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of the abridgment of the freedom
of the people by gradual and silent
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*Speech in the Virginia Convention
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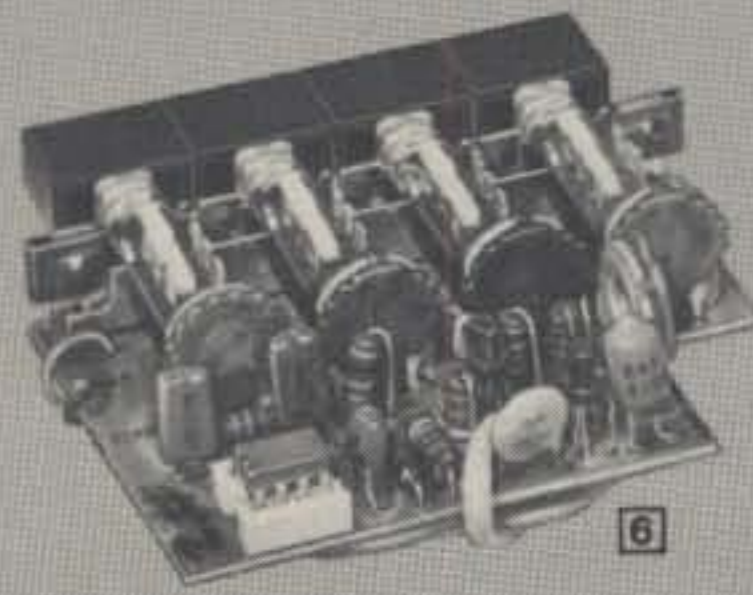
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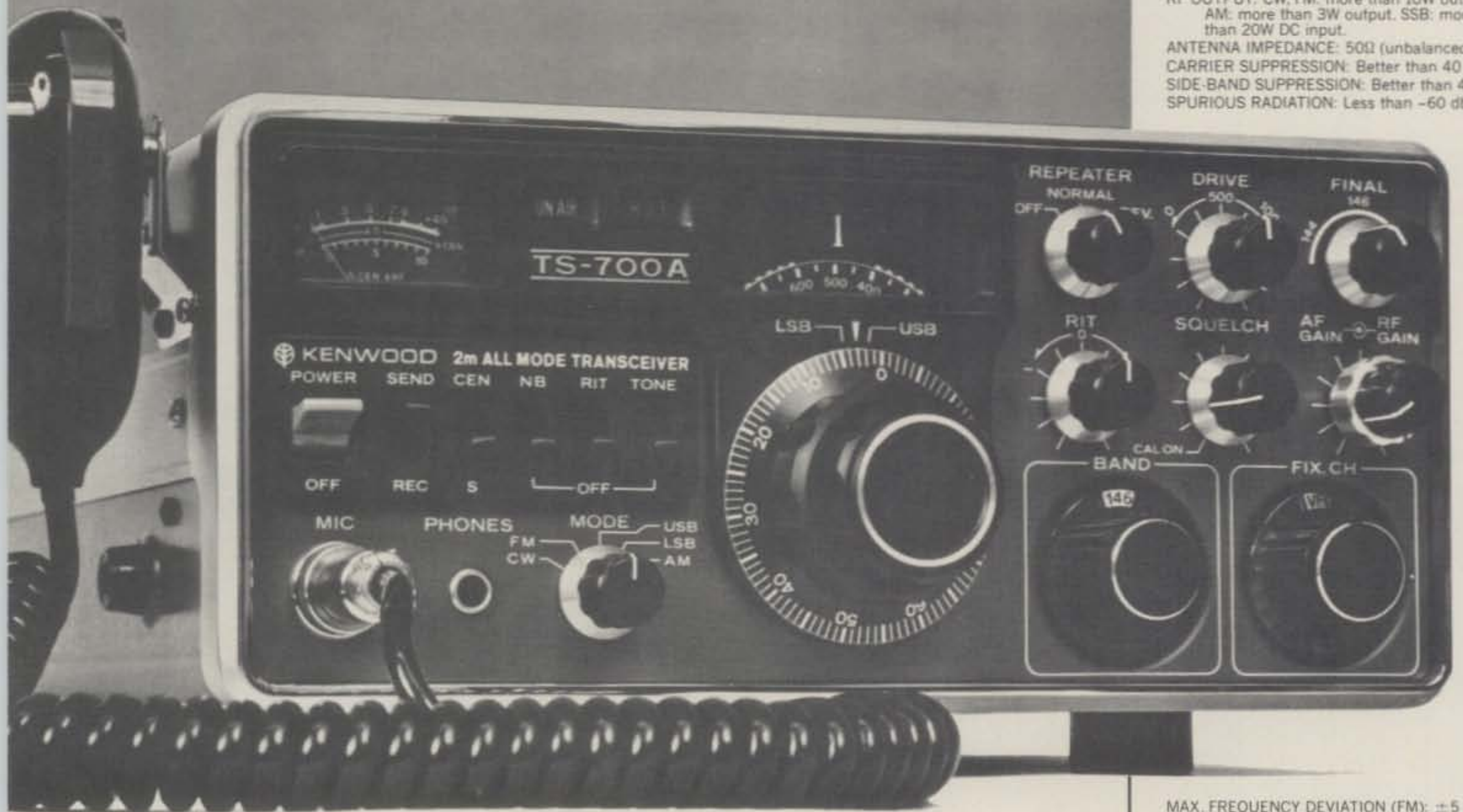
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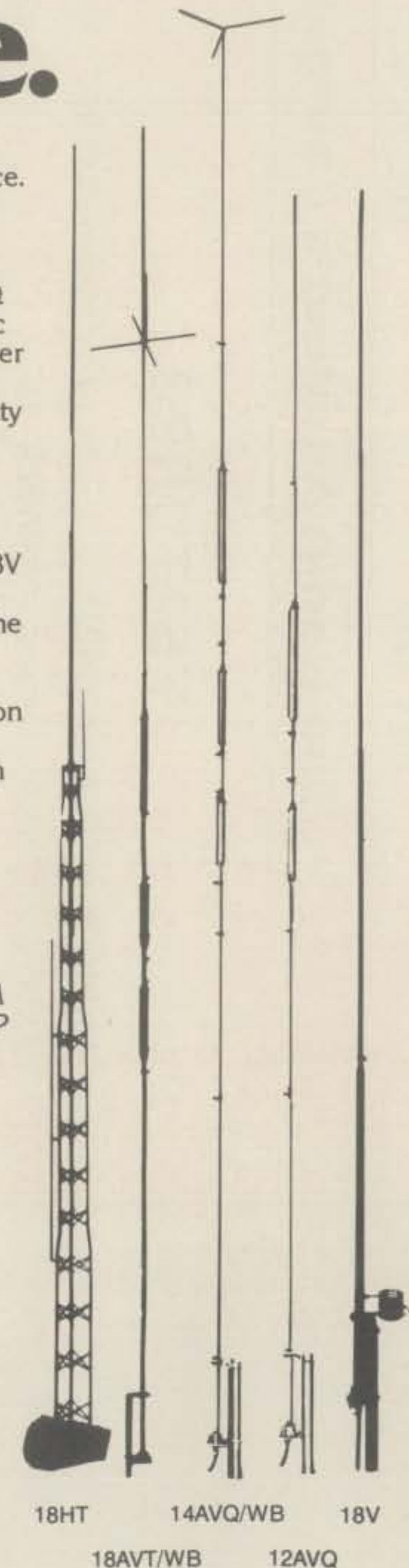
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VSWR	2:1 or less	2:1 or less	2:1 or less	2:1 or less	2:1 or less
Impedance	50 ohms	50 ohms	50 ohms	50 ohms	50 ohms
Mechanical					
Height	50'	25'	18'	13'6"	18'
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Zero Bias

With America's (if not the world's) awakening to the CB craze it is curiously amusing to find that several of our publishing confreres are rising to "cash in" on a very large viable market. If one can still believe in altruism, it would seem that a guiding light will now shine and show the CBer the error of his ways and convert him to amateur radio. From most of what I hear I can only gather that the average amateur has little use for the CBer and that most comments are generally hostile. What the CBer will then face is the propaganda attracting him to join the ranks of amateur radio and take part in some really exciting, interesting and worthwhile endeavor while in reality he meets the scoffers, the jeerers, and put-down artists who represent amateur radio's elitist group.

The typical CBer is not responsible for being where he is. He did not rob amateur radio of spectrum space nor is he blatantly anti-amateur radio. He has taken advantage of an existing situation and has begun to enjoy a hobby. His ranks do number in the millions and he does support a very healthy market. He is highly organized, publicity orientated, and takes full advantage of all media. Basically he enjoys.

The only way I can describe my reaction to a lot of the feelings amateurs vent towards CBers is to liken it to old-time missionaries who feel a call to enlighten some primitive group. Whether by Puritan ethic or other moral code, the missionary is compelled to make the primitive stop his unwholesome activities. Perhaps it's envy of a freer life style or the threat that one's own life style leaves a lot to be desired. Regardless, it means that if we are to be right they must be wrong.

Amateur radio has a lot to offer on its own *not* at the expense of CB. If we take as fact that CBers like to communicate, buy equipment, put up antennas, engage in public service, seek out awards and QSL cards and intellectually disregard the ethics or legality of the situation, we can see the possibility of presenting an augmentation to their hobby rather than a replacement. What we have to offer and how we offer it may or may not be better; this is debatable from where you stand. What is true is that what we offer is different and unique. If you knock what somebody has or believes just to improve your own position you are in fact calling him a fool. Why should he continue to listen

to you?

I think that if we are not careful in our goals we might wind up like General Custer at the Little Big Horn. Even though *he* believed *he* was right, that he was better trained and equipped militarily to handle the situation he still failed to convert enough Indians to help *his* situation.

FCC Anomaly

By now most of you have seen or heard about the action taken by the FCC on parts of Docket 20282. For the new Novice this action is especially fortuitous as with the increased power limitations the new Novice does not have to buy one rig for Novice use and another when he hopefully upgrades his status. The new Novice is also in a better position to compete for DX, compete in contests and in general is more flexible in day to day operating. He is also protected by the provision that all higher class licensees operating within the Novice bands are also restricted to 250 watts input. Technicians will now be able to use the Novice frequencies and it is hoped that many of them will take advantage of this new provision to increase their code speed in the least painful manner and perhaps broaden their enjoyment of amateur radio while working towards their general.

On the other hand, the FCC gives and taketh away. This past June the FCC announced (without the usual time for comments) that it had approved a tacit agreement between themselves and the ARRL to literally hand over authority to ARRL to give classes and grant upon completion of the class, a bona fide amateur radio license. This is the Federal Government delegating its responsibility and authority to a private agency. What this means is that the ARRL will be able to publish (with commercially paid advertising) a series of license manuals and/or lesson plans to be used in teaching courses in amateur radio. This will then become the "official" FCC sanctioned amateur radio course. Indirectly this is also restraint of trade in the most blatant sense. The courses are to be given presumably by affiliated clubs and overseen somehow by League officials to maintain some sort of integrity. There is a proviso that other publishers will be allowed to submit their publications for approval as instructional material but it

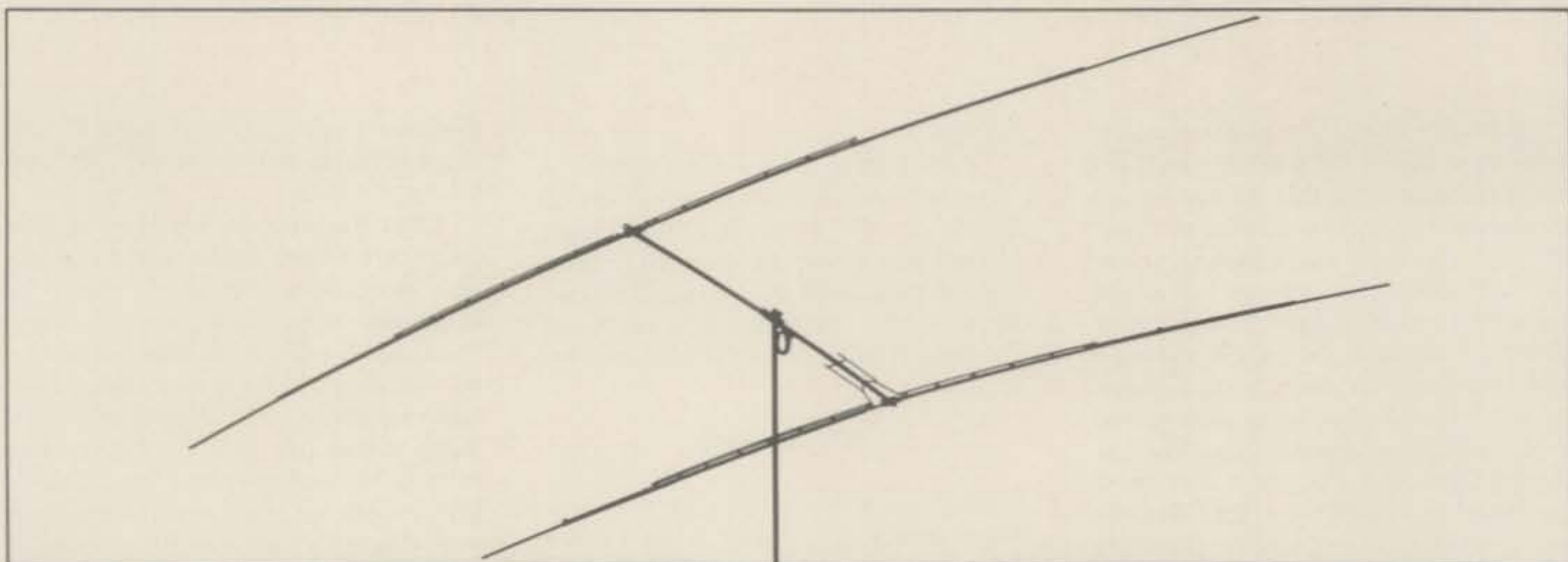
does put a crimp in the chances of such material being either approved or used by many groups.

What this does hurt is many smaller publishers whose books and pamphlets have been alternative study guides for many years. I am not trying to disparage the Leagues manuals as they are generally good and serve a very useful function in amateur radio. What I am objecting to is that this gives the ARRL some form of quasi-official government status that it does not deserve and along with that, makes *QST* an official extension of the FCC. This thereby has a simple economic effect on the other amateur publications: it puts us at disadvantage with regard to advertising revenue and potential sales to new amateurs. When all you will be seeing is League material it is unlikely that you will hear of other periodicals and books.

This is not exactly sour grapes or grumblings about competition in the normal sense but rather my questioning of what is and isn't normal competition. In early June when talk of the ARRL FCC plan was heavy I went to Washington D.C. with Martin Schwartz of Ameco to discuss the legality of this FCC action with Sen. Buckley of N.Y. Just one week prior Sen. Buckley's assistant had called the FCC to question what was going on only to be told that this idea would not be resolved for several months. One week later when Martin and I arrived it had not only been resolved but in fact became reality.

In early March, the ARRL sent out letters to their advertisers including a March 4th telegram letting them know that this "idea" was, in reality, a fact that would go into effect in June without precedent or comment. In March the League knew this was going to go through in June, and still the FCC lied to Sen. Buckley's assistant just one week before it actually went through. It seems to be a very neat package, a strange set of coincidences that I guess would normally be described as collusion but it couldn't obviously apply here. After all, what can the league possibly gain by selling 100,000 new license manuals. And at the FCC we are dealing with honorable men and as with other government agencies today, above reproach of course.

73, Alan, K2EEK



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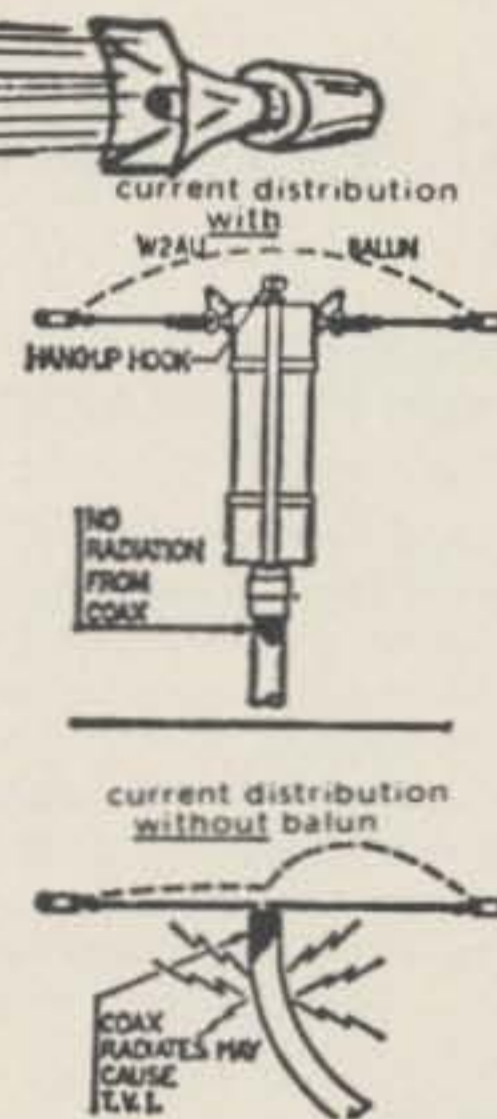
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Having obtained no direction from the Federal Government, local communities are now taking action on their own to stem the radio-frequency interference (RFI) problem. Unfortunately, their actions serve to penalize the radio operator rather than to address the design deficiencies in home-entertainment products which are at the heart of most problems. More specifically, 47 states now have one or more communities with laws which can be used to cite radio operators for causing interference to a neighbor's television receiver, radio, or other home-entertainment device. The laws attack the problem from the standpoint that the radio operator is creating noise or is a public nuisance.

Lest you think the communities will not enforce these laws, consider the case of CB'er Don Underwood of Arlington,

Texas. Mr. Underwood was convicted and fined \$100 for violation of Arlington's anti-noise ordinance. The presiding judge ruled that his calls interfered with a neighbor's television reception.

At present, we have learned that the Arlington court decision has been appealed, and that Mr. Underwood has gone into Federal Court asking for an injunction against Arlington. But it should escape no one that if the court permits Arlington to continue enforcing its noise ordinance against radio operators, it will set a precedent that will affect all Amateur and Citizens Radio Service operators across the country.

Isn't it time we pressed the Federal Government and the electronics industry to take steps necessary so as to insure that the consumer is offered home-entertainment products which will operate in today's rf environment?

After all, we have everything to lose!

Theodore J. Cohen, W4UMF
 Alexandria, VA

Editor, CQ:

I was told once by the ARRL that they never keep any records of what is going on in the world of CB. Maybe they should for they have neglected to mention how the CBers are picking up the ball where the hams dropped it. I am talking about the House Bill in Congress now referred to as the RFI Bill.

As you may know, the bill was introduced originally by Barry Goldwater a couple of years ago. This was publicized and still is in QST. However, if it does pass and becomes law it will be thanks to the CBers by the looks of things.

Missouri Senator Eagleton is supporting this bill on behalf of CB.

This year there has been several TVI cases against CBers fought in local courts based on a city's Anti-Noise Ordinance. This could well be hams. In all

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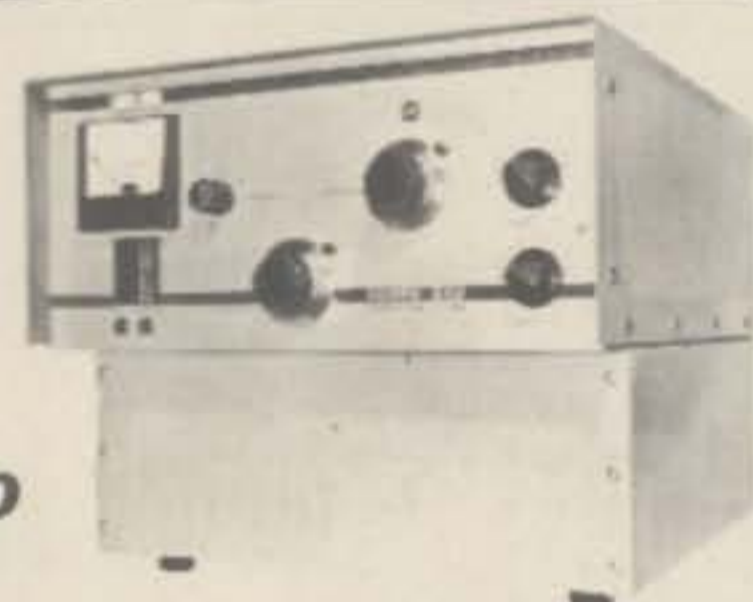
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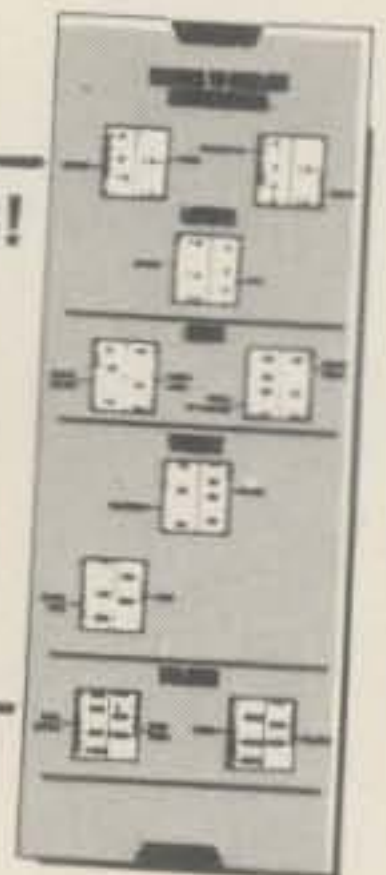


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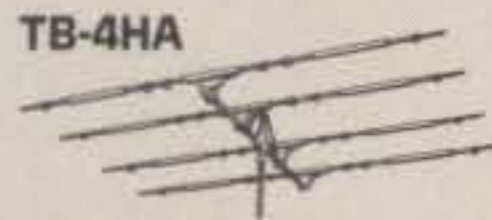
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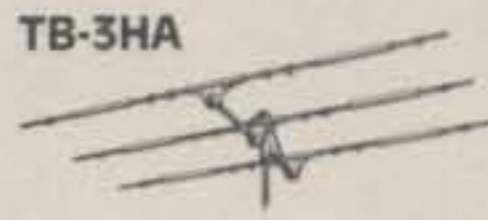
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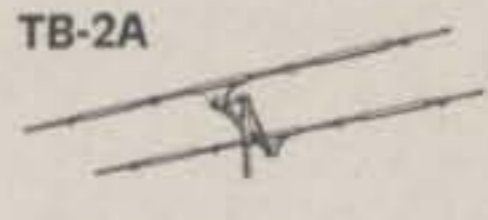
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DXING IN BAJA CALIFORNIA

BY JERRY HAGEN, AA6GLD

During the past several years, a number of Southern California Amateurs have been involved with amateur radio in Baja California, Mexico. A group of XE2's and six landers have provided communication for the various road races including the famous *Baja-1,000* which originally ran the length of the peninsula. Another group, called the "Collegas Y Amigos" includes the "Radio Club de Ensenada" and the Southern California Amateur Radio Mobile Group. Each year this group has one meeting in Ensenada, one in San Diego and one in the Los Angeles Area. The meetings are predominantly social, however the Southern California group has provided food and clothing for several schools for the handicapped in Ensenada. While on the 1973 trip to Ensenada, I suddenly realized how little most W's knew about amateur radio in Mexico.

The "Radio Club de Ensenada" has approximately 20 members, who are mostly business men in Ensenada. They have weekly meetings for dinner at their nice club house and participate in many other events. The club call is XE2EBC and a Swan

transceiver and 2 element triband yagi make up the club station. As is the case in many Latin American countries, most activities are social, however a 2 meter repeater (XE2EBC 146.22/82) was just installed in Ensenada by club members including Erique Garcia, XE2RH.

Another Ensenada group, called "Radio Club Corsarios" has approximately 20 members including some s.w.l's, experimenters and commercial operators. In Mexico those interested in radio are called "radio aficionados" which means "radio enthusiasts" in English. Most clubs include all "radio aficionados" which would be synonymous to having USA amateur and citizen band operators in the same club.

During the 1973 trip, Tom, K6KS, Mike, WA6ISP and myself met Jose, XE2MX who is the sole DXer in Ensenada. In fact, he appears to be the only serious DXer in Baja California at this time. Jose is an elementary school teacher who has been licensed since 1968.

According to Jose, there are 3 classes of operator tickets in Mexico. They are the First Class for engineers, the Second Class for operators and the Third Class for Novices. The exam for the Second Class license includes a theory exam and an international morse code test of 10 words per minute in sending and receiving. The operator license does *not* denote call sign or mention amateur radio but does contain a photo of the licensee. It is possible that the operator license would also be used for commercial purposes and that the First Class ticket is similar to the registered professional engineer in the US. In addition to his Second Class operator license, Jose has a station license which denotes amateur radio, lists his name, address, call sign and maximum power which is 250 watts.



The Coronado Islands off of the Baja California Coast, provided a spectacular reflection through the clouds and filtered sunlight.

Mexico is divided into 3 regular call areas which are XE2 for Northern Mexico and Baja California, XE1 for Central Mexico and XE3 for Southern Mexico. The Revilla-Gigedo Islands which are remotely located in the Pacific Ocean about 500 miles from the Central Pacific Coast of Mexico, are considered a separate country for DXCC and is the fourth district. All islands apparently are assigned the XF prefix as the Radio Club of Ensenada operated from "Todos Santos" Island at the entrance to Ensenada Harbor in 1973 using the call XF1EBC and in the past year Sam, XF1A, has been active from Santa Margarita Island which is on the Pacific Coast of Southern Baja California.

The ARRL equivalent in Mexico is the LMRE or Liga Mexicana de Radio Experimenters. The LMRE has a bureau, monthly magazine called *Onda Corta* (Shortwave) and a call book of Mexican amateurs. The dues are 200 pesos a year which is approximately \$16 US. As Ensenada is almost 1,500 miles from Mexico City and separated by the Sea of Cortez, LMRE activities are limited, however, there is a Mexican Net each night on 75 meters which provides information similar to our ARRL official bulletins. Each year an LMRE National Convention is held in some part of Mexico which is attended by many of the Radio Club of Ensenada members.

Being a DXer, XE2MX works 80 thru 10 meters and has over 200 countries worked. During the past year, Jose has been applying for many DX Awards and as of this date has received DXCC, WPX, CQDX-SSB, AJD, WAS, and several other awards. He has also become very active in the CQWW and ARRL DX contests, particularly on c.w. which is not as popular as s.s.b. in Latin American Countries.

In 1974, Jose was given some cubex quad spiders, however bamboo is difficult to obtain in Ensenada, so he obtained an old 2 element tri-band from another XE amateur but was very unhappy in the performance as it was difficult to work Europe. When Jose mentioned his disappointment with the tri-band Yagi during one of our 75 meter schedules, I told him that I would be glad to obtain some bamboo and bring it down on my next trip to Ensenada. Meanwhile several DX bulletins reported the 6D prefix being used in Mexico for the 1975 Pan American Games, so, I asked Jose if he could use the 6D2 prefix and noted that it would be good for the CQ WW Contest. Upon inquiry, Jose determined that the 6D2 prefixes would be used through the month October. About this time Phil, W6DQX called on the phone and asked what I was doing for the CQ WW Contest which really got me thinking about a trip to Ensenada. On our next schedule I asked XE2MX if it would be ok to bring the bamboo, put up the quad and do a bit of operating in the CQ WW Test. Jose replied that he was not busy that weekend and would be glad to have visitors.

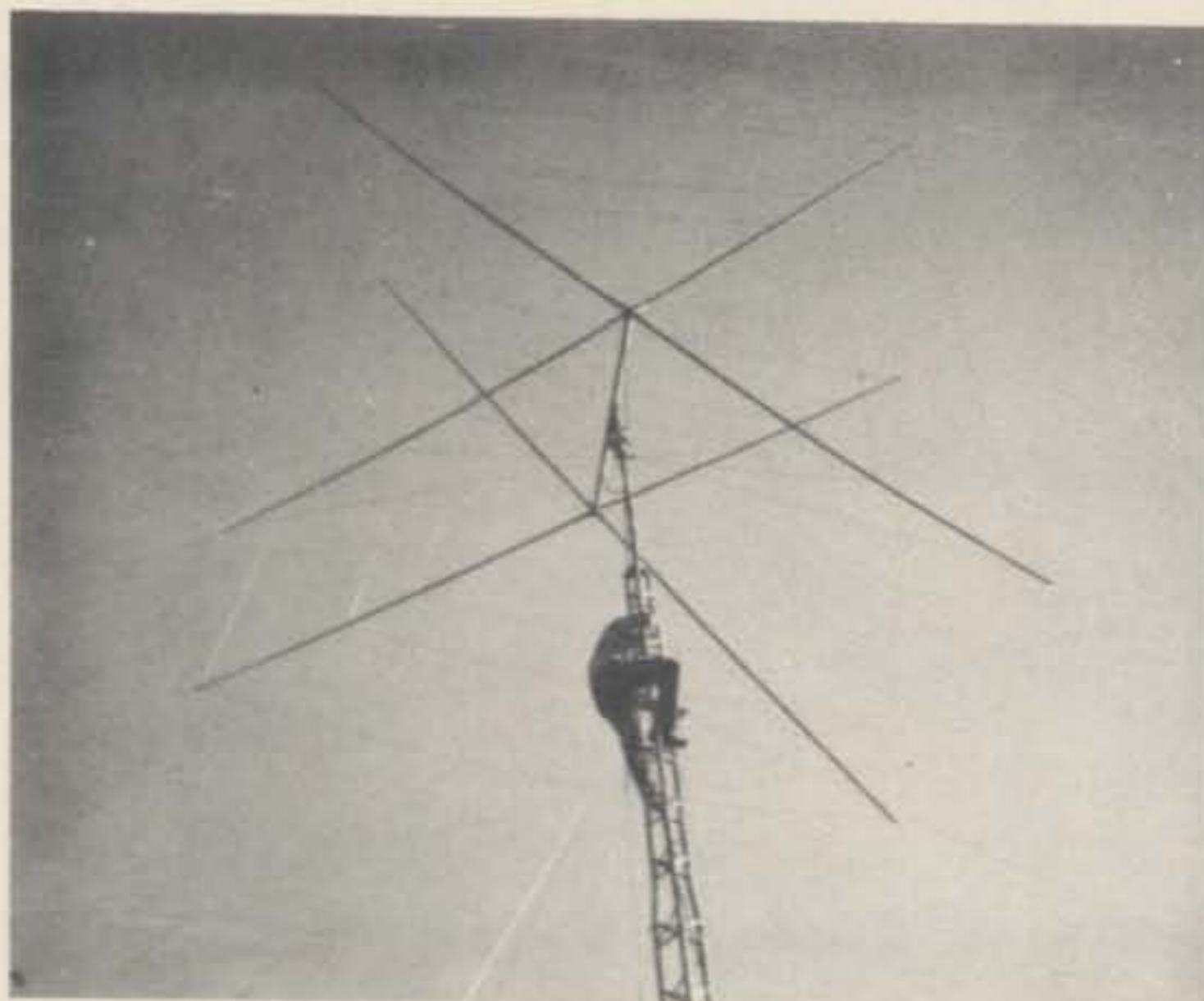
Immediately, I began to gather material for the



The "Radio Club de Ensenada" Clubhouse with 2 element tri-band Yagi.

quad which included 500 feet of scrounged #14 wire, bamboo which was obtained from Cubex, a 7 foot mast, an old AR-22 rotator which had been repaired by WA6ISP.

On Saturday morning of the CQ contest, Phil and W6DQX and I left West Covina at 6 a.m. and about 8:30 a.m. we crossed the border and started down the Baja California highway which now runs nearly 1,000 miles to the southern tip of the arid but beautiful peninsula. The coastline is rugged barren cliffs with many beautiful beaches. A peculiar cloud formation over several close islands reflected and filtered the sunlight in a spectacular manner as we traveled down Mexico Highway #1. This "cuenta" or toll road is well maintained and has a



"El Gran Simio" descending from XE2MX's tower after installation of the Tri-band Quad.



Jose, XE2MX and the new Quad. At one time separate Mobile Callsigns were issued in Mexico, and Jose held XE2PMY.

110 km (68 m.p.h.) speed limit which made the \$2.40 toll well worth while. About 10 a.m. we arrived in Ensenada, a coastal town of about 30,000 population which has an exceptional harbor. The surrounding area is fairly rugged with agriculture including the vineyards of Santo Thomas, cattle and



CQ Contest Committee Member W6DQX (r) presents XE2MX the certificate for the high XE score in the 1974 CQ WW CW Contest.

truck crops grown in the mild arid climate. The city's industry is rounded out by fishing and the tourist trade from Southern California.

Upon entering the city the observant amateur is surprised by the maze and variety antennas which are present. They include Quads, Yagis and lengthy coax fed dipoles which are probably used for low frequency (2 MHz) ship to shore communication. Several 4 element Yagis approximately a Hy-Gain 204BA were placed on buildings which are most likely utilized for government and commercial communication to Mexico City. After finding our way through the busy streets we arrived at the home of our host Jose, ZE2MX.

After exchanging greetings with Jose and his family, we began assembly of the quad elements. We also relocated his tower from the ground to the top of a small detached building which will eventually be Jose's ham shack. We mounted the 25 foot tower on a pair of old hinges from the junk box and installed the mast and rotator on the tower. We raised the tower and secured it with one set of guys. With the additional mast the tower was approximately 35 feet high and was quite sturdy.

Assembly of the quad became difficult as the space was quite confining, but after several tries we got it together on top of the small building beside the tower. Phil suggested we place the boom across the guywire and pull the quad up with rope. This proved to be an excellent suggestion and it did not take long to get the quad bolted to the mast. While this work was in progress, Phil managed to grab his polaroid camera and got a shot of WA6GLD on the tower which Jose quickly entitled "el gran simio" which translated to English means "the big monkey"!

By then it was late afternoon and we were anxious to see if the quad worked and to find out if the contest conditions had improved on Saturday afternoon as had been predicted by Dial-a-Prop. Upon tuning up Jose's Swan transceiver we found the s.w.r. approximately 2.7 to one on all three bands (10, 15 & 20). This was not shocking as we had not employed any matching and had used a single feed-line for all three elements. After rotating the quad we could see that the front to back ratio was outstanding and that reception appeared to be excellent.

Jose then called CQ on 15 meter and our doubts about the s.w.r. were dispelled when an immediate pileup of JA's called. Phil hurriedly brought out the log sheets which had been provided by CQ's contest director, K6SSS and 6D2MX was quickly in the thick of the contest action. Of course operating at 21240 MHz provided a frequency absent from "W" QRM and QSO's at over 100 per hour were made until the band closed. Just before dark Jose and I moved the mast with the 75 and 40 meter dipoles as it was very close to the quad.

We then took time out for a fine Mexican dinner

prepared by Jose's XYL Hilda; which was quickly inhaled by the "hungry Gringo's." About 0300, GMT QSO's on 14 MHz slowed down so we spent the evening on 40 and 75 meters. The best rate of QSO's was on 75 where over 300 contacts were made in a little over 2 hours. As we hit the sack after a long day we were anxious to see how the quad worked on the long haul from the west coast of Mexico to Europe.

When dawn came the 14 MHz band opened with a bang to Europe and the previous days work seemed well worth the trouble as quite a few nice European Multipliers such as OH0NI, HV3SJ, YZ, UB5 and many Western Europeans were worked.

During this opening we had difficulty getting the 6D2 call through to several Europeans. It seemed that the number 6 was often omitted or misunderstood by the Europeans. Of course we were asked the country many times, despite the fact that our zone 6 report indicated a Mexican or Revilla Gigedo Island station. We had a fine breakfast while enthusiastically discussing the nice opening and the good performance of the quad. Phil and I chuckled as Jose said that during the night he had dreamed about "working Africans on Long Path".

After breakfast, we QSYed to 15 meters and worked W/K's, the Carribbean, and Latin America. The only African worked was 5L2A, however several EA8's and one EA1 in Spain were heard on 21 MHz. At the outset of the operation Jose stated that he had received notice of a temporary ban on EA contacts due to diplomatic problems between the countries, so these stations were not called. About 1830 GMT, Jose listened on 28 MHz and worked some South American stations with fine signals. The quad was then rotated to the East Coast US, but no W's were heard except for the 5-9 signal of W3AU! Later on one W4 was worked and W6RR broke in

apparently copying on backscatter over a distance of about 160 miles.

About noon Jose and myself went to the local supermarket for some soda and cerveza. I was surprised to receive a combination of dollars and pesos for my \$20 bill as in the normal tourist areas a separate drawer is kept for dollars. A quick calculation showed the amount to be right and it was back to Jose's with refreshments to finish the contest.

The best period for a high rate of contacts was in the early afternoon when W/K's were worked at a rate of over 150 per hour for several hours. This run was followed by another good JA run as the contest closed. The 17 hours operation had resulted in 1385 QSO's or 81 an hour which made the effort well worthwhile. A special Pan-American Games QSL was sent by the bureau to all those who worked 6D2MX. It was interesting to note that the W3ASK Dial-A-Prop prediction which called for poor conditions at the beginning of the contest with an improvement to good conditions on Sunday was quite accurate. The European openings on both 40 and 20 meters were outstanding on the West Coast.

At the close of the contest Phil, a member of the CQ Contest Committee presented Jose with his certificate for high Mexico score in the 1974 CQWW CW Contest. We then began the trip up the beautiful Baja California coastline to the California border where we crossed after a short wait at the US Customs Inspection Station. All in all the performance of the quad, the band conditions and the hospitality extended by Jose and his family had provided a most pleasurable weekend. Once again, I was impressed with the spirit of mutual enthusiasm and fellowship experienced between amateurs of all countries. ■

Amateurs Work With Superwalk '76

Twenty-seven amateurs of the Chicago FM Club, WA9ORC, recently provided communications for the Metropolitan Chapter March of Dimes Superwalk. The walk was originally scheduled May 2, and walkers got as far as the half-way point before the trek was halted because of inclement weather.

The reschedule date, May 23, was brighter and 6,000 plus walkers completed the twenty mile trek to help raise vital funds for programs in birth defects prevention. Three separate routes started in the Northwest, South, and Southwest portions of the city, and converged on Grant Park near downtown. CFMC set up net control at the park in WA9LRI's van, and posted amateurs at each of twelve checkpoints along the three routes. In addition, an amateur was assigned to each of the route chairmen, and several amateurs were assigned as "floater" cars along the routes. The WR9ABY 146.16/76 and 448.75/443.75 repeaters were used, as well as several two meter, and 220 MHz channels, for coordination.

CFMC Public Relations chairman, Jay Greenwald, WB9KNN, worked full-time to get the story out on the amateur radio assistance, and PR appeared on both local television, and film footage was shot for a nationally distributed movie on Superwalk.



Bernard Wortham, March of Dimes poster child, listens in as Jay Greenwald, WB9KNN, of the Chicago FM Club, radios checkpoints along the Superwalk route.

CQ Reviews:

The Clegg FM-DX 2 Meter F.M. Transceiver

BY HUGH R. PAUL, W6POK

The Clegg FM-DX 2 meter f.m. transceiver is the latest offering since that company went to a factory direct marketing program. I finally managed to get my hands on one of the units and satisfy the curiosity aroused by all the advertisements. I can tell you right now that the Clegg FM-DX is the Cadillac of the f.m. only, tow meter transceivers.

The physical construction can only be described as rugged. All of the circuit boards are mounted on an extremely heavy extruded aluminum frame, which accounts for a good percentage of the total weight of 6½ pounds.

The circuit boards themselves are the best. Heavily clad glass epoxy is used for all seven of the boards used in the unit. Heat sinking for the amplifier circuit board has been improved over earlier production units, by the use of a sink with greater fin area.

Operating features include a six digit LED frequency display that is large and bright enough to be read in extremely high ambient light. The sixth digit is illuminated only when the plus 5 kHz frequency select switch is thrown. This switch is located next to the LED readout on the front panel

and is of the toggle type, which is more convenient to throw when going to or from a split channel repeater than the rotary type switch used on some transceivers.

The three knobs below the digital readout, labeled receive frequency, select from left to right 1 MHz steps, 100 kHz and 10 kHz steps. Frequency coverage is from 143.5 to 148.5 MHz, an important point for MARS and CAP operators.

The transmit offset knob in the lower right corner of the front panel selects simplex and plus or minus 600 kHz offset for standard repeater operation. If you have non-standard frequency splits employed by repeaters in your area, there are three additional switch positions for which crystals may be purchased.

A seven pin miniature socket is provided on the side for connection of tone generators and remote control functions. Provision for an external speaker is provided at the back of the unit.

An indication of "state of the art" design is the use of 18 digital integrated and 5 linear integrated circuits. In addition to the 6 display LED's are 3 field effect transistors and 28 Bipolar transistors.



The Clegg FM-DX 2 meter f.m. transceiver. (Photo by Sandra K. Paul)

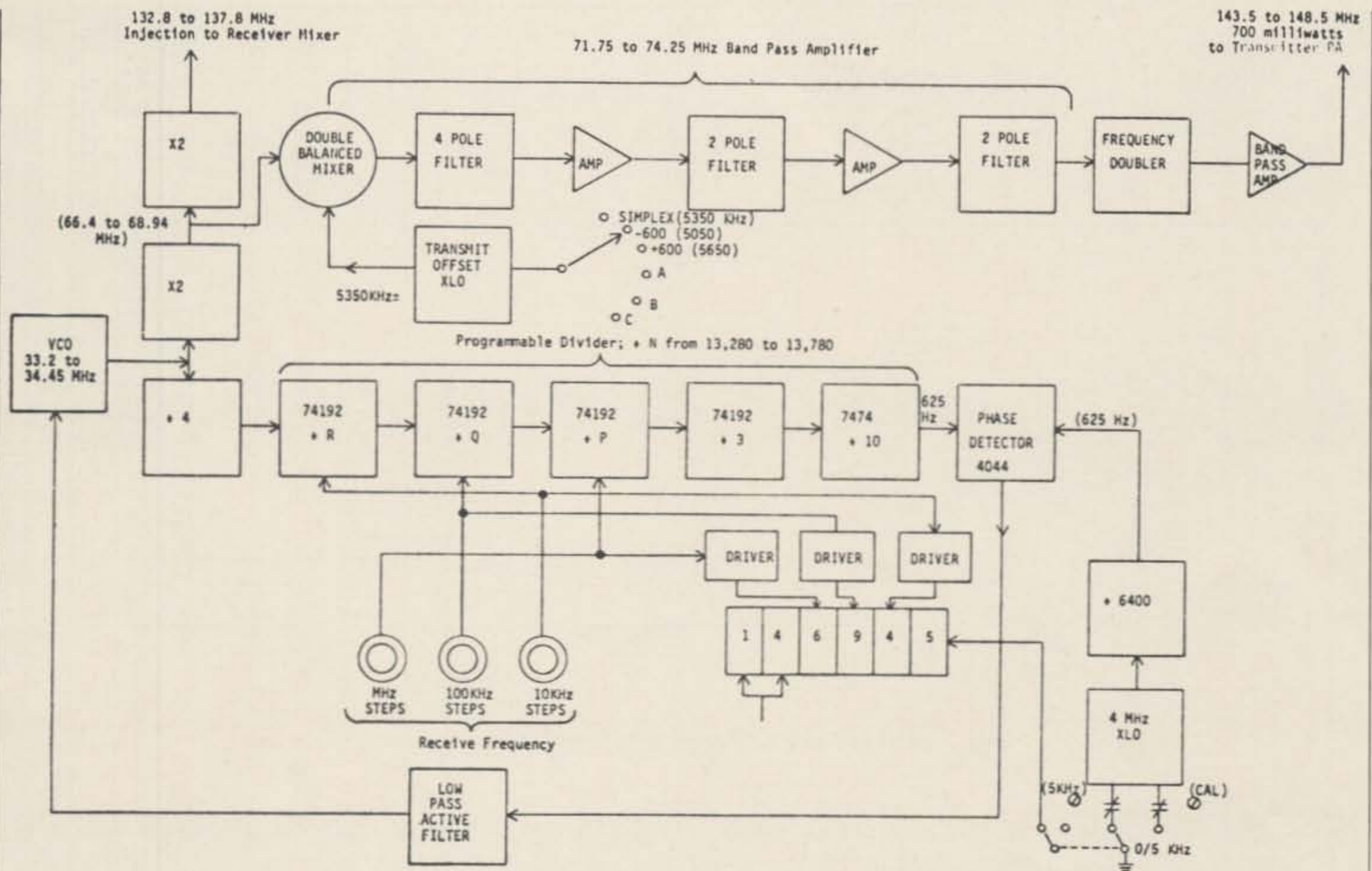


Fig. 1—Block diagram of the Clegg FM-DX frequency synthesizer.

