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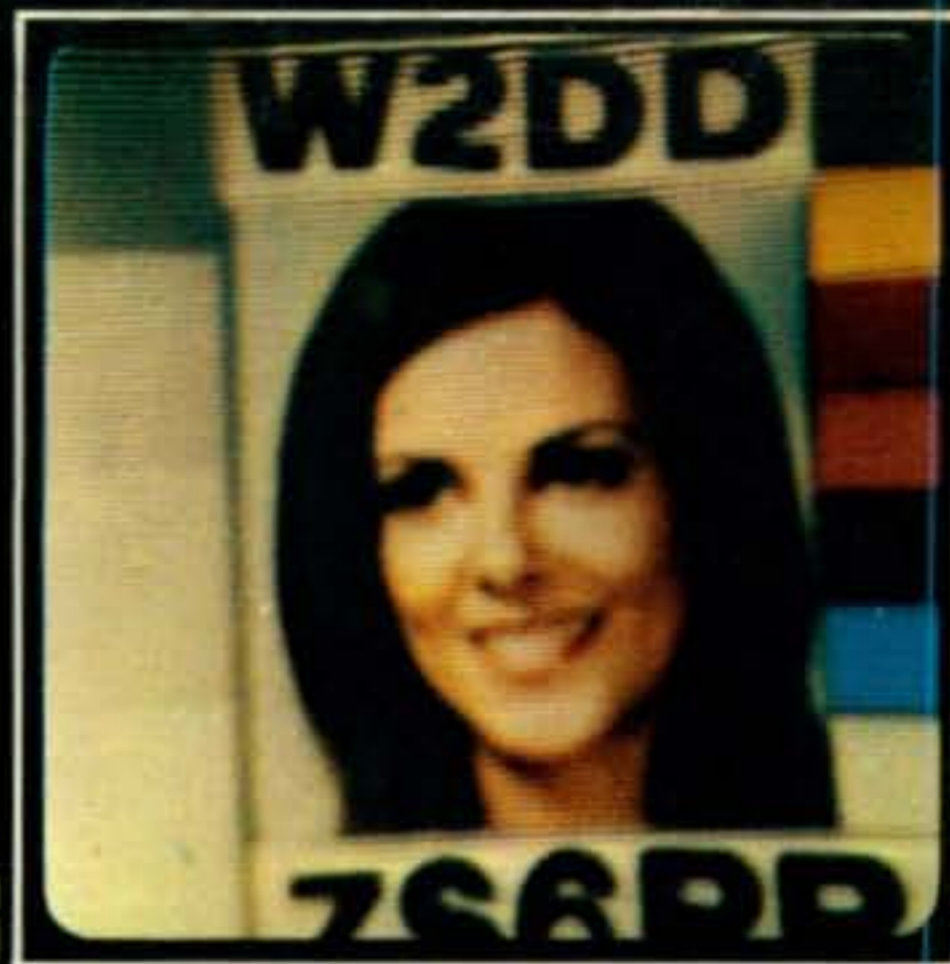
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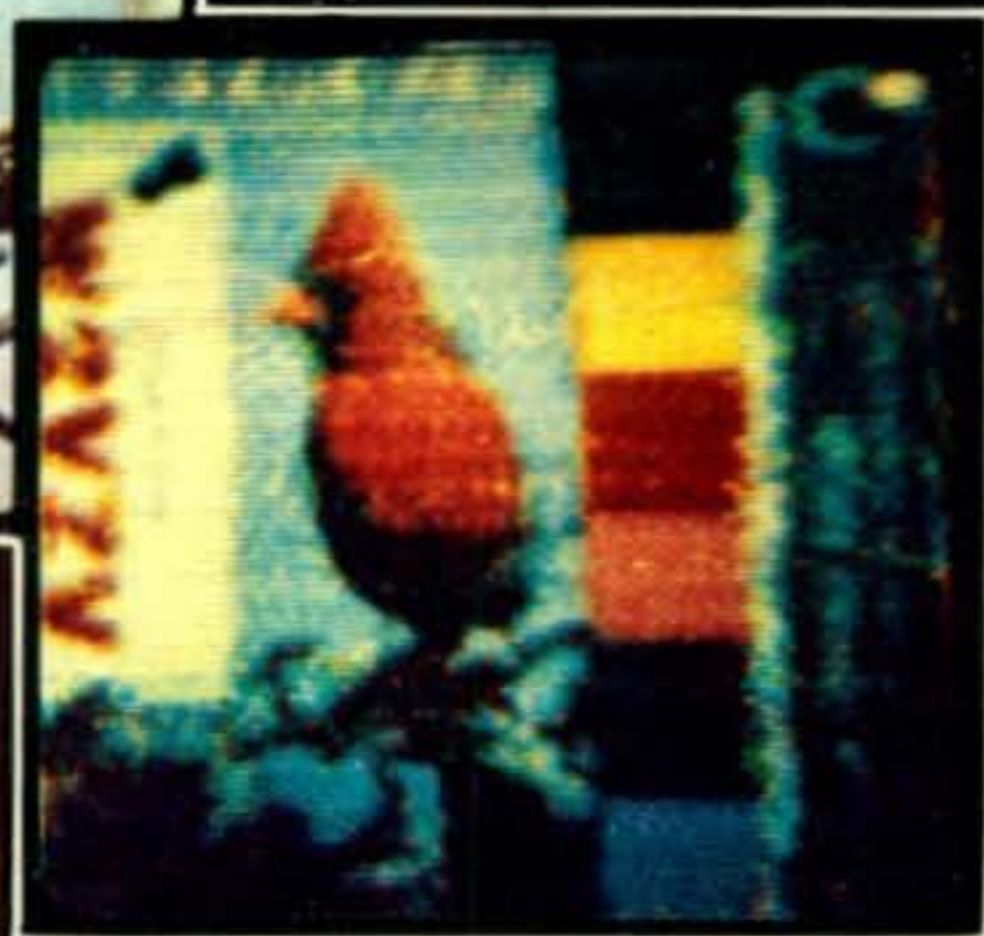


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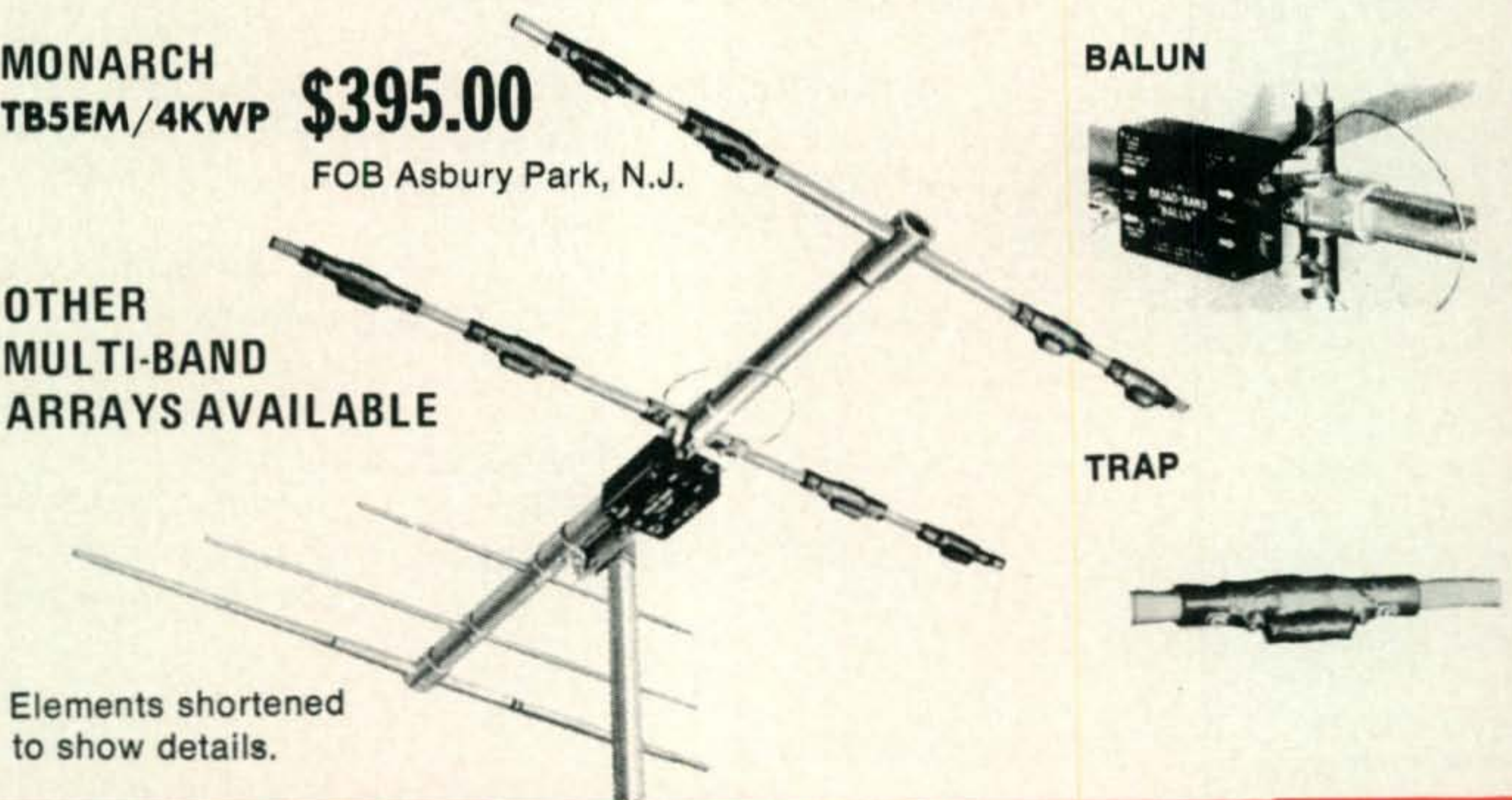
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Philippine Reciprocity

Editor, CQ:

As you, and many of your readers, know there have been efforts to bring about a reciprocal amateur radio operating agreement with the Philippine government for many years. As of the tenth of June, 1972, it was still not a reality.

In the years past, the Philippines Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Communications would allow some few Americans to operate under a DU call. As of September, 1971, the same office took a firm stand and has rejected all American applicants on the basis that no reciprocal agreement exists.

Recently the U.S. Embassy in Manila, through channels, submitted to Secretary Romulo of the Department of Foreign Affairs a proposed reciprocal agreement.

Many thanks are due Philippine amateurs who have endorsed and aided us in reaching this point of our negotiations. As the world of amateur radio operators wait and watch for the results of the Philippine government action we who live here are very anxious to resume our pursuit of the international hobby of amateur radio.

Bob Brown, WA4KHX/NØ5ZK
Subic Bay, Philippines

Enhancing the FTDX-560

Editor, CQ:

Richard Yoemans, W2DMK, in his excellent article in the July issue of CQ entitled "Further Enhancing Yeasu FTDX-560 Transceiver" states that the screen grid modifications to the final amplifier increase the average power output from 270 watts to 390 watts or by about 28%.

If my calculations are correct, an increase from 270 watts of power output to 390 watts is a 44% increase which is substantially more than 28% and a more desirable improvement.

Keith J. Ackley, W5SQS
Dallas, Texas

Gottlieb and His Filters

Editor, CQ:

I have been mighty pleased to note that your graphic arts and editorial people are obviously technically-oriented, and "on the ball." I say this because my articles have all emerged unscathed in scientific and grammatical integrity. This is great because it takes only a slight twist of word or art to alter the sense of the technical presentation. And, filter articles, in particular, are vulnerable to otherwise benign typos and booboos. . .

Irv Gottlieb, W6HDM
Menlo Park, CA

Editor, CQ:

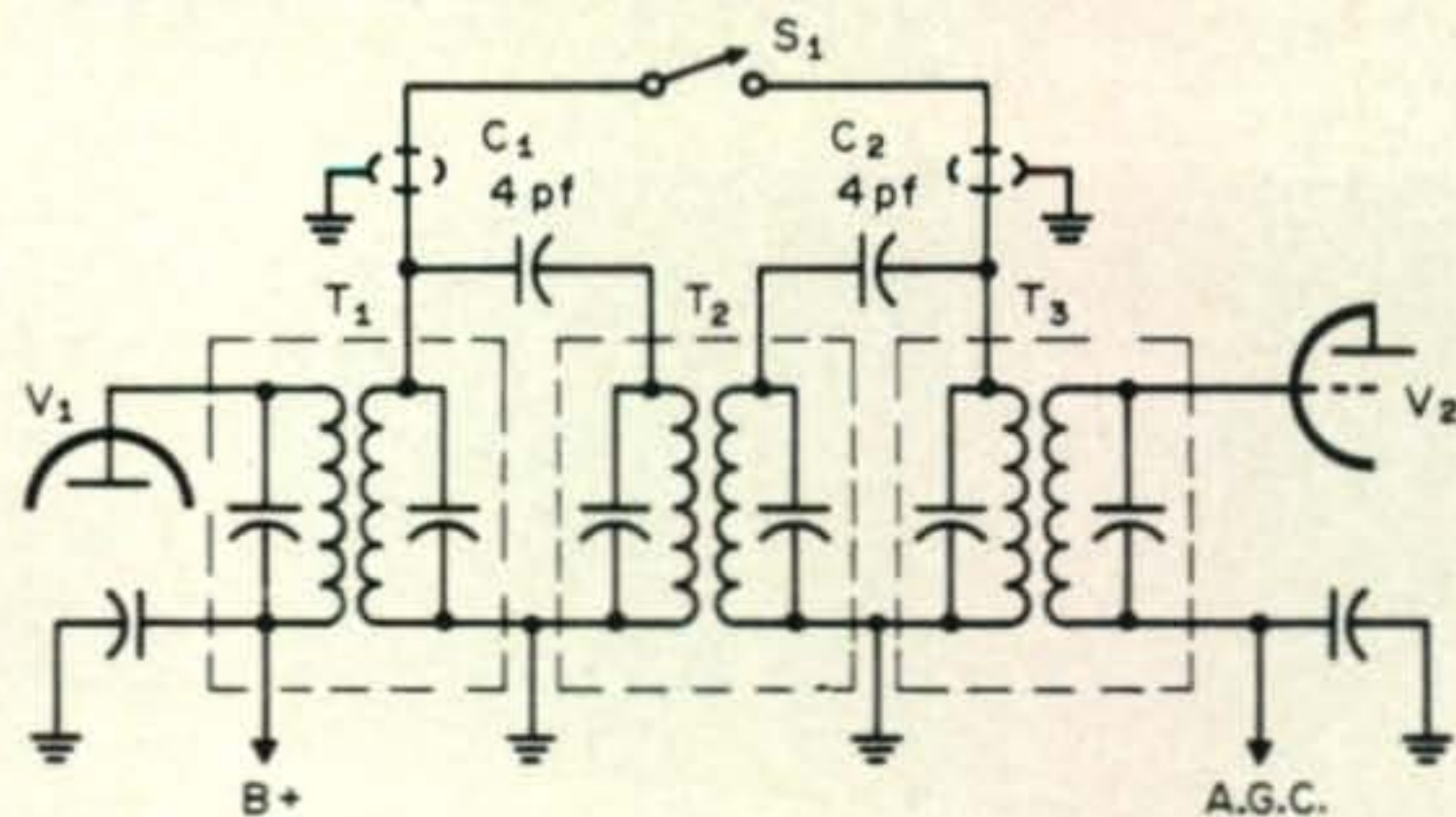
In reference to the June, 1972, CQ, I enjoyed the excellent article "A High Selectivity I.F. Filter" by Irving M. Gottlieb, W6HDM. The article stimulated thought and contributed encouragement to another experimentation. I offer

the three following questions in the interest of information as a fellow experimenter and not in any way as a questioning of the results Mr. Gottlieb received from his particular experiments.

1. Referring to suggestion No. 4, grounding of the inner circuitry of the filter, I have as a general observation noticed a drop in signal on a meter when a coupling link is grounded, but I believe the loss is due to reduced capacitance coupling that is not shunted to ground. I have seen no evidence that the band-pass is degraded since capacity coupling is untuned and can be out of the band-pass frequency, I would recommend grounding all floating links. Your comments would be appreciated.

2. In Reference to fig. 3 this adaptation of a constant- $K\pi$ section filter there would appear to be a second resonant frequency that might load part of the circuitry until the i.f. stages eliminated it. This band-pass frequency equals 455kHz $C^1 L^1, C^2 C^4 L^2, C^4 C^5 C^7 L^3 L^4, C^4 C^7 L^5, L^6 C^8$. The second frequency (higher) is $L^2 L^3 L^4 L^5 C^3 C^5 C^6$. In this second frequency actually a reality and how would it affect the band-pass.

3. Does Mr. Gottlieb's adaptation of a constant- $K\pi$ filter have any advantages over two 3-element π filters back-to-back that can be constructed from three i.f. transformers:



The above would have 6 tuned circuits, would require no additional transformers or transformer alterations. Coupling can be adjusted by C_1 and C_2 and (usually a twisted wire gimmick) and switched out by S^1 . The circuit, of course, is not original, however, I have used it in three-receivers with a 2-transformer version and have had good results and no problems.

I would appreciate your views on the above. If transformer alteration is an old ham area of experimentation and Mr. Gottlieb has added some fresh views on the subject. If his efforts have produced a better i.f. filter; his work has had a real pay off for "home brew" fans.

James M. West, WØNKI
Englewood, Colorado

The suggestion of Mr. West is an excellent one. I am very sure that it would be advantageous to be able to *ground* the inner circuit. If one could do this, the bandwidth should become even narrower because all signal transfer would then

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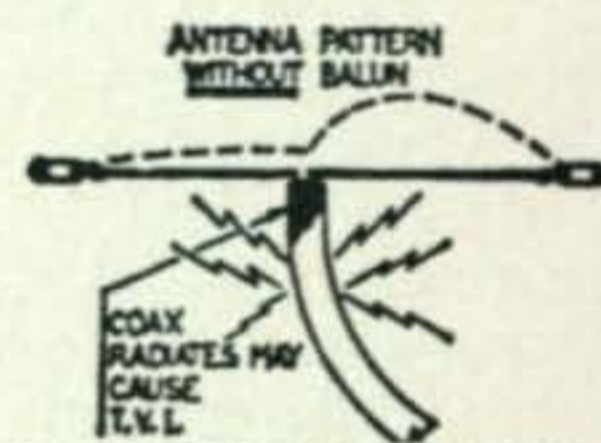
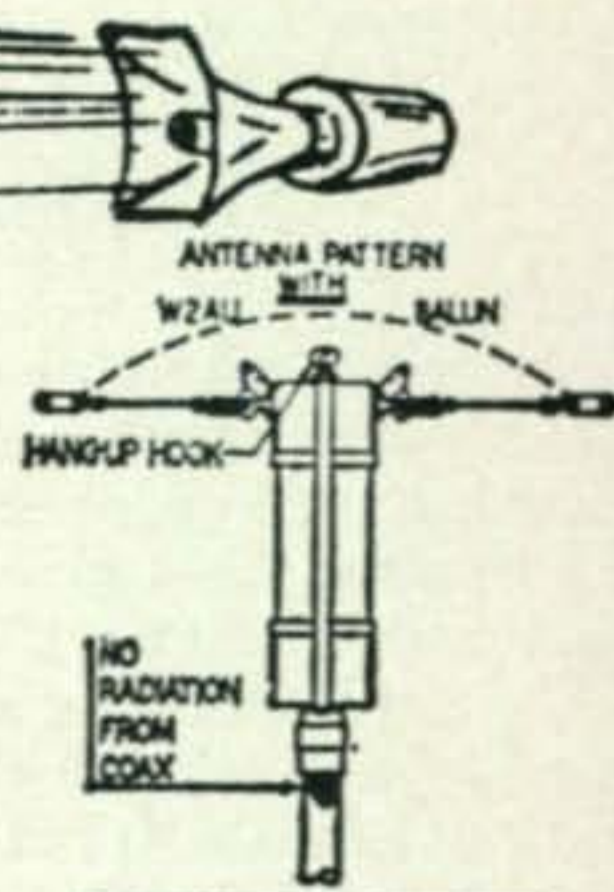
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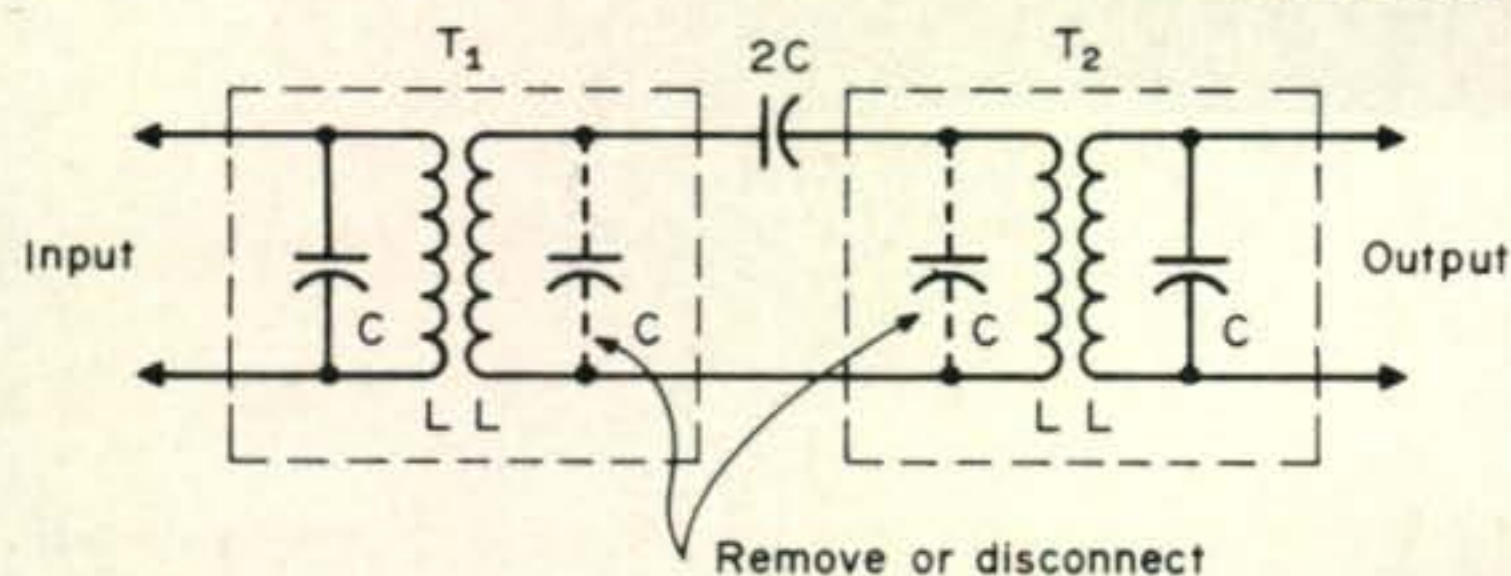
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necessarily be via the intended inductive-coupling, and none would get through by means of stray capacitance. I was unable to implement such a technique because of various second-order influences apparently stemming from proximity effects, leads, and perhaps radiation-coupling. I feel sure, however, that a bit of experimenting with component positioning, orientation, and packaging, could lead to the successful grounding of the inner circuit.

The possibility of a higher-frequency resonance within the inner circuitry is very intriguing. I would have to concede that in, all probability, it must exist. However, I do not think it finds itself in a very-favorable environment. Note, that the junction of L_3 and C_3 would constitute a high-impedance point for such a series-resonance. The presence of C_4 , which also connects to this junction, must impose heavy loading on such a resonance. (Similar logic would apply to the effect of C_7). If this resonance does exist, its effect must also be rendered negligible by the fact that there are, at the same time, five tuned-circuits simultaneously favoring passage of the i.f. frequency, and discouraging the passage of this higher frequency. In any event, I have detected no practical manifestation of the high frequency. (Maybe, if you lived next door to a 10 kw broadcast station on that frequency, the fact that the filter would reject it by 70 db rather than 85 db might pose a problem.)

I initially experimented with the back-to-back arrangements of i.f. transformers. My objective was to use a very-high transconductance tube, and maybe eliminate a couple of i.f. bottles. This scheme is good. It does, however, incur attenuation pretty rapidly as you cascade the transformers. And, I was not able to get the sought-after response shape from this technique. Of course, its salient feature is that it is relatively easy to implement. (My best results came about from removing the "inner circuit" parallel resonating-capacitors and then connecting a series capacitor of $2C$ in place of Mr. West's 4pf units.)

—W6HDM



Editor, *CQ*:

I wanted to write a small letter of praise for your magazine and mention that I intend to subscribe in the near future for almost one reason: the column being done by Irwin Math. It is exactly the kind of thing an old tube-type man such as myself really needs. Mr. Math has a knack for writing about things that I have of late been interested in but "was afraid to ask" about, and he has been doing it in a manner I have had little trouble understanding.

I am also glad to see the slow-scan-TV column. It is needed. Let me close by pleading for more articles on construction—it isn't an entirely lost part of the hobby—and by going on record

against the 220 mHz CB thing. I personally believe that when the FCC makes it prohibitively expensive to be *flagrantly* illegal and actually makes a few examples of the violators that people might begin to realize what it's all about—and more important, what it is NOT about.

Keep up the good work and thanks for the Reader Service.

Edward T. Tanton, WA4BAA
Atlanta, Georgia

Editor, *CQ*:

I have never seen fit to write any magazine in answers to LETTERS until I received the July issue of *CQ*. Two of the letters just didn't set right with me and I just gotta yell out.

Our friend Verne, WA9VLK, seems to feel like a lot of hams did when they outlawed spark—remember? There was lots of crying and some hams just let their licenses drop because they were just not going to use those new-fangled tube transmitters. Same thing when we all went to s.s.b. Well, I'm proud to say that I got my first license in 1922 and that I have operated spark, arc, tube and solid state, c.w., a.m. and s.s.b. I'm for progress 100%.

Now Roger, W6RW, old buddy, you have hurt my feelings. I will be 65 in October and I will sit down with you any time you say, and with my arthritic hands and all, I will copy 20 with pencil and 40 on mill and haven't operated c.w. in quite a number of years. Boy, my mind hasn't slowed down that much—some other faculties may-haps but not my mind. You remind me of my doctor. About 10 years ago he had his nurse call me and tell me that he wanted all of his elderly patients to take flu shots. Well, I just don't consider that I fall in that category.

Count me as one *young* vote for progress.

Charles F. Johnson, W51E
Denison, TX

Phase Out A.M.?

Editor, *CQ*:

It appears to me that the time is right to propose the phasing the a.m. method of broadcasting out of ham radio. For about ten years s.s.b. has been gaining favor as the best method to use and at the same time the best method for conserving spectrum space. During this same span of time the modern manufacturing techniques have produced transmitting and receiving equipment that excels in quality and capability.

Enough new and used s.s.b. equipment is now available so that no operator should be compelled, because of price, to maintain an a.m. station. I'm not going into the merits of a.m. vs. s.s.b. except to say that s.s.b. is the superior method just as jet engines outperform piston types.

The need to conserve spectrum space is sufficient justification to phase out a.m. broadcasting on the amateur bands. I'd like *CQ* to suggest a proposal that would set a future date, 1975 or so, after which to prohibit the use of a.m.

This thought is not new. Maritime mobile is going s.s.b. Aviation is almost entirely s.s.b. or f.m. as well as nearly every other form of two-way communication except amateur radio which—while striving for perfection in RTTY, f.m.,

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Memphis, Tennessee

The Greater Memphis ARC will hold a Hamfest September 17 at the State Technical Institute, located on Interstate 40 east of the city. Prizes, Flea Market, Tech talks, MARS meeting, XYL activities, food. The event will start at 8 A.M. until 5 P.M. Talk-in on 2 meters .34-.94, .22-.76, 75 meters 3.980. For information write: Evin Perdue WB4VDH, 239 Kenilworth, Memphis, Tenn. 38112.

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

The Golden Jubilee Hamfest of the Northern Alberta Radio Club will take place September 16 and 17 at the Silver Slipper Saloon on the Edmonton "Klondike Days" Exhibition grounds. Registration, which will begin at the Hamfest side on the evening of Friday, September 15, to the Sunday morning breakfast in the park will be \$1.00 per child. Activities include technical and social events, bunny hunts, technical contests, a banquet and a casino in the saloon, plus valuable prizes. Bring along the kiddies and the XYL. Camping facilities available. Listen on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 and on 2 meters for VA6NC, the special Hamfest station. We'll have special QSLs for all contacts.

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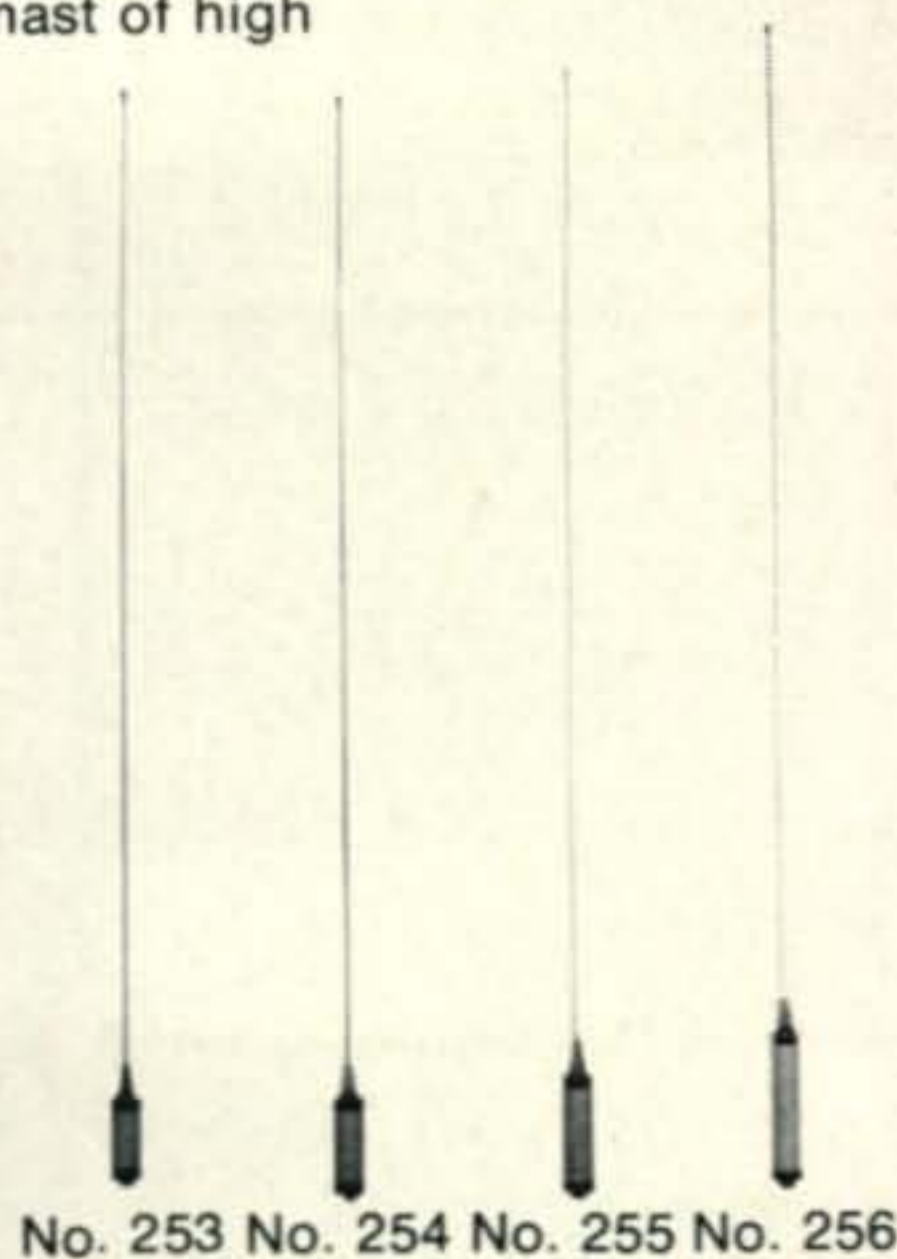
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Malaga, New Jersey

The South Jersey Radio Association (K2AA) will hold its annual Hamfest Sunday, September 10, at Molia Farms, located just off Route 47 at Malaga Lake, Malaga, N.J. Activities will start at 10 A.M. and there will be a variety of contests, games and displays, plus prizes for amateurs, wives and children. A protected pavilion and tables will be provided for Swap Shop participants and special parking for those who prefer to display their surplus gear and parts in the trunks of their cars. Picnic and protected swimming facilities will be available. Advance registration is \$2.00 per family or \$3.00 at the gate. Write to Fred Holler, W2EKB, 348 Bortons Mill Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 for tickets and Swap Shop reservations.

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The Midwest Conservation Net meets at 1500 GMT (10 A.M. CDT) on 7180-7181 MHz. The members will discuss environmental problems of all kinds and what can be done about them. All amateurs are welcome to check in.

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Santa Maria, California

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Loading With Antenna-Matching Coupler

QUESTION: I recently obtained a Drake MN-4 Antenna-Matching Coupler. It worked out very well with my Tri-Band Beam and Galaxy Transceiver, but now I'm having a loading problem with an inverted-V trap antenna for 40 and 80 meters. I can't get the rig to load properly. The Galaxy manual says that unless the first plate-current dip is below a certain point, the impedance is below the transmitter's matching capability and some change must be made at the antenna.

I thought that by quickly dipping the p.a. and then adjusting the coupler for a minimum s.w.r., this would change the impedance to 50 ohms, but apparently this is not the case as the plate current remains excessively high with the loading control set at minimum. It seems that whenever I adjust the MN-4 for minimum s.w.r., the plate current goes up. This was with the initial dip at no loading at all.

ANSWER: The problem with obtaining the proper operation with the MN-4 in the above case evidently is simply a matter of the adjustment procedure. We suggest that you start tuning up with a small amount of drive (detune the exciter-drive control), adjust the p.a. plate for resonance (dip) or, better still, for maximum output; then adjust the MN-4 coupler for a minimum s.w.r. reading. Now retune the p.a. and further reduce the s.w.r. if possible. Then increase the drive somewhat and recheck the s.w.r. or try to bring it lower if need be. When it is 1.5:1 or better, apply full drive; load and tune the p.a. for maximum output. Don't worry about the plate

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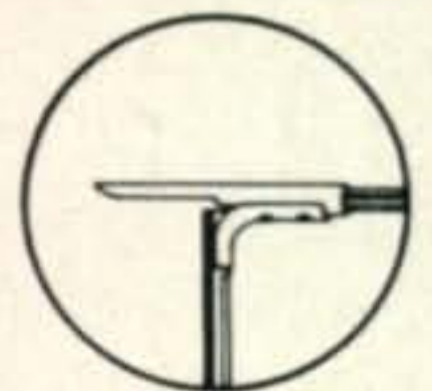
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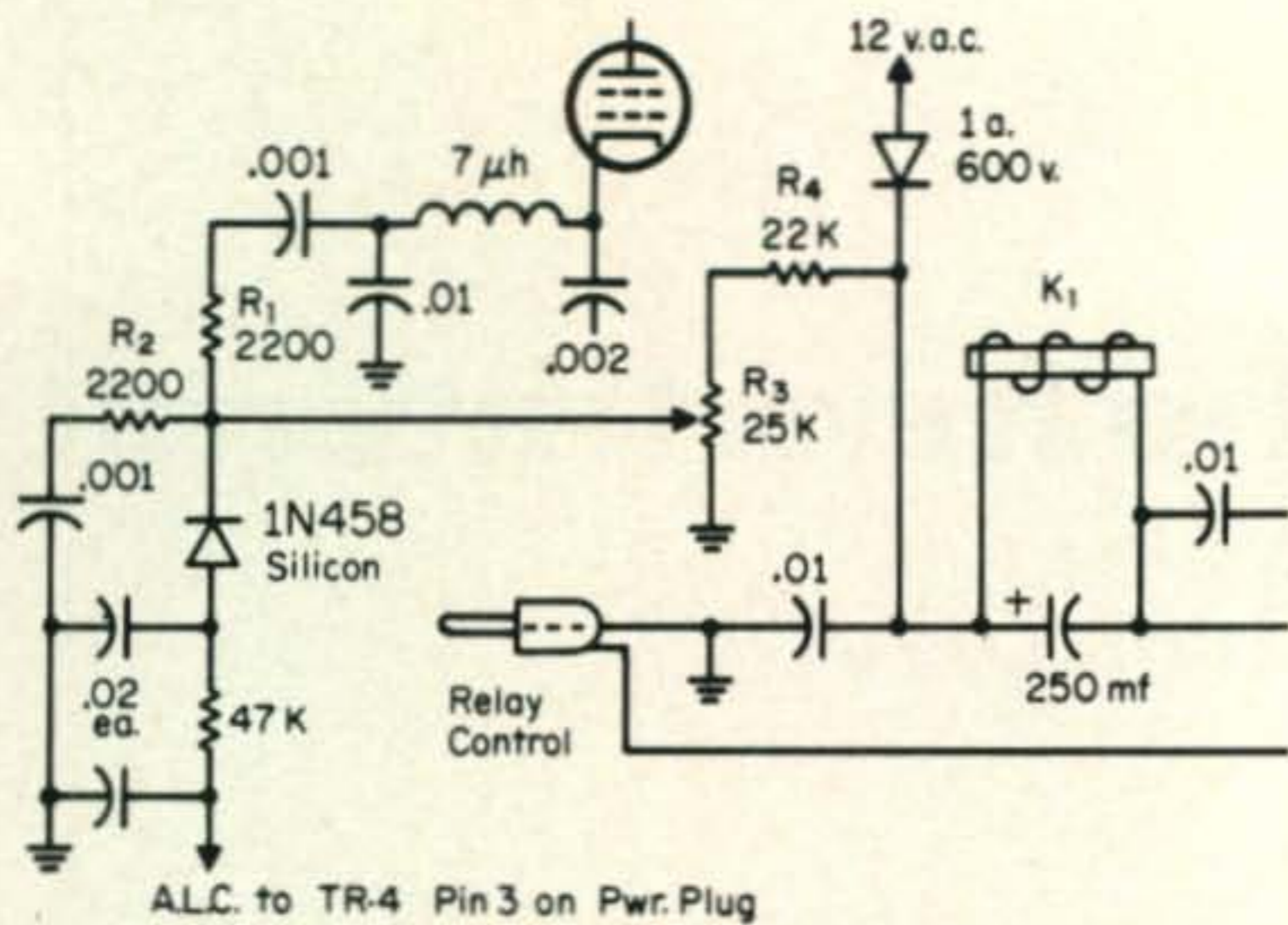


Fig. 1—Suggested circuitry for installing a.l.c. in Swan 1200 for use with Drake TR-4. R_3 is the threshold control to be adjusted for desired degree of a.l.c. R_1 , R_2 and R_4 may have to be juggled somewhat in value for proper operation.

current. As long as you're adjusted for the maximum possible output with full drive, the plate dissipation should be okay. Note that when the s.w.r. is high (which it may be before you get the coupler adjusted) it will affect the p.a. plate tuning, so you have to re-check the p.a. tuning each time you significantly change the s.w.r. Also use a short cable between the MN-4 and the transmitter. On 80 meters, try either the 80A or 80B positions on the coupler. If the above suggestions do not help, either the coupler is defective or the antenna system is way out of whack.

Also note, that the coupler does not change (or improve) the s.w.r. on the antenna transmission line. It only makes the line *look* like a low s.w.r. to the transmitter.

Transceive With NC-300 And Central Electronics 20-A

QUESTION: Never quite believing in transceivers, when I received my Advanced license I stayed with separates. A National NC-300 and a Central Electronics 20-A have given me good performance, but now I should like to build an adapter that would give me transceive operation with them. I'd like to use the crystal oscillator, amplifier, etc., modules offered by International Crystals. Could you refer me to any back issues of magazines or give suggestions on this project?

ANSWER: Combining the NC-300 and CE 20-A for transceive operation would require taking the outputs from all the NC-300 oscillators, mixing them along with crystals in an adapter to provide an output frequency equivalent to that normally used at the oscillator for the 20-A. A touchy problem here

might be getting rid of spurious mixing products which could get you in trouble with the FCC! I therefore do not recommend such a course, unless you have the know-how and the proper test gear for setting up such an affair.

A basic idea on combining gear for transceive work is written up in *CQ*, April 65, p. 30 under the title, "A 75A-4/HT-32 Transceiver."

A.L.C. With Swan 1200 Linear and Drake TR-4 Exciter

QUESTION: Can you devise an a.l.c. circuit for the Swan 1200-watt linear amplifier for use with a Drake TR-4?

ANSWER: A suggested setup for incorporating an a.l.c. system with the Swan 1200 and the Drake TR-4 is shown at fig. 1.

Keying Monitors

QUESTION: Have you any articles on c.w. keying monitors?

ANSWER: Articles on c.w. keying monitors may be found in past issues of *CQ* as follows:

"Beeper—A Keying Monitor," (r.f.-actuated), February 1960, p. 45.

"A C.W. Monitor for Grid-Block Keyed Transceivers," April 1965, p. 62.

"A Self-Powered C.W. Monitor," August 1965, p. 36.

"Keying Relay and Monitor," October 1965, p. 45.

"A Cheap and Simple C.W. Monitor," February 1966, p. 58.

"C.W. Monitor with a Switch," (r.f.-actuated code practice oscillator), May 1966, p. 62.

"A Keying Monitor in the Key," (several designs of transistorized keying monitors for use with grid-block or cathode keying of transmitters), September 1967, p. 87.

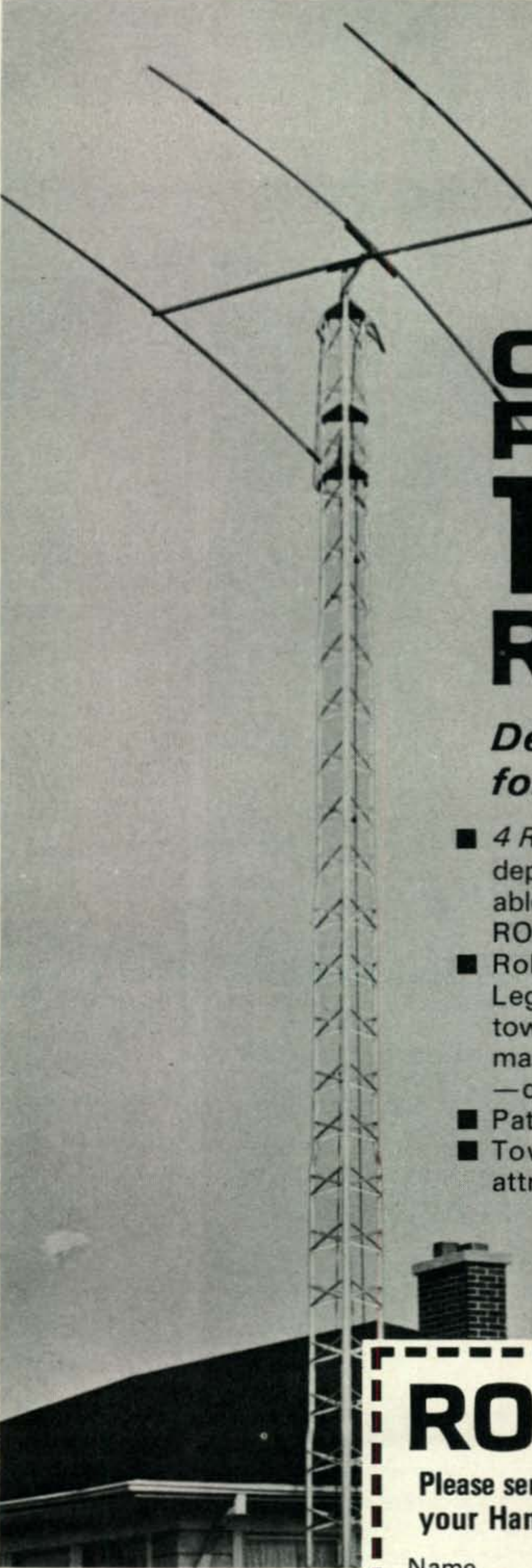
"A Side-Bridge C.W. Monitor," (built into s.w.r. bridge by which it is activated), August 1971, p. 31.

D.S.B. Data

QUESTION: Where can I obtain technical data and some construction information on d.s.b. gear?

ANSWER: 133 pages of data relating to d.s.b. gear will be found in the "New Sideband Handbook" by Don Stoner. It is obtainable for \$3.00 from the *CQ* Circulation Department.

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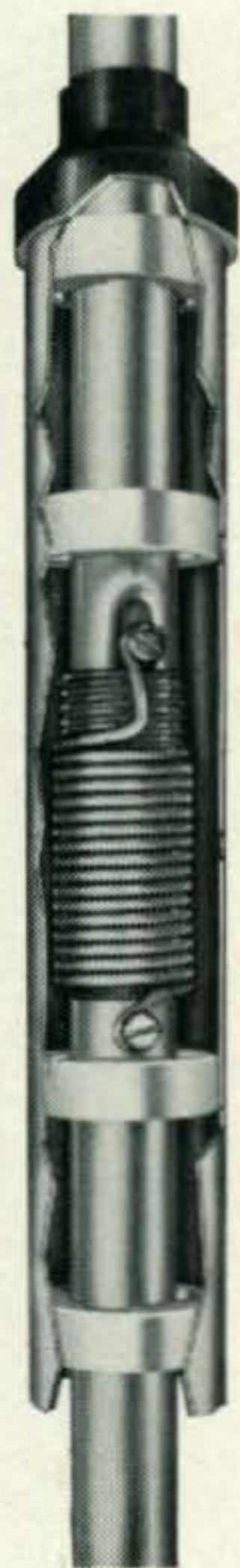
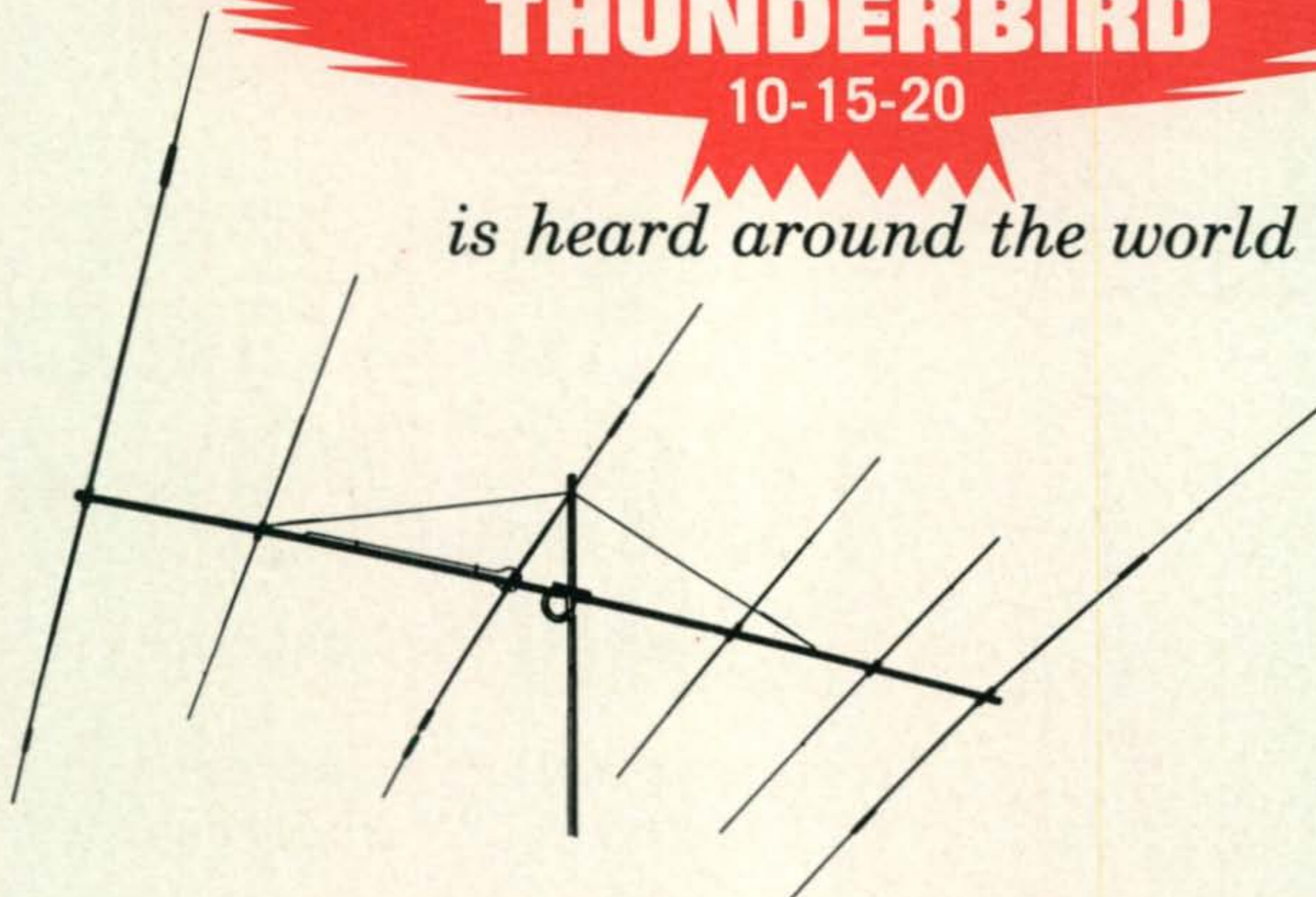
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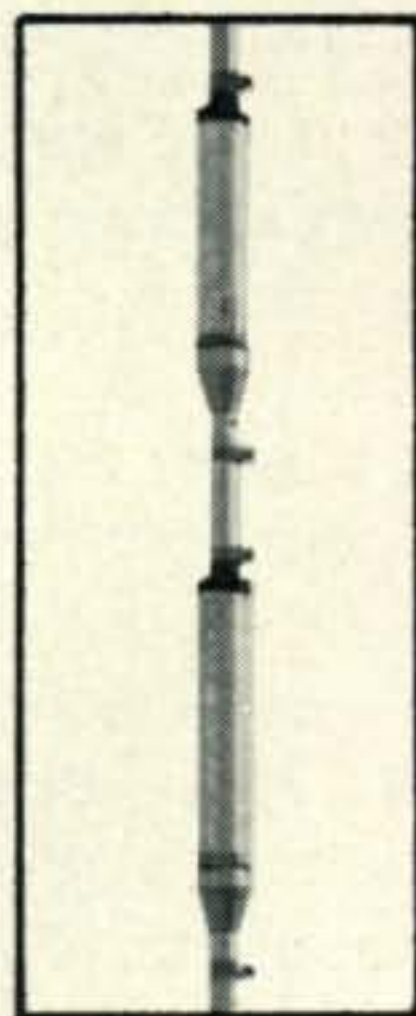
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Slow-Scanning

COLOR

BY W. H. DE WITT,* W2DD

Color Adds A New Dimension To Slow-Scan Television

DURING the past year the writer has had the pleasure and the excitement of transmitting color photographs to several other amateurs, including what is believed to be the first intercontinental slow-scan television color picture transmission to (simultaneously) ZS5PP and ZS6UR. In addition to the South African contact, other color photos have been sent to VK3LM, GW3DZJ, and WA6RNG. Color photos have been received from PA0LAM, VK3LM, and WA6RNG. Color prints documenting these contacts are on hand.

