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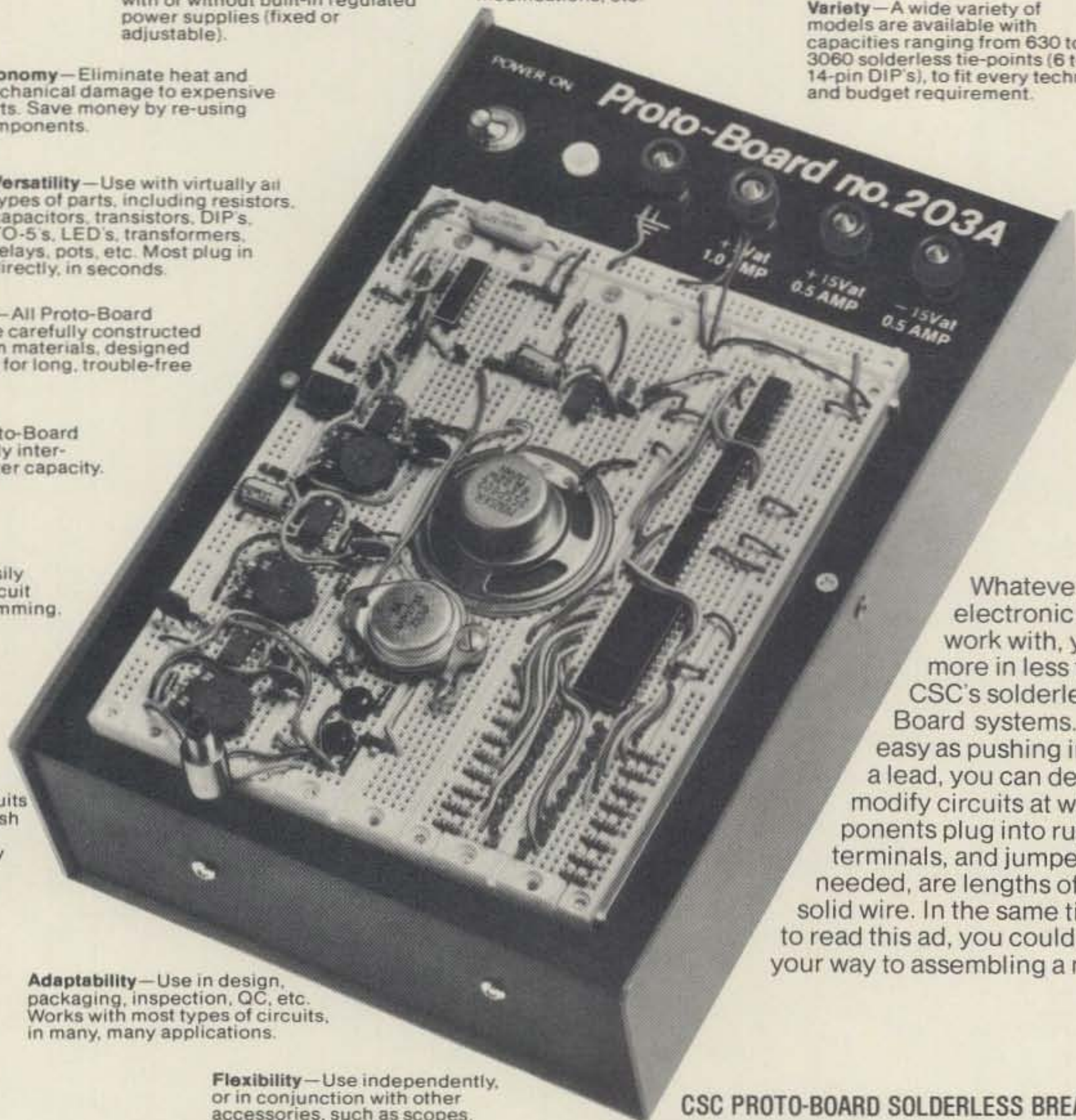
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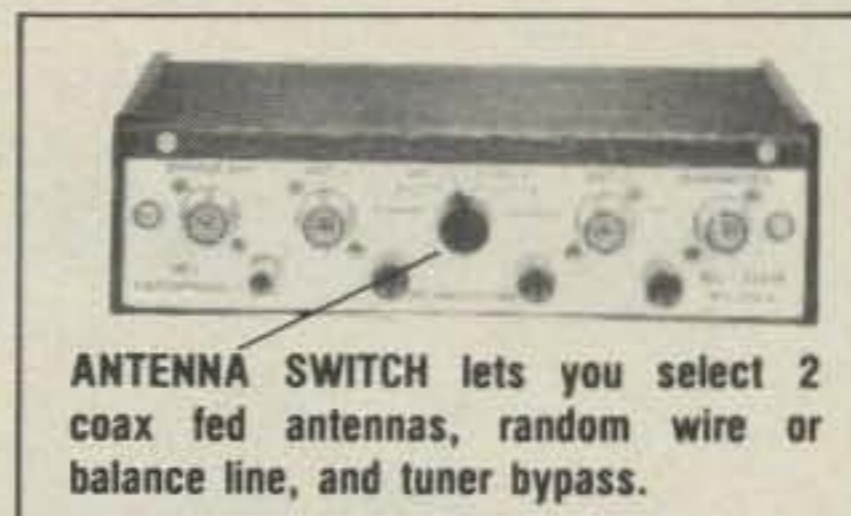
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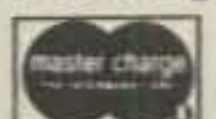
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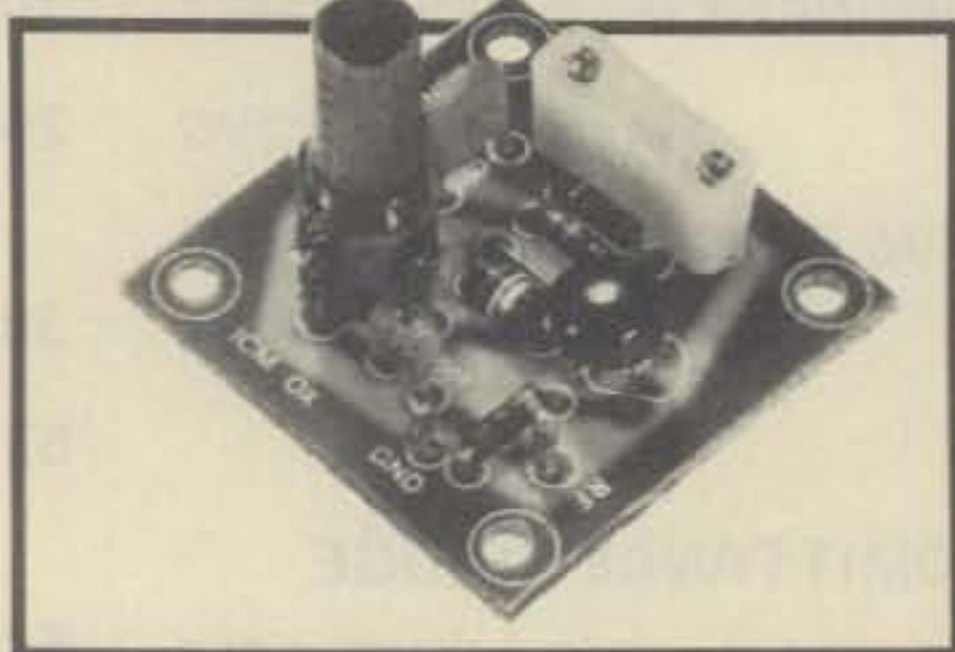
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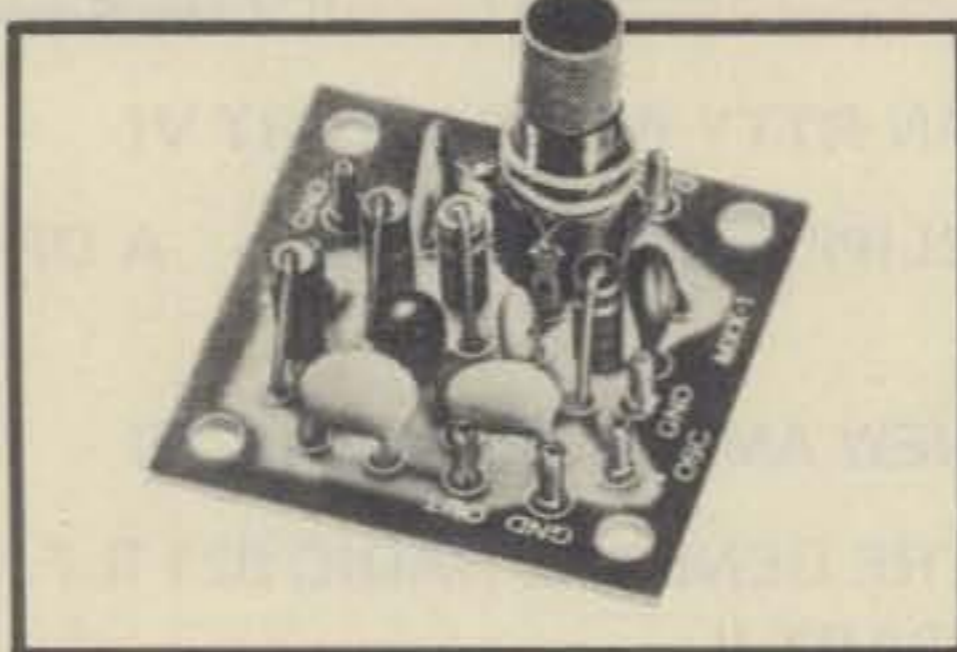


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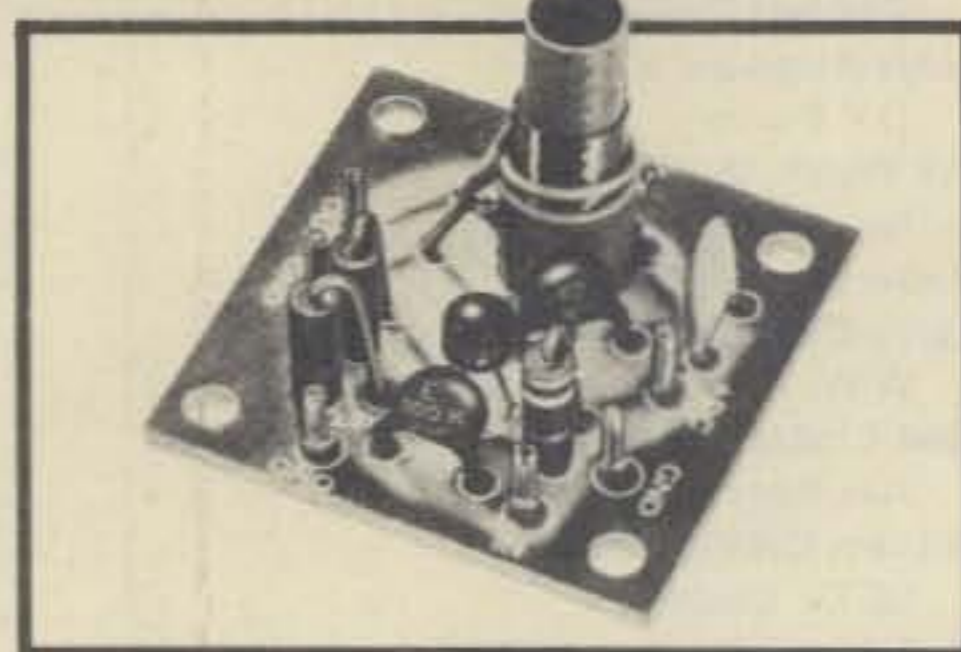


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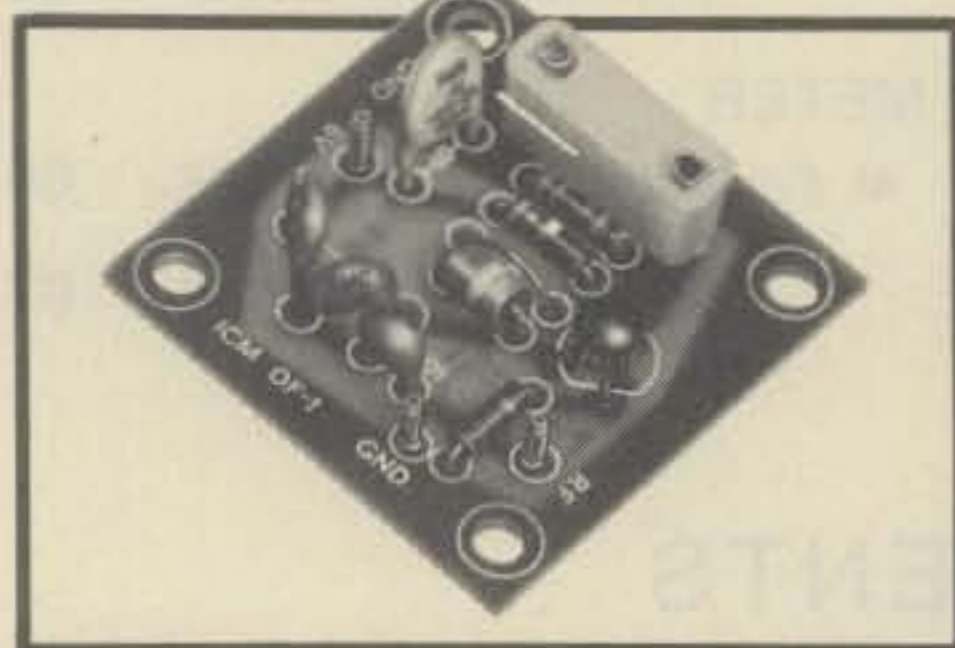


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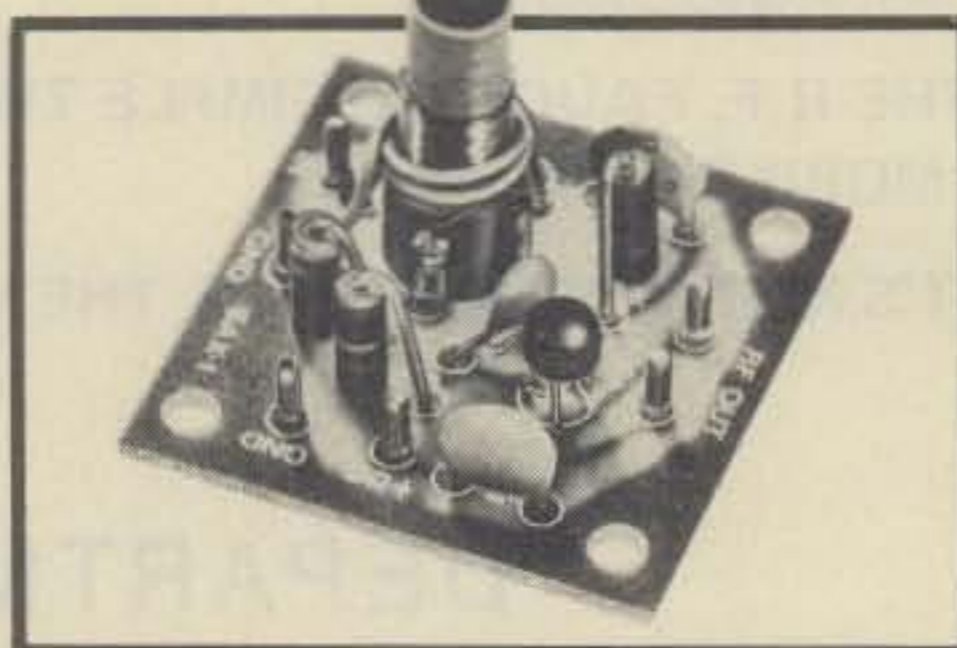


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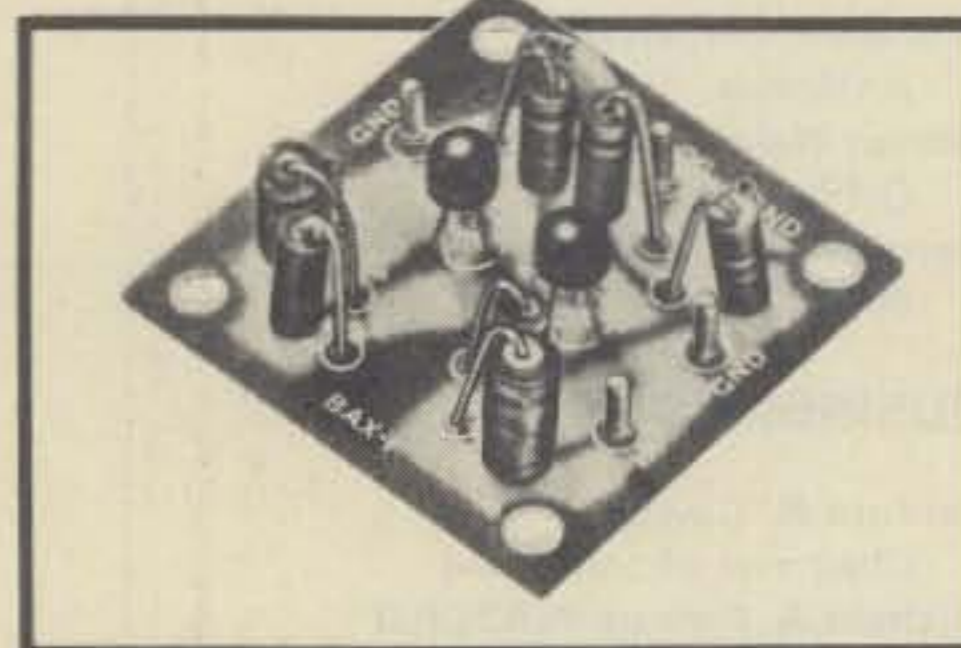


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an editorial

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The "threat" to 220 MHz. is just as real as it ever was. If it isn't CB, as we know it, then it will be some other form of Personal Radio Service that probably will occupy that part of the amateur spectrum. Whether 220 MHz. turns into another 11 meters is still up for speculation but there is no speculating on a change in its status.

Carlos Roberts who now heads up Safety and Special Services for the FCC, replacing Charley Higginbotham, WB3DLT, who retired recently, comes to Safety and Special Services from the Office of Plans and Policy. For the last two years, approximately, the Office of Plans and Policy (part of the FCC) has been actively involved in research which culminated in a two volume work, recently released, called *Alternatives For Future Personal Radio Services*. The gist of these two volumes is that the 220 MHz. and 900 MHz. bands are ideally suited technically and economically for an upward shift in the land mobile service, namely CB. Since there are some medical reservations concerning the use of 900 MHz, 220 becomes the ideal of the ideal spots to go. Mr. Roberts moves up in the FCC hierarchy at a most propitious moment. Previously, at recent FCC meetings, it was voiced by Commission advisors that putting a CB service on a band used by amateurs or adjacent to an amateur band would be tantamount to creating another 11 meter fiasco and that for that reason 220 MHz. should not be given over so lightly. The availability of equipment that can possibly be misused is enormous and would eventually lead to another

"Linear" debacle. On the other hand, research was being conducted on the feasibility of using 900 MHz. for such a purpose. There were and still are medical restrictions to consider at that frequency but the consensus was that technology would be provided to limit the dangers.

If you think we as amateurs have friends at the FCC, forget it. If you felt

confident that the ARRL would take care of the situation, you were wrong. If you read this and feel that somewhere along the line you were lied to, then you're partially right. You and I were lied to only to the extent that we didn't get involved to find out for ourselves. The truth isn't always pleasant but it

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Announcing

● **Tyson's Corner, VA** — The DXPO 78 will be held on September 16 and 17, 1978, in the Washington, DC suburb of Tyson's Corner. DXers, contesters, and other active hams will find the program covering their favorite areas of interest. Sponsored by the National Capitol DX Association, DXPO 78 will be held at the Tyson's Corner Ramada Inn with easy access from Interstate 495. Plan to attend. Unless you have previously attended DXPO, write to Dick Vincent, K3AO, Rt. 1, Box 230, Bryantown, MD 20617 to have your name included on the mailing list. Advance registration is recommended. See you at DXPO 78.

● **Elimra, NY** — One of America's great Hamfests will be held on September 30, 1978, at the Chemung County Fairgrounds. Free flea market, grand prize, door prizes, tech talks, great food, and more will be featured. Talk-in on 146.52/52, 147.96/36, and 146.10/70. Contact WA2FJM, John Breese, 340 West Avenue, Horseheads, NY 14845 for tickets and further information.

● **Grand Rapids, MI** — The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association will hold its Annual Swap-N-Shop on Saturday, September 16, 1978, at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds, west of Grand Rapids on Highway 21. Talk-in on 146.16/76 and 146.52. There will be an indoor and outdoor swap shop, tables will be free. There will be door prizes with a main door prize. Admission will be \$2.50 at the gate. Time: from 7:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. For more info contact: Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association, Inc., P.O. Box 1333, Grand Rapids, MI 49501.

● **Montgomery, AL** — The Central Alabama Hamfest will be held on Sunday, September 10, 1978, in the new Civic Center in Montgomery. There will be food service, prizes, an air conditioned exhibit area, indoor and outdoor flea

market space, and plenty of free parking. Free admission and free registration. For further info, contact: Al Erdman, W4CNQ, 3025 Pelzer Ave., Montgomery, AL 36109, or call (205) 272-9130, or any amateur in the Montgomery area.

● **Pecatonica, IL** — The Rockford Hamfest '78 Illinois State ARRL Convention will be held on September 10, 1978, at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds, 10 miles west of Rockford on U.S. Highway 20. There will be 40,000 square feet of inside area for dealers and flea markets plus acres of room outside. Talk-in on 01-61 and 52. Tickets are \$1.50 in advance and \$2.00 at the door. Send s.a.s.e. to: Rockford Amateur Radio Association, Post Office Box 1744, Rockford, IL 61110, for further information.

● **Pensacola, FL** — The Five Flags Amateur Radio Association will have its Annual Ham-A-Rama on September 3, 1978, at the University of West Florida field house in Pensacola. Anyone desiring additional info should write to: FFARA, P.O. Box 17343, Pensacola, FL 32522.

● **Cincinnati, OH** — The 42nd Annual Cincinnati Hamfest will be held on Sunday, September 17, 1978, at Stricker's Grove on State Route 128, 1 mile west of Ross (Venice) Ohio. Exhibits, prizes, good food, flea market, radio related products only, a hidden transmitter hunt and a sensational air show will be featured. There is no increase in cost, same as last year, \$7.50 in advance. For further info, contact: Lillian Abbott, K8CKI, 1424 Main St., Cincinnati, OH 45210.

● **Erie, PA** — The Third Annual Ham-Jam, sponsored by the Radio Association of Erie, will be held on Sunday, September 24, 1978, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Waldameer Park in Erie. Admission is \$1.50 in advance and \$2

at the gate. Refreshments, prizes, talk-in on 34/94, 22/82, and 52. Write: HamJam '78, Radio Association of Erie, Box 844, Erie, PA 16512.

● **Morgantown, W. VA** — The Second Annual Mon Ham Gala will be held on Sunday, September 3, 1978, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at Westover Park, 300 yards off I-79 near Morgantown. This Mon Ham Gala is sponsored by the Monongalia Wireless Association. Talk-in on 16/76. For more info write: John Curtis, WB8AHH, 817 Willowdale Rd., Morgantown, W. VA 26505.

● **Valparaiso, IN** — The Valpo Tech Alumni Association will hold its Annual Hamfest on September 24, 1978, on the campus of Valparaiso Technical Institute. Admission to the event will be \$2.00 for both visitors and exhibitors. For further info, write: Hamfest, Valpo Tech Alumni Association, Box 490, Valparaiso, IN 46383, or call (219) 462-2191.

● **Cherry Hill, NJ** — The South New Jersey Radio Association Hamfest will be held on September 10, 1978, rain or shine, at the Ellisburg Shopping Center in Cherry Hill, at the intersection of Routes 41 and 70. Family registration is \$2.00. Tailgating is \$3.00. Flea market, auction, many prizes, and many activities will be featured. Talk-in on 52. Contact: K2KA, Box 2736, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002 or phone (609) 429-6032 for more information.

● **Uniontown, PA** — Once again it is time for the Annual Gabfest, of the Uniontown Amateur Radio Club, which will be held on September 9, 1978, at the Club Grounds, on Old Pittsburgh Rd., in Uniontown. For more info, contact: The Uniontown Amateur Radio Club, Inc., W3PIE, c/o 438 Braddock Ave., Uniontown, PA 15401.

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Our Readers Say

Yes Sir!

Editor, CQ:

To Richard A. Cowan, Publisher of CQ

Contrary to how I personally feel about your recently published "message From The Publisher" on ARRL related issues, I want to emphatically congratulate you on having the personal courage required to write such articles!

Seriously, I think it takes a person with "strong convictions" and enough "character" not to be afraid to stand-up for them when the going gets rough! Even people who disagree with you, should recognize this; but they probably will not.

Yes Sir, what I am saying is that as Publisher of CQ Magazine, you have earned my respect!

Charles R. Schlieper, N5TD
Temple, TX

How To Update Your Ham-M Rotors

Editor, CQ:

To Richard Klinman, W3RJ:

Thanks loads for your article "How To Update Your Ham-M Rotors" in the June 1978 issue. Now that's an article an author can be proud of. Beautiful. Just great. Gives the whole story on an important piece of gear. Because of the informative manner and the completeness, you've answered many questions for me on my CDR gear. And saved me bucks. The long cable run part was great. I've got a long run and was baffled until I added a Auto Transformer to keep up the line voltage. I'll be using your plans including re-moting the Capacitor, etc. Again many thanks for a clear, objective report; it goes in my Ham 2 Owners Manual. Wish more subjects were covered so well.

Lee E. Warren, K7DX
Sun City, AZ

Stateside QSL Bureau

Editor, CQ:

I liked the article on a "Simple Phone Patch", by Richard Ferranti, WA6NCX/1, in the June 1978 issue. I believe many of the electronics circuits shown in other magazines are just too complicated for the available test gear, to the average ham, and to say nothing of the difficulty of securing the parts.

With the increase in postal rates, I believe that QSLing is soon going to be a thing of the past. This is unfortunate, as I believe this is the cornerstone of Amateur Radio. I would think if the ARRL wanted to do something for Amateur Radio, they would set up a stateside QSL bureau with paid help to handle QSL cards between all stations.

The main thing in this hobby, is to have a fat pocketbook and all your troubles are over!

Earl Stacy, K7BD
Selah, WA

AC2RN The Second

Editor, CQ:

I have read Paul Crum's tale about Pat Wyman's adventures in China in the late twenties and the chronicle of Ham Station AC2RN as published in the May 1978 issue of your magazine. I enjoyed it very much and feel it was a tale well written and quite accurate.

For me it was a nostalgic trip, since I arrived in China on the same boat that took Pat Wyman away. I never did actually meet Pat, having passed "like ships in the night", however I have corresponded with Pat through the years.

I inherited his ham station there at Chinwangtao and his home brewed equipment. I continued to use his old call AC2RN for several years after he

left. I didn't change things much; his old 211 oscillator continued to send its growling AC signal across the Pacific and around the world.

From time to time, I sent Pat information which he incorporated in this article. So, I feel I had some hand in the make up of this story. I have always felt that, if I had Paul Crum's writing talent, I would have written about the old days there in China myself. However, it was for the best as I'm glad Paul did such an outstanding job on the subject.

Again, I wish to thank the publishers of CQ for accepting this article; it was very enjoyable reading and I appreciate it very much.

Glen Smith, N6CX ex AC2RN
Kenwood, CA

Can Anyone Help?

Editor, CQ:

I suppose that I am one of many amateur radio operators that have purchased a home in a residential area in which many ambiguous and vague restrictions exist. I therefore join the ranks of those operators who are frustrated with a personal decision of to, or not to, erect a tower and beam (or quad) so as to enjoy a hobby. I am very near a decision to erect a tower and beam. I have assumed a conservative attitude. If I erect an antenna system supported by a tower, I plan to have the erected antenna no higher than my two-story home (so that it cannot be seen from the street) and will not tolerate any TVI for the benefit of my neighbors. I would certainly appreciate views from your readers. Am I coming anywhere near the imposition of a barking dog that can be heard for many blocks in my neighborhood?

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1977 CQ World-Wide DX Contest CW Results

BY BOB COX, K3EST*, and LARRY BROCKMAN†, N6AR

People sure like to have a good time. The 1977 CQ CW Contest attests to this fact. In spite of less than normal conditions, interest and activity were never higher. We received a total of 2,324 c.w. logs. A whopping 12% increase over last year. From top band, where K1PBW and PAØHIP battled it out, to high band, where LU1DZ and C5AT ran high rates, the name of the game was *action*.

A new world record of 4.69M was turned in by Richard Norton, N6AA operating from 9Y4VT. Richard who finished third last year decided to go for the whole ball game this year. His 1400 Q on 14 MHz. is what did it for him and he walked away with the world title. One would think that beating the world record would produce a first place, but Pete, N6CJ operating from KP4RF had to settle for second (A fine job from a 2 point area).

The Sochi Radio Club decided that 3 points per QSO would be better than 2, so they took a trip down the Black Sea coast to UF6. It was well worth it, because their crew set a new world multi-single record with an incredible 4058 Q totaling out at 6M points. Two expeditions from England finished second and third. GU4DAA, the Channel Contest Group gave grateful participants a nice multiplier, while VP2M with G3VZT and G3XVY at the keys had fun "finally being in demand."

The battle of the big multi-multi stations was won by KP4EAJ (7.1M) with an expedition by the Yankee Clipper

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WA4IAR/QRPP

Contest Club and friends. They edged out the boys from Ural, UK9AAN. The crew from Pancevo, YU1BCD, edged out the U.S. entrants of W2PV, W3AU and K2GM.

The top USA all band score was Frank, W3LPL. Frank has quite a station, and winning the USA title for the third year in a row shows that it sure works when he pushes the paddle. W3LPL, N2LT and W1ZA all broke the USA record.

OH1TV went on an expedition to CT3 and came away with a new 3.5 world record. Pekka won the new 3.5 MHz. world trophy. In addition to the stations mentioned above, the following stations set new records: PAØHIP: Europe 1.8; DK3GI: Europe 3.5; UA6LD: Europe 7; OH8OS: Europe 14; KH6CHC: Oceania 1.8; YV10B: South America 1.8; N4JI/HC1: South America 3.5; K10X: USA 14.

The Kentucky antenna farm of N4AR edged out the Texas ranch of K5JA for the USA Multi-Single victory. N4AR's victory was the result of more multipliers on 40 and 80. With conditions on the rapid upswing, the 1978 Contest is really going to be a scramble for top honors.

Not to be outdone, the Frankford Radio Club repaired their antennas, turned their rigs, and walked off with the fierce Club competition title with a total of 62.7M points. That's a lot of work and cooperation. They were followed by their friends to the south, the Potomac Valley Radio Club with 56.6M. Another Group the Yankee Clipper Contest Club from New England (new this year) is breathing down everyones neck with 52.7M points. The foreign competition is getting hotter and hotter.



SK2KW: L to R SMØDGU, SMØGMG, SM2DMU, SM2HTF, SM2EKM, SM2CEW, SM2EPR, DOG = "Yagi".

BAND-BY-BAND BREAKDOWN - TOP ALL BAND SCORES

Number groups indicate: QSO's/Zones/Countries on each band

WORLD TOP SINGLE OPERATOR-ALL BAND

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
9Y4VT	73/7/9	336/19/44	553/21/55	1407/29/70	1045/25/60	578/21/37
KP4RF	49/8/16	295/19/50	639/22/62	968/27/62	1133/25/67	423/21/46
PJ9CG	34/6/8	360/15/41	550/18/43	605/24/57	867/24/58	839/21/33
ZL3GQ	16/8/5	120/20/30	389/23/44	485/27/65	860/28/69	457/22/43
PJ2VD	17/4/7	189/11/28	537/17/43	968/22/48	801/21/53	543/16/17
9Y4VU		197/10/19	378/13/38	654/24/48	835/24/57	607/18/30
ZS6WW		55/10/15	312/17/37	605/28/59	777/20/47	627/16/51
W3LPL	12/7/9	96/16/44	335/28/68	436/32/89	381/27/81	57/18/32
KH6LJ	25/6/5	276/14/13	380/18/18	590/30/49	840/17/25	287/17/21
YU3EY	47/3/12	248/14/48	289/20/58	621/30/75	414/27/62	87/18/38

USA TOP SINGLE OPERATOR-ALL BAND

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
W3LPL	12/7/9	96/16/44	335/28/68	436/32/89	381/27/81	57/18/32
N2LT	6/6/12	147/14/45	326/23/59	633/29/75	308/26/65	31/15/20
W1ZA	4/3/3	180/17/52	137/21/54	754/31/84	303/24/62	31/13/21
N3RS	17/7/11	184/20/57	240/24/57	430/30/75	268/24/63	55/17/30
N6RO	11/5/4	124/15/22	536/28/51	380/29/61	351/23/46	96/17/23
K1NA	15/8/12	152/16/49	219/22/62	481/28/80	293/25/65	31/14/23
K9DX	7/5/5	84/20/38	165/26/55	614/26/71	363/21/60	43/14/24
N7XX	9/6/6	110/16/20	429/21/34	447/24/55	490/21/34	203/17/19
W7KW	11/7/6	101/19/27	418/27/46	328/31/69	335/26/50	126/18/26
W4DR	18/7/15	84/17/44	205/26/69	454/30/69	308/25/67	40/17/29

WORLD TOP MULTI-OPERATOR-SINGLE TRANSMITTER

4L6M		465/18/58	694/20/67	1512/31/85	1070/35/110	317/24/70
GU4DAA	113/6/22	532/15/54	422/19/65	1396/29/44	673/24/64	39/18/38
VP2M		378/14/46	749/20/54	1167/26/64	1004/23/57	294/14/19
EP2SV	13/5/9	352/19/49	598/14/53	682/28/64	537/20/56	372/15/41
YU3DBC		329/14/49	437/18/63	963/32/74	448/30/80	55/24/48
OK5CRC	17/3/17	515/16/55	340/19/70	947/24/71	484/28/83	38/20/37

USA TOP MULTI-OPERATOR-SINGLE TRANSMITTER

N4AR	18/11/16	83/22/52	409/29/75	677/32/83	355/29/76	31/16/30
K5JA	14/7/9	94/21/38	568/26/64	674/32/82	287/26/60	90/19/36
K2BU		190/18/57	434/26/66	643/30/81	294/24/58	20/12/14
K1PR	13/7/8	165/19/50	241/24/60	665/27/74	363/25/68	27/16/26
W6XR	15/8/8	90/13/20	665/27/56	578/29/72	366/20/36	56/14/19
K1XX	16/8/10	134/16/46	116/21/52	782/27/77	252/21/71	25/13/19

WORLD TOP MULTI-OPERATOR-MULTI TRANSMITTER

KP4EAJ	128/7/14	663/20/52	1621/26/66	2028/32/78	1654/24/64	923/20/38
UK9AAN		678/23/69	865/30/79	1462/37/114	1068/30/86	494/21/59
YU1BCD	125/5/19	658/18/60	1038/24/77	1536/36/98	646/27/77	140/25/57
W2PV	72/13/27	340/21/66	533/28/77	1286/35/95	548/27/74	104/21/41
W3AU	64/12/26	228/23/64	533/30/79	1069/33/96	691/29/80	116/21/45
K2GM	57/8/18	177/19/52	543/32/75	1238/35/104	531/29/87	159/23/48

USA TOP MULTI-OPERATOR-MULTI-TRANSMITTER

W2PV	72/13/27	340/21/66	533/28/77	1286/35/95	548/27/74	104/21/41
W3AU	64/12/26	228/23/64	533/30/79	1069/33/96	691/29/80	116/21/45
K2GM	57/8/18	177/19/52	543/32/75	1238/35/104	531/29/87	159/23/48
K3WW	54/10/23	269/25/69	544/31/81	970/36/103	613/29/84	92/20/41
K5RC	48/10/17	252/21/49	769/31/79	851/35/97	657/28/76	185/23/43
W3MM	32/8/19	265/18/59	336/29/74	1097/33/88	423/27/81	139/20/38

This year's winner is the Phein-Rubr DX Association (13.8M) followed closely by the Toronto DX Club and a fine effort by the Voroshilovgrad Radio Club.

Expeditions make it fun

Several expeditions were timed for the Contest. In addition to those mentioned above, CEØZM sure made everyone happy with a fine effort by K1MM and N4WW. Fine operating made them easy to work despite large pile-ups. Across South America PY7BXC/0 was putting another rare one on the map. In Africa, K4YT made lots of people happy by going all bands from EA8ID.

New category

The Committee has decided to institute a QRP category in which WPX rules apply. Output will be limited to 5W c.w. and 10W s.s.b. The top QRP entry on phone and c.w. will win a

trophy. So remember that a weak station calling you may not be the Pacific long path but a QRPer in the next country.

Conditions and the Committee

The total logs received for the 1977 CQ SSB and CW tests were 4,500 an 11% increase over the 1976 Contest. With everyone everywhere aware of the improving conditions, the 1978 test entries should burden the mailman. We are ready.

The following people provided the expertise necessary to check each entrant and summarize the logs for which they were responsible. Chairman; Frank Anzalone, W1WY; Glen Rattmann, K6NA; Gene Walsh, N2AA; John Kanode, N4MM; Terry Baxter, N6CW; Lenny Chertole, W3GRF; Gene Zimmerman W3ZZ; Jim Nieger, N6TJ; Dave Donnelly, K2SS; Low Jenkins, N6VV; Fred Morris, W6PVB; Tom Taormina, K5RC; Reg Toume, N6SV.

Coming up next month the 1978 CQ WW Phone Contest. Congratulations to all of the winners.

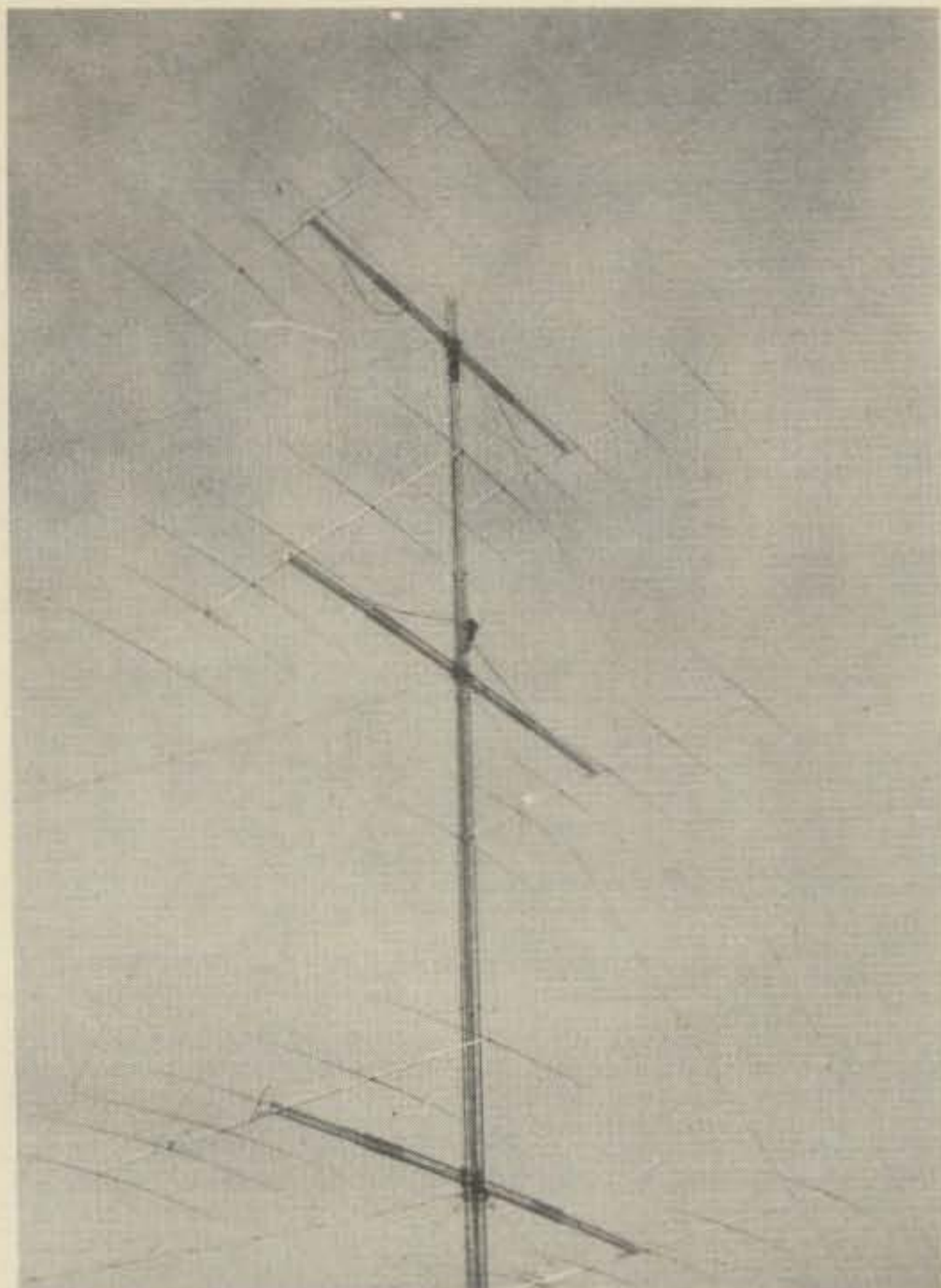
73, Bob, K3EST and Larry, N6AR.



Crew of GU4DAA; L to R G3FXB, G3MXJ, G4BUE, G4EHF.



4L6M:UA6APW and Oleg.



OH8OS; 200 ft. rotatable tower, 36 el. on 14 MHz; OH8OS and OH2BH on tower!



VO2EPA put zone 2 on the map. From Goose Bay, L to R VE1AI, VO2AM, VE1MX.

U.S. QRM

"Rotator on 20/15 beams broke Sunday morning. QSO and multiplier total suffered . . . K1NA. Lost rotator all day Sunday.— Still great fun . . . N1GL. The temptation of a party Saturday night was overwhelming . . . K1DG. Didn't use as many KW hrs as last year . . . W1CNU. With my antennas—next town is good DX . . . W1PWK. Enjoyed it very much . . . W1LK. Fine operators, lots of fun . . . W1BB/1. Was out in the rain soldering radials on the verticle Friday night . . . K2BMI. All my antennas came down in big wind Saturday night. That was that . . . W2GGE. 10m was a big disappointment . . . K2FL. Where is cycle 21? . . . W2AX. Sure was hard to find a clear frequency . . . N2TW. Antenna shorted; fell asleep during best opening; started going deaf . . . N2RN. My age overwhelmed my experience . . . N3RS. First CW contest—will be back again . . . K3NZ. Wouldn't you know, I had to move to North Carolina this weekend . . . N3RB. 80 sure gets slow when Europe drops out . . . WB3AUN. After 3 years, worked a JA on 28 for 5 band WAC . . . W4YN. I found it advantageous to tailgate K3KA. and W3KA. . . . K4KA. There is nothing funny about a 48 Hr DX contest from 5 land . . . K5KU. Climbed tower at midnight to unstick rotator . . . N5TP. First CW contest in 52 years . . . W5DUI. Had to climb the tower twice in the dark . . . K1PR. Had to work 36 hours on Friday and Saturday . . . W4MYA. JA8IEV/JD1 was country #91 for me on 160 . . . K6SE. Operated in the mountains with a motor generator that got 61 QSO's per gallon . . . N6GG. Next year, a memory keyer . . . N6OZ.

DX QRM

"For the first time, French amateurs have been able to make use of the 160m band. I recall then, thanks to the efforts of Gene, W4BRB, W4OO, and of Jean, F8EX, the first permission obtained by French amateurs for 160m band was on the occasion of the CQ 160m Contest in January 1977. My best QSO's during the November 1977 WW CQ Contest—eight US amateurs, one VE, and one YV on 160m band. Could have slept for a week after the Contest, very enjoyable . . . GM3ZSP. As you can see, I am with you every year. Including this Contest, came up to near 37,000 QSO's! So see you next year . . . HB9KC. Still the best of the lot . . . G3KDB. Not enough countries are active during the CW part . . . F3AT. Nice to see the newly erected double fed delta loop work so well, esp. on 80m where the size is small . . . TF3KB. Always a very nice contest. Hope next year again, age 78 years Hi. I hope. . . PAQVB. Here's the new European record. Will be difficult to bear Ernie, K1PBW for top world though. Think that will be a very close finish! Most annoying parts of contest: line voltage dropped below 160V at times (noticeable in log). Heard loads and loads of JA's. Could only work one. Most thrilling event: Working 5 (five) "sixes" it made me wake up again, Hi . . . PAQHIP/A. Heavy QRN (due to snow fall) made it impossible to copy stations during best DX hours on Sunday. Even beverages had S9 noise levels . . . DJ8WLA. Imagine the thrill of working XE1AN, good for 2 multipliers, as my last QSO in the Contest . . . TF3CW. I believe this Contest is the biggest pusher to improve antennas and equipment. You should have seen me on the roof the days before the Contest! . . . EA5CQ. Still the most enjoyable test. Gap in log first day O65.2-0803 while I tracked down an intermittent fault on the bias line! . . . G3HCT. (14mc) A struggle to get multipliers in Europe amongst S9 + W signals! . . . GM4CXM. Windiest weekend of the year and antenna 'Birling around like a yoyo.' . . . GM3XNJ. I got my first KL7 on 40 meters! . . . DM3BF. With a wire antenna and TVI keeping me off in the evenings, that's nearly my limit I'm afraid. pity, because I enjoyed the Contest very much . . . GW3INW. Though we would have a go on 28 MHz as a change from 21 MHz. Heard a few W's but could only raise one, band did not open . . . G4CNY. Better conditions than last year. But still not good, though 10 did open up from time to time. See you again next year, I hope. 73 . . . G3DYY. Much more pleasant looking out the window at the English countryside, than the cement shack walls back home . . . G5CFV (K9RA, ex WA9LZA opr. I am blind and my dog is dead . . . K2SS. "Thrilled to bag GU4DAA for a new country . . . CE0AE. USA operator courtesy better than usual . . . H18LC. Spent fone contest in hospital after fall from tower. Want to thank boys from the Fairbanks NASA station for their help with the antennas . . . KL7RA. Prepared to work 160, but too much QRN so decided on 10 meters instead . . . LU1DZ. My last contest from KP4. See you next year from W6DCC. . .



