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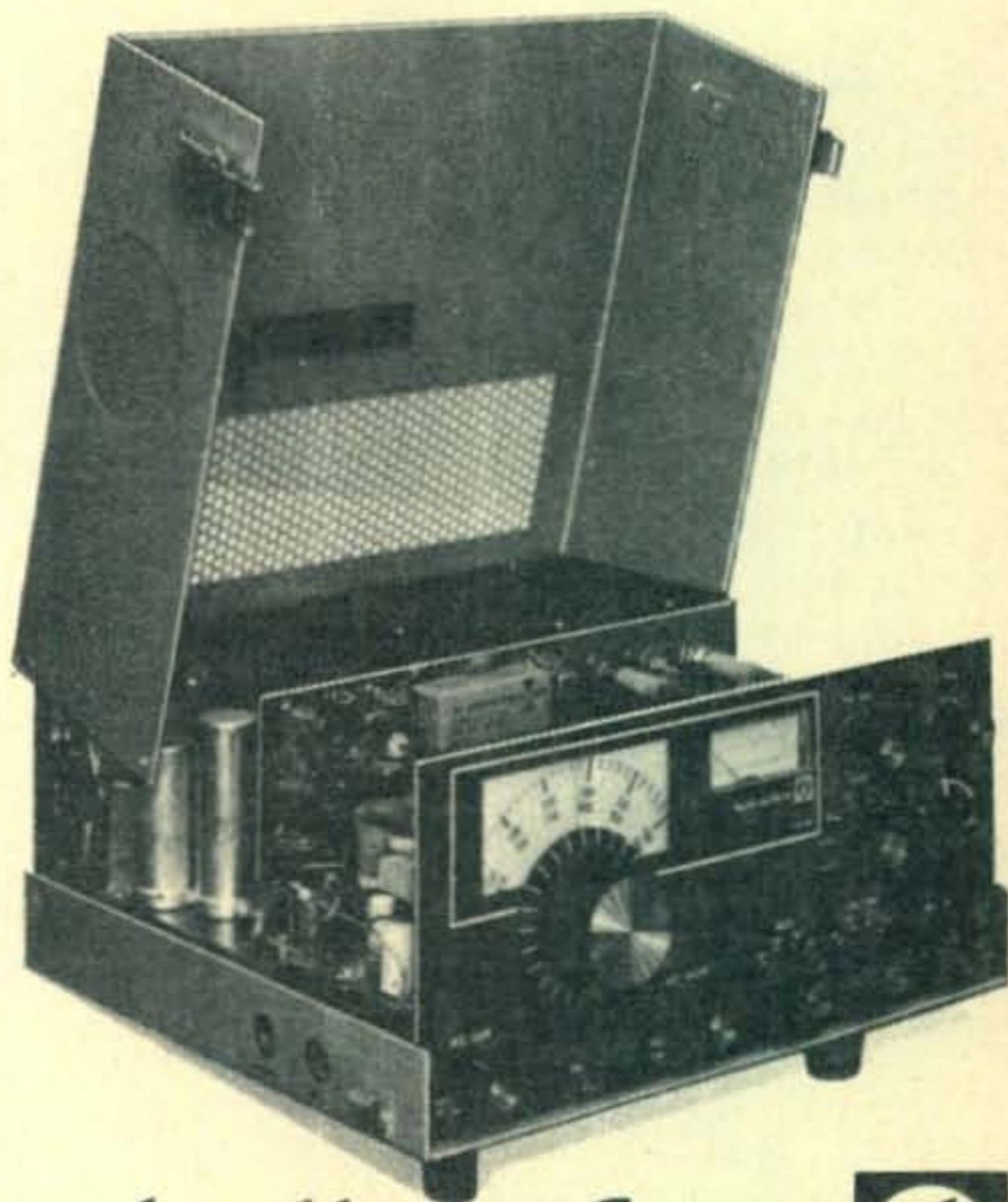
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# ZERO BIAS

Almost unnoticed in the opening remarks of a recent address by A. Prose Walker, W4BW, Chief of the Amateur and CB Division of FCC, was a hint of a major re-vamping of the amateur licensing structure as it now exists. The event was the SAROC show in Las Vegas, Nevada on January 4. Prose's statement, "I would prefer to discuss some of the new aspects of amateur radio which will be coming along in the next year or so, such as a proposal for re-structuring the amateur license classes and privileges...." was plainly overshadowed by a well-documented discourse on some of the philosophy behind the repeater rules of Docket 18803. But we feel that the future structure of amateur licenses is a subject worthy of closer examination.

We, at *CQ*, have been aware for several months of impending changes in amateur licensing, but have not been at liberty to share our information with our readers until FCC made the first move. The purpose of this editorial is to simply tell you what's likely to come, and give you a little more time in which to develop your own thoughts.

The information that we present here is not necessarily the gospel. Between now and the time a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is actually released — whenever that may be — many significant changes may well be made, but here's what's likely to be proposed.

To begin with, amateur radio will be offered for the first time, a code-free beginner class (probably called Communicator Class) license with operating privileges in the v.h.f. or u.h.f. regions, probably beginning at 220 MHz. Such a license will open the door to thousands of newcomers, who will be offered a chance to join the amateur fraternity on a legal ground-floor level rather than become Citizen's Band anarchists. Hopefully, they won't become amateur radio anarchists.

Next, we expect that holders of the Technician Class License will be authorized to operate c.w. on the Novice bands, and perhaps phone on at least part of 10 meters. A reduction of the General Class code speed requirement from 13 to 10 w.p.m. also seems likely at this time, enabling a somewhat smoother transition from the Technician to General Class License. Mail-order licensing will be shaken up too, we feel, with some new and much more stringent supervision of such examinations required. This might well take the form of examination-by-committee, or examination by an authorized club.

Either way the object will be to close off this much-abused pipe-line to a higher grade license by unqualified individuals. The Conditional Class License will continue as the functional equal of the General class, for people legitimately unable to be tested in person at an FCC office.

From where we sit, it looks as though we'll be wrestling with as many as seven different amateur licenses before many more years go by. Each of these licenses will be tailored to a specific purpose, and each will provide a very simple and natural progression to the next higher class license. If our prognosis is correct here's what it's going to look like, from top to bottom:

*Amateur Extra-c.w.:* 20 w.p.m. code, Extra Theory. All amateur privileges.

*Amateur Extra-Phone:* 10 w.p.m. code, Extra Theory. All amateur phone privileges, General/Advanced c.w. privileges.

*Advanced:* 10 w.p.m. code, Advanced Theory. All current Advanced class privileges.

*General/Conditional:* 10 w.p.m. code, General Theory. All current General Class privileges.

*Technician:* 5 w.p.m. code, General Theory. All present Technician privileges plus those new ones mentioned above.

*Novice:* 5 w.p.m. code, Novice Theory. All present Novice privileges.

*Communicator:* No code, Novice Theory. Limited phone privileges above 220 MHz.

As you can see, only one element of an examination need be studied at any one time in order to progress to the next higher license class. Either you'll be studying code or theory, but never both at the same time, and quite obviously you can stop any time you've reached your desired level of operating privileges, with the exception of the Communicator and Novice Licenses which will be nonrenewable, (license term for the Communicator still to be determined).

Just when the Commission will complete its preparatory work on this re-shuffling of the license structure is uncertain. Comments filed in advance with the Commission may or may not have a significant effect on the eventual form of the Proposed Rulemaking, but bear in mind that your comments carry as much weight as anyone's at this point, if they're thoughtful and intended to inform and assist rather than vent steam.

73, Dick, K2MGA





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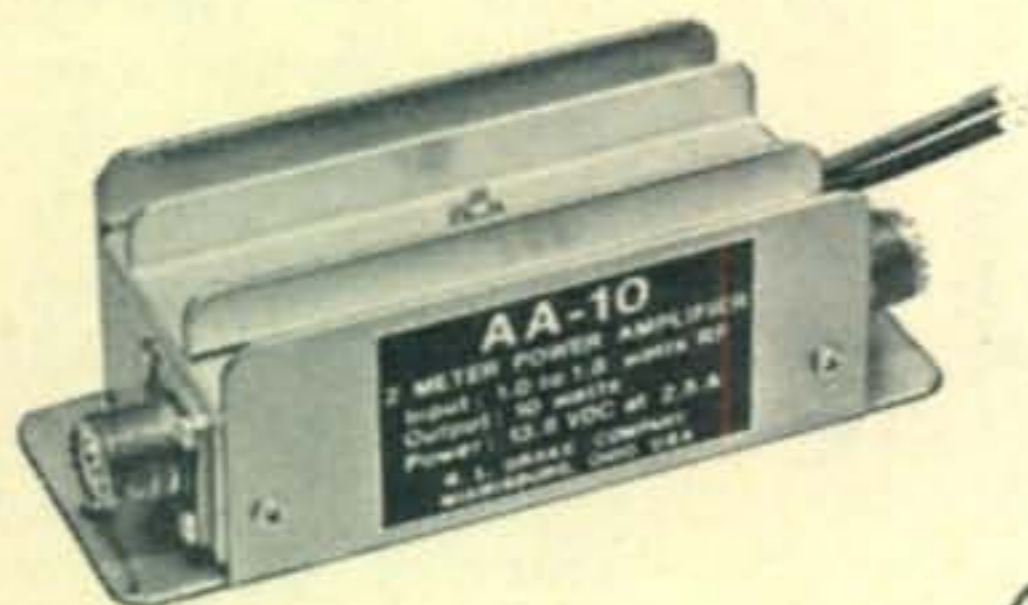
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Any publicity that you can give this worthy project will certainly be appreciated by those hams who do not have their sight.

The cost of this book is \$2.84 which includes handling and postage within the USA. Check or money order should be made payable to "Peninsula Braille Transcribers Guild" and mailed to me.

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## New Additions

Editor, *CQ*:

It isn't often that I take the time and effort to write a letter of congratulations and approval, but I find that I must now do so. I have subscribed to *CQ*, *QST*, and *73* for a few years now, and I have to admit that you have top position -- hands down! While I fully support the League I have allowed my membership to expire due to my disenchantment with *QST*. It has become more and more reports of club activities and less articles and items of ham news interest. I admit that this is personal interest, but after all, that's what sells one magazine to one guy but not to another. As for *73*, while I in no way support Green and his editorial policies (I think he's \$†%@\*!), good writers and experimenters do find their way into the mag from time to time.

As for *CQ*, while I have always found it to be the most interesting and the easiest to read, I have only recently begun to appreciate it fully. Three things contribute to my newfound interest in *CQ*, and none should dilute the effect of the others. For about 4 years now I have been a member of QRP ARC I and a subscriber to the MILLIWATT. I am a proponent of the QRP philosophy (I have a Heath HW-7 for traveling and camping) and I am extremely pleased to see Adrian Weiss's column QRP. I also subscribed to Popular Electronics (I think that was the one!) when Herb Brier was writing the Ham Shack column for them. I enjoyed it very much--but I let it expire when Herb left. I haven't been a novice for several years, but I am always interested in what is going on in that domain. I think we all have a great deal of basics to learn (or remember), and I plan to be a regular reader of Herb's new column NOVICE SHACK. Last, but not least, while I think of myself as an all-around ham, I do

enjoy spending most of my free time tinkering with various antennas--and no self-respecting antenna tinkerer would be caught dead without Bill Orr's fine book, *The Radio Handbook*. (It's good for other things, too!) My best wishes to Ade, Herb, and Bill, and especially my congratulations to you for having such outstanding foresight and good judgment in adding these three fine writers to your team. Keep up the good work. Check enclosed for 3 more years.

P.H. Smith, WA4BSI  
Gainesville, FL

## Customer Service

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Recently, after seeing an ad in *CQ Magazine*, I ordered a copy of the Surplus Schematics Handbook. As it turned out, the particular schematic which I needed had been listed in the advertisement due to a typographical error and no such schematic existed in the Surplus Schematic Handbook. I immediately returned the Handbook and "demanded" a refund. Within a few days I received not only a refund of the price of the Handbook, but also a personal letter of apology as well as a refund of the return postage on the Handbook.

This letter is to thank you for the response I received after explaining the situation to you. I fully expected a barrage of correspondence prior to receiving my refund, but I was certainly wrong.

Tom Workman, WBØHQO  
Denver, CO

## Happiness Is . . .

Editor, *CQ*:

I just had to drop you a line telling you how much I enjoyed, "Happiness Is Visiting A Ham."

Such honesty in reporting is refreshing especially in view of Watergate and the gasoline nonsense! Congratulations to George, WB2AQC.

Jerry Macari, WA2KDB  
Flushing, NY

## Towering Success

Editor, *CQ*:

I believe the following item may be of interest to your readers.

On October 28, 1973, four years of litigation were terminated when Judge Alexander Kramer of the Suffolk County District Court dismissed two charges against WA2BVU brought by Islip Township for the erection and repair of a 70 foot transmitting tower without a special permit from the Town Council. The attorney for WA2BVU was W2OXR.

Reuben E. Gross,  
Atty. at Law  
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## Announcements

### Whitewater, Wisconsin

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The Great Lakes ARRL Division Fifth Annual Hamfest will be held March 22-23, 1974 in Muskegon, Michigan. Friday evening at Ramada Inn, Saturday meeting at Muskegon Community College, Saturday evening, more activities at the Ramada Inn. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., Friday. Parking free for 1500 cars. For tickets, information, reservations, MAARC Box 691, Muskegon, MI 49443. Convention Coordinator Hank Riekels, WA8GVK, (616) 722-1378 days, and (616) 744-1400, nights.

#### Flushing, New York

The Hall of Science of the City of New York, Inc., in cooperation with the American Radio Relay League, will conduct an amateur radio licensing course. Address: 111th St. & 48th Ave., Flushing Meadow, Corona Park, NY. Course conducted on Saturdays, beginning Feb. 2, 1974, 10 a.m. to noon. Registration fee: \$8.00. Write to Hall of Science to register: P.O.B. 1032, Flushing NY 11352, or call: (212) 699-9400.

#### Arlington Heights, Illinois

The Forest View ARC Hamfest is Sunday, Feb. 3, 1974, at Forest View High School, 2121 S. Goebert Rd., Arlington Hts., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Features include free parking, all indoor facilities, food and refreshment stand, manufacturer's display, and brand new Drake TR-22 for door prize. Bring gear to swap, sell, or auction. Talk-in on 146.94. Adv. registration, \$1.50. \$2.00 at the door. For advance reservations or info, write: Tony Mazzeffi, WB9GFC, 490 Easy St., Des Plaines, IL 60016.

#### Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

The Cuyahoga Falls Radio Club proudly announces its Club Auction to be held Friday, Feb. 22, 1974 at the United Electronics Institute Bldg. Address: 1225 Oplen Ave., Cuyahoga Falls. Hrs: 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Flyers bearing more details are available from WA8ZGL, Tom Carroll, P.O. Box 106, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44222.

#### Detroit, Michigan

Stolen equipment: Regency HR-2A 2-meter xcvr. Serial No. 04-05632. This xcvr is believed to have been stolen from WB8NSU's home QTH on December 12th. Any info, please contact JoAnne E. Moore, WB8NSU, 112 Seward Number 307, Detroit, MI 48202.

#### St. Joseph, Michigan

Blossomland Amateur Radio Assn. announces "Spring-Thing" 74 Swap-shop and auction on Mar. 16th. Time: 9-5, set up times: 7:30-9. It will be held at St. Joseph High School. Talk-in: W8MAI/8, 22-82, 94 simplex. Tickets are \$1 advance. \$1.50 at the door. More info from BARA, P.O. Box 175, St. Joseph 49085.

#### Vero Beach, Florida

The Treasure Coast Hamfest sponsored by the Vero Beach Amateur Radio Club and St. Lucie Repeater Assn., will be held March 9-10, 1974. It will be held at the Vero Beach Community Center. For info, write P.O. Box 3088, Beach Station, Vero Beach, FL 32960.



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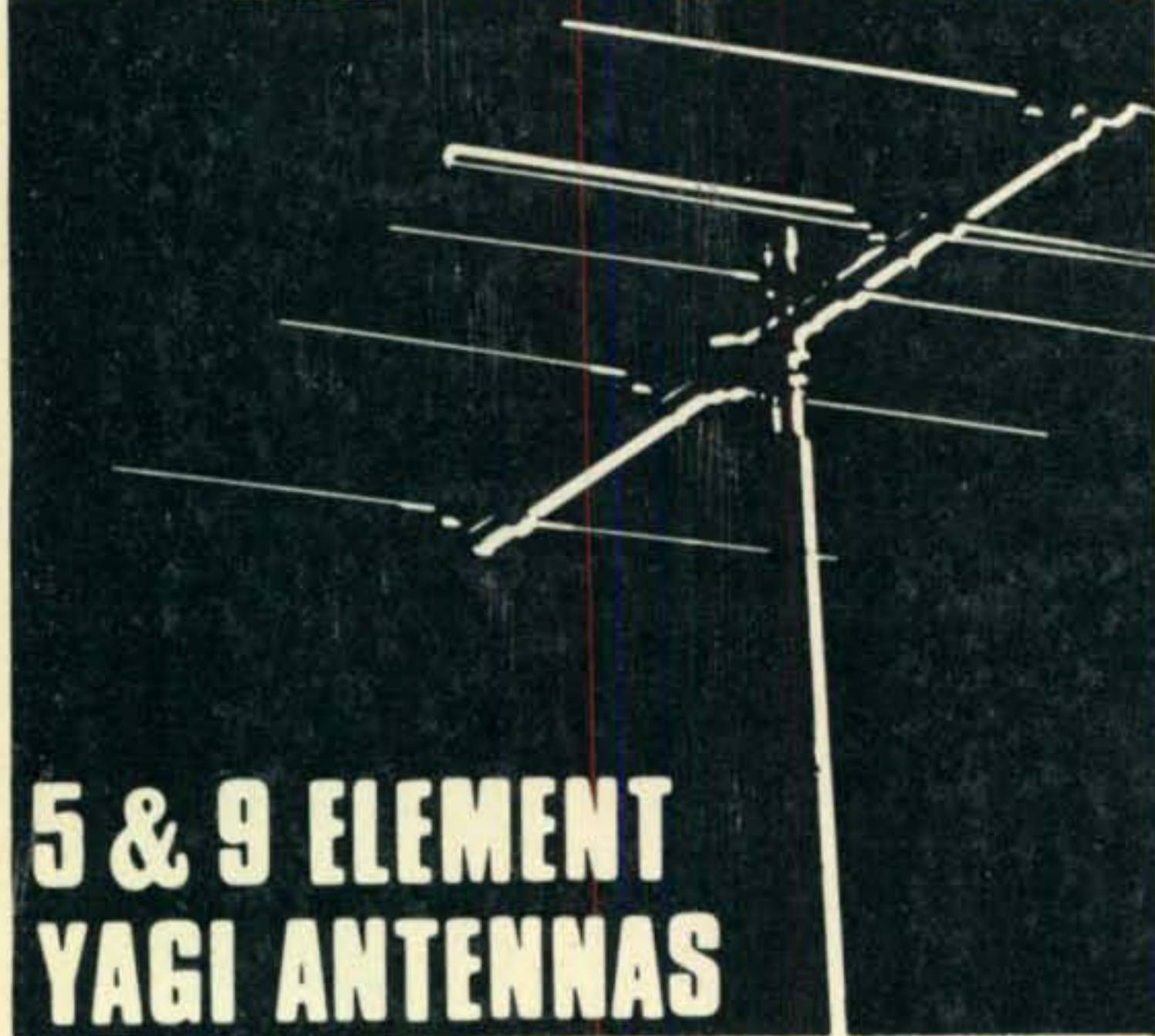
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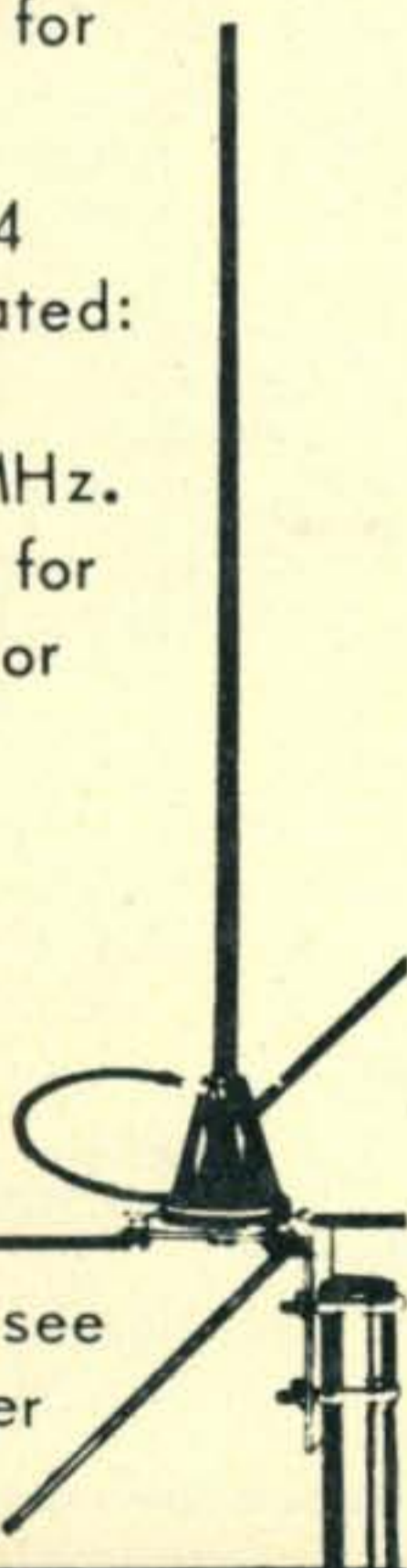
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One of the biggest problems facing hams with old equipment is obtaining the necessary electro-mechanical parts, especially ceramic switches and switch sections. Many of these were manufactured to a manufacturer's specifications and they are *not* a standard item in ready supply. Neither are dial mechanisms.

Some manufacturers carry up to a 7 year supply of spares, but many do not. So when you buy an old used set make sure that all electro-mechanical parts such as relays, switches etc., are available for replacement. No parts lasts forever! Try not to buy a set when you know that the manufacturer is out of business.

Believe it or not, we still receive questions on equipment manufactured as early as 1946! I would like to hear from hams who are still using the old Central Electronics line.

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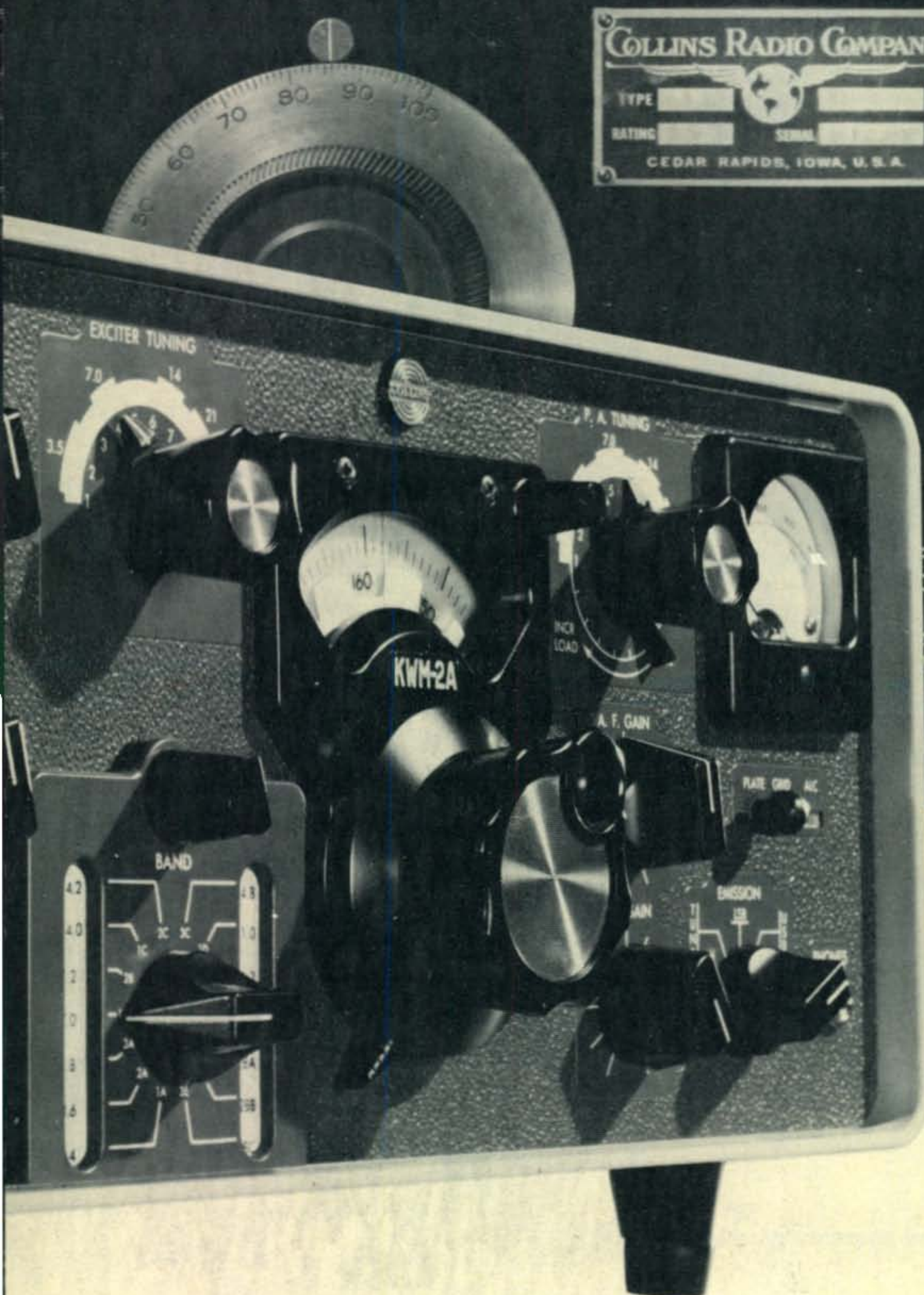
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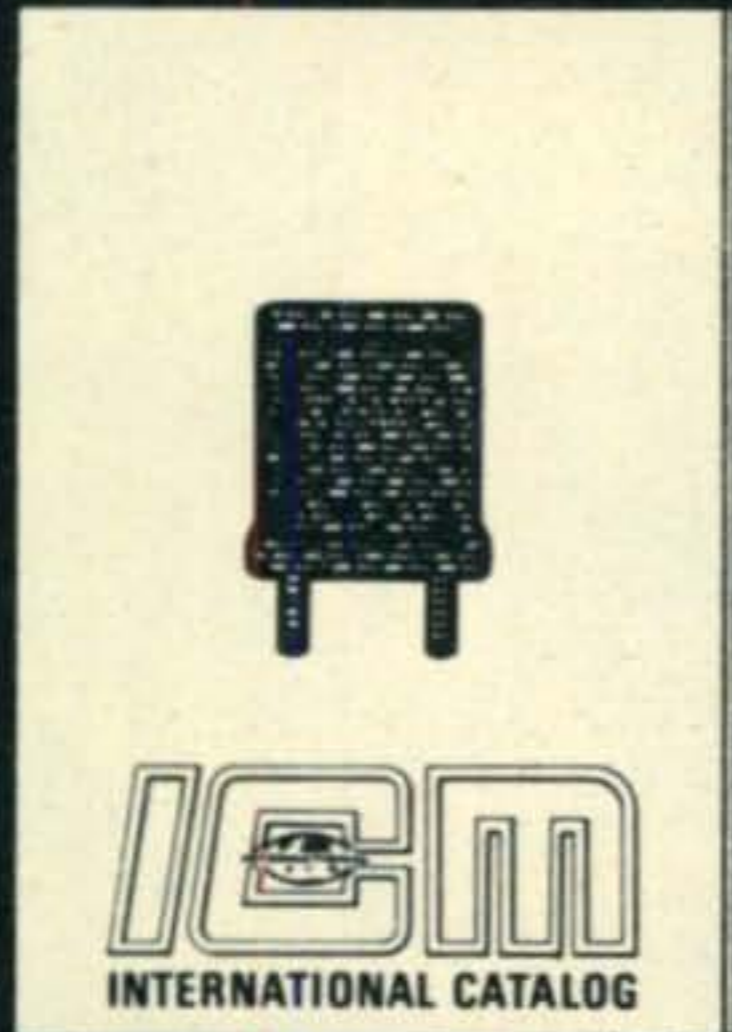
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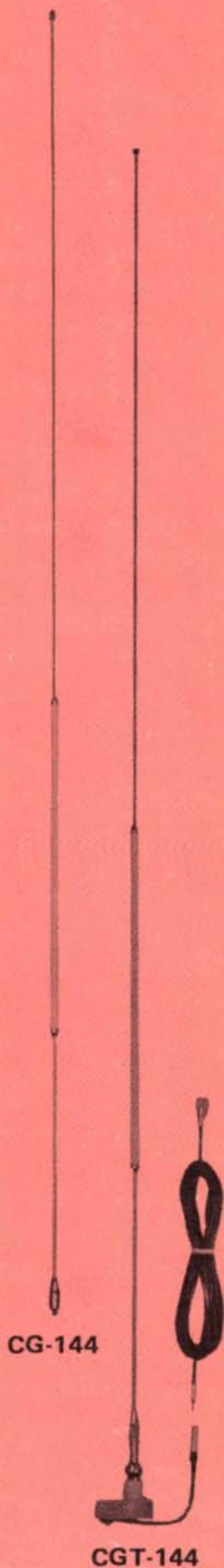
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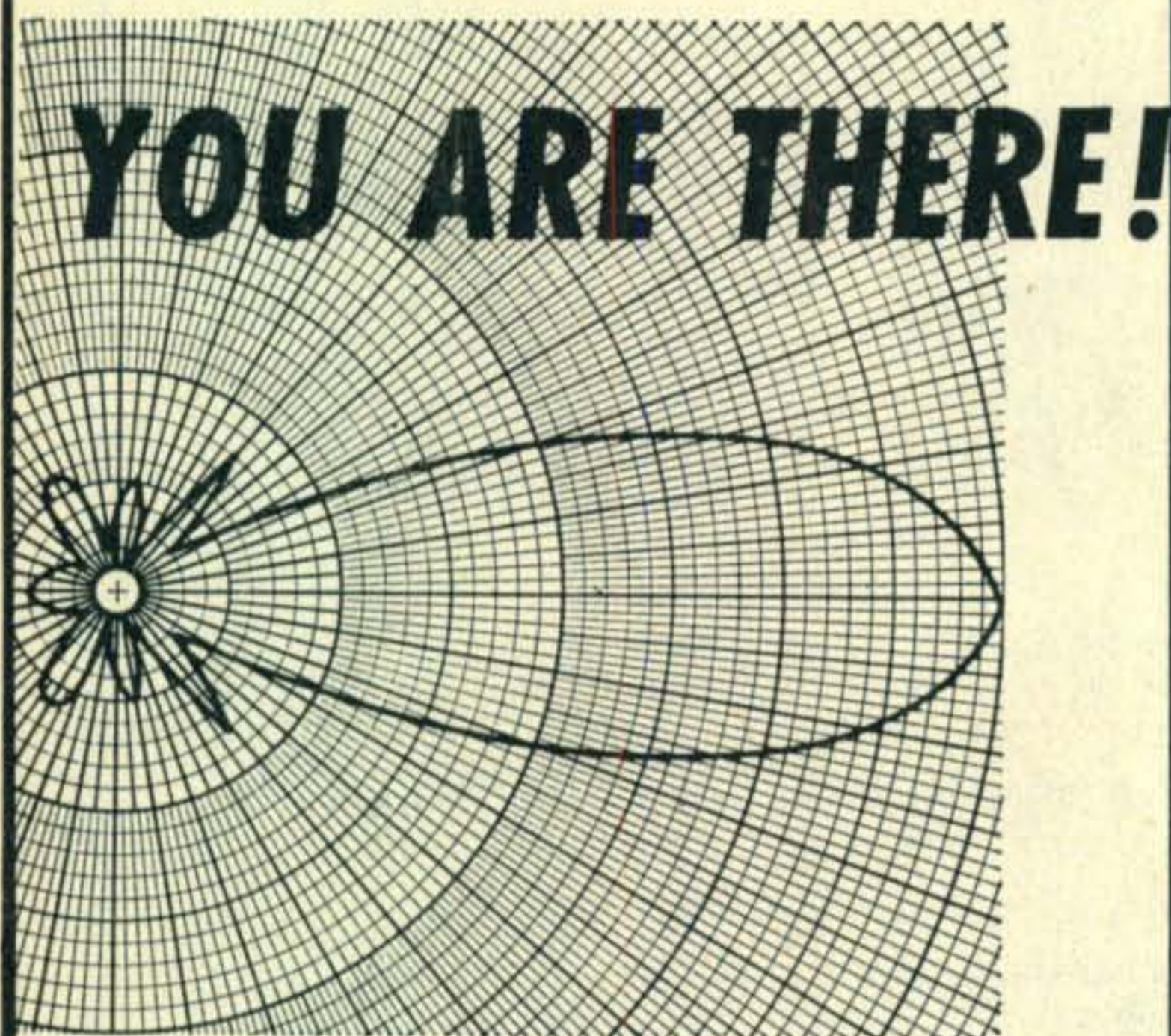
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"Can I use TV tuner cleaner in my transceiver safely?"