Receiver

The receiver is of a single conversion design, with an i.f. frequency of 10.7 MHz. Dual gate MOS-FET's are used in the r.f. and mixer stages. Following the mixer is a four pole crystal filter. Another 4 pole crystal filter is between the first and second i.f. amplifier stages. Clegg has a "better idea" with the availability of optional i.f. crystal filters for those of you who may be operating in particularly troublesome areas. The FM-DX may be ordered with either six pole or eight pole filters in place of the two four pole filters used in the standard production unit. The additional cost is \$35 and \$54 respectively.

If you already own one of the earlier Clegg FM-DX transceivers and would like to change filters, no problem. The more selective filters are the same physical size as those supplied as standard, thus retro-fit is easy. As to cost, I would suggest that you call Clegg direct via the toll free number listed in their advertisements.

Two integrated circuits are employed in the receiver section. One serves as the last i.f. amplifier/discriminator and the other as the audio power amplifier. The latter supplies a minimum of 1.3 watts to a large 4 inch speaker mounted on the bottom cover of the transceiver. Needless to say, audio is more than sufficient for mobile use.

Receiver sensitivity is rated by Clegg as a maxi-

mum of .35 microvolt for 20 db of quieting. The unit tested reached a 20 db quieting figure with .24 microvolts applied. Squelch threshold is positive and tightens up slowly over a wide arc of control rotation. Squelch at threshold opened with .1 microvolt applied.

Performance of the receiver proved to be tops in both fixed and mobile operation. No intermodulation was experienced at any time, but in all fairness I must state that I did not have the opportunity to test the rig in one problem location, which seems to get the best of receivers, regardless of design.

Synthesizer

Frequency stability on both transmit and receive is determined primarily by the stability of the synthesizer. This one would appear to be pretty much standard in design, but in performance is outstanding for its stability. A simplified block diagram of the synthesizer is illustrated here, see fig. 1, and is self explanatory as to the frequency division, comparison and mixing scheme.

If you are not familiar with the theory behind phase locked loop synthesizers, you will find more theoretical descriptions of their operation in reviews published in January and February issues of CQ.

Clegg claims calibration accuracy of plus or minus .0005% after 15 minutes warmup starting at

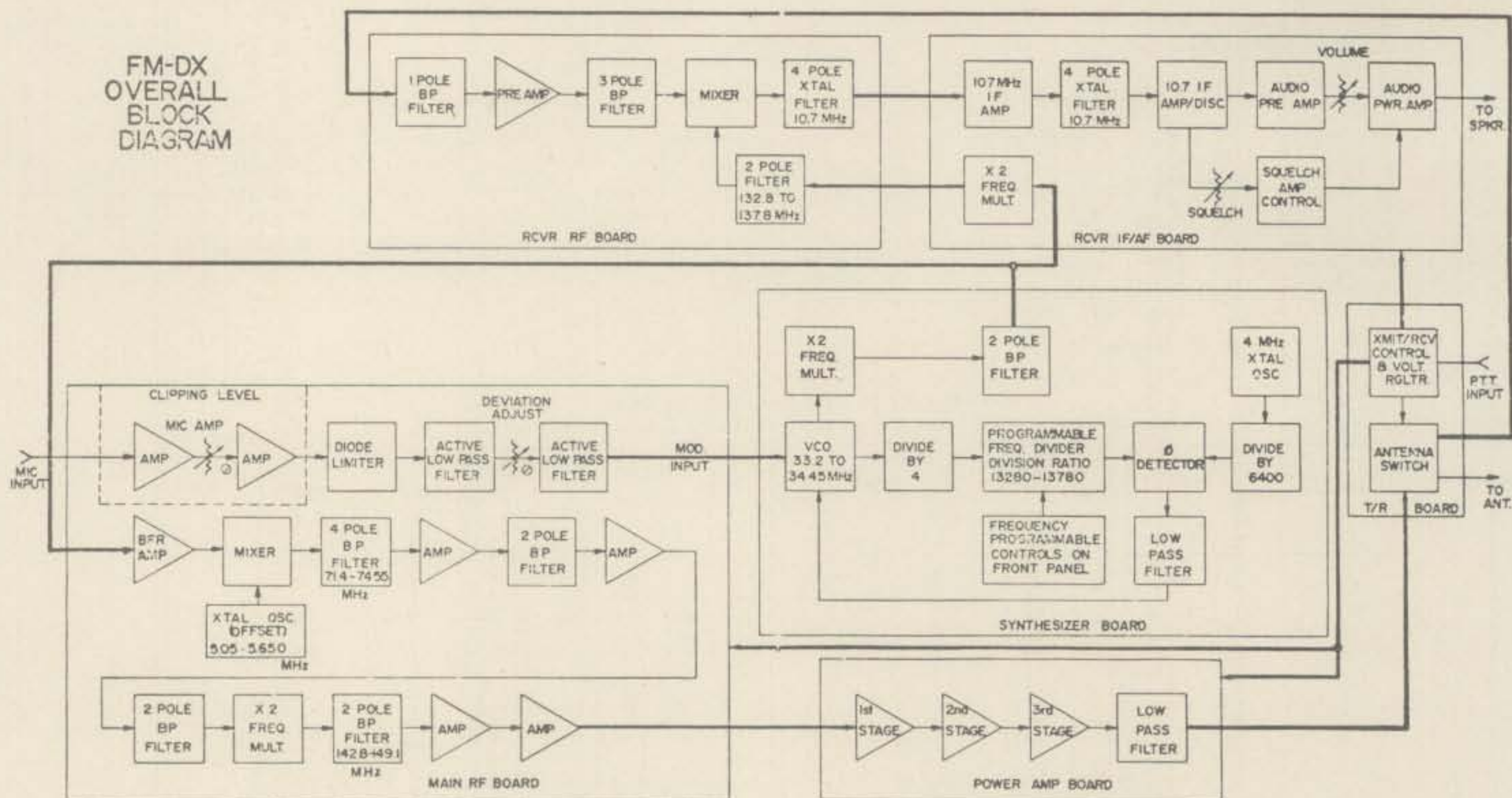


Fig. 2—Overall block diagram of the FM-DX transceiver.

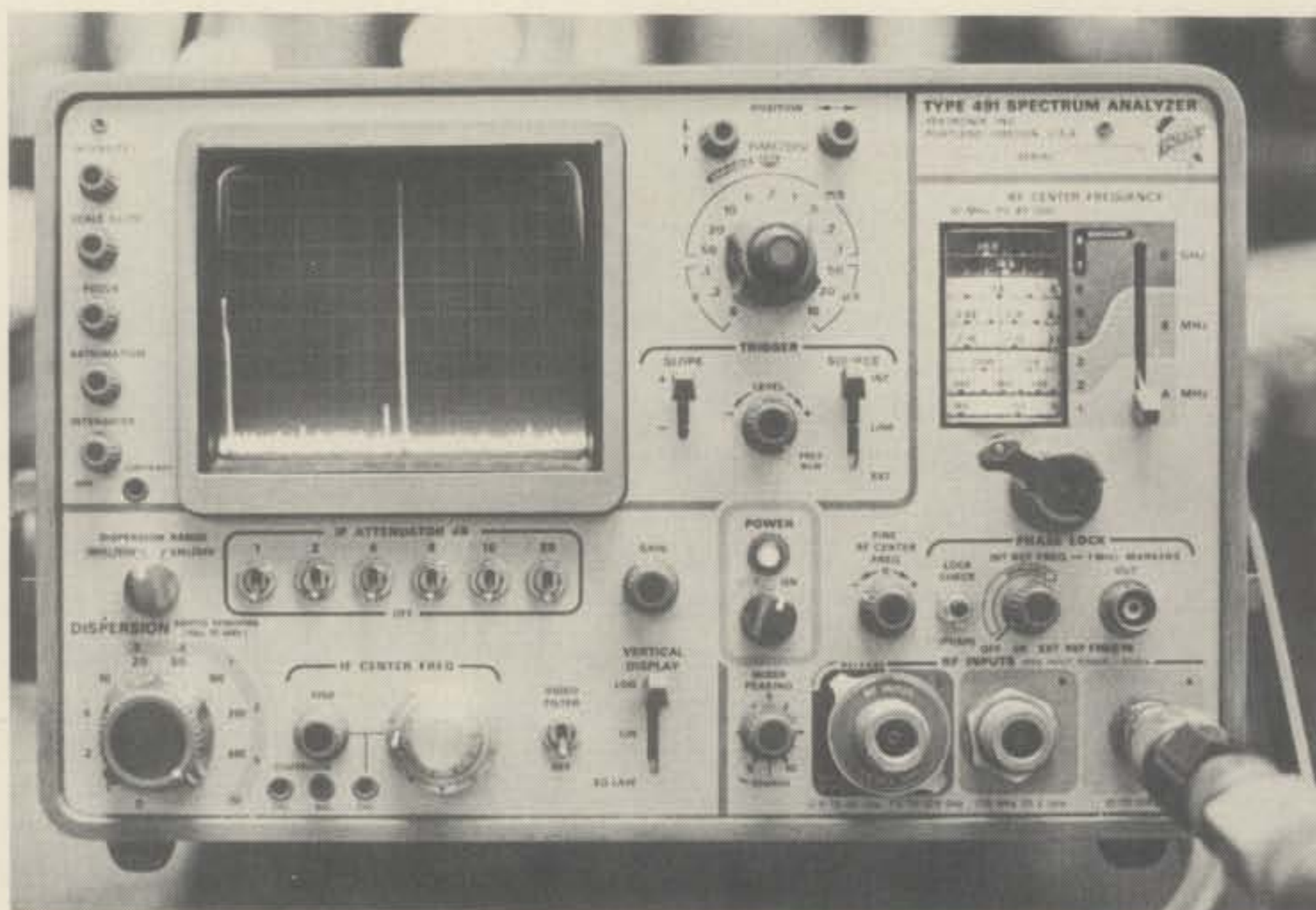
25 degrees centigrade. The unit tested was within that tolerance figure and after warm up, long term drift was negligible. Internal trimmer capacitors are provided to permit periodic calibration against an external standard.

Transmitter

Modulation of the transmitter is direct f.m. achieved by a single four stage IC operational amplifier and a pair of clipper diodes. Clipping level is adjustable with a 10 K pot, following the first stage. Deviation adjustment is by means of another 10 K potentiometer following the third amplifier

section. Maximum deviation available is about 8 kHz. Audio is applied to a varicap diode across the tank circuit of the voltage control oscillator.

The multiplication and mixing scheme employed to reach the 146 MHz region is illustrated in the block diagram, fig. 2. The power amplifier module consists of a three stage, fixed tuned microstrip band pass amplifier. The power output capability of this module is 35 watts or more. The power amplifier is a CTC-B40-12. This device is used a great deal in commercial service where continuous duty and high reliability are required. Special circuits to protect against mis-matched loads are not a neces-



Spectrum analyzer photograph of the FM-DX. In band spurious was better than 60 db down from the carrier level and the second harmonic measured 44 db down from the carrier level. (photo by Sandra K. Paul)

sity with this device and are not included in the Clegg design.

Modulation quality of the transmitter is excellent if on the air reports are to be believed. I have no reason to doubt the comments received, since waveform analysis of the modulated carrier looks FB.

In band spurious was better than 60 db down from the carrier level and the second harmonic measured 44 db down from the carrier level. If you have been observant up to this point you are now asking, "What is that spur I see in the spectrum analyzer photograph that is only about 34 db down and approximately 5 MHz removed from the carrier?" The answer is a 30,000 watt f.m. broadcast station located about a block from the lab where the spectrum analysis was run. Some changes were made in the lab setup that resulted in this signal beating into the front end of the analyzer. This same signal showed up last month in the test of another piece of gear and we did not discover the error until the article had gone to press. Our problem will be corrected within the next month, when the broadcast station begins operation from a new location. In the meantime, please accept my apologies.

Power output in the low power mode measured 600 milliwatts and in the high power mode measured from 35 to almost 40 watts, depending on applied primary voltage.

In the low power mode the transceiver draws about 4 amps, which is pretty high for such a small amount of power output. Obviously you won't want to run the transceiver on a Ni-Cad battery pak. In the high power mode, current is 10 amps or more.

Conclusions

The Clegg FM-DX comes with a Turner dynamic microphone and a mobile mounting bracket as standard equipment. I like the microphone, but not the mounting bracket.

The bracket is very sturdy, but the two knurled knobs that slip through the bracket and screw into a threaded hole on each side of the transceiver are a rip-off artists dream. I'm not picking on Clegg alone. Most manufacturers seem to lose their imagination when it comes to the design of their transceiver mounting brackets. I'm going to keep complaining until a good theft proof bracket is standard equipment with every manufacturer. It would help if you would complain also.

Performance of the rig is really a joy. It does everything Clegg claims it will. If price is no object, why not step up to a Cadillac? ■

An interior view showing the circuit boards and very rugged construction. All of the circuit boards mount on an extremely heavy extruded aluminum frame. (Photo by Sandra K. Paul)

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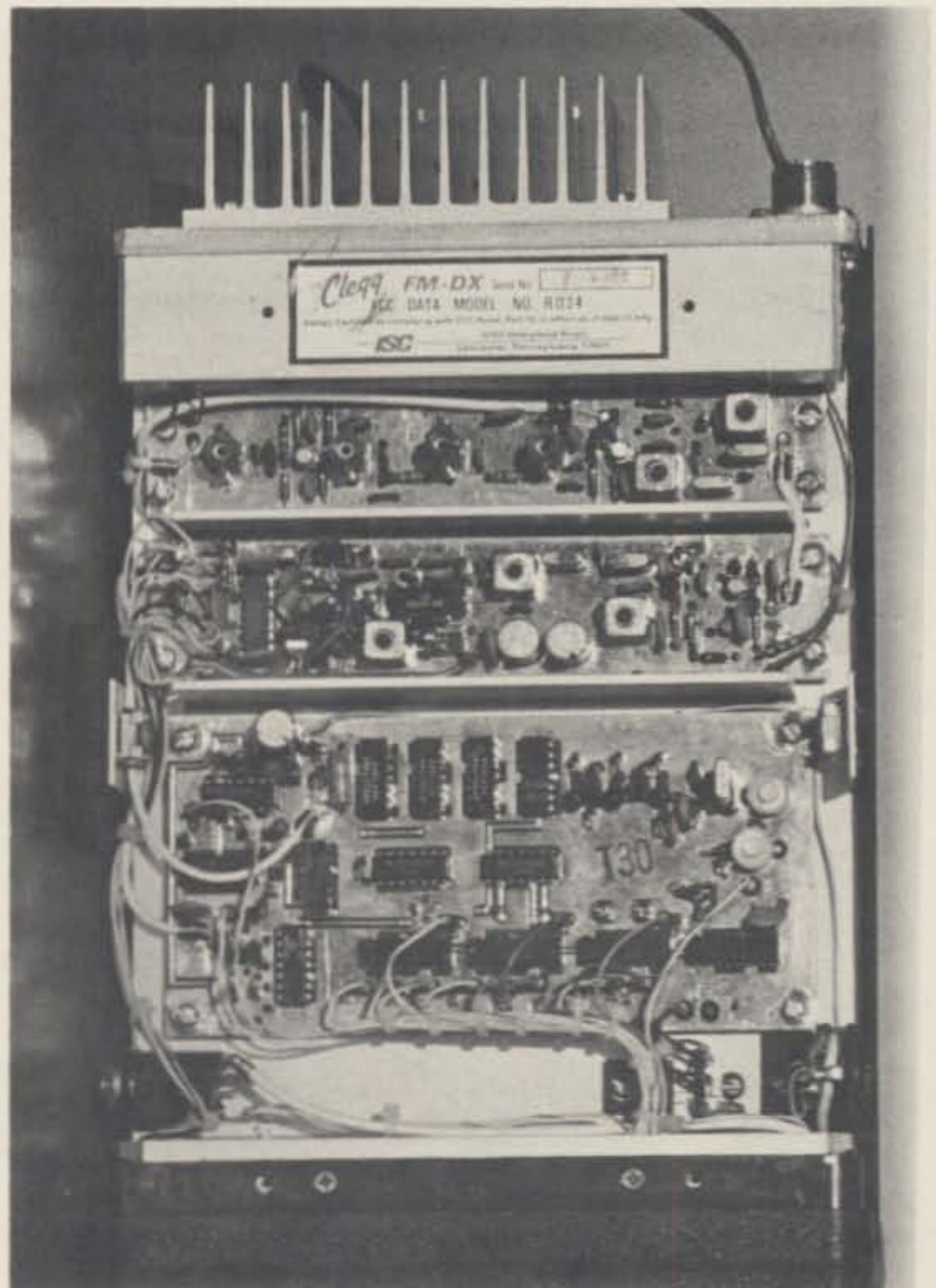
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**Here's an easy way to put out
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A Mini Multi-Band Antenna for Mini Real Estate

BY KEN CORNELL, W2IMB

The following article will not reveal any revolutionary new ideas for an antenna design, as it is only a description of how one amateur solved his antenna problems living in a bungalow on a small lot, and obtaining a fairly efficient multi-band antenna, including 160 meters, using practical and proven means of construction.

Many amateurs are faced with the problem of wanting to operate on the lower frequency bands, but have insufficient property to contain the normal type of doublet or inverted "V" antenna configuration, and quite often end up using a vertical.

A vertical can be an excellent antenna, but if not located over an efficient "ground plane," the results can often be quite disappointing. A ground plane is normally formed by installing wire radials, like the spokes of a wheel, with the antenna located at the hub. The length of these radials should be slightly over a $\frac{1}{4}$ wavelength at the lowest frequency, so this could be an insolvable problem for small property sizes.

After 40 years as an active amateur living with property sizes that offered no serious problems as to antenna lengths, I suddenly found myself living near the ocean where property prices dictate that a 50 by 100 foot lot is a sizeable estate.

The first item of importance after getting settled,

was to string up an antenna. Since 160 meters is one of my favorite bands, an antenna for same, was most important, as well as using the antenna on the other bands.

My first thought was to put up the longest piece of wire that the property would accommodate and use this with an antenna tuner. The simplicity of just stringing up a piece of wire was offset by the complications involved with purchasing or constructing a good tuner, plus the nuisance value of constantly "fussing" with the various L/C functions to obtain proper transmitter loading and minimum s.w.r. when changing bands or moving around in same. This gave me reason to think otherwise.

Using a tape measure and an eye-ball estimate of the house size, garage and their relationship, I figured that if I started the antenna at the basement shack window at the front of the house and ran it up to a stick mounted on the front roof eave, then over the roof to a stick on the garage peak and down to the far side of same, I could get up about 120 feet of wire in an inverted "U" shape.

This length is close to a $\frac{1}{4}$ wave on 160 meters and I could use it working against the town water supply system for a ground. To eliminate the need for an antenna tuner for multi-band operation, I decided to install traps for 40 and 80 meters.

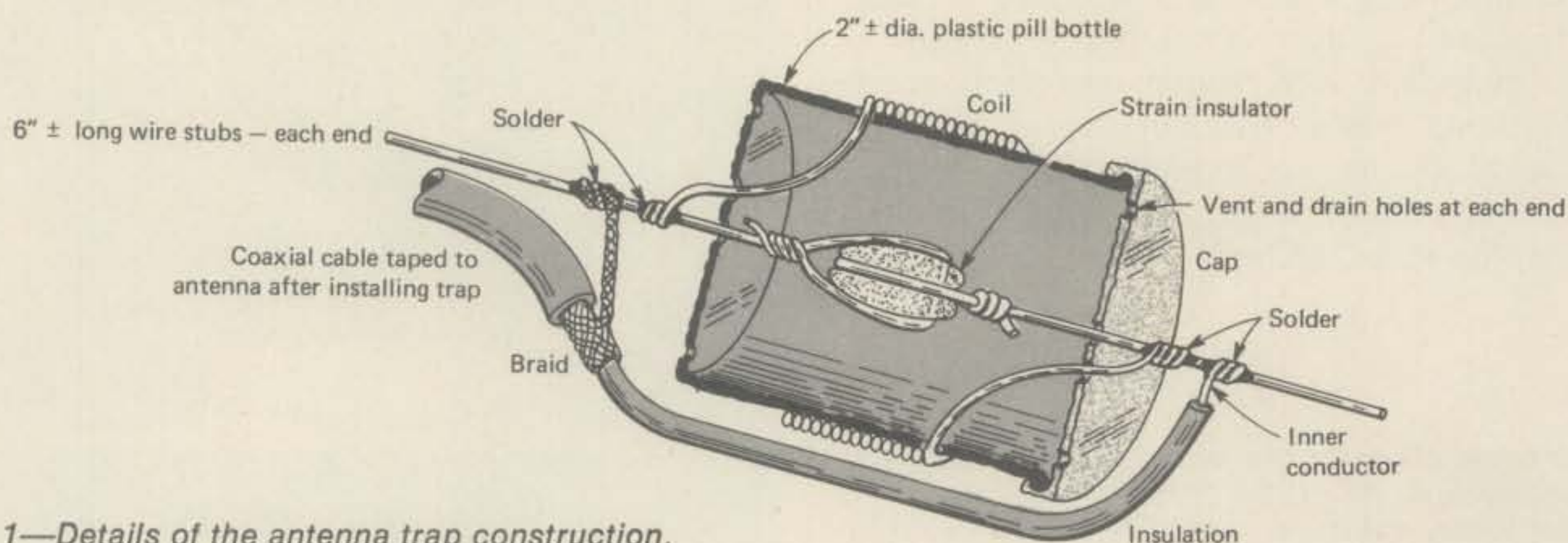


Fig. 1—Details of the antenna trap construction.

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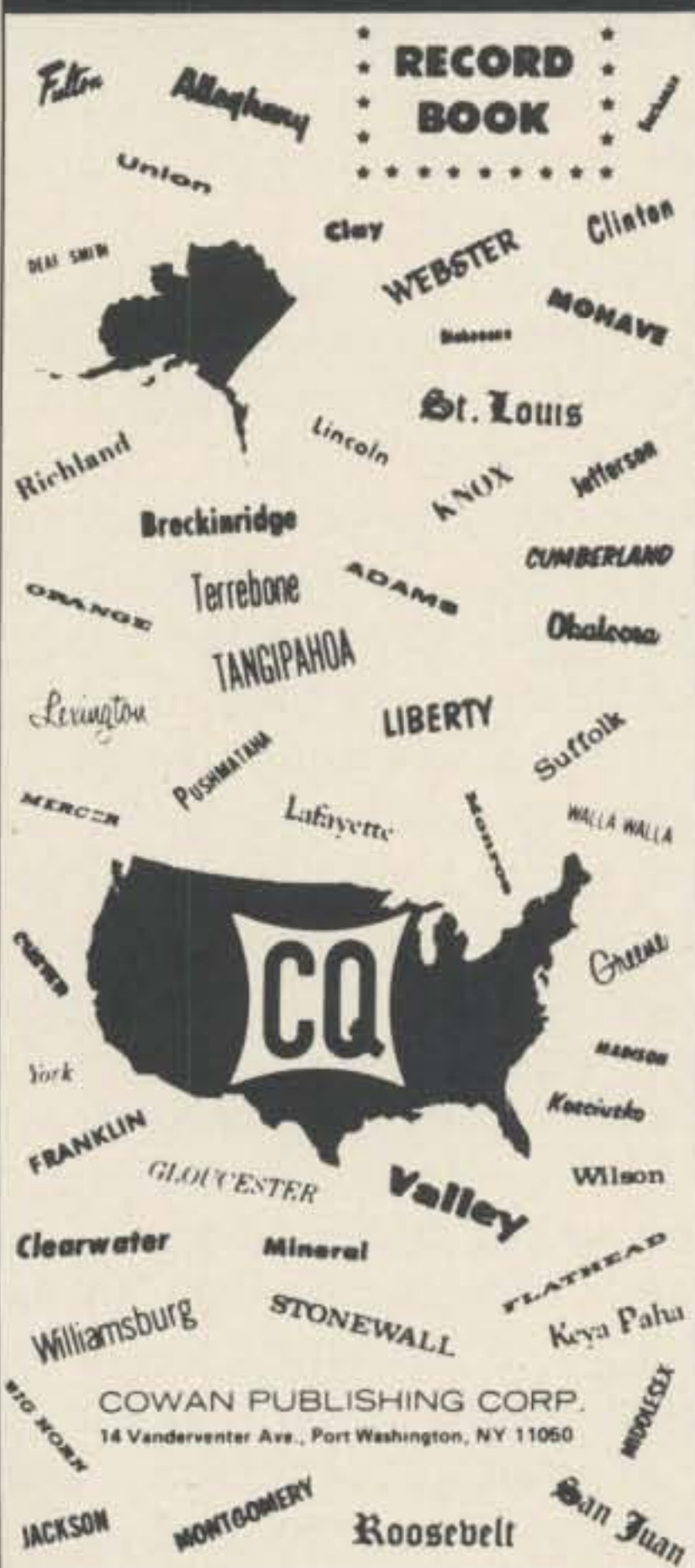
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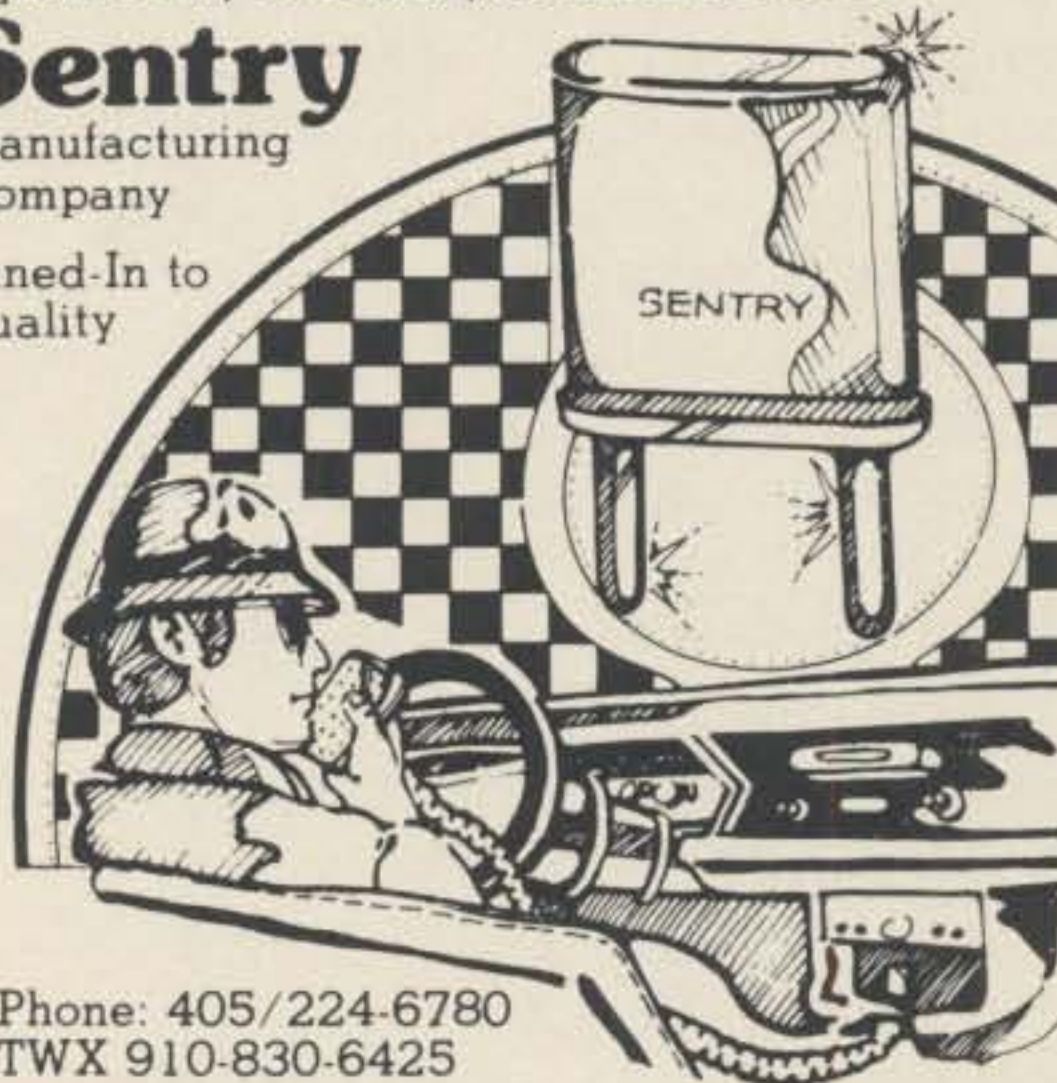
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A trap is nothing more than a coil with a capacitor across same, and when placed in an antenna it will act as an insulator at its resonant frequency. Most all of the commercial tri-band beams and multi-band verticals use traps in one form or another.

An antenna trap in an antenna when operated off its resonant frequency will act as a loading coil and this will shorten the total antenna length required for its lowest frequency, which in my case was desirable.

My experience with trap-type antennas in the past, was eventual trap failure, due to weathering, so the first order of business was to build a durable trap for 40 and 80 meters. Since a trap operated at its resonant frequency is located at the highest r.f. voltage point in the antenna, the construction of same is most important to eliminate chances of arc-over, leakage and general deterioration from the weather.

I decided to wind my trap coils on 2" diameter plastic pill bottles that I obtained from a local drug store and wind the coils with #18 wire that had a heavy Teflon insulation. This would take care of possible wire corrosion as well as providing dielectric stability.

The next problem was the selection of a durable (weather-wise) capacitor, that could stand up to high r.f. voltages. I decided to use coaxial cable for the capacitor for several reasons. There have been many articles published in the past on making home-brew traps, but as I recall, they used a fixed capacitor and the coil required pruning and fussing with, to achieve resonance. All coaxial cables exhibit a capacity between the inner conductor and the shield and by using the proper length of cable to provide the necessary capacity, the inner conductor is connected to one side of the trap coil and the shield to the other. The cable also offers ideal weathering constants as well as being able to stand up to high r.f. voltages.

Approximate capacity value per foot for common Coaxial cables are as follows:

RG-58.....	28 pf
RG-59.....	21 pf
RG-8.....	29 pf
RG-11.....	20 pf

Structural construction of the traps is most important. I used a common egg shaped strain insulator and fashioned two 6" long antenna wire stubs, that would permit soldering the finished traps into the antenna.

I drilled a hole in the center of the pill bottle cap and bottom to pass the antenna wire stubs, and a few extra small holes around the periphery of same for drainage. With the cap removed, the insulator with its stubs was inserted into the bottle and the cap replaced.

My ARRL L/C/F slide rule calculator, based on a capacity of 75 pf, indicated that I would need some 24 turns for 80 meters and 10 turns for 40 meters. The coils were wound in normal fashion and the wire ends were dressed thru appropriate holes and soldered to the antenna wire stubs. I checked the finished coils using a fixed capacitor and my grid dip meter indicated I was in "target" range.

I don't run high power, so I decided to use RG-58 cable for the capacitor, and cut a piece of cable about two feet longer than required. The attachment of the cable to the trap is important, as we don't want it to hang down from the trap and fly around in the wind. I removed the cable jacket and peeled back the shield to suit the length of the coil form. The inner conductor is now placed on the outside of the coil parallel with the coil axis and is soldered to the antenna wire stub. The shield is now trimmed and is soldered to the other wire stub. When the traps are inserted into the antenna, the loose end of the cable is taped to the antenna to secure same.

The next step is to trim the cable length to provide the proper capacity for each trap to resonate it at the desired frequency in the 40 and 80 meter bands. If a grid-dip meter is available, this is no problem, however another method can be used. The antenna trap can be installed in series with the receiver antenna, as close as possible to the receiver, and it will act as a "wave trap" and attenuate a received signal at its resonant frequency. By tuning the receiver to the desired portion of the band for trap resonance, the cable is trimmed to achieve maximum attenuation. If a strong signal or background noise is not present, a signal generator can be used.

Since the cable length, to start with, is cut deliberately longer than required, it is a simple process of nibbling away to achieve the necessary capacity. After each cut, be sure that the shield does not short-circuit the inner conductor. The final trimming is done by pruning the shield only, as this will leave an insulated space to prevent arcing. The cable ends are then protected with coil dope.

I used #14 copper-weld wire for the antenna and starting at the transmitter feed point, I soldered the 40 meter trap into the antenna at 32 feet and the 80 meter trap at 60 feet, and then added another 50 feet, making the total length 110 feet. After I installed the antenna, I used a length of coaxial cable to feed same and grounded the shield.

I fired-up the transmitter and checked the s.w.r. on all bands. 80, 40 and 15 meters looked very good and for some reason, 10 and 20 meters were acceptable, but 160 meters was high. I clipped a 4 foot length of wire on the end of the antenna, but the s.w.r. indicated that I was going the wrong way. I finally ended up removing several feet and ended up with the best s.w.r. on 1815 kHz with some 108

total feet of antenna.

I have been using this antenna for over a year and while I do not consider it a "DXer", it does keep me on the air and permits me to keep in touch with many friends and various Nets. Considering the fact that the horizontal portion averages only some 25 feet high and only consumes 70 feet of real estate, I am very pleased with its performance. By increasing the height of the vertical portions at each end, this will in turn reduce the horizontal length requirement. The inverted "U" configuration that I use was only to suit my particular situation. Other arrangements such as an inverted "L" or "V", etc. can be used.

In conclusion, I would like to mention that several months after erecting this antenna, I put up a 47 foot vertical with a trap for 40 meters at 32 feet. I use the same ground system and for 80 and 160 meters, I use base loading. Using both antennas in many contacts, the inverted "U" won almost 90% of the time as to signal strength.

A final note, is to mention the fact that there are many occasions where a capacitor is required in an antenna feed circuit that is exposed to the weather such as a beam antenna driven element using a "gamma" or "T" match, etc., where coaxial cable could be used instead. ■

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Battery Charge Monitor

BY MITCHEL KATZ, W2KPE

With so much electronic, photographic and other equipment using Nicad batteries for power these days, keeping the batteries fully charged can become quite a nuisance. Most instruction manuals specify a 14 to 16 hour charge time to fully revitalize these batteries. They also caution against overcharging them.

At first a G.E. Automatic Timer clock was used and set up for a 16 hour on-off duty cycle. This worked fine but once due to unavoidable circumstances the a.c. was not disconnected from the charger during its off time. Later the batteries went on charge for another 16 hour period! To prevent a recurrence of this the Charge Monitor was built and now this problem has been resolved.

The Monitor plugs into the a.c. socket on the timer clock, however three outlets are provided on the monitor unit so that you can plug in your 2 meter transceiver, electronic flash gun, and whatever else may require charging all at one time. To operate the battery charge monitor, advance the clock dial so that you just trigger the clock *On* switch. One of the monitor neon lamp indicators should light at this time indicating the presence of a.c. into the unit. To start the charge cycle press the *Start* button on the monitor. This will pull in the control relay and charging will begin. A set of latching contacts on the relay will hold it in position until the 16 hours are up and the clock switches *Off*. Once the clock has switched off this will break the

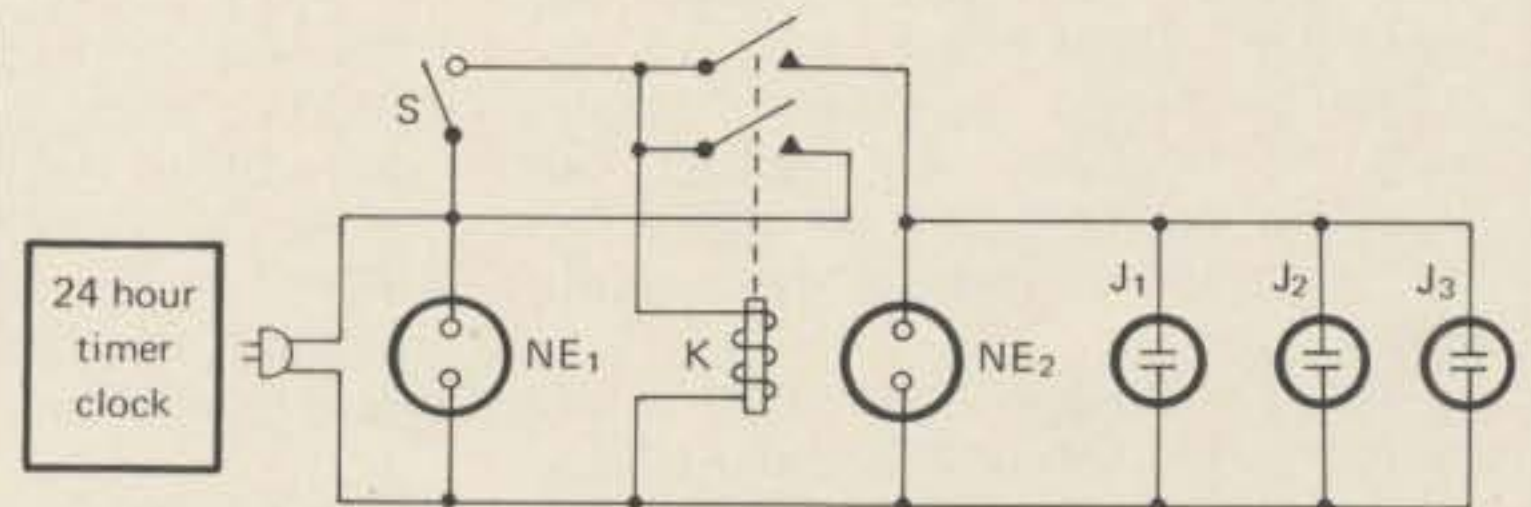


Fig. 1—Circuit of the battery charge monitor. *K* is a d.p.s.t. a.c. relay. *S* is a s.p.s.t. momentary push button switch and *J1-J3* are chassis mounted a.c. outlets.

latching circuit of the relay causing it to drop out. No further charging can take place until the *Start* button is pressed again. During the charge period a second neon lamp on the monitor will be lit indicating that a.c. is being fed through to the equipment plugged in for charging. Setting the timer clock for *On* at 12 noon and *Off* at 4 a.m. (16 hours) provides a convenient method to tell how much time remains until a full charge is reached.

Construction of the monitor is straightforward. Precautions should however be taken to prevent shock due to the potential involved. The use of a plastic enclosure is recommended but if a metal case is used, do not permit any wiring to come in contact with the case. If a ground lead is available on the a.c. line this should be attached to the case.

This very simple unit has proven a great convenience in caring for all those Nicad battery devices ■

1975 CQ World-Wide DX Contest CW Results

BY FREDERICK CAPOSSELA, K6SSS, DIRECTOR

The 1975 World-Wide DX Contest turned out to be the largest in history — with a record-breaking 3,802 logs received (1858 Phone/1944 C.W.). Which makes the annual Fall event more than twice as big as any other DX contest in the world.

And, leading the way on c.w. last November was EA8CR operated by former winner OH2MM who came mighty close to breaking the Single Op-All-Band record.

Single Band honors went to CX4CR keyed by CX9BT who inched closer to becoming the first to break the one million point barrier on c.w.

The battle for top USA All-Band went to W3LPL who nosed out W6MAR. Interestingly, all USA Top Ten used 160 meters for extra multipliers.

The big news in the Multi-Single category was the new world's record set by the gang at FY7AK with a 4-million plus effort.

In the Multi-Multi division, that Potomac powerhouse, W3AU, led both the USA and the World. While the Club Competition once again went to the invincible PVRC contingent. Congratulations on another grand effort!

Eleven New Marks Set

In addition to the FY7AK Multi-Single record, world marks were also established by CX4CR on 14 MHz. and by KV4FZ on 3.5 MHz. Congratulations are in order too to new record holders W5WZQ, ZL3GQ, CT3/OZ5DX, YV1OB, CV4DL, VK6HD, UT5BP and 4X4NJ.

Doesn't Anybody Stay At Home Anymore?

Or at least at the same place they operated from last year. The way contesters move around from year to year, you can't tell the players without a scorecard. For example, remember VS5MC? Well this year Mau-

rice wasn't in VS5, he was in G-land. While last year's 3D2DD was this year's VE3EZM; HS2AIG turned out to be KA6DX; VK2BKM became OE1AKA/3; even yours truly caught a jet for the alumni reunion at WA2ZAA. Somebody who surprised everyone by not going anywhere was OH2BH — he stayed home and set a new European 20 meter phone record. Being at home, however, can have its drawbacks. WB4KSE had more trouble creating a pile-up this year than last when he was 28 MHz. world top from WB4KSE/KW6. K4KQB had the same problem, in 1974 he signed KG6SX. But one guy had the best of both worlds, he got to operate both W0BWJ and KH6IPY on phone during the same weekend. His secret? He's a pilot for Western Airlines.

Your-Secret-Is-Safe-With-Me Dept.

Once again I promise not to reveal the call of the European who decided that this year nothing would be left to chance with his log. So, using the "Belt and Suspenders Technique", he proceeded to mark a neat "X" in both the Phone and the C.W. box of his summary sheet.

Nor will I identify the K6 with 13 dits at the end of his call who spent a fruitless hour at sunrise Sunday morning (14 to 15 GMT) calling OH1XX, UA1DZ and 4J3A on 3.5 MHz long path without getting so much as a QRZ from them.

Busted Callsigns—A Revelation

Busted callsigns. Where a valid contact has been made, but the callsign gets logged incorrectly because of human error. Due to phonetic and language difficulties, it's easy to assume that the problem is confined exclusively to phone.

However, analysis of tape recordings and logs over several years

shows that the problem is just as prevalent on c.w.—believe it or not—as on phone. But how can that be since c.w. is a much more precise method of communication?

What creates the problem is improper technique — not sending the callsign of the station being worked so as to give him the opportunity to challenge and correct it if you've got it wrong. It cost a lot of people points this year. And, so, a word to the wise before it might cost you more dearly.

Doing It The Hard Way

Congratulations to the steadfast contestants who triumphed over some murderous callsigns. Like the gang at CT3/OZ5DX whose inverted call insured that nobody would pass them by thinking "just another OZ." And also to WL7IBP/WN7 who had to do it all in the QRS segment of the Novice band.

The scores turned in by OA8V and VK5HP are truly astounding, too, considering all they had to punch their way through was super-sharp operating technique — and 2 w. out.

From One Extreme To Another

The signal you heard from DJ3KR/OA4 came from a QTH up at 11,000 feet where Jurgen was conducting equatorial experiments at the Observatorio de Huancayo in the High Andes. Meanwhile, down at sea level on the other side of the globe, the Multi-Single operation at G4EOK took place aboard the historic cruiser, *HMS Belfast*, anchored permanently in the River Thames opposite the Tower of London. It's now a floating museum and visitors are welcome, contact G3HZL.

Oops

The trophy for Single Operator/All Band Phone operation in the Caribbean/Central America will be



Single Op/All Band Champ OH2MM who operated from EA8CR. QTH is 2,000 ft, above sea level, but surrounded by mountains.



CX1AAC and OA4AHA operating OC4A. Their 40 meter quad sure helped boost their score.



The FY0BHI team broke both the Multi-Single record and the 4-million point barrier, KP4TIN, F5QQ, F2QQ. They also placed first in the unofficial colorful shirt competition.



VP5AH with some of the gear that helped him make 100 K on 21 MHz.



The 40 meter full-size 2 el. at DJ5PA.



Overcoming a jawbreaker callsign, CT3/OZ5DX ran up 3.4 million to take second Multi-Single. Congrats to OZ5DX (above) and teammates OZ1LO and OZ6XT who hauled nearly 300 lbs. of gear to a spot on the east coast of the Island, 600 ft. above the water.



Third place Multi-Single YV5ANT operated by YV5AAQ (l.) and YV5ANT (r.) plus YV5AAS, YV5BNR, YV5BZT.



4X4UH piloted 4X4RD to second place on 21 MHz.