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U.S.A. Club Scores

Frankford Radio Club	62,769,387
Potomac Valley Radio Club	56,645,474
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	52,724,912
Northern California DX & Contest Cooperative	27,149,189
Southern California DX Club	23,168,114
Murphy's Marauders	19,435,764
Western Washington DX Club	15,935,129
North Florida DX Association	12,417,614
Southeastern DX Club	10,303,142
Texas DX Society	8,924,524
San Diego DX Club	6,830,268
Indy DX'ers	5,728,991
North Texas Contest Club	5,152,422
Central Virginia Contest Club	5,058,062
Northern Illinois DX Association	4,319,918
Richardson Wireless Klub	4,145,868
Williamette Valley DX Club	3,757,453
Michigan DX Association	3,330,809
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Mississippi Valley DX & Contest Club	616,367

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Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club	388,646
South Jersey Radio Association	370,795
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Waukegan VHF Society	222,705
Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Association	154,213
Dayton Amateur Radio Association	68,438

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Toronto DX Club	10,096,178
Voroshilovgrad Radio Club	10,070,861
South German DX Group	8,060,501
Kaunas Polytechnic Institute Radio Club	7,242,272
Chelyabinsk Region Radio Club	6,779,624
Saar/Pfalz DX Club	4,501,593
Channel Contest Group	4,183,802
Tetrahedral Contest Circle	3,647,862
Fraser Valley DX Club	2,003,431
Halifax Amateur Radio Club	1,727,552
Tallinn Radio Club	1,399,651
Honolulu DX Club	1,396,383
Minsk Radio Club	1,385,439
UBR (Brasil)	1,299,857
Winnipeg DX Club	1,267,189
Danish DX Group	1,074,636
DX Club of Puerto Rico	815,526
Radio Club Venezolano	512,264
CW YV Club	283,475
Swiss DX Club	101,156

KP4DKX. Big thrill to work CE0ZM for country number 170 with 5 watts . . . **OA8V.** Started at 10 w.p.m. and finished at 30 w.p.m. with a standard brass key. Will have a bug for the next contest . . . **VE8CC.** JA2UEO - I have moved to Yokohama this April, so went back to home country for the contest by bullet train. An always pleasant contest. Biggest thrill - was called by KP4BC via long path (7 MHz.) His signal was 10 dB over S-9 on my S meter . . . **JA5BJC.** I had to waste 1 hour because I got the traffic accident 1 hour before the test - missed many mults. . . **JE1CKA** (JA0CUV Opr.). One of the most interesting competitions of the year - worked 12 new countries for 5B-DXCC. . . **OK1DVE.** Operated by OH2BH - 36 el. beam, arctic circle . . . propagation and good conditions resulted in my best score ever from Finland . . . **OH8OS.** It was fine Biz. test - worked 3 new countries. Very good opening on Sunday evening to Japan on 1.8 MHz . . . **OH2BO.** 65 years young, so don't try that all band rat race anymore. Fun with a different band each year . . . **SV0WTT.** Was 1st in 1968 from Italy, hope I can repeat it ten years later on 28 MHz . . . **IK2FGP.** Conditions were much better a week before the contest . . . **SP9ADU.** Poor conditions on 40 meters this year, had great fun as always in this

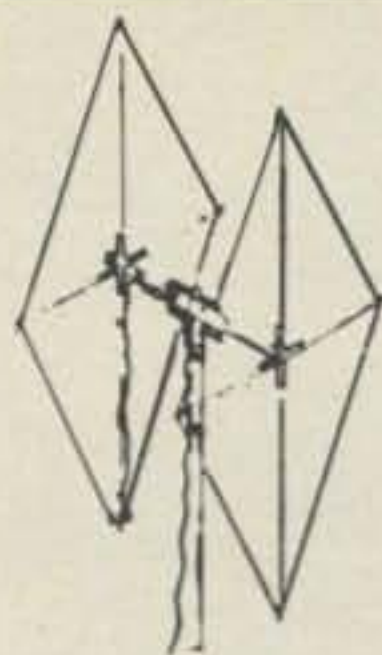
contest . . . **YO3BEJ.** Fine conditions but much local QRM . . . **YU2OB.** Had fun in contest even with poor conditions . . . **YO6AW.** Nice to work so many stateside stations with new vertical antennas. Did miss 16 hours due to snow storm . . . **OH1IJ.** Rotator burned out before contest and repaired just in time to start test, then high winds damaged my quad so was limited to 21 MHz . . . **OK3EA.** How about CW in the WPX contest? . . . **CY3HFS.** Rainstorms washed out roads and cut off power . . . **W4ORT** (Op. of HH2DX). A lightning strike didn't help the 140 per hour rate . . . **G3XVY** (op. of VP2M). Suitcase DX-pedition stations just 'aint' the most secure in a Caribbean thunderstorm . . . **W4UY/PJ8JM.** Had to pass up some 1 point JA's for some slower 3 pointers . . . **K6KM/EP2SV.** We celebrated 50 years of our club by putting a team into the CQ WW CW, but some hard going when no one is beaming this way . . . **ZL2AKW** (op. at ZL2WB). Linear blew in the last hour of the contest . . . **N4VV/CE3** (That's a switch—ed.). Lots of troubles including interference, but hope to progress in the future, Nice Contest . . . **UK9AAN** (UA9AN). Contest was very good, we were happy to visit Georgia for DX-pedition over 10 years after 4L3A operation in 1967 . . . **4L6M** (UA6APW)



OK5CRC: OK2RZ, OK2SSS (standing) OK2RN, OK2HZ. We wonder which bottle has the most output.



N4AR, N4KG (standing), W8KIC.



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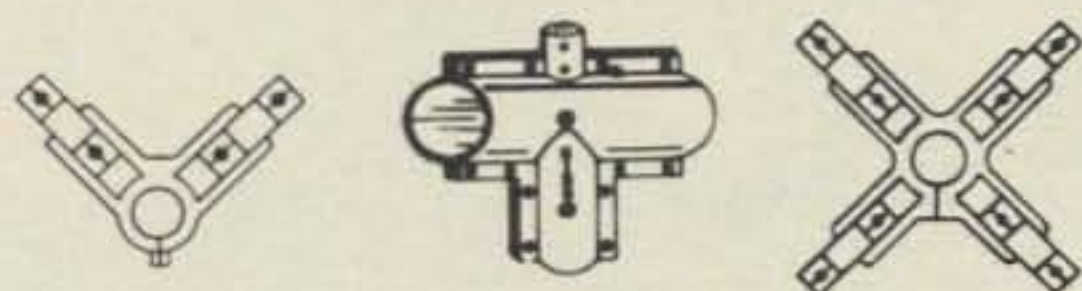
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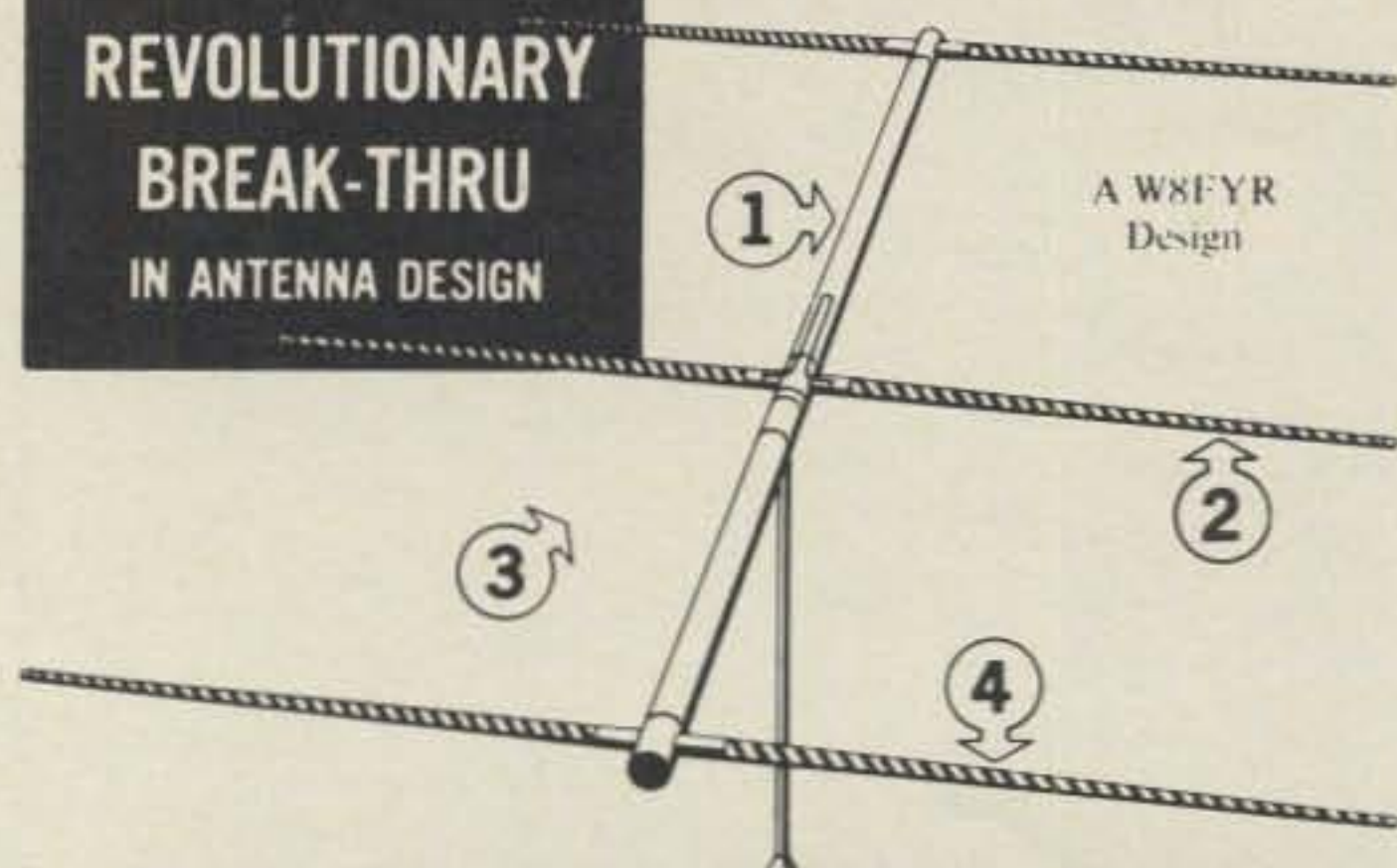
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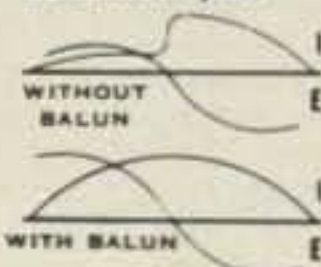
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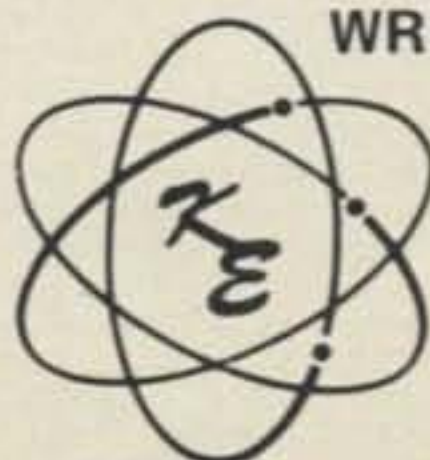
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YU2CDS (YU2CT Opr.)



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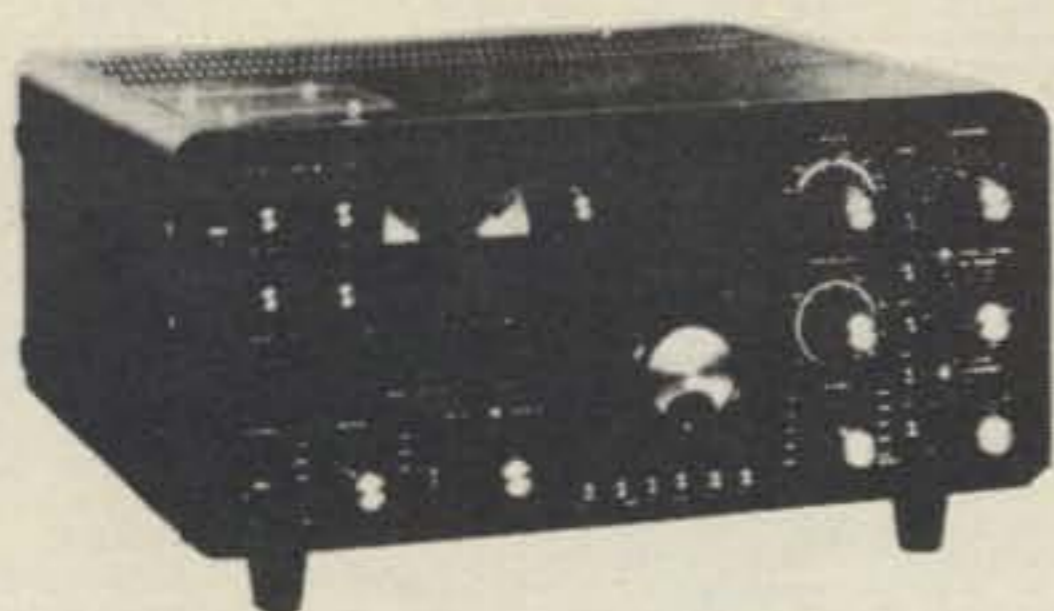
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AN RTTY PRIMER PART VI

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It can probably be safely stated that ninety percent of today's electronics technology has accumulated within the past fifteen years of its seventy-five-or-so year history.

The sharp growth which marked the explosion found its roots in the period immediately following the second world war.

Research during the early 'forties planted the seeds for the renaissance of solid-state techniques. Older readers will no doubt remember semiconductor origins in the crystal sets they admired as youngsters.

Following a long period of inactivity researchers, most prominent among them William Shockley, astounded the electronics community by demonstrating the feasibility of junction transistors.

With that noble contribution an ever-increasing spiral of revolutionary technology began.

Radio amateurs have historically been privy to the latest technology, from inception to final product. It is common knowledge that every aspect of our service has been touched by the revolution.

The concern of this article will be to describe the influence of solid-state techniques on radio teleprinting communications.

In addition to discussing methods used for processing transmitted and received signals, commercially manufactured equipment will be described.

It is my hope that, after having studied these pages, the reader will be in a position to understand the processes involved and will be prepared to make an intelligent choice of gear.

Background

Solid-state techniques have already eclipsed the primitive, albeit functional, methods of amateur radioteletype. Modern approaches, for example, eliminate the toroidal inductor such as the one used in the demodulator project of this series. Operational amplifier (op-amp) technology, through what may be considered as a process of osmosis, has supplanted the cumbersome filter circuits which were originally used. It is now common, for instance, to build a discriminator whose frequency tolerances are much tighter than and whose tuning is significantly simpler than previously possible.

Similarly, the generation of RTTY tones has also been taken under the wing of solid-state. This is true for both a.f.s.k. and f.s.k.

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But, perhaps most exciting of all, is that final printed messages appearing on a television-like screen has become a technical and financial reality for many amateurs. The mechanical process of transmitting and receiving RTTY will soon be consigned to the museums of wireless communications.

Memories

The heart of a video RTTY system is multi-chambered. Each of the chambers serves a function which is related to or dependent on each of the others. Perhaps the most outstanding chamber is that which serves as a memory.

There are basically two types of memories in use. These are the **ROM** (Read-Only Memory) and the **RAM** (Random-Access Memory). Regardless of which is used, information is fed to, stored in and taken from the memory in **binary form**.¹ That is, pieces of information are encoded using 0's and 1's.

A ROM is distinguished in that it contains data which can be read only. No modification or erasure is possible once the memory has been programmed. Such memories are used for duties which never change, such as a "look-up" function. An example of a ROM application may be using a pocket calculator to find the square root of 688.5376 (no need to get yours—it's 26.24). This information is literally burned into the memory so that each time the square root of a particular number is called for, one, and only one, answer appears on the calculator's display.

¹The word "binary" means "of two parts." Binary nomenclature can be used to express data in a form which requires two digits (usually "0" and "1"). Under circuit or component conditions the "0" and the "1" may represent "off" and "on," "low" and "high," "0 volts" and "+5 volts," "-3 volts" and "+3 volts," etc.

This use must be distinguished from the mathematical application of "binary" as a number base. Here, rather than being written in powers of ten, as *decimal* numbers are written (. . . , 10^3 , 10^2 , 10^1 , 10^0 , 10^{-1} , 10^{-2} , 10^{-3} , . . .), binary numbers are based on powers of two (. . . , 2^3 , 2^2 , 2^1 , 2^0 , 2^{-1} , 2^{-2} , 2^{-3} , . . .).

The decimal number 526 can be represented as

$$\begin{array}{r} 10^2 \quad 10^1 \quad 10^0 \\ 5 \quad 2 \quad 6 \end{array}$$

In the base two, using binary notation, 526 becomes

Particularizing the use of ROM's to this discussion, their services are called upon for the transmutation of Murray code into **ASCII**.² For example, if the letter "F" is pressed on a keyboard it is encoded as M/S/M/M/S (or, in binary form, as 10110) into the ROM and then changed to the ASCII equivalent (0110100). Note that the ROM changes a five-bit³ encodement into a seven-bit encodement. A ROM designed for Murray-to-ASCII (sometimes called "Baudot-to-ASCII") conversion can do only that and nothing else. ROM's are very specialized devices. See the inset for a discussion of how a ROM works.

A RAM can be used for retrieving data from any one of its locations ("addresses"), at any time and in any order. Its stored information is not immutable as in the case of the ROM. In addition, whereas a ROM's memory lasts only as long as power is applied to it (this condition is called *volatility*), a RAM can store information with no power applied to it (*nonvolatility*).

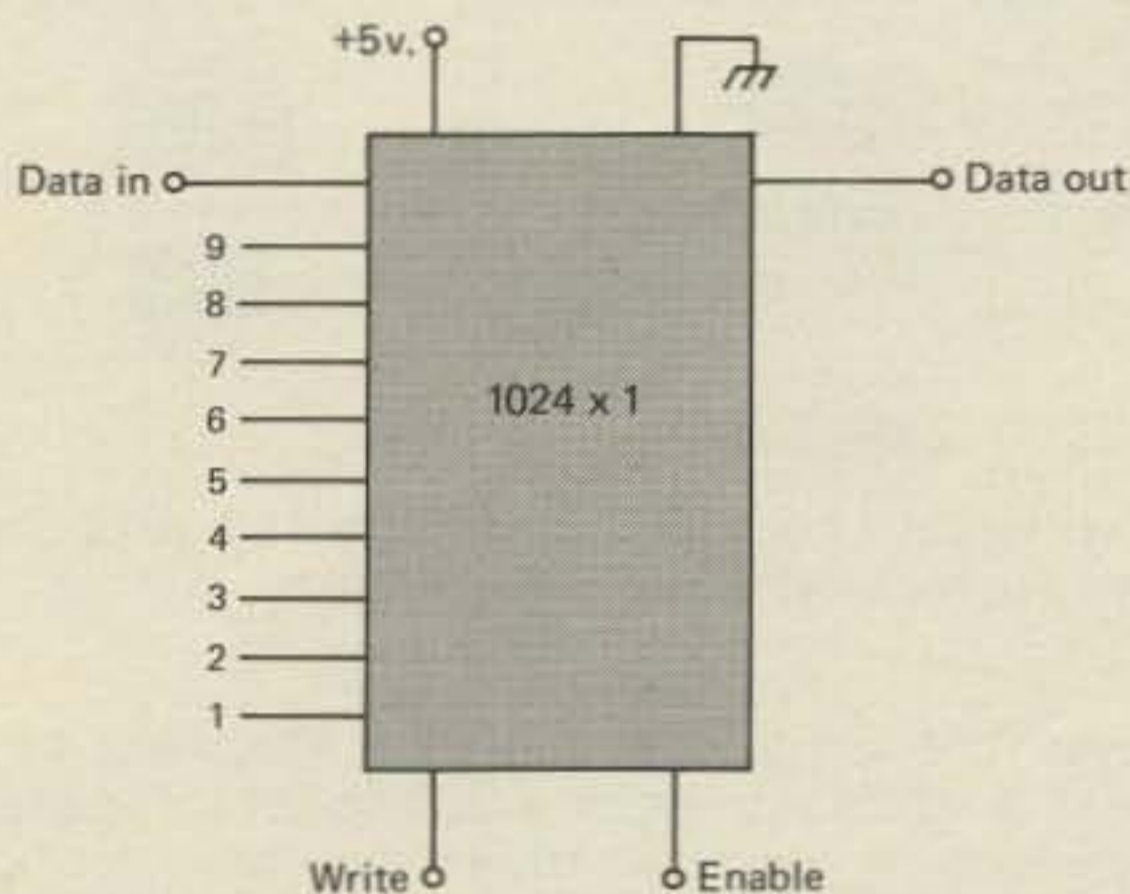


Fig. 1 - Illustration of a 1024 x 1 RAM (also called a 1k RAM). This RAM can store 1024 one-bit pieces of information.

Fig. 1 shows a picture of a typical RAM. The one in the illustration might be, for example, a 1024 x 1 RAM (also called a 1k RAM), meaning that it can store 1024 one-bit pieces of information. There are other combinations and limits of storage available.

Unlike the ROM, the RAM presents great flexibility of use. A ROM is proscribed for look-up functions only. A given piece of input data uniquely determines the resulting piece of output data. This is not so with a RAM. Information from a RAM can be constantly updated, changed or molded to suit its particular design needs.

By using a ROM for specific duties and the RAM for flexible duties a very powerful electronics tool is realized.

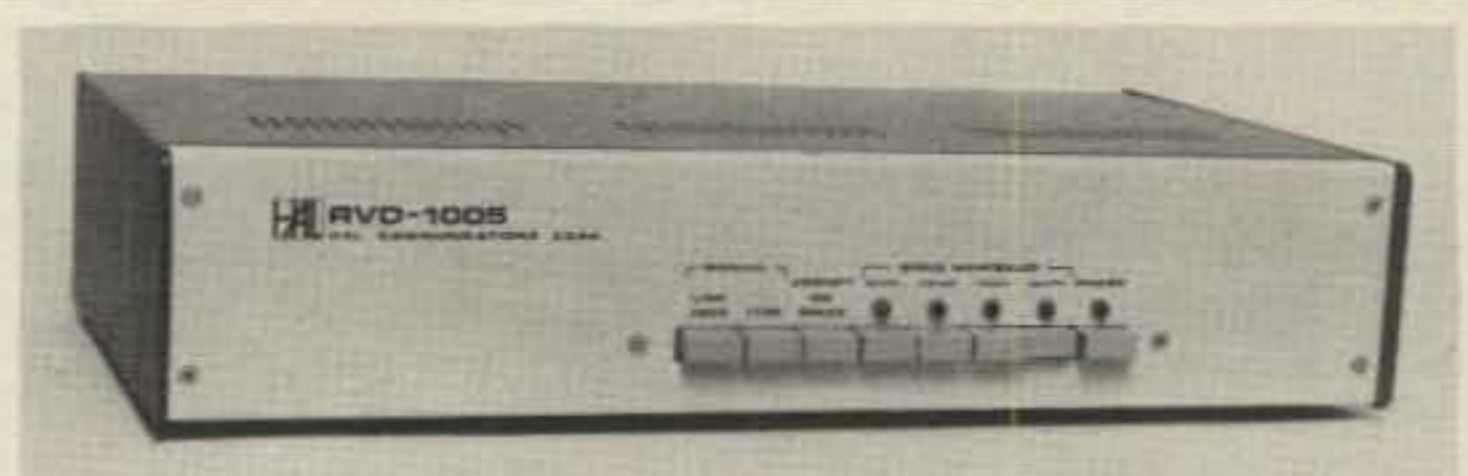
2 ⁹	2 ⁸	2 ⁷	2 ⁶	2 ⁵	2 ⁴	2 ³	2 ²	2 ¹	2 ⁰
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0

or 1000001110.

Although the binary representation (1000001110) seems more unwieldy than the deciman notation (512), the former allows for easier use in electronics applications. Simply let a "0" represent a switch that is open and a "1" represent a switch that is closed. Using this approach, it is possible to encode, process and read data through a computer, for example. See any text which discusses *Boolean Algebra* for a much deeper look at binary mathematics and its applications to electronics.

²ASCII is an acronym for "American Standard Code for Information Interchange."

³A "bit" is the smallest unit of information in a code. In Morse, a "dit" is a bit. In Murray or ASCII, a "mark" or a "space" is a bit.



HAL RVD-1005 visual display unit.

The Video Converter

A **video converter** is used to take binary-encoded Murray code, convert it into ASCII and then drive a cathode-ray tube circuit for printed output of the message being sent.

The device is quite complicated. A complete discussion of its intricacies and subtleties is beyond the scope of this article.

The example to be used in this installment is the HAL Communications Corp.⁴ Model RVD-1005 Visual Display Unit. This unit has complexities not necessary for minimal station performance. It is a very sophisticated and versatile piece of equipment. Following is an outline of its operation. Refer to fig. 2.

A **shift register**⁵ accepts and stores the first six pulses of a seven-bit incoming character (The seven bits are the "start" pulse, the five character-encodement pulses and the "stop" pulse. The stop pulse, however, is not stored in the shift register). The pulses are received in **serial form** (one after the other) and are made available at the output of the shift register in **parallel form** (all at the same time). See fig. 3.

The Murray-encoded characters then move to a read-only memory (ROM) which converts the encodement to ASCII.

The ASCII-encoded characters are now prepared for transfer to the page memory.

It should be noted at this time that memory circuits operate independent of the display section circuits. The two sections interact only when a character has been parallel-assembled and ready for transfer.

The video converter's operating speed is switch-selected through a choice of one of four oscillators. Each oscillator runs at a speed of 2¹⁷ times the **baud rate**⁶ of the input signal.

The oscillator output passes through a divide-by-2¹³ circuit (thus effecting a final operating frequency of 2⁴ or 16 times the input baud rate), whereupon it drives the **input clock bus**.⁷

The RVD-1005 has a unique **input conditioning circuit**. There are two possible ways to connect the visual display unit into the station loop circuit, viz.,

- (1) Direct coupling from the RTTY demodulator (on reception), in which case the input appears as changing voltages;

A combination of bits is called a "byte."

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⁵A register having the capability of serially shifting the data from each stage of the register (memory) to an adjacent one.

⁶A "baud" is the reciprocal of the duration of a bit, where time is measured in seconds. For example, if the length of a mark (or space) is 22 ms (.022 s), then the baud rate is

$$\frac{1}{.022} = 45.45.$$

This is, in fact, the baud rate for 60 word per minute RTTY operation.

⁷A "clock signal" is used to synchronize the operation of several stages of a circuit. A "clock bus" is a link or group of links joining the clock (oscillator) with the rest of the circuitry.

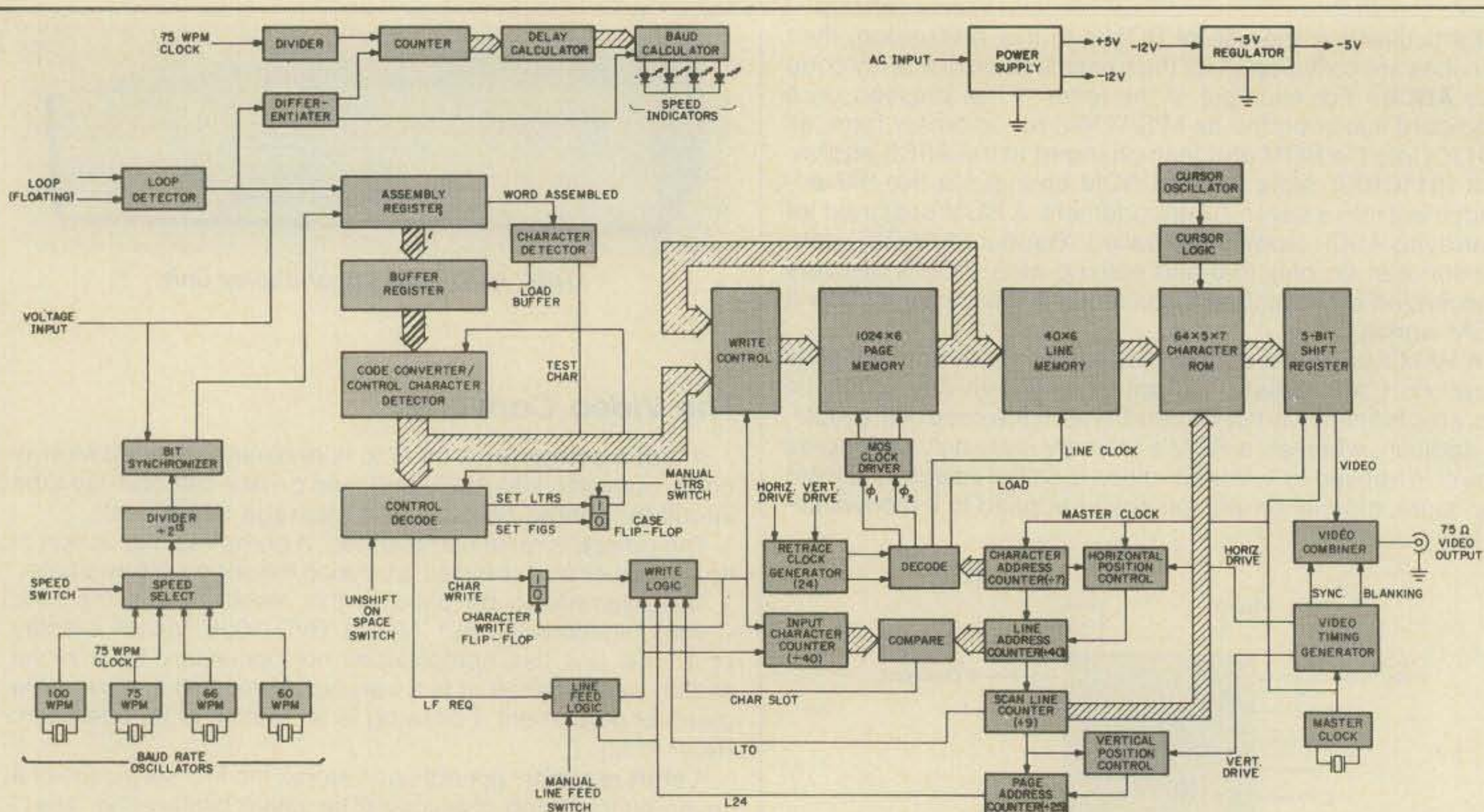


Fig. 2 - Block diagram of the HAL Communications Corp. RVD-1005 Visual Display Unit. The lighter shaded stages comprise the input section and the darker shaded stages comprise the memory and display section.

or

- (2) From the station loop (on transmission), in which case it is necessary to convert the current (usually 60 mA) to a voltage signal of appropriate level.

In either case, the final requirement is feeding the **input data line** with the required voltage. See fig. 4 for HAL's solution of the voltage/current input problem.

The **bit synchronizer** phases the input pulses with the **clock input** pulses. This prepares the signal for entry to the **assembly register**. When no characters are being received (the *mark-hold* condition), the divide-by-16 counter runs free; when a space is received, indicating the end of a character bit sequence, the counter is reset to "0" and is ready for the next clock pulse.

A logic change from "0" to "1" shifts the assembly register one stage. The change occurs in the middle of a select pulse.

At some point the assembly register will fill up. A character detector determines when the last start pulse can enter. When this occurs, the start bit and five character bits occupy the assembly register's six positions, whereupon a command is generated by the character detector, which allows the six bits to enter the buffer register. The bits are stored while one character is moved to the page memory. The assembly register is then reset and prepared to receive another character.

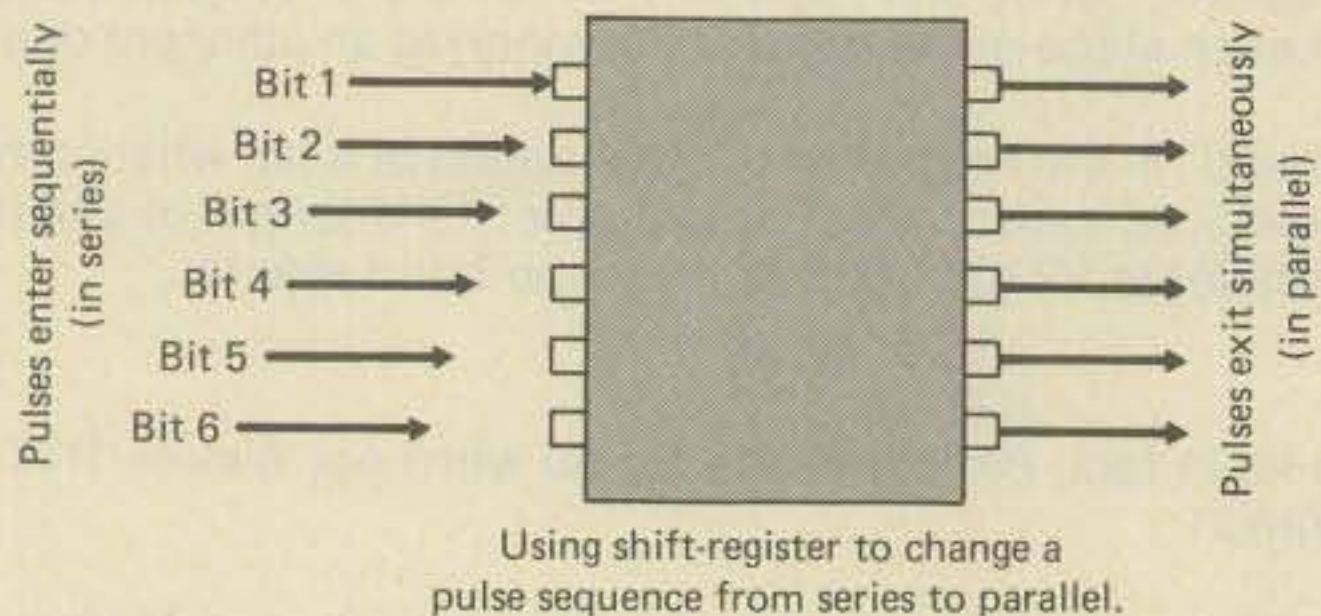


Fig. 3 - Using a shift register to change a pulse sequence from serial form to parallel form.

The RVD-1005 contains two ROM's which act as code converters. One ROM stores the ASCII codes for letters-case Murray characters; the other stores the codes for figures-case characters. Only one ROM is active at one time.

Once an incoming character has been assembled, stored in the buffer register and converted to ASCII, it is ready for transfer to the **memory and display section**.

Memory and Display Section

The memory and display section stores the character codes supplied by the input section, converts each one to a pattern of dots to form the display, and generates a composite video signal to drive the monitor.

The system incorporates three different memories. The first is the **page memory**, into which the incoming characters are written. Each time a row of characters is to be displayed, forty characters are transferred from the page memory to the **line memory**, where they are stored temporarily and supplied, one at a time, to the **character generator** circuitry. A ROM in the character generator converts the ASCII codes to the pattern of dots needed for the display.

Demodulated Reception of RTTY Signals

Part III of this series (CQ, February, 1978) described the basic theory behind the operation of an RTTY demodulator. The block diagram of the TU appeared in fig. 4 (p. 31). The string consisted of a bandpass filter, a limiter/amplifier, a discriminator, a detector and a keyer. The construction project associated with the article was a simplification of the fundamental converter. HAL Communication Corp.'s ST-5 demodulator follows the block diagram closely and, in that regard, it will be used to present the operation in greater detail. Refer to fig. 5.

The receiver audio output enters the demodulator at J₁. Resistor R₁ provides a 560 ohm termination output for the receiver. As a result receivers with output impedances between 500 and 600 ohms will perform best with the unit,

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although, for receivers in the 4, 8, or 16 ohm range, an impedance matching transformer will maximize the demodulator's performance.

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(adjustable) R₇ allow varying of the limiter switching level for minimum distortion. C₂ and R₉ provide power supply decoupling, as do C₃ and R₁₀.

OA1 (a 709 op-amp) acts as the limiter/amplifier. You will recall that a limiter/amplifier processes the RTTY signal so

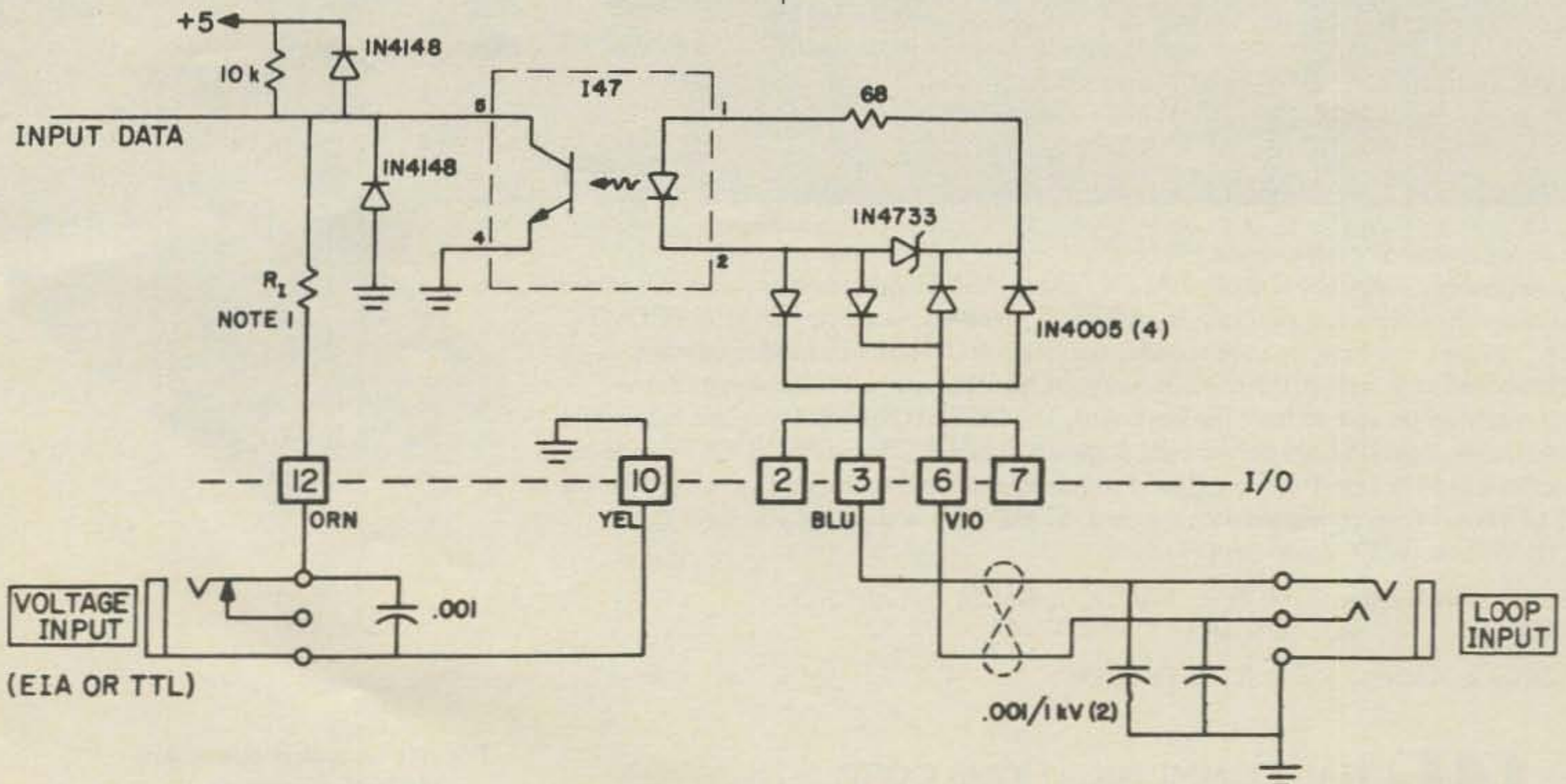
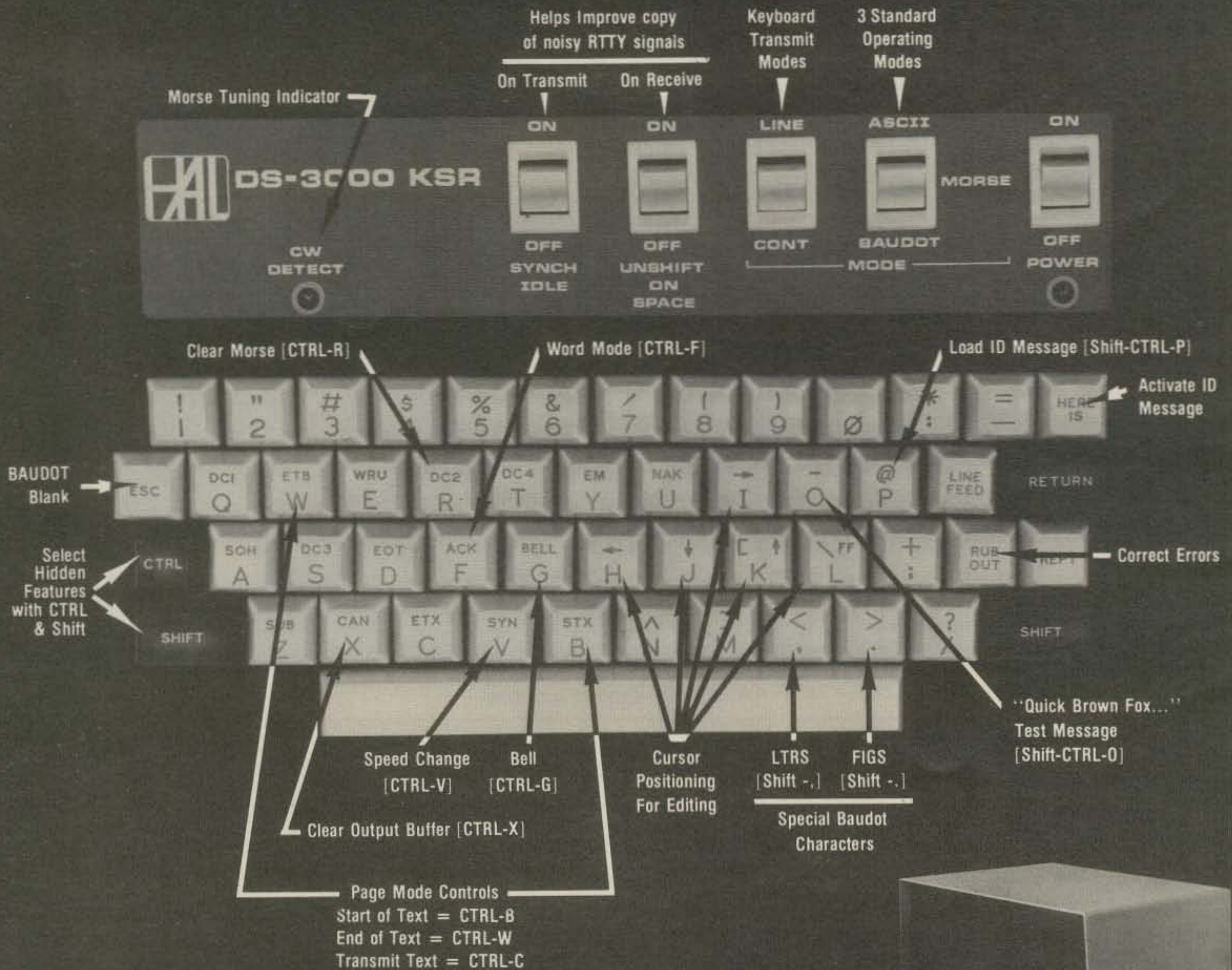


Fig. 4 - The input conditioning circuit in the HAL RVD-1005.