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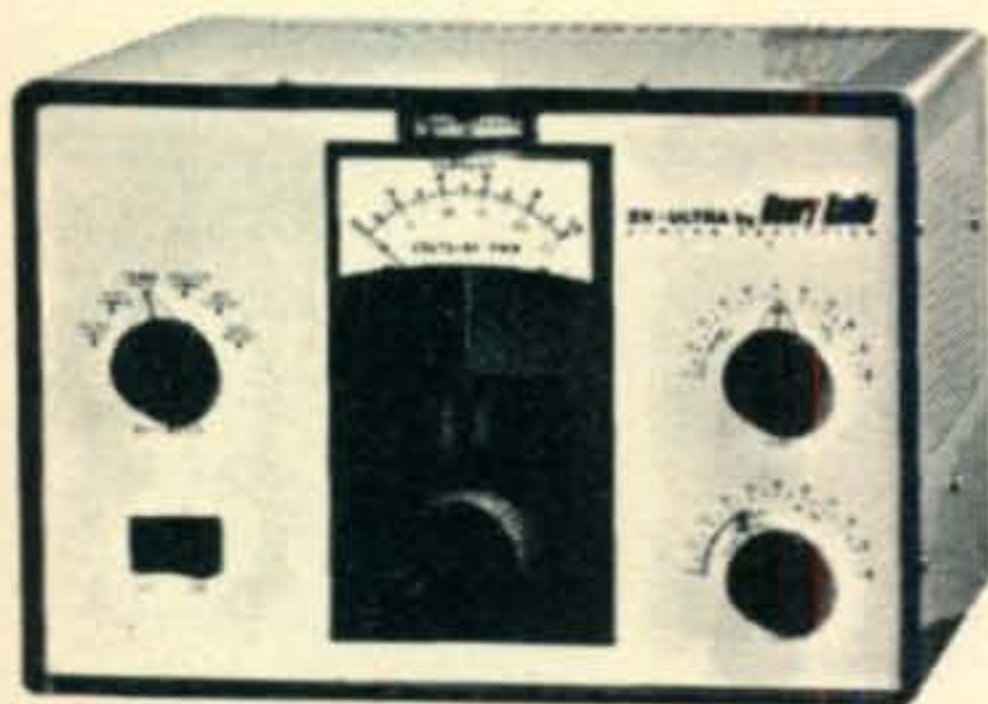
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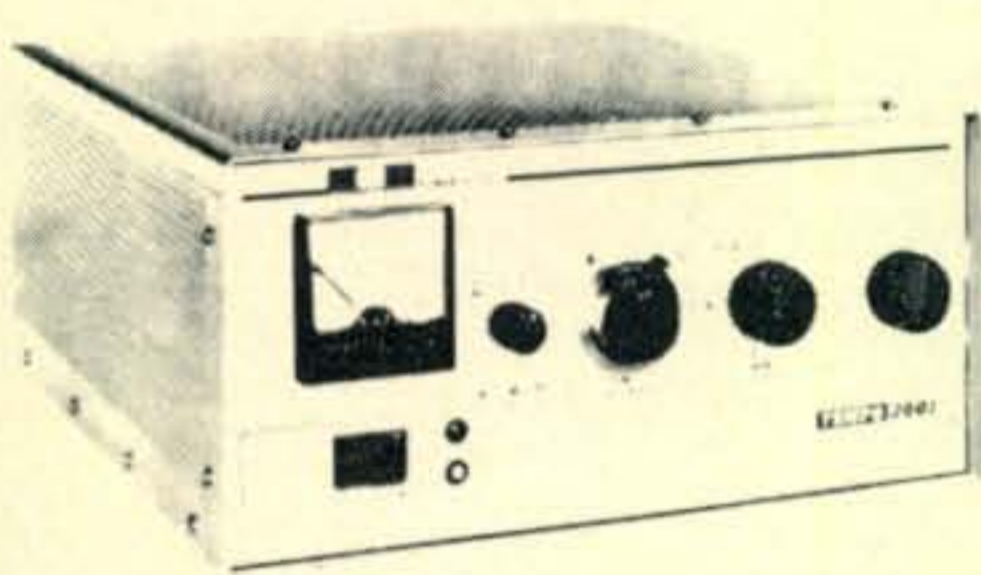


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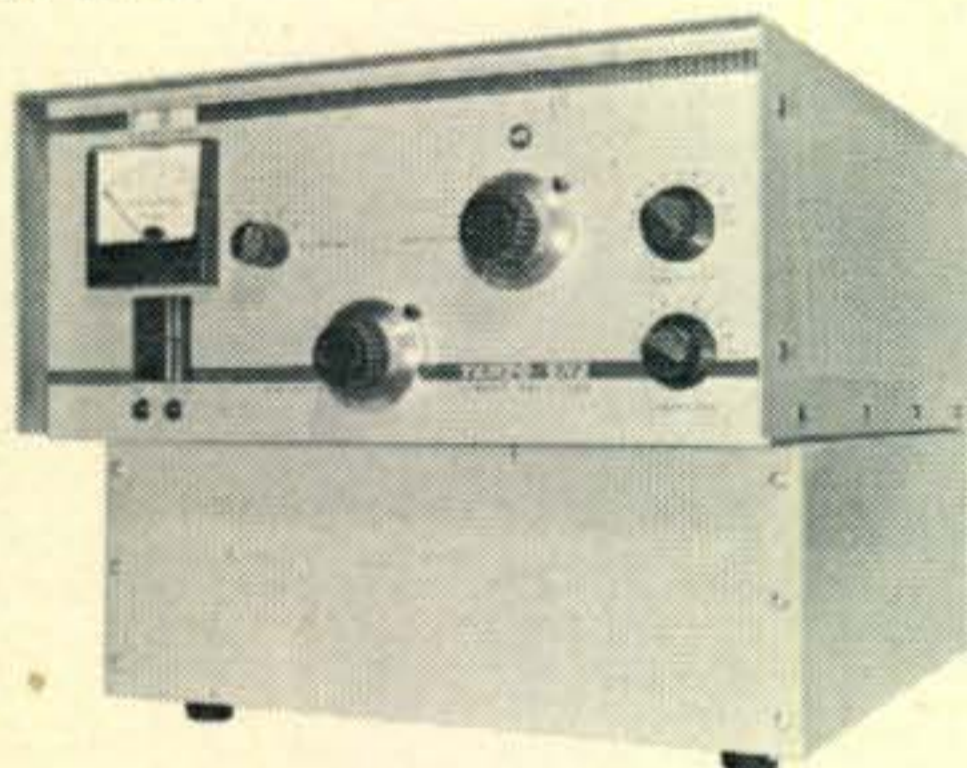


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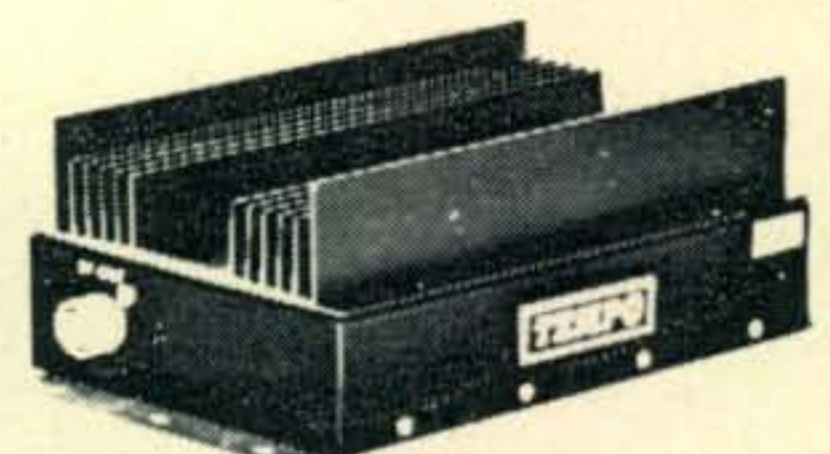
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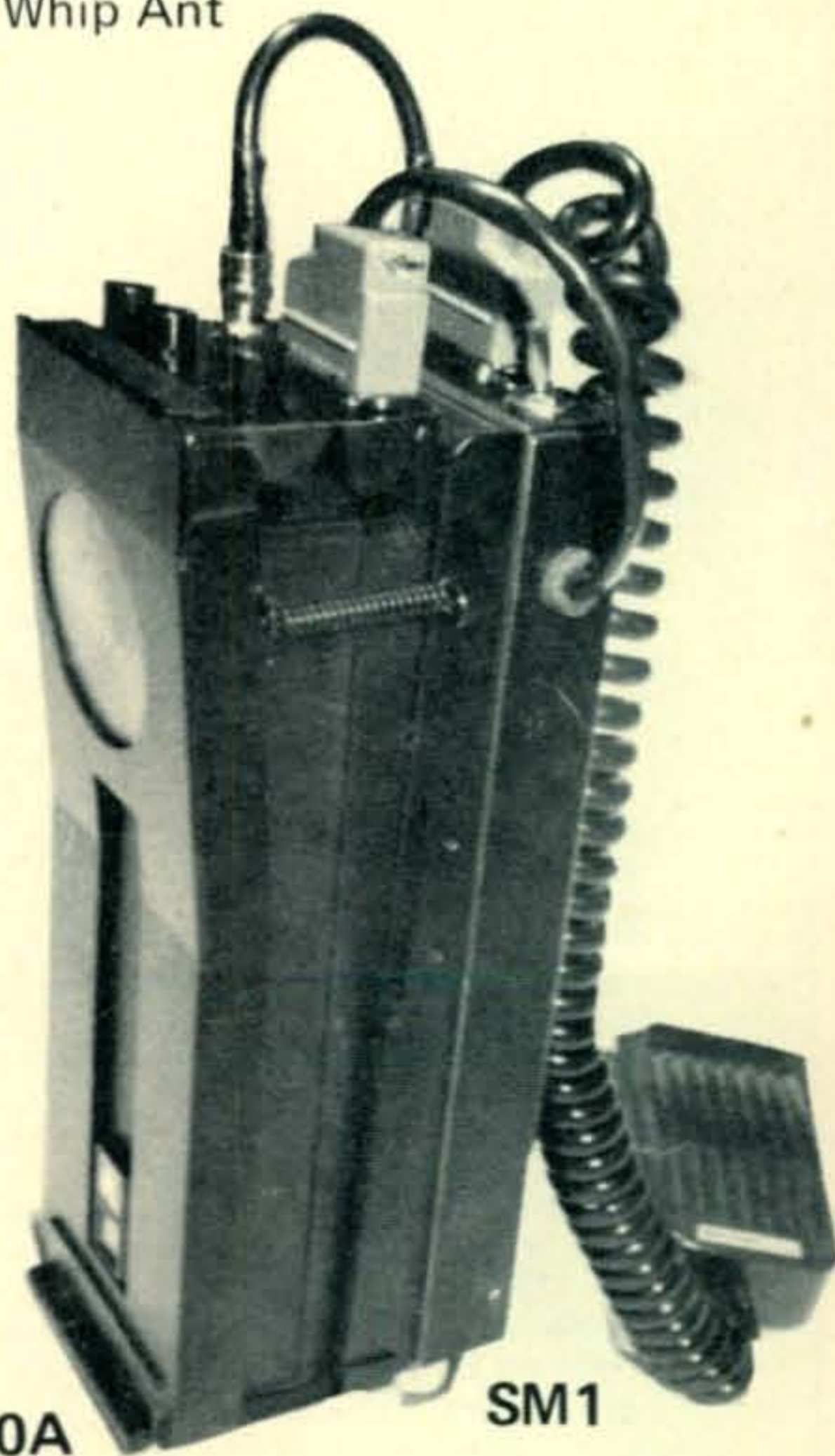
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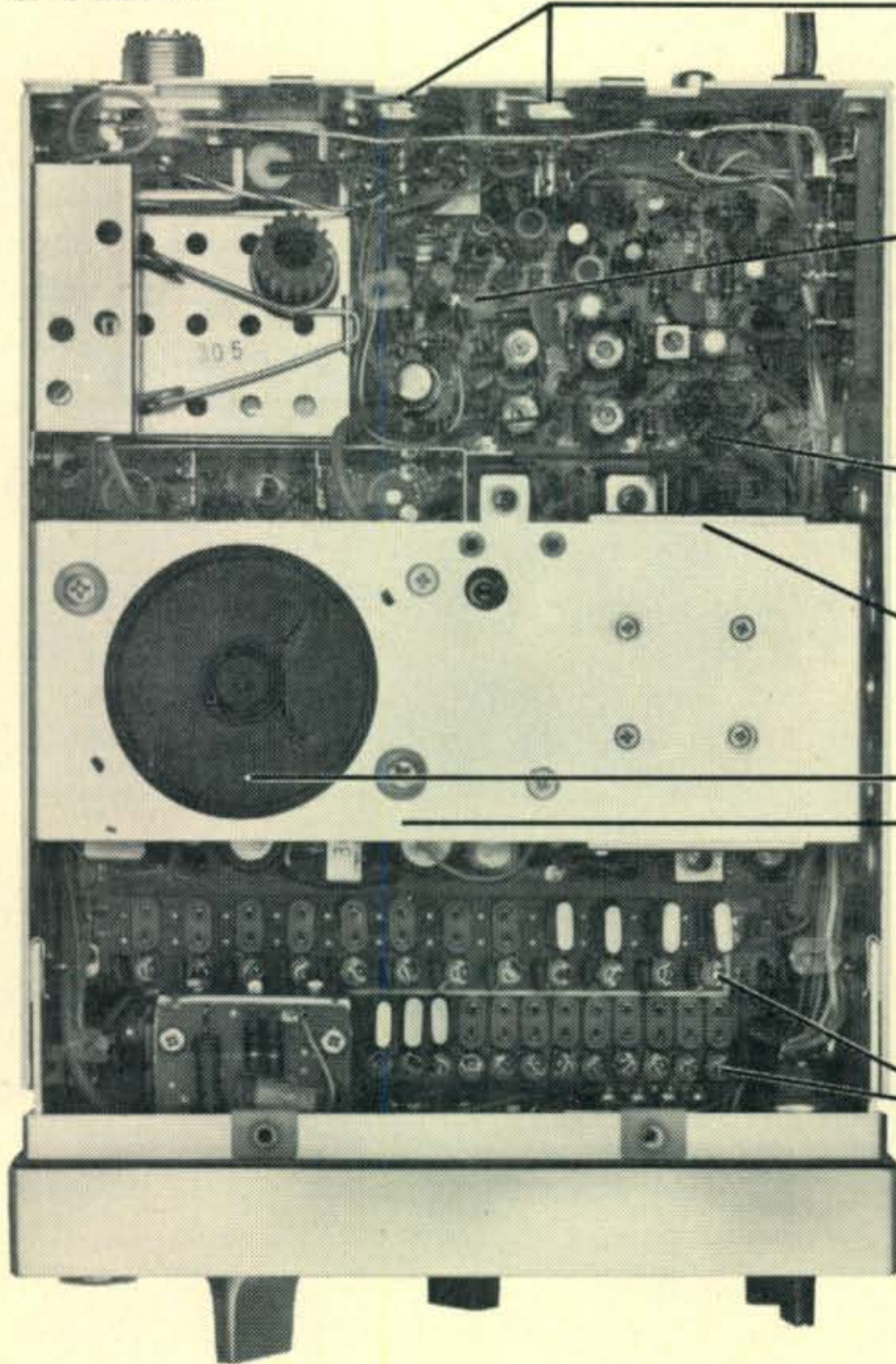
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While experimenters have succeeded in reducing the size of yagi antennas with some sacrifice of performance, the quad antenna has not received similar attention.

My approach to reducing quad size was to retain the  $\frac{1}{4}\lambda$  horizontal portion of the quad element while reducing the dimension of the vertical portion. Conventional think-

# The Low Profile Quad Antenna

BY JOHN P. TYSKEWICZ,\* W1HXU

ing indicates that it can't be done, but our experiments prove otherwise. The Low Profile Quad elements described here measure around  $\frac{1}{8}\lambda$  in height.

Various approaches to low profile design were tried at 145 mHz under controlled conditions, using a conventional 2-element quad as a reference. Helicoidal, loop, stub, zig-zag and folded vertical sections were tried. With the better sections comparative measurements indicated performance nearly identical to the reference quad. From the mechanical and performance standpoints the 3-wire folded vertical section seemed most suitable for use on the h.f. bands, as well as being adaptable to tri-band use. The trip to the bamboo works was finally made.

As shown in fig. 1, the 3-wire section is actually comprised of  $\frac{3}{8}\lambda$  of wire folded back on itself twice yielding  $\frac{1}{8}\lambda$  physical spacing between the two horizontal  $\frac{1}{4}\lambda$  portions. Why the use of a total driven element wire length of  $1\frac{1}{4}\lambda$  yields proper resonance is beyond the scope of this author's investigation. Nevertheless, in the configuration shown, it is resonant and it works quite well. Further work with this quad design will no doubt establish the "why" of it. As determined by experiment,

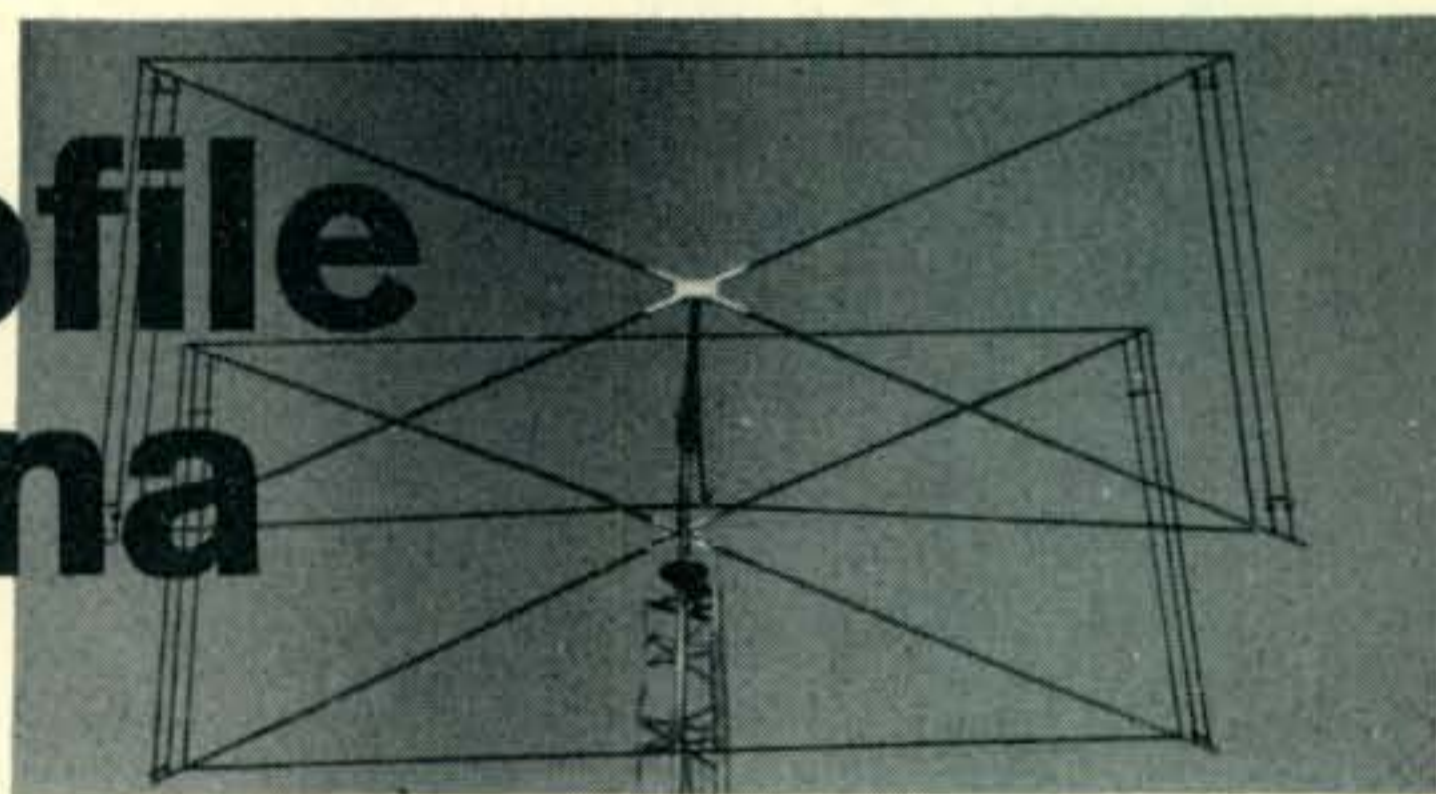
the total driven element wire length is calculated from:

$$L \text{ (feet)} = \frac{1192}{f \text{ (mHz)}}$$

The reflector should be about 4% longer. To facilitate tuning, two adjustable shorting bars are used per element, each made of two Fahnestock clips strapped together with copper flashing for a total center-to-center spacing of  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".

## Spider Construction

A well-equipped shop is necessary to duplicate the spiders exactly as shown in fig. 3, but the result will be an extremely durable spider which will make assembly



of the LP quad simple and accurate. Lacking access to such a workshop, however, the builder can improvise with plates, muffler quad hardware. The critical dimension is the  $26^\circ$  angle above and below the horizontal center-line. This  $52^\circ$  spreader angle should be closely adhered to in order to be able to accommodate the  $\frac{1}{4}\lambda$  horizontal sections across the top and bottom of the quad element.

In the absence of welding equipment, the builder can fabricate the parts by hand and using scrap plywood for a jig, precisely locate the parts using nails. The local welding shop should then be able to tack the parts in place and finish the job with continuous welds (c.w.).

A boom length of 8' was used. Wider spacing might yield better overall performance. Use standard boom-to-mast hardware.

## Driven and Reflector Elements

Figure 1 shows the 18 ft. 4 in.  $\times$  9 ft. driven element. The bamboo spreaders were spiral wrapped with glossy finish PVC electrical tape, one  $\frac{3}{4}$ "  $\times$  66' roll per spreader. At the butt end, black friction tape used to build up a uniform diameter to make a good seat within the angle iron. As the spreader pole diameters will vary, the builder will have

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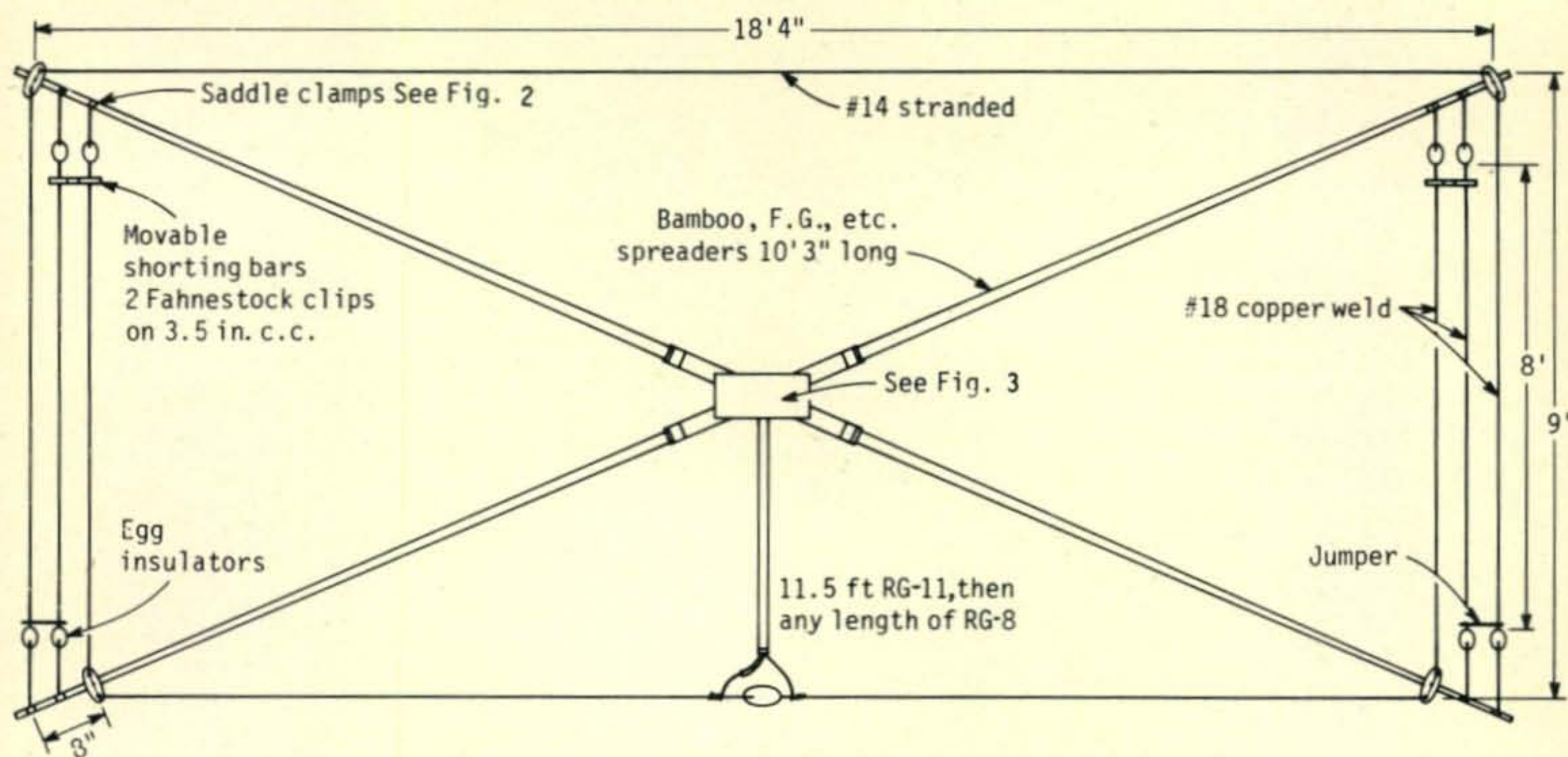


Fig. 1—Driver element construction for the LP Quad.

to form his own spreader and saddle clamps, hence no detailed dimensions. Pass safety wire through the outer cross-arm clamp and hole to prevent accidental clamp slippage.

The spider-spreader assembly is laid flat on the ground and wire stringing begun. Trying to do the job with one continuous piece of wire is quite hopeless. Besides, we are using two different sizes of wire. A guage stick 9 ft. 2 in. long, is butted between the inner side of the saddle clamp at the top spreader and the lower egg insulator wire wrap joint. The #18 copperweld wire is passed around the saddle clamp's lower 10-32 machine screw and fastened. It is then threaded through the

egg insulator, drawn firmly and wrapped. Leave several inches of extra wire to make the jumper and connection to the #14 top element wire. Do not rely on the saddle clamps for electrical continuity. With the guage stick in place, the other two parallel #18 wires are then strung. Don't forget to install the movable shorting bar. With a tilt-over tower the shorting bars are more accessible as shown. If necessary the shorting bars and jumpers can be interchanged. Transfer the guage stick to the opposite side and repeat the wire stringing.

Next, the #14 wire horizontal sections are fastened at one end around the other saddle clamp screw, pulled up taut, wire

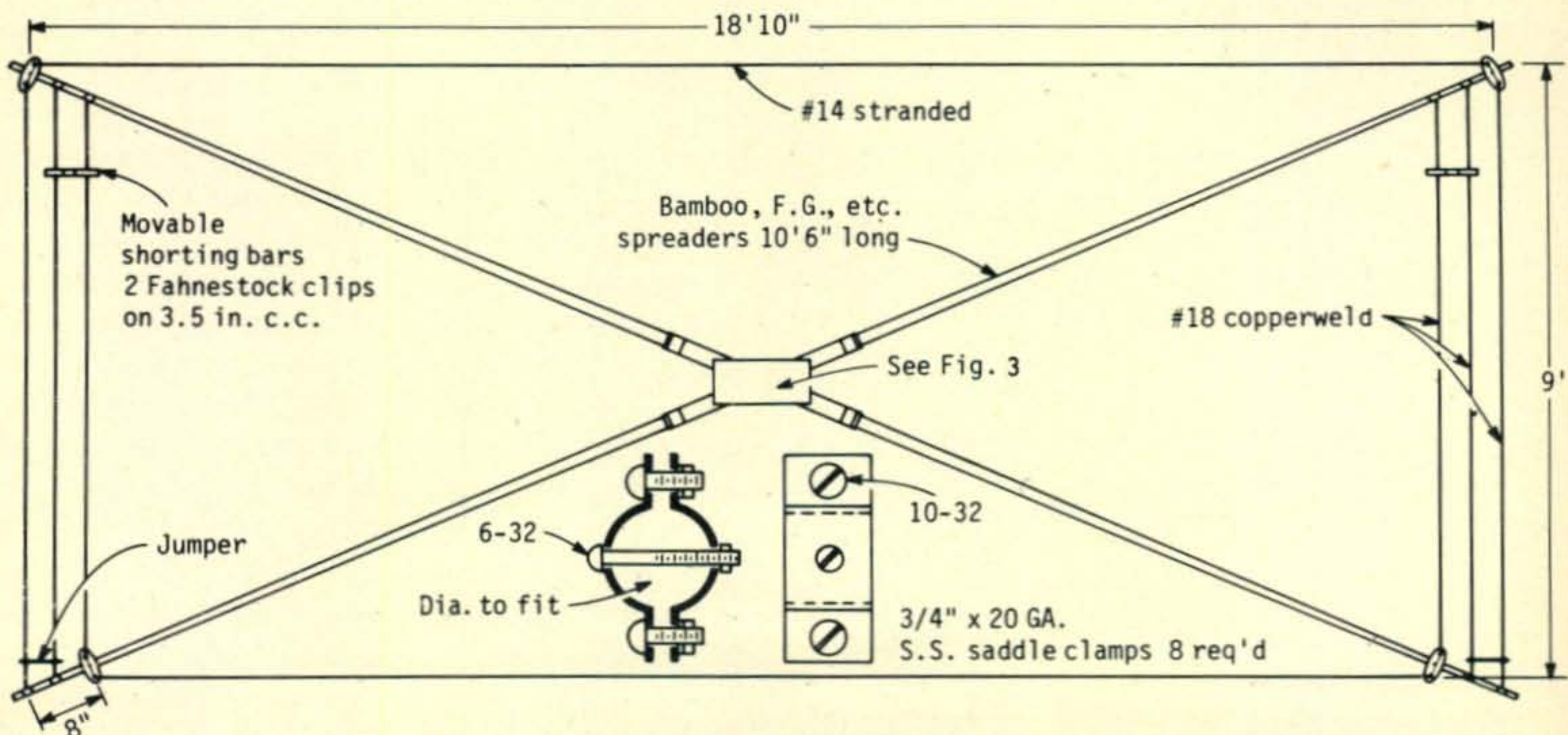


Fig. 2—Construction of LP Quad reflector and saddle clamps.



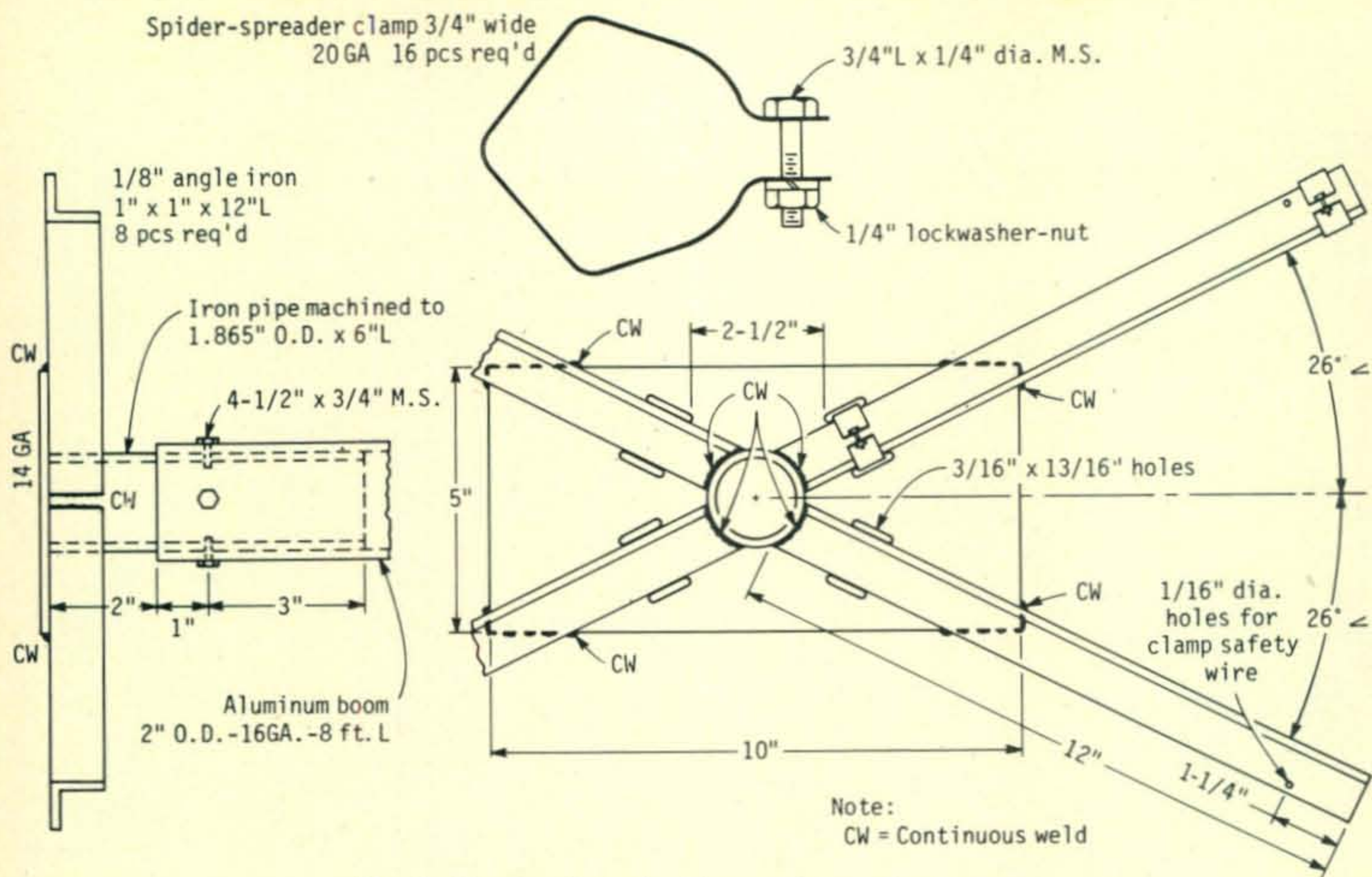


Fig. 3—Construction of spiders and spreader clamps.

wrapped and the pigtailed over the saddle clamps soldered.

The 18 ft. 10 in.  $\times$  9 ft. reflector element, shown in fig. 3, is assembled in the same manner, minus the egg insulators. The normal power input here at W1HXU is 500 watts d.c. and the bamboo spreader insulation appears to be adequate. However a 2000 w.p.e.p. signal probably could use the egg insulators or at least fiber glass spreaders.

### Feeding and Adjustment

The input impedance is made to order for RG-11/U: around 75 ohms. However my underground coax installation uses the more common 50 ohm RG-8/U so it had to do. If operation is confined either to the phone band or c.w. portion, the v.s.w.r. is acceptable when centered in that working portion. By simply inserting a  $\frac{1}{4}\lambda$  matching section of RG-11/U, 11.5 ft. long between the driven element and the 50 ohm feed line one can expect a v.s.w.r. curve as per fig. 4. Of usefull interest is the 50 kHz shift between wet and dry conditions, so tune up for your prevailing WX.

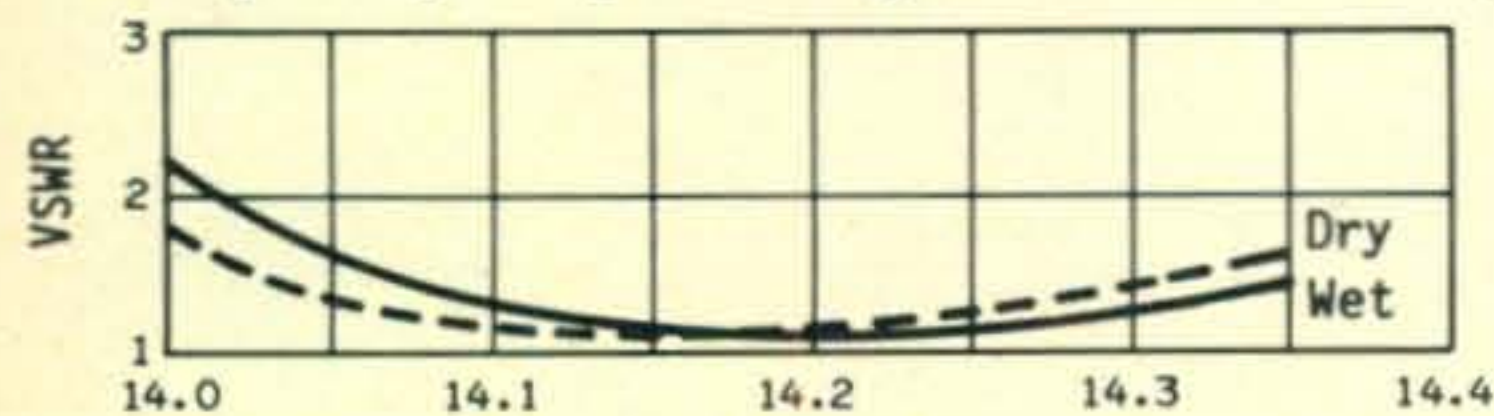


Fig. 4—V.s.w.r. curves of LP Quad.

Initial tuning is made with the shorting bars one foot from the top on both elements. Raise the antenna, apply low power, and take a v.s.w.r. curve. From the frequency of lowest v.s.w.r. on the curve, determine the desired frequency shift. Moving both shorting bars equal increments and in same direction will effect a frequency change of approximately 15 kHz per inch. To lower the frequency move the bars towards the top; to raise the frequency, move bars downward. Adjust the driven element only; raise antenna and repeat the plot of v.w.s.r. until the desired point has been reached.

The reflector is tuned for maximum forward gain or best front-to-back ratio by pointing the beam at a short dipole antenna in the attic 40 ft. from the quad. The transmission line from the dipole terminates in a diode and 0-1 ma meter in the shack. The reflector will tune quite broadly, and some corrective adjustments may be necessary to the driven element as both elements approach optimum resonance. Finally, solder the shorting bars in place. (Thank heaven for tilt-over towers).

A glance through our log book clearly indicates that this Low Profile quad outperforms the previously-used 2-element wide spaced yagi in percentage of contacts and signal reports, and it sure looks real pretty!



# Radio Communications In Primitive New Guinea

BY MILT MANN,\* W9PRH

**A** RECENT occurrence indicates that most of the world's radio amateurs are extraordinarily mean, cruel, and heartless. Before thinking yourself to be apart from this group, consider the following question: When was the last time you gave a decent meal to the little man inside your receiver who works so hard to make himself heard when you turn up the volume?

Perhaps you're even more thoughtless than some of the primitive cannibals of the Western District of New Guinea. Not long ago a government patrol, returning to check the condition of the first radio receiver that had been left in one remote village, found it was entirely stuffed with rotting food. Local cannibals explained that they had been attempting to feed the little man they heard inside the box!

Happenings like this are common in New Guinea, one of the most primitive regions of the world. Though resident foreigners often joke that their definition of "primitive" is the total lack of television, the truth is that New Guinea's valleys are so deep, its mountains so high, and its bush so impenetrable, that since the beginning of history most tribes who live in its interior have never even seen the people of an adjacent village. Government patrols have touched most areas in recent years, but unknown, stone-age tribes continue to pop up periodically, and some tribes of cannibals and headhunters retain their traditional way of life against the pressure of government opposition.

Communications is one of the most basic . . . and most severe . . . problems of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea. Highway construction is phenomenally difficult. The terrain is rugged and geologically unstable. Only a few intertown roads exist. The best of these, called the Highlands Highway, spans about 350 miles. Averaging over 5,000 feet

in altitude, not much more than a single mile of this road is hard-surfaced.

Ships provide good service between coastal ports and up the long Sepik and Fly Rivers. But New Guinea is the world's second largest island. The majority of its population live high in the mountainous interior, generally above the altitudes reached by malaria-carrying mosquitos, and far beyond the range of navigable waterways.

During daylight hours aircraft of every description move large quantities of goods and people between short grass strips, jungle rivers, isolated helicopter pads, corrugated runways left over from World War Two, and the modern airports that adjoin most District Centers.

But aircraft operations are far too expensive to serve as a form of day to day communications for the average citizen. It has taken the penetrating power of radio to provide the first continuous communications link between the people of New Guinea and the unknown world surrounding them.

Many forms of radio communication are used in the Territory. Mission radio networks allow daily meetings between missionaries at



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Native woman disc jockey plays the top 100 on the New Guinea "Hit Parade."

remote outposts. Supply boats give advance notice of their impending arrival to villages far upriver. Aircraft can be called from almost anywhere in emergencies. The Weather Bureau gathers up-to-the-minute data for aircraft crews who frequently depart amidst unstable tropical weather. Radio amateurs chat with their friends in the Territory and abroad. And the Australian Broadcasting Company provides world news and entertainment programs primarily for the many Australian expatriates working in the Territory.

The nine stations in the expanding radio network of the Administration's Department of Information and Extension Services (D.I.E.S.), are the most unique and interesting for a variety of reasons.

Other than station managers and a few officials, who are Australian, these nine stations are staffed entirely by natives of Papua and New Guinea. Their formal education varies from nothing up. Yet, they appear to be doing a highly acceptable job.

A station manager explained, "Equipment and operation is as simple as possible to achieve the fastest practical turnover to a totally indigenous staff." The most serious problem he foresaw was the inability of most New Guinea natives to make decisions. "I ask a native disc jockey, 'What will you play tonight?' He replies, 'I'll let you know tomorrow.'"

D.I.E.S. stations are specifically directed to the native listening audience. Within this audience more than 700 languages are spoken. These are not just dialects, but unrelated tongues! To accommodate such diversity, programs of general interest are prepared in studios located near the Territory's capitol

of Port Moresby, then broadcast in English early each morning to the nine outlying stations. The staff of each station translates these programs into the languages most important in its own listening area. Some skilled announcers may work with more than half a dozen languages. Radio Daru cleverly arranges for resident students at a nearby high-school to translate items of interest into each of the 27 languages spoken in their home areas within the surrounding Western District.

New Guinea's major language is Melanesian Pidgin, often referred to as Pidgin English. Devised to communicate with early foreign traders who touched New Guinea's shores since centuries ago, it is a conglomeration of English, Malay, German, Chinese, Melanesian, Polynesian, and Portuguese words, as well as some from New Guinea's traditional languages. Having its own rules of grammar and sentence structure, it has become an independent language in its own right and may eventually be adopted as the Territory's legal language.

Initially unintelligible to most English speaking people, Pidgin's simple basics and extremely colorful expressions can be readily learned. It is the predominant language broadcast by D.I.E.S. stations in the northern part of the Territory, particularly over the higher powered transmitters of Radio Rabaul, Radio Wewak, and Radio Bougainville. Not only news, but many popular programs, including New Guinea's own musical Hit Parade, are broadcast in Pidgin.