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U.S.A. Club Scores

Potomac Valley Radio Club	43,519,660
Frankford Radio Club	37,018,285
Western Washington DX Club	14,931,280
Southern California DX Club	12,333,516
Richardson Wireless Klub	12,237,462
Murphy's Marauders	10,525,825
San Diego DX Club	8,312,849
Indy DX'ers	6,025,327
North Florida DX Association	5,525,969
Central Ohio DX Association	4,243,055
Northern California DX Club	4,229,684
Central Virginia Contest Club	3,691,286
Buffalo Area DX Club	2,966,932
South Florida DX Association	2,958,076
Southeastern DX Club	2,971,492
Texas DX Society	2,940,249
Delta DX Association	2,752,937
Northern California Contest Club	2,694,316
Arizona DX Club	2,457,171
Connecticut Wireless Association	2,422,350
Wireless Institute of the Northeast	2,161,562
Southern New England DX Association	1,711,960
Willamette Valley DX Club	1,639,274
Order of Boiled Owls of New York	1,288,329
Northern Illinois DX Association	1,265,052
Eastern Iowa DX Association	1,178,574
Michigan DX Association	821,805
Bluegrass ARC	803,406
Alamo DX Amigos	528,393
Four Lakes ARC	521,502
North Alabama DX Club	303,592
Knights of the Round Table	298,692
West Palm Beach ARC	271,882
Canton ARC	255,115
Rockford Amateur Radio Association	221,441
Southeastern Virginia Wireless Ass'n	205,110
Joliet Amateur Radio Society	193,510
Colorado Contest Conspiracy	151,018

Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Association 110,318

DX Club Scores

Rhine Ruhr DX Association	21,923,910
Kaunas Polytechnik Institute R.C.	9,498,461
DX-Club SAAR-PFALZ	8,312,211
Chelyabinsk Region Radio Club	8,114,918
Suddeutsche DX-Gruppe	5,760,452
Lampertheim DX Group	4,204,565
Danish DX Group	4,094,305
Channel Contest Group	3,716,500
YU DX Club	3,503,771
Canadian DX Association	3,322,611
Moscow Radio Club	3,194,646
SP DX Club	3,087,636
Voroshilavgrad Radio Club	2,999,384
Lvov Radio Club	2,946,641
Exeter Contest Group	2,488,990
Toronto DX Club	2,000,986
Kiel Canal Activity Group	1,371,216
Uruguay DX Club	1,174,412
Radio Club of Bukhara	1,109,634
Vasteras Radio Klubb	756,754
Imperial College ARS	718,788
Calgary ARA	656,623
Univ. of Southampton Radio Club	648,456
Radio Club Varna	617,865
Club SK5AJ	494,693
Tallinn Radio Club	401,785
Sezioni A.R.I. Cesena	375,550
L.A.B.R.E.	335,535
Leningrad R.C.	294,591
Winnepeg DX Club	191,769
YV CW Club	112,484
Shizuoka DX Radio Association	105,110
Royal Navy ARS	104,280
Swiss DX Club	78,953
Greater Peterborough ARC	73,503
Tesla Val. Mez. Radio Club	62,443

awarded to Louis C. Skoczek, WB9AJF/6Y5. Inadvertantly, the name of TI2WX appeared as the winner in last month's Phone results. Apologies to both contestants.

A Plea In Writing

I'm making it again this year because nobody took me seriously last year. My plea about not recopying logs. I guess not everybody agrees with me that recopying a log is a pain in the neck. Because this year we still got hundreds and hundreds painstakingly re-printed line by line from a dedicated band of re-copyists. Fellas, please, please just make a readable photocopy or carbon of your log, rewrite any illegible calls, take out your dupes, score it and drop it in the mail. Contests are supposed to be fun. Spend your time on antennas or getting ready for the CQ 160 or ARRL Tests.

Capossela's Farewell Address

It isn't going to be easy. But with this year's Contest Results, I must reluctantly announce my retirement as Director of the World-Wide DX Contest.

38 isn't exactly retirement age, but the press of business and family responsibilities makes it necessary at

this time. Amateur radio has been an important part of my life for 25 years. But it has never meant more to me than during the 10 years that I have served on the Contest Committee. For I've had the priceless opportunity to meet and visit with hams around the world and been able—no matter what language we speak—to share our common passion: DX contests.

As Director of the DX Contest, I've served with a dozen of the most talented and dedicated men I know — the members of the Contest Committee. I don't say that because they agree with me. They often don't. But I know that whatever is said is said with only one thought in mind — a heartfelt conviction to do what's best for the Contest. Not only are they good men. They're experts. The number of contests they've won is staggering. As is the number of callsigns they've operated from all over the world. The Contest is in very good hands.

Before I close, I would like to thank some special people. First, the man who taught me everything I know about running a DX contest, Frank Anzalone, W1WY. And Dick Ross, Al Dorhoffer and Dick Cowan of CQ whose unswerving commitment to the Contest made a tough job a lot easier.

And to contesters everywhere who have given me your opinions and your support over the years. Thank you. It's been an extraordinary experience. And a pleasure. I'm going to miss it.

Credit Where Credit Is Due Dept.

No one deserves your thanks more than the 12 tireless members of the Contest Committee who produced the 1976 Results from more than 545 lbs. of logs we received this year. Our Chairman, Frank Anzalone, W1WY; and members Gene Walsh, K2KUR; Bob Cox, K3EST; Bernie Welch, W8IMZ; Dave Donnelly, WB2SQN; Dick Norton, W6DGH; Larry Weaver, W6JPH; Glenn Rattmann, W6MAR; Jim Neiger, W6BHY; Phil Goetz, W6DQX; Larry Brockman, WA2EPQ and Fred Laun, W9SZR. And to Kim Smith at CQ who made sure all logs got to California to start with. And our special thanks to Daryl Kiebler, WB8EUN, and his wife, Olga, for all their help.

That's it for now. Good luck with your antenna work over the summer. Just remember, if it didn't fall down last year, it probably wasn't big enough. The C.W. Contest this year is November 27 & 28 (Thanksgiving weekend).

73, Fred, K6SSS

USA QRM

A beam 6 feet off the roof doesn't do too well . . . WB2NDR. Disappointed not to hear even 1 watery JA on 21 MHz . . . WA2MBP. After a fantastic 20M Pacific opening, I went down to catch an hour's sleep at 4AM. The next thing I knew it was 5 hours later. Why me? . . . WA2AJN. Wkd longest string ever of JA's, but not one VK or ZL or LA or KL7 . . . W3AFM. Condx EI Stinko! . . . WA4UAZ. P29MO sure had nice signal on 40 meters . . . WB4KSE. Not as busy as when I was KG6SX last year! . . . K4KQB. Ever heard of isometrics? Exercising in opposition to an immovable object. In my case, that object being the east and west coasts! . . . WA5VDH. Usual terrific thunderstorm on Saturday night . . . W5QKR. Worked 81 JA's during one hour; lost one hour the second morning when rain noise rose to 20 db over S9 during the passage of a cold front . . . W5WZQ. Wish more DX stations were aware of long path openings on 40 mtrs, 4J3A was 20 over 9 here Sunday morning . . . WB5DTX. Long path 40 into Europe - receiving much louder than they receiving us . . . K6QW. Operated portable in Santa Cruz mtns. Used 6 gal of gas for MG set . . . K6QZ/6. I don't want to talk about it . . . K6DC. Two new countries on 80 made the "Suffering" worth while . . . VE3DXV/W6. Was my first contest, didn't score a lot of points but had a lot of fun! Will do better next year!! . . . WL7IBE/WN7. Awful conditions but I didn't have enough sense to quit . . . W7APN. Working EJA in Ireland on the long path. He peaked at 30DB over S9 when he QSO'ed W6CQF before me and faded to S8 Hi Hi . . . W7JLU. Finished building my WB4VVF Accu-memory keyer day before contest. Found it a tremendous help . . . W8KFL. Believe it or not we had thunderstorms in Illinois in Nov.! Sure didn't help the static level any . . . K9UQN. Lynch George Jacobs! or Somebody . . . W3YIK. When W5's and W0's take me into Europe on 80, you can be sure all is not well on 3.5 MHz. . . W1ZM (opr. WA2CLO). 80M. produced many exotic zones on long path . . . W6PVB. Yawn! Hope condx pick up or I'm going to sit home and listen to the dial tone . . . WA3ATX. New antennas and no homework made operating this one a pleasure . . . W0EEE. Biggest thrill by far was the long path JA's on 40; Although they were not strong, they were much easier to work than Europeans - - What does that mean? . . . WA1STN.

DX QRM

On the whole, fun to participate . . . TF3IRA. On Monday after the contest I had an examination in my medical course . . . I1EFC. My first CQ WW Contest was in 1952 as G2BW. Still the best contest and hope to make many more . . . 9H1CH. Big thrill working JA3ONB (on 1.8 MHz) for first ever PA-JA QSO . . . PA0HIP. QRP operation is fun but contest operation is difficult . . . SP1CQN. Yuggghhh!! . . . GM3WRN. Went single band because I broke both shoulders some months ago and did not think I could manage to operate the whole time. Now 69 years old and 45 years a ham! . . . GM6RV. Like your contest but hate rewriting these logs, so this year I have made copies. Hope you will accept that . . . SM5BRS (Amen - - we prefer copies of your original logs, fellas . . . Ed.). Took part in the multi-op from SM0PX but couldn't resist doing a bit from

home as well . . . SM0BDS. The pileups are still a big thrill. . . HB9AJY. It was a pleasure to climb up on the pole of the beam at 0200 GMT because the weight of the snow was doing strange jokes! . . . HB9ZE. First morning operated 10/15 with the 80M dipole by mistake . . . but it worked anyway! . . . YU3EY. The only station worked on 20 long path was W7NQ . . . YZ0SRJ. Reduced my dupe count by signing after every QSO; Still 83 stations with very bad memories . . . EA8CR (OH2MM, Opr.). Ethics leave something to be desired. W's used to observe "KN" better in former times. Nobody knows what "5 Up" means, many didn't know where C5 was located, etc. . . C5AJ (Opr. DL7AH). Never called one station, relied on CQ's. Had beam NNW all the time (turn by Armstrong method AM62 and have a peg leg, so keep beam in one position!) . . . ZE3JO. 80 meter band clear of traffic and jamming until 2200Z on 30th. . . ZE+KV. Most all good DX drowned out here by Europe. Very little heard from South America . . . EP2OD. Last time I worked the CQ WW Contest was in 1967 when I was world high on 7 MHz. ew . . . 4X4RD (Opr. 4X4UH). Would have done better if some Russian stations were not afraid to QSO. Evidently my call was pirated on 160 m. during the contest, although I was not on that band . . . 4X4NJ. The good news: Worked PJ9JT on 40; the bad news: Missed JT1AT on 80 . . . 9V1SH. I suggest that contests be limited to the lower 30 or 50 kHz of each band. This would ease tune-ups and allow room for non-contestants . . . 9V1SO. Enjoyed the contest much more than last year. Will be on again next year . . . 9M2FK. Have been off the air for 35 years . . . VK4RU. Just a token appearance. Was too busy for full participation . . . VR1AA. Between work and sleeping, had almost no time for the contest. Will do my best not to work this weekend next year, but won't be in Guam then, either . . . KG6JEU. Biggest non-thrill was when linear gave up the ghost . . . KG6JAR. Much more difficult to find multipliers this year . . . KH6CF. Conditions were either too bad or too good for my QRP . . . KH6IFU/KH6. Put up 5/8 wave vertical but 2 days before contest it blew down, so cut out bent section and back up to 1/2 wave. It works! . . . KH6HSW. Operated for many hours without contacts on 160. Seems last two years interest has dropped off . . . KH6CHC. Had hoped to be back multi-band this year, but my quads get blown down in a 100+ mph wind . . . ZL3GQ. The trip to Gibraltar was a troublesome one, through 12 customs via EA7, CN8, to ZB2 . . . OH3XZ (Opr. of ZB2X). Two hours before the contest started, a storm wind decided for me to go single band on twenty. I'm still searching for my 80/40 delta loop antennas . . . ON4XG. The only W6 stations worked (and heard) here were on 40 meter long path . . . LZ1QO. I got my thrill to work EA8CR on six bands . . . DL7AV. The first time since 1948 that I heard no signals on 10 meters during the CQ WW CW contest. . . G3DYY. If nothing else, the slow rate of scoring demonstrated how uncomfortable my operating position is, so I took time out to re-arrange the shack . . . G3JKY. I had the feeling quite often that I was working a memory keyer, rather than real operator, those perfectly sent but monotonous reports . . . G3TXF. Ever see 1/4 - inch guy wires grow to 1 1/4 - inch in freezing fog? . . . G3GRL. Second day alarm clock failed to awaken me at 0400. Missed 3 hours 14 MHz opening . . . G3PVA. Still king of the



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contests . . . OH6DX. Great long path opening on 40 meters to USA on Sunday afternoon . . . OH1VR. Called YV10B for 3 hours on 160 . . . OK1ATP. My apologies to the W and JA gang. Mountains killed all signals from these areas. . . OE1ELW/3. This is the result of 48 hours of concentration and of bringing 125 kg. of radio gear and antennas from Denmark to Madeira . . . CT3/OZ5DX. Sorry to disappoint many who had hoped that we were portable on Kure Island . . . KH6RS/KH6. This contest has shown me amateur radio from a new and interesting point of view . . . TF3KX. Thought I had new one (4J2A) until I read DX bulletin. . . VP5AH. I haven't much time to operate because only 1 week has passed from my marriage! . . . JA9BOH. Saturday I could not work in my shack but I did work at my company. Hi! . . . JH1JGX. Leider ging 15M. Beam wieder kaputt! . . . DL0II. Took part to give Sicily multiplier to DX operators and we found much fun . . . IT9TAI. 80 meter antennas between the two 360 foot towers of old and well-known Motala Long-wave Station . . . SK5AJ. 73 for American boys . . . UK2BBE. Enjoyed the contest using a special call this year though old one, UK3AAO, sounds better. . . 4J3A. We are optimists and are looking for good condx in CQ WW contest in 1976 . . . UK5MAF. I got much pleasure from talking on the contest. . . UL7OAO. I am sorry about the bad operating from some stations in Europe on 80M . . . UA3LM. 73 and much success in umpiring this contest . . . UA3YH. I heard many W/K stations on 80 but with my power I couldn't get through . . . UA6LLT. His call was CT3XOZ, or was it CT3/OZ0 Maybe CT3OZ? How about CT3/OZ5 DX? What was it? . . . UT5BW. Had to climb tower in a rainstorm in the middle of contest to turn the beam, almost became a silent key . . . PY2FRW. Greatest thrill when 9M8HB called me . . . CE0AE. KA2WM, KA2AC, KA2USF live less than 3 city blocks away. Much QRM!! . . . KA2WF. Had planned to operate multi-band with Quad, dipoles and vertical but typhoon June winds wiped us out! . . . KA6DX. Boy, it is great being on the other end! When the rare ones call you. That's living! . . . VP2MIR (W7IR Opr.) Biggest thrill was not replacing a diode in the L-4B power unit at midnite, but having the diode at all! . . . VP5GS (W4BRB opr.). Lost about 12 hrs - - next year I'm not going to bowl or sleep. 73 . . . WA1RFM/VP9.



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WILLIAM I. ORR, W6SAI, ON

Antennas

"Tell me all about your 40 meter DX," I suggested to Pendergast, as he slid the earphones from his head and turned down the receiver.

"Forty has been pretty good these days," he admitted, as he glanced back through his logbook. "There's almost as much coming through on that band as there is on 20 meters . . . if you have a good antenna."

I glanced over his shoulder at the log. "Well. VR4CW, ZD9GF, UK6LAZ, a bunch of Europeans, Africans, and Asians to boot!"

"Yes," said my friend, "But it is a real hassle. You really need a good beam to be able to compete on 40. Sometimes you can't even *hear* the stuff until you have a beam."

"So your next project is a 40 meter beam. Right?"

"Yes," replied Pendergast. "And the one I am interested in is the new four element *KLM Bandpass* antenna. That should do a really good job."

"It is quite unique," I admitted. "I know of no other antenna of this type. In fact, I just received a letter from a DX'er who has one up. Would you be interested in what he has to say about it?"

"Certainly," replied my friend.

"Well, as you know it is a 4 element job using a pair of log-periodic bandpass driven elements, plus a reflector and a director (Fig. 1). The boom length is about 42 feet and the longest element—the reflector—is about 47 feet. Before we go into details, the letter from my friend says he's been using the 40 meter KLM beam for about six months. He's had a daily sked with South Africa every day and has never missed a schedule due to band conditions. He's worked his schedule as late as 1320 PST, which is *amazing!*

"Sometimes he gets other W6 stations into the schedule on the long path opening. While he's usually S9+, the boys with the dipoles and verticals are just barely out of the

noise in South Africa! That performance really separates the men from the boys!"

"Wow," said Pendergast. "A good beam certainly helps on 40."

I looked at the letter again. "He closes by saying that he can't over-emphasize the usefulness and consistency of 40 meters. The foreign broadcast signals off the side and back of the beam are reduced and the DX signals really pour in. He's worked a VK5 on sideband who was running *one watt* PEP input and gave him S7. So there you are."

"What's the configuration of the beam?" asked Pendergast, as he pulled out his notebook and pencil, prepared to make notes.

"The layout is shown in fig. 2. The boom is 3 inches in diameter, with top guys fore and aft. All elements

are insulated from the boom. The elements are foreshortened by *linear loading*, that is, the elements are folded back on themselves to conserve space. The two driven elements are cross-connected to form a single cell log-periodic structure having a passband of 300 kHz. Feedpoint impedance is about 200 ohms, so a 50 ohm line and a 4-to-1 coaxial balun make up the feed system.

"The passband of the antenna is shown in fig. 3. The log-periodic design acts as a sort of bandpass filter providing a good match and good bandwidth over the whole 40 meter band. Observe that the s.w.r. is less than 2 over the whole range, and less than 1.5 over nearly 260 kHz."

"Most small 40 meter beams have a very narrow operating bandwidth," observed Pendergast.

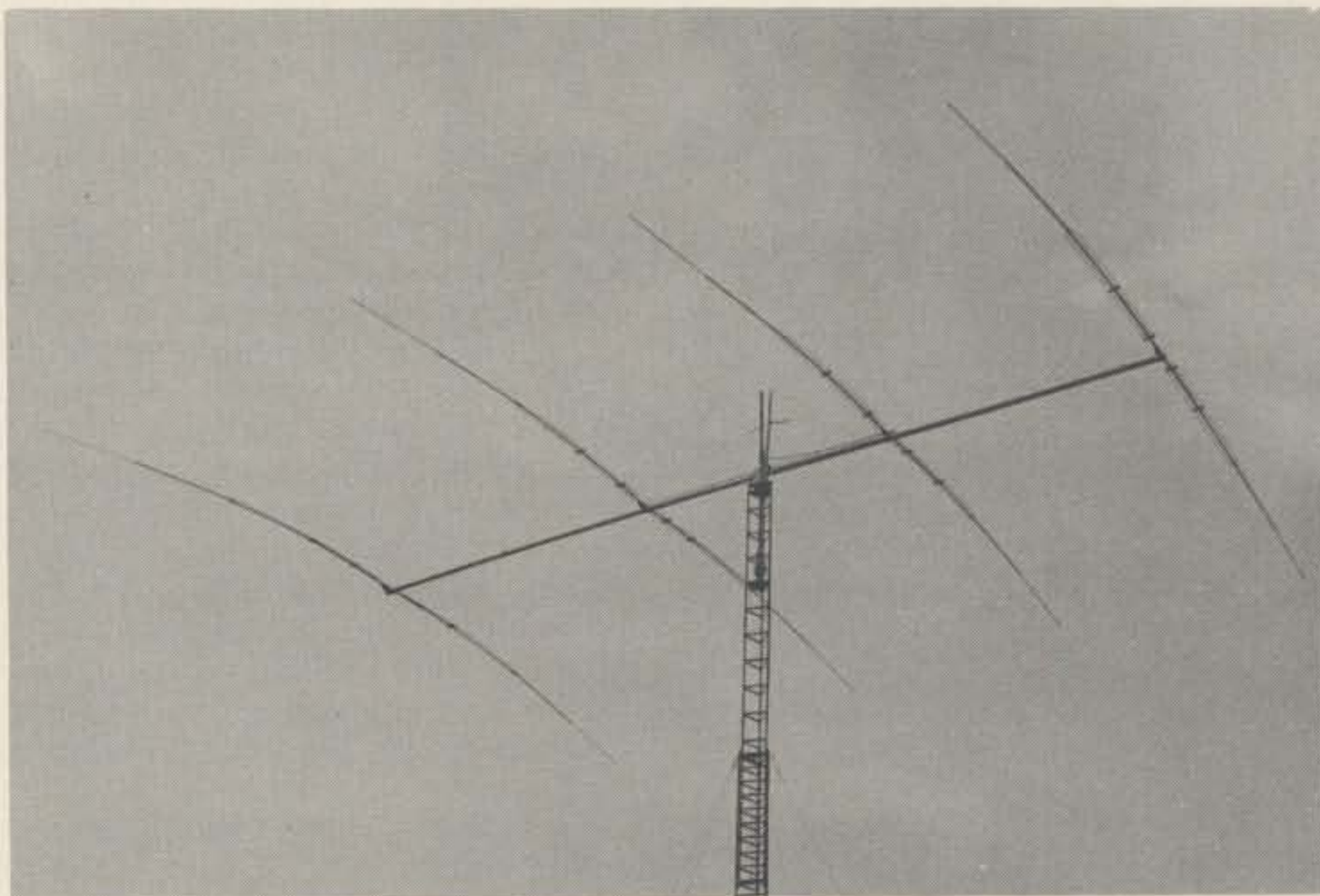


Fig. 1—The KLM bandpass beam antenna for 40 meters. This 4-element array makes use of a log-periodic pair of driven elements to achieve a passband characteristic and a low value of s.w.r. across the whole 7 MHz band. Elements are mounted on a 42 foot boom, made of 3" diameter tubing. The longest element is about 47 feet. Each element makes use of linear loading, that is, a portion of the element is folded back against itself to conserve length. Tuning straps at the center of each element permit adjustment to be made. Each element has a butt diameter of 1¼ inch, tapering to ½-inch at the tip.

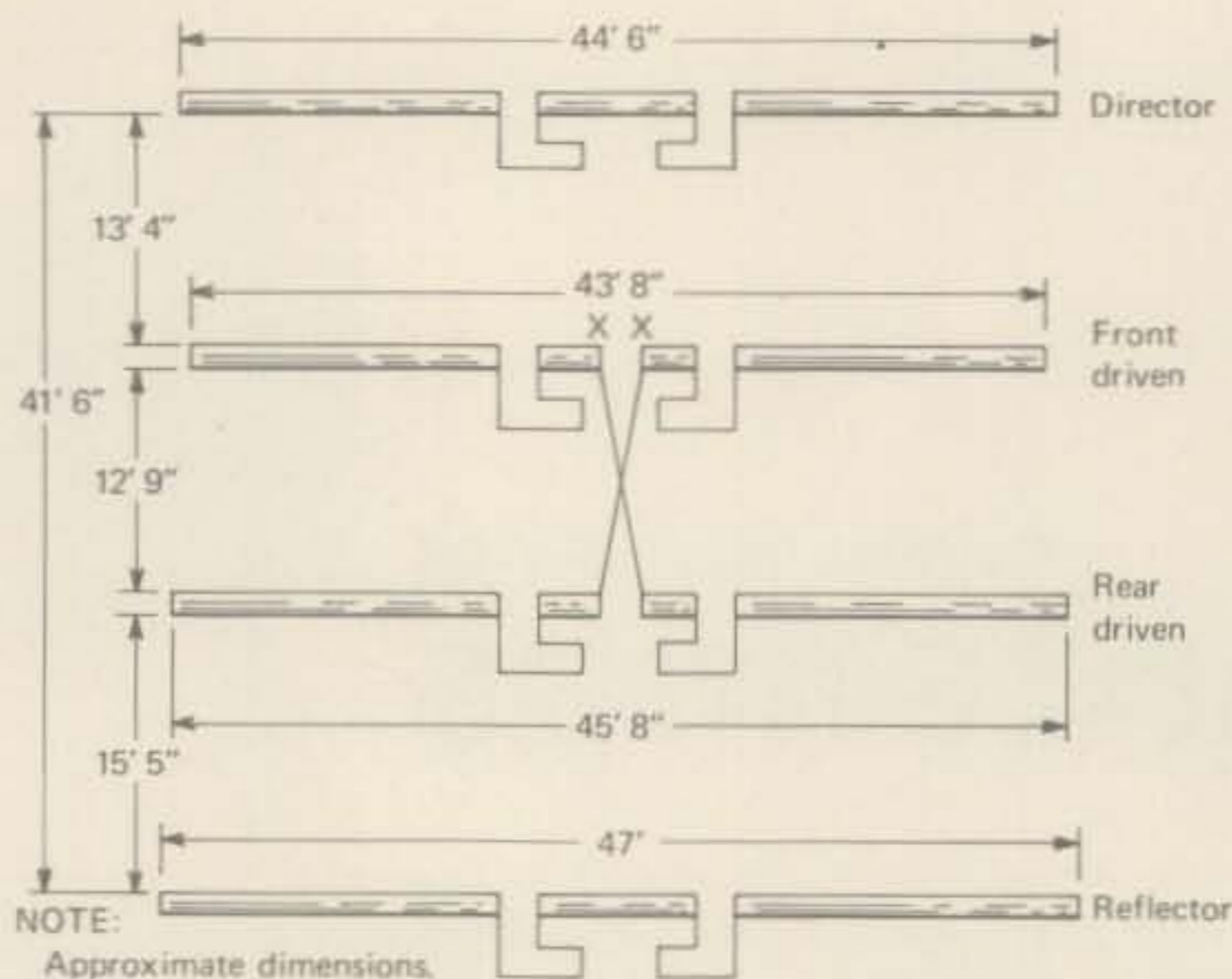


Fig. 2 — Layout of the KLM 40 meter beam. All elements are fixed in length, but the director may be varied a few inches to lower the s.w.r. at either the 7.0 MHz or the 7.3 MHz end of the band. The linear loading sections are made of $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch diameter tubing mounted alongside the element. A 200 ohm balun is attached to the log-periodic section at points X-X.

"Right," I replied. "This antenna combines good bandwidth with compact, linear loaded elements. Of course, it isn't a small antenna. It's a big one. But it takes a beam antenna of this size and power gain to do the job on 40 meters. I would certainly be interested in reports from other users of the 40 meter KLM antenna, as it is an unusual design, and it certainly seems to perform well."

Pendergast sighed. "How about the little fellow who doesn't have the money, space or a big tower to put up a 40 meter beam? What can he do?"

"Cheer up," I replied. "All is not lost. Plenty of DX can be worked with simple antennas. The April, 1976 issue of *Radio Communication*, the great magazine of the Radio Society of Great Britain, has a description of a simple and effective antenna used for 40 and 160 meters by my good friend, G2RO."

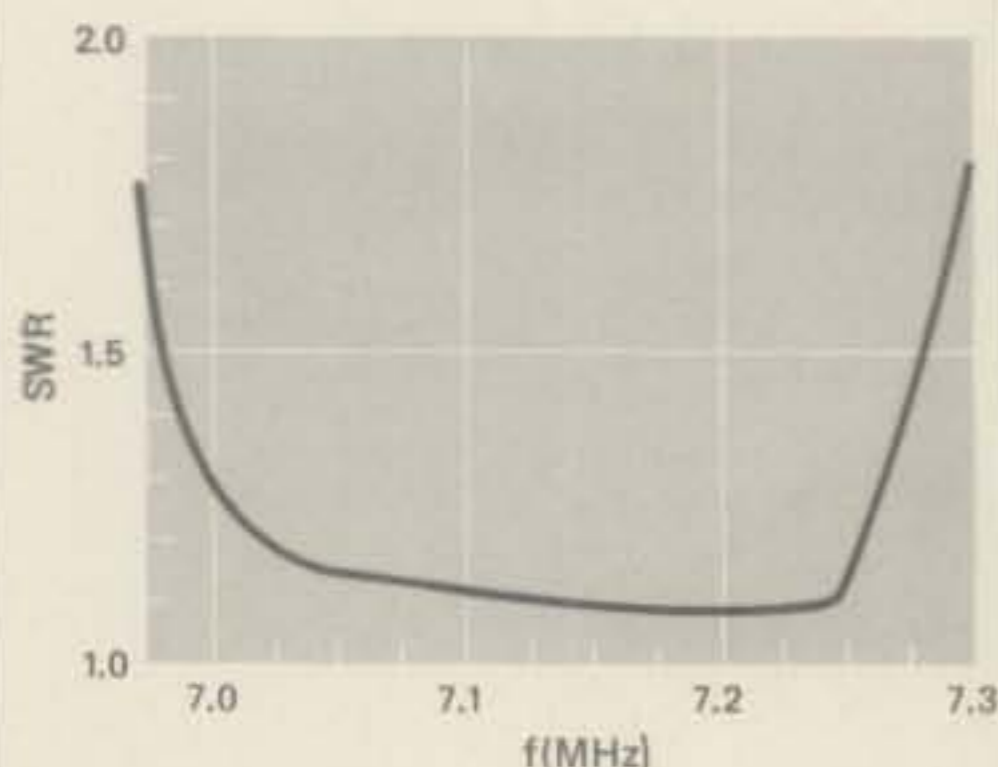


Fig. 3—The s.w.r. curve of the KLM beam when adjusted for low s.w.r. at the 7.0 MHz end of the 40 meter band. S.w.r. remains below 1.4-to-1 across the band, except for the top 30kHz of the phone section. A slight adjustment to the reflector drops the s.w.r. at the high end of the band, and raises it slightly at the low end. This plot was run with the beam 68 feet above the ground.

"Forty and one-sixty. That's an odd combination," observed Pendergast.

"It is," I admitted. "Here's the design (fig. 4). G2RO put up an end-fed wire that was $\frac{5}{4}$ wavelength long at 7 MHz—that's 165 feet. He worked it against a good ground system. He trimmed the wire length a few inches at a time until he got a satisfactory match across the whole 7 MHz band. He then realized the antenna was slightly longer than one-quarter wavelength for 160 meters. So he inserted a tuning capacitor and series-resonated the wire to 1.8 MHz. It took about 600 pF to do the job. He then found out that the capacitor had a very negligible effect on 40 meters. So he left it in the circuit all the time and ended up with a two-band antenna that is very effective on both 40 and 160 meters."

Pendergast looked at the sketch thoughtfully, then said, "It seems to me that if you cut the length of the antenna in half, you would have a simple antenna that would work well on both 80 and 20 meters."

"That's right," I exclaimed. "A wire about 82'6" long would work on both 80 and 20 meters. And that's not a bad antenna for communication within the United States on both bands! You won't knock 'em dead in a pile-up with this antenna, but it is a solid performer. I would suggest two or more quarter wave radial ground wires, plus a good ground connection for either the 160/40 meter or 80/20 meter antenna."

"Any other dual-band antennas?" asked Pendergast, as he made a quick sketch of the G2RO antenna in his notebook.

"Well, yes," I replied. "I received a note from Jack, W9HJM, about his sloper antenna. He has a 40 foot tower with a TV antenna atop it and he decided to make it into a sloper

for 80 meters (fig. 5). He ran out a 65 foot wire to a 12 foot post and fed the wire at the top end with about 75 feet of 50 ohm coaxial line. He grounded the shield of the line to the top of the tower and grounded the base of the metal tower to a 10-foot ground rod, as well as to several copper water pipes. Interestingly enough, he found out that the antenna worked well on 10 meters in addition to good performance on 80 meters. Here are his s.w.r. measurements on the two bands (fig. 6)."

"Well, I'll be dipped," said Pendergast. "That's the first time I've ever heard of the sloper antenna working on two bands!"

"Yep," I replied. "W9HJM works all over the country when 10 meters is open, so it looks as if he has a 'freebie' with his simple 80 meter sloper!"

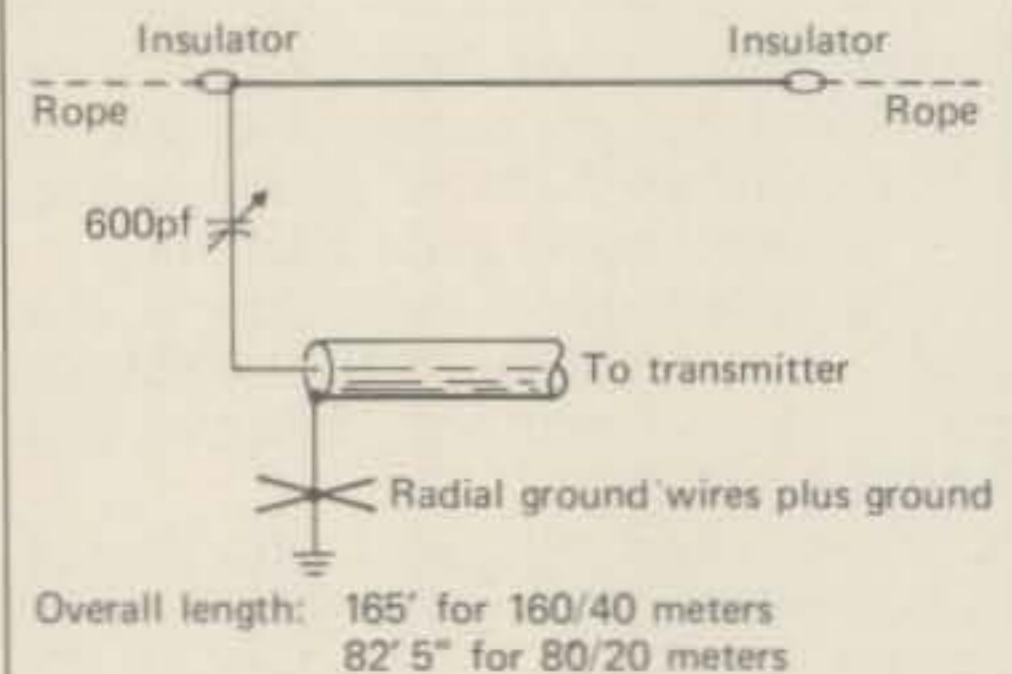


Fig. 4—The G2RO two-band end-fed antenna. This antenna is designed for either 160/40 meter or 80/20 meter operation. The antenna length is trimmed for lowest s.w.r. on the high band with the capacitor shorted out. It is then tuned for lowest s.w.r. on the low band by means of the capacitor. A good ground connection should be used to reduce losses to a minimum.

"I guess we haven't heard the last of the sloper," said my friend. More and more fellows are experimenting with this simple antenna and it produces surprises every day."

Pendergast paused, then he said, "I wonder if W9HJM's location had anything to do with his results?"

"I don't know," I replied. "But location seems to have a lot to do with it. Some guys have good locations, and some have bad ones. And I still really don't know how to pick the good one from the bad one!"

"Look at this," I continued. "Here are signal strength plots made by the Bell Telephone Laboratories in 1932 (fig. 7). This is part of a study BTL made to determine the best location for a shore station in ship-to-shore radiotelephone service. Signals from a ship were recorded at various land locations while the ship cruised about, out to as far as 2500 miles from the shore station. The results

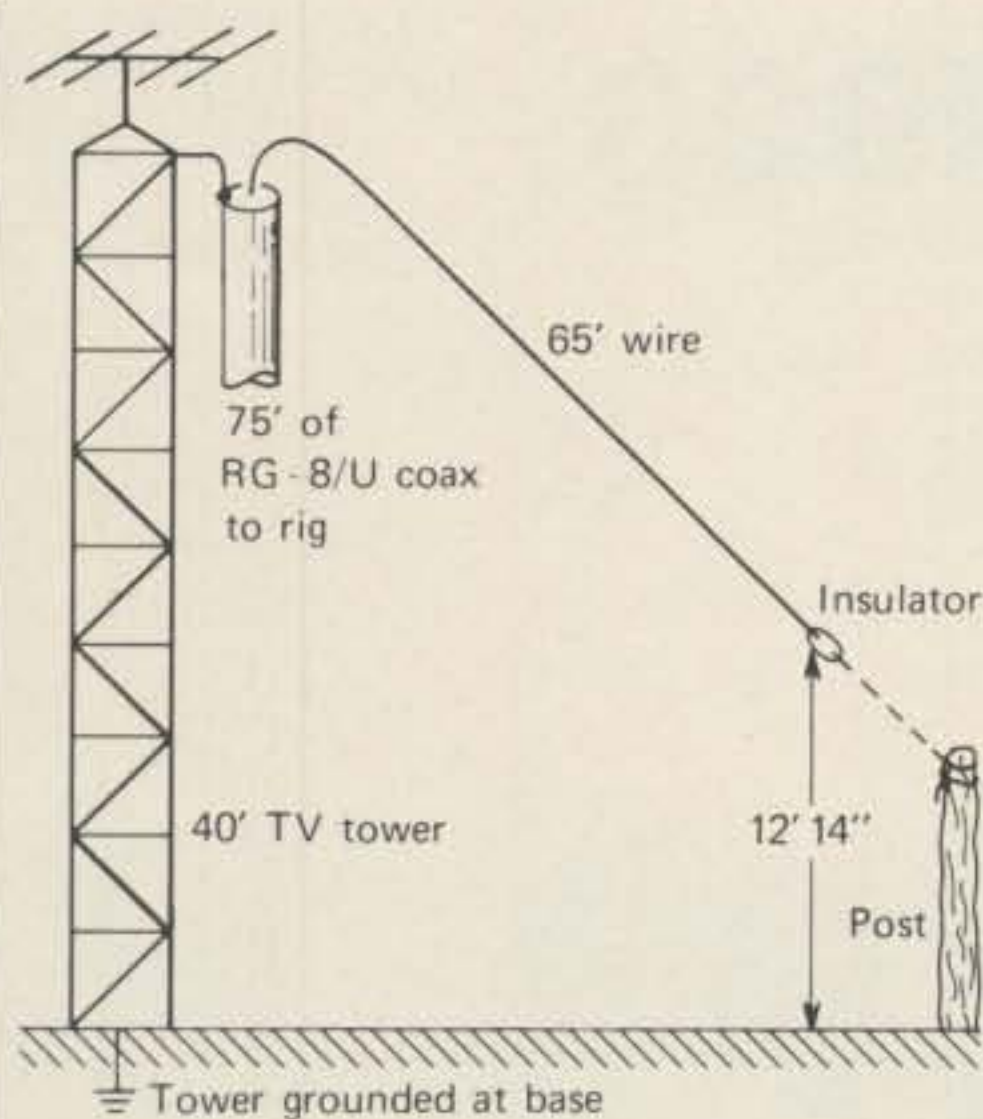


Fig. 5—The W9HJM Sloper antenna for 80 meters is made up of a TV tower, with the sloper wire running off to a nearby post. It was found by W9HJM that the sloper works equally well on 10 meters as it does on 80 meters!

strongly indicated that for an over-water path, the closer the shore station was to the water, the better were the results. Measurements were made at 66 meters and 33 meters, for both day and night conditions. The blunt statement was made that "attenuation of 8 dB to 12 dB is observed at a distance of one mile inland for both 33 and 66 meter transmission." That seems to indicate that a location near the water is to be preferred for over-water transmission.

"The whole subject is written up in the *Proceedings of the IRE* for January, 1932 under the title, "Effect of Shore Station Location Upon Signals," by R.A. Heising, of the Bell Telephone Laboratories."

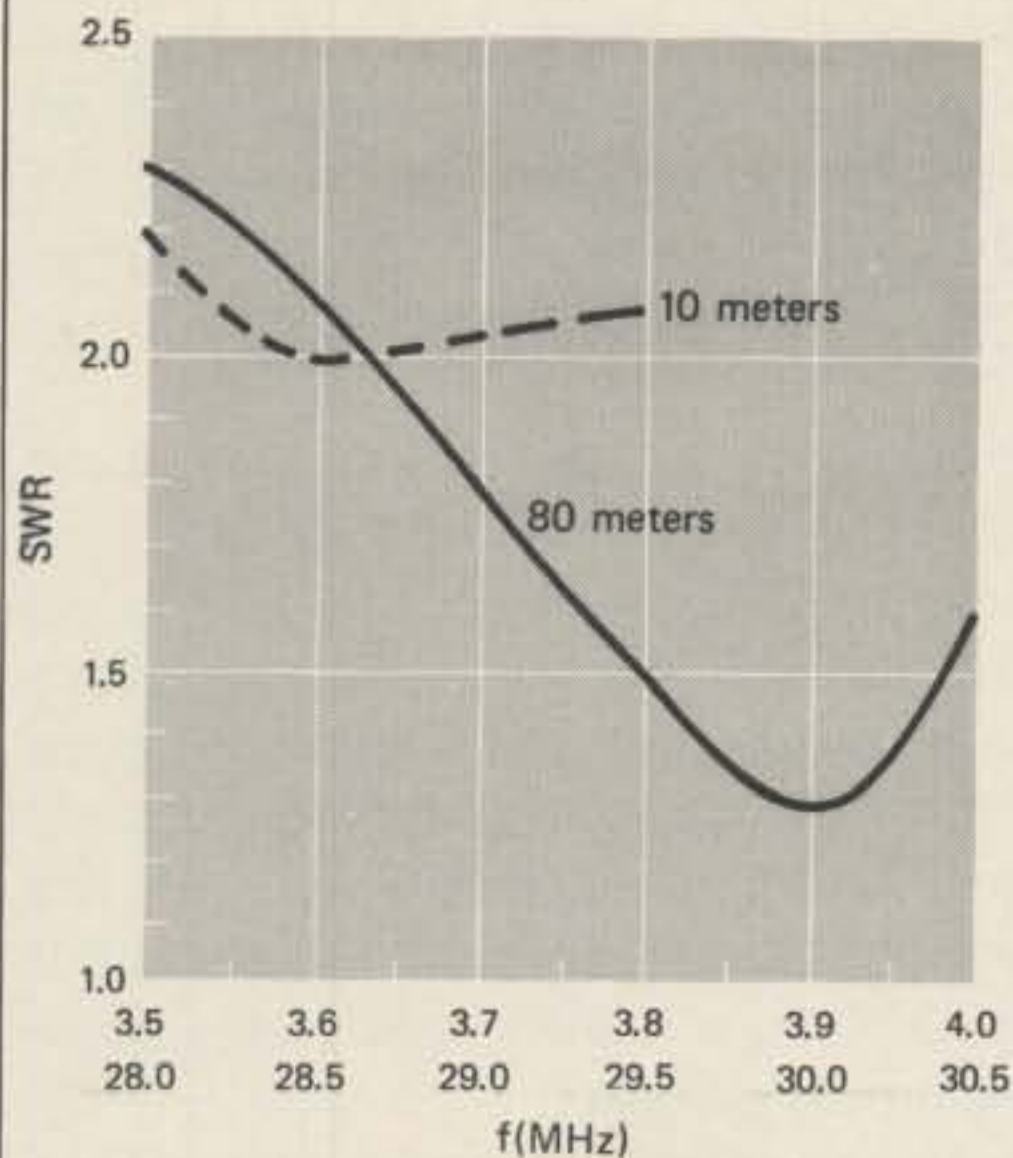


Fig. 6—The s.w.r. plot for 80 and 10 meters for the W9HJM sloper antenna. The sloper is resonant at 3.9 MHz on 80 meters and at 28.6 MHz. on 10 meters.

Pendergast said, "This is one of the things that makes amateur radio so interesting. There's still mysteries in long distance transmission and antennas and all the answers aren't known. I guess station location is one of the big unknowns, because you can't account for the exceptional results some amateurs seem to have from rather mediocre locations."

"Yes," I replied. "The ionosphere is a great leveller of signals. Working DX, in the long run, teaches you humility, if nothing else."

