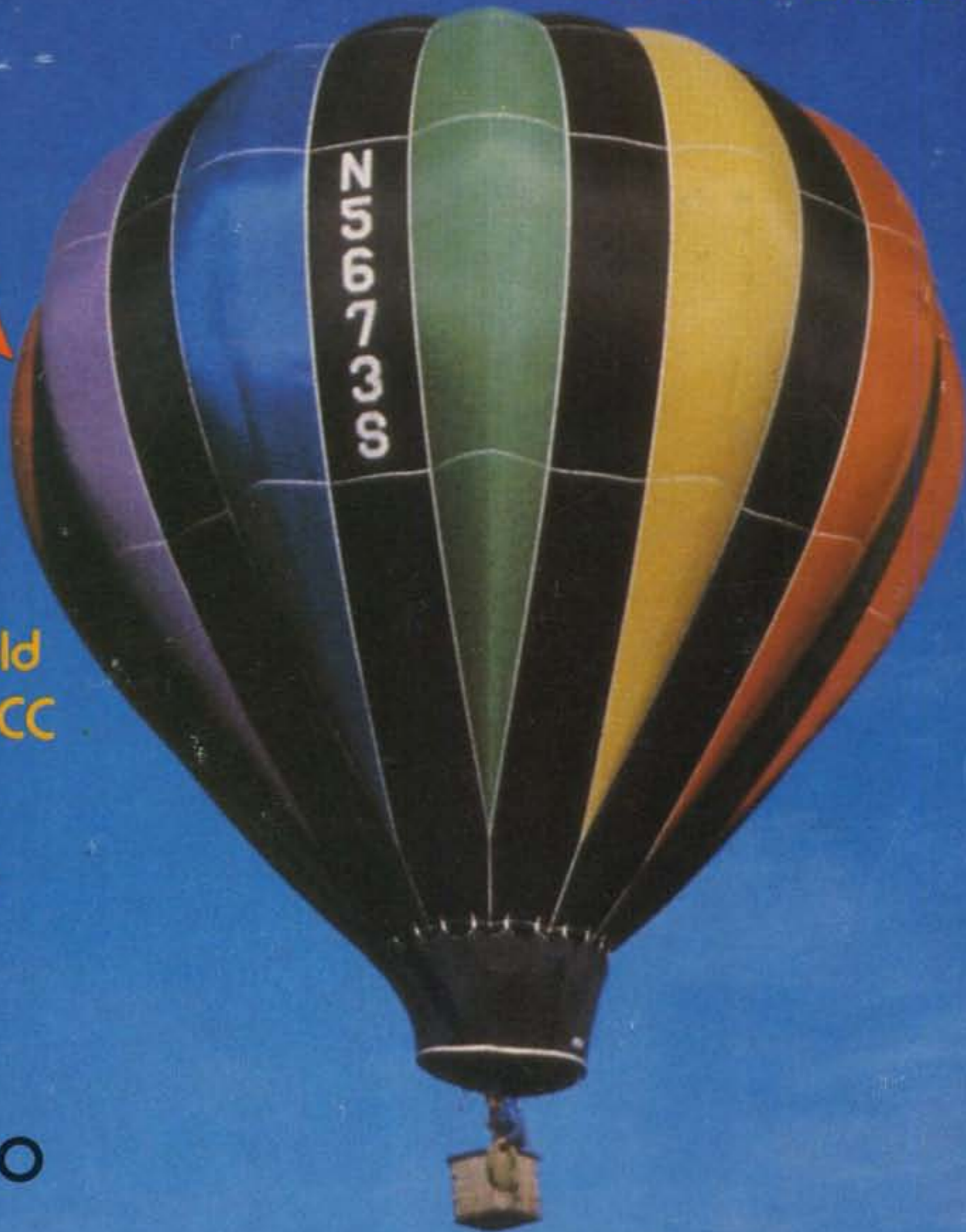


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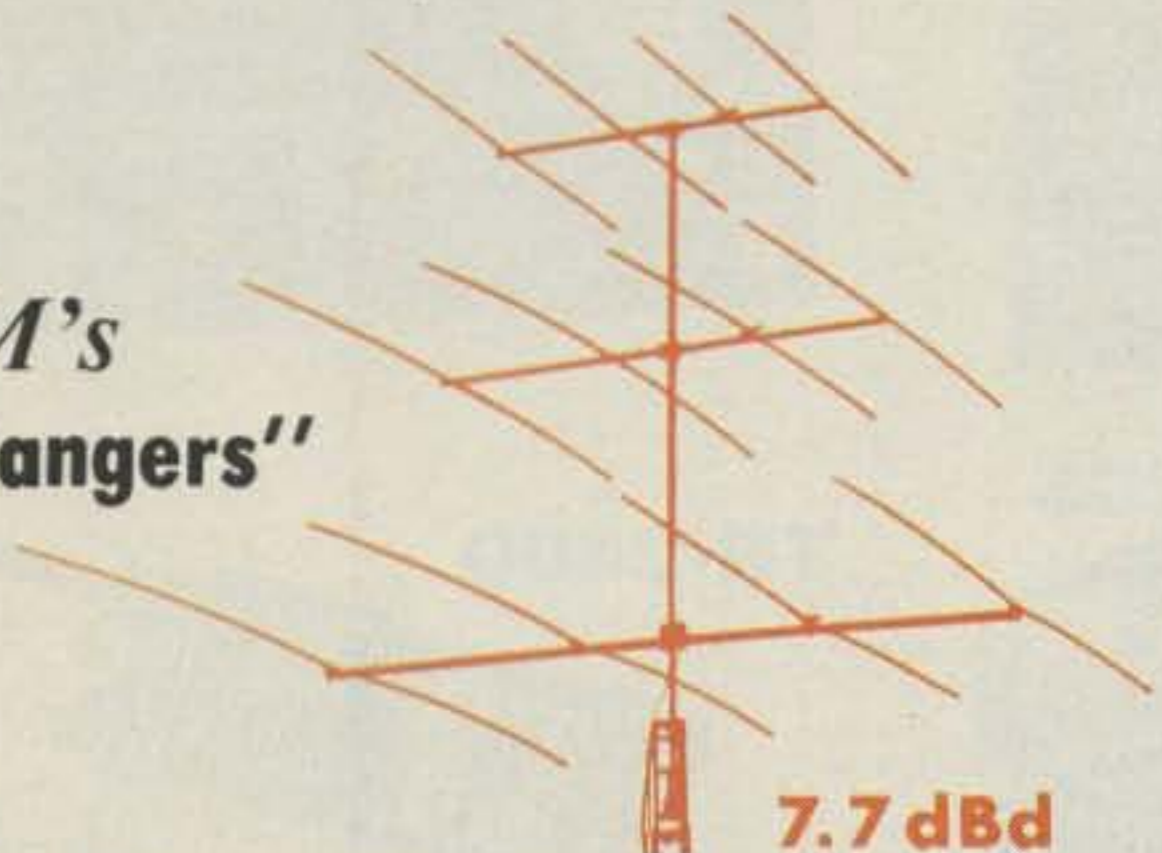
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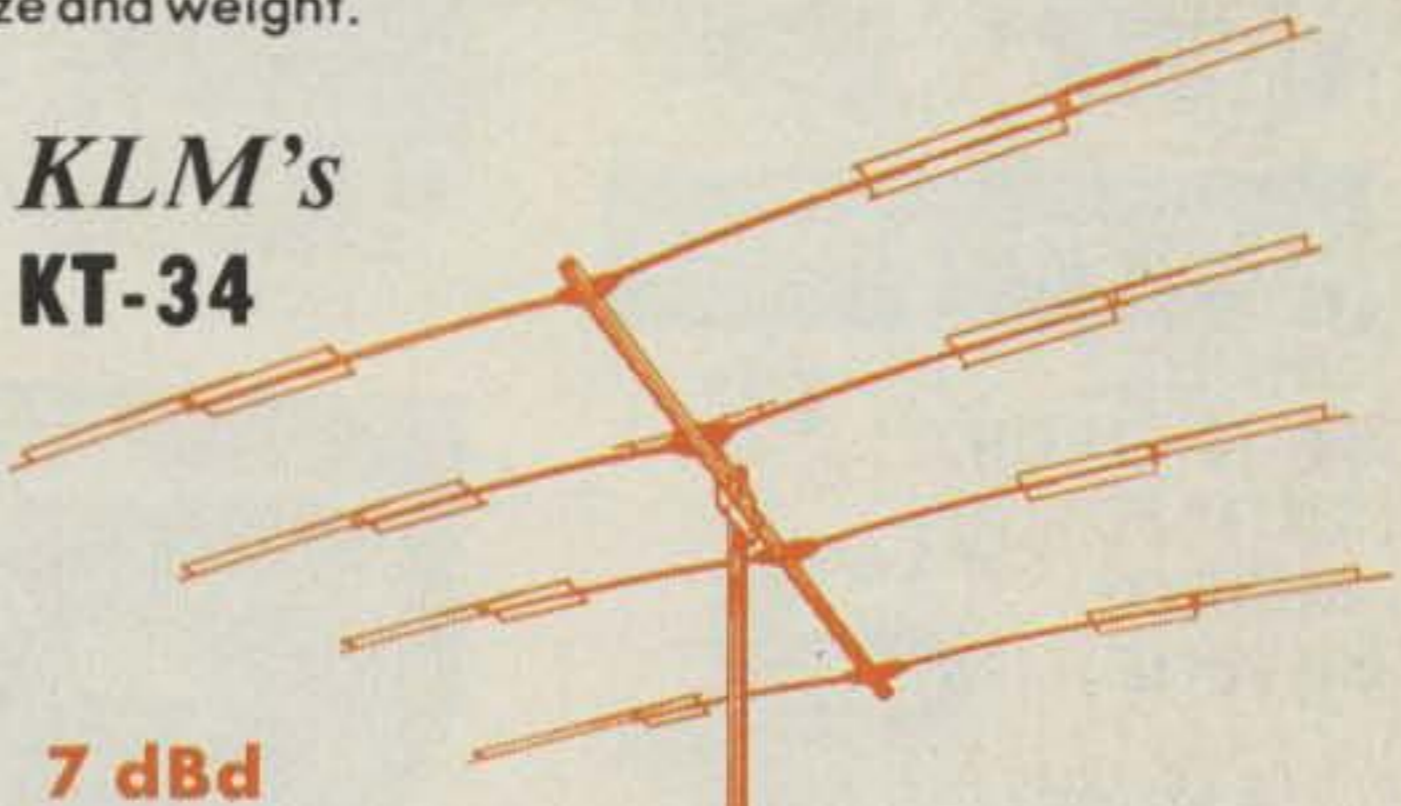
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We're calling our June issue the "ulcer issue." Through an error by our printer, the June issue was mailed quite late for many of our subscribers. All records had indicated that it was mailed to them on time, but foul-ups do occur and this one was a beaut. Well, it was straightened out finally and the issues were mailed. We received numerous calls and letters from you as to the whereabouts of your June issue. I can't begin to count the number of extra issues we mailed from here to fill in those missing copies.

I want to thank all of you who called and wrote about the problem for your extreme concern for the issue and your understanding and concern for us. One reader wrote in thinking the Post Office was to blame (it wasn't) and included two 25¢ stamps for the postage for a replacement issue. It's a good feeling to know how many of you care about CQ and about us. We really appreciate it and thank you for your outpouring of support.

The following might be considered "What I Did Last Summer," except that this was written in June and we have more summer to go.

Meet Me In St. Louis

The intrepid CQ staff (K2EEK, K2MGA, W2LZX) attended the St. Louis Convention this past Memorial Day weekend. CQ was in fact the only amateur magazine to have a booth at the convention, and we took the opportunity to meet all the folks from the "Show Me" state who turned up. Following a familiar trend lately, computer exhibitors are turning up in greater numbers now in what were once strictly amateur radio shows. Within certain modes now it's becoming hard to tell where one leaves off and the other begins. Although we could see the arch, we didn't have the time to get a first-hand look or to travel through it. Maybe next time.

Fleamarket Folly

