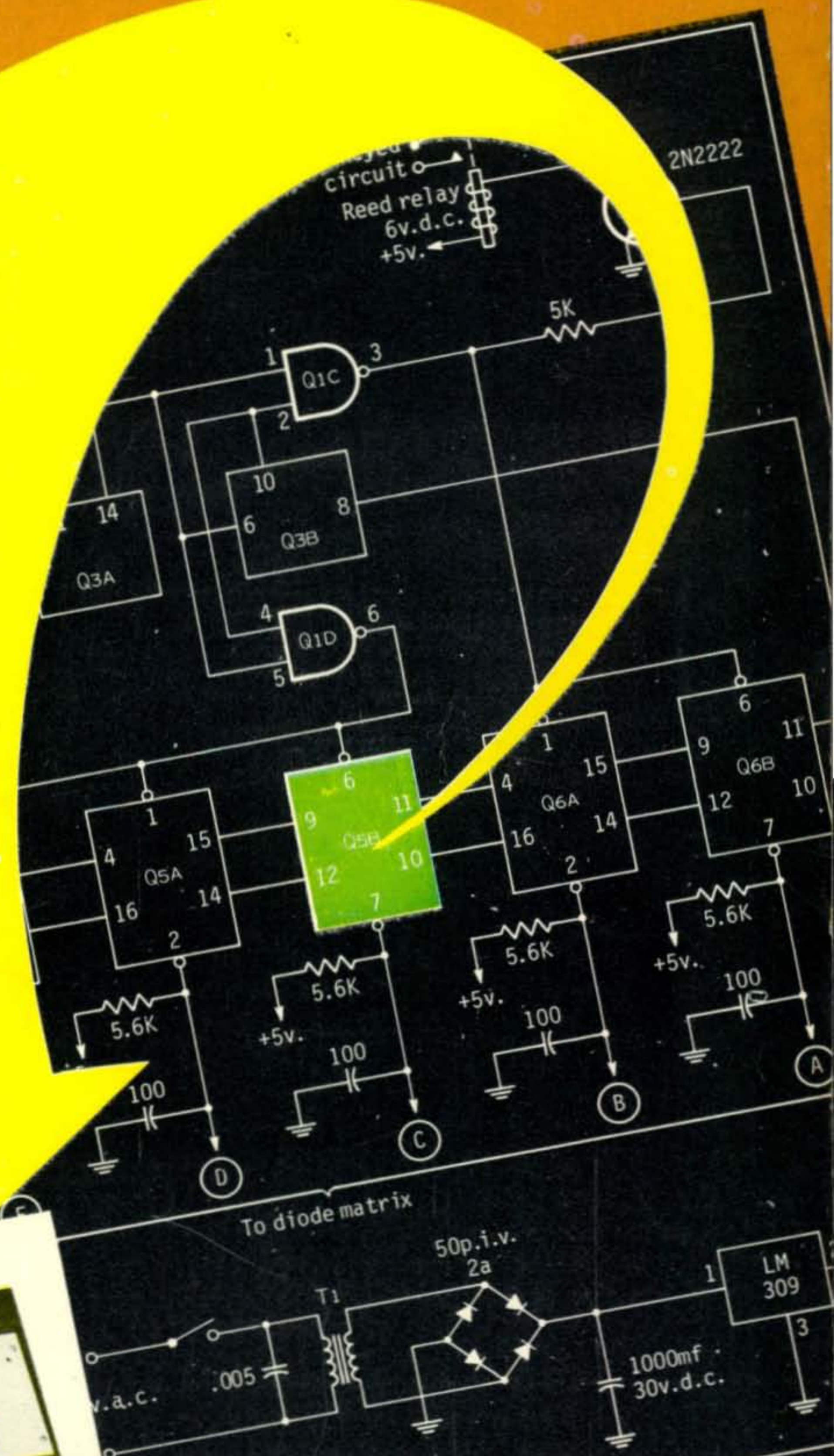


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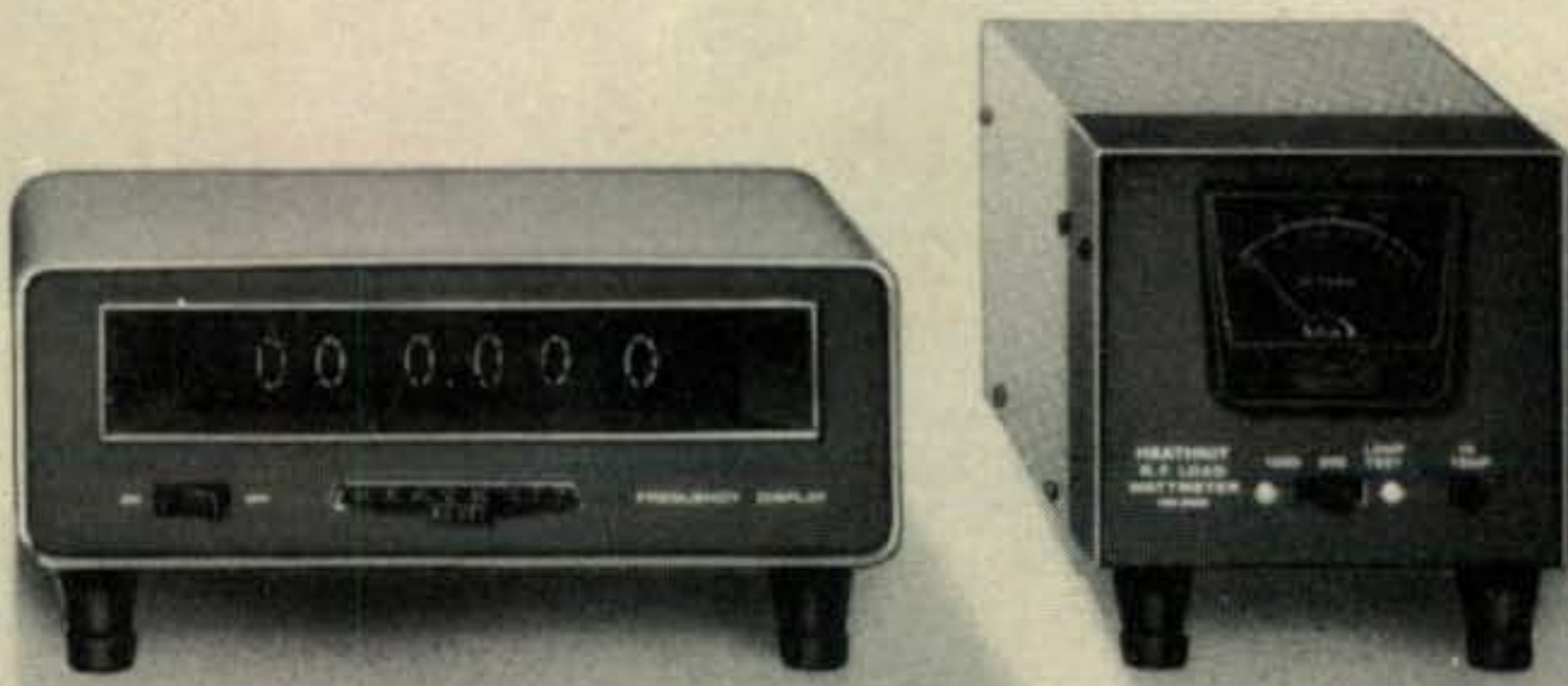
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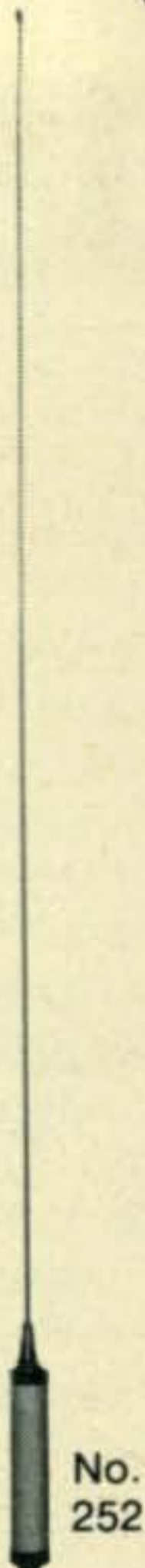
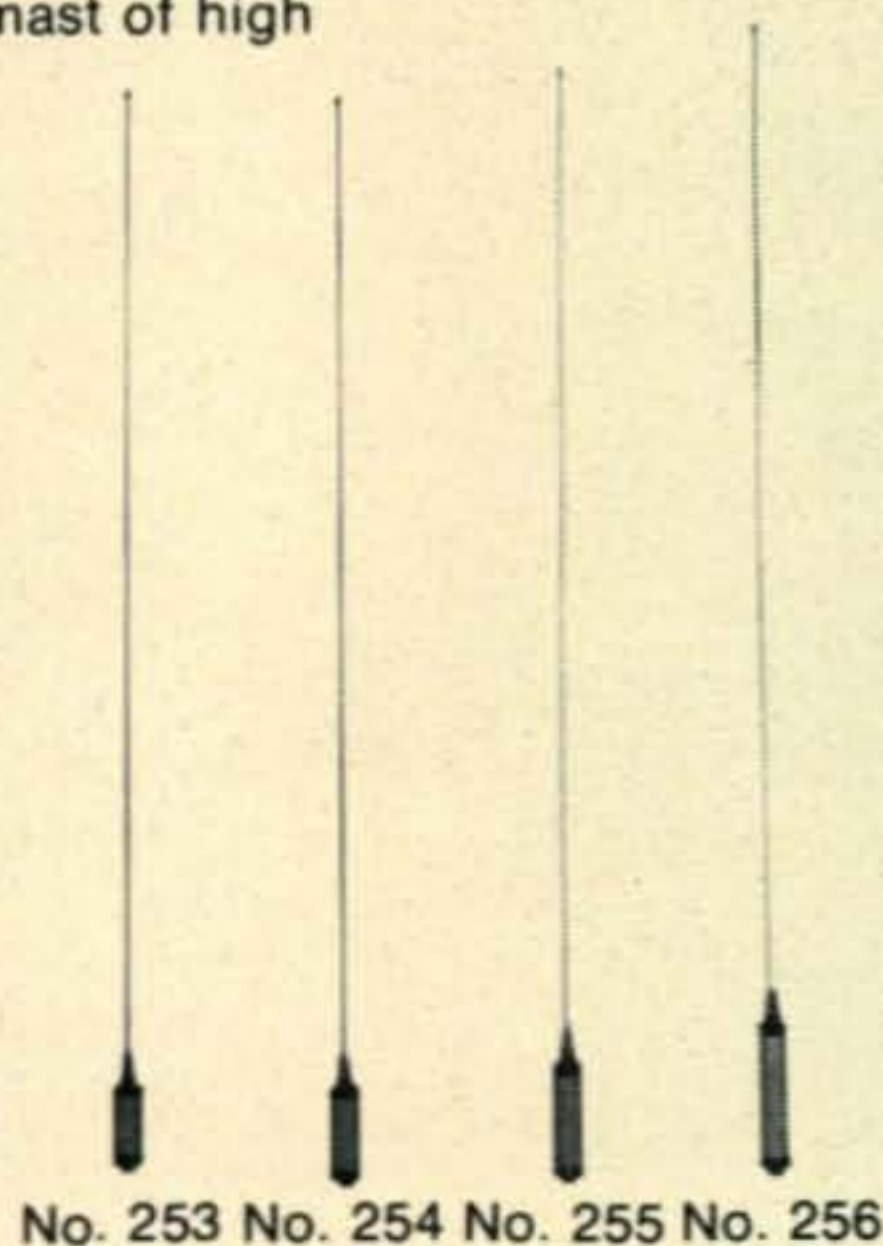
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At the Second 1973 ARRL Board of Directors Meeting held July 19 and 20 in Hartford, a resolution was adopted which will have far-reaching beneficial effects on future developments in amateur radio. On the motion of New England Division ARRL Director, Bob Chapman, W1QV, and with the second of Larry Shima, W0PAN, Dakota Division Director, a resolution was adopted to establish "The ARRL Foundation, Inc."

The objective of the ARRL Foundation is to encourage "innovative programs related to amateur radio [which] will attract substantial financial support from various individuals other than members of the ARRL." The intent, evidently, is to seek donations earmarked specifically for innovative development rather than for the ARRL organization itself.

There are many probing questions which could be raised about this new resolution, and certainly no small amount of criticism could be directed at ARRL for taking this intriguing step, but for the moment, let's explore one of the best prospects.

On the motion of Vic Clark, W4KFC, Roanoke Division, the ARRL Foundation has been directed "toward the securing and disbursing of funds to encourage and assure continuation of amateur radio space activities." Again on the motion of W4KFC, the ARRL General Manager was "authorized to advance funds not exceeding \$38,000... for the express purpose of assisting amateur radio organizations engaged in preparation of amateur satellite equipment now scheduled for orbiting during early 1974." That means AMSAT and OSCAR-7. We presume that this "advance" is on a loan-basis to be repaid to ARRL when Foundation funds become available.

What does all this mean to amateur radio? It *could* mean that amateur radio satellite communication is on the verge of an operational breakthrough which will advance amateur satellite communication from the novelty/curiosity/experimental-level to a fully functional, widely accessible radio service. It could in some ways help relieve congestion on the overcrowded lower h.f. amateur bands

much as Telstar signaled the end of increasing commercial demands for trans-continental and trans-oceanic radio circuits in the h.f. region. Hopefully, AMSAT will now be relieved of the life or death financial struggles which have sapped so much of its energy for so many years, and be freed to pursue a more vigorous and ambitious amateur radio satellite service. Hopefully, AMSAT, though now more than ever allied with ARRL, will be able to maintain its independent non-political status, and devote its full energy to the development of long-life earth-synchronous communication satellites for amateur use.

We commend the ARRL Board of Directors for their actions, and we sincerely hope that what we are seeing now is but the beginning of a new era of progressive League thinking.

## 224-225 mHz

As might be expected, the fur is flying in the matter of FCC Docket 19759—The Class E Citizens Band Docket. This recent Notice of Inquiry and Notice of Proposed Rule Making is the most recent step in the quest by certain individuals and organizations to establish a v.h.f. CB service.

It's quite natural for the amateur's first response to be strongly negative towards a proposal which would deprive him of something he now has. We think, however, that pouring all our energy into a flailing effort to beat down the proposed Class E service on 224 mHz could be a self-defeating exercise.

We're not proposing that amateurs complacently accept the loss of 1 mHz of spectrum space. If you have valid reasons that Class E should not occupy 224-225 mHz, make yourself heard through a letter and 14 copies to the FCC.

What we *are* suggesting is that we—meaning amateurs and the ARRL—prepare a fall-back position which we may assume should efforts totally defeat Class E on 224 fail.

This position might well be one of taking an active part in the design of the Class E service: how it might be used, how it might be regulated or policed, what type of equipment requirements could be established, or how "sliders" could be prevented from moving down into the amateur band.

If words alone could alter the course of affairs then Class E could well suffocate under mounds of verbiage. But it seems more likely that some form of Class E lies in the future. It is imperative, therefore, that we give active consideration to how we can turn this probable loss into a substantial gain for amateur radio.

73, Dick, K2MGA

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# OUR READERS SAY

## Oil on Troubled Waters

Editor, *CQ*:

After reading the diatribe directed at A. Prose Walker by the Editor of *73 Magazine*, your own cover story on the ARRL-FCC feud, and knowing the position of *QST Magazine*, I wrote Mr. Walker a letter, hoping to put forward a strong position for the amateur service, but at the same time hoping to pour some oil on troubled waters.

Mr. Walker wrote me a nice two page letter explaining some of the problems, tracing misunderstandings generally to incomplete reporting in *73 Magazine*, and also enclosing a copy of his address so reported in *73*. I found both letter and address to be somewhat different than reported, largely through errors of omission rather than direct misrepresentation.

I have circulated the address and letter among members of our own local amateur radio club, and it occurred to me that it might be useful for you to visit with Mr. Walker for similar information for publication. I know the amateur users of the spectrum must watch out for encroaching CB, but I think we will have better luck dealing with FCC and Mr. Walker with a bit more respect and decorum than comes from some quarters. Just a suggestion of mine that I thought I'd pass along.

Harrison Leon Church, W0KXP

Theodore Roosevelt A.R.C.

Dickinson, North Dakota

## TTL Test Probe

Editor, *CQ*:

In reference to VE3FEZ's "TTL Test Probe," July *CQ*, two important aspects of TTL Logic are left out of the explanation. The first being that in practice TTL 1 (Positive Logic) is generally 3-5 volts and 0 (TTL Zero) is 0.6 volts or less. These levels are referred to as High (1) or Low (0). Secondly, when a TTL input is allowed to "float" (neither connected to logic 1 or 0) the "chip" sees a High or Logic level 1 and not zero as the example illustrated.

Two notes on the Test Probe circuitry. Add a 1000 ohm resistor in series, between d1 and pin 1 of u1 to prevent circuit loading where maximum fan-out exists. Also, the 1 meg resistor (base of q1) may have to come down in value for lower beta transistors.

Mitch Cohen, WB2IGR  
Union, New Jersey

## Sliders

Editor, *CQ*:

AWAKE! AWAKE! AWAKE! Unite and strike down the Huns!

Again we are given the opportunity to read the great pearls of wisdom from the great lord. Such hogwash, its enough to make one sick.

I protest most strongly to your idea that I am a criminal or that I might be one of those 'Sliders,' (ucch), because I happen to hold a valid CB license. But most of all, you hold with your logic that because I belong to a group called CB'ers, that I'm a criminal. Hogwash to your logic!

Within one year I plan to hold a VE6 call, and from that you can tell I am Canadian. Now, because I live in Canada and I own equipment, that allows me to listen in on the bands. I'm sure you know what I have to listen to. Yep, you guessed it. Lots of U.S. stuff. When the DX comes in, who do we hear in the non U.S. section? You guessed right again; the Americans calling the DX and trying to get them up in their section.

Now I consider that to be as bad as your 10 meter bandits. Also, how many times have I heard language that must have been recorded at a DI's convention. On many occasions I've listened to various name calling that completely involves Race, Creed, Religion, etc. Other times rude noises, chicken clucking, gargling water, etc.

Now if this is the great amateur group that you types are continuing to put forth, I think I will start my own group, or maybe I'll stay down on the Canadian section and not have to listen to the garbage.

More in the vein of attacking the respectable bastions of Ham radio, I am willing to bet that there are many hundreds of these Hams on 11 meters. As a fact many have told me so. Their reasons I'm not sure, but maybe they are finding something that's missing on the other bands. Maybe we should do the same thing that you recommend; spend an hour or so scanning the 11 meter band for the nasty criminals using our band for their nefarious activities.

The final note before I close this poison pen letter, I'm very disappointed in that you neglected the most obvious. In your lengthy discussion concerning the sale of obsolete amateur equipment, you accuse your fellow amateurs for selling this equipment. Now if you had done your homework, you would have written the truth about CB equipment.

All of the friends that I have talked to on SSB have new equipment; some are CB sets, but most of them are amateur rigs. These rigs, I can name them for you in case you don't know who advertises in your Journal, are as follows: Yaesu Musen (FT - FTDX series), Drake, Swan, Kenwood, etc. These equipment manufacturers make equipment for the most part, (with a crystal purchase), that will tune the 11 meter bank without a lick of work (tuning, trimming, etc.).

Case in point: Swan manufactures a unit called the 1011. Some time ago the amateurs applied pressure to have this stopped. However, it did not stop. Swan changed the name of the unit to Siltronics and it is still coming off the same line, only it's now the improved version of the 1011-B. Wonderful isn't it. Point No. 2: Yaesu Musen - FT101, on the band switch, 11 meters is shown and for the price of the crystal, 11 meters at your fingertips. So if you are attaching blame, put it in the right place.

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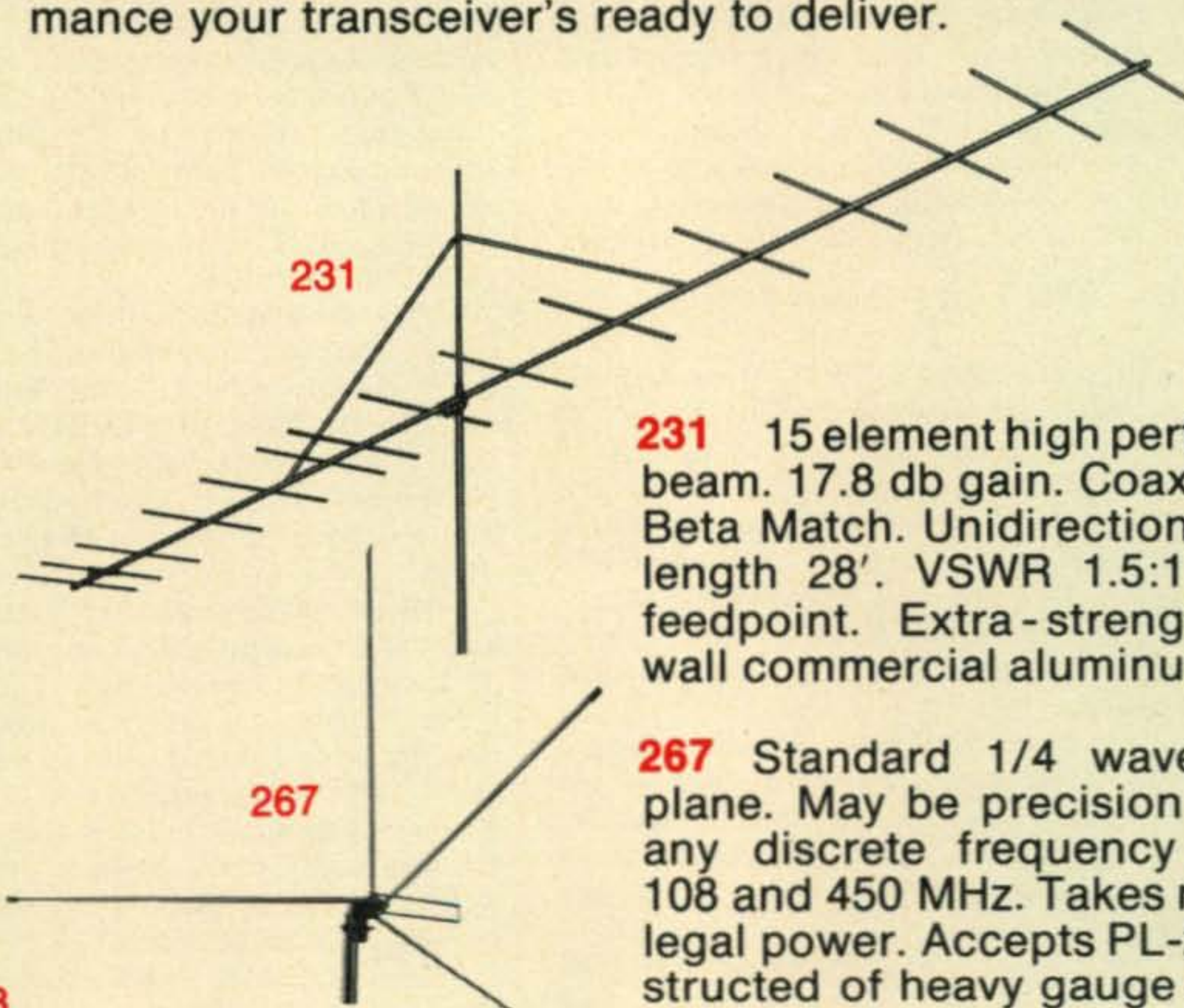
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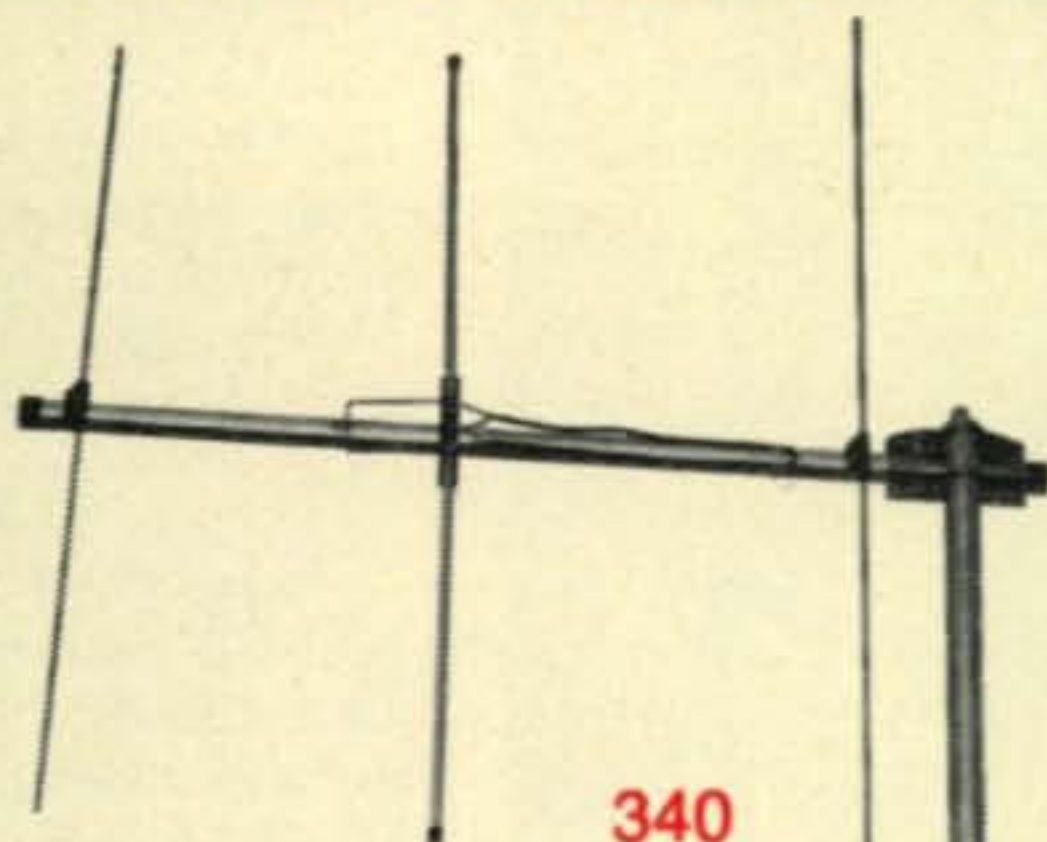
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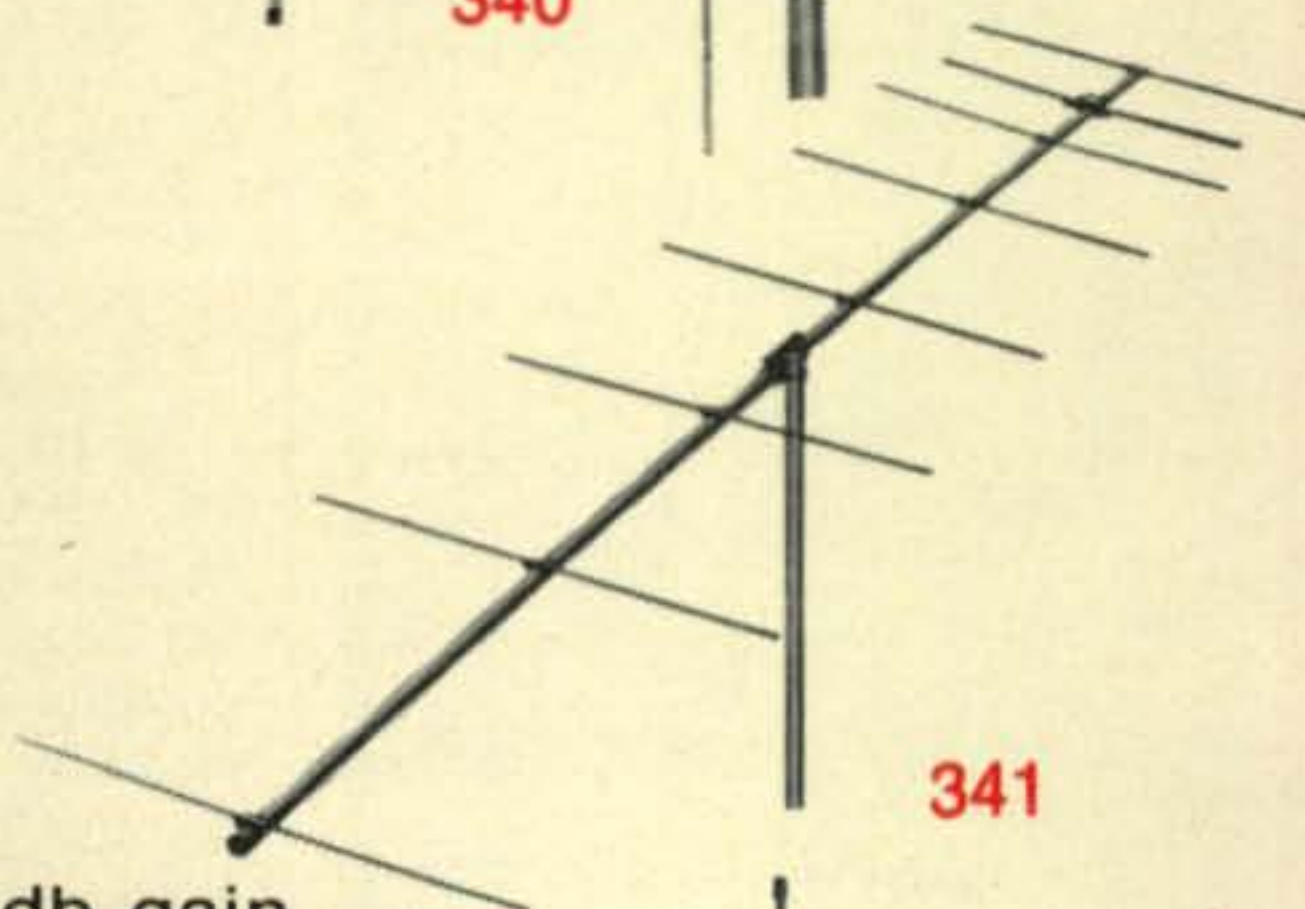
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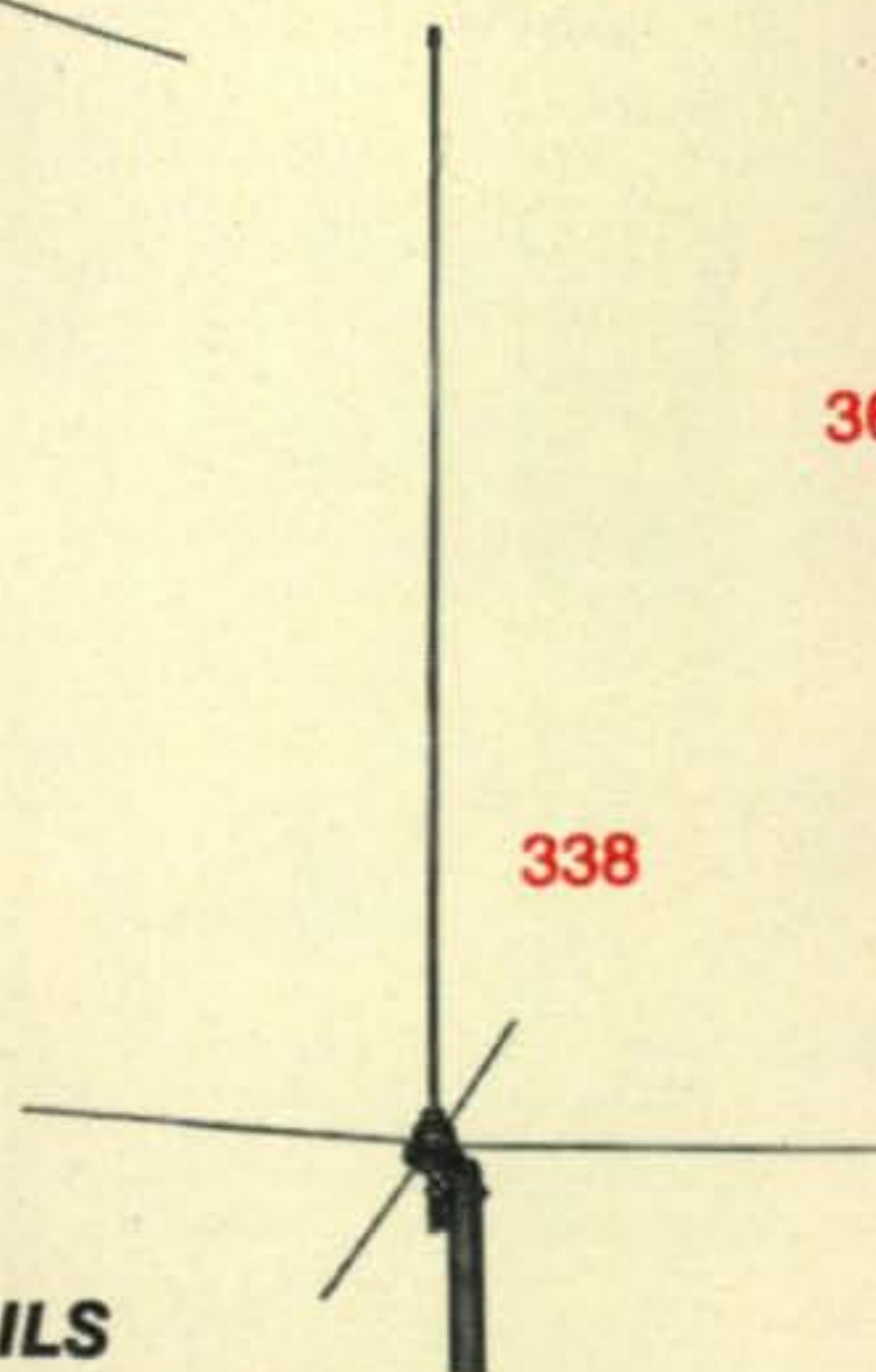
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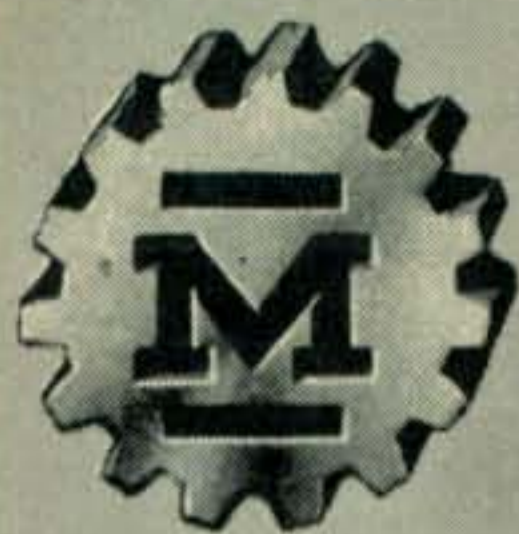
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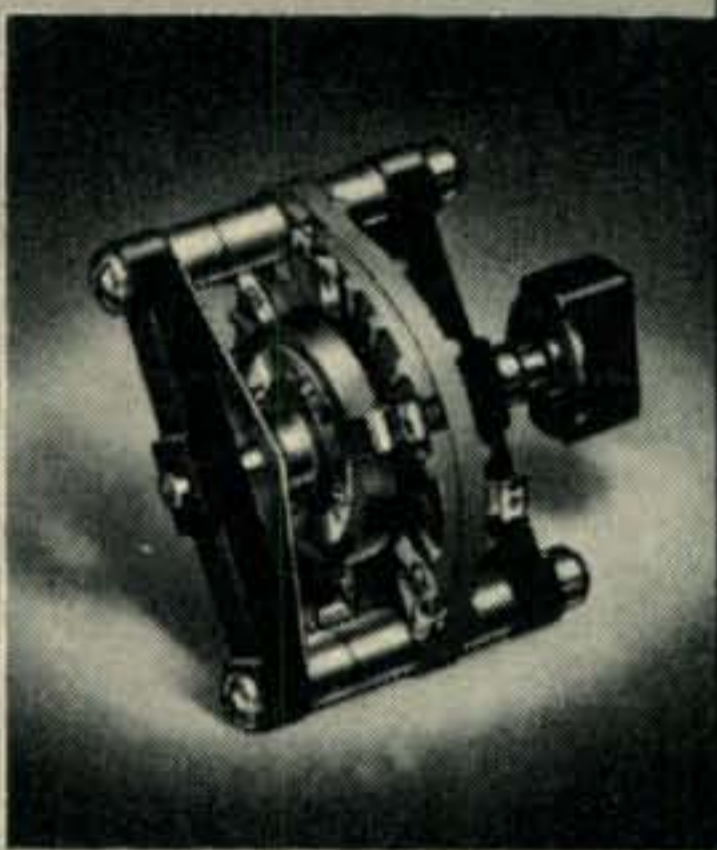


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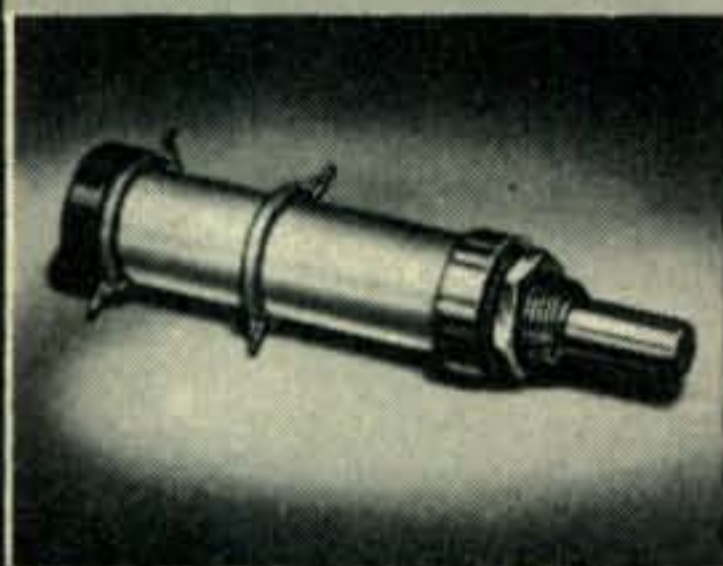
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## Announcements

### Cincinnati, Ohio

Cincinnati Hamfest: The 36th Annual Hamfest will be held Sunday, Sept. 16th at the Stricker's Grove on State Rte. 128, one mile west of Ross (Venice), Ohio. Lots of food, flea market, contests, model aircraft flying. \$7.00 covers all. Contact: Jim Wellman, W8HSI, 725 Stout Ave., Wyoming, Ohio. 45215.

### Rome, Georgia

The Northwest Georgia Amateur Radio Club and Repeater Association, is having its annual hamfest on Sunday, October 7, 1973 at the Coosa Valley Fair Grounds in Rome, Georgia. Everyone is invited to attend. Gates open at 9:00 a.m.

### Hamburg, New York

The 1973 Hamburg International Hamfest will be held on September 15, 1973 at 9:00 AM at the Erie County Fairgrounds in Hamburg. Flea mkt., awards, forums, picnic facil., code contest, etc. Food, Admission \$2.50 at gate, \$2.00 in advance, For tickets and info: Lin Brownell, WB2HCL, 210 Buffalo St., Hamburg, NY 14075. (716) 649-3106.