"Speaking of humility," I continued. "Here's a little problem for you. Have you ever heard of the SP5AY antenna? No? Well, I read about it in an issue of *CQ-Ham Radio*, the Japanese publication. Now since my Japanese and my Polish are on a par with each other—namely, zero—all I could go by was the drawing. Look at it. (fig. 8). The SP5AY antenna, I gather, is an all-band antenna in the sense it is supposed to work from 3.5 to 29 MHz. It consists of a horizontal wire 54'4" long, fed at one

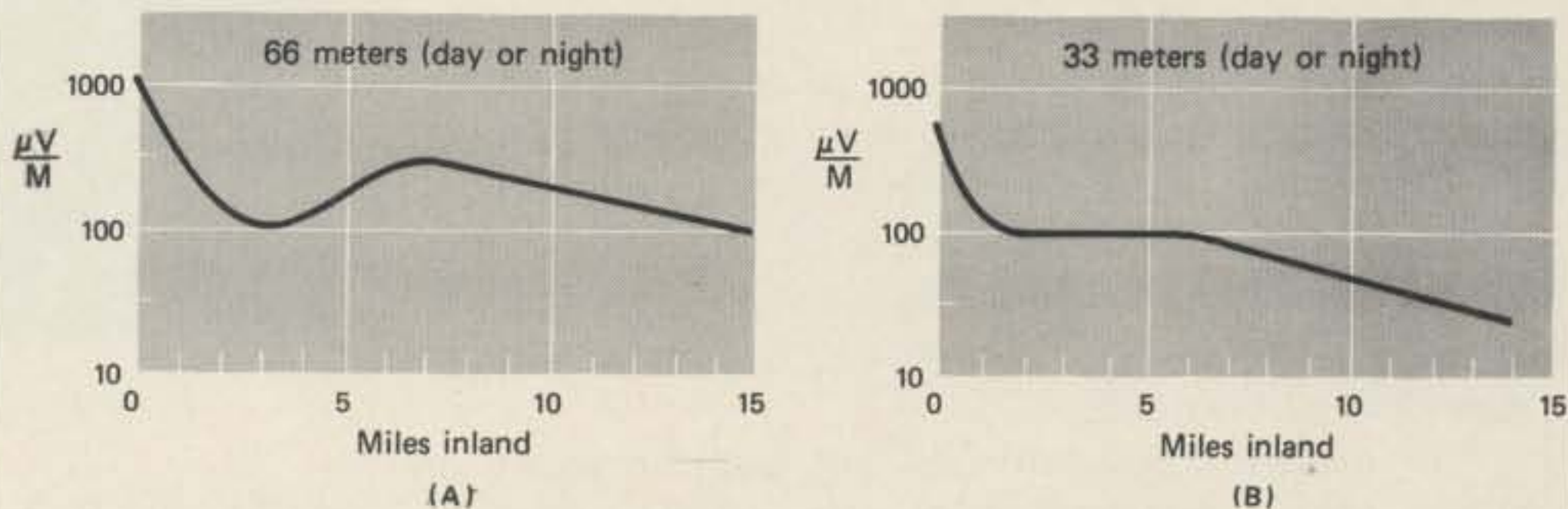


Fig. 7—The plot of many readings taken over a period of time on 66 meters (A) and 33 meters (B) for a ship-to-shore radio path. Signals were attenuated 8 dB to 12dB only one mile inland at both frequencies. Location near the water is to be preferred for over-water transmission.

end, plus four radials, each 16'6" long. The radials run down at a 45 degree angle from the antenna."

Pendergast squinted at the drawing for a long time, then said, "I don't see how in the world it functions."

"Neither do I," I admitted. "According to the article, the s.w.r. averages 1.5-to-1 on the 80 meter band, 1.4-to-1 on the 40 meter band, and 1.5-to-1 on the 20, 15 and 10 meter bands."

Pendergast looked at the drawing in the Japanese magazine.

"It all looks terribly simple," he admitted. "The only thing I notice is that the mounting arrangement for the radial wires places a certain amount of capacitance across the end of the coaxial line. I would guess about 20 pF. I wonder if that has anything to do with the system?"

"I don't know," I replied. "I can't read Japanese, so the whole thing is Greek to me, as the saying goes."

"Ask your readers," exclaimed Pendergast. "Somebody out there must know about the SP5AY antenna! I'd like to know how the darn thing works, if it does."

"Agreed," I said. "I'll donate one of my antenna handbooks to any reader who knows something more about this interesting antenna. Does it work? Is this the correct information? Any multi-band antenna is interesting, and I enjoy mysteries. And the SP5AY antenna, at this stage of the game is a *real* mystery."

For the sake of the record, the article about this antenna was in the June, 1974 issue of *CQ-ham radio*, so the antenna has been around for a few years."

"Any closing remarks?", asked Pendergast, as he prepared to close down his station.

"One more thing", I replied. "I got a quick note from Joe, WA7GSM, who just got an Atlas 215 for mobile work. He had an old Webster Band-Spanner mobile antenna and the Atlas didn't want to load the whip, even

when the Atlas matching transformer was used. So Joe bought a 102-inch CB whip and machined the bottom end to fit into the spring and fitting of the lower end of the original whip. Then, he slipped the whole works into the Webster Band-Spanner base coil. Finally, he placed a 1000 pF capacitor from the base of the whip to the body of the car. By adjusting the length of the whip, he

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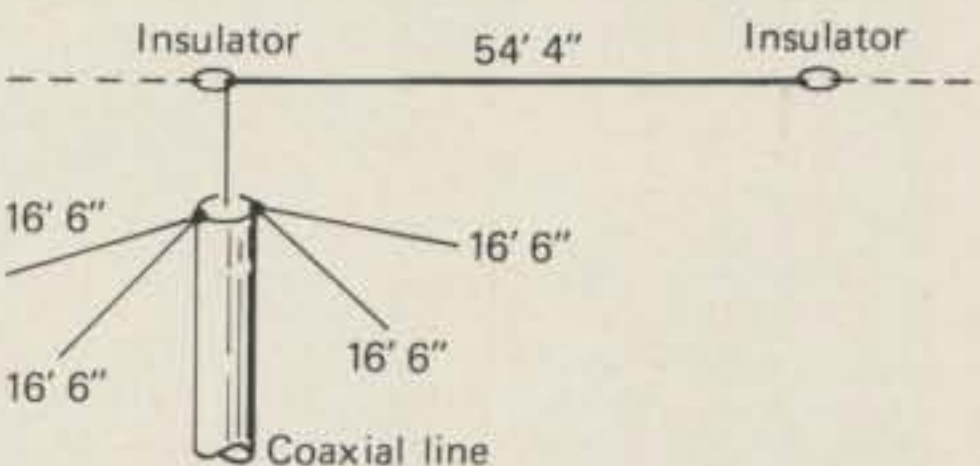


Fig. 8—The so-called SP5AY "all-band" antenna. Does it work? How does it work? W6SAI would like to know. Has anyone tried this unusual antenna?

WAY BACK IN 1920

BY RUSS RENNAKER, W9CRC

What did a ham radio station look like way back in the 1920s? Few of the thousands of hams on the air today have any notion what the state of the art was like back in those days. A "spark" transmitter? What's that?

Here is a picture of 9CRC in 1920. The "W" had not yet been assigned to US amateur call letters at that time. The FCC was still unheard of. The U.S. Department of Commerce assigned call letters.

9CRC was located on a farm in rural Grant County, Indiana, and operated by a then twelve year old Russ Rennaker. The receiver consisted of a crystal detector (cat whisker and all), a loose coupler made from winding wire on rolled oats boxes, one inside another for coupling. The transmitter was a 1/2 kw transformer with 20,000 volts driving a rotary spark gap. The antenna inductance was made from 3/4 inch copper ribbon helical coil. The six inch knife switch was used to ground the antenna when the set was not in use as a precaution against lightning.

The antenna consisted of six copper wires on twelve foot end-spreaders strung between 60' telephone poles 200 feet apart. Sometimes when the sunlight struck the wires swaying in the breeze the reflection could be seen from the main road a mile



Amateur radio station 9CRC in 1920.



Amateur radio station W9CRC in 1976.

away. Many a curious Model T driver diverted his *flivver* the mile to see what was causing the reflections. There was no BCI — for there was no broadcast receivers. DX was raising another amateur in the adjacent state. The only band was 200 meters. Surrounding farmers shook their heads in dismay but were fascinated by the screech of the rotary gap as it spun up or down as the switch was turned on or off. The hand telegraph key may be seen in the lower center of the picture. The crystal detector is between the key and the head phones at the lower left.

I eventually graduated to a tube transmitter using a 201A receiving tube. Then came the 210 tube and high power came to 9CRC — and the "W" was added. Plate power for the 210's was a home made battery consisting of some 300 test tubes with copper and zinc electrodes in copper sulphate solution. The plate battery took up the entire space on the floor beneath the operating table. Until a rubber sheet was employed many a brown spot mysteriously appeared on Mamma's carpet.

I got ambitious in the late 1920s and obtained a commercial operator's license and took my first job

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Here's an interesting project, not too difficult, that you can put together in a few evenings. Get set for the next CQ WW DX C.W. Contest now.

A Vacuum Relay TTL QSK Antenna Switch

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Nothing motivates the art of home-brewing more than the absence of appropriate commercially available equipment. One such area is equipment for full break-in c.w., or QSK operation. QSK means that the receiver is capable of reception whenever the transmitter key is open. With QSK, reception is possible between each and every dot or dash. The use of VOX circuits to automatically transfer the antenna between receiver and transmitter is not QSK. Operation in the QSK mode with the same antenna for both receiving and transmitting requires a rapid and precise method of transferring the antenna between receiver and transmitter. Rapidity is required to allow the antenna transfer switching to follow the distinct key closures, and precision is required to avoid damage to the radio equipment. In the past it was common to accomplish this through the use of an electronic TR switch, but this technique should now be considered obsolete and unacceptable. It makes no sense to place a noisy, broad band, poorly designed isolation amplifier with limited dynamic range between the antenna and the front end of a modern, quality communications receiver. After all, part of the cost of the receiver is for a clean, sensitive, front-end as free of intermodulation products as possible. The only thing to place between the antenna and the receiver front-end is a wire or a resistive attenuator.

To achieve QSK antenna switching and meet this requirement a high speed relay that is keyed along with the transmitter is required. Relays are available with switching times sufficient to allow operation at most reasonable morse code speeds. For low power installations dry reed relays or mercury wetted relays can be used, but high voltage vacuum power relays are usable at the full legal power limit to 30 MHz.¹ These relays are available new or surplus at reasonable cost. This article describes the design,

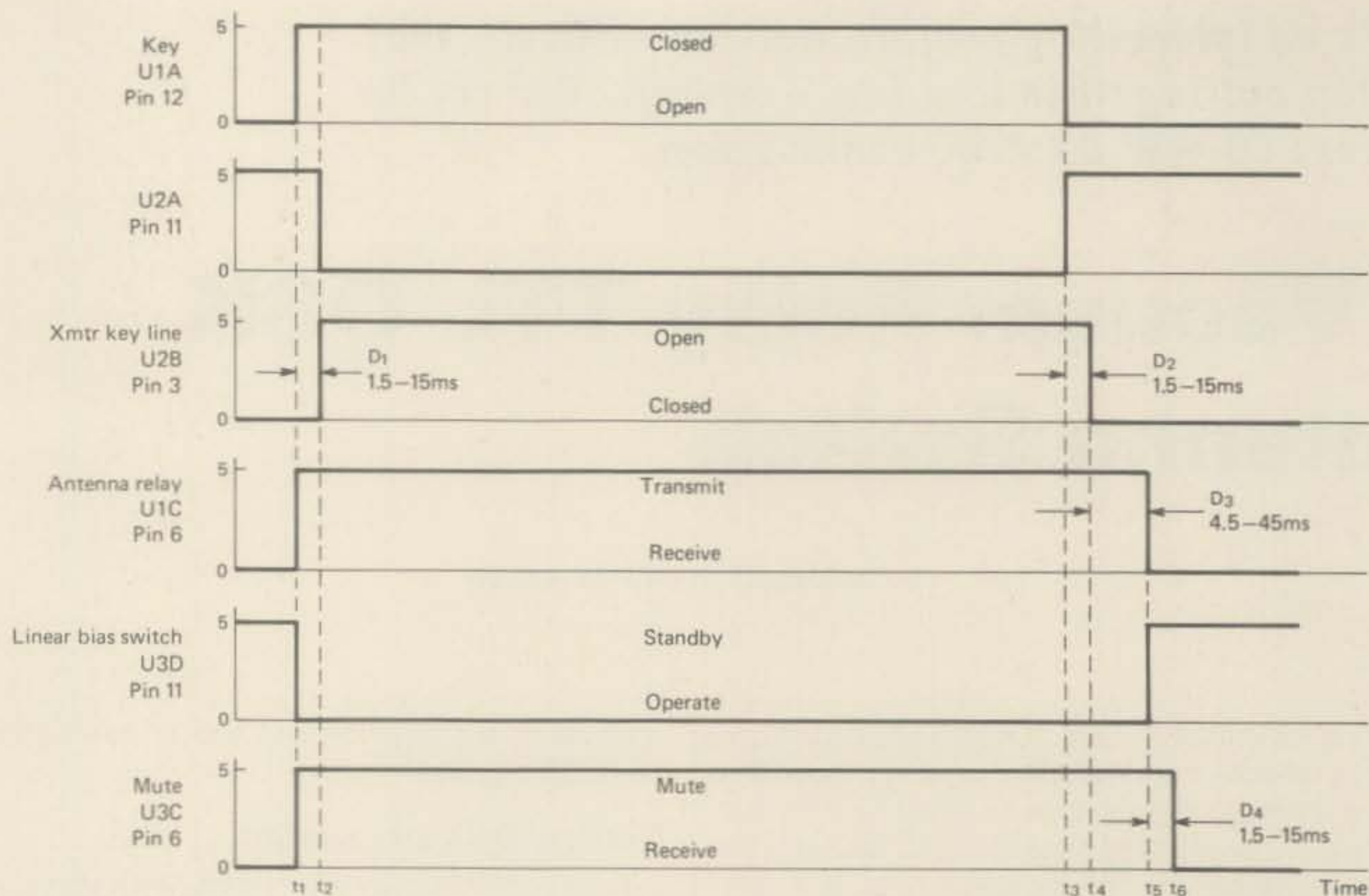
¹Examples are the Eimac VS-1, or VS-6, Kilovac HC-1, or Jennings RJ-1A.

operation, construction and use of such a vacuum relay QSK system.

General QSK Description

Great care must be exercised when using a relay to switch r.f. circuits carrying appreciable power. Relay contacts are rated for two distinct types of service, the maximum continuous current they can carry while closed and the maximum current they can either interrupt or establish. In addition, they are rated for breakdown voltage while open and the overall insulation strength. The maximum continuous current rating generally greatly exceeds the maximum interruptable current rating. With 1kw of r.f. power flowing into a 50 ohm resistive transmission line, 1:1 s.w.r., the peak voltage is approximately 313 volts and the peak current is approximately 6.3 amps. These values are much larger under increased s.w.r. conditions. Few relays can switch this power at the millisecond speeds required to follow c.w. sending. However, if the relay is always switched when no r.f. power is present, either before the transmitter is keyed or after the output has decayed following the opening of the key, the relay contact rating requirements are greatly reduced. Several high speed vacuum relays are available that can carry the r.f. current and withstand the r.f. voltage of high power amateur transmitters.

Switching a circuit carrying large r.f. current, or "hot-switching," is to be avoided for several reasons. Hot-switching of an antenna feed line will force the transmitter to be momentarily loaded into an open circuit. The resulting high voltage and s.w.r. condition may damage the transmitter, receiver, or relay. Breaking or connecting an energized high power transmission line will most likely overstress the relay contacts and either burn them up or weld the relay contacts together. Even if the relay contacts can withstand such repeated abuse, the resulting key clicks being radiated, that origi-



- a. $D_1 = t_2 - t_1$: Time for the antenna relay to close and stop bouncing.
 $D_2 = t_4 - t_3$: Extension of character length to make up for lost character time caused by D_1 . Corrects for transmitter keying characteristics. $D_2 \approx D_1$.
 $D_3 = t_5 - t_4$: Time to allow transmitter output to decay to zero before the antenna relay is opened.
 $D_4 = t_6 - t_5$: Time delay before receiver is un-muted.

- b. At t_1 : Key is closed; receiver is muted; antenna relay switched to transmit; linear cut-off bias removed.
 t_2 : Transmitter is keyed
 t_3 : Key is opened.
 t_4 : Transmitter is unkeyed.
 t_5 : Antenna relay is switched to receive; Linear cut-off bias is restored.
 t_6 : Receiver is un-muted.

Fig. 1—QSK timing diagram. The cycle begins when the key is closed.

nate from instantly interrupting the power flow, will cause severe interference to other amateurs and are, of course, illegal.

It is the function of the electronic circuitry of the QSK to control the timing sequence of the antenna transfer and transmitter keying to insure the antenna relay is switched only when no r.f. power is present. The logic assures that Morse characters are not shortened by the time delays caused by the limited switching speed of the antenna relay. Correctly sequenced outputs are provided to mute the receiver and control a linear power amplifier. The key, mechanical bug, or electronic keyer output is connected to the QSK input, and it is the QSK that actually keys the transmitter and activates the antenna relay.

The sequence of events during keying must occur in the following order, illustrated in the timing diagram of figure 1. The cycle begins when the key is closed. Immediately thereafter the antenna relay coil is energized and a high-speed reed-relay coil is activated to partially mute the receiver for monitoring the transmitted signal. The antenna relay requires a small time, a few milliseconds, to stop bouncing of the contacts and settle into the transmit position. The logic allows a time, D_1 , for the

contacts to settle and positively connect the transmitter to the antenna. Until this time interval, D_1 , has occurred no other event can take place. At the conclusion of settling delay D_1 the transmitter may be keyed. A dot or dash is sent and may be comfortably monitored on the muted receiver. At the conclusion of the dot or dash the key is opened. At this point all that occurs is that time delay interval D_2 is initiated. This delay keeps the transmitter keyed for its duration. The additional key down time, D_2 , exactly makes up for the fraction of the Morse character chopped off because of the pause, D_1 , between the initial key closure and the keying of the transmitter. Ideally, D_1 and D_2 will be of equal duration. At the conclusion of the additional key down time, D_2 , the transmitter is unkeyed. It takes a definite time, a few milliseconds, for the transmitter r.f. output to decay to zero. This behavior is designed into quality transmitters to avoid key clicks or "break," or opening of the key. The antenna relay must remain in the transmit position while this energy is decaying. Delay D_3 provides this interval, between unkeying of the transmitter and return of the antenna to the receiver. A short time after the antenna is returned to the receive mode, the receiver is un-muted. A control signal to

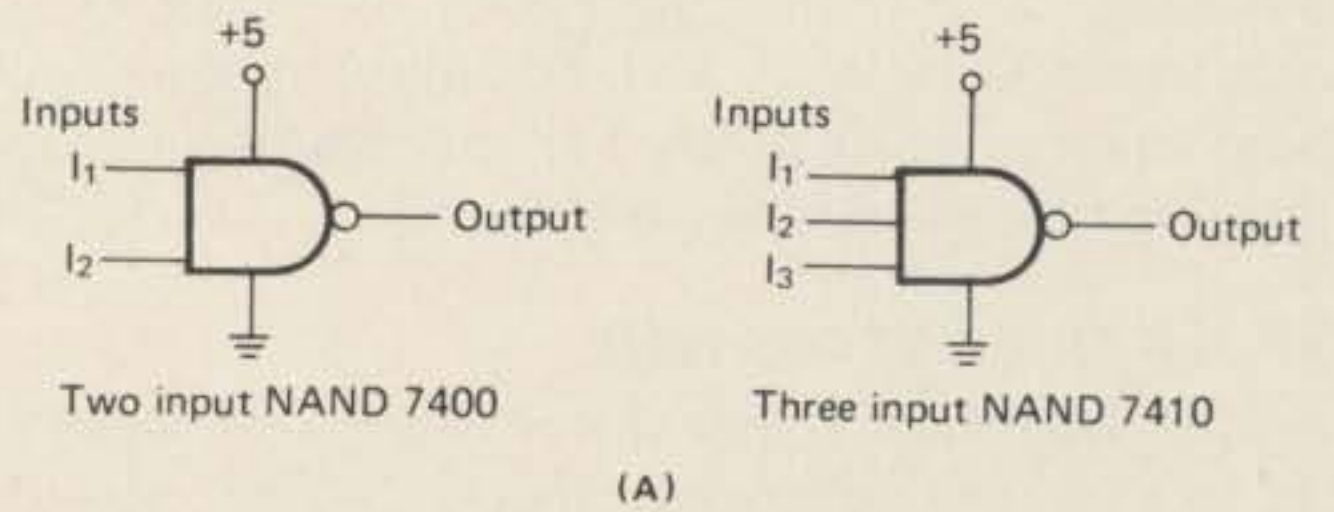
remove cut-off bias applied to a linear amplifier is provided in synchronous with the switching of the antenna relay. At a keying speed of 40 w.p.m., all the above steps occur in about 30 milliseconds and are repeated on the average of 560 times each minute.

Logic Circuit Description

In order to achieve the timing sequence just described, the family of 74 hundred, transistor-transistor, or TTL, integrated circuit logic is used. These circuit components are readily available, inexpensive, reliable and extremely immune to interference from noise and r.f. Only two fundamental types of logic circuits are used in the QSK. These are NAND gate and the one-shot, or monostable multivibrator.

The NAND gate is shown schematically in Fig. 2A. Figure 2B gives the logic "truth-table" for these devices. Truth-tables describe the output of the gate for all possible combinations of input signals. Since the circuits are digital logic gates, only two signal levels are possible at either input or output. These are defined as the logical "0," corresponding to any voltage between 0 (ground) and +0.8 volts, and the logical "1," corresponding to any voltage between +3.0 and +5.0 volts. As can be seen from Figure 2B, the NAND gate operates so that when any one of the inputs is at the logical 0 level, then the output will be at the logical 1 level. Only if all inputs are at the logical 1 level will the output be a logical 0. The gates are constructed such that inputs not connected to anything are automatically at the 1 level. Figure 2C shows how the NAND is converted to a logical inverter by simply connecting all inputs together. An inverter simply presents at the output the opposite logic level of that appearing on the input. The 7400 package contains four independent, double input NAND gates with a common power supply, and the 7410 package contains three independent, triple input NAND gates with common power supply connections.

The time delay functions are produced by using the 74123 retriggerable, monostable multivibrator, commonly called a one-shot. The 74123 package contains two independent one-shots with common power supply connections. Each one-shot requires only one external resistor and one external capacitor, which determines the time delay period. A schematic representation and logical truth table for the 74123 is given in Fig. 3. In the untriggered state the Q output is a logic 0. Initiation of a delay period occurs by logical transitions on the input lines. If the A input is held at the 0 level, only a transition from a 0 to a 1 on the B input will trigger the one-shot. If the B input is held at the 1 level, only a transition from a 1 to a 0 on the A input will trigger the one shot. Once triggered the Q output becomes and remains at the 1 level for a time interval determined only by the external resistor R and capacitor



7400			7410			
I ₁	I ₂	Output	I ₁	I ₂	I ₃	Output
0	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	1	0	0	1
			0	1	1	1
			1	0	1	1
			1	1	0	1
			1	1	1	0

A logic "0" is defined as any voltage between 0 and +0.8 volts
A logic "1" is defined as any voltage between +3 and +5 volts

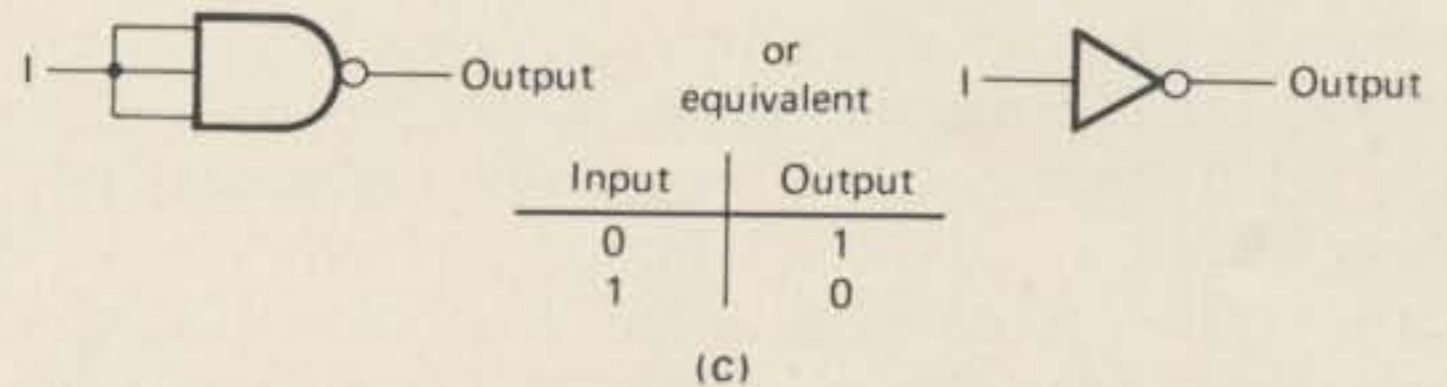
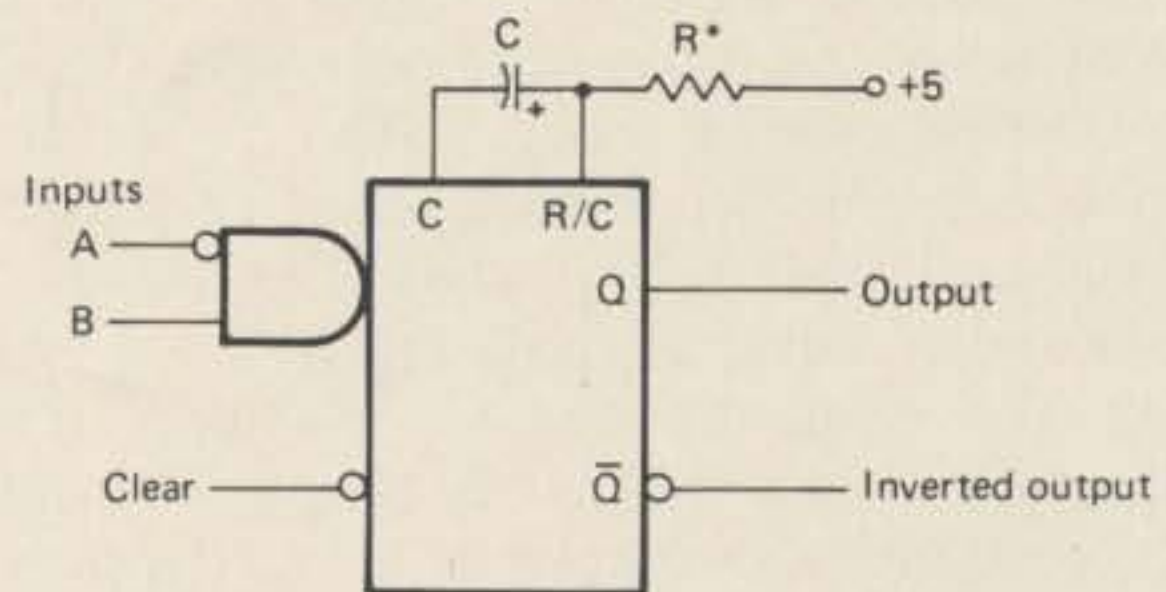


Fig. 2—(A) NAND logic gates. (B) A Truth Table for NAND gates (C) Inverter and Truth Table.



* R must be between 5KΩ and 50KΩ

SCHEMATIC REPRESENTATION

Input		Output	
A	B	Q	\bar{Q}
1	Any level	0	1
Any level	0	0	1
0	0 to 1 transition		
1 to 0 transition	1		

$$\text{Where } t(\text{ms}) \approx 0.32 \times R(\text{K}\Omega) \times C(\mu\text{f}) \times [1 + 0.7/R(\text{K}\Omega)]$$

LOGIC TRUTH TABLE

Fig. 3—A 74123 one-shot multivibrator.

C. This time, t , in milliseconds is approximately equal to $t = 0.32 \times R \times C \times (1 + 0.7 \div R)$, when R is in K ohms and C is in uf. The \bar{Q} output is simply the logical inverse of Q . Both TTL packages require a single +5 volt power supply.

QSK Circuit Description

Armed with this general knowledge of what the QSK is required to accomplish and how the integrated circuit components operate, the actual QSK circuit, fig. 4, should not be difficult to understand. The timing diagram, fig. 1, will be of great value in following this description.

The input to the QSK is the key. A straight key, mechanical bug, or keyer with a relay output may be connected directly between the inputs of U1-A and ground. Any one of the inputs may be used, and various keys can be wired in parallel by connections to different input lines. A key-up condition places a logic 1 on the input line, and key-down condition places a logic 0 on the input line. Keyers having outputs for grid block keying require an additional interface stage provided by Q1. When any one of the key lines is grounded, or closed, the output of gate U1-A becomes a 1 and the output of U1-B becomes a 0.

The transition of U1-B output from 1 to 0 as the key is closed triggers one-shot U4-A and starts time delay D1, of between 1.5 and 15 milliseconds. At the conclusion of delay D1 and \bar{Q} output of U4-A returns to the 1 level. What is required to key the transmitter is a level that changes a time D1 after the key is closed. Such a signal is formed by using the \bar{Q} output of U4-A and the output of U1-A as inputs to NAND U2-A, as shown in fig. 1. The output of U2-A becomes 0 a time D1 after the key is closed and remains 0 until the key is opened. The output of U2-A is fed to one input of U2-B through a diode and resistor. The other input of U2-B is connected to the \bar{Q} output of one-shot U4-B. Since U4-B has not been triggered its \bar{Q} output is a 1. Therefore, the output of U2-B is exactly that signal needed to key the transmitter. Inverter U2-C and transistor Q2 produce the proper levels for grid block keying.

When the key is released the output of U2-A goes from a 0 to a 1 level, triggering one-shot U4-B. Once the one-shot is triggered the \bar{Q} output remains 0 for a period D2, of between 1.5 and 15 milliseconds. Since the \bar{Q} output of U4-B is connected to one of the inputs of U2-B, the transmitter key line will be held closed and additional time equal to D2 as desired.

The function of holding the antenna relay in the transmit position for a short time after the transmitter has been unkeyed is provided by U5-A. After delay D2 has ended, the output of U2-B goes from a 1 to 0. This triggers one-shot U5-A and initiates delay D3, of between 4.5 and 45 milliseconds. The \bar{Q} output of U5-A, the key closure indication from

QSK Parts List

QSK Unit

Resistors

1/4 watt 10%

4 — 68

1 — 270

1 — 560

1 — 1K

1 — 1.8K

6 — 2.2K

4 — 4.7K

1 — 10K

2 watt 10%

1 — 270

1 — 330

Adjustable

4 — 50 K multiple turn Trim-Pots (TRW 961-20, CTS 190 PC, Bourns 3006, or equiv.)

1 — 10 K Linear Taper pot.

Capacitors:

Ceramic disc

100 v.d.c.

10 — 1.0 μ f.

10 — .1 μ f.

Tantalum miniature electrolytic, 25 v.d.c.

3 — 1.0 μ f.

1 — 2.7 μ f.

Inductors:

1 — 1 mh choke (Miller 70F103A1 or equiv.)

Semiconductors:

1 — 2N4400 or equiv.

6 — IN914

1 — 2N4402 " "

1 — IN4740A (CR1)

1 — 2N5321 " "

2 — 7400 NAND

1 — 2N5322 " "

1 — 7410 NAND

2 — 74123 one-shot

Relays:

2 — Reed relay, 4 v. 20 ma. (IR RR505 or equiv.), K2, K3.

1 — Vacuum relay, Eimac VS-1 or VS-6 (Kilovac HC-1, Jennings RJ-1A or equiv. may be used if appropriate value of -V is used).

Power Supply

Transformers:

1 — 12 v.a.c. at 500 ma.

1 — 25 v.a.c. at 1 amp.

Capacitors:

1 — 1 μ f., 25 v.d.c. Tantalum electrolytic

1 — 500 μ f., 15 v.d.c. electrolytic

1 — 1000 μ f., 35 v.d.c. electrolytic

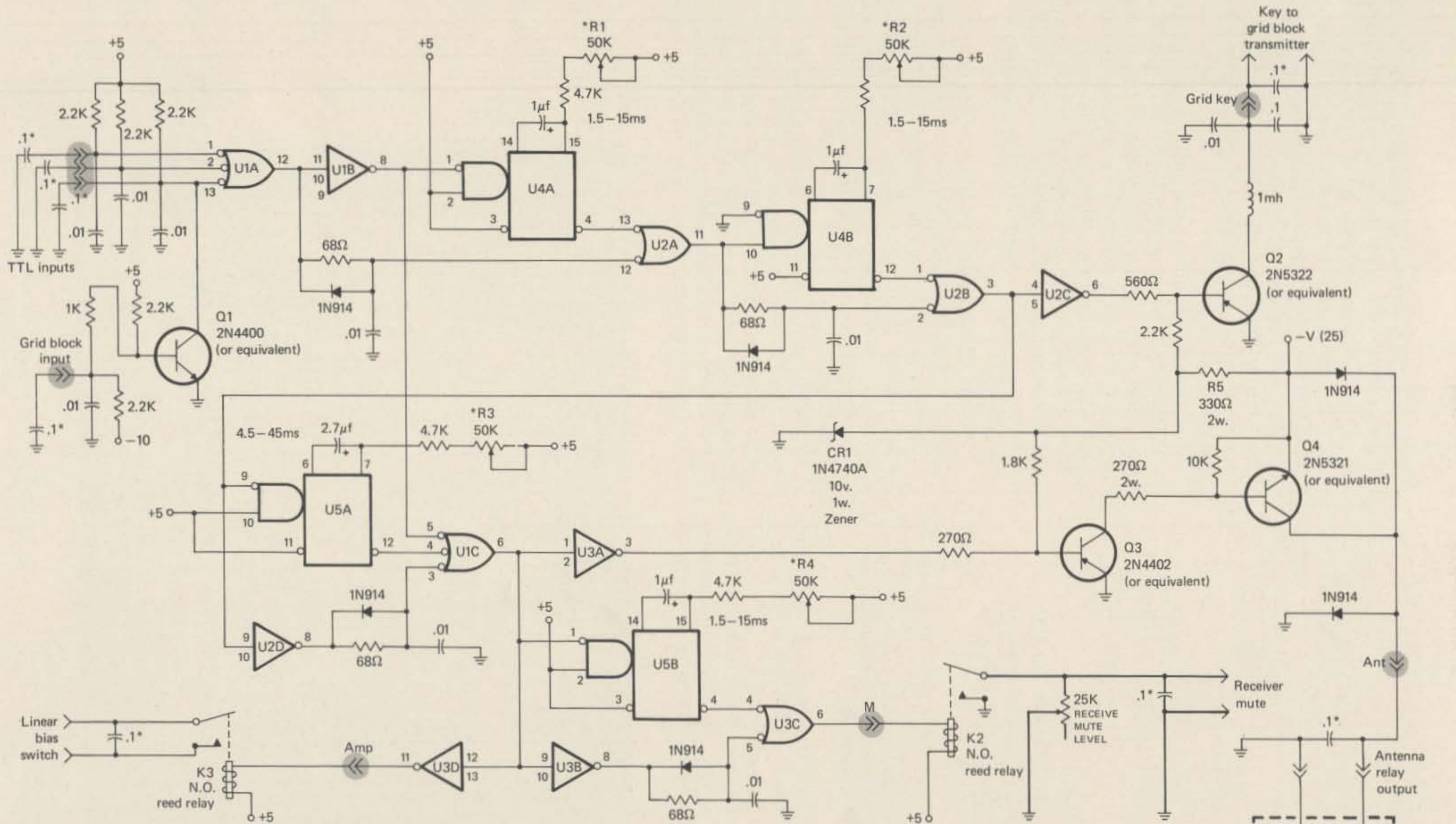
2 — .05 μ f., 100 v.d.c. disc ceramic

Semiconductors:

1 — 7805UC (Fairchild +5 volt regulator, TO-220 Case).

2 — 50 p.i.v., 1 amp bridge rectifier.

U1-B, and the transmitter key closure signal from U2-B are all combined as inputs to U1-C. The output of U1-C, shown in fig. 1, becomes a 1 when the key is first closed, remains at a 1 while it is held closed, and continues to be at a 1 during delays D2 and D3. At the conclusion of D3 it becomes a 0. This signal is exactly that required to switch the antenna



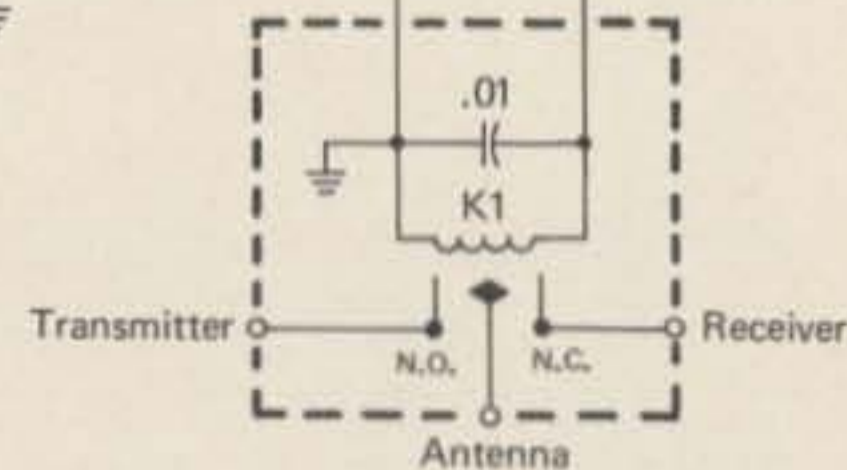
NOTES:

TTL chip	+5 pin	Ground pin
U1	7410	14
U2, U3	7400	14
U4, U5	74123	16

Power required:
 +5v.d.c. ±10% @200ma.
 -15 to -30v.d.c. to suit relay.

Shaded connections are connections on P.C. board.

.1* = .1µf not on P.C. board, but are on the I.O. jacks.



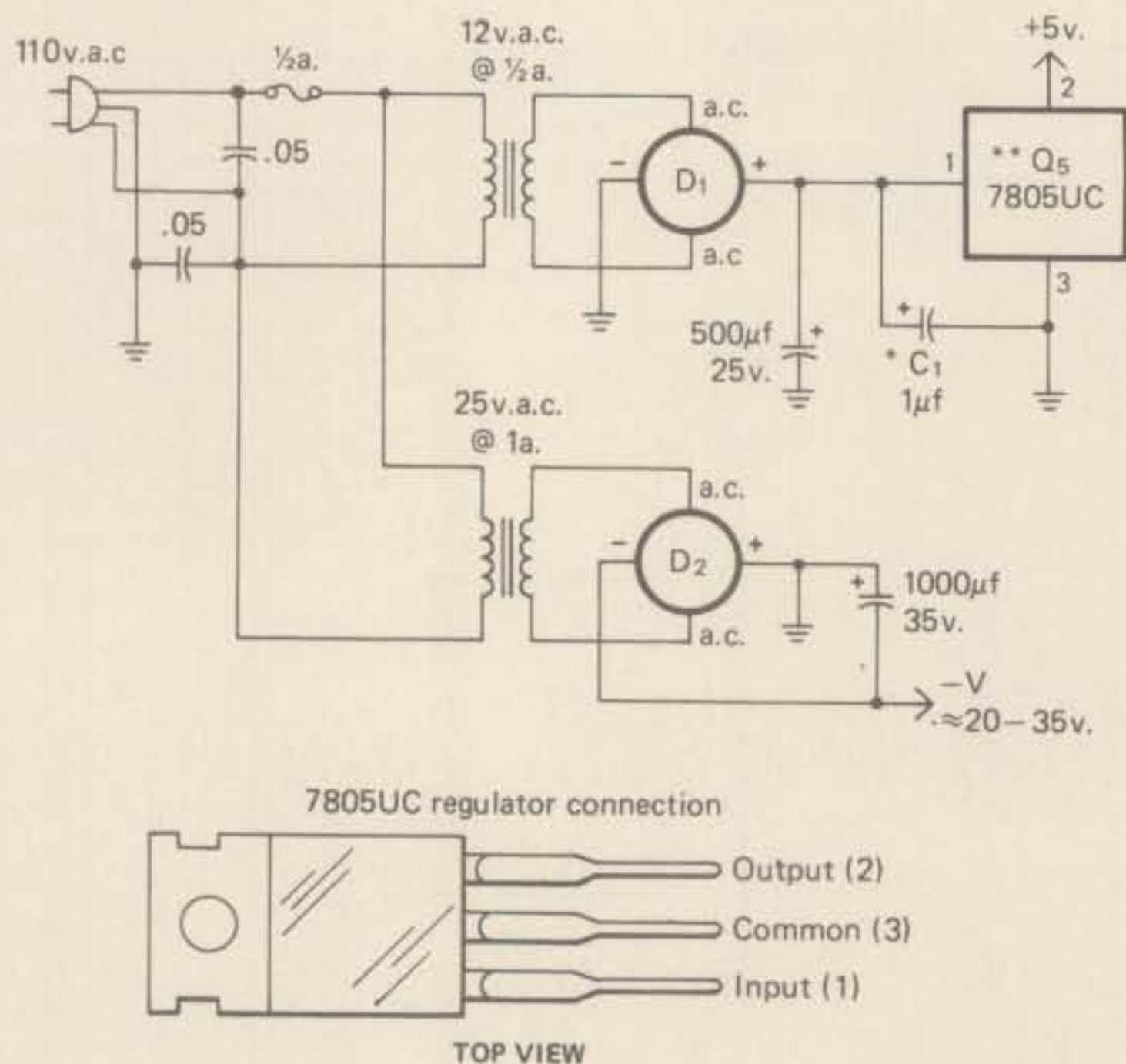


Fig. 5—Power supply schematic. D1 and D2 are 50v piv 1 amp bridge rectifiers. C1 is 1 uf, 25 volts, electrolytic, soldered directly on the regulator input and common pins. Q5 is a fairchild 7805UC, +5 volt regulator in a TO-220 case.

relay. Inverter U3-A, and transistor Q3 and Q4 provide the correct voltage to drive the antenna relay coil K1.

Finally, one-shot U5-B is triggered by the 1 to 0 transition of U1-C output providing an additional time delay, D4, of between 1.5 and 15 milliseconds.

This time delay interval must be completed before the receiver is un-muted. Relay K2 is normally energized by the output of gate U3-C, and with the key open the contacts are grounded. During the mute condition the relay is deenergized, which opens the contacts and places the 10K potentiometer between the receiver mute line and ground. With most receivers the 10K resistor gives ample range for any desired mute level.

The logic signal driving the antenna relay is feed into gate U3-D wired as an inverter. This gate controls reed relay K3. Some means must be provided to cut-off the idling current of any linear amplifier used with the transmitter. The contacts of this relay short out additional bias applied to the final amplifier. Conventional VOX circuits can be used to control the amplifier if desired, but this technique is less elegant.

The four IN914 diodes, 68 ohm resistor, and .01µf capacitor networks in certain logic lines are used to compensate for the internal limited switching speed called propagation delay, characteristic of any logic circuit element. The networks insure that the propagation delay can play no part in operation of the logic.