Examples of Pidgin include the slogans used for identification by some D.I.E.S. stations. Radio Mount Hagen, in the densely populated Western Highlands District, is called, "Nek Bolong Tarangau", literally



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"The Neck that Belongs to the Eagle", or, in other words, "The Voice of the Eagle."

Radio Rabaul's slogan is, "Stesin Bolong Yumi", which if pronounced properly is obviously, "The Station that Belongs to You and Me."

Radio Daru uses the call letters VL8BD and transmits on the frequency of 3305 kHz in the 90 meter short-wave band. Radio Wewak, VL9CD, transmits on 3335 kHz. These are the two stations nearest the Indonesian border which divides the Island of New Guinea in half. A government official related that some years ago, when Australia anticipated potential troubles across this border, the power levels of these two stations were increased from the conventional 250 watts to more than 10,000 watts, presumably for the broadcast of propaganda if it had been deemed desirable. Radio Rabaul, VL9BR, also runs 10,000 watts because it serves distant residents on a number of widely scattered islands. It is at 3385 kHz. The other stations, all in either the 90 or 120 meter bands, operate at much lower power levels and are not often received outside of the Territory.

Most D.I.E.S. stations operate from 0700 to 1200 GMT, which is late evening local time. A few stations also are on the air from 2000 to 2200 GMT. At 2200 GMT the central station of the Department of Information and Extension Services begins transmissions. On a frequency of 11.880 MHz, it not only provides the local stations with programs to be rebroadcast later in the day, but it also gives advance warning of pending events and otherwise serves in lieu of a telephone line between network control and its stations.

Under its United Nations trusteeship, New Guinea is beginning to emerge into a form



A native New Guinean announcer on Radio Rabaul.



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of national awareness. Almost every community has its local government council and members are elected from the districts to convene in parliament in Port Moresby. An Australian official observed that, "Political changes are coming about so rapidly that in some cases the man who today serves as president of a government council was in recent memory the spear-carrying leader of his savage tribe." In the course of this transition some unusual laws have been made. For instance, prior to his initial election a candidate for parliament can be interviewed over the radio station that serves his district. But once elected, his voice cannot be heard on the radio for apparent fear that he might take advantage of his political position.

One very bright young member of parliament, Ebia Olewale, pointed out an example of the difficulty this can create: After teaching school for eleven years in Port Moresby, Olewale, who is fluent in at least half-a-dozen languages, returned to his home in the South Fly Electorate of the Western District to enter politics. Though permitted to express his viewpoints over Radio Daru, he also managed to carry his initial campaign to the voters personally. It took two continuous months of canoeing through the swamps and jungle streams of the vast, wet area, but he estimates that he managed to talk with 78% of his 30,000 constituents. Now, as an elected official running for reelection, he will be forced to follow the canoe route exclusively as he can no longer be heard over the air.

After thinking briefly of the peace and quiet that such a law might create in America, we asked Olewale how people in his district came to own radio receivers.

He estimated that there were a total of 700 radios in the district. Most were solid-



state receivers imported from Japan or China. Some were bought through local trading stores with money earned from the sale of crocodile skins or wood carvings, which are among the few products of the area. Others, at the request of local government councils, were given by the government to villages without adequate monetary resources.

Government patrols, who sometimes track through the bush for months at a stretch, bring the radios in, present them to a chief, and teach a few people in each village the technique of operating them. Olewale said that one of the most serious problems in his district was the shortage of trading stores, resulting in a large percentage of radios being out of service at any given time due to the difficulty of obtaining batteries. In New Guinea's central mountains where coffee and other commercial crops are grown, and near towns, where salaried jobs can be obtained, many people own personal radios.

New Guinea's Government Administration is concerned with the distribution of radios because within the Territory, radio serves many purposes other than simple entertainment. Before elections, for instance, radio discussions explain the functions of government, potential goals of the election, and the list of candidates. Then, as polling teams walk from village to village across the country, radio announcements give advance notice of their arrival to those who should be prepared to vote on each following day. And proceedings of local government council meetings are frequently broadcast within their own district.

Paul Cox, Manager of Radio Rabaul, related another use: Each station sends recording patrols out to remote areas of its audience. One of their present concerns is to record village story-tellers relating "storis bolong ol tumbuna," literally, stories that belong to all ancestors, or "traditional stories." After playing them back on the air for everyone in the district to hear, they are filed as a permanent cultural record which might otherwise have been lost in New Guinea's rapidly changing societies.

For all the education disseminated by D.I.E.S. stations, musical programming still produces the largest response from the listening audience. Radio Rabaul has received thousands of requests per month for specific tunes, though the total population of its basic listening area is less than 80,000. About 40% of each station's requests are for local tunes.

Radio Bougainville fulfilled this demand in typical fashion by recording more than 500 selections in a three month period of visiting villages.

The majority of other requests are for imported country and western songs. In fact, Slim Dusty, who is one of many Australian country and western crooners, has become sort of a hero to New Guinea's radio listening audience. He periodically risks his life in the hands of his fanatic fans by making personal tours of the Territory. Marches and music from other Pacific Islands are also frequently aired.

The people of Papua and New Guinea seem to have developed a rare respect for their radio broadcast services. Listeners write letters to their local station as if they were writing to a helpful big brother. Letters are often intensely personal, yet they are always directed to the station itself . . . and never to any individual working for the station. One letter accused a neighbor of murdering the writer's sister. Another accused a prominent politician of intentionally committing perjury.

This type of letter is frequently read over the air, all names included. To remain neutral, the stations avoid editorializing such matters, but the accused is always given the opportunity to reply over the air. As a result of the favorable image in which most natives hold D.I.E.S. stations, these airings themselves frequently seem to settle the controversies they have exposed.

Another unique example of this respect was demonstrated when a native announcer arrived at his studio to sign on at the beginning of the daily schedule. He had been out drinking most of the previous night. Though he believed that he was coherent, he decided that it would be unthinkable to risk embarrassing the station. He therefore refused to speak, causing the loss of the first hour of broadcast time.

Loss of respect would be a severe blow to a D.I.E.S. station. Such occurrences are rare. Ten years ago restless natives of Bougainville Island, who are so black that they refer to other Melanesians as "redskins", attacked the local radio station as being a "propaganda machine" during their campaign for separate independence. Station authorities readily agreed that they were committed to showing the views of the Government Administration, but they insisted that they had also presented opposing views in all fairness.

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# Results of the 1973 CQ World Wide WPX SSB Contest

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**T**HIS 16th annual event reiterates the fact that s.s.b. and WPX have come a long way since 1957. With practically everyone having s.s.b. capabilities, the contest activity has increased the international popularity of the WPX program. The contest, originally known as the SSB DX Contest, was organized by Bob Adams, W3SW, then CQ SSB Column Editor with the help of a crew of world-wide sidewinders (as they were known). There have been some changes in the rules over the years, the main one being the change to WPX for a multiplier in 1959. And if you participated in the first contest, you'll remember the big winner that year was CN8MM operated by Eva and Alex.

The contest was continued by Irv and Dorothy Strauber, K2HEA/K2MGE when they took over the Sideband column in 1961. The column was phased out in 1964 and the Contest Committee picked up the program,

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After placing 2nd in the '72 contest, the Brazilian DX Club Station PY7BDX came through with the highest score in this year's contest and picked up the top world honors in the multi-operator, single xmitter category due to the persistent efforts of (L to R standing) PY7AVY, PY7AKW, PY7AUR, PY7AOJ, PY7AZQ; (sitting) PY7AEW, PY7ZAH, PY7APS. How about trying for a special CQ award in the next one?

made a few modifications and continued the activity up to date.

The general consensus is that (mildly speaking) world-wide propagation conditions were not up to normal during the '73 weekend. It was a definite challenge for many, especially on 28 mHz, and 21 mHz in some areas. Although the average scores are not as high as in some past years, individual perseverance brought home a certificate to a number of unexpected winners. It really doesn't take a giant score to come out on top in this event, which is an excellent reason for always submitting your contest log regardless of the size of the score. The total number of logs received from the USA this year was disappointing.

Prefix competition is the "name of the game" in this one. Although each prefix is equally important, how about those unique goodies like: CQ6, 4M5, CI1, KZ0, TE2, SQ5, XX7, CT7, ZX7, VA6, 4L3, EI1, JD1, PA6, TG0, and 4J9, to mention a few that added extra excitement to the competition? Also a number of semi-rare DX countries including 4W1, A51, C29, JY6, VQ9, and ZB2 kept the pile-ups in full force.

The Call KZ0WPX added a new one to the WPX list. Some of the other KZ5's felt that this gave Jerry an unfair advantage but we don't see it that way. The KZ5 prefix has its own multiplier value, equal to a KZ0. This was a legal call assigned to KZ5JF for the contest period by the Coordinator of Civil Radio in the Canal Zone.

The first winner of the new Joe (Mr. WPX) Hiller, W4OPM Memorial Award, donated by Jerry Hagen, WA6GLD, is none other than W2PV operated by Dave Donnelly, WB2SQN, in the all band class.

There is a single band award, also a Memorial for W4OPM. This one donated by the Virginia Century Club of which Joe



## TROPHY WINNERS

**WORLD**—Single Operator, Single Band. Jack Reichert, W3ZKH Trophy. Won by: **Victor Manuel Ramos Pereira, CQ6LF** (14 mHz).

**WORLD**—Single Operator, All Band. Don Murray, K4FMA Trophy. Won by: **Franklyn Brooker, 9Y4VU**.

**WORLD**—Multi-operator, Single Xmtr. Ted Thorpe, ZL2AWJ Memorial, awarded by Don Miller, W9WNV. Won by: **Station PY7BDX**. (Oprs: PY7AEW, PY7AKW, PY7AOJ, PY7APR, PY7APS, PY7AUR, PY7AZQ, PY7ZAH.)

**WORLD** — Multi-operator, Multi Xmtr. Chuck Swain, K7LMU Memorial, awarded by Don Miller, W9WNV. Won by: **Station WA3HRV**. (Oprs: K3EST, W3-AZD, WA3IAQ.)

**CANADA**—Single Operator, Single Band. Gene Krehbiel, VE6TP Trophy. Won by: **Alan R. Leith, VE1AL** (14 mHz).

**U.S.A.**—Single Operator, All Band. Charles "Joe" Hiller, W4OPM Memorial, awarded by Jerry Hagen, WA6GLD. Won by: **Station W2PV**. (Op: David Donnelly, WB2SQN.)

**U.S.A.**—Single Operator, Single Band (14 mHz). Charles "Joe" Hiller, W4OPM Memorial, awarded by The Virginia Century Club. Won by: **Station W3SS** (Op: Walter Rakitsky, WA3LRO.)

was the founder. W3SS operated by Walter Rakitsky, WA3LRO was the winner.

I wish we had a special award for high scoring Contest Expeditions that go especially for the WPX. Having personally

participated in several in the past, I know the planning and work involved as well as the adverse operating conditions that sometimes exist. Anyway, if we had such an award, I feel sure that VP2MYA would have picked up the honor. Another award we don't have is for the neatest, most complete, extra-readable superior log received. Regardless, I feel special mention is in order and do hereby acclaim the log of UK3NAA the best in this category followed closely by the DK4OO entries. Believe me, the Contest Committee really appreciates the extra efforts.

It was interesting to hear the 10/10 Club members exchanging numbers in conjunction with contest contacts on 10 meters. The purpose of this international group of over 8,000 members is to keep 10 meters active and they seem to be doing a pretty good job, and not just during the contest.

Now is the time to request your '74 contest log forms and summary sheets from the CQ office. Please send SASE or IRC's. The next one is coming up on the last weekend in March.

To the many stations that expressed their appreciation in receiving their '72 certificates at an early date, I say thank you, not only just for myself, but from my daughter Irene Welch who handled that end of the WPX contest paperwork. We hope to be able to do a repeat job for you '73 winners.

Well, that wraps it up for this year. Thanks to all who helped make this one a success. Hope to work ya in the next one.

73 Bernie, W8IMZ

## TOP SCORES

### SINGLE OPERATOR ALL BANDS

9Y4VU .....1,198,832	DU1GJM .....882,255
LU5HFI .....1,130,268	KS6DH .....873,120
TE2CF .....1,075,464	W2PV .....744,430
VK4VU .....997,338	9H5D .....738,990
VQ9R .....917,144	EA8CR .....737,264
CX1JM .....891,660	UD6HB .....730,900

### SINGLE OPERATOR SINGLE BAND

28 mHz	21 mHz
CR6OZ .....98,550	XX7IK .....472,115
LU2DEK .....62,532	VK9RY .....343,826
PY1MB .....60,724	WB6EJV .....282,681
W3AZD .....23,016	K7RSC .....74,520
W4SYL/5 .....21,060	I3MAU .....63,382
XW8ES .....20,790	W5RTQ .....58,420

### 14 mHz

CQ6LF .....1,138,047	G3ZXX .....130,720
UA9BB .....912,163	JA2BAY .....72,354
DU1JMG .....872,025	XE1LLS .....72,206
EA4LH .....746,544	K6JAN .....60,342
W3SS .....685,260	
VK2APK .....536,182	

### 7 mHz

DJ2YA .....197,616	YU3APR .....191,860
ZL4BO .....187,884	UI8LAG .....187,856
	G4AYL/A .....119,196
	OH1XX .....101,916
	UW3IN .....99,084
	UP2ER .....92,664

### MULTI-OPERATOR

#### Single Transmitter

PY7BDX .....3,286,287	4M5BPG .....2,598,884
4J9B .....2,985,004	4L3Z .....1,642,560
VP2MYA .....2,792,720	ZX7AAD .....1,589,124

#### Multi Transmitter

WA3HRV ..1,731,750	YU1JRS .....950,300
KA1CQ .....1,040,019	SV1GA .....555,537



## U.S.A. TOP SCORES

### Single Operator

All Band .....	W2PV .....	744,430
28 mHz .....	W3AZD .....	23,016
21 mHz .....	WB6EJV .....	282,681
14 mHz .....	W3SS .....	685,260
7 mHz .....	K6JAN .....	60,342
3.8 mHz .....	K9CUY .....	25,840

### Multi Operator

Single Xmtr. ....	W1YK .....	782,400
Multi Xmtr. ....	WA3HRV .....	1,731,750

Number groups after call letter denotes: Band, Score, QSO's and Prefixes. Bold listings are certificate winners.

### SINGLE OPERATOR

#### North America

##### United States

W1GYE	A	10,488	72	69	W6AHF	"	39,360	182	80
W1WY	"	1,100	24	22	W6OKK	"	26,788	147	74
W1PLJ	"	560	15	14	W6ED	28	15,456	97	69
K1HVV	21	7,540	69	58	WB6EJV	21	282,681	722	147
WA1JMP	14	86,879	249	163	WA6BVY	"	8,932	107	29
WA1NRV	"	56,160	197	117	K6SVL	14	228,459	638	161
WA1PHF	"	24	3	3	K6JAN	7	60,342	215	89
W2PV	A	744,430	873	302	(Opr. WB6VZI)				
W2GKZ	"	26,730	110	90	W6BH	"	35,854	119	91
WA2EAH	"	15,183	94	63	W6APW	"	1,344	17	16
W2MB	"	8,924	53	46	W6PAA	3.8	11,904	73	62
W2LEJ	"	7,939	59	49	W7AYY	A	80,972	265	124
K6SE/2	"	6,996	54	44	K7UWT	"	576	16	16
K2BQO	28	9,600	89	60	K7RSC	21	74,520	312	90
WB2IWH	14	2,240	37	35	WA7RRR	7	20,720	137	74
K2DTQ	7	5,170	73	47	K7HTZ	"	12,540	81	55
K3CR	A	25,365	133	95	W7YTN	"	9,000	68	50
W3YHR	"	12,925	84	55	W5QQQ/7	3.8	23,968	137	56
W3AZD	28	23,016	133	84	WA8NYB	A	115,878	288	186
W3SS	14	685,260	758	324	WB8EUN	"	65,608	202	139
W3GN	"	374,358	589	258	W8KOD	"	41,650	162	119
WA3ENM	"	192	8	8	W8GIO	"	39,750	140	106
W3CRE	3.8	24,332	132	72	WB8EEJ	"	8,176	68	56
K4YFQ	A	225,144	395	212	W8CL	"	320	12	10
K4KZZ	"	201,960	411	204	W8IMZ	28	10,002	87	66
K4OD	"	61,570	191	131	WB8EAS	21	860	20	20
W4HOS	"	29,574	136	93	K8IDE	14	161,310	360	190
W4WRY	"	19,596	98	71	W8TWA	7	10,260	57	54
W4KMS	"	18,225	102	75	WB8FWQ	"	682	42	31
WA4YNP	"	4,290	49	39	WA9NPM	A	106,639	277	169
K4PR	"	504	18	18	W9ZTD	"	3,570	42	34
WB4WHE/4	"	9	3	3	W9IY	14	352,500	614	250
WA4DRU	28	9,116	73	53	W9YRA	"	30,186	148	106
W4WSF	14	413,664	562	278	WB9EBO	"	19,402	104	89
W4EEO	"	2,635	31	31	WB9EAQ	"	4,218	41	37
WA5ZWC	A	88,740	278	142	K9CUY	3.8	25,840	164	76
WA5STI	"	53,872	224	112	K0UTX	A	51,094	200	118
WB5HAE	"	12,736	94	64	W0HBH	"	46,846	178	118
W5QAM	"	12,276	92	66	W0FLM	"	10,309	111	61
W5OB	"	7,987	72	49	W0IUB	"	8,788	81	52
W5KZN	"	6,468	68	44	W0EMS	"	3,864	50	42
W4SYL/5	28	21,060	125	78	WA0TKJ	28	5,512	62	53
W5RTQ	21	58,420	217	127	W0FWN	21	12	2	2
W5BJA	14	104,082	363	166	K0SGJ	14	50,570	206	130
WA5ALB	"	41,082	182	123	W0FLT	"	10,220	93	70
W5NOP	"	26,433	117	99	KL7GDO	A	69,030	391	59
WA5RTG	7	35,526	161	93	KL7AIZ	21	9,900	150	22
WA5SDT	"	31,668	147	87	KL7EWP	14	10,728	107	36
WB5DIZ	"	7,592	60	52	WA1PND/VP9				
K5PFL	3.8	20,436	122	78	VP9AD	"	123,760	449	104
W6BJB	A	93,096	305	108	VP9GO	14	23,501	146	71
K6SDR	"	58,558	320	67	VE1HX	A	309,876	643	196
W6KYA	"	41,961	206	71	VE1AL	14	117,320	381	164
					VE1ADV	A	325,128	582	228
					CI1ADV	A	168,610	508	130
					VE3CBY	14	102,952	308	136
					VE3BBN	3.8	76,728	210	92
					VE4RP	A	44,654	227	83
					VE5RA	14	4,646	50	46
					VE6SB	A	42,583	166	97
					VE6MP	"	28,416	165	74

VE6MC	14	16,184	123	68	Canada				
VE7BEF	14	49,685	237	95	VE1HX	A	117,320	381	164
KZOWPX	A	529,064	1255	164	VE1AL	14	325,128	582	228
			(Opr. KZ5JF)		CI1ADV	A	168,610	508	130
TE2CF	A	1,075,464	1848	234	VE3CBY	14	102,952	308	136
TI2WX	"	75,460	400	77	VE3BBN	3.8	76,728	210	92
H18LC	A	56,700	226	81	VE4RP	A	44,654	227	83
TGOAA	14	271,602	800	158	VE5RA	14	4,646	50	46
XE1HR	A	170,316	534	114	VE6SB	A	42,583	166	97
XE1LLS	7	72,206	214	79	VE6MP	"	28,416	165	74
CR6CN	A	285,957	521	189	VE6MC	14	16,184	123	68
CR6OZ	28	98,550	264	135	VE7BEF	14	49,685	237	95
CR6HT	21	2,744	34	28	Canal Zone				
CQ6LF	14	1,138,047	1272	309	KZOWPX	A	529,064	1255	164
EA8CR	A	737,264	958	236	(Opr. KZ5JF)				
CR7IZ	A	536,404	610	292	Costa Rica				
XX7IK	21	472,115	687	235	TE2CF	A	1,075,464	1848	234
CR7FR	14	321,408	524	216	TI2WX	"	75,460	400	77
VQ9R	A	917,144	1253	277	H18LC	A	56,700	226	81
ZS6ZE	A	344,410	597	202	TGOAA	14	271,602	800	158
YA1OS	A	51,555	198	105	XE1HR	A	170,316	534	114
A51PN	14	16,717	142	73	XE1LLS	7	72,206	214	79
EP2NH	21	55,692	256	102	CR6CN	A	285,957	521	189
EP2RB	14	88,320	258	128	CR6OZ	28	98,550	264	135
JA3AA	A	129,183	367	149	CR6HT	21	2,744	34	28
JA7AQR	"	20,770	135	67	CQ6LF	14	1,138,047	1272	309
JA2AIR	"	8,784	83	48	EA8CR	A	737,264	958	236
JA7IBJ	"	5,808	51	33	CR7IZ	A	536,404	610	292
JA1ANA	"	2,262	38	26	XX7IK	21	472,115	687	235
JA7ARW	"	1,869	35	21	CR7FR	14	321,408	524	216
JA1BUI	"	1,150	34	23	VQ9R	A	917,144	1253	277
JA6OKB	28	12,400	109	62	ZS6ZE	A	344,410	597	202
JA9AG	"	8,904	80	56	YA1OS	A	51,555	198	105
JH3GCN	"	3,201	47	33	A51PN	14	16,717	142	73
JH2NWF	"	943	24	23	EP2NH	21	55,692	256	102
JA3ELU	"	216	10	9	EP2RB	14	88,320	258	128
JA6XFM	"	119	7	7	JA3AA	A	129,183	367	149
JA4EBU	"	90	6	5	JA7AQR	"	20,770	135	67
JA6BSM	21	45,045	196	105	JA2AIR	"	8,784	83	48
JA1ELY	"	32,148	160	94	JA7IBJ	"	5,808	51	33
JA2JAB	"	9,020	82	55	JA1ANA	"	2,262	38	26
JH2EVL	"	6,512	58	44	JA7ARW	"	1,869	35	21
					JA1BUI	"	1,150	34	23
					JA6OKB	28	12,400	109	62
					JA9AG	"	8,904	80	56
					JH3GCN	"	3,201	47	33
					JH2NWF	"	943	24	23
					JA3ELU	"	216	10	9
					JA6XFM	"	119	7	7
					JA4EBU	"	90	6	5
					JA6BSM	21	45,045	196	105
					JA1ELY	"	32,148	160	94
					JA2JAB	"	9,020	82	55
					JH2EVL	"	6,512	58	44

JH3FYW	"	2,492	44	28	Jordan				
JA3WKG	"	615	19	15	JY6FC	A	3,696	38	33
JH3RGU	"	400	18	10	Korea				
JH2LUF	"	144	9	8	HM1AJ	14	19,057	269	59
JH3PHV	"	70	6	5	Laos				
JA3BUB/3	"	27	3	3	XW8ET	A	9,540	117	60
JA3YJQ	"	3	1	1	XW8ES	28	20,790	409	45
JA1KSO	14	181,475	438	175	OD5BA	A	490,536	689	216
JA2PJC	"	128,501	374	151	OD5HJ	14	4,294	53	38
JA2HGA	"	16,416	113	72	HS4AGZ	A	623,616	1350	256
JA0SC	"	14,204	100	67	Yemen				
JA1AAT	"	6,992	78	46	4W1AF	A	454,034	672	226
JA6CM	"	6,026	66	46	U.S.S.R.				
JA6YY	"	4,070	55	37	Asiatic				
JA1AS	"	2,574	40	33	UA9YE	A	123,246	659	123
JH3BJN	"	390	19	13	UW9EE	"	9,936	80	54
JA9OT	"	6	3	2	UW9CR	21	595	33	17
JA2BAY	7	72,354	175	93	UA9BB	14	912,163	1174	311
JA2KFO	"	1,620	28	15	UA900	"	109,809	325	147
JA7HYS	"	900	16	15	UA90S	"	59,000	234	118
KA7MS	14	7,866	75	46	UA9MT	"</			





VQ9R stirred up plenty of activity during what Carl said was his first contest and real fun. It was interesting to note that many a log comment indicated the VQ9 prefix was a new one for the WPX award.

Kazakh			
UL7GAZ	A	340,156	789 182
UL7JG	"	95,892	456 131
UL7LAW	"	9,700	70 50
UK7GAA	"	2	2 1
UL7BAB	14	45,551	170 101
UL7DAF	3.8	23,400	93 52

Tadjik			
UJ8JGJ	14	140,778	388 158

Turkmen			
UH8BO	A	136,485	339 135

Uzbek			
UI8LAG	3.8	187,856	286 118
UI8LAF	"	60,976	161 74
UI8ZAA	"	29,370	104 55

Europe			
Belgium			
ON5MG	14	151,905	419 195

Bulgaria			
LZ1QR	A	148,925	524 185
LZ2SC	3.8	49,600	224 100
LZ2KAD	"	1,456	30 26

Czechoslovakia			
OK1AGQ	A	150,300	373 180
OK2BBI	"	86,688	299 144
OK1AHV	"	72,352	279 136
OK2BLI	"	71,540	255 140
OK1KZ	"	30,115	181 95
OK1KPU	"	25,317	150 97
OK3TZD	"	16,950	120 75
OK2BEF	"	10,560	84 66
OK3YAX	"	6,996	72 53
OK1TA	"	6,390	53 45
OK2ALC	21	19,926	148 81
OK1MP	"	2,175	33 29
OK1AVD	14	24,882	193 87
OK1AJN	"	9,006	103 57
OK1DMM	"	220	10 10
OK2KR	7	5,244	58 46
OK2BIQ	3.8	86,028	333 134
OK1APJ	"	81,928	324 133
OK1AHI	"	47,936	203 112
OK2PEQ	"	44,440	214 110
OK1AAE	"	31,208	183 83
OK1AVU	"	23,056	157 88
OK1IAE	"	14,874	120 67
OK1MMK	"	8,496	79 59
OK3TOA	"	7,854	88 51
OK1ARH	"	4,472	58 43
OK2BFX	"	2,040	38 30
OK5GY	"	1,248	45 26
OK3CAW	"	336	18 12
OK5PBC	"	131	19 9
OK1KRY	"	126	10 9

Denmark			
OZ5EV	A	104,202	380 156
OZ5ME	"	20,566	148 91
OZ8KU	"	4,995	63 45
OZ3PO	"	920	22 20
OZ1RH	14	1,250	26 25
OZ3SK	7	15,680	98 70

England			
G3SEM	A	211,562	528 206
G3YBH	"	128,355	341 199
G3HTA	"	126,776	325 184
G2FNK	"	68,980	275 132
G2AJB	"	36,960	194 110
G4AYA	"	12,240	98 68
G3WJN	21	24,564	122 92
G3NSY	14	154,500	414 206
G4ALG	"	41,088	231 128
G3ZXX	7	130,720	424 152
G4ACQ	"	39,592	199 101
G4AYL/A	3.8	119,196	401 154
G5AHE	"	31,680	189 90

Finland			
OH3YI	A	264,084	644 236
OH1LW	"	120,925	469 175
OH2FS	"	25,458	149 87
OH2BMC	"	6,413	68 53
OH7NW	"	5,750	59 46
OH5TT	"	4,140	48 45
OH7OQ	"	756	32 21
OH6ZH	21	836	22 19
OH2BMG	"	468	15 13
OH7PB	14	4,410	63 42
OH5ZH	"	2,738	46 37
OH2BFX	"	1,025	33 25
OH1PG	"	280	14 14
OH5PA	"	168	9 8
OH1XX	3.8	101,916	317 149
OH1JP	"	6,720	70 48
OH2LU	"	126	8 7

France			
F9MD	A	161,600	368 202
F6AXO	14	2,916	52 36

Germany			
DK8FZ	A	475,342	850 266
DK400	"	284,640	529 240
DL9PU	"	17,840	119 80
DJ6TK	"	17,765	108 85
DL1YA	"	8,400	80 56
DL2JO	"	5,566	58 46
DK5OS	"	1,188	36 27
DL8PC	21	36,080	147 110
DL8CM	14	90,860	302 154
DJ2YA	7	197,616	484 184
DK50L	3.8	1,350	30 25
DA2EL	14	204,289	472 197
DM2BTO	A	84,529	350 137
DM2DEO	"	25,745	150 95
DM2DRN	"	7,381	82 61
DM4XMO	"	630	28 14
DM2DHO	3.8	6,500	70 50
DM2COJ	"	5,546	70 47

Gibraltar			
ZB2BL	14	3,600	51 36

Guernsey (Channel Is.)			
GC3YIZ	3.8	13,764	110 62

Hungary			
HA100CQ	A	89,817	322 141
		(Opr. HA5CQ)	
HA6NN	"	80,595	305 135
HA0DI/9	14	10,266	100 58

Italy			
I3PRK	A	358,001	668 257
I2SVA	"	133,875	390 175
I3MAU	21	62,382	203 134
I5PLS	14	23,735	160 101
I4OAK	"	17,098	146 83
I3BCB	"	9,120	90 60
I8DRX	"	5,280	90 55
I3BYT	3.8	21,900	149 75

Malta			
9H5D	A	738,990	1609 306

Netherlands			
PA0TO	A	3,430	62 49
PA6KM	14	18,270	141 90
		(Opr. PA0HTR)	
PA0LVK	"	6,726	62 57

Norway			
LA5QK	A	53,125	243 125
LA2AD	"	2,976	84 32
LA1L	14	1,922	45 31
		(Opr. LA2TO)	
LA5KO	7	3,996	54 37

Poland			
SP4CLX	A	134,577	376 171
SP6AOI	"	84,102	346 131
SP5XM	"	30,080	165 94
SP7EBM	"	18,012	123 76
SP2BBB	"	15,987	112 73
SP9ABU	"	14,707	110 77
SP5BB	"	12,512	104 68
SP8AWP	"	10,736	91 61
SP5CKM	"	5,258	63 41
SP1EIC	"	2,574	38 33
SP3DOI	"	2,430	32 30
SP1AGE	28	18	3 2
SP5DZI	14	28,800	182 96
SP5EMM	"	6,784	80 53
SP9ADU	"	4,386	53 43
SP9EVP	"	4,017	60 39
SP6DYD	"	1,750	29 25
SP5SIP	"	950	20 19
SP8EMO	"	247	16 13
SP8GEY	"	84	6 6
SQ5Z	7	12,560	131 40
SP9FLY	"	4,018	50 41
SP1BLE	"	1,488	31 24
SP1II	3.8	16,592	111 68
SP6TQ	"	2,040	37 30
SP6FUJ	"	1,768	38 26
SP9DH	"	1,288	26 23
SP3CTC	"	836	20 19
SP9EHP	"	608	21 16
SP9EHW	"	420	15 15
SP6AZ	"	364	17 13

Portugal			
CT7ZG	A	97,680	419 148
CT1QN	3.8	48,972	164 106

Romania			
YO3AC	A	168,260	452 188
YO2AFB	"	4,386	48 43
YO6DB	"	2,940	55 35
YO3JW	3.8	10,302	90 51

Scotland			
GM5AXO	A	30,393	154 99

Sicily			
IT9JT	A	717,885	1321 301
IT9FKS	14	188,100	621 225

Spain			
EA1FX	A	572,853	1125 257
EA4LH	14	746,544	1527 309
EA3KO	3.8	73,408	254 124

Sweden			
SM5DJZ	A	234,123	562 217
SM5CSS	"	51,200	220 128
SM7AIL	"	21,510	137 90
SM4CHM	"	12,600	97 70
SM4AZD	"	2,265	28 23
SM2COR	"	2,244	36 32
SM0CGO	"	276	15 12
SM7BBV	"	225	9 9
SM7DMN	14	12,888	115 72
SM3VE	"	12,168	120 72
SM4DQE	"	8,643	169 43
SM7TV	"	3,460	65 38
SM5CVC	"	814	27 22
SM7BGF	"	308	12 11

Switzerland			
HB9UD	A	704	18 16

Wales			
GW4AMV	14	27,000	204 100

Yugoslavia			
YU2RAM	A	27,930	154 105
YU3EJ	21	21,596	83 67
YU2OB	14	57,510	258 135
YU3TKT	"	800	34 20
YU3APR	3.8	191,860	510 181
YU1ODS	"	19,588	111 83

U.S.S.R. European			
UA3VAQ	A	92,320	292 160
UA3GM	"	63,360	262 128
UA3JD	"	38,054	200 106
UA3HB	"	14,208	105 74
UK2AAB	"	13,068	91 66
UA3XP	"	7,406	68 46
UA3WZ	"	4,128	60 48
UZ3TC	"	4,005	64 45
UA3DAK	21	2,100	32 30
UA3DBG	"	1,600	30 25
UW3EH	14	87,318	402 154
UA6NF	"	42,640	224 130
UA4AU	"	12,045	101 73
UA4CO	"	8,712	99 72
UV3GW	7	39,690	153 105
UV3FD	"	5,194	59 49
UW3IN	3.8	99,084	335 138
UW6LC	"	36,800	189 92
UA4UAZ	"	14,336	102 64
UW3RR	"	13,440	107 60
UA6NB	"	12,540	100 57
UW3UH	"	12,420	89 54
UA1ALN	"	9,964	109 53

Estonia			
UR2FQ	14	40	



# CQ Reviews:

## The Ten-Tec Model 315 Receiver

BY WILFRED M. SCHERER,\* W2AEF

**T**HE Ten-Tec Model 315 is essentially the receiver section of the popular Argonaut Model 505 Solid-State SSB/CW Transceiver.<sup>1</sup> It should be especially attractive to those desiring a full-fledged receiver to go along with their home-built low-power solid-state transmitters. Although it is supplied for operation from a 120 v.a.c. source, it also may be set up for operation from a 12-volt d.c. source which together with the receiver's light weight and relatively small size make it an ideal unit for emergency, vacation, portable, field, bed-side or arm-chair operation. It will also serve well as the regular home-station unit or as a standby receiver.

Perhaps the best way to initially describe what the 315 is all about is to give a rundown of its main features: single conversion with full coverage of the 80-10 meter amateur bands; linear tuning rate with 5 kHz calibrations (20 kHz on 28 MHz) readable to at least 2.5 kHz; MOSFET r.f. stage and mixer; permeability-tuned r.f., preselector and v.f.o.; upper- or low-sideband selection with 9 MHz crystal filter; pulsed 100 kHz crystal calibrator; built-in speaker with up to 1 watt output; headphone/external-speaker jack; S-meter; offset tuning; sidetone-input jack; T/R mute jack; b.f.o. and v.f.o. output jacks for transceive operation with an external transmitter using the same conversion scheme;<sup>2</sup> provisions for incorporation of two position c.w. filter; modular construction with plug-in circuit boards.

### Details

A block diagram of the receiver is shown

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<sup>1</sup> "The Second Coming of the Argonaut," CQ, November 1971, p. 59.

<sup>2</sup> Since the 315 provides v.f.o. and b.f.o. outputs, a home-built companion transmitter should not be too difficult to dream up. The v.f.o. output at the local oscillator frequency is nominally 50 mv. B.f.o. output at 9 MHz is nominally 80 mv.

at fig. 1. A number of other details may be found in the reference; nevertheless, some of these will be reviewed here. Dual-gate MOSFET's are used for the r.f. amplifier and mixer. The sideband filter is a four-crystal lattice type with a rated bandwidth of 2.5 kHz and a 6/50-db shape factor of 1.7. A single 9 MHz i.f. stage employs a bipolar transistor, while the product detector is another dual-gate MOSFET. There are three low-level a.f. stages followed by four transistors in a d.c. coupled complimentary output amplifier where both a.c. and d.c. feedback are employed to ensure very low distortion and maintain stability.