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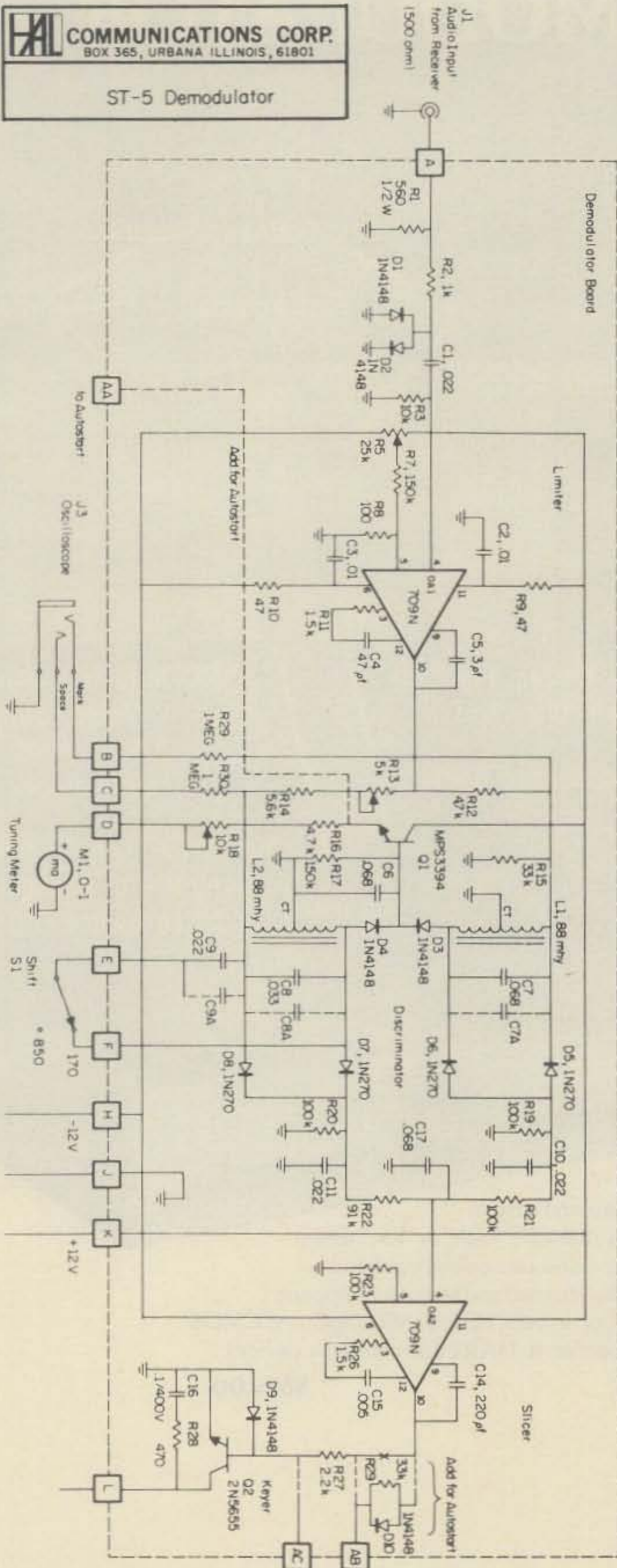
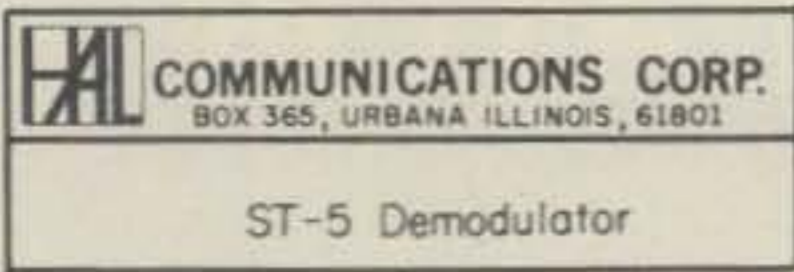
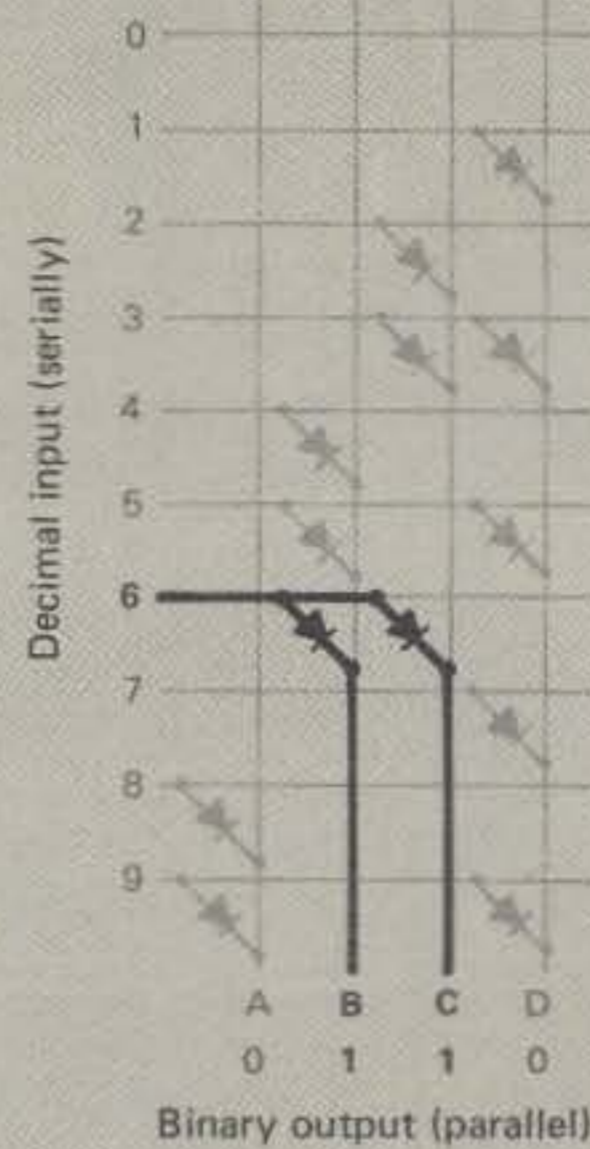


Fig. 5—Schematic diagram of HAL's ST-5 demodulator. Only the indigenous circuitry is shown. The power supply and control sections have been omitted.

ROM programmed for decimal-to-binary encodement



Inset

This inset illustrates the operation of a read-only memory (ROM) for use as a decimal-to-binary encoder.

The input is fed to the ROM *serially*, that is, one impulse after another. In the case of the decimal input, however long it takes to feed the ROM one pulse (bit), it takes ten times as long to

feed the whole byte, i.e., ten bits. Note that every decimal number is encoded by a series of ten bits. For example, the digit "6" is encoded as 0000001000. For each digit, 0 through 9, there is one, and only one, binary representation.

Follow the current path through the ROM for the digit "6." A pulse enters the ROM (arrow at left) and passes through diodes D₁ and D₂, eventually emerging at points B and C at the bottom of the picture. The pulses at B and C are 1's. There are no pulses at A and D; they are therefore 0's. Hence, the binary output is 0110, which is indeed the binary encodement for "6."

The binary output is in *parallel* form, i.e., all the bits emerge simultaneously.

Decimal Input

Decimal Input	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Binary Output

Binary Output	2 ³	2 ²	2 ¹	2 ⁰
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	1
2	0	0	1	0
3	0	0	1	1
4	0	1	0	0
5	0	1	0	1
6	0	1	1	0
7	0	1	1	1
8	1	0	0	0
9	1	0	0	1

shift or to 2975 Hz for 850 Hz shift. Variable resistor R₁₃ is used to balance the amplitudes and band-widths of the mark and space filters.

The D₅, D₆ combination provides full-wave rectification of the mark signal, as D₇, D₈ does for the space signal. The outputs of these detectors are combined through R₂₁ and R₂₂ and appear at the input of OA2. The R₂₁-R₂₂-C₁₇ network is a low-pass filter. The exact value of C₁₇ is a function of the speed of the RTTY signal being processed.

OA2 (another 709 op-amp) shapes the output waveform into a square wave whose positive voltage corresponds to a mark and whose negative voltage corresponds to a space. The output of OA2 enters the keying transistor, Q2, which keys the loop circuit of the teleprinter. C₁₆ and R₂₈ combine to suppress voltage transients induced by the selector magnets.

An Equipment Potpourri

The number of manufacturers and, thus, the amount of video RTTY equipment, is on the increase. Whereas as recently as five years ago there was less than a handful of sources of commercially manufactured video gear, today there is quite a large number. The greater the number of choices, the greater the confusion, apprehension and opinions about which to buy.

I will try, as objectively as possible, to present what is available, what the equipment can do and what the expected price would be. The final decision, of course, rests with the person who pays for the gear—you.

The manufacturers will be presented in alphabetical order.



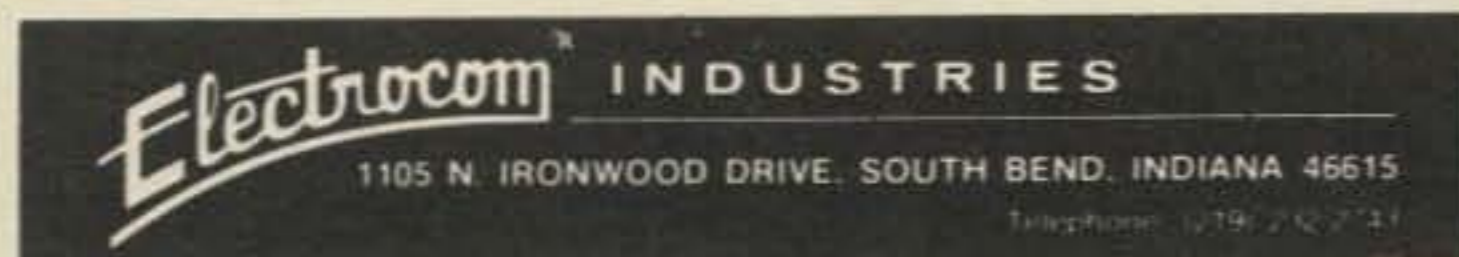
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Dovetron manufactures three major pieces of RTTY equipment. Each is top-of-the-line and state-of-the-art.

MPC-1000C. Standard features of this unit include continuously tuneable mark and space channels (1000 Hz to 3200 Hz), dual-mode autostart, and an internal high level neutral loop keyer (20 to 60 mA). Both MIL f.s.k. and EIA outputs are provided for direct interface to a microprocessor and video terminal unit. \$545.

MPC-1000CR. On this unit, a front panel switch permits an internal signal regenerator/speed converter assembly to electronically "gear shift" between 60, 67, 75, and 100 w.p.m. operation. All incoming and outgoing signals are regenerated to less than 0.5% bias distortion. The unit is also available with digital autostart. \$695.

MPC-1000R/TSR-500. This piece of gear provides pre-loading and recirculation of a 200 character FIFO memory, a keyboard-controlled word correction circuit, variable character rate, TD inhibit, a triple tone pair a.f.s.k. keyer and a character recognition/speed determination digital autostart mode. \$895.



Electrocom manufactures two major pieces of RTTY equipment. Both come under the umbrella of the **Series 400 Converters.**



Electrocom Model 400 converter.

The **Model 400** front panel digital knob selects shifts up to 1000 Hz, while two knobs on the **Model 402** independently select the mark and space frequencies. Both models can be preset with any tone pair between 1000 and 3200 Hz.

The units feature matched filters, precision linear detectors, baud-rate selectors, bias compensation and semi-diversity circuitry. Also included are a CRT monitor, autostart with solid-state motor switching, antispaces, markhold, EIA/MIL spec output voltages and a constant current loop supply.

Both units are very sophisticated and are designed with the most discriminating amateur in mind.

The 400 and the 402 are each available either as a table model or for rack mounting.

The Model 400 costs \$690 and the Model 402 costs \$735. Fleisher offers a series of kits for the RTTY enthusiast.



Electrocom Model 402 converter.

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TU-170. This unit is small (7-1/4" x 3-1/4" x 7-1/2"). However, its size belies its performance.



Fleisher TU-170 converter.

Features include a 115 v.a.c., 15 watt power supply, three-stage active mark and space filters, a mark-hold circuit, autostart, a built-in 60 mA loop supply and loop switching circuitry. The unit is housed in a metal and plastic cabinet.

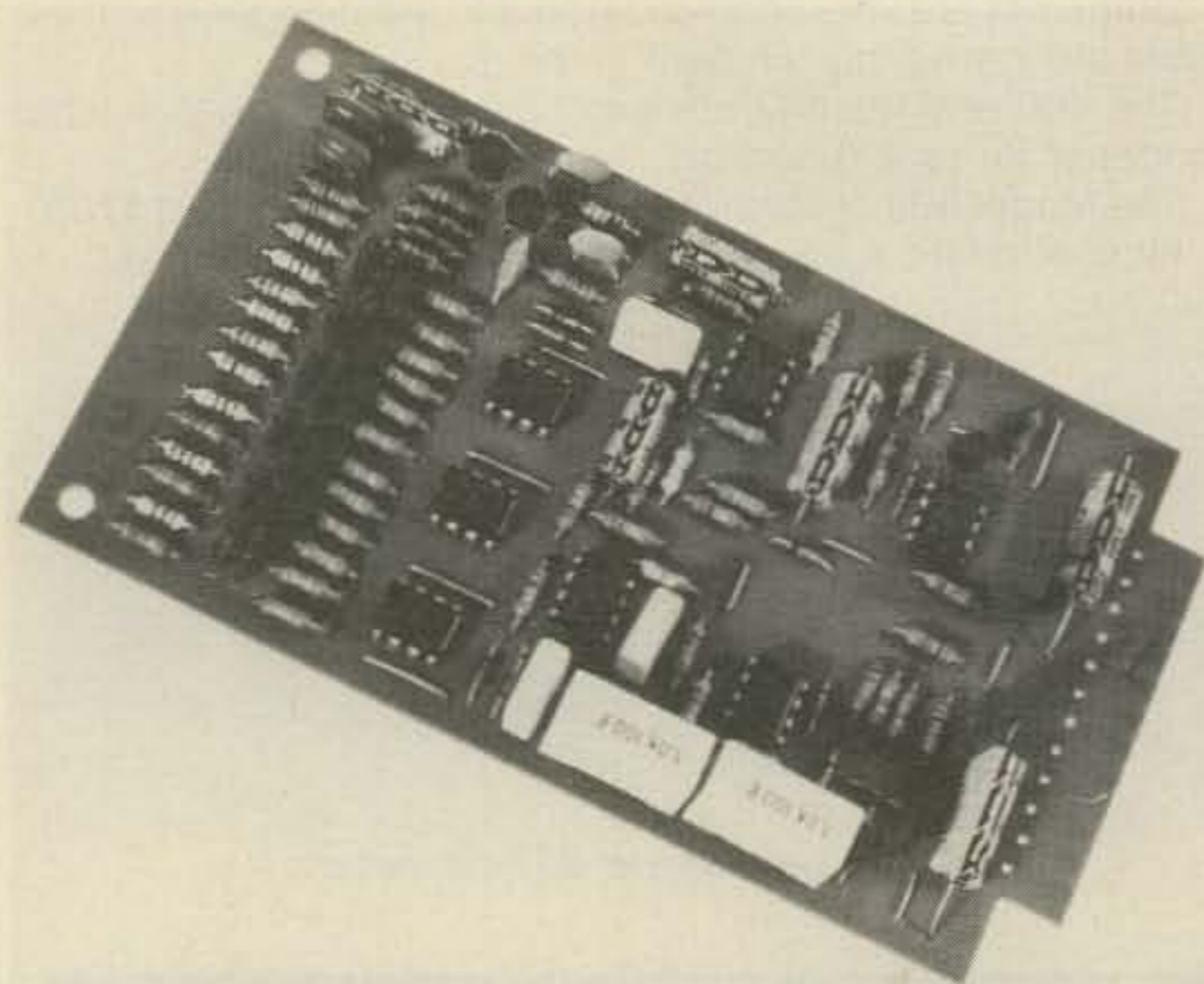
In addition, the TU-170 has, for a.f.s.k. operation, a 200 mV sine wave output, uses phase coherent frequency shift, and contains a standard mark frequency for 2125 Hz. All inputs and outputs are TTL compatible.

The unit has a large tuning meter or can be connected to a scope for a "+" display as an aid to tuning. The kit sells for \$149.95, or it can be bought wired and tested for \$219.95.

DM-170. This demodulator is designed for 170 Hz shift use and includes an anti-space circuit and autostart output with adjustable threshold and programmable start and stop displays.

It is available in kit form or ready-assembled. All components are mounted on 2.95 x 5.25 inch photo-etched, plated, glass-epoxy circuit board, notched for a 12-pin edge connector.

The kit sells for \$39.95 and the wired version sells for \$59.95. A board connector is available for \$2.



Flesher DM-170 demodulator.

PS-170. This unit is a bandpass preselector designed with an optimum characteristic for 170 Hz shift. It features selectable filter output or limiter output.

The PS-170 uses four stagger-tuned, cascaded stages to achieve a flat-topped, steep-skirted response with a roll-off of 80 dB/decade. The bandpass preselector has unity gain with the passband, with 3 dB cutoff frequencies of 2040 Hz and 2385 Hz and 20 dB cutoff frequencies of 1925 Hz and 2560 Hz.

It sells for \$11.95 in kit form and \$21.95 wired.

FS-1. The FS-1 is an audio frequency shift oscillator. The unit is completely solid-state, eliminating the use of toroid inductors and is thus quite small (2.5 x 2.75 inches). As a kit it sells for \$23.95 and as a factory-wired unit it sells for \$34.95.

ID-1. This unit was designed as a plug-in identifier for the HAL ST-6 terminal unit. It features adjustable speed and is compatible with other keyers. The program is easily changed. It has a 127-bit capacity in its diode matrix.

The unit comes with 50 programming diodes. It sells for \$26.50. A board connector is available for \$2.

TMT. TMT is a ten-minute station timer for identification. One LED readout indicates the number of minutes since the last ID and it can be used to automatically start an identifier. It sells for \$21.95 as a kit.



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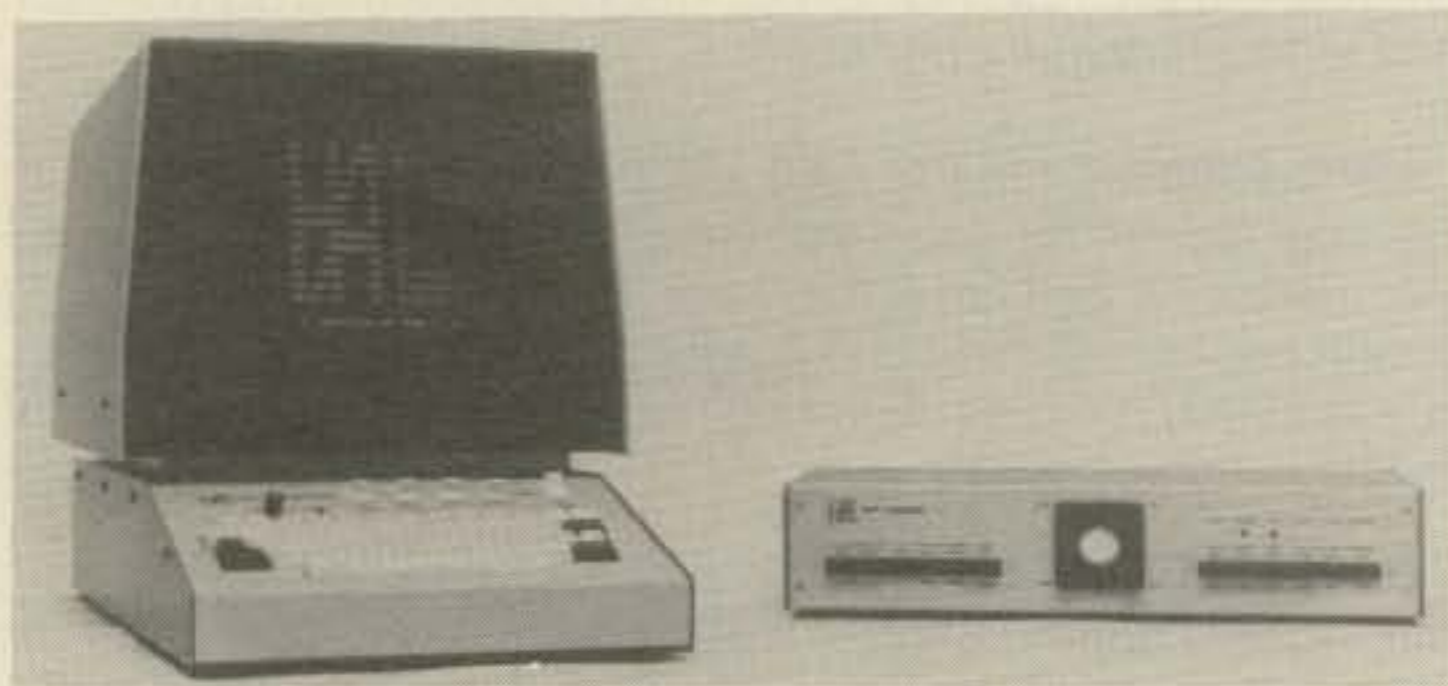
HAL offers a complete line of video RTTY equipment. Gear can be purchased either individually or as "sets" of units. The equipment is up-to-date state-of-the-art. Some units can be bought as a kit.

Demodulators

For the experienced builder, HAL offers the popular **ST-5** and **ST-6** demodulators in kit form. The units are offered in two packages. The **ST-6K** package includes the demodulator, cabinet, crystal tone keyer (formerly the XTK-100) and discriminators for 170, 425 and 850 Hz shifts. The **ST-6** features input bandpass filters, wide dynamic range limiting, a balanced discriminator, an active low-pass filter, automatic tone control (ATC), autostart and antispace. The tone keyer of the **ST-6K** is crystal controlled assuring accurate tone frequencies at all times. The **ST-5** package includes the demodulator, autostart (formerly the ST-5AS), audio tone keyer (formerly the AK-1) and a Bud 2110 minibox for use as a cabinet. The **ST-5K** package features wide dynamic range limiting, a balanced discriminator, a solid-state loop switch, autostart, a tuning meter and the AK-1 a.f.s.k. oscillator. An unscreened and undrilled Bud 2110 minibox is provided for tailoring for requirements. The **ST-5K** sells for \$125 and the **ST-6K** sells for \$275.

The **ST-5000** demodulator provides RTTY performance on both the h.f. and v.h.f. bands. Features such as a hard limiting front end, active discriminator and an active detector are contained in this unit. Wide and narrow shift (850 Hz and 170 Hz), normal or reverse sense, autostart, self-contained high voltage loop supply and an audio tone keyer are standard. The unit sells for \$275.

The **ST-6000** is HAL's top-of-the-line demodulator. The **ST-6000** provides an outstanding ability to recover h.f. RTTY signals, despite noise, interference, or weakness. Features include a multi-pole active filter front end, wide dynamic range limiter, either f.m. or a.m. reception, active filter discriminator and low-pass filters, and an internal crystal-controlled a.f.s.k. tone keyer.



HAL DS-3000 KSR and ST-6000 converter.

The automatic threshold control and the decision threshold hysteresis features minimize the effects of selective fading and multi-path distortion of a RTTY signal. The **ST-6000** is available with either "high tone" pairs or "low tone" pairs and receives and transmits 170, 425 and 850 shifts. Other features include an internal loop supply, KOS (keyboard operated switch), autostart, antispace, optional oscilloscope tuning indicator and a rear panel with input/output connections for interfacing with other data handling equipment.

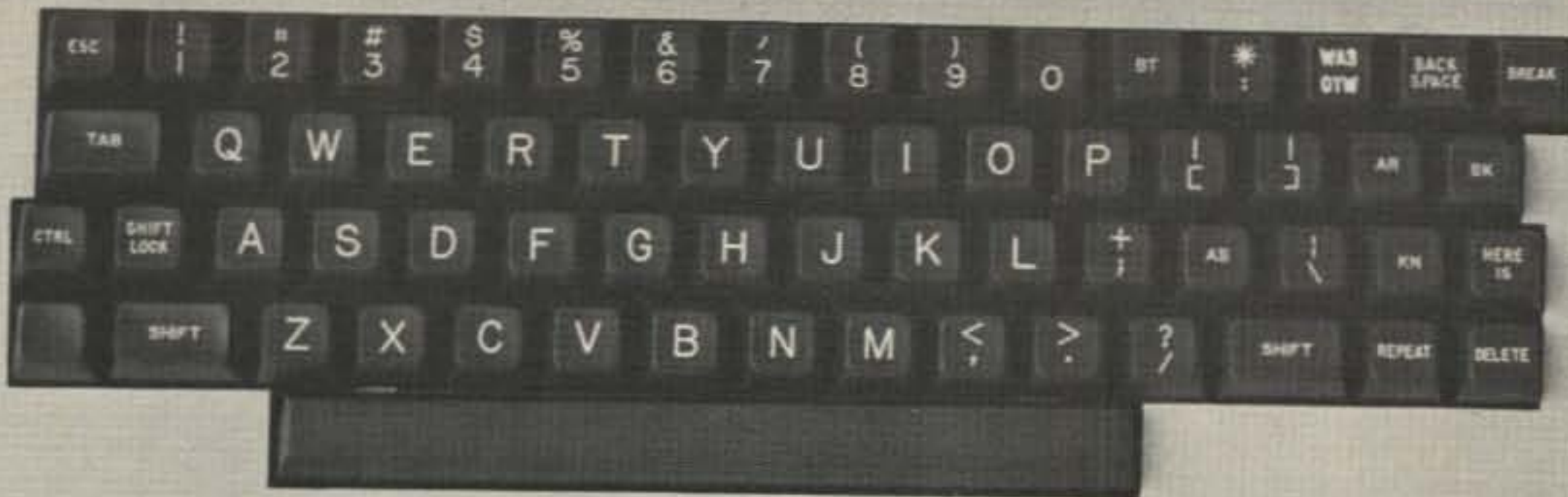
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HAL DKB-2010 dual mode keyboard.

Visual Display Unit

The **RVD-1005** features four switch-selectable speeds, automatic carriage return/line feed and unshift-on-space. The 1005 can be used with either a TV monitor or a standard TV set (a description of TV set conversion to a monitor is covered in the operating manual).

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Info-Tech offers a long line of solid-state video RTTY equipment. The **Model 75** is a receive-only (RO) converter that will change audio from a receiver into a composite video signal to drive a monitor.

The 75's specifications include an 8-600 ohm audio input responding from 1200 to 3000 Hz, switch-selection of 170, 425 or 850 Hz shift, switch selection of 60, 66, 75 or 100 w.p.m. signals, a two-LED tuning indicator, switch-selectable audio limiting and a normal/reverse switch.

The Model 75 sells for \$324.95 for a 32-character line and \$344.95 for a 72-character line.

The **Model 93** is a combination demodulator, video generator and shift keyer. It operates on any of the three standard shifts. In addition to the features it shares with the Model 75, the 93 regenerates an incoming signal using a UART (Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter), contains autostart circuitry, has a front-panel transmit switch,

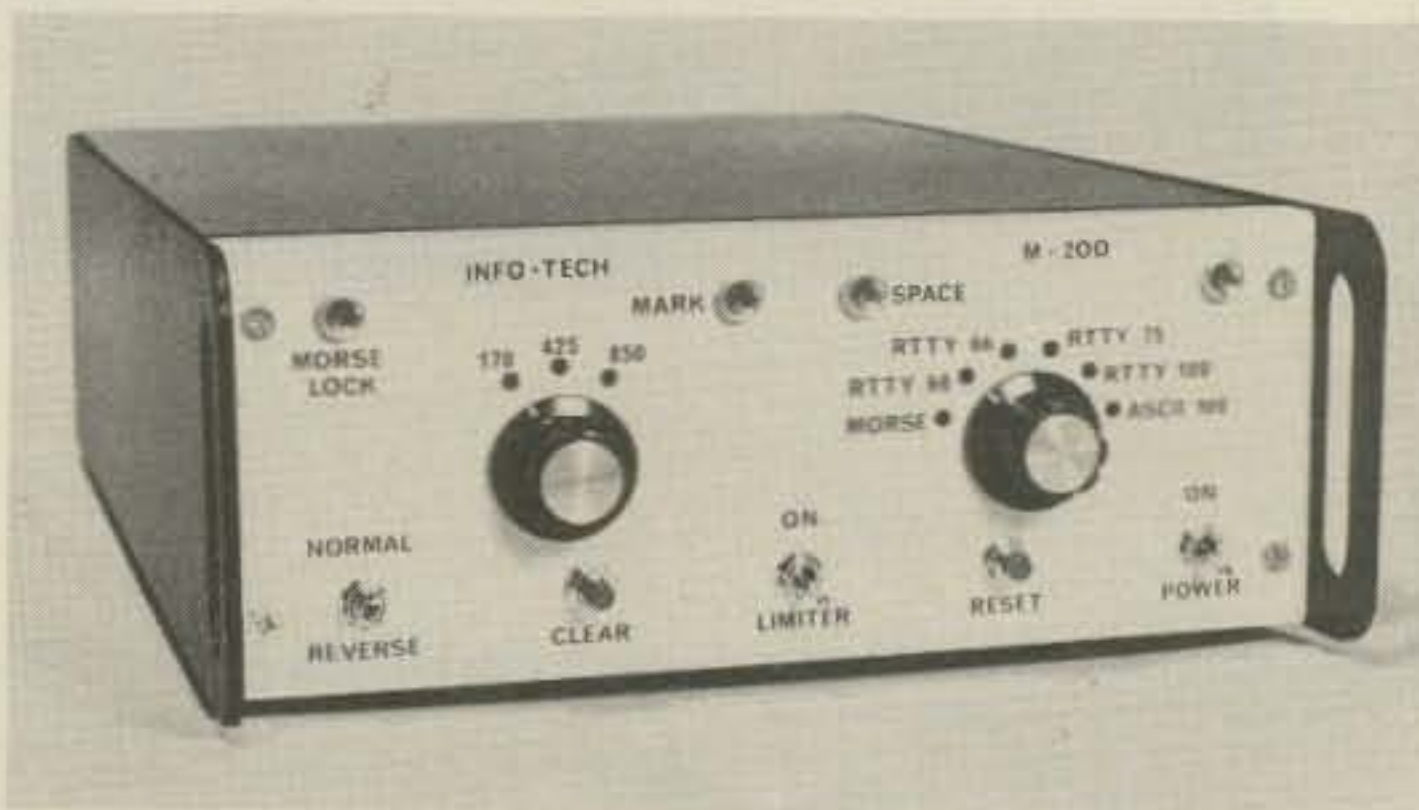


Info-Tech Model 93 terminal unit.

regenerates a keyboard output by use of a UART and has built-in c.w. ID which can be programmed at the factory for your particular call sign. \$239.50

The **Model 200** is a tri-mode (Morse, RTTY and ASCII) converter.

In its RTTY mode, the 200 is speed selectable at 60, 66, 75 and 100 w.p.m. and features automatic video indication of incoming speed and has a digital input on its rear panel.



Info-Tech Model 200 tri-mode converter.

The TU part is shift selectable for the three standard shifts, has a switch-selectable limiter, a normal/reverse switch, mark-space LED's for tuning, active filters, digital output and loop keying.

The **Model 200A** (32-character video) sells for \$500 and the **Model 200B** (72-character video) sells for \$525.



Info-Tech Model 150 RTTY keyboard.

The **Model 150** RTTY keyboard features the four standard speeds and the three standard shifts. It has built-in a.f.s.k. and a provision for building in a c.w. ID. It also contains a 64 character buffer, automatic carriage return/line feed (selectable for 64 or 72 character lines) and a standard typewriter keyboard format.

The unit sells for \$289.50.

The **Model 300** is a tri-mode keyboard. In its RTTY mode the 300 features the four standard speeds and two shifts (170 and 850 Hz). It has built-in keyboard programmable c.w. ID, a built-in "RY" generator, automatic carriage return/line feed and "loop" and "a.f.s.k." outputs.

In addition, the 300 features a built-in "quick brown fox" generator (for all three modes), a 700 character buffer, ten recallable, user programmable message memories of 120 characters each, "CQ" and "DE" keys and much, much more.

The Model 300 keyboard sells for \$425.

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Microlog AVR-1 video converter and monitor.

The Microlog **AVR-1** decoder converts Morse and RTTY from the audio line of a receiver into an alpha-numeric visual display. The decoded characters are presented on any standard video monitor in plain text, featuring an easy-to-read format of up to 62 characters per line. The system will automatically start a new line and scroll up previous text without breaking up most words.

The unit measures 17.8" x 3.7" x 9.5" and costs \$349. A matching 12-inch video monitor is available for \$149.

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The Xitex Corp.'s **SCT-100** allows the user to assemble a complete RTTY station with a few additional parts.

The unit features 16 line, 64 character per line display capability using a 5 x 8 dot matrix for the characters.

Full upper case and lower case alpha, numeric, Greek, common symbols and some special graphics characters are provided on the on-board character generator ROM. Four



Xitex SCT-100 video terminal unit.

user-programmable baud rates are provided. ASCII 110 and 300; and Baudot 45.45 and 74.2.

In RTTY operation, the 60 mA Baudot interface connects directly to most f.s.k. terminal units and, when not in use, can be switched to ASCII mode for home computer use. "Letters" and "figures" commands are automatically generated as required. Keys on the ASCII keyboard which generate characters having no Baudot equivalent are ignored.

There are three variations on the unit that can be purchased: **SCT-100A** is an assembled and tested board with a complete documentation package (\$185); **SCT-100K** is an unassembled kit including all components, p.c. board and a complete documentation package (\$155); **SCT-100P** is a partial kit including a Mostek 3870 microprocessor chip, character generator ROM, crystal, p.c. board and complete documentation package. The parts required to assemble the kit are specified in detail (\$95).

The documentation package alone costs \$3.

Conclusion

It should be pointed out that video equipment resources are not limited to the commercial manufacturers. There has been a wealth of literature published in amateur journals and in topical books that will represent a virtual cornucopia of information to the interested operator. However, throwing caution to the wind is not a practical procedure for one who is interested in home-brewing video RTTY gear.

As can be seen from the description of the techniques and the commercial gear, undertaking such a project is reserved for none but the most knowledgeable among us. A solid-state video converter is not a weekend project by any means. However, if you are interested in giving either the most noble or the most rudimentary project a try it would be advised to research the situation thoroughly before buying even so much as a resistor.

I would like to thank all the readers of this series for adding to my enthusiasm for writing it. In addition, I would like to express my grateful appreciation to Harlan Kramer, WA2HPS, for the photography.

In the future I will write about various aspects related to the adventure of radioteletype. If you have any ideas about a topic, please drop me a line.



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Clipperton — A Dream Come True Part II

BY CHARLES SINGER*, WA9INK

Clipperton, March 20, 1978. The deserted atoll which our advance landing party had just set foot on could have been mistaken by an untrained eye for Gilligan's Island, but to us it was as though the main vault of the Bank of France had just been opened for the first time in twenty years and we had been given seven days to carry out one by one as many gold coins as we could. We had awakened from a DXpeditioner's daydream of landing on the rarest country in the world to absorb the reality of a great adventure.

With the precedent of setting foot on what seemed to us to be the moon, our assignment became one of putting ashore enough amateur radio and camping equipment to provide for at least three separate stations

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Memorial plaque mounted on Clipperton Rock.

and seventeen individuals during the coming seven days. For several hours our Avon rubber raft went in and out countless times to set on the shore beach what seemed to be enough material to satisfy the needs of a

signal corps brigade. That first day everything from keyers to generators had to be carried from the landing point over 1000 rocky meters to Bougainville.

By about 3 p.m. local time that day, March 20, those of us still on the *Phillippa* were able to hear FO0XB blasting through on 15 meter s.s.b. starting with an inaugural exchange of signal reports with N6ND in San Diego. Since all of the Atlas 350-XL transceivers had gone ashore by then, we were using an Atlas 210-X listening to the transmit frequency only. As we had heard about after several other Pacific expeditions, there were comments from unidentified American stations on the FO0XB transmit frequency, but this did not phase Olivier, the first to operate from the island, because he was listening to the receive frequency some kilohertz up and because Olivier's iron operating discipline would otherwise not permit giving these "policemen" a second thought.

Herb, Doug and I did not stay on the island the first night, and as we tuned across the bands with the little Atlas we suddenly failed to hear any signals emanating from the island. We saw a flashlight aimed in our direction from the beach signalling the letters F-O-O-D. In their haste to get on the air, the men on the island had not thought of the most basic element of survival. Later, they were on the air to explain a generator failure. The hunger for contacts kept them going through the small hours of the morning into the dawn.

The following morning Jeff, Kim and I went ashore with breakfast and some of the smaller items that had been forgotten the afternoon before. We lugged various packages over the rocks and onto the blanched sand from which they would be carried the distance of the flat area that led toward Bougainville. As Jeff and I approached the shade of the coconut grove I saw my first crab, an orange creature about two inches across with six legs, two claws and a pair of beady eyes. By the time we had gotten through the foliage to the hut in which the French had placed their sleeping bags, I had seen my 1000th crab. I was convinced that if they ever extend the recent series of horror films such as "Jaws," camera teams could



Don, N6IC, at the OSCAR operating position. Note the skivvies in the background.

come to Clipperton to shoot a feature called "Crabs" without the need for a special effects man. The crabs are everywhere and eat everything that is not moving, including crab meat. Actually, the crabs are quite timid, and I figured that if I looked like them I would be shy too.

Jeff and I made our way through the branches and broken coconut shells to the rusted, filthy, 75-foot long abandoned French Navy quonset building and peer down the long corridor in the direction from which we could hear a loud s.s.b. pileup. In the building were many rooms, the first of which was lined with shelves marked with the names of popular French wines, the obligatory "wine cellar" of a long since departed French squadron, which was now to be our kitchen. Passing by about 20 rooms, empty except for a few rusted storage lockers, we came to the 20 meter FO0XC/FO0XH station, which was being used by Jacques and Oliver as they were finishing up a European pileup. Stepping outside, I could see on the left our 20 meter monobander on a 50-foot mast, secured by the remains of a French military radio mast which had been bent to the ground by a typhoon. On the right was our 2.4 kW generator on a slab of cement that must have been the floor of a tent long since blown away. Not far straight ahead was the 10/80/160 meter FO0XF/FO0XA tent, where I found Hoppy in the process of trying to satisfy the seemingly unquenchable thirst of a ten-meter c.w. pileup.

In the distance, beyond the 15/40 meter FO0XD/FO0XB/FO0XE tent, I could see Jean-Charles carrying a piece of cloth in his hand heading down the flat plain with François in the direction of a pole. It occurred to me that the two were about to perform the ultimate ceremony, that of planting the French tricolor on a distant French overseas territory. The flag that must have been left there by a military mission of the past had long since disintegrated, and this flag that had only two weeks before vanished from the Ministry of Justice building in Paris, was now to reappear on the other side of the globe. François climbed up the 15-foot steel rod to a small pulley, stuck a rope through it and hoisted the flag as if to proclaim this forsaken atoll as French soil.

Following that almost unseen moment of glory we returned to the coolness of the 15/40 meter tent where Doug Murray and Bernard Chereau were busy logging Europeans on 15 meter c.w. during one of the best days of propagation that I had ever seen or so it seemed at the time. Gus Browning was quoted once as saying that a rare call sign tends to improve signal strengths by 20 dB. I now knew what he meant because I had never heard so many Europeans since I had been in Europe. This occasion was also the first in which I had ever seen Doug Murray in a pileup situation, and I was pleased to see the expertise with which he could log stations at a rate approaching 180 contacts per hour and the dedication which would keep him going not only that first day but later on when the novelty of operating from a rare location would wear off.

A little anxious to partake of the action myself, I returned to the 10/80/160 tent, where I found hoppy still plugging away at a stateside c.w. pileup. I managed to get Hoppy to relinquish the key for a while and took over the pileup. After a few pages of log

sheets it occurred to me that most of the callsigns on the pages I had completed were of the 1 x 2 variety, those serious DXers who had been waiting for us after seeing our frequencies mentioned in the major DX bulletins.

This was the first time I had been on the working end of a pileup in over two years, since my last operation as C311L, and despite the fact that the stations I was working could express themselves only in dots and dashes I was especially sensitive to their special excitement which comes only when contacting a new country. At the same time I recalled my theory that the thrill of conquest in DX involves the act of making an operator at a distant station write the callsign—the radio name—of the operator calling in a list of contacts as if by remote control, as if the operator calling were able to reach out with his hand over a distance of thousands of miles to record his name on the pages of the history of a far-off land. No other activity offers that sense of power and accomplishment, and it is a unique experience to act as the instrument of so many people in so many different parts of the world in a short space of time.

I would be able to operate all bands, 80 through 10, during my week at Clipperton, but the real pleasure I would have during the course of the operation would be to study the surplus of skills and talent that each of the other operators displayed. The success of the Clipperton amateur effort was not just that we had 16 operators of differing backgrounds and strengths which complemented each other, it was a fortunate circumstance of 16 highly competent amateurs whose individual lifetimes of experience were compressed into one all-out campaign. If we installed each of these operators on different islands and at different times, each would have returned with noteworthy results. On Clipperton, the extraordinary was commonplace. All we can offer to those who were not there is each person's trademark.

You will remember Jacques as the fellow who would somehow pull out your call even if you didn't pronounce it correctly that time and then return with "five-nine, OK?" Hugh was the



Clipperton Rock, as seen from the island.



Home on Clipperton Island.

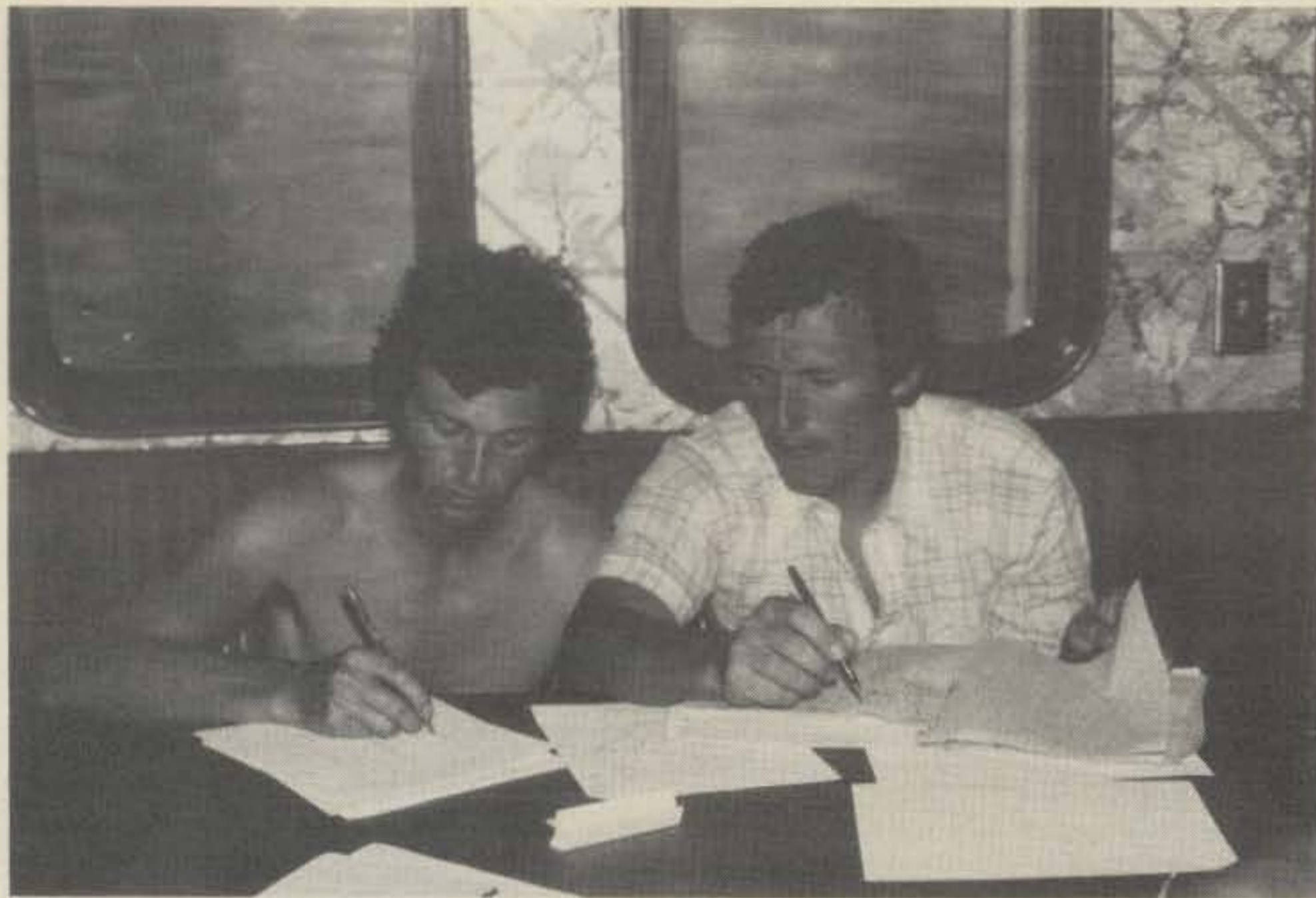
fellow who would tell the American stations that below 14.200 they were out of band, then "Alright now, fellas, fourteen ten fourteen thirty". Jacky was the fellow you could always recognize because you knew his voice from Moyotte.

Doug was the fellow with real fast, crisp c.w. who would hesitate for a moment while he would tell his logger that the call wasn't WB6VDF but WB6VDH. Bernard was the fellow who had copied the call correctly the first time.

Alain was always identifiable because he had brought a sideswiper from France for



The French tri-color graces the island. Next to the flag stands a coconut tree which provided refreshment for the DXpeditioners.



Alain, F6BFH and Andre, F6AOI working on the logs on the Phillippa.

c.w. André, the one you thought sounded as though he had an Italian accent, didn't speak English and knew only the English phonetic alphabet, but by that token could pick out your phonetics better than anyone else.

You knew that Don belonged to a Clipperton team because he would tell you that his home call was "November six I'm Clipperton". Don would then turn the rig over to c.w. so Hoppy could work you on 160.

Jean-Charles was one person you heard but could not recognize. He told us that he wasn't a real contest operator, but when he got on the air he fooled us and you too. Herb also surprised us all, but his voice was well known from the maritime mobile operation on the yacht.

François was one that you might have thought was two completely different individuals, one whom you patiently waited for to complete a seemingly endless number of

Europeans, the other speaking such good English that you thought he was an American trying to put on a French accent. Willy you could always recognize because he also spoke perfect English but with a slight German accent. Fred was one that you mistook for Willy but later could identify from his relaxed yet efficient way of calling the stations.

If you worked Clipperton more than a couple of times, odds are that you ran into Olivier. Olivier was so fast that it was three QSO's after he worked you that your mind realized that you were in the Clipperton log. Many didn't believe that anyone could be so efficient, so they called again a second time to make sure, a waste of time since Olivier had invariably copied their calls correctly the first time.

The only member of the Clipperton team that didn't show on the air was Henry Schaub,

the Swiss diver. To me, Henry exemplified the quiet strength that I have always associated with my Swiss ancestors. I had the impression that if Henry didn't have such a pleasant personality he could have bent any one of us into a pretzel.

During the days of the Clipperton amateur activity, operation went on at all three stations around the clock, and it was rare to see any of the Atlas transceivers sitting unused. Never were we at a loss for a large number of stations calling us. Not only had we come to the island at a time of good propagation, but at any hour at least three bands would offer good conditions to the largest concentration of stations in the world, in the United States. Clipperton is in something of a unique position geographically for contacting the United States because it is just about the right distance to reach all parts of that country at the same time. Contrary to a popular misconception, the W6's really have little advantage over the other call areas, since Clipperton is rather centrally located due south of the state of New Mexico. Although we did not keep score, it is almost certain that we worked all states on both modes of all bands 80 through 10. Under such conditions our only real concern was to work as many of the two other largest concentrations of the world's amateur stations in Europe and Japan. We especially wanted to maximize our efforts to those two areas because almost all of the growth in the Japanese amateur population had taken place in the last ten years and because only one European had reportedly been able to work FO8AT in 1958.