A simple and conventional power supply is used, fig. 5. The TTL logic chips require +5.0± 10% d.c. at about 250 ma. The 7805 UC 5 volt voltage regulator is perfect for this application, is easy to use, and is inexpensive. No heat sink is required, but the case tab of the regulator should be firmly bolted

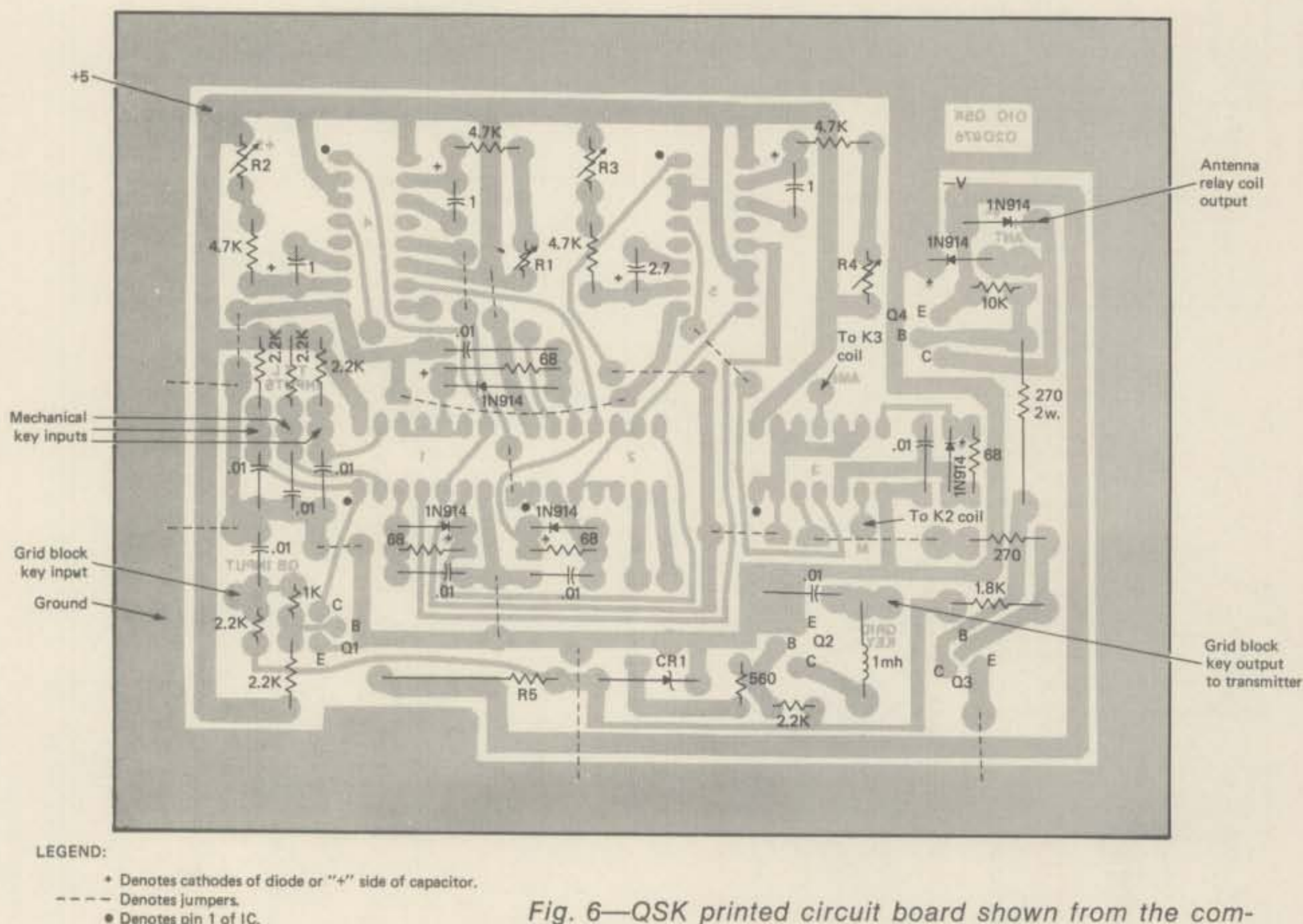
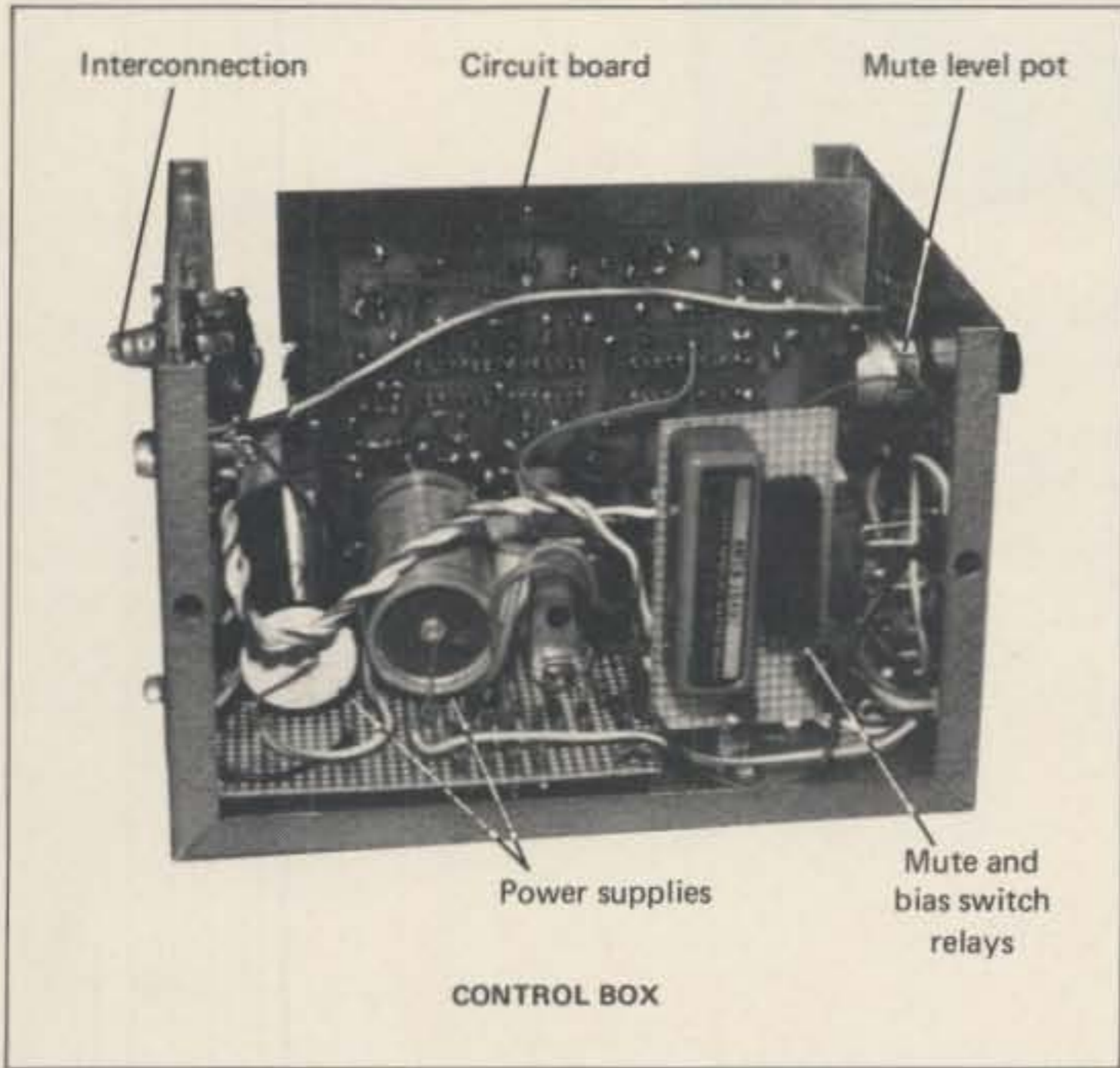
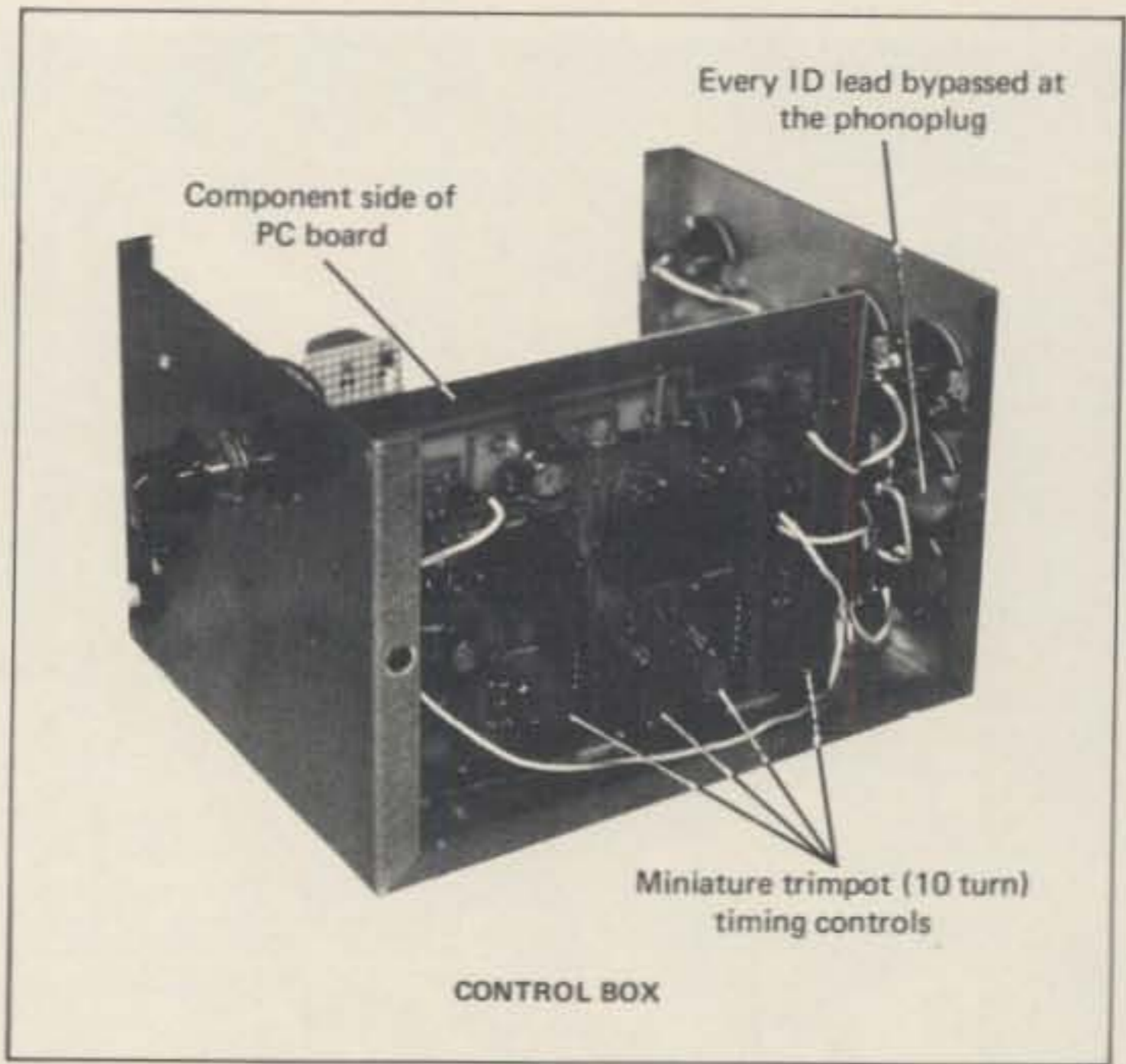
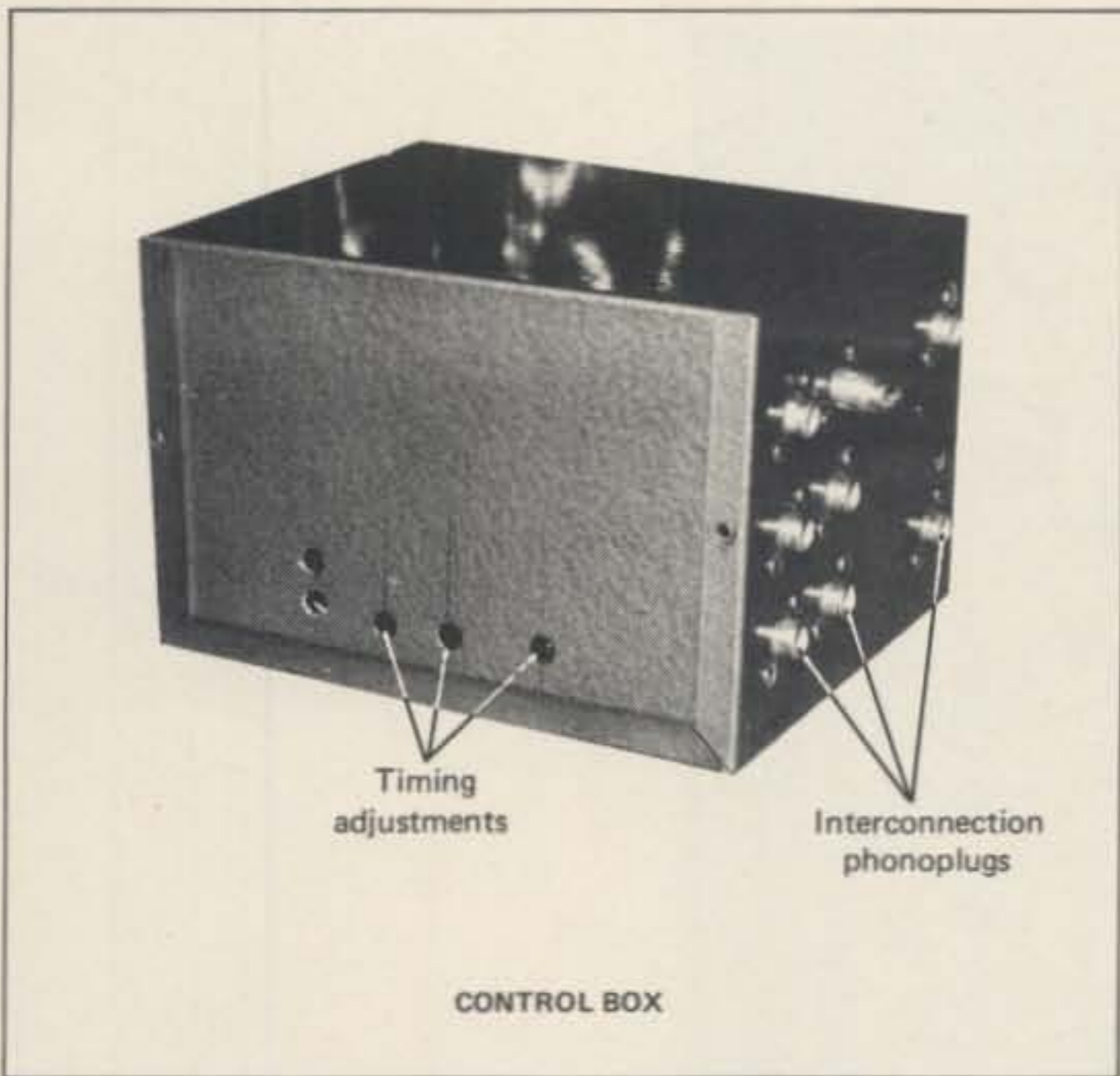
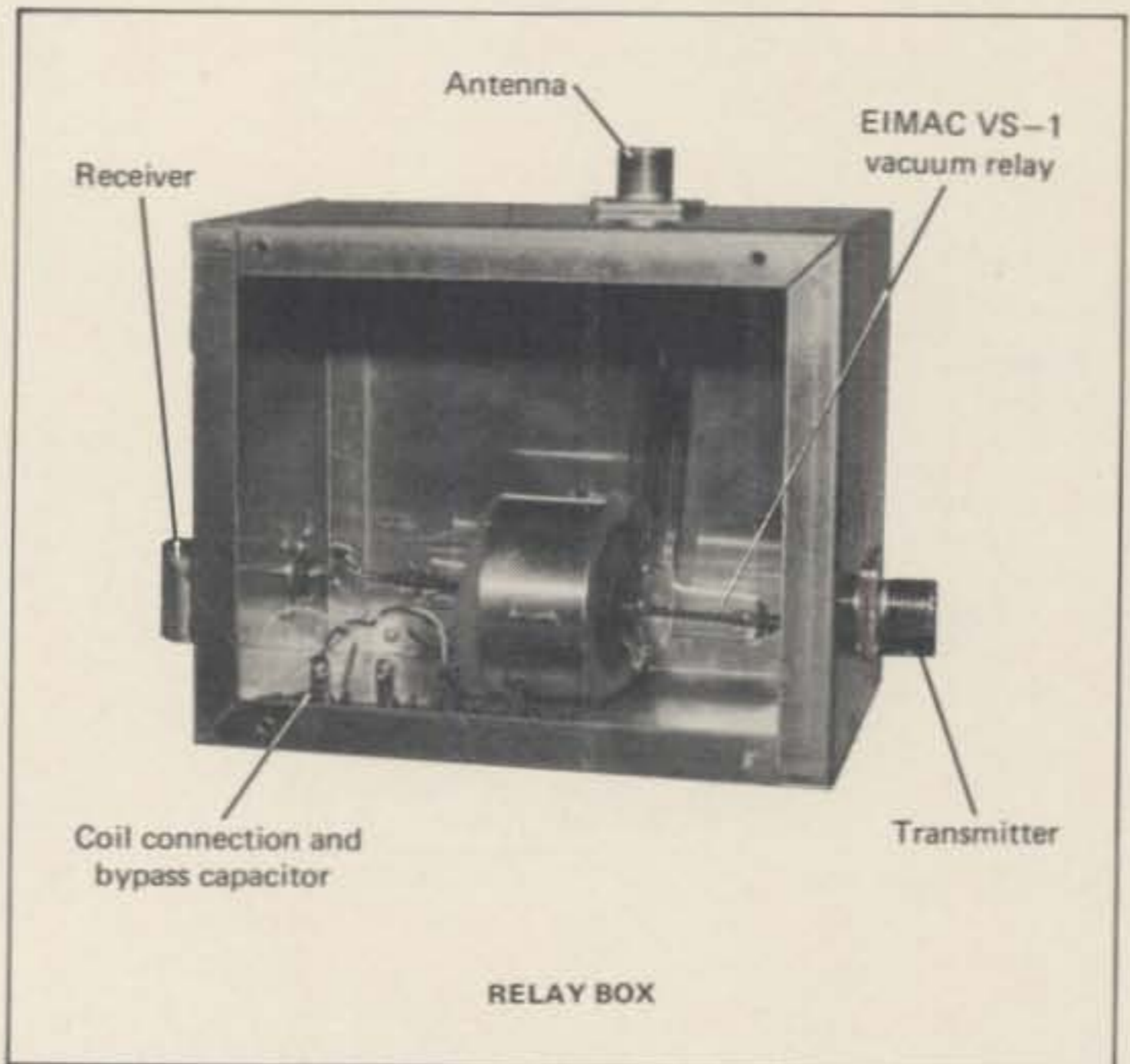
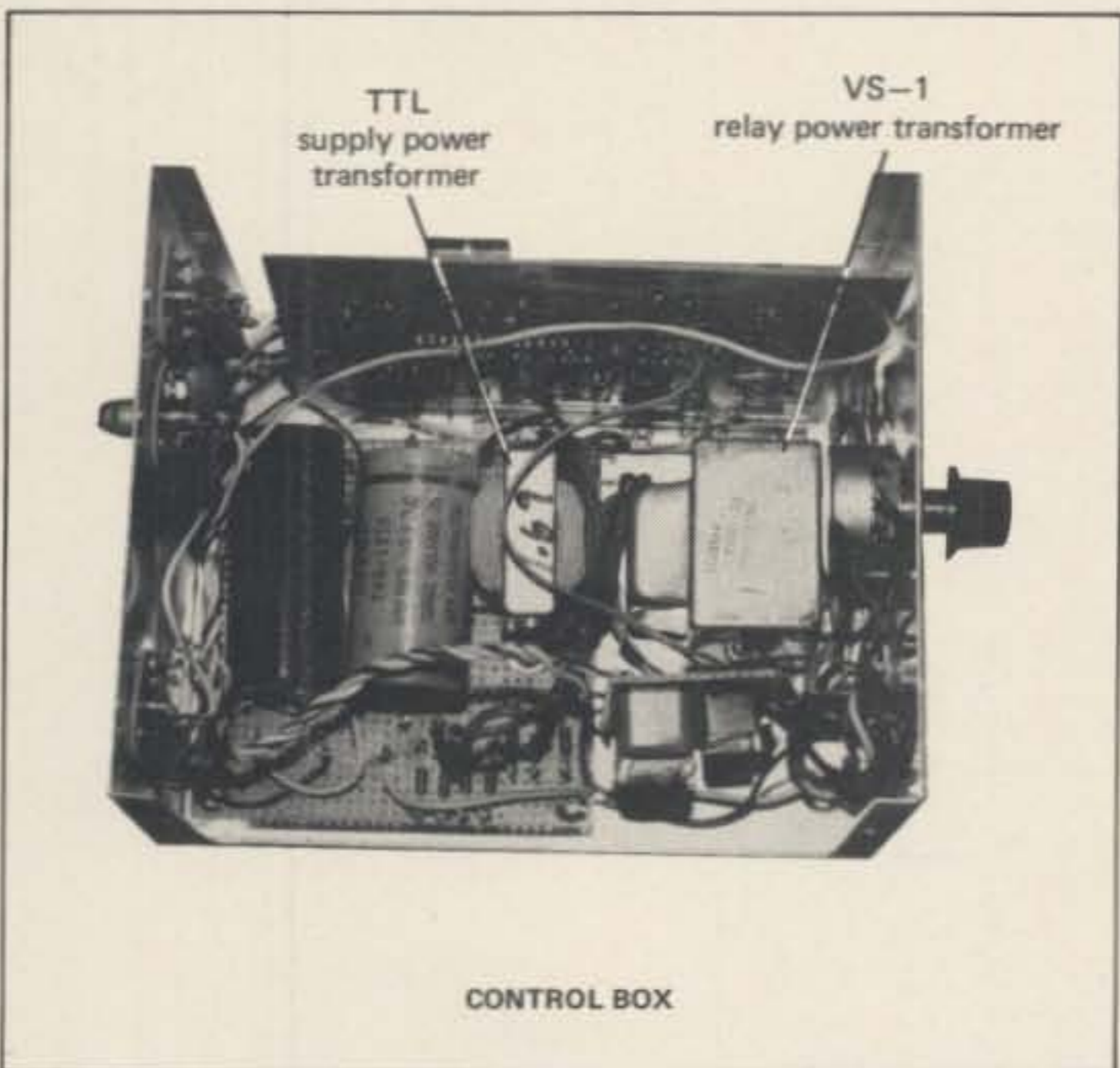


Fig. 6—QSK printed circuit board shown from the component side.



Several views of the QSK relay and control box. It's really not that complicated and will surely improve your c.w. score.



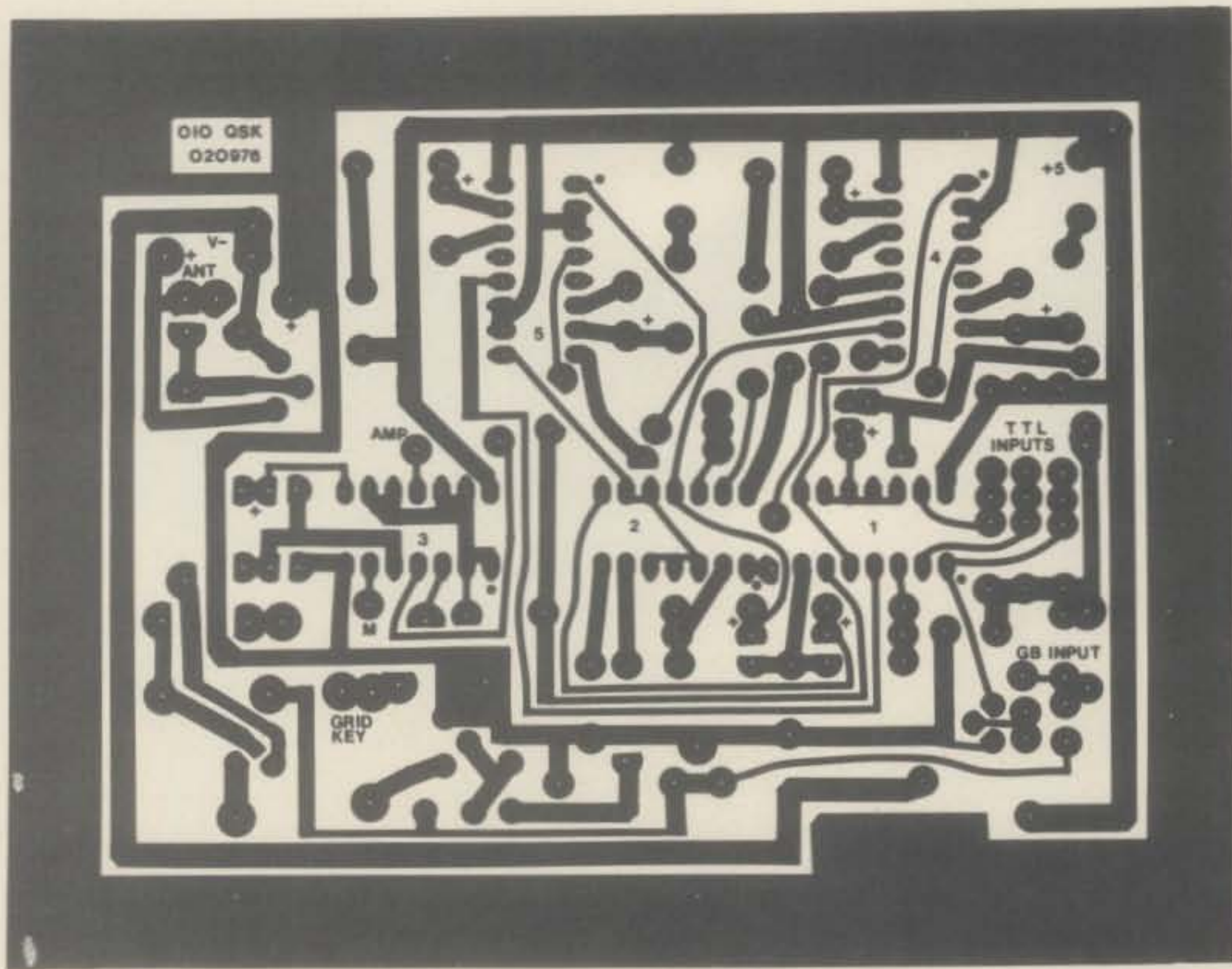


Fig. 7—Full size art for QSK pc. board.

to the case of the QSK. The antenna relay requires a voltage, V , depending upon the exact relay type used. The VS-1 requires about 20 volts at 700 ma. This is supplied by a negative, unregulated, power supply. Dropping resistor RJ is used in conjunction with zener diode $CR1$ to produce -10 volts for the transistor circuits. The value of $R5$ is determined by the closest standard resistor to $R5 = [V - 10] / 45$, where $R5$ is in $K\Omega$, and V is in volts. At least a 2 watt resistor should be used for $R5$.

QSK Construction

The QSK is contained in two separate metal mini-boxes. One contains only the antenna relay, and the other contains the power supply and logic circuits. Since the antenna relay carries considerable r.f. energy, this division helps to keep r.f. out of the logic circuits. Only a single coax cable, carrying the antenna relay coil current, connects the two boxes.

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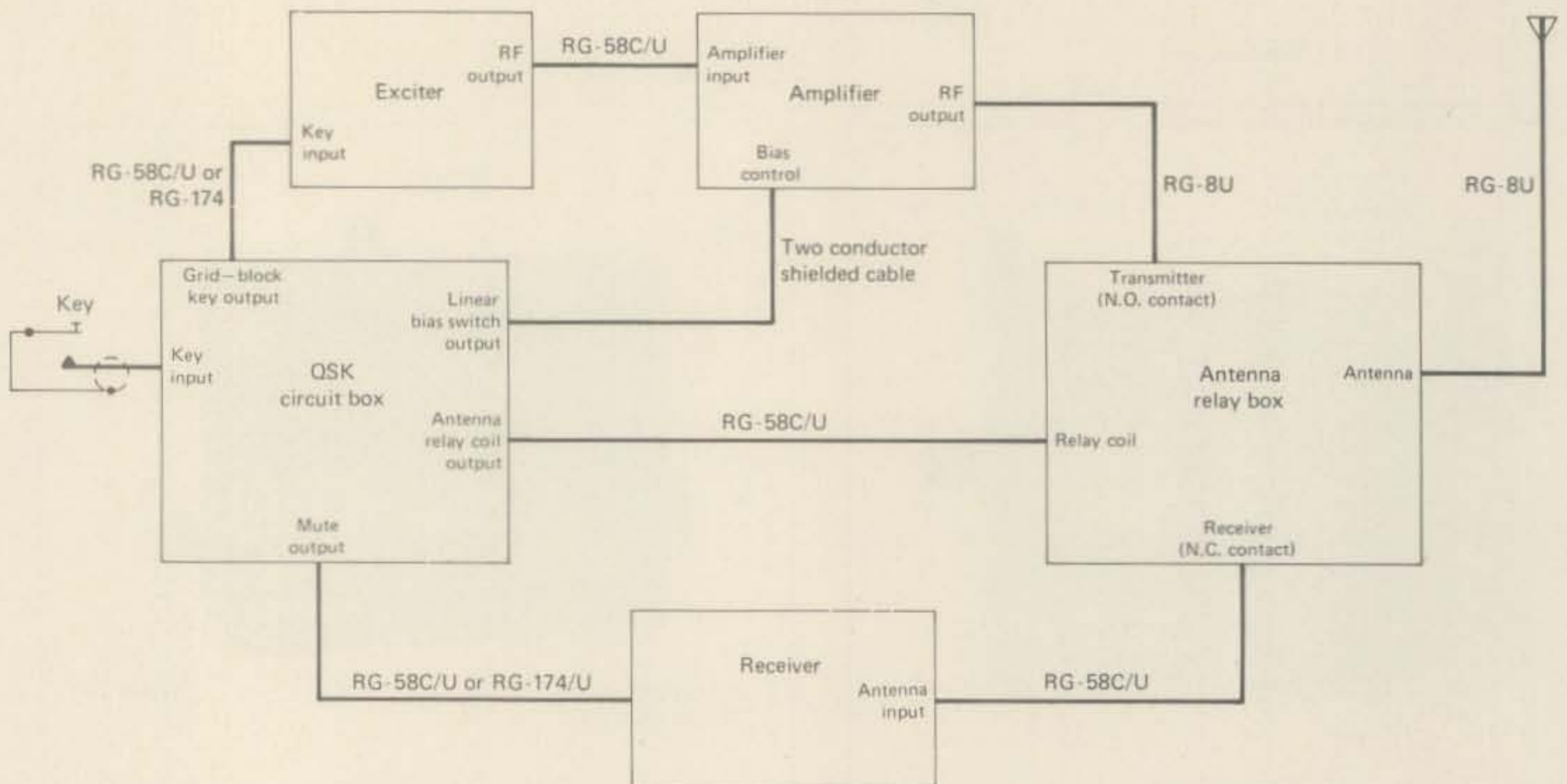


Fig. 8—QSK station interconnection design.

Novice

BY HERBERT S. BRIER, W9EGQ

Many of the recent actions of the Federal Communications Commission to simplify Amateur regulations are of little immediate interest to Novices and many other Amateurs. They are not too concerned about fast-scan TV repeaters in the 420 MHz band or that Technicians cannot legally use v.h.f./u.h.f. to 29.5 MHz repeaters, because their licenses do not authorize 29 MHz operation. They can use OSCAR-6, the orbiting 146 MHz to 29.5 MHz satellite repeater, however, by special arrangement. The hearts of few Novices beat faster at the news that any qualified applicant can now get an Extra class license without any previous amateur experience. All he has to do is to pass the General, Advanced, and Extra class code and written exams in one sitting. But the news that the traditional FCC method of testing the code-copying ability may soon be a thing of the past should bring most amateurs and prospective amateurs to a full stop.

The traditional method of testing code-copying ability is to send a 5-minute message in the International Morse Code at the prescribed speed. The applicant must copy the message for a continuous period of at least one minute without omission or other error to pass the test. Under a new "message content" method released by the FCC on March 16, 1976, the applicant will listen to a 5-minute, plain-language message sent in the International Morse Code. He will then be given a multi-choice quiz of what he heard. Scoring 80 percent or higher on the quiz will be a passing grade.

The FCC says that the new format "would relieve the applicant of the extremely tedious burden of copying one minute of mixed text without error, yet would provide an accurate gauge of his competency in the reception of Morse code message content." It would also satisfy interna-

tional regulations governing amateur code tests.

The new code test will soon be administered experimentally at a few selected FCC offices. Applicants will have no choice of the type of test they will face. The applicants who are given the new test will be given a passing grade if they score 80 percent or higher on a multiple-choice quiz of what they heard. Applicants who are given the conventional code-receiving test will have to copy one minute without omission or error to pass. "Any change in this policy will be announced in advance."

New Study Guides

As mentioned in our last column, the FCC released new Novice (element 2) and General, Conditional, Technician (element 3) study guides in late March. Careful comparison of the new and old study guides leads us to believe that prospective Amateurs without previous electronic experience should reach their goal quicker and have a firmer grasp of fundamentals following the new guides rather than the old ones. In our opinion, the superiority of the new study guides is that they specify the



Tom Gannon, WN4HHJ, 291 S. Lorraine Dr., Mary Esther, Fla. 32569, first learned the code and amateur theory back in 1935 but did not get his first license until 40 years later. He has worked all states, and 54 countries in all continents using a Heathkit HW-16 and a Heathkit HG-10 v.f.o. in conjunction with a home-built, 3-element beam. Tom is a retired USAF and airline navigator and is waiting for his General class license. His ultimate goal is the Extra class license and expects to remain on c.w. mostly until he achieves it. We are sending Tom a 1-year subscription to CQ for submitting the winning picture in our Monthly Photo Contest. If you would like to enter the contest, send a clear photo (preferably black and white) of you at the controls of your amateur station with some details about your radio career to CQ Novice Photo Contest, care of Herbert S. Brier, W9EGQ, 409 S. 14 St., Chesterton, Ind. 46304. Suitable non-prize winners will be published as space permits.



That 250TH tube will never fit! Rob, WN7CDU, Raymond, Washington, works c.w. mobile in the Novice bands with his Kenwood TS-520 on the car seat beside him.

type of information covered by the examinations and then tell the student, almost item by item, what he should study to acquire the information. Publishers of license manuals are already working on updated versions of the manuals, which should be available before the FCC starts handing out new written exams.

The FCC log jam at Gettysburg that has made many prospective amateurs wait a month or more to take their Novice or Technician/Conditional class examination papers after the volunteer examiners requested them and an additional 12 to 14 weeks to receive their licenses after passing the exams may be broken before the summer is over. The first step of the breakup is expected to be opening all mail within 24 hours of arrival, instead of laying around up to a month before it could be opened. The next step is a high-speed licensing system that is hoped to be in operation by the end of July. If all goes as planned, a license application will be processed and the new license on its way within 10 days.

Short Skip on 21 and 28 MHz

One of the most thrilling experiences of the operators of the 21, 28 and 50 MHz amateur bands is to be listening to a "dead" band and hear it suddenly explode with strong signals from unpredictable directions and distances up to 2500 miles for periods between a few seconds and

many hours. The cause is sudden "sporadic" intensely ionized patches in the E layer of the *ionosphere* that refract signals that normally sail through the *ionosphere* into limitless space, returning the signals to earth many miles from the transmitting antenna. Several things can be said about these "short-skip" or "sporadic-E" signals: They are unpredictable, although they occur more often in the summer between mid-morning and late afternoon than at other times of the year. Also, simple antennas do as well or better for short-skip contacts as elaborate antennas. Try a few CQ's on an apparently dead 21 or 28 MHz band. You may be surprised by who answers you.

"Short skip" or "sporadic-E radiation" is the result of intense patches of ionization at the height of the normal E layer of the *ionosphere* (approximately 70 miles or 45 kilometers above the earth). Normal E layer ionization follows the sun—maximum at noon, minimum at night—and is seldom intense enough to affect signals above 14 MHz. But during periods of sporadic-E conditions, patches of the region are so highly ionized that 21, 28, 50, and (rarely) 150 MHz signals striking them are refracted back to the earth 200 to 2500 miles from the transmitter. The current theory is that high-speed sheer winds bunch the free electrons always present in the region into the patches—sometimes small, sometimes large, but always changing.

The big thrills of "short skip" are its unpredictability, the strength of signals from low-power transmitters, and the opportunity it gives operators of bands such as 21, 28, and 50 MHz, to work distances and states that they normally have difficulty in working. The trick of taking advantage of the phenomena is to check the band of interest at every opportunity, day or night. Do not merely listen for a few seconds and give up if you do not hear signals. Call "CQ" a few times. It often happens that a band is open between operators who never know it, because they both only listened. My new neighbor, John, WB9JOV, worked a new country—Panama—while tuning up his new 10-meter beam mounted on boxes, two feet from the ground last weekend. He thought the band was "dead!"

News And Views

Ken Bales, W7VCB, Rt. 2, Box 300B, Raymond, Washington 98577, has been working towards getting photos and tape recordings of all amateurs in Pacific County, Washington, as a Bicentennial project. There

are three active Novices in the county. One is **Rob, WN7CDU**, who now works mobile c.w. on the 7 and 21 MHz Novice bands using a Kenwood TS-520 transceiver exciting a Hustler mobile antenna. He has made over 500 contacts all over the USA and in Japan and Alaska since getting on the air . . . **Casey, WN7HDE**, also uses a Kenwood TS-520. He drives a home-built, 15-meter, 2-element Quad with it. He has worked some fine DX with his set up, Ken says. Casey's station is set up in a small corner of his mobile home. Back to W7VCB. Ken is actively promoting more activity on the 10 and 15 meter bands, including the Novice segments. Pacific county amateurs use 10 meters for local ragchews and sometimes hear and work good "skip" DX. Ken suggests "QFU?"—"Is this frequency busy?" as an unofficial "Q" signal. (Many DX men already send a snappy "QRL?" before opening up on a new frequency.)

Charles Whited reports in the *Miami Herald* that **Bob Vest, WA4JVN**, fell from the horizontal bars 10 years ago while a freshman in college. The accident left him paralyzed from the neck down. Later, an amateur friend introduced him to our hobby and helped him study for the exam. The FCC office was not exactly geared for an applicant who copied code with a pen clinched in his teeth. But, after improvising with a couple of phone books, Bob passed the 13 w.p.m. General code test and written test. He sends c.w., tunes his equipment, changes bands, dials phone numbers to run phone patches, turns pages in his bible and in technical books with sticks held in his teeth. . . . **John Mitnick, WN2CMX**, 7 Stafford Dr., Madison, N.J. 07940, thanks VQ9R for coming into the 15 meter Novice band to work Novices and wishes that more DX operators would emulate him. **CEØAE**, *Easter Island*, is another rare one who invades the Novice bands regularly—usually on the 15th and 30th of the month. . . . **Bob, WN6CSO**, 22917 Vose St., Canoga Park, Calif. 91304, advocates letting Novices who pass the 13 w.p.m. General code test but fail the written exam operate in the General-class c.w. bands. Later, when they pass the written exam, they would be authorized to operate in the General phone bands. This is an interesting idea with no chance of being adopted at this time, if for no other reason than the FCC Amateur division already has too much to do. There is some chance, however, that applicants who pass the code test

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Math's Notes

BY IRWIN MATH, WA2NDM



This month we would like to discuss a relatively new form of logic slowly making its appearance on the amateur scene. Unlike its predecessors, this logic family uses extremely little power, is insensitive to power supply variations from 3 to 15 volts, and is almost burn-out proof. What we are talking about is, of course, complementary metal oxide silicon IC's or CMOS as it is called.

The basic parameters of CMOS that make it different from other forms of logic are as follows:

1) Most units operate perfectly well from around a 3 volt to 15 volt supply (unregulated is ok as long as it doesn't exceed these limits).

2) Input impedance to a chip is very high, 10^{12} ohms typically so input currents are very small, 10 picoamperes typically.

3) Output impedances are small, around 400-500 ohms so they can drive many similar chips.

4) Internal dissipation within the chip is around 10 nanowatts per gate so power supply current drain is minimal.

5) Speed of operation is around 5 MHz or so although CMOS elements with frequencies of 20 MHz are available.

6) Rise and fall times are much slower than other forms of logic minimizing stringent driving requirements.

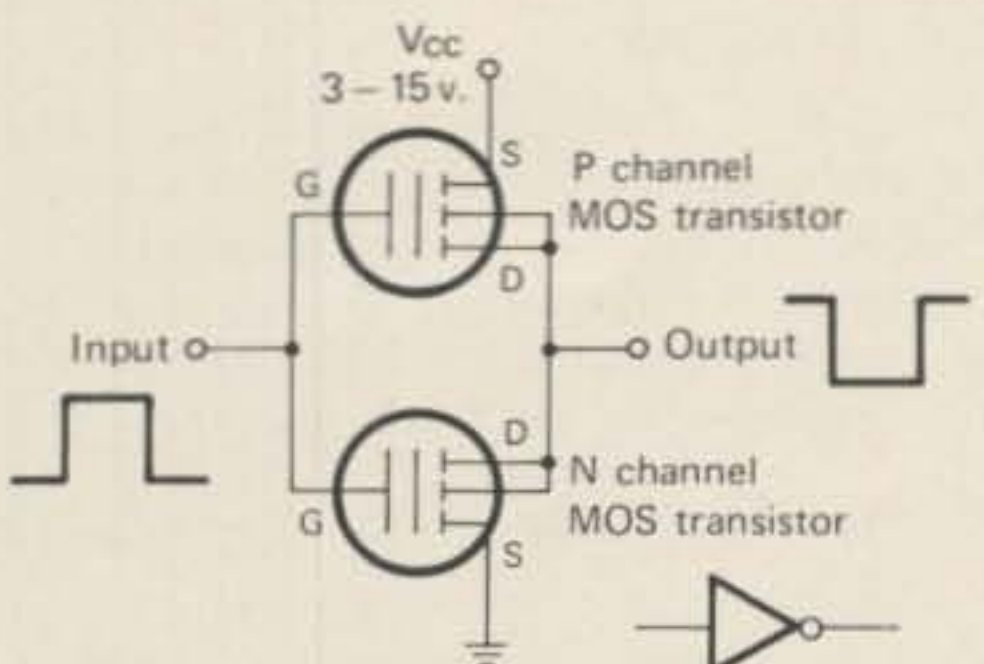


Fig. 1—The basic CMOS inverter discussed in the text.

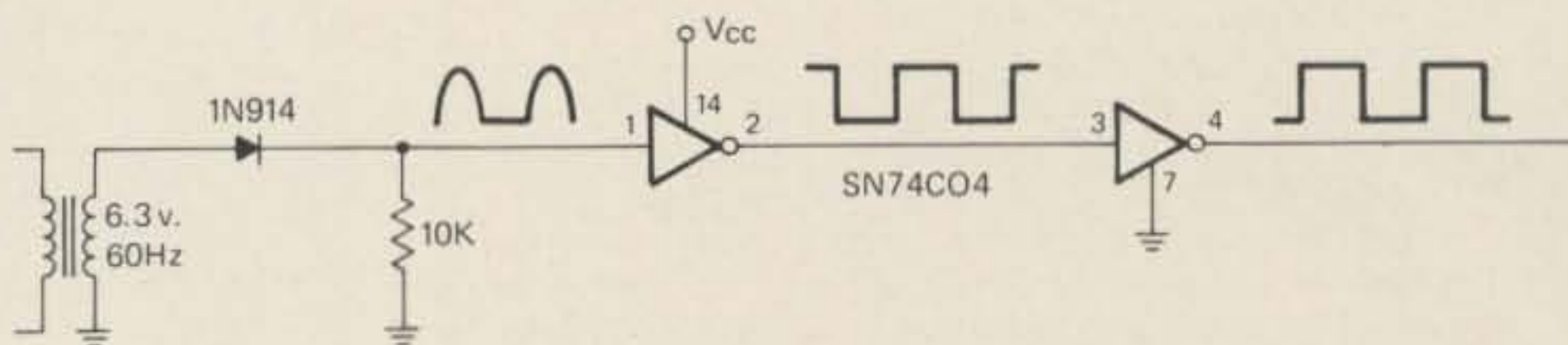


Fig. 2—A CMOS a.c. line synchronized trigger. The value of V_{cc} should be adjusted for best results with the amplifier of the 60 Hz input.

7) Finally noise immunity is excellent approaching $\frac{1}{2}$ the total logic swing.

To visualize what goes on in a CMOS chip we will briefly look at the simplest unit, the inverter. Fig. 1 shows the basic circuit of this element. The device consists of two MOS transistors, a P channel and an N channel.

With the input grounded, it can be seen that the P channel transistor conducts (saturates) and becomes the equivalent of a 400-500 ohm resistor from V_{cc} to output. The N channel is cut-off and offers only 10^{12} ohms from output to ground. The output is therefore high.

When the input is now raised to V_{cc} , the P channel transistor cuts-off effectively offering 10^{12} ohms between V_{cc} and output and the N channel transistor comes on producing a 400-500 ohm resistance from output to ground. The output is therefore low.

That in brief is the operating principles of CMOS. Now for some good news. When CMOS was first introduced, there were specialized chips and functions offered by RCA and Motorola in their CD-Series. Recently, a new series, pin-for-pin replacements of most TTL chips in the famous SN7400 Series, and called the SN74C00 Series, has been introduced.

Since all logic operations of these chips is the same as the older TTL chips, the digital designer does not have to relearn much to use these devices.

But, what better way to learn than to actually use some of these devices. What follows is a compilation of basic circuits that should serve to introduce and teach the amateur a little more about CMOS logic.