There's a local club on Long Island called the Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club, or LIMARC for short. About twice a year they have a flea-market, and as tradition would have it, there's always bad weather. This last one was no different. Scheduled to open at 9:00 a.m. on a Sunday morning, people were lined up to sell at about 7:00. At about 7:30 the gates opened for the sellers and we were let in. Jack had his space and Dick had his in back of mine. We all thought it would be a good way to clean up the shack and pick up a few bucks to pay for some new gear. Well, about ten minutes into the set-up the clouds let go with rain. It rained just about all day. After an hour or so we were informed that the flea-market was officially closed and the rain date would be in effect. We were told to save our tickets for that date and that they would see us then. No one left. Here were lines of buyers and sellers going about their business in the rain. People were climbing in and out of cars and vans looking at all of the treasures not really on display. Sometimes I think we're all a little crazy.

About five or six hours later people started to pack it in and go home. Most of us were soaked and cold. We all sold more than we thought the day would bring, and we even had the rain date to look forward to, "on the house" so to speak. It certainly was worth the cold I got to clear out some of my basement. I only hope there isn't a tornado or it doesn't snow this weekend for the rain date. There's always something.

LIMARC Followup

The rain date for the LIMARC Fleamarket proved to be a beautiful day and an ideal one for bringing out the crowds. I'd guess that a few thousand (or so it seemed) hearty hams braved the sun and clear weather to

show up. As it didn't snow or rain, the LIMARC folks were at a loss as to what to do with nice weather. I've still got some great buys left for the next one they put on.

Big D

The beginning of June found Jack and I airborne again, this time to the Dallas Hamcomm show. Tom Gentry, K5VOU, has been building this show for the last three years, and this year was certainly bigger and better than last year's event. Once again CQ proved to be the only magazine exhibiting at Hamcomm and so we enjoyed the limelight. The Dallas crowd is very enthusiastic and seemed to be buying everything in sight. Most of the dealers agreed to the fact that sales were up, interest and enthusiasm were up and, most of all, everyone had a good time.