### Peoria, Illinois

The Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club, Inc. will hold its 16th Annual Hamfest Sunday, September 16, 1973, at Exposition Gardens, located on the northwest edge of Peoria, Ill. Lunch, activities for all. A campsite will open night before. Free coffee and donuts from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Banquet. Swapping parking, contests. Advance registration is \$1.50. At the gate, admission is \$2.00. For details and Advance Registration, write Chairman, Wendell McWilliams, WBDVJ, Box 1, Rome, IL 61562.

### Sharon, Massachusetts

The Sharon Amateur Radio Association (SARA) / will be holding an auction on September 16, 1973 taking place at the Sharon Community Center, Sharon. It will begin at 1:00 p.m. Free refreshments. For info., contact: David Sirkin, WN1OZO, 18 Gorwin Dr., Sharon, MA 02067. Phone: 784-2276.

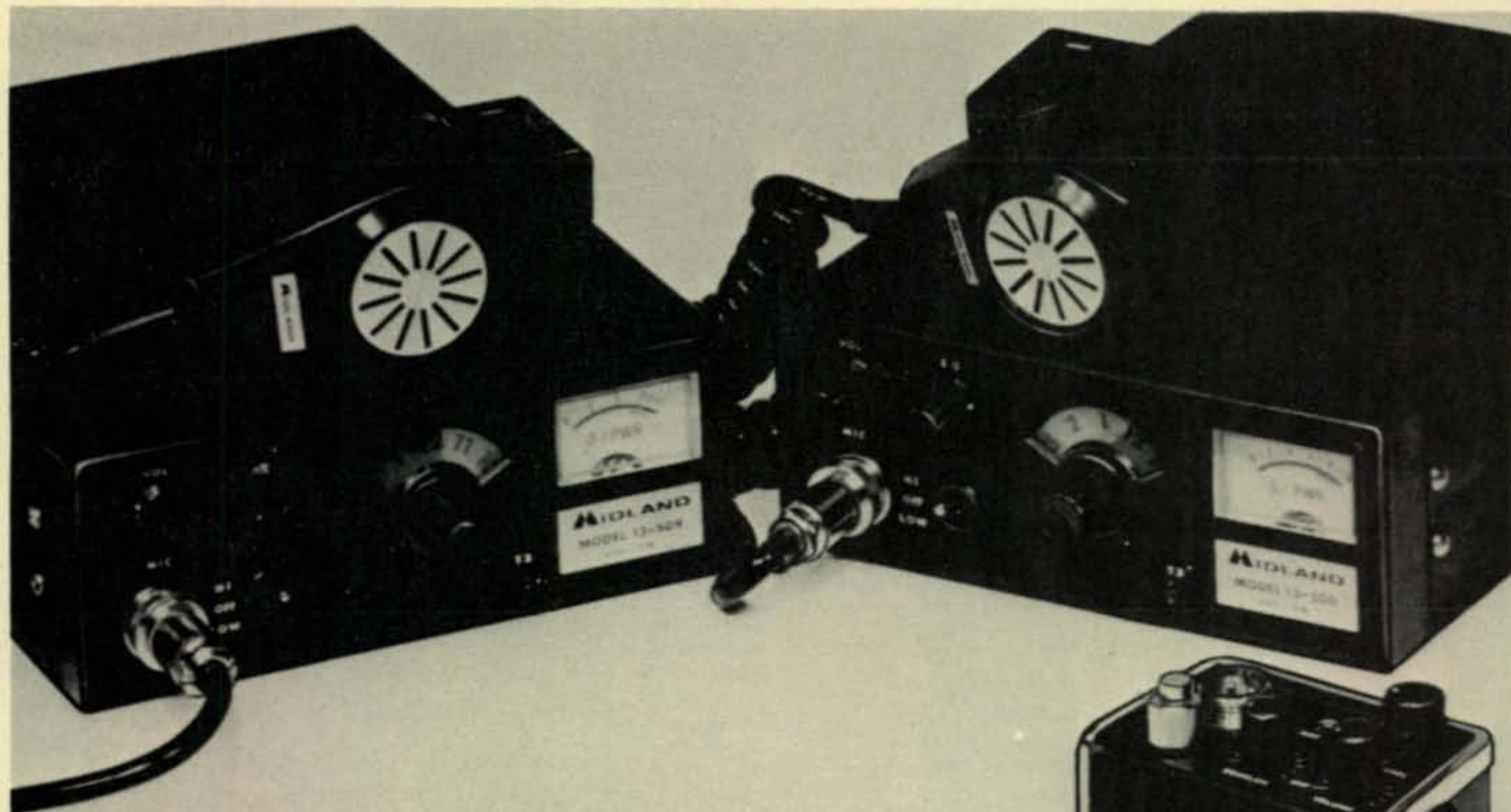
### Malaga, New Jersey

South Jersey Radio Association's Hamfest — (their 25th Annual Affair) will be held on Sunday, Sept. 9th, 11 a.m., at the beautiful Molia Farm, Malaga, NJ. Displays of electronic equip., swap shop, games, prizes, swimming. Bring lunch or buy hot dogs, soft drinks. K2AA/2 on the air, begin. 8 a.m., on 3.930 Mhz, 50.3 Mhz, and 145.2 Mhz for mobile talk-in and for SJRA Hamfest info. Contact Bill Brandberg (W2BBN), 322 Lakeview Ave., Haddonfield, NJ 08033 for advance tickets. Adv. Tickets for non-members \$2.00, includes family. Latecomers, at gate, \$3.00.

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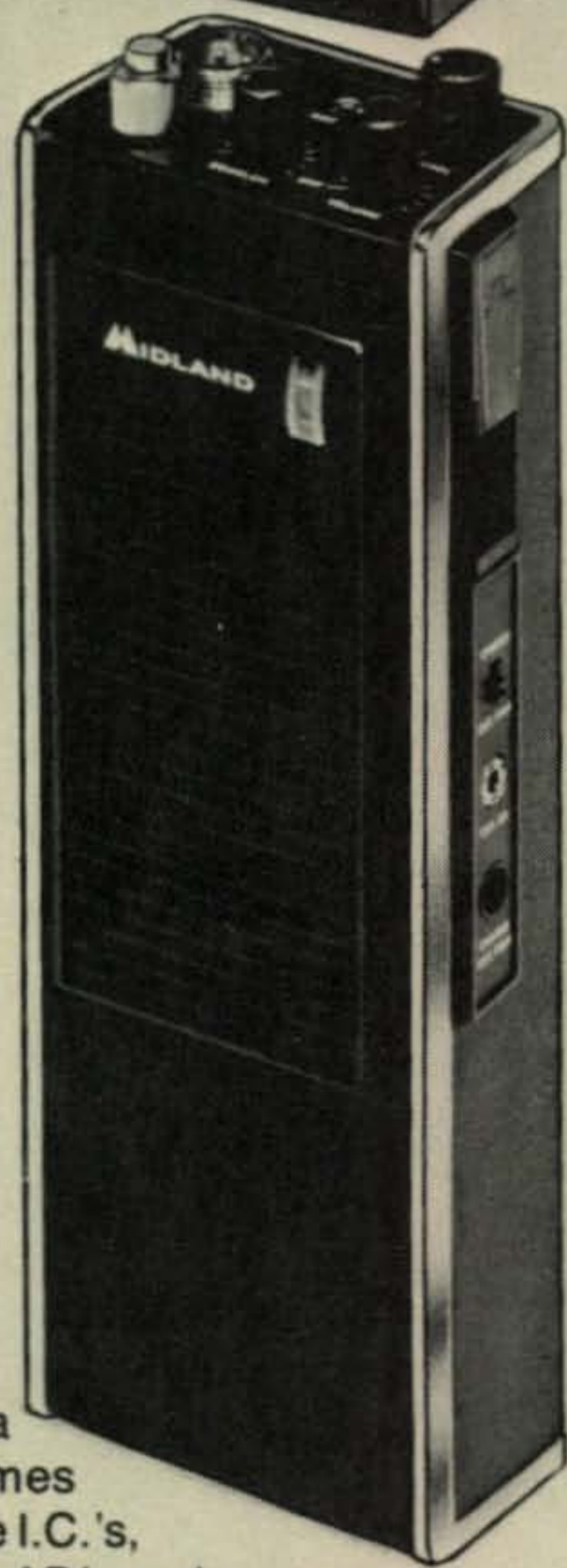
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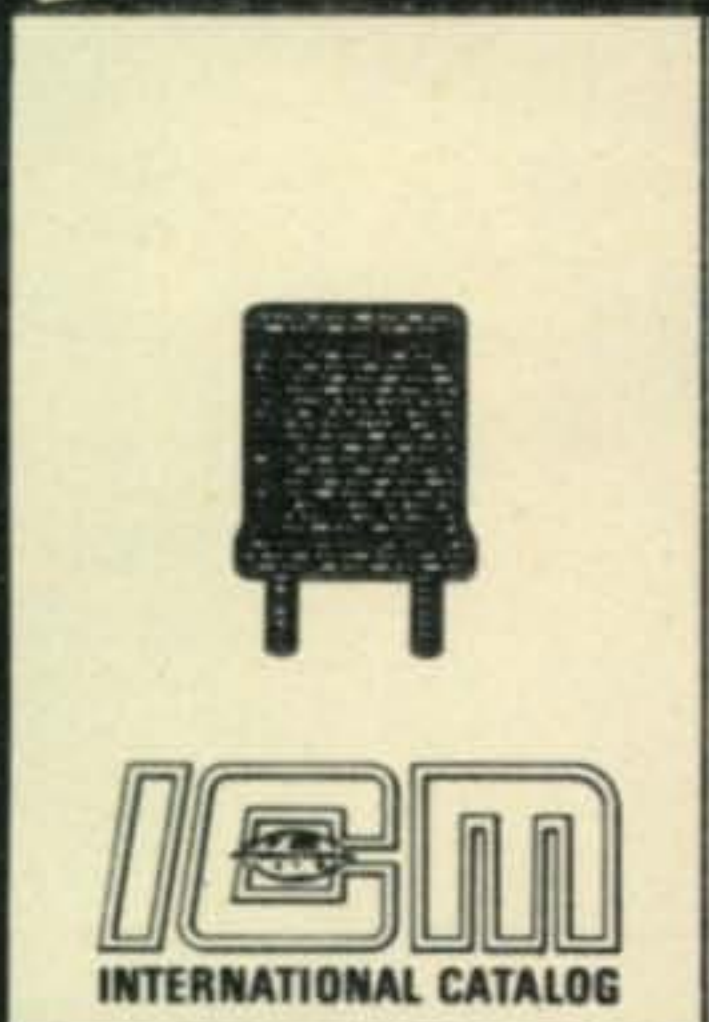
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ONE of the big problems facing the amateur today is obtaining components for his construction projects. Many of the big companies who once put out hefty catalogs for ham-electronics experimenters don't do it anymore.

I've tried both in Europe and the USA to obtain certain parts and nearly gave up, but I have found surplus sub-assemblies containing parts not manufactured anymore but which can be used in one's projects!

In the catalogs put out by the larger firms you don't find coils, various variable capacitors, easy-to-use metal boxes for housing small projects etc., so it takes a little digging to come up with what you want. In the larger cities there are still stores that carry "hard to get" parts, but these are becoming fewer and fewer.

Obtaining IC's is no problem, nor are transistors, resistors, fixed capacitors or wire, but try and obtain an odd variable capacitor or transformer (i.f.'s power, etc.)—it is a little difficult.

Anyone have any suggestions?

### Transistorized Signal Tracer

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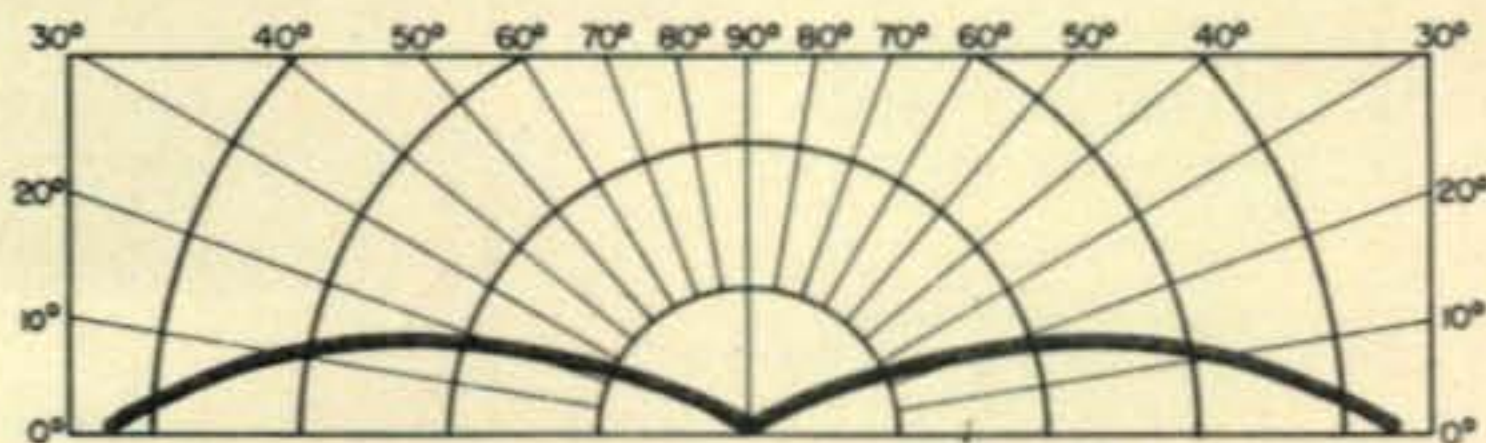
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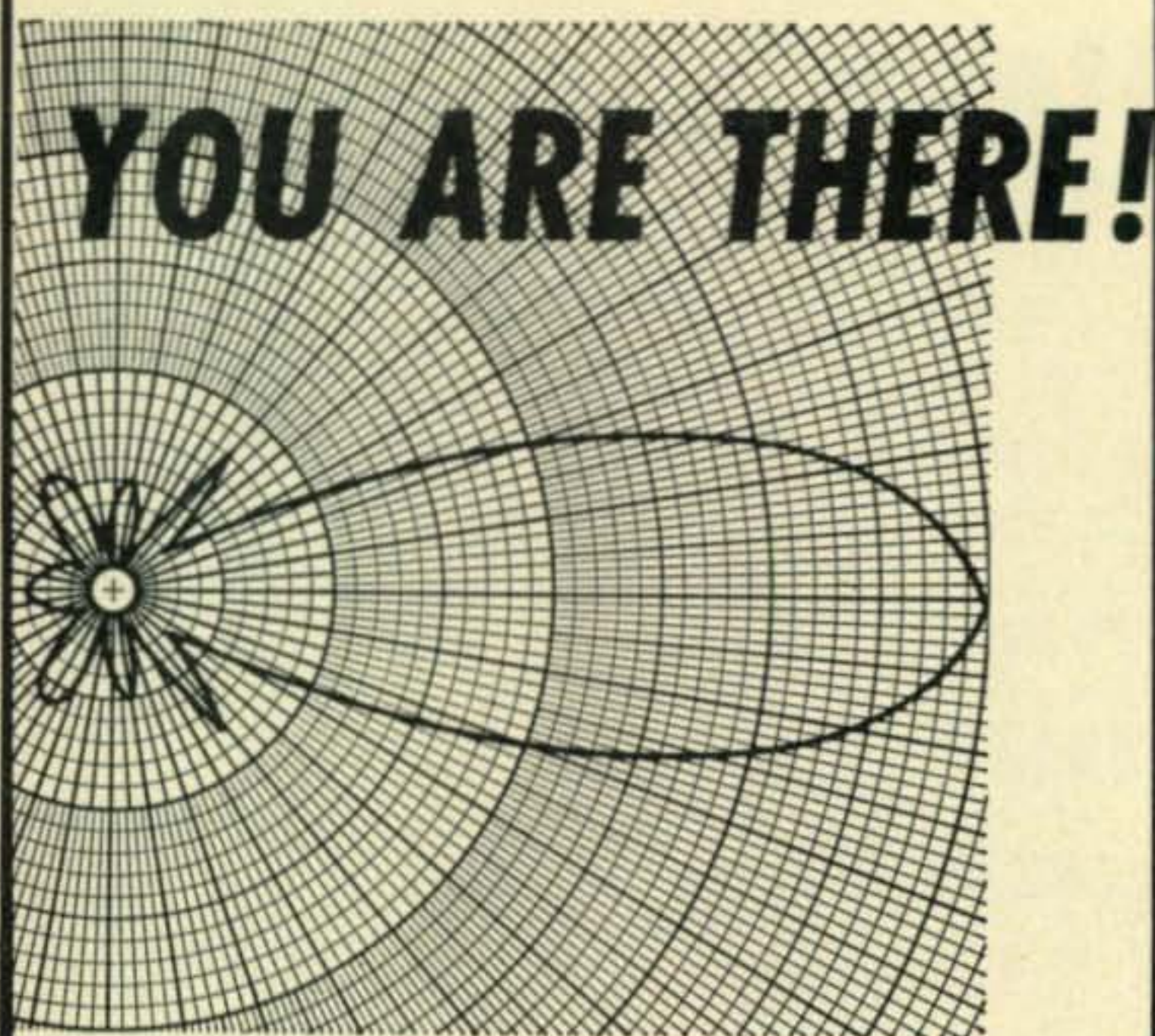


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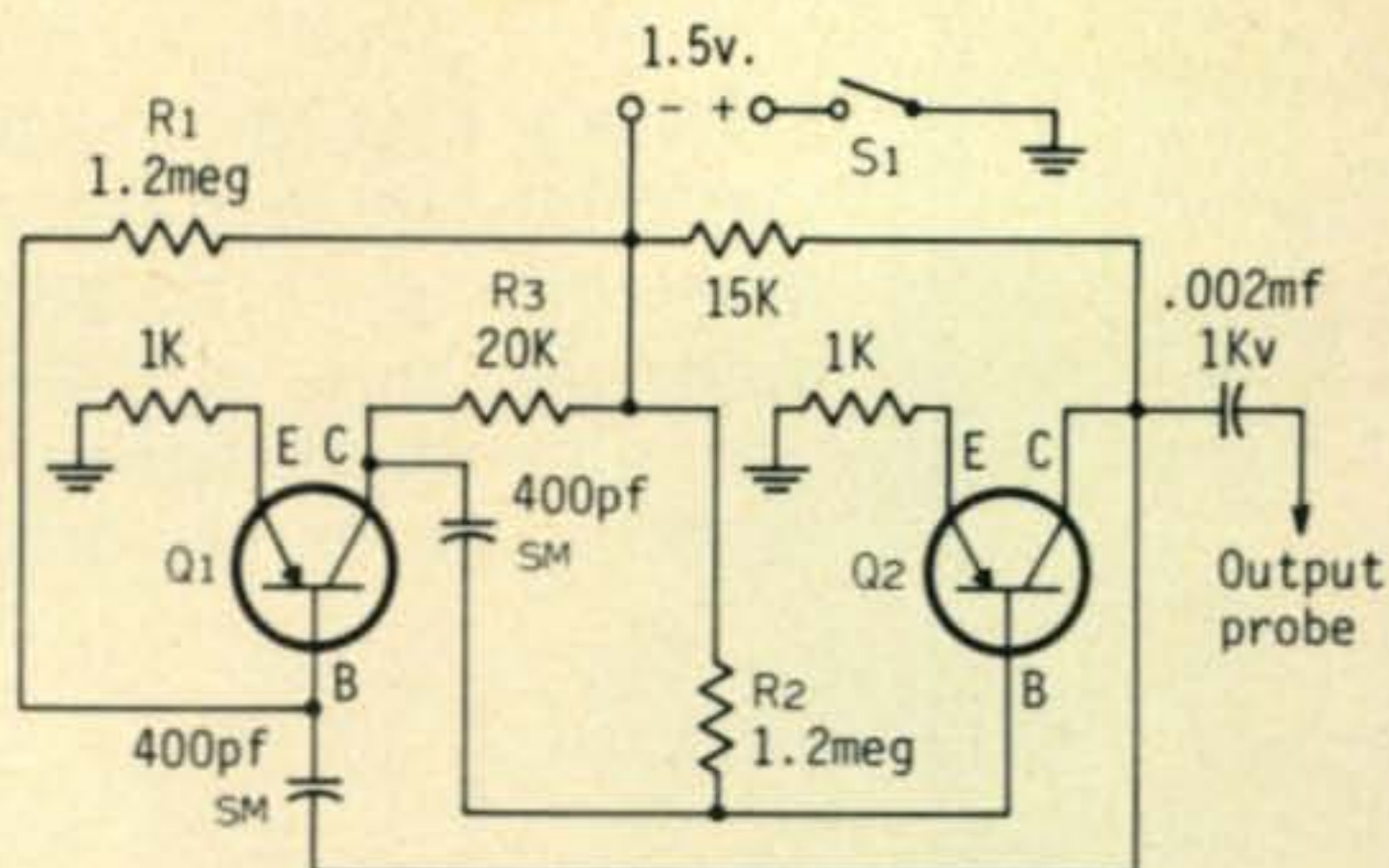


Fig. 1—Simple signal injector. All resistors are 1/4 watt. See text for details.

the unit that you are testing.

Adjust the values of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  for good output, adjust  $R_3$  in value (down) for tone.

The output probe is nothing more than about 1" of heavy wire (pointed).

Using the unit, merely touch its probe to the input of any circuit, a note should be heard. It is great for trouble-shooting receivers and hi-fi equipment.

### 2 Meter Foxhunt Antenna

"I have a portable 2-meter receiver and was wondering what a good antenna would be for 2 meter transmitter location—nothing fancy. What say?"

An ordinary half-wave dipole cut to frequency should work well. Mount the dipole on a tee made of lightweight wood so you can rotate the antenna by hand for maximum signal as read on an S-meter or for a null. Remember that the dipole is bi-directional, though, so keep an eye on the S-meter. Incidentally, if the input to the receiver is not 72 ohms *balanced*, a simple coaxial line should be used with 72 ohm coax feed.

### 144 mHz Tuner

"With push buttons abounding these days, crystal control, etc., can you give me a circuit (no transistors please!) for a tuner that is simple to make, adjust and use—something I can feed into an audio amplifier. It should cover the 2m. band and work on fm."

See fig. 2. I built this little tuner several years ago and it works well. If you will note, it is a super-regenerative detector and it is quite immune to impulse type interference. Its frequency stability is determined largely by how solidly you build it, and its "capture ability" is excellent. Keep all connecting leads *short*.



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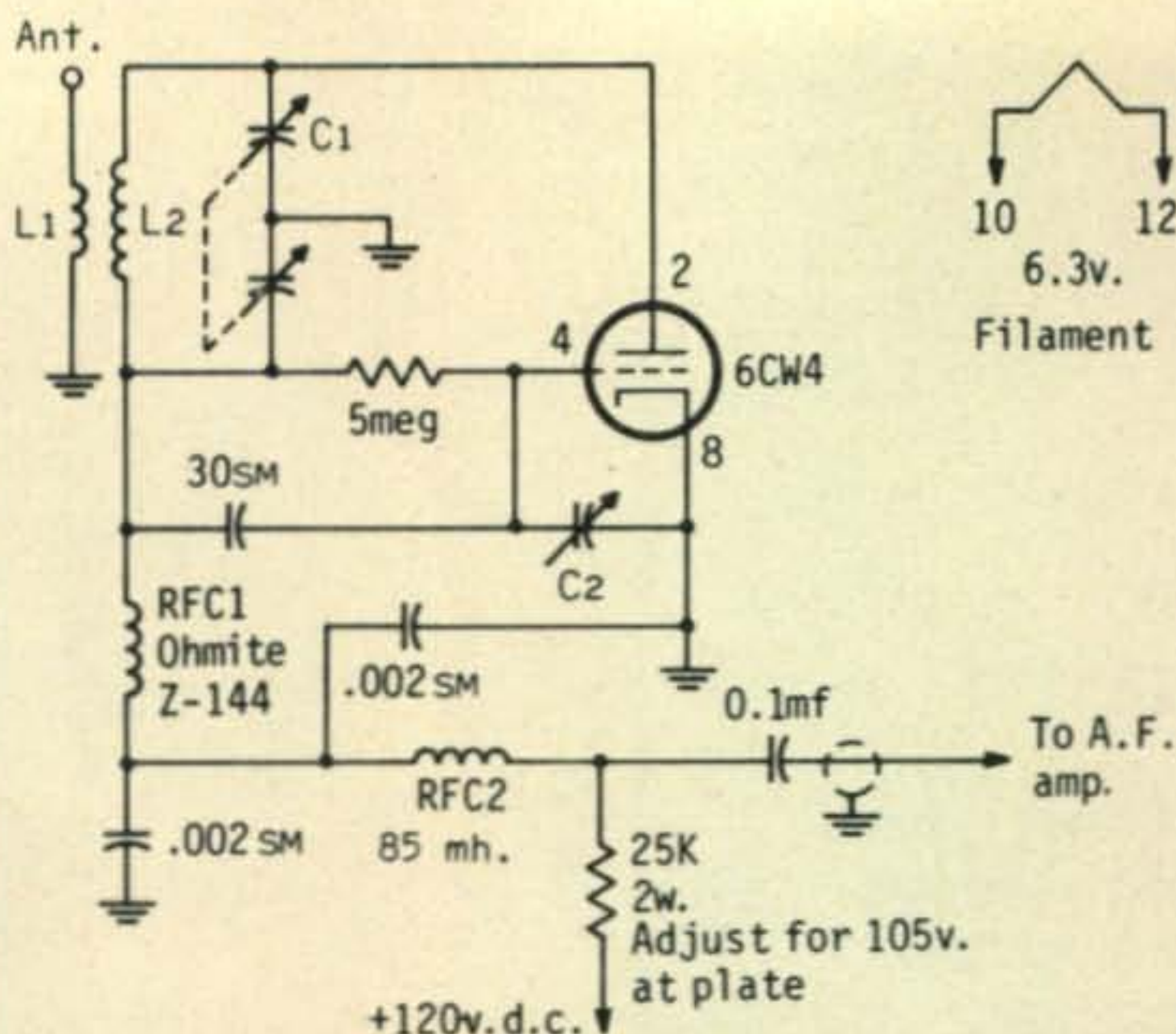


Fig. 2—Schematic of a simple 2-meter super-regenerative detector which can feed a small audio amplifier for general listening on a.m. or f.m.  $L_1$  is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  t. #12 enameled wire  $\frac{1}{4}$ " dia.  $L_2$  is 4 t. #16 bare wire  $\frac{1}{2}$ " dia. Adjust turn spacing to resonate at middle of 2-meter band with  $C_1$  at mid-range. Adjust spacing between  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  for optimum performance.  $C_1$  is a small split-stator 10 pf per section variable capacitor.  $C_2$  is a 5-30 pf compression trimmer. Adjust  $R_2$  for 105 v. at plate of 6CW4. Use a small vernier dial on  $C_1$  as tuning is quite sharp.

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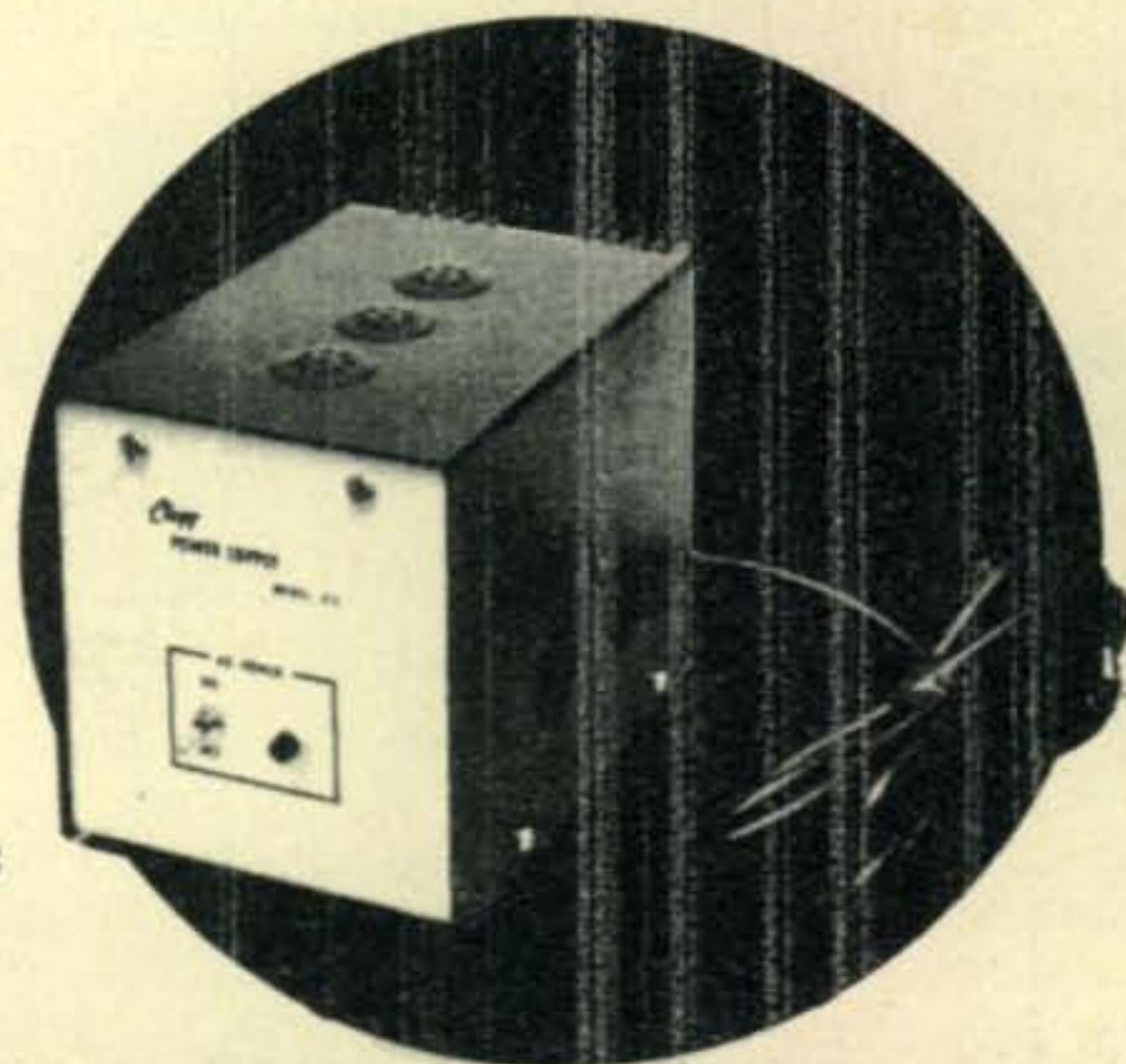
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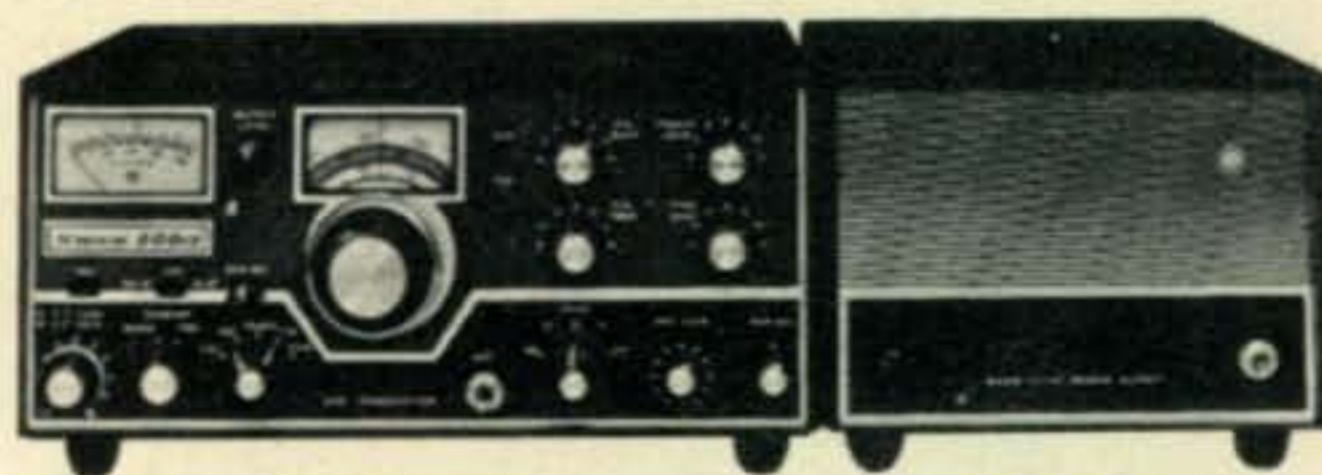
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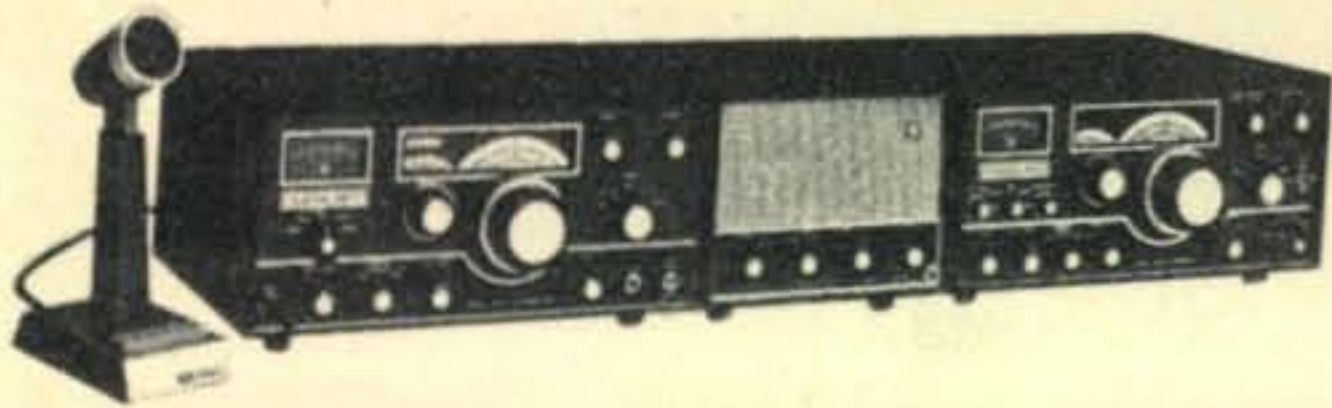
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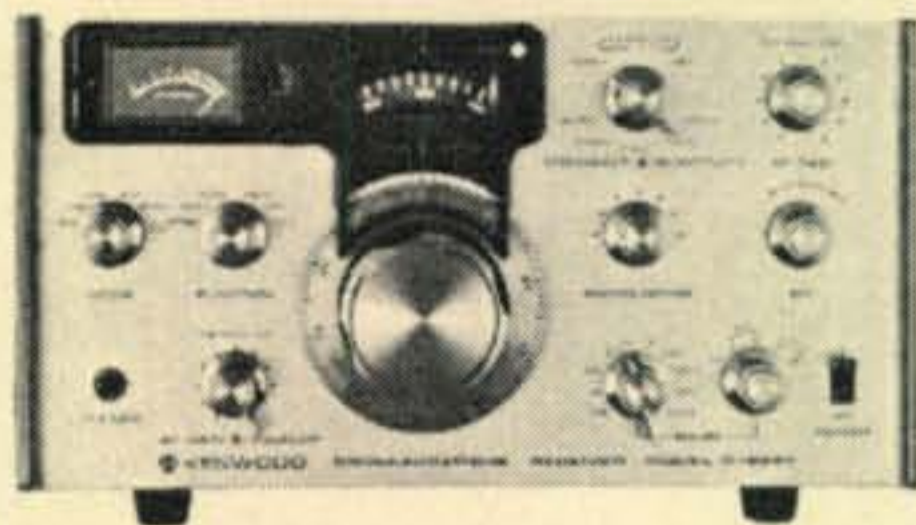
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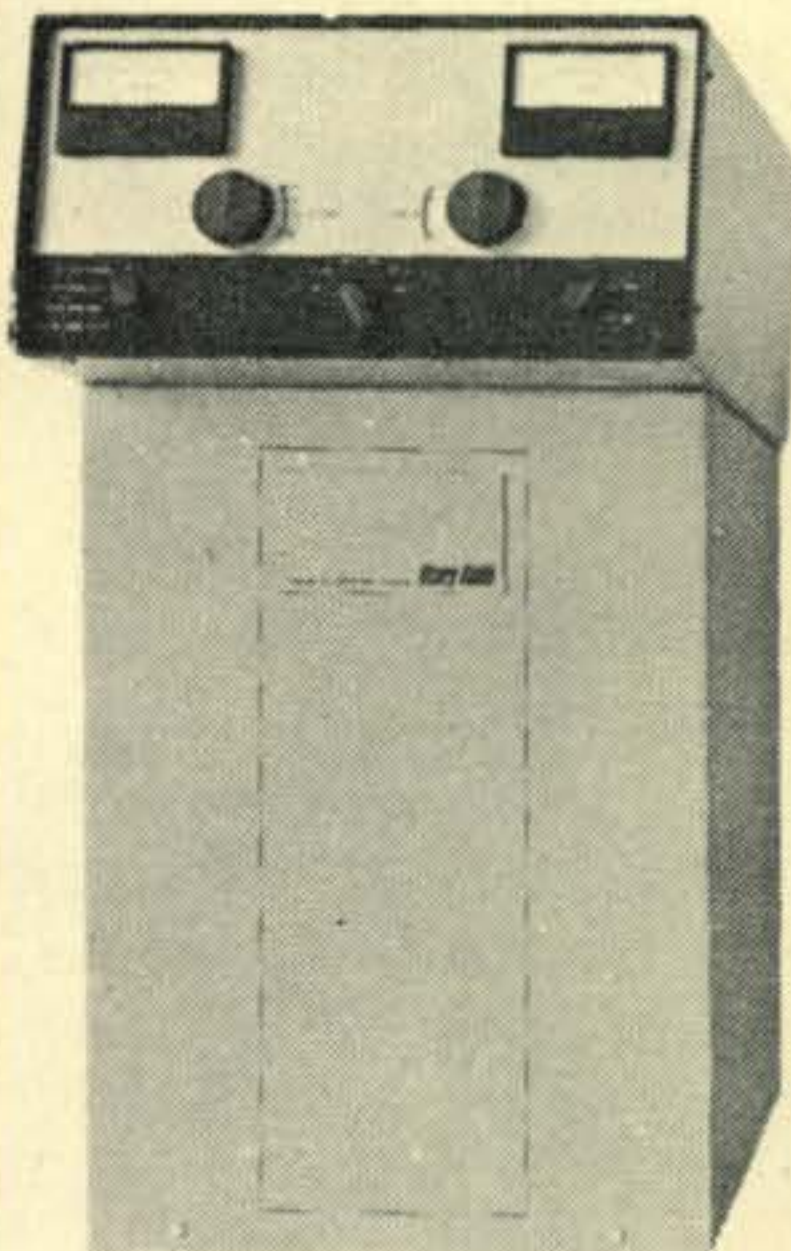
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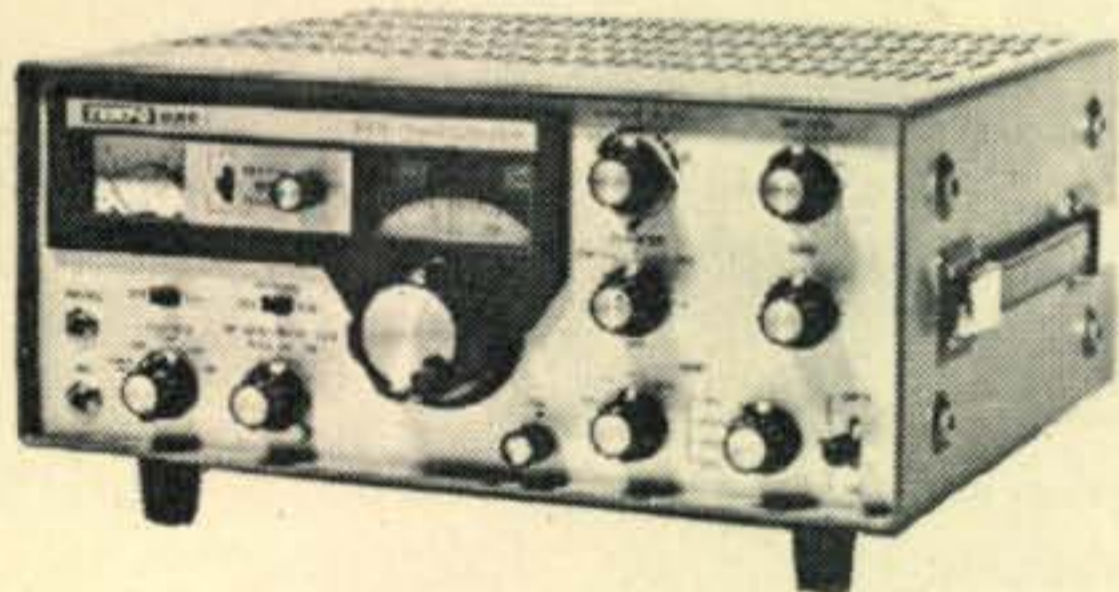
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# An Integrated Circuit Morse Code Keyboard

BY ALBERT D. HELFRICK,\* K2BLA

**T**HE growing popularity of low cost digital integrated circuits has inspired their use in many communications circuits. The most basic application is to the international Morse code. Several digital Morse code message generators have appeared in amateur literature, along with a handful of keyers, keyboard senders, and a complicated machine to print the code. Here is an all integrated circuit Morse generator using a surplus keyboard, transistor-transistor logic and a unique encoding scheme.