The system used in these contacts combines principles of color photography over a hundred years old with state-of-the-art SSTV. Anyone who is experienced in slow-scan operation, has a film camera, a few filters, and a tape recorder can join the fun. Some knowledge of photography is helpful but not necessary. The results? Careful effort yields good pictures! But let me warn you, the fascination of your first slow-scan color picture may leave you chained to a new phase of amateur television!

Everyone (well, almost everyone!) knows that you can't see color pictures on an SSTV monitor. All you can see are those black-to-greenish-white images which we choose to call monochromes. How does this system work? A color subject is televised through three primary color filters. The camera output is tape-recorded. Recordings of several frames (per color) are played back to create monochromes representing the three colors on the monitor screen. These monochromes

are photographed onto daylight-balanced film through the corresponding color filters to produce exposures in the red-, green-, and blue-sensitive layers in the film equivalent to a direct camera exposure to the subject. Upon processing, the film produces a color photograph.

On the cover of this issue are several reproductions of color SSTV subject material, transmitted images and the intermediate stages which combine to produce a color photograph. These reproductions are lettered A through H, and will be referred to in the following text. Simulations of photos C, D, and E are also reproduced within this article for convenience and comparative purposes.

Now let's take a look at the block diagrams at fig. 1 to get a little more detail. ("How-to-do-it information" appears at the end of this article.)

For practical reasons it's best to make up a color tape for transmission rather than to try to make lens adjustments and filter changes "live" as they say on TV. Let's consider the generation of a local or "closed circuit" picture. First, the subject is illuminated evenly with two photoflood lamps in reflectors. Several slow scanned frames are then tape recorded from the camera with a red filter over the TV camera lens. This sequence is followed by similar sequences of frames with a green, then a blue filter. By using these three filters, we have separated the total color information in the subject into its red, green, and blue components—and now we have a color picture on tape. Having separated the picture into its color components, our problem is to put it back together again. So let's rewind the tape!

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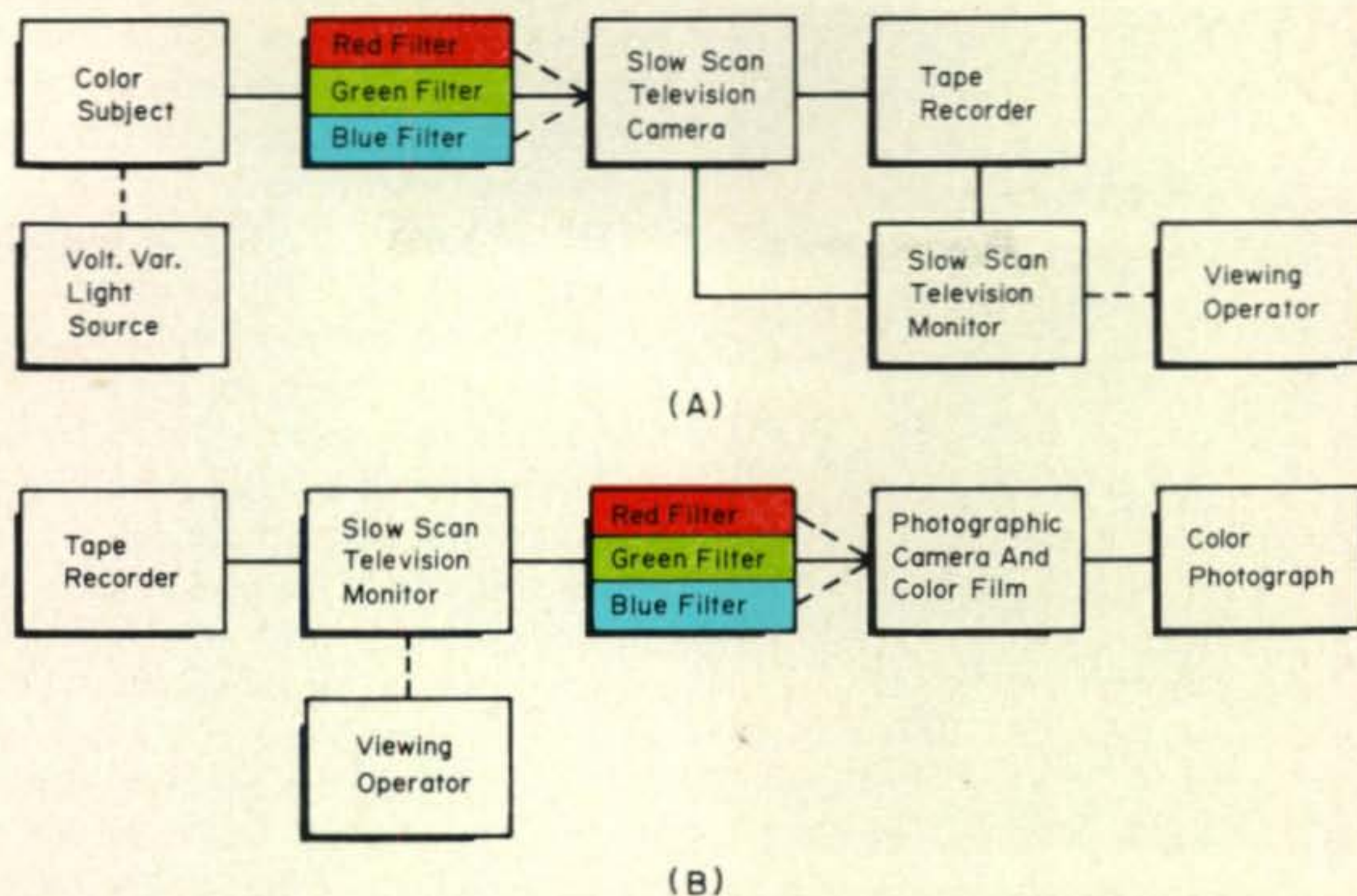


Fig. 1—(A) Block diagram of tape recording cycle to produce a color tape from a color photograph.
(B) Tape playback cycle to produce color photograph from recorded tape.

While playing back the "red information" on the station SSTV monitor, the monitor screen is photographed onto daylight-balanced color film using a red filter over the camera lens. Without moving the camera or advancing the film, two more exposures are made using a green, then a blue filter as the appropriate color information is played back from the tape. This triple exposure puts all of the color information back together again. The film really doesn't care whether it sees all three sets of color information at once or separately. It just puts all of the exposures together, and when it's processed, produces a color picture like those on the cover.

If this all seems at bit complicated, take a look at fig. 2(A), 2(B), and 2(C). These closed-circuit photos show how the three separate exposures produce images in the red-, green-, and blue-sensitive layers of the film. However, when all three layers are exposed, the dyes combine to produce a full color print (or slide) as seen in Photo B on the cover. This approach to color photographic printing has been in use for years in motion-picture and photofinishing color printing systems.

Now let's see how the pieces of this system affect the quality of the results. And just to keep everything in perspective, let's remember that commercial TV is said to have about 250,000 visible picture elements. Our slow-scan TV system gives us about 16,500 visible picture elements! With this kind of built-in

limitation, the need for good control of all system elements is all the more important.

A test object that includes a gray scale, saturated colors, and flesh tones will make it easier to estimate color balance and density adjustments. The writer's choice of the red cardinal shown in Cover Photo G (which established new migratory patterns for this colorful bird) was made because of expected red reproduction problems. However, as you can see in Photo A, the photogenic Ms. Gail Fox makes color SSTV even more fascinating.

Cover Photographs

Photo A—Direct photo of W2DD color test chart. (Female model photo courtesy of Eastman Kodak Co.)

Photo B—Photo of closed-circuit display on monitor screen made by color separation exposures as described in the article.

Photos C, D, E—Single color exposure resulting from photographing the red, green, and blue playbacks through corresponding filters. Closed-circuit.

Photo F—Color transmission by PA(L)AM as tape recorded by W2DD.

Photo G—Original W2DD color test chart. (Courtesy of *Wildlife Magazine*. Photograph by Thase Daniel).

Photo H—W2DD transmission tape-recorded by ZS6PP.

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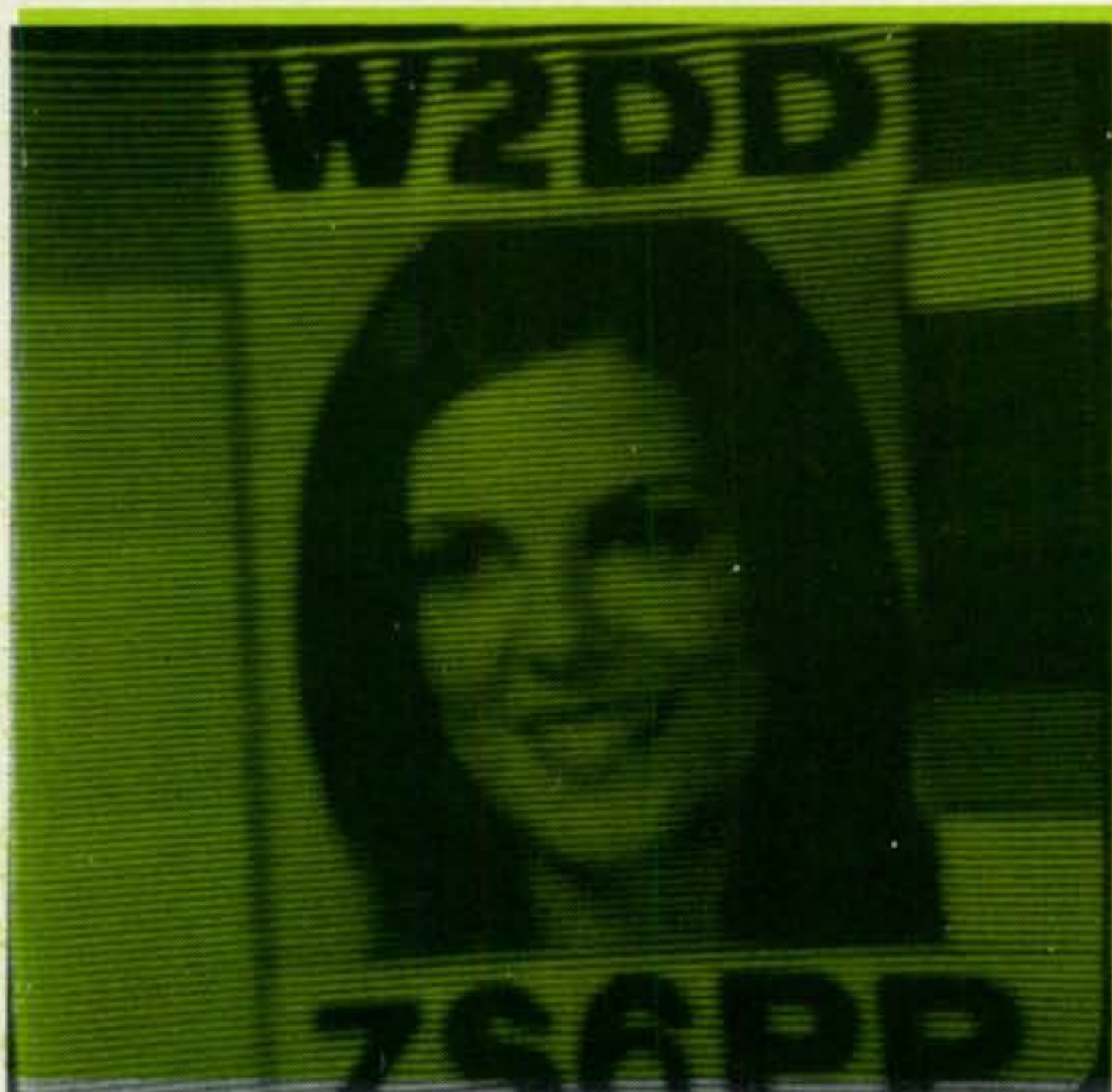
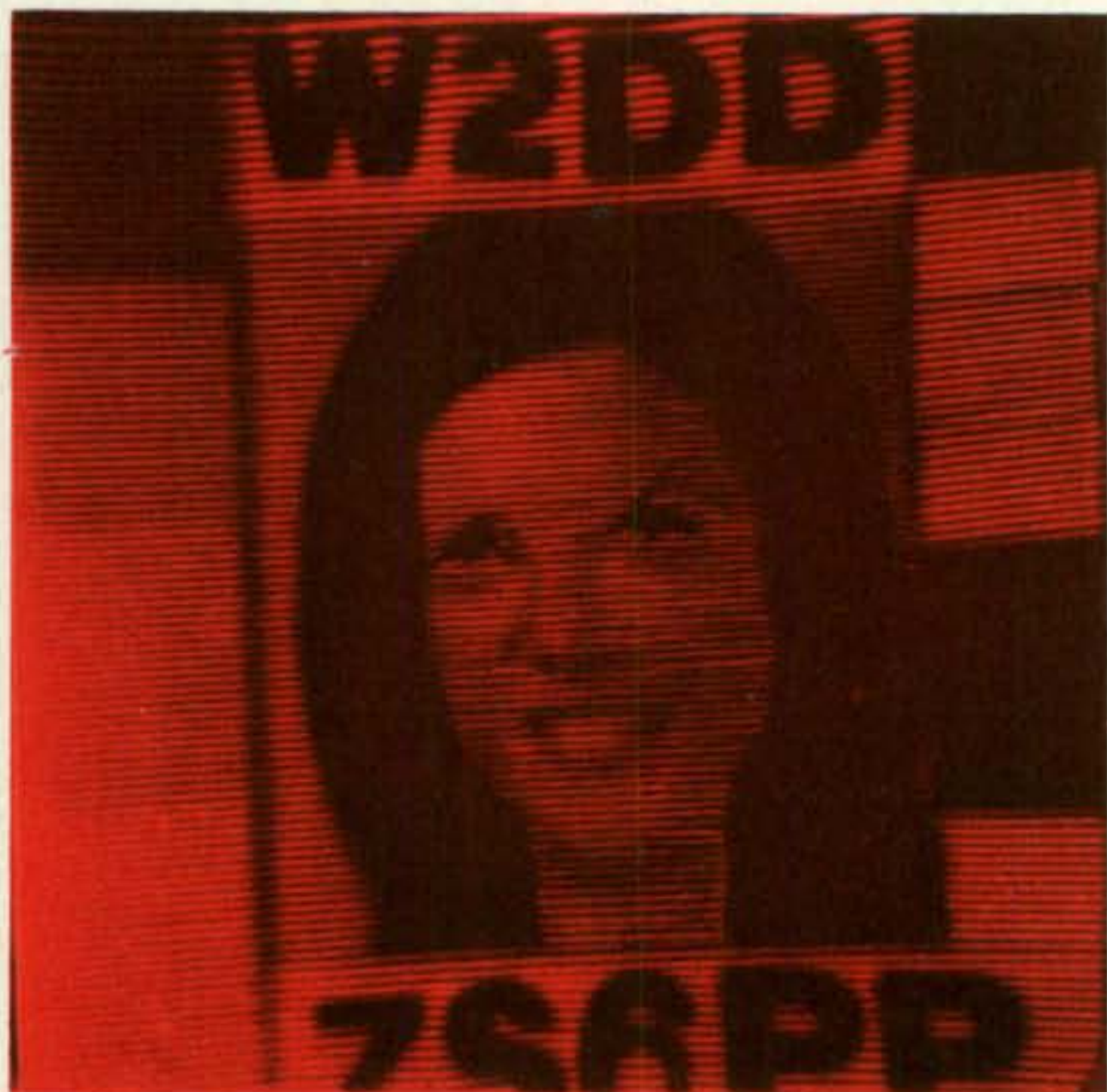


Fig. 2—Single color exposures produced by photographing the red, green and blue. Tape playbacks through corresponding filters. Closed circuit.

The problem of getting a satisfactory color balance can be greatly reduced by using photofloods or movie-lamps to illuminate the subject. High-wattage tungsten lights or flood-lamps have insufficient blue and green output.

The physical stability of both the TV and film cameras must be good or sharpness will suffer. The cameras should be supported by a rugged tripod or clamped to a firm support like a desk or counter-top.

To simplify the task of making triple exposures, use a film camera with a bulb setting on the shutter. Cameras with interlocking shutter-cocking and film-advance mechanisms present a problem, but the bulb exposure setting will permit you to open the shutter and time the exposure with a lens cap. If your camera has an electronic shutter you can put a piece of black tape over the photocell sensor and time the exposure by holding down the shutter release.

All of the prints shown on the cover and within this article were made from Kodak Ektachrome-X film 35mm slides. We used this daylight-balanced film because it makes it easier (than would be the case for tungsten-balanced film) to obtain similar exposure times for all three colors when photographing the monitor screen. The shortest possible time for exposing a color picture in this system (24 seconds) is attainable by using Kodak High Speed Ektachrome film (Daylight) in a camera with an $f/1.9$ lens. However there is an advantage to be gained in multi-frame exposures, which we will discuss next.

Sometimes it's all too obvious that the signal-to-noise ratio is a visible thing in television pictures. But the signal-to-noise ratio of pictures received in the slow-scan system under conditions of intermittent noise or QRM can be improved by a technique that might be called signal integration. Signal integration is accomplished by photographing a several-frame playback. If the noise or interference is not continuous or cyclical, the repeated exposure of the film will result in at least partial elimination of the noise in any one frame. The film captures information that your eye cannot store. The net result is a photo that is considerably better than would be expected from viewing the individual frames.¹ This is graphically illustrated in fig. 3A, 3B, and 3C which show the average quality of the red, green, and blue frames received from W2DD by ZS6PP. The final

¹This technique can also be used in black-and-white photography.

picture quality resulting from these frames is shown on the cover in Photo H. A picture of equal quality was made from a tape recorded by ZS6UR. Completely hopeless frames were eliminated in making the pictures from signals received by ZS6PP and ZS6UR, but you can see that the average quality of the frames was not very good. This technique worked beautifully in a two-way picture exchange with WA6RNG, but was effective with continuous QRM on PAØLAM's signal (see Photo F on cover) The information storing capability of the tape and the information integrating capability of the film are certainly very useful tools! The image sharpness speaks well for the Robot Monitor design.

We determined by measurement that the color separation filters mentioned earlier reduce the amount of light reaching the Vidicon target sufficiently to lower the contrast as well as the brightness of the picture. To insure that the three monochromes will appear on the monitor screen with equal and correct contrast, the TV camera lens must be opened up by differing amounts for the three filters. (What we're trying to do is to make the film "think" it has seen the original subject instead of three greenish monochromes!) The direct photos of the W2DD color charts and their SSTV equivalents (see cover) illustrate how well this can be done.

The typical exposure conditions for SSTV color photos shown in Table 1 were determined using a Robot Research Monitor with the amber-colored filter in place. If you have a homebrewed monitor it is important that you use a Plexiglas No. 2208 (as used by Robot) or equivalent filter over your monitor screen. As an alternative you can use the Kodak Light Balancing Filter No. 85B over your camera lens. It will be much easier to get a good color balance in your pictures if you use either of these filters, however you will find that adjustments of the Table 1 values will be necessary. If you do not use a filter, your pictures will probably turn out rather blue and over-exposed.

VK3LM, John Wilson, reports that many VKs are using tubes that have been rephosphored. The E-26 phosphor used in these "Down-Under" tubes is apparently a dual type, with output across the entire visible spectrum even though the screen as viewed has a predominantly orange color. From the limited data at hand we would expect these tubes to be satisfactory for the color system

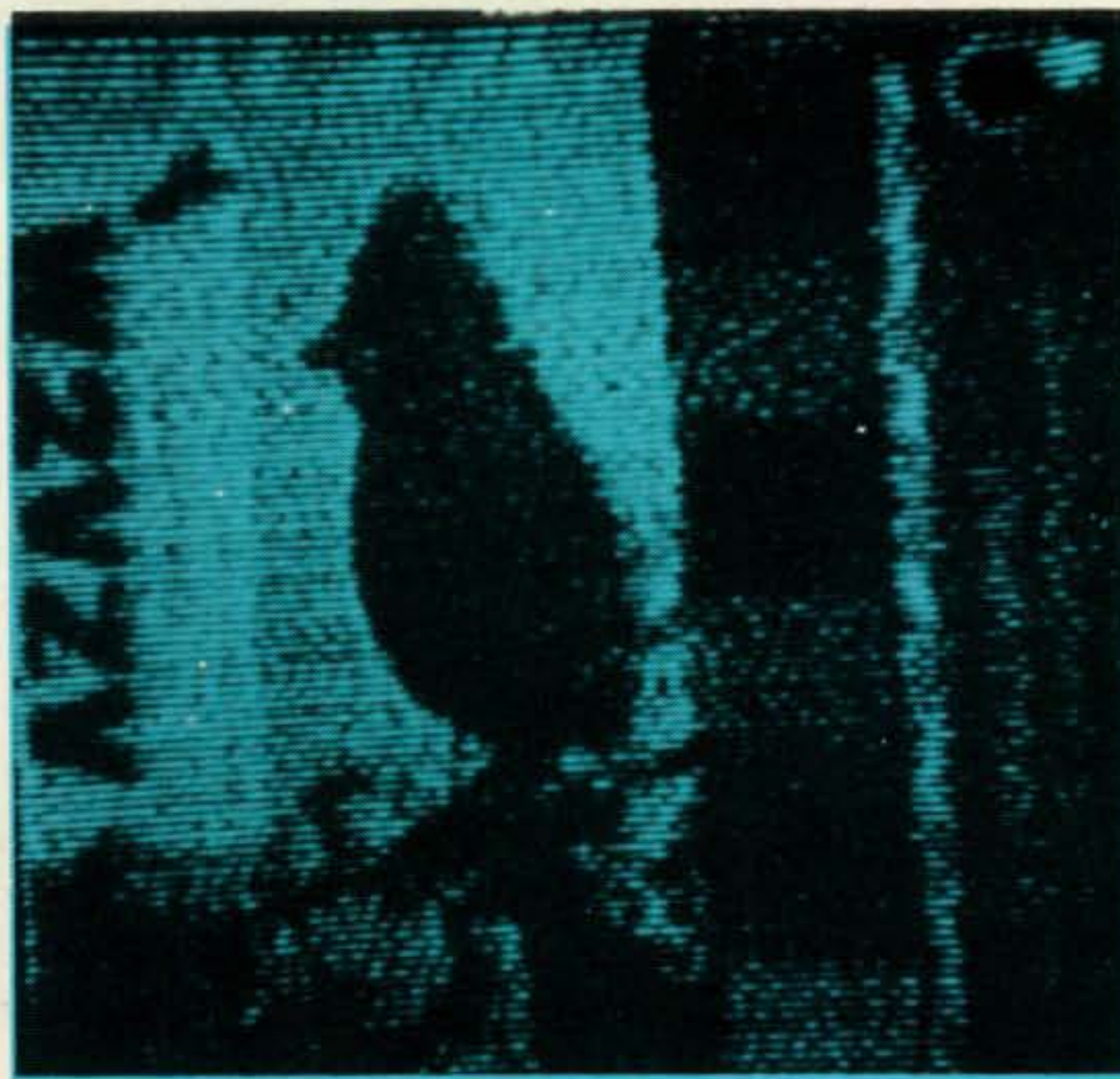
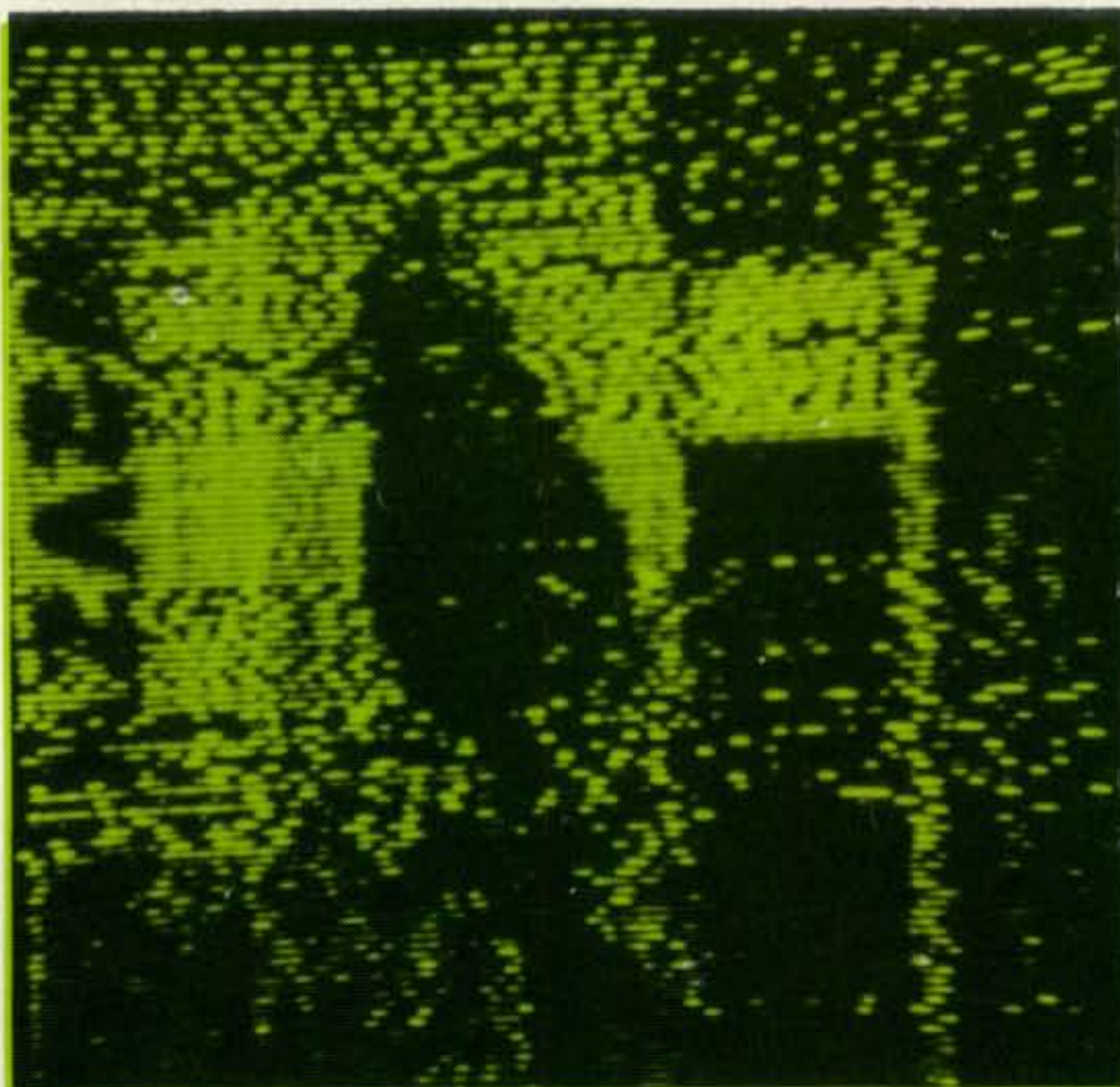
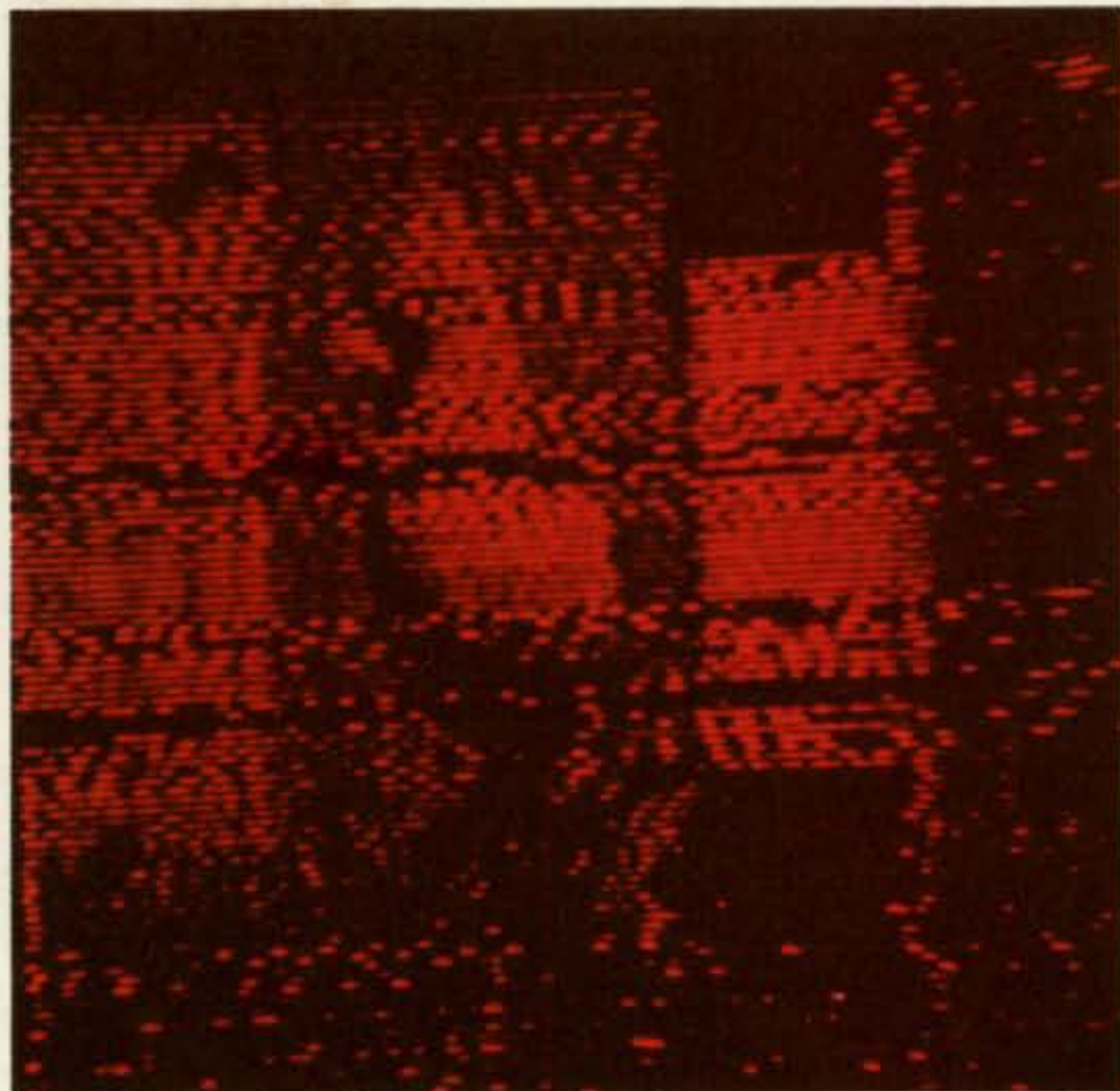


Fig. 3—Typical frames of red, green, and blue. W2DD transmission tape-recorded by ZS6PP used in producing cover photo H. Note the strong presence of noise interference which is minimized in the composite cover photo H.

Table 1—Typical Exposure Conditions for SSTV Color Photos

	Red Filter		Green Filter		Blue Filter	
	Frames	f Stop	Frames	f Stop	Frames	f Stop
Ektachrome—X Film	12	8.0	5	8.0	10	8.0
	6	5.6	2	4.5	5	5.6
	3	4.0	3	6.0	3	4.5
	3	4.5	1	3.5	2	3.5
High Speed Ekta— Chrome Film	12	11.0	5	11.0	10	11.0
	2	3.5	2	4.5	2	4.0
	6	8.0	2	6.3	5	8.0
	1	2.8	1	3.5	1	2.8

These are average values based on normal viewing brightness and contrast settings on a Robot Monitor (with the amber filter in position). Adjustments in these values will be required to accommodate for differences in CRT screen brightness, contrasts and phosphor characteristics.

described here. (However, adjustments will have to be applied to Table 1.) No amber-colored filter should be used with the E-26 phosphor. We recommend reducing the red exposure and increasing the blue exposure from that suggested for the P-7 phosphor.

If your CRT has an orange-colored (single) phosphor, don't expect this system to work. Color films require exposure in all three color sensitive layers. With no blue emission from that orange phosphor you will get a two-color picture. There is an alternate method of producing color photos via slow-scan that will work with any color phosphor, but we have avoided using it so far because it is more complicated.

A few suggestions based on experience and correspondence with other color SSTV addicts:

1. Keep a record of lamp voltage, TV camera, monitor and film camera settings.
2. Identify each color segment on your tapes by voice, counter number, or marker in the scene.
3. Avoid small detail in the subject.
4. Use a close-up attachment or auxiliary lens on your film camera to optimize image size.
5. When photographing the monitor, work in a darkened room. Stray light will ruin the color balance of the picture. Avoid reflections off the monitor screen.
6. Take precautions to avoid camera movement or vibration. Although we have already described the steps of recording and playback for this system in some detail, the "How-to-do-it" section listed below should make it apparent that the system is not too complicated after all.

How To Make A Color Tape

1. Illuminate the subject evenly and adjust the TV camera lens to produce a sharp picture of good brightness and contrast on your monitor. (Normal monitor setting.)
2. Place a Kodak Wratten filter No. 25 (red) over the camera lens. Open the lens one stop.
3. Record twelve frames on tape.
4. Replace the red filter with a Kodak Wratten filter No. 58 (green). Open the lens another stop.
5. Record five frames on tape.
6. Replace the green filter with a Kodak Wratten filter No. 47 (blue). Open the lens an additional one-half stop.
7. Record ten frames on tape.
8. Rewind the tape to the start, and you're ready to make (or transmit) your first slow-scan TV color picture.

Photographing A Color Tape Playback

1. Set the film camera lens at *f*/8.0, shutter at B (or bulb exposure).
2. Place the red filter over the camera lens.
3. Open the shutter and play back twelve frames of the red recording. Close the shutter.
4. Re-cock the shutter *without* advancing the film. Replace the red filter with the green filter.
5. Open the shutter and play back five frames of the green recording. Close the shutter.
6. Re-cock the shutter *without* advancing the film. Replace the green filter with the blue filter.
7. Open the shutter and play back ten

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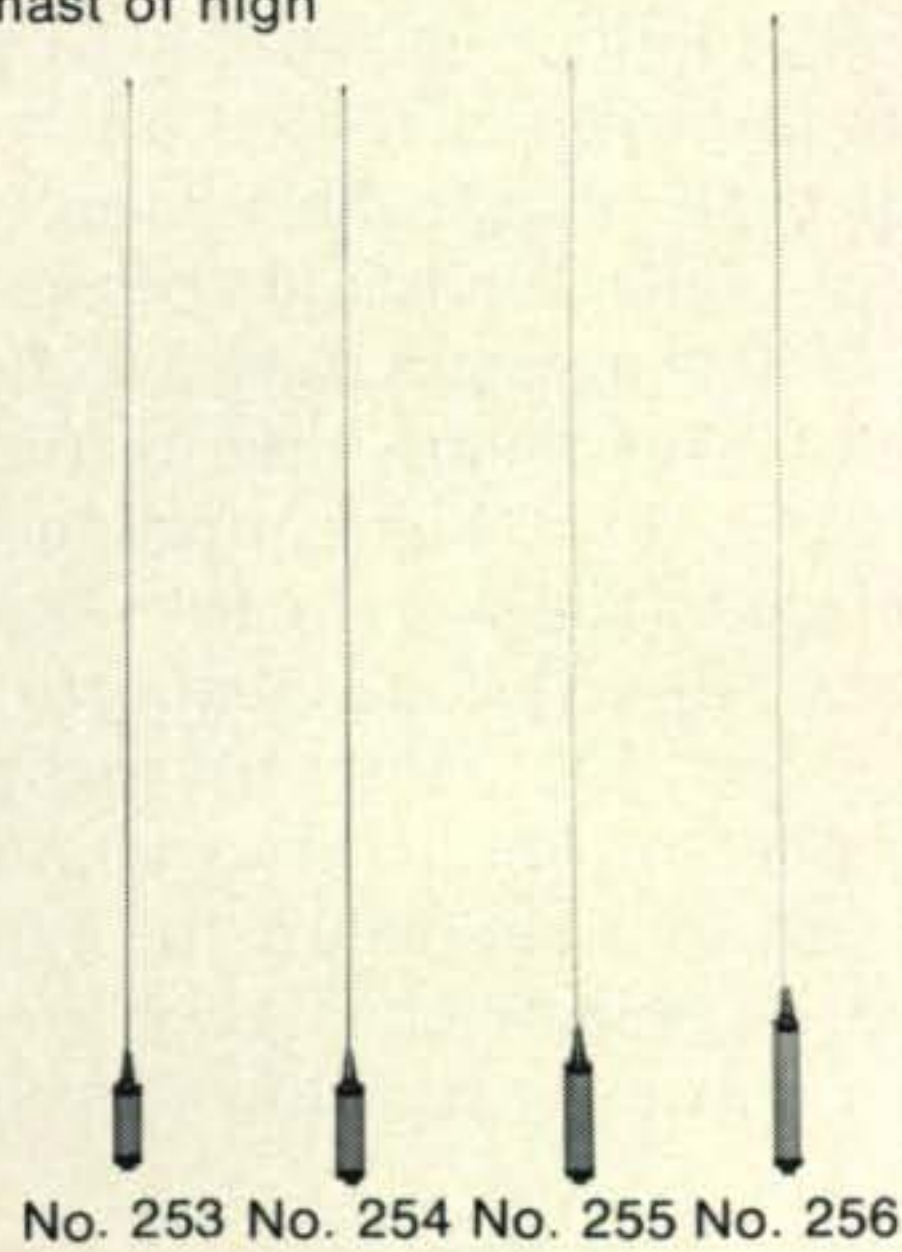
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Slow Scan TV

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THIS month we will continue our look at the problem of making electrostatically deflected CRT's perform. We will examine a deflection amplifier design, and the problem of keeping 60 and 120 Hz ripple out of the picture.

E.S. CRT Deflection

Because of the very low frequencies involved, direct, or d.c. coupling is necessary in many slow-scan circuits. Back in the days of vacuum tubes, problems of voltage drift due to tube aging and component heating, and poor devices for coupling between d.c. levels (*i.e.*, neon bulbs) made direct coupling the approach of last resort. With today's I.C. op amps and silicon transistors for amplification, and with zener diodes to couple between d.c. levels, stable direct coupled circuits can be readily designed.

Figure 1 illustrates a transistor deflection amplifier suitable for either horizontal or vertical deflection with the electrostatic CRT and power supply circuit shown in last month's column. Two of these amplifiers are required in order to supply both H and V amplification. This amplifier will supply over 500 volts of peak-to-peak deflection voltage (250 volts p-p at each plate). This is more than enough to fully deflect most electrostatic CRT's. The MJE-340 transistors have a V_{CEO} rating of 300 volts. This means that even if the base is connected to a high impedance circuit or open circuit (the worst case situation) the transistors will withstand a collector-to-emitter voltage of 300 volts. Actually, since the 150K collector load resistors limit the collector current to a low value, the supply voltage could be somewhat higher than 300 volts without causing breakdown problems.

Since the normal deflection plate current is in the low microamp range or below, an average collector current (I_C) of 1 ma is sufficient and was selected for this amplifier.

At this current level the transistors require no heat sinks, and 1 watt collector load resistors are adequate. You will recall that approximately balanced push-pull voltages are desired to drive the deflection plates, and that these voltages should have the same average value with respect to ground. This is accomplished in the circuit shown through the action of the 36K resistor returned to -75 volts which acts to keep the sum of both collector currents at an almost constant 2 ma. When the voltage at the base of Q_1 is the same as the voltage at the base of Q_2 the collector currents will be equal at 1 ma each, and the voltage at each deflection plate will be $+150$ volts. Since the voltage between the plates is zero, the spot should be near the center of the screen. If the Q_1 base-to-ground voltage is raised, the Q_1 I_C will go up. Since the sum of the two collector currents is maintained at a constant 2 ma, the I_C of Q_2 drops by the same amount as the Q_1 I_C increase. This gives push-pull output while maintaining the same average voltage at the pair of plates.

While a 0 to $+8$ volt sawtooth drive is shown, the actual d.c. level can be slightly different (-4 to $+4$ volt swing for example) provided that the centering pot circuit will deliver a voltage to the base of Q_2 equal to the midpoint voltage of the sawtooth. Since the base current of a transistor equals rough-

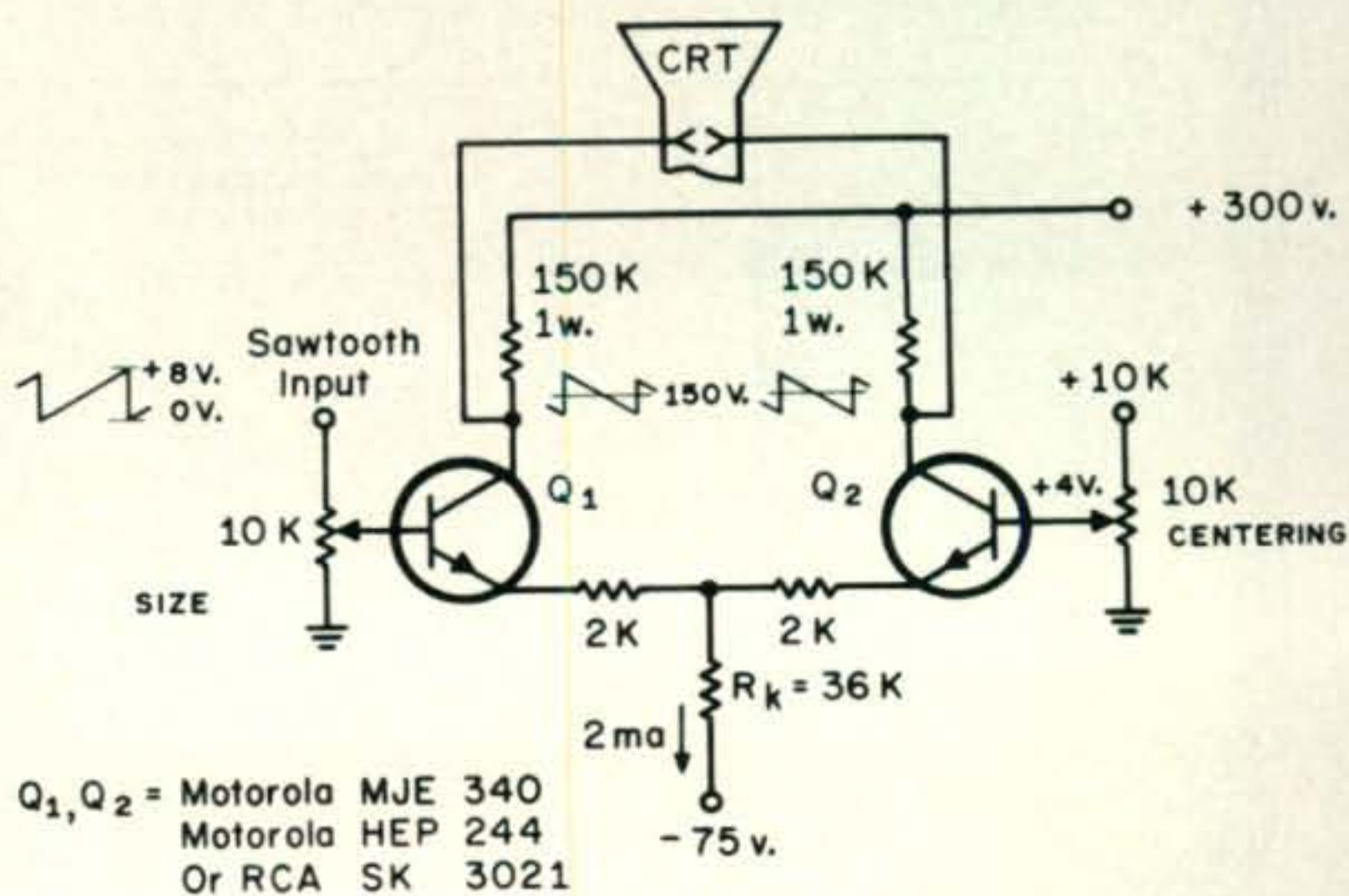


Fig. 1—D.c. coupled deflection amplifier for electrostatic deflection CR tube.

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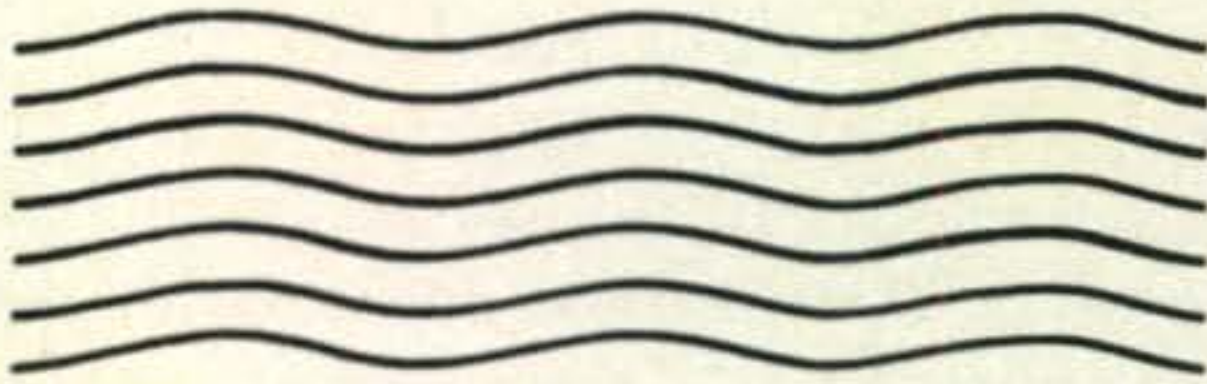


Fig. 2—Exaggerated representation of 60 Hz spurious y-axis deflection of scan lines (synchronized with monitor scan).

ly $I_C \div H_{EE}$ (collector current divided by the large signal d.c. current gain) the base currents may run as high as 40 microamps. Keep this in mind if you change the centering circuit. No problems should be encountered if the resistance of the centering control is kept at 10K or less to ground. If a different negative supply voltage is available, select a value of R_K that will give a current through R_K of 2 ma. ($R_K = \text{negative supply voltage} / .002$). If the negative supply voltage is too low, the linearity will suffer. The negative voltage should be at least -15 volts for good results.

60 Hz Bars and Ripple

So you think you're pretty good at tracking down hum in your audio equipment? Then you're probably ready for the challenge of getting deflection ripple and bars out of your pictures! The first step is to separate the effects of intensity modulation of the beam (which produces vertical black and white bars superimposed on the picture), from a 60 or 120 Hz modulation of the beam deflection (which shows up as a "waviness" of what should be straight scan lines).

