside, from Mr. B. J. Morris, G8JBI, 22 Burdell Avenue, Sandhills Estate, Headington, Oxford OX3 8ED. Cheques etc. to Worked All Britain Award Account. Proceeds of this exercise are essentially in aid of RAIBC, so you can have fun and do someone somewhere a good turn.

Now a letter from P29JS, Jim Swith, about the Heard Island expedition which was unlucky enough to fall flat a few weeks back. Prior to VKORM, there had been nothing on this one for a decade, and it is undoubtedly a tough nut, possibly the toughest of them all. The time slot for a visit has to be mid-December to mid-February. Heard Island DX Association has been set up to handle a trust fund, offers of help and all the rest of it, with a view to the first ever full-blown DX-pedition; the aim is to have several good experienced operators, and at least a place for a scientific type to do some research. Offers of equipment have already been received but no final decisions made as yet. The group solicit donations, all of which will be receipted: if the expedition does not take place, then funds will either be returned or allocated to another DX-pedition or worthy charity. Write: Heard Island DX Association, c/o Box 2053, Konedobu, Papua New Guinea.

Next the YLs. BYLARA got off to such a good start we rather expected they would soon produce an award: Britain and Europe work 15 BYLARA members, including 10 in UK; those outside Europe, 10 BYLARA members including 6 in UK. Starting date April 29 1979; send log data with £1.50, 12 IRCs, or three US dollars to G4EZI — QTHR. Contacts for the award may be made on the 3.605 MHz

net on Monday evenings after 7.45 local time, or on the YL Activity Days, 6th of every month, 14.288, 21.388, 28.688 on the hour GMT any hour.

Space and time crowds in upon us apace. We must return to the DX.

Fifteen

G3ZGC/MM reckons he worked nothing of interest on the band, the main interests having been elsewhere.

G4JNH next, and his first week's work on the band resulted in K4TXD, W2TTQ, OH7KJ, W6USG, SV0AE, AD7N in Idaho, ZS6XP, 9H1FZ, W7KT1, VP8PP, KA1DFF, N4ZQ, JR1SSH, VE6BD, JI1OQQ, OD5NG, PY7BTX, 9Q5GB, JI1BMB, W6USG again, AF3V, ZS1LQ, VK2AVA, KB9EX, W7DND, K7A1I, WD4ROD, VK2APJ, VK3BUL, VK2NLE, VE3QE, W6RR, SM2GFV, UA6JB, W3EAX, VE3IFS, JR7BYW, WD8BCM, AE3T, W3KJW, WB0RSH, and PT2FD.

KL7JAA, S79GM, SV1JG/A on Mount Athos, SV0AP (Crete), SV0BC also on Crete, VKs, VU2RX, W0WO, ZD7HH, ZD8MH, ZL2AQF, 4S7RS, 8Q7AR, 9M6MU and 9V1UH.

G3VLX's expedition to 9H3AM, shows on 21 MHz, VK3MQ, VK3AQR, the rest being mainly on Ten.

There's not a lot on this band in the log of G3CED/G3VFA: UA1HT, YU5CPR, AF7F in Oregon, and VE1BSK all at 2 watts, while an unaccustomed shift to 100 watts and an indoor Joystick gave 9A1ONU, WB3LGQ, N7EF, UK5UDX, UK6LAI, and some EUs; but the return to 2 watts gave more success with W1GUE and K2LFP. Incidentally the log this time, apart from the unexpected CW 100 watts, also yielded the first SSB QSO the writer has ever seen in the logs from this station!

Twenty

G3PKS (Wells) has the pleasure of a "Nil" report this time round, he having been tempted to do some gardening during the fine Wx, despite all the medical contra-indications, and of course he paid the penalty! However, it did give him the chance to write a long 'newsy' letter with some ideas which bear thinking about.

G3ZGC/MM found an interesting one in P11LC/MM, on the weather ship *Cumulus*. It seems the PAs don't normally have /MM permission, but in this particular case the permission was granted because both operators aboard are licensed amateurs. A couple of UA0s, OK4EW/MM on *MV Praha* (OLGN), a pleasant SSB surprise with a QSO to VEDDS/VE5, JA1TRP on CW, SSB to ZB2FA/MM of Gibraltar, VK4NVJ/MM on a yacht in Crete, and VP9HX/MM of the *Fort Norma* en route from Capetown to South America. Since the end of March VKs and ZLs most mornings.