## Theory of Operation

In order to understand the mechanism of the keyboard sender, the operation of the individual logic building blocks must be understood. The reader is referred to the literature<sup>1,2</sup> for a discussion of NAND gates, binary counters, flip-flops and shift registers.

In this keyboard sender the Morse character is described by two "data words." The first word will be called "bit count" and the

second will be called "dash position." The bit count word is a binary number representing the sum total of dots and dashes in the Morse character. The dash position word, which is the same length as the Morse character, indicated dashes by a "1." For example, the letter C (— . — .) has a code 100 1010. The first word is the binary equivalent of 4, or the sum of 2 dots and 2 dashes. The second word indicates that the dashes are sent in the first and third positions. Similarly, the letter G is coded 011 110 and the number 4 is 101 00001.

This method of digitally encoding the Morse characters does not represent the shortest data word length possible. This system has a maximum bit count of nine, that is, three bits for the first word and a maximum of six bits for the second data word (assuming that the Morse sender is required to send only letters, numbers and punctuation). Another system<sup>3</sup> has a bit count of seven. The two additional bits require no extra logic, and this system was chosen to be compatible with an electronic Morse printer designed and built by the author.

Actual encoding from the keyboard is

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<sup>1</sup>Malmstadt, Enke. *Digital Electronics for Scientists*, W. A. Benjamin, Inc., 1969.

<sup>2</sup>Texas Instruments. *Designing with TTL Integrated Circuits*, McGraw-Hill, 1971.

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The low profile of the IC keyboard sender allows it to be handy but not displace important equipment.

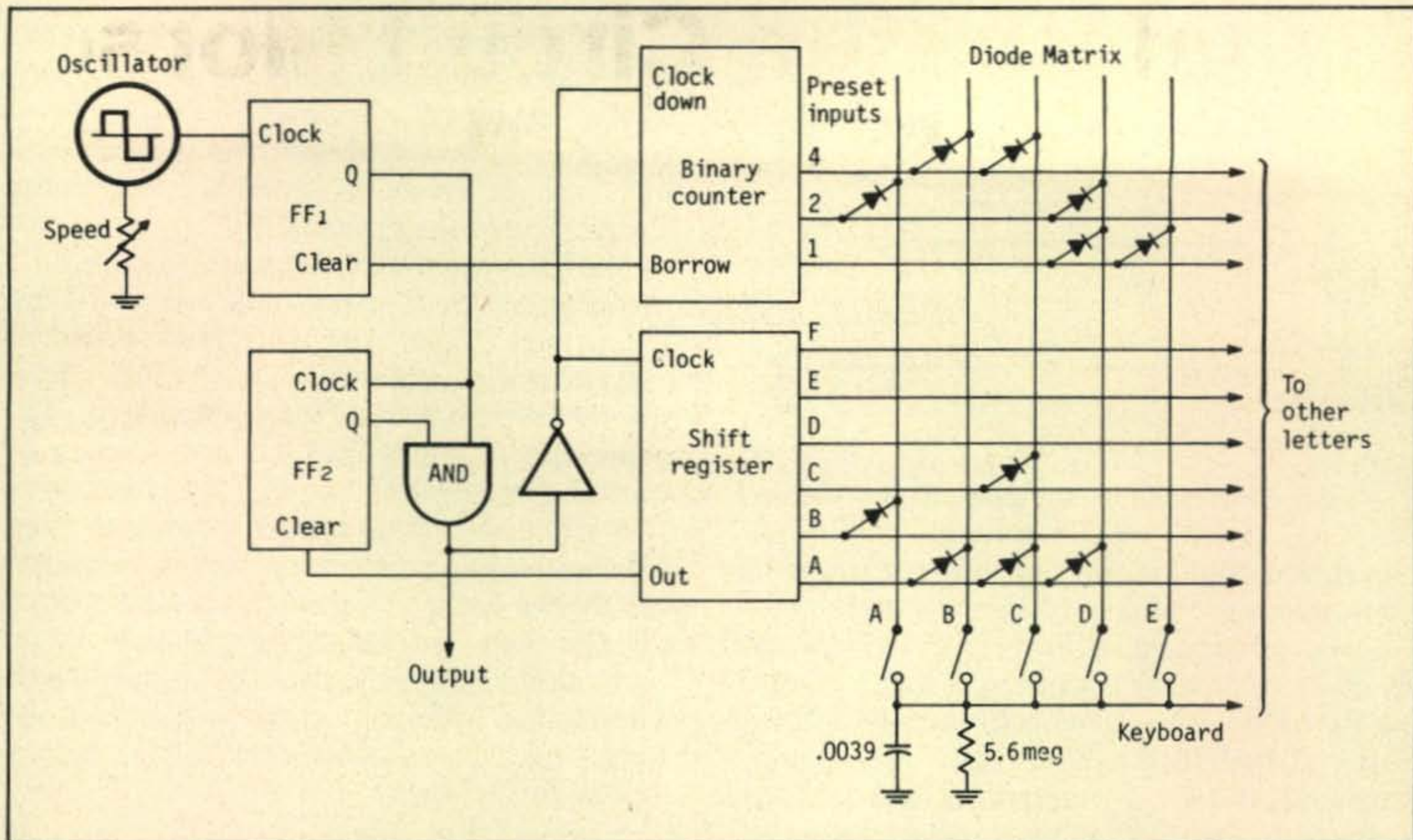


Fig. 1—Simplified schematic of the integrated circuit Morse keyboard with diode matrix shown only for letters A through E. Note that the .0039 mf capacitor and 5.6 meg resistor must be added at the Keyboard and are not shown elsewhere in the schematics.

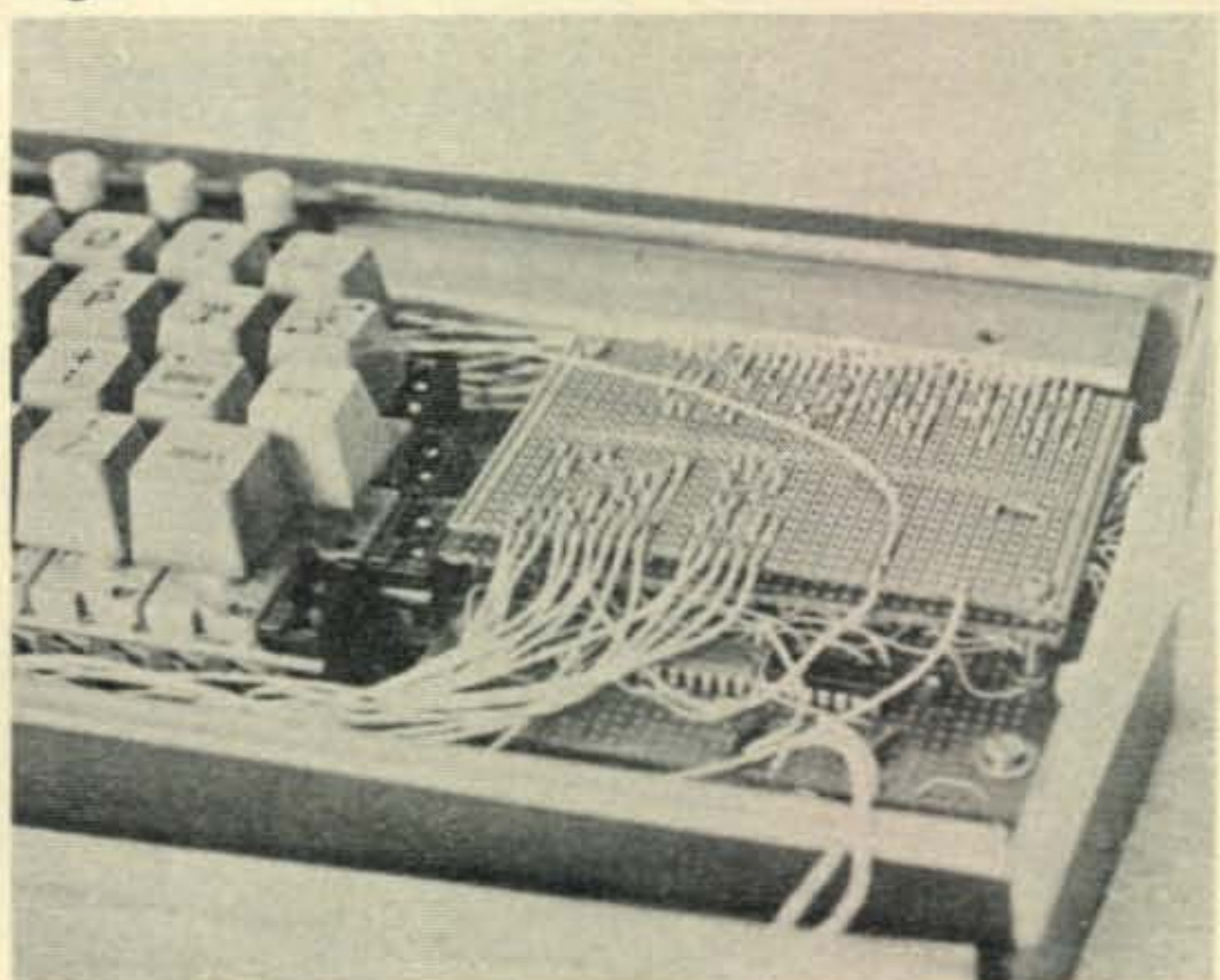
accomplished by a diode matrix. It was originally planned to use a braided wire encoder to save cost and a prototype sender was constructed using this technique. The method proved unsatisfactory for the unit described since the surplus keyboard was unable to switch the heavy current pulses required.

Figure 1 shows the diode arrangement for the first five letters of the alphabet. Assume the "A" key is closed. This allows current to flow from the binary counter "2" input and the shift register "B" input through the diodes and key switch to charge the capacitor. It only takes a few microseconds for the capacitor to charge to a voltage high enough to stop the current flow. However this is sufficient time to store the data into the counter and shift register. Once the key switch is released the capacitor discharges through the 5.6 megohm resistor which provides a certain amount of key interlocking plus contact bounce suppression.

### Sequence of Character Generation

Any key closure presets the up-down binary counter and the "clear" input of FF<sub>1</sub> goes high with the "borrow" output allowing the flip-flop to toggle with the first neg-

ative transition of the clock. (See fig. 2.) This initiates the character generation. Consider the letter "R" coded 011 010. The first bit in the shift register is a "0" hence the output of the shift register is low, causing FF<sub>2</sub> to be held low and inoperable. Therefore the second clock pulse returns FF<sub>1</sub> to a low state and sends "dot." The high to low transition of the dot advances



A block of special data entry keys was removed from the surplus Keyboard leaving enough room for the entire electronics package. Only the power supply and relay are mounted inside the rear apron. The diode matrix is bolted to the circuit board for minimum volume.

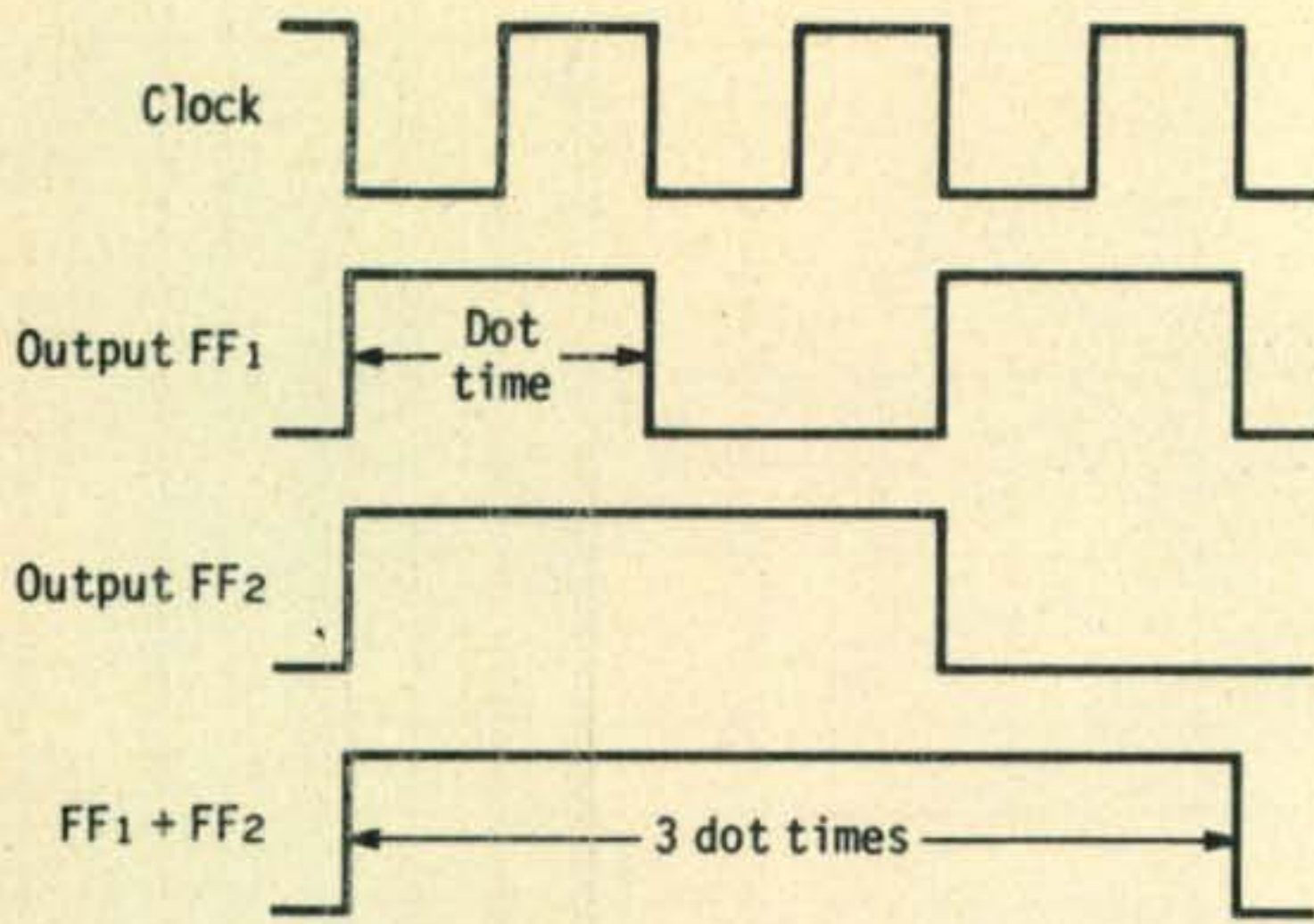


Fig. 2—Waveforms for generating a dash.

both the counter and the shift register. (The bi-directional binary counter actually counts down advancing toward 000.) Now, the output of the shift register is high, allowing FF<sub>2</sub> to operate. The next negative transition of the clock again toggles FF<sub>1</sub> which in turn toggles FF<sub>2</sub>, producing the waveforms shown in fig. 2.

The negative transition of the output advances the counter and the shift register. The shift register output is again low, therefore a dot will be sent. Once more the shift register and counter are advanced; however, the counter has been returned to zero. This causes the Borrow output to go low and disables FF<sub>1</sub>, completing the character. The machine will remain in this state until the counter is again preset by a keyboard entry.

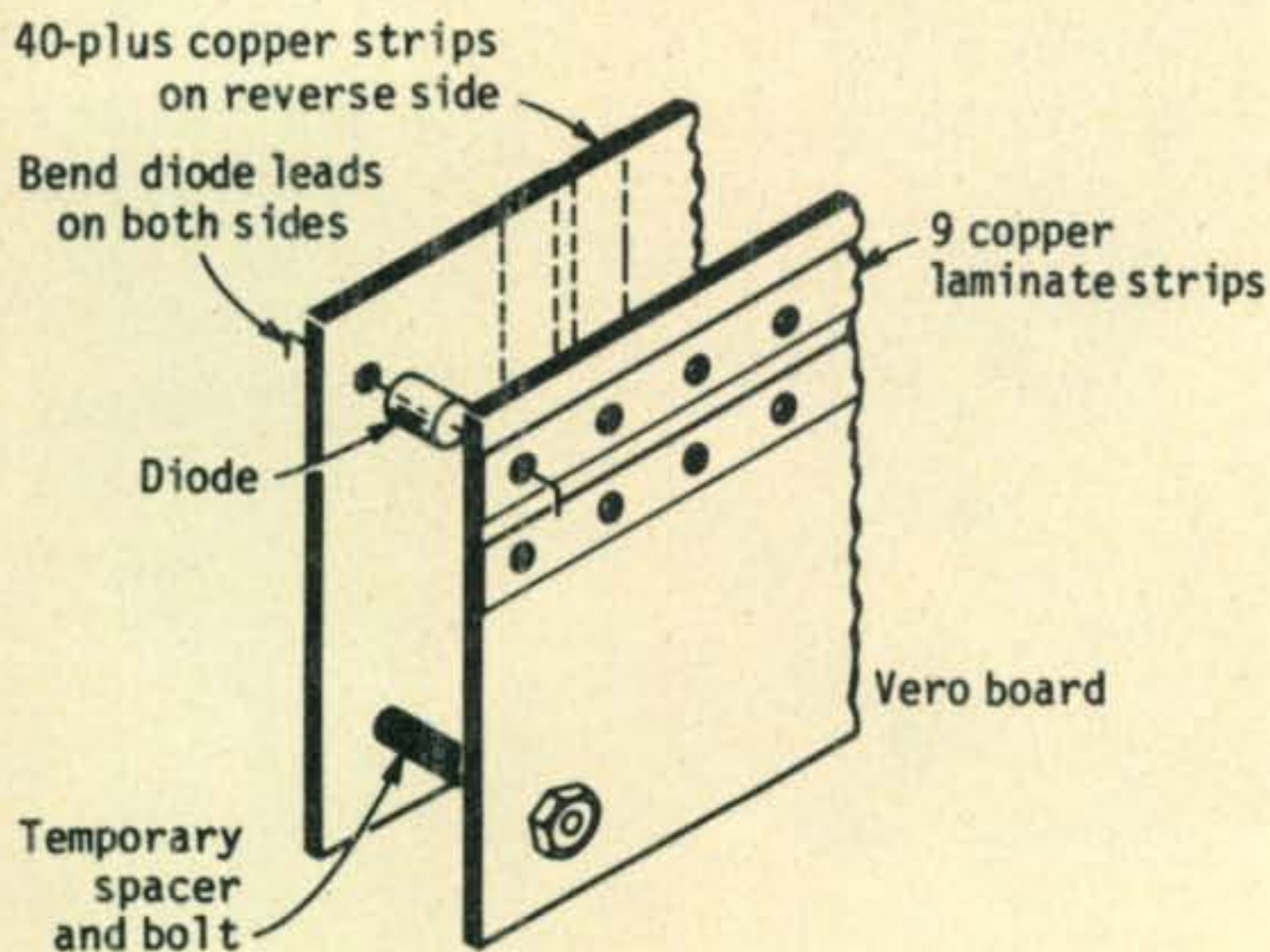


Fig. 3—Construction of the diode matrix. Two pieces of Vero Board is used with copper strips positioned at right angles to each other. As shown in the associated photo, two rows of vertical strips are fabricated on a single board by drilling out the copper strips at their centers. The two corresponding horizontal rows of nine strips on the second board are jumpered together to effect the 40-plus by nine matrix configuration.

### Construction

The entire unit is built inside a used computer terminal keyboard. Several of the keys of the keyboard were removed since their functions have no Morse counterpart. This left enough room to assemble the entire electronics package inside.

The integrated circuits are mounted on a pre-drilled copper clad circuit made by Vero Electronics. This type of circuit board is easy to work with and is an absolute necessity for construction of the diode matrix. The copper strips are broken where necessary by careful hand drilling, using 3/16" twist drill.

A successful diode matrix starts with careful shopping. Several surplus supply houses sell diodes for a few cents apiece for silicon signal diodes. Do not use germanium diodes even though their price looks attractive. The reverse leakage current may cause false triggering. I was able to buy 500 silicon diodes for 3¢ each.

	Counter			Shift register					
	4	2	1	A	B	C	D	E	F
.	X	X		X	X			X	X
.	X	X			X		X		X
?	X	X				X	X		
/	X		X	X			X		
A		X			X				
B	X			X					
C	X			X		X			
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P	X				X	X			
Q	X			X	X		X		
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V	X						X		
W		X	X		X	X			
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2	X		X			X	X	X	
3	X		X				X	X	
4	X		X					X	
5	X		X						
6	X		X	X					
7	X		X	X	X				
8	X		X	X	X	X			
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Fig. 4—Diode coding chart. An "X" represents a diode.

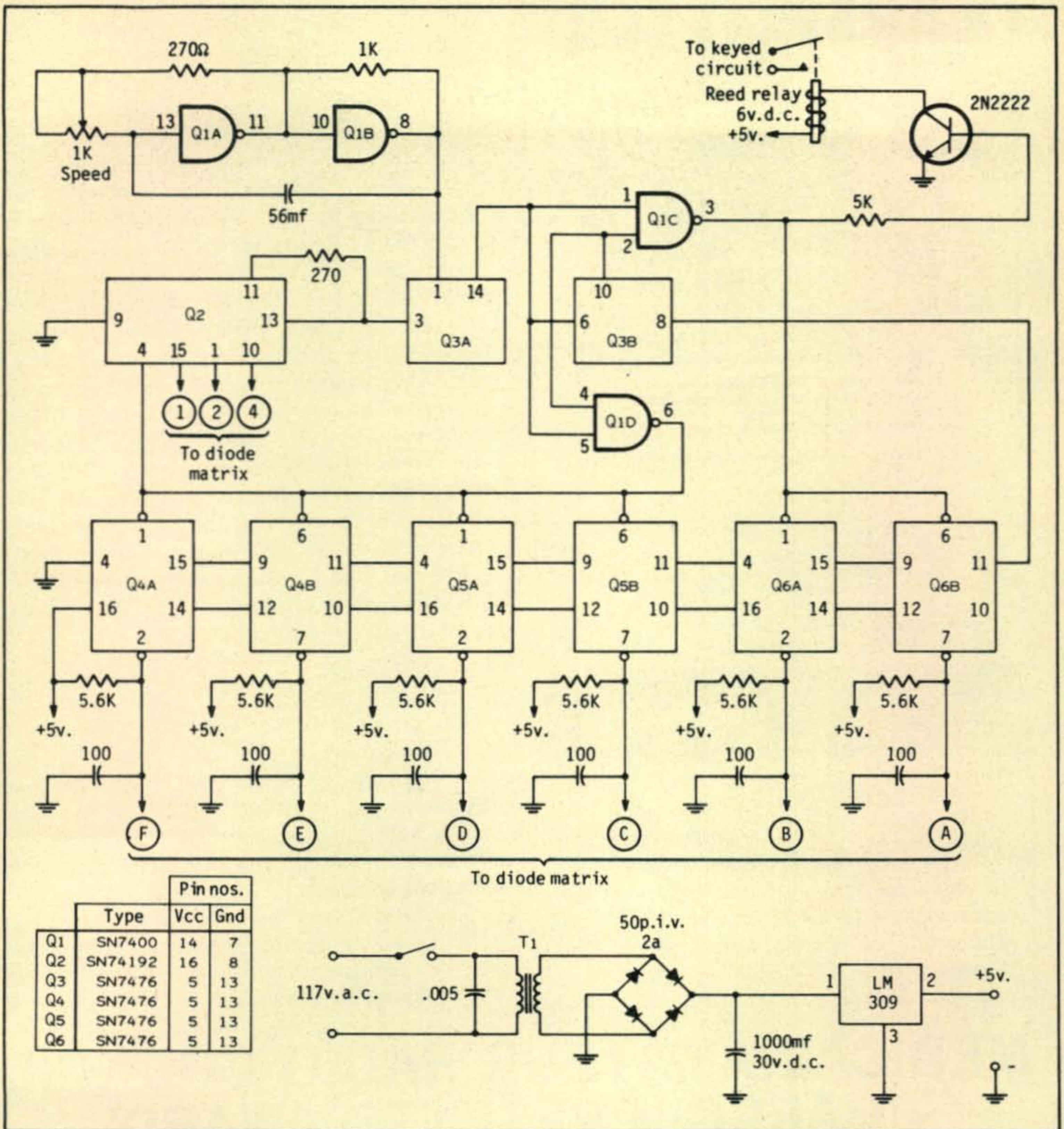


Fig. 5—Schematic of the IC Morse keyboard. Connections to the diode matrix are designated by the circled letters and numbers which correspond to those on the matrix. Transformer T<sup>1</sup> is a 12 v. 1.2 a. unit, Radio Shack 273-1505.

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Cut two equal size pieces of the Vero board so that at least nine copper strips run horizontally on one board and forty or more run vertically on the other. Drill two sets of mounting holes and mount the boards together with spacers so they are parallel and about one inch apart. Nine strips on one board will represent the nine data word bits and the forty-odd strips will be connected to the individual keyboard contacts. Push the diode leads through the holes from the center of the two boards and bend the leads so they will not drop out. See fig. 3. Arrange the diodes as shown in figures 4 and 1. When all the diodes are inserted, carefully check your work, and then check it again. Once it is determined that the diode board is correct, remove the spacers and push the boards together. Solder all the leads, being careful not to use excessive heat.

### Conclusion

Once the keyboard sender is complete a certain amount of skill is required to send perfect Morse code. Although the keyboard resembles a typewriter, the operation is somewhat different. Only a few hours are required to develop the skill needed to send excellent Morse.

My unit is very light and quick and can send faster than any man can copy. One word of caution is appropriate—don't forget the meaning of QRS! ■

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# OSCAR-Mobiling

BY FRED J. MERRY,\* W2GN

AMATEUR radio history was made on March 22, 1973 when Fred Merry, W2GN, made the first successful QSO through an amateur satellite from a mobile station. Since then he has had over 150 mobile contacts, working all USA districts and four countries. He's also OSCAR-Mobiled into Kentucky and Vermont to put these rare states on the air via OSCAR-6 for the first time. Here's his story.

—W3ASK

I WAS installing some 2 meter f.m. gear in my new car recently, when I suddenly realized that all I had to add to have a 100-watt mobile OSCAR-6 ground station were the necessary crystals for the 2 meter up-link, keying facilities for c.w., a ten meter receiver and a ten meter antenna. Giving it a little thought, and using an available h.f. transceiver and ten meter mobile antenna, it took an additional day or two to get the mobile station ready. Once installed I impatiently awaited the next overhead pass of OSCAR-6. What a thrill it was to hear my own c.w. signals coming through the ten meter down-link on the first test of the

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Fred Merry, W2GN looking at the operating position of his mobile OSCAR-6 ground station. Two meter exciter is at upper left, with keying lead draped over dash. Transceiver for ten meter down-link is at lower center, with s.w.r. meter mounted on top. A Vibroplex key, log and notebook complete the station, except for the 100-watt amplifier mounted in the truck and the externally mounted two meter whip transmitting antenna and ten meter receiving antenna.



equipment. I was able to hear them for almost the entire pass, with signal levels varying between S3 and S6. I was so fascinated with my own signals that I forgot about trying to work someone!

With the set-up shown in fig. 1 I was now in business, and the rest is history. I made what is apparently the first mobile to base station contact through an amateur satellite with Jack Colson, W3TMZ, during orbit number 1983 of OSCAR-6, on March 22, 1973. The contact was made despite some difficulty with a high noise level at my end, even though I thought that I had driven out to a real quiet country location.

I purposely picked a spot high over the city of Albany, N.Y., where the view was clear for miles around. It was nice and quiet electrically when I checked it out during the day, but during the evening overhead pass of OSCAR-6 the noise from all those lights in the city increased to a level which almost masked the signals from W3TMZ.

From this I learned a valuable lesson about choosing a location, and the great advantage of a mobile station. If you don't like your present QTH, you can always move to another one with ease!

Now I drive around and look for electrically quiet locations, being sure to check

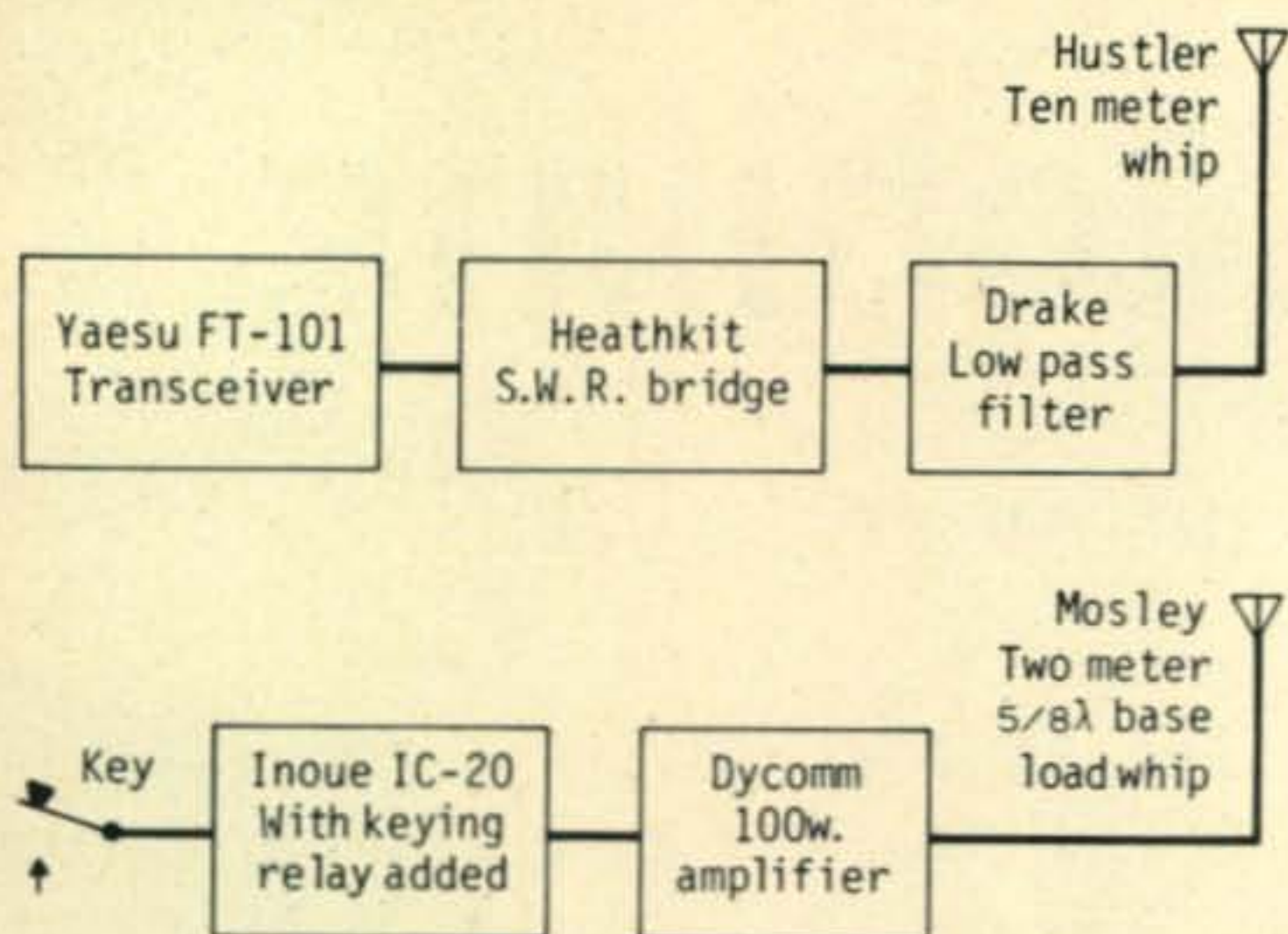


Fig. 1—The equipment used in W2GN's OSCAR-6 mobile ground station. Fred has made over 150 contacts in four countries using this 100-watt mobile station.

them out at the right times. Quiet spots are easy to find in the countryside, off the main highways and free from nearby obstructions, where receiving conditions for OSCAR-6 are usually great when compared to most home locations.

Completely fascinated by the successful contact with W3TMZ, I drove to other nearby spots during later overhead passes. Contacts were made with W5VY on orbit 1990, with W9RGH during orbit 2002, with W9MAL and K1HTV during orbit 2003. During orbit 2008 I worked three stations; K1HTV, W9RGH and W1JSM and during orbit 2015 it was W4PSJ and W7ZC.

With the great excitement inspired by these QSOs, on March 26 I decided to drive over to ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Conn., to demonstrate the mobile OSCAR-6 station. In the Leagues' parking lot, under all of those W1AW antennas, and with Bill Dunkerley, WA2INB and Dave Sumner, K1ZND in the car, we readily made contact on orbit 2028 with W7ZC, K4TI and K6DS, for my first trans-continental mobile OSCAR-6 QSO.

Up to this point I was using a 5/8 wave base-loaded 2 meter whip antenna. I next tried a Squalo mounted a short distance above the car roof. With this antenna I worked KØDDA, W4PSJ and W9JIY. It didn't seem to perform any better than the whip, so I remounted the whip and proceeded to work W7ZC and W8DX. Next I tried a "big wheel" antenna, mounted on a box over the car roof. I worked WØJKF, VE3TW and K4TI with this set-up, but it still didn't seem any better than my original whip, so back went the whip. Of course, these meager tests are not conclusive, and I

plan to conduct further tests to determine what type antenna is best for QSOs via the satellite from a mobile station.

The next interesting episode took place on April 2. I briefly summarized the results of my mobile operations on the regular Monday night AMSAT OSCAR-6 net on 3855 kHz.<sup>1</sup> Thinking of what to do next, the idea suddenly struck me. Why not use the mobile station for DXpeditions to states where there was no OSCAR-6 activity. One such state was Vermont, an adjoining state less than an hours ride from my QTH. As luck would have it, I had to make a trip to Bennington, Vermont on April 5. So, while the net was buzzing along I made some quick orbital calculations and I let them know that I would be operating from Bennington during orbits 2152 and 2153.

Unfortunately, I couldn't do anything about scheduling some good weather for the trip, and the morning of the 5th found me in the middle of a severe April snowstorm a couple of miles west of Bennington. But that's no real problem when you're mobile. Turning the equipment on, I worked K1HTV, W3TMZ, VE2BYG and WB2DEI on orbit 2152, for the first OSCAR-6 QSOs from Vermont.

By the next orbit, I made it to Bennington, and operated from Battle Monument Hill. I worked K1HTV, W3LUL, WØJKF, K7BBO, W5VY, W7ZC, W6BGJ, W8DX and WA4JID. What a tremendous kick it was. For the first time in over fifty years as a radio amateur, stations were falling over themselves trying to work *me*.

On April 27th I arrived at the Dayton Hamfest to demonstrate my mobile OSCAR station. Working from the parking lot, with great difficulty because of ignition noise, I managed a half dozen contacts.

There are plenty of Ohio stations working through OSCAR-6, but none in the adjoining state of Kentucky. I decided to OSCAR-Mobile in that direction, just a few hours away.

During five orbits on April 29 and 30, from Florence, Kentucky I managed a total of 38 contacts. It was a real circus for me, and I worked all USA districts, plus a VE2 and a VE6, and my first real DX—OX3DL in Greenland!

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<sup>1</sup>See "OSCAR-6 News and Orbital Predictions," appearing in this issue of *CQ* for additional network information.

# CQ Reviews: The Miida Model 6354 Mini-Multimeter

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**N**OT so long ago a digital frequency counter by Miida Electronics was described on these pages.<sup>1</sup> Another digital instrument now has been added to their line: the Model 6354 Mini-Multimeter (a DMM).

The Model 6354 provides a maximum readout of four digits up to 1999 with automatic placement of the decimal point for d.c. and a.c. voltages and for resistances.<sup>2</sup> The d.c. voltage ranges are 2, 20, 200 and 1000 v. full-scale; the a.c. ranges are 2, 20, 200 and 350 v. r.m.s. full-scale; resistance ranges are 200 ohms, 2K, 20K, 200K, 2M, 20M, and 200M full-scale. D.c.- and a.c.-current reading are possible using a current-measuring accessory.

A particularly handy and time-saving feature is an auto-ranging system that eliminates manual switching of the ranges. Range selection takes place automatically as needed to provide the greatest resolution or the maximum number of digits in accordance with the input. There also are provisions for holding a specific range for any function or for retaining a given reading when the source under test is removed or changes in value.

## Details

Neither a circuit description nor a schematic was supplied with the operating manual, so details in this respect cannot be given; nevertheless, it can be said that besides being a solid-state job using transistors and IC's, the 6354 operates on the dual-slope principle with an analog-to-digital converter the data from which is counted, decoded and displayed by Nixie tubes.

A.c. potentials are converted to d.c. for application to the d.c. measuring setup, while resistances are determined by a particular

constant current passed through the unknown resistance, across which the d.c. voltage drop is measured and indicated in terms of resistance.