To check for intensity (z-axis) modulation, turn the BRIGHTNESS control down almost to cutoff while viewing a blank raster. If wide black and white vertical bars do not show even at very low screen brightness levels, then there is no z-axis problem. If there is a z-axis problem plus a y-axis problem, clean up the z-axis problem first. If a z-axis problem exists, temporarily tie the CRT cathode to the C_1 with a capacitor of several mf. If the bars go away, ripple is being externally coupled into the G_1 /cathode circuit. If the bars remain, ripple on the CRT accelerating potential (-2000 volt supply, or ASTIG. supply) is the probable cause.

The y-axis problem is much tougher to isolate and cure. Very few monitors, commercial or home-brew, are totally free of this effect. Figure 2 shows an exaggerated case where the monitor sweep is locked to the interfering power line frequency. When the

sweep is locked to the line, spurious deflection of as much as one or two percent is tolerable since the scan lines are parallel and the peaks and valleys in all the lines go up and down together. The real problem occurs when the transmitted signal is not in sync with the monitor power frequency. This will happen when receiving SSTV signals from a part of the world using 50 Hz power, when playing back a tape on an off-speed tape recorder, or even if one of the power line frequencies is slightly off 60 Hz. Figure 3 is a portion of an image that illustrates a mild case of this off frequency problem. A spurious deflection of only 0.2% or thereabout—1/500 of full vertical deflection—is sufficient to cause the degree of "waviness" seen here.

There are three primary causes of this spurious deflection: 1. Ripple on the deflection plates. (60 or 120 Hz ripple just one volt in amplitude will cause visible deflection). 2. Ripple on the -2000 volt accelerator supply. (This modulates the deflection sensitivity slightly so that even if the voltage on the plates is constant, the deflection is modulated.) 3. A.c. magnetic fields penetrating into the CRT.

The peak-to-peak ripple on the deflection plates is easy to check with an a.c. coupled scope or a.c. v.t.v.m. since the ripple will pass through the coupling capacitor, but the 8 second sawtooth does not. Likewise, power supply voltage can be checked for ripple by coupling the scope to the power supply with a .01 mf 3000 volt ceramic capacitor. CAUTION: short the scope input while connecting the capacitor, and when turning on or off the power supply. Failing to do this will subject your scope to a 2000 volt transient.

Assuming that power supply and deflection ripple voltages are below 0.1%, any remaining spurious deflection probably has a magnetic source. A.c. power transformers, and sometimes filter chokes, radiate large 60 Hz

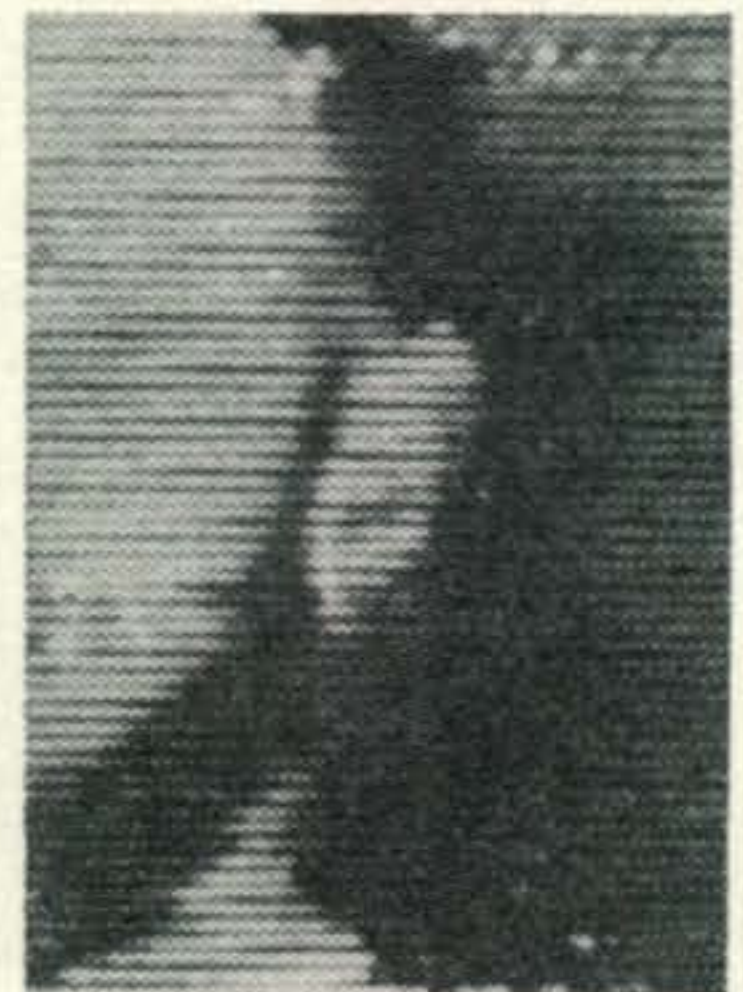


Fig. 3—Enlarged section of monitor photo showing 60 Hz spurious deflection when not synchronized with picture scan rate.

magnetic fields. If you have this problem and are not using a CRT shield, the only solution is to get the CRT several *feet* from the nearest transformer. If you are using a shield, and have the power supply mounted on the same chassis, there are three approaches to lessening the problem:

1. Get a better shield. Some surplus shields are very poor. The shield should be fabricated of .020" or heavier Mu-metal or other 80% nickel high permeability alloy. It should be hydrogen annealed after fabrication for maximum permeability. James Millen and JAN Hardware are in this business and sell to hams through distributors. Find out if the shield you are considering is made to the above specs.

2. Re-orient or shield the offending transformer or choke to minimize the radiated field in the direction of the CRT.

3. Move the power supply to a separate chassis.

Are your changes really improving things? The best way to check is with a search coil mounted temporarily where the CRT normally is, and connected to a sensitive scope or a.c. v.t.v.m. The coil should be some sort of solenoid—a relay coil, a transformer winding off its core, or a telephone pickup coil of the type sold to record telephone conversations. The more turns, the more sensitive. Orient the coil so that it gives the highest possible output in the presence of the offending field. Next, try your modifications and look for the change in coil output. I should point out that the magnetic fields need not be near the deflection plate region of the tube to cause trouble. Check the whole volume from electron gun position to screen position with your search coil.

One last ditch fix to consider is the ancient practice of "hum bucking." In radios before the days of Alnico magnets, the magnetic field was often supplied by a large "field coil." To save money this coil often doubled as the set's filter choke. The hum that would appear in the sound as a result was eliminated by feeding a.c. through another coil in opposite phase to "buck out" the hum. I'm not suggesting extra coils in this instance, but rather the feeding of a small amount of 60Hz, of the proper amplitude and phase to cancel the unwanted magnetic deflection, directly into the deflection amplifier. Naturally, the spurious deflection amplitude would have to be the same over the entire screen for this technique to completely eliminate the waviness.

Finding Goodies

I hope as a continuing part of this column to pass along bits of information given to me about where to find those unusual things that slow-scanners need. Here are a couple of items.

RCA publishes excellent data sheets on their tubes (5UP7, 5ABP7, 3RP7A, and many others). These sheets give lots of information that is extremely useful if you are using an E.S. CRT for the first time. Write to Tube Division, RCA, Harrison, N.J. requesting data sheets on the specific types that interest you. If you are planning a flying-spot scanner, better ask for a 931-A multiplier phototube sheet at the same time.

Fair Radio Sales, P.O. Box 1105, Lima, Ohio 45802 lists surplus CRT's, power transformers, and high voltage filter capacitors in their latest catalog. The K1235P7, 5½" square face E.S. CRT they list is a real gem—a number of hams have already built monitors around it.

Pass along your sources of supply for generally needed items, as well as your technical contributions and technical news. Please do not submit any confidential or proprietary information. Send only such information as you are willing to release to the public.

Q & A

Q. I have had little experience with photography. How can I photograph my monitor screen without buying an expensive camera, lenses, etc.?

A. The basic essentials for black and white work are a camera with a shutter that will operate in the "B" or "T" (Bulb or Time) mode, a close-up lens, and a mounting arrangement that will hold the camera in the right position and motionless for the 8 second time exposures required. A variable iris is desirable but not absolutely essential. For several years I took all of my monitor photos with a 1930's vintage Kodak 620 folding camera having a magnifying glass lens taped on the front. The secret is knowing just what that image looks like right at the film plane. To do this get a piece of ground glass (*not opal* glass) from a photo shop. Have a glass cutter trim the glass to the width of the film that your camera uses. Open the camera back and temporarily tape the ground glass in the film plane directly behind the lens; ground side of the glass toward the lens. You can now

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Sixth International YLRL Convention

YLRL's 33rd Anniversary

BY LOUISA B. SANDO,* W5RZJ

"**J**OIN the Crew in '72!"—This was the invitation enticing YLs to Long Beach, Calif. for YLRL's 6th International Convention. Originally planned for aboard the *Queen Mary*, when the *Queen* was not yet ready the site was moved to the Edgewater Hyatt House, a luxurious motel with the Pacific Coast Highway at its front entrance and at the rear the Long Beach Marina with its hundreds of sail and power boats.

Over 140 YLRLers, plus numerous OMs and guests, did "Join the Crew in '72" for the gala weekend of May 26-28. Upon registering, each YL received a "memory booklet" and for the remainder of the weekend there was a great hustle of book exchanging for autographs and photos, which most YLs had brought, from postage-stamp paste-in size to larger colored ones. Many YLs also brought cute and useful swap souvenirs.

First activity of the weekend was a 3-hour tour of the *Queen Mary* Friday afternoon. That evening W6NAZ, Lenore, treated us to a color slide show, "Apollo Splashdown," put together by her OM, W6VGQ, an NBC engineer assigned to recovery missions. They were behind the scenes shots and gave us a vivid look at some of what goes into making possible the smooth TV space craft recovery presentations.

Throughout the weekend the hospitality rooms were open to all YLs and OMs, club scrapbooks were on display, and two rigs were on the air using the L.A. YLRC call W6MWO/6. (This was the call of Helen Cook, president of YLRL in 1946-47, who became a Silent Key in 1950.) Equipment was courtesy of Swan Electronics and Henry Radio, with antennas put up by the Long Beach Radio Club.

Adjoining the hospitality rooms members of BAYLARC held open house with all invited to their version of a "splashdown"

following the pictured ones. This Mermaid "happy hour" was enjoyed by most of the conventioners, many of whom returned for a "rerun" the following night.

On Saturday, while the OMs made a tour of Swan Electronics, the YLs gathered in the Riviera Room for the Forum. We were welcomed by chairman K6ELO, Roxie, and L.A. Club President WB6DFN, Roberta, who turned the meeting over to YLRL President K7QGO, Mae. All were presented with lovely orchid leis from Hawaii by W7NJS, Beth, and K7BED, Bettie. Enid, W6UXF a founding member as W9NBX and YLRL's president in 1941-42, gave us a few ideas for positive thinking.

Mae described the Stateside YLs to DX YLs program and asked for suggestions for increasing YLRL membership. There also was discussion of life membership, publication of "YL Harmonics," DX contests (and the need for a slow-speed c.w. period in contests to develop more c.w. ops). Hope was expressed that the next convention could be held somewhere on the East Coast. Treasurers



Convention chairman K6ELO, Roxie, opening the YLRL Forum.

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Presidents of YLRL gather at Long Beach Convention. L. to r., back: W6UXF, Enid (1941-42); W6CEE, Vada (1954-55); W3OLY, Helen (1949-50); WA6AOE, Maxine (1968); W3PVH, Betty (1957); W7HHH, Bea (1952-53); K0EPE, Marte (1969). Front: W3CDQ Liz (1944-45); K7QGO, Mae (1972); W7NJS, Beth (1958); K5BNQ, Doris (1961). W3CDQ was congratulated for her 50 years as a ham (she began in radio 5 years earlier, in 1917, with a commercial ticket).

W6YKU, Jackie, and K6HHD, Jan, gave financial reports. Messages were read from DX YLs and YLs present were recognized, including Frances Lacebal, who operated DU1GSP in the Philippines and now resides in the L.A. area; W3CDQ, Liz who has held her ham license for 50 years and always operated c.w. (!); youngest YLs WN7OXZ, Laura (13) and WA1NHK, Kelly (11); WB6BBO, Louise, YL Editor of *QST*, and your reporter.

At 12:30 we gathered in the Empire Room for the YL luncheon, which was graciously MC'd by W6NAZ, another of our founding members (as W9CHD). This convocation was convened to celebrate YLRL's 33rd anniversary, since "33" is an important symbol to YLRL members. Innovated by W2RUF, Clara, it means "Love sealed with friendship between one YL and another YL." In honor of our 33rd birthday all tables were decorated with lovely 3-tiered blue and white birthday cakes topped with large silver 33 numerals, all the work of members of the North County YL Radio Club. (Non-edible, but one YL at each table could take a "cake" home for a souvenir.) Also, for each YL there was a lovely ceramic pin, bearing "33" and flowers, the work of W6YZV, Mable, and her daughter

Judy. Mounting the pins was another contribution of the North County YLs.

Sister Charlotte K6VFE, offered the invocation and W6UXF, Enid, read some selections from her books of verse. More YLs were recognized, including W6WSV, Carol, who was one of YLRL's founding members as W9WWP. At this time, also, K6ELO started a basket around for contributions to up-date our book, *CQ YL*, and when it reached W5RZJ it contained \$85.10! (Book pages should be available by early winter; if you wish a set, mail an SASE to W5RZJ, QTH as shown.)

Our afternoon entertainment was a color slide show, "Perils of Christine & Her Antennas," with most of the FB photography and all of the antenna raising by WB2YBA, Chris (an M.D. on the staff of several N.J. hospitals). The pre-registration prize was drawn and was won by WA6ERS, Ruth—a beautiful hand-hooked rug in blue and white "girl-on-the-globe" design, the work of W6QGK, Harryette.

Following an Aloha Hour, evening found us again gathered in the Empire Room for a gala luau—and what a colorful sight, with YLs in bright flowing mumus or long dresses; OMs in gay shirts, and leis, of either live

flowers or plastic, on one and all. Tables were decorated with huge bright paper flowers. Mistress of ceremonies was K6KCI, Irma, of "Sunny Santa Barbara" fame. To complete the Hawaiian atmosphere, we were lead in Songs of the Islands by W6BDE, Esther; W6CBA, Vi, and WA6GQC, Elsie. Further entertainment was a fast-paced world tour in color slides by W7QYA, Flo, titled "Beyond Box 88, Moscow," in which we met on the screen many DX hams.

Prize drawing completed the evening and prize chairman WA6ISY, Myrtle, with members W6MWU, Mary, and WN6's FUT, Shirley, and FUU, Candace, had done a noble job of rounding up so many prizes that each YL present received at least one. Many individual YLs and clubs donated prizes and/or stamp books with which to obtain them. The main prizes, a Swan transceiver, was won by K7ESA, Dottie, and a Bear Cat 3 by WA6BNS, Meta. Other prizes included handmade afghans and shawls, silver bowl, painting, ceramic pieces, trays, dried flower arrangement, *Callbooks*, magazine subscriptions and many many more. Special OM prizes were drawn for, also.

On Sunday L.A. YLRC members provided a Continental Breakfast in the hospitality rooms with coffee and sweet rolls for all.

In the souvenir program, designed by WA6AOE, Maxine, the YLRC of Los Angeles expressed its appreciation to all who helped make this 6th International Convention possible, and added: "Our affectionate thanks to you all for joining us. We hope your pleasure has been as great as ours." Surely it was a "jolly cruise" of YL fellowship and fun and all "shipmates" are grateful to the YLs who labored long and hard to make it the success it was!

Assisting chairmen K6ELO were program co-chairmen K6KCI and W6CEE and members W6NAZ, WA6QKC and W6BDE. Registration was handled by W6VDP, WA6UBU and W6JZA. W6PJU assisted W6YZV with table decorations and publicity was handled by WA6AOE, W6JMC and W6LBO. Tours were scheduled by WB6DFN and W6UHA. Posters were handled by WN6IGG and responsibility for the hospitality rooms rested with WA6QKC, with all members of L.A. YLRC giving a big assist. Special thanks go to W6IOK, Eddie, OM of W6MWU, and to Mary for all the photographic coverage.

Among those attending were several sightless YLs—W7NJS, Beth; WA7LTN, Har-



Pre-registration prize, hand-hooked rug in blue and white, was made by W6QGX, Harryette (left), and won by WA6ERS, Ruth.

lene, and WB6SSZ, Mary Lou. Mary Lou is not only sightless but deaf as well, but copes beautifully by using a very small typewriter on which persons type messages to her and she "reads" them by the vibrations received on her sensitive fingers as the typing is in progress.

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The Luau was a happy affair, as evidenced by the smiling faces of MC K6KCI, Irma; W6NAZ, Lenore, and W6UXF, Enid.

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BY GLEN E. ZOOK,* K9STH/5

MANY readers have probably noticed that this column tries to avoid direct confrontations with other publications, especially on trivial matters. However, at times it is necessary to comment on things of national importance. Most f.m. operators are, by now, familiar with the fact that the ARRL published its 220 MHz and 420 MHz band plans in the June issue of QST. It is the opinion of this columnist that the 420 MHz band plan has much lacking. Maybe I've been seeing too many old cowboy movies on Channel 33, but I seem to remember something about "Squatters Rights." That is, one who occupies a piece of land has at least some legal claim to ownership. The same can be said about portions of the 420-450 MHz band. For example, most ATV activity known to this columnist is between 435 MHz and 440 MHz for a video carrier frequency. Since the 435 MHz to 438 MHz segment is now for amateur space allocations, the logical place for the ATV'ers to move to is the 440 MHz center carrier frequency. The same thing can be said for control links, audio links, and other usage. Some of the arguments given by the ARRL for high in/low out repeater operation can be used by other operations, for many of those operations use the same f.m. units modified for their particular use. In the case of ATV, u.h.f. TV convertors will come down to 440 MHz with little difficulty, but require much more work to get down to 420 MHz.

The 220 MHz band plan violates the ARRL's own request that the segments 220.0 to 220.5 MHz and 222.0 to 222.5 MHz be left open. The matter of 3 MHz input/output spacing is a moot point, for this columnist is on record favoring 1 MHz spacing. However, 3 MHz spacing does have its merits, and no contention is made on this behalf.

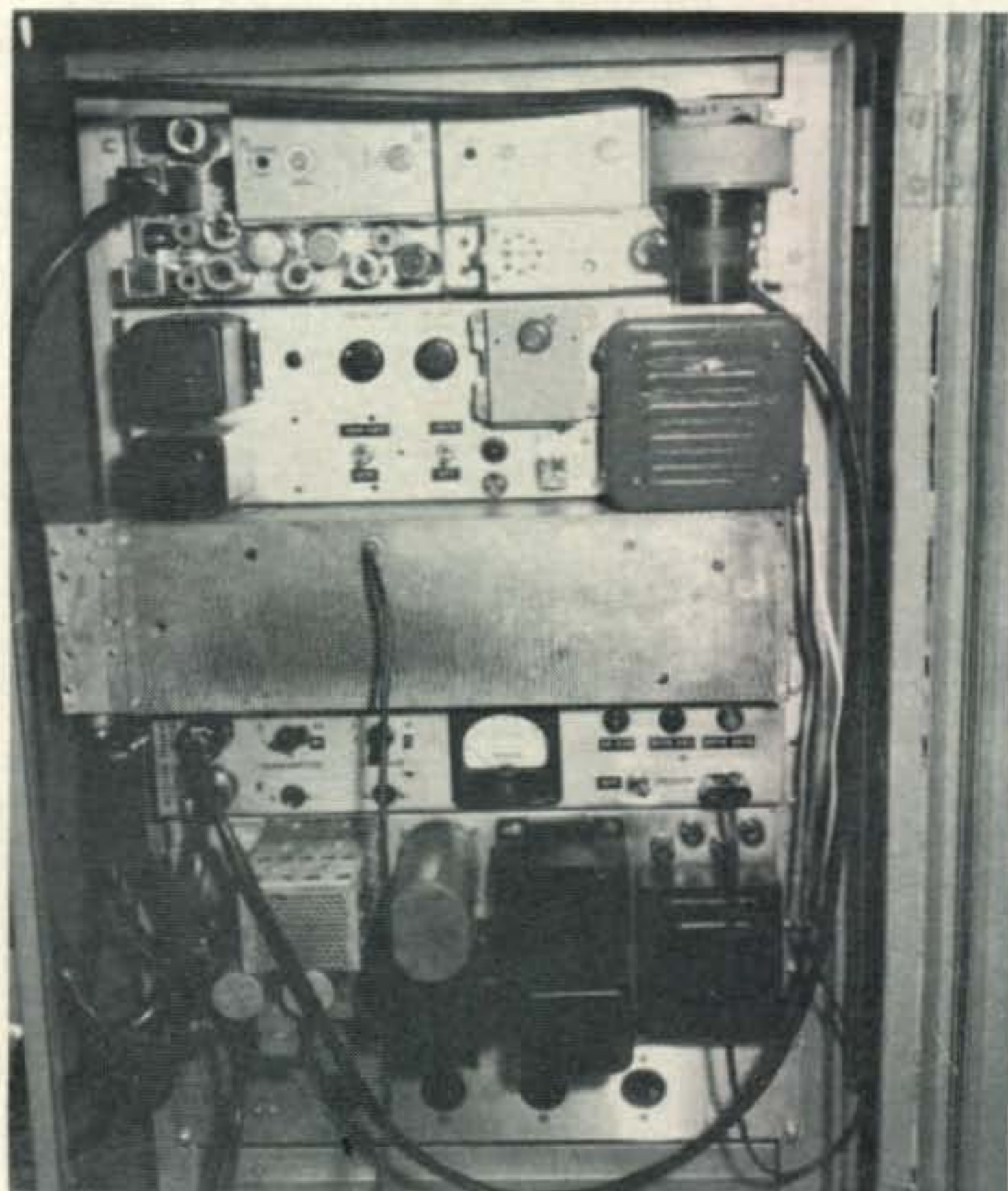
Fifteen years ago most f.m. operation was by a relatively few on 147.3 MHz, 147.5 MHz, and a very few on 146.94 MHz and other Technician band portions. Since that time f.m. has become the largest user of the v.h.f./u.h.f. bands. However, is it fair to other operators to virtually take over all the v.h.f./u.h.f. bands for f.m. Think what f.m. would be like now if band plans were

for a.m. or s.s.b. Sure, we need room for f.m., and band plans are a must to avoid problems. However, must we expand f.m. with little or no regard for existing operations? I think not! Take a look at all operations in your area (a.m., c.w., s.s.b., ATV, f.m., etc.) and let the ARRL, 73, *Ham Radio*, and *CQ* know just what's going on. Be objective, but let us know how you feel about the proposed plans.

News

There is scads of news this month, with ham-fests which have taken place and more to come.

Boston: This columnist was privileged to speak at the FM Forum of the Region 1 Air Force MARS Convention May 19-21 in Boston, Mass. Although originally billed as a MARS convention, an attempt to expand the activities to include the non MARS amateur was undertaken. Unfortunately only a handful of non MARS members were present. However, the FM Forum went very well, with a virtually full room. Since Boston was this columnist's first visit into the New England area, a good part of the discussion was to familiarize me with some of the facets of local f.m. activities. One thing which favorably impressed me was the efforts by the Air Force MARS training director in the area of f.m. projects. For example, Region 1 Air Force MARS has a home brew 2 meter f.m. transmitter in both tube and transistor formats for construction by members. Printed circuit boards are available along with schematics and other technical



Dallas, Texas, 449.0/444.0 repeater now operational from the Telephone Toll Building. (photo courtesy WA5KHU)

*410 Lawndale Drive, Richardson, Texas 75080.



Uplink equipment for the Laurel Mountain repeater. Equipment is RCA.

data. Performance is said to be excellent. Of the people attending the FM Forum, not one had gotten on f.m. with one of the amateur only f.m. rigs. Everyone got started with obsolete commercial gear! One thing somewhat detracted from the overall meeting, namely the lack of exhibitors. I understand that many amateur manufacturers and distributors were invited, but only a handful came. Possibly the conflict with the Orlando (Fla.) Hamfest was the reason. Anyway, the convention was quite good for a MARS meeting, and maybe next year a good group of non MARS members will give it a try.

Orlando: On the way back from Boston, Ye Olde FM Editor stopped off in Atlanta to pick up XYL and daughter. The real reason was to get with K4VJM and K4JGK to see what happen at Orlando. First of all, there was no FM Forum this year, but there was a good SERA (South Eastern Repeater Association) meeting. There were about 150 persons present with all 8 voting member associations present. Several things were discussed including the following: A 450 mHz band plan was discussed but tabled for the purpose of gathering more information from around the country; A plan for suggested control link frequencies was also tabled; The Texas 2 meter plan was adopted with the exception that 146.940 mHz be used as a direct frequency and 146.340 mHz be used as an alternate tone-coded input for all repeaters in SERA and for 146.520 mHz to be used for direct work; and it was decided that the association and member groups would write dealers, importers, and manufacturers of the amateur only f.m. units to encourage making the units meet state-of-the-art performance. The next SERA meeting is scheduled in conjunction with the Melbourne, Florida, Hamfest September 16 & 17.

Melbourne: As just mentioned the SERA meeting will be at the Melbourne, Florida, Hamfest. This festive occasion will include the East Coast FM Convention as well as many other activities. As it now stands, this columnist will be one of the speakers at the convention, so if you can stand me, come on down. Registration is \$1.50 for each adult, an f.m. banquet (don't know cost at this writing), prizes, etc. For more information contact Convention Committee, PCARS, 1422 Virginia Drive, Melbourne, Florida 32935.

Fresno: FM West was held in Fresno, California, June 2 and 3. Unfortunately this columnist was unable to attend, but a large number of other f.m. notables were present. According to usually reliable sources about 200 persons attended, not too bad for a first effort. Of course the CARC (California Amateur Relay Council) meeting was held with FM West. Although full details were not available as of this writing, it was learned that v.h.f. band plans were adopted for 144, 220, and 450 mHz bands. The 2 meter band plan is identical to the Texas 2 meter plan with the exception that repeater inputs and outputs in the 147-148 mHz region are flip-flopped. That is, high in/low out.

Photos: The roving f.m. cameraman, Tom Riley, WA5KHU, was on the move again, with his polaroid catching the Dallas 449.0 mHz input /444.0 mHz output machine just before its installation on the Bell Telephone Toll Building in Dallas, Texas. Also, K3SIS furnished photos of the Laurel Mountain VHF Society Repeater (Pennsylvania), and the associated remote receiving and link equipment. Well, fellows, how about some photos of **your** repeater.

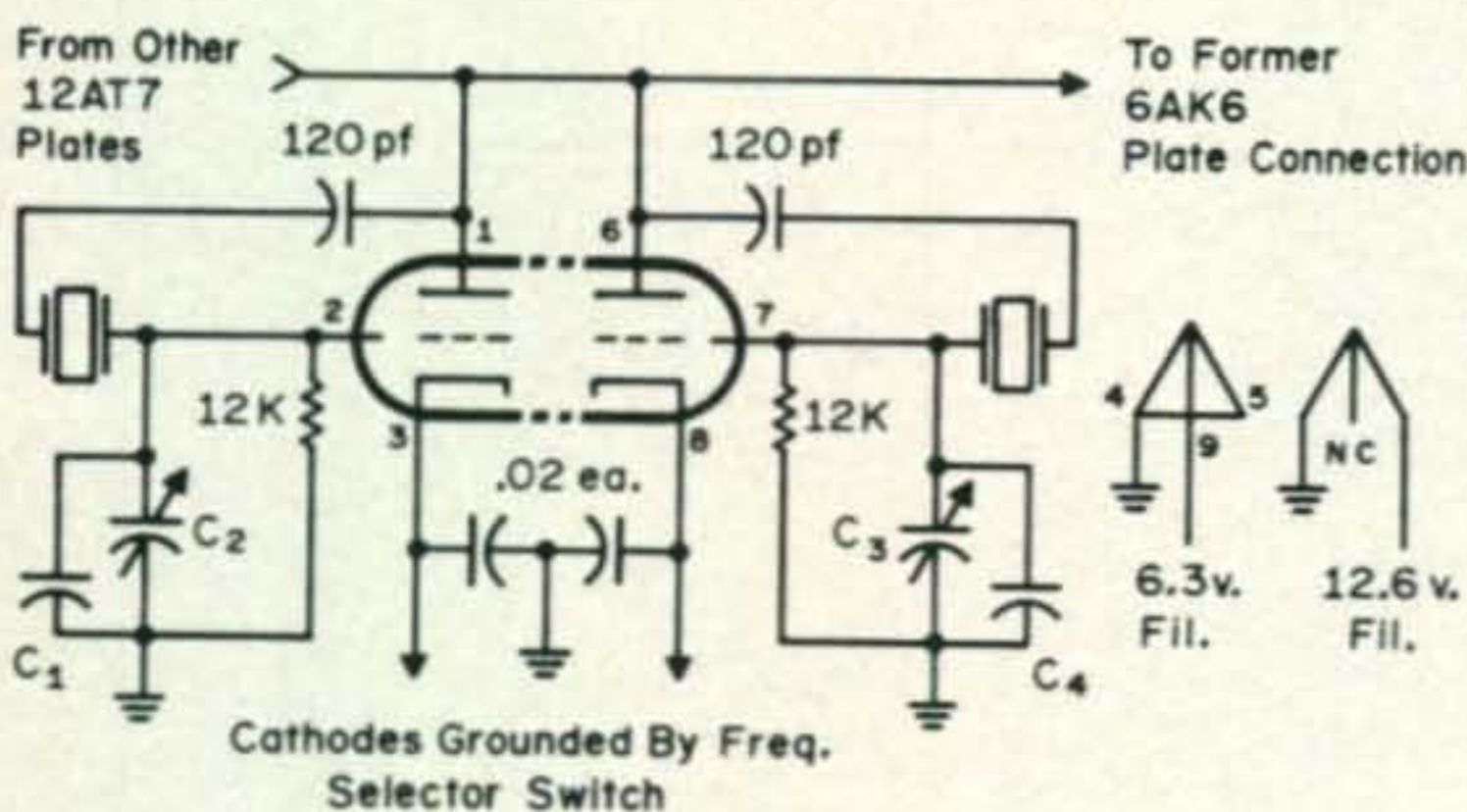


Fig. 1—Schematic of an 8 frequency oscillator deck. A total of 4 tubes are used. Frequency selection is by grounding the cathode of the oscillator tube. It was designed for Motorola RO3 crystals. "A" and "K" transmitters were designed for 6 mHz. However, 3 mHz ($f_c/48$), 4 mHz ($f_c/36$), and 12 mHz ($f_c/12$) will work satisfactorily and can be mixed within the same transmitter. All resistors are 1/2 watt.

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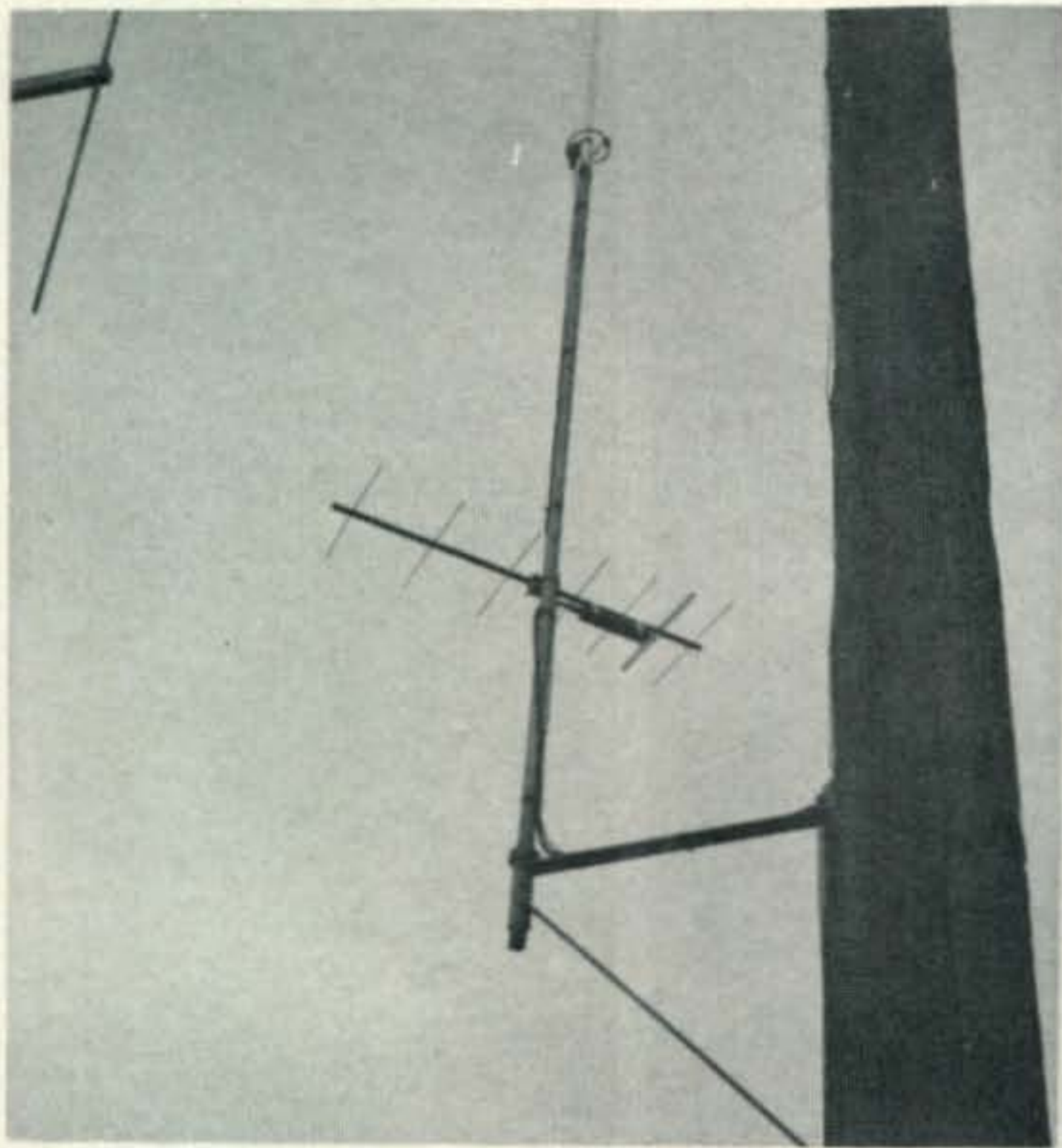
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Technical Talk

As promised, this month's Technical Talk is back to a construction project. For September we have a multiple frequency deck originally designed for the Motorola "A", "J", and "K" transmitters by this columnist. However, it can be made to work with other transmitters with a bit of experimenting with the fixed capacitors in parallel with the warping capacitor. The deck was designed to physically put 8 frequencies in the space originally designed for three separate oscillator decks in the Motorola high band (2 meter) "A" and "K" units. The low band "A" and "J" transmitters use the same basic original oscillator, so the circuitry works without modification on those transmitters also. On the "J" transmitter the narrow dimension will have to be enlarged.

The idea behind the deck was to be able to use the original type RO3 crystals in the new oscillator. Quite a bit of experimenting was necessary to get the component values just right, but the final result was all eight channels pulling right on frequency. Each channel has its own oscillator, 1/2 of a 12AT7. Since the 12AT7 is a triode rather than a pentode as in the original decks using a 6AK6 ("A" transmitters) or 6AK5 ("K" transmitters) quite a lot of circuit changes were needed in the design of the new oscillator. Getting eight channels into such a small space requires a bit of doing, but it is possible. A total of four double crystal sockets are used (similar to the oven type sockets on the existing decks), and the ovens eliminated from the crystals. Four 9 pin tube sockets with shields are used for the 12AT7's, and the eight trimmer capacitors finish the mounting hardware. The prototype was built



Down link and 146.940 MHz transmitter of Laurel Mountain Repeater. A total of 3 remote 146.340 MHz receivers feed the 250 watt output base. Antenna gain is 5.8 db and location is 2750' above sea level.

on doublesided copper-clad board for several reasons: First of all, the tube sockets could be soldered in place reducing crowding under the plate; ground connections can be easily soldered directly to the copper; and copper-clad is quite easy to work with using hand tools. Care must be taken to lay out the board just as the diagram, for things get a bit tight. However, with a bit of patience everything goes on the board, and then fits nicely into the hole on the transmitter chassis.

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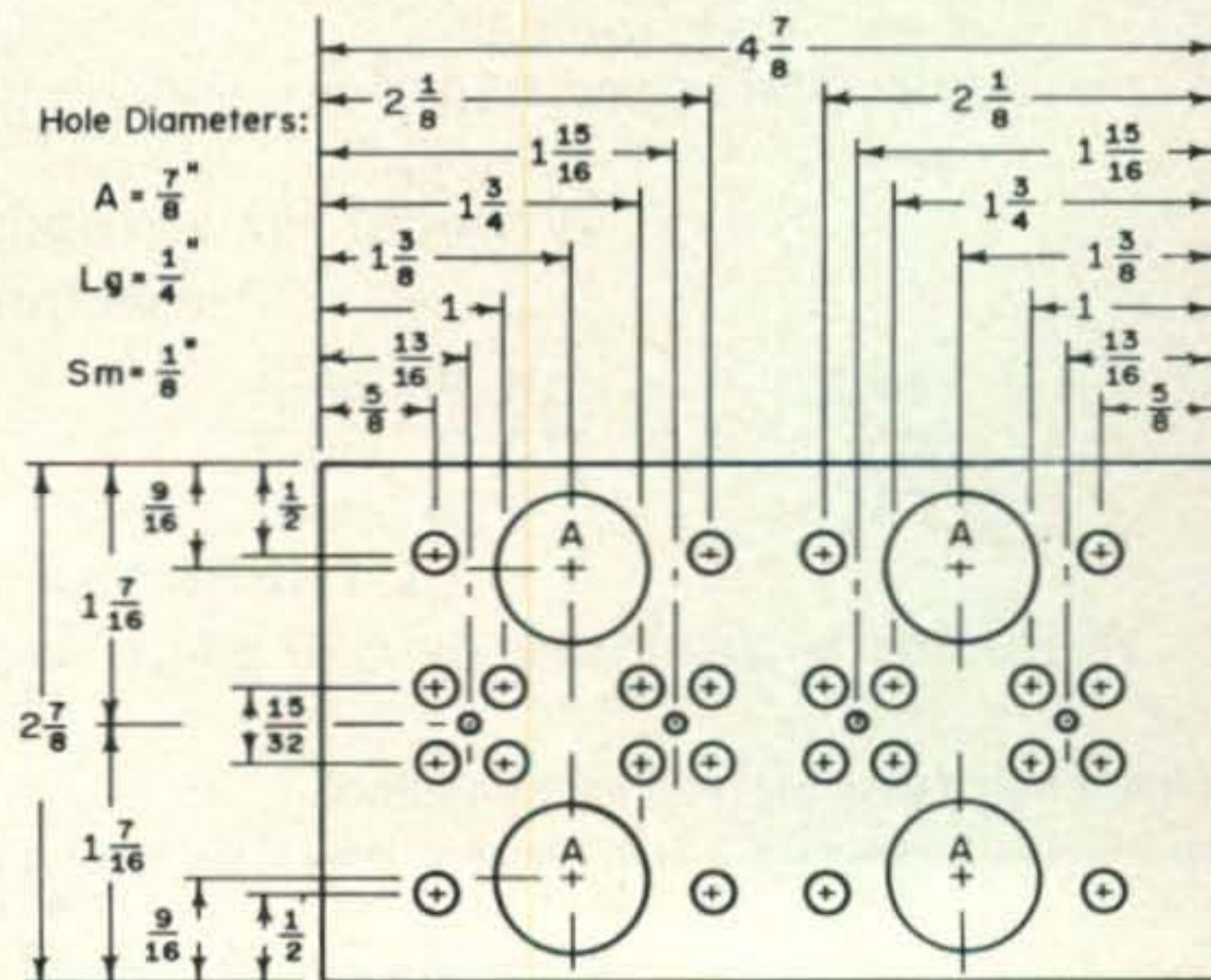
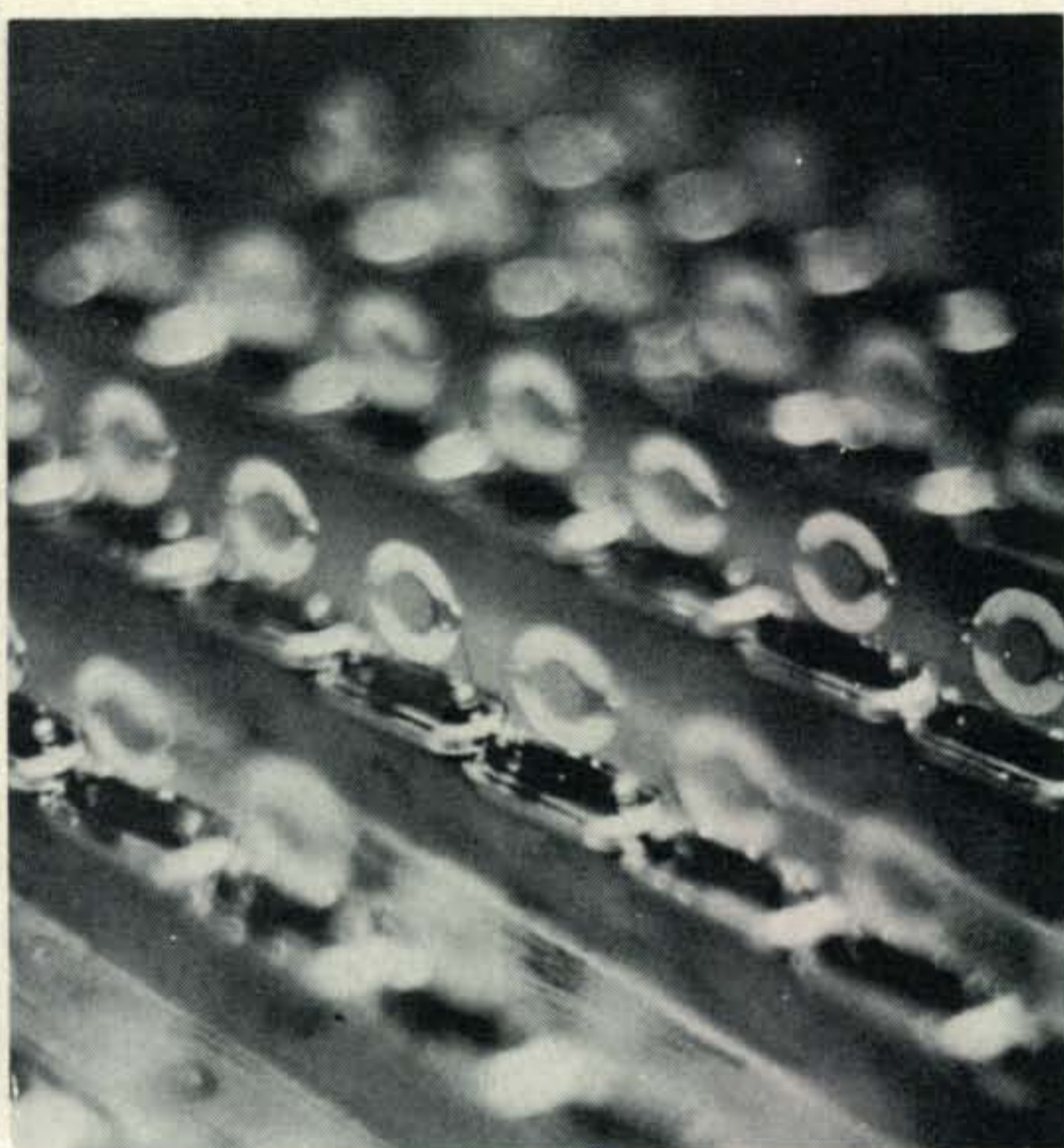
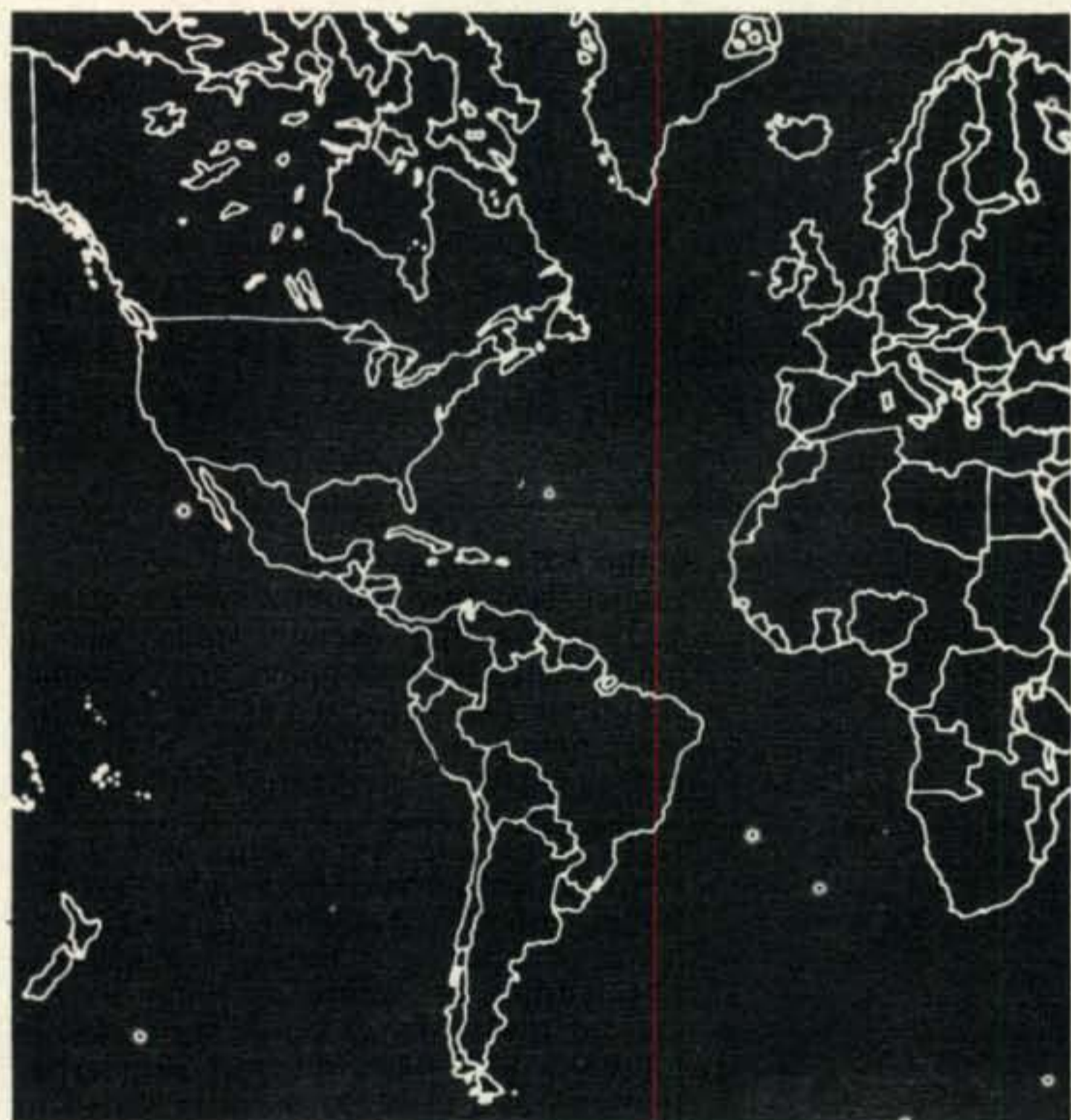


Fig. 2—Layout for the 8 frequency transmit deck. Dimensions are critical. See text for note on tube pin placement.

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MATH'S NOTES

BY IRWIN MATH,* WA2NDM

It looks like the day of the IC has finally arrived for the communications industry. We don't mean just "partial circuits," we mean, in the words of that TV commercial, "the whole thing."

Lithic Systems, Inc., 10010 Imperial Avenue, Cupertino, Calif., 95014, have recently announced their LP-2000 "transmitter on a chip".¹ This integrated circuit, capable of producing and delivering 100 mw of r.f. power to an antenna, contains an oscillator, driver, output stage, audio pre-amplifier, and a.m. (or pulse) modulator, all in a TO-100 10 pin package, (.370" dia. by .185" high). According to the manufacturer, the device is intended for service in the h.f. and low v.h.f. regions for such applications as hand-held, mobile, airborne and marine two-way radios. Figure 1 is a block diagram of the LP-2000.

The oscillator section is designed for use with an external overtone-type crystal. Also required are two simple LC tanks, tuned to the operating frequency. Two buffer amplifier stages isolate the oscillator signal and drive a unique output stage. This output stage raises the r.f. level to the desired amount and de-

livers it to the antenna. Connected to the driver and final stages is a dual purpose a.m. or pulse modulator capable of 90 to 100% modulation.

Also present on the chip is a latching system that enables the transmitter to be connected to a power supply and draw any current (or operate) until a signal to the latch turns it on. This feature is quite useful of course, for push-to-talk applications.