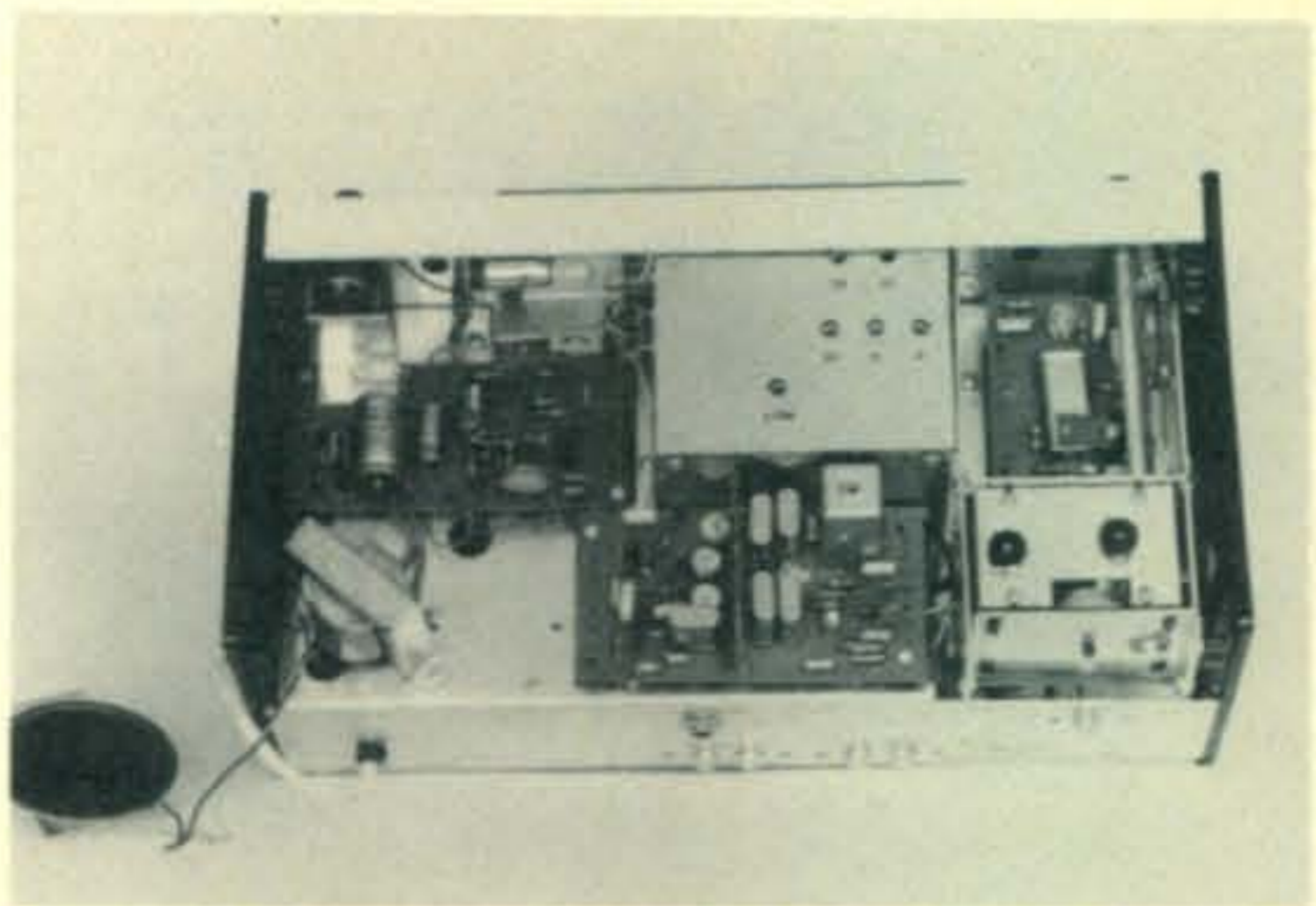
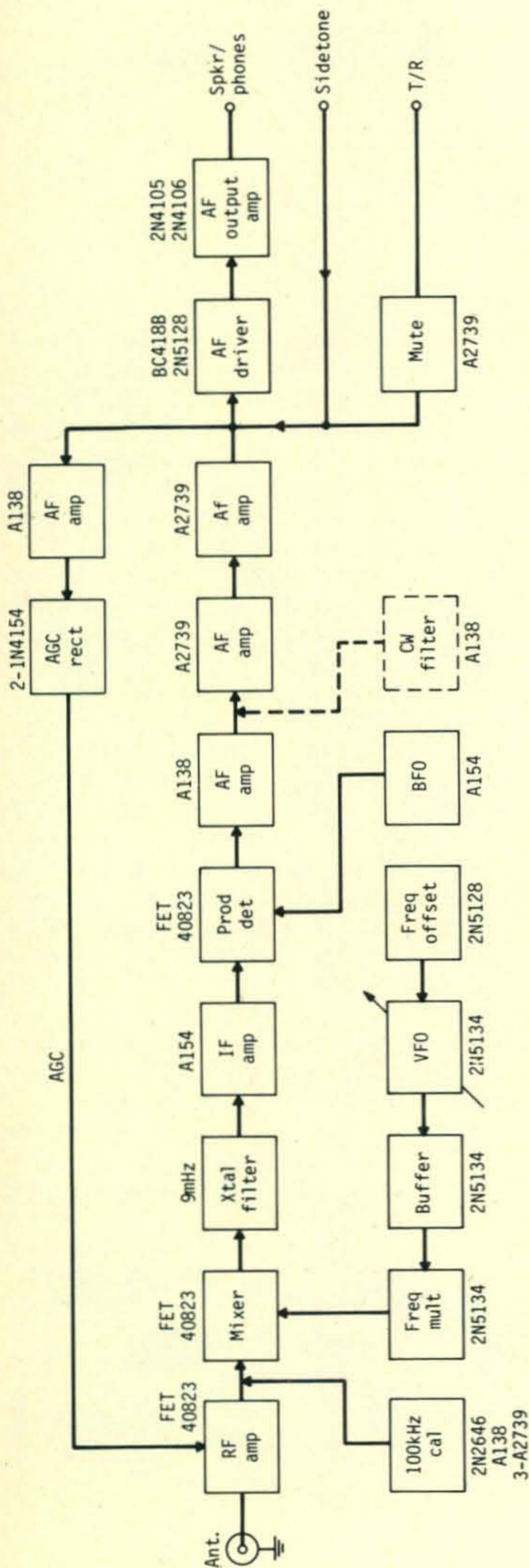
The a.g.c. is audio-derived using a separate a.f. amplifier and a voltage doubler. The muting system has two transistors with circuitry that cuts off the a.f. feed during transmit; however, it does not prevent application of the sidetone signal from an external source such as a transmitter or an electronic keyer. In the transmit position the muting disables the frequency-offset tuning of the v.f.o.

The crystal calibrator output is in the form of pulsed signals at a rate of about 3-pulses-per-second. This makes identification easy. In addition, the receiver gain is reduced by about 25 db when the calibrator is in use, minimizing interference from strong on-the-air signals. The calibrator circuitry is shown at fig. 2.



The Ten-Tec Model 315 SSB/CW amateur communications receiver.





Top interior view of the 315 receiver. The v.f.o. section is in the box at upper center. The board at lower center contains the mixer, crystal filter and b.f.o. The Control/Power Supply board is at upper left. At upper right is the crystal calibrator board at the foreground of which is the compartment with the r.f. amplifier and preselector-tuning set-up. The speaker at the left mounts in the top cover.

The b.f.o. employs a single crystal with its frequency placed at the required skirt of the filter that provides "normal" sideband operation (l.s.b. on 80 and 40 meters, u.s.b. on 20, 15 and 10). For "reverse" sideband operation the frequency of the b.f.o. is placed at the opposite skirt of the filter by "tweaking" the crystal by means of a capacitor inserted by a transistor switch. The frequency of the v.f.o. is not likewise shifted, so the receiver must be returned by about 3 kHz when sidebands are changed. When the receiver is used for transceive work with a companion transmitter, provisions are included to shift the b.f.o.-crystal frequency to within the filter passband for c.w. transmissions or tuneup.

The power supply employs silicon rectifiers in a full-wave bridge. Voltage-supply lines of +7 and +12 volts are held constant by individual series regulator transistors controlled by zener reference diodes.

### C.W. Filter

The c.w. filter accessory is a module that is inserted in the a.f. section. It consists of critically-coupled double-tuned *L/C* circuits peaked for a frequency of about 800 Hz with a rated 6 db bandpass of 300 Hz. The skirts may be widened or left narrow by cutting an *R/C* bridging circuit in or out. A preamplifier is included on the module to make up for insertion loss.

Fig. 1 — Block diagram for the Ten-Tec 315 Receiver.



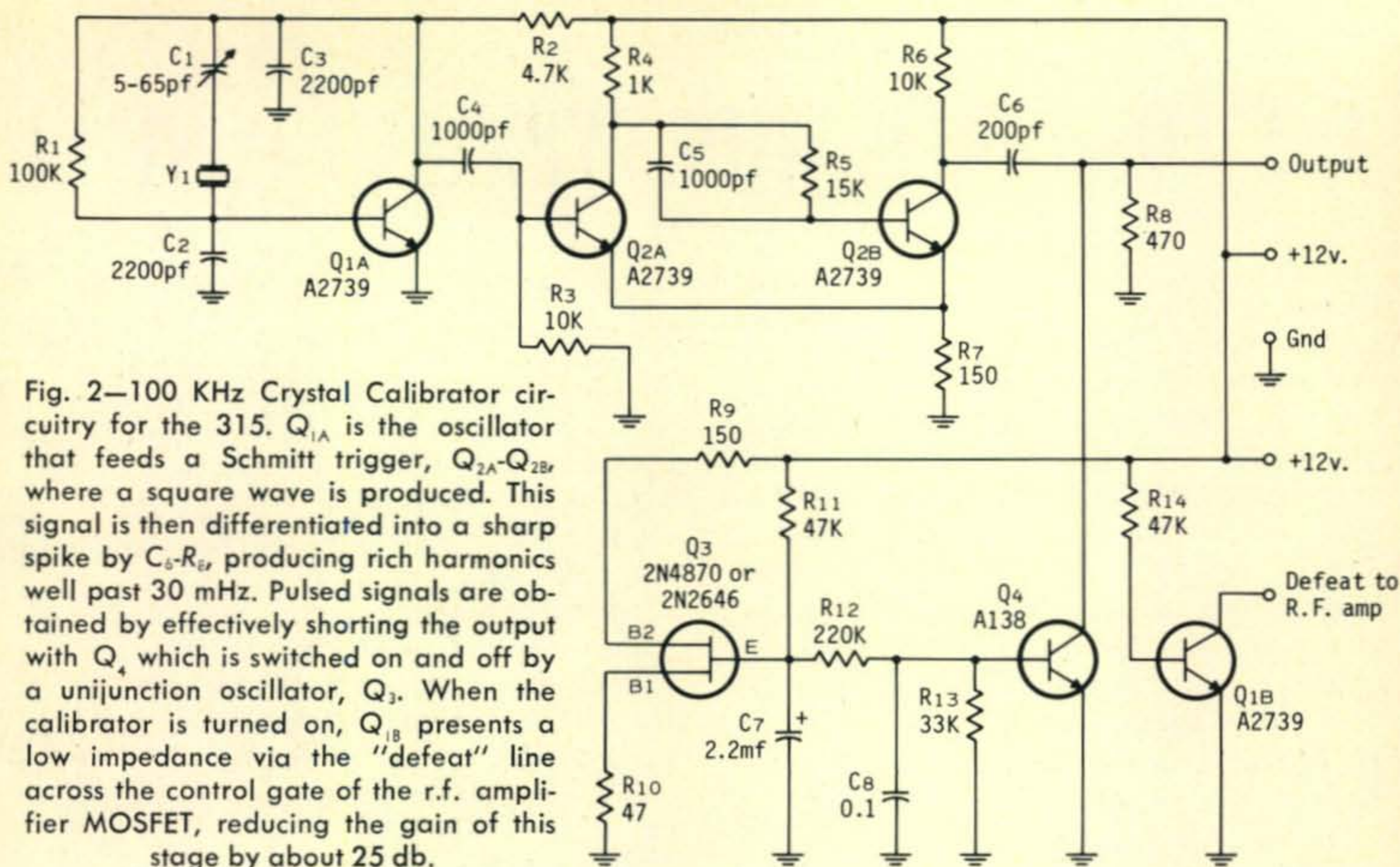


Fig. 2—100 KHz Crystal Calibrator circuitry for the 315.  $Q_{1A}$  is the oscillator that feeds a Schmitt trigger,  $Q_{2A}$ - $Q_{2B}$  where a square wave is produced. This signal is then differentiated into a sharp spike by  $C_5$ - $R_6$ , producing rich harmonics well past 30 MHz. Pulsed signals are obtained by effectively shorting the output with  $Q_4$ , which is switched on and off by a unijunction oscillator,  $Q_3$ . When the calibrator is turned on,  $Q_{1B}$  presents a low impedance via the "defeat" line across the control gate of the r.f. amplifier MOSFET, reducing the gain of this stage by about 25 db.

### V.F.O.

The v.f.o. functions over a number of different segments within the 5-7 MHz spectrum as needed for each band. Except for the 20-meter band, the v.f.o. output frequency is doubled or tripled to provide the mixer-injection signal required for producing the 9 MHz i.f. as described in reference 1.

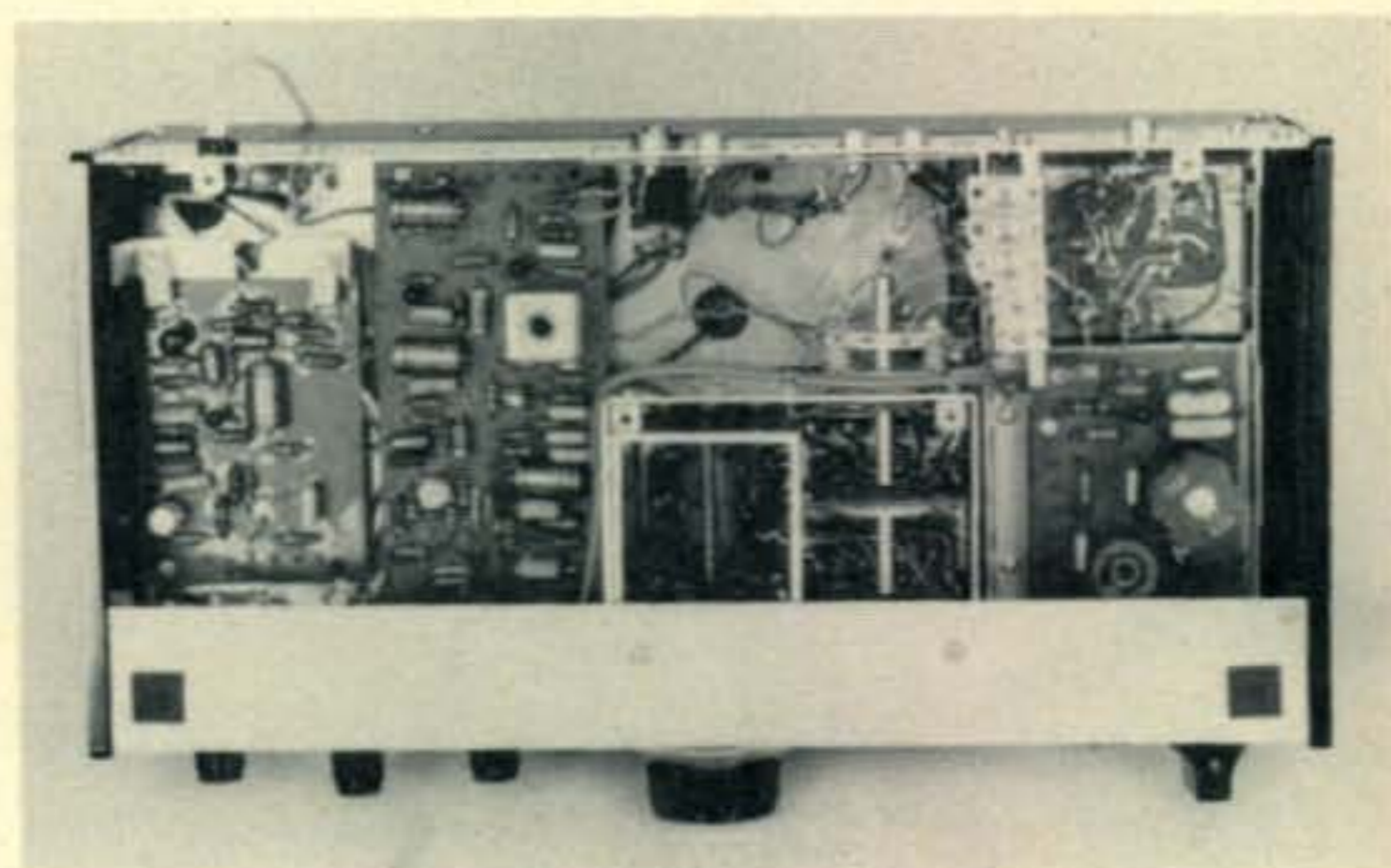
### Construction

Five plug-in circuit boards, installed on an aluminum chassis, make up most of the model 315. These boards incorporate the following sections: Mixer/Sideband Filter/BFO; I.F. Amplifier; A.F. Amplifier; Crystal Calibrator; Control/Power Supply. A wired-in board contains the r.f. amplifier and is installed in an aluminum cubicle along with the preselector permeability-tuning rack. The v.f.o. and frequency multiplier are on another board in a metal box which includes the v.f.o. bandswitch. The v.f.o.'s main-tuning inductor, with its permeability-tuning mechanism, is supported in a 3/16"-thick extruded aluminum frame within the v.f.o. enclosure. This ensures excellent mechanical sturdiness that enhances the v.f.o. stability and operation.

A slide-rule dial indicates the 100-kHz points over a 500-kHz spread, except for the 28-mHz band where the 100-kHz points are on a separate scale spread over the whole

band of 28-30 MHz. Tuning is handled by a planetary drive with which about 20 kHz is covered with one revolution of the knob (80 kHz on 28 MHz). A skirt at the tuning knob is calibrated over a 100-kHz spread in 5-kHz increments spaced about 5/16" apart, providing interpolation down to a few kHz. On the 28-mHz band, however, the dial calibrations must be multiplied by four, making each point indicative of a 20-kHz increment instead of 5 kHz. The skirt may be slipped on its shaft for indexing against the calibrator signal. The S-meter is calibrated from S-4 to S-9 +40 db.

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Bottom interior view of the 315 Receiver. From left to right are the a.f. amplifier and i.f. boards, the v.f.o. section (in foreground showing the inductor within its extruded-metal support) and the c.w. filter (far right).



Announcing

# THE CQ WORLD WIDE WPX SSB CONTEST

March 30-31, 1974

**I Contest Period:** Starts 0000 GMT Saturday. Ends: 2400 GMT Sunday. Only 30 hours of the 48 hour contest period permitted for Single Operator stations. The 18 hours of non-operating time may be taken in up to 5 periods anytime during the contest, and must be clearly indicated on the log. Multi-operator stations may operate the full 48 hours.

**II Objective:** Object of the contest is for amateurs around the world to contact as many amateurs in other parts of the world as possible during the contest period.

**III Bands:** All bands, 1.8 thru 28 mHz may be used, but operation is confined to two-way single side band *only*.

**IV Type of Competition:** 1. Single Operator (a) All Band, (b) Single Band. 2. Multi-operator, All Band, *only*. (a) Single Transmitter, (only one signal permitted), (b) Multi-Transmitter, (one signal per band permitted).

**V Exchange:** Five figure serial number, RS report plus a progressive three digit contact number starting with 001 for the first contact. (Continue to four digits if past a 1000) Multi-Transmitter stations use separate numbers for each band.

**VI Points:** 1. Contacts between stations on different continents; count 3 points on the 14, 21, and 28 mHz bands, and 6 points on the 7, 3.5 and 1.8 mHz bands.

2. Contacts between stations in the same continent but not in the same country count 1 point on 14, 21 and 28 mHz, and 2 points on 7, 3.5 and 1.8 mHz. (Exception: Contacts between different North American countries count 2 points on 14, 21 and 28 mHz, and 4 points on 7, 3.5 and 1.8 mHz. This applies to North American countries *only*.)

3. Contacts are permitted between stations in the same country for the purpose of obtaining a Prefix multiplier, but have no QSO point value.

**VII Multiplier:** The multiplier is determined by the number of different prefixes worked.

A "prefix" is considered to be the two or three letter/number combinations which forms the first part of an amateur call. (W1, W2, WA2, DL1, DJ, 4X4, 5A1 etc. See WPX rules.)

Each prefix may be counted only *once* during the contest.

**VIII Scoring:** 1. Single Operator (a) All Band score, total QSO points from all bands multiplied by the number of different Prefixes worked. (b) Single Band score, QSO points on that band multiplied by the number of different Prefixes worked.

2. Multi-Operated stations. Scoring in both these categories is the same as the All Band scoring for Single Operator.

3. A station may be worked once on each band for QSO point credit. However, prefix credit can be taken only *once* regardless of the band.

**IX Awards:** Certificates will be awarded to the highest scoring station in each category listed under Sec. IV.

1. In every participating country.

2. In each call area of the United States, Canada and Australia.

All scores will be published. However to be eligible for an award, a Single Operator station must show a minimum of 12 hours of operation. Multi-operator stations must show a minimum of 24 hours.

A single band log is eligible for a single band award *only*. If a log contains more than one band it will be judged as an all band entry, unless specified otherwise. However a 12 hour minimum is required on the single band.

In countries or sections where the returns justify, 2nd and 3rd place awards will be made.

**X Special Awards:** 1. WORLD—Single Operator, Single Band. A trophy donated by Jack Reichert, W3ZKH.

2. WORLD—Single Operator, All Band. A Trophy donated by Don Murray, K4FMA.

3. WORLD—Multi-operator, single transmitter. The Ted Thorpe, ZL2AWJ Memorial Award, donated by Don Miller, W9WNV.

4. WORLD—Multi-operator, multi-transmitter, The Chuck Swain, K7LMU, Memorial Award, donated by Don Miller, W9WNV.

5. CANADA—Single operator, Single Band. A Trophy donated by Gene Krehbiel, VE7DKS.





**WORLD-WIDE WPX SSB  
CONTEST**



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CALL HV35J Log Per 28 Mc Band \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_  
(Use separate log for each band.)

DATE Time GMT	STATION	SERIAL NUMBER		Fill in only when QSO is mult. PREFIX	Points
		Sent	Received		
1344	FI1AA	59078	59221	FI1	1
1402	EA6BJ	59079	59081	EA6	1
10	SQ5Z	59080	59042	SQ5	1
30	CR7IZ	59081	58240	CR7	3
41	W1GYE	59082	59101	W1	1
45	W1WY	59083	58079		1
54	K1DVO	56084	55042	K1	1
1500	W2PV	59085	59147	W2	1
03	W3AZD	59086	57099	W3	1
18	W8IMZ	59087	56078	W8	1
22	K2BQO	57088	56083	K2	1
37	W4SYL/E	59089	58102	W4	1
48	WA0TKJ	56090	56079	WA0	1
55	W6ED	56091	55100	W6	1
1601	TE2CF	57092	45209	TE6	1
09	W1MDO	58093	59088		1
18	LU2DEK	55094	54212	LU2	1
25	PY1MB	57095	57113	PY1	1
58	4A4AA/1	59096	59372	4A1	1
49	9Z4LO	59097	59372	9Z4	1
1700	PY1MO	44098	54103	PY1	1
OFF	1703 - 1903	2 HRS.			
1904	KSGDY	59099	59412	KSG	3
18	5W1AR	59100	59399	5W1	1
21	WB4MIZ/HK3	56101	57099	HK3	1
25	8PGEN	57102	58201	8PG	1
44	CN8HD	59103	59372	CN8	1
58	CQ6LF	59104	59400	CQ6	1
2005	VQ9R	57105	55413	VQ9	1
30	RA0UBG	55106	44101	RA0	1
OFF	2033 - 0633	10 HRS.			
0635	K1DVO	55107	56095		Dup
49	WA9HYS	56108	56101	WA9	3
0703	OD5BA	58109	59795	OD5	1
13	HM1AJ	57110	57778	HM1	1
22	XW8RS	55111	54801	XW8	1
41	GC3YIZ	59112	59639	GC3	1
57	UD6HB	58113	57807	UD6	3
0809	LX1BW	59114	59779	LX1	1
12	DK400	59115	59369	DK4	1
TOTAL POINTS THIS SHEET					

CQ Form 1069 eff. Feb. 1968

A sample log sheet already filled out. Official log sheets are available from CQ, see (XII) below.

tion, the category of competition and the contestant's name and mailing address in **BLOCK LETTERS**.

Also a signed declaration that all contest rules and regulations for amateur radio in the country of the contestant, have been observed.

7. Official log and summary sheets are available from CQ. A large self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage or IRCs must accompany your request.

If official forms are not available you can make your own by following the attached sample, with 40 contacts to the page.

6. USA—Single Operator, All Band. The Charles "Joe" Hiller, W4OPM Memorial. Donated by Jerry Hagen, WA6GLD.

7. USA—Single Operator, Single Band. The Charles "Joe" Hiller, W4OPM Memorial. Donated by the Virginia Century Club.

**XI Club Competition:** No club award is planned at this time, however one may be given if sufficient interest is shown.

**XII Log Instructions:** 1. All times must be in GMT. The 18 hour non-operating periods must be clearly shown.

2. Use a separate sheet for each band.

3. Prefix multipliers should be entered *only* the FIRST TIME they are contacted.

4. Logs must be checked for duplicate contacts and prefix multipliers. Recopied logs must be in their original form, with corrections clearly indicated.

5. A prefix check list is not only desirable but a *must* for proper contest operation. (It is recommended that you also send it along with your contest log.)

6. Each entry must be accompanied by a Summary Sheet listing all scoring informa-

(Daystrom Limited has made an International Log Form which is available to Canadian amateurs. We will supply them with Summary Sheets. Write to: 1480 Dundas Highway East, Cooksville, Ontario.)

**XIII DISQUALIFICATION:** Violation of amateur radio regulations in the country of the contestant, or the rules of the contest, unsportsmanlike conduct; taking credit for duplicate contacts; incorrect QSO's or incorrect prefixes will be deemed sufficient cause for disqualification.

Disqualification can also result in the disqualified operator(s) being barred from competition in all CQ contests for a period of up to three years.

Actions and decisions of the CQ Contest Committee are official and final.

**XIV Deadline:** All entries must be post-marked *no later* than May 1, 1974. In rare isolated areas the deadline will be made more flexible.

Logs go to: CQ WPX SSB Contest Committee, 14 Vandevnter Avenue, Port Washington, L.I., N.Y. 11050.



# OSCAR News & Orbital Data

BY GEORGE JACOBS,\* W3ASK

**O**N October 15, the AMSAT-OSCAR 6 amateur communication satellite successfully completed its first year in space.

After its first 4500 orbits, the satellite's 2-to-10 meter repeater continues to function normally, and it is now expected to remain in operation through most of the new year or longer. The uplink to the satellite is the passband between 145.90 and 146.00 MHz, while the downlink is in the corresponding passband between 29.45 and 29.55 MHz.

Although operating at a power output less than originally intended, the 29.45 MHz beacon signal continues to provide useful telemetry and codestore data.

Oceans and continents have been spanned by the satellite, which makes possible communications over a range as great as 4600 miles. The Radio Amateur Satellite Corp. (AMSAT), manager for the project, reports that 100,000 or more contacts have been made through the satellite's repeater by nearly 2000 stations in at least 72 countries during its first year in space. About 40% of these stations are in the USA, 60% overseas. For countries such as Angola, Austria, Bermuda, Iceland, Ireland, and several others, the AMSAT-OSCAR 6 satellite provided the *first* and so far *only* means for direct communications via a satellite.

While many stations are using directional antennas and e.r.p. on the order of 100 watts or more communications through the satellite has been established with fixed amateur stations using as little as 8 watts and a dipole antenna, and from low power mobile stations in cars, and aboard a ship and an airplane.

In addition to making space communications a reality for radio amateurs on a regular basis throughout the world, data from the satellite has also contributed significantly to increasing scientific knowledge, especially in the field of radio wave propagation. It has also served as a valuable

educational tool for budding engineers and scientists in numerous primary and secondary schools, and at colleges and universities where the satellite has been used for first-hand experience with spatial experiments and observations.

AMSAT-OSCAR 6 is proof that radio amateurs are capable of designing, building and operating long-life communication spacecraft that can serve a useful purpose. New communication channels have been opened and scientific knowledge increased in the true spirit and tradition of amateur radio.

Happy Birthday AMSAT-OSCAR 6!

## Operating & Orbital Data

The AMSAT-OSCAR 6 satellite continues to orbit the earth every 115 minutes. When travelling in a south-to-north direction, it crosses the equator at an angle of 102° and 28.75° of longitude further to the west on each pass. At the equator and in the low-and-mid latitudes, the satellite should pass "in view" for communications during portions of at least three orbits during the morning and three during the late afternoon and evening, for a total of six. On the more overhead passes, communications should be possible for up to 25 minutes.

On December 1, AMSAT expanded the satellite's operating schedule. It is now ON every *Thursday, Saturday* and *Monday* (GMT days) during the late afternoon and evening *south-to-north* passes, and *Tuesday, Friday* and *Sunday* (GMT days) during the morning *north-to-south* passes. The satellite is normally OFF and *not available for communications on Wednesdays* (GMT).

AMSAT urges that the weekday morning passes, because they fall during school hours, be used by radio amateurs to demonstrate the satellite's potential for educational purposes. If at all possible, arrange to set-up equipment at local schools, or invite groups of interested students to your station, to witness for themselves satellite

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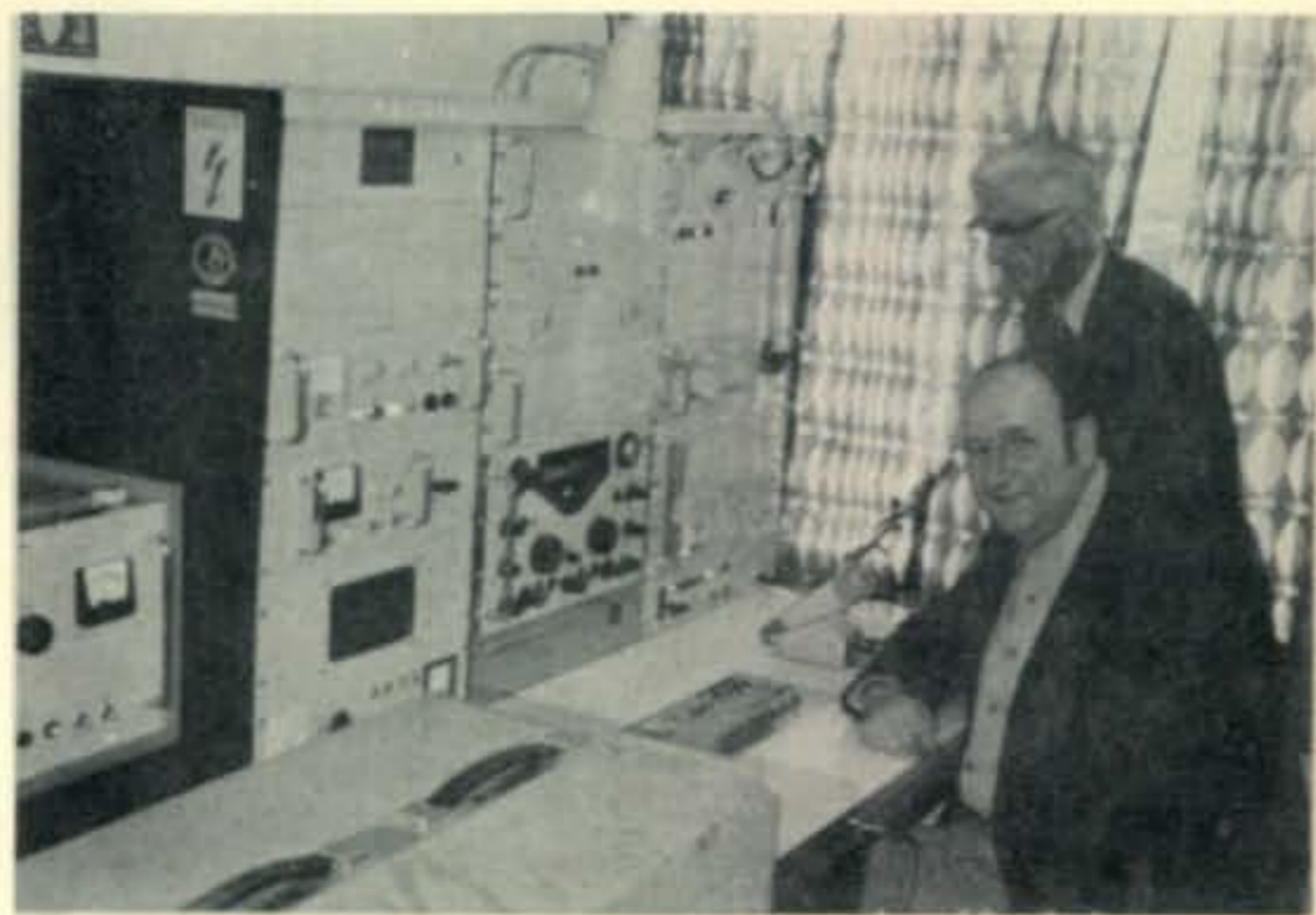
communications at work in their community. Remember to invite the local press also, since amateur radio can use the publicity, and send reports of these demonstrations to AMSAT.<sup>1</sup> Check with ARRL for literature and additional suggestions for demonstrating the satellite's educational potential.

Telemetry data continues to be transmitted daily in c.w. on the beacon frequency of 29.45 MHz between 5 and 15 minutes after the satellite has crossed the equator on its initial, or first orbit of the day (GMT). Codestore data may be transmitted in c.w. on the beacon frequency following the telemetry transmission, and possibly at other times as well. Data copied during the telemetry transmission periods should be sent immediately to AMSAT.<sup>2</sup>

Just prior to the telemetry transmission, as the satellite crosses the equator in a south-to-north direction on its initial orbit, selected stations transmit official bulletins through the repeater, using s.s.b. on a downlink frequency of about 29.49 MHz. These bulletins include reports of special experiments and any changes in the satellite's operating time, as well as updated orbital information. AMSAT urges that during OFF days, the satellite *not be used* for communications while the telemetry and special bulletin transmissions are in progress.

The following table shows the initial, or reference orbit, in a south-to-north direction, for the AMSAT-OSCAR 6 satellite for each day during January, February, March and April, 1974. To produce south-to-north orbital information for other than the referenced orbits, simply keep adding 115 minutes and 28.75° of longitude for each succeeding orbit. South-to-north orbits that cross the equator between approximately 30° and 130° west longitude will permit the satellite to be used for communications over large areas of the USA. These will occur during the late afternoon and evening, local time.

Orbits travelling over the United States in a *north-to-south* direction will cross the equator in the *south-to-north* direction on the opposite side of the world between approximately 210° and 330° west longitude. These passes will occur during the morning hours, local time. The satellite will pass over the USA, crossing the 50th degree of north latitude 41 minutes after



W3ASK (seated) during a recent visit to PA0WLB's impressive radio amateur satellite earth station at Ter Aar, Holland through which hundreds of contacts have been made via the AMSAT-OSCAR 6 satellite. Behind George is Hank Ripet, OSCAR Coordinator for the Netherlands. William, the chief operator, took the picture!

crossing the equator and 176° further to the west; the 40th degree of north latitude 44.4 minutes later and 181° further west and the 30th degree of north latitude 47.7 minutes later and 185° further west. For example, if the satellite crosses the equator in a south-to-north direction at 240° west longitude at 1406 GMT, it will pass over the USA at the intersection of the 40th degree of latitude and the 61st degree of west longitude at 1450.4 GMT.

See "OSCAR-6 News" in Feb. 1973 *CQ*, p.38 for a method to determine the orbits that will be within communication range of a specific QTH.

Reference Orbits			
South-North Orbit No.	Date	Equatorial Crossing Time (GMT)	Long. of Equatorial Crossing (°W)
5927	Feb. 1	0002	48.3
5940	2	0057	62.0
5953	3	0152	75.8
5965	4	0052	60.7
5978	5	0147	74.5
5990	6	0047	59.5
6003	7	0142	73.2
6015	8	0042	58.2
6028	9	0137	71.9
6040	10	0037	56.9
6053	11	0132	70.6
6065	12	0032	55.6
6078	13	0127	69.3
6090	14	0027	54.3
6103	15	0121	68.1
6115	16	0021	53.0
6128	17	0116	66.8
6140	18	0016	51.8
6153	19	0111	65.5

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# QRP

## LOW-LOW POWER OPERATING

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**N**EARLY every prospective QRPp operator faces the question: "Will I be able to work out with such low power, given QRM, QRN, and QRO competition?" This question (and the unconscious scepticism it expresses) is a natural one. Our American culture has enthroned Brute Power, whether in the form of a 450 horsepower V-8 engine, a Boeing 747, a Dick Butkas, or a linear amplifier. None of us has escaped the unconscious assumption that it takes brute power (and the more of it, the better) to accomplish anything worth attempting. Hopefully the current energy crisis will awaken Americans to the fact that worthwhile things *can* be done without depending merely upon power.

Remember that this great country wasn't built with two-thousand horsepower earth-movers—just a mule or two, plus a sharp axe and a determined pair of biceps did the job. Well, QRPp operators have, for a long time, critically examined and rejected that "American as apple pie" notion as invalid. Their on-the-air experience has

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### 1973 DL-AG CW Summer QRPp DX Contest Results

Call	Power (Watts)	Score	Call	Power (Watts)	Score
OH2BOR	9	11571	OK1KZ	3	610
DJ4SB	7	6931	HB9QA	3,9	580
DJ1ZB	3	5320	OK1XR	2	516
DJ3IW	2	4872	W7LNG	9	490
OK3BSA	9	3864	DL1NF	6	468
OK1ARD	8	2730	DK2TK/p	3	420
ISOATZ	8	2420	DK4EX	9	371
DK5MP	8	2108	DT4OEE	9	335
DJ7ST	9	2046	SP9FSD	5	315
I1EFC	9	1620	DM6TAH/A	9	312
G8PG	5,1	1560	DJ2KX	9	310
I5MPN	9	1380	WA6GEN	8	300
WB0DAV	2	1184	OK1UY	2	184
OK1FCA	2	1176	DM2CRJ	8	176
OH2BOI	9	972	IS0BDO	8	168
PA0WX	3	880	SM0GBC/p	2	152
I1MDQ	9	840	DM2AHF	8	136
OK2PAW	6	832	DM2CJF/		
G3DNF	2	814	DT6TAF	9	111
DM6VAH	9	763	DM2AMF/p	8	96
G4BVS	5	752	OH3VJ	1	53
DK3PN/p	3,8	680	DM4JF	8	44

proven time and again that the very low power signal, coupled with skill and determination, can be almost as effective as the high power signal.

A look at the results of the 1973 Annual QRP ARC I QRP Contest should erase some of the scepticism that some of you might have experienced about trying out QRPp and the ability of QRPp to "get through."

The scoring system has a built-in "equalizer" in the form of a set of power multipliers based roughly on 3 db differences in power levels. Hence, 100 watt operation multiplies by 1.5, 25 watt operation by a 2 multiplier (3 db down), 5 watt operation (another 4 db down) by a 3 multiplier, and 1 watt operation (another 4 db down) by a 4 multiplier. So, scoring is a fairly valid indicator of comparative results. Now to an analysis of this year's results.

If you check the score box, you will note that the top six stations were using under 5 watts output. Further, 18 of the top 25 stations were QRPp. The number of QRPp stations submitting logs (30 out of 53) attests to the growing popularity of this "alternate lifestyle" among amateurs. Admittedly, the low power operator doesn't have the advantage of a power multiplier in day-to-day operation. But the point to be emphasized is that, even if we take away the power multiplier and look only at the raw score in numbers of contacts, the picture hardly changes.

The top three stations, all QRPp, each racked up a greater number of total contacts than any QRO station with the exception of W3RYV, whose total is still under that posted by the top QRPp operator K8BHG. Look at it from another angle. Add the total QSO's reported by the top six QRPp stations, and compare that to the total number of contacts posted by the top six QRO stations, and the QRPp gang still comes out ahead 470-401, with roughly 14.5% more contacts than the QRO gang! This little bit of statistical analysis should make the point quite clear. A good QRPp operator *can* offset a 3-10 db power disadvantage, even in direct competition with QRO stations. Of course, this doesn't mean that the QRO fellows are lids by any means—they just lost the ball game!