The auto-ranging system appears to be handled by tiny reed relays that do the range switching in accordance to the applied potential as directed by a sensing arrangement.

## Construction

The instrument is manufactured in Japan; nevertheless, Texas Instruments IC's are incorporated in it. The IC's and transistors are soldered directly to the two circuit boards. Of glass epoxy, stacked one above the other and secured by screws along several edges. Interconnections are made through stationary flat circuit-board type connectors at the rear of each board. Servicing the unit under operating conditions thus is not easily conducted without separate associated interconnecting test leads, making it necessary to return the unit to the manufacturer should trouble arise.

The function selectors are interlocking type switches operated by depressing small levers similar to those used for selecting the various voices on an organ. The side of the board at which the switches are installed rests in a groove at the rear of the front

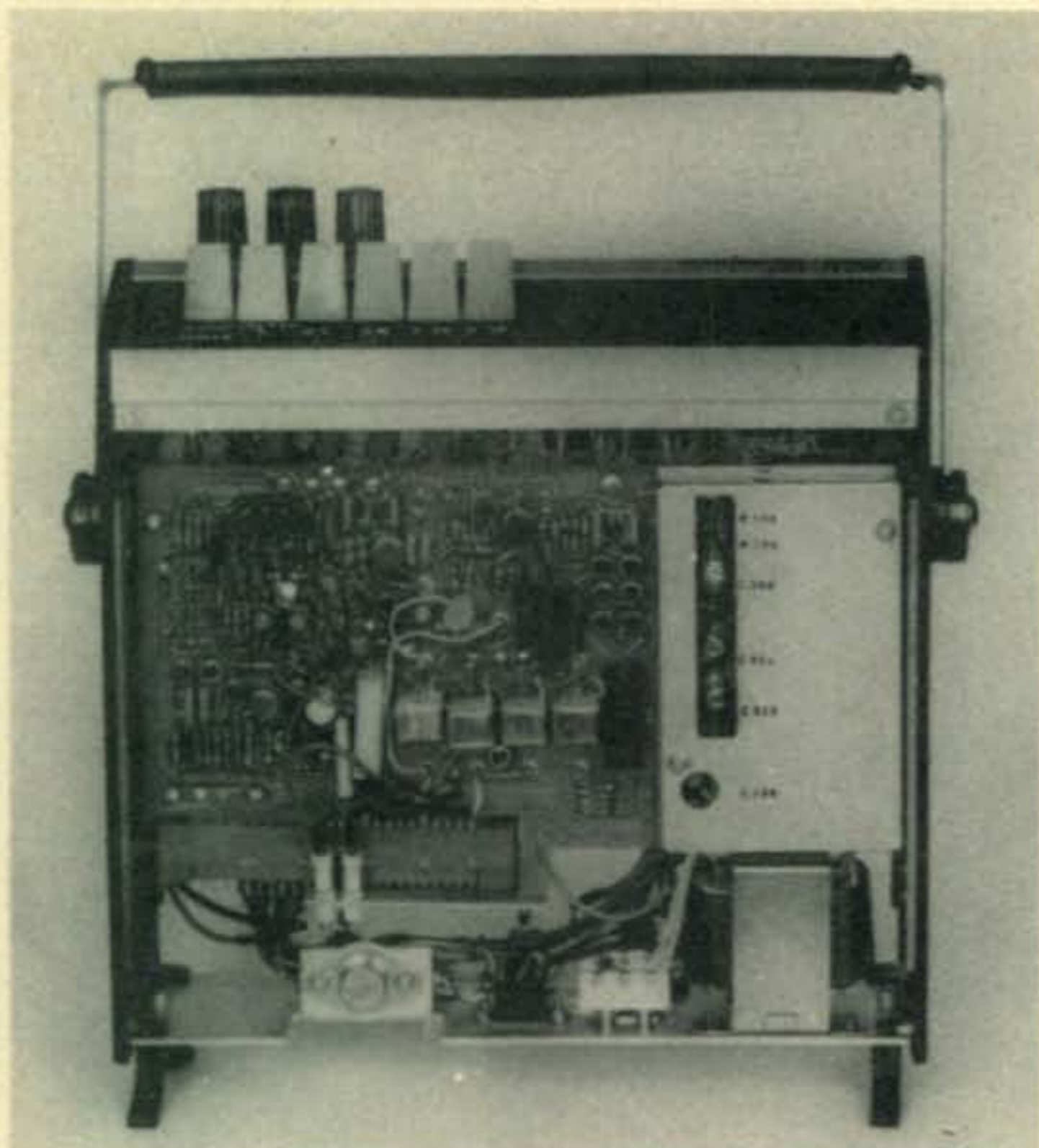


The Miida Model 6354 Mini-Multimeter.

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<sup>1</sup> "CQ Reviews: The Miida Digipet-60 Digital Frequency Counter," CQ, November 1972, p. 44.

<sup>2</sup> Thus making the DMM what is known as a 3½ digit unit.



Interior View of the Miida DMM. Only one circuit board may be seen; the second one is stacked below it.

panel; however, there is sufficient play in this groove to allow the board to flex somewhat when the switches are operated. This could be a potential cause of eventual trouble. To forestall this possibility, it might be well to install a shim, say of cardboard, between the board and the supporting groove to prevent movement of the board.

The instrument is contained in an easily removed ventilated-metal case at the rear of which are brackets around which the associated cables may be wrapped for storage. These brackets also serve as supporting feet when it is desired to place the unit in an upright position. A bail-type handle also is provided which may be used as a tiltup stand held in various positions quite securely by serrations at the swivels.

### Operation

There are three banana-jack input terminals one of which is a black common one that is used in conjunction with a red one for voltage measurements. D.c. potentials are then read by depressing the d.c. lever and a.c. readings are made with the a.c. lever depressed. D.c. polarities are automatically indicated by a **plus** or **minus** sign and the decimal point shifts in accordance with the range that is automatically set up.

Resistance measurements are made using the common input and a third jack, a green one. There are three levers for different

groups of resistance ranges. An **ohms** ( $\Omega$ ) paddle handles the 200-ohms range; a **K $\Omega$**  paddle sets up operation for the 2K, 20K and 200K ranges any of which is then automatically selected at this position; an **M $\Omega$**  paddle similarly takes care of the 2M, 20M and 200M ranges. A bit of manual switching is thus required for selecting the desired resistance-range groups.

The input terminals are floating; this is, they are above chassis-ground. Isolation between chassis and the common terminal is such that will withstand 600 v.d.c. continuous. That between the common and high-potential terminal will stand up to 1000 v.d.c. continuous. That between common and ohms input will handle 100 v. a.c. or d.c. for 10 seconds.

An overrange indicator is included,<sup>3</sup> but this usually is not needed due to the auto-ranging system, except during some of the resistance measurements and where the unit has been set for a fixed range. The latter is provided by depressing a **Hold** lever at the time a reading at the required range is indicated. Subsequent application of another potential in this range will indicate (on this one range) the voltage within the normal response time of 0.4 seconds (with d.c.) or 2 seconds (with a.c.) without having to wait for the auto-range switching response of 400 ms per range. This together with the good **on-range** response speeds up operation when a series of measurements are required on one particular range.

At this time the decimal point also is fixed; therefore, the indicated value will have less resolution below 10 percent of the full range than if the next lower range were in use, so the range will have to be changed accordingly where higher resolution at the lower values is desired.

Holding a reading after the source under test has been removed or before its value changes is easily handled by inserting a shorting-plug at the rear of the unit at the time the quantity is displayed. Where this feature often is used, it may be more convenient to remove the short from this plug and rewire a switch to it to enable the shorting-unshorting operations.

### Performance

In respect to the other specifications, the  
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<sup>3</sup> The maximum overrange percentage is 10% of full scale.

# A VFO Keying Switch For QRP Operation

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**T**HE popularity of QRP operation, documented and aided by the increasing number of simple but effective QRP transmitters and transceivers available commercially, is one of the really fun things that has happened in ham radio in the past few years, with more and more converts to the weak signal mode appearing every day.

Although the low power/high operating skill aspect is one facet of this ever increasing popularity, the relatively low cost of QRP gear is a definite factor. The low cost aspect is no reason for accepting anything but the highest in operation efficiency, however, particularly since it is so easy to add frills to the QRP station that make it compete favorably in operating ease with the most sophisticated setup.

Figure 1 gives the schematic for a v.f.o. switch which is compatible with the keying of the Ten-Tec rigs and modules, the Heath HW-7, and many of the homebrew projects that have appeared in the ham mags in the past several years.<sup>1</sup> It allows the v.f.o. to be turned off when the key is up, so QSK operation is possible, and can be used to add an outboard v.f.o. to an existing transceiver circuit. The circuit is similar to one we used earlier in a Ten-Tec module rig.<sup>2</sup> Unfortunately, that circuit turned out to be sensitive not only to the specific transistor used, but also to voltage as well. This wasn't too much of a problem, but did represent a duplication difficulty for the ham not up on the use of switching transistors.

## How It Works

$Q_2$  is the switching transistor, and is on (closed) when its base is biased more negatively than its emitter. Since most transistor v.f.o. circuits draw only 10 ma or so at 12 volts, and in fact will oscillate with a  $V_{cjo}$

only 3 or 4 volts,  $Q_2$  must be firmly off to keep the v.f.o. from being heard in the receiver, yet must be saturated on when the key is down to keep the v.f.o. from chirping or drifting.

Tying the base of  $Q_2$  to the key jack through a sufficiently large resistor to keep  $Q_2$  from leaking a milliampere or so to the v.f.o. results in not enough current to the v.f.o. under key down conditions. The easiest answer, also used in the Ten-Tec AC-7 "vox" switch (where do you think I got the idea, anyhow?) is to tie the base of  $Q_2$  to the collector of  $Q_1$  through a resistor  $R_3$ . Now by switching  $Q_1$  in its emitter lead, we can bias  $Q_1$  on fairly hard with the  $R_1$ - $R_2$  biasing network, yet have not only the "open" circuit in the emitter of  $Q_1$ , but also the "high resistance" reversed base-collection diode junction of  $Q_1$  to ensure  $Q_2$  doesn't conduct. The 3.3K base resistor for  $Q_2$  keeps the base from drawing more than 4 ma, so a current gain of 4 at  $Q_2$  is sufficient to let 16 ma through to the v.f.o. (chosen since the Ten-Tec VO-1 draws 15 ma or so). The  $R_1$ - $R_2$  biasing resistor network assures us that  $Q_1$  is hard off with the emitter of  $Q_1$  floating on at anything higher than 0.6 volts. Although 2N3638 and 2N3641 transistors, available at Radio Shack and other distrib-

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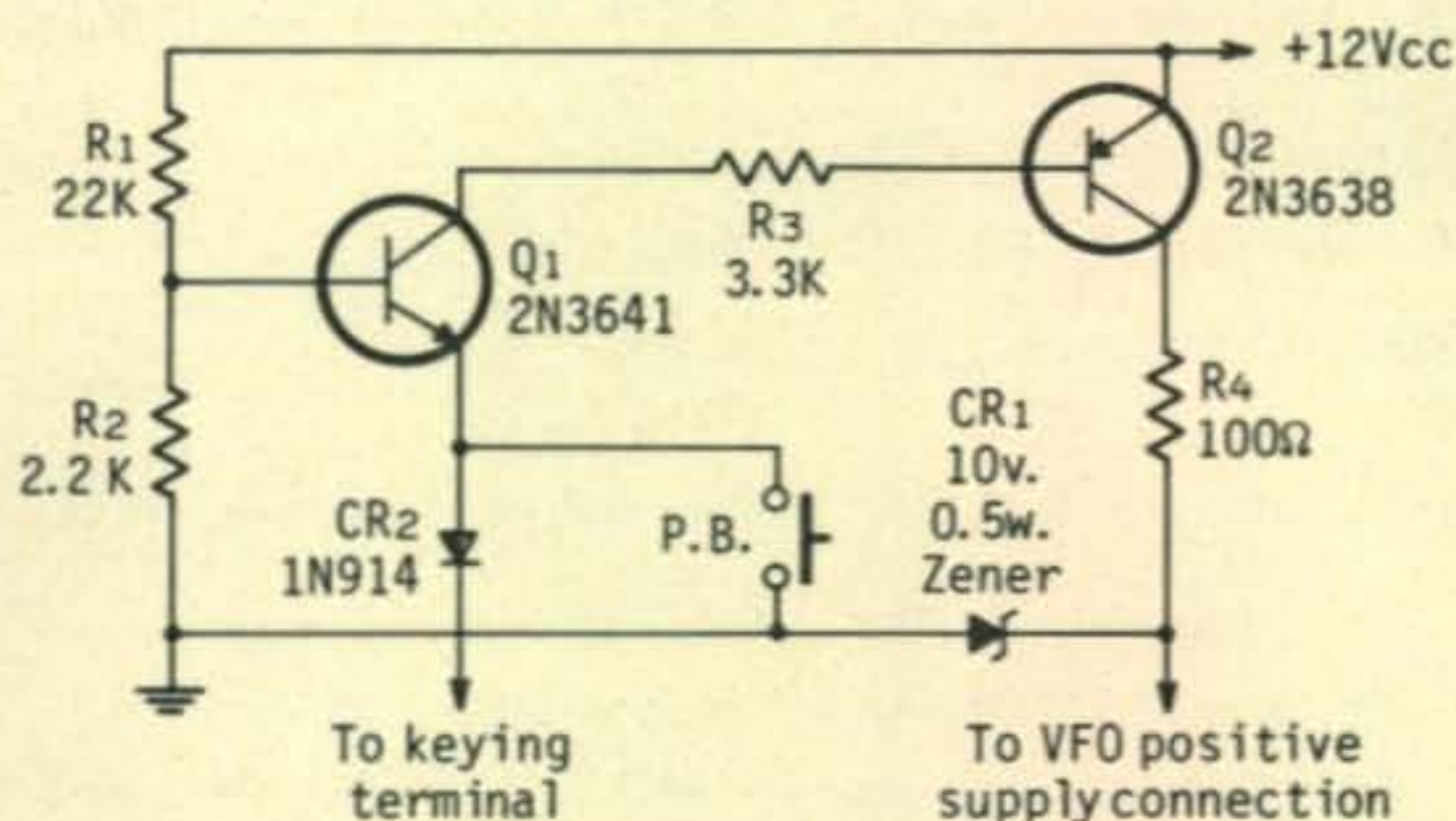


Fig. 1—Circuit of a v.f.o. keying switch for QRP operation. Switch may be used with any of the common solid-state QRP rigs to provide full QSK operation without the "backwave" problems sometimes encountered. All resistors are 1/2 watt.

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<sup>1</sup> Demaw, Doug, W1CER, "Once More With QRP," *QST*, Aug. 1970.

<sup>2</sup> Clark, Alex, K4JYM and Strickland, Lance, K4AUN, "Quick and Easy QRP," *CQ*, Jan. 1972.

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# 1972 CQ WORLD WIDE DX CONTEST: C.W. RESULTS

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**W**E were a bit apprehensive of the outcome of the c.w. section of the 1972 contest. What with the deteriorating conditions on the h.f. bands and the swing to s.s.b.

However we more than held our own; as a matter of fact we had a modest increase over last year's returns, and the 1776 logs received coupled to the 1710 received in the Phone Contest puts us well above any previous record for this or any other contest. So don't sell c.w. short. There's still a lot of activity on the low end of the bands.

Conditions in general were not too bad, depending on where you were located. The forecast had been for below normal for this period, but I would say conditions were fair for at least part of the weekend. A revised updated forecast by W3ASK indicated an improvement, so George did not completely flunk out.

As a whole the accuracy of log keeping was much better than what we found in the phone contest, but we still found it necessary to correct some scores. A few may be surprised to find their scores have been reduced.

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No, this is not a multi-operator station, just the family showing an interest in ZE8JN's contest operation. Neil was "Top Banana" in the world on 10 meters by a wide margin.

A few were not so fortunate however and had to be disqualified (see separate list). We just will not accept entries that make no effort at taking out duplicate contacts, or are creating an imaginative multiplier.

Working the same station more than once on the same band is sometimes unavoidable, but we do insist that before a log is submitted all these duplicate contacts must be crossed out and no credit taken. A recopied log should be an exact copy of the original showing all the deletions.

The fact that the number of disqualifications is much lower than that of the phone contest indicates that c.w. is a more accurate mode of transmission than phone.

Some of the new contestants are uncertain in the country breakdown in determining their country multiplier. We use the ARRL DXCC list as the standard for world wide contacts. In addition, however, we also recognize the WAE list for European contacts, which lists a few additional areas that are not on the ARRL list. The WAE country list appeared in the July CONTEST CALENDAR under the WAE contest announcement. This year DM/DT, East Germany will count separately from DL/DJ/DK, West Germany. It is hoped that the ARRL will also give separate country status to East Germany now that the DARC has made the move.

You will notice that we have listed Novice stations separately. There has been an increase in the number of Novice entries and if this interest continues we will continue to give them separate recognition.

In the battle for top club honors the Potomac Valley Radio Club turned the tables on the Frankford Radio Club and recaptured the Number One position and the CQ Club Plaque. But it was a close one as you will see by the standings. A breakdown of the scoring showed the FRC had a higher score in the phone section, but the



## PLAQUE & TROPHY WINNERS

### Single Operator, Single Band

**WORLD**—North Jersey DX Association. Earl Lucas, W2JT Memorial. Won by Manuel Castelo, CW9BT (21 mHz)

### Single Operator, All Band

**WORLD**—Larry LeKashman, W9IOP Trophy. Won by Ville Hiilesmaa, ZD3Z (OH2MM)

**U.S.A.**—Frankford Radio Club Trophy. Won by Ronald Sigismonti, W3WJD.

**EUROPE**—W3AU Operators' Trophy. Won by Algis Kregzde, UP2NK.

**CARIB./C.A.**—Harold Fox, W3AA Plaque. Won by James Perry, TI2WX.

**AFRICA**—Gordon Marshall, W6RR Plaque. Won by Mike Sherman, ZS6IW.

**ASIA**—Japan CQ Magazine Trophy. Won by Peter Rushakov, UM8FM.

**OCEANIA**—Maui Amateur Radio Club Trophy. Won by P. W. Watson, ZL3GQ.

### Multi-Operator, Single Transmitter

**WORLD**—Dr. Anthony Susen, W3AOH Trophy. Won by Station PJ2VD. (Oprs. PA0LOU, PJ2ARI, PJ2CB, PJ2VD)

### Multi-operator, Multi Transmitter

**WORLD**—Hazard Reeves, K2GL Trophy. Won by Station CW3AA. (Oprs. CX1AAC, CX1BBL, CX2AL, CX3BH, CX4AQ, CX7CO, CX8BBH)

### Contest Expedition

**WORLD**—Dr. Donald Miller, W9WNV Trophy. Dr. Harold Megibow, K2HLB Memorial. Won by Ville Hillesmaa, ZD3Z (OH2MM)

### CQ Club Award

Potomac Valley Radio Club

PVRC more than made up the deficit in the c.w. section of the contest.

Compiling the club scores was quite a chore. Many clubs were negligent in submitting a list of their participating members and their claimed scores, making it necessary for us to do a lot of researching. In the future a club will only be credited for the list of scores submitted by their Secretary or Contest Manager. We will check the list for accuracy but don't expect us to dig through the logs and give you credit for stations you have not claimed or for mem-

bers who neglected to indicate their affiliation. CQ is making up a new form for club entries and they will be available for this year's contest.

Choosing the Contest Expedition winner presented no problem, it was an easy choice. Ville, OH2MM did such an outstanding job from ZD3Z that we just had to award him the Don Miller W9WNV Trophy. We were disappointed, however, in not seeing more expedition stations. Seems the phone men are more expedition minded.

One expedition we were happy to see was the ZF1GS solo on 160 by W4BRB. Gene had been planning for this one for a long time. It must have been a satisfying experience for him in that he established a new world's record on that band. Gene had one gripe however, many W/K8's gave their Zone as 05. Its Zone 04 of course; only West Virginia is in Zone 5.

Bill Frisbie made a flying trip over to Jordan and put JY9FB on 20 for the contest and got back home in time to put EP2FB on 40 for a few contacts before it was over. Under Iran you will note that EP2BQ is still handing 'em out on 160.

ZL3GQ found the action very enjoyable in his first serious attempt. Think Pete will also find it rewarding when he is informed that he is the winner of the Oceania Trophy.

The Carib./C.A. and Africa Plaques donated by W3AA and W6RR respectively are still not generating the activity they merit, especially in the c.w. contest. For instance this year's Carib./C.A. award goes to TI2WX who apologized for his modest score due to his low power of only 75 watts.



The W3AU c.w. crew. Front Row: WA3IAQ, K3EST, WA2DHS, WA1LKX, Back Row: WB2SQN, W3AU, Ed Bissell, the Boss Man himself, W3ZKH, WA3AMH, W3IN, WA3HRV and W3GRM. (The big question: could this crew operating individually equal the score as a multi-multi?)

### 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
ZD3Z		127	355	989	997	1035		13	13	30	25	18		24	30	65	55	60
KH6RS	21	356	652	743	743	475	4	14	26	28	28	21	3	20	36	64	41	26
4M4AGP	30	279	475	548	647	582	8	13	19	30	23	19	12	27	39	66	53	44
W3WJD		138	215	295	323	150		20	28	36	30	20		46	70	88	81	51
K1LPL/3		90	424	290	352	123		13	26	29	27	15		30	67	71	64	43
W1BGD/2		104	216	360	335	150		13	26	32	27	21		39	63	79	61	53
K6AHV	5	93	402	396	262	140	3	18	26	32	25	21	3	26	49	71	52	27
ZL3GQ		42	154	364	406	526		12	18	28	24	23		12	26	56	55	48
ZS6IW		16	78	566	443	200		9	21	32	25	25		14	37	70	56	56
K1NOL		128	267	289	249	146		15	26	33	26	18		39	60	78	59	47

### Multi-Operator - Single Transmitter

PJ2VD		295	340	660	706	488		12	18	28	20	20		27		51	51	50
UK5IAZ		207	394	481	651	152		20	25	34	33	28		50	69	96	94	71
K1DIR	13	110	419	334	319	206	6	20	27	33	27	20	9	47	79	84	75	59
LZ1KVV		238	474	425	496	221		14	26	32	26	26		50	65	76	65	59
VE1ASJ	43	267	388	620	314	367	4	16	16	31	23	20	6	35	37	73	51	47
UK3AAD		118	130	553	262	152		16	26	35	28	27		51	58	86	75	75

### Multi-Operator - Multi-Transmitter

CW3AA	6	85	458	1419	1638	1119	5	9	22	34	32	27	5	10	37	79	79	67
W3AU	37	299	677	884	693	382	9	22	31	38	32	24	18	57	88	107	88	72
W4BVV	18	295	629	740	687	399	7	20	30	37	32	24	8	57	80	111	81	69
W7RM	70	268	824	954	643	261	13	22	31	37	33	21	15	34	68	106	85	38
DJ2BW	223	587	608	1034	680	243	4	13	25	35	29	25	14	55	78	92	85	51
SK6AJ		528	798	731	466	259		13	32	34	28	28		49	78	79	54	68

### Band-by-band breakdown of top all-band scores.

Since winners of CQ Contest awards are not eligible for the same Trophy for a period of 3 years, this leaves the field wide open and some of you fellows are missing a good thing by not giving it a try. Put in that little extra effort—you may be pleasantly surprised.

Not much in the way of soap box comments, just the run of the mill. "Great contest," "condx surprisingly good," "condx were lousy," "Murphy struck again," "why don't DX stations sign more often?" "Generals should be classed in a separate division," "how about a power multiplier,"

"where's my certificate for last year's contest?" (strike that last one), etc., etc. Guess c.w. men are not too vocal; anyway I've run out of space.

Following stations have been disqualified because of taking credit for excessive duplicate contacts and other log discrepancies. G3RUX, K6SEN, K8HLR, KV4FZ, SP5ELA, SP9AQY, VK2APK, WA5JMK, WB5DYY, YU1HYE.

Just mentioning the names of the members of the Committee seems so inadequate. These fellows do a terrific job each year. Take my word for it, you have no idea of the work until you have actually been involved. Ask Dave Donnelly, WB2SQN and Dick Norton, W6DGH, the new members on our staff. The rest of us, Fred Capossela, W2IWC, Bob Entwistle, W1MDO, Ralph Nichols, W1CNU, Andy Malashuk, W1GYE, Gene Walsh, K2KUR, Bernie Welch, W8IMZ and Bob Cox, K3EST have known for a long time what we are in for. Some times we get no thanks or appreciation, like K3EST who was not even mentioned in last month's Phone Report. Sorry about that Bob, you can blame me for that goof, and to try and make amends I'll leave out my name. But not Sue Buschlinger who did a tremendous job back at the office.

73 for this one, W1WY



View of some of the inquiries mailed out to verify results of the 1972 contest.

















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# MATH'S NOTES

BY IRWIN MATH,\* WA2NDM

**W**HILE all experimenters use relays at one time or another, many people are not familiar with the various methods that can be employed to increase their usefulness. In an attempt to enable our readers to make better use of these devices, and to take advantage of the huge surplus stock of relays available, we have decided to explain some of the more useful "tricks" that can be accomplished with the basic relay.

As we all know, applying appropriate power to a relay's coil causes its contact to either open or close. This action usually occurs in 5-10 milliseconds at the normal operating voltage. Fig. 1, shows a method for reducing this pull-in time significantly.

In this example, the relay is connected to a source of voltage that is greater than its normal coil voltage. To prevent burnout, a dropping resistor,  $R_d$ , is connected in series with the coil. Across the dropping resistor, is a capacitor. Operation is as follows:

When power is initially applied, the capacitor has no charge on it and appears as a short circuit. All of the voltage is therefore momentarily applied to the coil and the relay begins to "slam in". At the same time however, the capacitor begins to charge and shortly, when it is fully charged, and the relay has operated, the coil voltage drops to its normal value. The value of the capacitor determines the increase in speed obtained and should be determined experimentally.

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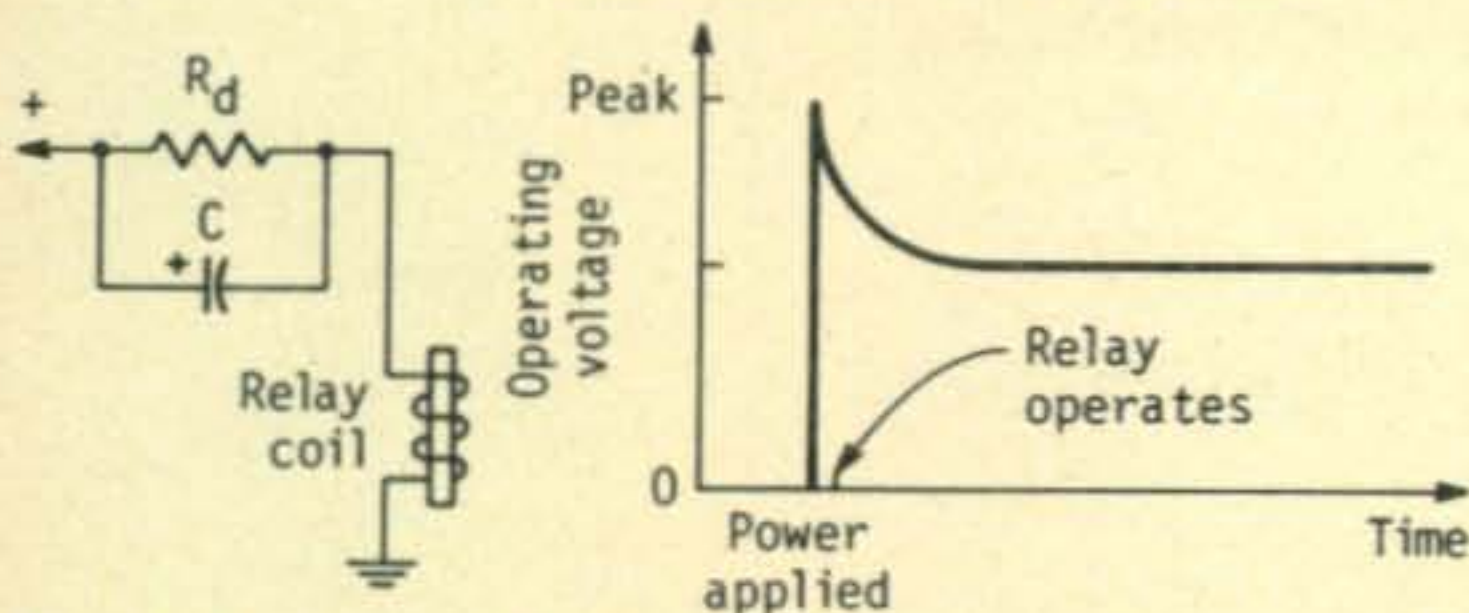


Fig. 1—A method for reducing the pull-in time of a relay.

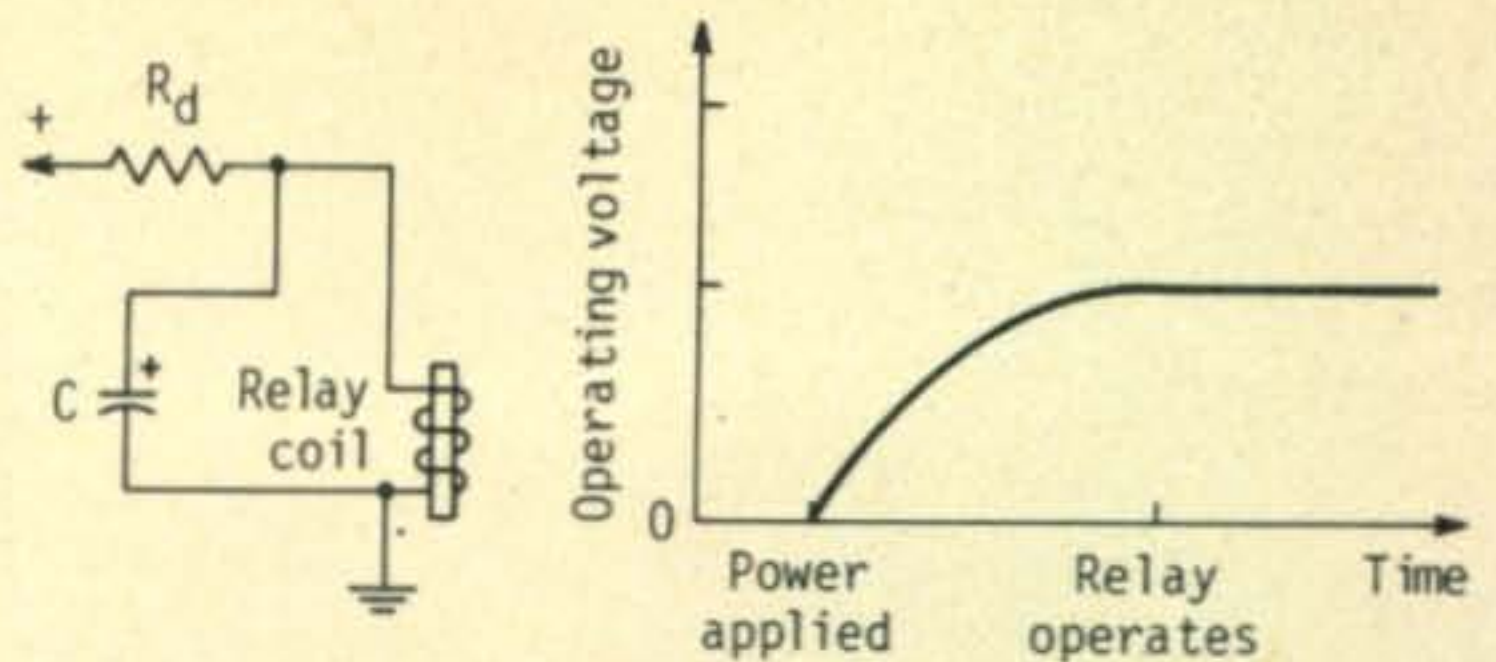


Fig. 2—A method for slowing down the pull-in time.

In fig. 2, we have a method of slowing down the pull-in time. Here we use the same dropping resistor and capacitor, but this time the capacitor shunts the coil. Now, when power is applied, the capacitor must first charge before the relay can operate. Delays of up to several seconds can be obtained with this circuit and sensitive relays. When power is removed in this circuit, the fall out time is lengthened somewhat because the capacitor must then discharge through the coil.

Fig. 3 shows a way to achieve normal pull-in, but delayed dropout of a relay. Here, either a resistor, or diode shunts the relay coil. When voltage is applied (with the polarity shown for the diode circuit) the relay pulls in in the normal manner. When voltage is removed however, the coil develops a back EMF which is shorted by the diode or resistor and the magnetic field produced by the coil decays, slowly delaying the fall out.

Fig. 4 is a useful scheme for employing an ON and an OFF push button to control various circuitry. When the s.p.s.t., normally open ON button is pressed, the relay coil is energized and, as soon as the contacts close, the relay stlf latches. Pressing the s.p.s.t., normally closed OFF button breaks the path and the relay drops out. Additional contacts are used to control the auxiliary circuitry. Note that this circuit will work with either a.c. or d.c. relays.

Fig. 5 is a method for employing an a.c. relay as an overload sensing device. Normally, the relay coil is not activated due to

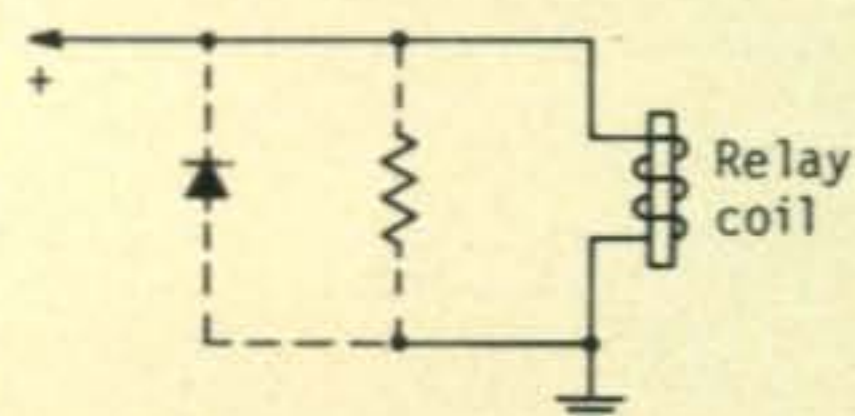


Fig. 3—A diode or resistor shunting the relay coil provides normal pull-in but delayed drop-out. Be sure the p.i.v. of the diode can withstand the back EMF of the coil.

the low load current. When excessive current flows, a full 6 volts will be developed across the secondary of  $T_1$  (a typical filament transformer). This will induce 115 volts into the primary and the relay coil will be activated. Once this happens, the relay latches and removes power from the load. To reset the system, simply press the s.p.s.t. normally closed push button. This breaks the path and resets the circuit. Proper choice of  $T_1$  and the relay should allow current of 1 to 2 amperes to many amperes to trigger the circuit. We used the center-tap of a 6.3 volt 3 amp transformer and one end of the secondary as a sensor winding with the entire primary driving a 48 v. a.c. relay as a fail-safe circuit to indicate when a blower motor failed in a high power system. After two years of 16 hour/day operation, it still works perfectly.

One common problem with relays, especially when using them with semiconductor circuitry, is noise production. This is usually caused by one of two factors: contact arcing and/or back EMF from the relay coil.

Contact arcing occurs when very heavy currents are suddenly interrupted or produced by the extremely rapid rise or fall time of electromechanical contacts especially when switching inductive loads. Fig. 6 shows a simple suppression scheme which, if the  $R$  and  $C$  values are properly chosen, will drastically reduce such noise. When the contacts open in this example, the capacitor momentarily bypasses the back EMF pulse of the inductive load, thereby effectively eliminating the noise pulse.

The purpose of the resistor is to limit the discharge of the capacitor across the contacts when they again close. A diode may be added as shown to eliminate the degrading effect of the resistor for severe back EMF problems.

To limit back EMF problems from the actual relay coil, the circuit of fig. 3, with a diode will short out any back EMF at the expense of extended drop out time. A resistor may be added in series with this diode

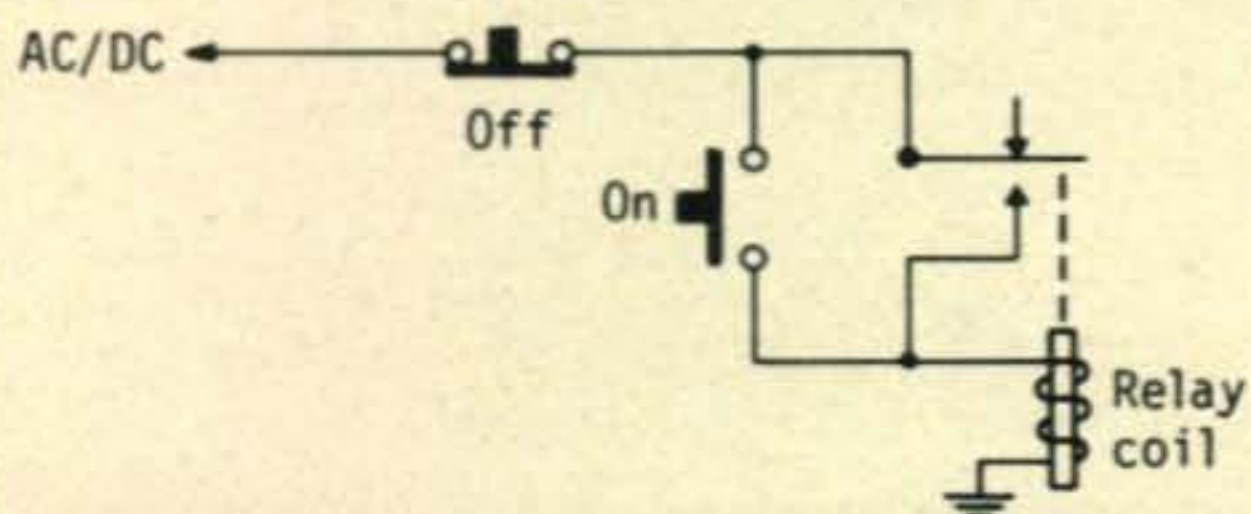


Fig. 4—The On/Off circuit discussed in the text.