To fully appreciate the contents of this transmitter-on-a-chip, a look at a typical circuit (as supplied by the manufacturer) is in order.

Figure 2 is a 27 mHz a.m. transmitter with a fully modulated output of 50 mw into a 50 ohm antenna. This circuit can easily be used for other frequencies by suitable changes in tank circuit and crystal values. B+ for the circuit is 12 volts at 28 milliamperes and only a few millivolts of audio are required for the modulator.

A suitable dynamic microphone for this transmitter would be a standard 3" PM type loudspeaker which could also be used for a companion receiver. The actual component values were not specified by the manufacturer. I must regretfully state that Lithic Systems, Inc. has specifically indicated that the LP 2000 is intended for volume users only and will not be available to individual experimenters at this time. As a result, you will probably have a hard time obtaining one for your own use. It is interesting to note, however, just how far the development of IC's for communication work has progressed. Incidentally, to original equipment manufacturers, this chip is available at a cost of \$12.50 in quantities of 100 and up.

To continue along the line of complete transmitter packages, we have received word this month from International Signal and Control Corp., 3050 Hempland Road, Lancaster, Pa., 17601, about a line of FCC type-accepted transmitter boards originally intended for commercial public service use.

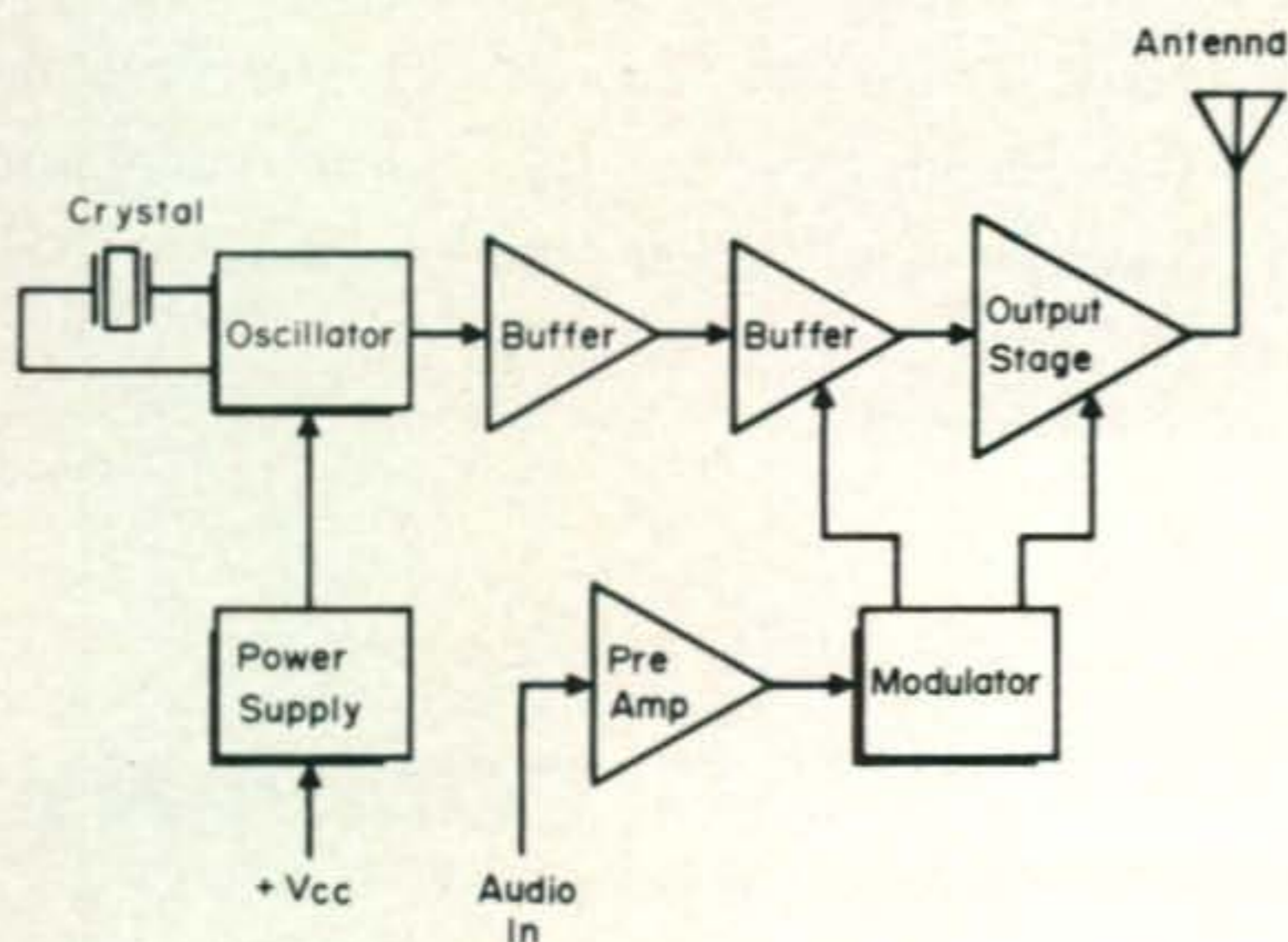


Fig. 1—Block diagram of LP 2000 transmitter IC.

They are very simply modified for use in the ham bands and full instructions as well as necessary components are supplied.

There are 3 fully solid state units available, a 2-meter unit, a 6-meter unit, and a 10-meter unit. All units are fully f.m. with ± 5 kHz deviation, and measure 3" high \times 2½" wide \times ½" high. The 2-meter unit delivers 100 mw to an antenna with 8.1 v. of B+ and 70 ma of drain and is supplied with a 146.34 or 146.94 MHz crystal as well as a crystal microphone. Crystals are 8 MHz fundamental units, multiplied 18 times.

The 6- and 10-meter units supply 200 mw to an antenna with an 8.1 v. supply and only draw 60 milliamperes. Crystals are multiplied 6 times for 6 meters and 4 times for 10. All units have built in speech processing circuitry and exhibit normal room temperature stabilities of $\pm .0025\%$.

Costs for the units are: For 2 meters, \$22.77 each 1-4, and \$15.95 each, for 5 or more. All three can be purchased together for only \$53.95 and extra crystals are \$1.95 each.

With all of this talk about transmitters, we just want to indicate a real clever circuit for a crystal-controlled super-regenerative receiver we have obtained from an old issue of *Electronic Design Magazine* in their "Ideas for Design" column.

Figure 3 is a schematic of the circuit which contains two high frequency transistors connected as a multivibrator with a period of about 20 kHz. The switching action of the circuit causes the r.f. oscillations generated in the crystal feedback path in the tank of Q₂ to also switch on and off at the 20 kHz rate. A received a.m. signal induced into the tank circuit will "modulate" the exact switching point of the circuit at a rate directly proportional to the modulation component of the received signal. All that is now necessary is a simple 20 kHz filter and a high gain audio amplifier and a complete receiver results.

We have built such a receiver at 10 MHz to receive standard time broadcasts from WWV and it works perfectly.

An enterprising experimenter could then use a little transmitter board, a hearing aid integrated circuit audio amplifier, and a uL914 chip to build a *really* small IC transceiver.

In conclusion this month, we would like to indicate some exceptionally good buys we have become aware of from M. Weinschenker, K3DPJ, Box 353, Irwin, Pa., 15642.

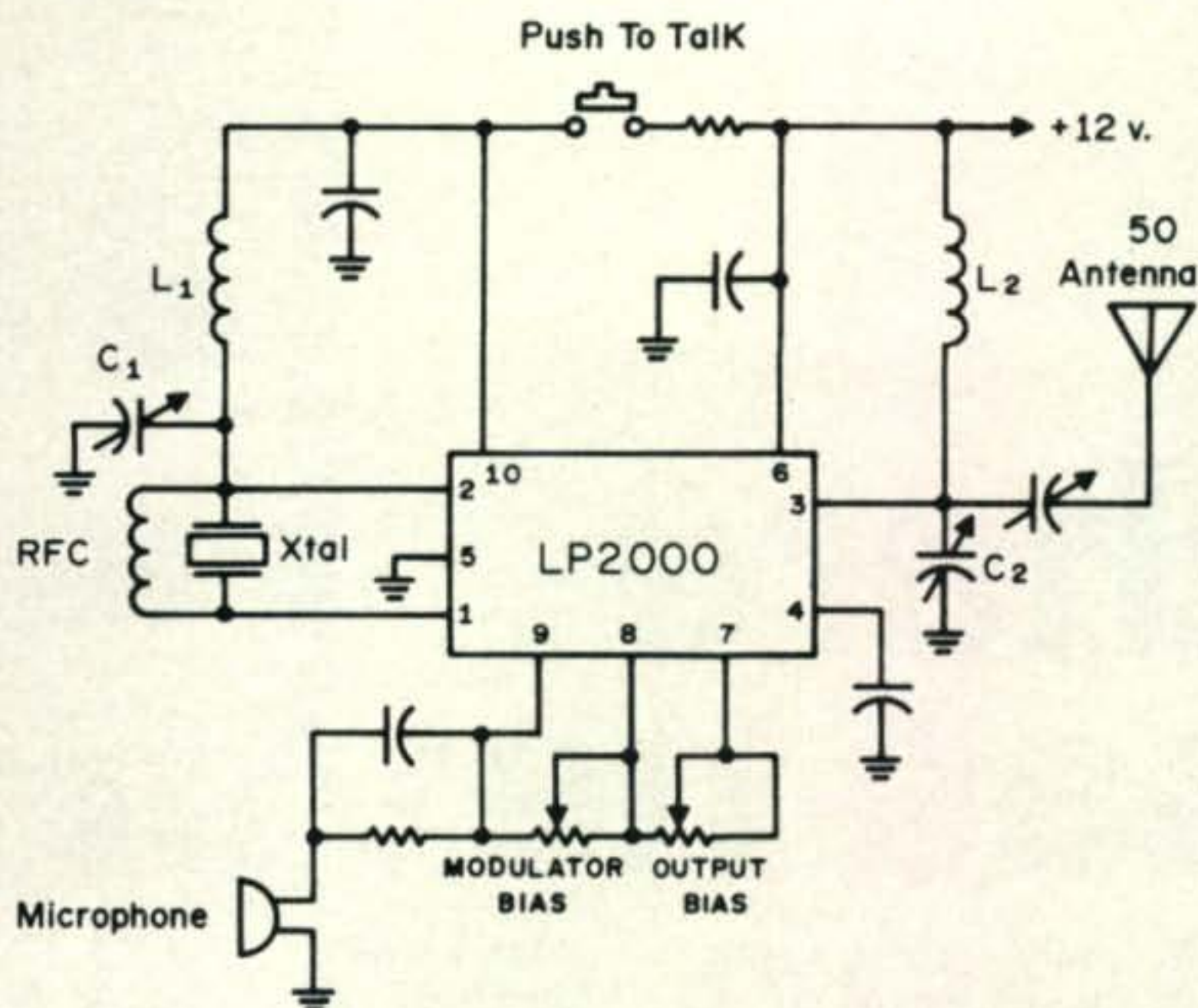


Fig. 2—Simple transmitter described in text.

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See you next month.

73, Irv, WA2NDM

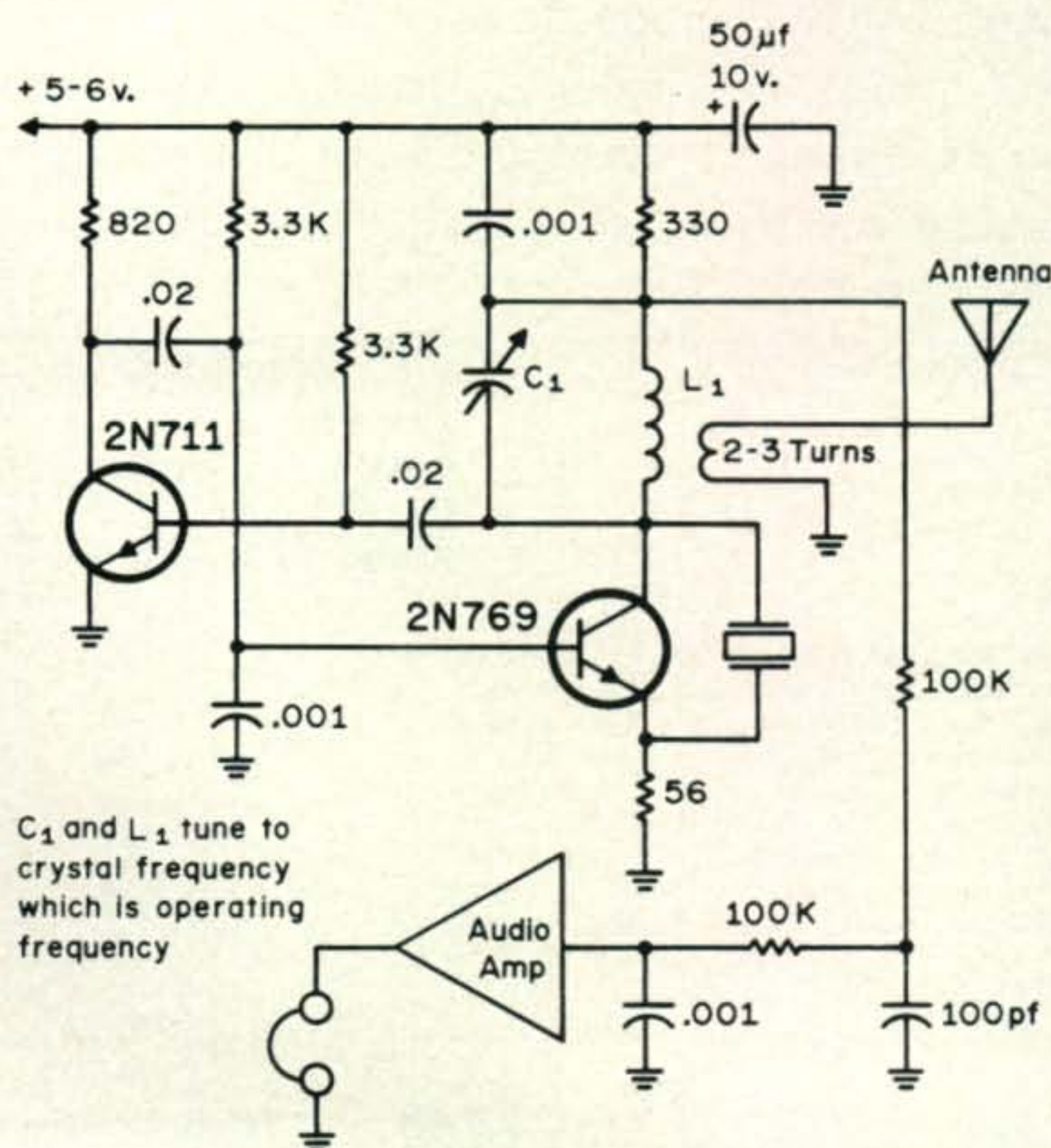
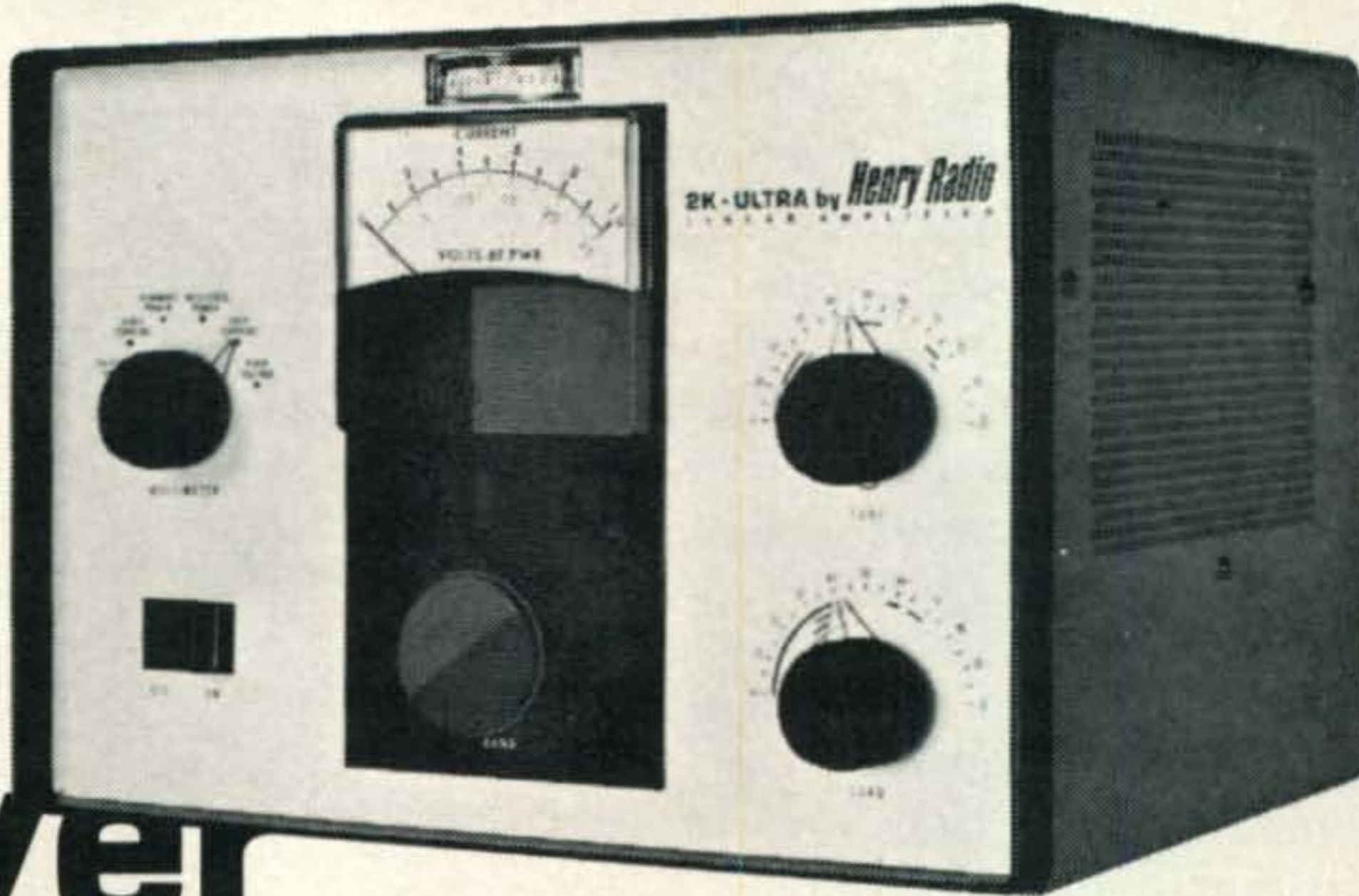


Fig. 3—Schematic of crystal controlled superregen receiver.

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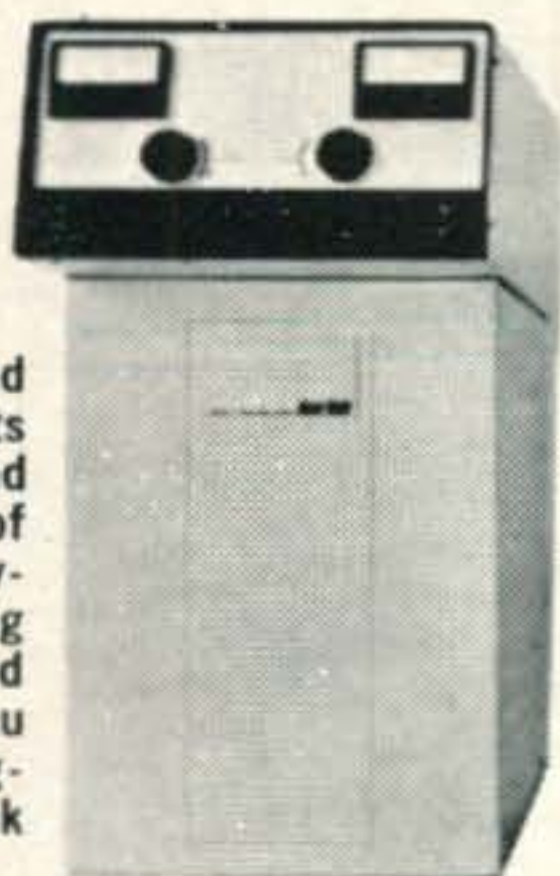


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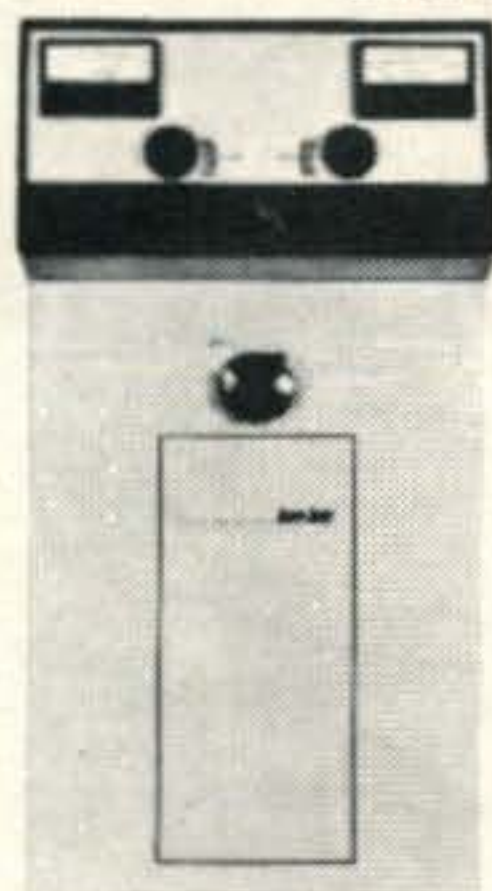
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CQ Reviews:

The Yaesu Musen FTdx 570 S.S.B./C.W. Transceiver

BY WILFRED M. SCHERER,* W2AEF

It is pretty difficult to make a good piece of gear even better, except to add a few extra facilities. This is what the Yaesu Musen people have primarily done with the FTdx-570 transceiver, the successor to the popular FTdx560. Since the latter has been reviewed in a previous issue of *CQ*,¹ we shall not go into all the details on the normal features, technical aspects and performance which also apply to the FTdx570. For these it is therefore suggested that reference be made to the earlier review. Nevertheless, a recap of the main things to be expected of these transceivers might be in order as follows:

Transceive operation with s.s.b. (u.s.b. or l.s.b.) or c.w. is provided with full coverage of the 3.5-28 MHz amateur bands, each over a 500 kHz range with the identical linear-tuning rate calibrated in 1 kHz steps. The transmitter input power is rated at 560 watts p.e.p. with s.s.b. and 500 watts d.c. for c.w. on all bands.

Other features include: 2.4 kHz selectivity (with extra position for an optional 600 Hz

c.w. filter); 10 MHz WWV band; provisions for two additional auxiliary 500 kHz segments between 3.5 and 30 MHz; 25 and 100 kHz calibrating markers; high-ratio tuning control with spinner-type knob; fast- or slow-a.g.c.; built-in v.o.x. with panel-located sensitivity control; manual or v.o.x.-type c.w. break-in; adjustable c.w. sidetone oscillator; ± 5 kHz receiver off-set tuning; front-panel switch for changing between internal or external v.f.o.'s (external v.f.o. is optional accessory) to permit quick change between common or independent frequency control of receiver and transmitter sections; a.l.c.; full metering for receiver S-units, transmitter a.l.c. level, p.a. cathode current or relative power output; 8- and 600-ohm a.f. outputs; phone-patch input; socket for 6-meter transverter accessory; built-in 117/220 v.a.c. power supply. The b.f.o., v.f.o. and calibrating setups are transistorized; otherwise, vacuum tubes are used throughout.

In addition to these the Model FTdx570 incorporates a built-in speaker, a cooling fan and a true transistorized noise blanker.

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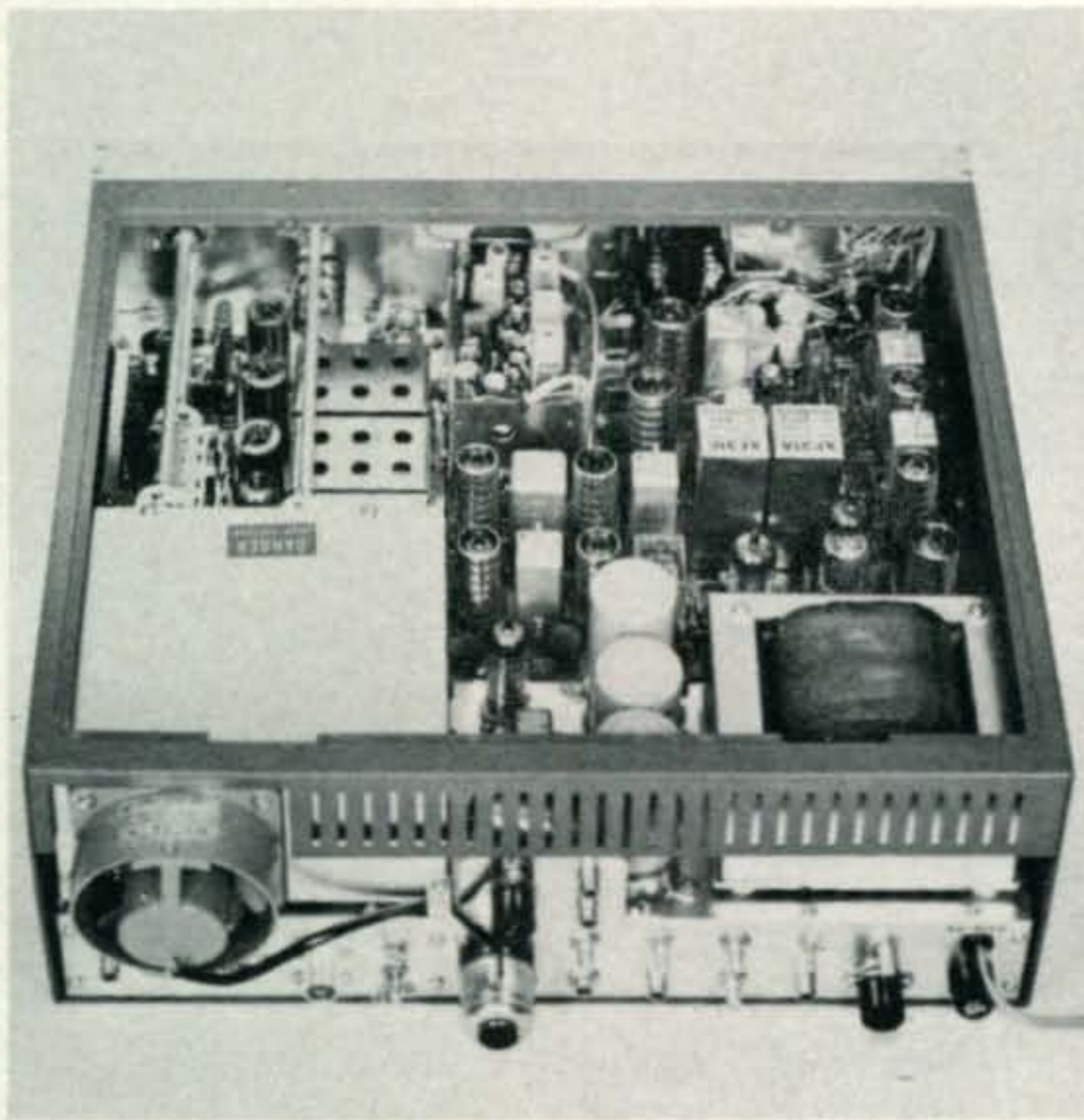
¹"*CQ* Reviews the Yaesu Musen FTdx560 Transceiver," *CQ*, May 1970, p. 34.

New Details

The built-in speaker, which eliminates the

The Yaesu Musen FTdx570
s.s.b./c.w. transceiver.





Rear top view of the FTdx570 showing the exhaust fan at the back of the p.a. enclosure the only openings of which are at the interior sides to enable heat to also be drawn from the entire unit. The noise blanker is installed on a circuit board at the top of the v.f.o. at the upper center.

need for an additional unit, faces downward at the bottom of the cabinet. Such an arrangement normally might impair intelligibility, but due to the tilt-up type case for the transceiver and the particular response characteristics of the speaker, easy and excellent readability is maintained.

The cooling fan is located at the rear of the p.a. compartment. It is an exhaust type that draws out warm air from not only the p.a., but also from other sections of the unit for which strategically located slots are provided at the p.a. enclosure. At the same time the fan draws cool air into the unit.

The noise blanker supplants the original

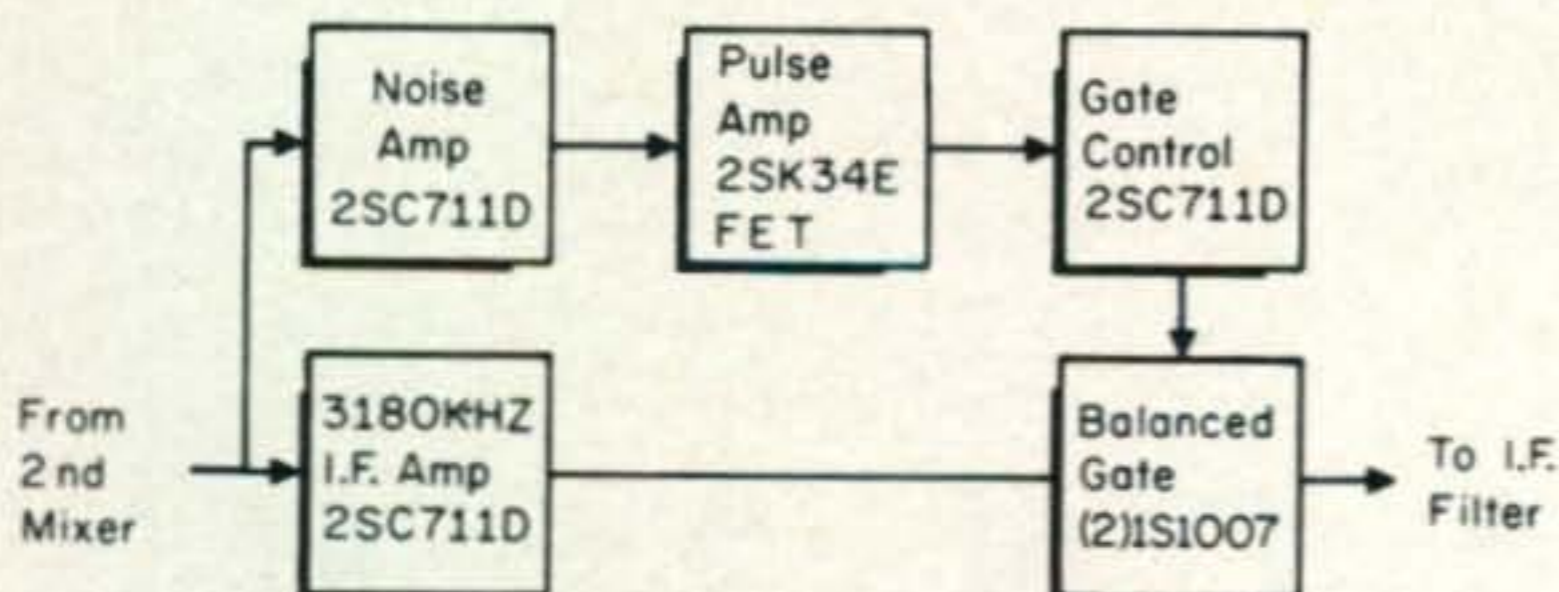


Fig. 1—Block diagram for the noise blanker used in the FTdx570. Noise pulses, obtained from the mixer output, are amplified, detected and appropriately shaped to operate the gate at the filter input. The gate employs two diodes in a balanced setup that eliminates switching transients. This provides quieter operation.

a.f.-type noise limiter. A block diagram of the setup is shown at fig. 1. Although it is a somewhat conventional lineup, the actual circuitry and constants are such that make it one of the most superb performing jobs we've run across, not only fantastically eliminating impulse noise, but also preventing desensitization of the receiver by noise pulses that otherwise would decrease the receiver gain through the a.g.c. action created by the noise pulses.

An improvement over early FTdx560 models is a change at the product detector whereby cleaner audio quality is obtained with high input-signal levels. A change also has been made in the c.w. wave-shaping that produces more desirable keying characteristics.²

The 600 Hz (@ 6 db) c.w. filter is exceptionally sharp for one of its type, since it has very steep skirts that result in a 2:1 shape factor with a 60 db bandwidth of only 1.2 kHz. Its overall effectiveness is thus better than some of the 400-500 Hz filters we've encountered with shape factors usually in the order of 4.1. The filter is automatically switched in when the transceiver is set up for c.w. operation. This filter is an optional factory-installed accessory; however, it can be supplied for installation as a do-it-yourself kit.

With a receiver sensitivity of 0.3 μ v or better for 10 db S+N/N on all bands, an unwanted-sideband suppression of at least 50 db (at 1 kHz), the excellent selectivity with the optional c.w. filter, an output of at least 300 watts p.e.p. on s.s.b. and 260 watts on c.w., plus all the other features of the FTdx-570 make it a transceiver that gives you a high-performing and flexible setup to meet the essential needs of today's amateur-radio communications.

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It Is Better To Receive . . .

BY GLENN HAUSER,* SWL

YOU hams really have it made. You're to be congratulated not only on your accomplishments, public service and otherwise, but also on your public relations. You have succeeded in making the words "shortwave" and "amateur radio" virtually synonymous to the general public.

If even *you* don't see the contradiction in this, perhaps amateur PR has gone too far. You're forgetting the "one-way" people—the shortwave listeners and DX listeners.

"Oh come off it," you say, "I was an s.w.l. once, but that was just when I started in the radio hobby, before I got my ticket. I'm a full-fledged amateur now, and I've put childish things like s.w.ling behind me."

Take another look, brother. Today's SWL/DX listeners deserve full respect as an equal.

"How can he?" you say. "He isn't licensed. He doesn't have to take any test. He doesn't even have to know anything about the technical end of radio."

That's true. We'll concede, that as a group hams have an edge over DX listeners on the technical side of things. Still, our recent DX Census shows that 50% of us build some of our own equipment, and 76% repair and maintain it. But there's a lot more to DX listening than this!

More and more DX listeners are attaining what we might call *proficiency* in broadcast reception. And that isn't easy. It can't be learned out of a manual; it requires many hours of careful tuning, observations, record-keeping, language study, a sensitive ear, and a multitude of reference publications. And our census shows that 6 out of 7 s.w.l.s and DX listeners use communications receivers.

With all deference to amateur communication, you must admit a great proportion of it is just friendly gab, nothing very deep. In fact, your own written or unwritten laws prevent really significant discussions on the ham bands—politics and religion, for example.

Yet on the shortwave *broadcast* bands, everything said is intended as a meaningful statement for reception by a wide audience.

While the weather conditions at a distant place, or your contact's equipment may be of some passing interest, let's face it: more important things are happening in the world. And the best way to keep in touch with the *real* world is through shortwave broadcasts.

The proficient DX listener can tune across a band at any given time, and name off each station, one by one, just by remembering which station goes with which frequency—or even without knowing the exact frequencies. The few he can't pin down right away constitute the challenge of DX listening.

The proficient DX listener doesn't limit himself to the English language. English is far from being *the* language on the shortwave broadcast bands. Many of us are bi-, tri-, or multilingual. And proficiency on shortwave means being able to *recognize* a large number of languages *without* necessarily understanding them.

Could *you* listen to a broadcast for five seconds, and say "That's in Hungarian?" Could you tell the difference between Hungarian and Hindi? Or Czech and Slovak? The proficient DX listener can.

You think QRM is bad on the ham bands? You lucky people—you've got single sideband. Of necessity, the broadcasters continue with a.m.... and this means DX listeners need just as much skill, or more, to tune in the DX as hams do.

"What about DXCC?" Because fewer countries broadcast than have ham stations at one time or another, no DX listener will ever pass the three hundred mark. But of the countries which do broadcast on shortwave, some of the most experienced DX listeners have heard over 200. This is certainly on a par with 300 on the ham bands.

Top men in the field have been known to tune in every day, month after month, waiting for that one opening that will bring them a new country. They can't pick and choose among the bands or ask a station to move to a clear frequency. Instead, they must go after the stations where they happen to be transmitting, no matter how unfavorable conditions may be at that frequency. Nor can they

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send expeditions to rare countries. Thus building up a country total is an even greater challenge for the DX listener than for the ham.

And QSLing! While virtually every ham in the world knows what a QSL means, and exchanging cards is routine practice . . . many remote shortwave broadcasters rarely receive reports and have no idea what a QSL is and means. They don't know the Q code, and reports must be written in the local language. Yet through perseverance the proficient DX listener somehow manages to get a verification back from these stations. Sometimes it takes several tries before the station comes through.

Multicolored cloth pennants are a bonus to the DX listener specializing in Latin America. Many stations issue these pennants, which from an artistic standpoint, invariably outshine QSL cards.

"Just who are these proficient DX listeners?" Chances are you think most s.w.l.s are teenagers. Our Census does show that 41.5% are under 21, and we're mighty proud of our new blood. But the leaders in the hobby are mature individuals from all walks of life, just as in ham radio. Among them are university professors, engineers, lawyers, and blue-collar workers.

"But you s.w.l.s are disorganized, aren't you? How can you accomplish anything being a bunch of isolated knob twiddlers?" Well, if you'll pardon the comparison, we too have our national organization equivalent to the ARRL. It's the Association of North American Radio Clubs, ANARC.¹

"Oh, you have clubs, too?" Certainly. Some of them have been in business 40 years. The ANARC Census shows that about 1900 people are members of affiliated clubs. Several of these clubs publish hefty information-packed bulletins, some weekly, some monthly, intelligently edited and professionally printed.

By the way, s.w.l.s have in the past copied hams in making up "callsigns" . . . but there seems to be a trend away from this. Many of us are satisfied to be known by our names alone.

"Well, if DX listening is so great, why are you so few compared to the ham population?"

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RELATIVITY

WHAT is an S meter? Does it measure anything? Can it be calibrated? Is it reliable? Can field intensity (strength) be measured with an S meter? What does it really do? Do all manufacturers calibrate S meters in the same manner? And, we could go on and on and on with questions like this!

In fact an S meter is only a relative indicator of relative signal strength. The design of receivers used by the greater majority of amateurs is such that it is impossible to calibrate an S meter at other than *one* frequency. Amazed? Well, it's true! There are so many variables ahead of an S meter circuit in the amateur receiver that it is impossible to predict any constancy of amplification over the entire frequency range of the receiver. Oh sure, you can build a beautiful i.f. amplifier system that has a constant gain; but what about all the circuitry that precedes the i.f. chain? Is the gain of the r.f. amplifier/mixer circuit the same across the complete spectrum of one band (from the low end to the high end)? At least those receivers whose bands are increments of 500 kHz have a better chance of constant amplification of a given signal strength than those of 1 MHz or greater. Have you ever thought of the cost of a receiver that would give a constant gain of a given signal strength over its entire range? Radio Interference and Field Intensity (RIFI) receivers, used to measure signal strength in microvolts per meter cost in excess of \$3500 and it takes a very special facility with some very special equipment to calibrate them, requiring a period of better than 40 hours by a very well trained and qualified technical person.

Have you ever really analyzed the directions given in your instruction book to "calibrate" the S meter in your rig? In most cases:

- a. Disconnect the antenna.
- b. Tune the receiver to a given frequency on a given band.

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AND THE S-METER

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c. Make sure that no local signal is getting thru the receiver front end.

d. Set the r.f. gain control to the full clockwise position.

e. Set the S meter adjustment control for a zero indication on the meter.

Great!—You have now *Calibrated* (what an abuse of what the word “calibrated” stands for!) your S meter! Better than nothing but not much! And this is what determines the report you give to your friend when you work him.

Now you tell the fellow at the other end of a QSO, “You’re S-9 on my scotch meter OM.” You said ‘scotch’ because the signal really sounded better than that. Let’s establish a point of reference on which to base further reports. Let’s assume that when the meter indicates S-9 the signal level at the input of your receiver is 100 microvolts. (We could establish the level at 50 microvolts just as well. One manufacturer has been known to readjust the S meter circuits to this level of input for S-9 when the owner complains that he has a “scotch S meter.”) Now we have an additional problem because in the old days of a.m. (Amplitude Modulation for those of you who don’t remember) the S meter could be used as a tuning indicator because when the receiver was tuned to the center of the signal the S meter was being driven by a voltage (current) that was directly proportional to the strength of the carrier frequency. But with s.s.b., the S meter attempts to read the peaks of the audio signal. But the basic design of the meter movement in an S meter precludes its indicating “peaks” with any reasonable degree of certainty. So we not only have a problem of an overall signal amplification factor in the set, (constant gain at all frequencies), but also the uncertainties of the indications of peak amplitudes on the S meter.

Now what does it mean when you tell an operator of another station that he is 60 db over S-9? (Remember the point of reference

mentioned before with S-9 being an indication of a 100 microvolt signal across the input to the receiver?) Well, 60 db represents a voltage ratio of 1000. So you have told the other operator that there is 100 millivolts (0.1 volts) at the input to your receiver. For further amazement:

S-9 +	Voltage Ratio	Signal Level
10	3.162	316 μ v
20	10.0	1 mv
30	31.62	3.16 mv
40	100.0	10 mv
50	316.2	31.62 mv
60	1000.0	100 mv
70	3162.0	316.2 mv
80	10000.0	1 volt

Even if S-9 was an indication of 50 microvolts at the input the signal levels in the chart above would only be divided by 2. I’ve heard many amateurs report a “real bodacious” signal; well, it must come from a “real bodacious” transmitter, with antennas of very high gain, a transmission path of very minimum attenuation and not too much distance between the transmitter and receiver locations!

So, what can an S-meter be used for? Maybe some uses would be:

a. An ego-inflator! Gives the other guy a big report and maybe you’ll get one in return.

b. Seriously, it can be used as a relative indicator of signal strength. By this I mean that if you are working on an antenna system with a friend (either him adjusting his on transmit or you adjusting yours on receive) changes in indications on the S-meter are proportional to the results of the adjustments. A higher reading indicates better tuning adjustment; but, of course this depends upon several factors such as a good transmission path with no QSB and a constant level of signal from a transmitter, etc. The S-meter will indicate meaningful results if properly interpreted.

c. In making some r.f. bridge type measurements you can use a receiver as a de-

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Identifying Unmarked Surplus Digital IC's

BY GENE BRIZENDINE,* W4ATE

MANY bargain surplus IC's go unappreciated, because they are unidentified. Hesitation to invest our time in the unknown is understandable, however the simple identification method described here may increase your enjoyment and knowledge in this area. If you are uninitiated into the digital world, a nude IC-5 IC, with not a single identifying symbol or a topless flat pack can be the most logical training aid imaginable. Or you may simply wish to identify and utilize some digital IC's you now have on hand.

First of all, let us learn how the package usually becomes unidentified. The metal case and wire leads of the highest-quality devices are often plated with pure gold. Along the manufacturer-to-surplus dealer route, someone processes the unit to recover the precious metal. Presto! our IC went incognito. Happily, the identification of many digital types is easy, and in fact can be a fun game. Let us start with the older, but hardy RTL family—it is harder to damage by improper connections.

The equipment requirements are simple, essentially a voltmeter and an inexpensive battery. A production-type IC test socket will speed up the process, but it is not mandatory. It is important to know the manufacturer of the IC's being identified so that the applicable logic diagrams and pin numbering system are on hand and understood for each IC to be tested.

An experience from real-life may best illustrate the method. Construction of an advanced, 16-IC digital keying system was considered many years ago, but almost abandoned, when the cost of the solid-state devices totaled up to a sobering figure.

A review of the contents of digital packages shows that mostly gates prevail. In fact a complete computer may be assembled, utilizing gates alone, although IC's tailored to specific tasks generally provide a more direct and economical approach. So, the first efforts

were to sort out those devices which contained only gates, in order to become acquainted with the simpler IC's first. References to the terms NAND, "high," "low" and truth tables will be avoided for clarity.

A hundred unmarked Fairchild RTL's were obtained from a very reliable surplus source¹ for about five dollars, and spread out for inspection. These were sorted into groupings by number of leads: 10-lead, 8-lead, 6-lead etc.

Next, all other physical differences in packages were carefully examined: color of the potting material, finish of the potting material (glossy or dull), color and shape of the "island" centered between the leads, the lead length and finish, color and finish of the bottom rim of the case. The IC's were sorted into sub-groups, according to these additional differences. Clearly, packages having all of the same outside appearances will not automatically be the same electrically. However, this easy sorting greatly reduced the time required to identify sixteen perfect 914 dual 2-input gates and 923 flip-flops for the project.

Inspection of the 914 and 913 outline drawings showed that both were packaged in 8-pin packages. Therefore, all packages having 10 or more leads were set aside for any future needs, and attention was focused on the 8-pin devices.

Before the simple electrical tests were made, one more important weeding-out process was performed. Leads are usually omitted when not required in a device. (The leads are numbered in the same order as found in octal vacuum tubes.) For examples, the 902 flip-flop has pins 2 and 6 missing and the 903 three-input gate is minus pins 5 and 7.

The outline drawings further showed that all 8 pins were present in the 914 and 923 IC's. All TO-5's not passing this "physical" were likewise set aside. At this point, the search had been narrowed down to only 30 of the original 100 units. It was encouraging

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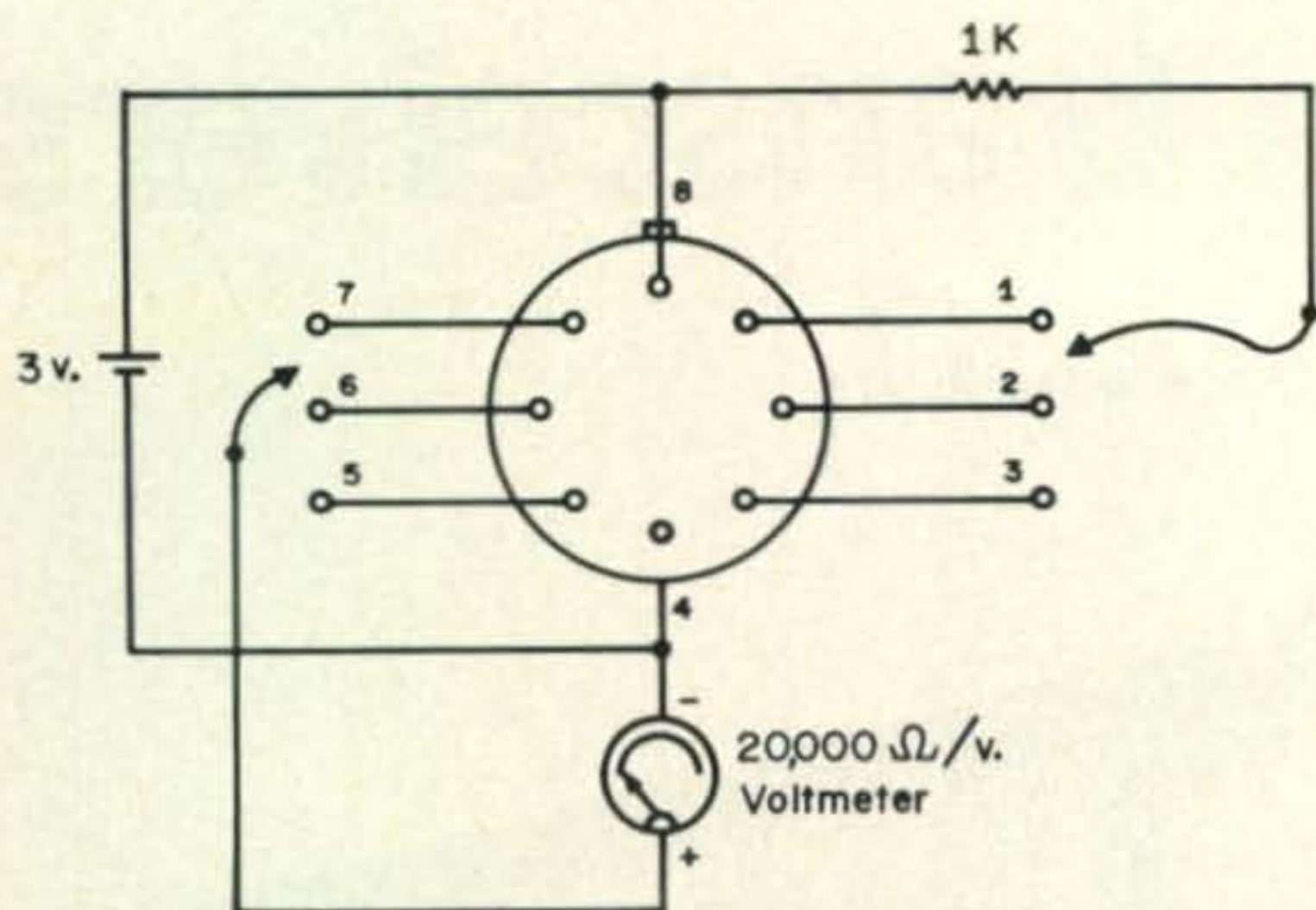


Fig. 1—Simple tester for sorting unknown digital ICs and determining the internal configuration. Bottom of IC socket is shown.

that 70 per cent of the units had been eliminated as candidates, by visual inspection alone.