Typically, we would have about ten hours of total operating time per day to Japan and Europe each. I was a bit surprised after hearing stories of other Pacific DXpeditions that propagation to Japan did not last longer, but I discovered that both areas are roughly equidistant from Clipperton, and in the end our contact totals, about 3000 to each area, proved this in practice. It was a combination of the patience of many stateside operators and the strict operating discipline of the Clipperton team that led to this relative success.

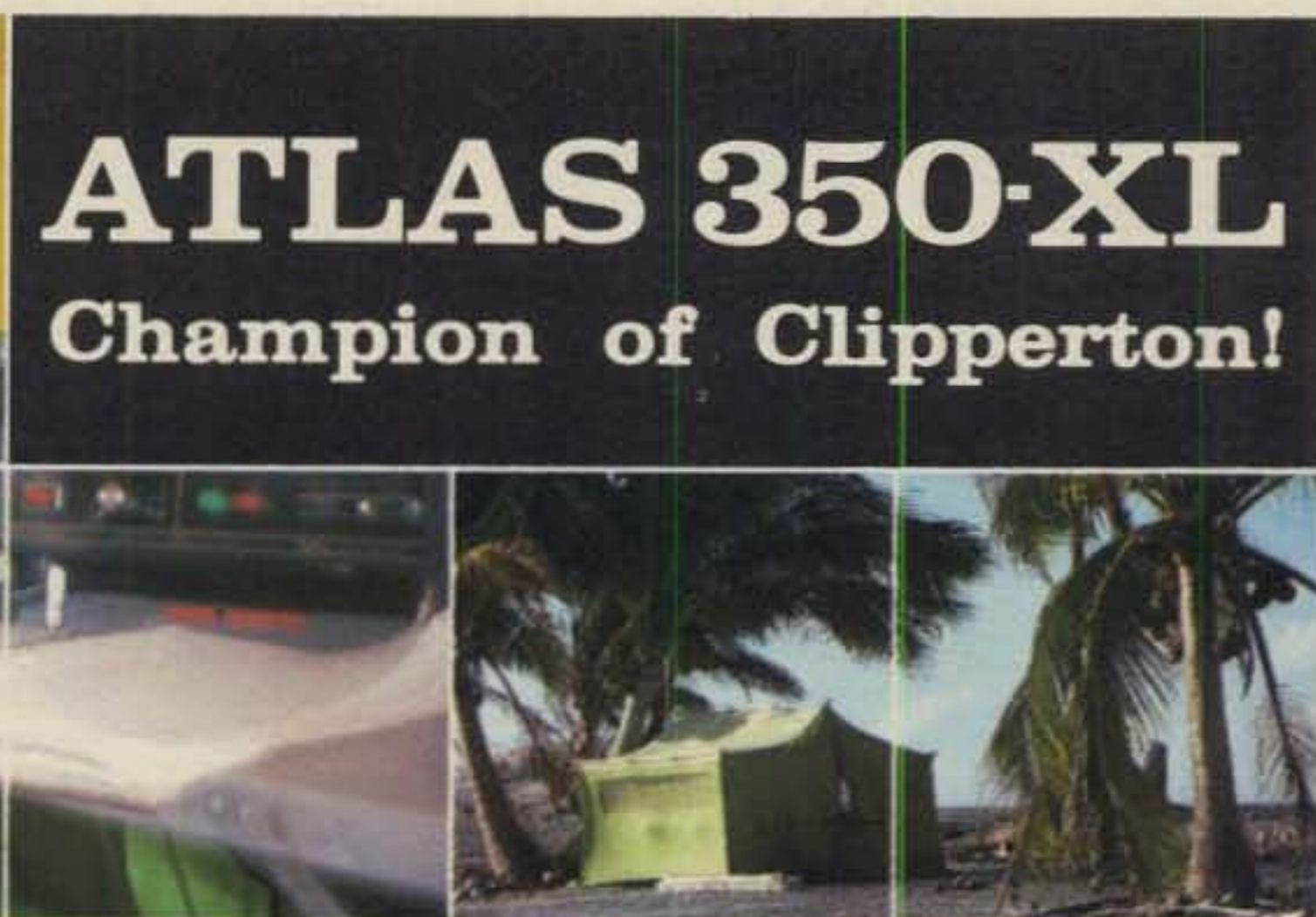
Of the lessons that I learned operating at Clipperton, perhaps the most important was the realization of the need for the use of split-frequency techniques in planning a rare DXpedition such as Clipperton. When I was told a month before of the French decision to operate all split, I was a bit disturbed that many operators who owned transceivers without outboard v.f.o.'s might have difficulty in working the island. I believed that it would be unfair to penalize those amateurs for not owning equipment that does not offer the versatility of the Atlas 350-XL. When we got to the island, we found pileups on the announced receive frequency segments that seemed as though they were five separate pileups per 10 kHz. Because we were able to tune around freely with the main v.f.o. to extract calls from the number calling us, we were able to copy many more stations than we ever could have under straight-transceive conditions. In straight-transceive it would have been the stations without linears and big antennas that would have been penalized. This was, perhaps, a refreshing return to the days when everybody had separate transmitters and receivers. Many of those whom we contacted obviously were tuning back and forth with one-v.f.o. transceivers, so the handicap of those operators was not as great as I



Inside the Clipperton shack. Left to right: F5II, F6ARC, F9JS, Henri (SWL), and F5IE.

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had feared. I am now convinced that major DXpeditions of the future should plan split-frequency capability to maximize the total of different stations worked, which is the purpose of all DXpeditions.

The overall h.f. operation went quite smoothly at all three operating positions. We had good results with our antennas, especially the Wilson monobanders which went up quite easily and were helpful to us on the "bread and butter" bands of 20 through 10. On 80 meters Olivier put together a delta loop in the hopes of improving results toward the East Coast/Europe path, with some success.

We were especially pleased with the performance of the Atlas transceivers which we used mainly barefoot. The receiver in the Atlas made attacking pileups a pleasure, even on 40 meters where signals are so tightly packed. At one point we started receiving reports of chirp from our signal, and after checking our line voltage we found that one of our generators was putting out only 75 v.a.c. on transmit, far below the rated input voltage range of the Atlas, and we were surprised that the Atlas worked at all under that condition. We were also a bit amazed that a solid state transceiver could take such a beating under the equivalent of several years of home operation.

The Dentron linears and tuners also performed well with no problem at all. I was sure that we would wear out at least a pair of finals in the 100 degree plus heat in the 20 meter operating room. As a c.w. man, I was pleased with the flexibility of the Curtis keyers, and even though I had never used the Bencher paddles that Doug Murray had recommended I found that it took me only about one minute to get a feel for that paddle. The Curtis-Bencher combination was so easy to get used to that I even learned iambic keying during the course of the operation without realizing it. We also had a couple of Redi-Kilowatt programmable keyers on the island, and I was surprised how easy it was to get them to record various short messages even without reading the directions. If we had been in a contest they would have been a must.

The generators, a Honda 2.4 kW that Herb had brought, a Sears 2 kW and a small Briggs

and Stratton, also worked relatively well, and we consumed much less gasoline than we anticipated. After we filled them up with gasoline we would let them run out as a way of reminding ourselves to check the oil. At times we switched to batteries to let the generators cool off and to make sure that the batteries were charged in case we needed them.

I was pleased that the special Clipperton logsheets that I had printed were well received by the team. These were of the "Don Miller" format which included spaces to record only the time, station worked plus two rows to indicate the report given with only an X needed for 59 or 599. Another large area was set aside for other information and notes. All that was required at the head of the logsheets was the last letter of the FO0X callsign being used and a number 20 through 27 to record the date. I had these printed on NCR paper so that we could have a copy right away for the QSL manager without wasting a lot of time and money getting the sheets copied by machine. One of the problems that I had not anticipated with the logsheets was that I didn't think the operators would bother to record signal reports received, and they didn't know where to put them. Another inconvenience was that the yellow NCR copy was spoiled if it touched salt water. Overall, the log experiment worked well, and a lot of lost time and confusion was avoided.

Although much of the operating at Clipperton had been accomplished by the FO8AJ and FO8AT DXpeditions, the 1978 FO0XA-H operation offered us the opportunity not only to set a record contact total for the island but also to use amateur equipment for the first time on the island on various bands and by satellite. Since France had authorized 160 meter operation only about a year before our arrival, it was the special desire of our "160 men" Don and Hoppy to work the Top Band giving each station worked a new country on that band. Using the Atlas to a vertical donated by KLM; with many radials, about 200 contacts, mostly c.w., were accomplished under conditions that did not give us the time to properly tune a 160 antenna, a process that can take years.

Thanks to the help of Dennis Dinga, N6DD,

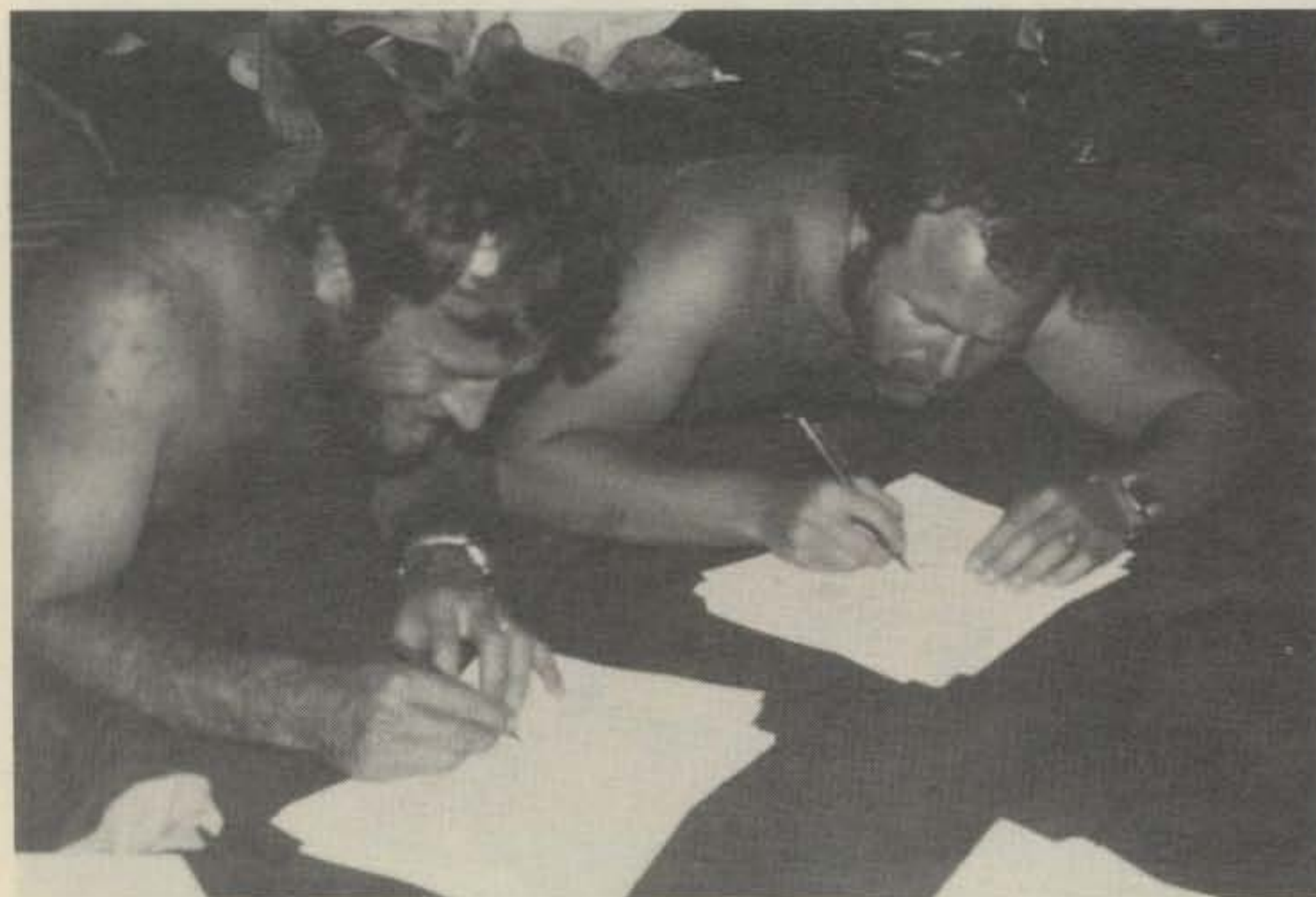
who loaned us equipment for two and 3/4 meters, Don and Hoppy also had some measure of success on OSCAR. With my Kenwood TS-700A and a set of antennas manually aimed, the two OSCAR operators were able first to hear their own FO0XA signals through OSCAR and later work a total of 20 contacts starting with W6VPH and none other than N6DD. W2BXA managed to add to his DXCC total on OSCAR by being the only East Coast station to work Clipperton by satellite. Quite apart from h.f. operation, satellite work from Clipperton was difficult because of the few minutes per orbit when both FO0XA and those listening in the United States would be in range at the same time. In absolute numbers the total OSCAR contacts was not great, but future DXpeditions to the island operating under similar conditions will be hard pressed to shatter the present OSCAR record.

Six meter enthusiasts will be relieved to know that their opportunity to be the first to work Clipperton on six meters is still open. We were not able to hear any activity on six even with a six element beam and the Redi-Kilowatt keyer constantly calling "CQ."

Although we had three stations operating constantly around the clock, the large number of operators gave us all the chance to explore the island itself. From the first day on the island, we all had a craving to get closer to Clipperton Rock, which from a distance looked like a pebble sticking out of a sand dune, and to see the opposite side of the island from which the other two authorized DXpeditions had operated. Since Clipperton is only a couple of miles across, the task of making a tour of the atoll seemed simple enough, so after a couple of days I accompanied Willy around the island as Willy took samples of vegetation to send back to Switzerland for study.

Venturing down the flat, rocky plain towards the rock, Willy took a few plants and placed them into cardboard presses as I took pictures of his activity and of the birds nesting on the ground. Although trees have been on the island since they were first planted by a Mexican expedition in 1897, the birds still have not learned to nest in the coconut groves, and they insist on sitting out on the barren, rock soil that under the unrelenting sun feels like just-solidified lava. After walking about a kilometer it was becoming apparent that the maps which indicated large patches of foliage were no longer accurate. Willy had only limited use for the large number of plant presses that he had hoped to fill. Although the strip of land about 100 meters wide that we were following was surrounded by water, the desolation before us could only remind us of pictures of lunar landscape.

Approaching the rock, we came to a patch of bleached white sand contrasting quite sharply with a patch of black rocky soil, a combination which evidenced the origin of the atoll. When Clipperton was first discovered it was little more than Clipperton Rock alone with small growths of coral attached to it. Later, when the island was first seriously surveyed in the 1840's, the map of Clipperton showed two small islands that surrounded a lagoon of calm sea water. Sometime between 1840 and 1897 the coral growths joined the two small islands together into a ring, one of the three closed atolls in the world. Eventually the sea water evaporated and was replaced



Fredy and Willy were always prone to do the log work.

by rain water to form a fresh-water lake in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The fresh water of this island lagoon is adulterated sometimes during the storm season when sea water is pushed over the narrow parts of the reef.

Our walk to the rock was a bit more tiring than we had thought, and we were relieved not just to have reached this famous landmark but to have some shade as well. At the bottom of the rock we found several plaques that had been left by various French military missions dating back to the 1950's. Clipperton Rock is one of those remote parts of the world where travelers celebrate their very presence there as something of an accomplishment by leaving a memento of themselves that hopefully will last forever. I tried to carve my callsign into the rock with a hammer and chisel that I had found on the ground nearby, but I found that the volcanic edifice was harder than steel. Later the commemorative plaque that Willy had brought to immortalize our expedition for future visitors would be attached to the rock with epoxy cement.

Just before the expedition we were a bit chagrined to learn that following the 1958 expedition the wild pigs that once inhabited the rock had been reduced to such a small number that they finally disappeared from the island. Actually their demise was not a loss to the ecology of Clipperton because the pigs had been introduced onto the island only in 1897 as domestic stock and had reverted to a wild state after living abandoned for several generations. We hoped to find at least some of their remains, but it was apparent that the crabs had removed all trace of them long before. We climbed into their former trails in the rock to find nothing but the remains of a lighthouse which had fallen from the top of the rock decades before and was now a nondescript lump of metal.

Moving counterclockwise around the island Willy and I found nothing over a long distance except clear, wild beaches bordered by sparse clumps of coconut trees infested with crabs. We were getting very hot and thirsty, and Willy managed to break open a couple of coconuts for a few drops of precious milk. Moving northward, we eventually found the clutter of the large dumps of live ammunition that had been left by the U.S. Navy over 30 years before. Not far away we found a mass of rust that had once been a tractor, while on the beach we found a 15-foot section of steel which we could hardly believe was what remained of the infamous LST that marked the site of the 1954 and 1958 landings by DXpedition teams onto the island.

In the heat of this part of the island, and in sight of all the war garbage, we had little difficulty understanding the unpleasant impression that the previous DXpedition teams had of the island. Picturing that side of Clipperton during a storm season, we could see how they were able to describe the island as one of the most unpleasant areas of the world. Even the birds in that area tended to hover in the air as if to stay away from grounds that they seemed to consider rather reluctantly as their home. It was at that time that I realized that the stories we had heard of the island as being either a tropical paradise or a hardship outpost were all true at the same time and that the impressions left by the island depended on what side of the island previous visitors had landed on and what

kind of weather they had had at the time.

Willy and I continued around the island in the noontime heat taking frequent rest stops and counting the steps as we came agonizingly closer to the haven of Bougainville. Even though we were surrounded by water, no place that I had ever visited had ever seemed any drier or more lifeless. At long last we came onto the flat western side of the island, the "home stretch" which once had been slated for transformation into a landing strip for trans-Pacific aircraft.

It was great to be able to collapse into Hugh's hammock for a well-earned rest in the coolness of the Bougainville grove. I envied Hugh being able to sleep there every night especially since this was one of the few places I have ever found where one could use a hammock without being bothered by insects.

After a short nap I arose to discover that Henry Schaub, the Swiss diver, had returned from the beach with several small fish which would be dinner for the Clipperton team that evening. The fishing in the waters of Clipperton is reason enough to visit the island. Clipperton marks the only shallow-water feeding grounds for sea creatures for many hundreds of miles, and schools of all types of fish are attracted to the area. Among the more peaceful species are numerous sharks. Normally the sharks would be a serious problem for experienced divers, but here they have a menu of sea food much more delicious than human swimmers from which to choose. During the course of our stay on the island, those who dived into the ocean would bring back a large number of lobsters for a late afternoon picnic on the beach.

The Clipperton divers also had the opportunity to dive into the lagoon, in which they discovered that there is hardly any vegetation or fish life. Doug Murray walked into the water of the lagoon only to discover that he had become covered with small green leeches. Those who swam in the middle of the lagoon found only the darkness of semi-transparent water. The Bottomless Hole, which is said to be more than two miles deep, was located by the divers but much closer to Clipperton Rock than maps had indicated.

As the generators droned on day and night past the half-way point of our scheduled stay on the island, a decision on whether we should enter the phone portion of the CQ WPX contest that weekend was facing us. We had a very serious discussion among a group of us who wanted to enter the contest to set an all-time record and another group that would prefer to stay completely out of the contest to avoid wasting time working again for contest credit many of the stations that we had already worked during the first days of the operation. Those who argued to stay out of the contest knew that if we stayed out of the contest we would benefit from a slight lessening of QRM if we stayed on c.w. during this phone weekend. Eventually it was decided that we would stay completely out of the contest because this DXpedition might be the last chance for many stations to work Clipperton for many years, and we felt that it would be better to log the greatest possible number of different stations even if that would mean that we would have to cut the actual number of contacts to do it.

Although a few of the phone men were disappointed at the decision, it gave them the opportunity to visit the other parts of the island. On Saturday morning I set out with Jacques, André, Olivier and Alain on Herb's 10-foot Avon raft for a 20 minute cruise on the lagoon to Clipperton Rock, as Jacky and Jean-Charles made the trip on foot. I had to return to the rock to shoot 8 mm sound film and some 16 mm film for Dave Bell, W6AQ.

Jacky and Alain were not content just to take pictures of the rock at a distance, they wanted to climb all the way up to the top of the 70-foot slippery, tricky volcanic formation. Jacky and Alain must have been fairly competent at climbing mountains, since before I knew it they had talked me halfway up the rock's narrow steep cliffs to a point where we had a good view of the curvature of the island. I was satisfied to take pictures of the shoreline from between the boulders, but the Frenchmen did not stop climbing before they had inched their way up to the unsure guano-polished steps to the summit. As I took films, Alain reached what was quite literally the height of any Clipperton experience,



Olivier, F6ARC, during a QSO.

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Hugh, WA4WME, operating the Atlas/Dentron station.

standing on the cement platform which some foolhardy French legionnaires had dared to build on the pinnacle of the rock to hold a flagpole. As I expected the worst, Alain reached up and untied what looked like a blue, white and red streamer representing the French colors. Unravelling it, Alain saw that it was indeed a flag, and in this case perhaps one of the greatest souvenirs ever brought back from a DXpedition.

Returning to the DXpedition village late in the afternoon, I could see from the piles of completed logsheets and the slightly more relaxed pace of the pileups now working some of the weaker stations that we were reaching our goal of 25,000 contacts. Now was the time to begin packing up some of the nonessentials in advance of our final departure from the island. As operation continued, personal effects, some pieces of equipment no longer being used and finally the tents were removed to the beach.

Very early on the morning of our departure,

Monday, March 27th, I arose to take over the last operating position in use, the 20 meter station. The other two stations were silent because almost all of the operators still on the island were exhausted from the final pileup blitz the day before and needed rest for the hauling of the great amount of equipment to the yacht after sunrise. Shortly before 6 a.m., after I had worked a few pages of JA stations straight transceive, Herb called on the frequency from the yacht to say that he had a cassette recorder going to tape the final QSO from the island. I called one more station, VK6LK, and as I was trying to think of something suitable to say to mark the termination of a great mission, for some unknown reason the Atlas went out. The clock just had turned 6:00, and it seemed as though destiny had pulled the big switch on Clipperton '78. In a few minutes the rig came on again as mysteriously as it had gone out, but by then the time and mood had passed, and the new assignment of disengagement was upon us.

Equipment was placed at a landing point on the lagoon where it would be transported across the fresh water in Herb's Avon raft to a point on the atoll only about 100 meters away from where we would meet the yacht's landing craft. Much of the lugging of generators and many other smaller articles that had been done the first day was thus avoided this time, and by about 10 a.m. most of the gear was on the beach.

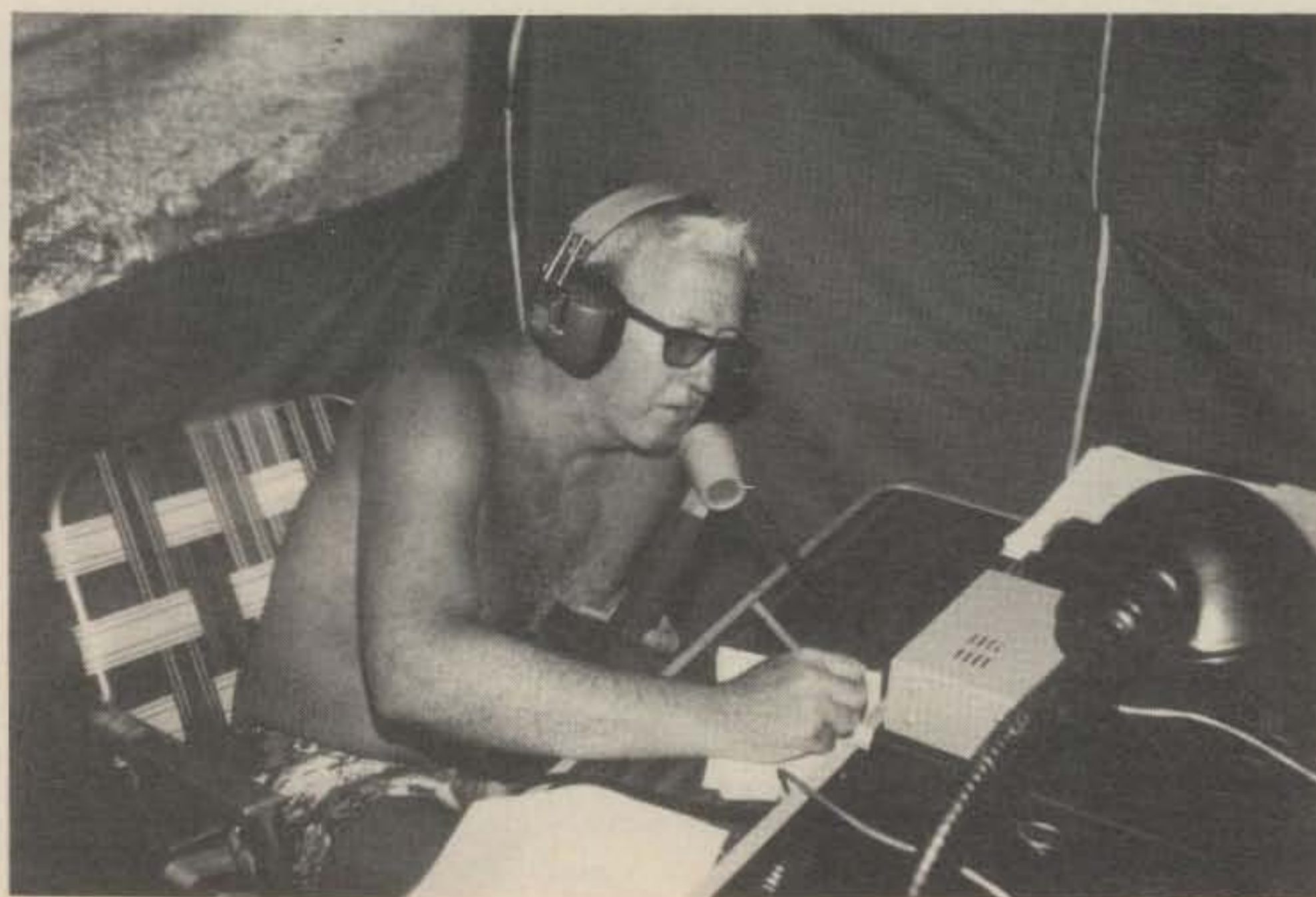
The seas that we found that morning were much more agitated than they had been since our arrival at the island, and with a high tide at the time, we had great difficulty negotiating the surf. The rubber raft turned over several times dumping its passengers and much valuable equipment into the salt water. It was evident that if we wanted to leave the island that day we would have to face abandoning the transceivers and linears on the beach, saving only the persons on the beach and the logbooks. Alain wrapped the logs in as many plastic bags as he could find in the hopes of somehow keeping them dry on their way to the yacht.

It was evident that we would have to employ a method of getting off the island that both Doug and Hugh had proposed during the course of our planning. A buoy was tied about 150 meters off the beach to which long ropes were stretched and by which we could pull ourselves through the waves to the relative calm of the open water. As Roy helped us, Olivier and I waded out and pulled ourselves and the raft to a point where we would meet Kim and Henry Torrez in the whaler for the return to the yacht.

For several hours the slow, difficult process was repeated many times as we hoped that the tide and surf would permit the passage of the operators and the most valuable items from the beach. Although Roy saw sharks lurking nearby he said nothing since our fear of them would do nothing to facilitate the evacuation operation. As the whaler brought in loads of equipment from the buoy, almost everything was thoroughly drenched in salt water despite careful wrapping in plastic bags, and the only things that came back dry were the logbooks and things that had been placed in the airtight water coolers that I had bought with the landing in mind.

By the middle of the afternoon it was becoming apparent that through the efforts of Doug, Hugh and Don still on the beach and the professional crewmen in the whaler our hopes of getting everything off the island would be realized even if most of what came aboard the yacht would be soaked. By about 4 p.m. Doug and Hugh, the last to leave the island, were on deck, and we were preparing for sea. Hugh was showing signs of sunburn that he had suffered on the beach after standing out in the intense sunlight reflected by the white sands. After a couple of hours on board Hugh's pain became quite acute, and it was evident that he had second-degree burns on his back. For the next three days Hugh would be in a virtual state of shock from the pain, and all he could do was to lie on the floor waiting for his present state to pass. François, with infected cuts from diving in the coral, was not much better off.

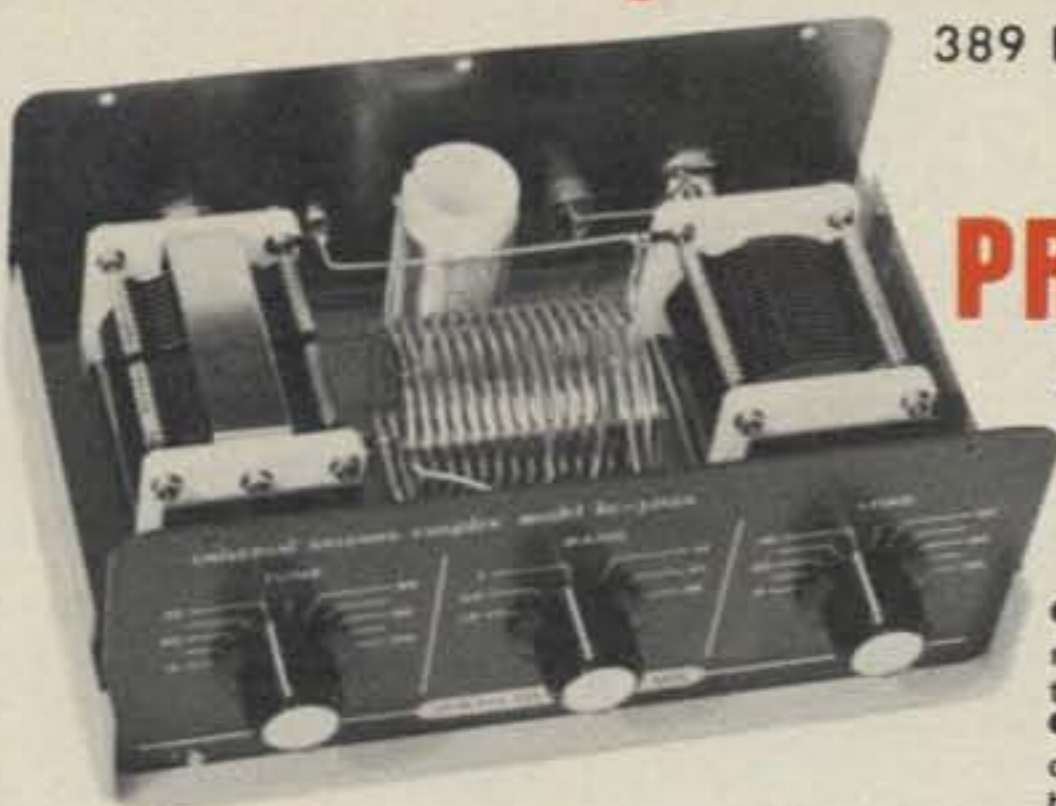
The anchor was raised in the early afternoon after a brief visit by two Mexicans who had come from a 50-foot sailboat not far down the coast. The sailboat had arrived off the island three days before, and looking at it from time to time from the island I wondered



Hugh, WA4WME, in QSO.

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why the people on board were not fishing, diving or doing anything that one does with a pleasure craft. From those who were aboard the *Phillippa* during the last three days at the island I learned that this innocent-looking sailboat was in fact a pirate ship which had been attracted to Clipperton after reports were heard from Central American radio amateurs that a DXpedition was coming to the remote French island.

I had realized the growing danger of piracy in the seas off the Mexican and Central American coast from our research on the area, and because of that problem we had to pay \$1400 for special insurance through Lloyd's of London for the Clipperton charter, an amount that might have been only one-fifth that much only a few years before. The *Phillippa* had been approached by a few men from the sailboat before our departure, and they asked questions about our operation including how many people were aboard the yacht at night and how many firearms we had. Our captain, Jeff Clough, recognized an American in their number in connection with the disappearance of various small yachts, and it was learned that members of the sailboat crew were unwelcome in several Central American countries after they had tried to sell stolen vessels. Jeff made it known that a sufficient number of firearms were being carried by the *Phillippa* crew and that firearms were on the island. In the end we had no trouble with these pirates, but if our expedition had not as big as it was our experience at the island might have been much different.

In the early evening we cruised around the bottom of the island and then set course for Cabo San Lucas as we watched the island quickly recede into the horizon. I brought out a bottle of Dom Pérignon 1943 to mark the occasion and later Don produced a case of California champagne which quickly disappeared.

The first full day back at sea had the French team counting each contact in the logs by band and area worked, and we were pleas-

antly surprised at the total of 29,069 contacts from the 160-hour operation, 17,000 of which had been on phone and over 12,000 on c.w. More than 20,000 contacts had been with the United States, and guessing at the number of duplicate contacts, I probably would not be far off if I said that we had worked about 10,000 different Americans, a figure that represents an estimated number of the most serious DXers in the United States. When we returned home, checks with various DX clubs indicated that almost all of their members who had given it a fair try had worked Clipperton. Even though the lion's share of contacts had been with stateside stations, our country totals showed that contacts had been spread rather evenly around the world's amateur population. Although we were not keeping a checklist during the operation we managed DXCC on 20 meter phone.

The first day away from the island also gave us the chance to get on the air maritime mobile, and after allowing the transceivers to dry in the sun we chose one of the Atlases at random and put it on the air immediately with no repair. We had a hard time believing that the Atlas would ever operate again since salt water is normally considered a death sentence for solid-state gear. I have concluded that the 350-XL's ability to pass this ultimate test of reliability is due to the fact that it is rather conservatively designed and not overly cramped with integrated circuitry.

The following days were mainly a time of rest marked at times by mirror-smooth seas. We sorted out the various souvenirs that we had taken from the island and tried to dry out and clean our personal effects. I brought out about 400 maps of Clipperton that I had printed to be used later as certificates of appreciation to those who had contributed to the yacht fund up to the last day of the operation. Although I had expected difficulty in getting everybody assembled, all the members of the Clipperton team went to work signing each one of the 400 certificates individually.

After the seas became rougher moving northward, we were glad to pull into Cabo San Lucas for refueling and for our first taste of civilization in over two weeks. It was also to be something of a sad occasion because the Swiss team would be leaving the yacht there for a short trip to Costa Rica and then their return home, and this would perhaps be the last time that the entire Clipperton team would be together in the same place. We really hated to see the Swiss fellows go because they had been such a pleasure to share an adventure with.

At the same time Don, Herb and Hoppy left the yacht to return to San Diego in time to

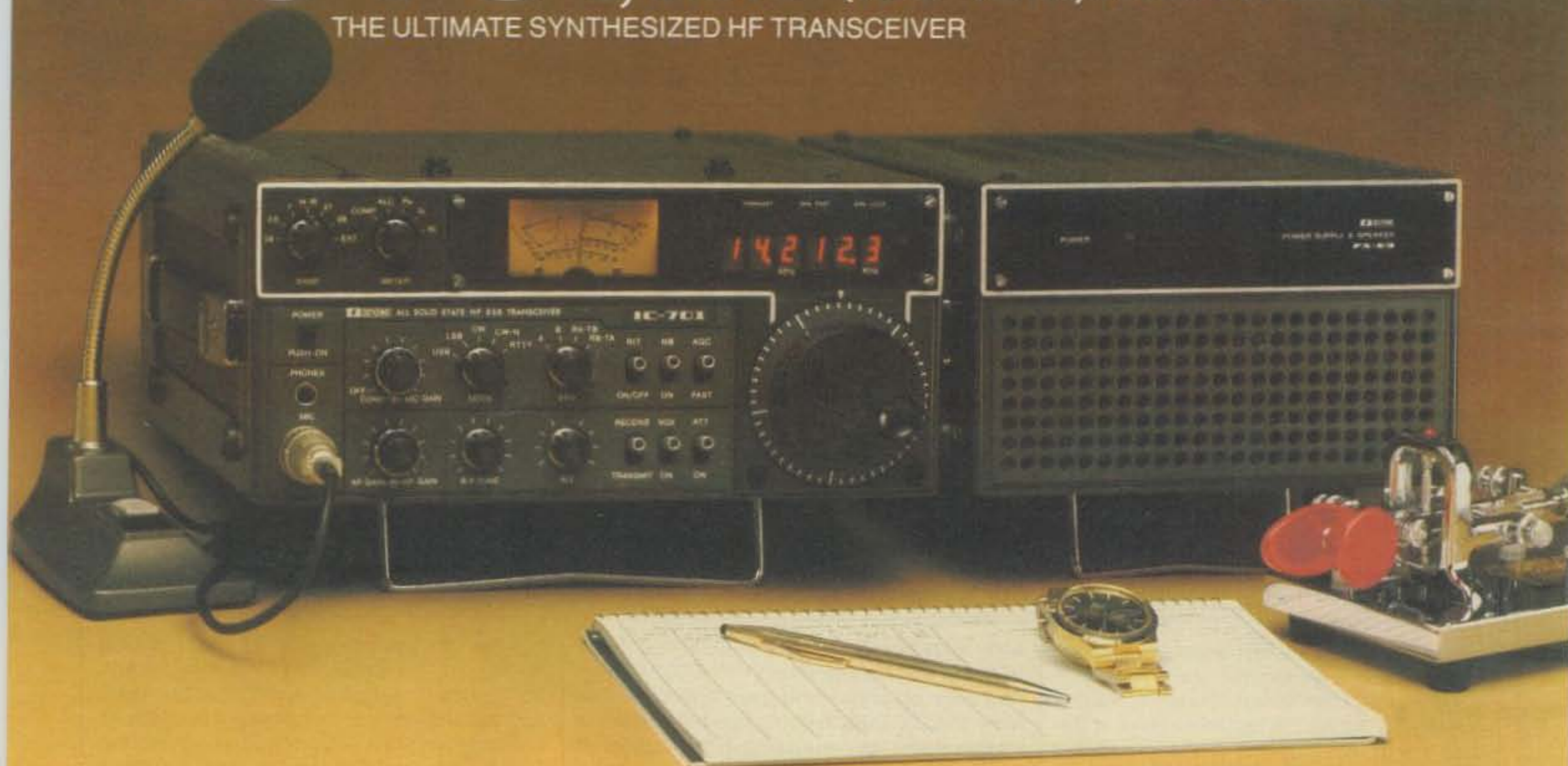
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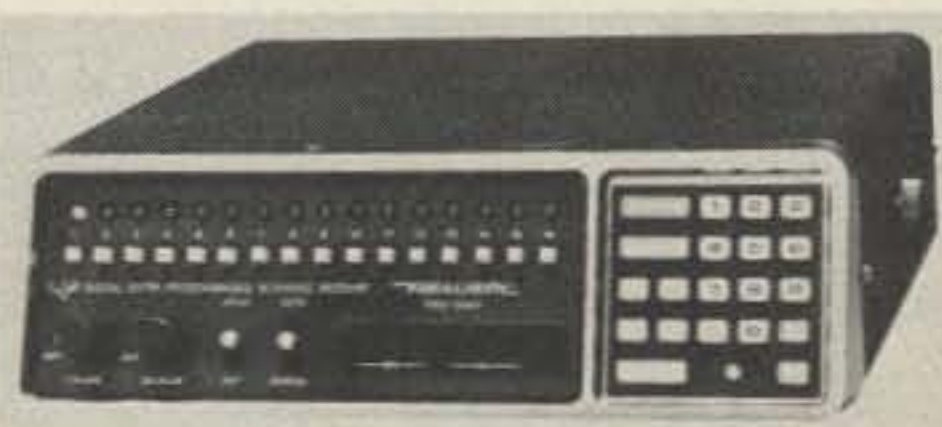
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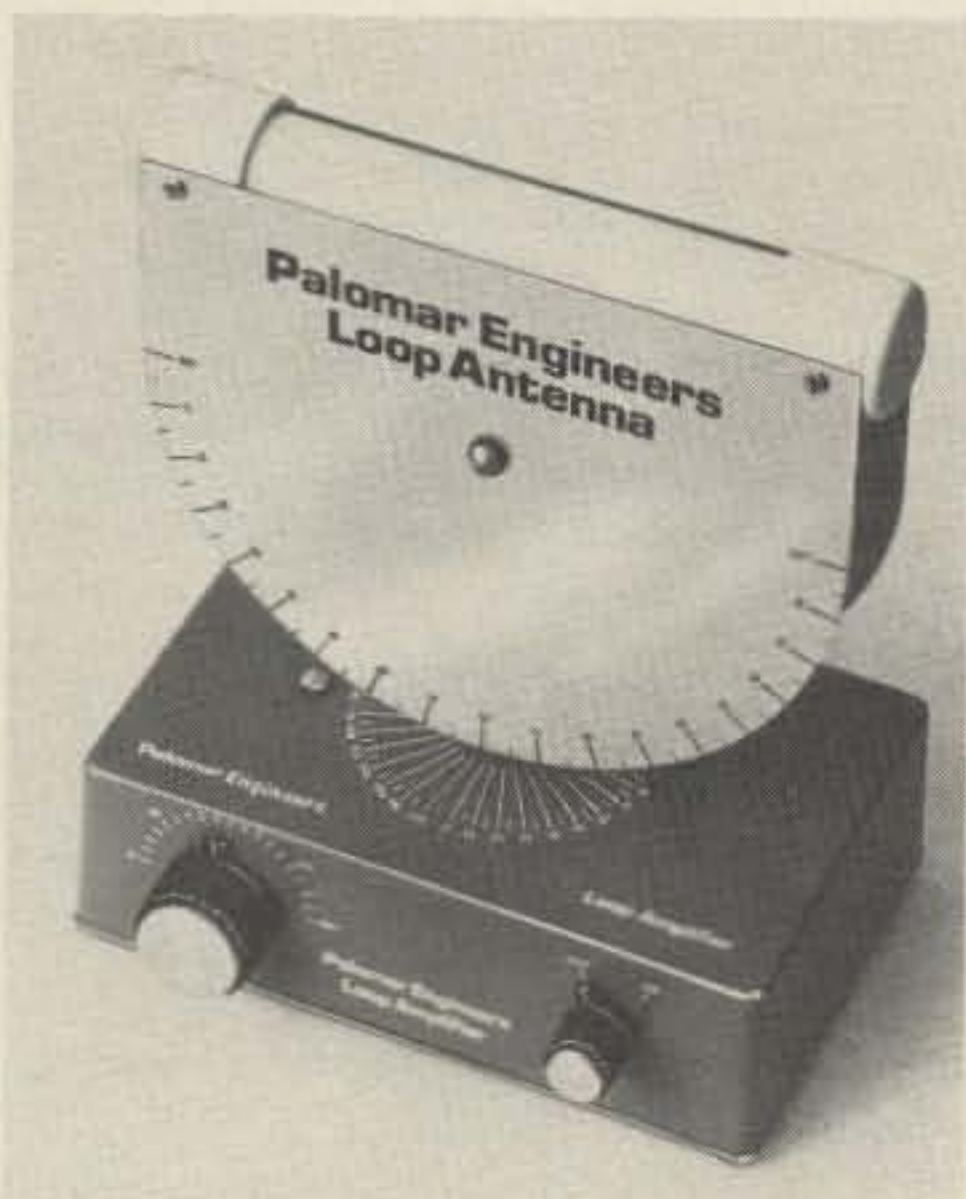


An LED display shows which frequencies are being scanned, monitored or programmed.

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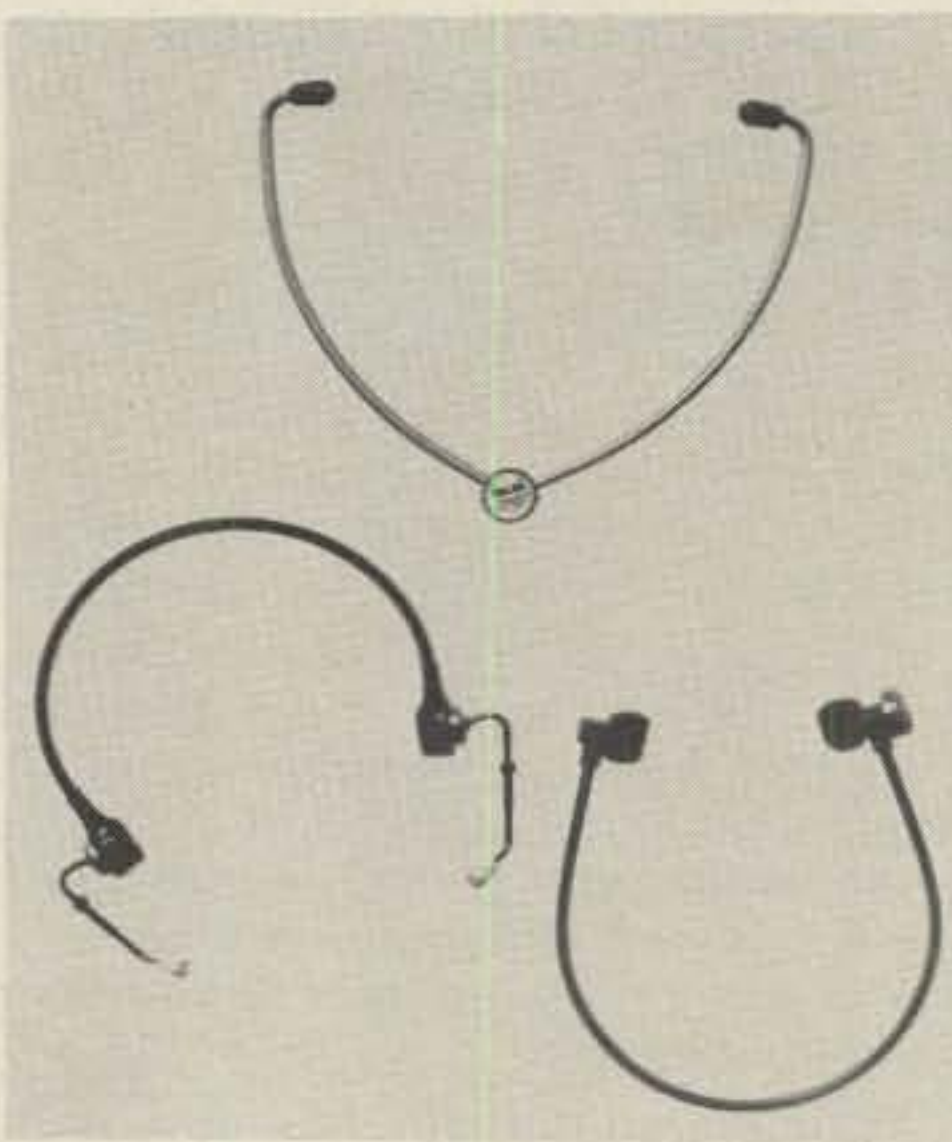
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In Part II of K4KJ's paper, he derives some of the equations that will be useful in using the 821-A, lists programs for an H-P programmable calculator and discusses some other interesting addenda to Part I.