Atlanta

This is written the week following the Atlanta Hamfestival where the CQ crew spent a terrific weekend. There is a great deal of truth to Southern Hospitality. The people are warm and friendly and most cordial. I would guess that about 5 or 6 thousand turned out for the Hamfestival and crowded the hotel exhibit area. John Attaway, K4IIF, our DX Editor, flew up to be on the Program, and Karl Thurber, W8FX, our Antenna Editor, and his wife stopped by to say hello. CQ again was the only magazine present, so we really basked in our welcome and all of the encouraging comments of support we received.

I want to thank all of the folks who came by our booth at all of the events we attended for their good wishes and for the compliments they've paid us. All of the hard work has indeed been worth it.

73, Alan, K2EEK

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BY DR. THEODORE J. COHEN*, N4XX



James C. McKinney was appointed Chief, Field Operations Bureau (FOB) on March 19, 1980. A career civil servant, McKinney joined the commission as an Electronics Engineer in 1963 following his graduation from West Virginia Institute of Technology. In the years that followed, he served as Assistant Engineer in Charge of the Washington field office, as Chief, Monitoring Branch; as Chief, Enforcement Division; and as Deputy Chief, Field Operations Bureau.

As Chief of the FOB, McKinney now heads the largest organizational unit within the Commission. The Bureau employs over 500 people, and it is re-

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Prior to joining the Commission, McKinney worked as an announcer/engineer for Radio Station WMON, Montgomery, West Virginia, and as a reporter for the Associated Press. An aviation enthusiast, he enjoys flying his own plane whenever time permits. Other interests include motion-picture photography and volunteer work for several charities.

Though not a radio amateur, McKinney has long been a supporter of the amateur service, and he has followed its development over the past 17 years with great interest. Thus, as he takes control of the FOB, McKinney brings to the Bureau an awareness of the service's strengths and weaknesses and of its capabilities and limitations. It is with this background that he discusses below the problems and challenges both the FOB and the amateur service will face in the 1980's.

CQ: Based on statistics collected by your staff, the number of complaints to the Commission about deliberate interference to one amateur's transmissions by another amateur is growing at an alarming rate. In many cases, these complaints involve deliberate interference to scheduled net operations (e.g., EASCARS, WESCARS), to two-meter repeater operations, and to the transmissions from code practice and bulletin stations such as W1AW. In each case mentioned above, the interference is suffered by individuals or groups who have "claimed" a specific frequency, or a pair of frequencies, for their continued use. Under the current Rules and Regulations, anyone can use any frequency, provided their transmissions do not cause interference to another station's transmissions. With this as background, do you think the Commission's rules adequately address the types of amateur operations which are used today? Or do you think the amateur service will require "guidance" (regulation) in this area?

McKinney: You are correct. Interference complaints concerning amateurs are increasing at a very rapid rate while other forms of interference complaints are decreasing. Our latest statistics indicate we are receiving about three times as many complaints this year as we received just two years

*Washington Correspondent, CQ.

ago. However, we ought to put this in perspective. Amateur complaints today comprise only 3% of the total number of interference complaints received at the Commission. But since amateur complaints are up from 1% a couple of years ago, the trend, and not the numbers, should be of concern. Most of these complaints deal with two areas: interference to "Net" operations in the h.f. spectrum and interference to two-meter repeater operations. Both of these situations involve the old amateur question of "frequency ownership" and, of course, both involve deliberate or malicious interference, which is extremely difficult and time-consuming to prove. While the Field Operations Bureau does not write rules concerning the amateur service (those rules are written in the Private Radio Bureau), it is our mission to assure compliance with the current rules at the local level. You may recall that the Commission released a Public Notice several years ago which drew attention to the "net" problem and indicated that guidance might become necessary. I suspect that Carlos Roberts, and others in the Private Radio Bureau, would agree with me when I say that both the amateur community and our field inspectors would appreciate a clarification of the present rules because they pertain to the matter of "property rights" to certain frequencies in both the h.f. and v.h.f. spectrum. On the one hand, the rules clearly state that all frequencies are available to all amateurs. On the other hand, both h.f. nets and two-meter repeaters are allowed by the amateur rules. Thus, frequencies tend, over a period of time, to become "usurped" by those who would operate large h.f. nets and busy two-meter repeaters. Enforcing today's rules is not impossible, but it is very difficult.

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CQ: What is the Commission doing about the interference problems now experienced by many individuals and groups of amateur operators?

McKinney: The monitoring officers and field inspectors *do* react to serious complaints of interference concerning radio amateurs. When cases are developed, they are forwarded to the Private Radio Bureau for possible sanction action. In the case of international interference, the Commission may contact foreign governments directly to attempt to eliminate the interfering source. We also have liaison with Military spectrum managers in



A monitoring technician tunes the h.f. receiver at the FCC's monitoring net control room in Washington, D.C.

the United States to resolve problems of interference caused domestically by government operations.

CQ: The amateur service has always prided itself on being "self-policing." In reality, this amounted to each amateur exercising self-control over his or her own actions, with a dose of peer pressure thrown in for good measure. Given the level of intentional interference, foul language, poor operating habits, etc., observed on the amateur bands today, what actions can amateurs take to correct such spectrum abuses?

McKinney: First, I would suggest that amateurs do need to recognize that the amateur service today is not identical to the amateur service of 20 years ago...nor should it be. The amateur service is composed by and large of individuals who are not professional communicators. They bring their own life-styles and their own judgments as to what is acceptable behavior to the amateur service. In the same vein, the workplace of today is not the same as it used to be, nor is the student body of our high schools and colleges, nor any other institution, composed of large numbers of the general population. Changes in life styles and social values, however, should be accomplished within the bounds of good taste. Having said that, however, I would also suggest that when amateur violations of radio law and Commission regulations increase, it is time for self-policing to increase, and it is time for the amateur community to seek new

and improved measures to control their own service. I guess what I am saying is that this is a time to increase our expectations that self-policing can work, and it is not a time to fret quietly in the corner over what may be perceived as a hopeless situation.

CQ: With respect to the problem of policing the amateur bands, has the new amateur call sign structure caused your bureau a problem? That is, are you still able to identify the class of license being exercised and the station location as quickly as before the new call sign scheme was instituted?

McKinney: The call sign structure is not a problem from an enforcement standpoint. Each of our monitoring officers has access to a current computer printout of the privileges authorized to each radio amateur. When a call sign is heard, it can quickly be checked to determine whether the amateur is operating outside an authorized sub-band. This procedure is no different than it used to be. We have always spot-checked the call signs even when station operations appeared to be in compliance with our rules.

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CQ: The resolution of interference cases and of other cases involving abuses of the spectrum by unlicensed operators rests on the cooperation between the Commission and the U.S. Attorney's office. Of late, the U. S. Attorney's office appears to be more cooperative in assisting the Commission than it has in the past. Is this cooperation a recognition of the increasing number of problems experienced with illegal users of amateur frequencies, or of pressure, say, from senators and representatives who have received complaints from their constituents?