The simple test arrangement in fig. 1 applies normal power to the IC under test, and brings out the remaining pins to any type of convenient terminal point. Use of selector switches will limit flexibility and is not recommended.

The testing philosophy is to assume the device plugged in is the type sought and to test it accordingly. This allows quick rejection, when the proper responses are not received. Identifying the 914 gates consisted of connecting the meter to monitor pin 7 (known to be an output pin), while applying positive switching bias to pin 1 or 2 (known to be the corresponding input pins). The same process was repeated for the remaining half of the device, using output pin 6 and input pins 3 and 5.

Referring to fig. 2, with plus bias applied to an input pin, the related transistor would conduct and a low value of voltage would be measured between emitter and collector. Conversely, with no bias applied to any base, a much higher voltage would appear between emitter and all collectors.

The meter indications when a 914 was discovered were over 1 volt at pins 6 and 7, with no input bias applied. With the meter connected to pin 7, the reading dropped to an average 0.2 volts, when the bias probe was applied to either pin 1 or 2. Moving the meter to pin 6, the same indications were noted when touching the probe to pin 3 or 5. Occasionally a 914 was identified, but would fail to switch from one particular input terminal. Such gates are useful in many applications not requiring all four input terminals.

The method employed for identifying a 923 flip-flop was unorthodox and incomplete. However, it proved to be simple and effective for this purpose.

Output pin 7 was monitored with the voltmeter's positive lead. The probe in this case was a clip lead connected to the negative pin 4. Touching the probe momentarily to pin 5 flipped the device to a meter reading of over 1 volt. Probing pin 7 similarly, flopped the reading to around 0.3 volt.

Of course, the initial indication depends upon the state in which the flip-flop was left before it was acquired. Therefore, at least two probings of pins 5 and 7 were made to insure that the IC was exposed to all trigger conditions. The voltmeter was then connected to output pin 5. Probing pins 7 and 5 again produced a reverse of the above indications.

No damage resulted to the IC by connecting the negative probe to the positive pins 5 and 7, because 640-ohm load resistors are connected within the device between the positive supply and output pins 5 and 7.

The significant clue that a flip-flop had been identified was that a switched voltmeter reading remained *after* removing the probe. A further test was made to confirm that a 923 had been identified, by testing the preset function which is activated through pin 6. While monitoring the over 1 volt on pin 7, pin 6 was momentarily touched with the positive probe and the voltmeter reading dropped and *remained* at the familiar 0.3 volt level.

After eliminating the 914 and 923 devices, many other RTL types were identified, including 902, 903, 907 and 910 devices. Some IC's were not identified by those methods but responded to an exploratory approach. Pins were monitored until a voltage of about 0.3 or over one volt was noted. The remaining pins were biased (or grounded) until the

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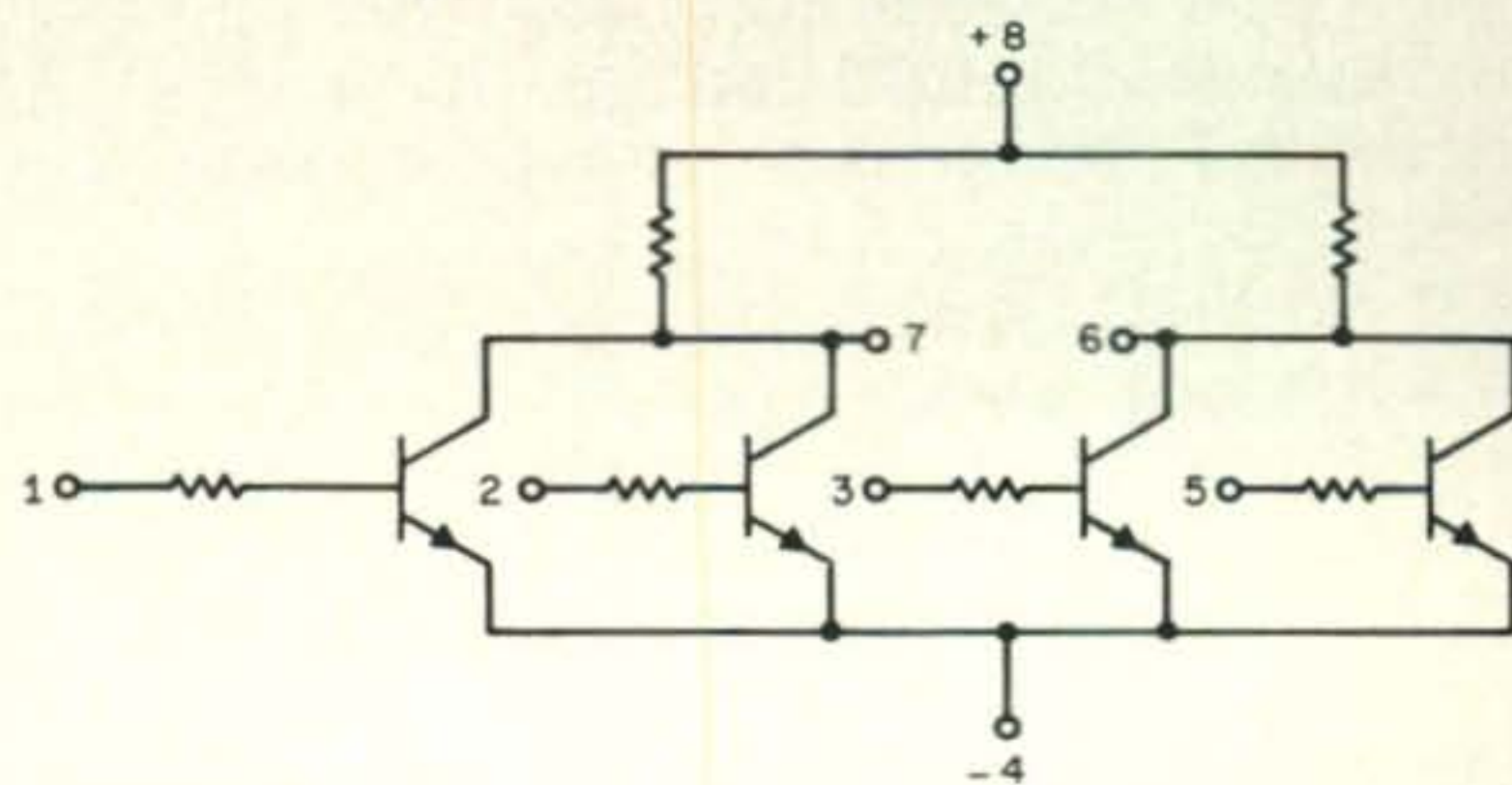


Fig. 2—914 2-input gate RTL, 8-lead, TO-5 package IC. Typical base resistors are 450 ohms; collector resistors are 640 ohms.

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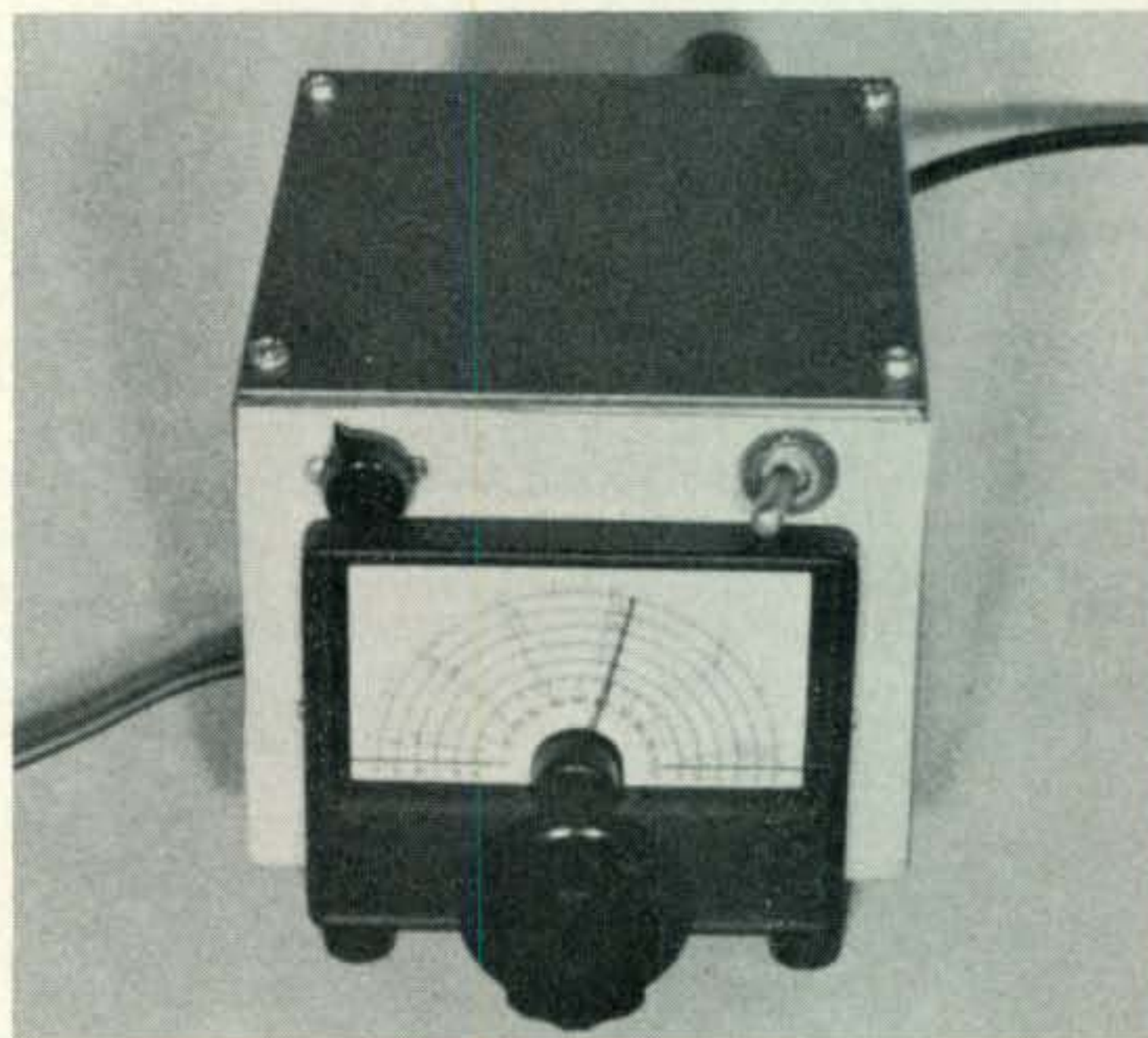
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An External VFO for the Heathkit SB-102 Transceiver

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SEVERAL months ago I purchased and constructed an SB-102 transceiver. The choice of this unit was based to a large extent on the capability for use of this transceiver with a number of external adjuncts such as external v.f.o., phone patch, transverters, etc. A transistorized external v.f.o. was built but it proved to be unstable both mechanically and electrically. The v.f.o. project was then shelved until several days before the last ARRL DX competition. It was then decided that an external vacuum tube v.f.o. would be built for use in the contest. The parameters laid down were that the unit must be very stable electrically, mechanically, and thermally and could be constructed from components available from the basement junk box or from the local TV parts house. A search through many years of amateur journals did not produce such a circuit but did reveal a number of constructional hints for building an extremely stable unit.

The unit shown was constructed in a single evening. A second evening was spent substituting padding capacitors, adjusting inductances, etc. in getting the unit to cover 5.0 to 5.5 MHz with about 10 kHz excess at each end of the dial and in calibrating the unit. The result is a very high performance v.f.o. that when used with the SB-102 permits transceive operation with the internal LMO, transceive operation with the external v.f.o. or separate transmit and receive operation using



Overall view of the 5.0 MHz v.f.o. Above the calibrated dial is the on-standby switch (r.) and the calibrating trimmer (l.). The unit is constructed in a 4 x 5 x 6 inch aluminum cabinet.

the LMO for receiving and the v.f.o. for transmitting.

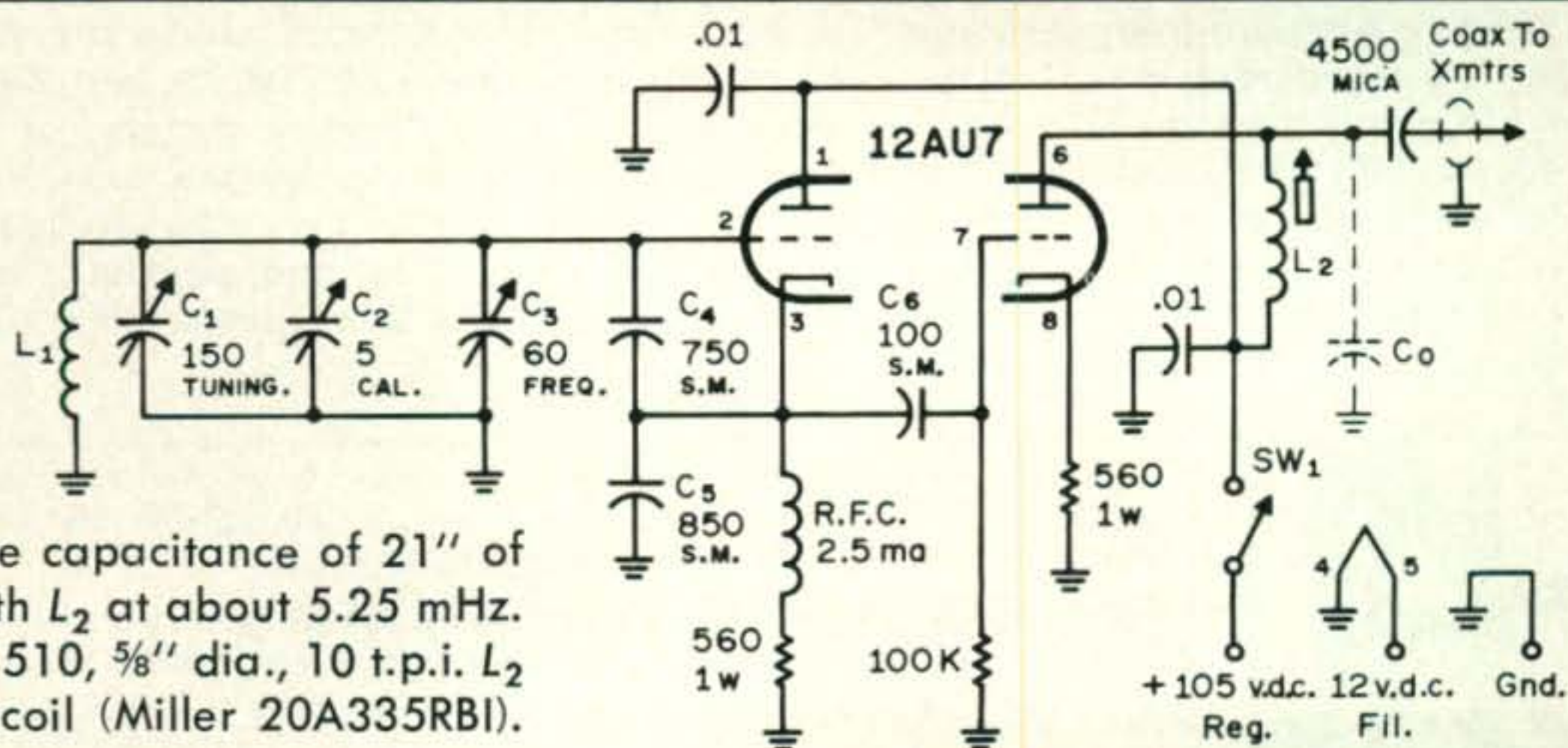
Circuit Details

The circuit is shown in fig. 1. One half of a 12AU7 double triode is used as a Colpits oscillator. The other half is used as a tuned isolating amplifier. Power may be supplied from the SB-102 by running connecting wires between the available voltage points in the transceiver and unused connecting pins on the rectangular socket on the back of the SB-102. I chose instead to draw the filament

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Fig. 1—Circuit of the 5.0—5.5 MHz v.f.o. suitable for use as an external v.f.o. with the Heathkit SB-102 or any other rig requiring a 5.0 MHz v.f.o. C_0 is the capacitance of the 4500 pf output coupling capacitor in series with the capacitance of 21' of RG-58/U. C_0 resonates with L_2 at about 5.25 MHz. L_1 is 20 turns of Air Dux #510, 5/8" dia., 10 t.p.i. L_2 is a 20-40 μ h slug tuned coil (Miller 20A335RBI).



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1971 CQ WORLD WIDE DX CONTEST: C.W. RESULTS

BY FRANK ANZALONE,* WIWY

WE didn't fare too badly in this one (Nov. '71). Returns were about 5% lower than last year, which was to be expected for a couple of reasons. The emphasis is gradually swinging to s.s.b., and the lower sunspot cycle has definitely lowered the activity, especially for the Generals who no longer have 10 meters open to Europe.

But with the slight increase in the returns from the phone section, we were still able to break the 3000 mark.

George Jacobs had predicted that conditions would vary between fair and good, and that's about what happened, depending on the location and bands used.

So all in all I would say we didn't do too badly and we were all happy.

However all the news is not on the pleasant side. We found it necessary to disqualify the following stations: ZD3Q, 4M5AAS, DLØWU, UA3RH, SM5BPJ, K6LOM and W8VSK.

It would be so much easier to stop right here and go on to more pleasant reporting, but I think the time has come to call a spade a spade and stop sweeping a distasteful subject under the rug.

*Chairman, CQ Contest Committee



Yuri, ex-OK5BU, now VE3BMV high man for Canada in both sections of the contest.

Here are the line scores on three Multi-Operator, Single Transmitter entries that were unacceptable because credit was taken for an excessive number of duplicate contacts.

ZD3Q	3,245,638	3193	101	240
4M5AAS	3,059,380	2820	119	261
DLØWU	1,483,012	1461	130	322

Station ZD3Q had 157 dupes, just under 5% of the total made; 4M5AAS had 129, over 4½%, and DLØWU had 55, just under 4% of the total.

What a pity to see all that operating effort go down the drain, either due to negligence in not checking the log when it was recopied or trying to create a much higher score by taking credit for every contact made.

In the case of ZD3Q, here was a well-planned expedition to Gambia, a relatively rare spot, by a couple of good operators from Denmark. Their claimed score would have set a new world's record for their category, but even without these extra points they still would have won and still set a new record.

We realize that it is next to impossible to keep out duplicate contacts and maintain a rapid exchange. But we do insist that a log be thoroughly checked before it is submitted, and all duplicate contacts be crossed out and *no credit taken*. You see what can happen if we have to do it for you.

And we are also cognizant of the fact that the station showing up as a dupe should also bear a certain amount of responsibility. However we find that it's generally a non-contest station who probably made a second contact to insure that he would be in the DX station's log.

The rules are very specific regarding taking credit for duplicate contacts, and we feel that the 3% margin has been more than liberal. I use the wording "has been" because in the future the wording will be "excessive duplicates" and the Committee will use its

PLAQUE & TROPHY WINNERS

Single Operator, Single Band

WORLD—North Jersey DX Association. Earl Lucas, W2JT Memorial Trophy. Won by Hipacio Marra, PY4AP. (14 mHz)

Single Operator, All Band

WORLD—Larry LeKashman, W9IOP Trophy. Won by KH6RS (Opr. William Myers, K2SIL)

U.S.A.—Frankford Radio Club Trophy. Won by W1FBY (Opr. David Sumner, K1ZND)

EUROPE—W3AU Operators' Trophy. Won by A. J. Slater, G3FXB.

CARIB./C.A.—Harold Fox, W3AA Plaque. Won by Richard Limebear, 8P6DR.

AFRICA—Gordon Marshall, W6RR Plaque. Won by P. B. Buckley, ZS2RM.

ASIA—Japan CQ Magazine Trophy. Won by Alfred A. Laun III, HS5ABD.

OCEANIA—Maui Amateur Radio Club Trophy. Won by Katashi Nose, KH6IJ.

Multi-operator, Single Transmitter

WORLD—Dr. Anthony Susen, W3AOH Trophy. Won by Station 4Z4HF. (Oprs. 4X4WN, 4X4XX, 4Z4AG, 4Z4BR, 4Z4DZ, 4Z4NKX)

Multi-operator, Multi Transmitter

WORLD—Hazard Reeves, K2GL Trophy. Won by Station PJ9JT (Oprs. W1-BIH, W1SG, W1TX, K4BAI, W4BNU, WB4RAU)

Contest Expedition

WORLD—Dr. Donald Miller, W9WNV Trophy. Dr. Harold Megibow, K2HLB Memorial. Won By James Neiger, VRIW (W6BHY).

SPECIAL CQ PLAQUE

World Champions

Multi-operator, Multi Transmitter

Station UK9ABA (Oprs. UA9AN, UA9-ACN, UA9CAX, UA9BE, UW9AF, UW9BC, UW9BY)

Club Award

Frankford Radio Club

own judgement as to what it considers excessive.

In the case of UA3RH on all bands, W8VSK on 28 mHz, K6LOM on 14 mHz and SM5BPJ on 3.5 mHz, the disqualifica-

tion was because of "creative logging." Taking credit for excessive contacts and multipliers that could not be justified in a process of cross-checking logs and written reports from stations that were claimed.

Their claimed line scores were as follows:

UA3RH	A	1,782,473	1666	147	392
W8VSK	28	49,486	186	27	82
K6LOM	14	228,657	647	34	89
SM5BPJ	3.5	84,816	450	34	90

I am sure all would still have had very impressive scores with a smaller but more accurate multiplier.

Especially UA3RH with his elaborate antenna farm. 3-el. on 3.5, 3-el. on 7, 5-el. on 14 mHz. All rotary beams with variable polarization. Also 2-el. Quads on 21 and 28 mHz. A very impressive layout indeed.

Future disqualification of this type can mean being barred from participation in our contests for a period of up to 2 years.

I expect that we will be receiving a lot of flak for this drastic action but things are getting out of hand and must be stopped, even at the expense of losing future participation from stations who do not agree with us.

Enough of that. Let's go to more pleasant happenings. This should make a lot of fellows happy. The Frankford Radio Club finally did it, beat out their arch rivals, the Potomac Valley Radio Club for club honors and the CQ Plaque. That breaks the PVRC's consecutive string dating back to 1964. This victory was achieved by a large turn-out of the membership and the club finally coming up with a couple of "Big Guns" and a number of score-producing Multi Singles. (Expedition stations, or the lack of them had nothing to do with it, Jessie!)

Picking the winner of the Contest Expedition station presented no problem. Jim



The two man team that put KH6HCM in the #4 spot in the Multi Single category. That's Gary with the stripes, Pat KH6GQW, the other half of the team.

Single Operator - All Band

Station	QSO's						Zones						Countries					
	1.8	3.5	7	14	21	28	1.8	3.5	7	14	21	28	1.8	3.5	7	14	21	28
KH6RS	6	301	733	797	753	387	2	16	26	31	25	18	2	19	28	59	28	26
VR1W		65	312	600	839	601		13	22	34	28	23		15	29	68	40	38
6D1AA		259	554	689	714	461		14	24	35	28	21		25	49	69	65	43
VP2A	31	227	377	425	514	252	7	16	21	30	23	17	9	39	54	74	53	49
KH6IJ		105	213	556	565	263		9	13	32	27	18		8	17	60	38	29
3B8CR		3	38	511	554	270		3	15	33	30	19		3	21	75	65	47
HS5ABD		55	200	296	591	202		12	25	31	34	21		19	44	77	80	50
W1FBY	5	85	187	288	395	56	3	13	24	31	30	18	4	38	63	73	72	36
W1BPW	3	106	151	335	280	58	2	21	27	32	28	20	2	50	67	78	65	39
W3WJD		125	174	283	233	76		20	26	32	30	20		52	64	79	72	42

Multi-Operator - Single Transmitter

UK9ABA		432	543	478	289	234		12	27	30	29	22		51	65	65	70	48
4Z4HF		207	376	521	365	326		13	18	24	21	23		36	44	59	49	49
UK3AAO		220	225	534	407	98		11	32	36	34	21		48	75	82	86	45
KH6HCM	7	154	407	426	667	255	3	12	17	31	20	17	2	13	21	59	33	23
PJ2HT		160	382	543	478	155		10	15	24	15	13		17	30	47	40	36
VE1ASJ	54	286	300	308	216	118	4	17	21	30	27	19	5	39	45	101	58	33

Multi-Operator - Multi-Transmitter

PJ9JT	59	484	604	1295	1290	731	5	15	16	33	29	25	7	35	40	87	71	53
W4BVV	22	195	451	676	611	143	11	24	32	36	32	27	16	70	93	116	94	60
W7RM	36	172	648	709	535	173	11	22	34	37	33	21	13	36	76	100	75	39
K6RU	29	118	649	633	576	176	11	23	34	37	32	18	13	38	75	111	79	41
W3AU	17	118	453	760	552	134	8	18	29	37	32	23	11	40	81	106	84	59
YUØN		800	824	807	690	171		12	24	34	32	23		47	63	92	76	53

Band-by-band breakdown of top scores.

Neiger, W6BHY who has turned in some very impressive scores from other areas of the world in previous contests, made a trip to the British Phoenix Islands for this one and will be rewarded with the Don Miller, W9WNV Trophy. His all-time single operator record from 9Y4AA made in 1969 still stands however. If he hadn't taken time out to go over

to Canton Island and make those 50 QSO's he might have ended up as "top banana" instead of second place.

If we were handing out awards for the neatest and most accurate log it would have to go to VP2A. John Beck (ZD8J, remember him?) sent us 72 pages of the most beautiful log we have ever seen. Cross index by contacts, zones and countries. Computerized of course, and a pleasure to check.

The Multi Multi operation by PJ9JT ran into equipment problems and with a much smaller crew than in previous years their score reflected their problems. However it

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KG4CS's score on 160 should be a new record (check "All Time Records" next month). Barry put up a 1400 ft. long wire over salt water for the contest. Worked everything he heard except KH6HCM.



Not many YL's in this year's contest, but Leela put the mic. aside for the c.w. weekend and put VU2CP on the air in her first contest. Hope to see you again next year
Leela.

OCEANIA

Hawaii

KH6HCM 1,405,249 1916 100 151

SOUTH AMERICA

Netherlands Antilles

PJ2HT 1,296,750 1718 77 170

Multi-Operator

Multi Transmitter

NORTH AMERICA

W4BVV	3,655,613	2098	162	449
W7RM	3,192,728	2273	158	339
K6RU	3,133,952	2181	155	357
W3AU	3,009,544	2034	147	381
W3GM	2,733,675	1865	152	373
W4WS	1,773,948	1340	131	322
W3GPE	1,663,875	1266	132	327
K4CG	1,631,232	1236	136	336
K3JYZ	1,231,186	1130	115	267
W3TV	1,098,170	1000	116	270
K3HTZ	1,047,572	918	129	275
WA3ATX	918,372	870	112	265
W5KFL	404,128	530	105	181
W4KXV	388,512	480	101	187
WA3LRN	343,398	475	85	178

ASIA

JA2YEF	421,968	700	98	138
JA3ZBE	416,990	654	98	147
JA1YAG	272,805	541	81	114

EUROPE

YUON	3,003,216	3292	125	331
DLOPG	2,282,779	2592	127	317
SK5AJ	1,810,708	2211	126	310
OH1AA	1,761,876	2176	122	314
OH3AA	1,528,130	1855	128	317
DLOKF	1,332,320	2199	110	242

PE2EVO	1,187,259	1830	115	258
OH1VQ	633,596	1259	94	208
SK5AA	513,229	1197	78	179
DLOII	93,936	432	48	104

SOUTH AMERICA

PJ9JT 5,517,824 4463 123 293

The following were submitted as check logs.

DJOTA, DL9EY, DM2ACL, DM2ADC, DM2AXC, DM2CGH, DM2CJJ, DM2DEO, DM2DGO, DM2DRO, DM2DZH, DM2EML, DM2EXH, DM3MMA, DM3RM, DM3UE, D3MUSG, DM3XUE, DM4FG, DM4XNL, DM4ZEL, DM5VBN, G3MWZ, HA1ZU, HA2KRB, HA3KGJ, HA3KMF, HA3PE, HA4KXG, HA5FA, HA5JI, HA5YAH, HA8KVB, HA8UX, HA90X, LA2QI, LA8NC, OH2BHU, OH2BMC, OK1FAR, OK3CEA, OK3EQ, OL1ASE, OM0HR, OM0SKU, OZ3Q, PY1BTX, SM3AT, SM5RH, SM7TQ, SP1BLE, SP1CTN, SP1EFU, SP2DVA, SP3CMX, SP3DWE, SP5ENA, SP6BFK, SP6RT, SP8AQN, UA1DX, UA3DL, UA3GO, UA3VA, UA3VAS, UA4AY, UA4PAG, UA6HZ, UA910, UA0UU, UB5NAG, UB5PS, UB5QAP, UB5VL, UC2AI, UJ8AL, UK3XAG, UK3XAU, UK4NAA, UK5EAP, UK5WAA, UK6HBA, UK9LAY, UL7-0285, UO5AP, UQ5AP, UQ2CC, UR2HB, UT5HP, UV9DU, UV9DX, UV9VC, UW3VV, VE1DB, VP2GLE, VU20MR, W3CTE, W4UDS/O, W9IWX, YO7NA, ZE1BL.

IN, OH3KZ, OH3MN, OH3YC. **OH5UX** & OH2IC, OH5VK. **OH7AA**: Club. **OH7RC** & OH7RH, OH7SX. **OY6FRA**: OY2H, OY2J, OY3B, OY3H, OY4R, OY5NS, OY5Q. **OZ5QU** & OZ4OV **PI1PT**: 3 oprs. **PJ2HT** & PA0LOU, PJ2ARI. **SK5AL**: SM5BGK, SM5DFM, SM5DKH, SM0CER, SM0DSG, SM0GM. **SK6AW**: SM6CDG, SM6CJK, SM6CMU, SM6CNX, SM6CVE. **SK7CE**: SM7ACN, SM7OSD, SM7DBV, SM7DCW, SM7DNL, SM7DXX, SM7EBC, SM7ECM. **SP2PAH**: SP2AVE, SP2BKF. **VE1ASJ** & VE1ACV, VE1DH. **VE1FO**: VE1AFN, VE1AGX, VE1AI, VE1MX, VE1OM, VE1TG, VE1XW. **VE6AWW** & VE6ANE. **VU2IN** & VU2UR. **YV5JQR**: YU5CX, YU5CZ, YU5NCF. **WA1NRV** & WA1KZE, WA1LAK. **WN1NDJ** & WN1OQT. **K2BMI** & WA2KHL, WB2RWY, WB2WID, WB2ZER. **W2MB** & WB2YEW. **W2YD** & W2BHM, W2HZY, K2AIO. **WA3HGV** & K3NEZ, WA3KZQ, WA3OVC, WA3RAP. **K3YUA** & WA3MHD. **W3SS** & K3JLK, K3LJZ, W3EVW. **W3YIK** & K3JLI. **W4JK** & WB4FTI. **K6EBB** & W6RGG, WA6SII, WB6KIG. **W6NJU** & WA6EPO. **W6DOD** & W6KG. **W6AFI** & K6LOA, W6UZX, W6YUS. **K6LY**: WB4LEK, WB6ZSB, WB9BXV. **W7SFA** & W7DL, W7VY, VE7ZZ. **W8BVF** & K8VTO. **W8FAW** & WA8YVR. **W8BVF** & K8TVO. **K9GSC** & K9PKQ. **K9HDP** & WB9BPG. **W9DY**: W9DWQ, WA9OMN, WA9VOL. **WA0PRS** & WA0VFN. **4Z4HF**: 4X4WN, 4X4XX, 4Z4AG, 4Z4BR, 4Z4DZ, 4Z4NKX.

Multi-operator Multi Transmitter

DLOII: DJ2YE, DJ4TJ, DJ5PE. **DLOKF**: DJ3UM, DJ0VH, DJ8FR, DJ4FZ, DJ7SW, DL2ZT, DJ5AZ, DJ3JB, DJ6TN, DL1FL. **DLOPG**: DK3BJ, DK5KM, DK1QV, DL6WE, DJ6TK, DJ9IE, DJ1FC, DJ9TQ, DJ6AU. **JA1YAG**: Club. **JA2YEF**: JA2NUO, JA2UJC, JA5FUC, JA2QJG, JH2FMK, JA2KKA, JA2QOF, JA2HKR, JH2IJS. **JA3ZBE**: JA3AA, JA3IW, JA3AUQ, JA3BRD, JA3GAC, JA3JEW. **K3HTZ** & VE3BAW, WA3LNM, K3KPV. **K3JYZ** & WA3HTQ, W3FZV, WA3GUI, WA3MJF. **K4CG**: WA4KJR, K3WUW, K2QBW, WA3QGV, K6OZL, W4HIR. **K6RU** & K6UA, W6MUR, W6NAD, K6BCE, K6MQG, K6SEN, K6VZA, WA6OHJ, WB6VEJ. **OH1AA**: OH1NK, OH1SS, OH1NH, OH1SY, OH1WR, OH1RG, OH1KF. **OH1VQ** & OH1VT, OH1PS, OH1QP, OH2BO. **OH3AA**: OH2BGD, OH2DT, OH3IR, OH3IU, OH3JR, OH3KW, OH3PE, OH3TQ, OH3UO, OH3WZ, OH3XT, OH3XZ, OH6TI, OH9OR. **PE2EVO**: PA0AAC, PA0BE, PA0BW, PA0GD, PA0IB, PA0JVM, PA0KVN, PA0MS, PA0PAZ, PA0PFV, PA0RCT, PA0RE, PA0TY. **PJ9JT**: W1TX, W1SG, W1BIH, W4BNU, K4BAI, WB4RUA. **SK5AA**: SM5ACQ, SM5BFJ, SM5DUL, SM5ENP, SM5EOO, SM5EOS, SM5ESP, SM5ESL, SM5EUL, SM5WI. **SK5AJ**: SM5AD, SM5BNZ, SM5CAK, SM5CBN, SM5CEU, SM5CNQ, SM5DJZ, SM5DUS, SM5EXE. **W3AU** & K3EST, W3ZKH, W3MVB, WA3IAQ, WA3CVU, K3RUQ, DJ1US. **W3GM** & W3NOH, W3GHM, W3KV, W3FHR, WA2WLN, W3JSX, K3WJV. **W3GPE** & W3GLY, W3YUW, WA3DSZ. **W3TV** & W3AOH, W3VW, W4GIV. **WA3ATX** & WA3COJ, WA3MPH. **WA3LRN** & WA3LRO, WA3NNA, WA3JLT, WA3CRN. **W4BVV** & K2UFT, K2UYG, K3GJD, K3NPV, W3BQV, W3WZL, K4GKD, K4VDL, W4YHD. **W4KXV** & W4HIR. **W4WS** & W4ETO, W4LCP, K2UME, W4ZCB, K4THA. **W5KFL** & WA5OCN, K5LZO, WA5LES, W5IVN. **W7RM** & K7VPF, K7HTZ, K7JCA, W7YGN, K6JQJ, WA7FDL, K7JLJ, W5QQQ. **YUON**: YU3BU, YU3CV, YU3EJ, YU3EO, YU3EY, YU3TFU, YU3TVP, YU3TWW, YU3TYX, YU3CAB.



We were happy to see a few Novices in this year's contest. DX contacts are hard to come by on the novice frequencies, but WN8IOT managed to scare-up 15 countries on 21 mHz. Ed said he will be in there fighting it out with the Generals next year.

Station Operators

Multi-operator Single Transmitter

CT2BC: 2 oprs. **DK2PH** & DK3BO. **DK3MG** & DJ9MH, DK1KC, DK6NJ. **DL8CM** & DL8CH. **DLOIH**: DK4VY, DK5HP. **DLOWW**: DK7FC, DK7FO, DL2LW, DL3ZA. **DM2AIC** & DM3RGC. **DM2BJF** & DM3WYF. **G3SSO**: G2HDU, G3IFB, G3PEO, G3SNN, G8KG, **G4ALE/4**: G3SJK, G3UFY, G3VYI, G3WRR. **GW3UCB**: G3WKH, G3WXS. **HA5KDQ**: HA5DE, HA5FI, HA5FM, HA5HO. **KH6HCM** & KH6GQW. **KL7AIZ**: K3OAR, K7RHN, K8JHW, WB2WGX, WB5DJU, WB9HRQ. **OE1XRA**: OE1JBA, OE1ZK, OE3LI, OE3TL. **OH1VR** & OH3YI. **OH2BMB**: OH2BDM, OH2BIG. **OH3AG**: OH3HA, OH3HC, OH3IF, OH3-

Voltage Independent Ramp Generator

BY JOHN J. NAGLE,* K4KJ

THE following circuit has proven to be convenient when one needs a free-running ramp generator having excellent linearity and a repetition frequency independent of supply voltage variations.

The circuit consists of a capacitor, C_2 which is charged through a PNP transistor, Q_1 , with an unbypassed emitter resistor, R_1 . The combination of the normally high output resistance of Q_1 and the unbypassed emitter resistor causes Q_1 to act as a constant current generator with an output resistance of several megohms. Because of this very high charging resistance the linearity of the ramp is very good.

The capacitor, C_2 , is discharged by the uni-junction Q_2 . A small resistor in the B_1 lead, R_2 provides a synchronizing pulse during retrace.

In operation C_2 is charged by the constant current through Q_1 causing a linear increase in the voltage across C_2 , when this voltage reaches the threshold voltage of Q_2 the uni-junction conducts thereby discharging C_2 and the cycle begins again. The discharge current flowing through the 39 ohm resistor R_2 supplies a synchronizing pulse for external use. The value of 39 ohms for R_2 is a compromise between the ramp retrace time and the sync

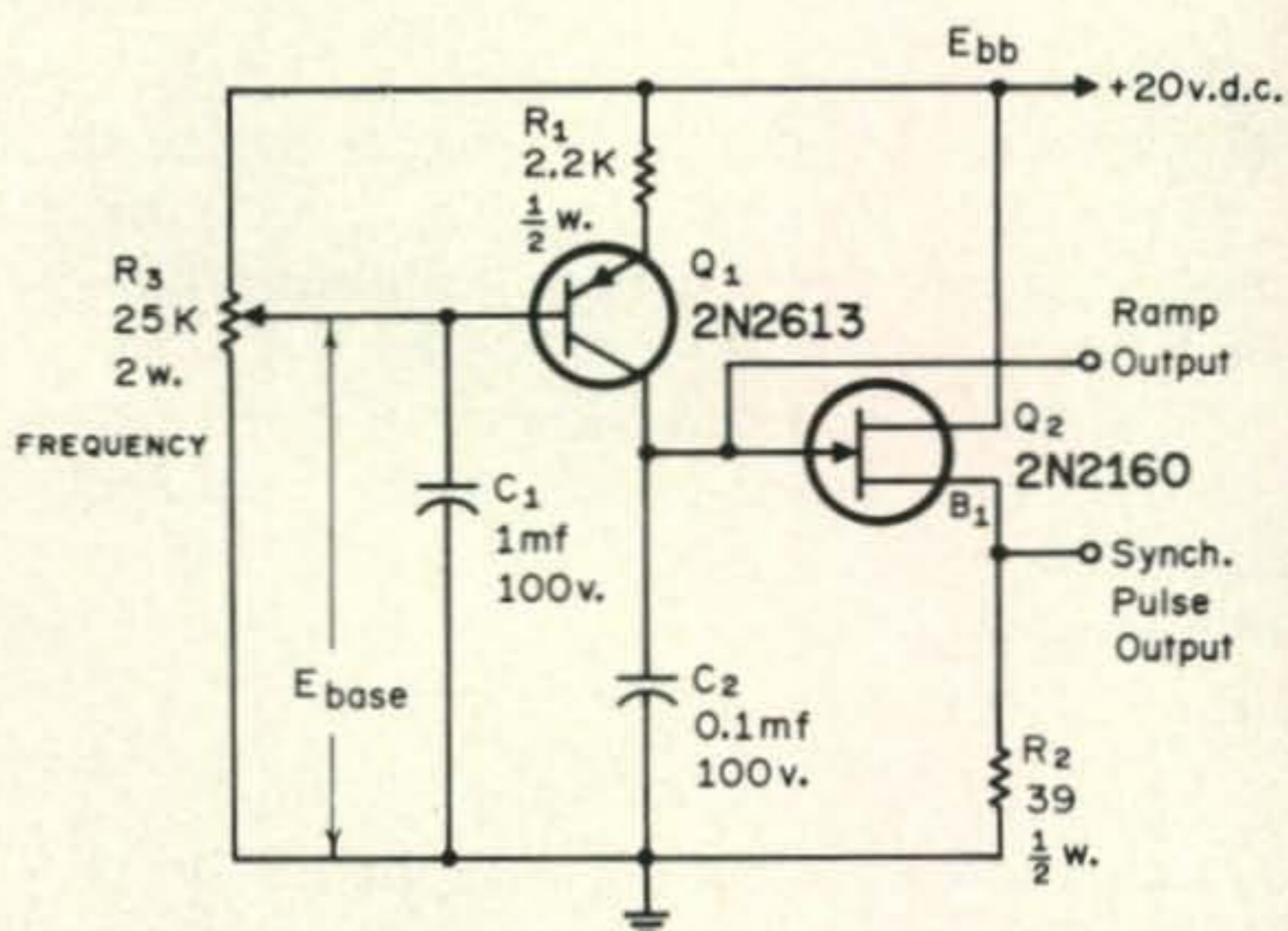


Fig. 1—Circuit of a simple linear ramp generator. Repetition frequency is controlled by R_3 and is independent of supply voltage.

pulse amplitude. Increasing the resistance will increase the sync pulse amplitude but will also increase the capacitor discharge time, thereby limiting the high frequency operation of the circuit. There is little to be gained however, by making the value of this resistor much smaller than the intrinsic resistance of the uni-junction.

The output wave-forms are shown in fig. 2 while fig. 3 shows one possible mounting configuration using a 5-pair terminal board. The circuit readily lends itself to p-c board construction.

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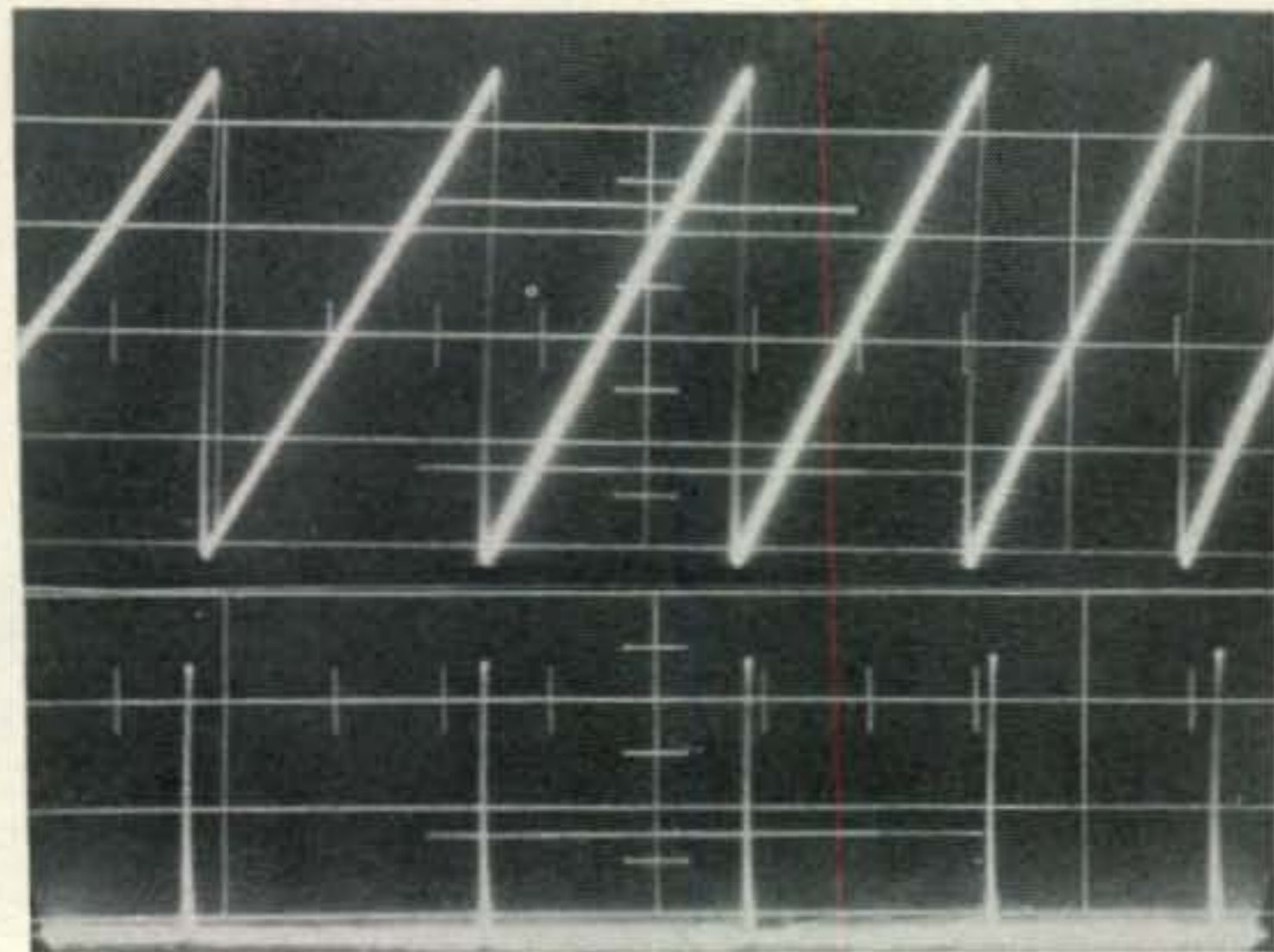


Fig. 2—(Top) Scope photograph of ramp generator output waveform. (Bottom) Synchronizing pulse output. The vertical scale is 2.5 volts per centimeter and the horizontal scale is 1.4 v./cm.

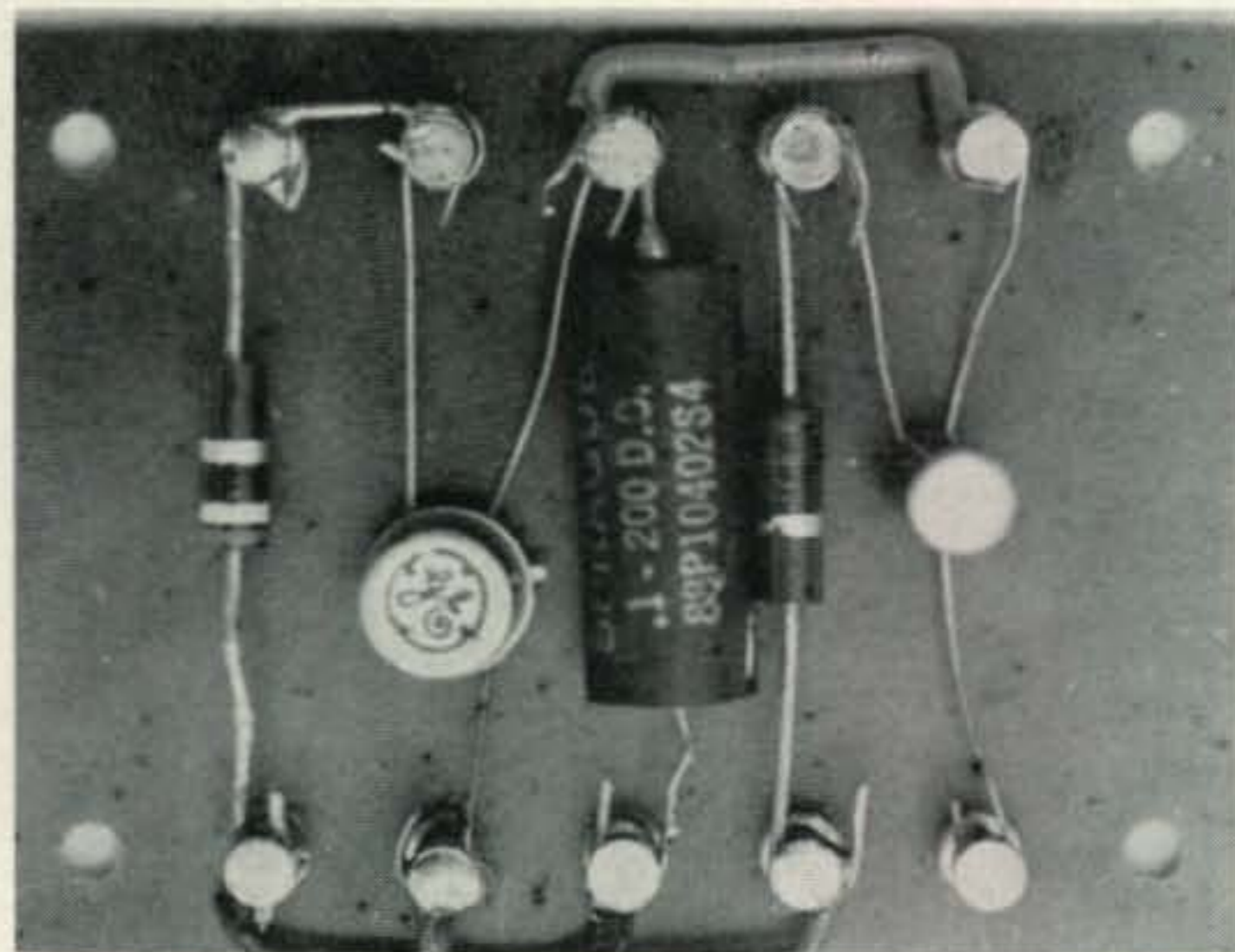


Fig. 3—The ramp generator is shown mounted on a 5-pair terminal board. The variable resistor R_3 is not shown since it is remotely mounted.