The General Radio 821 R.F. Admittance Bridge (A Poor Man's Q-Meter) Part II

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APPENDIX 1

Transformation of Series to Parallel Equivalent Circuits

The derivation of the equation for transforming admittance into impedance and vice versa is straight forward. The problem is shown in fig. A-1.

Assuming that it is desired to transform an admittance $Y = G \pm jB$ into the equivalent impedance $Z = R + jX$. Write

$$\frac{1}{Y} = Z = R + jX = \frac{1}{G + jB} \quad (\text{A-1})$$

Rationalize by multiplying both numerator and denominator by the conjugate of the denominator, $G - jB$. (Note: The conjugate of a complex number is the same as the complex number, but with the sign of the imaginary term reversed.)

$$Z = R + jX = \frac{1}{G + jB} \cdot \frac{G - jB}{G - jB} \quad (\text{A-2})$$

We now carry out the multiplication indicated by eq. A-2 and separate into real and imaginary parts:

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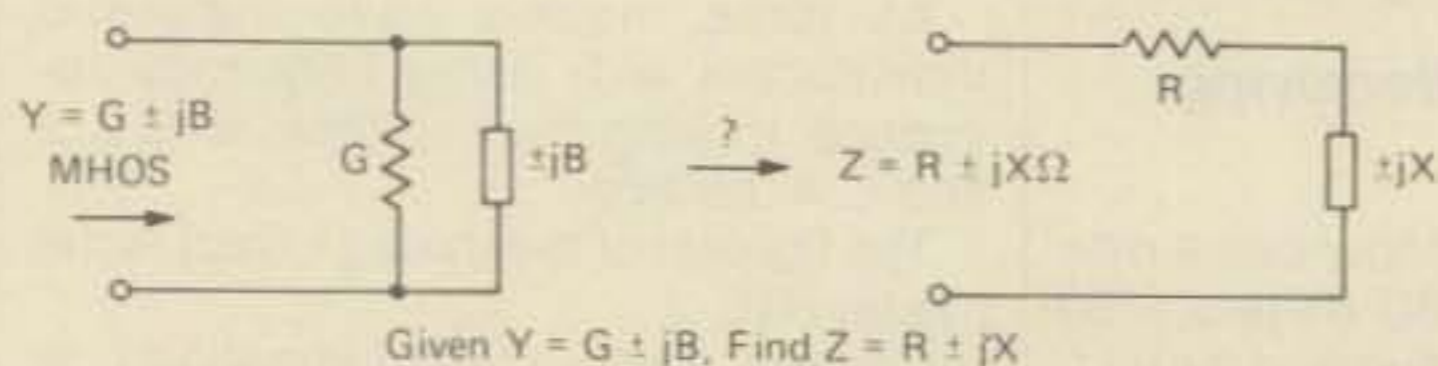


Fig. A1 - A pictorial statement of the admittance-to-impedance problem.

$$Z = R + jX = \frac{G}{G^2 + B^2} - \frac{jB}{G^2 + B^2} \quad (\text{A-3})$$

It is a fundamental rule of complex numbers that if two complex numbers are equal, both the real parts of the two complex numbers must also be equal. Therefore, equating the real and imaginary parts of eq. (A-3) gives

$$R = \frac{G}{G^2 + B^2} \text{ ohms and } X = \frac{-B}{G^2 + B^2} \text{ ohms} \quad (\text{A-4})$$

Notice that the sign of the imaginary part is reversed. If the admittance has a capacitive component so that the susceptance is positive, the reactance will be negative.

As an example, assume the 821-A reads, after corrections,

$$Y = 4000 - j3000 \mu\text{mhos}$$

and it is desired to convert to series impedance. Note: A μmho is 10⁻⁶ mho so that

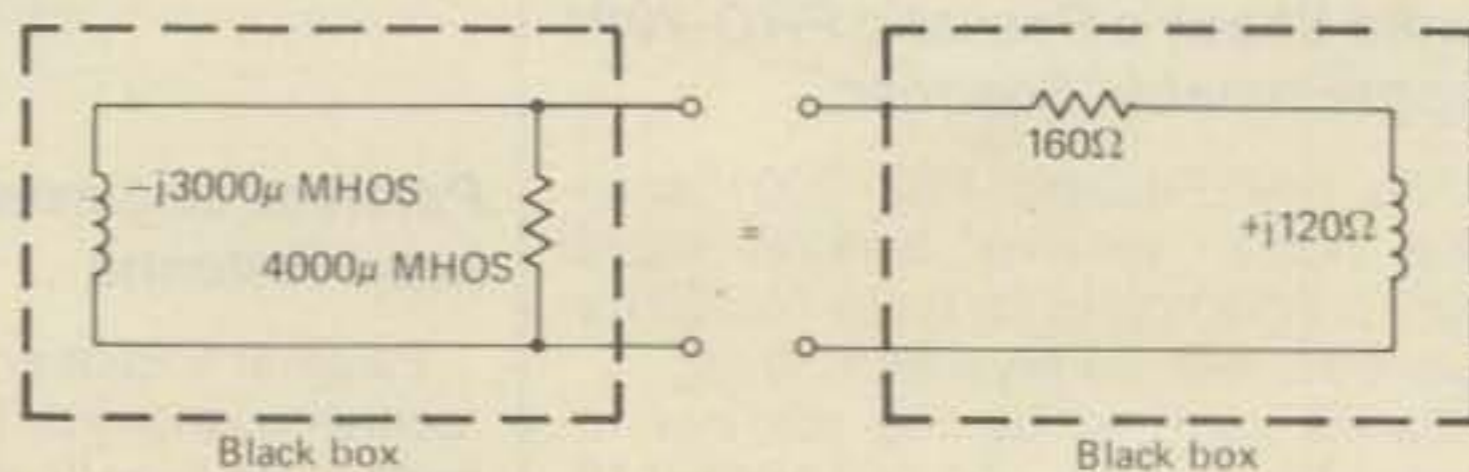


Fig. A2 - The two black boxes are equivalent. Both will draw the same current at the same phase angle for a given voltage.

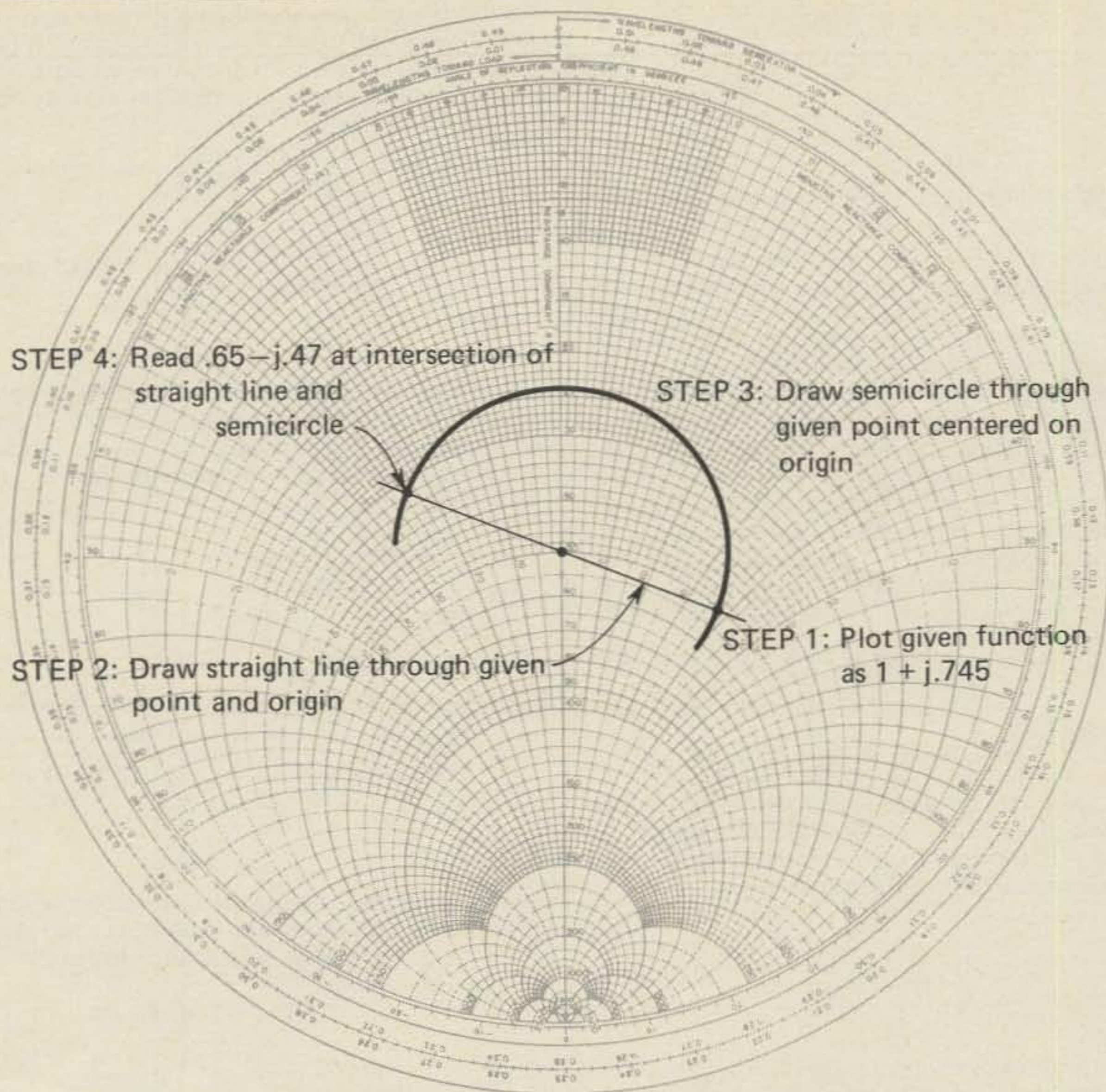


Fig. A3 - A Smith chart implementation of the admittance/impedance transformation.

$$R = \frac{.004}{(.004)^2 + (-.003)^2} \text{ ohms}$$

and

$$X = -\frac{-.003}{(.004)^2 + (-.003)^2} \text{ ohms}$$

$$R = \frac{4 \times 10^{-3}}{25 \times 10^{-6}} = 160 \text{ ohms and } X = \frac{3 \times 10^{-3}}{25 \times 10^{-6}} = 120 \text{ ohms}$$

Hence $Z = 160 + j120$ ohms

What this means is if one were to put a parallel admittance combination of $Y = 4000 - j3000 \mu\text{mhos}$ in one black box and a series impedance of $Z = 160 + j120$ ohms in a second black box so that only two terminals of each combination were available to the outside world, as shown in fig. A-2, it would be impossible to tell which box was which.

The same procedure is used to convert an impedance into an equivalent conductance. Write

$$Y = \frac{1}{Z} = G + jB = \frac{1}{R + jX}$$

Rationalize and then equate real and imaginary components

to obtain

$$Y = \frac{R}{R^2 + X^2} + \frac{-jX}{R^2 + X^2} \quad (\text{A-5})$$

$$G = \frac{R}{R^2 + X^2} \text{ and } B = \frac{-X}{R^2 + X^2} \quad (\text{A-6})$$

Note that the transformations of eqs. A-4 and A-5 have the same form. These are known mathematically as *bilateral transformations*. Since they both have the same form, the same computational procedure can be used in going from impedance to admittance or *vice versa*.

These transformations can be easily programmed on a scientific calculator or solved graphically on a Smith chart.

A program that can be run on the Hewlett-Packard 25 series of scientific pocket calculators for either of the transformations of eqs. A-4 or A-6 is given in the table.

If the values of the known impedance are such that they can be plotted on the Smith chart directly with reasonable accuracy, it is not necessary to perform the initial rationalization.

It must be emphasized that the impedance/admittance transformations described above *only* transforms a series impedance to a parallel admittance or *vice versa*, and are not

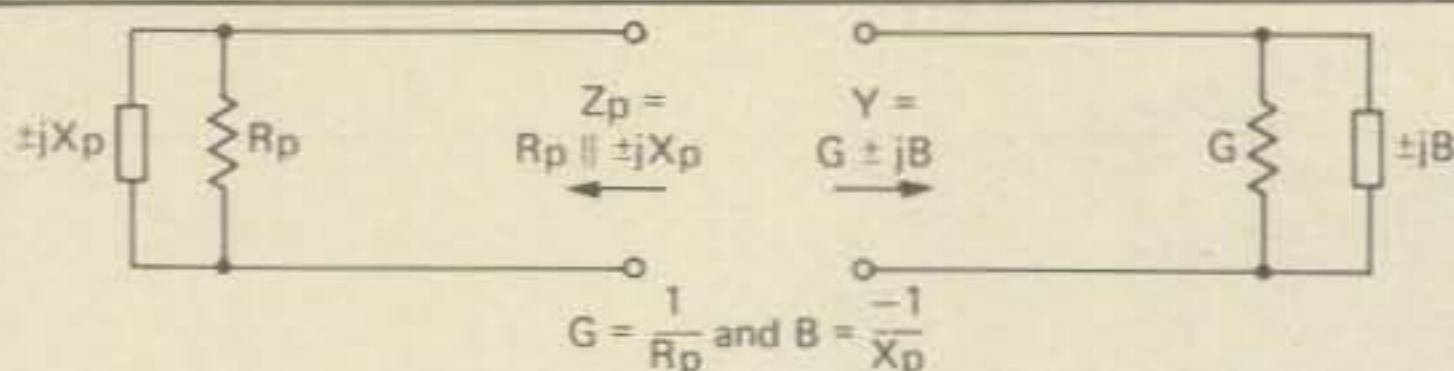


Fig. A4 - Transformation of $Z_p = R_p \parallel \pm jX_p$ to $Y = G \pm jB$.

valid for any other purpose. Two possible pitfalls for the unwary are going from a parallel resistance/reactance combination to a parallel conductance form or from a parallel resistance/reactance form to a series resistance form. Both of these are straight forward and I will touch on them briefly.

First, in discussing the transformation from a parallel combination of resistance and reactance to parallel admittance, I will write parallel resistance and reactance as $Z_p = R_p \parallel jX_p$ where the vertical bars, \parallel , stand for "in parallel with." This is necessary because it is not correct to write $Z_p = R_p \parallel jX_p$ as $Z_p = R_p + jX_p$ since this latter form defines a series connection.

In figure A-4 we see that $Z_p = R_p \pm jX_p$ is to be transformed to $Y = G \pm jB$. This transformation is very straight forward; since everything is in the parallel form to begin with or

$$R_p = \frac{1}{G} \text{ and } X_p = \frac{-1}{B} \quad (\text{A-8})$$

$$G = \frac{1}{R_p} \text{ and } B = \frac{-1}{X_p}$$

The equations (A-8) can be used to determine the Q of an inductor in terms of its conductance and susceptance. As shown in figure A-5, the Q is known to be $Q = R_p/X_p$.

Taking the reciprocal of both R_p and X_p gives

$$Q = \frac{R_p}{X_p} = \frac{\frac{1}{G}}{\frac{1}{B}} = \frac{B}{G} \quad (\text{A-9})$$

The minus sign in the reactance/susceptance transformation has no meaning in the Q calculation. By using eq. (A-9), the Q of an inductor may be determined directly from 821 readings.

The parallel impedance to series equivalent impedance form can also be confusing if one is not careful. This transformation is shown in figure A-7.

The easiest way to derive this transformation is to use the equation for the equivalent of two impedances in parallel; the familiar product divided by the sum form. Hence

$$Z_p = \frac{jX_p R_p}{R_p + jX_p}$$

As before, rationalize the denominator and separate into real and imaginary parts. Remember $j^2 = -1$.

$$Z_p = \frac{jX_p R_p}{R_p + jX_p} \cdot \frac{R_p - jX_p}{R_p - jX_p} = \frac{X_p^2 R_p}{R_p^2 + X_p^2} + \frac{jX_p R_p}{R_p^2 + X_p^2} \quad (\text{A-10})$$

$$R_s = \frac{X_p^2 R_p}{R_p^2 + X_p^2} \text{ and } X_s = \frac{X_p R_p^2}{R_p^2 + X_p^2}$$

Notice that there is no sign reversal on the reactance term and

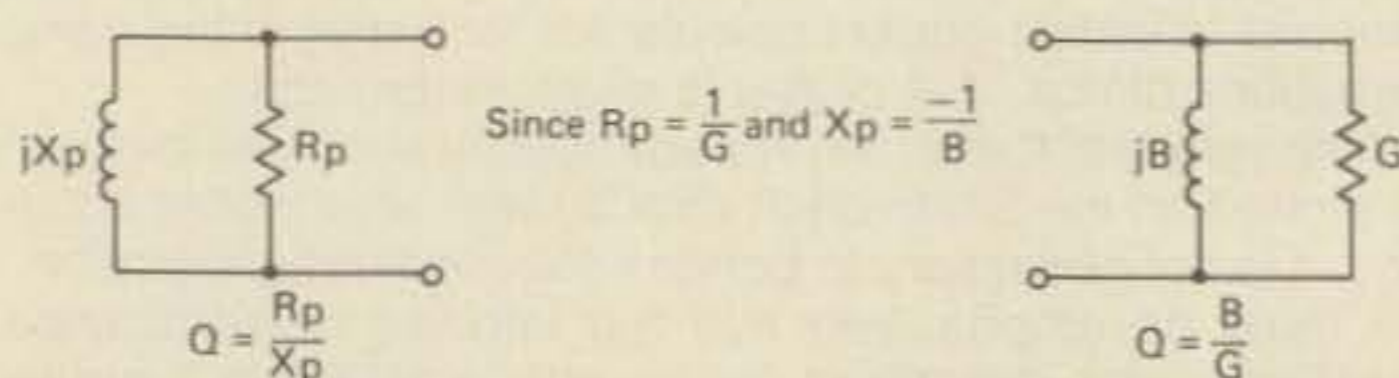


Fig. A5 - Determination of circuit Q in admittance form.

that this is a one-way transformation only: parallel to series.

As a numerical example we will transform a parallel impedance of 3000 ohms resistance in parallel with 4000 ohms of inductive reactance into its equivalent series impedance.

From eq. (A-10)

$$R_s = \frac{(4000)^2 \cdot 3000}{(3000)^2 + (4000)^2} = 1920 \text{ ohms}$$

A-8

$$X_s = \frac{(4000) \cdot (3000)^2}{(3000)^2 + (4000)^2} = 1440 \text{ ohms}$$

Hence

$$Z_s = 1920 + j1440 \text{ ohms.}$$

Again, if the two circuits of fig. A-6 were put into black boxes with only the terminals available, it would not be possible to tell which network was which. This assumes that one does not change frequency, for this would change the reactances.

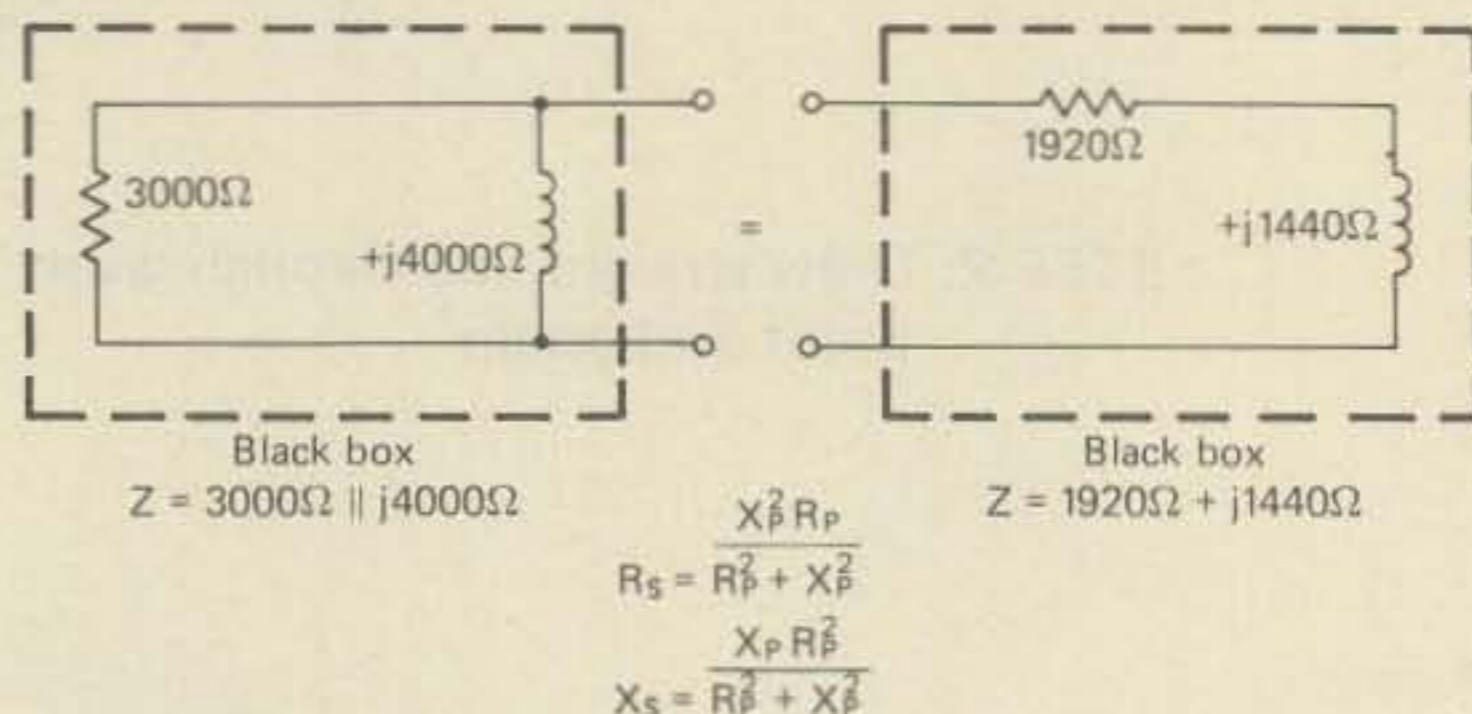


Fig. A6 - Parallel-impedance to series-impedance transformation. For a given voltage both boxes will draw the same current at the same phase angle.

This program solves

$$G = \frac{R}{R^2 + X^2} \text{ and } B = \frac{-X}{R^2 + X^2} \text{ or } R = \frac{G}{G^2 + B^2} \text{ and } X = \frac{-B}{G^2 + B^2}$$

PROGRAM

IN PROGRAM MODE	REMARKS
01 23 00 STO 0	Store reactance
02 15 02 x ²	Square reactance
03 21 x y	Put resistance in x register
04 15 02 x ²	Square resistance
05 51 +	Add resistance and reactance squared (denominator)
06 23 01 STO 1	Store
07 71 ÷	Divide resistance by denominator
08 74 R/S	Stop to read conductance
KEY R/S TO RESUME RUNNING PROGRAM	
09 24 00 RCL 0	Recall reactance
10 24 01 RCL 1	Recall denominator
11 71 ÷	Divide to obtain susceptance
12 32 CHS	Change Sign
READ B (OR X)	Read susceptance

IN RUN MODE KEY IN
 VALUE OF R (OR G)
 ENTER
 ENTER
 VALUE OF X (OR B)

R/S TO START PROGRAM

As a test run, solve the example above where $Z = 160 + j120$ ohms.

APPENDIX 2

HP-25 Program to Reduce GR-821 Data to $Y = G \pm jB$

PRELIMINARY (in run mode)

1. Place reference frequency, f_{ref} , in MHz in STO 0.
2. Place the product 2π in STO 1.

IN PROGRAM MODE

REMARKS

01	23	02	STO 2	Store test frequency
02	24	00	RCL 0	Recall reference frequency
03		71	\div	Divide
04	15	02	x^2	Square
05		61	X	Multiply by dial reading
06		74	s	Stop to read actual conductance in μ mhos

Key R/S to continue program

07		34	CL x	Clear x register
08	24	02	RCL 2	Recall test frequency
09		61	X	Multiply by ΔC
10	24	01	RCL 1	Recall 2π
11		61	X	Multiply by 2π
12		32	CH S	Change sign

Read actual susceptance in μ mhos.

TO RUN PROGRAM

Key in ΔC (with sign)

ENTER

μ mhos conductance dial reading — multiplied by 10, if necessary

ENTER

Test frequency (in MHz)

R/S to start program

APPENDIX 3

Derivation of Transmission Line Attenuation from GR-821-A

Measurements

The input impedance of a lossless transmission is given by the well known equation

$$Z_{in} = Z_o \left[\frac{Z_l \cos \beta s + j Z_o \sin \beta s}{Z_o \cos \beta s + j Z_l \sin \beta s} \right] \quad (A3-1)$$

where Z_o = characteristic impedance of the transmission line

Z_l = Load impedance

β = phase constant of line

s = length of lines

The product βs is the electrical length of the line in radians. When the line has losses, eq. (A3-1) becomes

$$Z_{in} = Z_o \left[\frac{Z_l \cosh \gamma s + Z_o \sinh \gamma s}{Z_o \cosh \gamma s + Z_l \sinh \gamma s} \right] \quad (A3-2)$$

where Cosh is the hyperbolic cosine

Sinh is the hyperbolic sine

γ is the propagation constant $\gamma = \alpha + j\beta$

α = attenuation in nepers per unit length

β = phase constant per unit length

In the loss-free case, it is assumed $\alpha = 0$ and it can be shown that eq. (A3-2) becomes eq. (A3-1).

In the present problem, the load-end of the line will be open circuited so $Z_l = \infty$. Taking the limit of eq. (A3-2) as $Z_l \rightarrow \infty$ gives

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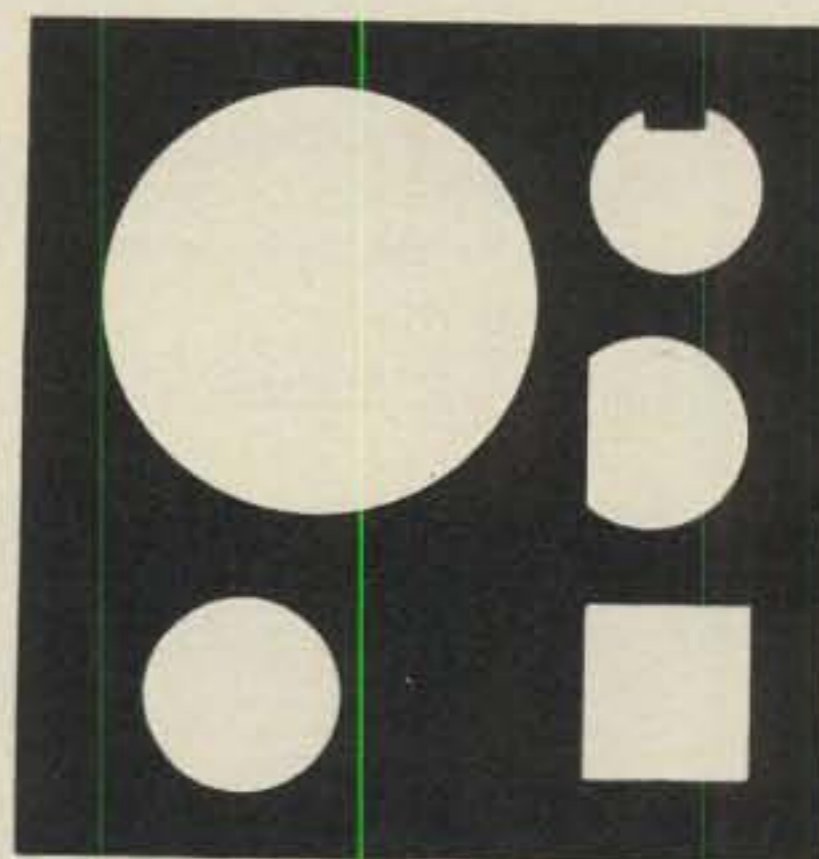
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Amateur Radio Station Grounding—Part I of III

One of the least understood but most important parts of a good amateur radio station is the ground. This 3 part article provides a simple explanation of the importance of grounds and how a satisfactory station ground can be established. I hope readers who have poor station ground, (or no external ground) will learn the true importance of the station ground and will install a good one.

I check several new amateur radio station installations each year for students in our licensing courses and I usually find the station ground to be either inadequate or nonexistent. This situation bothers me because I always stress the importance of good grounding in each course. However, I have

come to realize that grounding remains poorly understood by most amateurs because the disadvantages of a poor station ground are not always as apparent as the lack of an adequate antenna or receiver. Consequently, the antenna system and station equipment normally get upgraded rather quickly but grounding problems continue to exist for years.

What is Ground?

A dictionary of electronic terms defines ground as:

- (1) A metallic connection with the earth to establish ground potential.
- (2) The zero voltage reference point of an electrical or electronic circuit, which may or may not actually be connected to earth ground potential.
- (3) The zero voltage circuit reference point that can be connected to

earth ground without disturbing circuit operation in any way.

The preceding definitions are good but newer amateurs need more information to really understand grounds.

Ground is an electrical reference point which may or may not actually be at true zero voltage ground potential. As an example, the chassis of the receiver, transmitter, or transceiver serves as an equipment ground. However, each chassis could be at a different voltage level and the station could be operated with no station chassis connected to earth (zero voltage) ground. However, an equipment chassis cannot function as an effective ground unless it is attached to a true zero voltage external ground point.

It might be difficult at first to understand that an equipment chassis could be at any electrical potential other than ground, but a little thought makes one realize that it would be far from zero voltage if it were not connected to a good external ground. If you have tubes in your gear, it is very likely that one side of the low a.c. voltage heater (tube filament) supply is connected to the chassis (equipment ground) to eliminate the need to run two wires to the heater of each tube. One heater power supply output lead is simply attached to the equipment chassis and one of the two heater leads is connected to ground at each valve. The chassis serves as one of the heater leads in this arrangement. There are other applications in which one side of a.c. and d.c. voltages are attached to the equipment chassis, which functions as a common reference point, whether or not it is connected to an external ground to put it at zero voltage. It is also a common practice to use the equipment chassis as a common reference point to which negative outputs of d.c. supplies are attached. As before, the chassis serves as the conductor to connect the power supply to portions of circuits, as required. In this configuration, just the positive power supply outputs need to actually be wired to the associated circuits. The negative output of d.c. power supplies is called the low, minus, or negative point and a

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This is Australian Novice Peter Jeffery (VK2NJQ) of Bullaburra. The main item in his station is the Kenwood TS-520 and his antenna system includes a quad for 10 and 15 meters. VK2NJQ uses the 10 meter Australian Novice band (28.1-28.6 MHz.) to work American and other DX. He works many European amateurs on the 15 meter Australian Novice band (21,125-21,200 kHz.) and he uses his 80 meter band (3525-3775 kHz.) to work Australian, New Zealand, and other closer contacts.

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term such as B-minus simply means the negative side of the B (high voltage) power supply. It is important to understand that a power supply's positive (rather than negative) output can be connected to the equipment chassis when the output voltage is required to be below ground (negative) instead of being above ground (positive). It is common to have both negative and positive outputs of different d.c. power supplies attached to the chassis of the same piece of equipment.

In addition to the equipment chassis serving as a common connecting point for various d.c. and a.c. voltages, it also serves as a common reference point against which all signals are processed and transferred throughout the station equipment. The low (return) path for such signals (audio, intermediate, and radio frequencies) are usually attached to the equipment chassis by leads called signal grounds. By-pass capacitors add an assortment of voltages to the equipment chassis. When one considers the variety of voltages attached to an equipment chassis it is easy to understand that the chassis is far from zero voltage unless it is attached to a true ground (zero voltage) point. It is also easy to understand that each equipment chassis in one's station would be at a different voltage potential if they were not connected together. With so many

different voltages connected to the equipment chassis, it is important to put the chassis at zero voltage potential by attaching it to an effective external ground. The equipment functions best when the chassis is at zero volts and is not allowed to fluctuate from zero.

The preceding explanations should make it clear that maximum communication capability cannot be achieved without a good ground system. Subsequent material should help make this point even more evident. There should be essentially no difference of potential between the chassis of one's equipment and the external ground at the zero voltage point. It is true that one can communicate all over the world without a good ground system but it is also true that communication capability is significantly improved by establishing an effective station ground. In addition to improved communications, proper station grounding provides protection from electrical shock. It is extremely important to take all steps needed to make it impossible for adults, children, or pets to come in contact with any potential source of electric shock and grounds are required to have a safe station.

Grounding the Station

The station should be connected to

the external ground from a single point and that point should be a heavy duty ground stud on the chassis of one's transmitter (or transceiver). All other station equipment and accessories (receiver, remote frequency control, antenna tuner, phone patch, etc.) should be individually attached to the transmitter ground stud without depending on coaxial cable shields to provide required ground interconnections. The best leads to use to provide these ground interconnections are wide strips of silver plated material or ground braids. Since ground braids are less expensive and more available, we will just discuss them in this article, although both are used in the same basic way. Do not use wire for ground leads, since quarter-wave lengths can act like an insulator between the station and the external ground.

It is expensive to purchase new heavy duty ground braid. A relatively inexpensive source of ground braid is to strip the shield off old coaxial cable. It is a simple matter to use a razor blade or sharp knife to slice a groove the length of an old coax. This groove will weaken the outer protective jacket and allow you to easily pull it off, exposing the braided shield underneath. If you push the exposed shield from one end of the cable towards the other end, it will bunch up, which increases its diameter and allows it to be

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stripped off very easily. It is not difficult to strip more than 100 feet of coax at a time this way.

Whether you buy ground braid or obtain it from some other source, you want to have a station ground lead (between your equipment and the external ground point) that is at least three-eighths of an inch wide. The ground braids used to interconnect other station units to the transmitter ground stud should be at least one quarter of an inch wide.

The best electrical connector to use on ground braid leads is none at all. Simply flatten the end of the ground braid, tin (solder) it until it is completely covered on both sides for a distance of about one inch from the end, and drill a hole to let the ground braid lead easily slip over the machine screw ground connection.

The transmitter ground stud should be no smaller than a 8-32 machine screw. The electrical contact to the equipment chassis should be optimized by cleaning the area around the machine screw hole down to bare metal on both inner and outer chassis surfaces. Contact area should be increased by adding a half inch to one inch flat washer at both inner and outer contact points. The heavy-duty stud should be securely held in place with a lock washer and nut. It is advisable to lock the securing nut in

place with another nut. The ground stud should be about one inch long to allow ample room for attaching all ground braid leads. As is true with all grounding connections, the d.c. resistance should be reduced as much as possible to obtain optimum grounding effectiveness. An apparent d.c. resistance of just a few ohms can be indicative that the r.f. ground is hundreds of ohms above real ground. Be sure to add a large diameter flat washer to the bottom and top of the stack of ground braid leads connected to your transmitter ground stud and lock the stack in place with a lockwasher and nut.

It is important to weatherproof each point where different types of metal come in contact with each other, such as where your copper ground braid attaches to a brass or steel machine screw ground stud connected to the aluminum transmitter chassis. Failure to weatherproof these contact points will allow electrolysis (Galvanic Corrosion) to eat away at surrounding metal surfaces. Electrolysis is a process in which the chemical composition of the material (the electrolyte) is changed when electron flow (current) passes through it. The undesirable result of electrolysis is that electric current decays the surrounding material. Some amateurs simply cover exposed dissimilar metal connections

with tape or spray it with paint. I believe that the silicone based sprays provide the best and longest lasting protection for these connection points and ESP is typical of these spray products. ESP (Extra Slippery Product) is manufactured by Sanico Chemicals, 13143 Saticoy Street, North Hollywood, California 91605 (telephone 213-875-2211) and it conforms to Military Specification MIL-I-8660. There are several similar products on the market and one should be able to easily obtain a suitable spray.

Most amateurs just protect connections that are exposed to weather. These outside connections are the ones that must be protected. However, it is a good practice to cover all ground connections to prevent electrolysis and oxidation.

The station ground lead must be securely attached to the external ground. As an example, if you are connecting a copper ground braid to the copper outer surface of a ground rod, it is best to clean the connecting surfaces of the braid and rod and then solder them together. The braid should be wrapped almost a full turn around the rod and you will probably have to use a hand-held torch to make a good solder connection.

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Here are plans for a home-made dual-band vertical antenna. Author Russ Rennaker shows how to build your own.

An Effective 40-75 Meter Vertical Antenna

BY RUSS RENNAKER*, W9CRC

There has been so much written about antennas recently that I hesitate to add my two cents worth. Yet I have had so many requests from stations I have worked asking for information that it may be of general interest to those amateurs like me, who find pleasure in experimenting with antennas and still like to make their own.

There is nothing radically different about this antenna except, perhaps, the method of making and resonating the coils. Two problems in making traps or loading coils for verticals (or dipoles for that matter) become apparent. One is how to make them waterproof and the other, and more difficult, is how to easily resonate the coils to frequency. This method presented here makes both problems easy.

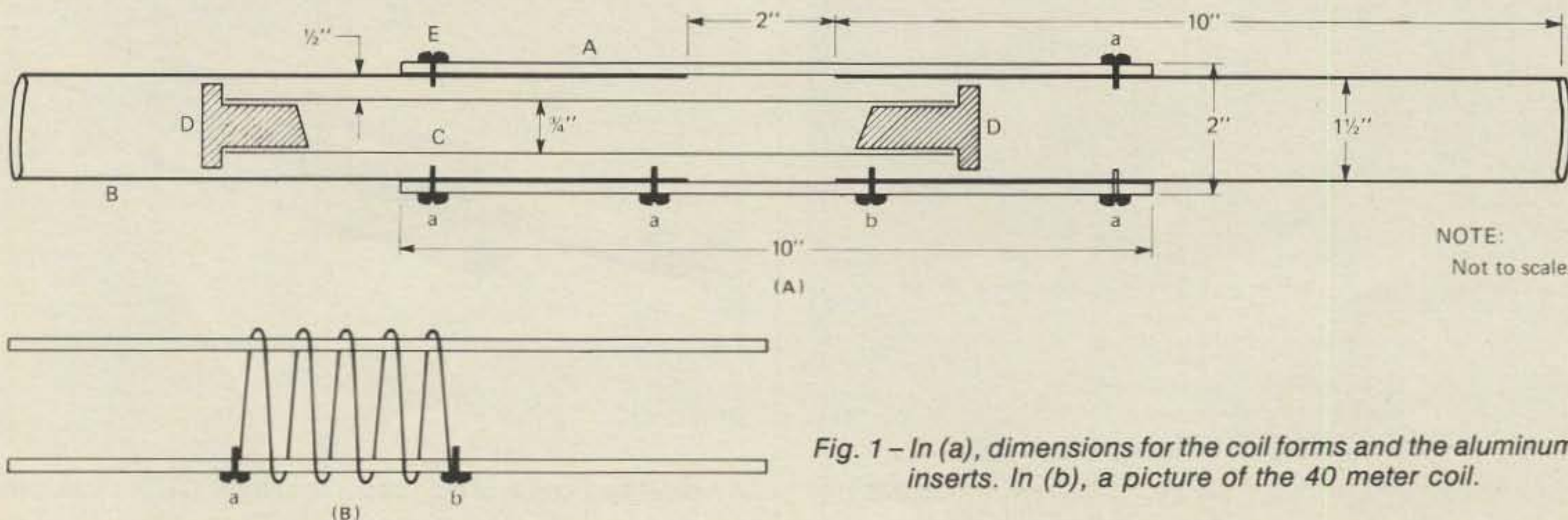
I used 1½" (inside diameter) plastic water pipe, the rigid kind, for the coil forms. This is easily available from any plumbing source and consists of ¼" walls making the o.d. 2". 1½" aluminum tubing just slips easily inside the plastic pipe and, when sealed with epoxy, becomes absolutely waterproof. The coil forms (A in fig. 1a) are ten inches long. The aluminum tubing inserts (B in fig. 1a) I made ten inches long also but they may be any length long enough to provide rigidity to the antenna. They are inserted into the plastic pipe four inches, leaving two inches of space between ends in the center of the plastic pipe. This spacing is not critical however. The capacitor tubing (C in fig. 1a) is ¾" aluminum tubing ten inches long. The end supports (D in fig. 1a) in my case were turned out of some walnut stock I just happened to have but

could be any insulating material that could be turned down. The idea is to be able to keep the inside tubing centered in the outside tubing. These insulating ends should be turned down so that they fit snugly but not so tightly so they may not be moved in or out when resonating the coil. The stub, however, that goes inside the inner tubing should fit tightly, preferably held in place with epoxy to keep it from slipping out when the antenna is erect.

I wound my coils with #12 bare copper wire with nylon cord separating the turns. I then brushed clear epoxy over the whole thing making a very rigid coil, impervious to moisture. I wrapped the entire assembly with plastic tape but I doubt if that was necessary. The 40 meter coil consists of 30 turns of #12 bare copper wire wound around the plastic pipe and fastened to metal self tapping screws (a and b in fig. 1b). These screws pass through the plastic pipe and fasten firmly into the aluminum tubing. Care must be taken here that these screws do not go through the aluminum tubing far enough into the air space between the two tubes that might cause r.f. flashovers. One screw however, (E in fig. 1a) must be left long enough to go through the outer tubing and penetrate the inner ¾" capacitor tubing, to form the connection between the inner and outer tubes. Obviously the opposite end of the inner tubing must not be connected to the outer tubing, thus forming a capacitance across the coil.

The coil may be easily resonated using a grid dip meter. The method is simple. Loosen metal screw E enough to be able to move the resonator in or out by inserting a wood dowel

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Fig. 1 - In (a), dimensions for the coil forms and the aluminum inserts. In (b), a picture of the 40 meter coil.

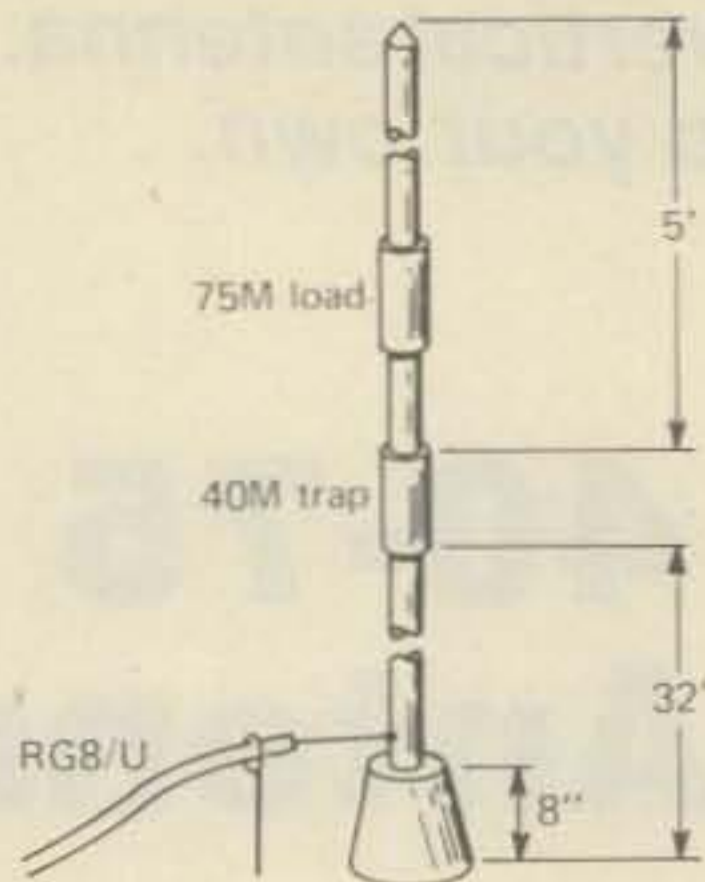
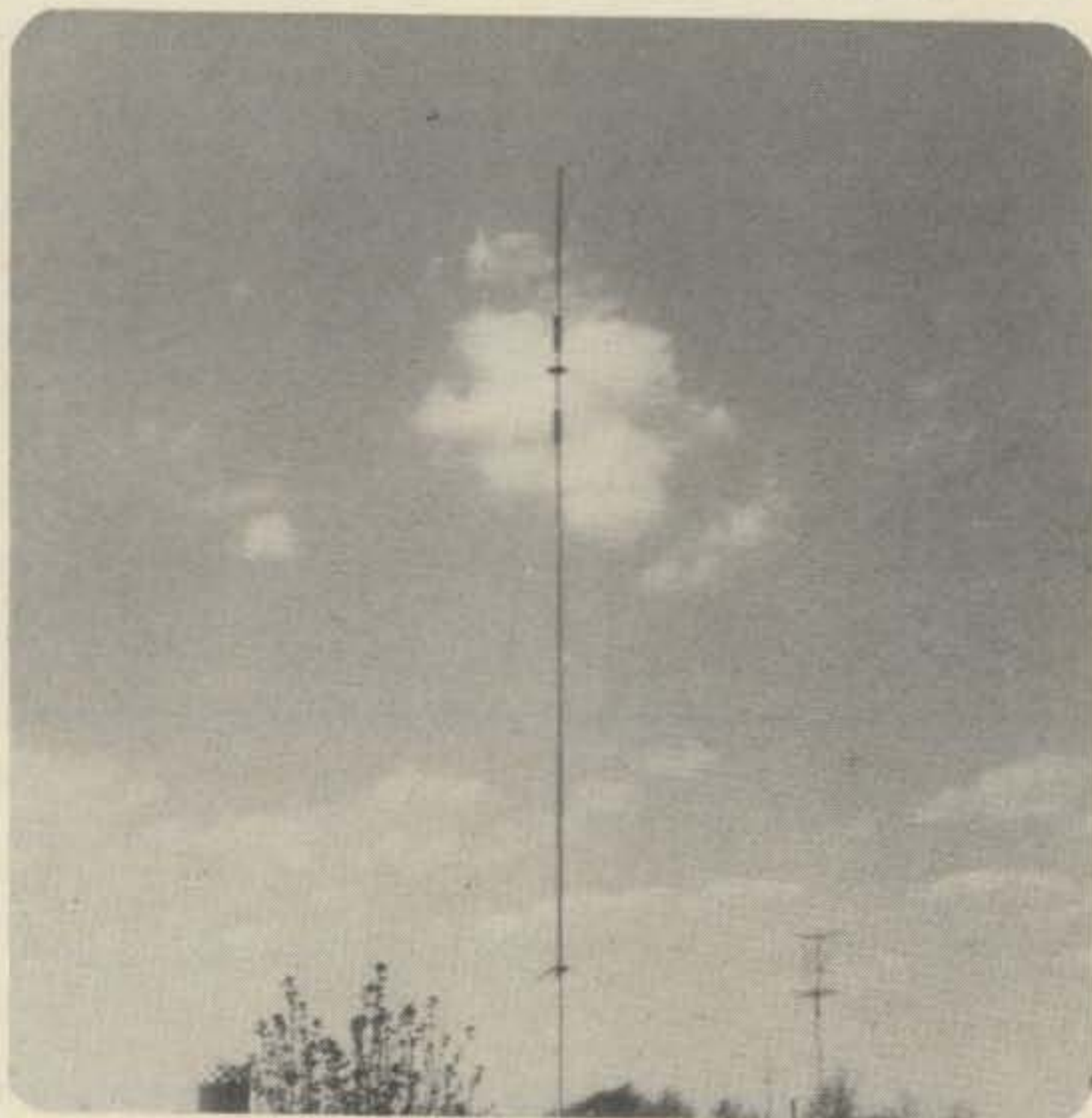


Fig. 2—The overall dimensions of the antenna and the method used to feed it.