McKinney: We are receiving good cooperation today from the offices of U. S. Attorneys throughout the United States. I am not aware of any pressures from Washington on the local U. S. Attorneys, but I do know that they frequently receive a considerable number of complaints from their local constituents. When prosecutors perceive a "hue and cry" from the local population, they recognize the importance of trying to resolve the problems that create that "hue and cry." I suspect that during the past few years we have actually received more requests from U. S. Attorneys' offices to assist them in resolving local problems in comparison to the number of cases we have sent to them requesting prosecution. Remember, the local U. S. Attorneys' offices handle a wide variety of cases for us (e.g., marketing of illegal equipment, obscenity cases, threats by radio, unlicensed operation, etc.). Considering all of the responsibilities placed upon our local U. S. Attorneys' offices, I have nothing but praise for their interest in radio law violations and their willingness to work with us in resolving those problems.

CQ: What about the so-called h.f.ers, who operate without authorization between the 27 MHz Citizens Band and the 28 MHz amateur band, as well as in the 28 MHz amateur band?! Is your field office doing anything about these scofflaws?

McKinney: We consider individuals who operate on unauthorized frequencies to be very serious violators of radio law. We give a high priority to the investigation of such "out of band" operations. It is one thing to interfere with other stations within the service in which you are licensed, but it is quite another thing to transmit on frequencies that are not authorized to you. Such operation quickly renders meaningless any effort at spectrum management and efficient frequency use. Additionally, resulting interference can be very serious to services authorized to operate on the frequencies in question.



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CQ: Besides the h.f.er problem at 27 MHz, there are other portions of the spectrum where unlicensed operations, especially in and around the amateur bands, are causing the Commission concern. How about the drug traffic and political broadcasting going on in Florida? What is the Commission doing about such operations?

McKinney: Use of amateur frequencies by drug traffickers in the Caribbean, by unlicensed boaters in the same area, and by pseudo-international broadcasters are all of concern to us. We have moved in all of these areas in recent months, and I am hopeful that we will see considerable improvements in the southeastern United States in the near future. One major prosecution in Miami is pending now, but I can't discuss the facts of that case. The court has "sealed" the information.

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CQ: The Commission is receiving a large number of complaints about 10 GHz equipment being used to jam police radar units. If this continues, the Commission will either have to impose a marketing ban on such equipment, or it will have to set standards for their manufacture. Is your office now attempting to resolve this problem before amateurs, once again, are penalized for abuses over which they have no control?

McKinney: This is not so much of a field enforcement problem as it is an equipment performance problem. That is, there is very little we can do in the field to deal with the user of such equipment. If this matter is to be resolved it will have to be accomplished with the cooperation—voluntary or forced—of the equipment manufacturers and distributors.

CQ: Do you think that current spectrum abuses, if left unchecked, will eventually lead to a breakdown in the Commission's ability to control the non-government sector's use of the spectrum?

McKinney: If the government does not stop the willful "out-of-band" operation, I believe we are in for a very rough time "down the line." Large-scale unlicensed operations on unauthorized frequencies make all efforts at effective management of the radio frequency spectrum useless. On frequencies

that are subject to long-distance propagation, a very small number of "bootleggers" can preclude legitimate operations by a very large number of licensees over a wide geographical area. That is why we give a high priority to the investigation of cases involving "out-of-band" operations.

CQ: To what extent does the ARRL's Intruder Watch contribute to your efforts? Of what use does your bureau make of the data provided to you by the Intruder Watch?

McKinney: Intruder Watch information serves as a general alert mechanism to our monitoring operation. The data are best used to advise us of repeated interference sources; that is, to give us a profile of the signal, the times of operation, frequencies, etc. The information helps our watch officers focus their efforts to their best advantage. Where international interference is the source, Intruder Watch complaints can serve as the basis for an official U.S. Government complaint to a foreign administration.

CQ: Jim, your bureau has noted that a 15 to 20% cut in its budget is behind the move to curtail the practice of giving exams at hamfests and conventions. Would you comment on this?

McKinney: Your figures are correct. Our travel budget was cut about 20% this year, and we are prohibited from replacing some of our retiring employees. Perhaps even more painful is a cut we recently received in the



The FCC's satellite monitoring facility at the monitoring station in Laurel, Maryland is equipped with a 5 meter dish antenna capable of receiving signals from 1 to 12 GHz.

number of miles we can drive. All of these reductions require that we give up some of the things we really should do. For example, we prefer to go to hamfests and other large gatherings to give amateur exams. It keeps the traffic down in our offices, saves the applicant travel expenses and provides with us an opportunity to meet the amateur community in a "positive" role rather than an enforcing role. But, something had to give. In order to continue our regular field exams at some 99 locations throughout the United States, we had to stop the special exam trips. The coming year, 1981, does not look any brighter, but I hope we will be able to re-start the field exam program in 1982.

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CQ: What other activities related to the amateur service may suffer because of budget cuts?

McKinney: Our response time will generally lengthen in all work that requires field travel and that does not involve an immediate threat to life and property. Field trips will also be shorter and farther apart than before. For the amateur, resolution of local interference problems will simply take longer and will require a greater spirit of cooperation among spectrum users.

CQ: Complaints of radio-frequency interference (r.f.i.) to electronic home entertainment equipment are still received at a rate of about 80,000 complaints per year. Most of these complaints involved a television receiver as the victim device. Would you favor Federal legislation which would empower the Commission to set r.f.i. susceptibility standards for home-entertainment equipment?

McKinney: As the one who must deal with those complaints, YES, I would strongly favor legislation to require the television industry to do a better job, at the least, of front-end filtering. The industry shows absolutely no indication of providing such filtering without legislation. The cost to the consumer would be very low, regardless of what industry spokesmen say. I have seen transmitter manufacturers work long and hard to produce a "clean" signal. We have \$50 CB sets out there today with practically no har-

monic radiation, and yet a \$700 TV set is often sold to the U.S. consumer without 10-cents worth of filtering. Marketplace forces are simply not working in this area. The set manufacturers put thousands of dollars into product development in order to sell sets which have a bright picture with electronic tuning, automatic color and tint, and digital clocks, but most refuse to install a \$2.00 high-pass filter at the front-end. Now, having said that, I must tell you that many at the Commission and on Capitol Hill are reluctant to push for new legislation. It would run counter to the current thinking on the "deregulation" of industries and it would involve the government in more regulation at a time of high inflation and high unemployment. I appreciate those sentiments, too.