Before building or even handling CMOS chips be certain you are using a grounded soldering iron. The high impedance inputs can easily be damaged by leakage currents or even static electricity such as produced by Styrofoam®, nylon or the equivalent. Always keep the CMOS in its conductive package and never plug a chip into a live circuit. Always apply power last. Don't get too scared however, there are internal protective diodes and the chips are quite rugged—just don't abuse them.

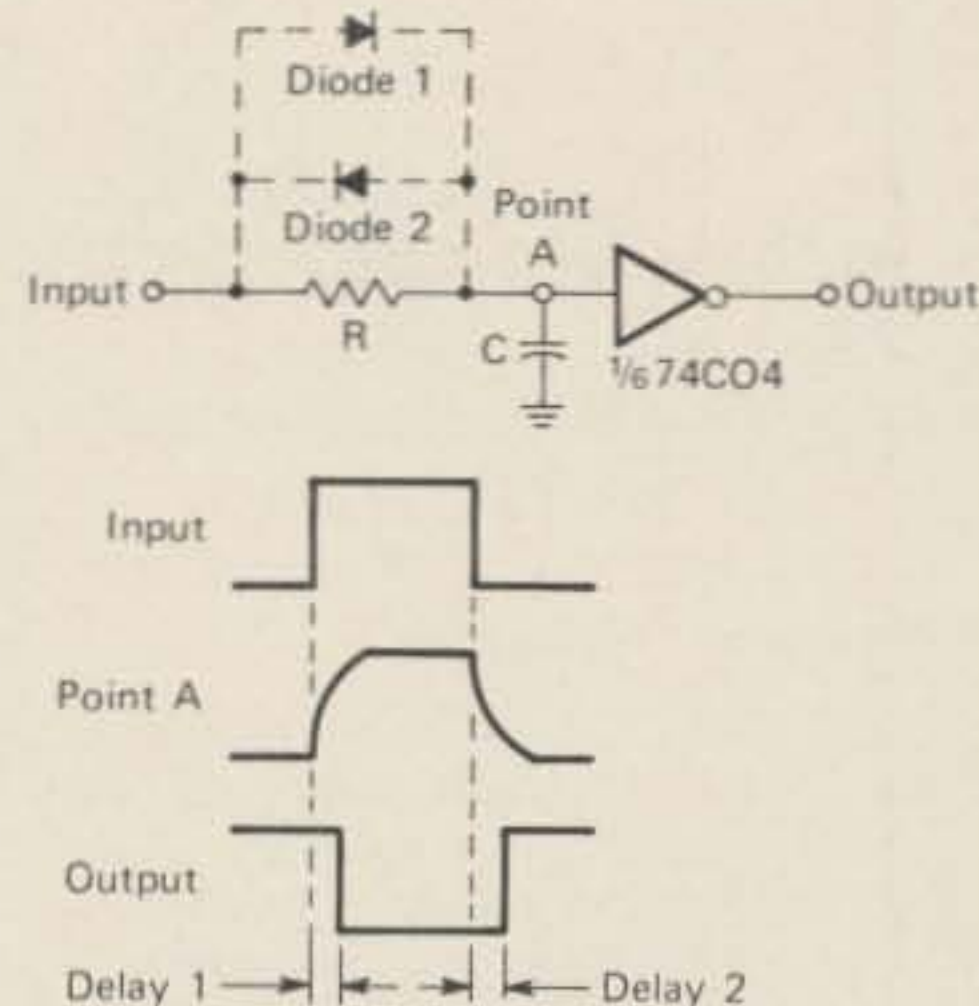


Fig. 3—Delay circuit. See text for operation of the two diodes.

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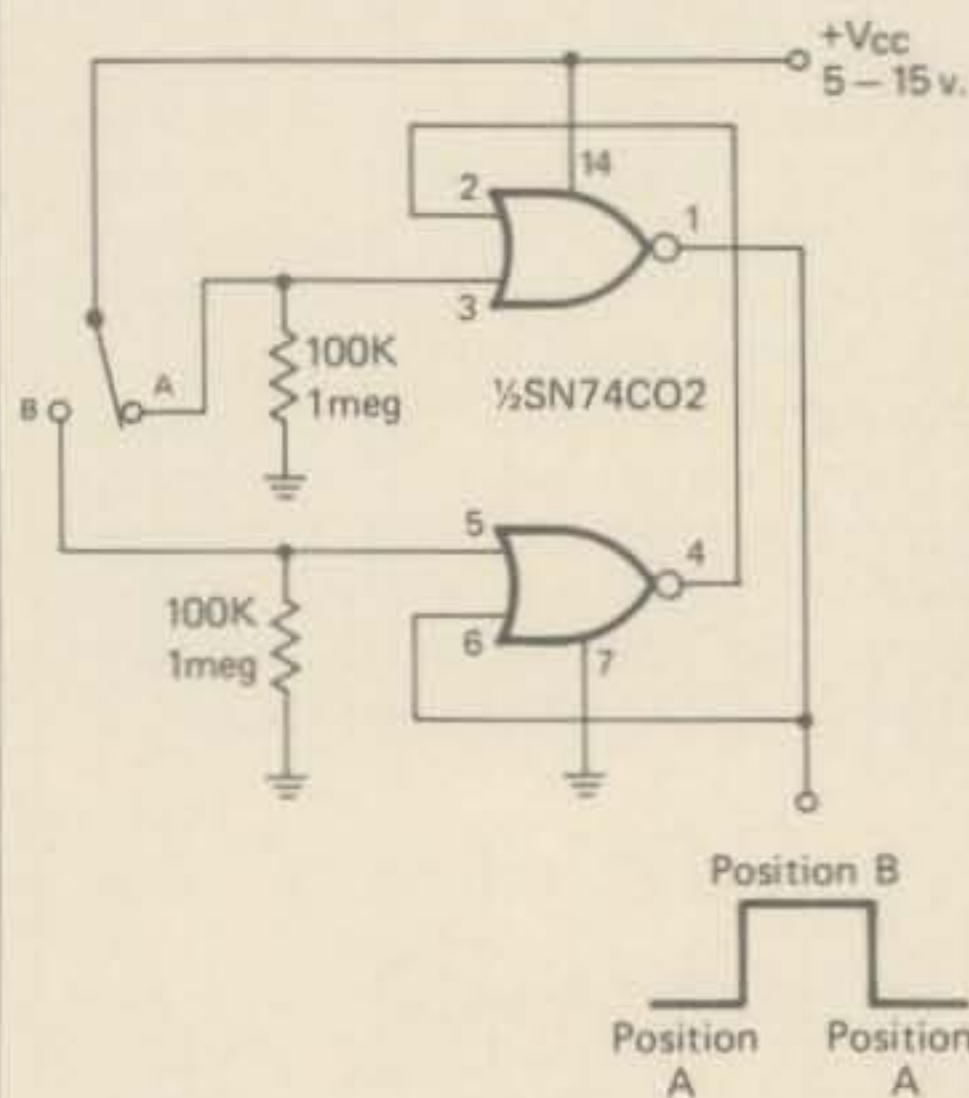


Fig. 4—A "Bounceless Switch", only the first bounce in each switch position affects the circuit.

60 Hz Pulse Generator

Fig. 2 is a schematic of a simple 60 Hz pulse generator made of two SN74C04 hex inverter sections. This inverter simply switches as the rectified input sine wave varies from 0 to its peak. The second inverter cleans up the wave shape. Such a circuit can serve as a useful source of a.c. line synchronized pulses.

Delay On Operate

Fig. 3 is a simple delay circuit implemented by a CMOS inverter. As the input pulse rises from 0 to V_{cc} , the RC network must first charge to the trigger level of the inverter to cause it to invert.

Similarly as the input delays to zero, the capacitor must first discharge through the resistor before it can revert back to its original state. Values of R can be up to a megohm and C, up to the microfarad region.

By adding diode 1, delay #1 can be eliminated since the capacitor will immediately charge. Adding diode 2 will eliminate delay #2 since the capacitor can now immediately discharge.

Bounceless Switch

Fig. 4 shows the circuit for a typical bounceless switch made up of $\frac{1}{2}$ of a SN74C02 quad 2 input nor-gate. This is a typical latching circuit and

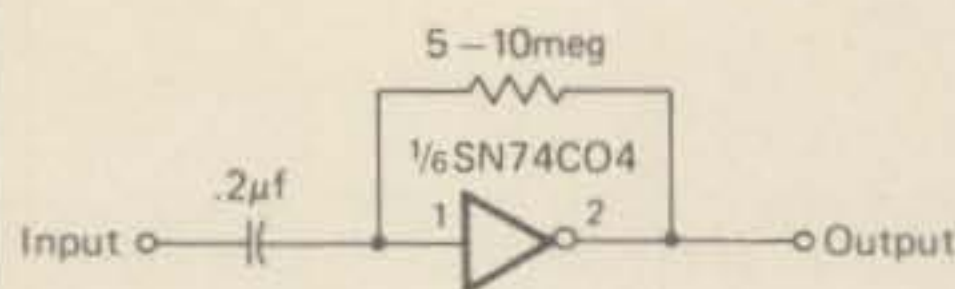


Fig. 5—A simple CMOS linear amplifier.

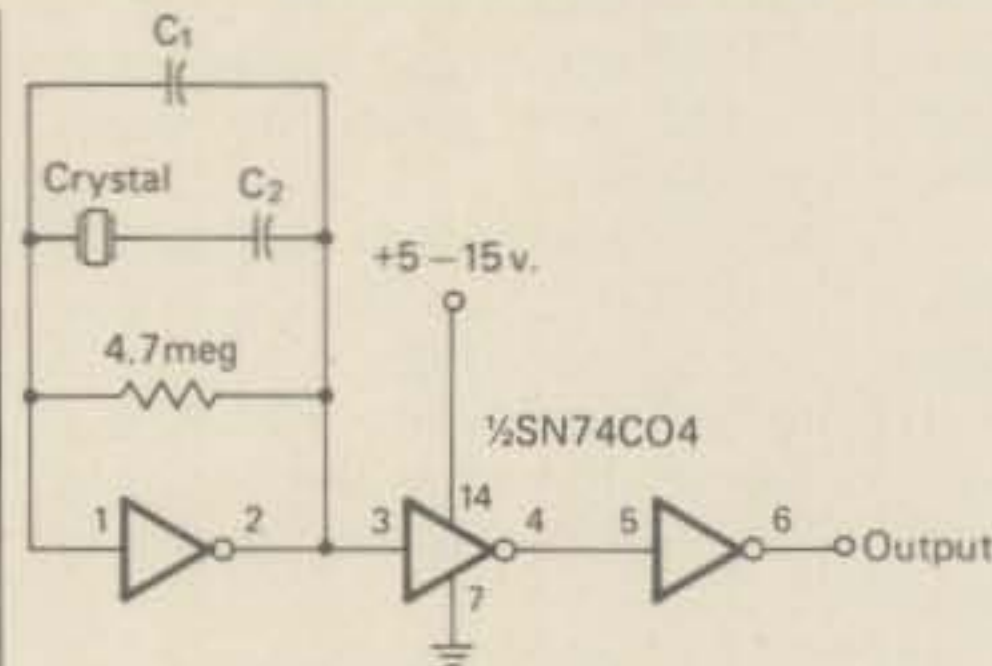


Fig. 6—The CMOS crystal oscillator described in the text.

the first noise pulse as the switch moves latches the circuit. This type of circuit could be used as the input to a Keyer or some other such project.

A.C. Amplifier

Fig. 5 is a simple, high input impedance a.c. amplifier made of a hex inverter. The unit is self biased by the resistor from input to output and will exhibit again in the area of 10-50. It could be used as a low level stage.

Crystal Oscillator

After building an a.c. amplifier, what is more natural than a simple crystal oscillator useful to up 5 MHz or so. The 5 megohm resistor "linear-

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In Focus

BY BILL DEWITT, W2DD



Dayton '76, The Biggest

Congratulations to the Dayton Amateur Radio Association for another job well done! This year's Hamvention was again a record-breaker with its 12,500 attendance. What a collection of Hammanity!

Although slow scanners represent only a miniscule portion of that gross figure, we were there in double last year's number I am sure.

Those attending the Friday night Seminar seemed in agreement that much larger facilities for that affair are a must. It was standing room only for those not present when the doors opened. The Saturday slow scan forum sessions were jam-packed too.

SSTV Seminar Highlight

An informative highlight of the just mentioned seminar was Dr. Suding's description of the Digital Groups new product line. They are offering the mini-computer minded amateur a broad spectrum of possibilities for not only amateur station functions but home computer operations as well. For example, Dr. Suding demonstrated a mathematics teaching technique using a combination of the Digital Group's products such as a TV keyboard, monitor, and a microprocessor programmed by cassette input for the math project.

It is my understanding that a variety of programs will be offered. In addition, upon request, programming steps for various functions will be available for a number of vendor's CPUs. This feature in combination with plug in boards insures that hardware changes can be held to a minimum and that the user can choose the CPU best suited to his particular needs.

Microprocessors—Quo Vadis?

It will be interesting to see how slow scanners adapt the use of microprocessors to their needs as

time goes on. My feeling at this point is that a microprocessor will do very little for the amateur who has "one of everything" anyway! BUT, for the chap who doesn't have a camera, monitor, scan converter, keyboard, RTTY, video read-out c.w., etc., here is something to look forward to. For the average amateur, it's going to take some time, because not every amateur can handle the computer approach to signal handling and the complexities of debugging kit-built gear with 12 or 15 boards. Digital's gear however, is beautifully designed and system engineered for step by step acquisition of one functional capability after another. Interest at Dayton indicates that many slow scanners will soon be making use of Digital's multi-purpose equipment array.

Hope, Faith And Better SSTV?

Let's hope that we will soon see the use of microprocessors extended to the business of enhancing the

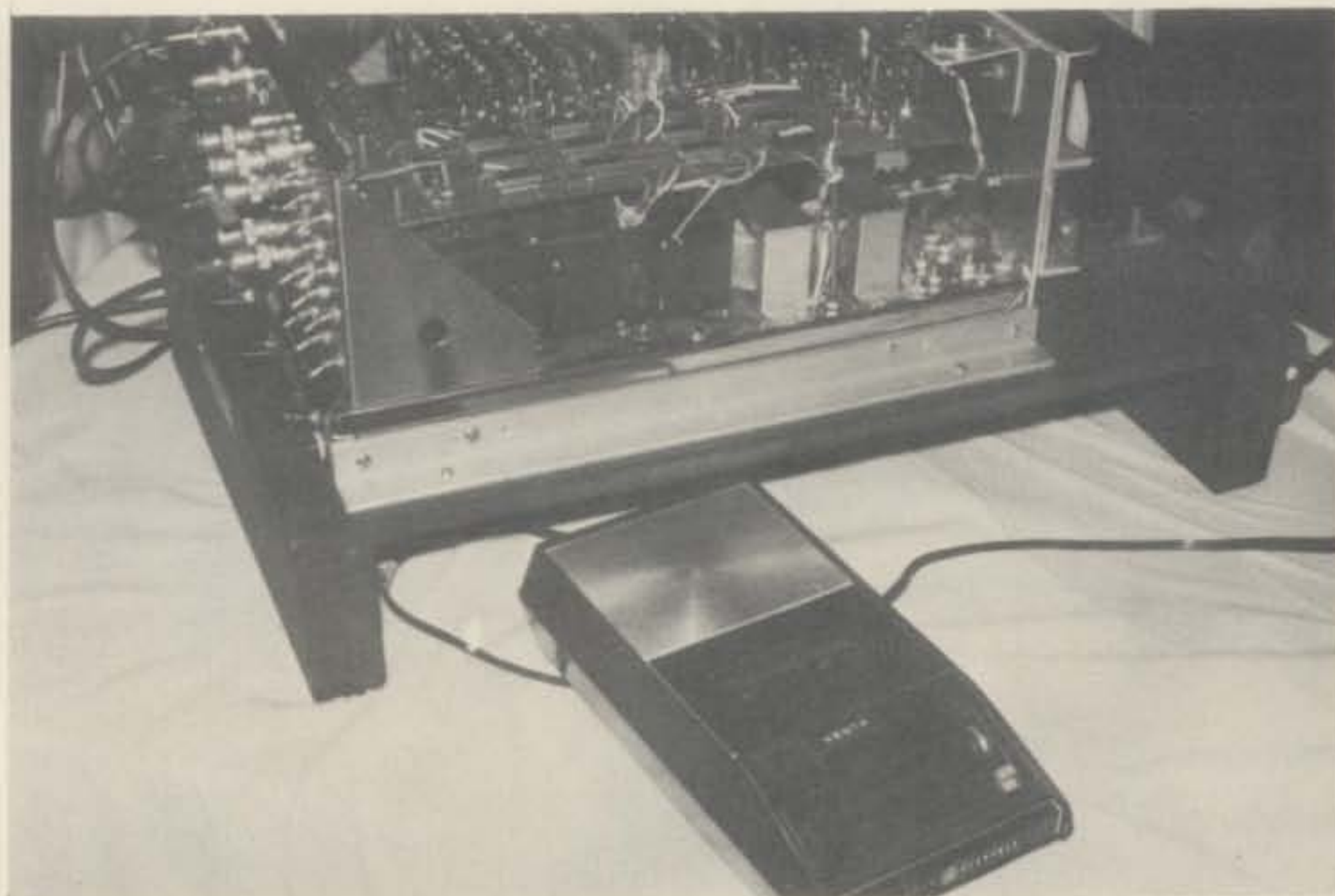
quality of transmitted and received slow scan video and increasing the picture transmission capabilities of the system.

It seems to me that so far as SSTV is concerned, the ultimate value of having a computer at hand would be to use it to improve sharpness, to improve quality by recognizing the difference between noise and picture information—and signal processing based on this information, to introduce motion, to add color to the system, and to produce special effects such as combined pictures and graphics.

The bandwidth limitations of our present h.f. and v.h.f. allocations make realization of order-of-magnitude improvements a tough assignment. However, there's no doubt that microprocessors will speed their achievement. As mentioned in this column earlier, Dr. George Steber, WB9LVI, is working on signal processing method beyond his already published results. At Dayton, Dr.



Richard Thurlow, G3WW, is getting excellent results with this scan converter all packaged up in a Heath cabinet (with separate PSU). Built by Howard Waton, G3GGJ to WB9LVI's design, it uses PC boards supplied by W3LY and W3GKW. Not pictured, but doing a fine job too, is a hand-wired LVI job built by Ron Johnson, G3GRJ. How about a photo for "In Focus" reader Ron?



A closer look at W9NTP's color scan converter. Note the high density packaging!



VE3DVV's "light pen" can be used to create images on the monitor screen, or to block out parts of images as shown in this picture. John demonstrated this feature with both black and white backgrounds.



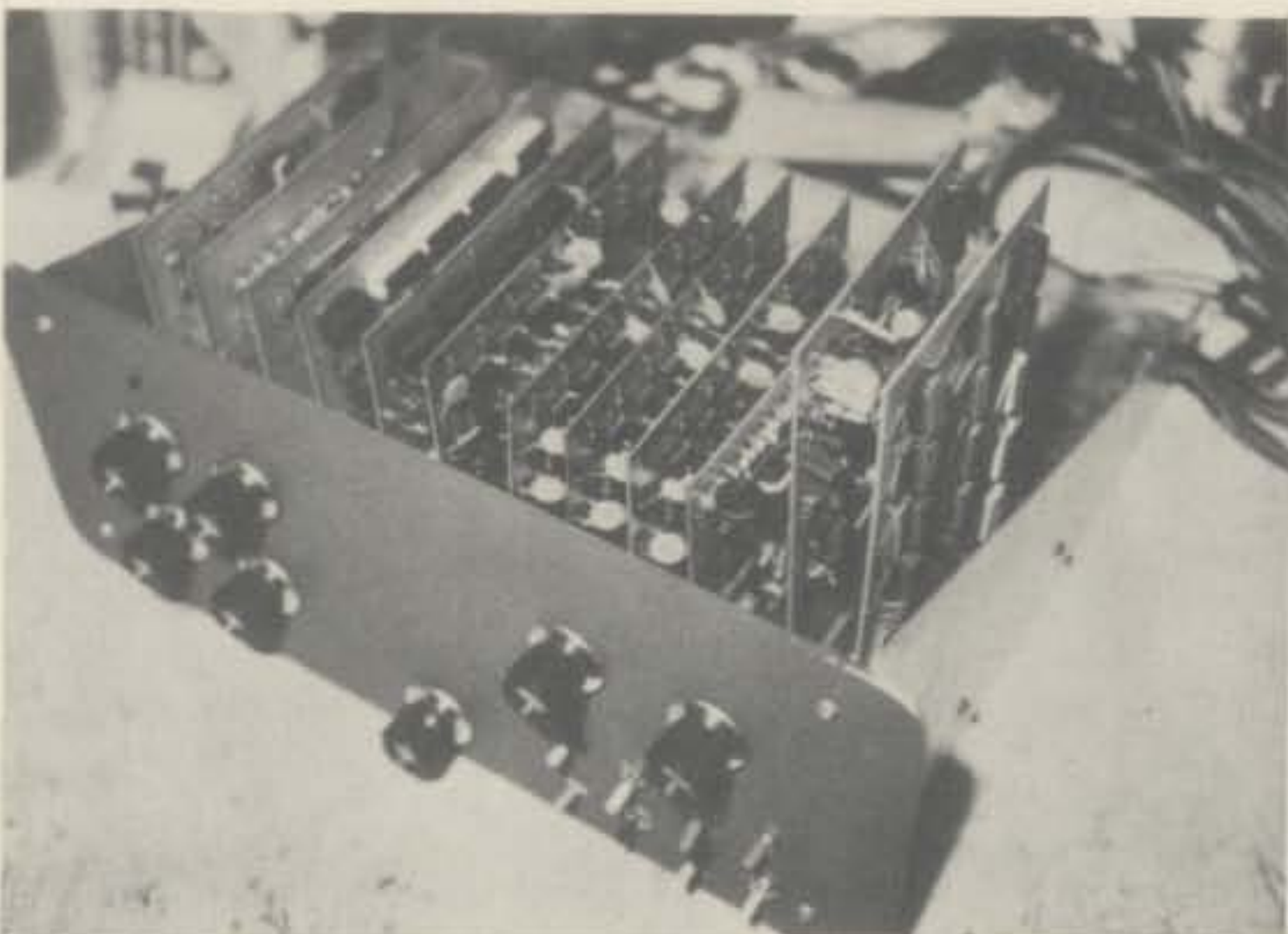
A revolving color filter wheel attached to W9NTP's camera provides sequential red, green, and blue video information.



John Vanden Berg, VE3DVV had great fun demonstrating his hand-wired scan converter and "light pen" device at Dayton.



Tony Pessiki, W3GKW, built this version of WB9LVI's design. Picture quality resulting from this unit at Dayton was really tops.



Len Butsch, K4CNP, gave me this excellent picture of his commercial looking scan converter when we met at the Dayton 'vention. I LOST the picture, and out of 12,500 souls in attendance, Eddie Collins, W4MS, FOUND it and recognized it as Len's gear! I'll skip further details, but via the long arm of coincidence and the sharp eyes of a good friend, you are seeing a beautifully built piece of SSTV gear. Len added two hand-wired boards for frame grabbing and fast-to-slow conversion to the ten boards he obtained from W3GKW.



W3GKW chose to separate "the works" and the power supplies, as seen in this "exposed plumbing" view.



Here's a nifty P-7 monitor packaged in a transceiver-sized cabinet by Larry Pryor, WA9MFF. Larry has boards for this monitor (WØLMD design) available. Practically the perfect answer for anyone wanting to get started in slow scan.



Here's Bob Stone, W3EFG, looking very happy about the response to his Sampledot demonstration. The pensive chap in the background is Ralph Taggart, WB8DQT, who was probably dreaming up the next innovation for weather picture reception.



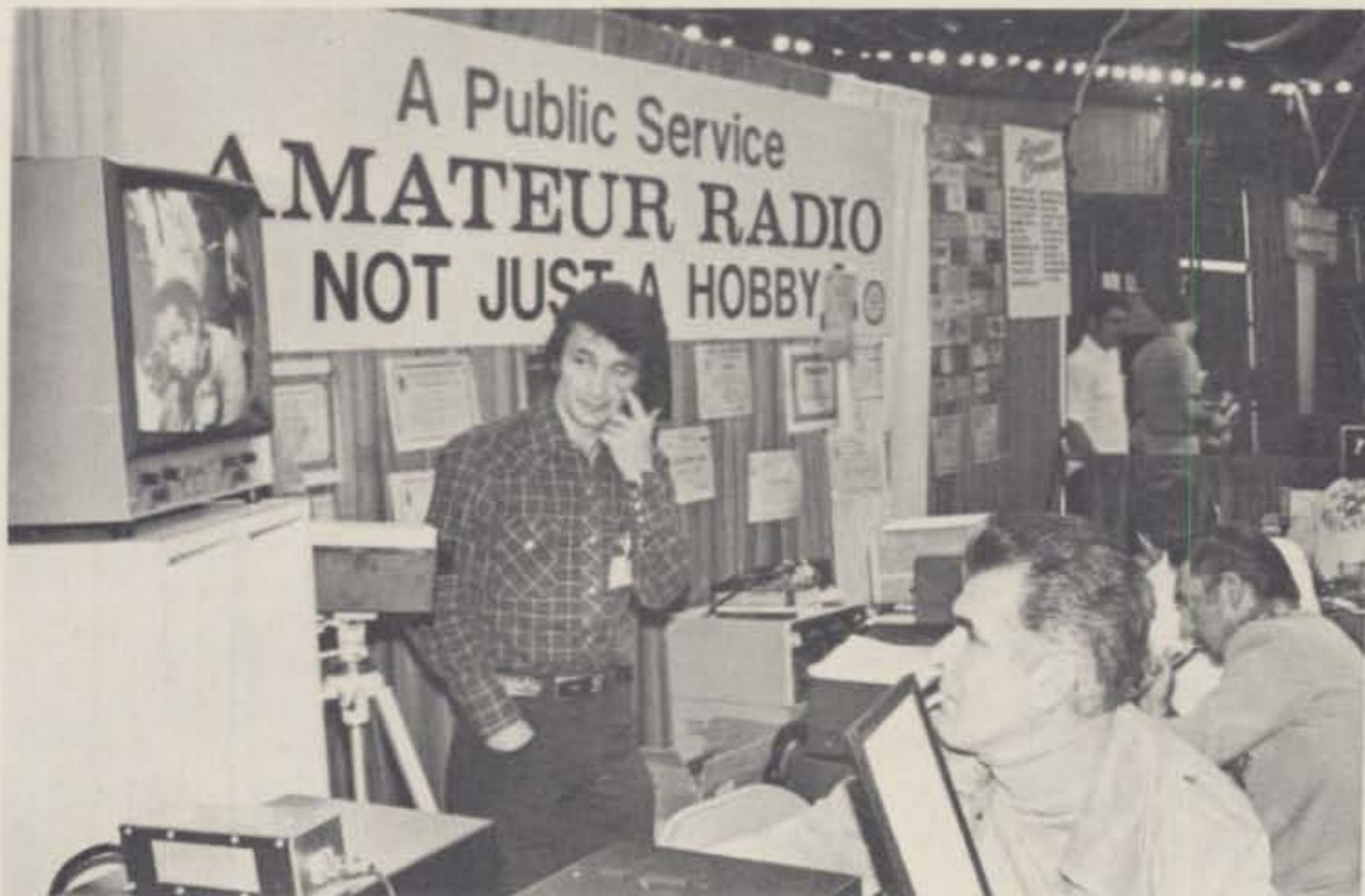
Scan converter designed and built by Dr. George Steber, WB9LVI. George believes in a minimum number of controls.



Shillings anyone? Here's a 3 Bob picture! Bob Zimmerman, W8DPW, Editor of DARA's RF Carrier Magazine, is shown here with Bob Schloeman, WA7MOV on the left, and Bob Suding, WØLMD. (But nobody ever calls HIM Bob!)



Dr. Don Miller, W9NTP, demonstrates his new and improved color scan converter at Dayton.



Tom Holmes, W5RCZ at the left, and Bob King, WB5IXK, watching a closed-circuit quality picture on the B & W monitor via scan conversion. See further details in column text.



I'm still hoping that SOME DAY, Nick Stavrou will write an article on how his little Trick Box works! One of "Nick's Tricks" is shown here. Wouldn't you like to be able to superimpose your call sign on an electronically generated cross-hatched background?



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Suding mentioned that he expects to have signal enhancing programs available for his equipment at some future date. The color and motion demonstrations of Dr. Miller, W9NTP, have been seen for the last few years at Dayton.

So, summing up, there are new tools at hand, and there is an avalanche of effort being applied. That brings up another question, "How soon will the total impact of micro-processors on slow scan picture systems be seen by the average amateur?" The answer to that question requires the use of a computer program that hasn't been written!

Scan Converters Are A Now Thing!

Elsewhere in this column are pictures of six scan converters, five of which employ the WB9LVI designed circuitry. My thanks to Tony Pessiki, W3GKW, Len Butsch, K4CNP, and Richard Thurlow, G3WW for supplying photos of their converters.

Note the hand-wired boards in the light-pen scan converter gear designed and built by John Vandenberg, VE3DVV.

Ten-Tec's Triton IV Runs Full Bore On Slow Scan

A month or two ago, I mentioned that before you run slow scan on your solid state rig it would be well to read the instruction book.

Ten-Tec's specifications for their Triton IV (200 watt) Transceiver say that you can run a 100% duty cycle at FULL power on all bands. The Triton IV Instruction Book, includes the following paragraph in the list of operating hints: "When operating RTTY, SSTV, or other high duty-cycle modes, it is recommended that a small fan be directed on the heat sink. The sink temperature may reach as high as 200F., still within the rating for the transistors but certainly hot enough to cause a serious burn if touched."

With Ten-Tec's 200 watt/100% duty cycle spec and their guarantee (pro-rata warrant the output transistors AFTER the first year of unconditional guarantee) anyone who wants to run 200 watts of slow scan on a Triton IV has nothing to worry about!

Excellent Amateur Radio Public Relations Job

Amateur radio clubs of Houston, Tex. did a fine PR job at an "Outdoor Sports" show held in the famous Astrodome this Spring.

Several amateur stations were in operation at the show using the special call sign, KS5CVS. Visitors were

offered an opportunity to sign up for club membership and license classes. One club signed up 28 applicants.

Slow scan pictures displayed on a 14 inch monitor were an important part of the amateur radio demonstration seen by thousands attending the show. That's Tom Holmes, WA5RCZ, NOT Columbo, in the picture with Bob King, WB5IXK, elsewhere in this column!

First Albatross SSTV Contest

From the British Amateur Television Club and Advance Electronic, s.r.l. of San Lazzaro, Italy comes word of a contest to promote interest in the SSTV mode of operation. The B.A.T.C. and the Italian firm are the co-sponsors of this new contest. This sounds like a lot of fun, AND, the entrant with the highest score will receive an SSTV Scan Converter from Advance Electronics. Second and third prizes will be a year's subscription to CQ-TV the official B.A.T.C. publication.

Save the dates September 4th, 1500 to 2200 GMT, for Part 1, and September 5th, 0700 to 1400 GMT for Part 2. Complete rules and further details in our August issue. Ah, the sheer joy of having an SSTV contest to start a wee counter-measure to Field Day, Sweepstakes, and the lot! (I'll hear from that!)

A Pictorial Tour Of Slowscanland!

Just in case you haven't noticed CQ Magazine has published more SSTV related photographs in this column than can be found in any other publication in the world. If you're enthusiastic about the large number of pictures, send yours to "In Focus" too!

Final-Final

Many thanks for the interest shown in this column during its first year of existence. The response of slow scanners all over the world has been most rewarding. Letters, photographs, and helpful hints from so many amateurs indicate a great willingness to share. This is what makes it worthwhile to have a column on slow scan. Your letters, your photos, and your information are what make this column of interest to others. I am grateful for your help and hope that "In Focus" will continue to be on your regular reading list.

Same old address for your correspondence: 2112 Turk Hill Road, Fairport, N.Y. 14450. Regards, Bill DeWitt, W2DD.

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Getting The Thing To Work: V Minor And Major Current Loop Completion

Let's continue the discussion of the May column about completing the major and minor r.f. current loops in amplifier stages.

Difficulties can arise if the completion of the minor current loop is via an interboard connection when several p.c. boards are used in an amplifier chain. For example, assume that the buffer/multiplier/predriver stages are mounted on board #1, the driver/final stages on board #2, and that link coupling is used between the output of the predriver and input of the driver stages. The coupling link of necessity will be on board #1, because that is where the predriver collector tank inductance is located. It will be impossible to apply the usual strategy of completing the minor loop (link winding to base, to emitter ground) by grounding it at the emitter site on the predriver stage. Two options exist for the interboard connection: (1) connect the output of the predriver (ungrounded side of the

link winding) to the base of the driver stage (on board #2) through a short piece of hookup wire; (2) make the connection via a short piece of RG-174U miniature coax. With option #2, the link winding can be grounded at the emitter site of the predriver stage on board #1, and the braid of the coax also grounded at that point, as well as at the emitter site of the driver stage on board #2.

Both methods have been used by this writer with success, and the method used has been determined by the individual circuit being developed. At times, the simple hookup wire plus common chassis ground will prove adequate, otherwise, the coax method is necessary in order to eliminate various problems outlined earlier in this series. If the coax method is used, it may be necessary to experiment with the size of the coupling link in order to offset the effects introduced by the length of coax. In any event, the coupling link should be grounded on board #1, and not "floated" to the emitter ground site on board #2 through the coax. (The major advantage of

the coax method is the elimination of r.f. pickup that can occur when a simple hookup wire is used. As noted earlier, such a lead can pickup r.f. generated in a later, higher power stage, leading to self-oscillation among other problems; coax automatically takes care of the problem. In a couple instances, I've used double-tuned interstage matching between stages which are on different p.c. boards. The basic circuit is shown in Figure 1. The double-tuned matching method eliminates all problems, and has the added advantage of much greater selectivity in comparison to a single tank-link matching approach.

(4) **Major R.F. Current Loop.** Treatment of the major r.f. current loop depends in part on whether we are dealing with a low or high power amplifier stage (above about 4 watts input). Slightly different conditions requiring a variation in treatment occur when we get into the higher power bracket. This is due in part to the d.c. and r.f. current levels present, and to the magnitude of the r.f. field generated, in either category.

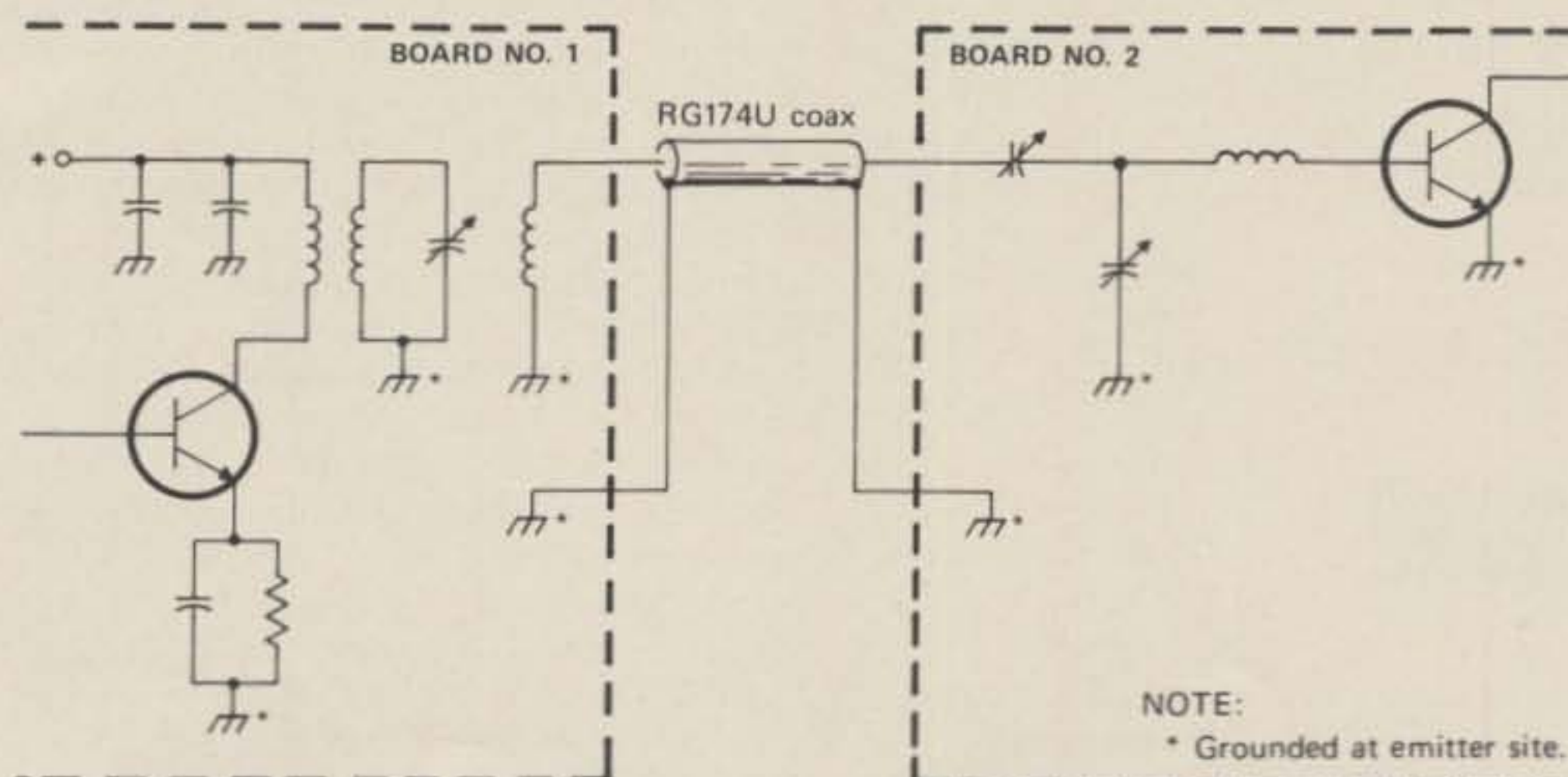


Fig. 1—Double-tuned interstage matching circuit used between amplifier stages which are on two different p.c. boards.

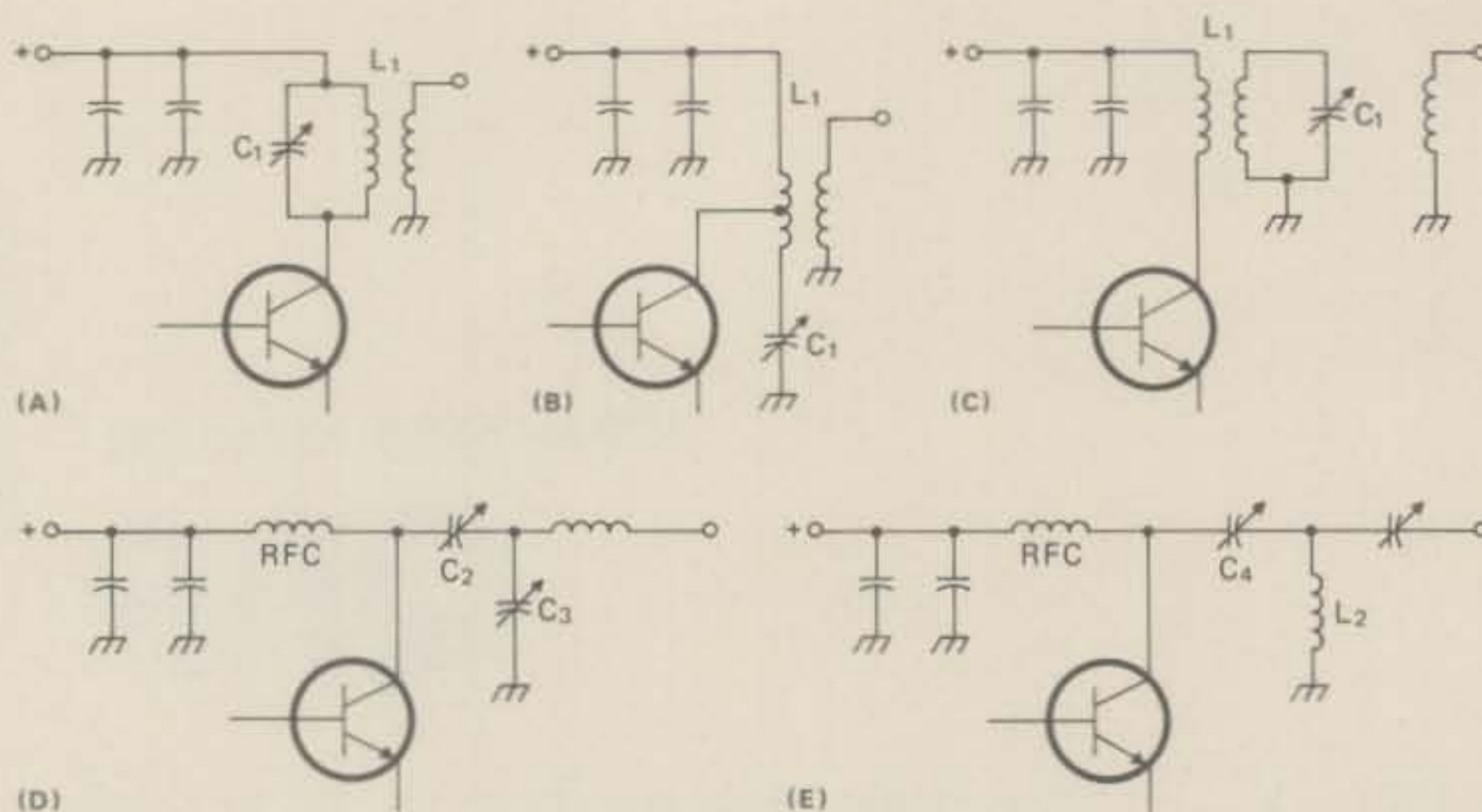


Fig. 2—Typical major r.f. loop circuits.

While it may seem unnecessary to pay attention to the major r.f. current loop in a low level stage, this is not the case, as power gain and efficiency are a concern at any power level and in part depend upon the close attention to detail that this series suggests. Usually one does not have to be especially concerned with problems caused by the r.f. field generated in a low level amplifier, since this field is rarely a source of unwanted coupling and other problems noted earlier. However, bypassing strategy and placement remain important concerns even in the low level amplifier.

Typical low level intermediate amplifier circuits have been shown in previous columns and can be referred to for the following discussion (see April, 1976, p. 48, Fig. 1 & 2, May, 1975, p. 45-46, and others). B+ decoupling and bypassing is usually adequately achieved with a couple of bypass capacitors shunted to ground, bearing in mind the bypassing strategy covered in an earlier column. In some cases, such as a driver stage running above one watt or so, it may be necessary and advisable to insert a small r.f. (20-100 μ h) choke in the B+ lead to insure complete isolation.

The major components which complete the major r.f. current loop are the collector tank inductance and capacitance (see Figure 2a, b, c), or the two impedance transforming capacitors (C_2 , C_3) of Figure 2d, or the capacitance and inductance (C_4 , L_2) of Figure 2e. In all cases, the grounding point should be at the emitter site through the shortest possible leads. This is a simple task when the tuning capacitors are trimmers mounted right on the p.c. board at the transistor site. The trimmer approach is practical in transmitters designed for narrow band operation (about 40 kHz on 80m, double for each higher band). However, in transmitters where wider frequency excursions are desired, as would be the case in an 80m rig covering 200 kHz, it is usually necessary to retune each stage after a wide frequency excursion is made. Otherwise, the output will drop off considerably as one moves away from the "peak" resonant frequency. This is the case with the MFJ 40T transmitter module, where peak output is maintained only over a bandwidth of about 40 kHz. By paralleling a small variable capacitor with the fixed driver tank circuit capacitance, it is possible to move the 40T across the entire band with only a little variation in output. The Pi-net halfwave filter in the 40T final output also enters into the picture and can be peaked for a given part of the band, although its effect on output during wide excursions is much less noticeable than is the driver stage's effect.