G4JNH (Worksop) found WA0AHR, KA7AHN, N7AFA, ZL4PD, VK2LW, KB7DT, W7WSW, W2EEQ, WA2JOO, VK2AMD, and VK2ALK.

It was 150 watts SSB for G4EZA on this band, to contact OY9R/M, VK5LC, and VK5QB.

Only one mentioned by G4BUE: A51PN on Twenty SSB to bring the worked total up to 290.

On to G3NOF, who mentions QSOs with CR9AK, P29JS, TN8AJ, VE8MB, VKs, W6ENK/KH4, WH6AED, XE1JJA, YI4SC, ZLs, and ZL2UW/C on Chatham Island.

The LF Bands

Can only rate a mention this time, and then only because of the activities of our latest recruit G4JGD, who now has 15 countries up on Top Band. SSB found 4U1ITU, G4GFN/M in Devon (a fair old haul for a /M contact), G3YXM/M in Birmingham at teatime, DF1OW, DJ8UV, DK3FB, N2AA, RB5IEK, W3HHN/MM, and YU3EF; turning to CW we see 50NOK (Reef Is.), K2GNC several times, N41N, OE1TKW, OK1AZM, OK2BUE, OK2PGU, OL6AWY, OL8CIR, OL8CNE, SP7JWZ, RT5AB, W1BB/1, UA3FZ, UC2AAK, UK2PCR. The Reef Is effort sounded genuine enough and gave the QSL address as P.O. Box 66, Limassol.

Eighty of course, is its usual self. From our point of view, although we know DX is worked at the top and bottom of the band, we rarely get reports other than the QRP chaps, around 3560 KHz, while the middle part of the band seems to be occupied with local nets and such; not to mention the AM people on the CW end of the band. We feel that everyone who could, should sit on these AM stations and force them to return to their own territory by sheer weight of CW at S9 plus. Call CQ, work somebody, raise them somewhere else on the band and QSY on top of the AM Phone; finally treat them with the lack of courtesy with which they treat others in intruding in the first place.

What about 7 MHz? We have the odd report, and there is most definitely DX there for the taking; but space precludes our going into more details for this time.

Finale

Deadlines as normal — see the 'box' in the body of the piece for the dates (but as this issue is likely to be late, we hope you noted the July deadline in the May issue); address to arrive by the given date, to "CDXN", SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, 34 High Street, Welwyn, Herts. AL6 9EQ. Till next time, keep the mower sharp!

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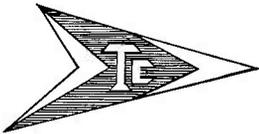
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Please be sure to note these dates.

G4EZA, having dusted off the rig, fired it up and on QRO CW managed JH4XAH, and WA6SZZ, while the SSB switch accounted for N6CR, N7XX, and TF3GN.

21 MHz QRP on 21 MHz for G4BUE included SSB QSOs with ZL4BO and 8Q7AR, plus CW ones with KP4DJ, J28CBB, and 8Q7AW.

Most days the long path to the Antipodes has been good from 0600-0900, with occasional openings to KH6, KL7, W5 and W6 at the same time. Short path openings to the Pacific and S.E. Asia were noted around 1700, but no openings the other way. Ws of course from 1100 to 2300 or later. Thus there was SSB to C5AAS, EP2TY, FROACC/G, HS1AMT, K6LPL/KH3, KH6BOG, KH6CY, KH6IJ, KH6JPY, KH6LW,


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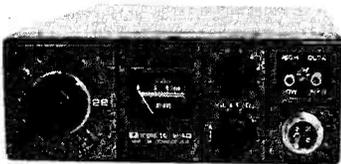
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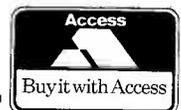


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OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE — The RF amplifier and first mixer circuits using MOS FET's and other circuits provide excellent Cross Modulation and Two Signal Selectivity characteristics. The IC-260E has excellent sensitivity demanded especially for mobile operation, high stability and with Crystal Filters having high shape factors, exceptional selectivity. The transmitter uses a balanced mixer in a single conversion system, a band pass filter and a high performance low pass filter. This system provides distortion free signals with a minimum spurious radiation level for an output of 10W or more.