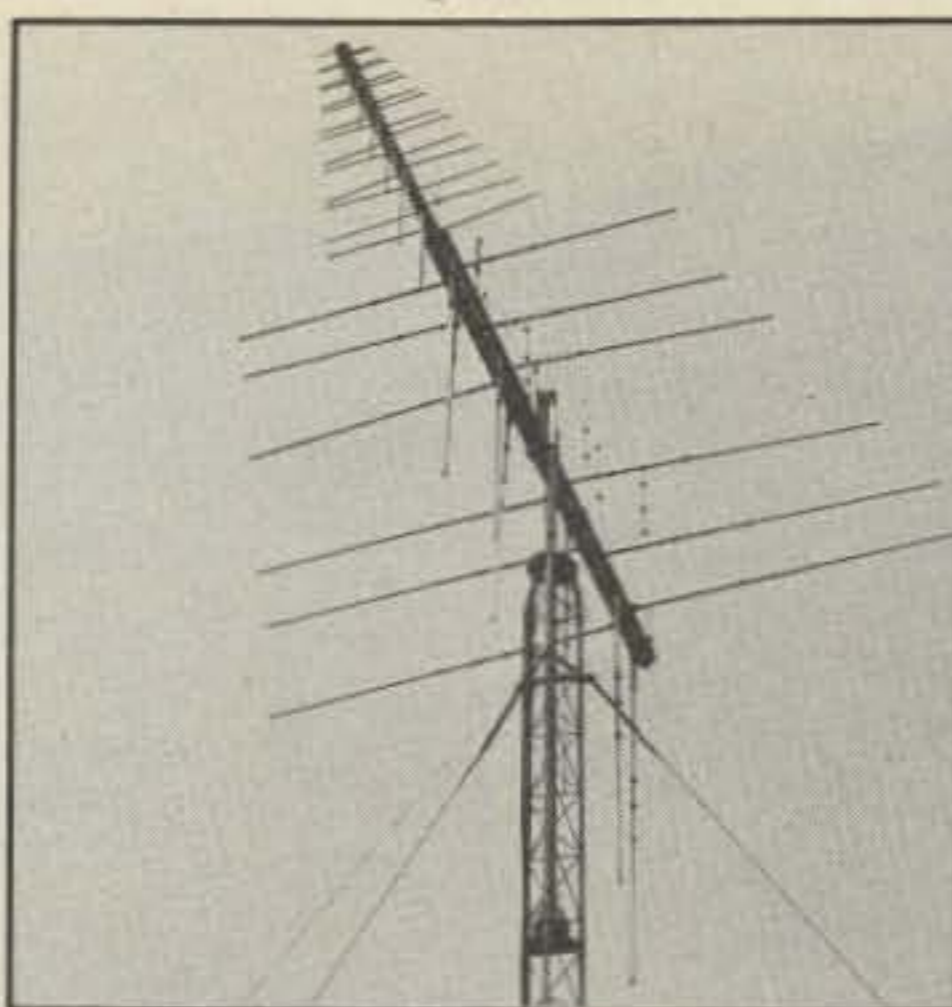
CQ: The Commission has done much in recent years to assist the consumer and the amateur in resolving r.f.i. complaints (we understand that the FCC's *Radio-TV Interference Problems* handbook is a best seller!). What else is the Commission doing to resolve r.f.i. complaints in which the victim device contains a design deficiency which makes the equipment susceptible to r.f. fields?

McKinney: We are about to experiment with a "no fault" arbitration or conciliation procedure for use in the field. However, I'd like to postpone an answer to this question for a few months until we see how that might work. Rest assured that we do continue to explore every avenue of relief in the r.f.i. area, and no suggestions are discarded without careful study. That t.v.i. book was a key ingredient in the progress we have made to date in reducing t.v.i. complaints. We want to build on that progress.

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CQ: The ban on so-called "10-meter linears" was instituted, in part, to eliminate r.f.i. caused by illegal operations with high-power amplifiers. Has the Commission been able to determine whether the ban has been effective in reducing the number of r.f.i. complaints received, or, at the least, in slowing the growth in the number of complaints filed?

McKinney: The ban is highly effective. Before the ban you could buy linears for CB sets at Penneys, Sears, LaFayette, Radio Shack, and catalog discount firms (to mention just a few



A log-periodic, vertical/horizontal beam antenna used mainly for v.h.f./u.h.f. monitoring.

sources). In fact, these amplifiers were so readily available that many CBers bought them on "impulse." Now, however, our inspectors have great difficulty in even finding a case involving the illegal distribution of cheap linears. We have also had success in defending our position on linears in the courts throughout the country; as such, the interference caused by these devices is steadily decreasing. The amplifier ban was sorely needed, and it is working well. I was particularly pleased that we recently won a case in Federal court in which the ban had been challenged.

CQ: Many amateurs are building television receive-only (t.v.r.o.) satellite earth stations, and are receiving transmissions without permission from the satellite broadcasters. To what extent is your bureau involved in policing such operations? Is the Commission assisting private-network broadcasters in civil procedures against amateurs with t.v.r.o. installations so that the broadcasters can recover damages under the "theft of service" rules?

McKinney: Let me "beg-off" on answering this question just now. The seven Commissioners have not yet had an opportunity to focus on this issue, and some things are going forward which could swing enforcement in either direction. I would just make one point, however; distributors of programming on satellites who make no effort to "scramble" or encode their signals don't deserve much protection. What "expectation of privacy" can they have under the law if, like the man who shouts from the mountaintop for all the world to hear, they then complain that someone "listened in"? Regardless, I am personally worried enough about Section 605 of the Communications Act that I would not risk

violating the law by building an earth station. I believe the FCC and the courts will be forced to deal with this issue in the next year. As regards those planning to build a system to "steal" satellite or MDS signals, I suggest they wait a while to see how this issue "falls out."

CQ: There are some in the Commission who advocate that operators in the amateur service become more involved in the technical aspects of the radio art. Yet, in the past, the development of new communication techniques (e.g., slow-scan television (s.s.t.v.), the use of ASCII, etc.) has been slowed because the Commission claimed that it did not have the capability to monitor transmissions made using these techniques. Put another way, technical experimentation within the amateur service has often been slowed by the Commission itself. Would you comment on this?

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McKinney: I think there is some truth to the statement. However, my concern has not been so much the desire that we, as monitoring officials, be able to intercept signals as it has been the inability of other amateurs to observe activities within their own band. For example, if the Commission allowed *any* emission, of *any* bandwidth, on *any* amateur frequency, two hams could effectively consume a whole band over a wide geographical area, cause a lot of interference, and go virtually undetected, until the FCC moved in direction-finding equipment. Additionally, businesses could usurp the ham bands with cheap international communications to avoid telephone tariffs, and the amateur community would be powerless to exert any self-policing or peer pressure. It would all appear legal. We also have to consider international intelligence concerns as well as international agreements. In summary, I think the Commission has moved about as fast as it should have in expanding the use of amateur frequencies.