Several strategies can be used in attaining frequency flexibility in a transmitter designed to operate over a large part of the 80 and 40m bands. The primary objective is to avoid r.f.-bearing leads leaving the p.c. board

from a major current loop. First, the buffer/driver amplifier stages can be mounted on a single p.c. board, with board-mounted trimmer capacitors for each stage, and then the board can be mounted on one of the panels of the transmitter enclosure with holes providing easy access for screwdriver adjustments of the trimmer capacitors. Similarly, several boards can be mounted on different walls of the chassis box. In this approach, the trimmer capacitor is mounted on the underside of the p.c. board, while all other components are mounted top-side. A good practice to follow in mounting trimmer capacitors on a p.c. board is to ground the set of plates which is electrically common with the adjusting screw. This is an important precaution, since one side of the trimmer capacitor usually will be at B+ potential, or at high r.f. potential (see fig. 2 circuits), and an accidental slip of the adjusting screwdriver will result in a direct short to ground if the trimmer plates which are electrically common with the adjusting screw happen to be connected to the B+ side of the tank circuit. Once the trimmers are mounted on the underside of the p.c. board, the board is mounted on the panel using metal spacers just long enough to provide clearance for the trimmers. Holes are drilled in the panel to match up with the adjusting screws. Retuning is then a matter of a simple screwdriver adjustment.

Second, variable capacitors can be mounted on a front panel with minimum lead length by laying out the p.c. board carefully. In this approach, the board is designed so as to bring the tank circuit as close as possible to the variable capacitor. This requires that the position of the p.c.

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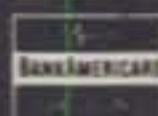
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board with respect to the variable capacitor be foremost in the mind of the designer. It is possible to achieve quite minimal lead length if proper care is taken.

Third, varactor diodes can be used in the tank circuits and mounted on-board right at the transistor, with only the varactor d.c. bias leads (bypassed for r.f.) leaving the board. If proper care is taken in designing the tank circuits of several stages, those stages can be tracked using a single potentiometer which provides d.c. bias for all the tuning varactors in an amplifier chain.

The above approaches will allow one to achieve frequency flexibility in low level amplifier stages while meeting requirements for effective completion of the major current loops. One further note on the use of trimmer capacitors: it is possible to solder a small diameter, light gauge copper tube to a trimmer adjusting screw, creating an extension shaft which eliminates the need for screwdriver adjustments. It is a tricky operation, but worth it if ease of re-tuning is an objective.

A final comment while we're on the subject of frequency flexibility. Both published designs and commercial products have made the "broadband" claim for circuits which utilize tuned

tanks in the amplifier stages. This is not "broadband" in the usual sense. As long as a circuit has inductances and capacitances lumped together, it is frequency resonant. If such a circuit exhibits no variation in output over a wide frequency excursion, then it probably isn't working anywhere near peak efficiency.

We'll continue this discussion in a future column.

News

Dayton was the usual hectic monstrosity. The QRP Forum suffered from defective audio-visuals and an incredible noise level. But those attending were treated to an excellent talk on speech processing, a taped talk about Coherent c.w., and a color slide show by me. Met quite a few fellows at the CQ booth and picked up some interesting news. Joe, K3-CHP, filled me in on his solar-powered Argonaut operations, and obliged with a short note, which follows: "I have been active in QRP for less than a year with an Argonaut. I work 10, 15, and 20 meters with a 3 element beam at 27 ft., and 40 and 80 meters with a random long wire. For the past several months I have limited my operation to sunny days because I am trying to make WAS and DXCC with solar power! The

supply is an array of solar cells producing 12 v.d.c. at 0.5 amps and fed directly to the Argonaut through a 12 volt regulator. For such contacts, I use a special QSL card (see enclosed). So far I have 33 states confirmed and 19 countries worked. I expect an excellent return on my DX QSL's since I have collected a number of sentences in 54 languages and transcribe them on my outgoing cards to impress the recipient in his own language." According to Joe, the array of solar cells is about 24 x 48 inches or so, and output goes up to about 17 volts, hence the need for the regulator. Cost of the unit is high and availability limited—one source is Edmund Scientific. But Joe claims that there is nothing like working directly from the sun's power—entirely self-sufficient operation. Clouds kind of mess things up though! A couple more panels would permit cloudy day operation also. Joe is very interested in hearing from other QRP's who are using solar power (Joseph S. Mikuckis, K3CHP, 6913 Furman Parkway, Riverdale, MD 20840).

Due to my lack of organization, I've messed up the QRP, WAS and DXCC listings for 1975. We'll hold off till 1976 listings time.

Until next month, 73, Ade, K8EEG/Ø



HUGH CASSIDY, WA6AUD, ON

DX

Though the bottom of Sunspot Cycle may be in the next few months, the first half of 1976 has not lacked for DX activity, even at the bottom of the cycle.

Bill Rindone, WB7ABK, was preparing to head out again in late June to pick up where illness slowed him in Asia, Bill having to return home from Nepal. Bill was planning to work in the Persian Gulf, the Red Sea areas and down through Africa. Along the way he has plans for an operation which he figures to be a rather definite 'new one' and this to be in the Africa area.

The Colvins have continued to supply activity, in recent months operating from FK-New Caledonia, YJ-New Hebrides and more recently they were aiming for FW8-Wallis.

The JARL Anniversary Country, 7J1RL from Oki-no Tori Shima (Parece Vela) is a matter of history now. Some JA DX groups fought the whole concept bitterly and even though they were not able to reverse things, they were unwavering in their opposition, carrying their arguments into many other areas seeking to gain support for their stand.

SMØAGD and K6AHV along with HKØBKX were gathering gear for

their planned Baja Nuevo effort as this is being written and if all went well they should have opened early in June. There were also reports that a HK-group may activate Serrana Bank in June.

All this might help convince many a weary DXer that there is still a lot of DX activity. W4UMF has repeatedly pointed up that even at the bottom of the cycle there can be periods of intense solar activity and good though often brief band conditions.

While a number of different sources have come up with a number of different predictions as to when we will bottom with Cycle 20, many of them have overlapping predictions which aim at the period in the latter part of 1976 or the first part of 1977. Things will improve rapidly when the Cycle 21 starts up but in between there will still be good days and good periods. This is hardly the time to give up and those working eighty and one-sixty should find this Fall and Winter with superb conditions.

And while the high-latitude spots for Cycle 21 have yet to put in much of an appearance, DX still thrives at times and often with some good DX. Stick close.

FRESNO 1976

The annual West Coast gathering of DXers was in mid-May this year and there were well over 300 in attendance. There were VEs and CXs . . . there were ZLs and VKs and VU. There was 7Z3AB (ex) and a lot of miscellaneous DXers. And there were JAs to present their objections to the Oki-no Tori Shima being accepted for a new country by bending the DXCC Criteria a bit.

The DX Forum preceded the cocktail hour which started at 1730 PDT. It was ruled that no discussion of the Oki-no Tori Shima matter would be had until 1700Z at which time there would be presentations pro and con.

At 1700 Dick Baldwin, W1RU took

the podium to explain the events. Without equivocating one bit, W1RU stood and reviewed the events, from the request from JA1AN of JARL to his decision to approve the 'new country' for the JARL 50th Anniversary.

Kiyoshi Mizoguchi, JA1BK, presented the arguments for the JAs who oppose the naming of Oki-no Tori Shima a new country though it does not meet the DXCC criteria. Using slides to introduce maps, correspondence and related material. The JAs opposed it on the basis of ethics, they opposed it on the basis that it was a political deal and they opposed it on the basis that it did not meet the DXCC criteria. The list of the prominent JA DXers who favored or opposed the 'new country' decision was presented.

Some interesting items surfaced during the arguments. One was that JA1AN was up for reelection and was not happy about any possible withdrawal of Oki-no Tori Shima as it might hurt his chance for re-election. He was re-elected late in April.

Another was that only one member of the Awards Committee was in opposition. All the rest of the headquarters people who make up the Awards Committee apparently went along with the General Manager after he *outlined* his views and desires to them.

Also, with the Board of Directors of the ARRL adopting a resolution at the January meeting that the DXAC would be consulted on the question of any 'new country' proposals, there appears to have been silence on the part of the headquarters staff during the January Board meeting with regard to Oki-no Tori Shima and some indignation on the part of some ARRL Directors over being kept in the dark. There is a good possibility that this might be discussed at this July meeting of the ARRL Board.

After W1RU said that he had done

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it and that any responsibility was his. And JA1BK had stated the JA case that it should not have been done in the first place, there was a short period of questioning from the floor and the meeting was adjourned for the cocktail hour. Those who attended had learned a bit more about what had happened to bring Oki-no Tori Shima about, and why some of the JA DXers were vociferously objecting to the whole thing. But nothing was changed, yet things may never be the same again.

There are those who think that Oki-no Tori Shima may be a landmark incident. There probably will always be those who will question whether the DXCC criteria should be violated on the basis of political expediency. Some will object when it is used to reward a faithful supporter then in a election campaign as it seems to be in the case with JA1AN. And others will note that it was done with 4U1TU in the past.

There is also evident that deep down inside many DXers feel that the DXCC should not be tampered with and that there is scant attention or inquiry given to the DX group when such decisions are made. No one seems to be especially happy over the route these actions have taken but at this point no one seems to be wrought up enough to raise the issues contained in this action. Undoubtedly should there be more incidents like Oki-no Tori Shima there may come some different reactions.

All in all, it is a funny situation in a funny world. Learn what you can about Oki-no Tori Shima and what brought it about for you will hear a lot about it in years to come.

Those Needed Ones

Some months back there was a review of those needed countries, some of which have not been on the air for up to close to twenty years, and what the possibilities may be for early activity from any of them. Undoubtedly all of these will show—again—on the air some day but there are an awful lot of DXers asking: "When?"

IRAQ—DL7FT was aiming for a YI-operation in mid-May but this plan was postponed as time for the operation neared. A SP6-group also announced that they were heading that way not up to late May when this report was being prepared, nothing has been heard on their plans.

Armin Meyer, W3ACE, a former U.S. Ambassador to Iran, Japan and once an operator from YI-land, was due to visit Baghdad in early June according to reports and would follow up on previous attempts to obtain



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a license. Whether something developed on this should be a matter of record by now. SMØAGD who was heading for Baja Nuevo in early June has also sought the help of the Swedish minister in Baghdad to get a license but this is yet to bear any fruit of success.

Clipperton — FO8-Clipperton breeds rumors like July breeds mosquitoes in New Jersey. Each month brings a new crop . . . but one of these days it won't be a rumor but the real thing.

In April two Frenchmen were reported as having the inside track for some documentation and were ready to go as soon as they could get some support. The support was pledged if solid and credible documentation would be displayed but after a six week wait, nothing was showing on that one. In May it was a group of four Frenchmen who had the license, wanted no support and girded with 'Vite Elan' would be heading for FO8-Clipperton around this time or in August.

When you dig around a bit you can come up with a number of plans for an FO8-Clipperton operation. We have come across one group that has enlisted the aid of a fishing vessel to make photographs of the island so they can do their planning. Another group has all their plans, transportation and logistical problems worked out and they are waiting for the time when the French will authorize an operation.

The stories of difficulty in making a landing on Clipperton can often be rewarded by a jeer from those who

have been in the area. There are recurrent reports of fishermen landing numerous times on Clipperton just to look around. One who has been in the area was pressed to name what it would take to make a landing. "An outboard motor on a rubber dinghy" was his answer.

While the problem has been cited of having to rescue people who get in trouble at Clipperton, this being cited by the French as a reason for refusing landing permission, it might be noted that when an overseas passenger plane reported seeing what appeared to be International Distress signals on Clipperton last year, it was a U.S. Coast Guard plane out of Alameda, California which flew to Clipperton to check things out.

Some say that Clipperton will not come until France has completed its atomic testing in the South Pacific. Others say that if France wants to land the Concorde in the U.S. under reciprocal agreements, that U.S. amateurs should be allowed to land and operate on Clipperton . . . under reciprocal agreements.

South Sandwich—There have been some internal problems in Argentina which apparently have been worked out or are being worked out. While there is no late word on any LU-plans, there may still be a good possibility for something this winter from South Sandwich.

Malpelo—Things are starting to stir again on this one with a number of inquiries coming through. Some serious plans are starting to form in some areas though it is expected that



Angelo Brandolini 16BQI, has been a prominent call in contests out of Italy as well as for WPX activity.

any action will involve HK amateurs. Something might come on this in the future months.

China—Every couple of months a BY-station will show . . . and almost look like the real thing. But not quite the real thing . . . yet. Internal problems may be a strong factor here but there is also a feeling that a true-blue BY-station will be heard one of these days in the future. And it is also felt that it will be a Chinese national who will be doing the operating and no one else.

Burma—There have also been internal problems within Burma. Some travelers will report that the Rangoon

Airport is closed, others will say that it is open. Student demonstrations during last Spring was said to be the reason for the closing. W6YY passed through the area earlier this year and his feeling was that any XZ-operation was still some years in the future. However, a number of XZ-amateurs are still waiting for things to open so they can get back on the air.

Bouvet—There are still a number studying this one but nothing has been announced in their plans. This will always be a tough one to get to and you can figure that any operation will depend on available transportation and this probably will come from either a naval vessel or a scientific vessel working in the area.

In most instances any operations from the majority of these areas will come with considerable advance announcement. Maybe China will not . . . or maybe Burma will not send forth banners to mark the return of amateur radio, but most of the others should. All you have to do is to be patient.

Short Notes

W8IMZ is handing out a good number of the CQ Bicentennial Awards and there are only six months left to gain the award. With this winter expected to be prime time for the lower frequencies . . . like eighty and one-sixty, it will be helpful to send a s.a.s.e. with 24¢ postage to W1BB for his *160 Meter Bulletin*. Stew always has a good bit of interesting information and help on the top band.

William Porter, the U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, has been heard operating 7Z1AB. The question of the status of the Comoros is often asked with three of the major islands voting for independence and the fourth, Mayotte, voting to stick with France. While the situation may appear to be clear cut, no decision on DXCC status

will be made until there is a determination on the permanent status of Mayotte. Under the French constitution, France has to retain jurisdiction unless Mayotte votes for independence. While on that DXCC line, there have been some portents that there may be some changes in October for some enclaves or autonomous regions. With the Seychelles going independent this month, a couple of the other islands in the area which used to count as separate countries are no longer good for counters. This will involve Fraquhar, Desroches and Aldabra.

There have been reports that the Coast Guard is considering sealing off Navassa, it apparently being used as a trans-shipment point in the narcotics trade. Navassa may show up with another government agency next year to be used for some other project.

Those looking for DX information should check the Arkansas DX Net which meets Mondays and Fridays at 3815 kHz from 0100Z. The Southern California DX Club has its DX Bulletin-Of-The-Air on Thursdays at 14265 kHz from 0200Z. W6TI bulletins are broadcast by the Northern California DX Club at 1800Z on Sundays and 0200Z on Mondays at 14002 kHz. Often late breaking information can be found by listening to these nets or broadcasts.

Some VKs have been talking about a possible Mellish and Willis operation sometime this summer, late July being mentioned as a possible period. Also the possibility of a 'new country' is hinted. Those who have studied the charts say it might be Fredericks Reef. Others say it may not be possible at all. However, with some of the changes in the DXCC in recent years, one will learn that skepticism will not get one on to the Honor Roll. It is a case of believing all things as possible.

The U.S. Postal Service is reported as retreating from its position that

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Awards



Here is the July, "Story of The Month":

H. Arthur Dechent, WA4WQG
All Counties #124, 3-6-75

Arthur, WA4WQG, who has been a Baptist Pastor since 1953, was born in 1922. He is the Pastor of the Hermitage Baptist Church of Churchview, Virginia. He received BA graduating from Wake Forrest College; and Crozer Seminary, Chester, Pa.

Novice license came as WN4JPM in 1963 and then later WA4WQG. Arthur is a member of ARRL, EC, O.P.S., Net Control USSBN, UF Net, RCC, Masonic Lodge 83 and ex-Lion.

Rigs include HX11 Heath c.w. transmitter, TRITU Eldico a.m., Heath HW12, Heath SB101, Home-brew linear GG 2 4X125s. All antennas home-brew inverted Vees.

Special time of his life when he married Anne Jones in 1946. They have three children: Mrs. Patricia Reed, Sidney Arthur who was scheduled to get out of the U.S. Army a year ago, and Lorane Alysia.

Arthur waited until he had them all and then received USA-CA-500 through All on March 6, 1975.

Future projects: Advanced license and erection of 14 AVQ antenna.

Prognosis: Slow, but still interesting.

Results: Many friends, lots of contacts, lots of sleep lost, but well worth it all—Many thanks to all the wonderful County Hunters. Special thanks to W9KIL/M7 for last county, Sweetgrass, Montana on February 7, 1975



Pastor Arthur Dechent at his rig, WA4WQG.

Special Honor Roll (All Counties)

#144—Patricia L. Smith,
WA7GMX 4-5-76.

#145—Gordon L. Avitt,
WAØUPL 4-20-76.

in a snow storm.

Awards Issued

As noted in the Special Honor Roll, two more made it to the TOP:

Pat Smith, WA7GMX waited until she had them all and caught USA-CA-500 and 1000 endorsed All 14; All S.S.B.; All Mobiles and All YLs. And USA-CA-1500 through them all, endorsed All 14; All S.S.B.; All Mobiles.

Gordon Avitt, WAØUPL also waited until he had them all before applying for USA-CA-500 and 1000 endorsed All S.S.B., All Mobiles, All 20, All 75; USA-CA-1500 endorsed All S.S.B.; All Mobiles; All 20; USA-CA-2000, 2500, 3000 endorsed All S.S.B., All Mobiles and All Counties endorsed All S.S.B.

Edgar Newman, W2RPZ added to his collection, USA-CA-2500 endorsed All 2-Way c.w.

"Bugs" Grundy, VE1AHG increased his collection with USA-CA-2000 endorsed All A-1 (Who sez c.w. is dead?).

Don Ronk, WA6WCG (name sounds like one that a movie star would pick) was issued USA-CA-500 and 1000 endorsed All S.S.B.; All Mobiles.

Don Priebe, W2IAM gained USA-CA-1000.

Bob Lamberton, WA3QNT was issued USA-CA-1000.

John Bright, G3TJW collected USA-CA-5000 endorsed All S.S.B.

Mixed USA-CA-500 Awards went to:
Tom Wardrope, VE7JU and
Don Skaife, W7ULA.

Awards

Cairns Centenary Award: Sponsored by the Cairns ARC of Cairns, North Queensland, Australia and is available to all stations outside the Cairns

area. For the purpose of this Award, the Cairns area is a radius of 100 miles of Cairns. VK and ZL stations must QSO with three (3) Cairns area stations. Overseas stations must QSO with two (2) Cairns area stations. Send a copy of log details of QSOs to CARC VK4HM, P.O. Box 1426, Cairns 4870 QLD., Australia. Awards will be forwarded in bulk via Bureaus unless the cost of post and packing is remitted. The Award will be available for the whole of 1976, Cairns Centenary Year. Cairns area stations are the following VK4s: AE, AMO, CI, DB, DJ, HK, HM, KV, MH, NF, NI, NU, QX, RY, SU, TL, VI, VT, YG, YT, ZBU, ZCS, ZIB, ZIP, ZNZ, ZY.

New Certificate Manager for Lone Star Members:—Mike, WB5JCG unable to continue (moving) so new manager is Tom Hoot, WB5HIG, (A County Hunter and Mobileer) 2907 Healey, Dallas, Texas 75228.

Dallas County Ten Meter Net VIP Award: Available to anyone for working fifty (50) Lone Star stations. Send \$1.00, data on stations worked, including call, QTH, 10-10 number and Lone Star number. Oh yes, The Lone Star Award is also available to anyone for working 10 holders of the Lone Star Award and also sending \$1.00, data on stations worked, including call, QTH, 10-10 number and Lone Star number. Applications for both go to: Tom Hoot, WB5HIG, 2907



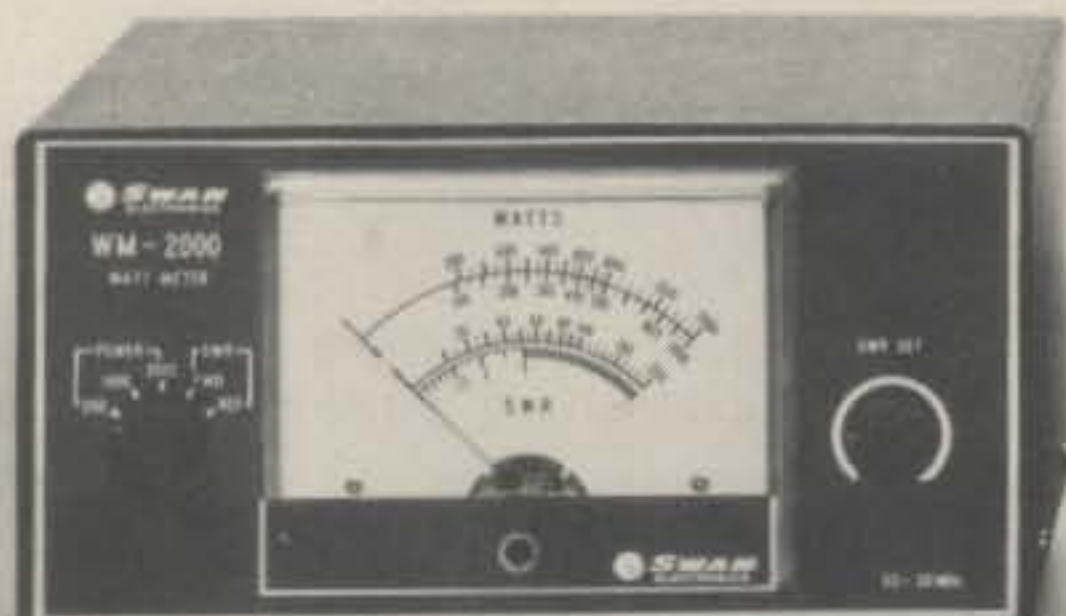
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USA-CA Honor Roll

3000	1500	500
WA7GMX 166	WA7GMX 294	G3TJW 1097
WA0UPL 167	WA0UPL 295	VE7JU 1098
2500	1000	W7ULA 1099
WA7GMX 206	WA6WCG 390	WA6WCG 1100
W2RPZ 207	WA7GMX 391	WA7GMX 1101
WA0UPL 208	W2IAM 392	WA0UPL 1102
2000	WA0UPL 393	
VE1AHG 246	WA3QNT 394	
WA7GMX 247		
WA0UPL 248		

of the applicant and log data must be submitted and certification that QSLs are in hand. Send one dollar (cash, check or money order) to cover costs. DX applicants may send 7 IRCs.

#2—Bicentennial Prefix Award: All amateurs and clubs are eligible. You must establish and confirm two-way communications with amateur stations in the United States or U.S. possessions. U.S. amateurs must use the special Bicentennial "A" prefixes. You must have at least 40 different special "A" prefixes confirmed. Send certified copy of log data, also stating you have necessary QSLs in your possession. Cost \$1.00 and DX may send 7 IRCs.

#3—American Bicentennial Districts Award: All radio amateurs and clubs are eligible. You must QSO and confirm contacts with other amateurs in each of the ten American call districts (1-0) U.S. amateurs must use the special "A" prefixes. QSL cards must be submitted as proof of con-

tacts. They must show QSOs were made between 0500 UTC January 1, 1976 and 0500 UTC January 1, 1977. QSLs will be returned promptly. Send \$1.00, DX may send 7 IRCs: to: Bicentennial Awards, P.O. Box 981, Oakbrook, Illinois 60521. Top qualifiers for #1 were—W0BXM, WB7AYN, WA1EUO, AB4VBL. For #2—AB9EBO, WA4NID, WN9RMG, W0BXM. For #3—AB9EBO, WN9RMG, AD9UQN, W0BXM.

Notes

Due to reliable/documented information received, no credits can be

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Ham Hollerin' Award issued for QSOs with NC4NHC 19 June 1976. Arrived too late.



Dallas County 10 meter Net VIP Award. (NOTE new Manager, WB5HIG.)

GEORGE JACOBS, W3ASK, ON

Propagation



With longer hours of daylight and the sun high in the northern sky, h.f. propagation conditions should be considerably more stable during July than they were during the radio-storm ridden spring months.

Twenty meters should continue to be the best band for DX propagation during the month. When conditions are at least LOW NORMAL the band is expected to remain open to one area of the world or another from sunrise through the early evening. Peak conditions are expected for a few hours after local sunrise, and again during the late afternoon and early evening, when the band should open in almost all directions. When conditions are at least LOW NORMAL, expect 20 meter openings towards South America, the South Pacific and Oceania until as late as Midnight. When conditions are HIGH NORMAL or better, the band should also remain open to most other areas of the world until as late as Midnight.

Considerably fewer DX openings are expected on 15 meters and very few on 10 meters during July. This decline results from a combination of changing seasonal conditions and the present period of very low sunspot activity. When conditions are at least LOW NORMAL, 15 should occasionally open towards the south. Look for some short-skip openings into the Caribbean area and Central America as early as 10 a.m., with a peak expected to all areas of Latin America between 3 and 5 p.m., local daylight time. When conditions are HIGH NORMAL or better, the band may also open to Africa during the late afternoon from the eastern half of the country, and to Australasia and the South Pacific area during the late afternoon and early evening from the western half of the country.

Don't expect much DX on 10 meters during July, but some short-skip openings should be possible

LAST MINUTE FORECAST—JUNE

Day-to-Day Conditions Expected For July, 1976

Propagation Index	Expected Signal Quality			
	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)
Above Normal: 9-10	A	A	B	C
High Normal: 6-8, 11, 18, 26	B	B	C	D
Low Normal: 1-2, 4-5, 12, 15-17, 19-22, 27, 29-31	B	C	D	E
Below Normal: 3, 13-14, 23, 25, 28	C	D	E	E
Disturbed: 24	D-E	E	E	E

Where expected signal quality is:

A—Excellent opening, exceptionally strong, steady signals greater than S9+30 dB.

B—Good opening, moderately strong signals varying between S9 and S9+30 dB, with little fading or noise.

C—Fair opening, signals between moderately strong and weak, varying between S3 and S9, with some fading and noise.

D—Poor opening, with weak signals varying between S1 and S3, and 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 band opening for any day of the month. For example, a path shown in the Charts with a propagation index of (3) should be a fair opening (C) July 1-2, poor (D) on July 4, and fair (C) again on July 4-5, etc.

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from time-to-time towards the Caribbean and possibly Central America as a result of sporadic-E ionization. When conditions are HIGH NORMAL or better, an occasional opening deeper into South America may be possible, especially during the afternoon hours.

During the hours of darkness, 40 meters should open to many areas of the world, but seasonally high static levels may at times make DX reception difficult. Higher static levels are also expected to hinder DX on 80 meters, but the band should open to some areas of the world during the hours of darkness. Not many DX openings are expected on 160 meters during July, because of higher static levels and the increased hours of daylight. Best bet

for 40, 80 and 160 meter DX openings is an hour or two before Midnight for openings towards the north and east, and just before local sunrise for openings towards the south and west.

DX Propagation Charts for July appeared in last month's column. For an assessment of day-to-day conditions expected during the month, see the "Last Minute Forecast", which appears at the beginning of this column. This month's column contains:

Short-Skip Propagation Charts for July and August, as well as Charts centered on Hawaii and Alaska. The Short-Skip Chart contains band predictions for one-hop openings between distances of approximately 50 and 2300 miles from your transmitting location.

Peak Sporadic-E Propagation

Optimum short-skip propagation conditions are expected during July as a result of a seasonal peak in sporadic-E ionization. During the daylight hours, considerable short-skip openings are forecast for 10 and 15 meters over distances ranging between approximately 400 and 1300 miles, with openings occasionally 400 and 1300 miles, with openings occasionally extending out to beyond 2000 miles. Around-the-clock short-skip openings should be possible on most days on 20 meters, with the skip often as short as 300 miles and as long as 2300 miles. Short-skip conditions on 20 should peak during the later afternoon and early evening.

Good daytime short-skip conditions are expected on 40 meters, with openings between distances of approximately 100 and 750 miles. During the hours of darkness the skip should lengthen, with openings possible between 250 and 2300 miles. Conditions on 80 meters are also expected to be good during the daylight hours, with openings up to approximately 300 miles. During the

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hours of darkness, good openings should be possible on this band up to the one-hop limit of 2300 miles, but the band could be quite noisy. While no short-skip openings are likely on 160 meters during the daylight hours, some should be possible up to about 1300 miles during the hours of darkness. When static levels are low, longer distant openings may also be possible.

V.H.F. Ionospheric Openings

Intense sporadic-E ionization expected during July should result in numerous 6 meter openings and an occasional 2 meter opening. Fairly frequent 6 meter openings should be possible over distances ranging between approximately 600 and 1300 miles, with some openings extending out to 2000 miles, and possibly beyond. When 2 meters opens, it may be possible to work stations between 1000 and 1300 miles away. While sporadic-E short-skip openings can take place at just about any time of the day or night, statistics indicate that conditions should peak for a few hours before noon and again during the late afternoon and early evening. During July, you can expect 6 meter sporadic-E openings on at least 3 out of every 4 days. Openings may last from a few minutes up to hours.

The *Delta Aquarids* meteor shower is expected to peak at about 8 p.m. EDT on July 28, with an hourly meteor count of about 20. This should make possible meteor-scatter type openings on the v.h.f. bands from late on July 27 through the early hours of July 29.

While little, if any auroral activity is expected during July, it may pay to check the vhf bands during those days that are expected to be **BELOW NORMAL** or **DISTURBED**.

73, George, W3ASK

CQ Short-Skip Propagation Chart

July & August, 1976

Local Daylight Savings Time At
Path Mid-Point

Band (Meters)	Distance Between Stations (Miles)			
	50-250	250-750	750-1300	1300-2300
10	Nil	08-10 (0-1) 10-14 (0-3) 14-18 (0-1) 18-22 (0-2) 22-08 (0-1)	08-10 (1) 10-14 (3) 14-18 (1-2) 18-22 (2-3) 22-08 (1)	08-10 (1-0) 10-14 (3-0) 14-18 (2-0) 18-22 (3-0) 22-08 (1-0)
15	Nil	08-10 (0-2) 10-14 (0-3) 14-18 (0-2) 18-20 (0-3) 20-22 (0-2) 22-08 (0-1)	08-10 (2) 10-14 (3) 14-18 (2) 18-20 (3) 20-22 (2) 22-00 (1-2) 00-08 (1)	08-10 (2-0) 10-14 (3-0) 14-16 (2-0) 16-18 (2-1) 18-20 (3-1) 20-21 (2-1) 21-00 (2-0) 00-08 (1-0)
20	10-00 (01)	00-07 (0-1) 07-10 (0-2) 10-16 (1-4) 16-21 (1-3) 21-00 (1-2)	21-00 (2-3) 07-10 (2) 10-16 (4) 16-19 (3) 19-21 (3-4) 00-07 (1-2)	21-23 (3-2) 07-10 (2) 10-16 (4-2) 16-19 (3) 21-23 (3-2) 23-00 (3-1) 00-05 (2-0) 05-07 (2-1)
40	08-12 (1-2) 12-16 (1-4) 16-20 (2-4) 20-23 (1-2) 23-08 (0-1)	08-10 (2-3) 10-12 (2) 12-16 (4-2) 16-18 (4-3) 18-20 (4) 20-23 (2-4) 23-08 (1-3)	08-10 (3-1) 10-16 (2-0) 16-18 (3-1) 18-21 (4-3) 21-23 (4) 23-06 (3-4) 06-08 (3)	08-10 (1-0) 10-16 (0) 16-18 (1-0) 18-21 (3-2) 21-06 (4) 06-08 (3-1)
80	07-12 (3-4) 12-17 (4-3) 17-22 (4) 22-05 (3-4) 5-07 (3)	08-10 (4-1) 10-12 (4-0) 12-17 (3-0) 17-19 (4-1) 19-21 (4-2) 21-23 (4-3) 23-05 (4) 05-07 (3) 07-08 (4-2)	08-10 (1-0) 10-17 (0) 17-19 (1-0) 19-21 (2-1) 21-23 (3-2) 23-05 (4) 05-07 (3) 07-08 (2-1)	08-19 (0) 19-21 (1-0) 21-23 (2-1) 23-04 (4-3) 04-05 (4-2) 05-06 (3-1) 06-07 (3-0) 07-08 (1-0)
160	18-19 (1-0) 19-20 (1) 20-22 (3-2) 22-00 (4-3) 00-06 (4) 06-08 (3-2) 09-10 (1-0) 09-10 (1-0)	19-20 (1-0) 20-21 (2-0) 21-22 (2-1) 22-00 (3-2) 00-04 (4-2) 04-06 (4-3) 08-09 (1) 08-09 (0-1)	21-22 (1) 22-01 (2-1) 01-04 (2) 04-06 (3-2) 06-07 (1) 07-08 (1-0) 06-08 (2-1)	21-23 (1-0) 23-01 (1) 01-06 (2-1) 06-07 (1-0)

ALASKA

Openings Given In GMT #

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

See explanation in "How To Use Short-Skip Charts" which appears in the box at the beginning of this column.

* Indicates best time for 160 Meter openings.

** Indicates best time for 10 Meter openings.

HOW TO USE THE SHORT-SKIP CHARTS

1. In the Short-Skip Chart, the predicted times of openings can be found under the appropriate distance column of a particular Meter band (10 through 160 Meters), as shown in the left hand column of the Chart. For the Alaska and Hawaii Charts the predicted times of openings are found under the appropriate Meter band column (15 through 80 Meters) for a particular geographical region of the continental USA, as shown in the left hand column of the Charts. A ** indicates the best time to listen for 10 meter openings; * best times for 160 meter openings.

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

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

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

3. Times shown in the Charts are in the 24-hour system, where 00 is midnight; 12 is noon; 01 is 1 A.M.; 13 is 1 P.M., etc. On the Short-Skip Chart appropriate daylight time is used at the path midpoint. For example, on a circuit between Maine and Florida, the time shown would be EDT; on a circuit between N.Y. and Texas, the time at the midpoint would be CDT, etc. Times shown in the Hawaii Chart are in HST. To convert to daylight time in other USA time zones, add 3 hours in the PDT zone; 4 hours in the MDT zone; 5 hours in CDT zone, and 6 hours in the EDT zone. Add 10 hours to convert from HST to GMT. For example, when it is 12 noon in Honolulu, it is 15 or 3 P.M. in Los Angeles; 18 or 6 P.M. in Washington, D.C.; and 22 GMT. Time shown in the Alaska Chart is given in GMT. To convert to daylight time in other areas of the USA, subtract 7 hours in the PDT zone; 6 hours in the MDT zone; 5 hours in the CDT zone and 4 hours in the EDT zone. For example, at 20 GMT it is 16 or 4 P.M. in N.Y.C.

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

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

HAWAII

Openings Given In

Hawaiian Standard Time #

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

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

Contest Calendar

BY FRANK ANZALONE, W1WY



Once again it was my pleasure to attend the Dayton Hamvention this year. This event gets bigger and better every year, attracting amateurs from all over the world. There are Exhibitors by the scores and a Flea Market you have to see to believe.

If you're meeting anyone the place to go is downtown where all the action is, at the hotels where you will find the "Hospitality Room" of your choice.

It's impossible to attend all the Forums at the Arena Center so you pick out the one of interest to you. Naturally ours was the Contest Forum, again moderated by our own Bernie Welch, W8IMZ, CQ WPX Contest Director.

We had a full house, around 400 in attendance, and a very interesting and sometimes spirited program. The following gave topical talks.

Bob Epstein, K8HLR and members of the ARRL Contest Advisory Committee with questions and answers.

Fred Capossela, K6SSS, CQ WW DX Contest Director, "The Madison Avenue Approach to Contesting."

Jim Cain, WA1STN represented ARRL Headquarters.

Ron Blake and George Werner narrated a slide show of the VP5B operation in the '75 WPX Contest.

And Yuri Blannarovich, VE3BMV (ex-OK3BU) gave what was probably the highlight of the whole program, "Contesting Behind the Iron Curtain."

I don't know how successful I was in getting the message across in "How to Plan a Contest." I do know that I had no problem in presenting Trophies to K4VX, PJ0JR, W2PV, VE3BVM and the VP5B multi group. All winners in the CQ 1975 WPX SSB Contest.

Contest Forums are becoming very popular at Hamventions, plan to attend the next one in your area if you are looking for an interesting program.

73 for now, Frank, W1WY

Calendar of Events

**July	3-4	Venezuelan Phone
*July	3-4	QRP Activity Contest
**July	3-25	Space Net VHF Contest
†July	17-18	Colombian Contest
*July	24-25	ARRL Bicentennial
July	24-25	Danubien Activity
**July	31-	
Aug.	-1	Venezuelan CW Contest
*July	31-	
Aug.	-1	Illinois QSO Party
*Aug.	7-8	10-10 Net Summer Party
*Aug.	14-15	European C.W. Contest
Aug.	21-22	SARTG RTTY Contest
Aug.	21-22	Big 15 QSO Party
Aug.	21-23	New Jersey QSO Party
Aug.	21-23	QRP ARCI Contest
Aug.	28-29	All Asian C.W. Contest
Aug.	28-29	Arizona QSO Party
Sept.	4-5	Albatross SSTV Contest
Sept.	4-6	Four Land QSO Party
Sept.	11-12	European Phone Contest
Sept.	11-12	Pennsylvania QSO Party
Sept.	11-12	Washington QSO Party
Sept.	18-20	Maryland/DC QSO Party
Sept.	18-19	Scandinavian C.W.
Sept.	25-26	Scandinavian Phone
Sept.	25-27	Delta QSO Party
Oct.	2-3	VK/ZL/Oceania Phone
Oct.	9-10	VK/ZL/Oceania C.W.
Oct.	16-17	Boy Scouts Jamboree
Oct.	17-18	Manitoba QSO Party
Oct.	30-31	CQ WW DX Phone Contest
Nov.	27-28	CQ WW DX CW Contest

*Covered last month.

**Covered in May.

†Not official.

Danubien Activity Contest

C.W.

0000-2400 GMT Saturday, July 24

Phone

0000-2400 GMT Sunday, July 25

This is a new one organized by the Radio Amateur Society of County Pest to increase activity in achieving the Dunakanyer Diploma. There are also contest certificates both for c.w. and phone.

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worth 10 points.

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Awards: Certificates to the three top scorers in each country, in each class, both c.w. and phone.

The Dunakanyer Diploma is available to all applicants submitting proof of having contacted HA7 stations as follows: DX 5 QSOs, Europe 20 QSOs and HA's 40 QSOs. Extract from your contest log is acceptable. Include 6 IRC's with your application. (Contacts can be made at any time and not limited to the contest.)

Deadline for your contest log Sept. 1st and go to: P.R.A.Sz, H-1387, Budapest, P.O. Box 36, Budapest, Hungary.

European DX Contest

C.W.: Aug. 14-15 Phone: Sept. 11-12

Starts: 0000 GMT Saturday

Ends: 2400 GMT Sunday

Complete rules were given in last month's Calendar. Following a more detailed awards list.

In addition to the certificates listed under Awards, the following Plaques will be awarded.

1. Single operator, continental leaders.
2. Multi-operator, continental leaders.
3. To stations in the Top Ten/Six who have been in the list for at least five times.

North American residents may send their logs to: Hartwin E. Weiss, WA3-KWD, 323 North St., Millersburg, PA 17061. All others to: European DX Contest, D-895 Kaufbeuren, P.O. Box 262, West Germany. Mailing deadline is Sept. 15th for c.w. and Oct. 15th for phone.

S.A.R.T.G. RTTY Contest

Three Periods (GMT)

000-0800 and 1600-2400 Sat. Aug. 21

0800-1600 Sunday, August 22

This is the 6th annual contest sponsored by the Scandinavian Amateur Radio Teleprinter Group. Use all bands 3.5 thru 28 MHz. The same

All Asian 1975 C.W. Results Continental Winners

Single Opr.	Africa	Multi-Opr.
C9MIZ 16,428	Europe	UK4WAC 80,772
UA4HAL 43,662	No. Am.	W6OKK 92,232
W7RM 129,804	Asia	UK9OAD 60,450
UA9TS 115,420	Oceania	
KH6IJ 92,000	So. Am.	
LUBBOA 10,855		

Single Opr.

ALASKA 14 MHz	W2HZY 4,216
KL7HMO 11,484	WA1STN 1,562
KL7ICL 10,535	WA1NKK 1,364
CANADA 14 MHz	K9UIY 1,178
VE3EJK 42	W6DGH 1,116
All Band	K6CL 220
XN1AW 1,008	WA3DMH 216
XN1KE 120	W1HX 212
U.S.A. 1.9 MHz	K4RDU 161
W7QID 28	K6DSK 120
3.5 MHz	W4WSF 8
K6AQ 3,105	WB4WHE/4 4
7 MHz	21 MHz
K6OVJ 20,755	K6SDR 1,694
WA6EPQ 16,957	All Band
K5ZJP 1,748	W7RM 129,804
14 MHz	W6PAA 106,362
WB6AIN/6 26,450	W6MAR 79,570
W6AM 17,673	W9IRH/7 74,620
WB2JYM/6 17,520	W6ZT 14,355
WA6NGG 15,920	W2GHD 6,327
W5WZQ 15,204	K8IDE 3,416
W6RGG/6 12,520	W4UPJ 2,968
K6ZM 9,540	WA2IDM 990
WA7JCB 9,339	K5MHG/6 120
WA1PID/7 6,012	W6KYA 117
W8CQN 5,624	Multi Opr.
W5WMU 5,115	W6OKK 92,232
	K6HIH 83,304
	W1ARR/6 77,832
	K3MNT/7 66,134
	K6SG 5,380

station may be worked on each band for QSO and multiplier credits.

Classification: Single operator. (a) Less than 100 watts input. (b) Over 100 watts input. (c) Multi-operator single transmitter, no power restrictions. And s.w.l.'s.

Exchange: QSO no. and signal report.

Points: QSOs with own country, 5 points. With other countries on same continent, 10 points. With other continents, 15 points. U.S., Canada and Australia call areas count as separate countries in scoring.

Multiplier: Each DXCC country and each W/K, VE/VO and VK call area.

Final Score: Sum of QSO points from all bands times the multiplier from each band.

Awards: Certificates to top scoring station in each class in each country and U.S., Canada and Australia call areas.

Mailing deadline is Sept. 18th to SARTG Contest Manager, C. J. Jensen, OZ2CJ, Meisnersgade 5, 8900 Randers, Denmark.

Big 15 QSO Party

Starts: 0001 GMT Saturday, August 21
Ends: 0400 GMT Sunday, August 22

This is the 2nd annual contest organized by the Big 15 Club to increase membership in the Club and to stimulate activity on the 21 MHz band, especially for the Novice. Contacts are limited to 15 meters, phone and c.w., and you need not be a member to participate.

Exchange RS(T), state, province or country. Members include membership number.

Scoring: Contacts with stations in same country 1 point. Other countries in same continent 2 points. (inc. KL7) DX on other continents 3 points. (inc. KH6) QSOs with members count 10 points. Triple your points if QSO is with Zone 15 and 5 times your points on your 15th contact.

Multiplier: Total of states, provinces and DX countries worked.

Certificates, membership card and results to all top scorers. Include a s.a.s.e. for copy of the results.

Mailing deadline Sept. 30th to: Pete Palsen, WN9PIC, 622 East 2nd St., Carlinville, Ill. 62626

New Jersey QSO Party

2000-0700 GMT Sat./Sun. Aug. 21/22
1300-0200 GMT Sun./Mon. Aug. 22/23

This is the 17th party sponsored by the Englewood ARA. Phone and c.w. are considered separate bands. The same station may be worked on each band and mode, and N.J. may work other N.J. stations for QSO and multiplier credit.

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

Scoring: Out-of-state stations multiply N.J. QSOs by N.J. counties worked. (max. of 21)

N.J. stations score 1 point for W/K, VE/VO contacts, 3 points for DX. Multiply total by ARRL sections. (max. of 75) KP4, KH6, KL7, KZ5 are 3 point contacts and section multiplier.

Frequencies: 1810, 3535, 3905, 7035, 7135, 7235, 14035, 14280, 21100, 213335, 28100, 28600, 50-50.5, 144-146. Phone on even hours, 15 on odd hours, 160 at 0500 GMT.

Awards: Certificates to the top scorers in each N.J. county, ARRL section and DX country. 2nd place awards if four or more logs received from that section. Also Novice and Technician awards.

Use GMT, indicate multiplier first time it is worked and include a summary and QSO check sheet. A large s.a.s.e. if results are desired.