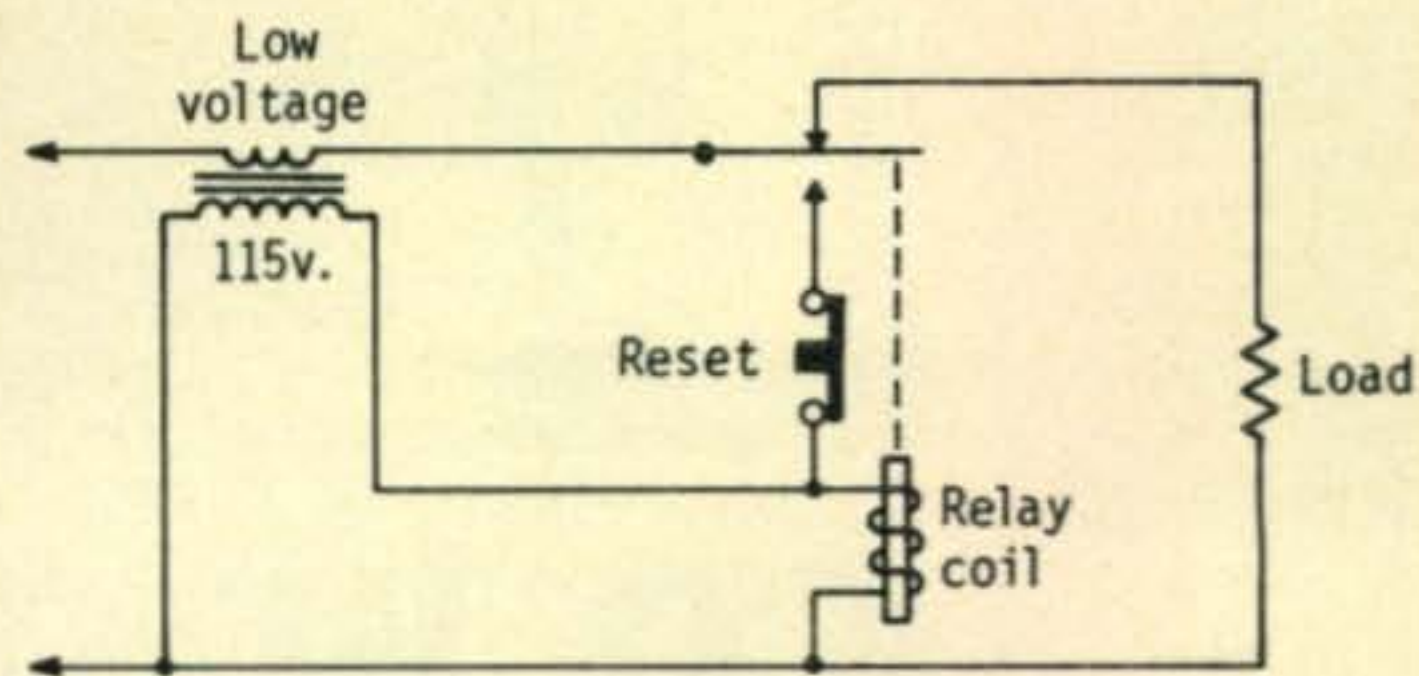


Fig. 5—A method for employing an a.c. relay as an overload sensing device as discussed in the text.

to somewhat lessen the amount of delay produced. Alternately, a capacitor could be tried as a substitute for the diode.

Since just about every surplus dealer handles some relays we will not recommend specific sources at this time. It is advisable to check your catalogs however, as bargains galore are available for these items.

There are several new semiconductors that will be of use to experimenters this month. Texas Instruments, 13500 North Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas, 75222, has a new series of voltage-variable capacitance diodes designed for v.h.f. and u.h.f. applications. The TIV-21, 22 and 23 are 25 volt units with capacitances of 2.5—2.8 pF which is the ballpark value used for u.h.f. work, while the TIV-24 and 25 are designed for lower frequency use and exhibit capacitances of 6.5—7.5 pF. All diodes are silicon and available from TI distributors. Prices in the 100 quantity range are from \$1.20 to \$1.50 depending on the unit.

Microsemiconductor Corp., 2830 South Fairview Street, Santa Ana, California, 92704, has just announced a new line of rather interesting devices. These are micro-miniature 3 watt zener diodes, with voltages of from 6.8 volts to 400 volts, in packages smaller than most 1/4 watt zeners. Their 1N5063-1N5117 line consists of 70 different voltage devices and individual devices cost 70¢ to \$1.40 each in 100 quantity.

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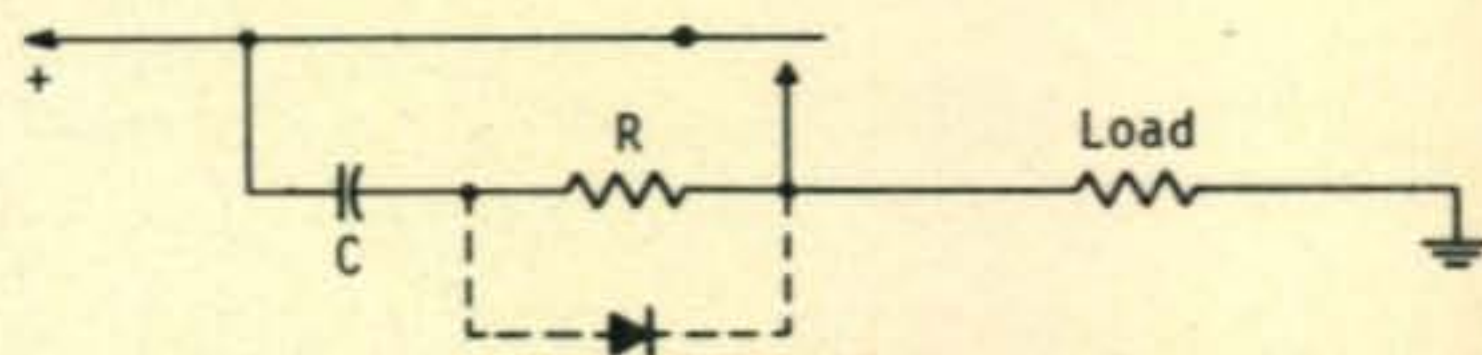


Fig. 6— $C$  approximately equals  $I^2/10$  microfarads where  $I$  = steady state load current and  $R$  is chosen for minimum sparking across the contacts but should not be less than .5 ohms.



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# Slow Scan TV

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## New Directions Roundtable

"... a gathering place for those of us trying to make positive changes in our own lives and in the world around us." That's how I referred to it in the July column. The initial get-acquainted session will be Sunday afternoon, September 16, at 2000 GMT, on about 14253 kHz. Between now and then, think about yourself — where you've been, and where you're heading with your life. Give some thought to the topics you'd like to get into, and helping the rest of us get to know you.

The optimum format may take awhile to evolve, but we'll start with presentations by individuals on various subjects. (For example, in the early weeks we'll have a review of the M.I.T. study of the world problematique: "The Limits to Growth." We'll also have a look at what individuals are doing to harness wind, sun, and water; providing non-exploitive energy sources for personal use.) The presentations will be followed by discussion sessions. If the group is large, or if there are General Class hams who want to get involved, we may split up into smaller groups meeting on and at other frequencies, bands, and times. The "guest of the day" would QSY to join the smaller groups when possible.

At the very minimum, the NDR will be an avenue for meeting like-minded hams. If we

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use our imaginations, and if we commit sufficient time and energy to lining up interesting participants and preparing audio/visual materials, it will be much, much more.

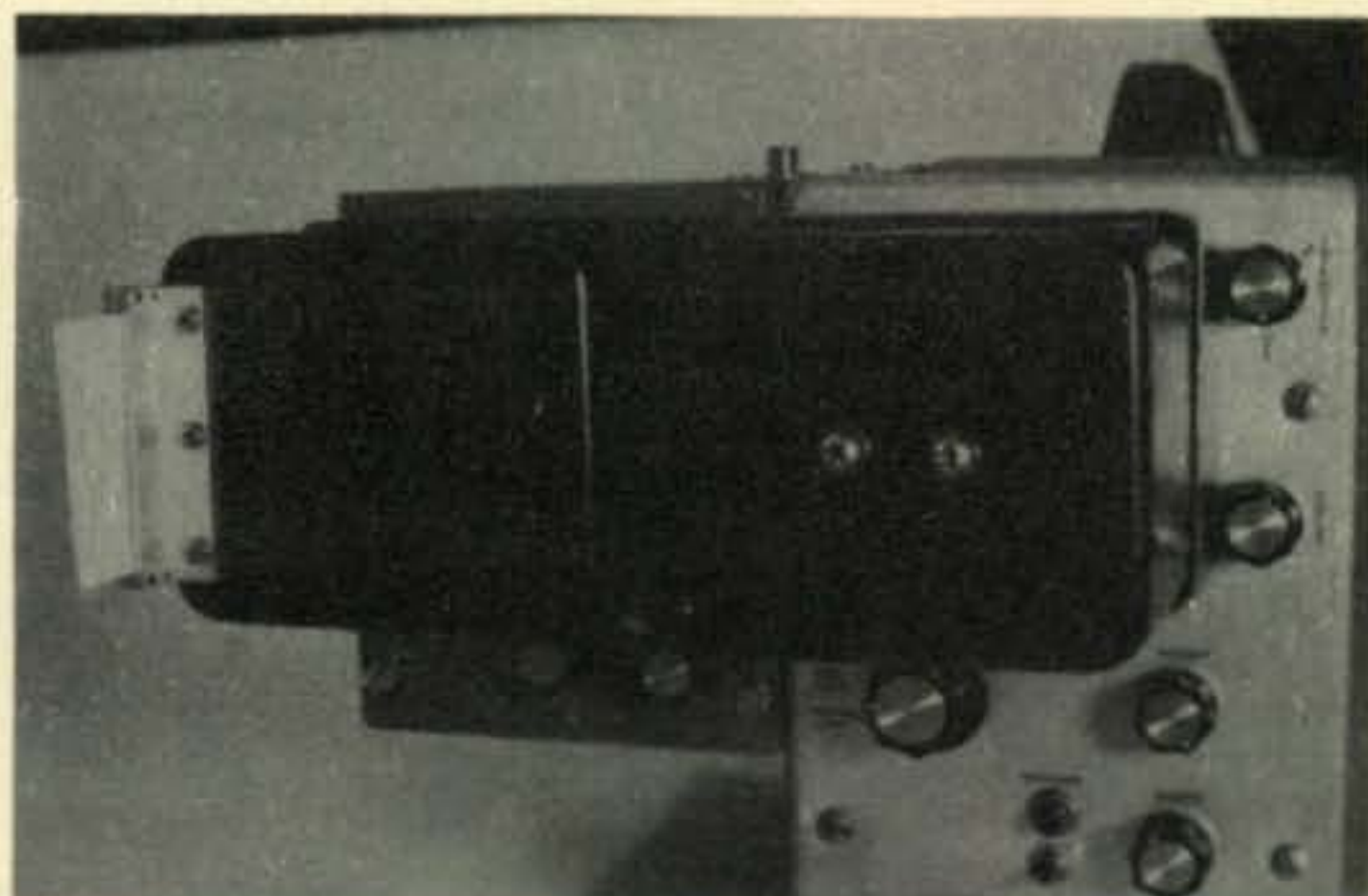
## FSS Optics for Scanning Opaque Material

This month we'll continue our study of flying-spot scanner optical techniques and problems. Last month we looked at a special case where the opaque materials being scanned did not have shiny surfaces. In the more usual situation we want to be able to transmit snapshots, or postcards, or material printed on glossy paper. When looking at snapshots by eye we are accustomed to disregarding the specular reflections from the shiny surface. Perhaps we do this because we can move the reflection away from the area of the photo we are viewing by an almost unconscious tilting of the photo or movement of the head. In a flying-spot scanner the position of that photo is fixed, and if there are specular reflections, the viewer cannot get rid of them.

The problem is illustrated in fig. 1. Imagine the object being scanned as acting like a mirror. The rays of light from the lens strike the surface at various angles. The smallest angle occurs at the edges of the scan. If we call this angle  $\alpha$ , the ray reflected from the shiny surface will leave that surface at angle  $\alpha'$ , which is equal to  $\alpha$ . If you draw your proposed optical design, full scale, on graph paper it's easy to sketch-in the "safe"



3" monitor with attached flying-spot scanner electronics unit.



The monitor/FSS with optics unit plugged-in.

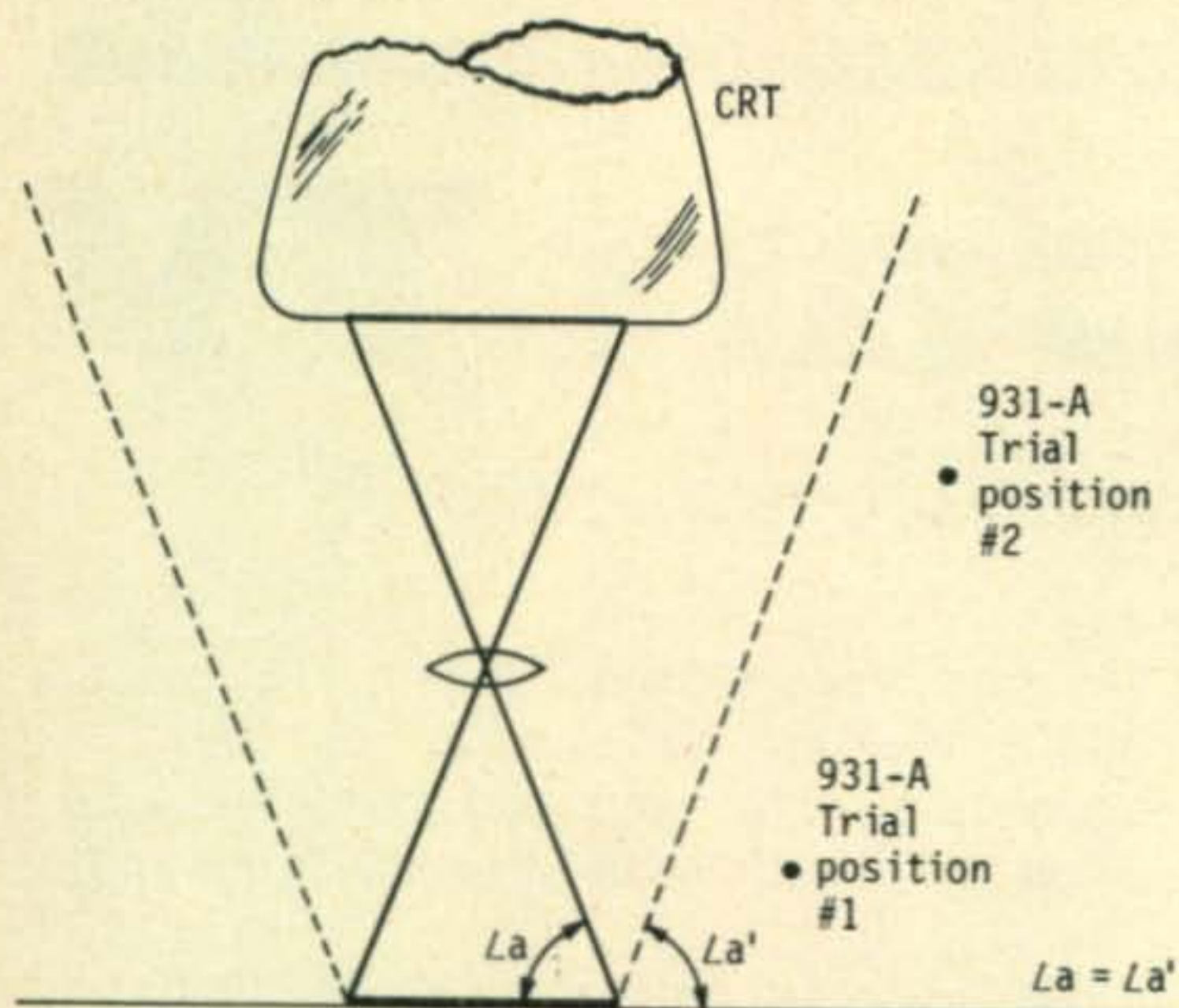


Fig. 1 — A photomultiplier tube located within the shaded area will pick up specular reflections from glossy copy. One outside the dotted lines will not.

and “forbidden” regions. Allow an additional safety factor if you plan to use photos that don’t lie perfectly flat.

### Uniform Light Gathering

OK, we know how to avoid specular reflections, but putting the photomultiplier tube so far off to the side doesn’t seem good. It’s not. Fig. 1 shows two trial positions for locating the 931-A. In position No. 1 the farthest scanned point is exactly twice as far from the 931-A as the nearest point. To a first approximation, the light reaching position No. 1 will be inversely proportional to the square of the distance from the spot being scanned.<sup>1</sup> Since the

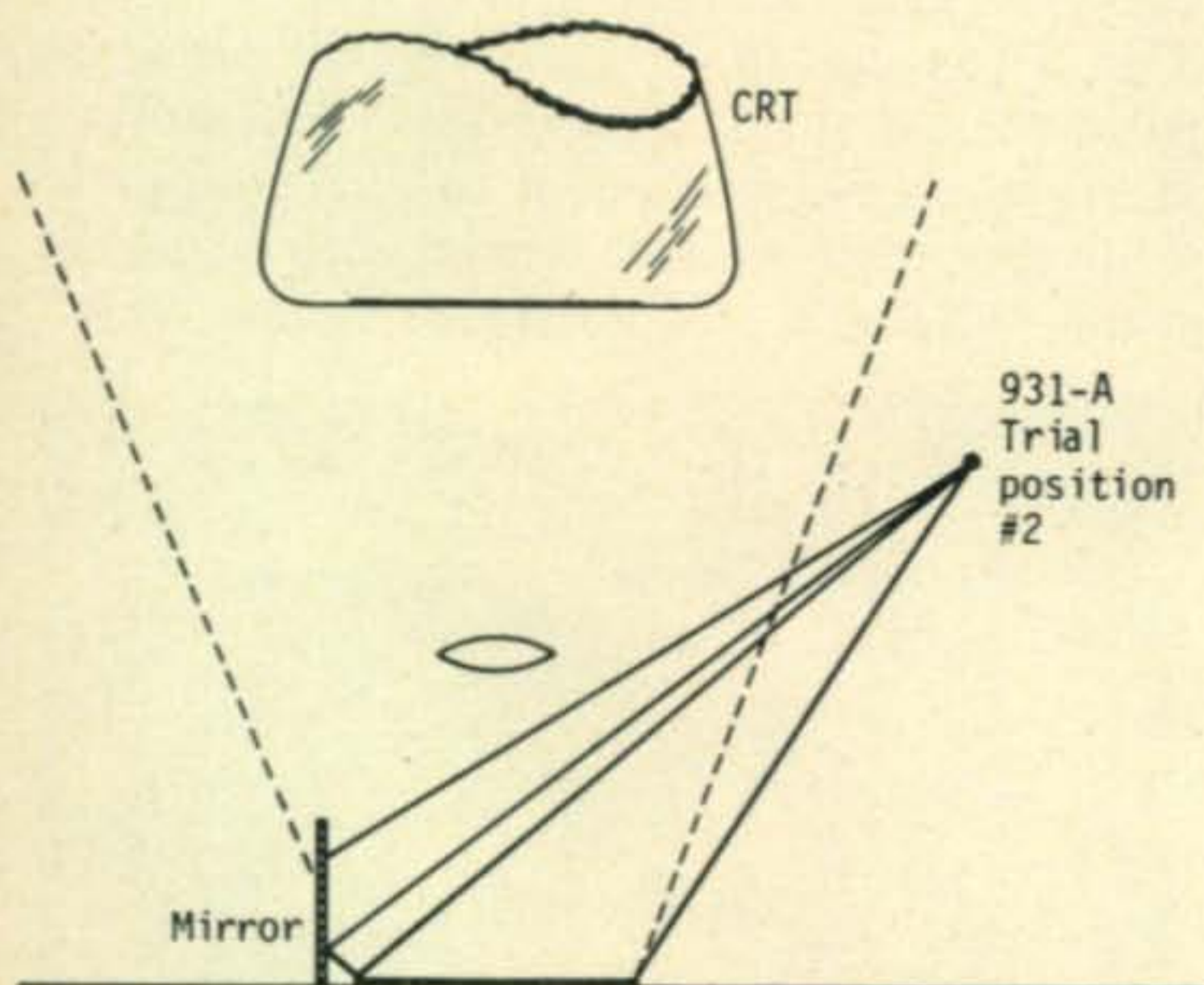


Fig. 2 — Diagram showing direct and reflected light paths to the photomultiplier when a mirror is used on the far side of the scanned object.

distance ratio is 2:1, the light from the distant point will be down by a factor of  $2^2$ , or 4, from the light received from the near point. If a uniform white card is being scanned, the distant side of the picture will appear a dark grey if the near side is set to produce a “white” video signal. Hardly a satisfactory situation.

One remedy is to increase the distance from the scanned object. The far and near distances for position No. 2 are 5:4 instead of 2:1. This makes the near-to-far light level ratio 1.56:1 instead of 4:1. Very much better.

A second remedy is to place a mirror or white reflecting surface beyond the distant edge of the scanned object as shown in fig. 2. Now the 931-A receives more light than before. Some of the light that otherwise would have been wasted is reflected back to the 931-A. Assuming a perfect mirror, the light from the far side of the object is almost doubled. The light from the near side is not doubled, however, due to the long path length for the reflected ray. Using some math which is not worth going into, the new light level ratio calculates out to be better than 1.1:1 — much better than the original 1.56:1. Note that the mirror extends up into the “forbidden” region. This causes no problems because the specular reflection bounces off the mirror at an angle that never reaches the 931-A. This bounce angle is straightforward to plot, and should be checked. If you use a white surface instead of a mirror to increase the “far side” light getting back to the 931-A, it should be kept out of the “forbidden” region altogether.

The third remedy is rotating the photomultiplier tube. The sensitivity of the 931-A has a directional pattern similar to that of a beam antenna. There is a maximum response in a particular angular direction. About 40 degrees either side of this “best” direction, the effective sensitivity drops to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of maximum. The tube can be rotated so that the direction of greatest sensitivity points at the far side of the object being scanned, or at whatever point minimizes the shading.

A fourth remedy is almost more trouble than it is worth: using two 931-A’s, one on each side of the picture. The problem here is balancing the outputs of the two tubes and

<sup>1</sup> Actually, there is also a second law operating. The amount of light radiated from the surface being scanned, at a particular angle to that surface, is proportional to the sine of that angle. In this example, disregarding “Lambert’s Law” introduces little error.



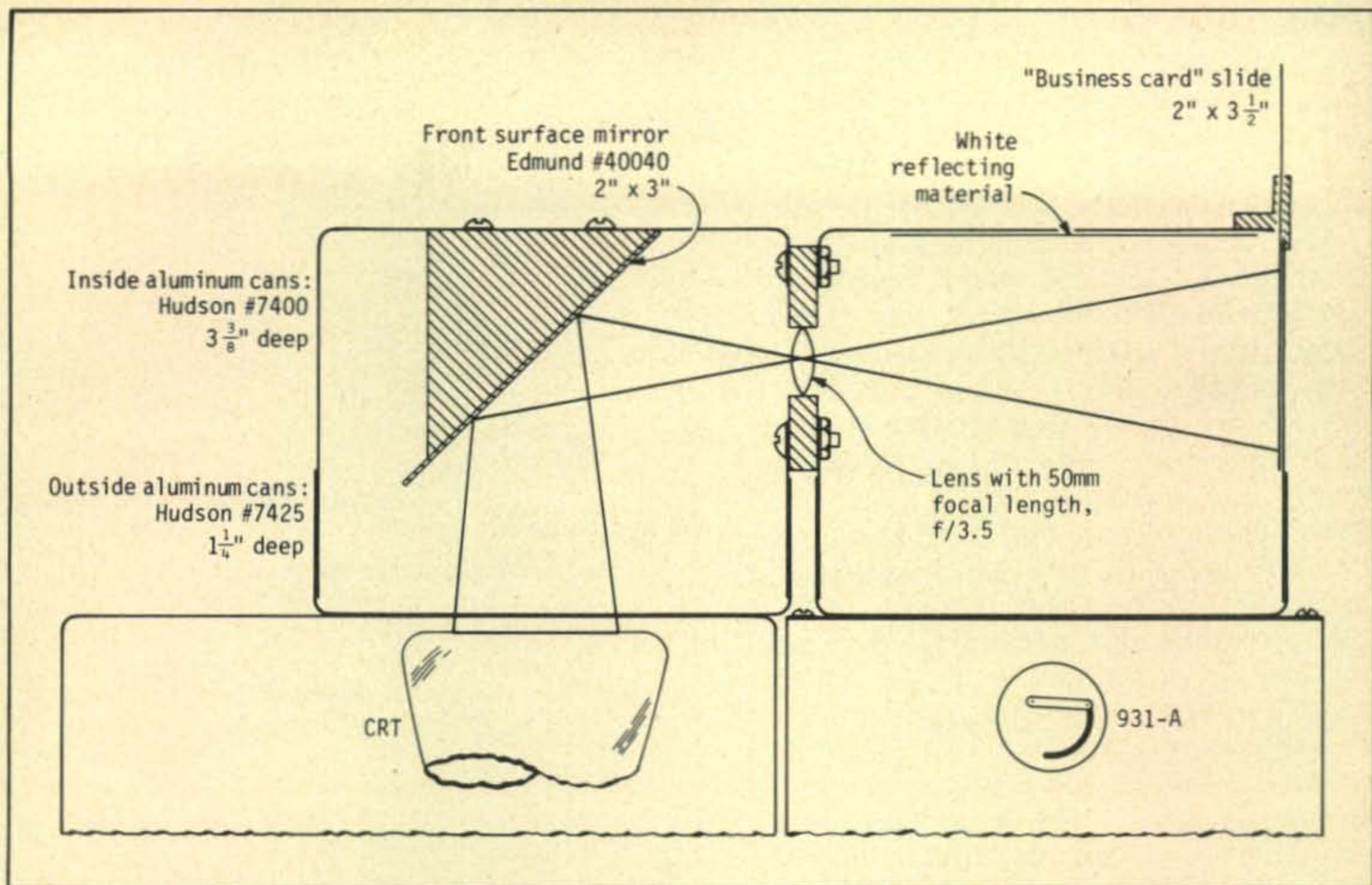


Fig. 3—Mechanical layout of the FSS optics unit in operating position.

keeping them balanced. By adjusting the overall bleeder voltages it is possible to obtain equal output from the two tubes. Changes in temperature, and line voltage can quickly upset the balance, however, and the tubes are bound to age and fatigue differently.

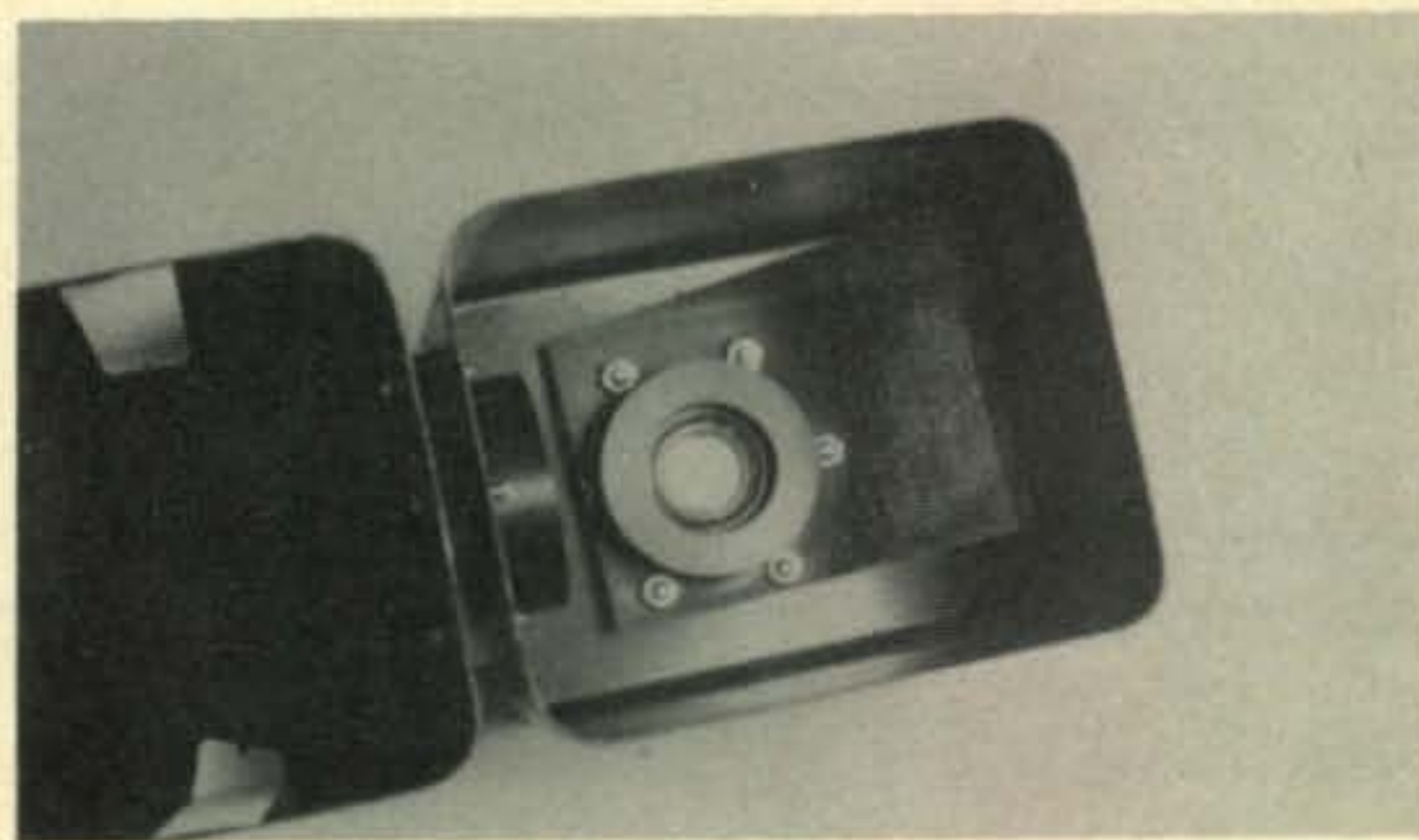
Final adjustments to minimize shading are best made on the completed scanner while scanning a uniform white surface. Monitor the video signal (prior to SCFM modulation) with a d.c. coupled scope synchronized at the 15 Hz line scan rate. The object is to obtain a scope trace of optimal "flatness" left to right, and constant amplitude throughout the frame.

### A Compact, Detachable Optical System

A "plug-in" optical system was designed to allow my 3" monitor to do double duty as a flying-spot scanner also. After considering many formats, I finally decided to use standard 2" x 3 1/2" business cards as slides. The cards are inexpensive. A *Flair* or *Pentel* pen has just the right stroke width, and permits making "instant" signs, sketches and diagrams. When rub-on lettering is used to make permanent "slides," the less expensive smaller typefaces can be used. Snapshots

can easily be cut up and pasted on the cards to make pictorial slides.

To make a compact unit I decided to "fold" the optics by using a front surface



Two views of the plug-in optics unit showing the front surface mirror, and a "slide" in position.

mirror set at a 45 degree angle to the CRT faceplate, as shown in fig. 3. The distances along the optical axis remain the same as in an unfolded system. (Lens to CRT distance is about 4.3 inches, and lens to slide distance about 3.6 inches.) A CRT raster size of 1 3/4" x 1 3/4" reduces to a 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" scanned area on the slide. To make the optics removable, aluminum cans that nest snugly inside each other were used. These were obtained from Hudson Tool and Die Co., 18 Malvern St., Newark, New Jersey.

A word on mirrors. The ordinary pocket mirror is silvered on the back side of the glass. This protects the metallized surface, but will generally give ghost images in an application such as this. The reason is that there is a reflection not only at the metallic surface, but at the uncoated glass surface as well. This latter reflection may have only 5 or 10% of the brightness of the primary reflection, but since it is displaced from it, a double image can be seen when viewing certain types of material. Edmund Scientific Co. sells mirrors aluminized on the *front* side. This eliminates the double reflection, but care must be taken to keep fingermarks and dirt off. They are difficult to clean.

The exact lens used is no longer available, but the 50 m.m. f/3.5 Spiratone enlarging lens mentioned last month should work very well if properly positioned. It is always wise to set up a new optical system in breadboard fashion to accurately check distances before starting to cut metal. (The printed wattage legend on a 100 watt light bulb makes an excellent high contrast image source. It is much easier to use than a CRT for these initial checks.)

Shading was brought to acceptable limits primarily by careful rotation on the 931-A. The shading was then fine tuned by putting white reflecting material on the far side of the slide. (This does not appear in the photos.)

Care must be taken to make the unit light tight if it is to be used in a normally lit room. Caulking compound can be used to seal the corners of sheet metal "mini-boxes." Felt can be glued to one of two mating flat surfaces. Dr. Scholl's *Molefoam* was used to light-seal the slide opening, and the nesting can that the 931-A peeks through.

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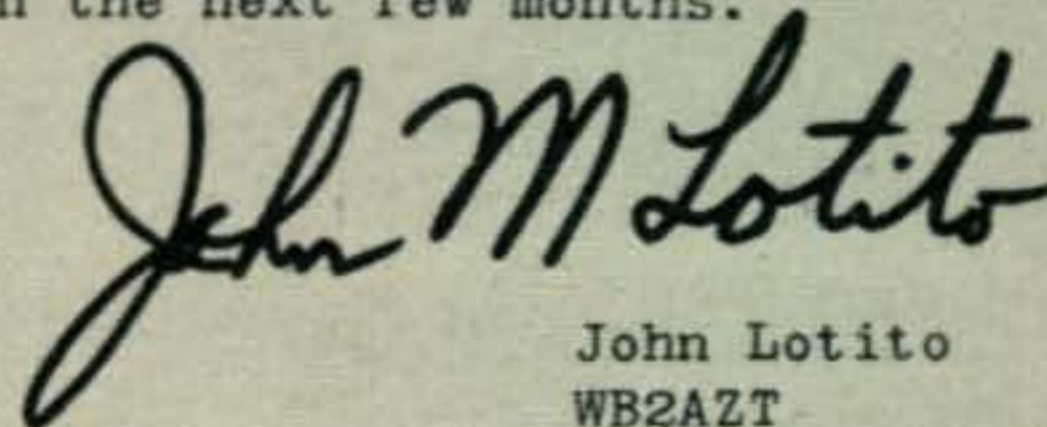
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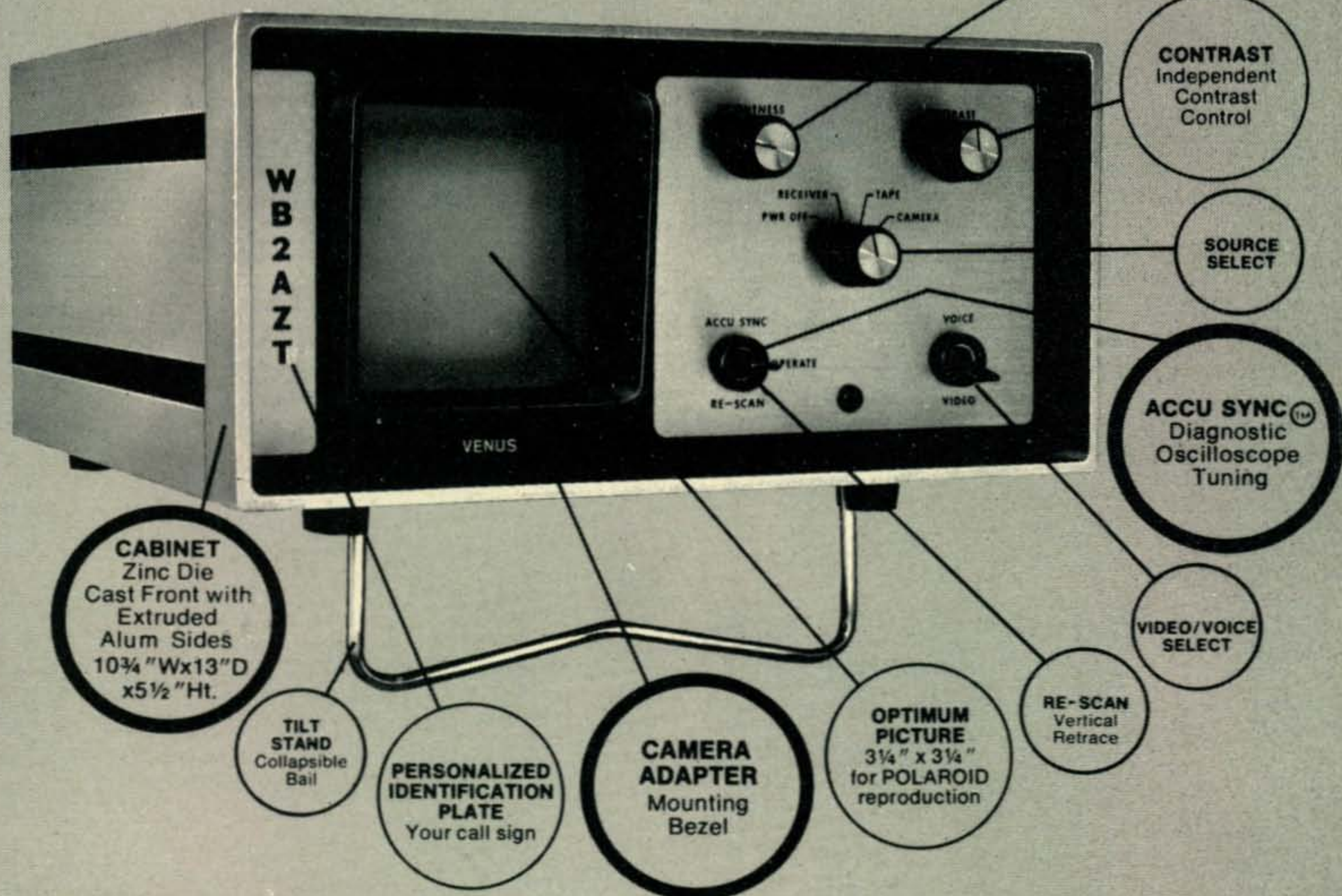
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BY JERRY HAGEN,\* WA6GLD

### Fresno DX Convention

**T**HE West Coast's biggest DX event was held in April this year and lived up to its reputation as an outstanding affair. The Northern California DX Club was the 1973 host and Chairman K6SSJ attracted a large crowd of DX notables. The Saturday afternoon session began with a Contest Forum chaired by ARRL Contest Committee Member W6DQX with CQ Contest Consultant W2IWC also on hand. Next came an antenna comparison of quads, trap tribanders and monoband yagis delivered in humorous style by W1ICP. Long time Contester and DXer KV4FZ presented a fine talk on 160 meter operation and antennas.

The traditional cocktail party made good use of four bars situated on the balcony overlooking the Civic Center. Mild April weather, ample refreshments and a chance to meet old friends made the occasion most memorable. The banquet dinner was topped off by fortune cookies with DX themes such as "you will call CQ on 40 meters and a CR9 will answer." The featured presentation was a film of the Spratly Island DXpedition narrated by Don Riebhoff, HS3DR and

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Karl, VE8RA describing his Pacific Dxpediton to QSL Manager Ferne, XYL of WA6AHF.



Jim, W6CUF and Don, W6AM in serious discussion!

Scott Gant, WB4VBY. The trials and tribulations of a DXpedition were well conveyed by the film.