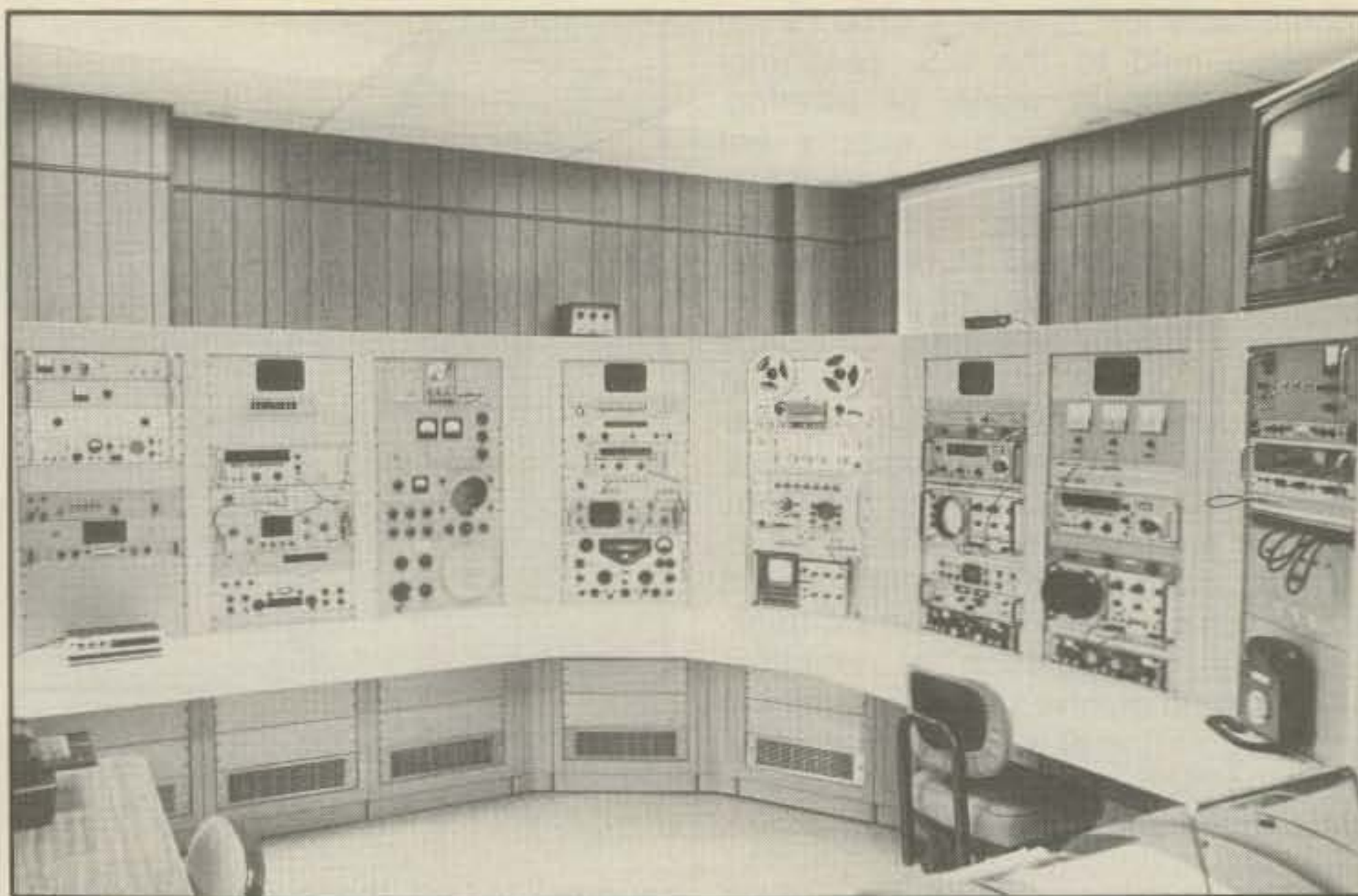
CQ: Is your bureau now studying the special problems it will face in monitoring operations which use various computer codes and various modulation schemes (e.g., spread-spectrum modulation)?

McKinney: Yes, we are working closely with the Office of Science and Technology (especially Dr. Michael

Marcus) in this important area. We are conducting valuable discussions with other agencies and with private industry to assure that we will be at the front of any technological breakthrough. And frankly, we are looking forward to working with these new areas of technology.

CQ: Though not an amateur yourself, Jim, you have been a long-time supporter and friend of our service. What, today, particularly impresses you about amateurs? Disturbs you?

McKinney: Thanks for calling me a "supporter"; not everyone would agree with you. . . The first "ham" I knew, Campbell Craver, was the radio operator at a broadcast station in my hometown (WMON, Montgomery, WV). Craver, who died several years ago, delighted in introducing neighborhood kids to the hobby. Campbell was a real professional in my eyes, and many hams I knew and have known over the years are just like him. I guess that is why I am basically optimistic about the service as a whole. It is made up of people who are dedicated to their communities, to assisting others and to learning about things that interest them. In Geneva, at the WARC last year, I had the opportunity to meet hams from all over the world. When it comes to professionalism, enthusiasm and the organizational ability to get things done, hams can't be beat! As for what disturbs me about amateur radio, not much does. As long as new hams are welcomed into the group as equals and are permitted to



The monitoring position at the FCC's monitoring station in Laurel, Maryland is typical of that used by all of the Commission's thirteen stations.

bring into the group new ideas and new approaches to aid in the growth of radio communications, we will all benefit.

CQ: What is the feeling within your bureau towards the amateur service?

McKinney: I would say that the general view of the amateur service by a typical radio inspector is that it is a highly compliant service, peopled with users who try to obey the law but who tend to become frustrated very rapidly when their fellow users falter. It is a service with which we enjoy working,

and it is one which largely handles its own problems.

CQ: Any other comments?

McKinney: I know there is a concern that FCC executives today are not "hams," as has often been the case in the past. Some amateurs feel this is the reason they aren't "getting a fair shake" at the Commission. Let me explain why I chose not to obtain an amateur license. First of all, I had to learn and pass a code test at 25 w.p.m., so the code is not the reason. And, in my first job I had to pass the *Commercial* exams, so I guess I could have passed the amateur tests. My not becoming an amateur has to do with perceptions. So many of the people with whom we deal in an interference situation, where you have a ham on one side and John Q. Public on the other, automatically believe that hams "stick together." Even if the amateur's transmissions are perfectly "clean" and the fault is totally in the TV set, it is very difficult to convince a homeowner that they must install a filter to resolve the problem. When a complainant asks (many times with a knowing smirk), "I assume you are a ham, too?" I want to be able to say *NO*. We in the government must be as impartial as we can be if we are going to have the trust of the public. I know the amateur community would want us to observe that impartiality in reality, as well as in perception. So, I fly my own plane. And when I can no longer do that and when I have departed from the hallowed halls of the FCC, *then* I will become an active amateur, and I will enjoy it fully, without concern for even the appearance of a conflict of interest. [M]



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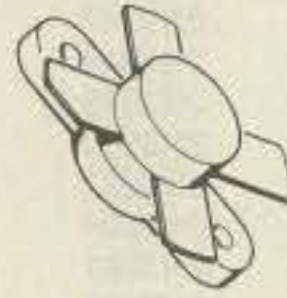
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Antennas

DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, FACT, AND EVEN SOME FICTION

HF Verticals, Plain And Simple

In last month's column, author W8FX concluded a two-part discussion of variations on the dipole antenna. Included were facts on Vees and inverted Vees, vertical dipoles, slopers, T2FDs, double bazookas, double Zepps, and extended double Zepps. In this issue, he embarks on another two-part spread covering popular h.f. vertical designs. This month, the simpler forms.