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Considerations For Solid State Linear VFO's

BY JACK PEROLO,* PY2PE1C

THE v.f.o. is undoubtedly one of the most critical pieces of any station. This article discusses various construction techniques consistent with current state of the art.

The theoretical expression relating the frequency f of a tuned circuit with its capacitance C and inductance L is a second degree affair, reading:

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}} \quad (1)$$

By definition, a second degree equation is not linear. Consequently, if one wants a linear frequency output from a tuned circuit, it will be necessary to introduce the correcting (non-linear) compensation either into the L or the C of the system.

Such compensations are basically empirical, and require some precautions to be performed properly. In any event, be the L or the C the parameter chosen as a variable, one cannot expect to come up with a first class v.f.o. unless, at design time, all the essential aspects of the circuit were duly taken into consideration. The notes that follow are the summary of the observations made on the 16 linear v.f.o.'s I have built up to this date.

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Initial Design Criteria

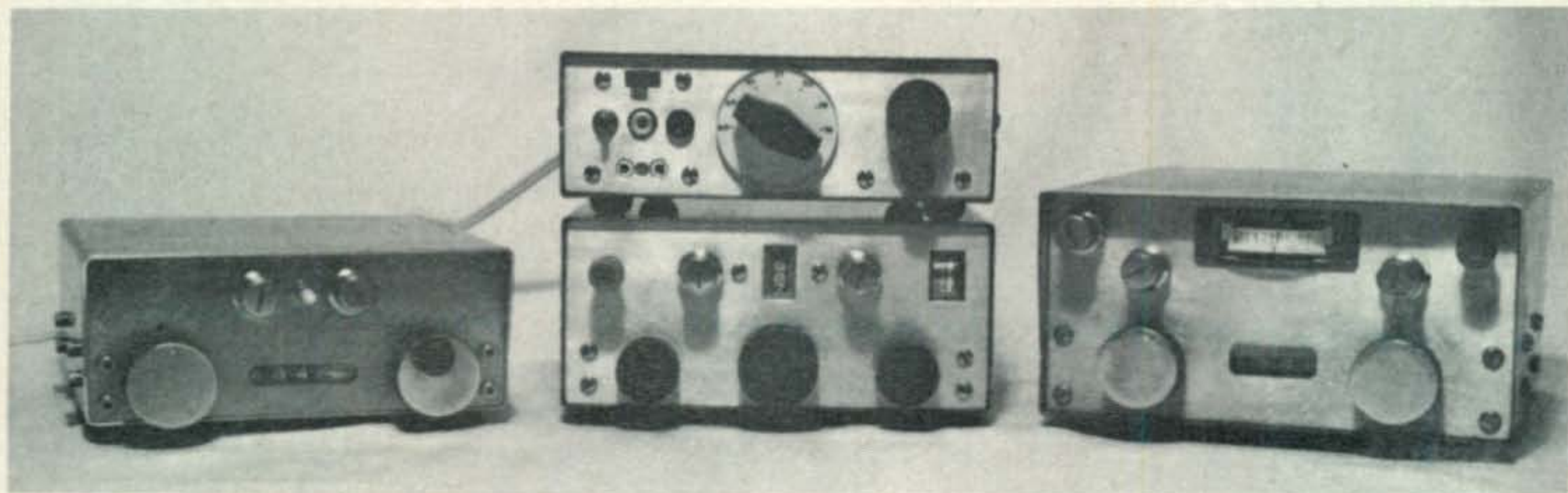
Depending on the overall project requirements it is often wise to jot down the basic characteristics that the v.f.o. should have; this is particularly important when the overall system design requires some sort of compromising, either because of component availability, space, cost, frequency coverage, etc.

The main items to consider are:

1. Mechanical facilities available.
2. Frequency (or band) of operation.
3. Frequency coverage (range).
4. Components available.
5. Stability and repeatability requirements.
6. Output power.

I put in first place the availability of mechanical facilities as this is a basic limit in building a top notch v.f.o. In case convenient mechanical facilities are not available, one can remedy relying more heavily on commercial components, but at a sacrifice of cost and, quite often, of size and shape of the finished v.f.o.

An alternate solution will be to hunt around for surplus components that suit themselves to a particular project. When it comes to gears, it will be almost a necessity to rely on surplus; in fact commercial miniature gears



All these receivers have built in linear v.f.o.'s with mechanical digital frequency read-out. The receiver at left uses a single gang variable capacitor driven by a home built loaded worm gear. The receiver at center (with its converter on top) uses a single gang variable driven by a surplus SCR-274N loaded worm gear. The receiver at right uses again a surplus loaded worm gear and a 4-gang variable, being a monocontrol affair. In all cases, v.f.o. capacitors were filed, the linear coverage being 500 to 700kHz, with a linearity of 0.5 kHz or better. Warm up drift is negligible, being only detectable with a frequency counter.

(offered by Boston Gear, Sterling, and others) are extremely expensive by amateurs standards, and the possibility to home-build quality gears is beyond reach for the most.

The frequency of operation will be a function of the system coverage and design. As a general rule, I would recommend as first choice a frequency between 2.0 and 8.0 mHz. Below 2.0 mHz a wide coverage can only be obtained at the expense of bulky components, and even so, with limitations. An additional source of trouble are the smaller increments at which harmonics are generated that may lead to internal spurious in the overall system.

On the other end, problems do appear as the frequency is increased: stability deteriorates and mechanical tolerances become quite severe. A further source of headaches is at times the fact that, depending on the conversion schemes used, by mixing frequencies below and above the v.f.o., one may have dial readings of different directions (*i.e.* in one case the frequency goes up by turning the dial in a clockwise direction, whereas for another band the opposite occurs). In any case, I do recommend some frequency analysis before starting construction, to make sure the combination of frequencies chosen is the best for a given situation, and also to know in advance where to look for spurious and how to handle them. Articles on this matter have already appeared on *CQ*.¹

The frequency coverage must be selected as a function of the overall system in which the v.f.o. is going to operate. No matter whether a capacitance tuned or a permeability tuned unit will be chosen, design, construction, and linearization difficulties increase with wider coverage. A v.f.o. linear over 200 kHz offers only moderate problems of linearization; a coverage of 500-600 kHz already poses substantial difficulties, whereas a v.f.o. spanning linearly 1.0 mHz or more is a formidable undertaking, both mechanically and electrically.

In fact, as the coverage increases, the frequency linearization of the unit becomes more delicate and time consuming; the r.f. output may vary from one end to the other of the band, and the need for a buffer becomes imperative. In spite of these difficulties, if one were to build a continuous coverage communication receiver with mechanical digital fre-

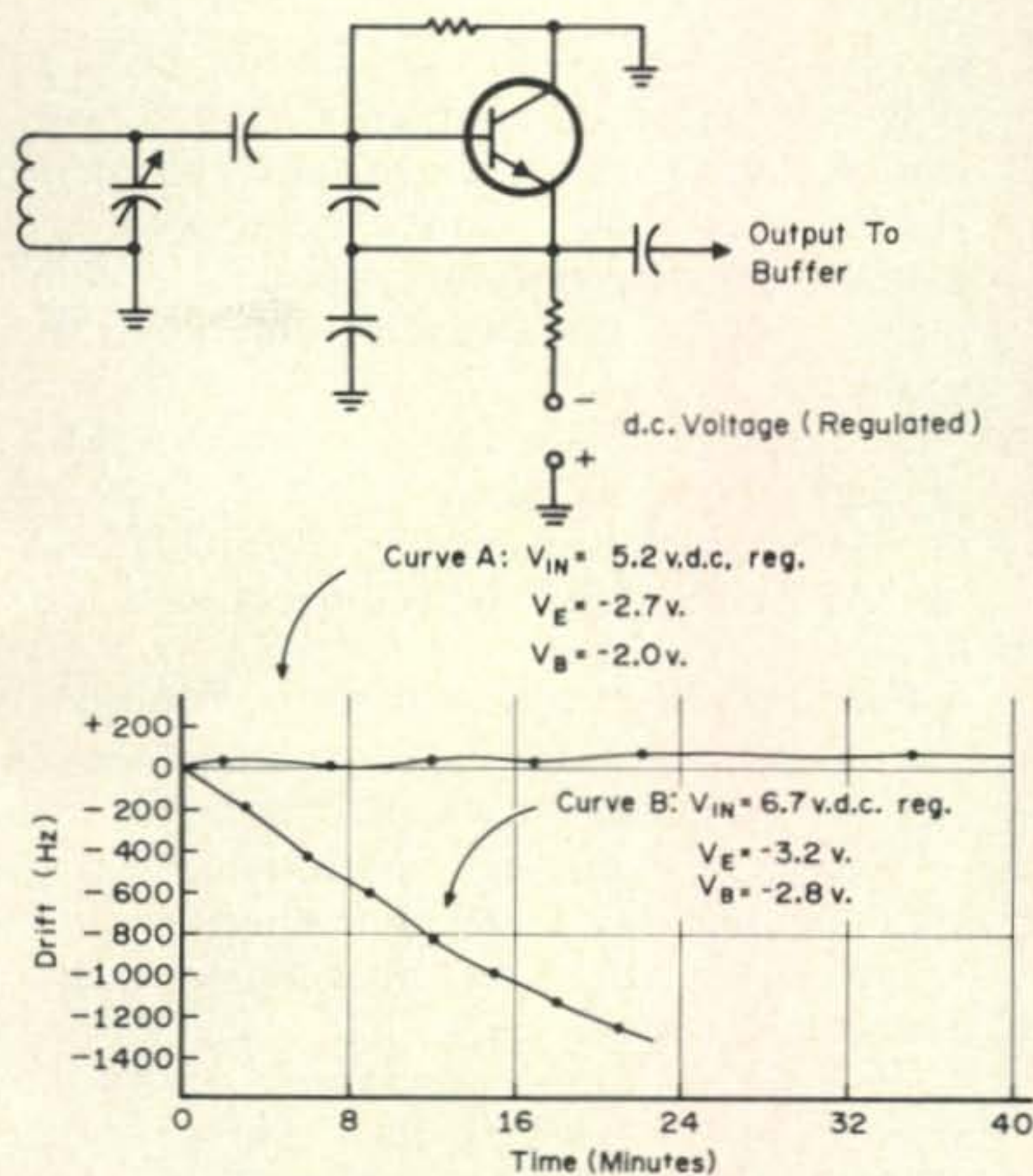


Fig. 1—Basic v.f.o. circuit, covering 2,955-3,955 kHz.

quency read-out, a 1.0 mHz coverage v.f.o. would be a necessity, to take real advantage of the counter direct reading capabilities.

V.f.o. stability is generally an essential requirement. The supply voltage must be regulated and the v.f.o. components must be mechanically sturdy and firmly secured in place. Silver mica capacitors are a must, too. Factors that at times do not receive the attention they deserve are feedback level and overdriving. The amount of feedback necessary to keep any oscillator running reflects on the circuit stability and should be object of careful observations prior to attempting the linearization of the v.f.o.

Overdriving, even at an insignificant level, does contribute to instability as shown by the curves accompanying the circuit of fig. 1.

In both cases the readings were taken with a frequency meter. One can observe that after 40 minutes of operation, as per the conditions of Curve A, the v.f.o. had drifted about 50 Hz from a cold start, whereas when the conditions were changed to those at Curve B, in about 15 minutes the v.f.o. had already drifted 1 kHz, without slowing down. Consequently, if more output power from the v.f.o. is needed, one should consider adding amplifiers, properly cascaded, after the v.f.o., but never even think about overdriving it.

Shielding must also be thought of beforehand, as a minimal parasitic capacitance (as

¹Lee, J. G., "Mixer Spurious Frequency Analysis," *CQ*, September 1965, p. 42.

Perolo, J., "An Analytical Approach to Mixer Spurious Evaluation," *CQ*, August 1971, p. 24.

caused, for instance, by the shield on the v.f.o. coil) may throw off hours of work on linearization. The parasitic capacitance effect on the v.f.o. coil is often caused by the receiver's metallic cabinet, and only a careful preliminary study of the situation minimizes the problem.

The repeatability of the v.f.o. is also known as backlash, being essentially a function of the mechanical construction. Spring loaded set-ups are necessary to keep backlash down.

Permeability vs. Capacitance Tuning

After the preliminary considerations above, one has to decide on whether his v.f.o. will be permeability or capacitance tuned.

I enjoy linearizing (by plate filing) a capacitance tuned v.f.o., but must admit that a permeability tuned affair has some advantages. I discuss some pros and cons below. Should one consider a wide coverage v.f.o. (600 kHz or more), I would definitely recommend a capacitance tuned affair. In such a case, it is mandatory to use a high quality variable capacitor of the low torque variety with bearings at both ends. Wide plate spacing is also helpful, as tiny, almost invisible burrs from the filing are less likely to short the capacitor. Filing is to be done gently, starting from the high (in frequency) end, proceeding slowly, and using a fine file. After filing, all burrs are removed with steel wool and with a brush; then the v.f.o. can be energized and checked against a frequency counter or any other suitable means. One should then mark with a pencil on the lateral plates where more filing is needed, and start over. By filing, I generally bring my units to within 1 kHz from the desired frequency, and then I stop filing and proceed to fine adjustment by slightly bending the rotor lateral plates; this pro-

cedure has the advantage of being a reversible one, whereas filing is not.

As a matter of precaution, I always set all screws of the v.f.o. with nail lacquer prior to start filing to make sure that nothing will go loose in the process. A small cardboard tray, located below the variable, will help to avoid having metallic filings all over, a potential cause of short circuits. The linearization of a v.f.o. will typically take 5-8 hours, depending on circumstances.

A permeability tuned v.f.o. is generally less mechanically involved and, consequently, it is more economical and can be made smaller. Series coils² are necessary to achieve the proper L/C ratio during linearization.

Also important is to use a coil of high length-to-diameter ratio, so that the movement of the slug will not have a noticeable effect on the coil end that is, evidently, a non-linear spot. An additional precaution, in this respect, is to have the slug of the series coil far away from the main coil, as to minimize secondary effects and interaction of the series coil slug over the main coil and vice versa.

Among the techniques used for linearizing the v.f.o., one can try to move the coil winding or to rewind the whole coil at a different spacing. The major problem here is that (in opposition to capacitor filing) any coil modification will require starting all over from the beginning, as any prior work is lost. A dose of patience is necessary to achieve results.

Backlash-wise, a permeability tuned v.f.o. can often be made to stricter tolerances than a capacitance tuned one.

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²That is, in series with the main coil. For more details, refer to the article, "A Solid State Permeability Tuned V.F.O. with Digital Frequency Read-Out," J. Perolo, *CQ*, October 1970, p. 18.

Table I—Characteristics Comparison of Capacitance and Permeability Tuned VFO's

<i>Characteristic</i>	<i>Capacitance tuned</i>	<i>Permeability tuned</i>
Electrical stability	Good	Excellent
Mechanical stability	Good	Excellent
Aging	Excellent	Good
Linear Frequency Coverage	Up to 1.0 mHz or more	Difficult if more than 600 kHz
Repeatability (Backlash)	100-200 Hz, typical	Below 100 Hz, typical
Cost	High	Low
Size	Large	Small

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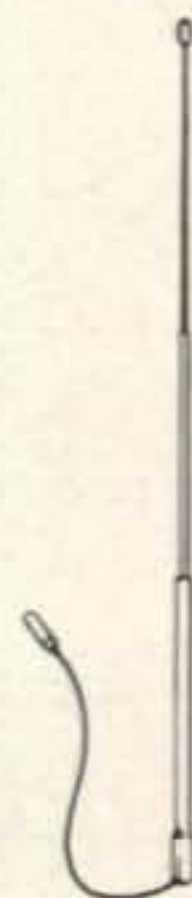
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BY JERRY HAGEN,* WA6GLD

ANOTHER fall season of DX is just around the corner so it is time to finish up the antenna projects for the DX and contest season. DX emphasis should shift to 20 and 40 meters, however, after an outstanding spring on 28 MHz, 10 meter buffs are hoping for another good fall.

De Extra

During the past year there has been much comment on sportsmanship in DXing, especially relative to QRMing of DXpedition stations operating in the region of 14195 kHz where W/K s.s.b. operation is not authorized. During some DXpeditions the constant chatter and uncomplimentary remarks of W/K's on the frequency is simply disgusting. Needless to say, this operation has aroused the

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Luis, CE3AG operates from the QTH of W5QBM. He was the first amateur to operate from Easter Island and was very active in Contests from CE3AG.

attention of all, including the FCC. Our FCC Chief, W4BW has urged the amateur to voluntarily clean up this activity or measures such as automatic ID equipment might become necessary for all amateur radio equipment. There is much that can be said about this subject and others relating to sportsmanship in DXing, however, one editorial comes to mind. The following editorial was written by WA5LES in the WGDXC Bulletin in 1967 and is particularly timely: "You know, I have heard some pretty discouraging talk among DXers around the country lately. Everyone seems down and out because of DXpedition controversy, because there aren't many expeditions going, or because they can't work the DX on the first call. DXing and Ham Radio in general is the greatest fraternal organization in the world. Ham radio is built on a premise of unselfish dedication to furthering the state of the art and the state of worldwide fellowship. When we let selfishness, bigotry and politics start hindering our judgement and marring our image, we can cook our own goose in a big hurry. Let's stop resigning from DXCC, ARRL and DXing in general and either voice our opinion constructively or keep quiet until things get back to normal. We have some tremendous DXpeditions coming up and conditions are good, so *smile!*" So, when you have the urge to flip the transmitter v.f.o. down to 14195 kHz and put in your two cents worth, be sure to *think* of the value of a penny!

Country Status

The following note on the countries list appeared in the International DX Association Newsletter in February 1971. The author, Bud, K3RLY humorously but concisely states his objection to proposed DXCC list changes:

Joe Hiller, W4OPM

With great sadness we report the death of Joe Hiller, W4OPM, July 2, 1972 at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Virginia. Joe was one of the worlds most active and respected DXers. He was a member of the original CQ DX Awards Advisory Committee formed in 1967, and had led the CQ WPX Honor Rolls in the SSB, CW, and Mixed categories since their inception. He will be sorely missed by his friends all over the world.

"I gather from talking to a member of the DXCC advisory committee that the countries list is going to get a face lifting, with the unclaimed rocks getting the axe. One member told me that the mail was three to one in favor of such deletion. My vote was one against. It is so very difficult to set up criteria and the ink is not dry on the proclamation until you have started making exceptions. For example Spratly is not claimed by one country—its claimed by half a dozen. If you wait until some country clearly has jurisdiction established none of us may ever work it. Governments have been harassed by DXers to do all kinds of things—if we do this thing we will have to start working on them to claim wet rocks. I have already written Tonga to get them to claim Minerva reef. I'm kidding of course, but on second thought—why not? Then there is the old saw about individuals setting themselves up as the sole ruler of a piece of mother earth. Who wants Banc du Geysir? As I have said it before—let it alone—it's bad enough now."

Bud's belief is quite popular with many DXers and represents the best argument for *not* changing the DXCC list—namely it is established and well known, so why make a change. As reported in the June *CQ* DX Column, this stand was unanimously concluded by the DX Forum at the California DX Conference. The other position advo-



Gerard, operator of FB8XX in 1970 provided snappy operation on both s.s.b. and c.w. The QSL manager is F2MO who kindly provided this photo.

cates eliminating countries which are not claimed or do not meet present mileage or governmental administration requirements.

In 1971 the ARRL DX Advisory Committee asked for comments by DXers and the results appear to have been a recommendation to give the Countries list the "face lifting" as outlined in K3RLY's comment. As of this date, *no* changes have been made to the DXCC List and no announcement of recommendations have been made by the DXCC Advisory Committee. In view of the time lapse since the Committee began their survey, it could be concluded that any changes have

The CQ DX Award Program

C.W. DX

93.....WA3NQJ

2XS.S.B. DX

†151.....OH2VZ	215.....K4AEH
211.....W5QBM	216.....UWφIE
212.....ZL4CR	217.....WA2HSX
213.....ZD8HAL	218.....I2ADN
214.....9V1PM	

CQ DX Endorsements

2XS.S.B.

310—IT9JT; 300—WA2HSX; 275—OK1-MP; 200—WA4HHW, WA6TAX; 150—G3-TLV, ZL4CR, I2ADN.

28 mHz—K41UV, W5QBM, WA2HSX.

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W6EJJ takes a turn at Armed Forces Day Station KD6USA while WA6GLD observes. Operation was conducted from the South El Monte Army Reserve Center and 2927 QSO's with 73 different countries were made.

CQ DX AWARD HONOR ROLL

The CQ DX Award Honor Roll recognizes those DXers who have submitted proof of confirmations with 274 or more countries for the mode indicated. The ARRL DXCC Country List, LESS DELETED COUNTRIES, is used as the country standard. Effective with this listing all scores reflect the deletion of the Ryukyu Islands (Okinawa). This country was deleted from the DXCC Countries list effective 15 May 72 and after this date QSO's with the Ryukyu Islands will count as Japan.

C.W.

W6ID318	W4IC307	WA6EPQ293
K6EC317	WØAUB305	W4BQY290
W8LY310	DL3RK303	W6NJU290
VK3AHQ307	ON4QX300	WA6MWG279
W4OPM307	W6ISQ295	WA8DXA278
K6LEB307	K1SHN294	

2XS.S.B.

TI2HP320	W4IC311	K4RTA299
W2TP320	W6NJU311	YS1O299
W9ILW320	ZS6LW311	ZL3NS299
DL9OH319	W9JT310	F9MS298
WA2RAU319	XE1AE310	WA6MWG297
K2FL318	IT9JT309	VE3GMT294
W3NKM318	VE2WY309	XE2YP293
K6LGF318	G3DO308	WB2RLK291
W6REH318	F2MO307	ZL1AGO289
IØAMU317	VE3ACD307	WØYDB288
K6YRA317	I1AA306	HP1JC284
G3FKM316	K6EC305	W9KRU283
SM5SB316	I1ZV303	WAØKDI281
W6RKP316	W6KZS303	OE2EGL279
W3DJZ314	W6FW301	K8GQG279
W4OPM314	W9QLD301	WAØCPX277
W6EUF314	K4HJE300	WA3IKK275
I8KDB313	WA2HSX300	WØSFU275
W6KTE313	KH6BB300	DL1MD274
W9DWQ313	G3RWQ299	G3WW274
W6YMV312	OZ3SK299	K9LUI274
WA2EOQ311	K1SHN299	OK1MP274

The WAZ Program

S.S.B. WAZ

1000.....W5QBM	1003.....UQ2AN
1001.....UA9EU	1004.....UA3HB
1002.....UW6LC	

C.W.—Phone WAZ

3370.....I1SZE	3378.....K4CKA
3371.....5H3LV	3379.....VK3HE
3372.....W6CLS	3380.....UA4AN
3373.....KP4BJD	3381.....UK5EAG
3374.....SP5ATO	3382.....UA6UO
3375.....GI6YM	3383.....UK5VAA
3376.....PY2BCQ	3384.....UK5IAI
3377.....WB4DOY	3385.....UQ2GW

Phone WAZ

478.....LA4CM

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been stifled for one reason or another. So Bud, don't worry!

From West Africa

The OM/XYL team of WB2AQC and WB2BAV have completed a trip to West Africa and perhaps OM George will prepare another article such as the "Hams Vacation Guide to the Caribbean" which appeared in the March and April issues of CQ. In the meantime the following notes were received from George. "In Nouakchott, capital of Mauritania we operated as WB2AQC/5T5 and WB2BAV/5T5. In Dakar, Senegal, we got some upside calls, 6WØ/WB2AQC and 6WØ/WB2BAV which caused some confusion on the bands! (But good for WPX!) When we got to the airport in Dakar to fly to Bathurst, Gambia we were told that the flight was cancelled and that the next flight *might* be tomorrow or after! So we took a taxi to Gambia where we were assigned ZD3R and ZD3S. In Sierra Leone we signed 9L1GP and

The WPX Program

2XS.S.B. WPX

690.....WA5VDH 694.....VE7TL
691.....WB2MQI 695.....UWØIE
692.....WØUCK 696.....UM8FM
693.....SV1GA

C.W. WPX

1173.....OK3CEK 1180.....UQ2DB
1174.....WA5VSL 1181.....UA1HY
1175.....K5ABV 1182.....UK5EAG
1176.....K1DEK 1183.....UA3VA
1177.....G3JZV 1184.....UK3AAC
1178.....UK9HAB 1185.....UV3AP
1179.....UC2WG

Mixed WPX

335.....K2HWF 337.....ZD8HAL
336.....UWØIE 338.....EP2DX
339.....DJ2WF

VPX

42.....UA3-170-45

WPX Endorsements

SSB: I1ZV—700, W6AOI, WA2HSX—500, KC6WS—450, WA9VGY, WA4TMP—400, UWØIE—350.

CW: W4IC—700, W9IRH—600, K5ABV, W3URE—500.

Mixed: DL3RK, W2NUT—1000, W4BQY—850, W9IRH, WB4KZG—650, W2MB—550, PY2BCQ—500, DJ2WF—450.

80 Meters: OK3CEK.

20 Meters: SP5HS, OK3BT, K5ABV, UC2WC, UWØIE, KC6WS.

15 Meters: K5ABV, YU1AG.

10 Meters: K5ABV.

Asia: K4IEX, KC6WS.

Europe: SP5HS, OK3CEK, K5ABV, UK9HAB, UC2WC, UQ2DB, UK3AAC, WA5VDH, UWØIE.

Oceania: KC6WS, K5ABV, UWØIE, W4CRW.

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9L1RP, Ross, 9L1GC and Mike, 9L1MF. In Liberia we operated from the QTH of Robert, EL2DF on a rubber plantation signing EL2AV and EL2AU. The Ivory Coast operation signing TU4AB and TU4AC was made from the QTH of Sully, TU2BX. Operation in Togo was from the QTH of 5VZYH using the calls 5VZAA and 5VZBB. We are taking lots of photos and having a great time!"



Akira, JA1AG is the holder of WAZ, WPX, DXCC and Japans top DXers with 328 countries confirmed.

DXer Comment

The following comments were received from Bob, W6HUR, relative to this editors comment on operation from WA6GLD/-6Y5L: "I must disagree with your comments in the March issue. You say "little was to be



Milos, OK1MP is one of Europe's foremost DXers and holds WAZ, WPX, 5BDXCC and is on the CQ 2XSSB DX Award Honor Roll



This member of the c.w. WPX Honor Roll is Bill, W8KPL. The rig is Collins with a 400 watt home-made final.

gained by list, split frequency or call area operation." This conflicts with your own statement later in the article which states "East Coast signals were ear-shattering on all bands with second layer of mid-west right behind." How about us West Coast boys and low power stations in all districts? I am heartily in favor of split frequency operation and call area operation of all DXpeditions. If necessary, by K, W, WA & WB if pileups are too great. It is my understanding that the main purpose of a DXpedition is to clear up the area for all DXers who need that particular area."

In reply, it must be stated that Bob has a valid argument, and that perhaps the com-

ments should have been more specifically oriented to contest operating rather than to DXpedition operating. For the contest period the objective was to compile the maximum number of contacts rather than work a particular area of the world. With good signal strength such as from 6Y5 to W land, the West Coast was not at a great disadvantage because proper timing of calls can make a big difference. When operating in Germany, DA1JP commented that K6YRA was usually one of the first thru a pileup with well timed calls even though his signal was two to three S units *down* from other W6's. However, when signals are poor or pileups large, split frequency and call area operations would be advantageous to obtain contacts with a particular area of the world.

WPX News

The Dade County Amateur Public Service Corps will sponsor special event stations during the Presidential Election Conventions. The call WD4USA will be used for the Democratic Party Convention and WR4USA will be used for the Republican Party Convention. QSL's will be handled via the Dade County APSC, W4EHW.

QSL Information

A2CRD—Via WA2CRD	U4L—Via UA4LN
A51KV—Via W6KNH	VB2KOC—Via VO2AI
CR3RY—Via CT1RY	VP2LY—Via VE3BMV
EL2AU—Via WB2AQC	VP2VAN—Via K2FJ
EL2AV—Via WB2AQC	(W2TMI)
ET3DS—Via VE2DCY	VP2MQ—Via KV4AM
ET3DS—Via VE2DCY	VP2GAE—Via K3NEZ
ET3GK—Via W2BCU	VS5JA—Via K3RLY
ET3JH—Via WB8ICL	YB3AAY—Via W3BRB
ET3USA—Via W4NJJ	YJ8RV—Via G5RV
ET3USE—Via K8IRC	YJ8BO—Via I0IS
EA5LA/FC—Via EA5CV	YJ8GH—Via W6ANN
FM7AA—Via K4CDZ	YV7AV—Via W6TCQ
FO0RV—Via G5RV	ZD3R—Via WB2AQC
FO0WR—Via DJ5RT	ZDL3S—Via WB2AQC
FP8CW—Via VE5NW	ZD8JK—Via WA3FNK
FP0VQ—Via W2NQ	QZF1AA—Via K2MUB
HB0XJL—Via DJ5BV	3D2FM—Via W7YBX
HB0XJQ—Via K3SSC	3D6AK—Via KP4DKY
H18XGM—Via W3HIZ	4M7AV—Via W6TCQ
IM0BGJ—Via I1BGJ	WB2AQC/5T5—Via
JD1ACF—Via JA1OAF	WB2AQC
JD1ADK—Via JA1KSO	WB2BAV/5T5—Via
JD1YAA—Via JA1WU	WB2BAV
JY9EA—Via SM5EAC	5VZAA—Via WB2AQC
JY9GR—Via DK4PP	5VZBB—Via WB2BAV
KB6DA—Via W6CUF	7X2BK—Via W5LUJ
KD6USA—Via W6ANN	8P6AH—Via VE3GMT
OD5FM—Via WB2ISL	9J2HI—Via WA2CRD
OJ0SUF—Box 1, Marie-	9L1GP—Via WB2AQC
hamm, Finland	9L1EP—Via WB2BAV
PJ8DX—Via K2FJ	3A0AM—Not Via W4NJJ
(W2TMI)	WD4USA & WR4USA—
TG9NJ—Via K4UQC	Via W4IYT, P.O. Box
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Propagation

BY GEORGE JACOBS,* W3ASK

THE plateau in solar activity reported in last month's column continues. The Swiss Federal Solar Observatory reports a monthly mean sunspot number of 78 for May, 1972. This results in a 12-month running smoothed sunspot number of 68 centered on November, 1971. The solar cycle is based upon smoothed sunspot numbers, which take into account solar activity over a 12-month period.

The present solar cycle has remained practically constant between May and November, 1971. The following are the recorded smoothed numbers for this period:

Month—1971	Smoothed Sunspot Number
May	68
June	67
July	66
August	65
September	66
October	67
November	68

This plateau should result in a propagation bonus to radio amateurs during the next several months. If solar activity had declined as originally expected, there would have been little likelihood for world wide DX openings on 10 meters and there would have been a significant reduction in 15 meter DX openings. As a result of the plateau, solar activity is expected to be high enough this fall and winter to support a large number of DX openings on 10 meters, and 15 meters should be the optimum DX band during most of the daylight period. DX propagation conditions are expected to favor 20 meters during the sunrise period and again during the late afternoon and early evening, while 40 meters should provide optimum DX propagation conditions during most of the hours of darkness.

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LAST MINUTE FORECAST

Day-to-Day Conditions Expected For
September, 1972

Rating & Forecast Quality

Propagation Index (4) (3) (2) (1)

Date

Above Normal: Sept. 4-5, 14, 23, 25-26 A A C C

Normal: Sept. 2-3, 10-13, 16-17, 19-20, 22, 24, 27, 29-30 B C D E

Below Normal: Sept. 1, 6, 9, 15, 18, 21, 28 C D E E

Disturbed: Sept. 7-8 D D E E

Where *expected signal quality* is:

A—Excellent opening, exceptionally strong, steady signals.

B—Good opening, moderately strong signals with little fading and noise.

C—Fair opening, signals between moderately strong and weak, with some fading and noise.

D—Poor opening, signals weak with considerable fading and noise.

E—No opening expected.

HOW TO USE THIS FORECAST

1. Find *propagation index* associated with particular band opening from Propagation Charts appearing on the following pages.

2. With the *propagation index*, use the above table to find the expected signal quality associated with the particular opening for any day of the month. For example, all openings shown in the Charts with a *propagation index* of (3) will be excellent on Sept. 14, but only fair on Sept. 9, etc.

Seasonal propagation changes usually take place on the h.f. amateur bands from about mid-September through mid-October. During this period, an increasing number of DX openings can be expected during the daylight hours on 10, 15 and 20 meters, although these bands will close somewhat earlier than during the mid-summer months. Improved nighttime DX propagation conditions are also forecast for 40, 80 and 160 meters, with considerably *lower* static levels and with these bands remaining open somewhat longer in the northern hemisphere as the hours of darkness increase.

A seasonal improvement on *long* DX openings between the temperate regions of the northern and southern hemispheres is also expected from mid-September through at least mid-October. This should result in more frequency openings between the USA and such areas as South America, Australasia, South Asia and South Africa, on all bands between 10 and 40 meters, with some long DX openings also possible on 80 and perhaps 160 meters as well.

Because of the marked changes in propagation conditions expected during September, this month's column contains both DX and Short-Skip Propagation Charts. The Short-Skip Charts are valid for both September and October, while the DX charts are valid from September 15 through October 15.

HOW TO USE THE SHORT-SKIP CHARTS

1. In the Short-Skip Chart, the predicted times of openings can be found under the appropriate distance column of a particular Meter band (10 through 160 Meters), as shown in the left hand column of the Chart. For the Alaska and Hawaii Charts, the predicted times of openings are found under the appropriate Meter band column (10 through 80 Meters) for a particular geographical region of the continental USA, as shown in the left hand column of the Charts. An * indicates 80 Meter openings. Openings on 160 Meters are likely to occur during those times when 80 Meter openings are shown with a *propagation index* of (2), or higher.

2. The *propagation index* is the number that appears in () after the time of each predicted opening. On the Short-Skip Chart, where two numerals are shown within a single set of parenthesis, the first applies to the shorter distance for which the forecast is made, and the second to the greater distance. The index indicates the number of *days* during the month on which the opening is expected to take place, as follows:

- (4) Opening should occur on more than 22 days
- (3) " " " between 14 and 22 days
- (2) " " " between 7 and 13 days
- (1) " " " on less than 7 days

Refer to the "Last Minute Forecast" at the beginning of this column for the actual *dates* on which an opening with a specific propagation index is likely to occur, and the signal quality that can be expected.

3. Times shown in the Charts are in the 24-hour system, where 00 is midnight; 12 is noon; 01 is 1 A.M.; 13 is 1 P.M., etc. On the Short-Skip Chart appropriate *standard* time is used at the *path mid-point*. For example, on a circuit between Maine and Florida, the times shown would be EST; on a circuit between NY and Texas, the time would be CST since the path mid-point falls in this time zone. Determine the path mid-point, and use the appropriate standard time. Times shown in the Hawaii Chart are in HST. To convert to standard time in other USA time zones, add 2 hours in the PST zone, 3 hours in MST zone; 4 hours in CST zone; and 5 hours in the EST zone. Add 10 hours to convert from HST to GMT. For example, when it is 12 noon in Honolulu, it is 14 or 2 P.M. in Los Angeles; 17 or 5 P.M. in Washington, D.C.; and 22 GMT. Time shown in the Alaska Chart are given in GMT. To convert to *standard* time in Alaska and other areas of the USA, subtract 10 hours in the Alaskan Standard zone; 9 hours in the Yukon zone; 8 hours in PST zone, 7 hours in MST zone, 6 hours in CST zone, 5 hours in EST zone. For example, at 20 GMT it is 12 Noon in Juneau and 15 or 3 P.M. in NYC.

4. The Short-Skip Chart is based upon a transmitter power of 75 watts c.w. or 300 watts p.e.p. on sideband; The Alaska and Hawaii Charts are based upon a transmitter power of 250 watts cw or 1 kw p.e.p. on sideband. A dipole antenna a quarter-wavelength above ground is assumed for 160 and 80 meters, a half-wave above ground on 40 and 20 meters, and a wavelength above ground on 15 and 10 meters. For each 10 db gain above these reference levels, the *propagation index* will increase by one level; for each 10 db loss, it will lower by one level.

5. Propagation data contained in the Charts has been prepared from basic data published by the Institute For Telecommunication Sciences of the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Boulder, Colorado, 80302.

V.H.F. Ionospheric Openings

Conditions for trans-equatorial, or TE-scatter should peak during September and October, and 6-meter openings between parts of the USA and South America should be possible during most nights. The optimum time for TE openings is between 8 and 11 P.M., local standard time. While most openings will last for an hour or two, some may continue for several hours. As a rule, signals levels during TE openings are relatively weak, and there may be considerable flutter fading.

While TE propagation favors the southern half of the United States, during September openings should be possible from almost all areas of the country.

Although summertime sporadic-E ionization is expected to fall off considerably during September, some 6-meter short-skip openings may still be possible over distances ranging between approximately 1000 and 1300 miles. While these openings may take place at any-time, they are more likely to occur before noon and during the early evening hours.

Auroral activity often increase during September, and this could produce some 6 and 2 meter openings resulting from the ionization associated with auroral displays. Check the "Last Minute Forecast" at the beginning of this column for periods that are forecast to be disturbed or below normal, as these are the days on which auroral type openings are most likely to occur during the month. Auroral-scatter openings last from several minutes to an hour or so, and are usually characterized by weak to moderately strong signals often badly distorted by flutter fading.

No major meteor showers will occur during September, and few, if any meteor-scatter openings are likely on the v.h.f. bands.

CQ DX Contest Special

This year's CQ Worldwide DX Contest will be held on the following dates:

- October 28-29 Phone section
- November 25-26 C.w. section

Following the practice of the past 21 years, next month's Propagation column will be devoted to a special, comprehensive forecast which will cover both sections of the Contest.

73, George, W3ASK

CQ Short-Skip Propagation Chart

September and October, 1972

Local Standard Time At Path Mid-Point

(24-Hour Time System)

Band (Meters)	Distance From Transmitter (Miles)			
	50-250	250-750	750-1300	1300-2300
10	Nil	09-13 (0-1)	07-09 (1) 09-13 (1-2) 13-14 (0-2) 14-21 (0-1)	07-09 (1-0) 09-12 (2-0) 12-14 (2-1) 14-16 (1-2) 16-18 (1) 18-21 (1-0)

15	Nil	07-09 (0-1) 09-13 (0-2) 13-21 (0-1)	07-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-13 (2-3) 13-16 (1-4) 16-17 (1-3) 17-19 (1-2) 19-21 (1) 21-07 (0-1)	07-08 (1) 08-09 (1-2) 09-11 (2) 11-13 (3) 13-16 (4) 16-17 (3) 17-18 (2-3) 18-19 (2) 19-20 (1) 20-07 (1-0)
20	11-21 (0-1)	07-09 (0-1) 09-10 (0-2) 10-11 (0-3) 11-16 (1-4) 16-17 (1-3) 17-21 (1-2) 21-07 (0-1)	06-09 (1-2) 09-10 (2-4) 10-11 (3-4) 11-16 (4) 16-17 (3-4) 17-18 (2-4) 18-21 (2-3) 21-23 (1-2) 23-06 (1)	06-07 (2) 07-09 (2-3) 09-13 (4-2) 13-15 (4-3) 15-18 (4) 18-19 (3-4) 19-21 (3) 21-23 (2) 23-00 (1) 00-05 (1-0) 05-06 (1)
40	07-09 (0-2) 09-11 (2-4) 11-16 (3-4) 16-18 (2-3) 18-20 (1-2) 20-06 (0-1) 06-07 (0-2)	07-09 (2-3) 09-11 (4-3) 11-16 (4-2) 16-18 (3) 18-20 (2-4) 20-22 (1-4) 22-00 (1-3) 00-03 (1-2) 03-05 (1) 05-06 (1-2) 06-07 (2)	07-09 (3-2) 09-11 (3-1) 11-16 (2-1) 16-18 (3-2) 18-20 (4-3) 20-22 (4) 22-00 (3-4) 00-03 (2-3) 03-05 (1-2) 05-07 (2-4)	07-09 (2-1) 09-15 (1-0) 15-16 (1) 16-17 (2-1) 17-18 (2) 18-20 (3) 20-00 (4) 00-03 (3-4) 03-05 (2-3) 05-07 (4-2)
80	06-08 (3-4) 08-11 (4) 11-18 (4-3) 18-22 (4) 22-04 (3-4) 04-06 (2-3)	06-08 (4-2) 08-11 (4-1) 11-16 (3-1) 16-18 (3-2) 18-20 (4-3) 20-04 (4) 04-05 (3-4) 05-06 (3)	06-08 (2-1) 08-16 (1-0) 16-18 (2-1) 18-20 (3-2) 20-21 (4-3) 21-03 (4) 03-05 (4-3) 05-06 (3-2)	06-08 (1) 08-16 (0) 16-18 (1) 18-20 (2) 20-21 (3-2) 21-03 (4-3) 03-05 (3-2) 05-06 (2-1)
160	16-18 (1-0) 18-20 (2-1) 20-05 (4) 05-07 (3-2) 07-09 (2-1) 09-11 (1-0)	17-19 (1-0) 19-20 (1) 20-02 (4-3) 02-05 (3-2) 05-07 (2-1) 07-09 (1-0)	19-20 (1-0) 20-22 (3-1) 22-02 (3) 02-05 (2-1) 05-07 (1)	20-22 (1-0) 22-02 (3-2) 02-05 (1) 05-07 (1-0)

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Openings Given in Hawaiian Standard Time ‡

To:	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
Eastern USA	09-10 (1) 10-13 (2) 13-14 (1)	07-11 (1) 11-12 (2) 12-14 (3) 14-15 (2) 15-16 (1)	11-13 (1) 13-15 (2) 15-17 (3) 17-20 (2) 20-22 (1) 00-02 (1) 02-06 (2) 06-08 (1)	18-20 (1) 20-22 (2) 22-00 (3) 00-02 (2) 02-03 (1) 20-22 (1)* 22-00 (2)* 00-01 (1)*
Central USA	09-10 (1) 10-14 (2) 14-15 (1)	07-10 (1) 10-13 (2) 13-15 (3) 15-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	09-13 (1) 13-15 (2) 15-17 (4) 17-19 (3) 19-21 (2) 21-02 (1) 02-07 (2) 07-09 (1)	18-20 (1) 20-22 (2) 22-01 (3) 01-03 (2) 03-04 (1) 21-22 (1)* 22-00 (2)* 00-02 (1)*
Western USA	09-10 (1) 10-15 (2) 15-16 (1)	07-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-13 (3) 13-15 (4) 15-16 (3) 16-17 (2) 17-19 (1)	02-04 (1) 04-06 (2) 06-10 (3) 10-12 (2) 12-14 (3) 14-17 (4) 17-19 (3) 19-22 (2) 22-00 (1)	18-19 (1) 19-20 (2) 20-02 (4) 20-04 (3) 04-05 (2) 05-06 (1) 21-22 (1)* 22-23 (2)* 23-02 (3)* 02-03 (2)* 03-04 (1)*

How To Use The DX Propagation Charts

1. Use Chart appropriate to your transmitter location. The Eastern USA Chart can be used in the 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, KP4, KG4 and KV4 call areas in the USA and adjacent call areas in Canada; the Central USA Chart in the 5, 9 and 0 areas; the Western USA Chart in the 6 and 7 areas, and with somewhat less accuracy in the KH6 and KL7 areas.

2. The predicted times of openings are found under the appropriate meter band column (10 through 80 Meters) for a particular DX region, as shown in the left hand column of the Charts. An * indicates 80 Meter openings. Openings on 160 meters are likely to occur during those times when 80 meter openings are shown with a *propagation index* of (2), or higher.

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4. Times shown in the Charts are in the 24-hour system, where 00 is midnight; 12 is noon; 01 is 1 A.M.; 13 is 1 P.M., etc. Appropriate *standard* time is used, *not* GMT. To convert to GMT, *add* to the times shown in the appropriate Chart 8 hours in the PST Zone, 7 in the MST Zone, 6 in the CST Zone and 5 in the EST Zone. For example, 14 in Washington, D.C. is 19 GMT and 20 in Los Angeles is 04 GMT, etc.

5. The Charts are based upon a transmitter power of 250 watts c.w., or 1 kw, p.e.p. on sideband, into a dipole antenna a quarter-wavelength above ground on 160 and 80 meters, a half-wave above ground on 40 and 20 meters, and a wavelength above ground on 15 and 10 meters. For each 10 db gain above these reference levels, the *propagation index* will increase by one level; for each 10 db loss, it will lower by one level.