The Sunday DX Breakfast featured an ample buffet, presentation of the W6OA Award to Scott, WB4VBY for the 1S1A effort and a humorous DX Quiz conducted by WA6QGW. There was also a special "mystery presentation." To quote the *West Coast DX Bulletin*—"What you will hear about is the Sunday Breakfast. Tribute was paid to Frank Cuevas, W6AOA, for his long service to the Fresno meeting and DX. Though his birthday was not until June, the crowd sang 'Happy Birthday' to Frank and a huge cake was wheeled in. Frank, always sentimental, was sitting there with tears streaming down his face when the top of

### The WAZ Program

#### S.S.B. WAZ

1092.....WA1KYW	1099.....VE7TL
1093.....W8MBB	1100.....K4CFB
1094.....XE1J	1101.....UF6CA
1095.....JA4DGG	1102.....UA3AAX
1096.....K8CSG	1104.....UA9KAI
1097.....JA8EAT	1103.....UA4QM
1098.....DJ2AA	

#### C.W.—Phone WAZ

3550.....LA8NC	3559.....W6UA
3551.....W3GID	3560.....F6KBD
3552.....W9LJL	3561.....F6ALV
3553.....W5UNF/6	3562.....F8OQ
3554.....DM2ATL	3563.....UA3JD
3555.....SP7ASZ	3564.....UA9HM
3556.....SP6BAA	3565.....W1EW
3557.....PY2DBU	3566.....UW1ZJ
3558.....DL7DX	3567.....UW3IO

#### Phone WAZ

484.....W9HZ

Complete WAZ rules are shown on pages 64-66 of the June, 1970 issue. Application blanks and reprints of the rules may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to DX Editor, P.O. Box 205, Winter Haven, Florida 33880.

## CQ DX Award Honor Roll

The CQ DX Award Honor Roll recognizes those DXers who have submitted proof of confirmation with 273 or more countries for the mode indicated. The ARRL DXCC Country list, LESS DELETED COUNTRIES, is used as the country standard. The total number of current countries on the DXCC as of this listing is 320.

### CW

K6EC .....315	K6LEB .....305	W6ISQ .....301	W4BQY .....294	WA6MWG .....286
W6ID .....315	VK3AHQ .....304	W4YWX .....300	K1SHN .....292	DJ7CX .....275
W8LY .....308	W6AUB .....302	ON4QX .....299	WA6EPQ .....291	
W4IC .....305	DL3RK .....301	W6NJU .....296	WA8DXA .....288	

### 2XSSB

W2TP .....319	W6NJU .....313	K3GKU .....305	ZL1AGO .....299	OE1FF .....283
I0AMU .....318	K6WR .....313	WA6AHF .....305	G3RWQ .....298	W6SFU .....283
TI2HP .....318	ZS6LW .....313	W9QLD .....305	YV1KZ .....298	HP1JC .....282
DL9OH .....317	VE3MR .....312	K4RTA .....304	SM6CKS .....297	WA2VEG .....282
WA2RAU .....317	W3DJZ .....312	VE3ACD .....304	K1SHN .....297	DL6KG .....280
W3NKM .....317	W9JT .....312	F9MS .....303	YS1O .....297	OE2EGL .....278
W9ILW .....317	IT9JT .....311	K6EC .....303	ZL3NS .....297	K6GUY .....277
G3FKM .....316	WA2EOQ .....311	KH6BB .....303	W0YDB .....294	OK1MP .....277
K2FL .....316	W9DWQ .....311	I1ZV .....302	I8YRK .....292	WA6CPX .....276
W6REH .....315	I1AA .....310	WA2HSX .....302	WB2RLK .....291	DL1MD .....274
W6RKP .....315	W4IC .....310	WA6MWG .....302	XE2YP .....291	W8ZOK .....274
W3AZD .....314	W6YMV .....309	WA3IKK .....301	YV1LA .....291	K9LUI .....274
I8KDB .....313	XE1AE .....309	W6KZS .....301	WB6DXU .....290	G3WW .....273
SM5SB .....313	F2MO .....308	W6FW .....300	K8GQG .....288	
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W6EUF .....313	VE2WY .....307	K4HJE .....299	K1KNQ .....284	
W6KTE .....313	G3DO .....305	W9KRU .....299	G3KYF .....283	

the cake exploded and out jumped 'Brandy' . . . nude!!! Not even a bandaid!!! The tears dried immediately as Frank leaped up and took her in his arms . . . Son of A Gun!!! What more can be said? Attendance was over 300 with a fine contingent of W7's and VE7's. Distinguished DX visitors included KH6IJ, VS6DR, HC2OM, HC2YL, and VE8RA as well as the speakers previously mentioned. Our thanks to the *West Coast DX Bulletin*, edited by WA6AUD and *World Radio News* published by WB6AUH for the fine Photos of the DX Convention.

### Prefix Definition Comment

The following comment regarding the definition of a prefix was received from avid WPXer WA2EAH: "I read the DX COLUMN in March CQ and was a bit surprised at some of the rulings on prefixes such as VU25 and UB5Ø. Granted, strictly following WPX Rule 3A they would count for VU2 and UB5. However, considering the number calls of this type in use, I think its time that rule 3A be modified. As soon as WPX credit is eliminated for these special prefixes they lose most of their special status. When WPX hunters realize that HA1ØØ and ZD8Ø are no different from HA1 and ZD8 they will start ignoring them. In fact, the time may come when the ITU has to issue four letter/digit prefixes to different countries. When rule 3A was orig-

### The CQ DX Award Program

<b>CW DX</b>	<b>SSB DX</b>
118—W2BP	279—OE1FF
	280—I8HH
	281—WA2VEG
	282—WA8LVH
	283—UK5IAZ

#### Endorsements

C.W.: 150-K6VA  
 S.S.B.: 275-OE1FF, WA2VEG, 250-I8HH,  
 150-WA8LVH  
 1.8mHz: W2BP (#1).

Complete rules for the CQ DX Award Program may be obtained by sending a business size, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Award Manager, P.O. Box 1271, Covina, Ca 91722 or to the DX Editor.



Bob, W1QV and ARRL New England Director with Renoud contestor Nose, KH6IJ.



Who knows what's going on? Scott, WB4VBY of 1S1A, Phil, VS6DR and NCDXC President Iris, W6DOD.

inated it covered every prefix used, but now the rule is conflicting with common sense. I suggest that the restriction on length of a prefix be eliminated completely."

In answer to John's comment it should be stated that Rules for WPX are quite difficult to define because of situations just like those above. The intent of Rule 3A is to keep things "simple" and in accordance with the ITU assignment scheme. The exceptions to this rule have been magnified in recent years with cases like C21 and C31 being issued, the use of 1 series prefixes (as they are not issued, should they count for WPX?) and the two digit numerals as mentioned above. Thus, Rule 3A is not infallible, however it does provide a common definition and is convenient for WPX administration purposes. As the rule is fairly well understood at this time and it is applied to all prefixes, we would prefer *not* to change it at this time. A change might confuse the WPX Manager!!!

### Here And There In The World Of DX

Jerry, K8YUW, currently on Diego Garcia Island (Chagos Group) writes that the 6 active hams of the island have formed



Joe, HC2OM and XYL Darleen, HC2YL of DXpedition fame.

a club and hope to receive a VQ9 club call. At present the members must apply for permission to operate with their own call portable VQ9. Those at the first meeting included W9JFE, WB6VGI, WA7JLL, WB6GPT, WA9MZU, and K8YUW... HS5AFJ closed down in June after two years of operation resulting in WAZ, 204 countries and over 1500 W/K QSO's...

### The WPX Program

#### 2XSSB

752—SV1EN	755—UQ2AN
753—YU1OBA	756—CT1ZG
754—LU9DM	

#### CW

1247—WN7OLT	1256—UV3AF
1248—DJ8IK	1257—UK4WAC
1249—OK1FON	1258—UY5FF
1250—OK1DVK	1259—UA3DM
1251—OK1WT	1260—UQ2AN
1252—UV3QQ	1261—UB5NA
1253—UY5ZM	1262—K6VA
1255—UAØPY	1263—KH6HC
	1264—F5DE

#### Mixed

394—UQ2AN  
395—UQ2IL

#### VPX

55—UA9-165-55  
56—PA-1722

### WPX Endorsements

*S.S.B.:* 950-IØAMU, 800-F2MO, 750-WØGYM, 500-K6SSN, 400-G5GH, LU9DM, 350-YU1OBA.

*C.W.:* 750-K1SHN, 650-SP3DOI, 500-IS1FIC, 450-UY5ZM, 400-VE3BHZ, W9MCJ, SP6BAA, 350-UY5FF, UA3DM, UQ2AN.

*Mixeds* 900-K1SHN, 700-WA2EAH, K4CIA, 650-F3AT, G5GH, JA4XW, 600-OK3EE, 550-UQ2AN, 500-K6ZDL, W4KFB.

160 Meters: OK1WT

80 Meters: SP6BAA, OK1WT

20 Meters: WA2EAH, OK3EE, G5GH, UQ2IL, UK4WAC

15 Meters: G5GH, DJ8IK

10 Meters: OK3EE, G5GH

*Asia:* G5GH, W5QBM

*Europe:* UK4WAC, UQ2IL

*North America:* WA2EAH, WA4LDM

*Oceania:* I4ZSQ, W5OBM

*South America:* WB4KZG, DJ8IK

Complete rules for WPX, WPNX and VPX may be found on pg. 67 of the February, 1972 issue of CQ. Application blanks and reprints of the rules may be obtained by sending a business size self-addressed stamped envelope to Award Manager, P.O. Box 1271, Covina, CA 91722 or to the DX Editor.

Phone patch arrangements with Jordan and Guatemala have been reported by WA1EUO and TG9SK. Of course, amateur radio has good representation in Jordan, but TG9FS and TG9FT provided the spark in Guatemala . . . John, I8KDB reports that the call area prefixes I1 through I0, IT9 and IS0 must be used by Italian Amateurs. Prior to February 1, 1973 the use of call area designators was optional. Other I prefixes for the island groups and special operation will be retained. IW prefixes will be used for vhf licenses . . . W4GIW and several other Atlanta amateurs are planning to operate from Curaco in the CQ WW Contest in the Multi-operator/Single Transmitter category.

### DX Achievements

Two firsts in CQ Award Programs were made this month. Al, W2BP was the recipient of the first 1.8 mHz sticker for the CQ DX Award with a FB total of 53 countries confirmed on 160 meter c.w. The QSL's included such rarities as EP2BQ, FP0CA, HB0NL, ZB2AY and 4W1AE.

Rick, WN7OLT became the first Novice to be awarded a WPX Award after receiving QSL's from 300 different prefixes on c.w. Rick is the holder of WPNX#21 issued in 1970 and all QSO's were made on 15 meter c.w. Congratulations to Al and Rick!

### QSL Information

The following stations may be QSLed via W3HMK. (Don't forget an SASE):

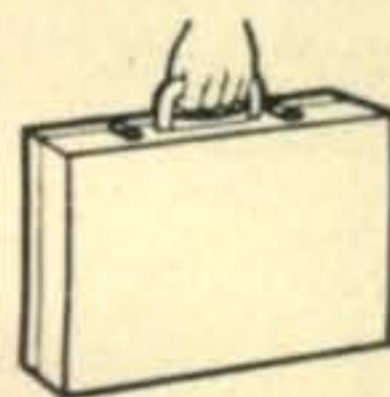
CN8BG—Aug 70—May 71  
 CR4BK—from Jun 71  
 CR6LF—from Jun 68  
 CR6KT—from Jul 68  
 CR7GJ—from May 70  
 CT1MZ—from Apr 69  
 CT1ZW—from Mar 71  
 CT1UE—from Aug 69  
 CT1TZ—from Nov 68  
 CT1BT—from Jul 71  
 CT1UD—from May 69  
 CT7UA—from Oct 72  
 EA8GZ—from Mar 73  
 EL2BI—Mar 69 to Mar 70  
 EL2CB—Feb 70 to Nov 72  
 EP2KB—Sep—Nov 68  
 EP2DX—from May 70  
 EQ2DX—Sep 72  
 FG0AFC/FS7—Oct 72  
 GW3DZJ—from Nov 65  
 HM1EJ—from May 70  
 JA6BEE—from Mar 69  
 JA1IVV—from Oct 65  
 JY9DX—from Aug 71  
 KV4EN—from Jun 71  
 KV4EY—from Jun 67  
 LX1BW—from Feb 70  
 OD5CS—from Feb 70  
 OY5NS—from Sep 72  
 OY7JD—from Jul 72  
 OY9LV—from May 69  
 OX5AP—from Jul 70  
 OX5AY—from Mar 72  
 PA0HVM—from 1970

PA0COE—from 1967  
 PJ8AR—from Oct 70  
 PY1DBE—from Feb 72  
 PZ1CF—from Apr 68  
 SM5BUT—from Jun 68  
 SM0CER—from Apr 71  
 SP9BT—from Apr 70  
 SU1MI—from Feb 72  
 SV0WEE—71 & 72  
 SV0WUU—from Jan 72  
 SV0WXX—Sep 71  
 TG8DX—Feb 73  
 TG9DX—Feb 72  
 TG9KR—from Apr 73  
 TI2JCC—from Dec 69  
 UA3FF—from Feb 70  
 VK9BS—from Jun 69  
 VP2LAO—Mar 73  
 VP2VY—Dec 68  
 VP2VB—Jun 71  
 VU2VKJ—Feb 73  
 XP1AA—Jun 70  
 YA1VKJ—Feb 73  
 YV5CEY/4—Oct 65  
 ZE4JS—from Aug 63  
 ZS3CJ—from Feb 70  
 ZS3R—from 69  
 4X4RD—from Apr 65  
 4X4UH—from Apr 65  
 5A3TX—64-65  
 5A5TR—64-65  
 9C9DX—Oct 70

73, Jerry—WA6GLD

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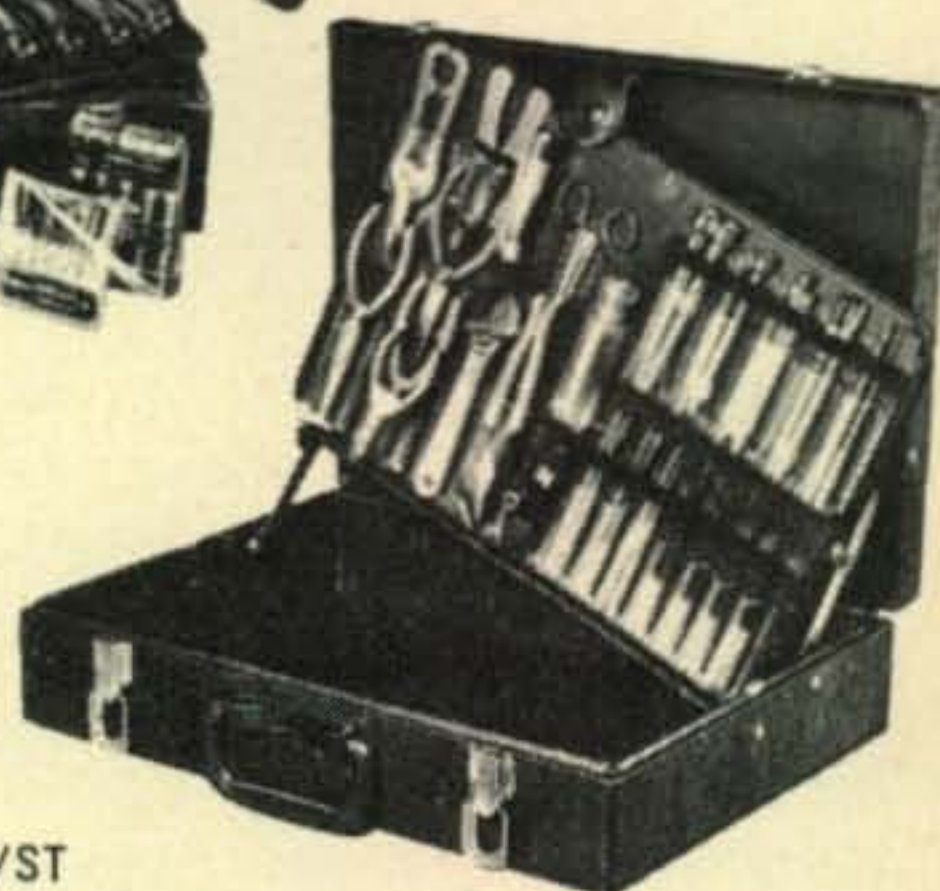
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BY GEORGE JACOBS,\* W3ASK

**T**HE sunspot cycle continues to decline at a steady pace.

The Swiss Federal Solar Observatory reports a mean monthly sunspot number of 42 for May, 1973. This results in the latest smoothed sunspot number of 59, centered on November, 1972.

A smoothed sunspot number of 38 is forecast for September, 1973.

A marked seasonal change in h.f. radio propagation conditions should take place from about mid-September through mid-October. During this period an *increasing* number of DX openings can be expected on 10 and 15 meters during the daylight hours, while 20 meters will begin to close noticeably earlier than during mid-summer. Improved nighttime DX propagation conditions are also expected on 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 is also expected on *long* DX openings between the temperate regions of the northern and southern hemispheres from mid-September through mid-October. This should result in more frequent openings between the USA and such areas as South America, Oceania, South Asia and southern Africa. This improvement should be most noticeable on the 40, 20 and 15 meter bands, but some of these long DX openings may also be possible on 10, 80 and perhaps 160 meters.

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

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## LAST MINUTE FORECAST

Day-to-Day Conditions Expected For  
September, 1973

Propagation Index . . . . .	Rating & Forecast Quality			
	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)
Date . . . . .				
Above Normal: 14, 16-17, 21, 23-24.	A	A	B	C
Normal: 4-6, 10-13, 15, 20, 22, 25, 28-29.	B	C	D	E
Below Normal: 1-3, 7, 9, 18-19, 26-27, 30.	C	D	E	E
Disturbed: 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 (4) will be fair on Sept. 1-3, good on Sept. 4-6, and fair on Sept. 7, etc.

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During this period DX conditions should be best on 20 meters for an hour or two after sunrise and again during the afternoon and early evening. Fifteen meters should be optimum during most of the daylight hours and 40 meters during most of the hours of darkness and the sunrise period.

For short-skip openings less than 250 miles 80 meters should be optimum during the day, and both 80 and 160 meters during darkness. Between 250 and 1300 miles it should be 40 meters during the day and 80 meters at night. For openings between 750 and 1300 miles 20 meters should be optimum during the day and 40 and 80 meters during the hours of darkness. Between 1300 and 2300 miles, try both 20 and 15 meters during the day and 40 at night.

### V.H.F. Ionospheric Openings

Although summertime sporadic-E ionization is expected to fall off considerably during September, an occasional 6-meter short-skip opening may still be possible over distances ranging between 1000 and 1300 miles. While such openings may take place anytime, they are more likely to occur before noon and during the early evening.

Auroral activity should increase during September, and this could produce some 6



and 2 meter auroral-type openings. Such 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. 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 September.

Conditions for trans-equatorial, or TE-scatter are usually at their best during the spring and fall months. Some fairly good 6 meter TE openings should be possible during September between the southern half of the USA and South America, with an occasional opening also possible from more northern states. The best time for TE openings is between 8 and 11 P.M., local standard time. While most openings will last for an hour or so, some may continue longer. As a rule, signal levels during TE openings are relatively weak, and there may be considerable 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.

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#### 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 time shown would be EST; on a circuit between NY and Texas, the time would be CST since 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 SHT 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 transmitted 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 10db 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.

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Time Zone: EST (24-Hour Time)

EASTERN USA TO:

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

Northern & Central South America	10-13 (1) 13-16 (2) 16-18 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-11 (2) 11-13 (3) 13-16 (4) 16-17 (3) 17-18 (2) 18-19 (1)	05-06 (1) 06-07 (2) 07-09 (4) 09-14 (2) 14-16 (3) 16-19 (4) 19-22 (3) 22-00 (2) 00-02 (1)	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	11-13 (1) 13-14 (2) 14-16 (3) 16-17 (2) 17-18 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-10 (2) 10-13 (1) 13-15 (2) 15-16 (3) 16-17 (4) 17-18 (2) 18-19 (1)	08-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-18 (3) 18-20 (4) 20-21 (3) 21-00 (2) 00-06 (1) 06-08 (2)	20-23 (1) 23-04 (2) 04-06 (1) 00-05 (1)*
McMurdo Sound, Antarctica	Nil	14-17 (1) 17-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	17-19 (1) 19-23 (2) 23-00 (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	09-11 (1)	08-09 (1) 09-10 (2) 10-12 (3) 12-13 (2) 13-14 (1)	05-06 (1) 06-08 (2) 08-12 (1) 12-13 (2) 13-15 (3) 15-18 (2) 18-19 (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) 17-19 (1) 22-00 (1)	19-22 (1) 20-22 (1)*
Western & Central Africa	11-15 (1)	07-09 (1) 09-12 (2) 12-13 (3) 13-15 (4) 15-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	04-05 (1) 05-07 (2) 07-14 (1) 14-15 (2) 15-16 (3) 16-18 (4) 18-19 (3) 19-21 (2) 21-23 (1)	19-22 (1) 22-00 (2) 00-01 (1) 22-00 (1)*
South Africa	09-10 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-11 (2) 11-14 (3) 14-15 (2) 15-16 (1)	05-07 (1) 11-13 (1) 13-15 (2) 15-18 (3) 18-19 (2) 19-22 (1) 22-00 (2) 00-01 (1)	19-20 (1) 20-22 (2) 22-00 (1) 20-22 (1)*
East Africa	Nil	08-11 (1) 11-15 (2) 15-17 (1)	12-14 (1) 14-15 (2) 15-17 (3) 17-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	20-23 (1)
Central & South Asia	08-10 (1) 17-19 (1)	08-10 (1) 18-21 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (1) 09-11 (1) 17-21 (1)	05-07 (1) 18-20 (1)
Southeast Asia	Nil	09-11 (1) 14-16 (1) 16-18 (2) 18-20 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-12 (1) 16-19 (1) 19-21 (2) 21-23 (1)	04-07 (1)
Far East	17-19 (1)	09-11 (1) 14-16 (1) 16-18 (2) 18-20 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (3) 09-10 (2) 10-12 (1) 16-18 (1) 18-22 (2) 22-00 (1)	02-04 (1) 04-06 (2) 06-08 (1) 05-07 (1)*

South Pacific & New Zealand	12-14 (1)	09-12 (2)	05-07 (1)	23-00 (1)
	14-17 (2)	12-16 (2)	07-09 (3)	00-06 (3)
	17-19 (1)	16-18 (3)	09-11 (2)	06-07 (2)
		18-20 (2)	11-17 (1)	07-08 (1)
		20-21 (1)	17-19 (2)	01-03 (1)*
			19-22 (3)	03-06 (2)*
			22-00 (2)	06-07 (1)*
			00-02 (1)	
Australasia	13-15 (1)	08-10 (1)	04-06 (1)	01-02 (1)
	15-17 (2)	12-15 (1)	06-07 (2)	02-04 (2)
	17-18 (1)	15-17 (2)	07-09 (3)	04-06 (3)
		17-18 (3)	09-12 (2)	06-07 (2)
		18-19 (2)	12-15 (1)	07-08 (1)
		19-21 (1)	15-17 (2)	04-05 (1)*
			17-19 (1)	05-06 (2)*
			19-20 (2)	06-07 (1)*
			20-22 (3)	
			22-23 (2)	
		23-01 (1)		
Northern & Central South America	10-12 (1)	07-08 (1)	06-07 (2)	18-19 (1)
	12-16 (2)	08-09 (2)	07-09 (4)	19-20 (2)
	16-18 (1)	09-12 (3)	09-11 (3)	20-00 (3)
		12-16 (4)	11-14 (2)	00-04 (4)
		16-17 (3)	14-16 (3)	04-05 (3)
		17-18 (2)	16-19 (4)	05-06 (2)
		18-19 (1)	19-22 (3)	06-07 (1)
			22-00 (2)	19-22 (1)*
			00-06 (1)	22-04 (2)*
				04-05 (1)*
Brazil, Argentina, Chile & Uruguay	11-13 (1)	07-08 (1)	08-15 (1)	20-23 (1)
	13-14 (2)	08-10 (2)	15-17 (2)	23-03 (2)
	14-16 (3)	10-12 (1)	17-18 (3)	03-05 (1)
	16-17 (2)	12-14 (2)	18-20 (4)	00-04 (1)*
	17-18 (1)	14-15 (3)	20-22 (3)	
		15-17 (4)	22-00 (2)	
		17-18 (2)	00-06 (1)	
		18-19 (1)	06-08 (2)	
McMurdo Sound, Antarctica	Nil	13-16 (1)	16-19 (1)	23-06 (1)
		16-18 (2)	19-23 (2)	
		18-20 (1)	23-01 (1)	
		07-09 (1)		

Time Zone: PST (24-Hour Time)

WESTERN USA TO:

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

\*Indicates predicted 80 Meter openings. Openings on 160 Meters are also likely to occur during those times when 80 Meter openings are shown with a forecast rating of (2) or higher.

#### 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.

3. The *propagation index* is the number that appears in ( ) after the time of each predicted opening. 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 Propagation 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.

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* 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.e 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.

6. 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.

South Africa	09-12 (1)	07-10 (1) 10-14 (2) 14-15 (1)	04-06 (1) 06-08 (2) 08-09 (1) 11-13 (1) 13-15 (2) 15-17 (3) 17-18 (2) 18-20 (1) 23-01 (1)	18-21 (1)
Central & South Asia	16-18 (1)	07-10 (1) 15-16 (1) 16-18 (2) 18-20 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-10 (2) 10-12 (1) 16-18 (1) 18-20 (2) 20-22 (1)	05-07 (1) 18-20 (1)
Southeast Asia	15-18 (1)	09-11 (1) 14-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-19 (1)	05-07 (1) 07-09 (3) 09-10 (2) 10-11 (1) 20-22 (1) 22-00 (2) 00-01 (1)	00-02 (1) 02-05 (2) 05-07 (1) 02-05 (1)*
Far East	15-17 (1)	13-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-18 (3) 18-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (3) 09-12 (2) 12-19 (1) 19-20 (2) 20-22 (3) 22-23 (2) 23-01 (1)	00-02 (1) 02-07 (2) 07-08 (1) 02-06 (1)*

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South Pacific & New Zealand	12-14 (1) 14-17 (2) 17-18 (1)	09-13 (1) 13-16 (2) 16-17 (3) 17-19 (4) 19-20 (3) 20-21 (2) 21-22 (1)	16-18 (1) 18-19 (2) 19-21 (3) 21-23 (4) 23-04 (4) 04-06 (3) 06-07 (2) 07-08 (1) 08-06 (1) 06-07 (2) 07-09 (3) 09-10 (2) 10-12 (1)	20-21 (1) 21-22 (2) 22-23 (3) 23-04 (4) 04-06 (3) 06-07 (2) 07-08 (1) 22-01 (1)* 01-05 (2)* 05-06 (1)*
Australasia	13-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-19 (1)	07-09 (1) 12-16 (1) 16-17 (2) 17-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-22 (1)	16-18 (1) 18-20 (2) 20-00 (3) 00-02 (2) 02-06 (1) 06-07 (2) 07-09 (3) 09-11 (2) 11-12 (1)	00-01 (1) 01-02 (2) 02-05 (3) 05-07 (2) 07-09 (1) 01-03 (1)* 03-05 (2)* 05-06 (1)*
Northern & Central South America	09-10 (1) 10-12 (2) 12-14 (3) 14-15 (2) 15-17 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (3) 09-11 (2) 11-13 (3) 13-15 (4) 15-16 (3) 16-17 (2) 17-19 (1)	06-07 (3) 07-09 (4) 09-14 (2) 14-16 (3) 16-20 (4) 20-22 (3) 22-00 (2) 00-04 (1) 04-06 (2)	18-20 (1) 20-01 (3) 01-03 (2) 03-06 (2) 19-21 (1)* 21-02 (2)* 02-04 (1)*
Brazil, Argentina, Chile & Uruguay	10-12 (1) 12-13 (2) 13-15 (3) 15-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-09 (2) 09-12 (1) 12-14 (2) 14-15 (3) 15-17 (4) 17-18 (2) 18-19 (1)	12-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-18 (3) 18-20 (4) 20-22 (3) 22-00 (2) 00-05 (1) 05-07 (2) 07-09 (1)	20-22 (1) 22-01 (2) 01-03 (1) 23-02 (1)*
McMurdo Sound, Antarctica	13-16 (1)	12-15 (1) 15-18 (2) 18-19 (1)	07-09 (1) 16-18 (1) 18-19 (2) 19-22 (3) 22-00 (2) 00-02 (1)	00-05 (1)

### CQ Short-Skip Propagation Chart

September and October, 1973

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 (2-0) 14-18 (1)
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 (1-0) 08-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-13 (3-2) 13-16 (4) 16-17 (3) 17-18 (2) 18-19 (2-1) 19-20 (1) 20-07 (1-0)
20	11-21 (0-1)	07-09 (0-1) 09-10 (0-2) 10-11 (0-3) 11-15 (1-4) 15-17 (1-3) 17-21 (1-2) 21-07 (0-1)	07-09 (1-2) 09-10 (2-4) 10-11 (3-4) 11-15 (4) 15-17 (3-4) 17-18 (2-4) 18-21 (2-3) 21-23 (1-2) 23-07 (1)	07-08 (2-1) 08-09 (2) 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) 05-07 (1)

†See "How To Use Short-Skip Charts" in box at beginning of this column.

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

### HAWAII

Openings Given in Hawaiian Standard Time†

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

### ALASKA

Openings Given in GMT†

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

Note: The Alaska and Hawaii Propagation Charts are intended for distances greater than 1300 miles. For shorter distances, use the preceding Short-Skip Propagation Chart.



# Contest Calendar

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## Calendar of Events

Sept. 8-9	WAEDC Phone Contest
Sept. 8-10	Four Land QSO Party
Sept. 15-16	Space Net VHF Contest
Sept. 15-17	Wash. State QSO Party
Sept. 15-17	Pennsylvania QSO Party
Sept. 15-16	Scandinavian C.W. Contest
Sept. 22-23	Scandinavian Phone Contest
Sept. 19-21	YLRL "Howdy Days"
Sept. 22-23	VE/W Contest
Sept. 29-30	Delta QSO Party
Oct. 6-7	California QSO Party
Oct. 6-7	Missouri QSO Party
Oct. 6-7	New Mexico QSO Party
Oct. 6-7	VK/ZL/Oceania Phone
Oct. 13-14	VK/ZL/Oceania C.W.
Oct. 13-14	RSGB 21/28 mHz Phone
Oct. 17-18	YLRL Anniv. C.W. Party
Oct. 20-21	Boy Scouts Jamboree
Oct. 20-21	WADM C.W. Contest
Oct. 20-21	RSGB 7 mHz C.W. Contest
Oct. 20-22	North Carolina QSO Party
<b>Oct. 27-28</b>	<b>CQ WW DX Phone Contest</b>
Nov. 1-2	YLRL Anniv. Phone Party
Nov. 3-4	RSGB 7 mHz Phone Contest
Nov. 2-5	IARS CHC/FHC/HTH Party
Nov. 11	Czechoslovakian Contest
Nov. 10-11	ARRL Phone Sweepstakes
Nov. 17-18	ARRL C.W. Sweepstakes
<b>Nov. 24-25</b>	<b>CQ WW DX C.W. Contest</b>
Dec. 8-9	ARRL 160 Contest
Dec. 22-23	Hungarian Contest

## Space Net VHF Contest

Starts: 6:00 P.M. Saturday, Sept. 15  
Ends: 6:00 P.M. Sunday, Sept. 16  
(Local Time)

This is another in the series of Space Net activities commemorating Apollo moon missions. This one is for Apollo 10, when the LM descended to within 9 miles of the moon, the first rehearsal in lunar environment. Rules same as June issue.

Logs and requests for additional information go to: Space Net VHF Contest, Att: A.W. Slapkowski, WB2MTU, Box 909, Sicklerville, N.J. 08081

## Washington State QSO Party

Starts: 2000 GMT Saturday, September 15  
Ends: 0200 GMT Monday, September 17

\*14 Sherwood Road, Stamford, Conn. 06905.

The eighth 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 QSO points, and again if it is a new multiplier. Wash. stations may work other in-state stations for QSO points.

**Exchange:** QSO no., RS(T) and QTH. County for Wash. stations; state, province or country for all others.

**Scoring:** Wash. stations score one point for each QSO, all others 2 points for each Wash. QSO. Multiplier for Wash. is states, provinces and countries worked. Others use total Wash. counties worked. (max. of 39)

**Frequencies:** C.W.—3560, 7060, 14060, 21060, 28160. Phone—3935, 7260, 14280, 21380, 28660. Novice—3735, 7125, 21150, 28160.

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

Mailing deadline Oct. 15th to: Boeing Employees' A.R.S. Att: Willis Propst, K7RSB, 18415 38th Ave., South, Seattle, Wash. 98188 (Results will be mailed to all entries, no s.a.s.e. required)

## Pennsylvania QSO Party

Starts: 2300 GMT Saturday, September 15  
Ends: 0200 GMT Monday, September 17

This is the 16th annual party sponsored by the Nittany ARC. The same station may be worked on each band and mode for QSO points.

**Exchange:** QSO no., RS(T) and QTH. County for Penn. stations, ARRL section for others.

**Scoring:** For Penn.—3 points for out-of-state contacts, 1 point if with other Penn. stations. Multiply total by number of differ-

ent ARRL sections worked. *Others*—1 point per QSO multiplied by Penn. counties worked. (max. of 67)

**Frequencies:** Look for c.w. activities on odd GMT hours 72.5 kHz from low end of each c.w. band. Phone on even hours 20 kHz from top of each phone band.

**Awards:** Section awards to high scorers in the party and Activity certificates for working ARRL sections, Penn. Counties and the NARC Award. Requirements not given, write the NARC.

Mailing deadline October 15th to: Nitany A.R.S., P.O. Box 60, State College, Penn. 16801.

### Scandinavian Activity Contest

C.W.—Sept. 15-16 Phone—Sept. 22-23

Starts: 1500 GMT Saturday

Ends: 1800 GMT Sunday

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

**Classes:** Single Operator and multi-operator, single and multi transmitter. Club stations will be classed as multi-operator. Multi transmitter stations must use separate series of serial numbers for each band.

**Exchange:** Five and six figures, RS/RST plus a progressive QSO no. starting 001.

**Scoring:** Each completed QSO counts one point. The multiplier is the sum total of SAC countries worked on each band, as listed above. Maximum of 9 per band. Scoring all band only.

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

Phone and c.w. are separate contests. A summary sheet showing the scoring and other information, your name and address in BLOCK LETTERS, and a signed declaration that all rules and regulations have been observed is requested.

Mailing deadline is October 15th and this year logs go to: Alf Almedal, LA5QK, N-4052, Royneberg, Norway.

### "YL Howdy Days"

Starts: 1800 GMT Wednesday, September 19

Ends: 1800 GMT Friday, September 21

This activity is for YL's only. 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 contacted. Only one contact with the same station. There is no multiplier scoring.

The top scoring YLRL member will receive her choice of a YLRL pin, charm, or stationery. The highest scoring non-member receives a one year membership.

Mailing deadline is October 15th and this year logs go to: Eila D. Russell, WA8EBS, 4348 W. 223rd Street, Fairview Park, Ohio 44126.

### VE/W Contest

Starts: 2300 GMT Saturday, September 22

Ends: 0200 GMT Monday, September 24

It's 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 total operating time may be used in this period. On and off times must be indicated in the log, minimum off period is 15 mins.

**Exchange:** QSO no., RS(T) and QTH. ARRL section for W/K's; geographical areas for 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 areas from each band for their multiplier. (max. of 13 each band) VE/VO's will use ARRL sections.

**Awards:** Certificates to the top 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 top scoring Canadian and US 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.

Log forms and summary sheets are available from the MARC address below, include a s.a.e. and IRC's to cover postage.

Mailing deadline for logs is October 31st to: MARC Contest Committee, P.O. Box 2206, Dorval Station, 780, Quebec, Canada.

### Delta QSO Party

Starts: 2000 GMT Saturday, September 29

Ends: 0200 GMT Monday, October 1

This is the 4th annual QSO party sponsored by the Delta Division of the ARRL. Delta stations (Ark., La., Miss., Tenn.) work stations both in and outside their boundaries, others only Delta stations. The same station may be worked on each band and mode, portable and mobile each county change.

**Exchange:** QSO no., RS(T) and QTH. County and state for Delta, ARRL section for others.

**Scoring:** For Delta, QSO's times ARRL sections worked. (max. of 75) Others, QSO's times Delta counties worked. (max. of 316) DX stations may be worked for QSO points only.

**Frequencies:** C.W.—3550, 7050, 14050, 21050, 28050. Phone—3990, 7290, 14290, 21390, 28590. Novice—3775, 7175, 21125, 28125.

**Certificate Awards:**

A. Achievement: All stations contacting 5 stations in each of the 4 Delta states.

B. Delta: To the 3 highest scoring stations in each of the 4 states.

C. Others: To the highest scoring station in each ARRL section and country.

D. Plaques to the top scorer both in and outside the Delta division. Also to the top scoring portable and mobile station.

Mailing deadline November 5th to: Malcolm P. Keown, W5RUB, 213 Moonmist, Vicksburg, Miss. 39180.

**California QSO Party**

Two Periods: (GMT)

1800 Sat. Oct. 6 to 0600 Sun. Oct. 7

1500 Sun. Oct. 7 to 0300 Mon. Oct. 8

This is the 8th annual QSO Party sponsored by the North Hills Radio Club. The same station may be worked once per band and mode. Calif. stations may work each other for QSO and section credit.

**Exchange:** QSO no., RS(T) and QTH. County for Calif., ARRL section or country for others.

**Scoring:** One point per QSO. Calif. use ARRL sections and DX countries worked for their multiplier. Others use Calif. counties. (max. of 58)

**Frequencies:** C.W.—3560, 7060, 14060, 21060, 28060. s.s.b.—3880, 3980, 7280, 14280, 21280, 21380, 28580. Novice—3725, 7125, 21125, 28125.

**Awards:** Certificates to the winners in each of the 74 ARRL sections and each DX country. Additional awards where justified.

Include a summary sheet, list counties, sections and DX countries worked. Name and address in BLOCK LETTERS and the usual signed declaration.

Mailing deadline Nov. 7th to: John Minke, W6KYA, 6230 Rio Bonito Drive, Carmichael, Calif. 95608. Include s.a.s.e. for results.

**Missouri QSO Party**

Starts: 2300 GMT Saturday, October 6

Ends: 2300 GMT Sunday, October 7

This is the Special 10th Anniversary Party sponsored by the St. Louis A.R.C. Special efforts will be made to activate hard to get Mo. counties.

The same station may be worked once on each band and mode, and mobiles from each county change. Mo. stations may work other Mo. stations for QSO and state multiplier.

**Exchange:** QSO no., RS(T) and QTH. County for Mo., state, province or DX country for others.

**Scoring:** One point per QSO. Mo. stations multiply total by sum of states, provinces and DX countries worked. Others use Mo. counties for their multiplier. (max. of 115) (KH6 and KL7 count as state only)

**Frequencies:** C.W.—1815, 3560, 7060, 14060, 21060, 28060. Phone—1815, 3860, 3960, 7260, 14260, 14290, 21290, 21360, 28560. v.h.f.—50.110, 144.090, 144.110, 145.110.

**Awards:** Certificates to top scorers in each state, province and DX country and the top 10 Missouri entries. The top overall scorer will receive a special commemorative plaque.

Mailing deadline is Dec. 1st to: Warren Bergmann, WØTDR, 842 Tuxedo Blvd., Webster Groves, Missouri 63119. Include s.a.s.e. for results.