Put any two DX'perts together and begin a discussion of antennas and you're almost certain to trigger a heated exchange on the merits of vertical vs. horizontal polarization. We don't really want to get into the thick and heavy regarding the pros and cons of these two antenna types just now, other than to make a few general comments. So let's lay the groundwork.

Horizontal vs. vertical polarization. Because of its economy and simplicity, the vertical antenna has long enjoyed popularity within the amateur community. Its appearance is usually neat, it's suitable for multiband operation, it doesn't require a great deal of horizontal space, it's relatively easy to construct, and it's not normally hard to adjust. But what about performance?

On the lower h.f. bands, 160 through 40 meters, the vertical is hard to beat, and in fact can work surprisingly well if it is mounted unobstructed by foreign objects, has a good ground system, and is properly matched to the transmission line. At practical heights, the vertical antenna lays down a very low-angle, horizon-hugging signal in all directions, which favors transmission and reception from distant points. Polarization, *per se*, is not a big factor in h.f. skywave propagation, due to the nature of the ionosphere, which mixes signal polarization.

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| Band | Frequency (kHz) | Use | Driven Element | Radials |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------|
| 160 | 1850 | 160-low | 126' 6" | 129' 9" |
| 160 | 1950 | 160-high | 120' 0" | 126' 4" |
| 80 | 3600 | C.W. | 65' 0" | 66' 8" |
| 80 | 3725 | Novice C.W. | 62' 10" | 64' 5" |
| 80 | 3750 | Mid-Band | 62' 5" | 64' 0" |
| 75 | 3850 | Phone | 60' 10" | 62' 4" |
| 40 | 7075 | C.W. | 33' 1" | 33' 11" |
| 40 | 7150 | Mid-band | 32' 9" | 33' 7" |
| 40 | 7175 | Novice C.W. | 32' 8" | 33' 6" |
| 40 | 7225 | Phone | 32' 5" | 33' 3" |
| 20 | 14050 | C.W. | 16' 8" | 17' 1" |
| 20 | 14175 | Mid-band | 16' 7" | 17' 0" |
| 20 | 14275 | Phone | 16' 5" | 16' 10" |
| 15 | 21075 | C.W. | 11' 2" | 11' 5" |
| 15 | 21175 | Novice C.W. | 11' 1" | 11' 4" |
| 15 | 21225 | Mid-band | 11' 1" | 11' 4" |
| 15 | 21350 | Phone | 11' 0" | 11' 3" |
| 10 | 28050 | C.W. | 8' 5" | 8' 7" |
| 10 | 28150 | Novice C.W. | 8' 4" | 8' 7" |
| 10 | 28750 | Phone-low | 8' 2" | 8' 5" |
| 10 | 29075 | Phone-high | 8' 1" | 8' 4" |
| 10 | 29475 | OSCAR (receive) | 8' 0" | 8' 2" |

+ Dimensions, which are approximate, are rounded to next higher inch.

+ Driven element dimensions are derived from the formula

$$f \text{ (in feet)} = \frac{234}{f \text{ (MHz)}}$$

+ Radial dimensions are derived from the formula $f \text{ (in feet)} = \frac{240}{f \text{ (MHz)}}$

Fig. 1- Quarter-wave vertical antenna lengths.

Compared with a horizontal antenna at heights of 30 to 40 feet, the vertical will *usually* perform better over longer distances—around 700-800 miles and up, whereas the horizontal will normally turn in a better performance over shorter distances. On the lower bands, where full-size 1/4-wavelength antennas are often impractical, a shorter radiating element may be used, but this wastes power in the loading coil used to resonate the antenna.

Nearby objects, such as buildings, trees, and utility wires, can also absorb energy and upset the radiation pattern.

It may be helpful to elevate the antenna above the obstructions, by installing it on a roof or mast. This may be done if an artificial *ground plane* is installed, as will be described later.

While the vertical's low-angle-of-radiation characteristic is a desirable one, the omnidirectional pattern becomes a disadvantage when working DX. One's power is spread across the compass, rather than being concentrated in the desired direction. Reception suffers in that signals from all directions are received equally well, and man-made noise seems to be

picked up stronger on the vertical. On the higher h.f. bands—20, 15, and 10—where multi-element antennas take on manageable dimensions, a Yagi beam or Quad will easily outperform the vertical and dipole alike.

A final point: The vertical polarization and low angle of radiation can aggravate television interference (TVI) and broadcast interference (BCI), as well as problems caused by r.f. getting into nearby telephone lines and hi-fi equipment. Be aware that vertical polarization used in crowded urban quarters may cause problems along these lines.

Vertical antenna theory and some basic designs. The vertical is popular on the h.f. bands, since it's possible to obtain low-angle radiation for both local (ground wave) and DX work. If installed with its bottom end less than 1/4-wavelength high and operated over a reasonably conductive ground, it's indeed a good performer. In fact, the vertical is almost exclusively used for broadcast and many h.f. point-to-point circuits. It produces high current density in the ground beneath and around it, however, and therefore requires an extensive ground system—as many as 120 radials in broadcast service (more on this later).

Vertical antennas are commonly of 1/4-, 1/2-, or 5/8- to 0.64-wavelength. The longer antennas produce some gain relative to the basic 1/4-wave; for example, the 1/2-wave vertical yields about a 2 dB gain, and the 5/8-wave radiator a 3 dB gain. The height required, as well as the non-standard feedpoint impedance (which requires a base matching device), makes them unwieldy except on the higher bands, 15 and 10 meters, and on the 27 MHz CB frequencies. Thus, most popular h.f. verticals are of the Marconi or resonant 1/4-wave type. When the antenna is cut to 1/4-wavelength, the feedpoint impedance is approximately 35 ohms, allowing a fair match to popular 50-52 ohm cables without the use of tuning coils or other matching devices. The antenna can be shuntfed or series-line matched to effect a near-perfect impedance transformation over all or a considerable portion of a band.

The 1/4-wave vertical is mainly a single-band antenna, although a 40-meter vertical will take power on 15, an especially attractive situation for the Novice. In this instance, the 40-meter 1/4-wave turns out to be three-quarter waves on 15. (Any odd multiple of quarter waves will allow relatively low-impedance feed directly with coaxial cable.)

The vertical physically consists of two components, the driven element and the ground connection or ground plane. The approximate driven element length is derived from the equation

$$L \text{ (in feet)} = \frac{234}{f \text{ (MHz)}}$$

This length is only approximate, since exact resonance will be determined by the diameter of the wire, tubing or rod used to construct the antenna. Buried radials need not be resonant, but those installed above ground should be slightly longer than the driven element. Their dimensions are given by the formula

$$L \text{ (in feet)} = \frac{240}{f \text{ (MHz)}}$$

Fig. 1 shows formula-derived driven element and radial lengths for each h.f. amateur band.