(do not use metal for this) into one end or the other pushing it farther in or out of the coil form until you have it resonated as required. Each time you make a measurement with the grid dip meter be sure you have tightened screw E down against the inner tube. Note also that the hole for screw E in the outer tubing should *not* be a clearance hole, in other words screw E must fit tightly into both the outer and the inner tubes to form a good connection.

When you have adjusted the coil to the resonance frequency (in the case of 40 meters it should resonate at about 7.1 MHz for the phone band) take screw E out and drill a hole into the inner tube so that the screw will now permanently connect with the inner tube. Of course at this point care must be taken not to move the inner tubing while drilling the hole or you may find your coil off resonance when you tighten the screw down again. In my case I used another screw on the opposite side (a) to hold the tubing in place while I drilled the hole for E. This screw can be left in contact with the inner tube or you may want to repeat what you just did with E and screw "a" into the inner tube just as you did screw "E." As a matter of fact I used four screws at each end of the plastic pipe to hold the aluminum tubing more firmly into the plastic pipe—of course at only one end did the screws penetrate into the inner tube.



The 40-75 meter vertical antenna. Note the 40 meter trap and the 80 meter loading coil near the top.

The length of the antenna proper, of course, will decide the resonance frequency of the antenna. I used a 12 foot section of 2" tubing for the lower section and a second 12 foot section of 1½" which telescoped into the 2" nicely. This is the place to adjust the length of the 40 meter antenna. The 40 meter section should be adjusted correctly to the frequency in the band at which you wish to operate *before* the top section is adjusted for 75 meters, since any adjustment of the lower section will also affect the 75 meter section—but not so in reverse. The 75 meter loading coil was constructed like the 40 meter trap except it consisted of 20 turns of #12 bare copper wire and was resonated at 4.1 MHz (because it is a loading coil and not a trap it must be resonated above the 75 meter band). The top section above the loading coil was then cut to the proper length to bring the 75 meter antenna into resonance wherever you wish in the band. The top section could consist of telescoping pieces to make this adjustment easier, but I cut mine to formula and it was just right the first time.

The antenna is fed at the base with RG8/U, the shielding grounded and the inner conductor connected to the aluminum tubing near the base insulator. The bottom of the antenna should be about eight inches from the ground but this dimension is not critical. In my case I buried 120 radials out from the base of the antenna and connected the whole thing with a #6 copper wire to the plumbing in the basement. The better your ground system the more effective your antenna will be. I have 1.1:1 s.w.r. across the 40 meter band and about .5:1 at the center of the 75 meter phone band. I supported the antenna with an insulator at the apex of my house roof at about the 12' point and attached nylon guys just above the 75 meter load coil. Also be sure you seal the top of the antenna tubing so water will not run down inside your antenna. I simply turned a piece of wood to just fit into the end of the tubing and used epoxy to hold it in place and to make it waterproof.

While this particular antenna is designed for only 40 and 75 meters I have made all-band verticals the same way. In that case, however, the 10, 15 and 20 sections all operate at ¾ wave while the 40 and 75 operate at ¼ wave as they do in this one. One advantage of this antenna is that no matching arrangement need be used and random length non-resonant coax may be used. With a good ground system the impedance of the antenna at the base approximates the impedance of the RG8/U closely enough. □



A typical trap coil and the "capacitor" tube that fits inside the coil section.

Math's Notes

A look at the technical side of things

For a different twist this month, we thought that we would offer a neat solution to a problem that occurred at the author's office. Being in a relatively new field (fiber optics) and in a new company, the budget for test equipment was soon used up and the need arose for an environmental test chamber to do temperature testing on various circuits.

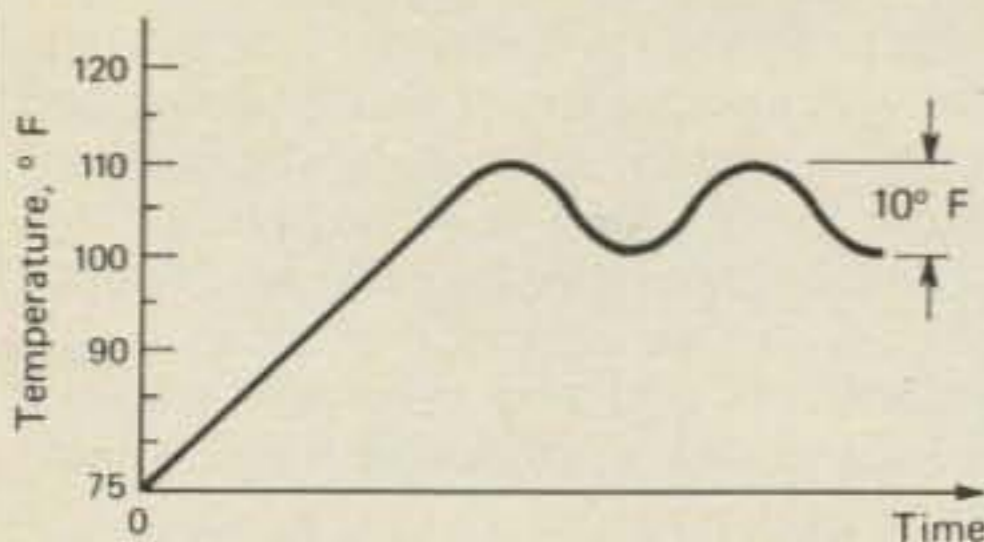


Fig. 1 - Initial temperature plot.

An immediate thought was to purchase a surplus, second-hand commercial temperature chamber. One quick look at the quoted prices of \$200 and up soon changed our minds however. The next idea was to purchase a simple oven of the toaster/broiler type and use it. Its size was perfect for the circuitry used, and even better, the local discount house had reduced the \$24.95 model to \$18.00!

We immediately purchased one and hooked it up. The low end of the thermostat did indeed work however, at any given temperature, 100°F for example, the excursion of the thermostat was at least 10°. This meant that the inside would vary from 100° to 110°F. Such a range unfortunately did not let one know at what temperature the circuit was actually operating. Fig. 1 shows a temperature plot of the unit that was taken as we

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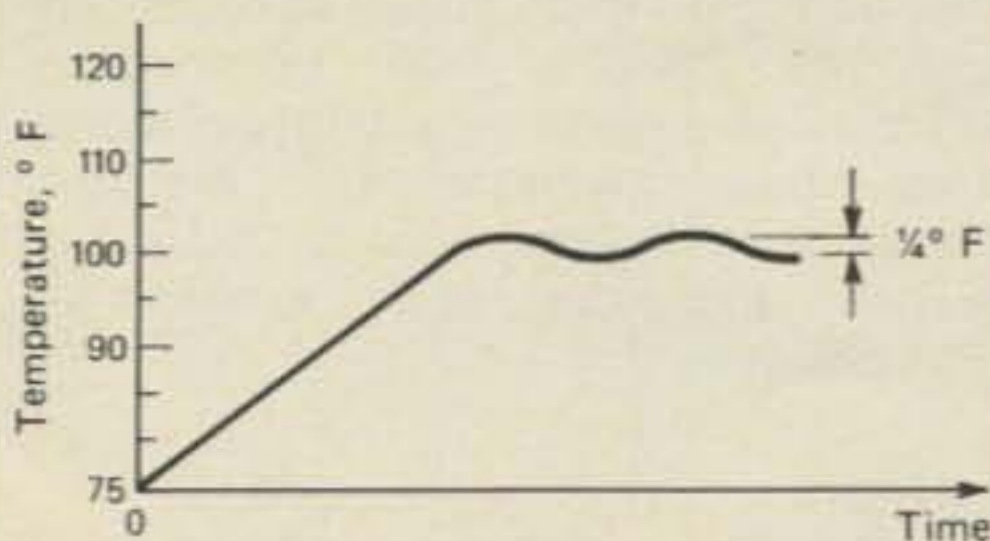


Fig. 2 - Temperature plot after modification.

turned it on.

Our final solution was to remove the internal thermostat and replace it with a very simple proportional control circuit. This did the trick as can be seen by the second temperature plot, (fig. 2). Now, the total excursion was only 1/4°— perfect.

The schematic diagram for the proportional controller is shown in fig. 3. It is very inexpensive and if all the purchased parts are new it will cost less than \$10. This, coupled with the \$18 cost for the rest of the oven, results in a unit that performs as well as commercial test chambers at a tiny fraction of their new or used cost.

In operation, a thermistor RV, and resistor-potentiometer combination

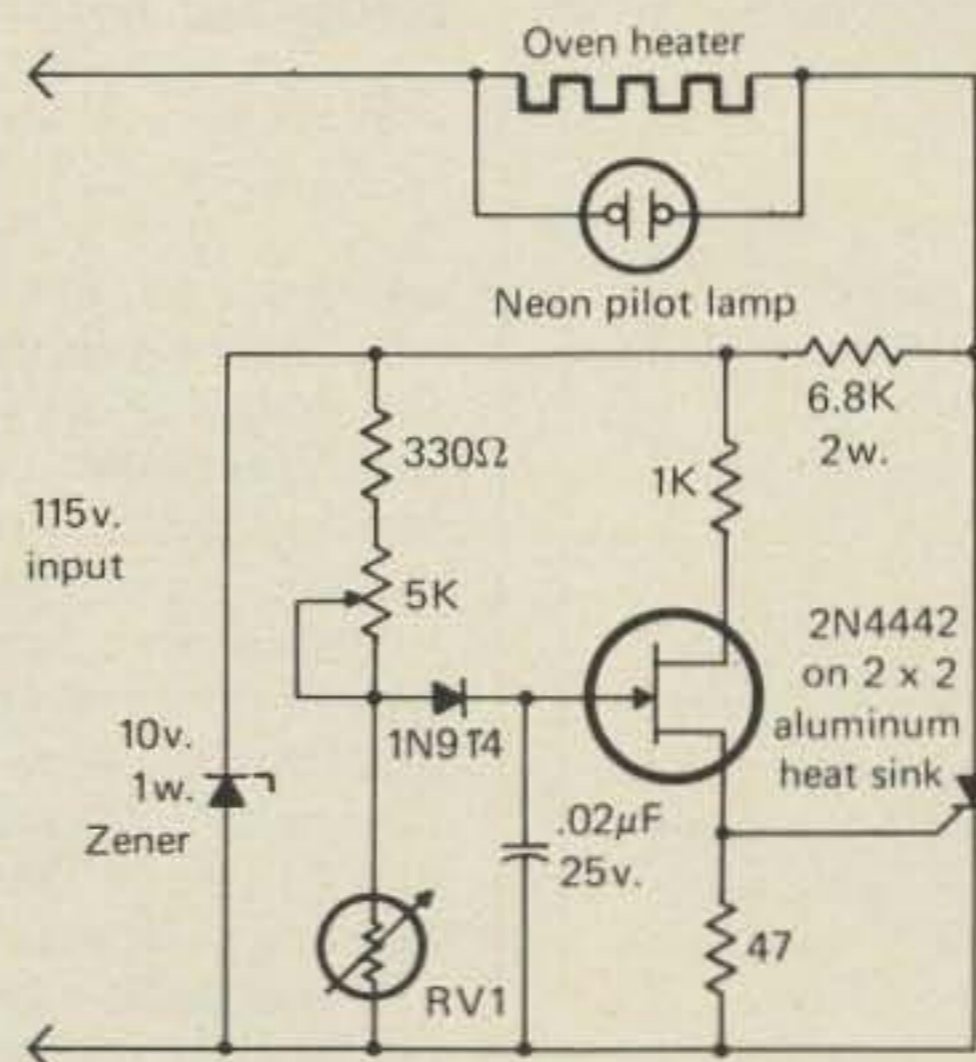


Fig. 3 - Schematic of proportional control circuit for oven. The pilot lamp tells when the heater is energized.

form a voltage divider across a 10 volt zener diode. The output voltage of this divider is applied to the base of a unijunction transistor and a .02 microfarad capacitor. Since the 10 volt zener is connected directly to the a.c. line, the voltage across the capacitor will be a ramp, (as shown in fig. 4) during positive half cycles. The slope of this ramp is a function of the ratio of the thermistor's resistance (temperature) and the setting of the potentiometer. When the voltage across the capacitor reaches the firing voltage of the unijunction transistor, it

fires and turns on the SCR which applies power to the load. As also shown in fig. 4, the negative half cycle of the a.c. input turns off the SCR and the cycle repeats.

In operation, when power is first applied the oven winding heats, since the resistance of the potentiometer is lower than that of the thermistor, and the SCR fires early in the cycle. As things

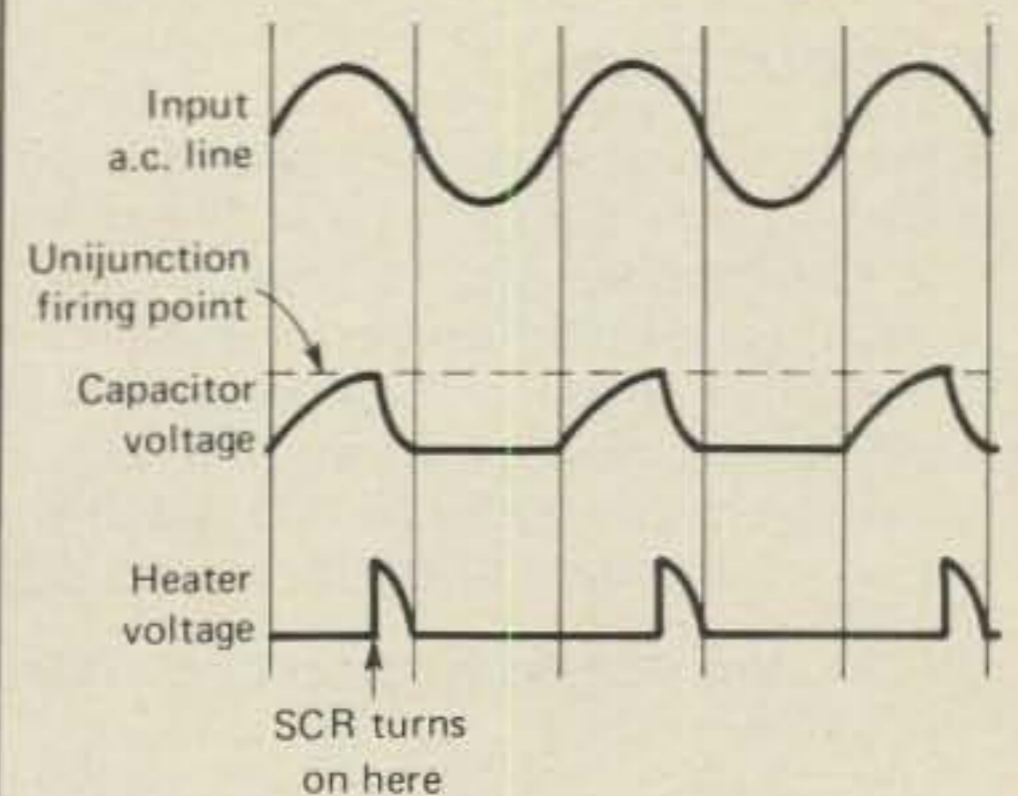


Fig. 4 - Waveshapes of circuit in fig. 3.

heat up however, the thermistor's resistance drops and the SCR fires later in the cycle supplying less power to the oven. Finally a point is reached where the SCR fires so late in the cycle that the amount of power supplied is just enough to compensate for the heat being lost through conduction or convection.

In building the circuit, we utilized the space available in the original oven/broiler housing, as the entire circuit with pot fits on a board 2 x 2 inches. A simple heat sink cut of a 2 x 2 inch piece of tin-can stock aluminum was bolted to the SCR to help with heat dissipation. The thermistor was clamped to the wall of the oven just under the heating ele-

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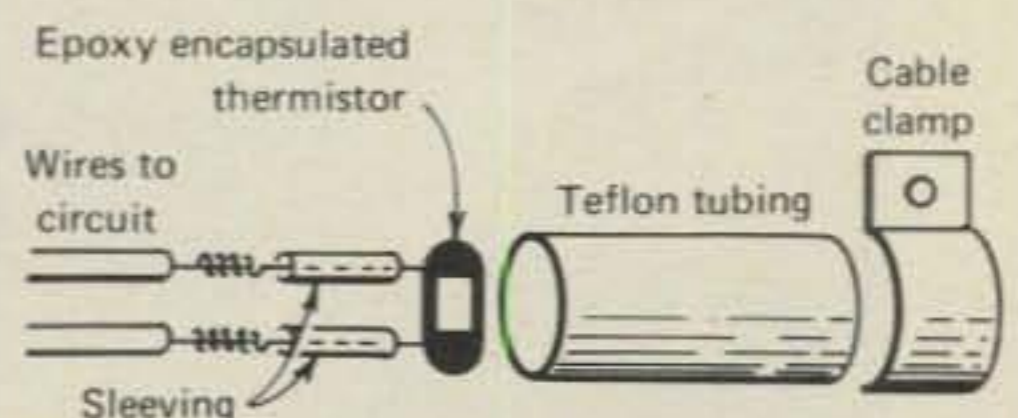


Fig. 5 - Exploded view of thermistor mounting.

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THE R.F. FAUCET

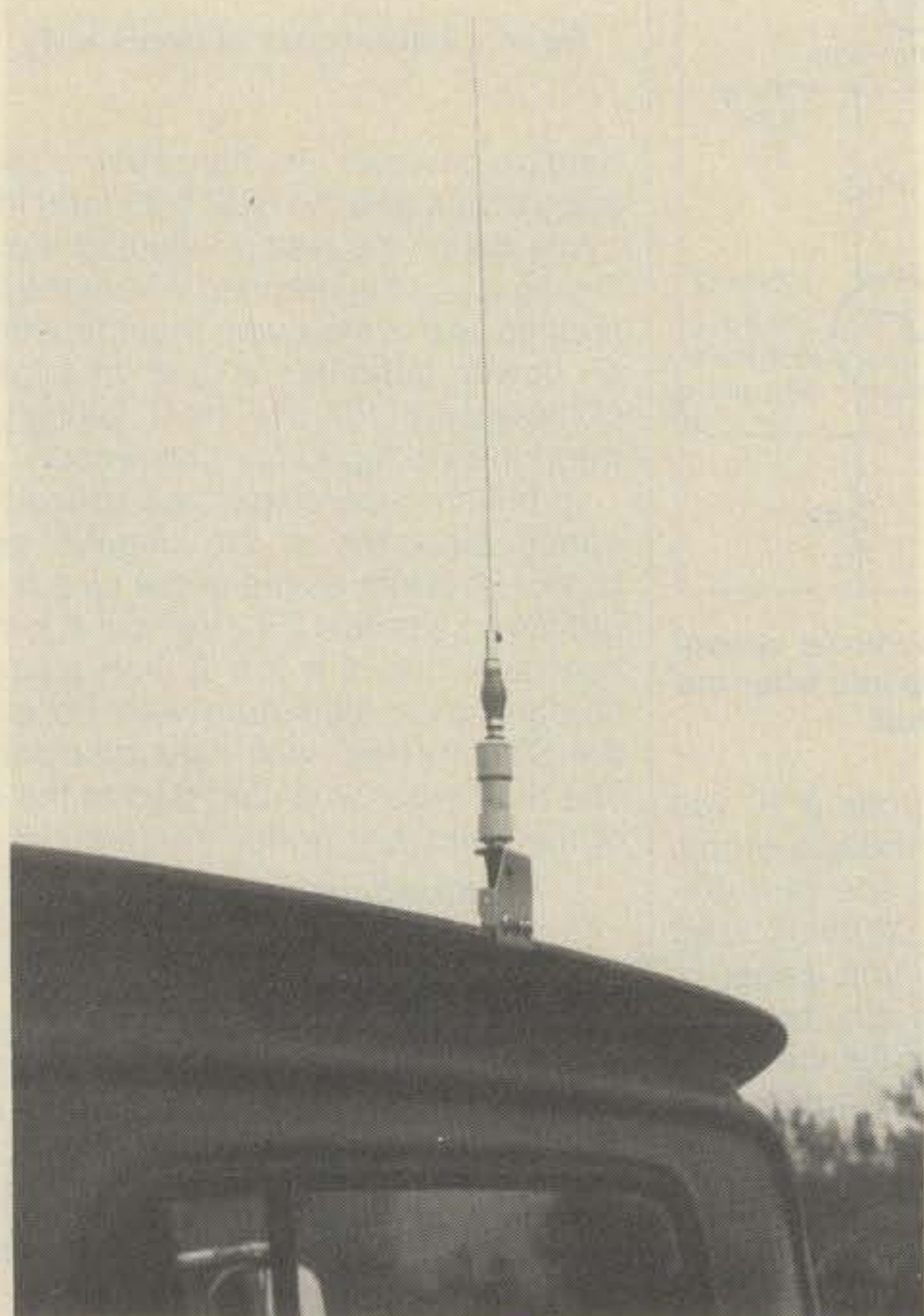
A Simple Two Meter Mobile Antenna

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Introduction

In recent years there has been a proliferation of commercially built amateur radio gear. Where the hobbyist once had to convert or construct, he now can buy. The only obstacle to obtaining a desired article now seems to be the amount of money one has on hand. Certainly, this equipment availability is wonderful; however, that only obstacle sometimes becomes an insurmountable one. Such was the case recently with Neil Buckingham, WA4KKL, and myself. As is the case in

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RF Faucet installed on the author's truck.

many situations, a need produced a method.

The problem at hand was how to obtain an efficient, good quality, 2-meter, mobile antenna without spending next week's grocery money to buy it. After much experimenting, the solution to the problem became the antenna described in this article. Since a highly visible part of the antenna is a section of plastic water pipe and two pipe end-caps, it seemed natural to call the finished project an *R.F. Faucet*.

General Information

Basically, this is a junk box project. Four units have been built, none identical; however, all perform equally well. A quick glance at the materials list shows that no exotic parts are required. Everything could be purchased at local hardware and electronics parts stores at a total cost of \$10-\$12. But substitution with materials at hand was, and is, the watchword. For instance, judicious horsetrading at a local hamfest produced spring base assemblies for 50¢. Also, two models have been constructed using replacement automobile antennas with attached spring assemblies. This type of spring is not electrically shorted with a bonding strap, and this may allow the s.w.r. of the completed antenna to vary somewhat; although, the units constructed in this way do not seem to be seriously affected. As a net result, the cost of the last unit built was around \$5.

The chassis mount RCA-type connector may prove to be a bit difficult to obtain locally. The ones used in the project were purchased as scrap from an electronics manufacturer; however, any similar type connector could be used as long as the outside mounting diameter does not exceed $\frac{3}{8}$ inch (.953 cm). Even this limitation can be bypassed if some forethought and planning are employed. For example, one of the antennas Neil and I built has a length of cable soldered permanently in place without any connector, and another has a mounting stud insulated from ground and used as a connection for a ring terminal. The use of a small r.f. connector soldered in place does provide ease of mounting, portability and attractiveness. If you chose to wire the cable directly to the loading coil without using a connector, a means of grounding the cable shield and mounting the antenna assembly can be easily improvised.

Theory of Operation

Technical reference for this project may be found in Section

27-3 of the 20th edition of the *Radio Handbook* (William I. Orr, Editor and Engineers, division of Howard W. Sams & Co. Inc. Indianapolis, Indiana).

Technically speaking, The *RF Faucet* is a $\frac{5}{8}$ -wavelength vertical antenna. The field strength reaches a maximum figure when an antenna is $\frac{5}{8}$ -wavelength high. This fact allows the $\frac{5}{8}$ -wavelength antenna to provide a 3 dB power gain over the more common $\frac{1}{4}$ -wavelength vertical antennas. Since the feedpoint of a $\frac{5}{8}$ -wavelength antenna is reactive, a series inductor is required to establish a non-reactive termination. Quarter wave radials are normally required with a vertical antenna; however, the vehicle body serves this purpose in a mobile installation.

The final desired length of a $\frac{5}{8}$ -wavelength vertical antenna is determined by the following formula:

$$\text{Length in meters} = \frac{300}{(\text{operating frequency in MHz}) (.625)}$$

Any mounting base (spring, etc.) is included in the overall measured length, but the matching inductor is not. In the case of the *RF Faucet*, it worked well when the spring and vertical element together measured 50.32 in. (1.278 m). This length was based on an operating frequency to 146.7 MHz.

Construction and Testing

Construction

Begin the construction of the *RF Faucet* by fabricating the connecting termination. The procedure detailed below describes the method when the RCA-type chassis mount connector is employed. As noted previously, another type of connector could be substituted if the diameter is the same or smaller than the $\frac{1}{8}$ IPS, $\frac{3}{8}$ o.d. pipe nipple. If the feedline is to be wired permanently in place, fabricate the termination less the connector.

- (1) Thread a hex nut onto one end of the nipple, and solder it in place. Be sure to not close the opening through the nipple with solder.
- (2) Solder a 3 inch (7.62 cm) length of #22 stranded hookup wire onto the connector terminal.
- (3) Cover this connection with a short length of slip-on or heat shrinkable insulation.
- (4) Thread the hookup wire through the nipple, and slip the mounting portion of the connector into the nipple.
- (5) Solder the connector in place. Be sure to use a very thin bead of solder to prevent fouling the threads of the nipple.

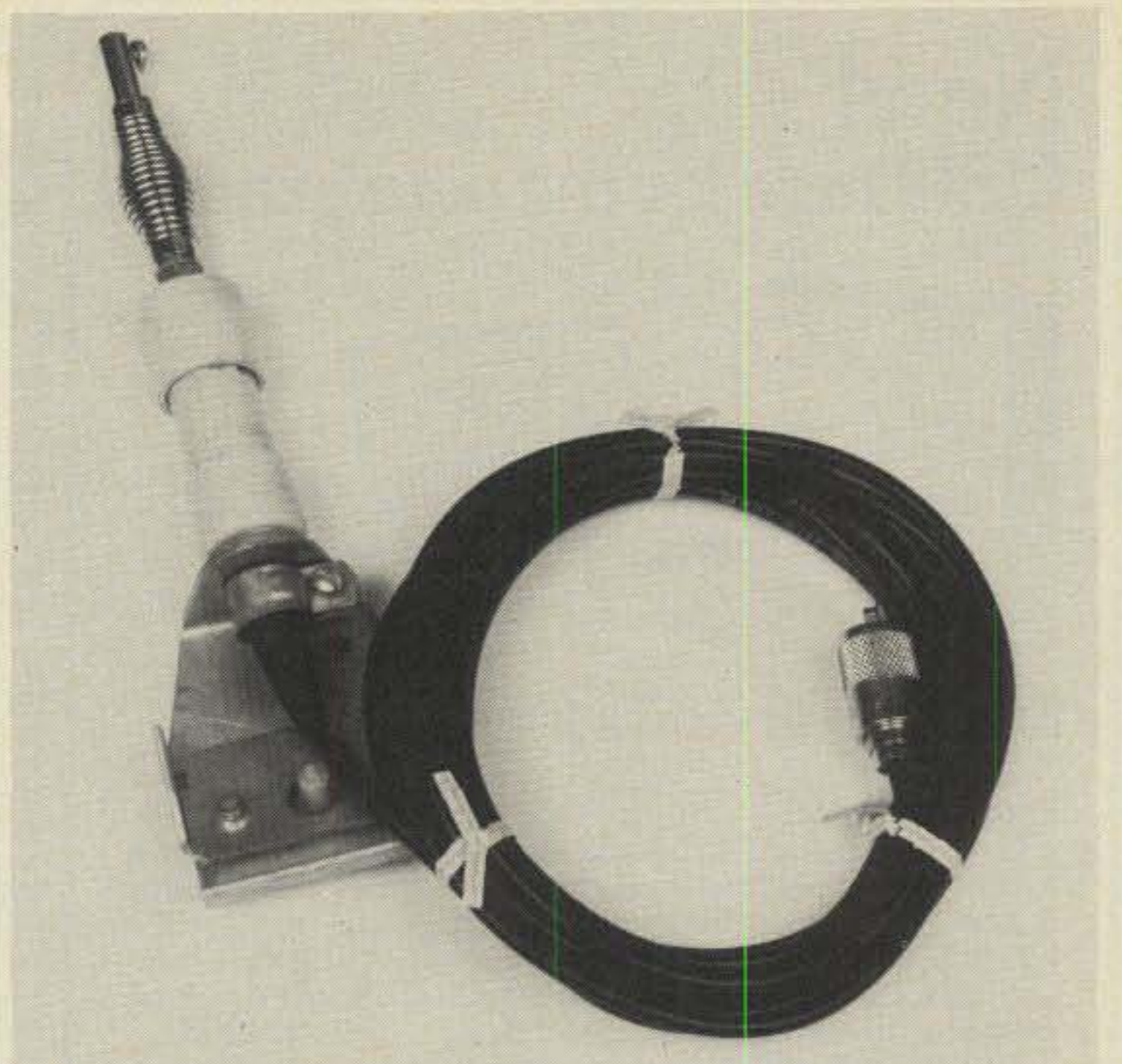
The next step is to wind the series inductor per the materials list. Five turns are generally too many; nevertheless, the matching does differ slightly from unit to unit, and it is best to have ample inductance to play with. Once the coil is wound, solder a ring terminal at one end and bend the ring terminal to a 90° angle.

The spring base assembly should now be assembled per the following procedure:

- (1) Drill a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (.635 cm) hole in the center of one plastic end cap.
- (2) Place the $\frac{1}{4}$ -20 x 2 inch screw through the inductor ring terminal, a lockwasher, and the plastic end-cap. Thread a waterproofing washer (rubber, plastic, etc.) and a hex nut onto the screw, and tighten the nut.
- (3) Screw the spring base onto the protruding screw end.
- (4) Once the end cap assembly is put together, the base length can be determined, and the steel whip cut to achieve the desired overall length of the radiating element. Be sure to measure the length to include the whip and the spring base, *but not* the inductor.

Assemble the remainder of the *RF Faucet* as follows:

- (1) Drill a $\frac{3}{8}$ inch (.953 cm) hole in the other plastic end cap.
- (2) Cut the section of the plastic (PVC) water pipe to a length

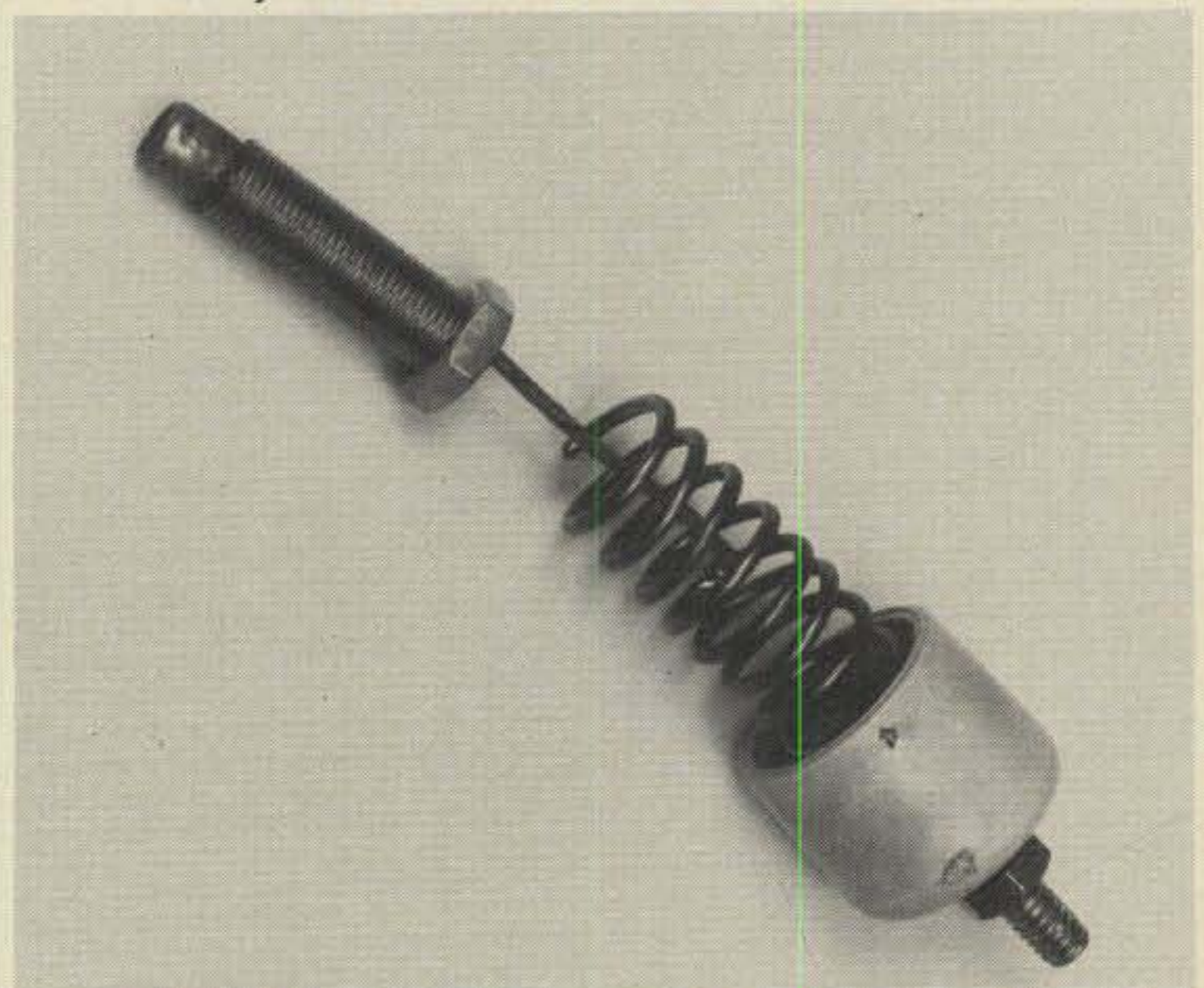


Completed RF Faucet spring base and loading coil assembly mounted on a gutter clamp ready for installation. Other means of installation mounting are certainly permissible.

which will be a bit longer than the inductor when the section is in place in the upper end cap. Exercise care when sliding the pipe section over the inductor for sizing since the fit is rather snug.

- (3) Route the connector wire through the inside of the coil, and tack solder it in place three (3) turns from the top of the coil.
- (4) Slide the pipe section over the connector termination assembly and into the top end cap.
- (5) Put a star washer on the termination assembly, and slide the connector end through the bottom and cap.
- (6) Put the bottom end cap on the pipe section.
- (7) Thread a hex nut on the termination assembly, and carefully snug it against the end cap.
- (8) The antenna is now temporarily assembled for testing.

Note: Should a different connector (or no connector) be employed, the procedure will differ somewhat. Basically the final result should be similar.



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Testing

The *RF Faucet* must be mounted in some manner to a large section of metal to simulate the ground plane provided by a vehicle body. I used a Radio Shack Model 21-911 gutter clamp mounted to the bottom of an overturned wheelbarrow. Once mounted, connect the antenna through an s.w.r. meter to a suitable r.f. power source.

The measured s.w.r. should be below 2:1 without further experimenting. Optimum results can be achieved by varying the tap placement on the inductor. Standing wave ratios in the neighborhood of 1.5:1 can easily be achieved. Obviously, the testing action requires mounting and unmounting, and assembling and disassembling the unit several times. It seems like a big job, but the entire procedure consumed less than an hour.

Final Assembly

The loading coil portion can now be permanently assembled as follows:

- (1) Examine the solder joint at the inductor tap, and examine all other internal electrical and mechanical connections for good permanent junctions.
- (2) Use plastic pipe cement to glue the pipe section to the end caps.
- (3) Tighten the hex nut securing the termination assembly.
- (4) Make a final electrical test to see that everything remained in place.
- (5) A liberal dose of silicon rubber at all seams and crevices is acceptable, but certainly not required. It is a good idea, however, to seal the connector/feedline connection against the elements. The model illustrated is sealed with a rubber boot and a small hose clamp.

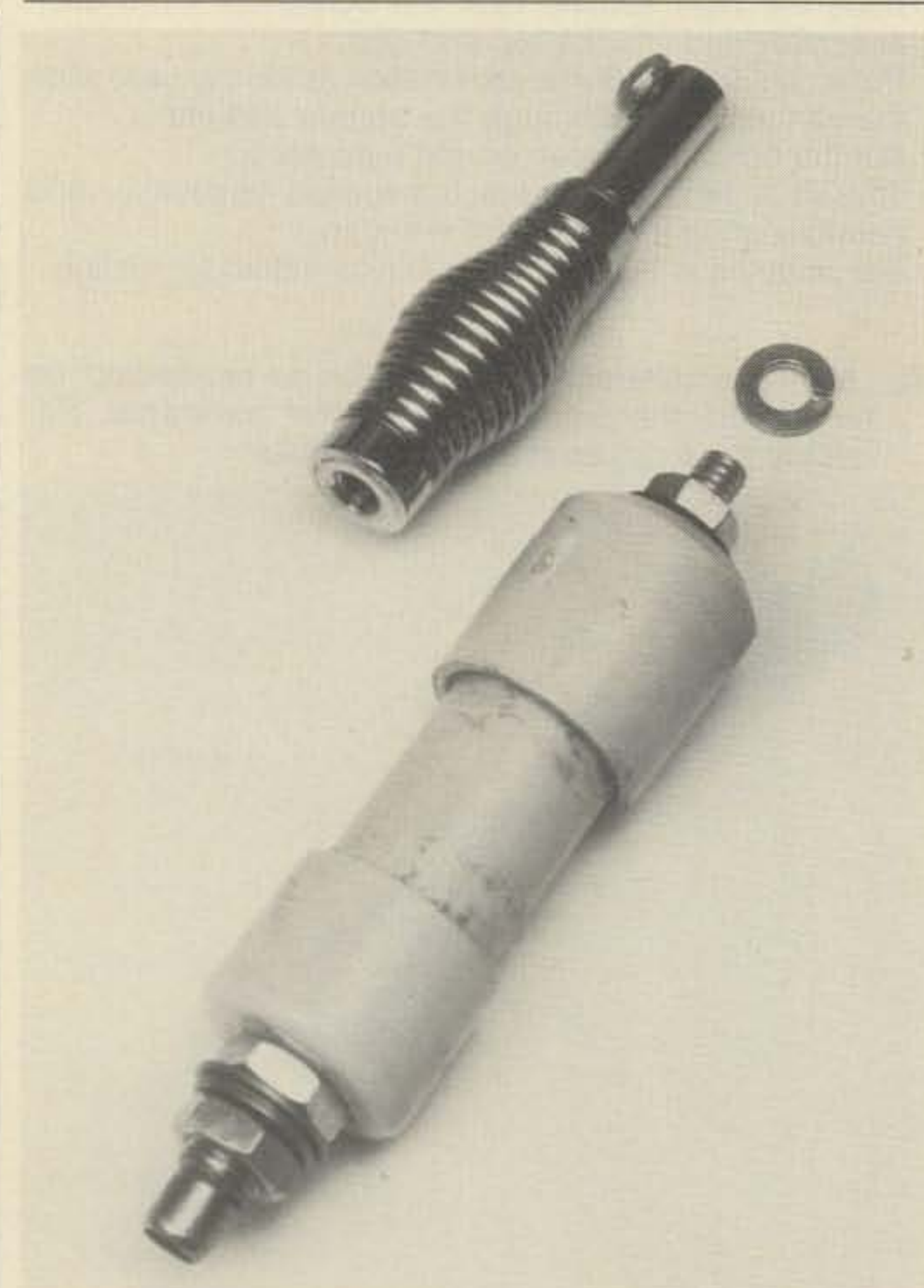
Summary

The *RF Faucet* antenna is a simple and inexpensive project to build. It is uncomplicated enough to be carried through to completion without major snags, yet challenging enough to hold the builder's interest due to the various improvisations allowed.

The unit is sturdy and reliable. Having survived 20,000 miles of travel and the coldest winter on record, the s.w.r. on mine still measures 1.4:1.

Bill of Materials

Spring Base Assembly	Similar to Russell Industries Inc. part number HAS-1H
48 inch (1.219 m) steel whip	Similar to Russell Industries part number CAR-1H
RCA-type chassis mount female connector	Similar to Lafayette Radio Electronics part number 99R62341
6 inch (15.24 cm) length of ¾ inch (1.905 cm) i.d. PVC water pipe and 2 PVD pipe end-caps	Plumbing supply store, hardware store, etc.
2 inch (5.08 cm) length of ⅜ IPS, ⅝ inch (.953 cm) o.d. threaded pipe or pipe nipple	Available in hardware stores which stock lamp parts.
Inductor	5 turns #12 bare wire. Wound on ½ inch from with turns spaced ⅜ inch apart.
Misc. hardware	Ring terminal(s) ⅜ inch ⅝ IPS hex nuts and star washers ¼-20 x 2 inch screw, lockwasher, rubber washer, and hex nut



Assembled RF Faucet components (less whip).

The old saw says, "You don't get something for nothing." Canadian amateur Pete Walton explains the price he and his fellows pay for the "oversized" phone band they have.

It's Not all Roses for the VE

BY PETE WALTON*, VE3FEZ

While listening to and talking with amateurs south of the border I often hear the comment "Why don't you Canadian fellows give up your extra phone band segments and buy linear amplifiers?" The general feeling seems to be that we Canadians have unfair advantages over the American amateur and if we were to give up our extra phone band segments and use higher power the competition would be a little more equal. I must admit that these extra phone band segments are very nice to have and possibly they do give us a slight edge in DX. We do however have some disadvantages that some of the U.S. fellows are not aware of. Our biggest disadvantage is the availability and price of parts and equipment.

As you probably already know almost all of our equipment and components have to come across the border from the U.S. suppliers. There is almost no Canadian equipment on the market and what is manufactured here is usually very difficult to obtain. As soon as commercial gear or parts come across the border they are subject to about 30 percent charges in duty and special taxes. If we can get the equipment at all we must immediately pay 30 percent more than the American amateur. Some time ago I ordered a popular Japanese transceiver from our local dealer. I had to wait seven months for it to arrive. At that time it was selling in the U.S. for \$499.00. When I finally received it I had to pay \$670.00 for the same unit.

Another excellent example of what we VE's have to pay for parts relates to the frequency counter that I am presently working on. Nixie tubes for my counter are available for my counter from our local supplier for \$5.40 each but he has only three in stock and would have to order the rest. I can order these same tubes from the U.S. for \$2.50 each including the shipping. We do however have one way to get around these high duty charges on small orders. If you order anything for \$5.00 or less from the U.S. it is not subject to duty charges and is usually sent directly to us from the Canadian Customs Dept. So how did I get my tubes! You guessed it. I sent three separate orders to a U.S. supplier, each one under \$5.00, and this resulted in a saving of \$17.40 on the readout tubes. The sending of three separate orders is a very time consuming and troublesome procedure both for the supplier and the poor fellow who is doing the ordering.

There are three IC's used with these Nixie tubes to make up

a decade counter. My local dealer has all three of these IC's in stock for a total cost of \$4.22. I can order all three of them from the U.S. for a total of \$2.59. Since I require a total of 18 of these IC's you can guess again how I am going about ordering them.

Another problem that Canadian amateurs are faced with is the variety of components that is available to us. Sometimes we feel like crying when we get a hold of a U.S. catalogue and see all the goodies that are available to the American amateur. A lot of the components that are everyday items to you fellows south of the border simply just are not available to us in Canada without a considerable waiting period. I have had a transformer on order from my local supplier for four weeks now. The transformer is manufactured right here in Canada but the manufacturer will not sell directly to the amateur. You must go through one of his authorized dealers. The authorized dealer will not send an order to the manufacturer until he has 8 or 10 transformers to order as he does not like small orders. This results in a very long ordering delay for the poor amateur who needs a part that is manufactured only twenty five miles from his home.

The old timers are always saying, "Why don't amateurs today do more building and experimenting?" Possibly this parts situation is one of the chief causes for a lack of interest in building your own equipment. I personally would like to build many more projects if I could only obtain the parts that are required at a reasonable price and without such a delay and fuss in ordering. This parts situation is very frustrating to the new amateur who is probably still in school and not very well off financially. These new fellows want to get on the air for a reasonable price and this seems to be pretty hard to do in this day and age. There is also very little surplus equipment available here that could be put on the air without too much trouble. After visiting all three of our surplus outlets last weekend I found only one piece of gear that could be put on the air without any major and expensive transformation. This was an old command 75 meter transmitter that was priced at \$27.00. No wonder many of the CBer's I talk to say they would like to be amateurs but could never afford it. I am almost beginning to believe it.

So as I said at the beginning, its not all roses for the VE but I must say that conditions are improving. We are starting to get some reasonably priced IC's available here now and the general availability of semiconductors seems to be improving tremendously. Possibly we deserve a little extra band space when you consider the prices we pay to use it.

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DX

News of communications around the world

Some new things are cooking! CQ's subcommittee on WAZ and the DX Hall of Fame is evaluating the feasibility of a 5-Band WAZ Award. Enough comments have been received to say with certainty that the recommendation will be favorable.