**New Mexico QSO Party**

Three Periods: (GMT)

2200 Sat. Oct. 6 to 0100 Sun. Oct. 7

0200 to 0600 and 1800 to 2200 Oct. 7

This one is sponsored by the Los Alamos ARC. The same station may be worked only once on each band, but again if there is a county change. Instate contacts are valid for New Mex.

**Exchange:** QSO no., RS(T) and QTH. County for New Mex., state, province or

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# THE awards PROGRAM



BY ED HOPPER,\* W2GT

## Special Honor Roll All Counties

#105—James C. Carmody, Jr., W8UOQ, 5-16-73.

**T**HE "Story of The Month" for September, as told by Harry is:

**Harry B. Okey, Jr., WDX6ETT**  
(All Counties #88, 11-22-72)  
#1 to S.W.L.!

"Greetings from my short-wave monitoring station, which is located three blocks from the Pacific Ocean, north of San Diego in sunny Southern California.

"To do my monitoring, I use a Hammarlund HQ-170 receiver with a Mosley SWL-7 doublet antenna and a Webcor tape recorder.

"One day in 1948, while tuning around, I heard many amateurs traveling through different states making contacts with other amateurs in their cars (mobile stations) or with fixed stations. I soon became very interested in monitoring these mobile stations as they traveled around their home town, state to state, or from coast to coast.

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



Harry B. Okey, Jr., WDX6ETT. #1 s.w.l. Holder of All Counties Award.

## USA-CA HONOR ROLL

3000	1500	500
W8UOQ .....126	W8UOQ .....225	PY3BXW ....946
2500	WA1KMP ....226	W8UOQ .....947
W8UOQ .....158	1000	OK1TA .....948
2000	W8UOQ .....304	WA1KMP ....949
WA5YSC .....186	WA1KMP ....305	
W8UOQ .....187		

"I shortly ran across the 20 meter Independent County Hunters Net, and many mobiles from all over the country would check into this Net and give out different counties. I soon learned there were 3,077 different counties in the U.S. and for working these one could get a very nice USA-Counties Awards Certificate. I also found out that short wave listeners could also apply for this certificate on a heard basis. This sounded like a challenge to me, to see how long it would take me to hear and confirm the different counties in the U.S.A.

"On Saturday, November 18, 1972 I finally logged my last USA county, which was W9SDK/M4 in Georgia on his return trip from Florida to Wisconsin.

"As fast as possible, I finished my application and rushed it to W2GT and I was soon notified that I had earned All Counties #88, dated 11-22-72 and that I was the first short wave listener to receive this All Counties Award and later a plaque through the kind courtesy of the ICH NET!

"I am 48 years old, the youngest of three brothers, unmarried, born in Iowa but graduated from La Jolla High School in 1943 and then went on to attend the University of Berkeley.

"My hobbies include monitoring all the amateur bands, especially the 20 meter Independent County Hunters Net. I also like to collect DX QSLs and I have a fine collection from all types of amateur stations /P, /M, A/M and M/M.



"When I was five years old, I lost my right leg from blood poisoning. This accident did not discourage me from taking part in different sports as I grew older. Each year I would enter the long-distance rough water swimming races which were held at one of our local beaches. I used to roller skate and I like to go bowling, hunting, fishing and fly single-engine aircraft."

"I would like to thank all County Hunters for their kind help and cooperation and for confirming my reports of their signals."

### Awards Issued

James Carmody, W8UOQ waited until he had them *all* before sending me the necessary paper work.

Dr. Bill George, WA5YSC keeps busy and made USA-CA-2000, All SSB.

Marge Doucette, WA1KMP won USA-CA-500, 1000 and 1500 endorsed All A-1. (Her OM is Charles, WA1KMQ).

Eduardo Snel, PY3BXW was issued USA-CA-500-#946, endorsed All 2 X SSB. This is #2 Award to Brazil.

Karel Hercik, OK1TA acquired USA-CA-500 #948, Mixed.

### Awards

**Klondike Gold Rush Anniversary Award:** The amateurs of the Yukon have banded together to offer this award during 1973, the 75th Anniversary of The Klondike Gold Rush. To qualify, one must contact three different Yukon amateurs (s.s.b. or c.w.) or one Yukon amateur on three different bands between January 1st 1973 and December 31, 1973. Submit log data containing the date, time and frequency of the QSO, and the name and location of the Yukon operator. Send this and \$1.00 U.S. or Canadian or 6 IRCs to: Andy Duncan, VA8CD, Yukon Amateur Radio Association, Haines Junction, Yukon Territory, Canada. VA is a commemorative prefix issued to VE8 Yukon amateurs for Klondike '73. Look for them around 0100 GMT and 0500 GMT on 14205 (break on c.w. and they will gladly QSY), or 3782 from 0400 to 0700 GMT.

**Ulster County Award:** This attractive award is being issued by the Overlook Mountain Radio Club of Kingston, N.Y. for contacting amateur radio stations in Ulster County, N.Y. No time, mode or band limitations. DX stations (including KH6, KL7) contact any two stations in Ulster



### Mississippi Coast ARA Award.

County, N.Y. Continental U.S. stations must contact any three Ulster County stations. Cost: 50 cents to W-K stations, 4 IRCs for DX stations. QSLs not required, but log data must accompany your request for Award. Send to: Ulster County Award Manager, Harold Twiss, WA2RXP, Country Lane, Lake Katrine, N.Y. 12449.

**The Mississippi Coast ARA Operating Achievement Award:** This Award issued in recognition of the first year of operation of this Amateur Radio Association. All contacts after 1 January 1972 are valid. Amateurs in Miss., Louisiana, and Alabama need contact 5 MCARA members. Amateurs in the remainder of the 10 W-K call areas need contact 2 members. Amateurs in the rest of the world need contact 1 member. Send all QSO data with \$1.00 or 5 IRCs to: MCARA, P. O. Box 1785, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501.

**Wonderful Wisconsin Week:** A certificate signed by the Governor of Wisconsin will be awarded to all who qualify. A special

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### Ulster County (N.Y.) Award.

# SURPLUS sidelights

BY GORDON ELIOT WHITE\*

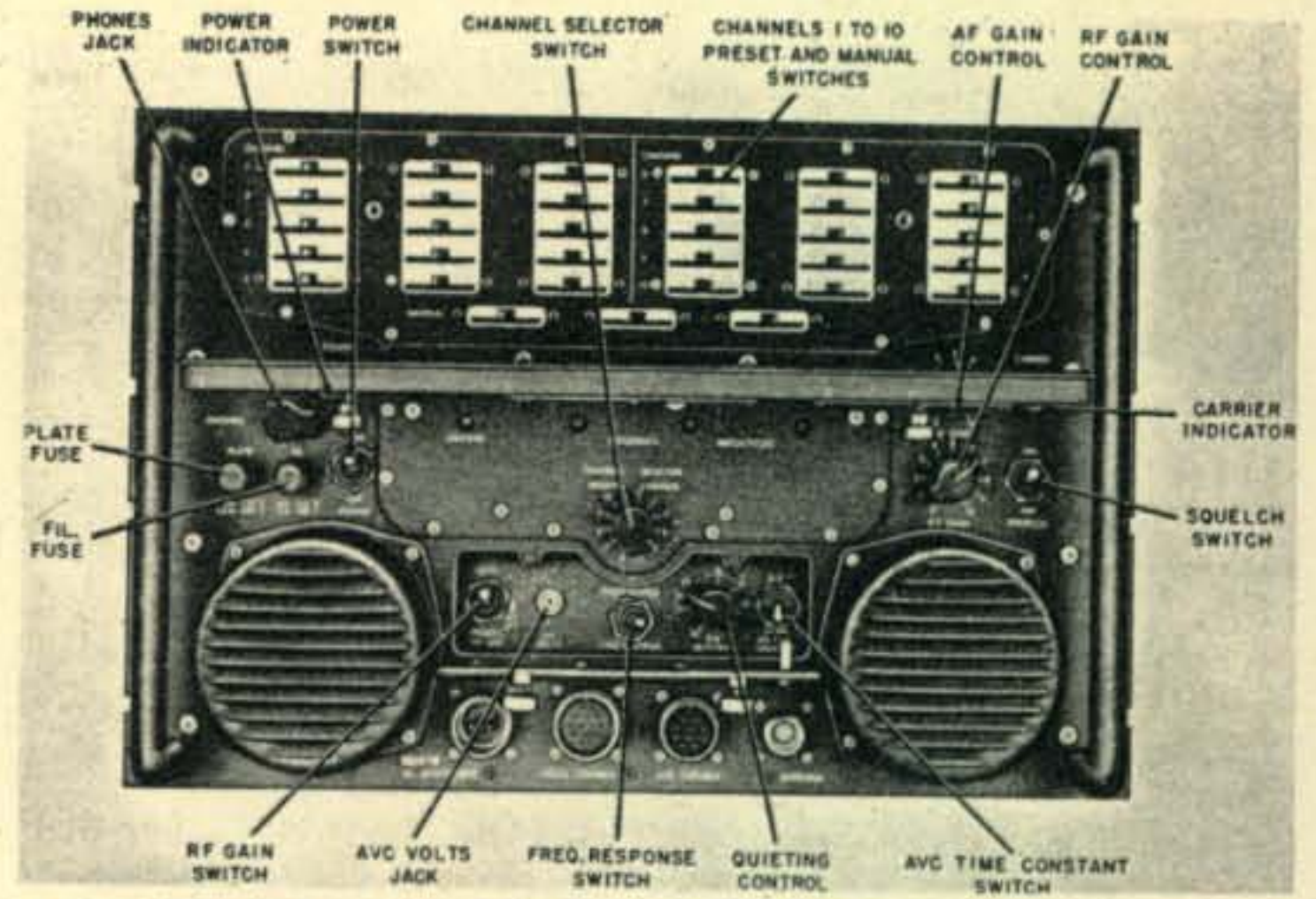
**M**ILITARY u.h.f. transceivers are now becoming surplus, and may have some utility for amateurs and sophisticated s.w.l.s who want to eavesdrop on the Air Force, or get on 220 MHz. After a long period of high prices and an export market abroad, the AN/ARC-27 aircraft transceiver is now cheap enough for surplus hounds, and the AN/GRC-27 ground version is also beginning to turn up. This month I will deal in general terms with the R-278B/GR, the receiver portion of the GRC-27, and later I may take up other sections.

The receiver is a standard u.h.f. superhet covering the military aircraft band from 220 MHz to 399.9 MHz in the usual 1,750 channels (100 kHz spacing). This is obsolete, as the aircraft channels are now spaced in 25 kHz increments.

The unit uses 38 crystals in a synthesizer arrangement, with triple conversion. Tuning is automatic, with a motor drive.

The antenna input is 52 ohms, and the set

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Front panel view of the R-278 UHF receiver, used by the Navy in shipboard and shore stations.

used either directional or omni-directional antennas, the latter the small rod-type disc seen on airport control towers.

The manual on these sets is either *NavShips 92774* or *NavShips 92175*. They were built Circa 1956 by Collins Radio Company. The receiver weighs in at a dainty 115 pounds (less rack) and the whole set tips the scales at 412 pounds. The receiver draws 385 watts — 85 watts more during channel selection.

Although 1,750 channels are available, only ten are pre-set in the controls. Stability is plus or minus 10 kHz. Sensitivity is rated as requiring 6 microvolts 30 percent modulated, to produce 1 watt output at not less than 10 db signal to noise ratio. Selectivity is 85 kHz or greater bandwidth at 6 db;

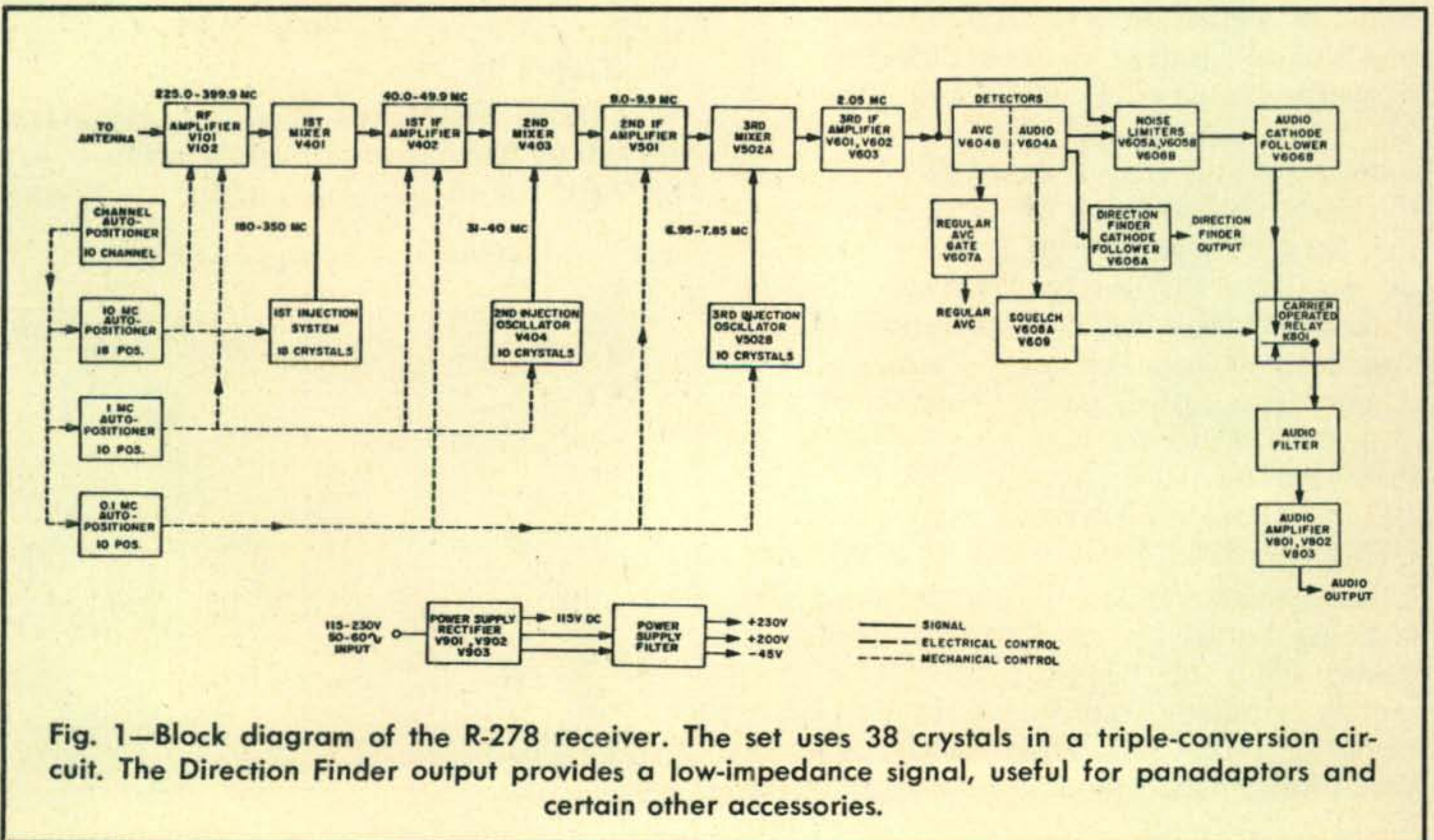


Fig. 1—Block diagram of the R-278 receiver. The set uses 38 crystals in a triple-conversion circuit. The Direction Finder output provides a low-impedance signal, useful for panadaptors and certain other accessories.

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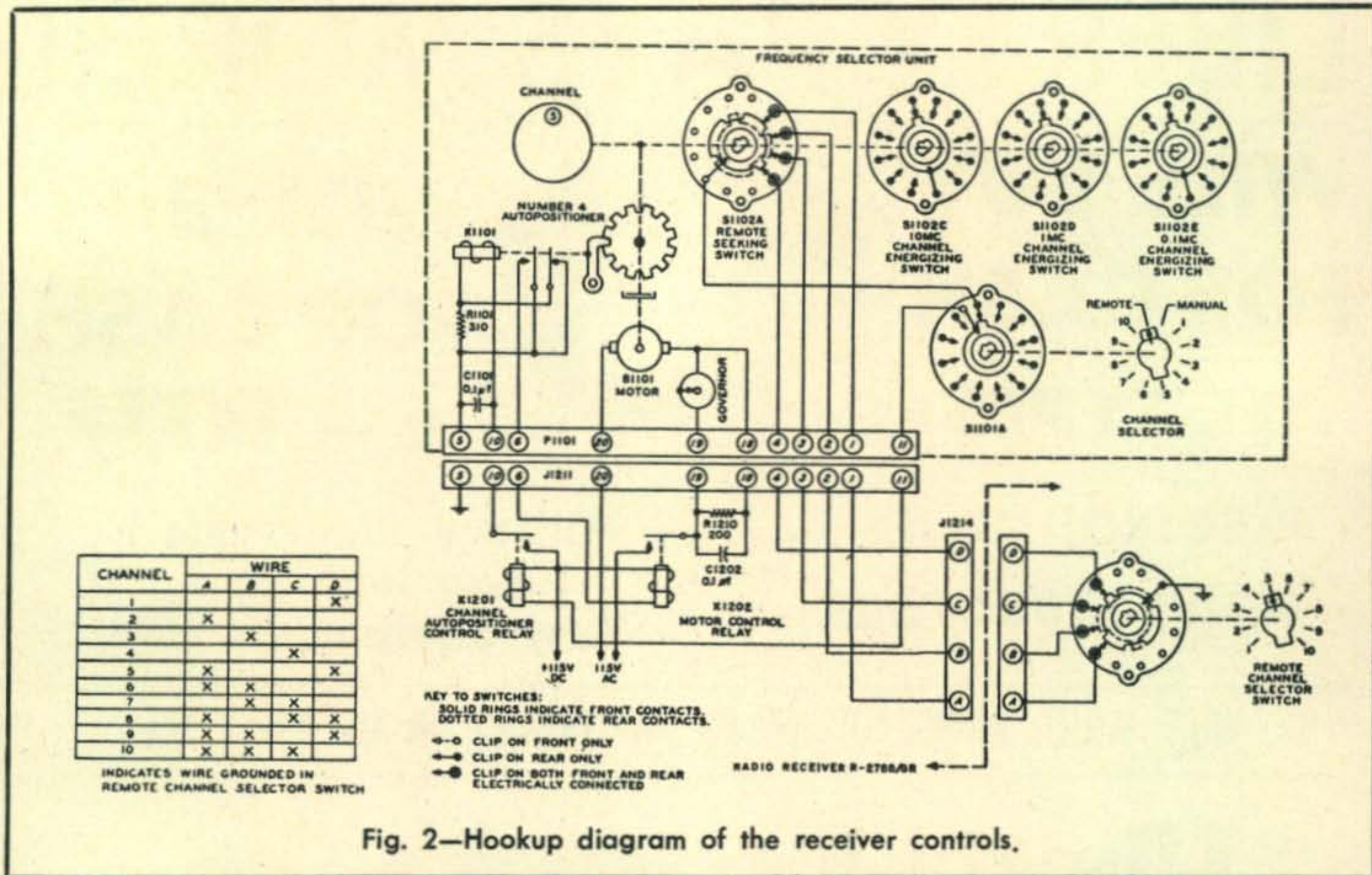


Fig. 2—Hookup diagram of the receiver controls.

225 kHz at 60 db down. The set will boom out 3 watts into 600 ohm headsets—that ought to blast anyone out of his daydreams.

The receiver alone boasts 30 vacuum tubes of 13 different types.

This is undoubtedly one of the ugliest surplus receivers around, as the photo shows. It has two big blower intakes, the cable plugs, and a raft of channel setting knobs on the front panel. Each pre-set channel is tuned by adjusting a set of knurled discs—one for 10 mHz, 1.0 mHz and 0.1 mHz steps. Thereafter tuning for the pre-selected frequencies is done with the channel selector.

Fig. 1 is a block diagram of the receiver. The crystal scheme is as follows:

**First Injection**

220-280 mHz, crystal frequencies from 30 mHz to 38.3333, multiplication  $\times 6$ ; 280-400 mHz, crystal frequencies from 26.6667 mHz to 38.8889 mHz, mult.  $\times 9$ .

**Second Injection**

- |       |                |
|-------|----------------|
| 0 mHz | 31 mHz crystal |
| 1 mHz | 32 mHz crystal |
| 2 mHz | 33 mHz crystal |
| 3 mHz | 34 mHz crystal |
| 4 mHz | 35 mHz crystal |
| 5 mHz | 36 mHz crystal |
| 6 mHz | 37 mHz crystal |
| 7 mHz | 38 mHz crystal |
| 8 mHz | 39 mHz crystal |
| 9 mHz | 40 mHz crystal |

**Third Injection**

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|--------|------------------|
| .0 mHz | 6.95 mHz crystal |
| .1 mHz | 7.05 mHz crystal |

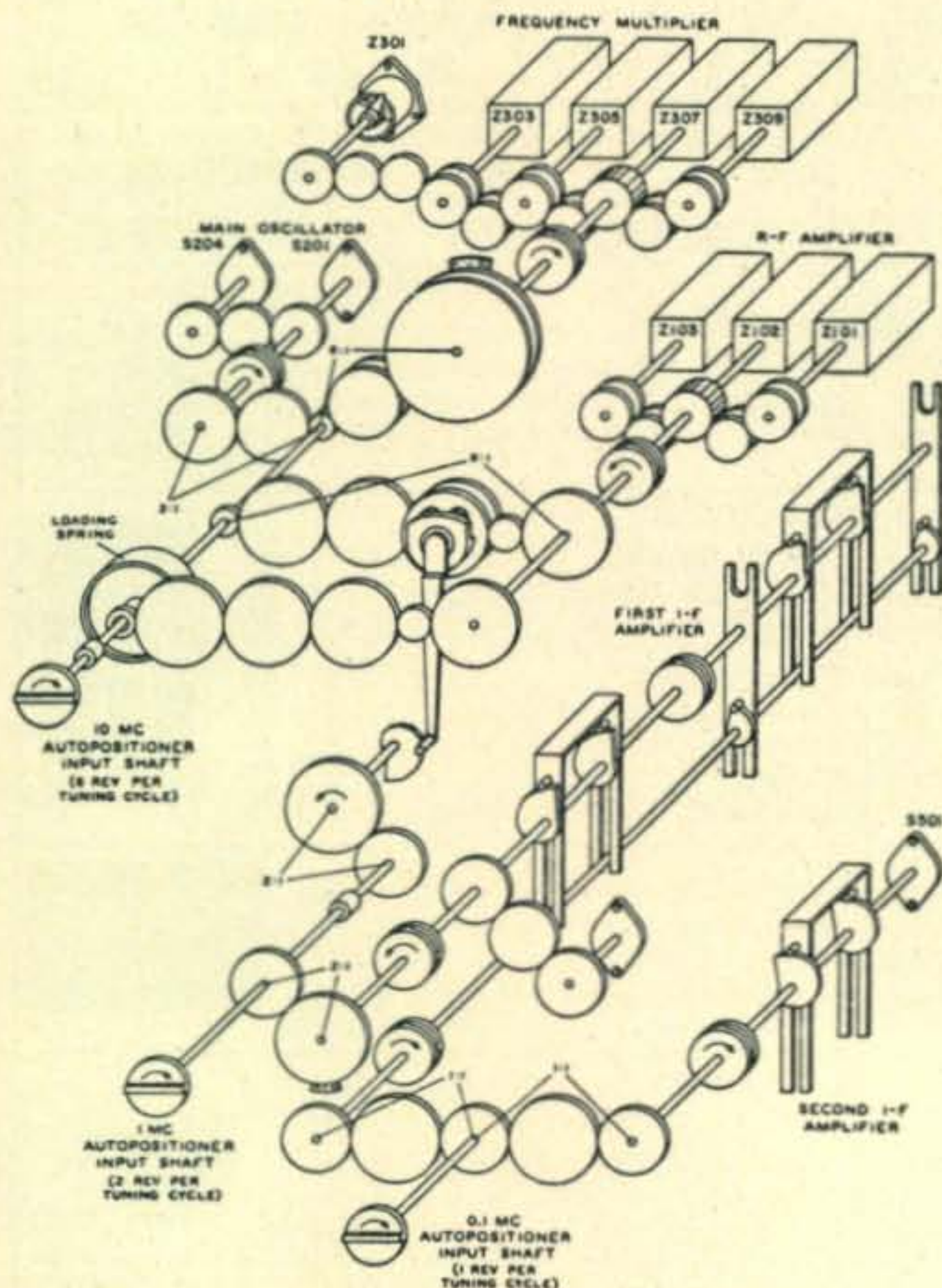


Fig. 3—This drawing gives a general view of the rather complex rack and cam system used by Collins to tune the three sets of variable intermediate frequency transformers.

.2 mHz	7.15 mHz crystal
.3 mHz	7.25 mHz crystal
.4 mHz	7.35 mHz crystal
.5 mHz	7.45 mHz crystal
.6 mHz	7.55 mHz crystal
.7 mHz	7.65 mHz crystal
.8 mHz	7.75 mHz crystal
.9 mHz	7.85 mHz crystal

The receiver features noise limiters, and a squelch circuit, also a direction finding circuit that is normally not used.

The i.f. tuning system (fig. 2) is typical Collins, with a complex series of permeability-tuned i.f. transformers and geared, cam-driven racks. With cams and pawls and autopositioner input shafts and so on, it is a beautiful scene for the Rube Goldberg types. It works very nicely, but I suggest not trying to make hasty adjustments to that portion of the set.

Since the set has a schematic diagram printed on the side of the chassis, we will not attempt to reproduce it in the small size of a magazine page. Fig. 3 is the control diagram.

The R-278 will work with the AN/ARC-27, the RDZ, TED, TDZ, AN/URR-13, AN/URR-35, AN/ARC-33, etc., which also have 1750 channels spaced 100 kHz apart. (The lowest 25 channels are not counted, as they are not normally used in military communications in this band.) ■

### Awards [from page 71]

award will be given to the Wisconsin amateur who assists most out-of state operators to qualify. Rules: 1. A Wisconsin applicant submits his QSL and log information of 10 or more contacts made with out of state stations. 2. An out of state applicant submits his QSL and log information of 5 or more contacts with Wisconsin amateurs. 3. A foreign amateur submits his QSL and log information of 2 or more contacts with Wisconsin amateurs (Canada-Alaska-Hawaii included in this section). 4. Only contacts made during Wonderful Wisconsin Week—Sept. 16, through Sept. 22, are valid. There is no charge for the certificate. Mail applicants to: WA9KNH, Robert J. Draeger, P.O. Box 2507, West Allis, Wisconsin 53214. Please apply by Nov. 15, 1973.

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Sad news via Bertha, WA4BMC-Dan

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Earhart, W6UNP, *All Counties* #99, dated 3-28-73, died of a massive heart attack, May 17, 1973. Sincere sympathy from all County Hunters to his family and friends.

Also sorry to hear of the passing of an old friend, Reeve Strock, K4AW. Pre-war as W2GTZ (later W2YW), with another friend, Walt Bostwick, W2GW; we used to chase DX and much to my chagrin when I would call DX, a big percentage of the time when they came back they would answer W2G (and I'd hold my breath) and the next letter would be a W (W2GW) or TZ (W2GTZ)-Hi. The last I knew, Walt was an inactive K6.

### Independent Cities of Virginia And The Counties For Which They May Be Used —Only Once!

After much research, checking up-to-date maps, much discussion with County Hunters, in view of all the changes in Virginia, it was agreed that a definite list must be made-under the new setup, 5 Independent Cities do *NOT* touch any Virginia County. Most agree that Independent Cities in a state should *NOT* be used for counties in another state. The following list has been agreed upon and yes, they may be used but *ONCE*, regardless of the number of QSOs (even with different stations), so if such a city touches two counties, be sure to pick the *ONE* you need.

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| <b>Bristol</b> —          | <b>Nansemond</b> —Isle of   |
| Washington.               | Wight <i>or</i>             |
| <b>Buena Vista</b> —      | Southampton.                |
| Rockbridge.               | <b>Newport News</b> —       |
| <b>Charlottesville</b> —  | York.                       |
| Albemarle.                | <b>Norfolk</b> —Isle of     |
| <b>Chesapeake</b> —       | Wight.                      |
| Isle of Wight.            | <b>Norton</b> —Wise.        |
| <b>Clifton Forge</b> —    | <b>Petersburg</b> —         |
| Alleghany.                | Dinwiddle <i>or</i>         |
| <b>Colonial Heights</b> — | Prince George.              |
| Chesterfield <i>or</i>    | <b>Portsmouth</b> —Isle of  |
| Prince George.            | Wight.                      |
| <b>Covington</b> —        | <b>Radford</b> —            |
| Alleghany.                | Montgomery.                 |
| <b>Danville</b> —         | <b>Richmond</b> —           |
| Pittsylvania.             | Chesterfield <i>or</i>      |
| <b>Emporia</b> —          | Henrico.                    |
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<b>Fredericksburg</b> — Spotsylvania.	<b>Virginia Beach</b> — Isle of Wight.
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<b>Hampton</b> —York.	<b>Williamsburg</b> — James City.
<b>Harrisonburg</b> — Rockingham.	<b>Winchester</b> — Frederick.
<b>Hopewell</b> — Prince George.	
<b>Lexington</b> — Rockbridge.	

*NOTE*—Regarding Washington, D.C.—  
Montgomery or Prince George, Maryland.

I'd like to thank all the County Hunters who were a great help with this list, but YOU know who YOU are so I will not list anyone so as NOT to miss and thus slight anyone, THANKS!

My two main problems are space and 90 day deadline, please try to understand and write and tell me. How was your month?

73, Ed., W2GT.

### Contest Calendar [from page 69]

country for all others.

**Scoring:** 1 point per QSO. Multiplier for New Mex. is the sum of states, provinces, countries and NM counties worked. Others use NM counties for their multiplier. (max. of 32)

**Frequencies:** C.W.—65 kHz up from low edge of band. Phone—Near the edge between General and Advanced. Novice—Middle of each Novice band.

**Awards:** Appropriate awards will be given to winners in each section.

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#### VK/ZL/Oceania DX Contest

Phone: Oct. 6-7 C.W. Oct. 13-14

Starts: 1000 GMT Saturday

Ends: 1000 GMT Sunday

Stations in the rest of the world will concentrate on Oceania, with the emphasis on VK/ZL.

Rules apply to stations other than VK/ZL.

**Exchange:** Five and six figures, RS/RST

plus a progressive QSO no. starting 001.

**Scoring:** *Oceania stations:* 2 points for VK/ZL contacts, 1 point with rest of world. *Outside Oceania:* 2 points for VK/ZL contacts, 1 point for Oceania contacts other than VK/ZL.

**Final Score:** Total QSO points multiplied by sum total of VK/ZL call areas worked on all bands. Single band scores are also acceptable.

**Logs:** Date/time in GMT, station worked, number sent/rec'd, band and QSO points. Underline each new VK/ZL call area worked on each band, use separate log sheet for each band.

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

**Awards:** An attractive colored pictorial certificate goes to the top all band scorer in each country and call areas of W/K, JA and UA. Single bands awards if returns warrant.

There is also a s.w.l. section. Only VK/ZL stations are to be logged, include call of station being worked and serial number sent.

Logs must be in the hands of the committee no later than Jan. 22, 1974. This year they go to: Wireless Institute of Australia, Box N1002 G.P.O. Perth, Western Australia 6001.

#### CQ World Wide DX Contest

Phone: Oct. 27-28 C.W.: Nov. 24-25

Starts: 0000 GMT Saturday

Ends: 2400 GMT Sunday

Rules are the same as previous years and will be given in details next month. Following is a brief break-down for overseas areas.

1. All bands may be used.
2. Exchange, RS/RST plus 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.
4. Multiplier is determined by the sum of Zones and Countries worked on each band. (CQ Zone and ARRL and DARC lists).
5. Final Score: (a) Single band, Zones

plus Countries multiplied by QSO points. (b) All band, sum of Zones plus sum of Countries from each band multiplied by total QSO points.

6. Three divisions. (a) Single operator, single or all band. (b) Multi-operator, single transmitter. (c) Multi-operator multi transmitter.

7. A multi-operator, single transmitter station, only *one* transmitter and *one* signal within the same time period permitted. 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 Zone and Country *only first time* it is worked on each band.

Official rules including list of 25 Trophies will appear in next month's issue. Official log and summary sheets are available from CQ. Include a large s.a.s.e. or IRC's to cover postage. CQ World Wide DX Contest, 14 Vanderventer Ave., Port Washington, L.I. N.Y. USA 11050.

#### Editor's Note

Lack of space dictates that this be brief. Its inevitable that there are bound to be conflicts with so many state parties scheduled. A better choice of frequencies however would avoid a lot of the confusion that is bound to happen when three activities are going at the same time on the same frequencies. 73 for now, Frank, W1WY

#### Announcements [from page 10]

##### E. New Kensington & N.E. Monroeville, Pennsylvania

The Skyview ARC will hold its 11th Annual Swap and Shop on Sunday, Sept. 9th at the Club Grounds, 6 miles East of New Kensington PA, 15 miles N.E. of Monroeville, Pa. Follow direction signs from junction of Routes 366 and 380 to club ground. Check-in on 29.0 MHz and 146.94, no fees, parking free, lots of shade and refreshments available. For more info, write c/o Club Station K3MJW, 239 Michigan Ave., Lower Burrell, PA 15068.

##### Mount Clemens, Michigan

L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club, located in Mount Clemens, Michigan will be holding a Swap-and-Shop September 16th. For information, please contact Richard Arzadon, WA8RXI, Club Pres., at 43642 Gainsley, Sterling Hts., Michigan 48078. Phone: (313) 731-4998.

#### CQ Reviews Miida [from page 34]

6354 has a rated accuracy for d.c. potentials of  $\pm 0.1\%$  of reading  $\pm 1$  digit (at ambient

temperature of 23 deg. C.  $\pm 10$  deg. C., humidity less than 85%). The maximum obtainable resolution is 1 mv on the 2 v. range; input impedance is 1M on this range and 10M on the other ones. The normal mode rejection is 40 db minimum @ 60 Hz  $\pm 1\%$  and the common mode rejection is 60 db minimum with 1K unbalance @ 60 Hz.

The rated accuracy for a.c. potentials is  $\pm 0.3\%$  of reading  $\pm 0.2\%$  of full scale, except  $\pm 0.5\%$  of reading  $\pm 0.5\%$  of full scale on the 350 v. range (under the above environment). These ratings for the initial case boil down to  $\pm 0.5\%$  at full-scale,  $\pm 0.7\%$  of reading at mid-scale and  $\pm 1.1\%$  of reading at quarter-scale. For the 350 v. range the respective equivalents are  $\pm 1\%$ ,  $\pm 1.5\%$  and  $\pm 2.5\%$ . Maximum resolution is 1 mv r.m.s. on 2 v. range, input impedance is 1M. Frequency response is 45 Hz to 20 kHz.

The accuracy for resistance is given as  $\pm 0.5\%$  of reading  $\pm 1$  digit, except  $\pm 1\%$ ,  $\pm 2\%$  and  $\pm 10\%$  of reading  $\pm 1$  digit on the 2M, 20M and 200M ranges respectively. The impressed current varies in decade steps from 10 ma on the 200-ohms range down to 10 na on the 200M range. Maximum resolution is 0.1 ohms on the 200-ohms range. Response time for resistances is not given, but was found to be within 2 seconds on all ranges (without range change).

Although we do not have the voltage standards needed for checking the accuracy of *all* ranges of the 6354 to within the specified tolerances, from those we do have in this respect and by comparisons with other DMM's of similar ratings, the Miida job lives up to its specifications. Resistance accuracy also was as specified when checked against 0.5% resistors.

The unit operates from a 110/120 v.a.c., 50/60 Hz, source through a detachable line cord at a power consumption of 11 watts. Its size is approximately  $2\frac{3}{4}'' \times 8\frac{1}{2}'' \times 7\frac{5}{8}''$  (H.W.D., exclusive of mounting feet and handle) and the weight is about 4.6 lbs.

#### Current-Measuring Accessories

The current-measuring accessories are six individual precision resistors that are shunted across the voltage-input terminals, the voltage drop across which is then measured according to the current through the particular resistor. The display then shows up in terms of current.

These resistors are available in decade



steps for measuring d.c. currents of 1 a. to 20 na full-scale with accuracies varying from  $\pm 0.2\%$  to  $\pm 1\%$  of reading  $\pm 1$  digit (according to the range). The a.c.-current ranges are from 1 a. to 100 na full-scale at a rated accuracy of  $\pm 0.8\%$  of reading  $\pm 0.2\%$  of full-scale. The price is \$2.00 each.

There also are adapters for d.c. potentials up to 36 KV and a.c. potentials to 1000 v. A probe is available too.

The Miida Model 6354 Mini-Multimeter is priced at \$289.50, complete with power cable, test leads, ground cord, spare fuse, hold plug and vinyl cover. It is guaranteed to maintain specified accuracies for 6 months after shipment and for 6 months after each calibration. There also is a warranty of 1 year against defects in workmanship and material. Prices and other data on the accessories may be obtained from Miida Electronics, 2 Hammarskjold Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017. —W2AEF

### Keying Switch [from page 35]

utors, are specified, almost any silicon switching PNP|NPN transistors can be used.

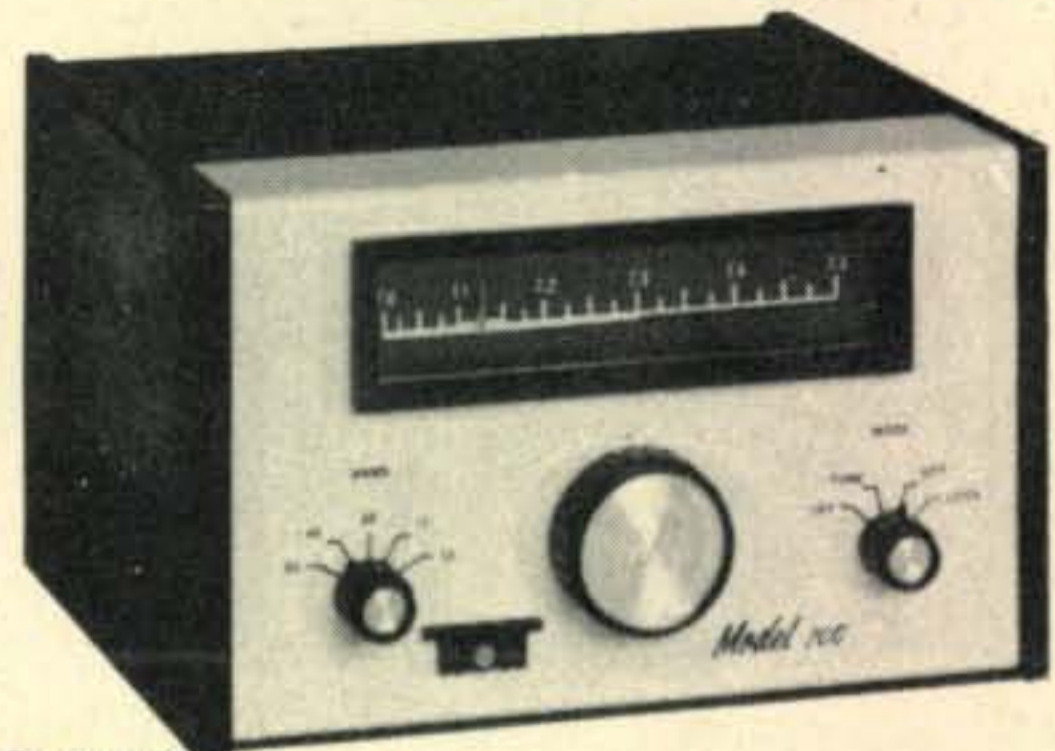
If a "stiff" enough power supply is used, there is no need to regulate the v.f.o. supply voltage. Usually, however, this is not the case, as really "stiff" transistor power supplies begin to get expensive. Battery supplies that are easily carried for portable operation may have sufficient internal resistance to cause some chirp, especially when they have aged slightly (particularly true for lantern batteries). Thus, to minimize the chirp problem,  $CR_1$ , a zener diode of 2 or more volts less than the supply voltage, should be used to regulate the v.f.o.