Just to ease suspicions that I might be trying to pull the wool over somebody's



QRP ARC I Annual QRP Contest Results

Call	QSO's	Power	Score	Call	QSO's	Power	Score	Call	QSO's	Power	Score
K8BHG	95	2, 5	27846	W0IYP	32	1	5304	WB5BOT	29	2, 75	1234
K8EEG/0	86	5	23142	WA8CNN	47	70	4620	W3HKS	20	75	1224
K0FRP/6	77	3	20760	VE3BUL	32	5	3519	W2WSS	14	5	1224
VE3KZ	57	.5	19180	WB8NTY	45	90	3399	WN7TUY	30	15	1080
WB4TNB	83	1	17000	WA4LBO	41	4, 9	3342	WN2RXL	22	60	858
WB0DAV	72	3	15264	JE1KZN	30	10	2400	W4QN	13	20	630
W3ARK	76	40	13271	W8GP	28	50	2237	WA6BCN	15	3	576
K2MFY	52	3	12672	W0AV	28	25	2176	W4ZRJ	9	5	576
W3RYV	92	90	12042	WN2EOO	28	15	2016	K1PQV	13	5	546
WA8VPD	49	5	10530	WA4CAO	32	40	1848	W8CSK	14	40	405
WB2LYB	65	25	9176	VE2PJ	28	10	1823	K7LNS	11	20	300
K9VCM	76	90	8910	WA8EDE	27	70	1809	W1ECH/1	9	3	300
K6EIL/2	52	2	7812	WA2EXX	25	90/50	1739	K4GUS	5	5	180
WA3RJS	67	2, 90	7347	WB0GQP	26	70	1620	WN6VZV	10	2	180
W2AXZ	38	3	7050	K9DDA	25	75	1593	W7IBL	12	5, 50	162
WA3SQB	39	3	6840	G3VDW	68	10	1504	KH6EBQ	5	15	99
K1QFD	39	3	6831	W5JLY	14	2	1404	WB8KZD	3	75	36
W4KFB	36	3	6072	W5OP	15	5	1386				

eyes, let me note that previous QRP Contests can be subjected to statistical analysis with the same results. There must be something to the claim that as power goes down, skill must go up!

Every year the length of the list of QRPP stations participating in Field Day increases, and totals are also on the upswing as more operators become more skilled at operating QRPP. Check out the results of the 1973 event in *QST*, November, 1973, page 71, and you'll get the point. Field Day is probably the roughest, toughest stateside contest of them all, and even with the QRM and QRO competition, the QRPP gang does a respectable job. During the 1973 affair, I managed to work 272 stations in about 16 hours, while running QRPP. I never really expected that it could be done, even though I've been in the game for quite a while. Of course, a full-size 8JK up to 50 ft. made a big difference, but that's what QRPP is all about—making that puny signal heard by any means possible short of increasing power.

### David vs. Goliath: DX Contests

Four big weekends of tremendous QRPP challenge lay ahead of us—the ARRL DX competition. Now, I know some of you must think I'm nuts for even suggesting that the QRPP operator get into a rough-and-tumble fight with the DX elitists, their California kw's, multi-element beams, and 100 ft. towers. But alas, the Philistines had the same misgivings when David strolled out to lock horns with Goliath. We all know the results of that skirmish!

Actually, there is no need to tremble at the thought of getting caught in a pile-up with a couple of hundred KW's. The amazing thing is, that, many times a QRPP signal,

applied at the right frequency, with the right timing, can walk away with a rare DX station right in the middle of the biggest pile-up this side of Malpelo Island. I know, because I've had it happen to me. Listen to the granddaddy of QRPP DX'rs, K4OCE, report his experience during the 1970 *CQ* WW DX Contest:

"It was very unfortunate that I was only able to operate about 7 hours during the contest... Anyway, I'm obviously a QRPP nut and I wanted to show some of the DX gang that kw's only cause unnecessary QRM and are absolutely unnecessary on cw. During the 7 hours that I operated, I at no time exceeded ten watts input. I operated on 10, 15, and 20 meters using a four element quad at 38 ft. I worked a total of 45 countries<sup>1</sup> and 21 zones (and forgot to work my own zone!). Between 2348 and 0028, a total of 40 minutes, I worked all continents." Don't let the four element quad frighten you off. During the same contest, W4VNE, running 1 watt output to a 120 ft. random end-fed wire, worked 25 countries and all continents! The efforts of these early DX pioneers are being imitated and matched today, both on s.s.b. and c.w. During the 1973 DX contest, for example, K6GKU made 54 DX contacts while running 2.5 watts s.s.b. I worked 30 countries<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>The following countries are listed: AX, CE, CX, DL, EL, G, GM, HA, HB, HC, HI, I, JA, JW, KH6, KL7, KV4, KZ5, LA, LU, LZ, OA, OH, ON, PJ, PY, SM, SP, TI, UB5, UP, UA, VE, VQ8, YU, ZE, ZF, ZM, ZS, ZS3, 4Z4, 7Z3, 9Y4.

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# Slow Scan TV

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## ATA—Amateur Television Association

ON5EX recently sent us a reminder that ATA, formed in 1967 is still going strong and promoting interest in SSTV, UHF-Amateur TV, Fax, and weather satellite reception. It is a non-profit association and publishes an English language magazine, *ATA International*, every three months. A subscription is \$5 in US bills (so register the letter) sent to: ATA Treasurer, M. De Meyere, ON4NU, Hullekensstraat 7, 9831 DEURLE, Belgium, Europe. A request to the above address will also get you a free sample copy if you'd like one.

## Designing With Transistors

The discrete transistor is a device that will be with us for a long time in spite of the rapid growth of IC's. Most IC's are created in the first place because a particular functional "block" appears in a lot of designer's block diagrams. The cost of designing a new IC is so high that there has to be a mass market for the device. It certainly makes sense to use the IC's that have already hit the market, whenever possible, but there are few projects that can be built without at least a few transistors sprinkled among the DIPs.

Designing with transistors is easy these days, especially at the d.c. and audio frequencies used in slow-scan. Sure, lots of big thick books, full of long equations have been written on the

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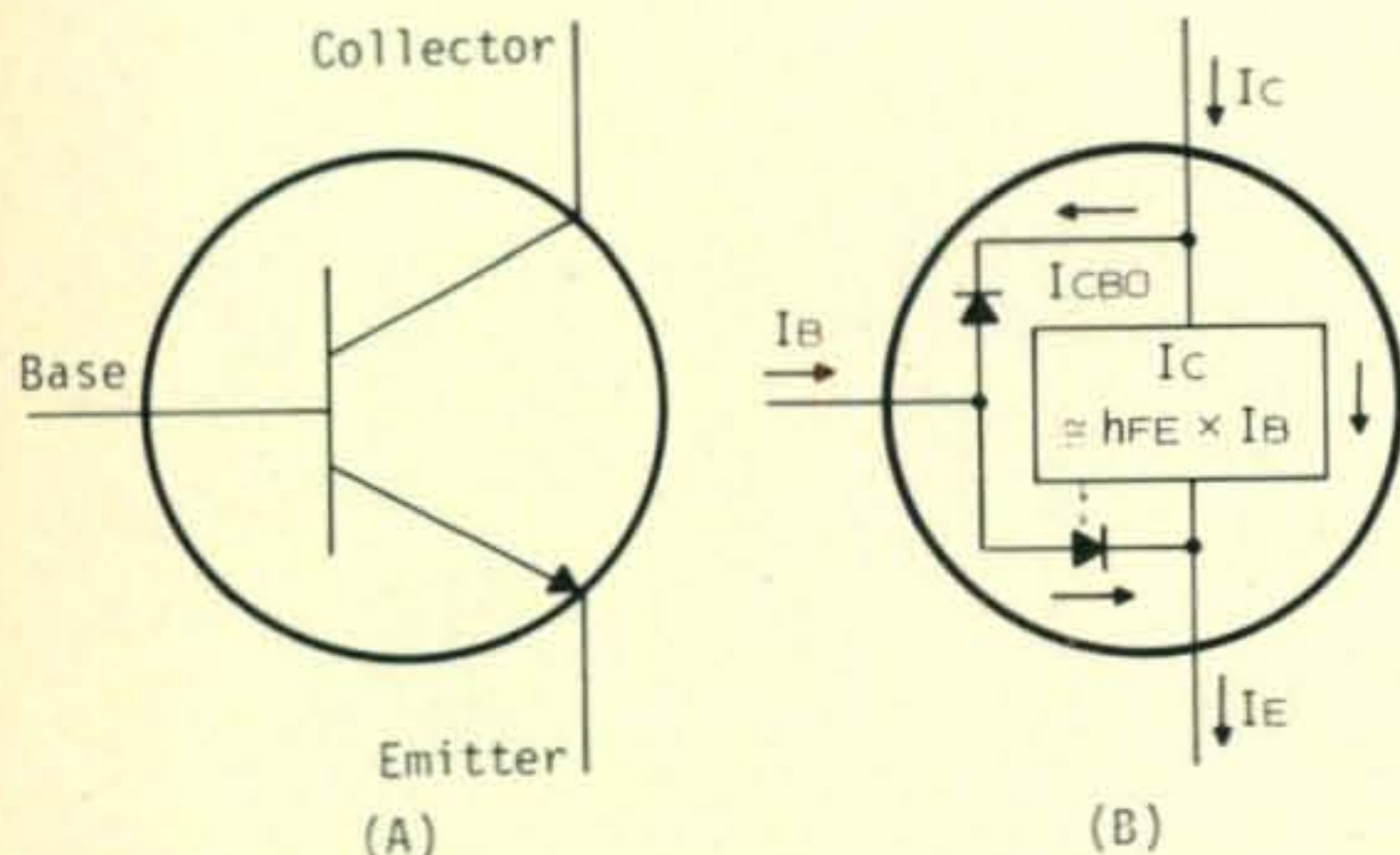


Fig. 1—(A) The symbol for an NPN transistor. (B) is a functional model showing base-collector and base-emitter diodes, and the constant current generator that responds to the current flowing through the base-emitter diode.

subject, but we can do very nicely by grasping only a few key concepts. The first transistors were low gain germanium units having high leakage. Doing a good design job with these things *did* require a lot of equation juggling. Today we can buy two or three high gain, low leakage, silicon transistors for a dollar. If we restrict ourselves to using only these high gain, low leakage devices, the calculations become greatly simplified.

Figure 1 will be our starting point. Figure 1(A) shows the standard symbol for an NPN transistor with base, emitter, and collector leads marked. Figure 1(B) shows the same NPN transistor, but with Cop's handy "innards" diagram instead of the symbol. This diagram is a useful *model* of how a transistor acts in a circuit. It tells us nothing about the chemistry, and physics, and geometry of the device; but frankly don't need to get into all that to be able to *use* the darned things. Let's start with the two diodes. The transistor really does contain two diode junctions; one between base and collector, and the other between base and emitter. If you take an ohmmeter and check a good transistor you'll find them there. In fact, the standard ohmmeter check to see if a transistor is "probably OK" is to check these diodes for a reasonably low forward resistance and a high back resistance. Then one checks between collector and emitter to make sure that the ohmmeter indicates a high resistance when connected first with one polarity, and then with polarity reversed. The breakdown voltage of these diodes shows up on the transistor data sheet. The base-collector diode is back-biased during normal transistor operation.  $BVC_{BO}$  or sometimes just  $VC_{BO}$  is the symbol used to indicate the breakdown voltage of this diode. In the data given for the 2N5828 we see that this voltage is 50 volts. The base-emitter diode is forward biased in normal operation, so in amplifier circuits its breakdown voltage is not important. It does come into play however in multivibrators and other digital circuits where we intentionally back bias the base-emitter diode to cut the transistor collector current off.  $BVE_{BO}$  is the highest safe back bias for this diode. The 2N5828 data shows this as only 5 volts which is typical for silicon transistors. (These diodes actually act like low power 6 or 6.5 volt Zeners having very sharp knees. Try one the next time you need a Zener in



this voltage range, but keep the current down to a few mils.)

If the base is shorted to the emitter, the collector-emitter breakdown voltage is the same as  $BVC_{EO}$ . If the base is left open, however, or is connected to a high impedance, the maximum collector-emitter voltage should be limited to the rated  $BVC_{EO}$ . For the 2N5828 this is 40 volts, only 80% of the  $BVC_{EO}$ .

Another diode-connected parameter to keep in the back of our minds is  $I_{CBO}$ , the maximum rated leakage of the collector-base diode. This current is added to whatever base current enters through the base lead. Its effect is negligible in 95% of the circuits you'll use, but you might want to take it into account if you are using transistors in circuits having an  $I_B$  of less than 1 microamp. (Check your calculations to see how much the collector current changes if  $I_{CBO}$  is added to the external  $I_B$ .) A transistor is more than a couple of diodes, of course, and that extra something is indicated by the current generator box connected between collector and emitter. In effect, whatever forward bias current we cause to flow in the base-emitter diode gets multiplied by the current gain of the transistor ( $HFE$  or Beta) and this new multiplied current flows in the collector circuit.

Figure 2 shows a simple circuit that causes this action to take place. Here we have grounded the emitter. The base-emitter diode is forward biased by the current flowing through the 1.1 meg resistor. A forward biased silicon diode will normally have a voltage drop across it of between 0.5 and 1.0 volts. Let's assume that the voltage is 0.7 volts in this case.  $I_B$ , the base current, will thus be the voltage across the resistor (11.3 volts) divided by 1.1 megohms, or about 10 microamps. What will the collector current

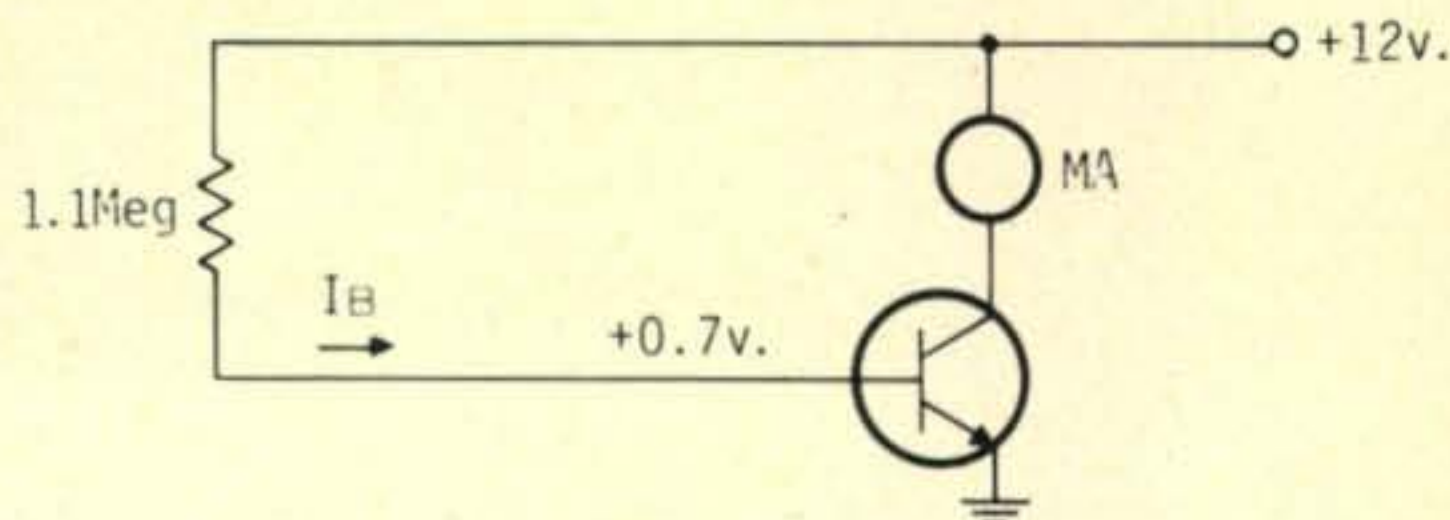


Fig. 2—A simple circuit that causes the action to take place.

be? It depends on the current gain of the transistor. Let us assume that the transistor in question is a 2N5828. The data for that type says that the Beta may be anywhere from 400 to 800. If it happens to be 400, then the collector current will be  $10 \text{ ua} \times 400 = 4000 \text{ ua}$ , or 4 milliamps. With a unit having a Beta of 800, the collector current would be 8 ua. Since the base current is only a tiny fraction of the collector current, it is also very close to being true that  $I_E = I_C$ .

Designers since the time of Faraday have used the convention that current flows from the (+) terminal of the power supply through the external circuitry and back into the (-) terminal. This was confusing in the days of vacuum tubes because the tubes made us aware that the electrons were actually flowing in the opposite direction. The current flow arrows in these diagrams follow the plus-to-minus convention, rather than electron flow. Feel free to think either way, but if you dig into any engineering books remember that the arrows will show plus-to-minus current flow.

### Designing Emitter Followers

The simplest, and one of the most useful transistor circuits is the emitter follower. It is the first "building block" circuit that we'll look at. Emitter followers are voltage amplifiers with a gain of almost 1—typically 0.98 plus. This may not sound too exciting, but at the same time they act as impedance transformers; high  $Z$  in and low  $Z$  out. The transformation ratio is equal to the transistor  $HFE$ , and unlike a wirewound transformer, this one goes down to zero frequency! Slow-scan gear uses a lot of high impedance circuitry: photomultiplier tubes, and 8 second sweep circuits to name a

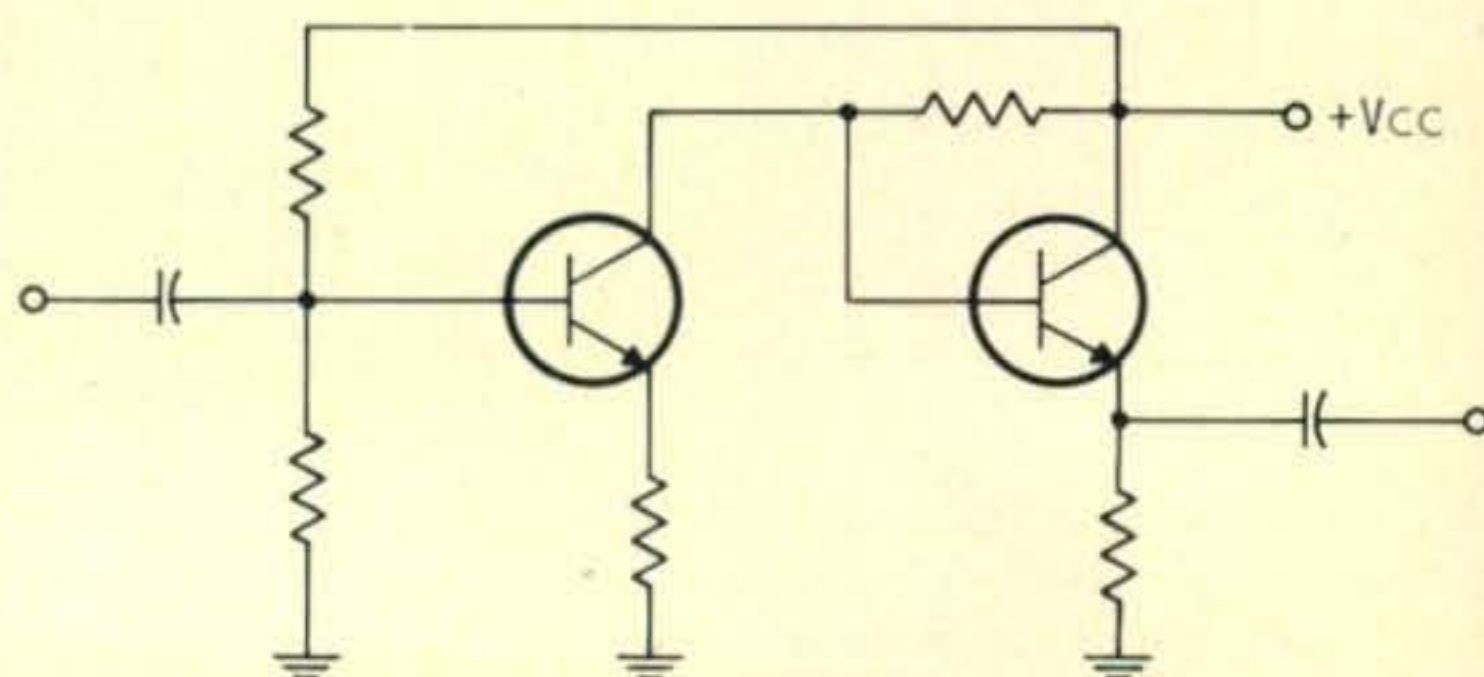


Fig. 3—An emitter follower output stage direct-coupled to the preceding stage.

#### Basic Data, 2N5828

Polarity: NPN

Collector-base breakdown voltage,  $BVC_{BO} = 50$  volts

Collector-emitter breakdown voltage,  $BV_{CEO} = 40$  volts

Emitter-base breakdown voltage,  $BV_{EBO} = 5$  volts

Maximum collector current,  $I_C = 100$  ma.

Maximum total power dissipation @  $25^\circ \text{C} = 360$  milliwatts

Max. d.c. current gain,  $h_{FE} = 800$  }

Min. d.c. current gain,  $h_{FE} = 400$  }

@  $I_C = 2$  ma.

Max. collector cutoff current,  $I_{CBO} = 0.05$  ua.

Min. gain-bandwidth product,  $f_T = 90$  mHz

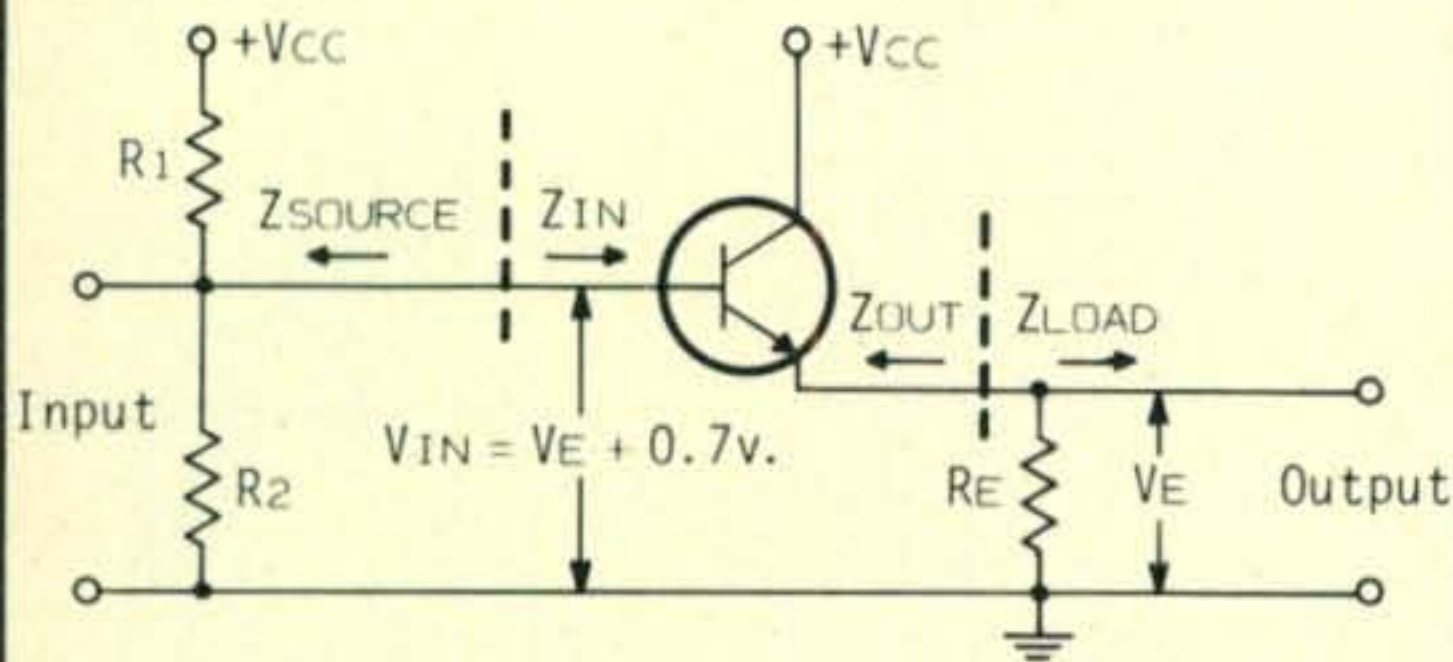
Max. gain-bandwidth product,  $f_T = 350$  mHz

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Price: \$0.34 each



## Emitter Follower Design



1. Decide on emitter d.c. voltage,  $V_E$ . (See text)
2. Decide on the collector and emitter current. (See text).

3. Select  $R_E$ : 
$$R_E = \frac{V_E}{I_C}$$

4. Select a transistor:

- a)  $V_{CE0}$  rating should be appreciably greater than  $V_{CC}$ .
- b) Rated power dissipation at  $25^\circ C$  should be well above calculated dissipation,  $P_D$ :

$$P_D = I_C (V_{CC} - V_E)$$

- c) Calculate  $Z_{IN}$  and  $Z_{OUT}$  to make sure that they are satisfactory. (Include source and load  $Z$  external to the stage in parallel with the resistive loading caused by the bias resistors).

$$Z_{IN} = Z_{LOAD} \times h_{FE}$$

$$Z_{OUT} = \frac{Z_{SOURCE}}{h_{FE}}$$

5. Calculate the maximum possible base current:

$$I_{B \text{ MAX}} = \frac{I_C}{h_{FE \text{ MIN}}}$$

- a) If  $V_{IN}$  is provided by the previous stage, is that stage capable of supplying  $I_{B \text{ MAX}}$ ?

- b) If the input is to be biased by an  $R_1$ - $R_2$  type of network, proceed as follows:

- 1) The total resistance of  $R_1 + R_2$  should be such that the current through the resistors is about ten times the maximum expected  $I_{B \text{ MAX}}$ :

$$R_T = R_1 + R_2$$

$$R_T = \frac{V_{CC}}{10 I_{B \text{ MAX}}}$$

- 2) Once  $R_T$  has been decided upon,  $R_2$  can be calculated:

$$R_2 = \frac{V_{IN}}{V_{CC}} \times R_T$$

- 3) Calculate  $R_1$ :

$$R_1 = R_T - R_2$$

7. Check source and load characteristics for the probability of parasitic oscillations, and designs-in suppression measures if they appear necessary. (See text.)

couple. Emitter followers allow the voltages developed in these high  $Z$  circuits to be coupled to lower impedance loads. They can be designed not to load down the source that feeds them. Usually one emitter follower will do the trick, especially if a high Beta transistor is used. Occasionally, two or more stages will have to be cascaded. This is done if the necessary impedance transformation ratio is greater than the  $H_{FE}$  of one transistor.

A step-by-step design procedure appears in the box. The order given for the steps is not fixed. If your input and output  $Z$  requirements are tight, you might start with step 4C), for example. Another possibility is that you only have a few parts on hand and want to come up with the best performance you can. In this case you'd "plug" the values into the appropriate steps and see how the numbers turn out.

Let's amplify some of these steps a bit. Selecting  $V_E$  in step 1 may be dictated by input or output bias constraints. Figure 3 shows an emitter follower used as an output driver following a transistor gain stage. In this case the  $V_E$  will be determined by  $V_{IN}$ —it will simply be 0.7 volts lower than the collector voltage of the driver transistor. At other times you will want a specific  $V_E$  and will need to design the input circuitry to give a  $V_{IN}$  of  $V_E + 0.7$  volts. When the d.c. bias considerations are not dictated by input or output connections (as is the case with a.c. coupling) it is normal to make  $V_E$  about half of  $V_{CC}$ . This gives the greatest possible output voltage swing without clipping; the peak-to-peak voltage can equal  $V_{CC}$  before clipping occurs.

The collector/emitter current decision of step 2 depends largely upon the impedance of the load being driven by the stage, and the necessary peak-to-peak output amplitude. If the stage is capacitively coupled to an external load, find the peak-to-peak current required by that load. To do this, divide the required peak-to-peak voltage across the load by its resistance. If you make the d.c. current through  $R_E$  equal to this same current value, you will be on the safe side in most cases. The problem here is that while an NPN emitter follower can supply lots of drive current in the positive direction, the drive current in the negative direction is supplied by  $R_E$ .

If high input  $Z$  is very important, start with step 4 and work backwards through step 3 to step 2. If the application is non-critical, or if you just don't know where to start, arbitrarily select a current of one or two millamps. If something doesn't work out down the line, you can always go back, plug in another value, and try again.

Over-voltage kills transistors instantly. Internal heating is the second enemy. Try to

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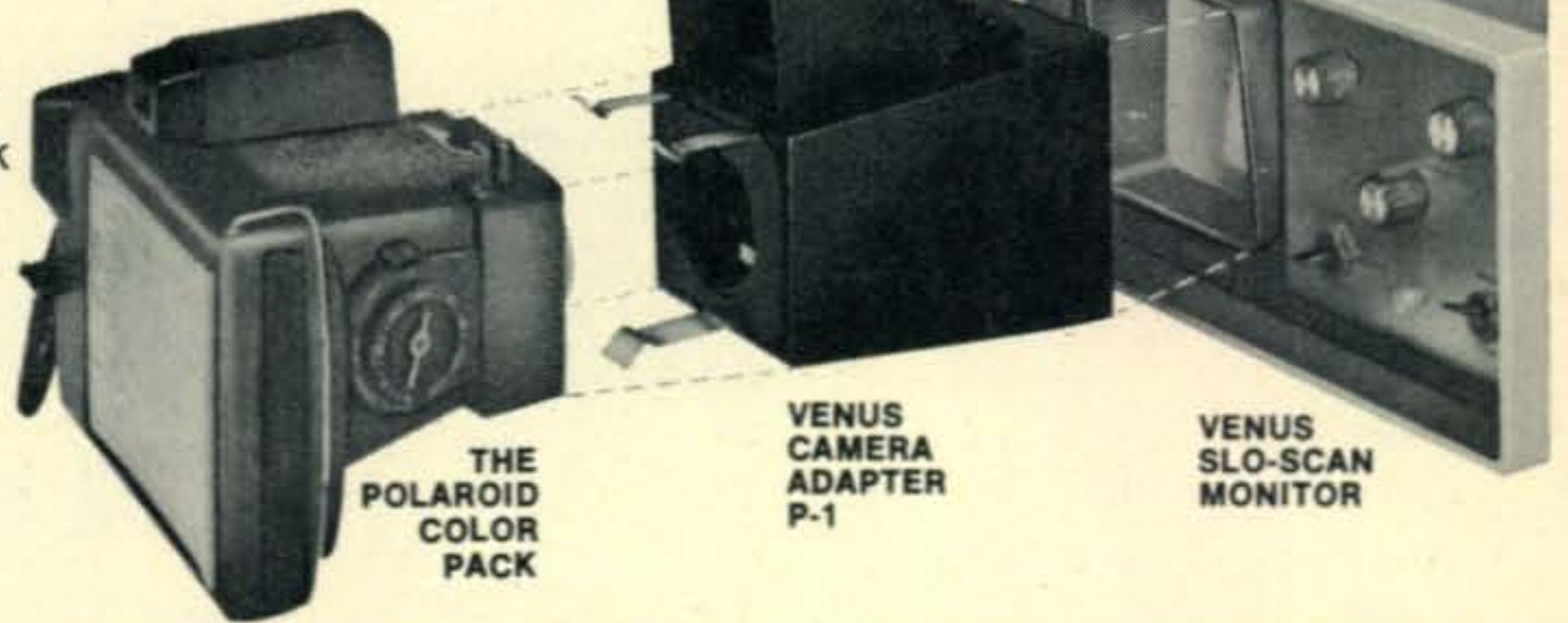
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BY JERRY HAGEN,\* WA6GLD

### Changing Faces

**D**UE to heavy business responsibility incurred by John, K4IIF, the DX Department is changing hats. Effective with this issue your Assistant DX Editor will assume DX Editor responsibilities with K4IIF becoming Assistant DX Editor. There will be *NO* change in The Awards Programs. The WPX and CQ DX Awards will continue to be handled by WA6GLD while the WAZ Program will remain with K4IIF. During the past six years John, K4IIF, has provided excellent reading as a DX Editor and established the First United States DX Advisory Committee. He provided excellent analysis and commentary on controversial DX issues by airing the opinions of major DX clubs through the CQ DX committee. The WPX Award Program was revitalized, the CQ DX Awards established and the CQ DX Hall of Fame initiated under his leadership. The DX column hopes that the help and interest of DXers will continue to be as good as in the past. We are always glad to receive comments and items of interest to the DX Fraternity for the DX column.

### Amateur Radio Goodwill

For the past 11 years the "Colegas Y Amigos" Radio Club of Southern California have been meeting with the Radio Club de Ensenada, B. C., Mexico to promote good will among the

\*P.O. Box 1271, Covina, California 91722



The Southern California group presented many useful supplies to the "Semilla Chiquita" School.

## THE WPX PROGRAM

### MIXED

408—JA2HGA	412—W7HKI
409—W5SBX	413—IØJX
410—ZL2AH	414—SK4DM
411—W2FBF	415—F9RM

### C.W.

1283—OH2DN	1285—UK3DAA
1284—OZ8WH	1286—UK5VAA

### SSB

771—JA2HGA	775—UK5VAA
772—JR1TSH	776—UK9AAN
773—LU1BAR/W3	777—LU8FP
774—HS4AGZ	

### VPX

61—UB5-0795	62—DE-F1Ø/17Ø52
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### WPNX

64—WN2KUM

*Mixed:* F9RM—1100, W4CRW—950, I6SF—850, YU1AG, IØJX—800, G5GH—700, W2FLD, W4HHN—650, WA6TAX, WA-9VGY—600, K3SXQ—500, W5SBX, W2-FBF—450

*C.W.:* DL7MQ—600, G5GH—550, WA3-CSF—450, UK5VAA—400, 350—W5-SBX, UK3DAA, OZ8WH

*SSB:* K2POA, DL9OH—900, W3YHR—650, WB4SIJ, K2JFE—500, UK9AAN—450, W2SZ, WA2DHF—400, UK5VAA—350

*VPX:* DE-F1Ø/17052—400, UB5-0795

*80 Meters:* G2GM, F9RM

*40 Meters:* F9RM

*20 Meters:* WB2FMK, F9RM

*15 Meters:* WA2DHF, F9RM

*10 Meters:* WA2EAH, F9RM

*Africa:* SM5-2735, F9RM

*Asia:* F9RM

*Europe:* WA4EPM, G5GH, G3OCA, UA9-MP, W5SBX, F9RM

*North America:* F9RM

*Oceania:* WA5ZWC, F9RM

*South America:* WA2EAH, F9RM

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 the WPX Award Manager, P.O. Box 1271, Covina, Ca 91722.

border neighbors. This years meeting in was held under the sunny skies and beside the sparkling "Bay Of All Saints" in Ensenada, Baja California. Approximately 30 amateurs from Southern California traveled down the coast where a Saturday morning greeting was given by the Representative of the Ensenada Mayor. Following the greeting, a motorcade proceeded to the "Ensenada Childrens School for Deaf and Mutes" where donations of clothing and food were given for the students. Following the presentation and a tour of the



## WPX HONOR ROLL

The WPX Honor Roll is based on confirmed current prefixes which are submitted by separate application in strict conformance with the CQ Master Prefix List. Scores are based on the current prefix total, regardless of an operators all-time prefix count.

### MIXED

W4LRN .....1275	W8ROC .....929	YU2DX .....855	WA6KDI .....790	JA1AG .....730
F9RM .....1053	ON4QX .....916	W4IC .....850	W0AUB .....785	WA6EPQ .....713
VE3GCO .....1030	W6TCQ .....904	W4BYU .....824	K6DSR .....789	PA0VB .....706
W8LY .....986	YU1AG .....896	WB4KZG .....820	SM7TV .....752	W6NJU .....706
W2NUT .....982	K1SHN .....893	W9WHM .....811	K2ZRO .....751	WA2EAH .....700
W3PVZ .....970	DL1MD .....892	G3DO .....810	K8UDJ .....750	W9ZTD .....700
WA6MWG .....962	W4BQY .....889	I0JX .....803	CT1LN .....749	WA0CPX .....693
DJ7CX .....960	W4WSF .....877	K2AAC .....783	WA5LOB .....749	W8GMK .....683
W4CRW .....948	I6SF .....862	W6ISQ .....803	PY4AP .....735	WA6JVD .....655
PA0SNG .....943	W9FD .....860	W3GJY .....797	K0BLT .....733	

### CW

W8LY .....975	VK3AHQ .....809	DJ7CX .....730	I6SF .....676	K2ZRO .....635
W8KPL .....955	W9FD .....802	K1SHN .....715	WA6MWG .....674	K1LWI .....629
DL1QT .....861	WB2FMK .....770	YU1AG .....709	W6ISQ .....666	W8GMK .....628
W2HO .....825	G2GM .....749	K2AAC .....686	SM5BNX .....652	W3ARK .....620
ON4QX .....823	K7ABV .....745	OK2DB .....693	W4IC .....652	VE4OX .....600
W2AIW .....813	W4BYU .....744	VO1AW .....681	WA6JVD .....647	OK2QX .....600

### SSB

W4NJF .....1100	K2POA .....883	DL1MD .....805	WA5LOB .....747	ZL3NS .....685
F9RM .....1000	HP1JC .....851	F2MO .....780	K1SHN .....737	YU1AG .....684
CT1PK .....930	I8KDB .....839	IT9JT .....762	W6RKP .....725	I8YRK .....662
W9DWQ .....917	I0ZV .....827	W3DJZ .....761	G3DO .....719	WB6DXU .....656
DL9OH .....911	PA0SNG .....824	I4ZSQ .....753	W6TCQ .....709	CR7IK .....613
I0AMU .....909	W0YDB .....819	W4IC .....750	OK1MP .....702	I4LCK .....608

facility, the Radio Club of Ensenada hosted a cocktail fiesta complete with delicious hors d'oeuvre.

The Radio Club de Ensenada, founded in 1963, has approximately ten members and meets weekly. The Club Call is XE2EBC and the station includes a c.w. rig plus a Swan Transceiver feeding a tri-band yagi or dipole. In May of 1973 the Club members activated the special prefix XF1EBC operating from "All Saints Island" which is located at the entrance to the fine Ensenada harbor. Following the visit to XE2EBC, a luncheon was held at the meeting center and introductions of all amateurs were made. Special honors were accorded to Duke, W6OZD and his XYL for their fine work in organizing the meeting and to Oscar, XE2DDP for his efforts on behalf of the Ensenada Radio Club. DXers W6EIF and WA6GLD were



At the Radio Club de Ensenada Clubhouse (l-r) W6EIF, XE2CMM, WA6GLD and XE2EBC members enjoyed the sunshine and fine refreshments.

pleased to meet Jose, XE2MX who is a school teacher in Ensenada and an avid DXer. His fine station (shown in photo) feeds a home built 2 element triband quad and a dipole on 40 meters. Jose has worked nearly 150 countries as well as holding several nice DX awards. Of course, application forms for the CQ DX awards and WPX were left with XE2MX!