Stations planning activity in N.J. are requested to advise EARA by Aug. 7th so that coverage off all countries may be planned.

Logs must be received no later than Sept. 18th by the Englewood ARA, 303 Tenafly Road, Englewood, N.J. 07631

QRP ARC International Contest

Starts: 2000 GMT Saturday, August 21
Ends: 0200 GMT Monday, August 23

The contest is open to all ama-

teurs whether or not they are members of QRP Amateur Radio Club International.

The same station may be worked once per band and mode for QSO and multiplier credit.

Exchange. RS(T), state, province or country. Members include their QRP number, non-members their power input.

Points Member contacts count 3 points, non-member 2 points, and contacts with stations other than W/K or VE count 4 points.

Multiplier: Each state, VE province and DX country worked on each band.

Final Score: Total QSO points \times state (max. 48) province and country multiplier \times power multiplier.

Power Multiplier: Less than 1 watt input \times 5, 1-5 watts \times 3, 5-25 watts \times 2, 25-100 watts \times 1.5, no multiplier for over 100 watts.

Frequencies: C.W.—3540, 7040, 14065, 21040, 28040. Phone—3855, 7260, 14260, 21300, 28600. Novice—3720, 7120, 21120, 28040.

Awards: Certificates to top scorers in each state, province and DX country. A certificate to the station using the lowest power and showing three "skip" contacts. Additional awards depending on the activity.

Include a summary sheet with scoring information and equipment description, and a large s.a.s.e. for copy of results. Logs must be received by Sept. 30th and go to: E. V. Sandy Blaize, W5TVW, 417 Ridgewood Drive, Metairie, La. 70001

All Asian C.W. Contest

Starts: 1000 GMT Saturday, August 28
Ends: 1600 GMT Sunday, August 29

The official rules for this contest were received too late for the May issue when the contest was announced. There are three major modifications which fortunately only slightly affect the Phone section which took place last month. They are as follows:

Classifications: Single operator, each single band, 1.9 thru 28 MHz, and all band. Multi-operator, all band only. (no multi xmtr.)

Awards: Certificates to the top scorers in each classification in each country as follows: First place only if entries are less than 10, 2nd place if 11 to 20, 3rd place if 21 to 30, and 4th and 5th place if over 31 entries received.

The top scorers in each continent, single operator, all band and multi-operator classes will also receive medals.

Each call area in the U.S. single operator, all band class will also receive certificates.

Dates: Note that the c.w. date has been moved to a week later than previously announced.

Mailing deadline for the phone logs is September 30th, and November 30th for c.w. They go to the J.A.R.L., P.O. Box 377, Tokyo Central, Japan. Include a s.a.e. and one IRC if you wish a copy of the results.

Arizona QSO Party

Starts: 1700 GMT Saturday, August 28
Ends: 1700 GMT Sunday, August 29

This is the second annual QSO Party sponsored by the Motorola ARC of Arizona. The same station may be worked on each band and mode, and Arizona may work other in-state stations. All stations are encouraged to use their Bicentennial calls.

Exchange: RS(T) and QTH, county for Ariz., state, province or country for others.

Scoring: One point per s.s.b. QSO, 2 if on c.w., and 4 if with a Novice. An additional 50 s.s.b. QSO points to Ariz. stations operating outside their home county.

Final Score: For Arizona, QSO points + any bonus \times states/VE provinces/DX countries worked. For others, QSO points \times total Ariz. counties worked on each band. (14 per band possible).

Frequencies: CW—3560, 7060, 14060, 21060, 28060. Phone—3935, 7235, 14285, 21360, 28575. Novice—3725, 7125, 21125, 28125.

Awards: Certificates to the top three Arizona stations and to the top station in each state, VE province and DX country. (Min. of 5 QSOs).

Include the usual summary sheet showing the scoring, equipment description and signed declaration. And a large s.a.s.e. for results.

Mailing deadline Sept. 30th to: Motorola Amateur Radio Club, 8201 E. McDowell Road, Scottsdale, Ariz. 85252

Albatross SSTV Contest

1500-2200 GMT Saturday, Sept. 4
0700-1400 GMT Sunday, Sept. 5

This is the first SSTV contest sponsored by the British Amateur Television Club and the Advanced Electroic organization of Bologna, Italy. Entries will be classed in two sections, send/receive and receive only. (s.w.l.)

Exchange: Picture with callsign, signal report and contact number.

Scoring: One point for contacts on 14 MHz, 5 points on other bands, and 15 points via Oscar. Multiplier, 5 points for each country, 10 points for each continent. W/K and VE call areas are considered as separate in scoring.

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Frequencies: 3754, 7040, 14230, 21340, 28670.

Awards: The overall winner will receive a SSTV Converter from Advance Electronics, 2nd and 3rd place winners a year's subscription to CQ TV magazine. There are s.w.l. awards too.

Include a dollar or its equivalent with your entry to cover mailing expenses and etc.

Logs must be received no later than Oct. 2nd and they go to: Prof. Franco Fanti, I4LCF, Via Dallolio n 19, Bologna, Italy.

Four Land QSO Party

Starts: 1800 GMT. Saturday, Sept. 4
Ends: 0200 GMT Monday, Sept. 6

This is the 7th annual party sponsored by the 4th Call District ARA of the I.A.R.S. The same station may be worked on each band and mode, fixed and again if operating portable or mobile, and from each county change. 4th call area stations may work each other for QSO and multiplier credit.

Exchange: RS(T) and QTH. County and state for the 4th district; state, province or country for all others.

CHC and FHC should include their membership number to give additional QSO points to stations worked.

Scoring: 4th Call Area—One point for W/VE contacts, 3 points if its DX. (inc. KH6 & KL7). Final score, QSO points \times states and VE provinces worked. (counted once only).

All Others—Two points per QSO. Final score, QSO points \times (4th district states + 4th district counties). For this Bicentennial year add 2 QSO points for each CHC or FHC station worked.

Frequencies: CW—3575, 7060, 14070, 21090, 28090. Phone—3940, 7260, 14350, 21360, 28600. Novice—3710, 7110, 21110, 28110.

Awards: Certificates to top scorers in each state, VE province and DX country, 2nd and 3rd place when warranted. Also county awards to 4th call area states and special awards to Novices, s.w.l. and B/H. (Blind and Handicapped). There are also High Honor Awards to leaders in Four Land, outside the 4th district, VE and DX countries.

Mail logs within 30 days of end of party to: Fourth Call District A.R.A., Att: Bob Knapp, W4OMW, 105 Dupont Circle, Greenville, N.C. 27834. Include a large s.a.s.e. for results. ■

Surplus Sidelights

BY GORDON ELIOT WHITE

The AN/ARC-27 transceiver (225-400 MHz) is one of those post World War II units that had a very long life with the military, and after it largely passed from the scene aboard first-line U.S. Air Force planes, was much used overseas. Virtually all of the military-assistance countries have used the ARC-27, and its frequency cover-

age is still the tactical standard.

Age and a shortage of usable spares has forced the ARC-27 out of general use, except aboard a few older aircraft, and some overseas. Its price in surplus has declined, and it could be attractive today for certain amateur uses, either for parts, or for 220 MHz work.

The major unit is the receiver-transmitter, RT-178/ARC-27 (fig. 1) which contains everything except the antenna and control circuits. The receiver portion is a nice triple-conversion tube design providing 1750 channels on 100 kHz spacing. A separate "guard" receiver module is provided, in the 238-248 MHz portion of the band designed to cover the 243 MHz universal emergency channel.

There are a number of control units designed for use with the ARC-27—C-626, C-628, C-868, C-627, etc. (fig. 2), depending on the application of the particular transceiver and the aircraft it was used in. There are several other controls, and mounts, but they are not of great interest to the amateur.

The AN/ARC-27 was another Collins' design like too many of the period. It had competitors, the Bendix AN(ARC-33, the RCA AN/ARC-34, and the Admiral AN/ARC-55. The AN/ARC-33 is interchangeable with the ARC-27 and is virtually identical in characteristics. The ARC-34 is a "miniaturized" ARC-33, and was originally designed by RCA, and Magnavox produced the last production run of that set. The AN/ARC-55 is still in service in many older aircraft, and seems to hold a bit of a premium on the dealers' market. Obviously, this proliferation of almost-identical 225-400 MHz designs was one more case of military duplication of effort. Military strength is necessary, but some of the cost, at least in the past, has been indefensible.

All of the AN/ARC-27 type designs were set up to work with the AN/ARA-25 direction finder group, although such use was rare.

An automatic relay operation could be set up using a pair of RT-178/ARC-27 or RT-394/ARC-55 transceivers and appropriate control units so that an incoming signal received on one unit will be automatically relayed and re-transmitted from the second unit.

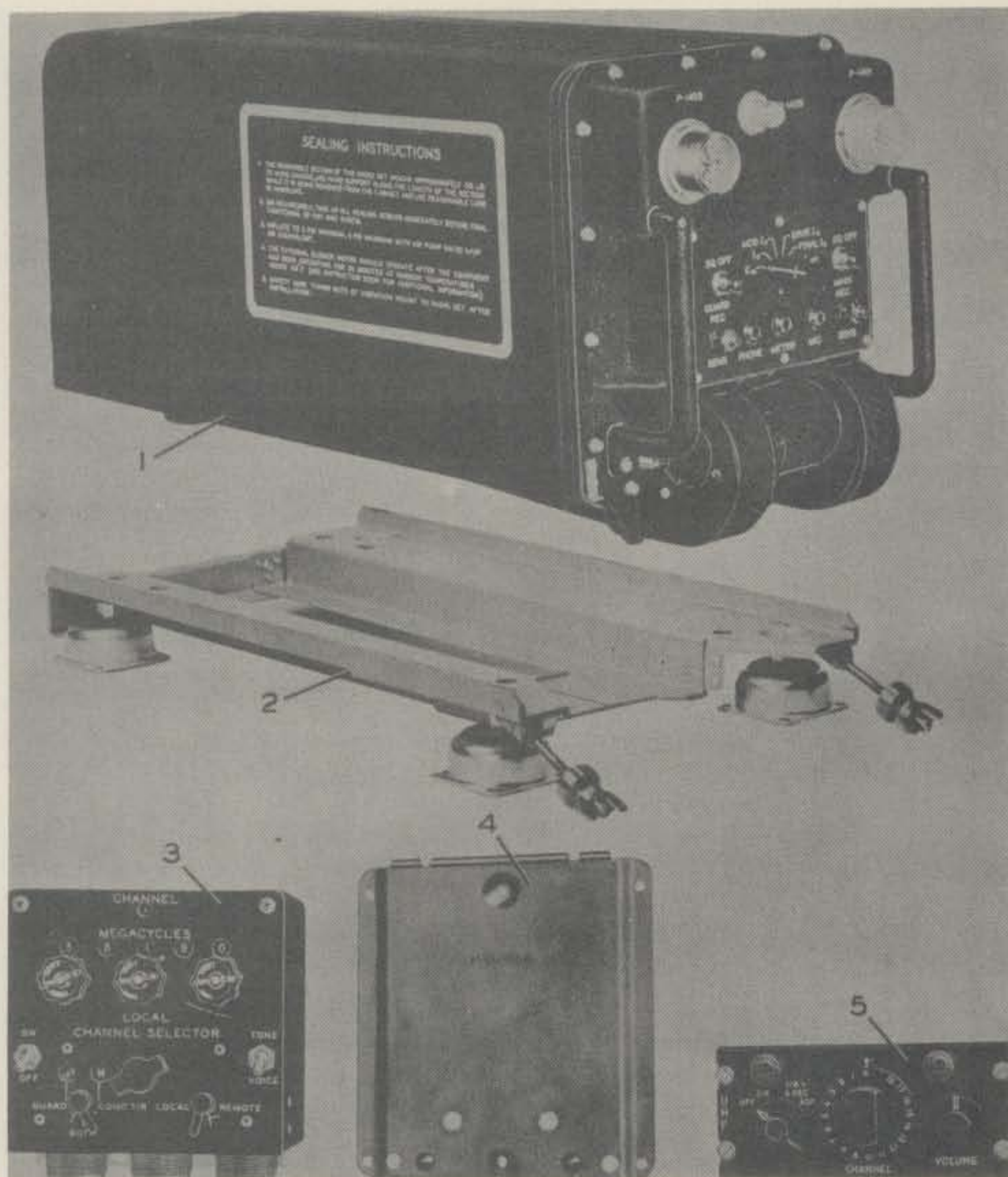


Fig. 1—The AN/ARC-27 transceiver. (1) is the receiver-transmitter RT-178/ARC-27, (2) mounting plate MT-882, (3) control box C-626, (4) mounting plate MT-821, (5) control box C-628.

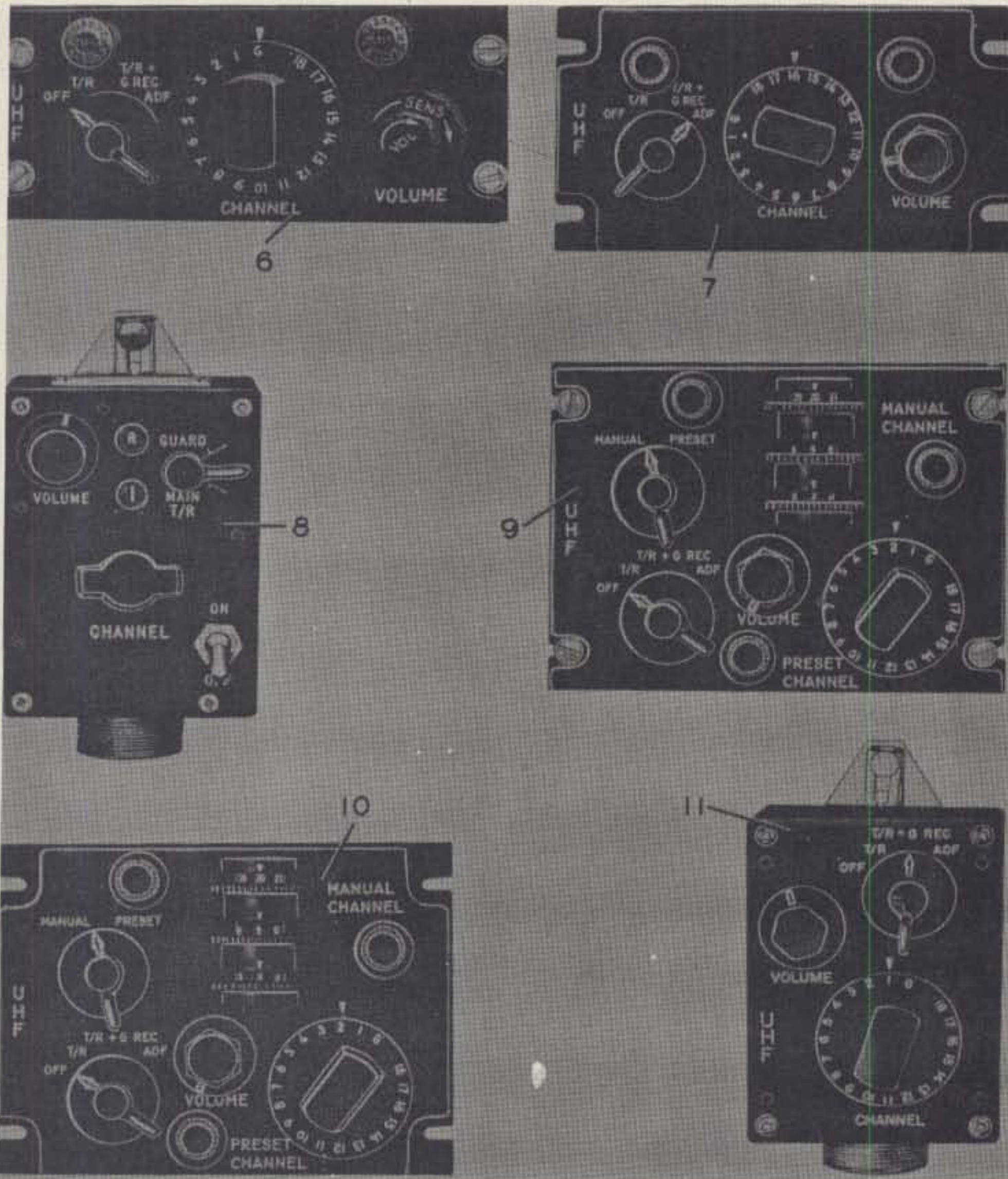


Fig. 2—Various control boxes for the AN/ARC-27. From 6 thru 11 they are; C-628A, C-868, C-627, C-905, C-906, C-911.

The specs on the AN/ARC-27 type units indicate an output in the 8-10 watt area. Weight of the RT-178/ARC-27 is 70 pounds. The RT-349/ARC-55 is a bit more lean, weighing 57.5 pounds. Power drain in receive is 12.7 amps at 27.5 volts d.c. and 20.25 amps in transmit mode.

The recommended antenna is the AT-141/ARC, a 50 ohm, broadbanded type giving an s.w.r. of 2:1 or less over the entire 225 - 400 MHz band. Coax feed line is RG-8/U (52 ohms).

B+ power is provided by a dynamotor in the AN/ARC-27 design. The ARC-27 is pressurized, with cooling obtained in a heat-exchanger consisting of an inner and outer shell between which air is passed by front-panel cooling blowers. The AN/ARC-55 is not pressurized. The pressure feature was an early way to offset the effect of low ambient pressures at high altitude which led to transmitter flashovers.

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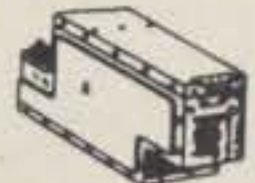
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WWDX - 1967

KL7FRY, SV0WP, HA2MM, ZD5M

WWDX - 1968

DM4SLG, 8P6CV, VU2DKZ, DM2BOG
DL4FB, 2D8Z, OM1ADP, VE2BV

WWDX - 1969

I1NU, OX5BLV, KA2RH, PA0XPO
FG7XX, CR6GO

WWDX - 1971

W0NQQ, KR6AY, WA3HGV, W7UI,
FY0NA, VK6WO, WB2RLK/VE1

WWDX - 1972

K8WWU

WW Side Band DX - 1967

GM5ACE

WW Side Band DX - 1969

GD3AIM, HS3RT, VK6HJ, OD2ABV
KR6KN, VK1GD

WW Side Band DX - 1970

DM6AO, XW8DX

WW WPX - 1972

OX5BA

160 Meter Contest - 1973

8P6DR

Awards (from page 61)

issued for any future QSOs with WB6CKU, for USA-CA.

Sorry to report the loss of two more County Hunters:

J. F. Wemmlinger, W2JGY.

James Farris, Jr., WA4MGC, *All Counties*, #90, 12-22-72, and *Story/Foto* January 1975 CQ.

Also sad to report the loss of an old friend, Chas. Porter, K2ER, ex-20A (back in the early 1920s and before that), ex K6JT and K4OA. Chas had been associated with Loew Theatres/MGM Pictures, Col. in the OSS, and also with NBC on the west coast before he retired some years ago.

How was your month?

73, Ed., W2GT.

Math's Notes (from page 50)

izes" the inverter and the two capacitors are used to trim the crystal. Increasing C_1 pulls the frequency down while decreasing C_2 pulls it up. The other two inverters simply shape up the output so it will drive other circuitry.

This circuit would be the ideal starting point for a marker generator.

73, Irwin, WA2NDM

Novice (from page 48)

and blow the written test will eventually be given credit for the code, if they pass the written test within a given amount of time. . . . Charles McDonald, WN3FYM, AK3YBM, 312 Penna Ave., Dowingtown, Pa. 19335, needs three states for his WAS (worked all states) certificate. His country total is 37, including ZF1AG, who is Art, K8SWW, at home and K4BR/VP9. He worked ZF1AG on both c.w. and phone (Art on phone), and K4BR/VP9 on both 80 and 40 meters. . . . The Maple Hills HS Amateur Radio Club, Castleton, N.Y. (WB2YCR) graduated four Novices from its spring Novice course conducted by John, WA2UON, with more expected before the summer is over.

All readers are invited to send "News And Views," pictures, and suggestions to your column, no matter what the class of their licenses. Address all mail to: Herbert S. Brier, W9EGQ, Novice Editor, "CQ Magazine," 409 S. 14th St., Chesterton, Indiana 46304.

73, Herb, W9EGQ

DX (from page 60)

the old style IRCs will no longer be good after 1976. It seems that there was a possible conflict with ITU regulations and when the matter was taken up with L'Enfant Plaza Head-

quarters of the Postal Service that a change of mind ensued.

A Bulgarian oceanographic expedition is expected to be drifting towards Polynesia until September and may be heard signing LZOG/mm. Apparently they are retracing the path of the Kon Tiki and they have a low-power transceiver with them. They are expected to operate at 14073 kHz or 14273 kHz around 1830Z. LZ1KBG has asked for reports from anyone working them as this is the only way they can determine how the effort is going. WN3SHX operated from St. Brandon in April . . . the whole operation was only a couple of hours under difficult conditions. BQ6AB is reported as heading back to Sri Lanka and with the VS9-stations going QRT, the activity from the Maldives may be scarce. AI4ARU was at the Region II IARU meeting and QSLs to W4WYR. During the Spring the DXAC have been mulling over some proposals to change the DXCC criteria . . . like reducing that criteria which calls for 225 miles down to 150 miles. This was not the one in question for Okino Tori Shima, that was Rule 2B which called for 500 miles of separation.

Andre Saunders, ex-5Z4KL, is teaching school at Cockermouth in Cumbria. He heads the Science Department. There has been a report that KP6-Palmyra is being leased by a chemical company which may pretty well seal up the lagoon there. This may bring some regular operation from KP6 as a side benefit.

QSL Information

A6XR—Via G4CHP	N9ITU—Via K9GSC
EP20D—Via K4OD	VP5SF—Via WB4SHB
FK0KG—Via YASME	VE1APY/SU—Via VE1APY
KC7LBH—Via WA7OBH	VR3AH—Via K2BT
N1ITU—Via W1GNC	KR3AK—Via KH6AHZ
NE1ITU—Via ARRL	VU2ACD—Via WB7ACD
NZ1ITU—Via K1HRV	WU4ITU—Via K4YFQ
N2ITU—Via WA2EAH	WV8ITU—Via W8BT
N3ITU—Via W3DOS	WI9ANG—Via WA9DZL
N4ISC—Via W4IMP	XJ3ZZ/1—Via VE3BMV
NQ4ITU—Via WB4FDT	UN1FI1—Via VE3BWY
NU4ITU—Via K4ZA	YJ8KG—Via YASME
NS4ITU—Via WB4FLW	5B4BK—Via OE2SJL
N6ITU—Via K6ILM	7J1RL—Via JARL
NA6ITU—Via W6UFJ	9Y4AC—Via VE7BZC
NV6ITU—Via WA6TAX	VP5MD—Via Rt. 1, Box 365B, Valrico, Fla. 33594
NE6ITU—Via WA6PDE	
NK8ITU—Via W8RSW	
N8MI—Via K8IDE	

Antennas (from page 37)

was able to achieve unity s.w.r. at any point in either the 80 or 40 meter bands, and signal reports were excellent.

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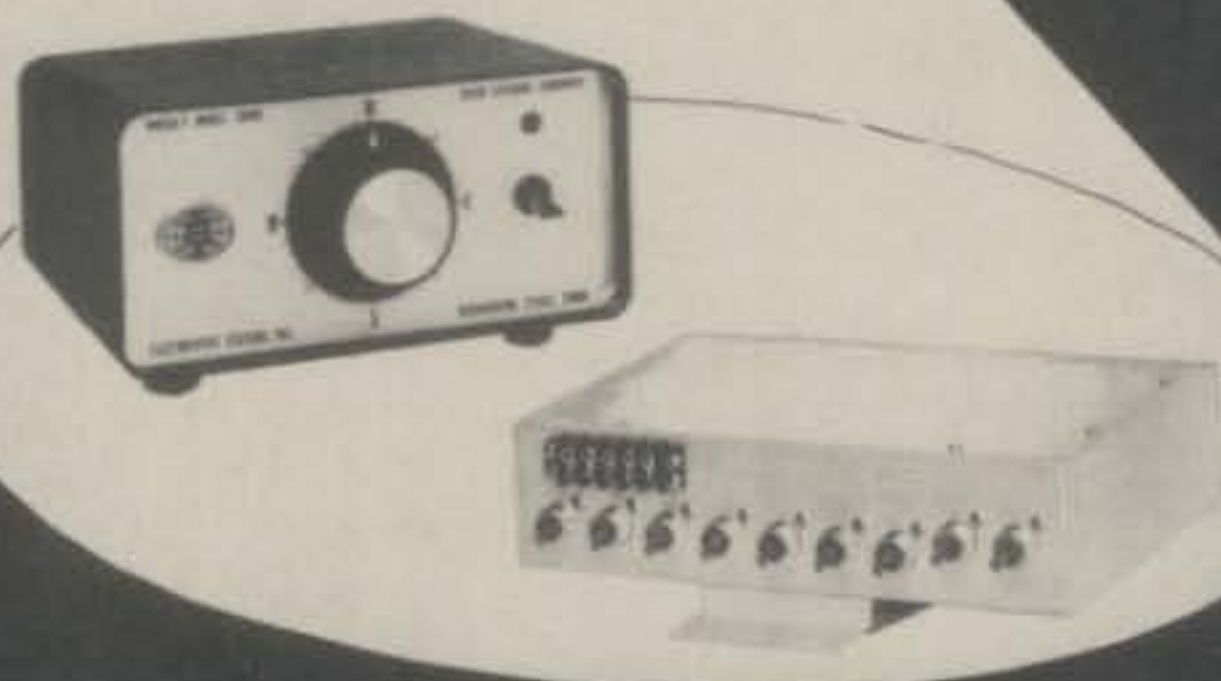
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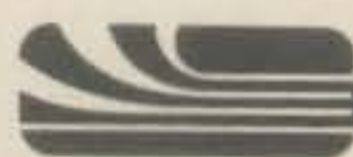
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Genave GTX 200 SN 22-03 SS Number inside 031-28-9354. Crystalled for 157.63-03, 147.06, 156.37-97, 34-94, 94-94 and MARS freq. BNC on back for duplex operation. Extra relay inside for sw. mike and motor control head., Early vintage set. Stolen from Gus McKinney, WB0OPR, 807 Holmes Drive, Colorado Springs, Co. 80909. (303) 473-1397.

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Regency HR2B SN unknown, Crystals for; 34/94, 34/34, 16/76, 19/79, 22/82, 28/88, 88/88, 145.80/80, 58/58, 25/85 Stolen from Glenda Butler, WB0OCH, 1509 E. 12th St. Pueblo, Co. 81001. (303) 544-7777.

Motorola Two Freq, Control head, Motorola T-power mike, Moto. speaker, 16 button TT pad with light mounted in Bud Box. Stolen from; Jim Best WA0RZI, 1923 Alpine Drive, Colo. Springs, Co. 80907. (303) 471-1486.

Regency HR2 SN. unknown Crystals for 34/94, 17/67, 25/85, 88/88, Has owners name inside. Stolen from Dwane Barber, WA0WWO, RFD 3 Box 353, Greeley,

Co. 80631.

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Icom IC22A Sn. 3401802 Crystals for 94/94, 34/94, 22/82, 28/88, 52/52, 16/76, 37/97, 87/27, 19/79. Call is engraved on back, Accessory plug wired for TT, PTT, and 455KC output. Stolen from; Bill Croghan, WBØKSW, 1030 W. Colorado, Colorado Springs, Co. 80905. (303)471-7504.

Regency HR-2 Sn. 04-02604 with Nicad battery pack attached, sn. 7157; with microphone. Crystals for 94/94, 16/76, 22/82, 19/79, 52/52, 58/58, 34/94, 13/73, 01/99 (Army Mars) 78/18, 265/865, 31/91. Stolen from, A.D. Abercrombie, W2GJS, 1002 Merry-mount N., Turnersville, NJ 08012. (609) 227-1383.

Icom IC-22A transceiver, sn. 1216, crystals for 16/76, 31/91, 01/61, xtals also in radio besides standard xtals from Icom. Motorola type microphone. Stolen from Stephen E. Martin, WA3SAD, 12115 Northwood Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20870. (301)627-4933.

Realistic Pro-11 Scanner, sn. 08370930 There were xtals for 155.79 and 155.685 MHz in the unit. Stolen from Stephen E. Martin, WA3SAD, 12115 Northwood Drive, Upper Marlboro, Md. 20870. (301) 627-4933.

Sanyo FT-867 AM/FM/8 trk in dash car radio sn. 87661611. Stolen from Stephen E. Martin, WA3SAD, 12115 Northwood Drive, Upper Marlboro, Md. 20870. (301) 627-4933.

Realistic MPA-10 PA Amplifier, Manufacturer did not put sn on unit. Non stock mike. Stolen from Stephen E. Martin, WA3SAD, 12115 Northwood Drive, Upper Marlboro, Md. 20870. (301) 627-4933.

HW-202 Transceiver sn 09512, crystals for 07/67, 34/94, Had WBØQGF engraved on outside and inside. Stolen from Joel Humpke, WBØQGF, 516 Zion St., Aurora, Co.

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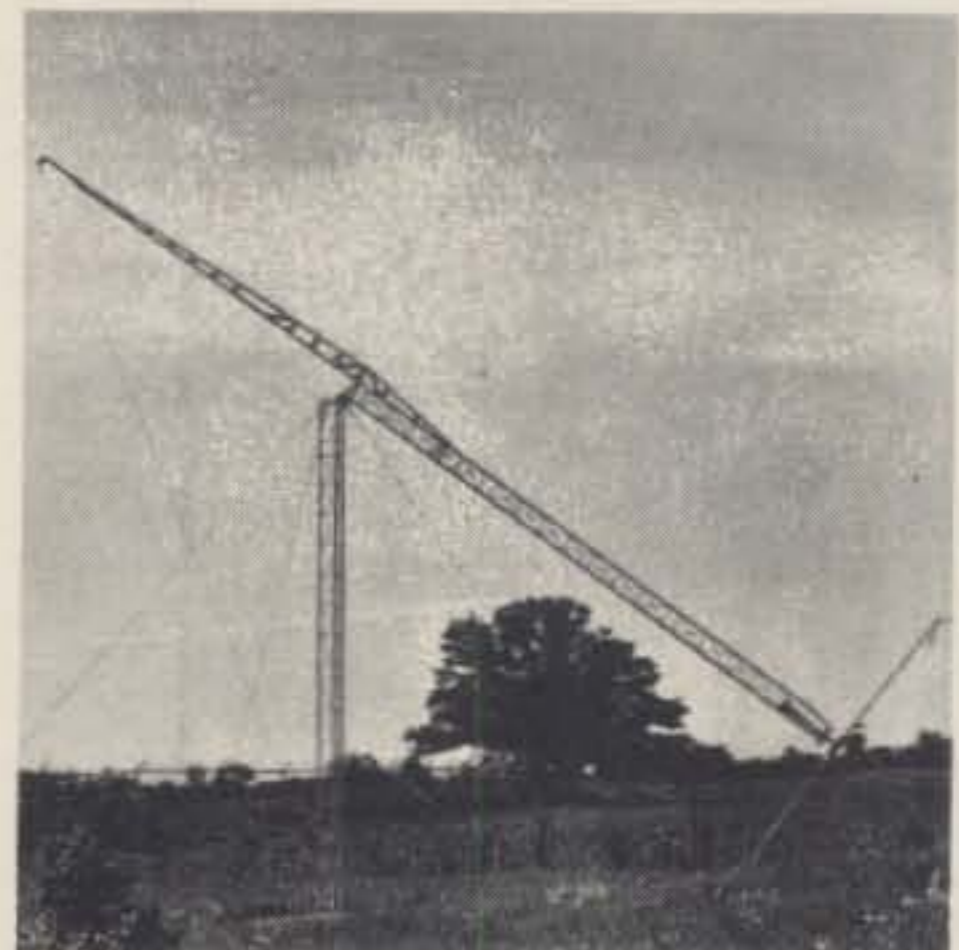
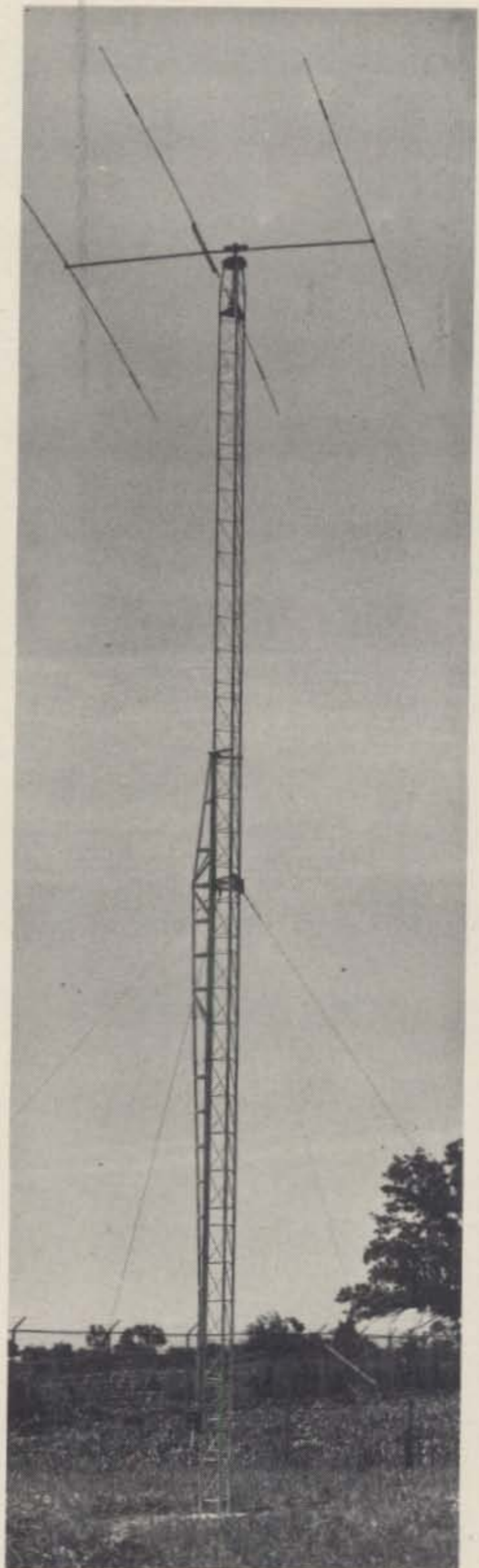
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I may add that one of the Anti Noise court cases against a CBER was in the home state of the ARRL earlier this year. The ARRL should start telling the hams about how they too can find themselves in court on a local Anti Noise law.

Lawrence I. Cotariu, WA9MZS
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QSK (from page 46)

Layout of the logic circuit is not critical. Fig. 6 shows parts placement. The only thing to keep in mind is that the lead length between the 74123 one-shots, timing capacitor, and timing resistor should be as short as possible, and are not to exceed a few inches. All components except relays K2, K3, and the power supply components are mounted on a 3 1/2" X 4 1/2" printed circuit board, fig. 7. Every lead entering or leaving the control box must be by-passed directly on the connector. Phono-jack connectors are easy to use and allow coax to be used for all interconnections. The power line is of the three wire grounded type. It is grounded directly to the case, and the hot leads are well by-passed immediately upon entering the case. To play it safe and insure that no false triggering of the one-shots occur through transients on the power supply lines, 0.1µf disc capacitors with leads as short as possible are soldered directly across pins 16 and 8 of U5 and U4 on the foil side of the board.

To allow adjustment of the miniature multi-turn timing potentiometers, R1, R2, R3, and R4, are mounted standing up on the board. Small holes are drilled in the box for access with the box closed.

The box containing the antenna relay uses phono-jacks for the relay coil and receiver antenna con-

nections. The coil drive jack is by-passed with a 0.1 μ f capacitor. Antenna and transmitter connections are via SO-239. The relay box is light and may be mounted directly on the output of the transmitter with a double male connector.

QSK Operation and Adjustment

Before connecting the QSK, it is a good idea to check for correct voltage from the power supply. If these are correct, make sure the two boxes are not connected together, and connect a key to one of the inputs and the transmitter to the grid block key output. Closing the key should switch K2 and K3, and key the transmitter. Measure the voltage across the antenna relay coil output jack if possible. With the key open it should be zero, and with the key closed it should be equal to $-V$. Connect the antenna relay coil lead from the antenna relay box. Closing the key should switch the antenna line from receive to transmit.

The only remaining step is to adjust the time delays to match your particular equipment. While this is best done with a triggered oscilloscope, on-the-air adjustment requiring no equipment other than your radio station will be described. Connect the QSK as shown in fig. 8. Use a dummy load on the antenna connection of the QSK. Disconnect the receiver mute line and place the receiver in the operate mode so that you can monitor your signal. Turn off the receiver a.g.c. Remove the amplifier from the circuit and feed the exciter directly into the QSK antenna relay. If your amplifier has a built in feed-through relay simply turn off the amplifier. Set all time delays to their maximum by setting R1, R2, R3, and R4 to their maximum resistance value. Finally connect a manual key to an input of the QSK control box.

At this point closing the key should place the exciter r.f. output into the dummy load and opening the key will connect the receiver to the dummy load. Close the key and tune up the exciter for about 100 or less watts output. While keying the exciter you should be able to hear the sending in the receiver.

While slowly keying the exciter, decrease the value of R1, shortening delay D1, until the slightest key click on the "make" of the key closure is heard in the receiver. To listen for key clicks, tune several kHz away from the carrier frequency. Try not to confuse receiver overload or desensing with key clicks. The instant clicks are heard time delay D1 has been set equal to the time it takes the antenna relay to close. Slightly increase the value of R1 until no click can be discerned on "make." Having too large a value of R1 will only insure that the antenna relay K1 is closed before r.f. appears on its contacts, which is safe. However, too little a value of R1 will mean the relay is hot-switching the r.f. If a very fast relay, such as the HC-1 or RJ-1A is used, it is possible that R1 may be decreased to

zero with no clicks occurring.

The next step is to set R2 to the same resistance value determined for R1 above. Either count the number of turns from maximum resistance taken off of R1, or turn off the power to the QSK and measure the resistance of R1 with an ohm meter. Place the positive lead of the ohm meter on the +5 supply line while make this measurement. In any case, set the value of R2 as close as possible to R1. Key the exciter at a reasonable speed and adjust R2 for a faithful reproduction of the keying weight. If the characters are too light, or short, increase R2; if they are too heavy, or long, decrease R2. This adjustment is not critical.

Decrease the value of R3 while listening with the receiver for key clicks on the "break" of the key opening. The instant a key click is detected, delay D3 has been set equal to the time necessary for the r.f. output to decay to zero. Increase R3 until no clicks are discernable on break. The antenna relay is now opening after all r.f. has disappeared from the contacts.

Increase the exciter to maximum output and make sure no clicks can be detected. Clicks on make are removed by increasing the value of R1, and clicks on break are removed by increasing the value of R3. Connect the amplifier and slowly increase power while keying and checking for clicks. If all clicks are absent connect on antenna and make sure nothing changes. Trim R2 for proper keying weight if necessary.

Lastly, connect the receiver mute line and decrease R4 while sending until smooth un-muting no longer occurs. Increase R4 for smooth transition between receive and mute on the receiver. Adjust the mute level control for the desired monitor volume.

If the station exciter, amplifier, or antenna relay is changed, it may be necessary to go through this adjustment procedure again. At some high keying speed it is characteristic of the QSK for the antenna relay to be unable to follow the keying. This is due to the relay switching speed and circuit fixed delay times. For the QSK using the VS-1 relay, this occurs at over 60 w.p.m.

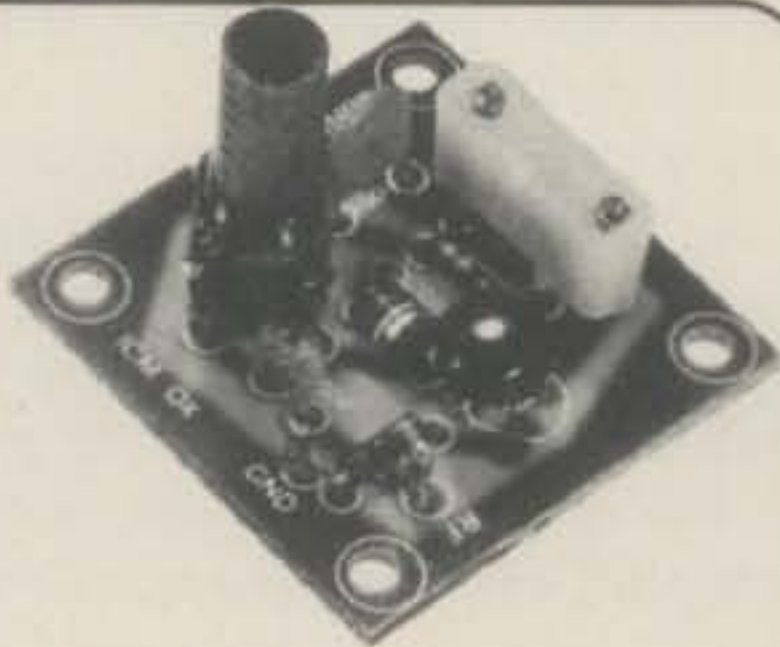
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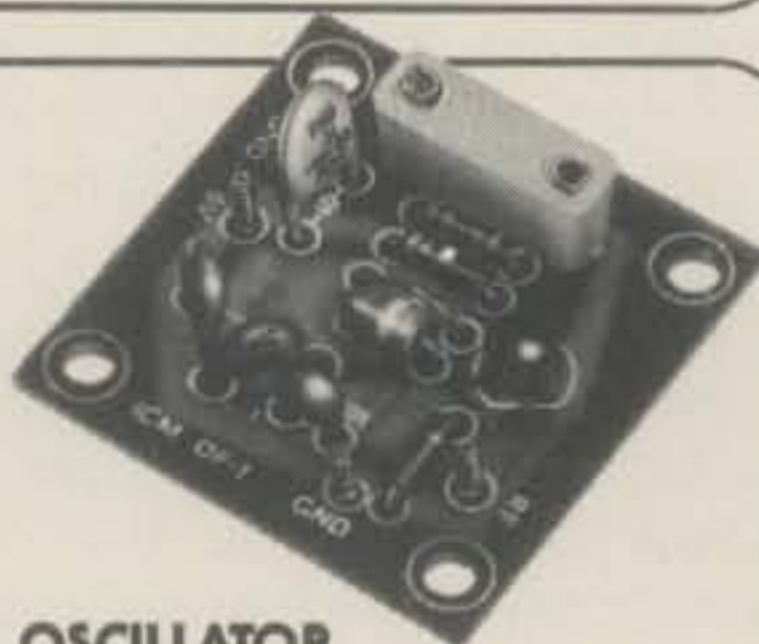
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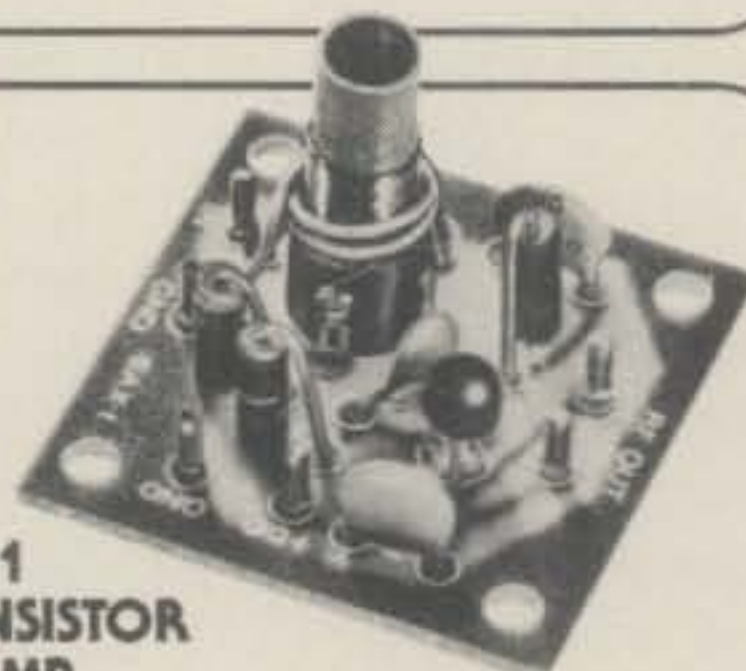
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