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Openings Given in GMT

To:	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
Eastern USA	Nil	18-21 (1) 21-23 (2) 23-00 (1)	12-15 (1) 21-23 (1) 23-02 (2) 02-04 (1)	08-12 (1)
Central USA	22-00 (1)	19-21 (1) 21-01 (2) 01-02 (1)	13-17 (1) 21-23 (1) 23-01 (2) 01-03 (3) 03-04 (2) 04-06 (1)	08-14 (1)
Western USA	22-01 (1)	18-21 (1) 21-22 (2) 22-00 (3) 00-01 (2) 01-03 (1)	16-18 (1) 18-20 (3) 20-00 (2) 00-02 (3) 02-03 (4) 03-04 (3) 04-05 (2) 05-07 (1)	08-11 (1) 11-14 (2) 14-16 (1) 11-14 (1)*

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September 15-October 15, 1972

Time Zone: EST (24-Hour Time)

EASTERN USA TO:

	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
Western & Central Europe & North Africa	08-10 (1) 10-11 (2) 11-13 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-10 (2) 10-13 (4) 13-14 (3) 14-15 (2) 15-16 (1)	02-03 (1) 03-05 (2) 05-09 (3) 09-11 (2) 11-14 (3) 14-16 (4) 16-18 (3) 18-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	17-18 (1) 18-20 (2) 20-22 (3) 22-01 (4) 01-02 (3) 02-03 (2) 03-04 (1) 19-21 (1)* 21-00 (2)* 00-03 (1)*
Northern Europe & European USSR	08-11 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-09 (2) 09-11 (3) 11-12 (2) 12-14 (1)	02-05 (1) 05-07 (2) 07-10 (3) 10-12 (2) 12-16 (3) 16-17 (2)	17-19 (1) 19-03 (2) 03-04 (1) 20-03 (1)*
Eastern Mediterranean & Middle East	09-12 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-11 (2) 11-13 (3) 13-15 (2) 15-16 (1)	06-08 (2) 08-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-22 (1) 22-00 (2) 00-06 (1)	18-20 (1) 20-23 (2) 23-00 (1) 21-23 (1)*
Western & Central Africa	10-12 (1) 12-13 (2) 13-15 (3) 15-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	06-08 (1) 08-12 (2) 12-14 (3) 14-16 (4) 16-17 (3) 17-18 (2) 18-19 (1)	04-07 (2) 07-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-17 (3) 17-20 (4) 20-22 (3) 22-02 (2) 02-04 (1)	19-22 (1) 22-01 (2) 01-03 (1) 00-02 (1)*
South Africa	08-10 (1) 10-12 (2) 12-13 (1)	07-10 (1) 10-11 (2) 11-12 (3) 12-14 (4) 14-15 (3) 15-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	13-15 (1) 15-18 (2) 18-22 (3) 22-00 (2) 00-01 (1) 05-07 (1)	18-21 (1) 21-23 (2) 23-01 (1) 22-00 (1)*
East Africa	12-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-12 (2) 12-14 (3) 14-16 (4) 16-17 (3) 17-18 (2) 18-19 (1)	11-13 (1) 13-16 (2) 16-20 (3) 20-00 (2) 00-01 (1)	19-00 (1)
Central & South Asia	08-10 (1) 18-20 (1)	08-10 (1) 19-21 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-11 (1) 16-18 (1) 18-21 (2) 21-23 (1)	04-06 (1) 19-22 (1)
Southeast Asia	10-12 (1) 17-19 (1)	08-10 (1) 13-15 (1) 17-18 (1) 18-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	05-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-11 (1) 14-17 (1) 19-20 (1) 20-22 (2) 22-00 (1)	05-07 (1)
Far East	17-19 (1)	08-10 (1) 15-17 (1) 17-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-11 (1) 16-19 (1) 19-21 (2) 21-23 (1)	05-07 (1)
South Pacific & New Zealand	08-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-18 (3) 18-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	08-13 (1) 13-17 (2) 17-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	07-09 (3) 09-11 (2) 11-19 (1) 19-22 (2) 22-02 (3) 02-06 (1) 06-07 (2)	00-01 (1) 01-02 (2) 02-05 (3) 05-07 (2) 07-08 (1) 03-07 (1)*
Australasia	09-11 (1) 15-16 (1) 16-18 (2) 18-19 (1)	08-10 (1) 13-16 (1) 16-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	06-08 (2) 08-10 (3) 10-12 (2) 12-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-20 (1)	02-04 (1) 04-06 (2) 06-07 (1) 04-06 (1)*

			20-22 (2) 22-00 (3) 00-02 (2) 02-06 (1)	
Northern & Central South America	09-10 (1) 10-13 (2) 13-16 (4) 16-17 (2) 17-18 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-09 (2) 09-12 (3) 12-17 (4) 17-18 (3) 18-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	03-05 (1) 05-06 (2) 06-07 (3) 07-09 (4) 09-14 (2) 14-16 (3) 16-21 (4) 21-02 (3) 02-03 (2)	18-19 (1) 19-20 (2) 20-03 (4) 03-05 (3) 05-06 (2) 06-07 (1) 20-22 (1)* 22-03 (2)* 03-05 (1)*
Brazil, Argentina, Chile & Uruguay	08-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-13 (1) 13-14 (2) 14-16 (4) 16-17 (3) 17-18 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-10 (2) 10-13 (1) 13-15 (2) 15-16 (3) 16-18 (4) 18-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	09-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-19 (3) 19-00 (4) 00-02 (3) 02-03 (2) 03-05 (1) 05-08 (2) 08-09 (1)	20-23 (1) 23-04 (2) 04-06 (1) 00-05 (1)*
McMurdo Sound, Antarctica	14-17 (1)	11-14 (1) 14-17 (2) 17-18 (3) 18-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	15-17 (1) 17-20 (2) 20-22 (3) 22-00 (2) 00-02 (1) 06-08 (1)	22-00 (1) 00-04 (2) 04-06 (1) 03-05 (1)*

Time Zones: CST & MST (24-Hour Time)

CENTRAL USA TO:

	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
Western & Central Europe & North Africa	08-11 (1)	07-09 (1) 09-10 (2) 10-12 (3) 12-13 (2) 13-15 (1)	05-06 (1) 06-08 (2) 08-12 (1) 12-13 (2) 13-16 (3) 16-19 (2) 19-22 (1)	17-19 (1) 19-22 (2) 22-00 (3) 00-01 (2) 01-02 (1) 20-22 (1)* 22-00 (2)* 00-01 (1)*
Northern Europe & European USSR	Nil	07-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-13 (1)	05-06 (1) 06-08 (2) 08-11 (1) 11-14 (2) 14-16 (1) 22-00 (1)	19-22 (1) 22-00 (2) 00-01 (1) 21-00 (1)*
Eastern Mediterranean & Middle East	09-11 (1)	07-09 (1) 09-12 (2) 12-13 (1)	05-06 (1) 06-08 (2) 08-14 (1) 14-17 (2) 17-20 (1) 20-22 (2) 22-23 (1)	19-22 (1) 20-22 (1)*
West & Central Africa	10-12 (1) 12-14 (2) 14-16 (1)	06-09 (1) 09-12 (2) 12-14 (3) 14-16 (4) 16-17 (2) 17-18 (1)	04-05 (1) 05-07 (2) 07-14 (3) 14-16 (2) 16-17 (3) 17-19 (4) 19-21 (3) 21-23 (2) 23-00 (1)	19-22 (1) 22-00 (2) 00-01 (1) 22-00 (1)*
South Africa	09-10 (1) 10-12 (2) 12-13 (1)	06-08 (1) 08-11 (2) 11-12 (3) 12-13 (4) 13-14 (3) 14-15 (2) 15-16 (1)	05-07 (2) 07-13 (1) 13-15 (2) 15-18 (3) 18-20 (2) 20-22 (1) 22-00 (2) 00-01 (1)	19-20 (1) 20-22 (2) 22-00 (1) 20-22 (1)*
East Africa	11-14 (1)	08-10 (1) 10-14 (2) 14-15 (3) 15-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	12-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-18 (3) 18-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	20-23 (1)
Central & South Asia	08-10 (1) 17-19 (1)	08-10 (1) 18-21 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-11 (1) 16-18 (1) 18-21 (2) 21-23 (1)	05-07 (1) 18-20 (1)

Southeast Asia	09-11 (1) 17-19 (1)	08-10 (1) 13-16 (1) 16-18 (2) 18-20 (1)	05-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-12 (1) 15-20 (1) 20-23 (2) 23-01 (1)	04-07 (1)
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Time Zone: PST (24-Hour Time)

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	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
Western Europe & North Africa	08-10 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-11 (2) 11-13 (1)	05-06 (1) 06-09 (2) 09-12 (1) 12-13 (2) 13-15 (3) 15-16 (2) 16-18 (1)	19-20 (1) 20-22 (2) 22-23 (1) 20-22 (1)*
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Contest Calendar

BY FRANK ANZALONE,* WIWY

Calendar of Events

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Oct. 14-15	VK/ZL/Oceania DX C.W.
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Oct. 18-19	YLRL Anniv. C.W. Party
Oct. 21-22	RSGB 7 mHz C.W. Contest
Oct. 21-22	Boy Scouts Jamboree
Oct. 28-29	CQ WW DX Phone Contest
Nov. 1-2	YLRL Anniv. Phone Party
Nov. 3-6	CHC/HTH/FHC QSO Party
Nov. 4-5	RSGB 7 mHz Phone Contest
Nov. 12	Czechoslovakian Contest
Nov. 11-12	ARRL Phone Sweepstakes
Nov. 18-19	ARRL C.W. Sweepstakes
Nov. 25-26	CW WW DX C.W. Contest

All Asian DX C.W. Contest

Starts: 1000 GMT Saturday, August 26

Ends: 1600 GMT Sunday, August 27

In scoring your log remember that non-Asians use country prefixes of Asian countries as their multiplier. Complete rules in last month's **CAL-NDAR**.

Logs must be received no later than Nov. 30th and go to: J.A.R.L. Contest Committee, Central Post Office, Box 377, Tokyo, Japan. Include one IRC and s.a.e. for copy of results.

Delta QSO Party

Starts: 2000 GMT Saturday, August 26

Ends: 0200 GMT Monday, August 28

Complete details in last month's **CAL-NDAR**. Mailing deadline is Sept. 25th and logs go to: Malcolm P. Keown, W5RUB, 213 Moonmist, Vicksburg, Miss. 39180

*14 Sherwood Road, Stamford, Conn. 06905.

European Phone Contest

Starts: 0000 GMT Saturday, September 9

Ends: 2400 GMT Sunday, September 10

The c.w. section took place last month. Details covered last month. Mailing deadline for logs Oct. 15th to: DARC European Contest, D-895 Kaufbeuren, Postbox 262, Germany.

Ohio QSO Party

Two Periods: (GMT)

1900 Sat. Aug. 26 to 0300 Sun. Aug. 27

1500 Sun. Aug. 27 to 2300 Sun. Aug. 27

This year's party is sponsored by the Ohio Council of Amateur Radio Clubs.

Each station may be worked once per band and per mode, and Ohio stations may contact in-state stations for credits.

Exchange: QSO no., RS(T) and QTH. County for Ohio, ARRL sections for others.

Scoring: 1 point per QSO, 2 points if its on 160 or v.h.f. As a bonus, contacts with the Ohio State Fair special events station WO8HIO are worth 5 points. DX may be worked but for QSO points only.

Ohio will use ARRL sections worked for their multiplier, others, Ohio counties. (max. 88)

Frequencies: 1805, 3575, 3975, 7075, 7275, 14075, 14285, 21075, 21375, 28075, 28575, 50.15, 145.10. (Try 160 at 0200 on Aug. 27)

Awards: To the 3 top scorers in Ohio and out-of-state. And to the winners in each ARRL section and Ohio county. (min. of 10 QSO's)

Portable operation from rare Ohio counties is encouraged and a 1.5 multiplier to the final score may be used by these stations.

Logs must be received by Sept. 28th and go to: Ohio QSO Party, c/o R. T. Bennett, K8EHU, 6470 Penick Dr., Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

Four Land QSO Party

Starts: 1800 GMT Saturday, September 9

Ends: 0200 GMT Monday, September 11

This is the third annual QSO party sponsored by the 4th District Chapter #79 of the CHC International to make the many counties in the eight 4th District states available for the county hunters.

The same station may be worked on each band and mode fixed, and again if operating portable or mobile. Fourth District stations may work other in-district stations.

Exchange: QSO no., RS/RST and QTH. County and state for 4th district; state, province or country for others.

Scoring: For 4th District: Total QSOs × states × countries × continents. All Others: QSOs × 4th Dist. states × 4th Dist. counties. Count states and counties once only.

Frequencies: C.W. — 3575, 7060, 14075, 21090, 28090, Phone — 3940, 7260, 14343, 21360, 2860. Novice — 7150, 21100.

Awards: Certificates to top scorers in each state, province, country and continent, 2nd and 3rd place awards when warranted. Also county awards to 4th Dist. states and special awards to Novices and s.w.l.s.

Mailing deadline Oct. 31st to: CHC Chapter #79, att.; Bob Knapp. W4OMW, Rt. 7, Box 187, Greenville, N.C. 27834.

Pennsylvania QSO Party

Starts: 2300 GMT Saturday, September 16

Ends: 0200 GMT Monday, September 18

The 15th annual QSO party is again sponsored by the Nittany ARC. The same station may be worked on each band and mode for QSO points.

Exchange: QSO no., RS/RST and QTH. County for Penn., ARRL section or country for others.

Scoring: For Penn—3 points for out-of-state contacts, 1 point with other Penn. stations. Multiply total by ARRL sections and countries worked. Others—1 point per QSO multiplied by Penn. counties worked. (max. of 67).

Frequencies: On c.w. activity will be found 72.5 kHz in from lower edge of each band. Phone activity on even GMT hours on 3990, 7290, 14290, 21390, 28590.

Awards: 1st place certificates in each ARRL section and country, 2nd and 3rd place awards where activity justifies. Stations qualifying for the Penn. Counties Award will be issued the certificate free. (Min. of 30 counties).

Mailing deadline October 16th to Nittany ARC QSO Party, P.O. Box 60, State College, Penn. 16801.

Washington State QSO Party

Starts: 2000 GMT Saturday, September 16

Ends: 0200 GMT Monday, September 18

The seventh annual QSO Party sponsored by the Boeing Employees' A.R.S. will be held on the final week-end of the Washington State Amateur Radio Week.

All bands and modes may be used and the same station may be worked on each band and mode for contact points. Wash. may work in-state stations for QSO points.

Exchange: QSO no., RS/RST and QTH. County for Wash. stations, state, province or country for others.

Scoring: Wash. stations score one point for each QSO, all others 2 points for each Wash.

contact. Multiplier for Wash. is states, provinces and countries; others total Wash. counties worked. (max. of 39).

Frequencies: C.W. — 3560, 7060, 14060, 21060, 28060. Phone—3935, 7260, 14280, 21380, 28660. Novices—3735, 7175, 21204.

Awards: Certificates to top scorer in each state, province, country and Wash. county. Worked Five Bears Award is available to anyone working five club members before, during or after the party. Three Bear Cubs Award for working three novice members.

Results will be mailed to all entries, s.a.s.e. not required.

Mailing deadline October 16th to: Boeing Employees' A.R.S., Att: Willis D. Propst, K7RSB, 18415 38th Ave., South, Seattle, Wash. 98188.

Scandinavian Activity Contest

C.W.—Sept. 16-17 Phone—Sept. 23-24

Starts: 1500 GMT Saturday

Ends: 18000 GMT Sunday

It's the world working the Scandinavians on all bands, 3.5 thru 28 MHz. Country prefixes are: LA, JW, JX, OH, OH0, OH0, OX, OY, OZ, SM/SK/SL.

Both single and multi-operator operation is permitted. Simultaneous operation on more than one band is permitted but the exchange must be in chronological order. Multi-transmitter stations will use separate series of serial numbers for each band.

Exchange: Five or six figures, RS/RST plus a progressive QSO nr, starting with 001.

Scoring: Each completed QSO counts 1 point. The multiplier is the SAC prefix countries above, max of 10 per band. Scoring is for all band operation only.

Awards: Certificates to the two top scorers, both phone and c.w., in each country and each US call area.

A summary sheet showing the scoring is requested, your name and address in BLOCK LETTERS, and a signed declaration that all rules and regulations have been observed.

This year the logs go to: SSA Contest Manager, SM5CEU, Rydsvagen 120 C, 582 48 Linkoping, Sweden.

"YL Howdy Days"

Starts: 1800 GMT Wednesday, September 20

Ends: 1800 GMT Friday, September 22

This is a YL activity only, OMs keep out. Scores will be based on contacts between licensed women operators only. All bands and modes may be used, but cross-band and net contacts do not count.

Score 2 points for each YLRL member worked and 1 point for each non-member. Only one contact with the same station permitted. There is no multiplier.

The top scoring YLRL member will receive her choice of a YLRL pin, charm or stationery. The highest non-member will receive a year's membership in the YLRL.

Logs go to: Betty Marsh, KL7FJW, 2411 King Road, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

VE/W Contest

Starts: 2300 GMT Saturday, September 23

Ends: 0200 GMT Monday, September 25

The Montreal Amateur Radio Club once again announces its annual VE/W contest.

Its the VE/VO's working the W/K's in the "General" portion of the US bands. Phone and c.w. are considered different contests and must be scored separately. There are two classifications, single and multi-operator.

Only 20 hours of operating is allowed during the 27 hour contest period. The minimum off period is 15 minutes, and on and off times must be indicated on the log.

Exchange: QSO no., RS/RST and QTH. ARRL section for W/K's; geographical areas for the VE/VO's. (Provinces, plus Newfld., Lab., Yukon and N.W.T. total of 13.)

Scoring: Each completed QSO counts 2 points. W/K's use sum of VE sections from each band for their multiplier. (13 on each band) VE/VO's will use ARRL sections.

Awards: Certificates to the highest scoring stations, both phone and c.w., in each section. (min. of 25 QSOs) Awards to multi-operator stations will only be issued when there are at least 3 entries per section. And two Trophies to the highest scoring Canadian and U.S. station.

Summary and check sheets are a must, as is a signed declaration that all rules and regulations have been observed. Also a dupe check sheet for logs with 200 or more contacts.

Improved log forms and summary sheets are available by sending a s.a.e. and IRCs to address below.

Mailing deadline for logs is October 31st to: VE/W Contest Committee, Att: MARC Secretary, 535 Lansdown, Westmount, Quebec, Canada.

RSGB 21/28 mHz Phone Contest

Starts: 0700 GMT Saturday, Oct. 7

Ends: 1900 GMT Sunday, Oct. 8

It's the world working the British Isles on 21 and 28 mHz, single operator only, in this one. (G, GC, GD, GI, GM, GW).

Exchange: The RS report plus a progressive contact number starting with 001.

Scoring: Each complete QSO with a British Isle station counts 5 points. In addition a bonus of 50 points may be claimed for the first contact with each B. I. prefix. i.e., G2, GC3, GM4 and etc., a maximum of 36. (no bonus for GB). There is no multiplier, just total your QSO and bonus points for your final score.

Awards: Certificates to the leading entry in in each continent. (Rather meager pickings).

There is also a s.w.l. section. Only British Isles stations are to be logged, and the scoring is same as above.

Logs must be received not later than Dec. 11th and go to: RSGB HF Contest, c/o R. J. Polley, G3PYC, 81 Beech Road, Horsham, Sussex RH12 4 NW, England.

CQ World Wide DX Contest

Phone: Oct. 28-29 C.W.: Nov. 25-26

Starts: 0000 GMT Saturday

Ends: 2400 GMT Sunday

Rules are the same as previous years and will be given in detail next month. Following is a brief break-down for the benefit of our friends in remote areas.

1. All bands may be used, 1.8 thru 28 mHz.
 2. Exchange, RS/RST plus your CQ Zone.
 3. QSO point value, (a) 3 points between stations on different continents. (b) 1 point between stations on the same continent but in different countries. (c) Contacts between stations in the same country are permitted for Zone and/or Country multiplier but have no QSO point value. (d) *This is for North American stations only:* Contacts between stations within the North American (WAC) boundaries count 2 points.
 4. Your multiplier is determined by the sum of Zones and Countries worked on each band. (CQ Zone list and ARRL and DARC country list.)
 5. Final score: (a) Single band, Zones plus Countries multiplied by QSO points. (b) All band, sum of Zones plus sum of Countries from all bands multiplied by total QSO points.
 6. Competition: Three divisions. (a) Single operator, single band or all band. (b) Multi-operator, single transmitter. (c) Multi-operator, multi transmitter. Multi-operator stations are judged on all band operation only.
 7. Definition of a multi-operator station: Single transmitter, only one transmitter and *one* signal permitted within the same time period. Multi transmitter, several transmitters may be active, but *only one* signal per band is permitted
 8. Use a separate log sheet for each band, 40 contacts to the page. Indicate the zone and country *only the first time* it is worked on each band.
- Official rules including a list of over 25 Trophies donated by prominent hams and clubs all over the world will appear in next month's issue. These rules as well as official log forms and summary sheets are available from CQ. Include a large s.a.s.e. or IRCs to cover your request. Our address: CQ World Wide DX Contest, 14 Vanderverter Ave., Port Washington, L.I., N.Y. 11050.

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THE awards PROGRAM



BY ED HOPPER,* W2GT

USA-CA Honor Roll

3000	1500	500
VE6ABP98	VE6ABP185	WA1FOO896
2500	W3LDD186	K9HVL897
VE6ABP132		K7RSB898
W3LDD133	1000	WA4VAP899
	K7RSB267	WA7NEV900
2000	VE6ABP268	W3LDD901
VE6ABP154	W3LDD269	W4UYC902
W3LDD155	W4UYC270	W5RDV903
	W5RDV271	

THE September, "Story of The Month" by Doc himself, is:

Captain J. M. Blasi, W5ROP (All USA Counties #30, 4-14-70)

"My interest in amateur radio started in the seventh grade when I retrieved an all band receiver from the trash heap of one of my neighbors. I almost wore out my ears being an s.w.l. for the next few years. In 1955, at the age of 15, I became KN2PSX in Highland Park, N.J. and fired up with a Globe Scout 65A and a Super Pro receiver. About a year later, I dropped the "N" and operated on 20 c.w. as K2PSX.

"After a decade of education, I was back on the air as W4NXD in Gainesville, Georgia. During my W4NXD days I was fortunate to have short stories published in *QST* (October and December 1966, and March 1968), *Ham Radio* (two stories during their first six months of publication) and *The DXER'S Magazine* (about 20 short stories over a two year period).

"In December 1968 I was in the U.S. Army at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma and signing W5ROP. I have Dave, W5PWG, to thank for getting me interested in County Hunting and hopefully, someday he'll finish them all too. After one year and five months of very constant operating, W5ROP finished all 3079 counties and received Plaque #30. All operating was done with a Swan 350 and dipole antennas. During this time, I teamed with Jules, K7ZJP, for several mobile trips that gave out many counties in Texas, Oklahoma, Mississippi and Arkansas.

*P.O. Box 73, Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662.

"July 1970 found me signing KR6IX on Okinawa. My dipole and Swan 350 were good for 200 countries worked in nine months. The present count is about 230 countries with a WAZ (SSB) also on the wall.

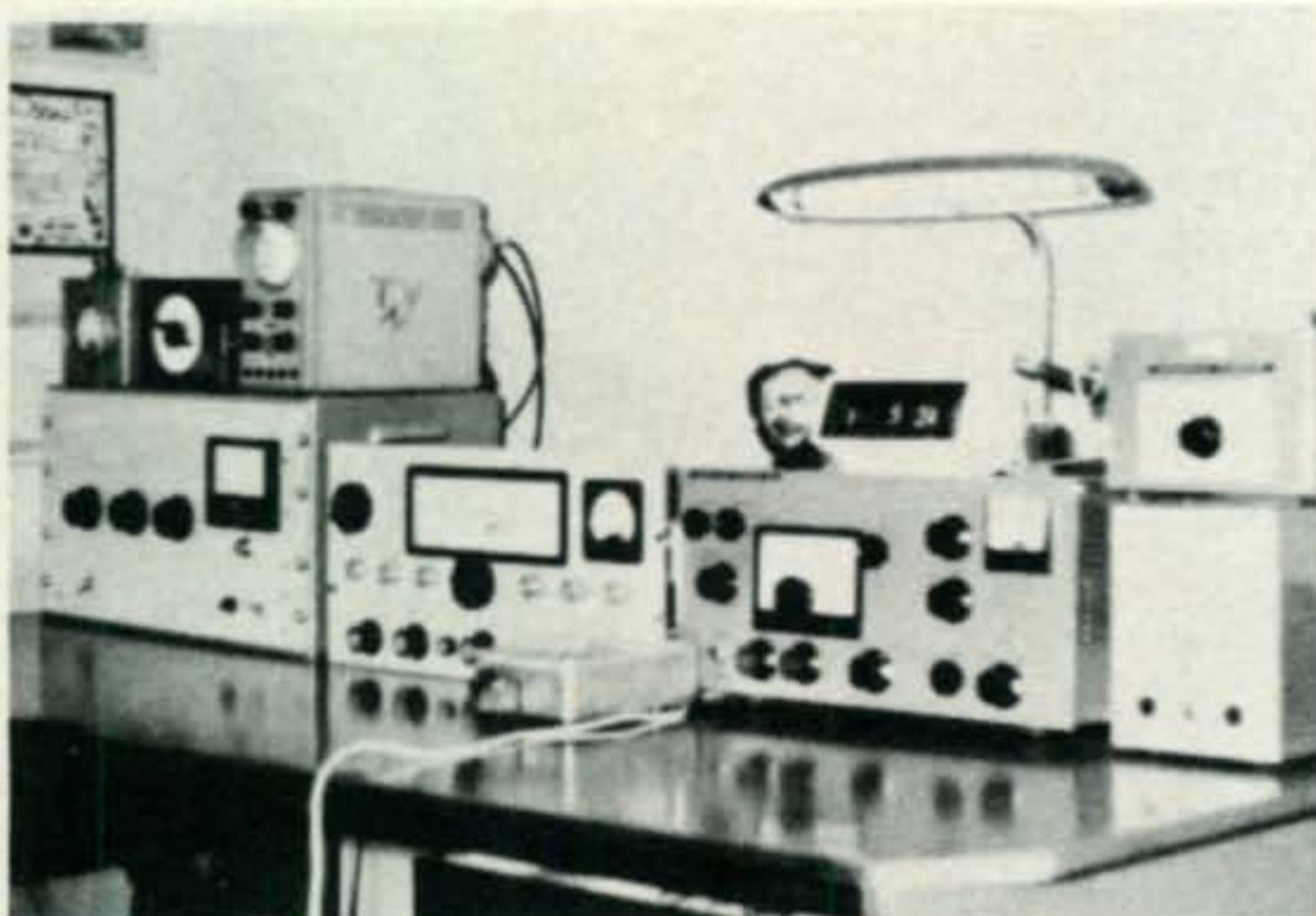
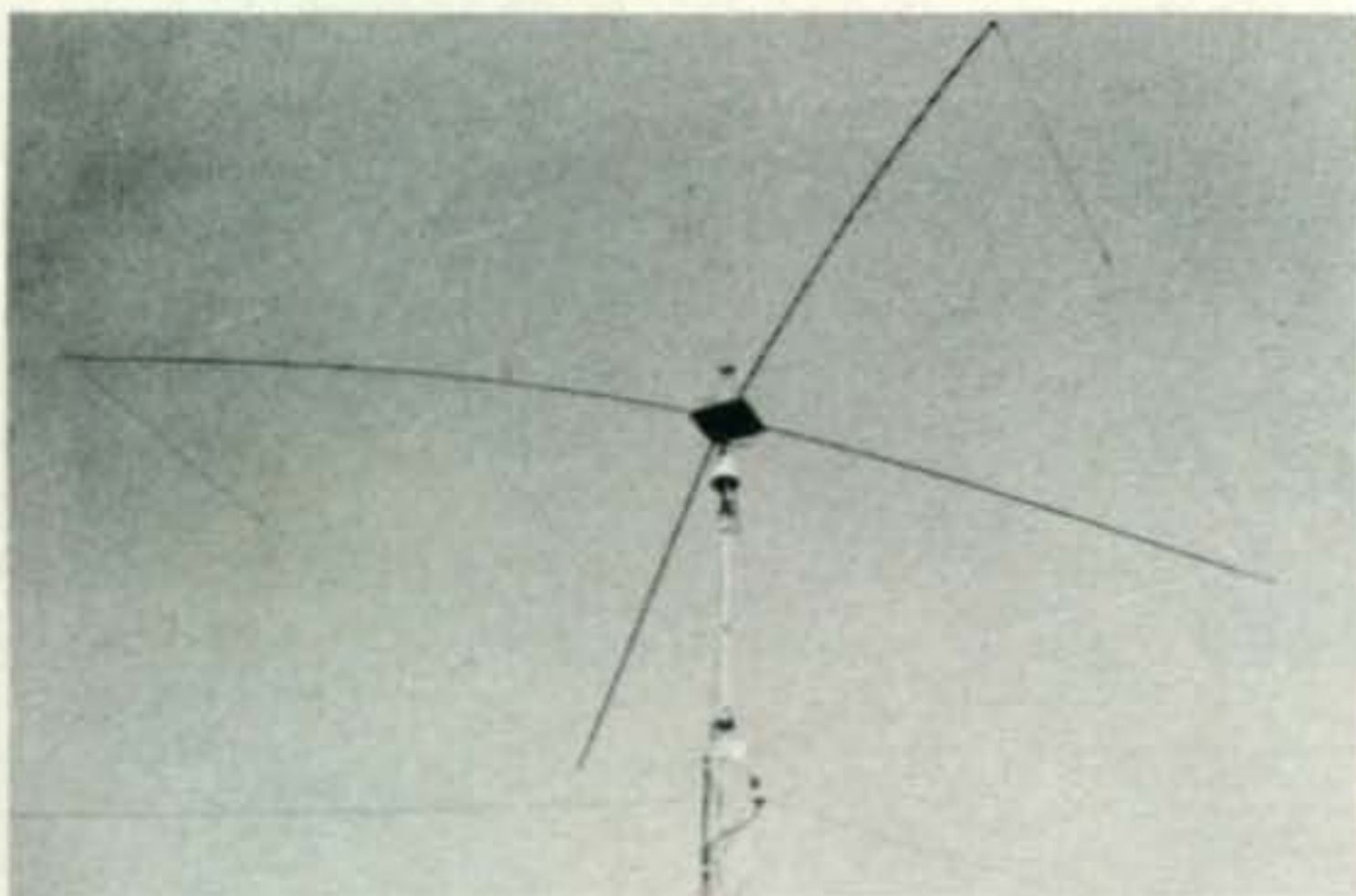
"Once a week I had a sked with KA5EE (W4ZLE), Jay, on 14 mHz s.s.b. so we could swap lies about chasing counties back in the U.S. One evening, ZL2AH, Joe, broke the QSO and asked if I would be interested in working New Zealand counties? Up to this time, no one outside of ZL Land had worked all 112 of their counties.

"ZL2AH became my QSL manager and I was off and running. Only about 60 or 70 of the ZL Counties have permanent active operators, so I had to beg and plead to get ZL mobile and portable stations to help me get the counties.

"On March 11, 1972, ZL4GA made a portable trip to Fiord County to give me #111. Only one to go! On April 15, 1972, ZL4MY hired a boat and made a special DX-pedition to give me the last one. Stewart Island County. I had finally worked all ZL Counties, the first one outside of New Zealand. My county hunting pals VK2ZA



Doc, W5ROP/KR6IX catching that last county—US or ZL, Hi.



The homebrew station of that "down-under" County Hunter Dan Tanner, VK5QB.

and VK4LZ were right on my heels and worked their last one a few minutes after me.

"On May 15, 1972, with Okinawa being returned to Japan, my call became KA6IX. As this is being written (May 1972), I'm getting ready to take a month's leave and visit New Zealand and Australia. I want to thank all the fellows that helped me work the ZL Counties.

"Whether they are in the USA, ZL or VK, I found County Hunters to be the most helpful and all around great guys (and Gals) that ham radio has to offer." (His present address is



Missouri QSO Award.

Captain J. M. Blasi, U.S.A. Medc. Ryukyu Is., Box 46, APO San Francisco, CA 96331).

Awards Issued

Nice to hear from Margaret Tettelaar, VE6-ABP after all these years, who has a new QTH, Anglemont, B.C., Canada, and she qualified for USA-CA-1000, 1500, 2000, 2500 and 3000.

Walter Carr, W3LDD, waited until he had over 2500 before sending in for USA-CA-2500 Mixed and 2000, 1500, 1000, and 500 endorsed All A3.

Willis Propst, K7RSB applied for Mixed 1000 and USA-CA 500 endorsed All 14 mHz, All s.s.b.

Bill Blaine, W4UYC was issued USA-CA-500 and 1000 endorsed All 2 × SSB, All 14 mHz, All Mobiles.

Herb Skidmore, W5RDV complied with the rules to receive USA-CA-500 and 1000 endorsed All 14, All S.S.B., All Mobiles.

Peter Kilbourn, WA1FOO sent application for Mixed USA-CA-500.

Other Mixed USA-CA-500 Certificates went to: Mr. Lynn Benjamin, WA4VAP; Rod Hallen, WA7NEV; and Terry Bachmann, K9HVL.

Awards

The New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters, Inc., N.Z.A.R.T., issue some fine Awards (at least 12). Some were listed in my column of December 1970. Data on all these may be obtained from ZM2GX/ZL2GX, Contest and Awards Manager, 152 Lytton Road, Gisborne, N.Z. Be sure to send s.a.s.e. or s.a.e. and IRCs. As you must have noticed, the ZM prefix is again being used in honor of the British Commonwealth Games being held in Christ Church. An Award will again be issued for working 50 ZM stations (at least one from each of the four districts). Send full log data with 3 IRCs to ZM2GX. By the time many of you read this, the ZL/ZM Contest will be near, see full details in, CONTEST CALENDAR by Frank Anzalone, W1WY.

Missouri QSO Award: Sponsored by the Saint Louis Amateur Radio Club, Inc., KØLIR to the winners who participate in the Missouri QSO Party. 38 were issued last year and the ninth annual Missouri QSO party will be held the latter part of October. For full details read CONTEST CALENDAR by Frank Anzalone, W1WY.

Diplome Louis Braille: Issued for two contacts with stations operated by blind radio amateurs, any band, any mode, any country. Send data with 12 IRCs to Diplome manager, F2FV, 76 Grand-Couronne, France. Presumably any profits are used to help the blind amateurs.

Olympia Diplom 1972: Will be awarded to licensed amateurs and s.w.l.s all over the world for working or hearing amateur stations from at least 50 different nations sending competitors to the 1972 Olympic Games. All contracts must be made between January 1, 1972 and Decem-

ber, 31, 1972. There are no restrictions as to bands or modes of operation. Certificate holders will be published in *CQ-DL*, the club magazine of DARC. After the final ceremonies of the Olympic Games in Munich, applicants may send a GCR (certified list) with the service charge of 6 IRCs, 1 US-Dollar or equivalent to: DARC Olympia Diplom 1972, P. Box 262, D 8950 Kaufbeuren, Germany.

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Jean-Marie Cibot, F5XA, B. P. 50, 78 Rambouillet, France is the Awards Manager for another Award sanctioned by the R.E.F. It is issued for working the required number of members of their certificate hunters club. May I suggest you send him a s.a.e. and a couple of IRCs for the complete rules and list of members.

Notes

Through the kindness of Rich, K1OME here are the results of the 1972 County-Hunters Contest sponsored by MARAC. Top ten scores:

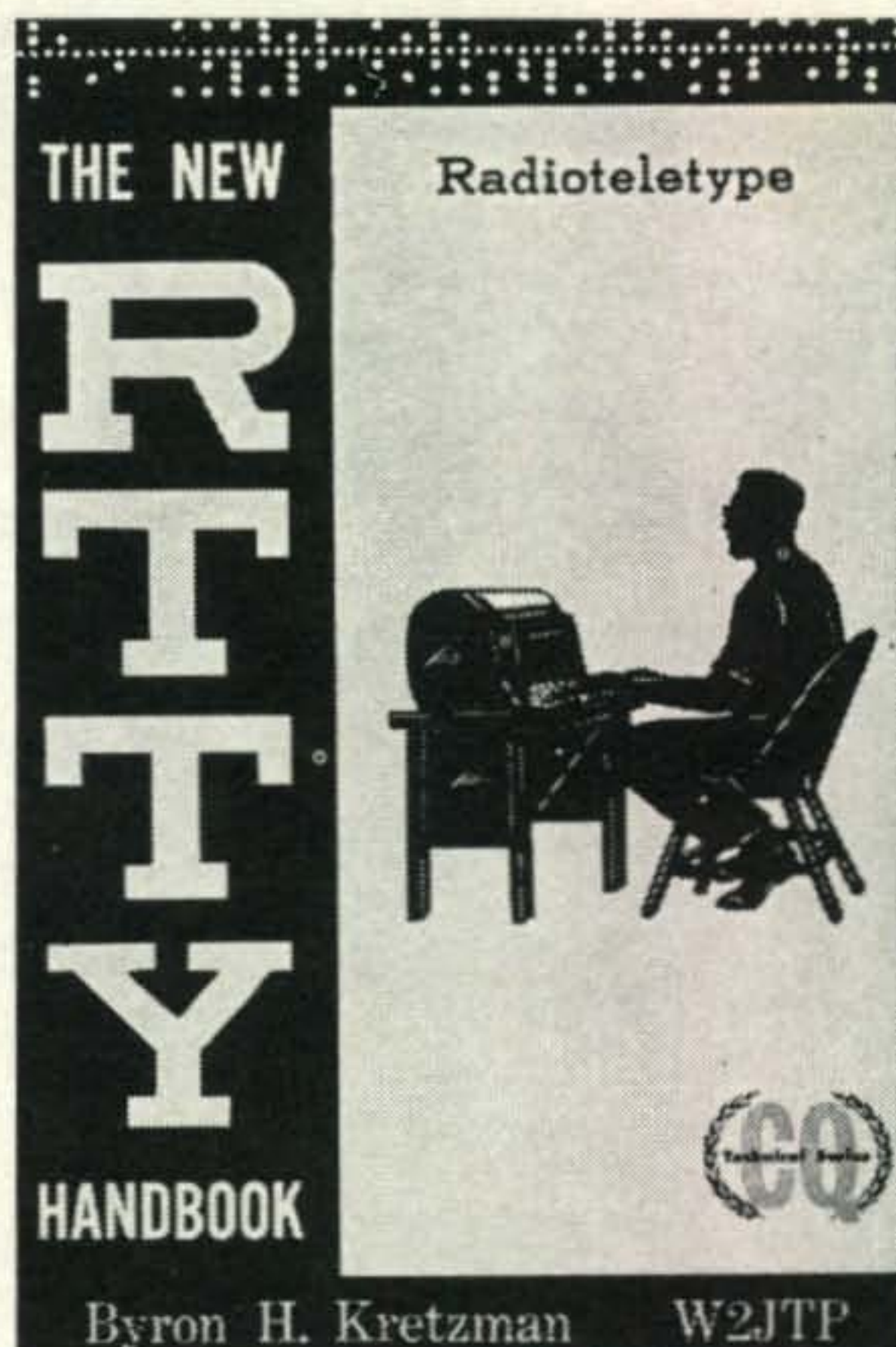
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SURPLUS sidelights

BY GORDON ELIOT WHITE*

I have had a number of inquiries on RTTY units which the military may be offering in surplus. Chiefly, readers would like to know what the military numbers mean. The following list gives the more common converters and comparators, with a brief remark based on my experience if any, with the units:

CM-14/URR—Diversity comparator for CV-57, CV-60, CV-71 demodulators. This unit is seldom used by amateurs because of difficulty in setting up diversity reception of brief amateur-type contacts.

CM-22/UR8-A—Virtually identical to CM-14, but used with CV-89 demod.

CM-42/URR—Similar to CM-14, used with URA-12 set.

CV-116/URR—I.F. FSK demod used with R-390 receiver.

CM-185/UGC—Part of FGC-60 set, compares two FSK signals and selects the best one for receiver output.

CV-57/URR—Intermediate—frequency type RTTY demod. Rack or tabletop mounted, has tuning scope, local controls. Input may be tuned from 400-500 kHz. Excellent i.f. T.U., but may be slightly broader in tuning than audio demods. May be used with any modification. 117 v.a.c. power.

CV-60/URR—Audio-type RTTY demod. Externally identical to CV-57, but requires FSK audio input. Has scope, easy to use. This set is electrically identical to the CV-89 demod.

CV-71/URR—I.F. type demod, identical to the CV-57, but input is 50 kHz. This was used with older Navy receivers.

CV-81/FGC-5—"code converter" from FGC-5 time-division multiplex system. Of virtually no use to amateur RTTY.

CV-89/URA-8—Audio type RTTY demod, with tuning scope, 117 v.a.c. power.

CV-94/FGC-5—MUX retransmission set, of little amateur interest.

CV-97/UX—Facsimile receiving demod, for 400 kHz i.f. from receiver. May be convertible to 455 kHz. Otherwise requires no modification for amateur FAX use.

CV-172/U—Older standard Navy FAX demod. Has "eye" tube to tune FAX signals. Very simple circuit; easy to use.

CV-172A/U—Identical in use to CV-172 but has minor improvements.

CV-182/GRC-26—FSK demod, i.f. type, 440-510 kHz input. An older, but still usable T.U. requiring non conversion.

CV-205/FGC-1—Data converter from the old, very heavy, FGC-1 set.

CV-223/URR—Audio frequency-shift demod, by Northern Radio, variable input (shift) may be tuned. Has 2" tuning scope. No conversion required.

CV-227/URR—I.F. type, 200 kHz input demod.

CV-243/FCC-3—Tone translator for tone-division MUX. Of little amateur use.

CV-244/FGC-3—Similar to CV-243 but transmitting side of MUX set.

CV-278/GR—I.F. type demod, 450-500 kHz input, d.c. output, 28 v.d.c. power required.

CV-291/GXC-3—FAX f.m. to a.m. converter. May be used to demodulate FAX FSK for amateur purposes.

CV-292/GXC-3—FAX a.m. to f.m. transmitting converter.

CV-305/U—RTTY demod, audio type, dual diversity type.

CV-357/A—FSK demod, 300 kHz i.f. type, for AN/ARC-21 or ARC-65 aircraft transceiver, 28 v.d.c., 115 volts, 400 Hz a.c. required. Has FSK keying for transmitter as well.

CV-384/U—FSK demod/keyer, also used, like CV-357, with ARC-21, ARC-65, ARR-36 aircraft sets.

CV-395/U—RTTY signal level monitor. Used with CV-116/URR.

CV-398/UG—RTTY to c.w. transmitting converter. Used punched RTTY tape to send keyed audio Morse signals for transmission.

CV-407/UGC-1—Time-division MUX converter, solid state. Not usable for any known amateur RTTY signals.

CV-408/UGC-1—Similar to CV-407.

CV-432/UG—Morse to RTTY receiving converter.

CV-435/FGC-44—R.F. frequency mixer unit (not RTTY).

CV-436/FGC-44—Synchronous TTY receiving component. Not usable for amateur stop-start TTY.

CV-437/FGC-44—see CV-436.

CV-438/FGC-44— " "

CV-439/FGC-44— " "

CV-483/URA-17—Solid-state RTTY audio demod, similar to the tube type CV-89. Has tuning scope, 117 volt power input.

CV-584/FG—Two-channel MUX demod, possibly usable on 2 meter RTTY.

CV-587/GX—FAX f.m. to a.m. converter, used in receiving.

CV-588/GX—FAX a.m. to f.m. transmitting keyer.

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CV-766/TRC-75—Collins FSK demod, 850 Hz shift (1575/2425 Hz tones).
CV-865/URC—AFSK demod, 24 v.d.c. power required.
CV-972(P)/UGC—Solid-state FSK demod, 117 volts 60 Hz power required; 16 MUX channels available by paralleling units.
CV-1052/GGA—Serial to parallel converter, Crypto set, part of GGA-11.
CV-1053/ARC—Demod, input audio FSK, output d.c. loop, used with AN/ARC-38 aircraft h.f. receiver.
CV-2C/TX—FAX demod/keyer, interfaces receiver and transmitter with FAX recorder/transmitter set.
CV-31/TRA—RTTY diversity demod, i.f. type, 400 kHz to 510 kHz input.
CV-292/TRA-7—RTTY diversity control/combiner, transceiver.
CV-62/U—Audio-type, variable shift RTTY demod, 100-1,000 Hz shift available. 117 v. a.c. power required.
Boehme 5-C—Dual-diversity audio type RTTY demod. Has tuning scope. An old but still excellent unit, one of the easiest to use in amateur diversity. Variable-shift tuning.
Northern Radio type 107 model 2—FSK converter, audio type dual channel, fixed-shift, has tuning 'scope. Tube type.
Type 174 Model 1—Dual diversity audio type FSK demod, has tuning 'scope. Plug-in units determine shifts.
Type 174 Model 3—Similar to 174 model 1 but solid-state circuit, tuneable shift control.
Type 328 model 1—AFSK demod, solid state.
Type 125 model 1—FAX converter, AFSK to a.m.
Type 178 model 1—Twinplex converter, for twinplex RTTY signals, audio to d.c. loop.
Type 104 model 3—Tone-demodulator, audio to d.c. loop. Not suited for FSK.
Type 152 model 3—Tone-demodulator (two complete units per section) not suited for FSK work.

USA-CA [from page 81]

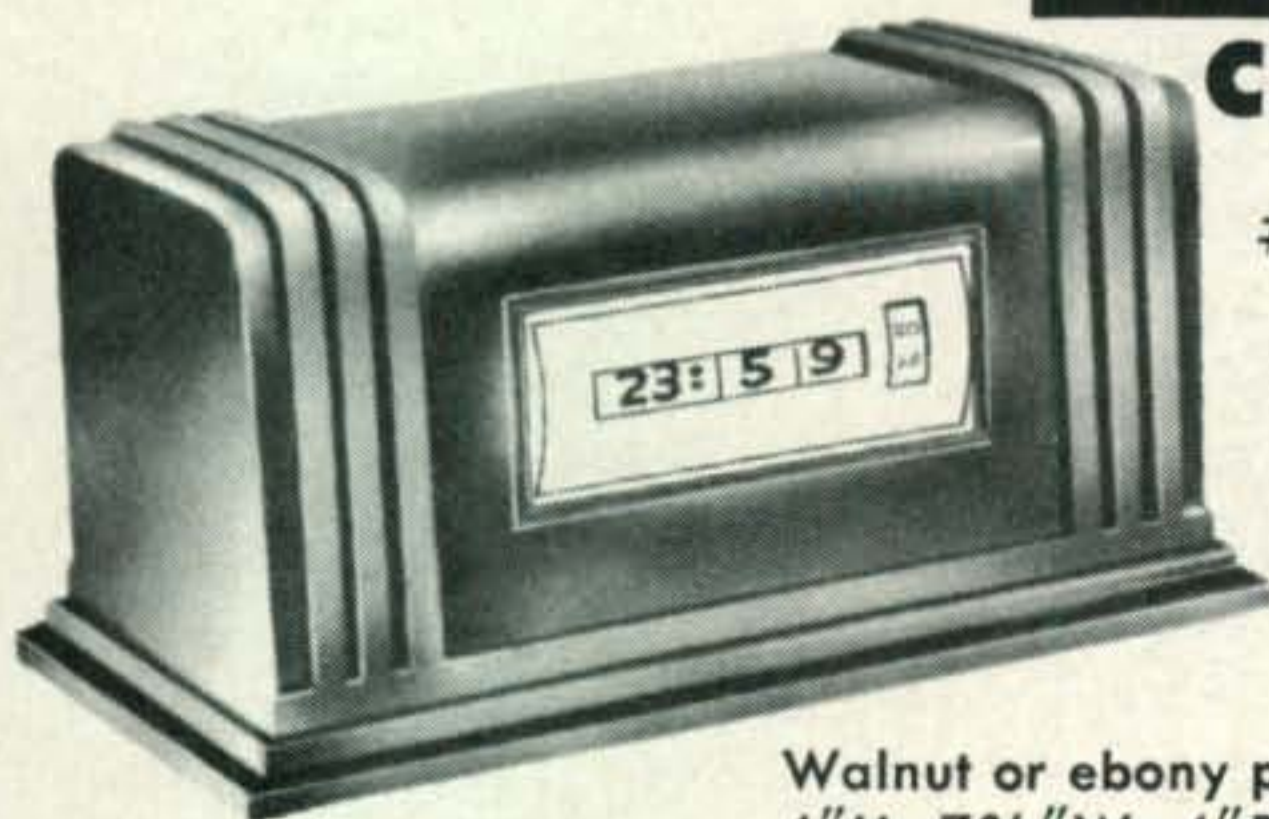
Sad to report the passing of a radio pioneer who worked with famous people like Marconi. Dr. Mario Santangeli, I1ER, an ole friend who recently celebrated his 50 years in amateur radio. He received #1 USA-CA-500 Award to Italy, November 11, 1962. Seems like only a few weeks ago that I received a couple of nice letters from him, but it was some time ago as he passed away in April.

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Contest Calendar [from page 78]

Editor's Notes

A few reminders and special points to observe regarding the rules:

Par. 3 (d) The North American boundaries extend all the way from Greenland to the Canal Zone and Panama. And Newfoundland and Labrador are not separate countries but count the same as Canada.

Par. 4. See the July CALENDAR for the DARC country list for Europe.

Par. 7. Using an "octopus" transmitter set-up is not considered as meeting the requirements of single transmitter operation. And the "same time period" should be an interval of approximately 10 minutes or more.

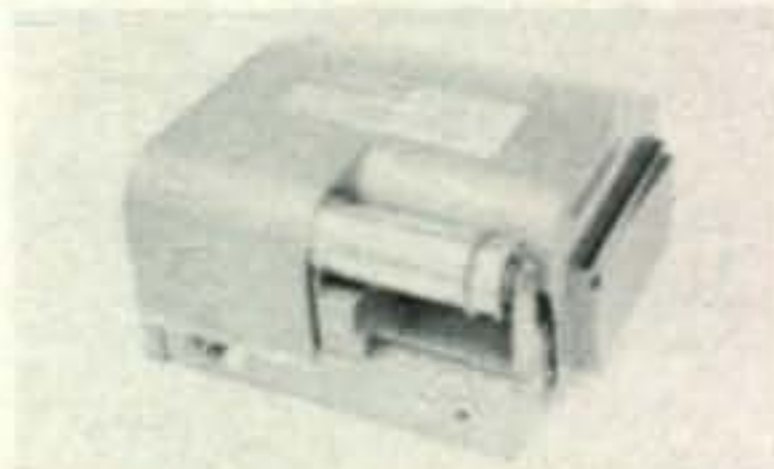
And watch those duplicate contacts. An excessive number will mean disqualification. If you recopy your log it must remain in its original form, including dupes, but they are to be crossed out and no credit taken.

Log sheets do not necessarily have to be the official CQ forms, but the prescribed format should be followed. It is strongly recommended however that the official CQ summary sheets are used. Indicate the total number of QSO's made, less duplicates, and Countries.

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73 for now, Frank, W1WY

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F.M. [from page 34]

Of course if the deck is used on a different transmitter, then it can be made somewhat larger. Note the placement of pins 1 and 9 parallel with the edge of the copper-clad material. Also, use of tube sockets without the center solder lug makes things a bit easier. The connections are made to the terminal board from which the original oscillator deck was removed. The screen connection from the 6AK6 is not used. The hole drilling drawing and top pictorial appear this month. A photo of the prototype will be forth coming next month (dark room is still not in full swing after moving). Not to brag, but the prototype works like a champ!