In 1972, the CQ DX Award's Advisory Committee voted to establish the Single Band WAZ Awards rather than a 5-Band Award, as they felt that WAZ on 10 meters was next to impossible during the sunspot minimum. This judgment proved correct as the first Single Band certificate was not awarded until EA8BK made it this year on 28 MHz c.w., see the June issue, pg. 69. For the next few years it should be possible to work all zones on the 5 bands. Note that we said *possible*, certainly not easy. Five Band WAZ will be the most difficult and prestigious of the major operating awards.

The Subcommittee hasn't yet resolved the effective date for the award, but it will be offered for all c.w. or all phone, including s.s.b. More next month.

The Subcommittee is also considering several nominees for the DX Hall of Fame, and the next super DXer to be honored should be announced next month.

Another Guest Writer

After several nice comments on PAOTO's feature in the June issue of *DXing in Europe*, we asked Chip

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Fukuoka, Japan is represented on the DX charts by Thoru Ono, JA6BVU, of Buzen City. Thoru is active in the CQ DX Award programs.

The CQ DX Awards Program

S.S.B.

563 ... W7NJ	570 ... K3MWW
564 ... PA2TMS	571 ... IBIGS
565 ... HA0HW	572 ... IBYZP
566 ... SM4ACH	573 ... WB0RTZ
567 ... N7SW	574 ... WB2RBG
568 ... I8KNT	575 ... WBIMZ
569 ... W1PCD	576 ... WB4AKY

C.W.

313 ... W7KVV	314 ... K4CEB
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S.S.B. Endorsements

300 ... YV1KZ/304	150 ... IBYZP/180
300 ... I5WT/301	150 ... I8KNT/177
275 ... W9SS/296	150 ... WBIMZ/170
275 ... W8ILC/286	150 ... K3MWW/155
150 ... W1PCD/194	QRPP1W ...
150 ... WB0RTZ/189	W8ILC/226 ...

C.W. Endorsements

310 ... ON4QX/315	150 ... K6DSK/199
250 ... K4CEB/270	150 ... EA2OP/150

Complete rules and application forms for the CQ DX Awards Program can be obtained by sending a business size, No. 10, envelope, self-addressed and stamped to: "CQ DX Awards", 5632 47th Avenue S.W., Seattle, Washington 98136 U.S.A.

Margelli, K7JA, to write some impressions on DXing from Japan. Chip has lived in Tokyo for several months. We hope you will enjoy his observations.

THE JAPANESE DX COMMUNITY

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The phenomenal growth of amateur radio in Japan is well known to most



Few stations in metropolitan Tokyo sport antenna systems this large. Those "long wires" are not part of the station. (K7JA photo)

amateurs. In a few short years, the Japanese amateur population has surged past that of the United States by a large margin. This comes as no surprise to the American big gun who encounters a swarming pile-up every time he calls "CQ ASIA" on 15 meters. Familiar, too, is the inevitable pile-up of QSL's several months later.

A number of articles have been written about the JA population explosion, mostly dealing with statistics, awards, and the like. Little subjective, people-oriented information has been shared with U.S. DXers, mostly because few foreigners are in Tokyo long enough to form an opinion of Japan other than "it's a dynamic country" and "it's expensive!" Japanese DXers face a host of truly unique adversities, and I hope to share some reflections on these problems in a few short paragraphs. The goal is to foster better understanding between the American and Japanese DX fraternities.

JA DXers are a diversified lot, as are DXers everywhere. One finds, though, relatively few really "Old Timers" in DX circles. Rare, indeed, are tales of doing battle between 14.200 and 14.300 with 100% modulated full-carrier AM. Just count the number of JA two-letter calls in your log in the past year. In Japan, the overwhelming majority of amateurs have been licensed in the past 15 years. A reasonable generalization of the JA amateur community as a whole would say that they are young, and, for a time, highly motivated. What happens to this motivation?



Shigeru Sugiyama, JA0AXV, is an avid DXer from his home QTH in Nagaoka, Niigata, Japan. (Photo via Leo, K8PYD)

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The number one problem facing JA DXers is that of overcrowding. Japan is an incredibly rugged country. Only a small percentage of the land will support human habitation. The result is that population densities of 1000 people per square mile are not uncommon in urban areas. Put another way, consider that an amateur population of some 400,000 is crammed into a land area the size of Pennsylvania. One can see that the JA's can work up only a limited amount of sympathy over QRM complaints by someone caught in the middle of a DX contest battle between the Potomac Val-



Yasushi Koide, JA1FKJ, of the J.A.R.L. Technical Department demonstrates one of the League's modern headquarter's stations to CQ DX Editor K4IIF. It was a big change to hear a JT1 with a signal strength of 40 over S9. (Photo courtesy J.A.R.L.)

ley DX Club and the Frankford Radio Club!

The Tokyo area (JA1) has, perhaps, 100,000 amateurs within ground wave earshot. An additional 50,000 or more are in daily single hop range in JA4, 6, and 8. Though the JA's are dedicated listeners, the appearance of a semi-rare DX station is cause for utter chaos on the listening frequency, unless the DX station takes extraordinary means to control the situation.

Tight regulations also contribute to the plight of JA DXers. On 160 meters, for example, Japanese amateurs are al-



At J.A.R.L. Headquarters in Tokyo are left to right, Takenobu Kaieda, JH1HNN, Manager of the League's Publicity Department, CQ DX Editor K4IIF, and Tadao Kiga, JA1AR, Head of the League's Technical Laboratory. (Photo courtesy J.A.R.L.)

lowed a whopping 5 kHz., from 1907.5 to 1912.5 kHz. In a recent All JA Contest, it was estimated that some 2000 stations were active in this segment! One multi-operator station apparently picked out over 500 QSO's, but the other chaps must have developed acute headaches. On 75 meters, the situation is much better: the JA's get 10 kHz there!

The crowding situation confronts the Japanese DXer even before he can turn on his rig. Tower and antenna construction can be, for the urban dweller, a terrifying experience. American amateurs are accustomed to seeing pic-



The J.A.R.L. QSL Bureau in Tokyo processes over 1,000,000 cards per month. Observing a Bureau worker sorting cards are left to right, QSL Bureau Manager Shinichiro "Yama" Yamazaki, JA1SGU; CQ DX Editor K4IIF and Nao Akiyama, JH1VRQ, Overseas Liaison for J.A.R.L. (Photo Courtesy J.A.R.L.)



A typical urban dweller in Japan must resort to "apartment building backscatter." (K7JA photo)

tures of the W7RM, K5RC, W6AM or N6DX plantations, where Murphy is dressed as tree limbs or rattlesnakes. In Japan, "Murphy-san" comes dressed as electric train power lines, fist-shaking taxi drivers with 2 KW horns, and countless rows of wet laundry. Guy cables are practically unknown, as an extremely lucky (and wealthy) family may be so fortunate as to own a lot 20 by 50 feet in size. It should go without saying that a 40

WA Z Program Single Band WAZ 15 Meter C.W.

3 ... DL7AA
4 ... JE1JKL

20 Meter C.W.

48 ... KH6HC
49 ... N7UT
50 ... JF1DSN

15 Meter Phone

4 ... JH2MYN

20 Meter Phone

123 ... W9NSM	129 ... I8YZP
124 ... VE6HT	130 ... 12OMF
125 ... W6ORD	131 ... JA3GM
126 ... VE7DSR	132 ... W6ZUM
127 ... EA4JF	133 ... N7OK
128 ... SM4ACH	

80 Meter Phone

3 ... OH7XX

All Band WAZ S.S.B.

1470 ... W4HYY	1475 ... N4CC
1471 ... W2BAI	1476 ... WD8BJK
1472 ... K9FN	1477 ... W7LIR
1473 ... N9BA	1478 ... W6ZUM
1474 ... K4XP	1479 ... W8TN

C. W.-Phone

4247 ... K4XP	4286 ... UV0EX
4277 ... G3JZG	4287 ... W4WX
4278 ... K9DID	4288 ... OK1DKR
4279 ... W3HER	4289 ... JA1TNV
4280 ... K1WJ	4290 ... K8RD
4281 ... W6ABT	4291 ... VE3EUP
4282 ... JH4OGD	4292 ... N4TX
4283 ... WA4LOF	4293 ... JA2ETQ
4284 ... WB4TDH	4294 ... W2KLN
4285 ... F5RU	4295 ... WB8ZRV

The complete rules for WAZ are found in the May, 1976 issue of CQ. Application blanks and reprints of the rules may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the WAZ Manager, Mr. Leo Haisman, W4KA, 1044 Southeast 43rd St., Cape Coral, FL 33904.

CQ DX Honor Roll

The CQ DX Honor Roll recognizes those DXers who have submitted proof of confirmation with 275 or more countries for the mode indicated. The top SSTV DXers are also listed. The ARRL DXCC Country List, LESS DELETED COUNTRIES, is used as the country standard. Total number of current countries on the DXCC list as of this listing is 318*. Honor Roll listing is automatic when submitting application or endorsement for 275 or more countries. To remain on the CQ DX Honor Roll, annual updates are required. Honor Roll updates may be submitted anytime. Updates indicating "no change" will be accepted.

C.W.

W6PT318	W6ID313	W2GT306	K6JG302	N6FX296
K6EC315	DL7AA312	N6AV303	W4BQY301	K9MM291
ON4QX315	W8KPL309	W9DWQ303	W6ISQ300	WA8DXA291

S.S.B.

W2TP317	W9JT312	K6EC307	W0SD298	N6AW282
I0AMU316	F9RM311	K9MM307	W9SS296	OK1MP282
WA2RAU316	SM6CKS311	OE2EGL307	HP1JC295	W7JYX282
DL9OH315	W2QK311	W4DPS307	DL6KG294	WA4WTG281
G3FKM315	K6WR310	ZS6LW307	JH1EIG294	WB2RLK281
W4EEE314	WA2EOQ310	I4ZSQ305	DJ9ZB293	VE7HP280
XE1AE314	I8YRK309	YV1KZ304	K8PYD292	W7OM280
K6YRA313	I0ZV309	VE2WY303	K9RF292	W9QQ280
W3NKM313	K4RTA309	EA4LH302	VE7CE291	9H4G280
W4SSU313	K6JG309	I5WT301	W6FET291	N2SS279
W9DWQ313	W9QLD309	K9LKA300	G3WW289	K4SB278
I8KDB312	ZL3NS309	W3GG300	OE1FF289	DJ2AA277
K4MQG312	K8DYZ308	WB6DXU300	SP5BSV288	K9PPY277
VE3MJ312	OZ3SK308	XE1KS300	W8ILC286	I6PLN275
VE3MR312	SM5SB308	VE3GCO299	OE3WWB285	JH1VRQ275
W3AZD312	SM5CWK308	N4MM298	N6FX284	K4LSP275
W6EL312	W6YMV308	W9OHH298	K3EH283	K8LJG275
W6EUF312	F2MO307			

SSTV

W8YEK108 G3IAD100

*Geysir Reef was deleted effective this listing.

meter beam is a rarity in downtown Tokyo!

One would expect that, in the face of severe limitations on the size of antennas, the difference would be made up through high power levels. There is no denying that some stations are capable of generating large amounts of r.f., but an astounding number of JA stations are, in fact, using the 10 to 20 watts stipulated for the Telephone Class of license (which is held by the vast majority of JA amateurs). The reason for this restraint should be clear: every household in these super-compact neighborhoods has a TV, stereo, and/or other RFI-susceptible device, almost none of which have any protection from high energy levels. In Japan, moreover, the average citizen has a more direct way of getting his TVI complaint addressed: instead of calling the JA version of the FCC, they call the police! One can imagine the damper placed on the DX ambition of an 18 year old when he is confronted by several uniformed officers backed by an irate neighbor.

One finds, to be sure, that many DXers give up in frustration, retiring to the relative calm of two meters. Mobile operation is another haven for former DXers, though the driving habits of some Japanese citizens do produce occasional conversations with the police while mobile!

Those who give up in despair, though, are quickly replaced by new and enthusiastic troops eager to do battle on

The WPX Program

Mixed

658 ... JA3VXH	660 ... SP9CTW
659 ... K4KKJ	661 ... DM2GFL

S.S.B.

1053 ... G3TSZ/m	1059 ... K6ASI
1054 ... WB5UKI	1060 ... G4EJA
1055 ... F3CY	1061 ... KL7HKE
1056 ... JA3VXH	1062 ... DM2CON
1057 ... I8KNT	1063 ... OE1SKC
1058 ... EP2TY	

C.W.

1705 ... F3CY	1709 ... SP2ZHB
1706 ... AA4FF	1710 ... JH3KAI
1707 ... VE7CNE	1711 ... DM2CKD
1708 ... SP7KTE	1712 ... SM6AYM

WPX

116 ... WD4MHY	118 ... WD9GBB
117 ... WD0BZY	

VPX

145 ... DM-2968/L	146 ... DM-2604/F
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Endorsements:

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SSB: 300 G3TSZ/m, WB5UKI, F3CY, JA3VXH, 18KNT, EP2TY, K6ASI, G4EJA, KL7HKE, DM2CON, 400 OE1SKC, 550 WA4QMQ, 1200 K2POA.
CW: 300 F3CY, JH3KAI, SM6AYM, 400 VE7CNE, SP2ZHB, DK7XX, 500 SP1ADM, 650 K9WA, W9OYZ, W1OPJ, 750 W6BZ, 1100 G2GM, K8MFO.
20 meters: PA2TMS
40 meters: WA2AUB
80 meters: DM2GFL
160 meters: YU2OB
Europe: I2OMF, SP2ZHB, G3TSZ/m, DM2GFL
No. Amer.: AA4FF
Oceania: YU2OB
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the DX front. That they are active can be verified by looking at one's logs; JJ1's and JK1's will be in the majority on 15 meters now, while a few years back the JR1's and JE1's were prevalent. The author recently ran a whole page of JE3's without interruption, to illustrate this phenomenon.

These newcomers have specialized needs, not the least of which is QSL's. When you were a beginner, you were, as we all were, eager for a QSL, any QSL. For many years, the Japan Amateur Radio League has addressed this need with an efficient QSL bureau, which it sponsors as a membership service. This bureau, which handles *domestic and foreign* QSL's, both outgoing and incoming, has allowed JA DXers to QSL in a very cost-effective way. Until the ARRL outgoing QSL bureau was inaugurated, American DXers had no such service. That some U.S. stations, swamped by up to 10,000 QSL requests per year, do not QSL promptly (or at all) is a situation which many JA's, new and old alike, cannot comprehend. The problem is exacerbated by the fact that the few stations a JA "little gun" can work are the ones most inundated by QSL requests.

Despite all these obstacles, DXing in Japan is an extremely popular sport. Radio shops in the Akihabara, a discount

area of Tokyo, are packed with amateurs seeking the latest box which will help them sort through QRM. Applications by the hundreds for CQ DX Awards, DXCC, and other certificates stream from JA amateurs every month. And the living situation has its bright side: zoning restrictions are unknown in Tokyo! This is quite peculiar, as the destruction of the latter days of WWII gave the opportunity for the laying of some solid foundations in urban planning. Any visitor to Tokyo will testify that a seemingly deliberate effort to the contrary was made by the city fathers, and tribanders can be found next to luxury apartments, atop fashion boutiques, and within corona discharge distance from the bullet train high voltage lines!

A few concluding operational tips are in order. Any DX-pedition far removed from Japan would be well-advised to operate split-frequency when the band is open to JA; otherwise, their own signal will be quickly obliterated by QRM. Working by call areas is very effective: rates approaching 300 QSO's per hour have been attained by calling for JA3's, then JE3's, then JF3's, etc., on my several trips to Saipan and KG6SW. It is essential that control be kept of the calling sequence, and limiting the number of stations calling at any one

time is an effective tool for accomplishing this. For casual operation, the ability to utter even a few phrases of simple Japanese will win you many friends, and may assist when trying to cool off a heated pile-up!

And, finally, remember . . . what may be, to you, "just another JA QSO" may be, for the JJ1 sneaking away from her homework, a first-ever exchange of words across the ocean. Whether the memory of that first DX QSO is a fond one, or a heartbreaker is up to you.



Masa Saito, JA8IEV, returned to Japan from Marcus Island in February. He operated JJD1 and passed out a new one to many DXers. Masa specializes in 40 meters, and has worked all zones and over 200 countries on 7 MHz. using a groundpiece antenna with 20 radials.

Awards

News of certificate and award collecting

Here is the September, "Story of The Month" as told by Charlie:

**Charles E. Gagon, Jr., W1LQQ.
All Counties #163, 1-18-77**

"My entry into this world was on July 2, 1917 in a place called Marblehead, Massachusetts, the claimed 'Birthplace of the U.S. Navy.'

"My introduction to ham radio was in 1936 when a friend showed me his 5 meter gear and had a contact with a station in New Hampshire. That did it, and in 1938 I passed the General Exam-

Special Honor Roll (All Counties)

- #184 Phil D. Wilson, WB5DPR 5-9-78.
- #185 William M. Smith, W7GHT 5-25-78.
- #186 Bertha Swenson, K0ITP 5-30-78.

ination, and in those days the license arrived at my home in 9 days.

"I tried 5 meters with loop modulation, a bit dangerous but successful. I did finally settle on 40 meters with an oscillator and a 210 final with about 20 watts and a National SW-3 receiver.

"In May 1941 I entered the Navy and spent most of the time with anti-submarine warfare, although I was rated as a Radioman. I carried this rating until my final discharge in 1952.

*P.O. Box 73, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662



Charlie, W1LQQ with that happy smile.

"Back in 1942, I was married to wife Edith and we have been going strong for 35 years. We have two children but neither is interested in ham radio but both have tried CB and our daughter still has one on the air.

"When discharged from the service, I went to work as a technician with CBS Electronics (now defunct), and was promoted to Supervisor of Quality Control. I did some laboratory work in the early days of color TV, and also with stereo



W1LQQ showing some of his equipment and certificates.

amplifiers and cartridges. After the closing of CBS Electronics, I went to EGG in nuclear instrumentation and from there to my present employment in New Hampshire, again in Quality Control.

"My introduction to County Hunting came as a result of trying to clear the frequency for the YLISSB system. I got hooked with the lively activity and stuck around to find out what was happening. I had finished my WAZ after 35 years of hamming, so I needed a new challenge and this was it. Two years and 7 months later, I was issued #163. The last County came from Ron, K7LTV in Garfield, Montana at 2355 December 24, 1976—What a Christmas present—thanks again, Ron.

"The present equipment are a Yaesu FT101E, SB200 linear, 4 band vertical antennas, dipole for 80 and TA33Jr up on a 36 foot tower. (He failed to say what happened to the nice 3 band Quad that

he put up in August 1973)

"I like to mobile and do so as often as permitted, mostly weekends. I'll be happy to help any County Hunter with Northern New England Counties.

"I am not so active with County Hunting at this time, but the receiver monitors 14336 when I am home and working around the acre.

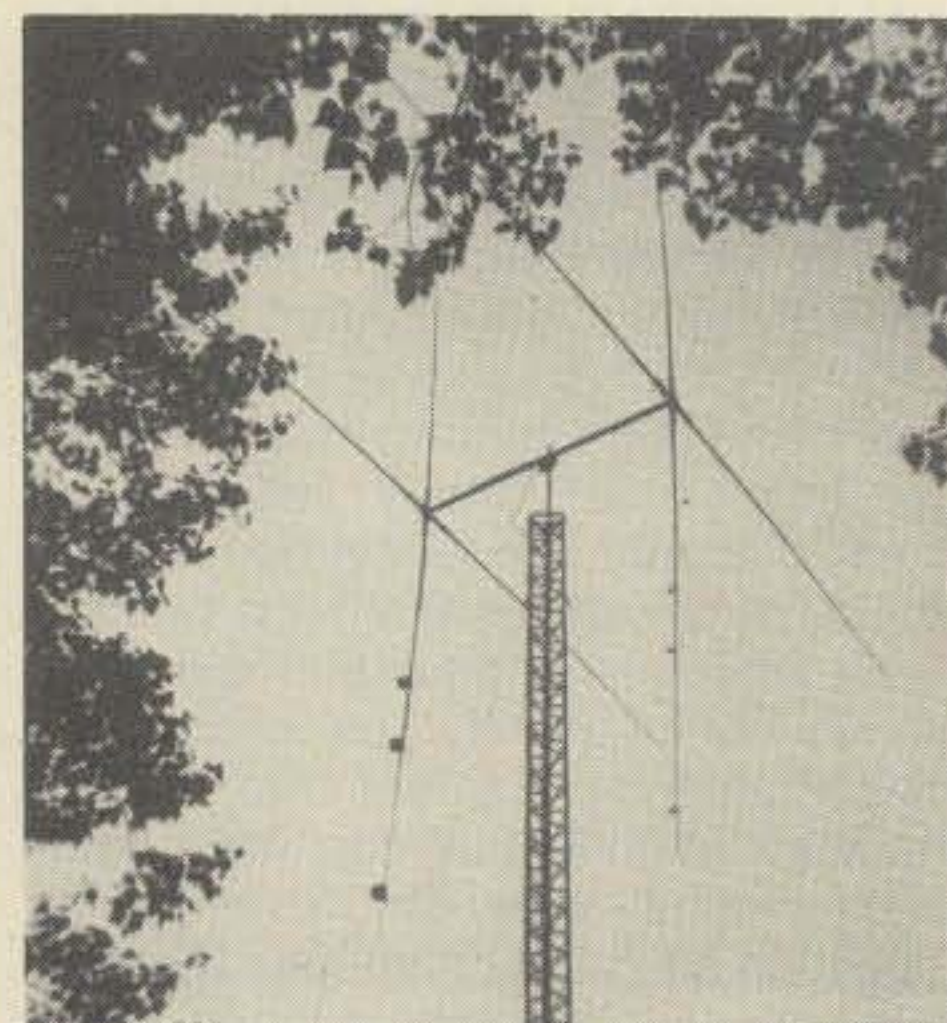
I do like contests and enter many of them, not for a big score, to have some fun. I love the competition of pile-ups, when DXing. I have 258 counties confirmed and 260 worked in the DXCC

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W2CUE 202	W2CUE 361	W2CUE 1241
WA7RKN 203	WA5ZDZ 362	JA1GTF 1242
W7GHT 204	W6OUL 363	JA3AAW 1243
K0ITP 205	1000	DJ7CX 1244
2500	WB5DPR 476	W5TZN 1245
WB5DPR 258	W2CUE 477	SM5CAK 1246
W2CUE 259	WD9AXF 478	KL7AF 1247
W6OUL 260	SM5CAK 479	WB9QNX 1248
2000	WB9QNX 480	VE3FEA 1249
WB5DPR 305	WB2PMO 481	SV1GO 1250
W2CUE 306	WA5ZDZ 482	W6OUL 1251
K9GTQ 307	W6OUL 483	K8MKA 1252
W6OUL 308		
WB9OOE 309		

race. I also have WAS, WAC, WAZ, QCWA, member #8853 of YLISSB and MARAC #581.

To all County Hunters, many thanks for the ones you gave me. It is about the most demanding challenge there is in amateur radio."



That missing Quad, put up in August '73

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75-20 HD	75/40/20	66.50	44/1.23	66/20.1
75-20 HD (SP)	75/40/20	66.50	44/1.23	66/20.1
75-10 HD	75/40/20/15/10	74.50	48/1.34	66/20.1
75-10 HD (SP)	75/40/20/15/10	74.50	48/1.34	66/20.1
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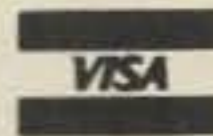
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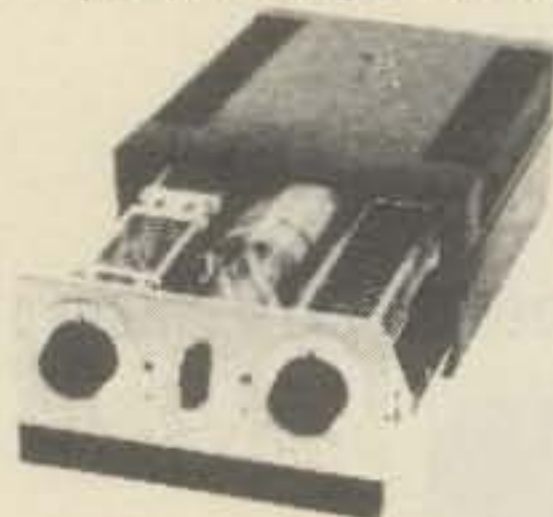


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Bill Smith, W7GHT made them all as well as USA-CA-3000 endorsed all SSB, all Mobiles with the added all A-1 endorsement to his USA-CA-1500.

Bertha Swenson, KØITP made them all endorsed all Phone as well as USA-CA-3000 endorsed all Phone.

Alex Marion, W2CUE was issued USA-CA-500 through USA-CA-3000 endorsed all SSB, all 14 and his 500 through 1500 also endorsed all Mobiles.

Keith Harlow, WA7RKN was posthumously issued USA-CA-3000-Plus, endorsed all SSB.

Jim Robb, W6OUL qualified for USA-CA-500 through 2000 endorsed all 2XSSB, all 20 and USA-CA-2500 Mixed.

Jim Latimer, WB9OOE had me send him USA-CA-2000 endorsed all A-3.

Marge Moore, WA5ZDZ acquired USA-CA-1000 and 1500 endorsed, all SSB.

Tom Ross, K9GTQ added to his collection USA-CA-2000 endorsed, all SSB, all Mobiles.

Mixed USA-CA-1000 certificates went to:

Jack Johnson, WD9AXF
Lars Erik Bohm, SM5CAK (#2 to Sweden) in addition to USA-CA-500.
David Bishop, WB9QNX, who also received USA-CA-500



DIG-WARC-Action-40-Award

Larry Taylor, WB2PMO
Mixed USA-CA-500 certificates were received by:

Koichi Ishida, JA1GTF, (#11 to Japan)

Takeshi Yoshida, JA3AAW, (#12 to JA and #1 to JA3)

Leonhardt (Leo) Poelt, DJ7CX
Wyndell Walker, W5TZN (ex K4NTC)

Tony Smaker, Jr., KL7AF, (#2 Award to Alaska)

Wilfried Antheunis, VE3FEA
Adrian A. (Stag) Stackpole, K8MKA

Constantine (Costay) Granitsiotis, SV1GO sent for USA-CA-500 endorsed all SSB, all 20 (#1 Award to Greece)

Awards

Action 40 - DIG WARC Award: This award is available to all licensed amateurs who can prove contacts with at least 100 different amateur radio stations within one calendar-month (Gregorian calendar) after November 1, 1977, on the 40 meter amateur band. All modes are accepted. Contest QSOs

and crossband QSOs do not count. Split-frequency QSOs (all on 40) count. Fee for the diploma is 5,00DM or 10 IRCs. Sticker for SASE or SAE and 1 IRC. Application must be made using special log sheet obtainable for SASE or SAE and 1 IRC. Awards manager: Klaus Kleine, DJ1XP, Fasanenweg 22, D-4714 SELM-BORK, Fed. Republic of Germany.

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Noviomagum Certificate: This award is issued by the radio-amateurs of the Nijmegen branch of VERON, the Netherlands section of I.A.R.U. To obtain this certificate, one must prove that he made 10 QSOs on the h.f. bands or 30 QSOs on v.h.f. or higher. QSOs made on u.h.f. and s.h.f. count double. All QSOs must be confirmed by QSL cards. There will be no limitations except QSOs via repeaters are not valid. A copy of log data including date, call and fequency, certified by two other licensed radio amateurs should be sent, with Hfl. 5, or 10 IRCs to: Award Manager, Postbox 1538, Nijmegen, Netherlands. QSOs



Canadian Islands Award



Noviomagum Certificate

Propagation

The science of predicting radio conditions

Solar activity continues to climb rapidly. The Swiss Federal Observatory at Zurich reports a monthly mean sunspot number of 79 for May. This results in a smoothed sunspot number of 50.5 centered on November, 1977.

A smoothed sunspot number in the low 90's is now expected for September, 1978.

The following is a list of the smoothed sunspot numbers reported since the present cycle (Cycle 21) began.

Smoothed Sunspot Numbers Reported For Cycle 21 March 1976–November 1977

	1976	1977
January		16.7
February		18.1
March	12.2	20.0
April	12.6	22.2
May	12.5	24.2
June	12.2	26.3
July	12.9	28.9*
August	14.0	33.0*
September	14.3	38.5*
October	13.5	44.6*+
November	13.5	50.5*
December	14.8	

*Provisional

+Incorrectly given as 48.5 in last month's column.

Propagation conditions on the h.f. bands are generally quite variable during September and early October. On some days conditions will continue much as they were earlier in the summer, but on other days the first signs of wintertime conditions will be noticeable. For this reason, this month's column contains *DX Propagation Charts* for the one month period September 15–October 15, rather than the usual two month span. This month's column also contains *Short-Skip Propagation Charts* for September and October.

September Propagation

During September and early October expect a noticeable increase in 10 meter DX openings, during the daylight hours. Expect some fairly good openings to

*11307 Clara St., Silver Spring, MD 20902.

LAST MINUTE FORECAST

Day-to-Day Conditions Expected For Sept. 1978

Propagation Index	Expected Signal Quality			
	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)
Above Normal: 3, 12	A	A	B	C
High Normal: 2, 4, 11, 13, 25 29-30	A	B	C	C-D
Low Normal: 1, 5-6, 9-10, 14, 19-20, 22, 24, 28	B	C	D	D-E
Below Normal: 7-8, 15, 17-18, 21, 23, 26-27	C	D	D-E	E
Distrubed: 16	C-E	D-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, some with 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, an opening shown in the charts with a propagation index of (3) will be fair (C) on Sept. 1st, good (B) on the 2nd, excellent (A) on the 3rd, good (B) on the 4th, etc.

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the Caribbean and South America, and to the South Pacific area and the southern and central portions of Africa, particularly during the afternoon hours. When conditions are HIGH NORMAL, or better, openings should be possible to most other areas of the world as well.

A considerable improvement is expected for DX propagation on 15 meters. With steadily increasing solar activity, a greater number of DX openings are expected this year as compared to the past several years. The band should open for DX shortly after sunrise, and remain open until after sundown. Openings should be possible to all areas of the world, with conditions best towards Europe and the northeast before noon, and to the rest of the world during the afternoon hours. Openings towards the South Pacific, Australia, New Zealand and the Far East should be possible well into the early evening, particularly when

conditions are HIGH NORMAL, or better.

It may be a toss-up between 15 and 20 meters for the best DX band during the hours of daylight in September and early October, but the edge will probably go to 20 meters. Look for the band to open for DX at sunrise and remain open in all directions for a few hours. It should be possible to work into many areas of the world throughout the daylight hours, but look for a peak in DX propagation conditions during the afternoon hours. Twenty meters should remain open for DX during much of the hours of darkness as well. Nighttime conditions will favor openings towards the south and to tropical areas, but some openings will also be possible to other areas of the world, particularly when conditions are HIGH NORMAL, or better.

Expect an improvement in nighttime DX conditions on 40, 80 and 160 meters during September and early October. This results from the increasing hours of darkness and a seasonal decline in the static level. Forty meters should be best for worldwide DX from sunset through the sunrise period. Check 80 and 160 meters during the hours of darkness, particularly for an hour or so before local sunrise.

For short-skip propagation during September and early October, use 80 meters during the day for openings shorter than 250 miles, and either 80 or 160 meters at night. For distances between 250 and 750 miles try 40 meters during the day and 80 meters at night. For openings between 750 and 1300 miles best bet should be 20 meters during the day, 40 meters from sundown to Midnight, and 80 meters from Midnight to sunrise. For openings beyond 1300 miles, try either 15 or 20 meters during the day, and 40 meters during the hours of darkness. Check 10 meters for some fairly good openings beyond 1300 miles during the afternoon hours, particularly when conditions are HIGH NORMAL, or better.

Equinoctial Propagation

The fall, or autumnal equinox will occur on September 22. This is the day

on which the sun will cross the plane of the earth's equator as it appears to travel from northern to southern skies. On this day the hours of daylight and darkness are equal in length throughout the world. Sunrise should take place at approximately 6 a.m. local time and sunset at about 6 p.m. local time, no matter where you are in the world.

The effects of the equinox are felt on h.f. propagation from about mid-September through early October. During this period, the characteristics of the ionosphere are similar over large areas of the world, and this is usually the best time of the year for DX openings between the temperate regions of the northern and southern hemispheres. A similar period occurs during the spring equinox, which is centered on March 21.

Expect considerably more frequent openings from mid-September through early October between the USA and South America, to the South Pacific area and Australasia, to southern Asia, and to southern Africa and Antarctica. Openings to these areas should improve on all bands, but will probably be most noticeable on 20 and 15 meters during the day and on 40 meters at night. These equinoctial-type openings may follow either the *long* or the *short* great circle path. The best times for these openings should be the twilight periods around sunrise and sunset, but they will occur at other times as well.

V.h.f. Ionospheric Openings

Conditions for trans-equatorial, or TE-scatter propagation are expected to peak during the equinoctial period. Six meter openings, and some 2 meter openings as well, should be possible by this propagation mode between the southern tier states and deep South America. The optimum time for TE openings is between 8 and 11 p.m., local time. Openings can last from a few minutes to a few hours, signals can vary between very weak and moderate, with flutter fading almost always present. While TE propagation favors the southern third of the country, during September some 6 meter openings should be possible from most other areas as well.

Although summertime sporadic-E ionization should fall off considerably during September, an occasional 6 meter short-skip opening may still be possible over distances ranging between approximately 1000 and 1300 miles. Best time to check is before noon and again during the early evening.

There is usually an *increase* in auroral activity during the equinoctial period, so expect some fairly frequent 6 and 2 meter auroral-type openings during September and early October. The best times for such openings should coincide with periods of radio storminess on the h.f. bands. Check "Last Minute Fore-

cast" at the beginning of this column for those days during September expected to be BELOW NORMAL or DISTURBED.

No major meteor showers are expected during September, but some minor ones may permit meteor-scatter type openings on the v.h.f. bands from September 19 through the end of the month.

CQ DX Contest Special-1978

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

October 28-29 Phone Section

November 25-26 C.w. Section

As for the past 27 years, next month's *Propagation* column will be devoted to a special, comprehensive forecast which will focus on both sections of the Contest.

For those who desire a more in-depth analysis, a special two-month subscription to MAIL-A-PROP (five issues), covering both sections of the Contest, will

HOW TO USE THE SHORT-SKIP CHARTS

1. In the Short-Skip Chart, the predicted times of openings can be found under the appropriate distance column of a particular Meter band (10 through 160 Meters), as shown in the left hand column of the Chart. For the Alaska and Hawaii Charts the predicted times of openings are found under the appropriate Meter band column (10 through 40 Meters) for a particular geographical region of the continental USA, as shown in the left hand column of the Charts. An * indicates the best time to listen for 80 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 c.w. or 1 kw p.e.p. on sideband. A dipole antenna a quarter-wavelength above ground is assumed for 160 and 80 meters, a half-wave above ground on 40 and 20 meters, and a wavelength above ground on 15 and 10 meters. For each 10 db gain above these reference levels, the *propagation index* will increase by one level; for each 10db loss, it will lower by one level.

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

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CQ Short-Skip Propagation Chart September & October 1978 Local Daylight Savings Time At Path Mid-Point (24-Hour Time)

Band (Meters)	Distance Between Stations (Miles)			
	50-250	250-750	750-1300	1300-2300
10	Nil	10-21 (0-1)	08-10 (1) 10-13 (1-2) 13-15 (1-3) 15-16 (1-2) 16-21 (0-1)	08-10 (1) 10-13 (2) 13-15 (3) 15-16 (2-3) 16-17 (1-2) 17-19 (1) 19-21 (1-0)
15	Nil	08-10 (0-1) 10-15 (0-2) 15-21 (0-1)	08-09 (1) 09-10 (1-2) 10-15 (2-4) 15-17 (1-4) 17-18 (1-3) 18-20 (1-2) 20-21 (1) 21-08 (0-1)	08-09(1) 09-10 (2-3) 10-11 (4-3) 11-17 (4) 17-18 (3) 18-19 (2-3) 19-20 (2) 20-21 (1) 21-08 (1-0)
20	12-14 (0-1) 14-16 (0-2) 16-22 (0-1)	08-09 (0-1) 09-10 (0-2) 10-11 (0-3) 11-12 (0-4) 12-14 (1-4) 14-16 (2-4) 16-18 (1-4) 18-19 (1-3) 19-22 (1-2) 22-08 (0-1)	06-08 (1-2) 08-09 (1-3) 09-10 (2-4) 10-11 (3-4) 11-18 (4) 18-19 (3-4) 19-22 (2-3) 22-00 (1-2) 00-06 (1)	06-08 (2) 08-09 (3) 09-14 (4-2) 14-16 (4-3) 16-19 (4) 19-21 (3-4) 21-22 (3) 22-23 (2-3) 23-00 (2) 00-06 (1)
40	08-10 (1-3) 10-12 (2-4) 12-18 (3-4) 18-19 (2-3) 19-21 (1-2) 21-06 (0-1) 06-08 (0-2)	08-10 (3-4) 10-12 (4-3) 12-16 (4-2) 16-18 (4-3) 18-19 (3-4) 19-21 (2-4) 21-23 (1-4) 23-03 (1-3) 03-06 (1-2) 06-08 (2-3)	08-10 (4-2) 10-12 (3-1) 12-16 (2-1) 16-18 (3-2) 18-19 (4-2) 19-20 (4-3) 20-23 (4) 23-03 (3-4) 03-06 (2-3) 06-08 (3-4)	08-10 (2-1) 10-16 (1-0) 16-18 (2-1) 18-19 (2) 19-20 (3) 20-21 (4-3) 21-03 (4) 03-05 (3-4) 05-06 (3) 06-08 (4-3)

80	07-09 (3-4) 09-12 (4) 12-19 (4-3) 19-23 (4) 23-05 (3-4) 05-07 (2-3)	07-09 (4-2) 09-12 (4-1) 12-17 (3-1) 17-19 (3-2) 19-21 (4-3) 21-05 (4) 05-06 (3-4) 06-07 (3)	07-09 (2-1) 09-17 (1-0) 17-19 (2-1) 19-21 (3-2) 21-22 (4-3) 22-04 (4) 04-06 (4-3) 06-07 (3-2)	07-09 (1) 09-17 (0) 17-19 (1) 19-21 (2) 21-22 (3-2) 22-04 (4-3) 04-06 (3-2) 06-07 (2-1)
160	17-19 (1-0) 19-21 (2-1) 21-06 (4) 06-08 (3-2) 08-10 (2-1) 10-12 (1-0)	18-20 (1-0) 20-21 (1) 21-03 (4-3) 03-06 (3-2) 06-08 (2-1) 08-10 (1-0)	20-21 (1-0) 21-23 (3-1) 23-03 (3) 03-06 (1) 03-06 (2-1) 06-08 (1)	21-23 (1-0) 23-03 (3-2) 03-06 (1) 06-08 (1-0)

ALASKA September & October, 1978 Openings Given GMT

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

HAWAII September & October 1978 Openings Given in Hawaiian Standard Time

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

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

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.

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

September 15-October 15, 1978 Time Zone: EDT (24-Hour Time) EASTERN USA TO:

	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
Western & Central Europe & North Africa	09-11 (1) 11-12 (2) 12-14 (1)	08-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-14 (4) 14-15 (3) 15-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	03-04 (1) 04-06 (2) 06-10 (3) 10-12 (2) 12-15 (3) 15-17 (4) 17-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	18-19 (1) 19-21 (2) 21-23 (3) 23-02 (4) 02-03 (3) 03-04 (2) 04-05 (1) 20-22 (1)* 22-01 (2)* 01-04 (1)*

HOW TO USE THE DX PROPAGATION CHARTS

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

2. The predicted times of openings are found under the appropriate meter band column (15 through 80 Meters) for a particular DX region, as shown in the left hand column of the Charts. An * indicates the best time to listen for 160 meter openings.

3. The propagation index is the number that appears in () after the time of each predicted opening. The index indicates the number of days during the month on which the opening is expected to take place as follows:

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

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

4. Time shown in the Charts are in the 24-hour system, where 00 is midnight; 12 is noon; 01 is 1 A.M., 13 is 1 P.M., etc. Appropriate daylight time is used not GMT. To convert to GMT, add to the times shown in the appropriate chart 7 hours in PDT Zone, 6 hours in MDT Zone, 5 hours in CDT Zone, and 4 hours in EDT Zone. For example, 14 hours in Washington, D.C. is 18 GMT. When it is 20 hours in Los Angeles, it is 03 GMT, etc.