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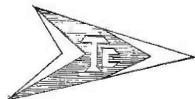
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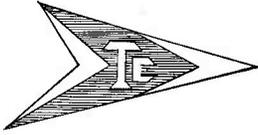
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CONTINUOUS TUNING SYSTEM — Icom's new continuous tuning system features a luminescent display that follows the tuning knob movement and provides an extremely accurate readout. Frequencies are displayed in 7 digits representing 100 Mhz to 100 Hz digits.

Automatic re-cycling restarts the tuning at the bottom of the band when the top is reached — and vice versa. Quick tuning in 1 KHz steps is available, and fine tuning in 100 Hz steps in the SSB and CW modes, and 5 KHz steps and 1 KHz steps in the FM mode, is provided for trouble free QSO.

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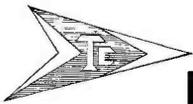
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MODES — USB, LSB, CW and FM output.

SENSITIVITY — CW and SSB — Less than 0.25 microvolts for 10 dB S+N/N. FM — More than 30 dB S+N+D/N+D at 1 microvolt or less than 0.3 microvolts for 20dB Noise quieting.

IC-251E Typical Technical Characteristics: General. Numbers of semiconductors: Transistors 99, FETs 12 ICs 37. Diodes 132. Frequency coverage: 144-146 MHz (easily extended to 148 MHz at no extra charge). Frequency resolution: SSB 100 Hz steps FM 5 KHz steps. 1 KHz steps with TS button depressed. Frequency Control: Microcomputer based 100Hz step Digital PLL synthesizer Independent Transmit-Receive Frequency Capability. Frequency Readout: 7 digit LED 100 Hz readout. Frequency stability: Within ± 1.5 KHz Memory channels: 3 channels, any inband frequency programmable. Usable conditions: Temperature: -10°C — 60°C (14°F — 140°F). Operational time: Continuous. Antenna impedance: 50 ohms unbalanced. Power supply requirement: 13.8V DC $\pm 15\%$ (negative ground) 3A max. or 240V AC $\pm 10\%$. Current drain (at 13.8V DC): Transmitting, SSB (PEP 10W). Approx. 2.3A, CW, FM (10W). Approx. 2.3A FM (1W). Approx. 1.0A. Receiving. At max. audio output. Approx. 0.6A. Squelched. Approx. 0.4A. Dimensions: 141mm (h) \times 241mm (W) \times 264mm (D). Weight: Approx. 5.0 Kgs. Transmitter. Output power: SSB 10W (PEP). CW 10W. FM 1 — 10W (Adjustable). Emission mode: SSB (A3J),

USB/LSB), CW (A1). FM (F3). Modulation system: SSB Balanced modulation. FM Variable reactance frequency modulation. Max. frequency deviation: ± 5 KHz. Spurious emission: More than 60 dB below peak power output. Carrier Suspension: More than 40 dB below peak power output. Unwanted Sideband: More than 40 dB down at 1000 Hz AF input. Microphone: 1.3K ohm dynamic microphone with built-in preamplifier and push-to-talk switch. Operating mode: Simplex. Duplex. (Any inband frequency separation programmable). Receiver. Receiving system: SSB. CW Single conversion superheterodyne. FM Double conversion superheterodyne. Receiving Mode: SSB A3J, USB/LSB, CW (A1), FM (F3). Intermediate Frequency: SSB, CW 10.7 MHz, FM 10.7 MHz, 455 KHz. Sensitivity: SSB, CW Less than 0.25 microvolts for 10dB S+N/N. FM more than 30dB S+D/N+D at 1 microvolt. Less than 0.3 microvolts for 20 dB Noise quieting. Squelch sensitivity (FM only): Less than 0.4 microvolts. Spurious response rejection ratio: More than 60 dB. Selectivity: SSB, CW More than ± 1.2 KHz at -6 dB point. Less than ± 2.4 KHz at -60 dB point. FM More than ± 7.5 MHz at -6 dB point. Less than ± 15 MHz at -60 dB point. Audio output power: More than 1.5W. Audio output impedance: 8 ohms.