The meeting concluded with a breakfast session on Sunday morning and then the visitors began the scenic trip home.

### Reciprocal License Notes

We have been requested to advise US amateurs who may be assigned by the U.S. Forces to Okinawa that operating permission is no longer governed by the U.S. as Okinawa and the Ryukyu Islands have reverted to Japan, Operation privileges may be secured for amateurs



Seated at the banquet table are (r-l) Duke, W6OZD, Rodolfo, President of the XE2EBC Club and XYL Emma, and Blanca, XE2ID, the only YL member of Radio Club de Ensenada. (photo by W6EIF)



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residing in on-base quarters. Applications for Japan and Okinawa should be addressed to SAF/DCO-AMRS, APO San Francisco, Ca. 96525. Bob, W6UUX writes that Foreign Nationals in Japan may operate a club station if properly authorized. Bob hopes formal reciprocal licensing will be authorized in the future.

Pat, FO8BW, writes that reciprocal tickets are issued for French Polynisia; however, applications must be processed 90 days prior to planned operation. Permission and FOØ calls are issued from Papeete and FO8DR can provide information and application forms.

**Special Prefix Activity**

The PJ1 activity in December was to celebrate the 25th anniversary of VERONA (PJ ARRL!). Special QSL's will be sent to all stations worked and the Curacao Certificate will be issued free of charge (normally \$1) for stations working three PJ1's in December 1973. A WPX Bargain! Applications to: VERONA, P.O. Box 383, Curacao, Neth. Antilles.

French amateurs were authorized usage of the HW Prefix between 15 November and 15

**The WAZ Program**

**S.S.B. WAZ**

1149.....W2OVC      1150.....K2JMY

**C.W.—Phone WAZ**

3619.....OK3BH      3622.....WA8TDY  
3620.....K1AGB      3623.....OK2QX  
3621.....W4WWG      3624.....G3OCA

**Phone WAZ**

488.....W9VCQ      490.....W4RKN  
489.....W6ZYC

Complete rules for the Single Band WAZ program are shown on pgs. 57-58 of the December, 1972 issue. Complete rules for regular WAZ may be found on pages 64-66 of the June, 1970 issue. Application blanks and reprints of both sets of rules may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Assistant DX Editor, P.O. Box 205, Winter Haven, FL 33880





Jose, XE2MX, and Mike, WA6ISP, compared their English and Spanish as they are both learning a second language.

December to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the First Amateur Trans-Atlantic QSO between France and the USA on November 28, 1923.

The CQ WW Contests produced their normal share of rare prefixes with A4XFJ, CV1BP, CV3TZ, CV4C, DF8SAR, EL7F, FG0ZZ/FS0, IH9AA (Zone 33!), JH7BBK, KA6JT, XG1J, XIIIX, 4C9AA and 9Z4LO all being active. Good DXpedition activity by KG6SW, VP1-SYL, WB4NXR/VP7, PJ9GIW, FG0AFA/FS0, VP2M, VP2MDX, PJ8DX/PJ7, XV5AC, plus the prefixes above adding to multipliers and CQ DX Award totals.

### 160 Meter News

Our 160 meter reporter W1BB reports many first's in Top Band operation such as longest distance for a 1.8 MHz QSO—JA7AO and VP8KF (18,000 km), 1st W7 to Europe (W7-DZO to G3YVU), and activity from Nauru

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### The CQ DX Award Program

#### CW DX

128—WA6INK	131—W7GYP
129—DL2WI	132—OK2BKL
130—DK4MF	133—9V1OK

#### SSB DX

303—WA6INK	307—UW6NQ
304—WB4OXD	308—UV3DU
305—K9UQN	309—UK9AAN
306—WA9LQT	310—WA8TDY

#### Endorsements

SSB: I0ZV, SM6CKS—310, W6FET—275, W8SET, WA6INK—200

Complete rules for the CQ DX Award Program may be found on pg. 58 of the January, 1971 issue. Application blanks and copies of the rules may be obtained by sending a business size, self-addressed stamped envelope to DX Editor, P.O. Box 1271, Covina, Ca 91722.

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# Contest Calendar

BY FRANK ANZALONE,\* WIWY

## Calendar of Events

Feb.	2-3	ARRL DX Phone Contest
Feb.	9-10	QCWA QSO Party
Feb.	9-10	Worldwide SSTV Contest
Feb.	9-10	Ten Ten Net QSO Party
Feb.	16-17	ARRL DX C.W. Contest
Feb.	16-24	IARC Propagation CW/RTTY
Feb.	23-24	French Phone Contest
Feb.	23-24	YL-OM Phone Contest
Feb.	23-25	Vermont QSO Party
Mar.	2-3	ARRL DX Phone Contest
Mar.	9-10	RSGB BERU C.W. Contest
Mar.	9-10	YL-OM C.W. Contest
Mar.	9-10	Worldwide VHF Activity
Mar.	9 11	Virginia QSO Party
Mar.	16-17	ARRL DX C.W. Contest
Mar.	23-25	BARTG RTTY Contest
Mar.	23-31	IARC Propagation Phone
<b>Mar.</b>	<b>30-31</b>	<b>CQ WW WPX SSB Contest</b>
Apr.	12-15	County Hunters SSB Contest
Apr.	20-22	Zero District QSO Party
May	11	World Telecomm. C.W. Contest
May	18	World Telecomm. Phone Contest
June	2	Minnesota QSO Party

## ARRL DX Contests

Phone: February 2-3 and March 2-3  
 C.W.: February 16-17 and March 16-17  
 Starts: 0001 GMT Saturday  
 Ends: 2359 GMT Sunday

You shouldn't have any problems with this one. Just give your DX contact a signal report and your state or province. They in turn will give you a signal report and three figures indicating their power input.

Last month's *QST* gave you all the details. Your logs go to: ARRL Communications Dept., 225 Main Street, Newington, Conn. 06111

## QCWA QSO Party

Starts: 0000 GMT Saturday, February 9  
 Ends: 2400 GMT Sunday, February 10

Rules have been streamlined and were covered in last month's *CALENDAR*. This year your logs go to: Ken Hedrick, W9KO, 122 East Slade St., Palatine, Ill. 60067

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

## Worldwide SSTV Contest

1500-2200 GMT Saturday, February 9  
 0700-1400 GMT Sunday, February 10

Last month's *CALENDAR* gave you the details. Logs go to: Prof. Franco Fanti, Via A. Dallolio n. 19, 40139 Bologna, Italy and must be received no later than March 20th.

## Ten Ten Net QSO Party

Starts: 0000 GMT Saturday, February 9  
 Ends: 2400 GMT Sunday, February 10

Action in this one will be on 10 meters and on s.s.b., and for the members of the Ten-Ten International Net. See last month's *CALENDAR*. Logs go to: Grace Dunlap, K5MRU, Box 445, La Feria, Texas 78559 and must be received by March 15th.

## IARC Propagation Contest

CW/RTTY: February 16 to 24  
 Phone: March 23 to March 31

Starts: 0001 GMT Ends: 2400 GMT

"The Contest with a purpose" has the same rules as last year. The dates have purposely been planned to coincide with major contests in order to get a maximum number of reports. Contacts with stations in other activities may be scored by supplying the correct IARC zone number.

**Categories:** Single band, all band, mobile and s.w.l., single operator only.

**Exchange:** RS/RST plus your CPR Zone.

**Scoring:** One point per contact, and a multiplier of one for each Zone and IARC country worked on each band. You may work stations in your own zone but for multiplier credit only.

**Final Score:** Total QSO points multiplied by sum of Zones and Countries worked. If all band, sum from each band.

The same station may be worked as many times as desired, but contacts must last more than 6 minutes or a fraction thereof. Each may be credited as a separate QSO, and must be logged separately.

Use separate log sheets for each band and mode, and note time in GMT only. Official log sheets, CPR zone map and IARC country list are available from K4ZA. It is recommended that you use official forms although it is not required. A facsimile with 40 contacts to the page may be used.



**Awards:** Certificates to the winners in each Zone in each Category.

Logs and all inquiries go to: L. M. Rundlett, K4ZA, 2001 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006

### YL-OM Contest

Phone: Feb. 23-24 C.W.: Mar. 9-10

Starts: 1800 GMT Saturday

Ends: 1800 GMT Sunday

Its the YL's working the OM's in this one. All Bands may be used but cross-band or Net contacts do not count.

**Exchange:** QSO no., RS(T) and ARRL section or country. (See *QST* for ARRL section list)

**Scoring:** One point per QSO, multiplied by the number of ARRL sections and countries worked. The same station may be worked once only regardless of the band.

There is also a power multiplier of 1.25 for stations running 150 watts or less input. (300 watts p.e.p. if on s.s.b.) Multiply your final score by the above factor.

Phone and c.w. are separate contests and require separate logs.

**Awards:** Certificates to the highest scoring YL and OM in each State and VE call district and in each country. There are also 4 Trophies for the Top YL and OM in each contest, and 2nd and 3rd place certificates for the runners-ups.

Logs must be mailed by April 1st and received no later than April 30th. They go to: Christine Haycock, WB2YBA, 361 Roseville Ave., Newark, N.J. 07107

### French Contest

Starts: 1400 GMT Saturday, February 23

Ends: 2200 GMT Sunday, February 24

This is the phone section, the c.w. portion took place last month. Rules in details in last month's *CALENDAR*.

Logs go to: REF Att: Lucien Aubry, F8TM, rue Marceau 53, 91120 Palaiseau, France.

### Vermont QSO Party

Starts: 2100 GMT Saturday, February 23

Ends: 0100 GMT Monday, February 25

Sponsored by the Central Vermont ARC this party offers an opportunity to work some of the rare counties in this comparatively rare state. The club plans to activate all areas.

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

**Scoring:** For VT. 1 point per QSO multiplied by ARRL sections and countries worked. All others get 3 points for each VT. station worked multiplied by the number of VT. counties worked *on each band*.

The same station may be worked on different bands and modes for QSO credit. Mobiles in each new county.



Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA/K3, receiving the "Sarnoff Citation" from Fred Link, the President of the Radio Club of America, at the QCWA and Radio Club of America meeting, at the Hotel Plaza, in New York.

**Frequencies:** 3685, 3909, 3932, 7060, 7265, 7290, 14060, 14295, 14325, 21060, 21375, 28100, 28600, 50260, 50360, 144/144.5, 145.8

**Awards:** Certificates to highest scorers in each ARRL section and foreign country. Trophies to the Top scorer in Vermont and out-of-state station. Special certificates to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th places in Vermont. The "Worked Vermont" Award will be issued to those working 13 out of the 14 Vermont counties. There is a special certificate for VT multi-operator stations.

Include a s.a.s.e. when you send your log to: Peter Kragh, K2UPD, (W1AYK) 170 Summit Ave. Ramsey, N.J. 07446. Mailing deadline is March 31st.

### RSGB BERU Contest

Starts: 1200 GMT Saturday, March 9

Ends: 1200 GMT Sunday, March 10

Eligibility for this one is limited to RSGB residents in the United Kingdom and amateurs licensed to operate within the British Commonwealth or British Mandated Territories.

It is requested that operation be confined to the lower 30 kHz of each band, 3.5 thru 28 MHz on c.w. only. (That little Tea Party back in 1776 makes us ineligible, even if you do hold an extra class license).

**Exchange:** Just a signal report, no serial number was mentioned.

**Scoring:** Each completed contact counts 5 points. In addition a bonus of 20 points may be claimed for the first, second and third contacts with each Commonwealth call area. (All British Isles counts as one call area.)

Entries may be single or multi-band, with separate log for each band. The separate band totals to be added and shown on the summary sheet. Multi-band entries are not eligible for







# NOVICE SHACK

BY HERBERT S. BRIER,\* W9EGQ

**T**HE fundamental reason for obtaining an amateur license is to communicate with other amateurs by radio. Two facts emerge when one examines how well different amateurs achieve this goal. One is the wide range of results obtained by different operators using similar equipment. The other is the impressive results obtained by some operators using mediocre equipment. Thus the truism, *A successful amateur station is 10 per cent equipment and 90 per cent operator.* Certainly the world's best operator cannot work another station if his signal is too weak to make the journey. Conversely, the strongest signal on the band will attract a lot of attention in spite of a few operator deficiencies. Between these extremes, however, there is a wide area in which operating skill is all important.

## Calling CQ

Paraphrasing amateur operating manuals, such as *A Condensed Manual of Radiotelegraph Operating Procedure and Technique for the Amateur Service*, available from the Aeronautical Center Amateur Radio Club, Inc., Postal Station 18, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73169 for about 50 cents, postpaid: "If W9EGQ desires to communicate with any station within range, he may transmit 'CQ CQ CQ DE W9EGQ W9EGQ W9EGQ K,' repeating the sequence up to three times (a 3×3×3 call. A 5×2×3 sequence is also often recommended.) To answer the CQ, WN9ZZZ would transmit, 'W9EGQ W9EGQ DE WN9ZZZ WN9ZZZ AR,<sup>1</sup> to which W9EGQ would respond, 'WN9ZZZ DE W9EGQ...' and the two operators will make alternate transmissions until they have exchanged the desired information." You would not think that there was too much to mess up in such a simple procedure, but read on.

Many amateurs abuse the "CQ" in three ways: They make them too long, then send them poorly, and they use poor judgement when they send them. If you have an audible signal and call on a reasonably clear frequency, you will be quickly heard, if there is anyone around to hear you. But enticing that listener

to call you is more of a challenge. Once you have a potential customer, the longer you call, the more likely he is to get tired of listening to you and tune away, or to start calling "CQ" himself. Consequently, a "CQ" lasting longer than two minutes is usually self defeating; two shorter calls with a reasonable listening space between them are likely to be more productive. Worse than calling overlong "CQ's," however, is to mangle your own call letters. Someone tuning across a long "CQ" shortly before the sender runs down has no way of knowing how long he has been braying. But the listener knows instantly whether he can copy what he hears. Because they are so familiar with their own call letters, many amateurs unconsciously speed up and run everything together when sending them, thereby completely destroying the effectiveness of their "CQ's."

## "Horrible" Examples

The first "CQ" I heard on the 40-meter Novice band this morning was from a WN3. At least, the operator sent 3 oftener than 2. I never did decipher the rest of the call letters in the dozen or so times I heard them. He was sending a strong 25 w.p.m., and whatever came after the numeral was a jumble of dots and dashes. A good rule is to call "CQ" at the approximate speed at which you would like to be answered. Assuming the WN3 had been sending readable code, the odds in favor of his getting an answer to such a fast call in a Novice band were not too good. A more-appropriate speed in the Novice bands is eight to 10 w.p.m. Ten w.p.m. is a little fast for some Novices; nevertheless, they can usually decipher call letters at that speed after hearing them a couple of times, if the sending is good.

My next "horrible" example was a WB8, who opened up with a "CQ" on a frequency already occupied by a number of other signals, one of which was a "CQ." When he stood by, another station on the same frequency immediately started calling him. But by the time he had sent the WB8 call letters the first time,



Lou, WN9JVR, has his equipment arranged for convenient operation. You can read more about him in the text.

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Dale Newlin, Mike Domazet, Rick Johnson, and Mike Collins, sixth-grade members of the Salk Elementary School Amateur Radio Club, 3001 W. 77th Ave., Merrillville, Ind. 46410, spend a lot of time in the assistant principal's office without being in trouble. The assistant principal is Richard Hardt, WA9SBR, club trustee and instructor. The club station, WB9DDW, is located in his office. The boys already know the code and should soon be joining the 38 licensed amateurs, including three YL's, that the club has already turned out in its six-year existence. (Photo taken and processed by the Salk Photography Club.)

the WB8 was back in business again. Getting no reply to the second "CQ" he called again, and again, and again, with all of five seconds between calls before he disappeared. An interesting feature of his performance was that during it, a WN4, a WNØ, a WN9 (twice) and a WN2 called "CQ" on the same frequency. Possibly, not all of these operators could have heard each other, but there is little doubt that some of them could have heard each



Novice certificate chasers may like to get started with the "Ten American Districts Award." Mail one QSL card (or other proof of contact) from each of the 10 U.S. call areas to the LERC Amateur Radio Club, 2814 Empire Ave., Burbank, Calif. 91504, to obtain it. Each card must contain a signal report and bear a postmark or a QSL bureau stamp or be accompanied by the envelope in which it was mailed. Also include \$1.00 to cover "handling" charges.

other, if they had used the more-important halves of their stations—their receivers— more intelligently.

Normally, a low-power station with a so-so antenna does better calling specific stations than he does calling "CQ," but it is no smarter never to call "CQ" than to call them constantly. You never know what that next call will bring. Bill, WA9MOE, told me last week that, after calling OD5LX, Lebanon, unsuccessfully for months, a weak signal broke into a ragchew he was having with another station. It was OL5LX calling WA9MOE!

### Items From Here And There

John V. Smith, 1924 Dolphin Blvd., St. Petersburg, Fla. 33707, responding to our invitation to anyone with ideas or information of interest to Novices to write to the NOVICE SHACK, brings up a matter that has concerned many of us. Normally, the Technician class license is used by mail, as the Novice license is. However, a Novice or other applicant who appears at an FCC examination point for the General class examination and fails the 13-w.p.m. code test but does copy 25 consecutive letters without error is permitted to change his application for a General class license to an application for a Technician class license. He then takes the General class written examination. Upon passing it, the applicant is issued a "non-conditional" Technician class license that can be converted into a General class license by his returning at a later date and passing the 13-w.p.m. code test. The option certainly has its advantages; but, as W4ACG points out, it is not an unmitigated blessing for Novices with some time to go on their tickets with no equipment or desire to operate above 50 MHz, the playground of the Technicians. Current FCC regulations prohibit simultaneous holding both a Novice and a Technician license; so accepting the option brings one's Novice license to an abrupt end. On the other hand, knowing that you have passed the written General test allows you to concentrate on the code before your next trip to mecca. Let's hear your thoughts on the subject.

Amateur licenses in India. In the text accompanying the picture of C. A. Ninan, VU2-CAN (Post Box 15, Poona 1, India) and his wife in the November column, Bill, W6DDB, unintentionally downgraded the VU "General class" license. Dr. Ninan reports that the Grade II Indian license is equivalent to our Novice license, but the Grade I license requires passing a 12-w.p.m. code test and a test on electronics and regulations. Our apologies to the VU's and thanks to Dr. Ninan for correcting us.

Louis Rempe, WN9JVR, 720 North Monroe St., Clinton, Ill. 61727, has enough equipment

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# Propagation

BY GEORGE JACOBS,\* W3ASK

**W**ITH daylight savings time now in use throughout the year, beginning with this month the CQ DX Propagation Charts will be given in local daylight time. The Time zones used will now be EDT, CDT, MDT and PDT. Note that the Charts are not given in GMT, and no correction is required to obtain local time.

The Swiss Federal Solar Observatory, the world's official keeper of sunspot records, reports a monthly mean sunspot number of 22 for November, 1973. This results in a running smoothed sunspot number of 40, centered on May, 1973. A smoothed sunspot number of 26 is forecast for February, 1974, as the present cycle continues to decline slowly towards a minimum.

## DX Openings

Declining solar activity, coupled with normal seasonal changes in shortwave propagation conditions, is expected to result in considerably fewer 10 meter DX openings during February. The band may occasionally open to Europe and the east from the eastern half of the country between 10 A.M. and 1 P.M. Better conditions should exist towards South America, with fairly regular openings possible between 2 and 4 P.M., and occasionally as early as 10 A.M. The western half of the country is favored for openings toward Oceania and Asia, with some possible between 3 and 7 P.M. When conditions are better than normal some of these openings may extend to the east coast between 3 and 6 P.M.

Fifteen meters looks good for world-wide DX propagation conditions during most of the daylight hours. The band should open first towards Europe, Africa and the east between 10 A.M. and 2 P.M. Openings towards South America should be possible throughout the day, with conditions peaking between 1 and 5 P.M. Openings towards Oceania, the Far East and Asia look best from the western half of the country between 5 and 8 P.M., with some openings extending eastward between 5 and 8 P.M. local DST. The path to Antarctica should peak between 5 and 7 P.M.

On 20 meters, look for a window of fairly good openings in almost all directions for an

## LAST MINUTE FORECAST

Day-To-Day Conditions Expected For February, 1974

Propagation Index . . . . . (4)	Rating & Forecast Quality			
	(3)	(2)	(1)	
Date February				
Above Normal: 5-6, 8, 10, 19-20	A	A	B	C
Normal: 1-4, 7, 9, 11, 17-18, 21-22, 25-28	B	C	D	E
Below Normal: 12-13, 16, 23-24	C	D	E	E
Disturbed: 14-15	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 good on Feb. 1-4, excellent on Feb. 5-6, etc.

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hour or two after sunrise. The band should peak again towards Europe and the east between Noon and 4 P.M. in the eastern half of the country and between Noon and 2 P.M. in the west. Towards Africa, propagation should be best between 3 and 6 P.M. Best bet for long path openings from the western states to Europe and Africa is an hour or two after sunrise. Openings towards the south should peak again during the late afternoon, with the band remaining open as late as 9 P.M. Check until Midnight for openings to deep South America and Antarctica. Evening openings to Oceania, the Far East and Asia should peak between 7 and 9 P.M. in the eastern states and 7 to 11 P.M. in the west.

Fairly good 40 meter openings are forecast to many areas of the world during February. Check between 8 P.M. and 2 A.M. for openings to Europe; between 8 P.M. and Midnight towards Africa; and between 9 P.M. and 4 A.M. for openings towards South America. From the West Coast the band should open to Oceania, the Far East and Asia between 4 and 7 A.M., with openings to Oceania often extending towards the east coast between 5 and 8 A.M. local DST.

Eighty meter openings are forecast to some areas of the world during the hours of darkness. Best bet for Europe is between 9 and 11 P.M. in the western half of the country and from 9 P.M. to 1 A.M. in the east. Conditions are not too good to Africa and the Middle East, but check between 9 P.M. and Midnight for an occasional opening. Best bet for Latin American

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#### 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 *daylight saving* time is used, *not* GMT. To convert to GMT, *add* to the times shown in the appropriate Chart 7 hours in the PDT Zone, 6 in the MDT Zone, 5 in the CDT Zone and 4 in EST Zone. For example, 14 in Washington, D.C. is 18 GMT and 20 in Los Angeles is 03 GMT, etc.

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

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.

openings is between 9 P.M. and 5 A.M. From western states there is a chance for some good openings to Oceania between 4 and 7 A.M., with possibilities in the eastern states between 4 and 8 A.M., local DST. Conditions to the Far East are expected to be poorer, but with an occasional opening possible from western states between 4 and 7 A.M.

Openings on 160 meters will occur less frequently, but within the same time periods as the openings forecast for 80 meters. A seasonal increase in static levels may be noticeable on 80 and 160 meters during February. On February 9 there is a special TransPacific Test period scheduled for 160 meters between 1330 and 1600 GMT; with a similar Test scheduled for TransAtlantic stations on February 10 between 0500 and 0700 GMT. See page 66 of December 1973 *CQ* for additional information about these 160 meter Test periods.

#### Short Skip Conditions

On 160 meters, no significant skip expected during daylight. Up to at least 1300 miles should be possible at night, extending up to a

one-hop limit of 2300 miles when conditions are good. On 80 meters, up to 250 miles during daylight, and between 500 and 2300 miles at night. On 40 meters, daytime skip should be possible between 250 and 750 miles, extending to between 750 and 2300 miles during the evening to about 10 P.M., and between 1500 and 2300 miles until sunrise. On 20 meters, daytime skip should range between 750 and 2300 miles to about 4 P.M. Between 4 and 8 P.M. the skip is expected to lengthen to between 1500 and 2300 miles, with the band out by 9 P.M. on most days. On 15 meters, skip should range between 1300 and 2300 miles during most of the day to about 6 P.M., with the band dead for short-skip after that time. An occasional F-layer short-skip opening may be possible on 10 meters during the afternoon hours, for distances between approximately 1500 and 2300 miles. Some sporadic-E openings may also be possible on this band, between distances of several hundred to about 1300 miles.

#### V.h.f. Ionospheric Openings

Best chances for ionospheric openings on the v.h.f. bands may result from auroral activity expected during periods when h.f. conditions are below normal or disturbed. Such openings on 2 and 6 meters, usually characterized by flutter fading and distortion, result from the intense regions of ionization that accompany auroral displays. Auroral-type openings usually range in distance from a few hundred up to approximately 1300 miles. Check the "Last Minute Forecast" at the beginning of this column for those days during February that are expected to be disturbed or below normal.

No significant meteor showers are scheduled for February, so few, if any meteor-type ionospheric openings are likely to occur.

This month's *Propagation Charts* contain band opening predictions for major DX paths for the period February 15 through April 15, 1974. A short-skip propagation forecast for February appeared in last month's column. Instructions for the proper use of these *Charts* appear earlier in this column.

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73, George, W3ASK

February 15—April 15, 1974  
Time Zone: EDT (24-Hour Time)  
EASTERN USA TO:

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

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

Time Zones: CDT & MDT (24-Hour Time)  
CENTRAL USA TO:

	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
Western & Southern Europe & North Africa	Nil	09-10 (1) 10-14 (2) 14-15 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-10 (2) 10-12 (1) 12-14 (2) 14-15 (3) 15-17 (2) 17-18 (1)	18-20 (1) 20-23 (2) 23-01 (1) 01-03 (2) 03-04 (1) 20-22 (1)* 22-01 (2)* 01-02 (1)*
Northern & Central Europe & European USSR	Nil	08-12 (1)	08-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-13 (1) 13-14 (2)	20-23 (1) 23-01 (2) 01-03 (1) 23-02 (1)*
Eastern Mediterranean & Middle East	Nil	09-12 (1)	14-16 (1) 08-13 (1) 13-15 (2) 15-18 (1) 23-01 (1)	20-21 (1) 21-23 (2) 23-00 (1) 21-23 (1)*
West & Central Africa	10-13 (1)	09-10 (1) 10-12 (2) 12-14 (3) 14-15 (2) 15-17 (1)	07-13 (1) 13-15 (2) 15-17 (3) 17-19 (2) 19-21 (1)	19-21 (1) 21-23 (2) 23-02 (1) 22-01 (1)*

\*Predicted times of 80 meter openings. Openings on 160 meters are also possible during those times when 80 meter openings are shown with a forecast rating of (2), or better.



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

Time Zone: PDT (24-Hour Time)

WESTERN USA TO:

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Central & Northern Europe & European USSR	Nil	08-11 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-10 (2) 10-12 (1) 12-13 (2) 13-15 (1) 23-01 (1)	20-22 (1) 22-23 (2) 23-00 (1) 21-23 (1)*
Eastern Mediterranean & Middle East	Nil	09-12 (1)	08-12 (1) 12-14 (2) 14-16 (1) 23-01 (1)	19-22 (1)

West & Central Africa	10-13 (1)	08-10 (1) 10-12 (2) 12-13 (3) 13-15 (2) 15-17 (1)	05-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-12 (1) 12-14 (2) 14-17 (3) 17-18 (2) 18-20 (1)	19-23 (1) 21-22 (1)*
East Africa	Nil	09-11 (1) 11-13 (2) 13-14 (1)	07-09 (1) 13-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-18 (1)	19-21 (1)
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McMurdo Sound, Antarctica	Nil	13-16 (1) 16-19 (2) 19-21 (1)	17-20 (1) 20-23 (2) 23-03 (1) 06-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-11 (1)	23-03 (1) 03-05 (2) 05-07 (1)

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# THE awards PROGRAM



## Special Honor Roll All Counties

- #109—Ben F. Relf, W5HDK, 10-13-73.
- #110—Stephen H. Morris, W1AQE,  
10-13-73.
- #111—Walter E. Morris, K4ELK, 10-16-73.
- #112—Richard L. Brocaw, K5VYT, 11-6-73.

## USA-CA HONOR ROLL

3000		1500		500	
W5HDK	.....133	W5HDK	.....236	K6JVE/3	.....974
K5VYT	.....134	K5VYT	.....237	W5HDK	.....975
	2500	K9DDA	.....238	OK2QX	.....976
W5HDK	.....165		1000	I3BLF	.....977
K5VYT	.....166	K6JVE/3	.....315	DL6UR	.....978
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**T**HE February "Story of The Month" as told by Jim is:

### J. H. CARNETT, TG9UZ (ALL COUNTIES #59, 6-7-71)

"I was originally licensed in 1933 as W9UZC when my college Physics Professor offered me a job, provided I obtained a license. Although I did very little operating during the next four years, I was quite active with the group from Southern Illinois University in handling emergency traffic during the 1937 Southern Illinois flood.

"After graduating from the University of Illinois as a chemistry major in 1938, I taught high school chemistry, physics and mathematics in Southern Illinois for the next three years. I changed jobs in 1941 and started working in the research laboratory of a petroleum company in New York State, where I became W2OIU.

"In 1949, I moved back to Illinois and was fortunate to get back my original call. In the 1960s, I became very active in working DX and also started county hunting although County Hunting did not exist as an organized activity at that time.

"In 1967, I was transferred to Guatemala and became licensed there as TG9UZ. This was quite an experience as there seemed to be no end to the people who needed a confirmation from TG land. It was also an excellent location to work the States. With my beam pointed North, I could hear any mobile that was operating from any location in the States. Thus,

it was probably easier for me to work all counties from that location than from almost any other location in the world.

"I owe tremendous thanks to all the mobilers who went out of their way to give me additional counties. There were so many of these that I don't dare mention calls for fear of slighting someone.

"The XYL is also licensed as WB9IMH (ex TG9KE). A son, W5TDZ, also a County Hunter, lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"After thirty-two years with the same petroleum company, I am now retired as of November 1, 1972, and expect to be quite active from now on".

(As most of you know, only two stations outside the USA have received *All Counties*



Jim Carnett at TG9UZ in 1971.

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Worked Yellow Thunder Certificate.

**Plaques.** Roy Needham, ZL1KG was issued #52, 3-3-71 and Jim, TG9UZ got #59, 6-7-71).

**Awards Issued**

That lucky number three was surpassed this month when *four* hit the All Counties mark!

Ben Relf, W5HDK, who has given out many mobile counties, waited until he had them ALL and found time for the necessary paper work before sending for All Counties and USA-CA-3000 endorsed All SSB; and USA-CA-500, 1000, 1500, 2000, and 2500 endorsed All SSB, All Mobiles.

Steve Morris, W1AQE also qualified for All Counties.

Walt Morris, K4ELK, with fine help from cooperative mobiles acquired All Counties.

Dick Brocaw, K5VYT waited until he had them all and acquired All Counties and USA-CA-3000 endorsed All 20, All SSB. Also USA-CA-500 through USA-CA-2500 endorsed All 20, All SSB, All Mobiles.

Dr. Bill George, WA5YSC is still sticking in there and won USA-CA-2500 endorsed All SSB.

Jim Rounds, K9DDA was issued USA-CA-

500, 1000, and 1500 endorsed All A-1.

Les Hamilton, K6JVE/3 qualified for USA-CA-1000 endorsed All SSB, All Mobiles and USA-CA-500 endorsed All 14 SSB Mobiles.

Les Jeffery, W8WT added 3.9 endorsement to his USA-CA-500 & 1000.

Mixed USA-CA-500 Awards went to:

Ing. Jiri Pecek, OK2QX.

Venanzio Mior I3BLF, and

Bob Thorne, K9DAF.

Wilhelm Hutt, DL6UR qualified for USA-CA-500 endorsed All A-1.

Will Weisert, WB0FRM won USA-CA-500 endorsed All SSB, All Mobiles.

**Awards**

**Worked Yellow Thunder Certificate:** This certificate is being made available by the Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club, Inc. of central Wisconsin to amateurs throughout the world. To earn this certificate you must work the required number of Yellow Thunder ARC members: Wisconsin stations work 15 or more YTARC members.

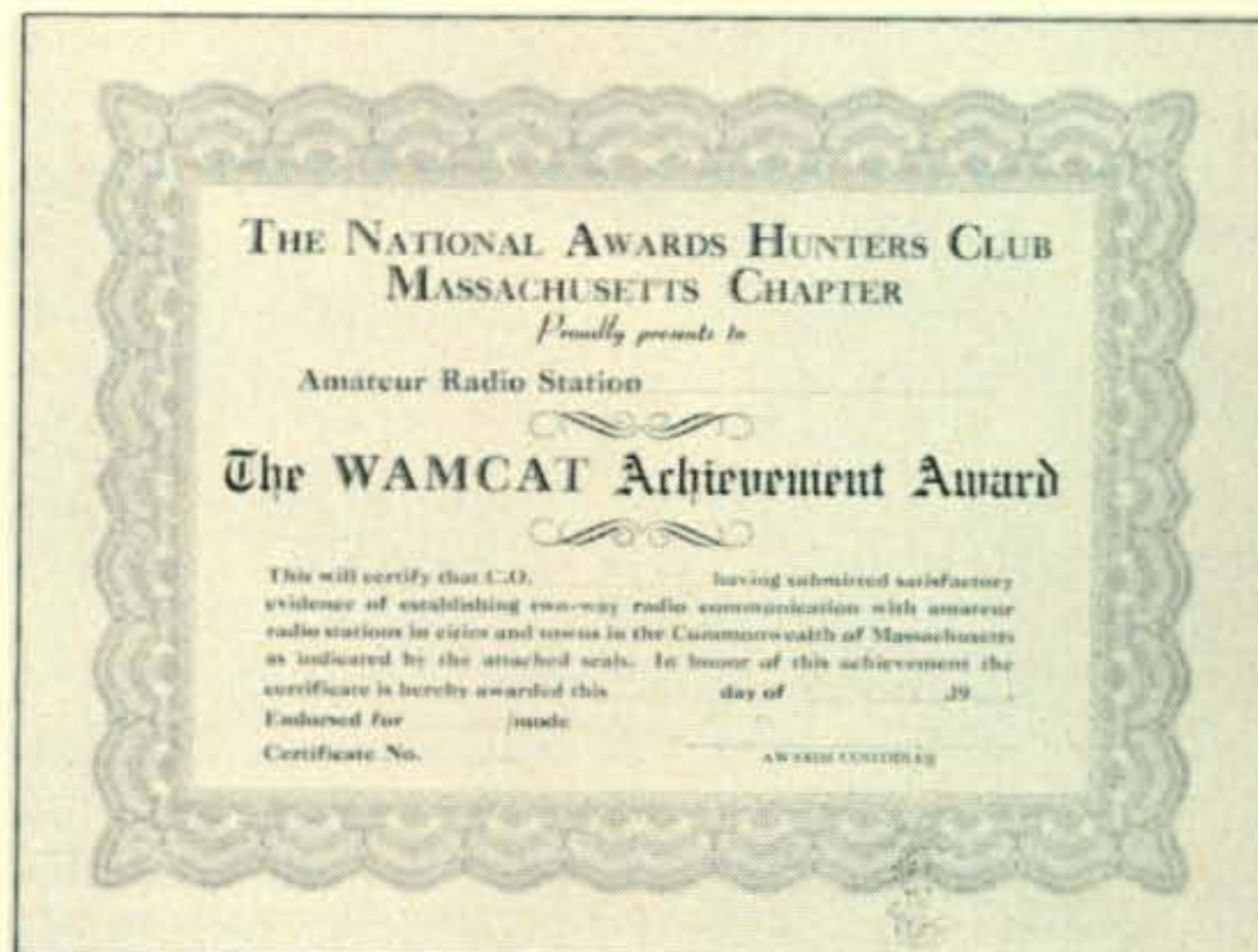
Non-Wisconsin stations work 10 or more YT-ARC members.

Non-USA stations work 5 or more YTARC members.

All contacts must be made January 1, 1972 or later. Send a list of the YTARC members worked along with the dates, times, band and mode used. While we encourage exchanging QSL cards, QSL cards are not required for the award. Send list along with \$1.00 (USA stations) or 5 IRCs (Non-USA stations) to Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club, Inc. C/O Kenneth A. Ebner, K9GSC, 822 Wauona Trail, Portage, Wisconsin 53901. When your list has been verified with the YTARC members worked, you will receive a numbered certificate along with a copy of Yellow Thunder Smoke Signals, announcing your winning the prized certificate. Endorsement stickers are available for each additional 5 YTARC members worked. Send your list along with s.a.s.e.



Worked All Mass. Cities/Towns Award.



Nishinomiya Leopon Award.



or IRC to K9GSC. A list of YTARC members is available for s.a.s.e. or IRC from K9GSC. **Worked All Mass. Cities & Towns Award (WAMCAT):** Issued for confirmed contacts with the 351 Massachusetts Cities and Towns and issued in six classes:

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Class A for 300 cities or towns in 14 counties.

Class AA for all 351 cities & towns.

No date or time limit on contacts. Portables count but *not* mobiles. You may work cities/towns while portable or mobile. The QTH on the QSL will determine the city/town unless the card states otherwise. Contacts with community subdivisions count only for the city/town. (Example—Dorchester is part of Boston, Hyannis is part of Barnstable, etc.). The Awards Custodian will answer any questions on the validity of a location only if the inquiry includes an s.a.s.e. All questions will be determined by the Publication #90 of the Mass. Dept. of Public Works. Submit application with GCR list showing station, date, time, band, mode and Cities/Towns in alphabetical order of Cities & Towns. Fee for basic award is \$1.00, seals for higher class cost 10¢, except no charge for higher class seals at time of application for basic award. All awards and seals free to B/P. Awards will be endorsed for band and mode. If application is made for an additional band or mode, fee is 25¢ as an additional certificate will be issued. All awards available to s.w.l.s on a "heard" basis. Make checks or Money orders payable to "Mass. Chapter N.A.H.C." (National Awards Hunters Club). IRCs accepted on a ratio of 10 to a dollar. Awards Custodian: George J. Hayes, W1DOM, 29 Belmont St., North Quincy, Mass 02171.