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

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

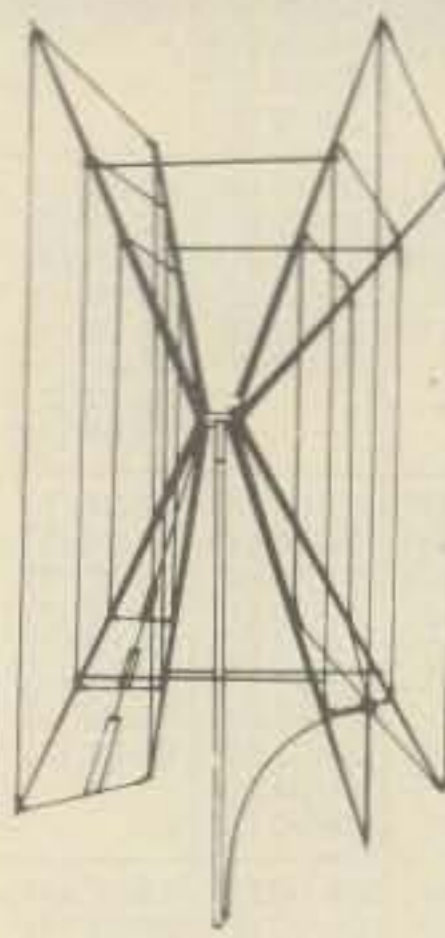
Far East	18-20 (1)	10-12 (1) 16-18 (1) 18-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-10 (2) 10-12 (1) 17-20 (1) 20-22 (2) 22-00 (1)	05-08 (1) 18-19 (1)* 06-07 (1)*
South Pacific & New Zealand	09-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	09-14 (1) 14-18 (2) 18-20 (3) 20-21 (2) 21-22 (1)	08-10 (3) 10-12 (2) 12-20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

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

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

	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
Western & Central Europe & North Africa	09-12 (1)	08-10 (1) 10-11 (2) 11-13 (3) 13-14 (2) 14-16 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-10 (2) 10-13 (1) 13-14 (2) 14-16 (4) 16-17 (3) 17-20 (2) 20-23 (1)	18-20 (1) 20-23 (2) 23-01 (3) 01-02 (2) 02-03 (1) 21-23 (1)* 23-01 (2)* 01-02 (1)*
Northern Europe & European USSR	09-11 (1)	08-10 (1) 10-12 (2) 12-14 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-10 (2) 10-12 (1) 12-13 (2) 13-15 (3) 15-16 (2) 16-18 (1) 22-01 (1)	20-23 (1) 23-01 (2) 01-02 (1) 22-01 (1)*
Eastern Mediteranean & Middle East	10-12 (1)	08-10 (1) 10-13 (2) 13-14 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-15 (1) 15-18 (2) 18-21 (1) 21-23 (2) 23-00 (1)	20-23 (1) 21-23 (1)*
Western Africa	11-13 (1) 13-15 (2) 15-17 (1)	07-10 (1) 10-13 (2) 13-15 (3) 15-17 (4) 17-18 (2) 18-19 (1)	05-06 (1) 06-08 (2) 08-15 (3) 15-17 (2) 17-18 (3) 18-19 (4) 19-22 (3) 22-00 (2) 00-01 (1)	20-23 (1) 23-01 (2) 01-02 (1) 23-01 (1)*
Eastern & Central Africa	12-15 (1)	09-11 (1) 11-15 (2) 15-16 (3) 16-17 (2) 17-18 (1)	13-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-19 (3) 19-21 (2) 21-22 (1)	21-00 (1)
Southern Africa	10-11 (1) 11-13 (2) 13-14 (1)	07-09 (1) 09-12 (2) 12-13 (3) 13-14 (4) 14-15 (3) 15-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	06-08 (2) 06-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-19 (3) 19-21 (2) 21-23 (1) 23-01 (2) 01-02 (1)	20-21 (1) 21-23 (2) 23-01 (1) 21-23 (1)*

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Southeast Asia	10-12 (1) 18-20 (1)	09-11 (1) 14-17 (1) 17-19 (2) 19-21 (1)	06-08 (1) 08-10 (2) 10-13 (1) 16-21 (1) 21-00 (2) 00-02 (1)	05-09 (1)
Far East	17-18 (1) 18-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	10-16 (1) 16-18 (2) 18-20 (3) 20-21 (2) 21-22 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-10 (3) 10-12 (2) 17-21 (1) 21-00 (2) 00-02 (1)	03-05 (1) 05-08 (2) 08-09 (1) 06-08 (1)*
South Pacific & New Zealand	13-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	09-13 (1) 13-17 (2) 17-19 (4) 19-20 (3) 20-21 (2) 21-23 (1)	07-08 (2) 08-11 (3) 11-13 (2) 13-18 (1) 18-20 (2) 20-22 (3) 22-00 (4) 00-01 (3) 00-03 (2) 03-07 (1)	00-01 (1) 01-06 (3) 06-08 (4) 08-09 (2) 09-10 (1) 02-04 (1)* 04-07 (2)* 07-08 (1)*
Australasia	14-16 (1) 16-18 (2) 18-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	09-11 (1) 13-17 (1) 17-19 (2) 19-20 (3) 20-21 (2) 21-22 (1)	16-18 (2) 18-21 (1) 21-23 (2) 23-03 (3) 03-04 (2) 04-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-11 (3) 11-13 (2) 13-16 (1)	02-03 (1) 03-05 (2) 05-07 (3) 07-08 (2) 08-09 (1) 05-06 (1)* 06-07 (2)* 07-08 (1)*
Caribbean, Central America & Northern Countries of South America	09-10 (1) 10-11 (2) 11-13 (3) 13-16 (4) 16-18 (2) 18-19 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-10 (2) 10-13 (3) 13-17 (4) 17-18 (3) 18-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	07-10 (4) 10-12 (3) 12-15 (2) 15-17 (3) 17-22 (4) 22-01 (3) 01-03 (2) 03-05 (1) 05-07 (2)	19-20 (1) 20-21 (2) 21-01 (3) 01-05 (4) 05-06 (3) 06-07 (2) 07-08 (1) 20-23 (1)* 23-05 (2)* 05-06 (1)*
Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil, Chile, Argentina & Uruguay	09-10 (1) 10-13 (2) 13-15 (3) 15-17 (4) 17-18 (2) 18-19 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-11 (3) 11-15 (2) 15-16 (3) 16-19 (4) 19-20 (3) 20-21 (2) 21-22 (1)	04-08 (1) 08-10 (2) 10-16 (1) 16-18 (2) 18-20 (3) 20-23 (4) 23-02 (3) 02-04 (2)	21-00 (1) 00-04 (2) 04-06 (1) 01-05 (1)*
McMurdo Sound, Antarctica	15-18 (1)	11-16 (1) 16-18 (2) 18-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	08-09 (1) 17-19 (1) 19-20 (2) 20-23 (3) 23-00 (2) 00-03 (2)	00-03 (1) 03-05 (2) 05-07 (1) 04-06 (1)*
Time Zone: PDT (24-Hour Time) WESTERN USA TO:				
Western Europe & North Africa	09-11 (1)	08-09 (1) 09-12 (2) 12-14 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-10 (2) 10-13 (1) 13-14 (2) 14-16 (3) 16-17 (2) 17-19 (1)	20-21 (1) 21-23 (2) 23-00 (1) 21-23 (1)*
Central & Northern Europe & European USSR	Nil	08-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-13 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-12 (1) 12-14 (2) 14-16 (2) 21-23 (1)	20-00 (1) 20-22 (1)*
Eastern Mediteranean & Middle East	Nil	08-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-12 (1) 20-22 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-10 (2) 10-13 (1) 13-15 (2) 15-16 (1) 19-20 (1) 20-22 (2) 22-23 (1)	20-23 (1)
Western & Central Africa	11-12 (1) 12-14 (2) 14-15 (1)	08-10 (1) 10-13 (2) 13-16 (3) 16-17 (2) 17-18 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 14-15 (2) 15-16 (3) 16-18 (4) 18-20 (3) 20-22 (2) 22-00 (1)	21-00 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-14 (1) 14-15 (2) 15-16 (3) 16-18 (4) 18-20 (3) 20-22 (2) 22-00 (1)
Eastern Africa	11-14 (1)	10-13 (1) 13-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	07-09 (1) 12-15 (1) 15-19 (2) 19-21 (1)	20-22 (1)
Southern Africa	10-13 (1)	07-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-13 (3) 13-15 (2) 15-16 (1)	05-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-10 (1) 12-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-18 (3) 18-19 (2) 19-22 (1) 22-00 (2) 00-01 (1)	19-22 (1)
Central & South Asia	17-19 (1)	08-11 (1) 16-17 (1) 17-19 (2) 19-21 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-11 (2) 11-13 (1) 17-19 (1) 19-21 (2) 21-23 (1)	06-08 (1) 19-21 (1)
Southeast Asia	16-19 (1)	10-11 (1) 11-13 (2) 17-19 (3) 16-18 (2) 18-21 (1)	05-07 (1) 07-09 (3) 09-11 (2) 11-12 (1) 21-23 (1) 23-01 (2) 01-02 (1)	01-03 (1) 03-06 (2) 06-08 (1) 03-06 (1)*
Far East	16-17 (1) 17-18 (2) 18-19 (1)	14-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-09 (2) 09-10 (4) 10-13 (3) 13-15 (2) 15-20 (1) 20-22 (2) 22-00 (3) 00-01 (2) 01-03 (1)	01-03 (1) 03-07 (2) 07-08 (3) 08-09 (1) 03-05 (1)* 05-07 (2)* 07-08 (1)*
South Pacific & New Zealand	11-13 (1) 13-15 (2) 15-17 (3) 17-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	09-11 (1) 11-13 (3) 13-17 (2) 17-19 (3) 19-21 (4) 21-22 (3) 22-23 (2) 23-01 (1)	13-19 (1) 19-21 (2) 21-23 (3) 23-01 (4) 01-03 (3) 03-05 (2) 05-06 (1) 06-07 (2) 07-09 (3) 09-13 (2)	21-22 (1) 22-23 (2) 23-00 (3) 00-05 (4) 05-07 (3) 07-08 (2) 08-09 (1) 23-02 (1)* 02-06 (2)* 06-07 (1)*
Australasia	14-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	08-10 (1) 13-17 (1) 17-19 (2) 19-21 (3) 21-22 (2) 22-23 (1)	19-21 (1) 21-23 (2) 23-01 (4) 01-03 (3) 03-05 (2) 07-08 (2) 08-10 (3) 10-12 (2) 12-13 (1)	01-02 (1) 02-03 (2) 03-06 (3) 06-08 (2) 08-09 (1) 02-04 (1)* 04-06 (2)* 06-07 (1)*
Caribbean, Central America & Northern Countries of South America	09-10 (1) 10-11 (2) 11-13 (3) 13-15 (4) 15-16 (3) 16-17 (2) 17-18 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-10 (3) 10-12 (2) 12-15 (3) 15-17 (4) 17-18 (3) 18-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	06-08 (4) 08-10 (3) 10-15 (2) 15-17 (3) 17-23 (4) 23-01 (3) 01-03 (2) 03-05 (1) 05-06 (2)	19-21 (1) 21-02 (3) 02-04 (2) 04-07 (1) 20-22 (1)* 22-03 (2)* 03-05 (1)*
Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, & Uruguay	09-10 (1) 10-12 (2) 12-14 (3) 14-16 (4) 16-17 (3) 17-18 (2)	07-08 (1) 08-09 (2) 09-13 (1) 13-15 (2) 15-16 (3) 16-19 (4) 19-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	06-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-19 (3) 19-23 (4) 23-01 (3) 01-06 (2)	21-23 (1) 23-02 (2) 02-04 (1) 00-03 (1)*
McMurdo Sound, Antarctica	14-18 (1)	11-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	08-10 (1) 17-19 (1) 19-20 (2) 20-23 (3) 23-01 (2) 01-03 (1)	01-03 (1) 03-05 (2) 05-07 (1) 03-06 (1)*

Contest Calendar

News/views of on-the-air competition

There will be no changes in the rules of this year's World Wide DX Contest. They are the same as in previous years with one addition. By popular demand we have added a QRPp section similar to the one used in the WPX SSB Contest last March.

Output power must not exceed 5 watts, and competition will be only with other QRPp stations. Besides the usual certificates we hope to have a Trophy for the overall winner.

We found it impossible to run the rules in this month's issue. The c.w. results of the '77 Contest, another record breaker, has crowded us right out of this issue. We will run the usual detailed copy of the rules next month. Advance copies will be sent to overseas clubs and publications.

Yes, Bernie! As mentioned in last month's Column, we are finally going to have a WPX C.W. Contest, May 26th and 27th in the coming year, the last week-end of the month. Bernie Welch, W8IMZ and his committee will also handle this one.

Rules will be the same as those now being used in the WPX SSB Contest. The 36 hour out of the 48 hour operating time will be retained as will the double QSO point value for 40, 80 and 160 meter contacts. The multiplier will be determined of course by the number of different prefixes worked and counted *only once* (not per band).

And there will be trophies, some having already been donated. However, we are open for more donors. Anyone wishing to donate a trophy for a particular area or category should contact me for availability and details.

So you can start spreading the word, especially to overseas areas, of the coming big event the last week-end of May. It's going to be a good one.

73 for now, Frank, W1WY

Ohio QSO Party

Saturday, Aug. 26 & Sunday, Aug. 27
Noon to 10 PM EDT each day.

The Farout A.R.C. will be handling this year's party. The same station may be worked on eachband and mode, and

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Calendar of Events

Aug.	26-27	Ohio QSO Party
Sept.	2-4	FOUR Land QSO Party
Sept.	9-10	ARRL VHF QSO Party
Sept.	9-10	Pennsylvania QSO Party
*Sept.	9-10	European Phone Contest
**Sept.	10	North American CW Sprint
Sept.	13-15	YLRL "Howdy Days"
Sept.	16-17	Scandinavian CW Contest
Sept.	16-18	Maryland/DC QSO Party
Sept.	16-18	Wash. State QSO Party
Sept.	23-24	Delta QSO Party
Sept.	23-24	Scandinavian Phone
Sept.	24-25	Classic Radio Exchange
Oct.	7-9	ARCI QRP QSO Party
Oct.	7-8	VK/ZL/Oceania RTTY
Oct.	7-8	VK/ZL/Oceania Phone
Oct.	14-15	VK/ZL/Oceania C.W.
Oct.	14-15	RSGB 21/28 MHz Phone
Oct.	14-16	Manitoba QSOHParty
Oct.	15-16	Boy Scouts Jamboree
Oct.	21-22	RSGB 7 MHz SSB Contest
Oct.	28-29	CQ WW DX Phone Contest
Nov.	4-5	RSGB 7 MHz CW Contest
Nov.	4-5	ARRL CW Sweepstakes
Nov.	18-19	ARRL Phone Sweepstakes
Nov.	25-26	CQ WW DX C.W. Contest

* Covered last month

** See July Calendar

Ohio stations may also contact other in-state stations.

Exchange: QSO no., and QTH. County for Ohio, state or province for others.

Scoring: Ohio stations multiply total QSOs by number of states, provinces and Ohio counties worked. Out-of-state stations multiply their QSOs by Ohio counties worked. (max. of 88)

Frequencies: C.W. — 50kHz. up from low edge of each band. SSB — 5 kHz. in from low edge of General portion of each phone band.

Awards: Certificates to each state, province and Ohio county winner. Special awards to top Ohio, out-of-state and mobile scores.

Multi-multi operation not eligible for awards.

A summary sheet showing the scoring, a check sheet for each band and mode, and the usual signed declaration is requested. Include a s.a.s.e. for a copy of the results.

All entries must be postmarked no later than September 15th and go to: Farout A.R.C., Att: Frank Stillwell, WB80FR, 5326 Brainard Drive, Kettering, Ohio 45440

Four Land QSO Party

Starts: 1800 GMT Sat. September 2
Ends: 0200 GMT Mon, September 4

This is the 9th annual party sponsored by the 4th Call District A.R.A. of the I.A.R.S.

The same station may be worked on each band and mode and again if operating portable or mobile 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.

Scoring: 4th call area — One point for W/VE contacts, 3 points if it's DX. (Including KH6 & KL7) Final score, total QSO points times the states and VE provinces worked. (counted once only)

All other - Two points for each 4th district QSO times the total 4th area states and 4th area counties worked. (Also counted once only)

Frequencies: C.W. - 3575, 7060, 14070, 21090, 28090. Phone - 3940, 7260, 14340, 21360, 28,600. Novice - 3710, 7110, 21110, 28110.

Awards: Certificates to the top scor-



Inaki Alcorta, EA2IA one of the top European contesters. He operates both modes but c.w. is his forte. To prove the point Inaki won the W3AU European All Band C.W. Trophy in the 1975 CQ World Wide DX Contest. That should make a nice addition to his already attractive display of Trophies.

1977 VK/ZL/Oceania Results

Phone	C.W.
LU1BAR/W3	WA1QNF
N3RL	W2LW
N4MM	W2FCR
W5OB	W3TV
W6HX	W4MM
W8YA	W5SOD
K8VIR	W5OB
W9SS	N6JM
K9AB	W7IR
K9IL	W7JKA
WB2FVF/Ø	K9AB
KH6IJ	KØFX

ers in each state, VE province and DX country, 2nd and 3rd place when warranted. Also county awards to 4th call area states. Special awards to Novices, s.w.l. and B/H (Blind and handicapped). There are also High Honor Awards to the leaders in four land, outside the 4th district and VEs and DX.

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

Pennsylvania QSO Party

Starts: 1700 GMT Sat. September 9
Ends: 2359 GMT Sun. September 10

This is the 21st annual party sponsored by the Nittany A.R.C. The same station may be worked on each band and mode for QSO points. Pennsylvania stations may also make in-state contacts for QSO and multiplier credit.

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

Scoring: For Pennsylvania - 3 points for out-of-state contacts, 1 point for in-state. Multiply total by ARRL sections worked. (inc. EPa. & WPa.) Also a multiplier of 1 may be taken for DX, but 1 only regardless of DX worked.

For Others - 1 point for each Pennsylvania contact, multiply total by Pennsylvania counties worked. (max. of 67)

Frequencies: C.W. - 1810, 3550, 7050, 14050, 21050, 28050. Phone - 1815, 3980, 7280, 14315, 21380, 28560, Novice - 3715, 7160, 21115, 28115.

Awards: Certificates to section winners, and to outstanding Pennsylvania entries. (minimum of 10 QSOs)

Look for "super-activity" on Saturday evening at 8PM local time and again at 1 PM on Sunday.

Include a summary sheet with your entry showing the scoring, equipment description and other interesting information. A check list of counties worked is also required. Include a s.a.s.e. if copy of results is desired.

Mailing deadline is October 15th to: Douglas R. Maddox, W3HDH, 1187 S.

Garner St., State College, PA 16801.

Scandinavian Activity Contest

C.W. - Sept. 16 - 17 Phone - Sept. 23 - 24
Starts: 1500 GMT Saturday
Ends: 1800 GMT Sunday

It's the world working the Scandinavians in this the 20th S.A.C. The same station may be worked once on each band, 3.5 thru 28 MHz., for QSO and multiplier credit. Phone and c.w. are separate contests.

The prefixes used in Scandinavia are: LA/LB/LG/LJ Norway, JW Svalbard & Bear Is., JX Jan Mayen, OF/OG/OH/OI Finland, OHØ Aaland Is., OJØ Market Reef, OX Greenland, OY Faroe Is., OZ Denmark, SJ/SK/SL/SM Sweden.

Classes: Single operator and multi-operator, both single and multi transmitter. Multi operator stations must use a separate series of serial numbers for each band. Club stations are considered multi-operator.

Exchange: RS(T) plus a QSO number starting with 001.

Points: European contacts count 1 point for each QSO on any band.

DX contacts are 1 point for QSOs on 14, 21 and 28 MHz., 3 points if on 7 or 3.5 MHz.

Multiplier: Each call area in the above list of Scandinavian countries worked on each band. (LA1, LB1, LJ1 are in same call area, as are SM3, SK3, SL3) Portable stations in Denmark or Norway count as the 10th area. OHØ is the 10th area for Finland, and OJØ is also separate.

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

Awards: Certificates to the highest scoring stations in each class, both phone and c.w., in each country and each U.S. call area.

Use a separate log sheet for each band. Include a summary sheet showing the scoring, your name and address in BLOCK LETTERS, and a signed declaration that all rules and regulations have been observed.

The usual disqualification criteria will be observed and strictly enforced.

Mailing deadline for entries is October 15th. This year your logs go to: EDR Contest Manager, Lief Ottosen, OZ1LO, Bankevejen 12, Kong, DK 4750 Lundby, Denmark.

Maryland/D.C. QSO Party

Starts: 2300 GMT Sat., September 16
Ends: 0100 GMT Mon., September 18

This is the 13th annual party sponsored by the Maydale A.R.S. The same station may be worked on each band and mode for QSO points as well as a band multiplier.

Exchange: QSO no., RS(T) and QTH. Country for Md./D.C., (Baltimore and Washington are independent cities) and ARRL section or country for others.

Scoring: Two points for each QSO. Md./D.C. use ARRL sections and countries worked on each band for their multiplier. Others use Maryland counties and Independent cities worked on each band. (max. of 26 per band.)

Frequencies: Use all bands including Oscar. On c.w. 75 kHz. up from low end of each band on even hours. On phone 25 kHz. in from low end of each phone section on odd hours. Try 10 and 15 on the half hour.

Awards: Certificates to the top scorers in each ARRL section, Maryland county and independent city, and in each country, both on phone and c.w. (min. of 1000 points for Md./D.C. and 250 points for all others.)

Plaques for top combined phone/c.w. scores in Md./D.C., stations outside the Md./D.C. area, and Mobiles with a minimum of 10 contacts from each county and independent city.

Use a separate log for each band and mode, and a summary sheet showing the scoring, name and address in block letters, and a signed declaration that all rules and regulations have been observed.

Mailing deadline is October 15th to: Maydale A.R.S., c/o C. E. Andersen, W3XE, 14601 Claude Lane, Silver Spring, Md. 20904

Washington State QSO Party

Three Periods GMT
0100 to 0700 Saturday, September 16
1300 to 0700 Sunday, September 17
1300 to 0100 Sun./Mon. Sept. 17/18

This is the 13th annual party sponsored by the Boeing Employees ARS (BEARS). The same station may be worked on each band and mode, and again if it's a new multiplier. Washington stations may work other in-state stations for QSO points.

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

Scoring: For Wash. - Two points per QSO, multiply total by number of states,

VE provinces and DX countries worked.

For Others - Two points for each Wash. QSO, multiply total by number of Wash. counties worked. (max. of 39) There is a multiplier of 1 for each group of 8 contacts with the same Washington county.

Frequencies: C.W. - 1805, 3560, 7060, 14060, 21060, 28160. Phone - 1815, 3925, 7260, 14305, 21380, 28580. Novice - 3725, 7125, 21150, 28160.

Awards: Certificates to the top scorers, both single and multi-operator, in each state, VE province, DX country and Wash. county. Additional awards where warranted. The Worked Five Bears Award is available to anyone working five club members, before, during or after the party. The Worked Three Cubs Award is available for working three Novice members.

Include a check sheet with your entry if you have 100 or more contacts. Results will be mailed to all entries, no s.a.s.e. required.

Mailing deadline is October 18th to: Boeing Employees A.R.S. Contest Committee. Att: Willis D. Propst, K7RS, 18415 39th Ave. South, Seattle, WA 98188

Delta QSO Party

Starts: 1800 GMT Sat. September 23
Ends: 2400 GMT Sun. September 24

This is the 9th annual QSO Party sponsored by the Delta Division of the ARRL. Delta stations (Ark., La., Miss., Tenn.) may work stations both in and outside their boundaries, others only Delta stations. The same stations may be worked on each band and mode, and portable and mobiles in each county change.

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

Scoring: For Delta - Total number of QSOs multiplied by the ARRL sections worked. (max. of 75)

Outside Delta - Total QSOs multiplied by the Delta counties worked. (max. of 316) DX stations may be worked but for QSO points only. They have no multiplier value.

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

Certificate Awards:

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

B. Delta: To the 3 highest scoring stations in each of the 4 Delta states, 4th and 5th place awards if warranted.

C. Others: To the highest scoring station in each ARRL section and in each country, 2nd and 3rd place awards if warranted.

D. Plaques: To the Top scorers in and outside the Delta division. Top portable

and mobile Delta station. Highest scoring Delta Club station.

Mailing deadline for logs is October 21st. To: Malcolm P. Keown, W5RUB, 213 Moonmist, Vicksburg, Miss. 39180.

Classic Radio Exchange

Starts: 1800 GMT Sunday, Sept. 24
Ends: 0100 GMT Monday, Sept. 25

This is the Fall edition of this unusual activity sponsored by the Southeast A. R. C.

The object is to restore, operate and enjoy older equipment with like-minded

amateurs. A Classic Radio is any piece of equipment built since 1945 but at least 10 years old. (An advantage but not required to enter).

The same station may be worked on each band and mode and with different equipment combinations, but no a.m. phone below 21 MHz. (Non-contestants may also be worked).

Exchange: Name, RS(T), state, province or DX country, receiver and transmitter type. (i.e.: home brew, 807 final and etc.) Also any other interesting information.

Scoring: Add the number of different



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transmitters and receivers, states, provinces and DX countries worked on each band. Multiply by number of QSO's made. Multiply that total by the Classic multiplier. (Total years old of all transmitters and receivers used. Minimum of 3 QSO's per unit.) Multiply years old by 2 if it's a transceiver.

Frequencies: C.W.—60 kHz. from low edge of each band. Phone — 3910, 7280, 14280, 21380, 28580. Novice/Technicians—3720, 7120, 21120, 28120.

Awards: Certificates to the highest scorers, longest DX, most equipment combinations, oldest equipment, and "unusual achievement."

Send logs with comments, pictures, anecdotes and etc. to: Stu Stephens, K8SJ, 2386 Queenston Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118. Include s.a.s.e. for Newsletter.

YLRL Howdy Days

Starts: 1800 GMT Wed. September 13
Ends: 1800 GMT Fri. September 15

This activity is for YLs and scores will be based on contacts between YLs only. All bands and modes may be used. However crossband and Net contacts do not count, and only one contact with the same station is permitted regardless of the band.

Score 2 points for each YLRL member worked, and 1 point if it's with a non-member. There is no multiplier, just add the QSO points.

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

Logs must be received by October 16th and go to: Phyllis Shanks, W2GLB, 3 Honey Lane West, Miller Place, NY 11764.

Novice (from page 60)

This completes the first part of the three part grounding article. Each of the three parts contains information that is useful without the remaining parts but it is hoped that the entire article will be read to obtain maximum benefit.

Although Novice licenses are now being issued for five year terms and are now renewable, they are not automatically extended past the printed expiration date shown on the license. Novice license renewal is no different than renewal of any other class of amateur radio license. If your Novice license is about to expire, submit your renewal application within the last 90 days of the present license term. If you request renewal 30 to 90 days prior to the expiration date, you are allowed to continue operating even if your renewed license has not been received by the expiration

date. In this case, your old (expired) license and a copy of your form 610 renewal application serve as your temporary authorization for continued operation. If you do not apply for renewal at least 30 days before the license expires, you are off the air, (when it expires) until the renewal license is received. Any Novice whose license expired within the last year can submit an application for license renewal and obtain five more years of Novice operating privileges without examination.

I have been fortunate enough to recently contact the following stations in the Novice bands:

WB1HIH Dick @ Williamstown, Mass.,
WA2JXC Jerry @ Rochester, N. Y.,
WB3KNP Roger @ Erie, Penn.,
WD4RWG @ Thomasville, Al.,
WD5FJW Ron @ Midlothian, Texas,
WD6FYG Mike @ Sherman Oaks, Cal.,
WB7PVL Don @ Orofino, Idaho,
WD8KPO Derald @ Canton, Ohio,
WB9WPR Cliff @ Kankakee, Ill.,
WB0PVW Ed @ Kansas City, Kansas

Novices are urged to submit good black-and-white pictures of themselves at their operating positions. If your photograph is printed in a future Novice column, you will receive a one year subscription (or renewal) to CQ. A brief description of operating activities and some personal background information are needed with your picture.

73, Bill, W6DDB

DX (from page 71)

QSL Information

A2CAB—Via WA2LOR
A4XGB—To W4CTQ
A6XB—c/o K1DRN
A9XCA—Via W2GHK
A9XCS—To K4CG
A9XK—c/o K2NJ
AP2HQ—Via N9AR
C21AU—To WA6AHF
C5AAF—c/o WB4ZNH
CT1FL—Via W3HNC
CT2SH—To W3HNC
DA1BD—c/o W8IMZ,
7735 Redbank Lane,
Dayton, OH 45424
DA4CC (March 25-26,
1978 only)—Via W8IMZ
DU6AH and DU6RH—To
W7PHI
EA6BG—c/o W4JVU
EA8CR—Via K9KXA
EA8QR—To W2HNC
EL2EV—c/o W3HNC
EL2T—Via K4BAI
EL5F—To WD9GHS,
4002 Beasley Drive,
Bloomington, IN 47401
EP2DE—c/o K2RW
EP2LI—To WA4PYF,
2760 Davidson Drive,
Lithonia, GA 30058
FG0CSC—Via WA6VNA
FH0FF—To WA4CWG
FP0BG—c/o VE1AIH
FP0LK—Via VE1ASJ
GU5BYY—To N5RM
HC8EE—c/o WA8TDY
H8LAP—Via W3HNC
HZ1TA—To W4UL
J3AO and J3AP—c/o
W4YHE
JY9EC—Via K4IZE
K9AX/DU2—c/o
WB4OSN

KC4AAB, KC4AAD and
KC4AAE—To
WB6MAB
KP4KD and KP4RF—c/o
W3HNC
OY1A—Via W6TCQ
OY1R—To W2KF
OY3H—c/o W3HNC
OY5J—Via WA3HUP
PY0FN—To WA3HUP
VE1AJC/SU—c/o VE1AIZ
VE7CQX/SU—Via VE1RU
TR8AC—To WB4RZM
TU2AK—c/o W6VZA
VK9NK—Via W6EDN
VP1CK—To W2BKG
VP2EM—c/o W3HNC
VP2GS—Via W4HOO
VP2KN—To W7OK
VP2LEU (Jan. 31 - Feb. 7,
1978)—c/o K6SVL,
28403 Covecrest Drive,
Rancho Palos Verdes,
CA 90274
VP2SDR—Via K6SDR
VP2VDQ—To W3HNC
VP2VEN—c/o K5GOE/6,
Woody Charlton, 515
Curtis St., Albany, CA
94706
WP4BDL—Via KP4AM
YI1BDG—c/o YU1NZV
YS1GMV and
YS1JWD—To W3HNC
ZB2G—c/o K2FJ
ZE4JS—Via W3HNC
ZK1CY—To W6KNH
ZL4LR/A—c/o Bill Barr,
N4NX (ex-K4KZP), 305
Alpine St., Roswell, GA
30075
ZP1XR—Via W7VRO
ZP5CD—To W3HNC

3D6BD—c/o K1AGB
4X4UH—Via W3HNC
7X5AB—To W2KF
8P6FV—c/o W3HNC
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By the time you read this, I hope and pray that all our sick County Hunter friends will be feeling better and back on the Nets. How was your Month?

73, Ed., W2GT.

Math's Notes (from page 63)

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73, Irwin Math, WA2NDM

Zero Bias (from page 5)

sure beats the alternative. If we look at amateur radio as only a refuge from the outside world and its pressures, a pleasant pastime to relieve our cares of the day then we relegate it to a "never-never" land of egocentric fantasy.

What may evolve for 220 MHz. is anybody's guess. Perhaps there might be some sort of use on a shared basis, amateur and CB. Perhaps the Communicator Class will be installed here, again on a shared basis. Perhaps the entire package will be turned over for CB use exclusively. Whatever the changes may be, they will require funding and that's another hurdle. One personal hurdle to overcome is that this is not a form of punishment but an example of what is

good for the "greatest numbers", and for too long relied on de facto representation from Newington to air our voice in Washington. Neither fact worked towards enhancing the amateur position.

Amateur radio is growing, not only here but around the world. The type and quality may be alien to some of us who might prefer "the good old days" but it is the shape of things to come. Hopefully the amateurs of this generation will adopt a "get involved" attitude and question ineffective leadership and seek means for redress and input to and from the system. Perhaps as a start, we should look at ways of eliminating the appointment methods used in selecting FCC Commissioners and institute a system of either competitive examinations and/or engineering background requirements. The job and responsibility calls for more than just a political "payoff" from the party in favor. What do you think?

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"Happy Birthday Good Buddy"

For those of you who monitor the calendar and Almanacs to spot obscure holidays hoping for either a day off from work or some witty trivia to toss out at the office, September marks the 20th anniversary of the Citizen Band Service. Specifically the date to circle is September 11, 1958, for on that date FCC Docket 11994 (released in 1957) came into effect. September 11, 1958 was the first "on-the-air" day for the CB Service.

A lot has happened in the past 20 years to mold and shape what we call CB and it looks like more changes are in the offing. The remarkable growth in the past few years may only be the tip of the iceberg if and when 220 MHz. becomes available. It is somewhat unrealistic to espouse a similar growth potential for amateur radio but amateur radio is in fact growing. We need a "shot-in-the-arm" in terms of large numbers of licenses to remain a viable asset to the Government. It is not unrealistic therefore to think in terms of a future "Com-

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municator Class" license for amateur radio to provide those large numbers we sorely need. It will be brought up again, it will be argued bitterly from many points of view and in all likelihood it will come to be. Just as the dire predictions cast before the adoption of the Novice license proved to be false, and a new era was introduced to amateur radio, so I hope and expect that a similar bounty can happen to amateur radio by enlarging our ranks dramatically at this time rather than waiting to see what happens.

73, Alan, K2EEK

Announcements (from page 6)

● **Norfolk, VA** — The Tidewater Radio Conventions, Inc., would like to announce their Hamfest, Computer Show, and Flea Market to be held on September 23 and 24, 1978, from 0900 to 1800. Over 60,000 sq. ft. of indoor exhibit and flea market space will be available. Tailgating will be \$5 a day, \$7.50 for both days which includes general admission. Flea market tables will be \$10.00 a day. Advance admission is \$2.50, \$3.50 at the door. Talk-in, W4NV 146.52 and local repeaters. Write: TRCI, P.O. Box 9371, Norfolk, VA 23505, for more information.

● **Ellettsville, IN** — The First Annual Hoosier Back Yard Hamfest, sponsored by WR9AFY, will be held on Sunday, September 10, 1978, at Phoenix Farm, St. Hwy 46 W., at the west city limits of Ellettsville, approx 9 miles west of Bloomington. Time: from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission will be \$1 per person over 12. For advance sales send s.a.s.e. to: CBC, 7391 W. Highway 46, Ellettsville, IN 47429. Talk-in K9KTH, touch tone 7 on WR9AFY, and QSY signs.

● **Arlington Heights, IL** — The Northern Illinois DX Association will host the W9 DXCC Convention on September 9, 1978, at the Arlington Park Hilton. A full program for DXers is planned, including Hugh Vandergrift, WA4WME, of the Clipperton Team. For more details, write: Howie Huntington, K9KM, 75 South Burr Oak Dr., Lake Zurich, IL 60047.

● **Butler, PA** — The Butler County Hamfest, sponsored by the Butler County ARA, will be held on Sunday, September 10, 1978, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Butler County Farm Show Grounds, adjacent to the Butler Roe Airport. Check-ins on 90/30 and 52 simplex. For further info, contact: Cliff, WB3 CDA, Secretary, 107 Randy Dr., Butler, PA 16001 or John, K3HJH.

● **Adrian, MI** — The Adrian Hamfest will be held on September 24, 1978, at the Lenawee County Fairgrounds in Adrian. Tickets are \$1.50 in advance and \$2.00 at the gate. Tables will be \$4.00 for a full table and \$2.00 for a half table. Trunk sales will be \$1.00 per space. For tickets, table reservation and further info, write: Adrian Amateur Radio Club, Inc., P.O. Box 26, Adrian, MI 49221 or phone Bob or Sally, Fay-Sword Enterprises, (517) 265-8016.

● **Mt. Clemens, MI** — The L'Anse Creuse ARC proudly presents its 6th Annual Swap and Shop on September 17, 1978, at the L'Anse Creuse High School in Mt. Clemens. Time: from 0900-1500. There will be prize drawings hourly, and plenty of food and parking. Talk-in on 14769.09 and 146.52. Tickets will be \$1.50 at the door and \$1.00 in advance. Send s.a.s.e. to: WB8ZME, 35751 Dunston, Sterling Hts., MI 48077.

Clipperton (from page 49)

meet the *Phillippa* at the dock to facilitate our unloading operation there. Dr. Caillet also ordered Hugh to fly to the National Burns Center in Hugh's home town of St. Louis because an infection in Hugh's burns could not be treated at sea.

After an evening of sightseeing in the port and the refueling of the yacht, what was left of the Clipperton team started the three-day trek up the coast on the traditionally turbulent waters off Baja California. The mood was a rather somber one because the Clipperton team felt incomplete after the departure of a third of its members and because the difficult passage forced us to lie low to avoid becoming any more seasick than we were. Although Roy had done a good job as cook during our trip, the French could not take much more of the American menus. Olivier and François prepared crêpes and the French staple of steak et frites, which we all enjoyed.

Once again, just as Jeff had predicted we reached San Diego on schedule early on the fourth of April. As the customs officials were trying to decipher the language in the French passports, we could hear the amateurs on the local repeater trying to figure out where we were. When we pulled into our final berth many of the same members of the San Diego DX Club that had been on had to bid us farewell three weeks, 3500 miles and tens of thousands of signal reports before were there to welcome us back to the United States. As we unloaded the equipment and dispersed to the homes of various amateurs in the San Diego area, we unavowedly felt as though we were conquering heroes returning from a successful campaign to recount experiences that one might enjoy only as the result of an unusual journey. At the same time, we felt that we had never left the amateurs who had remained in the United States because we were always with them on the air. The only difference the trip had made on our relationship with the amateurs of the world is that it helped us understand each other better, and

in that sense the distance between us had acutely brought us closer together.

The following evening the eight Frenchmen, all of the American operators except Hugh Vandergrift in St. Louis, and the captain and crew of the *Phillippa* were warmly greeted by a standing-room only crowd of members of the San Diego DX Club. That club feels a special interest in Clipperton because of its support for 1958 FO8AT Clipperton DXpedition. One of the 1958 operators, Bob Bucaro, W6KSJ, was there and asked me whether I felt as he did that Clipperton was a place that one would not want to visit twice for fear of pressing one's luck too far. I had to agree with him, because our DXpedition had been so successful that luck was certainly an element leading to the good results.

During the two-weeks that followed the French and I moved northward first to Los Angeles where we were invited by Dave Morgan, K6DDO, to address the Adventurers Club on the Clipperton DXpedition. Although that club is a non-amateur group, it showed great interest in our experiences because it is difficult to find a more off-the-beaten-track destination than Clipperton. More than one person in our audience came up to me to say that he thought that our expedition had been a real adventure, and that seemed to be a remarkable comment considering the number of places that the club's members have visited.

Jacques, Alain, François and Jacky then moved up the coast with me to attend a meeting of the Northern California DX Club, one of the greatest supporters of the DXpedition and certainly one of the most distinguished DX groups in the world. Doug Murray presented a set of slides from the DXpedition, and as he explained some of the scenes in his witty, crisp manner it was interesting to see the DXpedition from the same vantage point as the audience and to try to realize that it was we who were on the island less than two weeks before.

I wondered what the difference was between my eyes seeing the slides and the eyes of others who could not be there that were seeing the pictures. I concluded that there really was no difference between my reactions to what I saw and anyone else's impression, but there was a difference of view about what could not be seen that evening, the moments of excitement, disappointment, comfort and displeasure that only some one who had planned and executed a DXpedition could understand and that no equivalent of a thousand words could be worth. To those of us who were at Clipperton, the memory of those moments is the most important result of the DXpedition because it will remain with us long after all record of our operation is plowed over by greater efforts and even after our Clipperton QSL cards start to be thrown away.

Following Doug's slide presentation we were able to meet with many of the members of the club, most of whom we had worked many times on the air. Among them were Lloyd and Iris Colvin, W6KG and W6QL, who said that they would have 25 cards for us. Lloyd paid us the supreme compliment of saying that he thought that the FO8AT operation was the greatest DXpedition in history, quite a statement from one of the top DXpeditioners of all time. Geoff Watts wrote the same thing about Clipperton in his *DX News Sheet*, and when two DX Hall of Fame

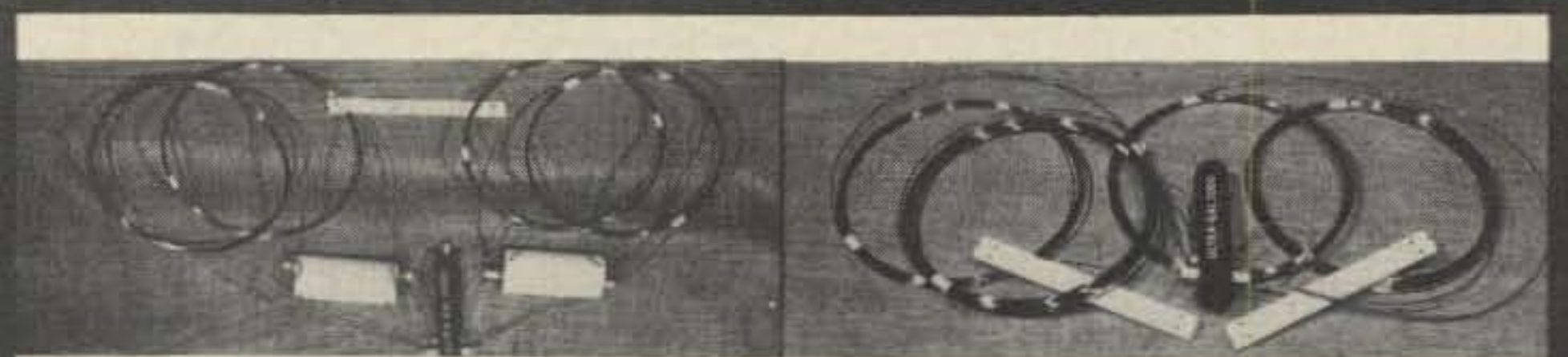
members on opposite sides of the world say that same thing at the same time about your DXpedition, you feel as though you must have done something right.

The following days were spent visiting amateurs in California including Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD, where we saw where he edits and prints the *West Coast DX Bulletin*. Although the French enjoyed their visits with amateurs, it was apparent that since this was their first trip to the United States they saw their travels in the West as much in terms of an adventure as Clipperton. What they were most interested in seeing in America was not the most unusual sights but the most typical places and things in American life. After we went up through Sacramento to the mountains and later to the Lake Tahoe area they seemed impressed with the great variety of climate and scenery they could see in just one of the 50 states. Later, after a visit to Reno and Virginia City Alain, François and Jacques drove separately to Death Valley while Jacky and I returned to Sacramento to sort out the mountains of correspondence that had piled up during the DXpedition. Since my departure for San Diego a month before, over \$3500 in contributions had come in, an amount which helped us meet a portion of the expenses left by the DXpedition.

Although the French were getting very short on cash and time after over a month away from home, I managed to convince them to stay for the International DX Convention which was held this year in Visalia. Although, strictly speaking, the International DX Convention is a regional affair, California has more government-licensed amateurs than any country in the world except the United States itself, and with the "cream" of the California DX crowd normally in attendance there, many amateurs from all parts of the United States and around the world come there each year to give that convention a truly international character.

It was a great pleasure to get the reactions of many of the really "big guns" about our operation from the island and to exchange with them anecdotes from previous experiences gained at a great number of countries of which Clipperton is only one. Lloyd Colvin surprised us once again with a letter that he had discovered in the legendary collection of Colvin QSL cards and DX memorabilia. The letter was written by a prospective amateur in France eight years before who stated that his greatest desire would be to one day operate from Clipperton Island. Although a hundred months had faded the written expression of that dream, we knew that the determination of that one among thousands of shortwave listeners had only been strengthened by the passage of time because this letter was signed by Jacky Billaud.

At the end of a weekend series of DX discussions and presentations it was my pleasure to introduce the four French operators as well as Don, Herb and Doug to that breakfast crowd of many of the best-known personalities in the DX world. It was a novelty to compress into a 15-minute speech the events of an entire year and to address them on a subject that at the same gathering a year before was considered only a distant possibility. One of the most interesting qualities of the DX hobby is that the most unexpected events can take place with little or no notice, and even as I was speaking another "impossible" country, Iraq, was appearing



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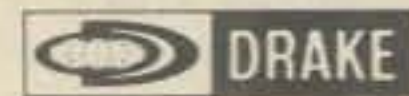
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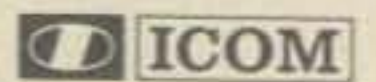
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The dispersal of those attending a DX convention, unlike the end of most of most other reunions, does not leave a feeling of letdown because DX gatherings are only a way of celebrating relationships that continue on the air every day of the year. Immediately following the International DX Convention each of the participants in the Clipperton DXpedition would be home in different cities

to tell in different languages their own versions of the story which we will always share. Although another Clipperton DXpedition is probably some years away, our feeling of comradeship will not allow us to accept that we will not be working on a common goal again.

Was the Clipperton DXpedition the greatest of them all? That only the amateurs of the world can decide. All we know for sure is that we did our best.

At the same time, the Clipperton mission seems difficult to describe without using superlatives. Never before in the history of DXpeditions had such a large group of amateurs come from so many different places and backgrounds to a place so far away with such widespread support to accomplish a single goal. The Clipperton team and its countless friends around the world who were a part of the Clipperton story can be justly proud of a great accomplishment in the greatest of all hobbies.

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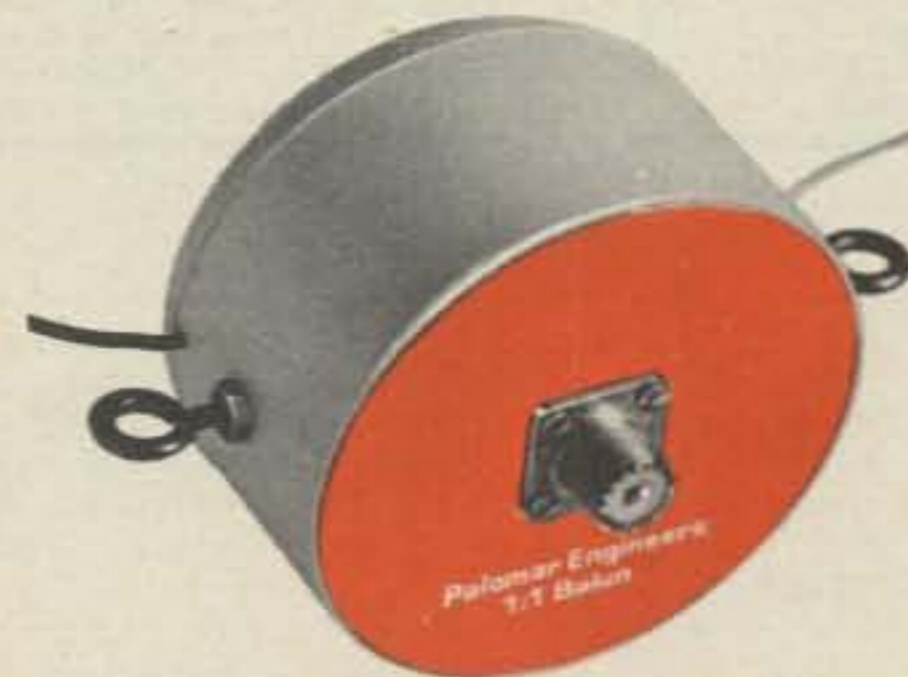
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$$Z_{in} = \lim_{Z_o \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{Z_1 \cosh \gamma s}{Z_1 \sinh \gamma s} \right] = Z_o \coth \gamma s \quad (A3-3)$$

As we are going to limit the use of the equation to the half-wave line, the susceptance will be zero (or the reactance infinite). Under this condition, the input resistance on a series basis will equal the input resistance on a parallel basis which will also equal the reciprocal of the conductance. Mathematically,

$$Z_{in} = R_{s in} = R_{p in} = 1/G_{in} \quad \text{or} \quad G_{in} = \frac{1}{Z_{in}} \quad (A3-4)$$

Since the 821 measures conductance, it is desirable to use conductance. Hence eq. (A3-3) becomes

$$G_{in} = \frac{1}{Z_{in}} = \frac{1}{Z_o \coth \gamma s} = \frac{\tanh \gamma s}{Z_o} \quad (A3-5)$$

In connection with eq. (A3-2) we said γ was a complex number $\gamma = \alpha + j\beta$. Hence eq. (A3-5) becomes

$$G_{in} = \frac{\tanh (\alpha + j\beta)s}{Z_o} \quad (A3-6)$$

From a table of hyperbolic identities, it can be shown that

$$\tanh (a + b) = \frac{\tanh a + \tanh b}{1 + \tanh a \cdot \tanh b}$$

Making this substitution

$$G_{in} = \frac{1}{Z_o} \left[\frac{\tanh \alpha s + \tanh j\beta s}{1 + \tanh \alpha s \tanh j\beta s} \right] \quad (A3-7)$$

$$G_{in} = \frac{1}{Z_o} \left[\frac{\tanh \alpha s + j \tan \beta s}{1 + j \tanh \alpha s \tan \beta s} \right]$$

Since we have limited this equation to a half-wave line, the electrical length will be 180° and the $\tan 180^\circ = 0$. Thus

$$G_{in} = \frac{\tanh \alpha s}{Z_o}$$

If the losses are assumed low, but not zero, αs will be small and we can use the approximation $\tanh \alpha s = \alpha s$ so

$$G_{in} = \frac{\alpha s}{Z_o} \quad \alpha = \frac{G_{in} Z_o}{s} \quad (A3-8)$$

Eq. (A3-8) gives the attenuation in nepers per the same unit of length as s , which is inches in the example I gave in the text. To change nepers to dB, multiply nepers by 8.686. Hence


$$\alpha_{dB/\text{unit length}} = \frac{G_{in} Z_o \cdot 8.686}{s \text{ units of length}} \quad (A3-9)$$

Since transmission line attenuation is usually specified in dB/100 feet and the line length measured in inches, multiply eq. (A3-9) by 1200, as there are 1200 inches per 100 feet. This yields eq. (10) in the text.

$$\alpha_{dB/100 \text{ ft.}} = \frac{G_{in} Z_o \cdot 8.686 \cdot 1200}{s \text{ inches}} \quad (A3-10)$$

If it is desired to have the attenuation in dB per 100 meters and the line length is measured in meters, multiply eq. (A3-9) by 100.

$$\alpha_{dB/100 \text{ m.}} = \frac{G_{in} Z_o \cdot 8.686 \cdot 100}{s \text{ m.}} \quad (A3-11)$$

It is important to remember the restrictions on eq. (A3-10 or 11). These are (1) the length of line, s , must be one-half wavelength, and (2) the losses must be small, $\frac{1}{G_{in}} \leq 5 Z_o$ 

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Antenna Impedance: 50 ohms unbalanced

Repeater Split: 600 KHz installed, any split up to 1 MHz with optional crystal.

Power Requirements: AC 100/110/117/200/234 Volts

DC 13.8 Volts, negative ground

Power Consumption: AC Receive 30 VA

Transmit 160 VA at full output

DC Receive 1.2 Amps Transmit 6.5 Amps

Size: 280mm (W) x 125mm (H) x 315mm (D)

Weight: Approximately 9 kg

Receiver

Sensitivity: SSB/CW 0.3 uV for 10dB S/N

FM 0.35 uV for 20dB QS

AM 1.0 uV for 10dB S/N

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