In several recent circuits, such as the one used by Weiss in his QRP transmitter<sup>3</sup>, zener regulation is already provided. The zener regulation for these circuits should be retained, eliminating  $CR_1$ . The v.f.o. portion may be separated from the untuned buffer, and only the v.f.o. portion keyed, or the entire circuit can be keyed with the v.f.o. switch. The switch will work equally well with all of the transistor v.f.o.'s that have been described.

Zeroing is provided by  $CR_2$  and a push-button or other suitable switch.

<sup>3</sup> Weiss, Adrian, K8EEG, "A Multiband FET VFO QRP Transmitter," *Ham Radio*, July 1972.

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## Adding An Outboard VFO

Both the Heath and the Ten-Tec transceivers provide a crystal input for their transceivers. Adding an external v.f.o. to either of these rigs or similar homebrewed rigs<sup>1</sup> amounts to simply capacitively coupling either a homebrew or Ten-Tec module v.f.o. to the pin of the crystal socket which goes to the oscillator/buffer base. The keying line is then directly connected to the transceiver keying line, by either hooking directly to the key, or adding an appropriate jack to the transceiver.

An advantage in using an external v.f.o. with a transceiver is that by adding a T-R switch, such as the simple one described by WA9CXP<sup>4</sup> or the more elaborate one of W4ETO<sup>5</sup>, full break/in operation is possible. VOX type semi-break-in can be achieved using a Ten-Tec AC-7 module, or other similar circuit.

## Transistor VFO's and the Drake 2NT

Since the v.f.o. promised by Drake in their early brochure for the 2NT has never appeared, and because crystal operation by Novices is a thing of the past (as well as the fact that the 2NT is a dandy c.w. transmitter), the addition of a simple v.f.o. to this transmitter makes a great rig. The transistor v.f.o. is hooked to the crystal socket through a step-up transformer (see Demaw's article on v.f.o.'s<sup>6</sup>), and the keying connection from the v.f.o. switch is hooked to the relay point provided on the 2NT.

(Note that this switch circuit is not suitable for use with either cathode keyed rigs like the Adventurer and the DX-40, or with grid block keying rigs such as the DX-60.)

The v.f.o. switch described is only one of the simple circuits that can be added to QRP gear to increase the "fun quotient." How's *your* imagination? ■

<sup>4</sup> Kanode, Irwin G., WA9CKP, "The Simplest TR Switch," *CQ*, Feb. 1970.

<sup>5</sup> McCoy, Lewis, W1ICP, "Simplified Antenna Switching," *QST*, April 1971.

<sup>6</sup> Demaw, Doug, W1CER, "Some Tips On Solid-State VFO Design," *QST*, May 1970.

## Math's Notes [from page 51]

Finally, our old friend, Signetics Corporation, 811 East Arques Avenue, Sunnyvale, California, 94086, has a new 14 pin DIP zero crossing detector chip. This device,

their SP363A, works from either +5 volts and -12 volts, and will convert low level analog voltages and signals of  $\pm 30$  millivolts or more, to TTL compatible outputs. This device should be just the ticket for producing TTL compatible timing pulses from the AC line. Cost for the SP 363A is \$2.15 in lots of 1-99.

73, Irv, WA2NDM

## OSCAR-Mobiling [from page 32]

On May 24 I returned to Vermont for another two day DXpedition. On the 24th I worked six stations from Rutland, and on the 25th another 15 stations from the area around Manchester. Some of these were made from a fantastic location atop Mt. Equinox. On June 11 I again put Vermont on the air, working 13 stations from Bennington.

Then I found another great use for a mobile OSCAR-6 station. The Schenectady (N.Y.) Amateur Radio Association planned to put K2AE/2 on the air for Field Day, June 23 and 24. This year they wanted to include satellite operations, so I drove over to their campsite, and presto—K2AE/2 was in operation via OSCAR-6. We made 11 contacts during Field Day, including the first trans-Atlantic QSO with the mobile equipment when we worked G3IOR during orbit 3146.

To sum up, in three months I've made over 150 contacts with the 100-watt mobile OSCAR-6 ground station, reaching all USA districts and into four countries.

The equipment I am using is shown in fig. 1 and the photo. It is all standard commercial gear, and easily duplicated. If you plan, as I did, to use c.w., an operating platform is needed. I used a piece of plywood hooked under the dash and held down by a seat belt. A word of *caution*, remember that for safety, everything *must* be securely fastened.

The equipment has operated just great, and well beyond my original expectations. I'm getting more of a kick out of amateur radio operating mobile through OSCAR-6 than ever before in the fifty years that I have been in it. I hope that my experience will prompt more mobile work.

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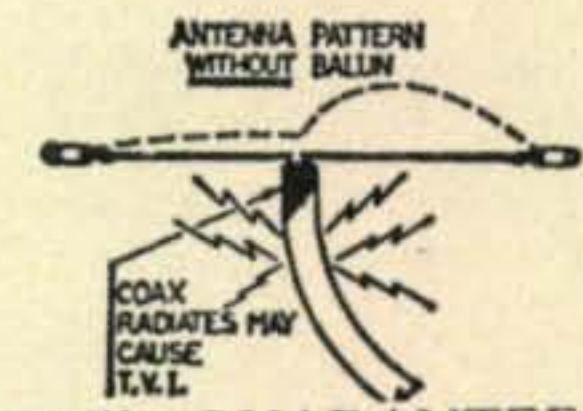
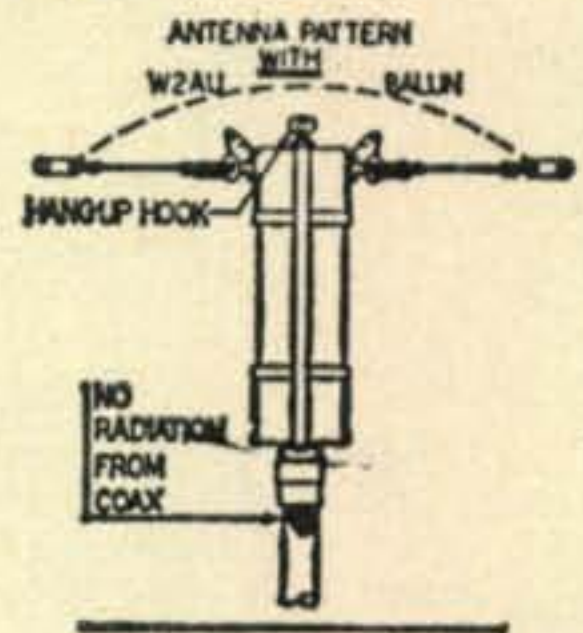
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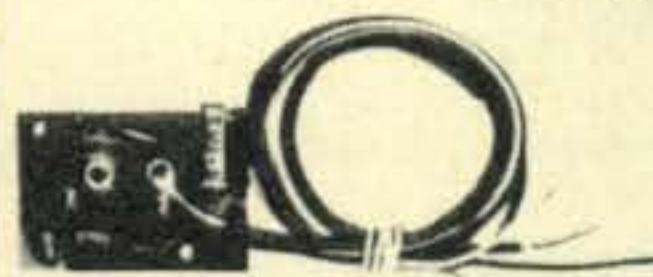
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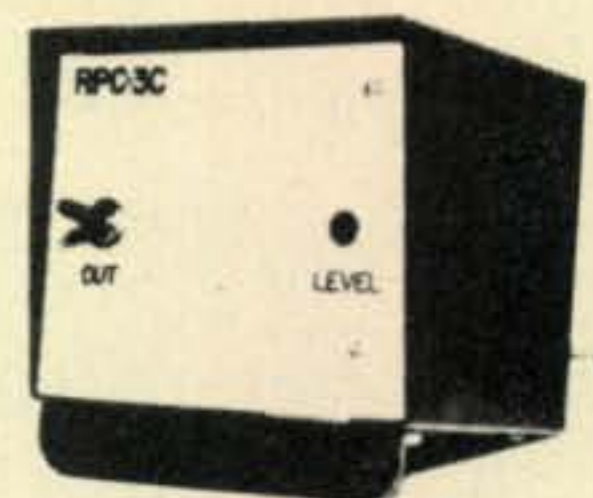


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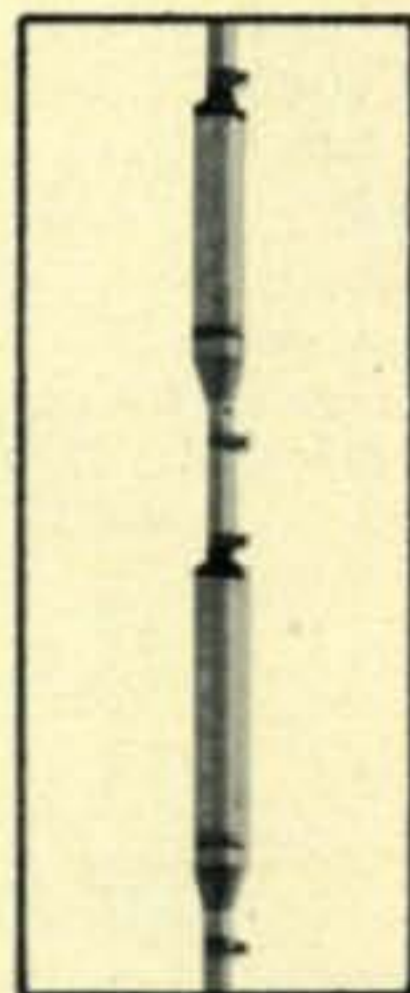
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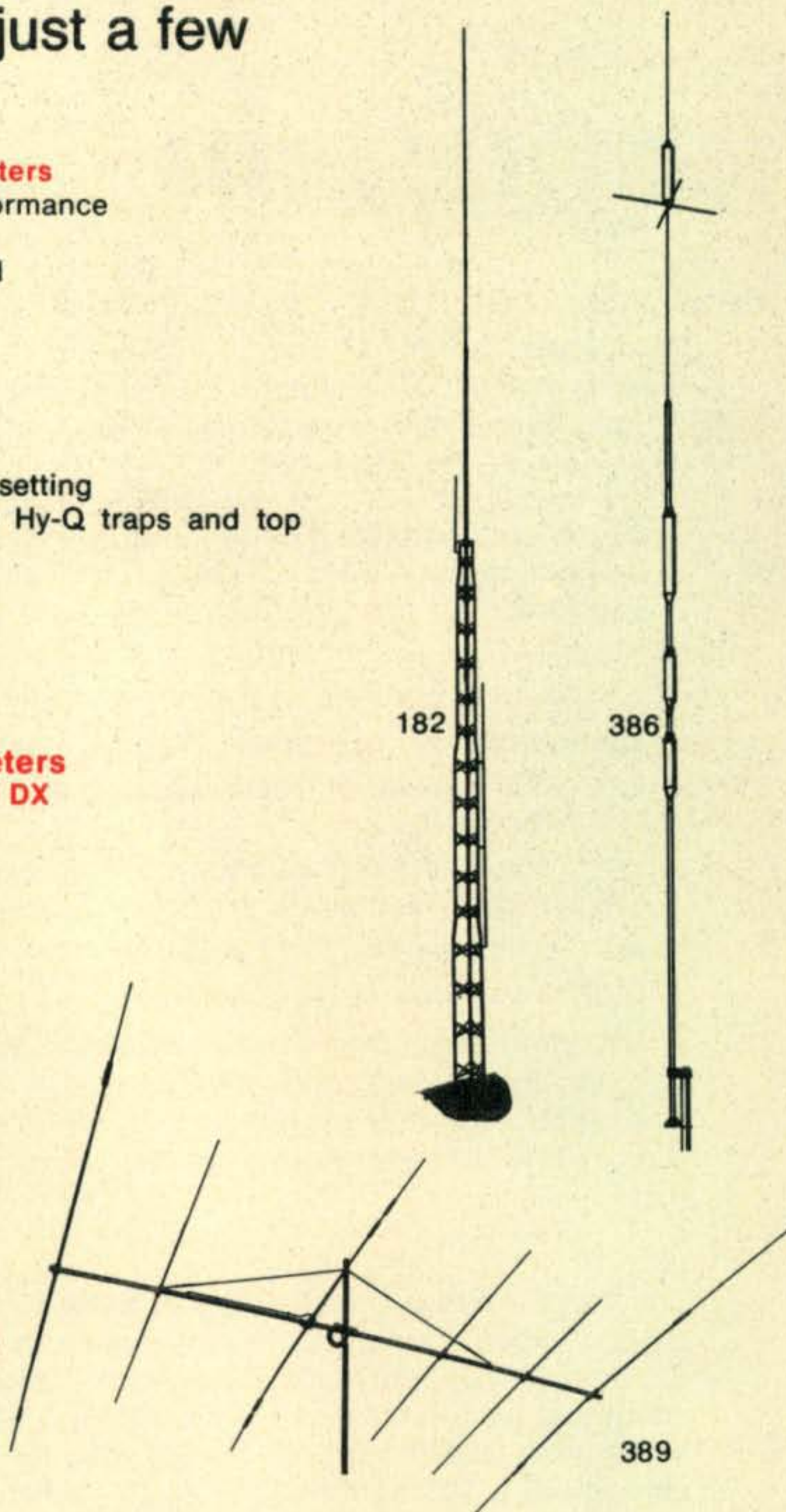
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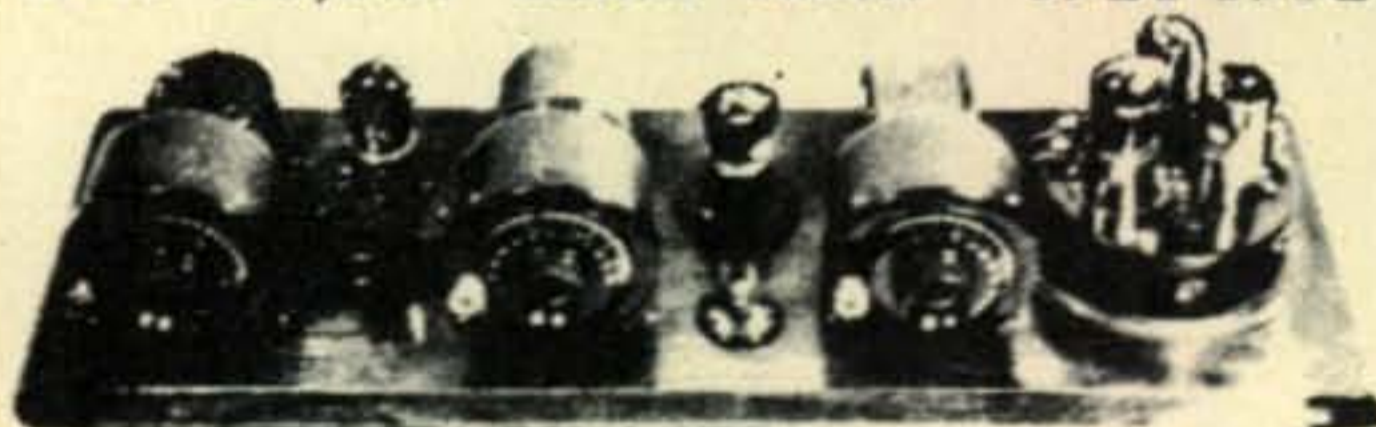
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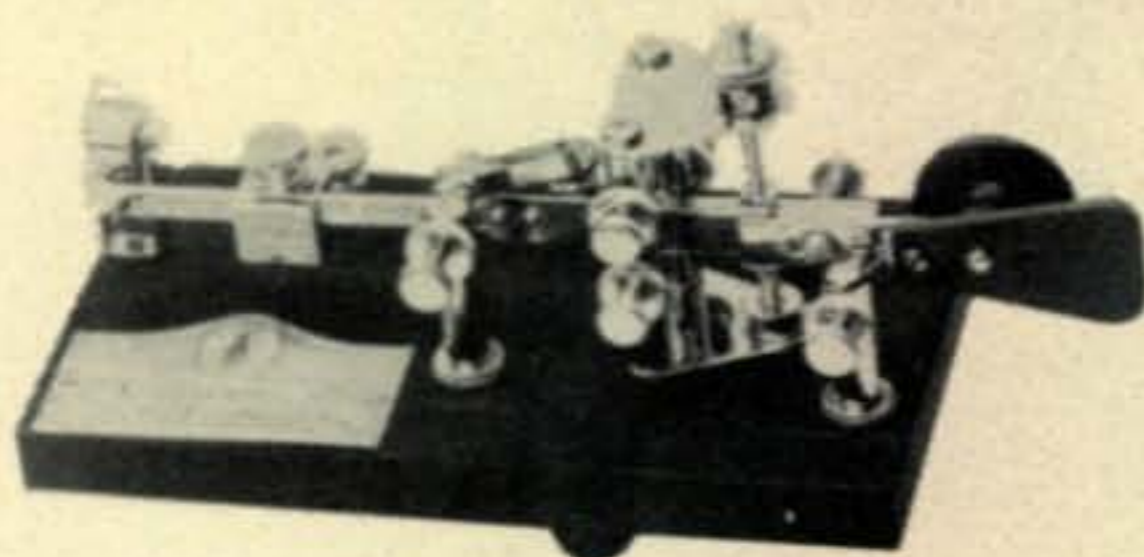
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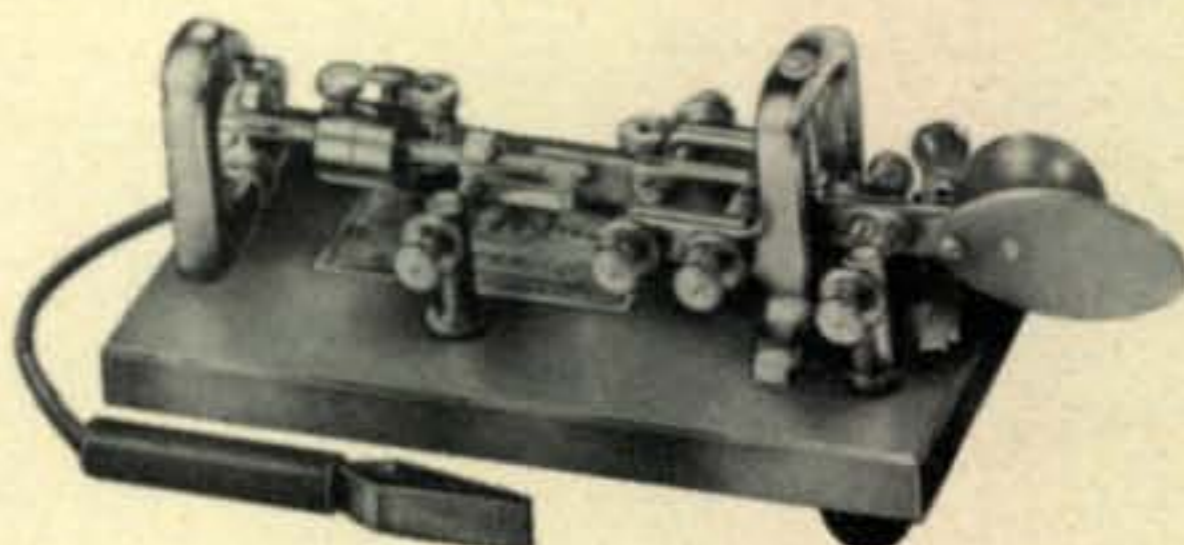
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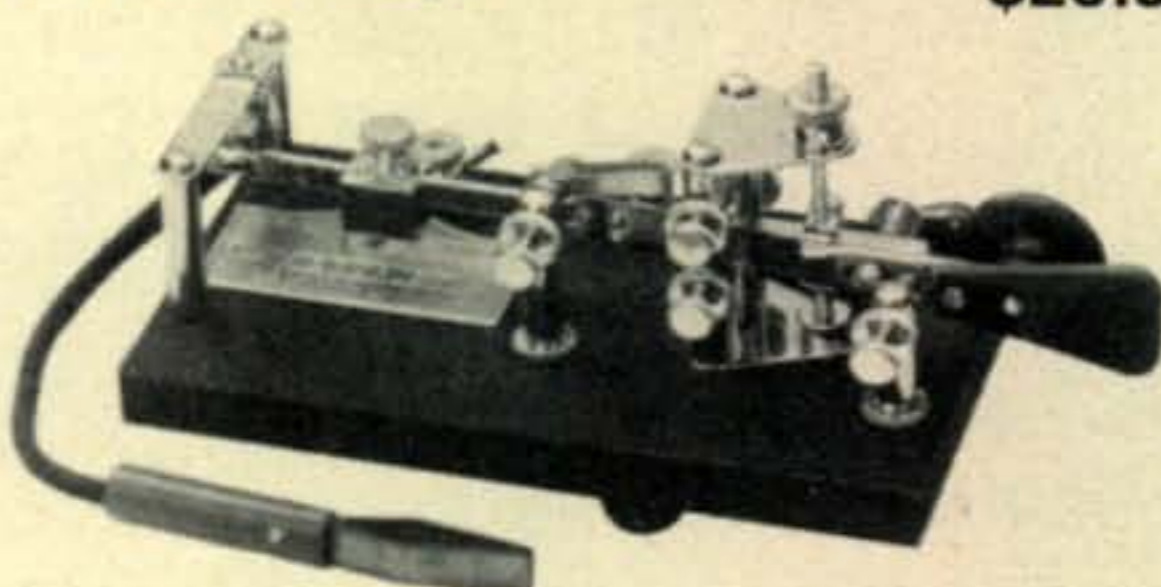
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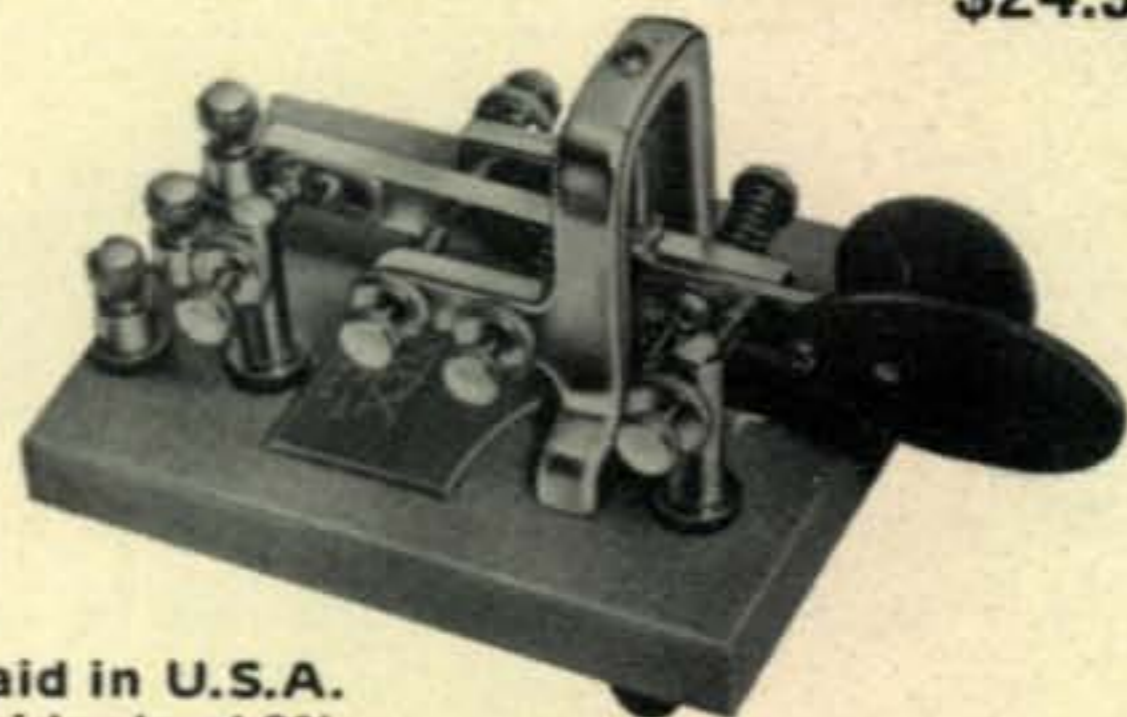
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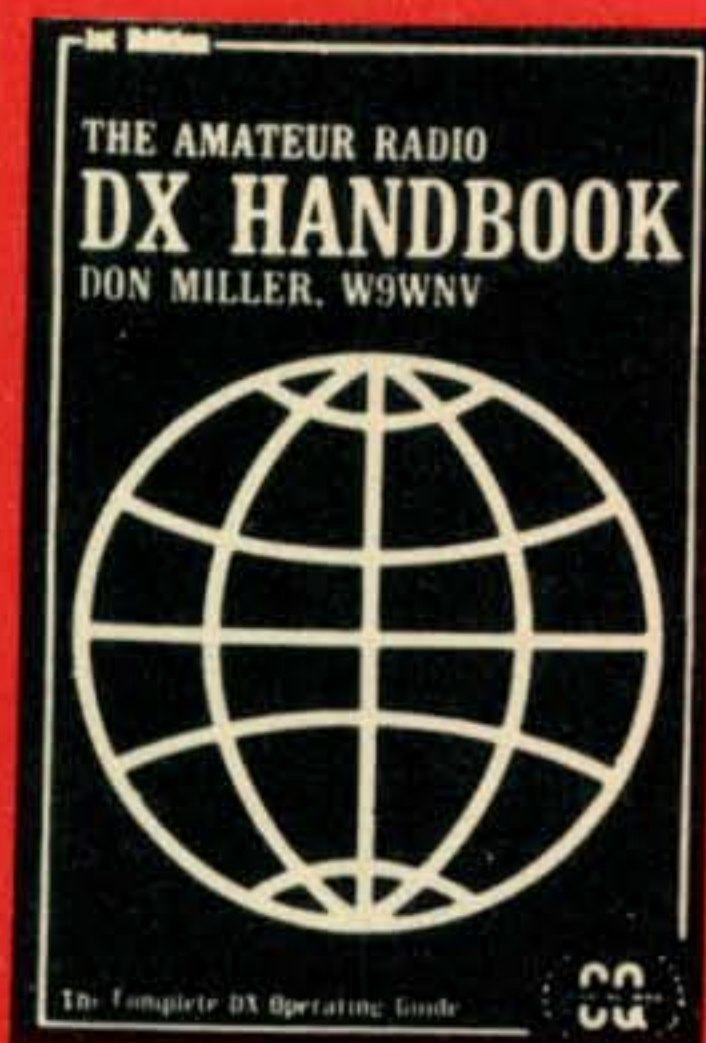


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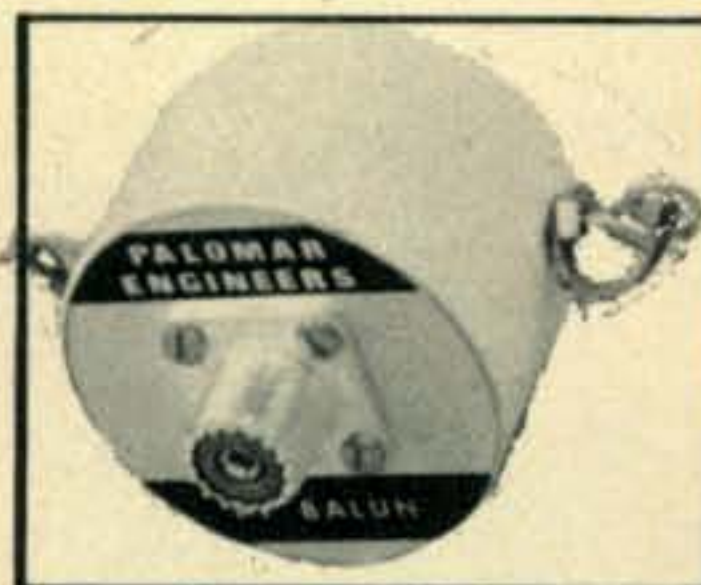
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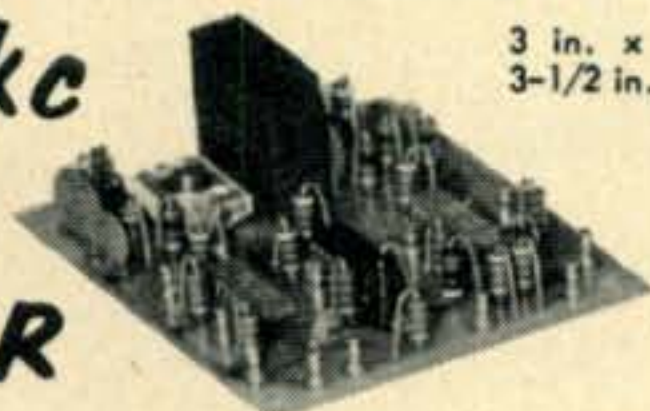
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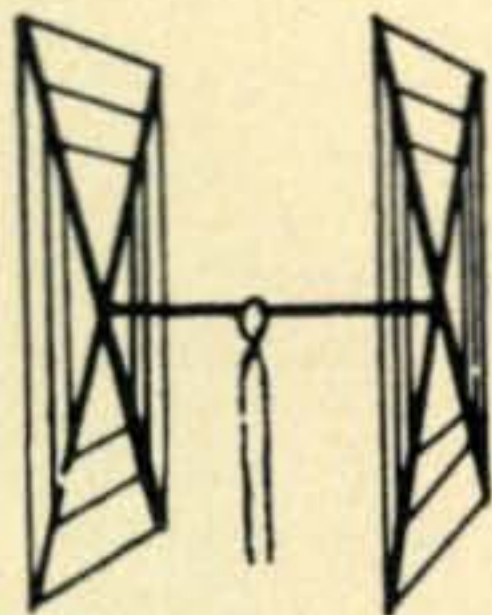


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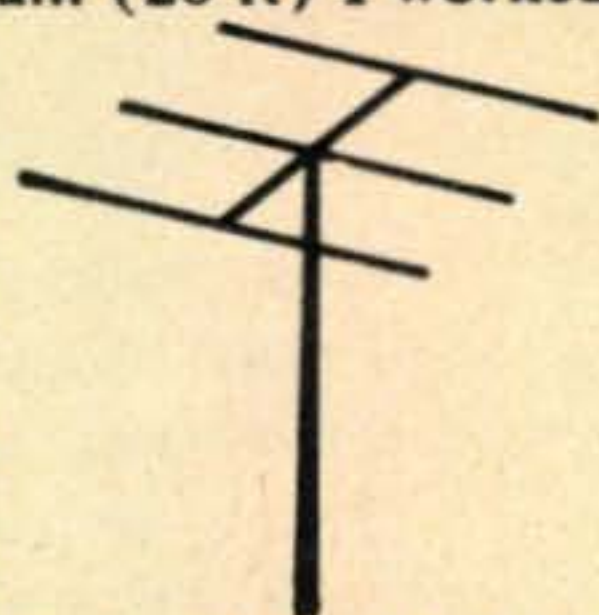
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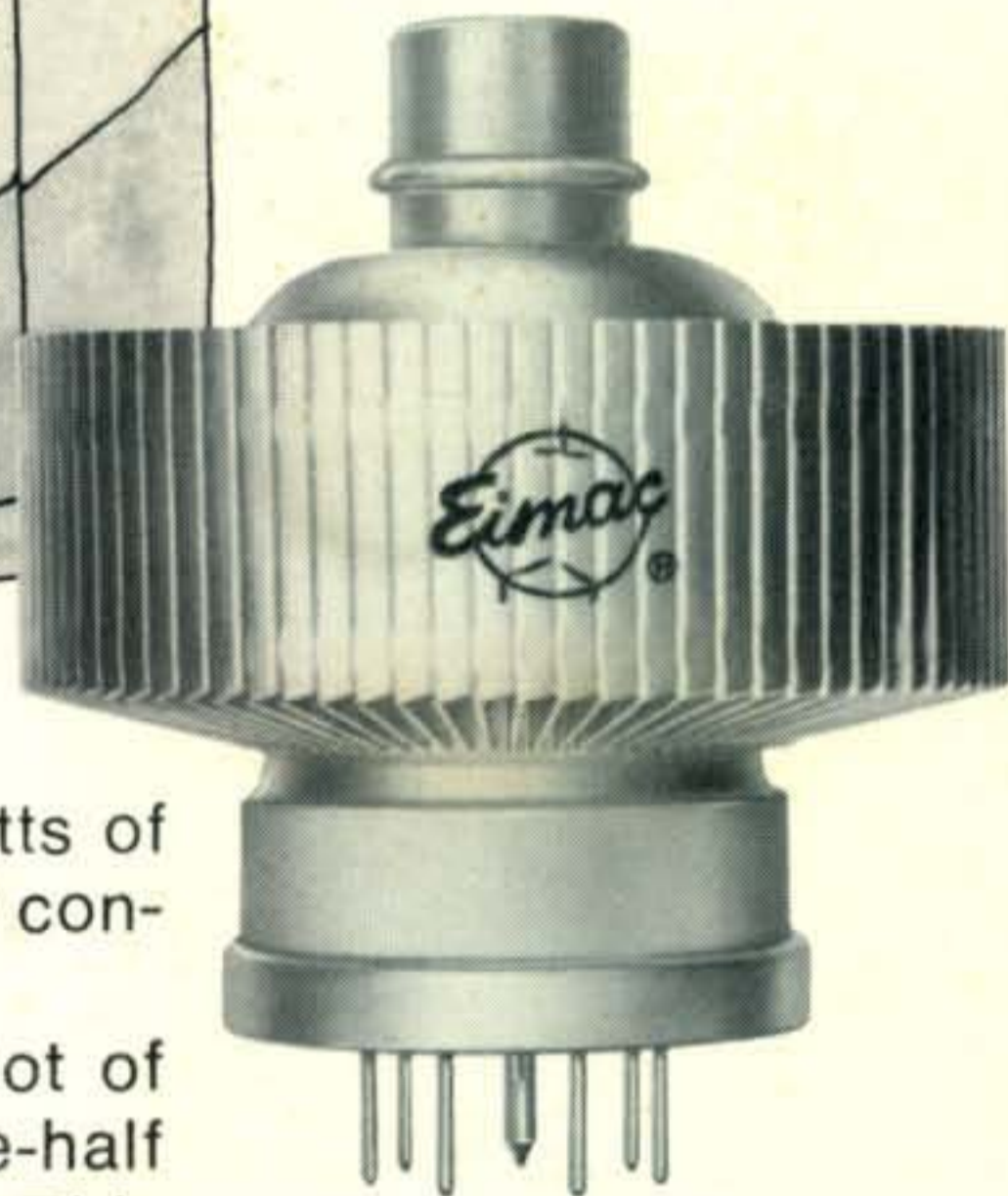
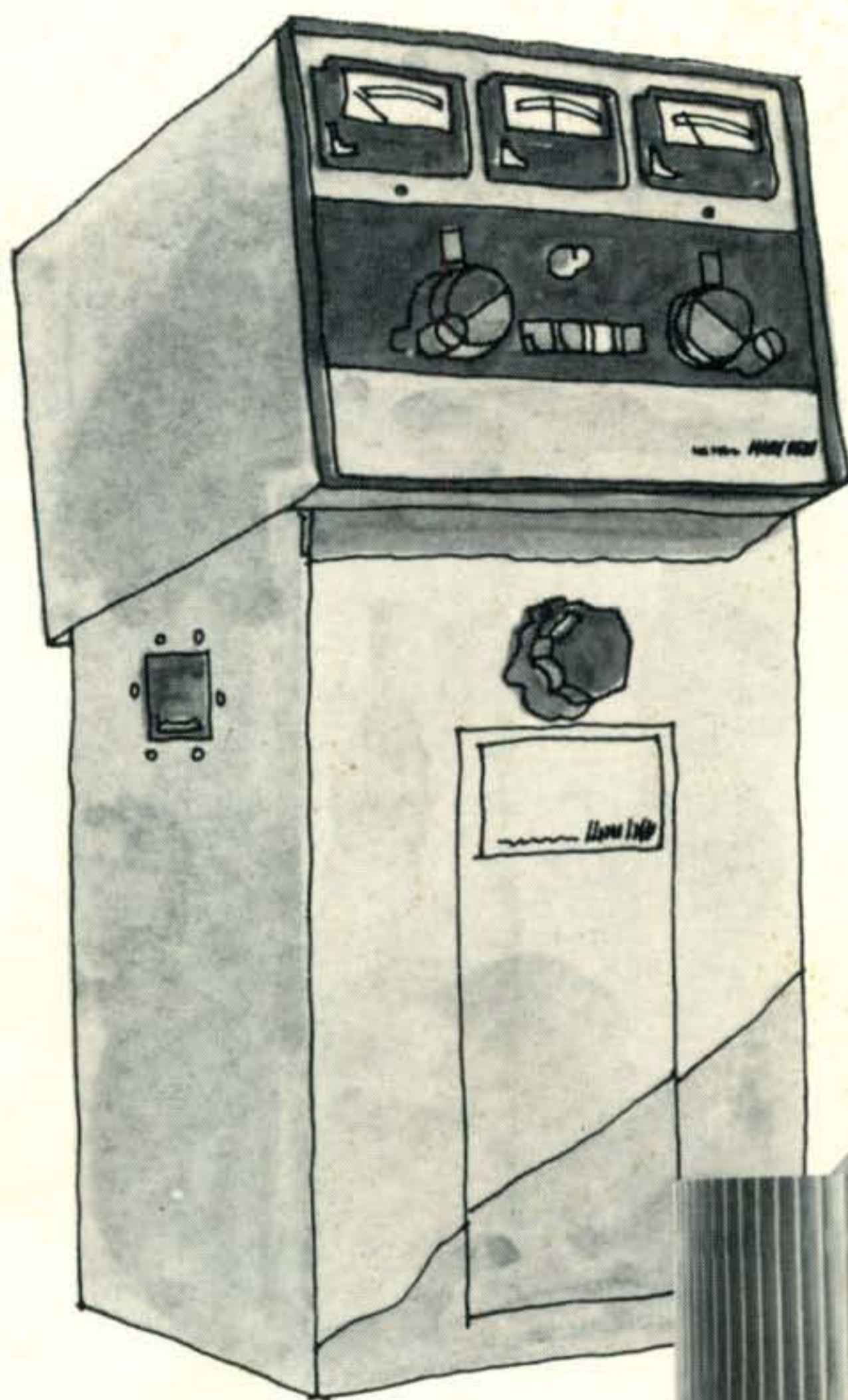
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