**Nishinomiya Leopon Award:** The Nishinomiya Amateur Radio Club adopted the colored picture of the leopon, the first and only animal in the world that was born of a leopard father and lion mother. This was in the Hanson Park Zoo in Nishinomiya City, Japan.

Then they sponsored this award with requirements quite difficult and although nearly 250 awards have been issued, none have been issued overseas.

Applicant must collect 22 QSLs to be able to spell Nishinomiya Leopon Award with the last call letters of stations. They must include at least one QSL from Nishinomiya, Japan or its affiliated city, Spokane, Washington (U.S.A.). Letters required may be substituted by a QSL with the leopon picture, regardless of the last call letter of the QSL issued by the Nishino-

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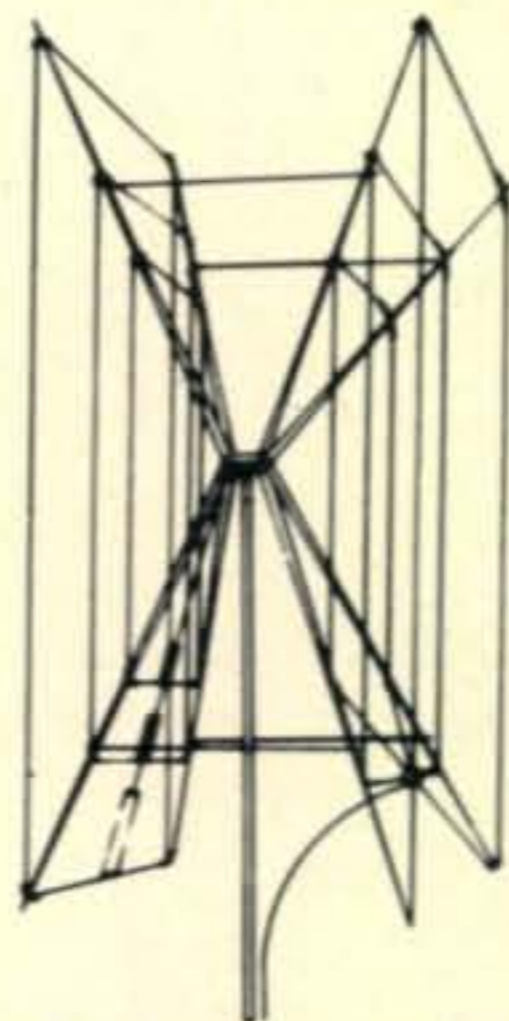
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# MATH'S NOTES

BY IRWIN MATH,\* WA2NDM

**T**HIS month, I would like to clean up new semiconductor releases and the like that have accumulated over the past couple of months before they become "old releases."

LSI Computer Systems, 55 Central Avenue, Farmingdale, N.Y., 11735 has introduced a series of time base generators utilizing CMOS technology that will be of interest to our counter builders. They have three devices, the D3600, D60, and D6, which produce square wave outputs of 10 pulses/second, 1 pules/second and 1 pulse/minute respectively. The outputs have a 50% duty cycle and will operate from 60 Hz all the way up to 2mHz. Each unit is packaged in a TO-5 case and has 4 leads. Hookup is shown in figure 1. Cost for any unit is \$4.75 in lots of 100 pieces.

Exar Integrated Systems, 750 Palomar Avenue, Sunnyvale, California 94086, has for us a dual 555 type timer which, as shown in figure 2, provides two completely independent 555 timers in one 14 pin DIP package. Any 555 data sheet can be used to find out about the versatility of this chip, and its uses are indeed many. Briefly, the XR-2556, as it is called, is fully compatible with TTL, DTL, and ECL, and works from any 4.5 to 20 volt power supply. Each 555 can supply up to 200 milliamperes to an external load, and can be hooked up to give time delays of from microseconds to an hour. Cost for this gem is only \$1.50 for quantities of 100.

For our op-amp fans, Motorola, P.O. Box 20924, Phoenix, Arizona, 85036, offers an 8 pin "mini-dip" operational amplifier called their MC1741SCP1 which is a uA741 pin-for-pin interchangeable device costing only \$1.25 each in 100 quantity. Minimum slew rate for this chip is 10 microvolts per microsecond (150 kHz for those who have not read the last three

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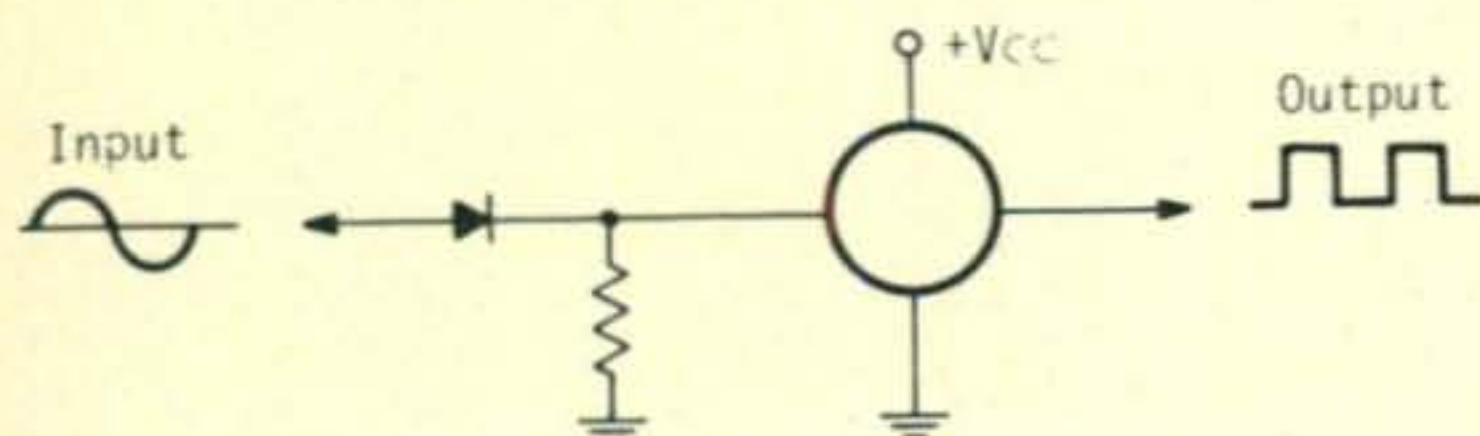


Fig. 1—The hookup of a LSI divider chip.

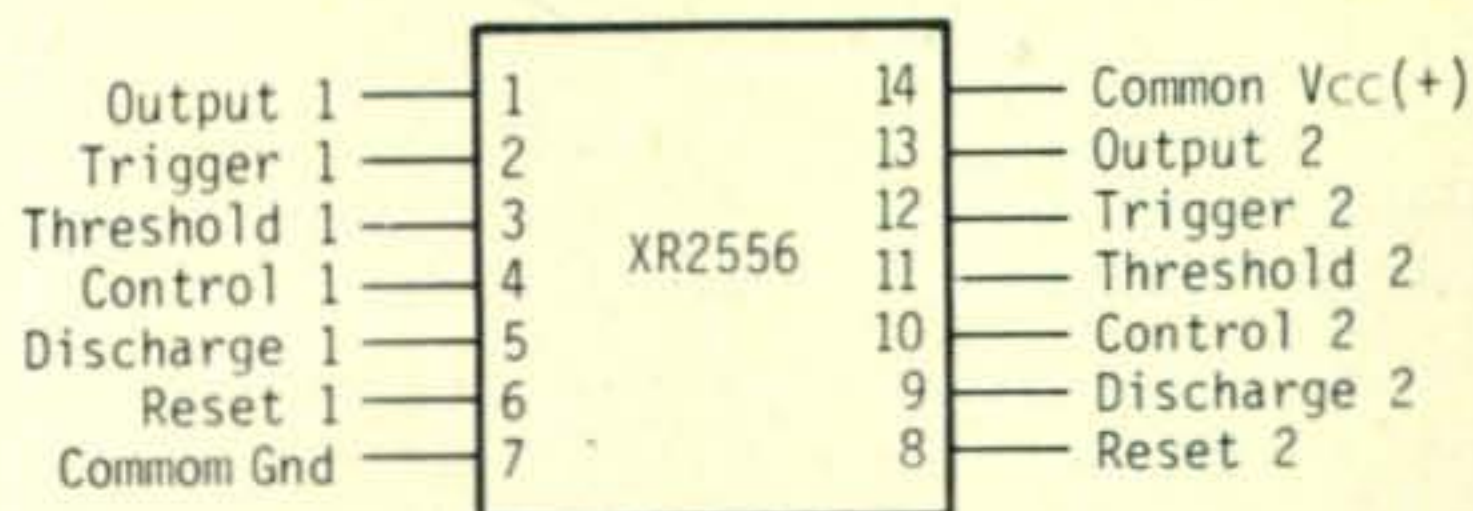


Fig. 2—Exar's new dual 555 timer chip.

MATH'S NOTES) which is 20 times the speed of the standard uA 741. Open loop voltage gain is 100,000 and maximum output current is 10 milliamperes. Write to Motorola for a data sheet if you are interested.

There is a new voltage controlled oscillator (v.c.o.) that has just been introduced by Texas Instruments that seems like a natural for amateur radio experimenters. This device, packaged in a 16 pin dip, consists of two wide range TTL compatible, self-starting, free running multivibrators and output buffer amplifiers as shown in figure 3. An external timing component, capacitor or fundamental crystal, is used to determine the center frequency of operation, while external voltage is fed into the chip to vary the frequency around this center point. Typical center frequency range is from 120 kHz to 85 mHz and typical deviation range is -35% to +75% of center frequency.

Stability is typically .1% for a 10% change in power supply voltage while a change in operating temperature from 0 to 75°C results in only a 50 ppm shift. The device operates from a 5 volt power supply.

This chip, called the SN74S124, should be perfect for signal generators, sweep generators, phase locked loops, f.m. modulators and the like.

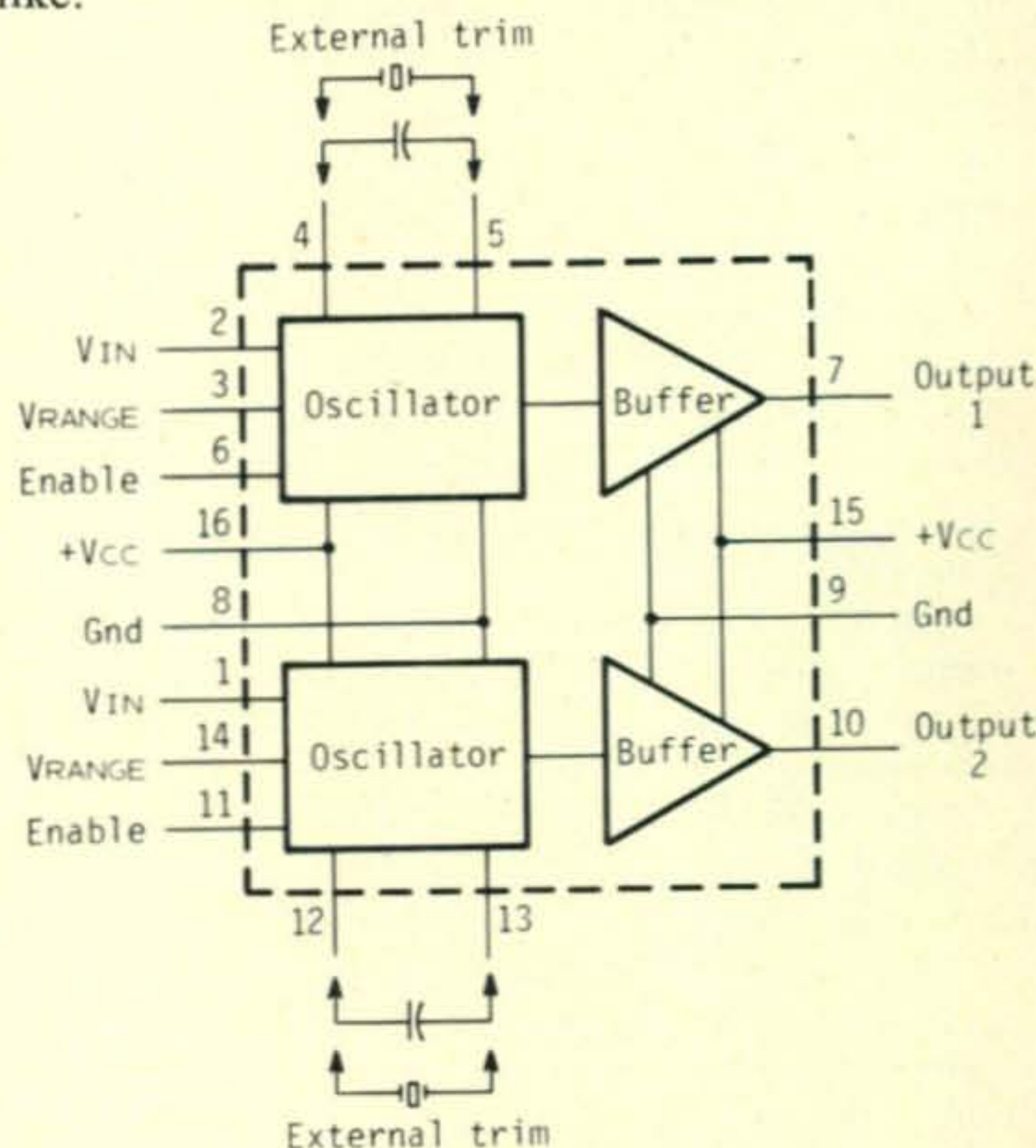
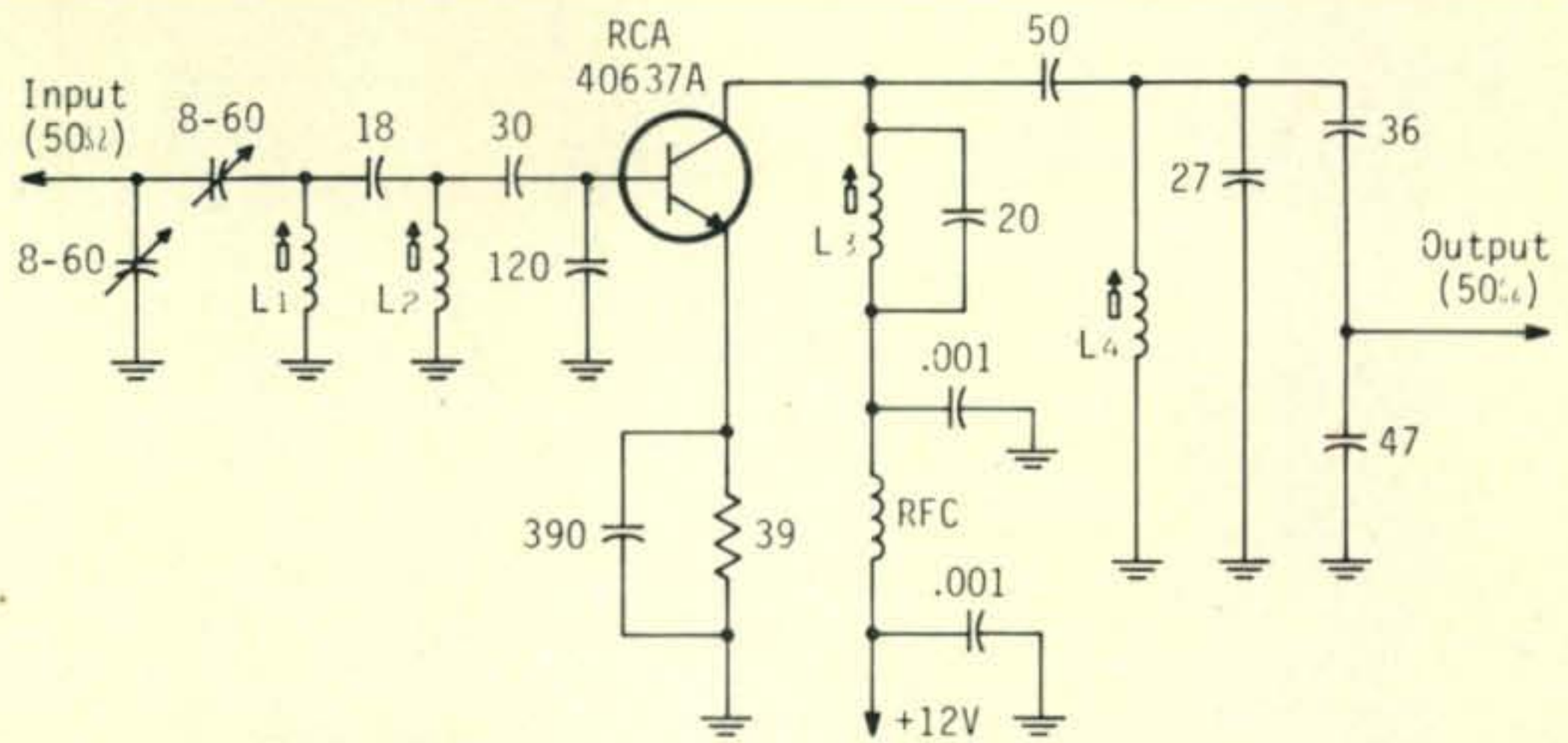


Fig. 3—The SN74S124 just introduced by Texas Instruments.



Fig. 4—A doubler as described in the text.



You can get further information from TI at P.O. Box 5012, Dallas, Texas, 75222. Incidentally, cost is about \$3 in lots of 100.

A new pin diode designed for v.h.f. and u.h.f. switching such as duplexers, antenna changeover controls, modulators, etc., has been introduced recently by Hewlett Packard, 1501 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, California, 94304. This device, their HP 5082-3077 operates with low distortion from 100 MHz to 1 GHz (1000 MHz) and exhibits only .3 pF of reverse bias capacity. Since the unit will handle 2.5 watts, it should be useful for small portable equipment and "handy-talkies". Cost in lots of 1-99 is only \$2.75 each.

RCA has several new devices, of which we have been informed, that should be of interest.

First of these is their HC4100 which is a 2 to 32 volt, 5 ampere series voltage regulator. Regulation is .2% typical at 5 amperes output. With an external pass transistor, this can be

increased to 100 amperes. The HC4100 comes in an 8 lead TO-3 case and is available from stock for \$7.35 in 100 quantities.

The 41024 is a TO-39 transistor designed for u.h.f. amplifier service. This NPN device will produce a minimum of 1 watt output at 1 GHz with 5 db of gain and .3 watts output at 1.68 GHz. It is intended for use as a final, driver and pre-driver as well as an oscillator. Cost for the 41024 is \$4.80 in quantities of 100.

A similar lower frequency device has also been announced. The 40637A is an NPN TO-18 package that, in a multiplier chain of three doublers such as shown in figure 4, will produce 100 milliwatts of output at 156 MHz from 5 milliwatts of drive at 13 MHz. It should be a natural for 6 and 2 meter f.m. Cost for these, in 100 quantity, is \$1.30 each.

That about wraps it up for now. See you next month.

73, Irv, WA2NDM

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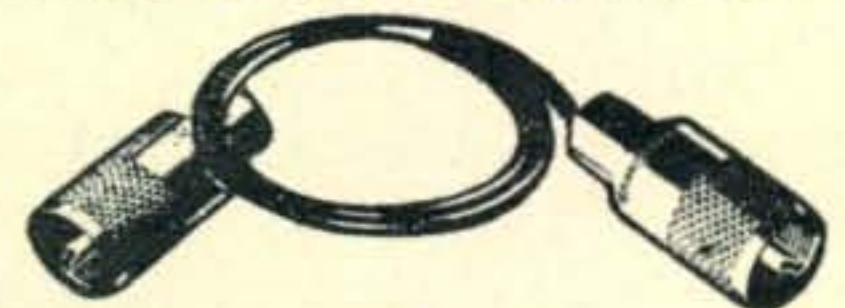
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# SURPLUS sidelights

BY GORDON ELIOT WHITE\*

**S**INCE I receive quite a few letters from readers asking questions about RTTY gear, this month I will outline some things in answer to the most commonly-asked queries. I am glad to receive these questions and reader's letters, but I might mention that occasionally I cannot give immediate answers, either because I don't have the information, or because my newspaper job has me busy somewhere else. Also, I appreciate receiving a self-addressed stamped envelope. Several dozen inquiries a month begins to add up in both postage and time. Another thing—it is surprising how many people will forget a return address, and those who give their call may not realize that the *Callbook* is not an infallible reference. It also adds to the time involved in an answer.

One of the more modern RTTY page printers is the Teletype Model 32. This is a lightweight, light-duty machine, sold for about \$1,000 in the ASR version with tape punch and reader. They are not found in surplus except from cable companies or Western Union. Few #32 machines come with automatic carriage return/line feed, but Teletype offers a mod kit to accomplish that change. The kit is number 184157, specification S-50413, priced under \$2. Installation is fairly complex, requiring disassembly of some of the stunt bar mechanism. For non-overline on the #32 you will need bar #183499. This provides line feed when the machine receives a carriage return character. It is installed at the same time as the 184157 kit.

The #33 machine is an eight-level version of the #32, and is about 98 percent identical to its five-level brother. The #33 is much used in computer time-sharing, but is not practical for conversion to amateur 5-level use unless you build an electronic 5:8 converter which is now possible with integrated circuit chips.

The #32 is generally found with gears for 67 word per minute operation. For amateur use it requires conversion to 60 speed, which can be accomplished with the change of one part, the drive gear-sprocket. This should be changed to part number 181417. Installation is not at all tricky, but it generally requires removal of the motor to allow access to the gear which is made of white nylon and is found on a bracket at

the inside end of the motor. The gear costs about \$5.

There are no gear shifts for the #32-33 units. You have to get out the screwdriver to change their speeds. Almost all #33 units are found with 100 w.p.m. gears, by the way, as that is the standard speed for ASCII eight-level code.

There are more recent units made by Teletype Corporation, such as the #35, #37, #38, and some other exotic items, all for use with computers and all eight-level machines, period. There may be some electronic five-level units, either heat-printers like the AN/ARC-96 which I described last fall or cathode ray tube display types, but for mechanical teleprinters the game is about over.

There is one five-level impact printer being built which combines impact printing with electronics in a compact little unit which might interest some amateurs. Made by Extel Corporation, of Chicago, it was designed by ex-Teletype employees (thus the name) and although not cheap, it is most attractive.

A solid-state circuit converts the incoming signal into parallel data which is fed to a matrix of subminiature solenoids arranged so as form a letter from a series of dots. The electronics can handle speed changes by varying the internal clock, i.e. an electronic gear shift requiring only plugging in the appropriate crystal.

The Extel is beginning to displace the old Model 15 bangers with the press services, and will eventually take over from the #28. There were a lot of Extels at the 1972 political conventions, tap-tapping away with their distinctive sound. For the energy-conscious, the Extel is a lot more efficient. It has no heavy-current drive motor, only small motors used for advancing the print head and the paper. In fact, the Extel is ideal for remote use where only battery power is available. It can be bought for 12 volt d.c. operation.

None of these have been seen in surplus, as far as I know.

The Model 28 remains, and will remain, I feel, for years, the best bet for amateur RTTY use. It is a very well built mechanical unit, easy to work on, reliable, exceedingly flexible in the options offered, and it is easy to get parts for. There are a dozen dealers who cater to amateur #28 users, stocking used or surplus parts, and Teletype Corp. still makes new parts.

You can get gear shifts, answerback units, various types of readers, tape punches and other accessories. For reference, I have covered the #28 units in this space in May, 1967, p. 90, (tape gear); Jan. 1969, p. 90 (conversion to the modern #35 style cabinet); August, 1971, p. 87 (gear shifts); Feb. 1967, p. 92 (more gear shifts).

You can add auto or/lf to the #28 rather easily, certainly with less risk of having the

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## Awards [from page 65]

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## Notes

Sad to report that W7SUY, Erwin (Bud) Beckman was involved in an automobile accident while on a County Hunting trip to Montana last October. His mother was fatally injured and Bud suffered a broken shoulder and multiple fractures of one leg.

The Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club, Inc. sent out a special letter to all members with this and additional data.

May I express my deepest sympathy and that of my readers.

How was your month? 73, Ed., W2GT

## Novice Shack [from page 58]

to make a choice. The catalog includes a Hallicrafters SX-101 receiver, a Heathkit HW-16, 80, 40, 15-meter Novice transceiver abetted by a Heathkit HG-10 variable frequency oscillator, E. F. Johnson Viking Pacemaker and Adventurer transmitters, and a small antenna farm. The latter sprouts a ground-mounted Hustler 4-BTV vertical with buried radials and an 80-meter loading coil, plus 15-meter dipole, 22 feet high, and another dipole for Navy MARS (Military Affiliate Radio System), where Lou is known as NØBUU. Lou works all the Novice bands and has 45 states and seven foreign countries besides a 15-w.p.m. code certificate to show for his efforts. . . .

Ed. Terpening, W4VCY, 838 Darlington Rd., Tarpon Springs, Fla. 33589, now officially recognizes girls! His long-running amateur radio course is no longer restricted to male students. The current class has two YL members. Classes are held on Saturday, by the way. . . Reverend Leopold Geissner, Capuchin, YN4LGS, Cristo Rey Pastoral Center, 1031 Douglas Ave., Racine, Wisc. 53402, had passed his Novice code test and was waiting for the written test to arrive when he wrote to welcome the return of the NOVICE SHACK. Leo admits that his technical knowledge is limited, but he is in there trying. His Nicaraguan license expired with 1973 . . . Don Osmund, WN9LWN, 533 Brainerd Ave., Libertyville, Ill. 60048, made a number of excellent suggestions for future NOVICE SHACK columns, for which I thank him. Don started as broadcast-band

DX-er. Then the high-school radio club grabbed him. He uses a Heathkit HW-16 transceiver exciting a 15-meter dipole. Operating 15 meters exclusively, he has worked 32 states and six countries. Ten crystals help him to be on or near the right frequency at the right time . . . February 16-17 and March 16-17 are the dates of the c.w. halves of the annual ARRL DX contests. Try your luck on 10 and 15 meters. Assuming no late rule changes, U.S. and Canadian amateurs send a signal report followed by the 3-letter abbreviation of their state or province and receive a signal report followed by three more numbers.

Send your letters, pictures of yourself and equipment, and comments for the NOVICE SHACK to the address at the beginning of the column.  
73, Herb, W9EGQ

## QRP [from page 43]

in about ten hours operation in the c.w. segment. So it can be done! Give it a try.

## QRPP Weekly QSO Party

There have been numerous suggestions that we rejuvenate the old *Milliwatt* QRPP Net. Quite a few stations participated while it was in operation during the winter of '70-71. I'll suggest an alternative to the net idea, namely, a weekly QRPP QSO party during which QRPP stations (and QRO alike) can make calls on a selected frequency at a single time. Considering propagation factors, the best combination follows. Session 1: 3540 kHz, Mondays, 2000-2200 CST (Tuesdays, 0200-0400 GMT). Session 2: Saturdays, 14065 kHz, 1300-1500 CST (1800-2100 GMT). The objective of this new approach is to set a time and place where QRPP fellows can be reasonably sure of the opportunity of working other QRPP stations. Likewise, the above frequencies and times can be used every day.

Procedures are informal. Don't be afraid to call CQ QRPP, since it is likely that someone will be listening for your call. If everyone sits and listens, nothing will be accomplished. QRO stations are invited to take part also, and can be a great help in doing the CQ QRPP calling. A note to everyone. Popular rigs such as the PM3A and the HW-7 are set up so that the transmitting frequency is up to 800 Hz away from the receiving frequency. Hence, if you call CQ QRPP, be certain that you tune 1 kHz on both sides of your frequency. This is important.



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73, Ade, K8EEG

## QSL Information

Any DX Station desiring a stateside QSL Manager may contact W4KA, Leo Haijsman, 1044 S.E. 43 St., Cape Coral, Fla. 33904.

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VP2MAH—via W4GSM	WA2FBI
VP2MDX—via W4PRO	WA0KXJ/6Y5—via
VP2MQB—via W5MYA	WA0KXJ
VP2VAN—via K2FJ	8P6EU—via W1CER
ZF1GS/VP7—via	WB4BUQ/8RI—via
WB4NXR	WA6MWG

73, Jerry, WA6GLD

## Contest Calendar [from page 56]

the bands were in sad shape. So chalk up another one for George.

Hope we had a good one for the 160 contest last month. Conditions have been good so far this season and there has been some good DX activity. Be sure to send in your logs.

73 for now, Frank, W1WY

## DX [from page 53]

Island (JA1MCU/C21-53 1.8 mHz QSO's). The W1BB 160 Meter DX Bulletin is issued 3 times a year and may be obtained by sending an SASE to Stu. (36 Pleasant St., Winthrop, Mass. 02152). Stu also reports his marriage to Marguerite, his longtime neighbor who has graciously allowed W1BB to run antenna wires over, under and through her property for many years. Well, . . . That a FB start Stu, Congratulations!

## Mt. Athos QSL's

QSO's for the second Mt. Athos DXpedition April 21-April 25, 1973 will be QSL'ed direct immediately by DL1CU, Box 585, D-7, Stuttgart-1, West Germany. SASE please. Only cards bearing imprint of a special Greek stamp on the back are valuable for DXCC, according to Felix, DL1CU, who has the original logs. He can also QSL the last c.w. DXpedition to HV3SJ.

## California DX Convention

The California DX Convention will be held in Fresno, California on April 27 & 28. This years affair will be sponsored by the Southern California DX Club and will be headed by Frank Cuevas, W6AOA. Inquiries may be made to W6AOA or WA6GLD.

## SSTV [from page 46]

keep transistors dissipation down to 1/2 or less of the maximum rating at 25 degrees C.

Regarding step 4c, use your best guess as to what the *minimum* Beta will be under the chosen operating conditions. The minimum beta for the 2N5828 is given by the manufacturer as 400 at a collector current of 2 ma. Beta is somewhat dependent on collector current. 400 is still a good number at ten times and one tenth of 2 milliamps, but it drops at higher and lower currents. At 50 milliamps and at 10 microamps, for example, the Beta might drop as low as 200. Another thing to keep in mind is that the equations for Z in and Z out become inaccurate at low impedance levels. Even with a very low source resistance, the Z out will never drop below a minimum value characteristic of the particular transistor type and collector current. This value might be 1 or 2 ohms in a power transistor, and perhaps 25 ohms in a small signal type.

A comment on 6 b). This divider fixes the input voltage to the emitter follower, and thus the output voltage too. We want a divider that is stiff enough so that it will not be unduly loaded down by the transistor base current. Since we are not sure what the exact transistor Beta will be, we want the voltage to remain about the same with any transistor having minimum Beta or above. The ten times maximum base current rule is adequate in most cases.

Most small signal transistors these days have gain bandwidth products of 100 mHz or more. This means that they are capable of oscillating at v.h.f. and u.h.f. frequencies. When we design an audio amplifier we don't intentionally design a v.h.f. oscillator at the same time, but sometimes it happens. The hardware takes *all* the laws of nature into account, which is what



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we poor mortals aspire to, but never even come close to doing. V.h.f. oscillations in an audio or d.c. amplifier distort the signal, change the d.c. bias, and change the low frequency gain. Since they are sometimes tough to track down, prevention is generally better than cure. The biggest danger of oscillation occurs when we have high Q L and C paths to ground at v.h.f. frequencies in all three transistor leads. In an emitter follower the collector goes to ground via the Vcc bypass capacitor. If the emitter drives a capacitive load, or several inches or feet of wire, this is a second high Q path. If there are also long leads or appreciable C to ground in the base circuit, or coupling between input or output; watch out! My usual preventative and curative measures are: 1. Putting a 100 to 500 ohm resistor in series with the collector lead, close to the transistor. 2. Or, putting a 1K resistor in series with the base lead near the transistor. 3. Or, putting ferrite beads on the transistor leads, particularly the emitter lead. The resistors generally work more reliably than the ferrite beads, and I generally save the beads for high current situations where the voltage drop across the resistors would be excessive.

Next month we'll work out some practical examples. 'Til then—

Vy 73, Cop, WØORX

#### Oscar News [from page 41]

6165	20	0011	50.5
6178	21	0106	64.2
6190	22	0006	49.2
6203	23	0101	62.9
6215	24	0001	47.9
6228	25	0056	61.6
6241	26	0151	75.4
6253	27	0051	60.4
6266	28	0146	74.1
6278	Mar. 1	0046	59.1
6291	2	0140	72.8
6303	3	0040	57.8
6316	4	0135	71.5
6328	5	0035	56.5
6341	6	0130	70.3
6353	7	0030	55.2
6366	8	0125	69.0
6378	9	0025	54.0
6391	10	0120	67.7
6403	11	0020	52.7
6416	12	0115	66.4
6428	13	0015	51.4
6441	14	0110	65.1
6453	15	0010	50.1
6466	16	0104	63.8
6478	17	0004	48.8
6491	18	0059	62.6
6504	19	0154	76.3
6516	20	0054	61.3
6529	21	0149	75.0
6541	22	0049	60.0
6554	23	0144	73.7
6566	24	0044	58.7
6579	25	0139	72.4

6591	26	0039	57.4
6604	27	0134	71.2
6616	28	0034	56.1
6629	29	0129	69.9
6641	30	0029	54.9
6654	31	0123	68.6
6666	Apr. 1	0023	53.6
6679	2	0118	67.3
6691	3	0018	52.3
6704	4	0113	66.0
6716	5	0013	51.0
6729	6	0108	64.7
6741	7	0008	49.7
6754	8	0103	63.5
6766	9	0003	48.5
6779	10	0058	62.2
6792	11	0153	75.9
6804	12	0053	60.9
6817	13	0148	74.6
6829	14	0048	59.6
6842	15	0142	73.4
6854	16	0042	58.3
6867	17	0137	72.1
6879	18	0037	57.1
6892	19	0132	70.8
6904	20	0032	55.8
6917	21	0127	69.5
6929	22	0027	54.5
6942	23	0122	68.2
6954	24	0022	53.2
6967	25	0117	66.9
6979	26	0017	51.9
6992	27	0117	65.7
7004	28	0012	50.6
7017	29	0106	64.4
7029	30	0006	49.4

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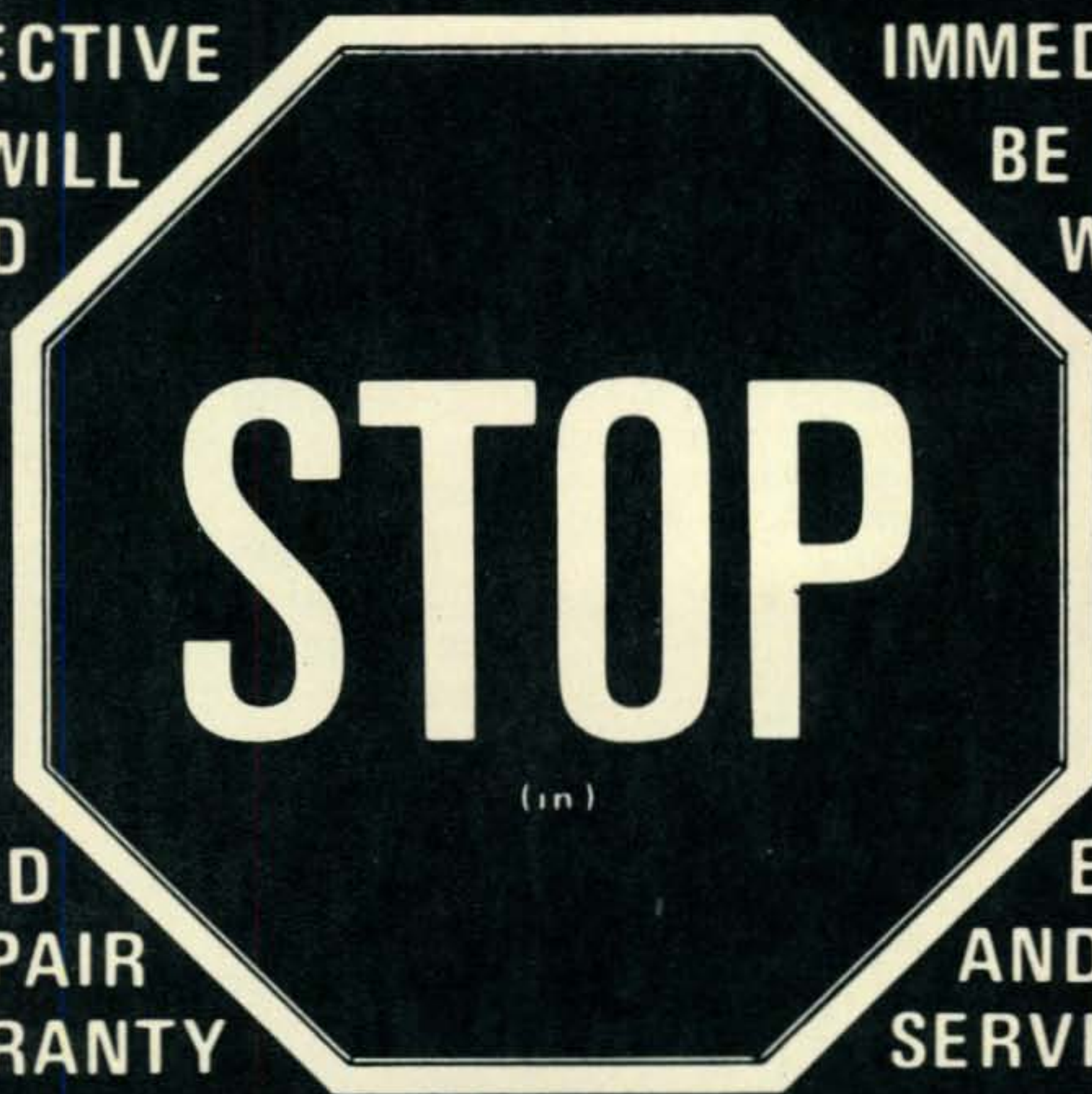
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4:08:35	264	2	4360
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4:12:35	288	2	4319
4:14:35	299	1	4463
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### Plans Finalizing For AMSAT-OSCAR 7

Arrangements have been completed with NASA for the launch of what is expected to be the next radio amateur communications satellite. It will probably take place during the late spring or early summer months. Components developed by radio amateurs in Germany, Australia, Canada and the United States are now being assembled in finalized form, and the satellite will soon begin the usual severe pre-launch testing period. Once successfully operating in orbit it will be called AMSAT-OSCAR 7.