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UHF Band	450-470MHz
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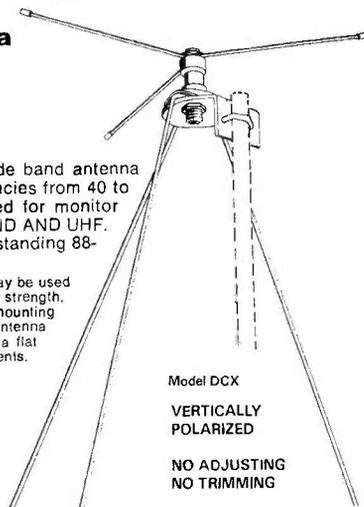
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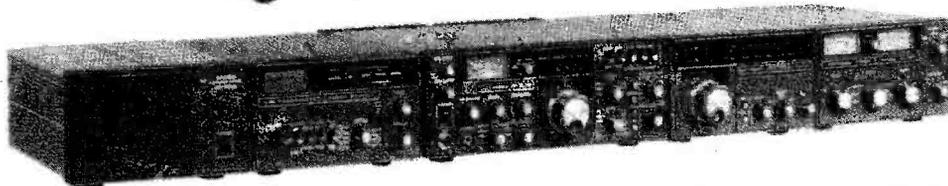
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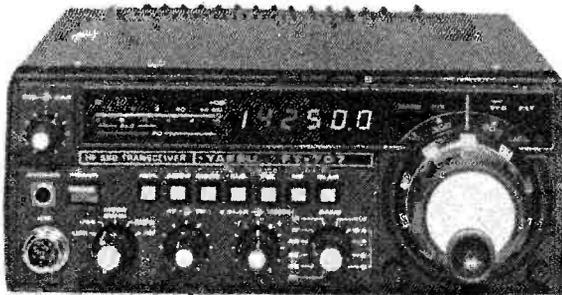
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The superb FT-107M all Solid State H.F. Transceiver is now appearing in increasing numbers on the bands and the impressive reputation that it has already built is largely due to the fact that it incorporates time proven design techniques borrowed from the outstanding FT-101Z and FT-901 transceivers. The receiver performance of the new FT-107M has brought high praise from experienced and critical operators and this, coupled with the undoubted convenience of all solid state construction, makes operating a joy and a delight indeed. The specification of the new FT-107M includes variable IF band width, audio peak/notch filter, RF speech processor, variable — threshold noise blanker, and full metering including SWR. An all new memory system is included providing twelve memory channels with fine tuning, scanning from the optional scanning microphone and YAESU's exclusive digital memory shift system. Modes include SSB, CW, AM and FSK with variable band width on CW.

Also pictured is the FT-107M together with its matching accessories which include separate VFO, transverter, tuning unit and speaker which interface to build a high technology base station designed for the 80's.

This month we also include a view of the new YAESU FT-707 compact H.F. all Solid State Transceiver which combines the technology engineered in the FT-107 and the FT-7B. The new FT-707 is, as would be expected, typically YAESU in design, construction and cosmetics and sets new standards for equipment in its class. Taking into account the time, money and effort which YAESU MUSEN put into their extensive research and design laboratories it is no wonder that YAESU MUSEN, the world's largest manufacturers of amateur radio equipment, always lead the field.