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Vernon D	WA1KGO	146.190	146.790	52.760	52.525				
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Gray D	W1EFP	146.340	146.940						
Sanford D	WA1KGP	146.130	146.730	447.250	444.250				
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Boston D		146.010	146.610						
Framingham D	K1A1U	146.070	146.670		147.150				
Falmouth D	W1VAK	146.340	146.940						
Holyoke D	WA1KGR	146.340	146.940						
Marlboro D	W1QFD	147.030	147.870	52.525	52.525		X		
North Adams D	K1FFK	146.310	146.910	52.760	52.560				
North Grafton D	WA1KRJ	146.370	146.970						
Oxford D	K1A0I	146.280	146.880						
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Waltham D	WA1KGS	146.040	146.640	444.050	449.050				
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Killington D	W1ABI	146.280	146.880	146.340	146.940				
Mt. Mansfield D	W1K00	146.340	146.940						
Mt. Snow D	WA1KFX	146.310	146.910						
ALABAMA									
Mobile L	WB4QEV	146.340	146.940				X		
Mobile L	W4QEE	146.220	146.820						
FLORIDA									
Jacksonville L	WB4QFL	146.160	146.760	146.340		TT7-1151	X		
MICHIGAN									
Detroit L	K8VLN	146.040	146.640			PL1Z	X		26
MISSISSIPPI									
Biloxi L	K5TYP	146.340	146.940			1950	X		
Gautier L	W5RMS	146.280	146.880				X		
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Fishkill C	W2CVT	146.370	146.970						
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Pendleton L		146.340	146.940						
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Brookings L	WB8XO	146.340	146.940			2100		X	
Sioux Falls L	WA0VVG	146.340	146.940			1800		X	
VIRGINIA									
Charlottesville L	WB4ENX	146.280	146.880						
ONTARIO									
Goderich L	VE3GOD	146.460	147.060						

Update of Repeater Directory Information.

Repeater Directory Update

The remaining space for this month's column will be dedicated to another major updating of the CQ FM Repeater directory. The major holes in New England have been filled with data furn-

ished by the Northeast Repeater Association (Inc.) Other areas have been filled in with letters and cards from f.m. operators in those areas.

Finale'

Docket 18803 was supposed to be out during the middle part of June, but didn't make it. Probably by the time this is in print the reporting order will be out. Word is that the docket was in legal department when Prose Walker left for vacation in June. Here's hoping that the final word was good. Just as soon as the report and order is available it will be published in *CQ*, with a "Stop the Presses" cry if necessary!

See you in Melbourne, and keep the news, photos, and suggestions coming in. ■

It is Better to Receive [from page 41]

Good question. Of course there are many more of us than the Census shows; fortunately, the federal government doesn't have the power to register every last one of us.

Perhaps the best answer is that it's human nature to prefer talking to listening. But for us, we're convinced that DX listening is twice as fulfilling as ham radio, since we're not talking half the time. Only 8% of the Census respondents also hold a ham ticket, and only 12% are CBers.

So there you have a portrait of those of us who believe it is better to receive.

The next time a budding young radio man asks you for advice, please remember that hamming isn't the only worthwhile aspect of the radio hobby, OK? Thanks and 73! ■

Relativity and the S Meter [from page 47]

tector to indicate bridge balance and then the S meter will give you a "peak" or a "null" indication as desired in the measurement.

Suppose we didn't use the S meter and gave out "arbitrary" signal reports such as S-1 to S-9. Could we gain anything in our own shack? I believe we could gain a lot. In order for the S meter to operate "as designed" we have to have the r.f. gain control in the maximum gain position; and, we use the a.f. gain control to adjust to a comfortable listening volume. Why not set the a.f. gain control to about "3 o'clock" and adjust the r.f. gain control for good listening volume? What have we accomplished? Well, I think we could listen to weak signals more easily because we wouldn't have the stronger signals on either side trying to activate the a.g.c. We could adjust the r.f. gain control for "best reception" of the weak signal and very probably

copy the weak signal 100%. For the last 6 years I used a transceiver that didn't have an S meter. I used the above method of tuning, giving an S-9 when the r.f. gain control was at "12 o'clock;" between "8 and 12" it was an S-9+ and after "12" it was something less than S-9, arbitrarily interpolated.

I found this a very satisfactory method of tuning the transceiver to a weak signal; and it was amazing how quiet the band was when I was working a station with a really strong signal—almost like he was the only one on the band. Try it sometime—you'll be amazed. Don't worry about the report. Give him a 5 and 9+15—he'll be happy and you'll enjoy a good clear signal from him. After all, we only want to establish and maintain good communications—not try to drive one another's speakers out of the cabinet! ■

YLRL Convention [from page 29]

Not all call districts were represented at this convention, no 4's or 9's being present. Two VE's made it, however, as well as a former op in Samoa. Here they are by calls: WA1-NHK, NHL; W2EEO, OWL, WB2YBA; W3AAU, CDQ, OLY/6, PVH, K3FYS; K5BNQ, ECP, JFJ, MXO, WA5WZF, WB5-AYK/6, W5RZJ.

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DX Contest [from page 52]

was still good enough to win the K2GL Trophy for which they were eligible this year. Future operation from that spot will be sharply curtailed due to management changes at the Coral Cliff Hotel.

John was critical of some of the operating practices, especially DX stations who work 15 to 20 contacts without signing. We agree, and question the legality of this type operation but naturally have no control over it.

Another problem as pointed out by Dick, 8P6DR is the indiscriminate calling by W/K's while he was trying to pick-up a few new multipliers. Hope the W3AA Plaque will soothe his frustration and he will join the fray again next year. Those 160 contacts he handed out will surely be appreciated by Top Banders.

Our old stand-by up Alaska way, KL7JDO was limited in time and power this year. Tony was only able to put in a couple of hours with a home brew 10 watter. "Try breaking through the W6/W7 iron wall that way," remarked Tony.

You can thank a friendly supply sergeant for your Fiji multiplier. Bob, VR2GE was supposed to have his gear packed in time to make a plane leaving the island on November 28th, however he was able to finagle the sergeant into shipping it on the last plane out a few days later. Look for Bob from VK4 in the next one.

If you don't see your club score listed it may be because there were not sufficient entries from your club. We require a minimum of at least three logs, and also a list of participating members and their claimed scores. It is also advisable to include a membership roster. Many member stations neglect to include their club affiliation and the club does not receive credit for their score. The above information would help avoid this loss.

That's about it for this one as I am running out of space. Committee same as we had in the Phone section of the contest. Fred Caposella, W2IWC, Bob Cox, K3EST; Bob Entwistle, W1MDO, Andy Malashuk, W1GYE, Ralph Nichols, W1CNU, Gene Walsh, K2KUR and Bernie Welch W8IMZ. And Joan of the CQ office staff, who I am sorry to say will not be with us for the next one. We are going to miss her.

73 for this one, Frank, W1WY

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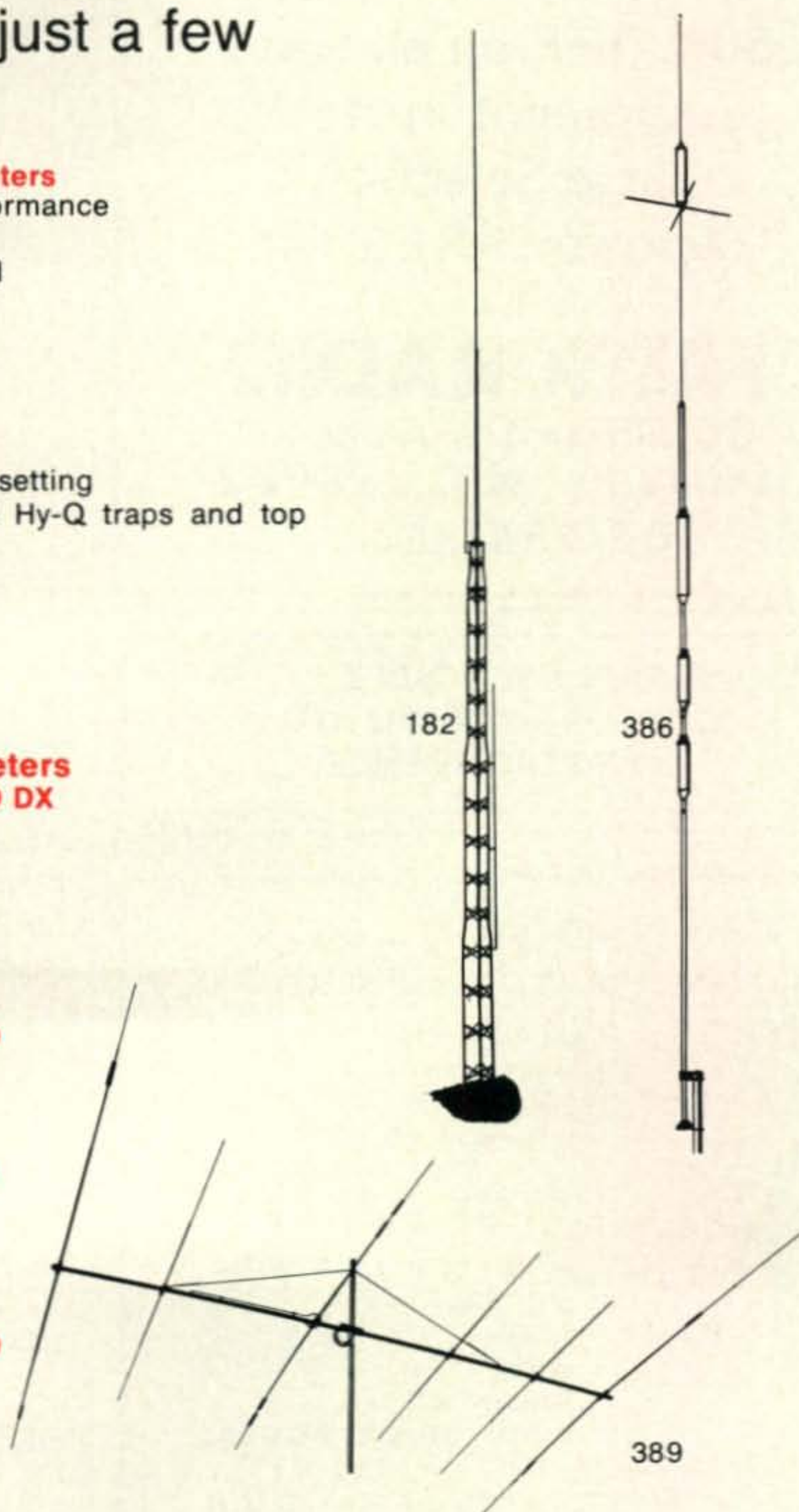
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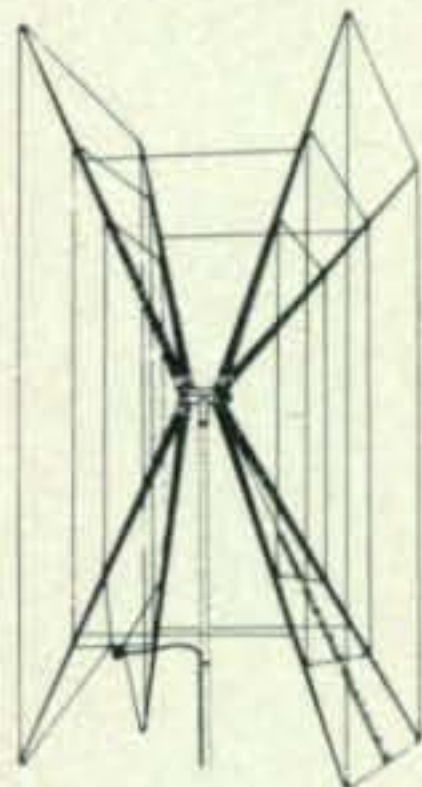
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Linear VFO's [from page 64]

Based upon the experience gathered in the field, I summarize in Table I the performance one can expect from a v.f.o., depending on whether it is capacitance or permeability tuned.

A circuit that with some variations, I have consistently used over the years, is a modified Colpitts, reported in fig. 2.

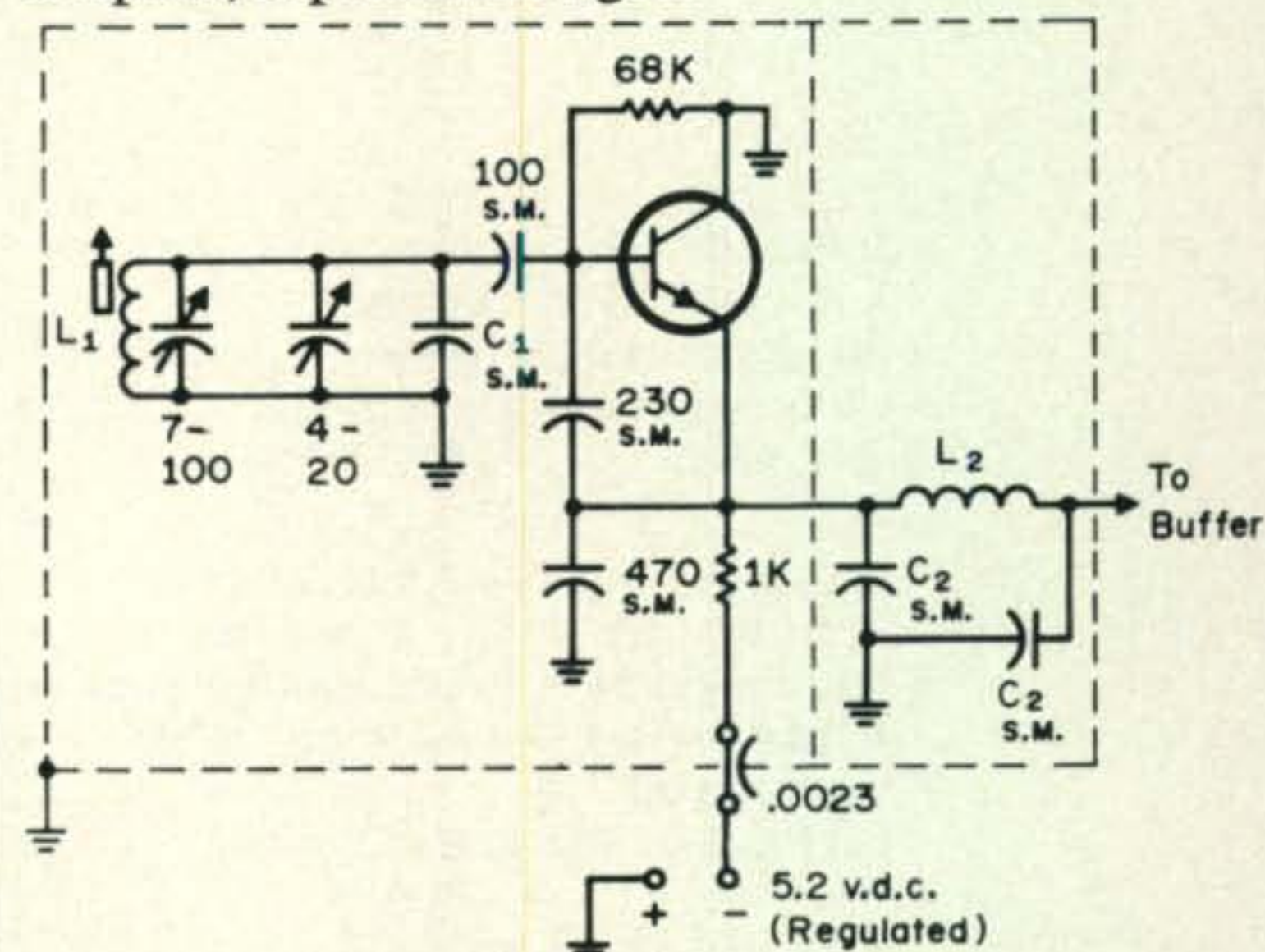


Fig. 2—Recommended v.f.o. circuit parameters (capacitance or permeability tuned).

L_1 and C_1 will be calculated for the desired frequency of operation. The low pass filter parameters vary depending on the load offered by the next stage, and will be calculated from Eq. (2) and (3):

$$L_2 = \frac{Z_{LOAD}}{\pi f c} \quad (2)$$

$$C_2 = \frac{1}{2 \pi f c Z_{LOAD}} \quad (3)$$

where $f c$ is the cut-off frequency for the low pass filter. ■

VFO for Heath SB-102 [from page 48]

and regulated B+ voltage from the home made power supply that is used with the SB-102.

Construction Details

The stability of any v.f.o. is directly related to the care taken in building mechanical rigidity into the unit. This v.f.o. was built in a 4 x 5 x 6 inch aluminum utility cabinet. One of the two covers was reinforced by bolting to it a 5 x 6 inch aluminum sheet. To this reinforced side the tuning capacitor was firmly bolted. The capacitor was a well constructed double bearing unit with 150 pf maximum capacitance taken from old command set equipment. A no-backlash flexible coupling and short shaft was used to connect the

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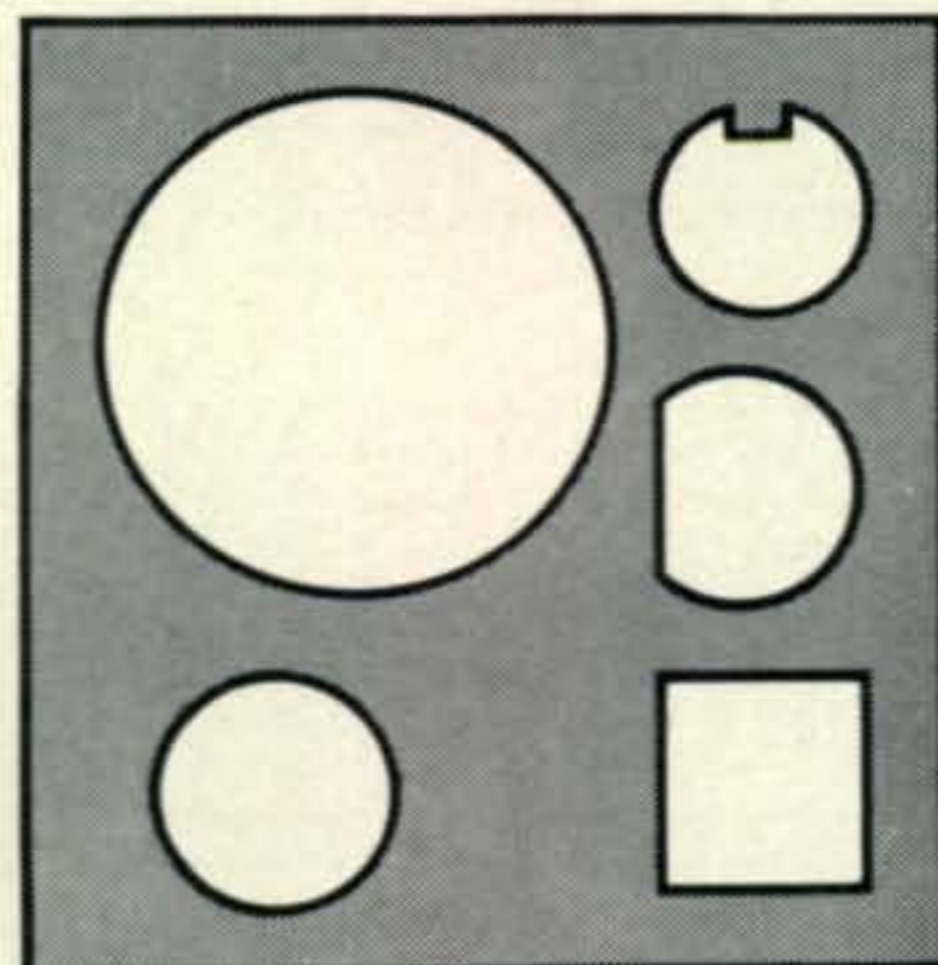
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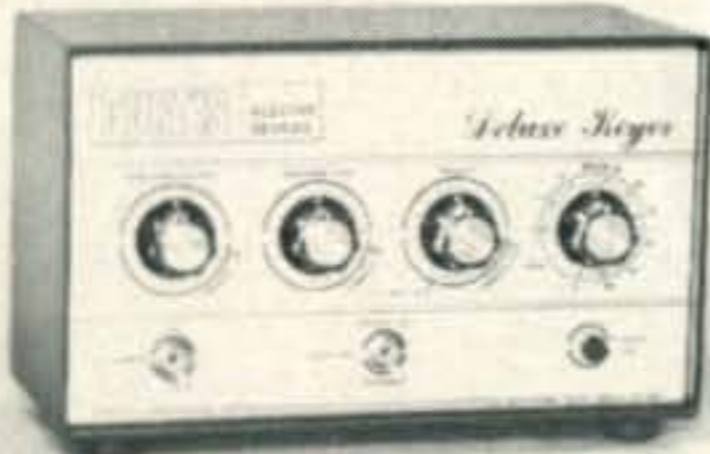
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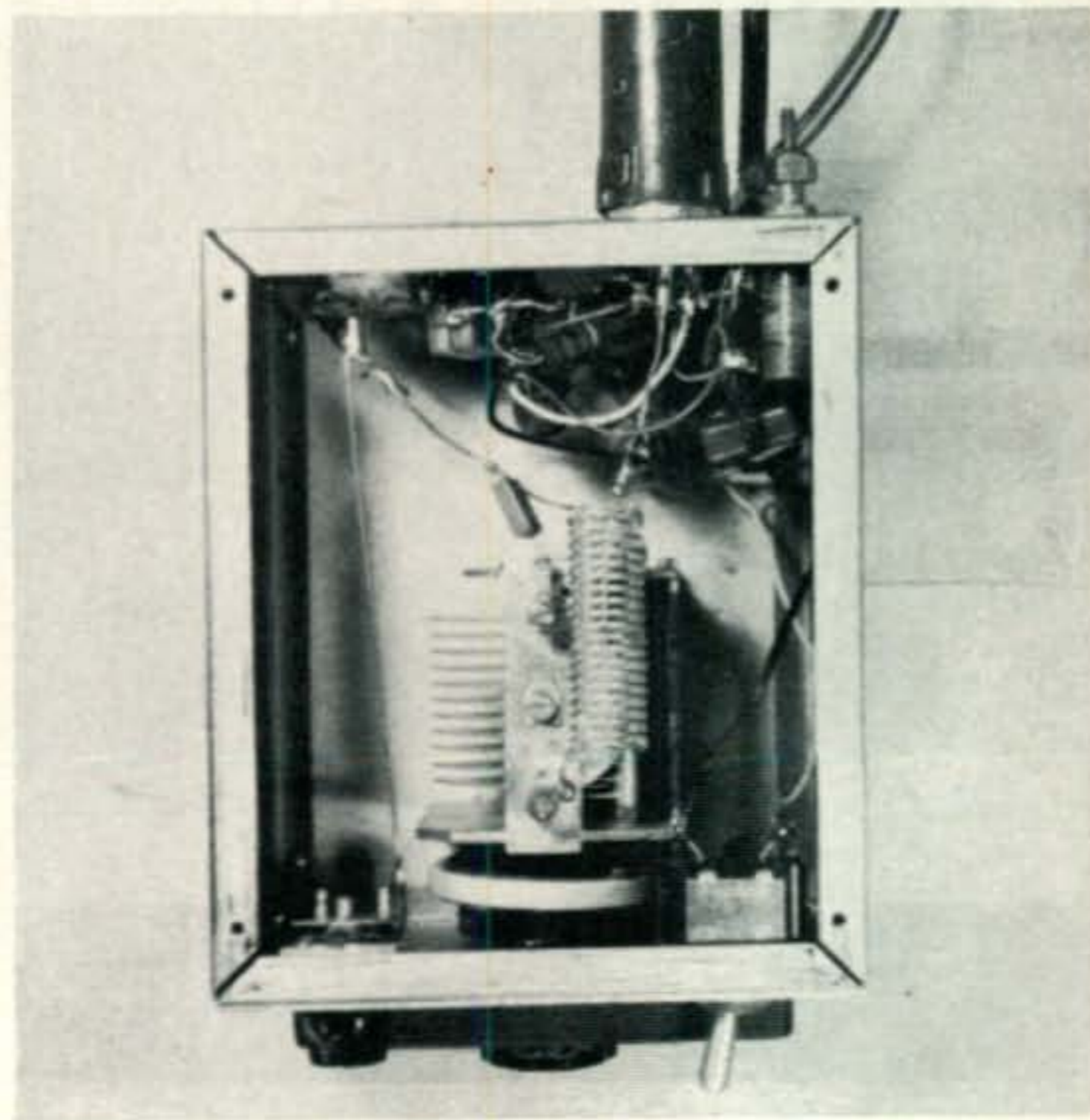
capacitor to the Millen 10039 vernier dial. The small air inductor, L_1 , was rigidly mounted to avoid mechanical movement. The 12AU7 was mounted "out back" and well away from the tuned circuit components to minimize heating effects.

The values of capacitors C_4 and C_5 were arrived at by experimentation. The capacitors pictured were made up from several odd value silvered mica units paralleled to make the values indicated. The output tuning inductor, L_2 , was fabricated from junk box components, however, commercially made slug tuned coils are available for those who don't wish to roll their own. This inductor is adjusted to resonate at 5.25 MHz with the cable capacitance of the 21 inch length of RG-58 coax used to connect the v.f.o. to the transceiver. Changing the length of the cable will require readjustment of the inductance. No touching up of this tuning is necessary when going from one end of the band to the other.

The completed unit was mounted on high rubber feet made from four no. 1 rubber stoppers.

Connection to Transceiver

The v.f.o. signal is fed to the crystal socket input of the SB-102. The coax may be simply run into the cabinet and plugged into the crystal socket. We chose to run a short length



Interior of the v.f.o. shows the double bearing tuning capacitor firmly mounted to the reinforced bottom plate with L_1 mounted by its leads to the capacitor. At the rear is the 12AU7 and output coil L_2 .

of coax cable from the bottom of the crystal socket to one of the two "spare" phone jacks on the back apron of the transceiver. The coax from the external v.f.o. was then fitted with a phono plug which was inserted in this spare jack.

The v.f.o. was initially aligned by adjustment of the 60 pf trimmer so that the main tuning capacitor tuned the v.f.o. from 5.0-5.5 MHz. A crystal calibrator with 10 kHz markers was used to calibrate the dial at 10 kHz intervals. When switching from band to band it is only necessary to switch on the SB-102 internal 100 kHz calibrator and adjust the 5 pf band set capacitor to calibrate the unit at the nearest 100 kHz point. The frequency can then be read directly to the nearest 10 kHz and eyeball interpolated to the nearest 1 kHz. The calibration is nearly linear.

This external v.f.o. proved to be very satisfactory in every respect. It should be useful with any of the Heathkit SB-100-series transceivers or for that matter any transceiver designed to use a 5.0 to 5.5 MHz external v.f.o. The unit can be constructed from all new parts for about fifteen dollars. ■

Surplus IC's [from page 46]

monitored voltage switched its level. Some devices required the application of bias to two pins simultaneously.

Seventy-five percent of the original 100 IC's were identified by type. The remainder were assumed to be defective or of a special purpose design. DTL, TTL and later IC families and package types may be identified similarly. Only the appropriate supply voltage, socket and connection information need be substituted. ■

Letters [from page 7]

satellites, and SSTV—clings to the old fashioned notion that a.m. sounds better as it eats up 10 kHz for every station on the air.

And as a concluding thought I'm sure your readers are aware that even standard broadcasting commercial stations are experimenting with side band as a method of improving the use of the 550 to 1600 kHz.

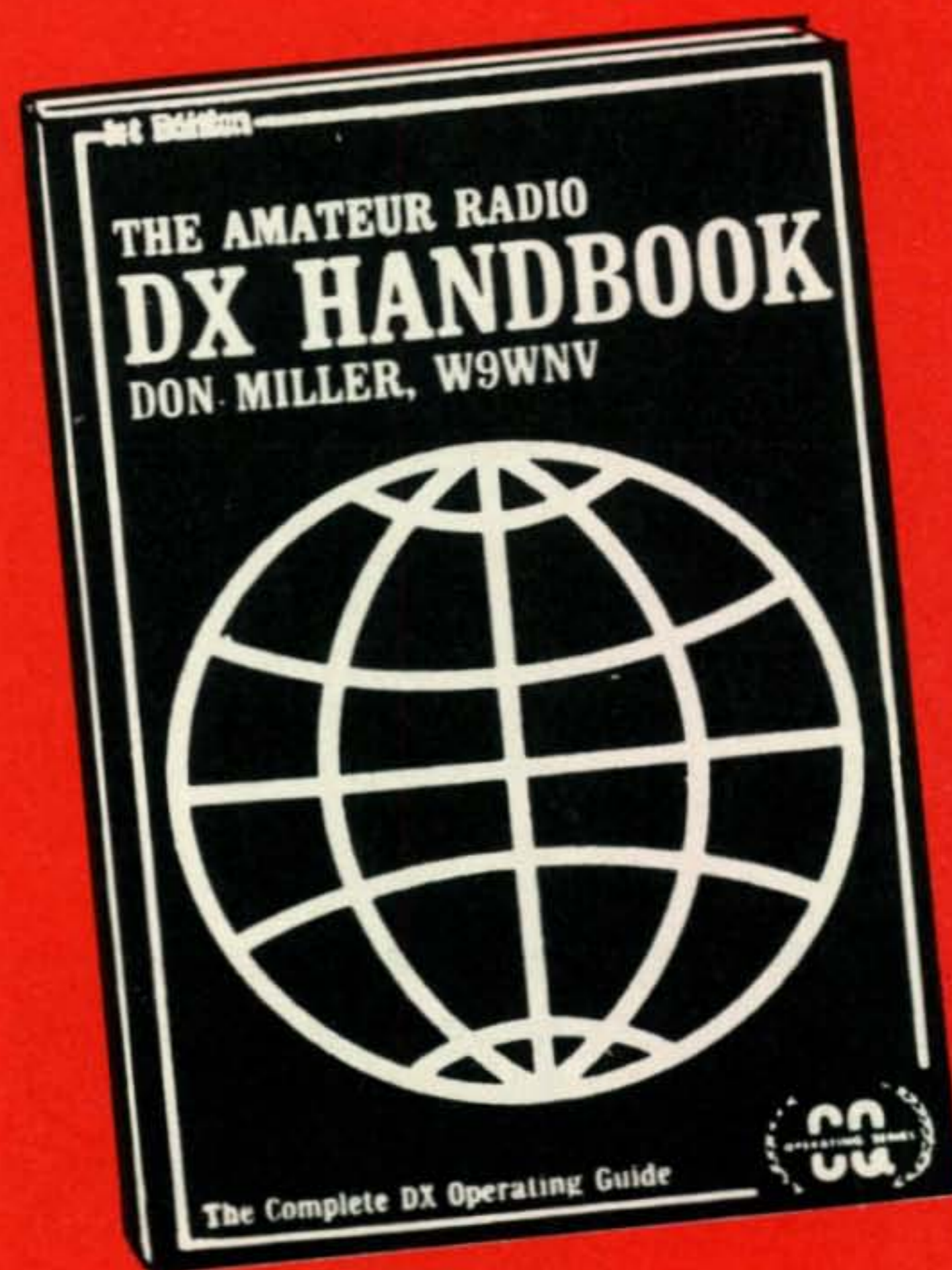
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Color SSTV [from page 22]

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These instructions are intended to provide "starting conditions" from which you can trim-in your own results. If you make some variations in the number of frames per color, or lens diaphragm settings (and record them) you will have the basis for any additional adjustment. Until you find out the effect of each change, be sure to make one change at a time! In other words, don't combine adjustments for color and density until you learn how the film reacts to each in your system.

The writer would like to thank several SSTV Hams who have cooperated with him in making color tests; ZS6PP, ZS6UR, PAØLAM, VK3LM, VK3TE, VK3BAK, PY1DCB, ON4DN, and WA6RNG have all been extremely helpful in making tapes or supplying needed information. Byron Paul, WA6RNG, practically took the writer by the hand and dragged him into his first encounter with color SSTV. The early work of Ralph Taggart, WB8DQT, and Jim Bland, K4YPX as reported in the December 1969 issue of *Ham Radio Magazine* also provided some inspiration.

This article includes certain material from the paper "Experiments in Long Distance Amateur Color Television in the HF Bands" presented by the writer at the 111th Technical Conference of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers at New York, N. Y. in May of this year. The permission of the Society to use this material prior to publication of the Conference Proceedings is gratefully acknowledged. ■

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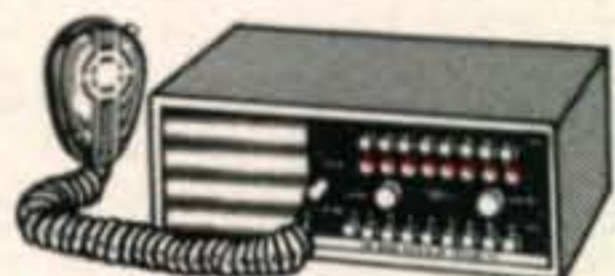
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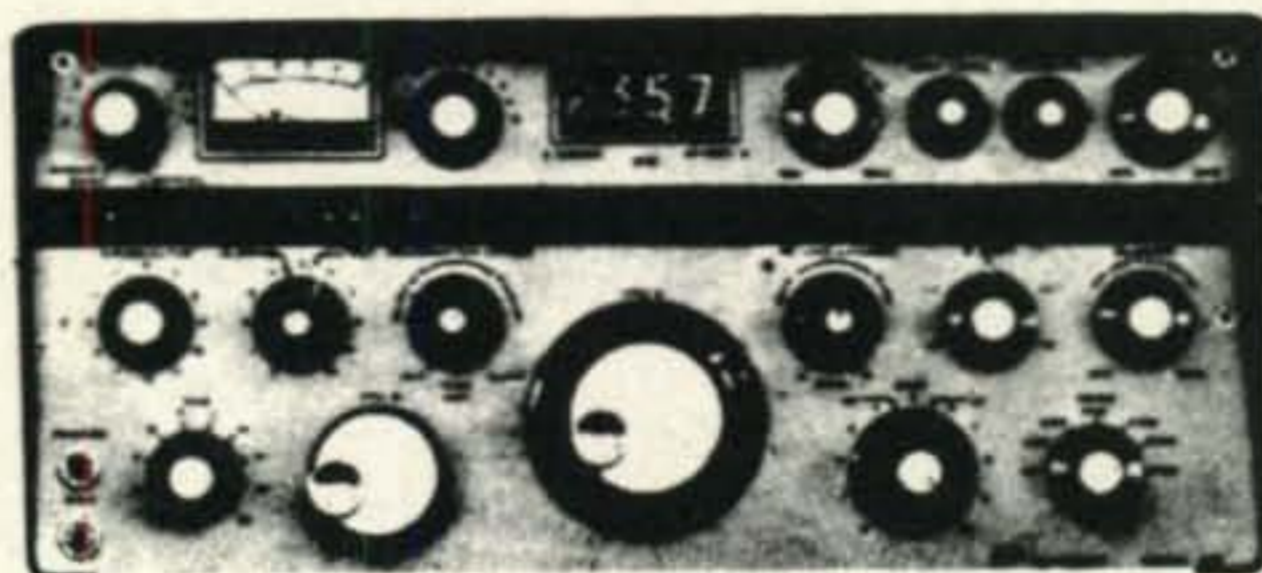
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$$I_c = \frac{E_{R1}}{R_1} \approx \frac{E_{bb} - E_{base}}{R_1}$$

The charging time of the ramp, t_r , is given by

$$t_r = \frac{C_1 E_{th}}{I_{ch}} \approx \frac{C_1 E_{th} R_1}{E_{bb} - E_{base}}$$

where E_{th} is the threshold voltage of the uni-junction transistor.

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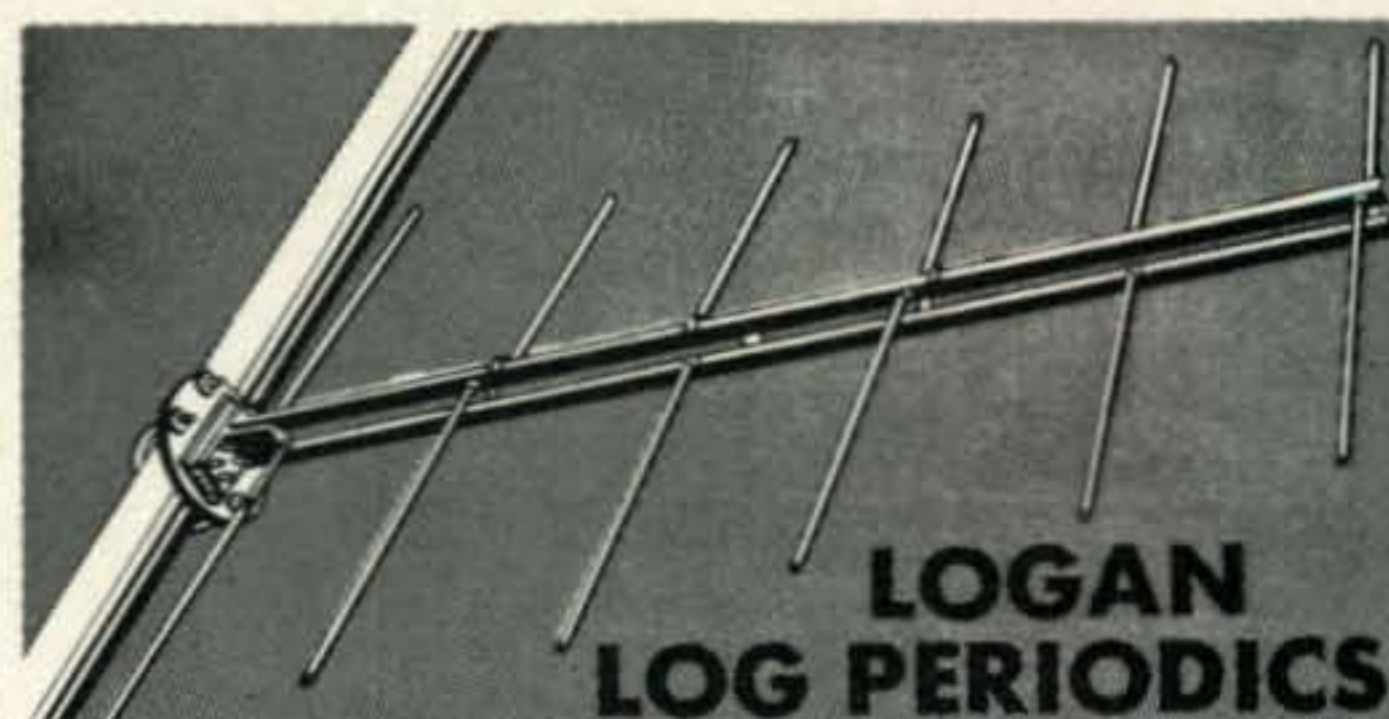
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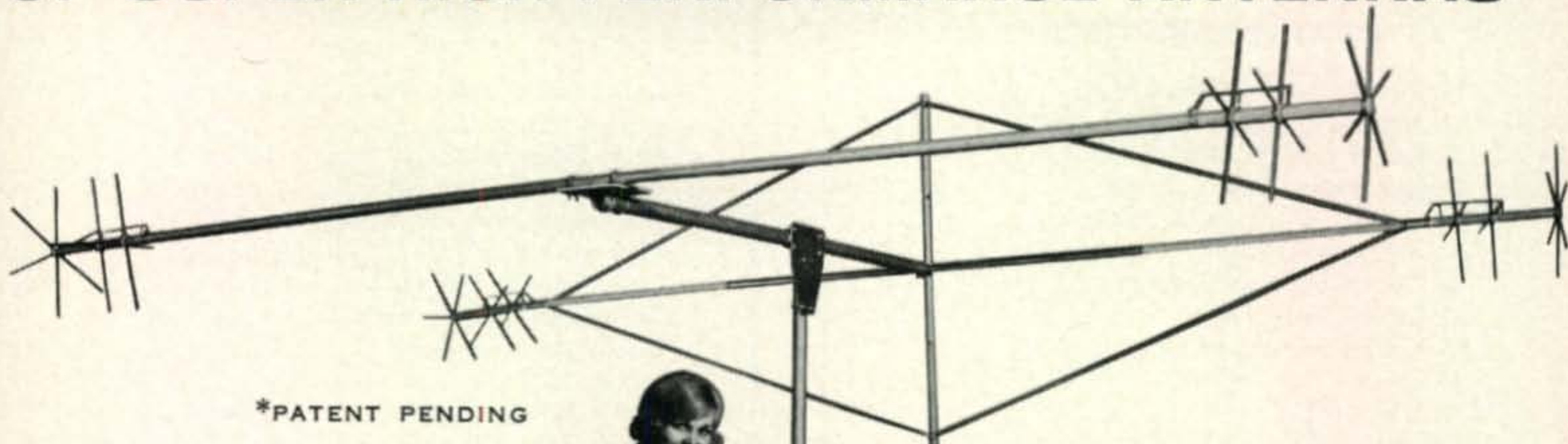
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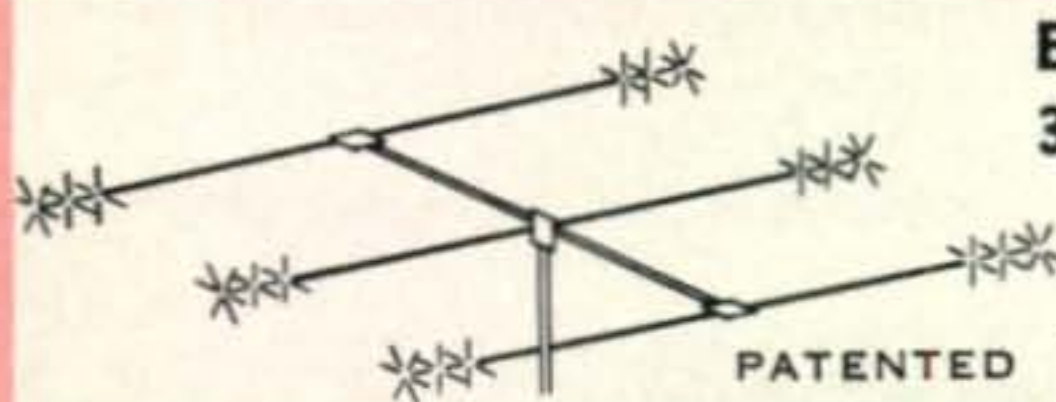
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6/12 volt, 30 watts
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(Earlier serial number, \$28. plus
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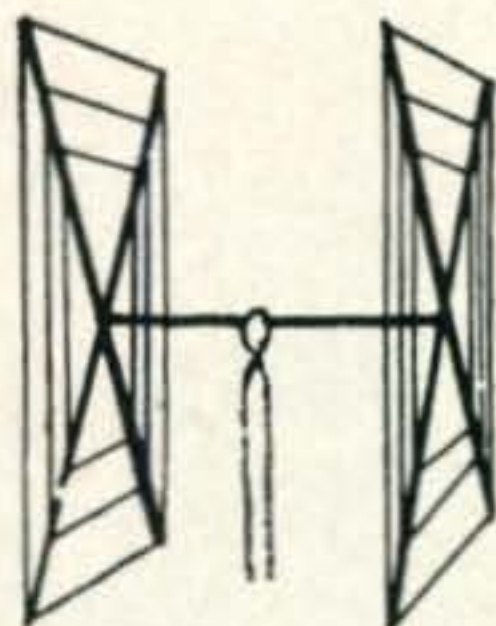
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In open competition against thousands of commercial and home-brew antennas, WA1JFG won the New England championship with a Gotham beam, by a margin of 5,982 points! WB2JAM won the sectional award for the Sweepstake contest in 1969 and 1970 with a Gotham 4-element 15 meter beam! Hundreds of unsolicited testimonials from grateful hams are our proof that Gotham antennas give you the best design, and the best materials. Forget our low prices - rely on the results of open, competitive contests. Ask yourself: Why do Gotham antennas win?

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10/15/20 CUBICAL QUAD SPECIFICATIONS

Antenna Designation: 10/15/20 Quad
 Number of Elements: Two. A full wavelength driven element and reflector for each band.
 Freq. Covered: 14-14.4 Mc. 21-21.45 Mc. 28-29.7 Mc.
 Shipping Weight: 28 lbs. Net Weight: 25 lbs.
 Dimensions: About 16' square.
 Power Rating: 5 KW.
 Operation Mode: All
 SWR: 1.05:1 at resonance
 Gain: 8.1 db. over isotropic
 F/B Ratio: A minimum of 17 db. F/B
 Boom: 10' long x 1 1/4" O.D.; 18 gauge steel; double plated; gold color
 Beam Mount: Square aluminum alloy plate incorporating four steel U-bolt assemblies. Will easily support 100 lbs. Universal polarization.
 Radiating Elements: Steel wire, tempered and plated, .064" diameter.
 X Frameworks: Each framework consists of two 12' sections of 1" OD aluminum 'hi-strength' (Revere) tubing, with telescoping 7/8" tubing and short section of dowel. Plated hose clamps tighten down on telescoping sections.

Radiator Terminals: Cinch-Jones two-terminal fittings

Feedline (not furnished); 52 ohm coaxial cable

Now check these startling prices—note that they are *much lower* than even the bamboo-type:

10-15-20 CUBICAL QUAD	\$37.00
10-15 CUBICAL QUAD	32.00
15-20 CUBICAL QUAD	34.00
TWENTY METER CUBICAL QUAD	27.00
FIFTEEN METER CUBICAL QUAD	26.00
TEN METER CUBICAL QUAD	25.00

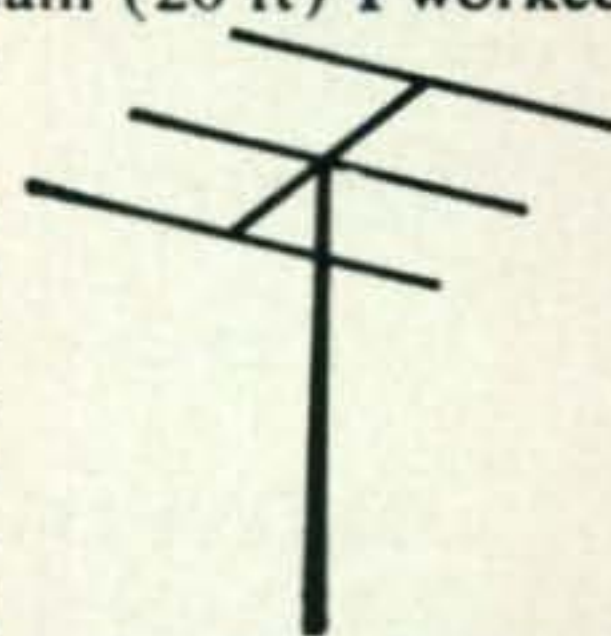
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GOTHAM

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3 EL 20	27	7 EL 10	34*
4 EL 20	34*	4 EL 6	20
2 EL 15	17	8 EL 6	30*
3 EL 15	21	12 EL 2	27*
4 EL 15	27*	*20' Boom	
5 EL 15	30*		

ALL-BAND VERTICALS

"All band vertical!" asked one skeptic. "Twenty meters is murder these days. Let's see you make a contact on twenty meter phone with low power!" So K4KXR switched to twenty, using a V80 antenna and 35 watts AM. Here is a small portion of the stations he worked: VE3FAZ, T12FGS, W5KYJ, W1WOZ, W2ODH, WA3DJT, WB2FCB, W2YHH, VE3-FOB, WA8CZE, K1SYB, K2RDJ, K1MVB, K8HGY, K3UTL, W8QJC, WA2LVE, YS1-MAM, WA8ATS, K2PGS, W2QJP, W4JWJ, K2PSK, WA8CGA, WB2KWY, W2IWJ, VE3-KT. Moral: It's the antenna that counts!

FLASH! Switched to 15 c.w. and worked KZ5-IKN, KZ5OWN, HC1LC, PY5ASN, FG7XT, XE2I, KP4AQL, SM5BGK, G2AOB, YV5-CLK, OZ4H. and over a thousand other stations!

V40 vertical for 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 meters	\$14.95
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Great new features — like Auto-Scan and a special Priority-channel — place the FT-2 AUTO in a class by itself. These unique capabilities are achieved with advanced digital-logic circuits. Here's how they work:

With Auto-Scan on, the receiver scans all 8 channels at 20 channels per second, indicator lights provide a visual channel display, stopping on receipt of a signal. At the end of each transmission, the receiver continues to scan. (Just push a channel button to skip over any channels you wish eliminated from the scanning cycle.) To lock on any frequency being received, simply depress the mike button momentarily. The lock light then glows indicating that transmitter and receiver are working together. To unlock, you again hit the mike button and the receiver continues to scan.

Only Yaesu offers this type of remote, one-handed control of the scanning function.

The Priority-channel feature allows automatic monitoring of a pre-selected frequency. When the receiver stops on a frequency other than the Priority-channel, Auto-Scan will check every two seconds to determine if the Priority-channel is busy. If it is, the receiver reverts instantly to the Priority-channel. Manual or Auto-Scan mode of operation is instantly selectable on front panel. In manual mode, the push buttons function as channel selectors.

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The FT-2 AUTO will operate from either 117 V AC or 12 V DC power sources.

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This exciting new rig is available now. Just send your check for \$329.95 — or use Master Charge or BankAmericard. We'll even include a free anti-theft mounting bracket that locks up your rig when its going mobile.

YAESU FT-2FB

This new unit features the same receiver/transmitter specifications listed above for the FT-2



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