Briefly, it is planned to have the following components aboard the satellite:

A 432 mHz (432.125 to 432.175 mHz passband) to 2 meter (145.975 to 145.925 mHz passband) inverted linear repeater on the order of 10 watts PEP output.

A 2 meter (145.85 to 149.95 mHz passband) to 10 meter repeater (29.40 to 29.50 mHz passband). Similar to the repeater presently operating in AMSAT-OSCAR 6, but with 2 watts output PEP.

Beacon signals on 29.50, 435.1 and 2304.1 mHz.

Morse and Teleprinter telemetry encoders.

CODESTORE, for storing and forwarding c.w. messages, similar to AMSAT-OSCAR 6.

Experiment Control Logic for selecting the spacecraft operating modes, and protecting the satellite against excessive battery drain.

An input solar power-battery charger regulator for properly charging the batteries from the solar arrays, and to prevent overcharging and battery damage.

A special article dealing exclusively with the AMSAT-OSCAR 7 satellite will appear shortly in *CQ*, in enough time prior to its launch so that radio amateurs throughout the world can prepare for it. ■

### CQ Reviews: Ten-Tec [from page 37]

A five-position switch on the panel selects the modes of operation which are: Reverse Sideband; CW-1 (c.w. filter in sharper position); CW-2 (c.w. filter in broader position); Normal Sideband; Calibrator. When the calibrator is engaged, the receiver is set up for the normal sideband only. The calibration also holds for the c.w. modes.

The front and rear panels and the bottom and top covers of the set are aluminum, while the end pieces of the box are plastic. The top and sides have a wood-grain finish. A 2½" diameter speaker is mounted in the top cover. The Phones/Speaker jack is a standard-size type at the rear where the other connectors are phono jacks. The line cord is attached.

### Operation and Performance

Measurements on the model 315 produced the following results: *Sensitivity*—0.25  $\mu\text{v}$  at 3.5 mHz and 0.55  $\mu\text{v}$  at 4 mHz for 10 db S+N/N, 0.25  $\mu\text{v}$  or less on the other bands;<sup>3</sup> *Image Rejection*—68, 68, 75, 82, 59 db on the 3.5, 7, 14, 21, 28 mHz bands respectively; *I.F. Signal Rejection*—66, 36, 48, 54, 55 db on above respective bands; *Unwanted-Sideband Suppression*—30 db at 1 kHz; *Overall Bandwidth* (including i.f. and

<sup>3</sup> On the three highest bands our readings were somewhat better than those stated; however, the figure of 0.25  $\mu\text{v}$  or less has been given, inasmuch as measurements can vary by 1-2 db (particularly in the low-microvolt region), depending on the difference in output-level accuracy between different signal generators, the exact receiver-input impedance and the method of matching thereto.





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a.f. sections): For s.s.b. nominally 350-3000 Hz at 6 db, with CW-1 (sharp) 700-990 Hz at 6 db peaking at 825 Hz and with 500-1825 Hz bandwidth at 30 db, CW-2 (broad) 700-875 Hz at 6 db peaking at 750 Hz and with 625-2725 bandwidth at 30 db.

*A.G.C.*—(7 mHz band)—5 db a.f. output change with r.f. input change of 80 db (10-100,000  $\mu\text{v}$ ), somewhat flatter on the higher bands, a.g.c. threshold varied from band to band due to changes in band gain as may be noted from the S-meter readings which follow; *S-Meter* (input signal required for stated meter reading on the above respective bands)—13, 8, 2, 2, 3  $\mu\text{v}$  for S-4, 25, 19, 4.5, 4.5, 8  $\mu\text{v}$  for S-9 32, 22, 7, 7, 11  $\mu\text{v}$  for S-9 +40 db; r.f. intermodulation—better than the run-of-the-mill vacuum-tube and solid-state jobs, requiring two test signals 55 db above 1  $\mu\text{v}$  (or 560  $\mu\text{v}$  signals) to produce a 1  $\mu\text{v}$  3rd-order I.M. product (also indicative of better cross-modulation and desensitizing characteristics<sup>4</sup>).

A-f output with 1000 Hz into 8 ohms was 1 watt with 1.6% distortion; but, with r.f. signals above 1000  $\mu\text{v}$  the distortion rose quite a bit at the 1-watt level. However, this situation can be avoided by reducing the r.f. gain which might normally be done, anyway, with strong signals.

### Frequency Stability

After a 15-30-minute warmup drift of 200-600 Hz (depending on the band) the frequency stability of the receiver held to within the manufacturer's rating of 100 Hz or less per hour. Vibration tests indicated no adverse affects on the frequency. The calibration linearity was quite good, holding to within 2 kHz when calibration was made at the nearest 100-kHz point. No change in frequency was found on any band with line-voltage variations of  $\pm 10\%$ .

### On-The-Air Results

With on-the-air operation the receiver shaped up well in accordance with the foregoing measurements. During the recent *CQ* WW Phone and CW Contests and while using a 4-foot test lead as an antenna for the set, we were not only able to copy all the DX stations the "locals" were working, but also were able to do so with no more difficulty from exceptionally strong adjacent-channel

signals than experienced with more sophisticated vacuum-tube and solid-state receivers used under the same conditions. Nor were problems encountered with the lower-than-usual unwanted-sideband suppression. Some QRM difficulties might have occurred had a full-sized antenna been used; however, use of the r.f. gain control (which still allows the S-meter and a.g.c. to function) could forestall such a possibility.<sup>5</sup>

The input impedance on the three highest bands was found to be close to 50 ohms, but on 40 and 80 meters it dropped quite a bit. Thus, a short or random-length antenna, which may present a relatively high impedance, will not usually provide a good input-signal level unless a matching coupler is employed. On the other hand, antenna-line impedances of 25-100 ohms work out okay without further matching required.

As may be noted from the S-meter characteristics, its readings are quite generous; as a matter of fact, when a band is open with many lively signals, the meter often remains pinned at the top of the scale. However, from our point of view, this is not a detriment, since the object is to adequately *hear* a signal—not *look* at it. Besides, S-meter readings between other different receivers and from band to band do vary considerably, making the readings meaningless, unless the meter in each case is accurately calibrated to indicate signal strength in microvolts.

In spite of the small-size speaker, the a.f. quality from the set is exceptionally good. There is no need to go to an external speaker of larger size.

The size of the model 315 is 4½" × 13" × 7½" (H.W.D.) and it weighs a mere 6 lbs. Power consumption at 115 v.a.c., 50/60 Hz, is approximately 30 watts. At 12 v.d.c. the current drain is nominally 300 ma with pilot lamps on, 170 ma with the lamps off.

The manual for the 315 is an excellent one, being replete with technical data on each section of the receiver, voltage readings, photographs, operation, maintenance and alignment.

The Ten-Tec Model 315 Amateur Communications Receiver is priced at \$229. The C.W. Filter accessory is \$14.95. The manufacturer is Ten-Tec, Inc., Sevierville, Tennessee 37862.

—W2AEF

<sup>4</sup> See "Receiver Signal Handling Capabilities," *CQ*, Jan. and Feb. 1970, pp. 39 & 51 respectively.

<sup>5</sup> See "Antenna Sense," Q & A Column, *CQ*, March 1969, p. 87.



## Radio In New Guinea [from page 30]

Since then the station's policy has been to increasingly localize the content of its broadcast day. Keith Jackson, Station Manager, said that the station now programs a very high percentage of local news, frequent interviews with local personalities, and a great deal of local music. Local government councils are regularly queried for their programming suggestions. Though the recent opening of the nearby Bougainville Copper Mine, the largest industrial project in the Territory, created additional frictions between the administration and the Islanders, Radio Bougainville now seems to be firmly back in their good graces.

But perhaps the attitude in which the stations are accepted is best illustrated by an incident that occurred in a sparsely populated area along the Gulf of Papua . . .

At 6:30 each evening all D.I.E.S. stations broadcast service messages. These are messages from District Commissioners, police, hospitals, and other authorities, directed to individual people whose location is unknown or could not be contacted in any other way, there being little inter-city telephone service in New Guinea.

One night a message requested that a particular native appear in Port Moresby, the Capitol, as soon as possible. It instructed him to request a voucher for an airline ticket from any Government officer he could reach.

As it happened, the man was on a fishing expedition far from his village. He had no radio and he was unknown in the area. During a chance meeting with some local people they recalled his name from the broadcast and passed on the message. Days later the fisherman reached a Government outpost. He related his story to the officer. Though he had no form of identification and the officer had not heard the radio request, he promptly issued the voucher with the comment that, "If you say it was announced on the radio it must be true."

Amazingly, over the years virtually all service messages have eventually reached the persons to whom they were directed.

In the words of John Smeeton, Manager of Radio Daru and one of the most respected old-timers in the Territory, "We must never be wrong . . . both the people and the administration believe in us . . . the degree of confidence in our stations is our most valuable asset." ■

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JA2YAB	70,607	275	121	UK5EAQ	250,879	692	211
				UK5MAG	246,627	678	201
				UK4WAC	217,467	595	219
				UK4WAB	214,110	565	183
I6FLD	751,298	1251	323	UK5QAU	158,424	514	184
SK5AL	554,130	1100	262	UK5ICD	123,025	404	185
SP5PWK	412,160	777	256	UK2GAZ	121,920	422	160
OE6HZG	348,742	839	254	UK3YAB	115,938	350	171
G3RCV	341,690	745	235	UK2GCF	106,950	370	150
SP6PZB	307,476	687	219	UK2WAF	95,403	373	147
LZ2KPD	299,490	796	201	UK3AAY	90,882	346	153
YU2CBM	297,450	771	225	UK5GAB	87,080	300	140
DM3QO	290,318	645	233	UK2WWW	78,680	317	140
EI1AA	246,566	616	226	UK2LAK	78,020	237	166
LA1K	181,598	659	202	UK2PAO	72,009	301	127
SP9KRT	141,670	538	155	UK2IAD	62,250	298	125
YU1INO	123,420	520	165	UK5VAA	58,295	228	131
HA3KNA	118,944	387	168	UK2GAR	57,584	246	118
SK6CF	108,717	341	167	UK4WAK	24,570	156	90
OH2AG	68,453	300	127	UK3GAA	7,280	107	56
G3EKW	52,515	266	135	UK6HBV	3,124	56	44
GM4AXE/A	41,788	271	124				
SP9PRO	23,996	141	89				
OK2KWL	14,628	102	69				

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WA3HRV	1,731,750	1448	375
KA1CQ	1,040,019	2641	211
YU1JRS	950,300	1457	325
SV1GA	555,537	1311	281
VA6NQ	90,582	425	93
WB8JBM/8	64,856	237	134
SK1AQ	34,608	169	103

Our thanks to the following stations who submitted their logs for checking purposes:

CE3EZ, CR7RM, DM2DGO, DM2FGN, DM2YLO, HA2-KRB, HA4YF, HA5KFA, OH5-SK, OH5YX, OK1AWR, OZ6-RT, SM1CXE, SM0BDS, SP6-KKE, SP9UH, UA3DAO, UA3FT, UA3IE, UA3NG, UA3RR, UA6NX, UA6PG, UA0ABC, UK2AAS, UK2RAX, UK3LAC, UK3MAX, UK3TAA, UK4HBU, UK5LAS, UQ2AS, UQ2HO, UT5HP, UV3DN, UW6CV, UY5EM, UY5ZT, VE1AIH, WA2AUB.

**Oceania**

KH6GMP	664,674	1459	141
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**South America**

PY7BDX	3,286,287	2627	423
4M5BPG	2,598,884	2207	284
ZX7AAD	1,589,124	1850	302
PY3CKZ	349,968	678	184
PY1MO	190,512	480	144
PY1BQK	17,287	105	59

**U.S.S.R.**

**Club Stations**

**Asia**

4J9B	2,985,004	2397	358
UK0AAB	438,346	940	214
UK9CAE	292,383	573	189
UK0AAC	180,661	469	169
UK6QAA	1,794	28	23

**Europe**

4L3Z	1,642,560	2093	354
UK6LAZ	795,678	1174	303
UK5IAZ	507,773	1092	251
UK3SAB	395,826	1025	222
UK2PAF	340,632	769	228

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DM3QO: DM2DTO, DM3XHF. EI1AA: EI2BB, EI2CA, EI7CC, EI9V. G3EKW: G2FUB, G3VUI, G3WV, G3YUT, G3ZUV, G4AFJ, G4ANS. G3RCV: G3VLX, G3WVP, G3XMD, G3YQG, G3ZAY, G3ZEN, G3ZRJ. GM4AXE/A: GM4AFF, GM4BFX, GM8FTJ. HA3KNA: HA3JNG, HA3NA, HA3NS. I6FLD & I6PLN. JA2YAB: JA2BY, JA2DDD, JA2DGD, JA2EV, JA2HO, JA2HZA, JA2JSF, JH2ACL. JD1YAA: Group. JH1YDT: JH1-AGH & 5 Oprs. K1CPF & K1CSJ. K4ZA & WA6QAU, WB4-SPG. KA1DX: KA2BW, KA8VR, WA5IIS. KH6GMP & KH6-GQW. LA1K: LA1BP, LA1FR, LA2RR, LA4CQ, LA5MK. LZ2KPD: 2 Oprs. OE6HZG: 3 Oprs. OH2AG: OH2KQ, OH2LU. OK2KWL: OK2BGR, OK2BNG, OK2BNX. PY1BQK & PY1CHP, PY1DBE. PY1MO & PY1HU. PY3CKZ & PY3CEN, PY3CGP. PY7BDX: PY7AEW, PY7AKW, PY7AOJ, PY7APR, PY7APS, PY7AUR, PY7AZQ, PY7ZAH. SK5AL: K2LZQ, SM5BGK, SM5BUT, SM0GM. SK6CF: SM6CKU, SM6EBQ, SM6FYJ. SP5PWK: SP5BSV, SP5DZI & 2 Oprs. SP6PZB: SP6FAF, SP6-5039. SP9KRT: SP9ZW, SP9-2236 & Club. SP9PRO: SP9EWO, SP9FOW, SP9-2351. VE3BMV & VE3ABN. VE6-AN/6 & VE6GS, VE6LB. VP2MYA: W5MYA & W5QBM. W1YK: WA1JLD & WA1PID. W3YXM: WA2ZRG, WA3JVG, WA3MNN, WA3QIA, WA3QYM, WA3TAC. W6KG & W6DOD. W6VPZ: W6CFM, W6LYY, W6YOJ, WA6BIL, WA6DCT. WA3QWA & WA3SVN. WA6GLD & WA6DGO. WA8UUY & WB8IAY. WA9JCO & WA9AKT. WA0ETC & WB0AAM. WB5AEH & WA5AWF, WB5FFIO. WB6JOD: K6QJZ, W6KHS, W6SMW, WA6HCL, WA6OHO, WB6IFO, WB6RWO, WB6RWU, WA7-UHE. WB9GIT & WB9EBP. YU1INO: Club. YU2CBM: YU2-RMG, YU2RT & Club. ZX7AAD: PY7AF, PY7AST, PY7GAI, PY7GV. 4M5BPG: F5QQ, K5LWL/YV6, YV5BPG.

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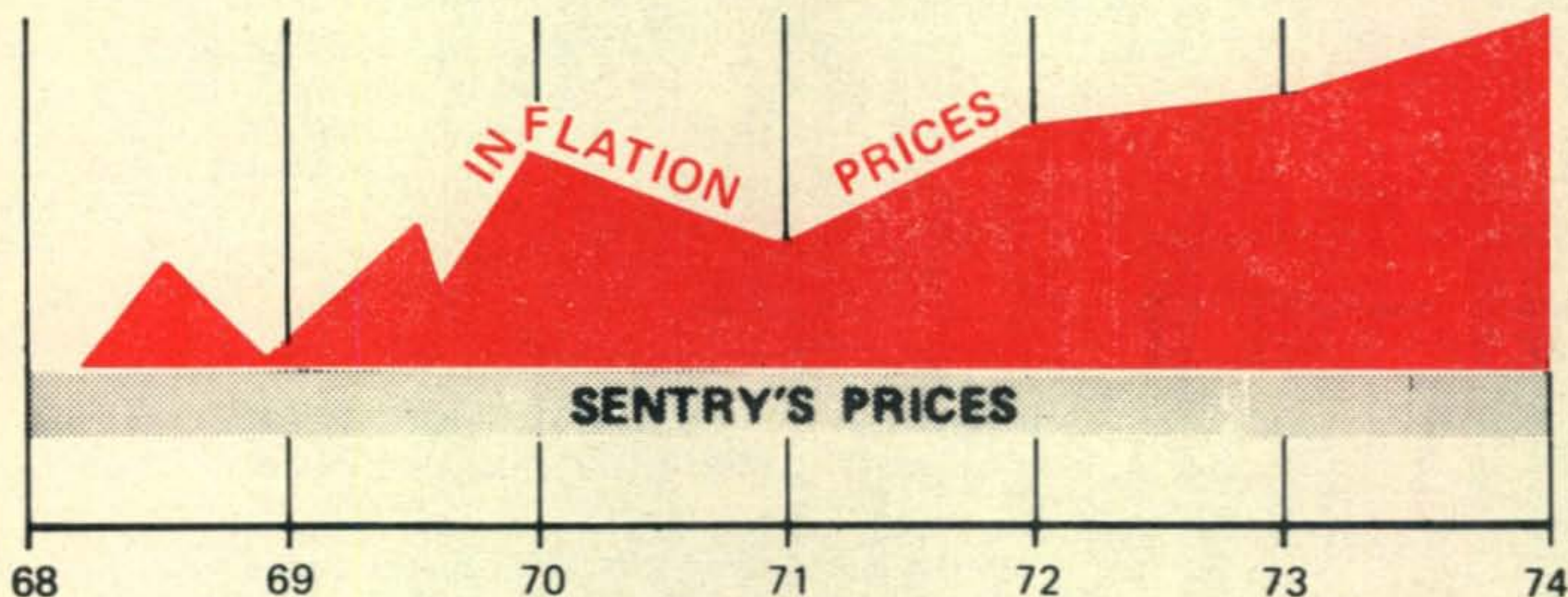
**WPX Results [from page 34]**

<b>Hawaii</b>				<b>Netherlands Antilles</b>			
K5CIT/KH6				PJ9JT	A	160,923	504 97
14	271,122	731	146				
<b>Nauru</b>				<b>Peru</b>			
C29ED	A	393,684	1238 106	OA4AKL	A	98,900	221 115
				OA4AHA	14	9,776	83 47
				OA6NCT	3.8	9,472	48 37
				OA4AGR	"	3,780	31 27
<b>New Zealand</b>				<b>Trinidad</b>			
ZL1BKX	A	182,700	422 145	9Y4VU	A	1,198,832	1490 248
ZL1AGO	"	27,011	109 59				
ZL2GJ	14	69,100	251 100	<b>Uruguay</b>			
ZL4BO	7	187,884	352 102	CX1JM	A	891,660	1366 210
				CX9BT	3.8	1,880	25 20
<b>Papua</b>				<b>Venezuela</b>			
VK9RY	21	343,826	1407 82	YV5IZ	A	5,977	54 43
				YV3XY	14	303,934	600 174
<b>Philippines</b>				<b>MULTI-OPERATOR</b>			
DU1GJM	A	882,255	1811 165	<b>Single Transmitter</b>			
DU1JMG	14	872,025	1125 275	<b>United States</b>			
<b>Samoa (American)</b>				<b>W1YK</b>			
KS6DH	A	873,120	1656 170	K1CPF		782,400	941 300
				W6KG		521,400	712 257
<b>South America</b>				<b>WA6GLD</b>			
<b>Argentina</b>				<b>W3YXM</b>			
LU5HF1	A	1,130,268	1481 261	WA6GLD		269,127	647 153
LU2DEK	28	62,532	266 81	W3YXM		199,187	525 139
<b>Brazil</b>				<b>WB6JOD</b>			
PY6OA	A	29,719	207 101	WB6JOD		153,426	344 182
PY5YC	"	26,196	137 74	WA0ETC		140,481	431 121
PY8JO	"	21,120	112 88	WA0ETC		101,916	284 149
PY1BDU	"	9,342	65 54	WB5AEH		71,808	312 136
PY1MB	28	60,724	232 94	WA9JCO		66,177	210 129
PY1BOL	21	27,348	112 86	WA8UUY		51,460	205 124
PY2BZD	"	5,986	56 41	WB9GIT		49,590	220 114
PY3APH	14	336,960	609 195	W6VPZ		48,400	199 100
PY2FDO	"	2,336	38 32	K4ZA		32,754	140 103
				WA3QWA		2,024	71 44
<b>Chile</b>				<b>North America</b>			
CE5GO	A	58,612	244 82	VP2MYA		2,792,720	3950 280
CE8AO	28	10,442	82 46	VE3BMV		518,178	878 201
				VE6AN/6		40,661	224 73
<b>Colombia</b>				<b>Asia</b>			
HK3CPW	28	12,240	106 40	JD1YAA		535,262	1654 91



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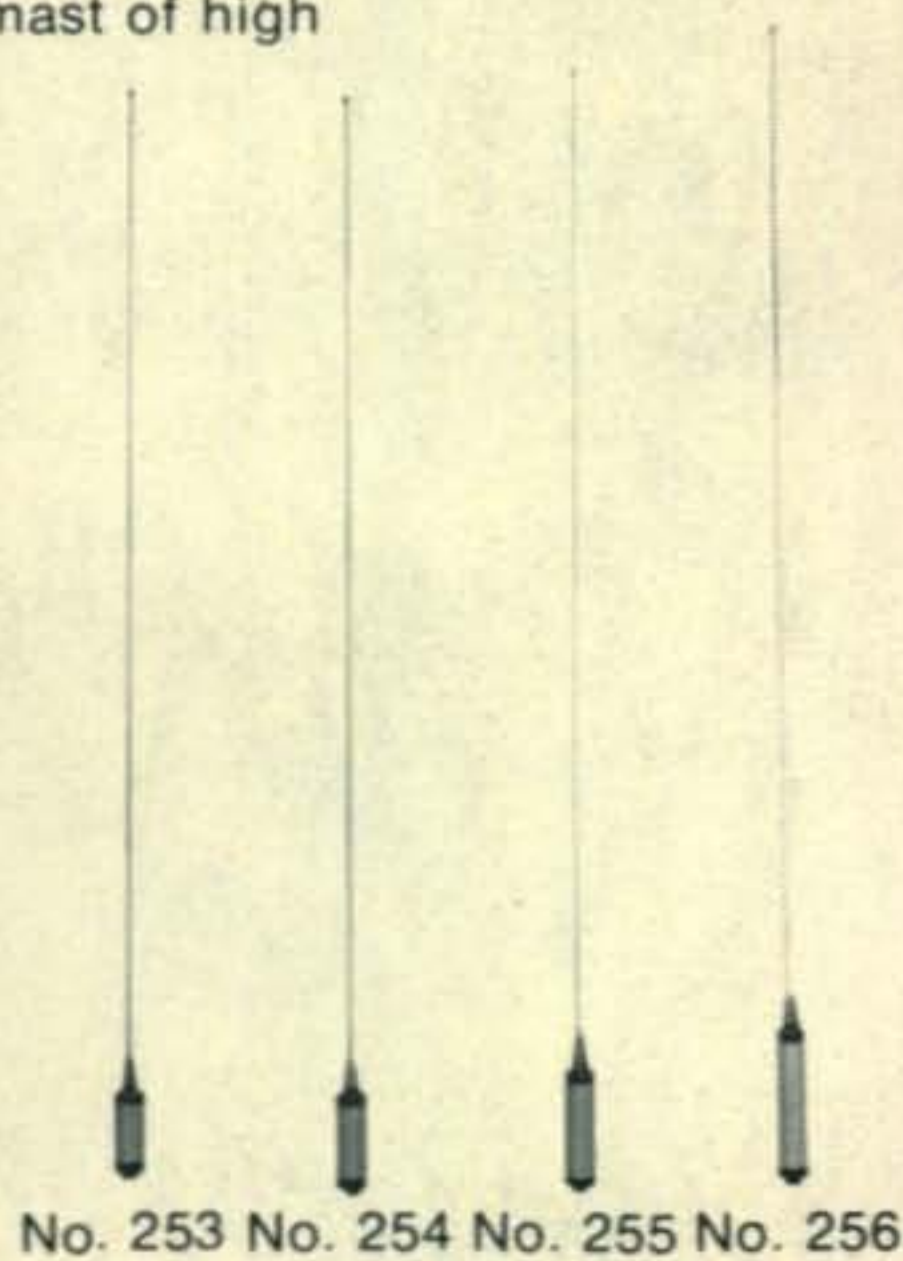
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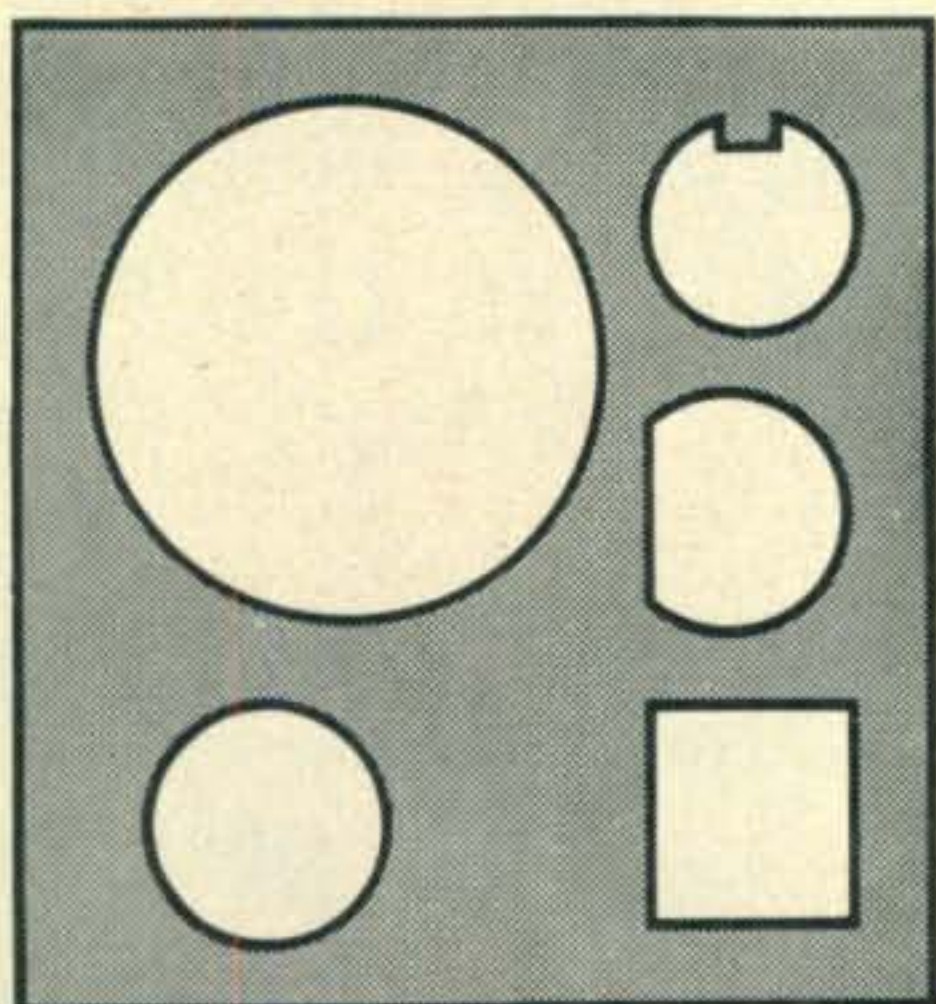
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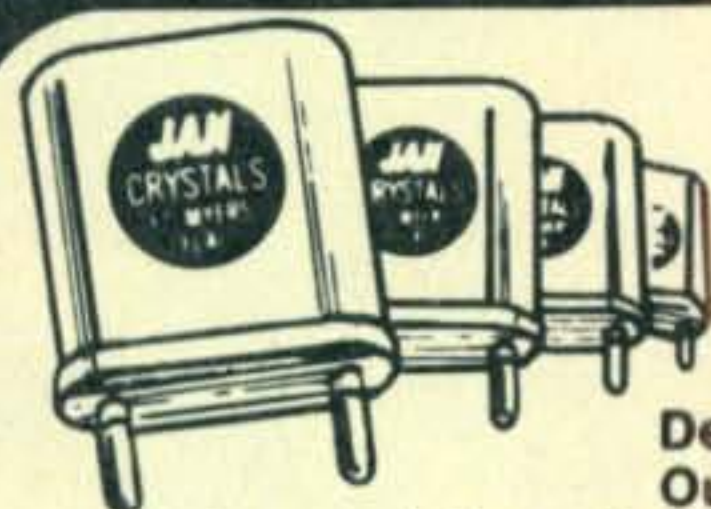
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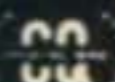
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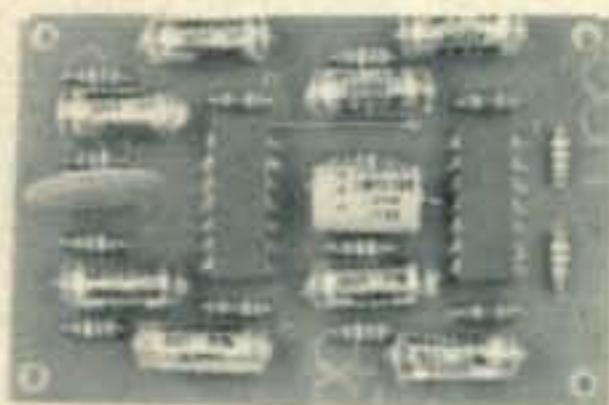
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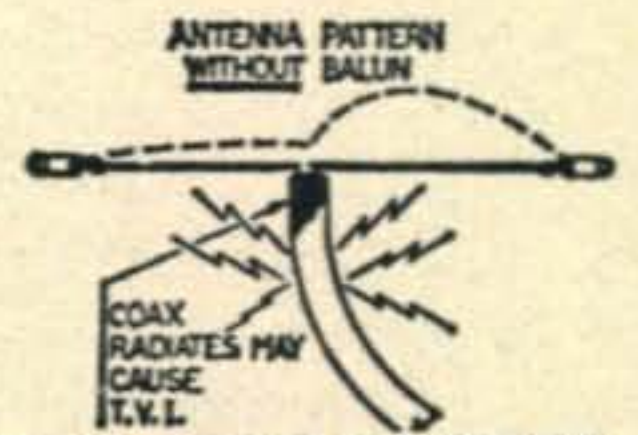
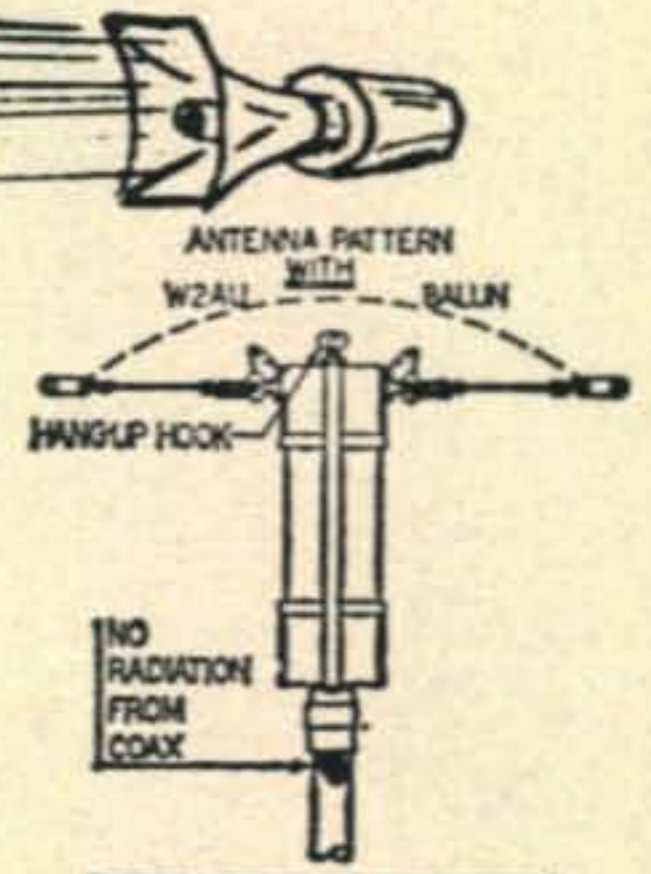
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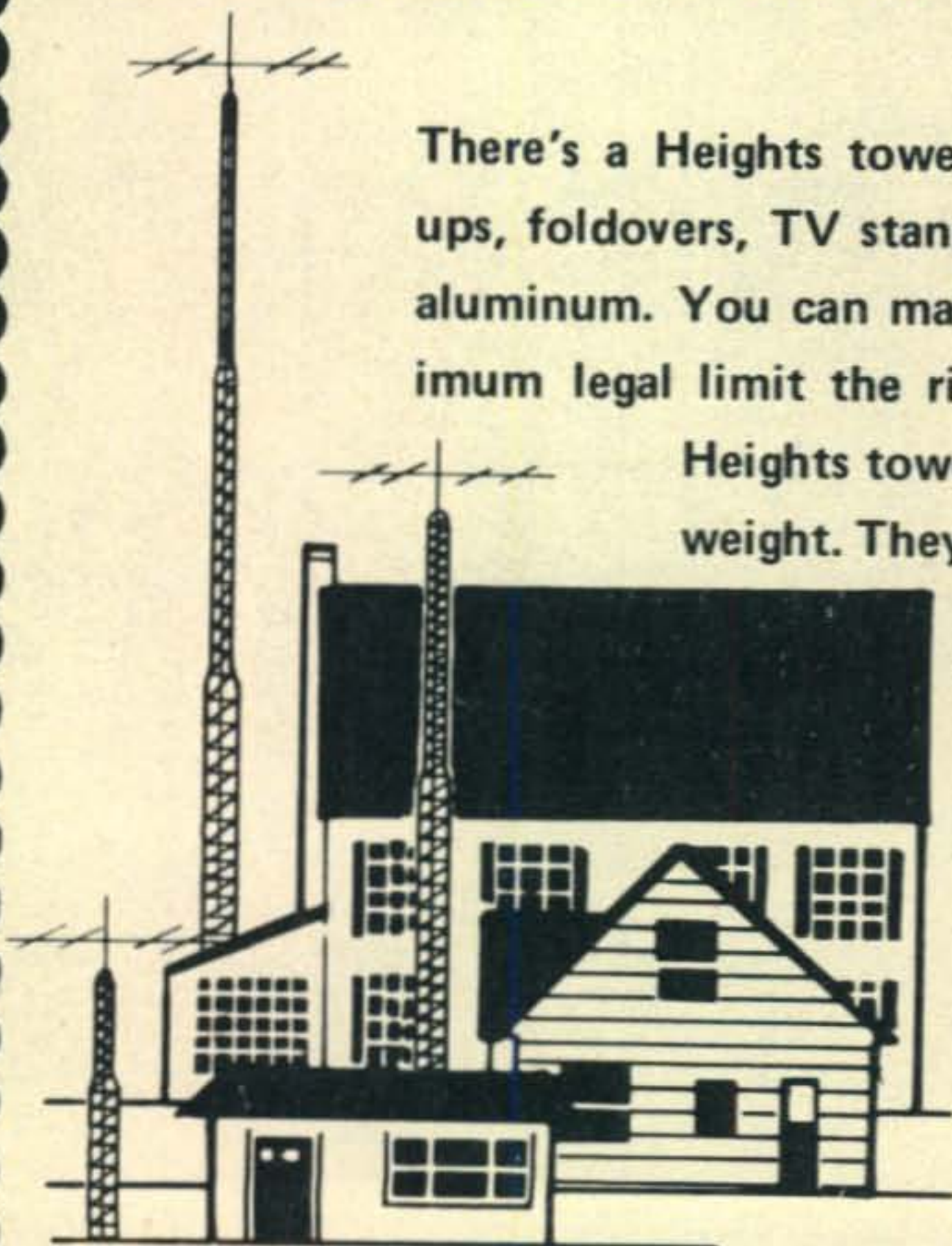
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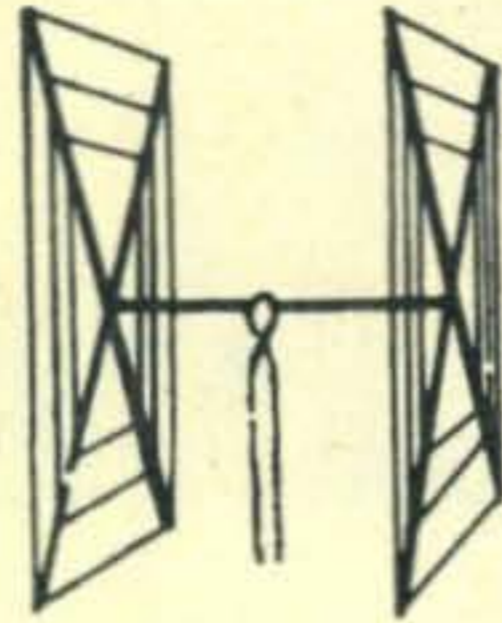


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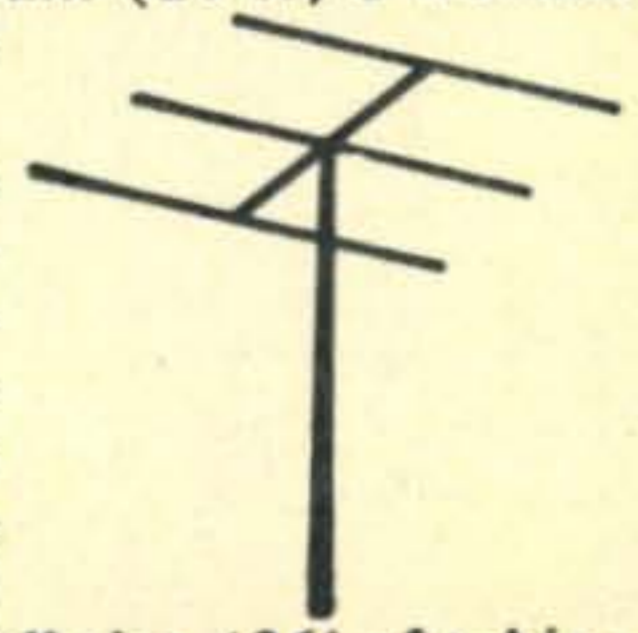
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