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R4	4.0305	8.0611	12.0916	15.0000	18.1375	45.0000
R5	4.0312	8.0625	12.0937	15.0027	18.1406	45.0083
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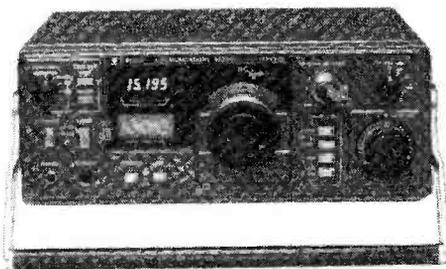
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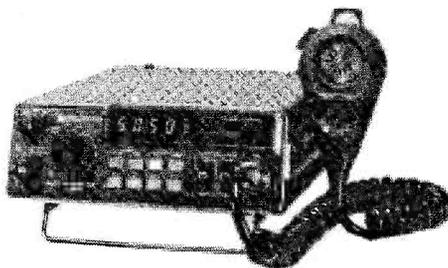
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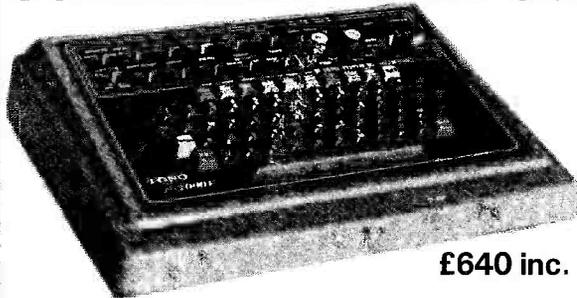


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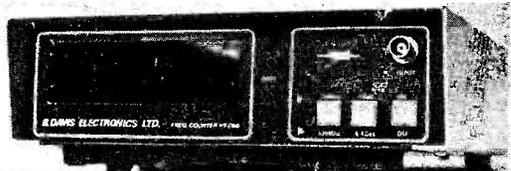
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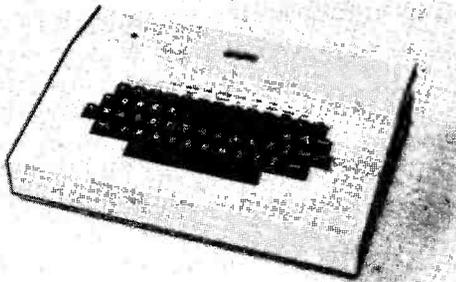
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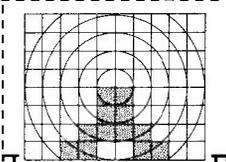
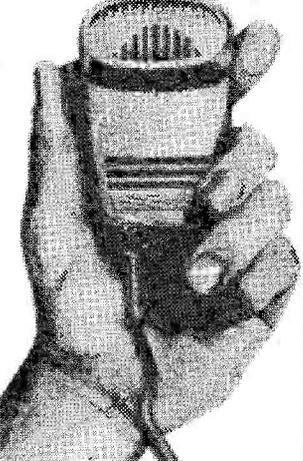
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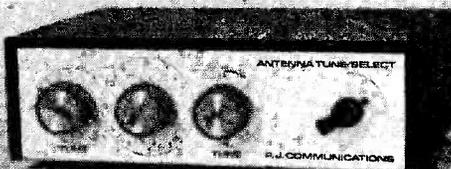
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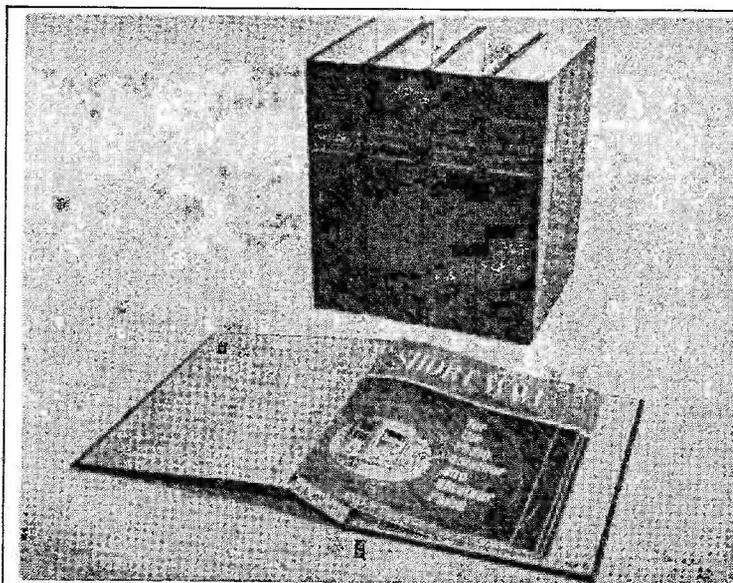
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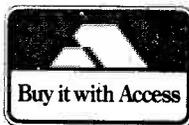
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