For multiband operation, except for the special 40/15 meter situation, a base loading coil is used to tune out the antenna's reactance. The typical base-loaded vertical is simply a piece of tubing, 16-25 feet long, with a tapped inductor at the bottom to allow manual resonating on each band or band segment. Be aware that adjustment is required at the antenna's base

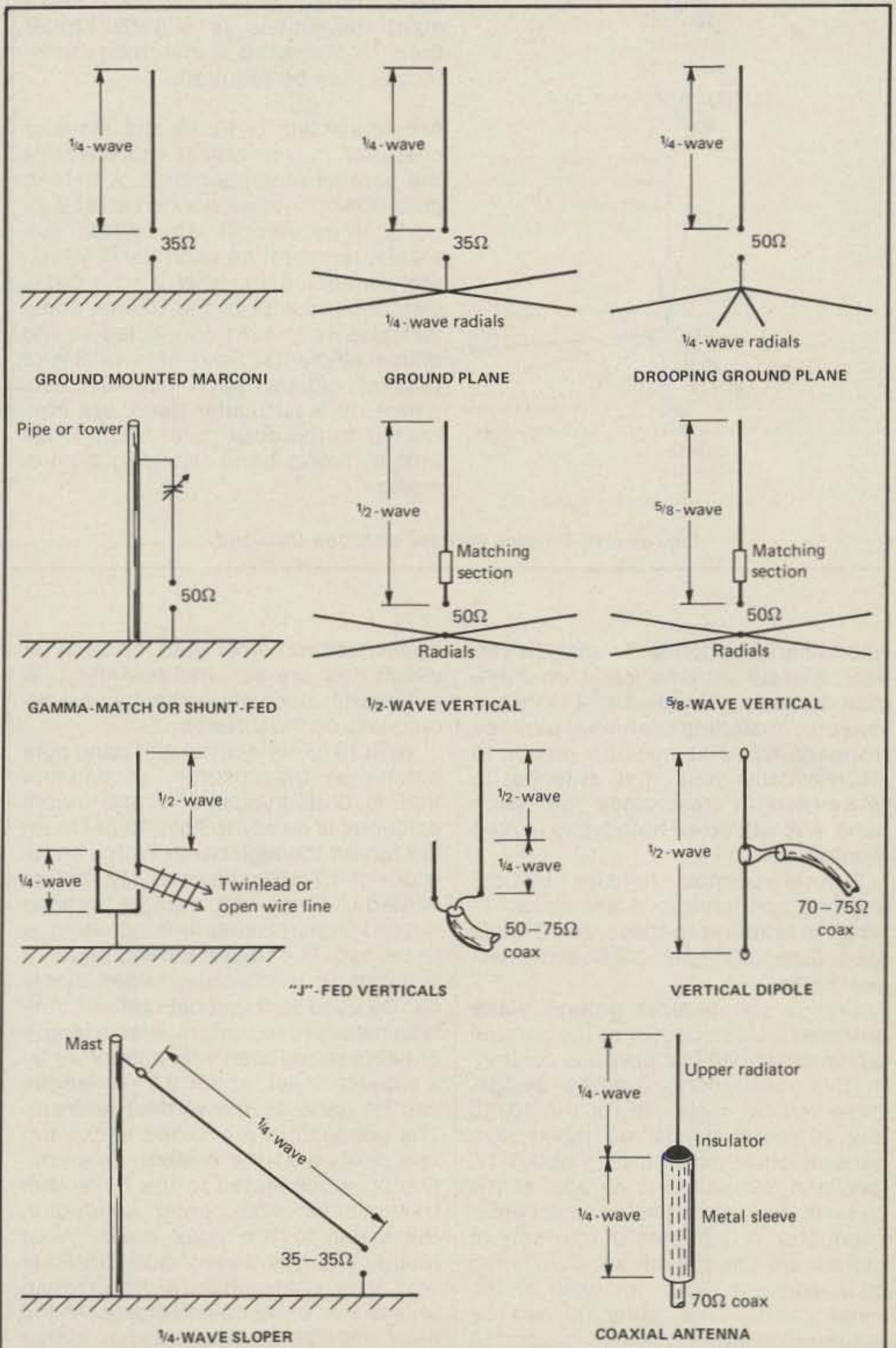
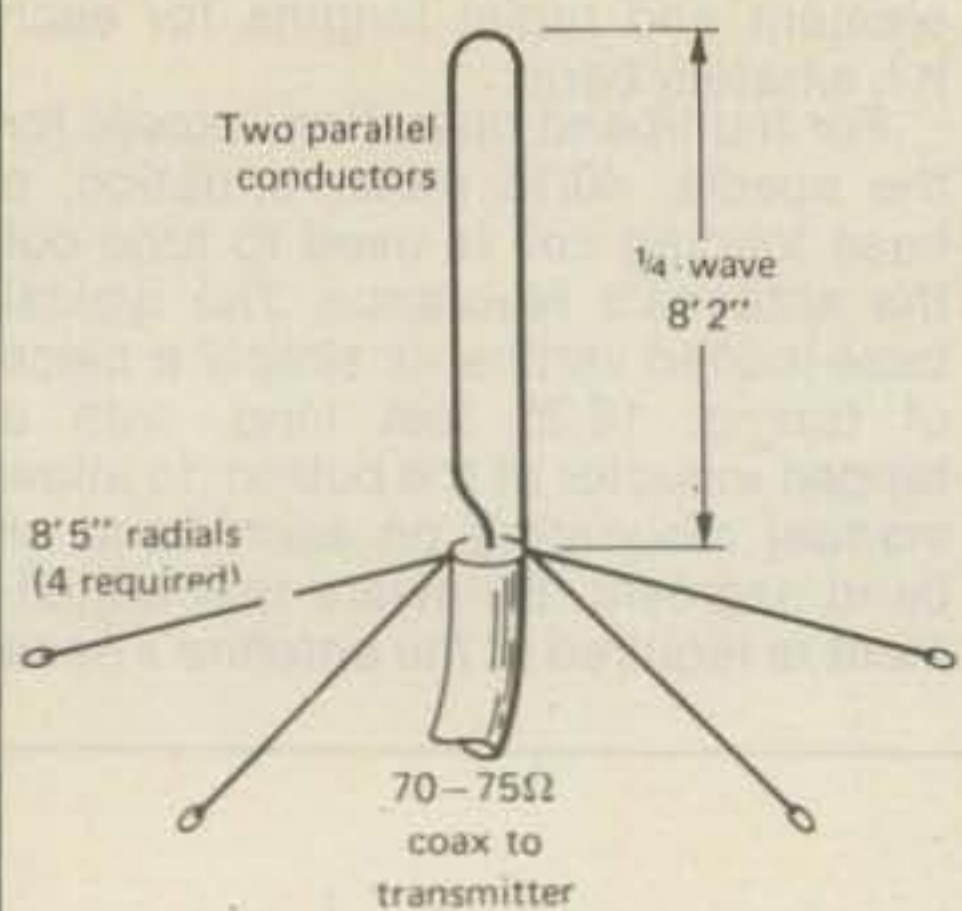
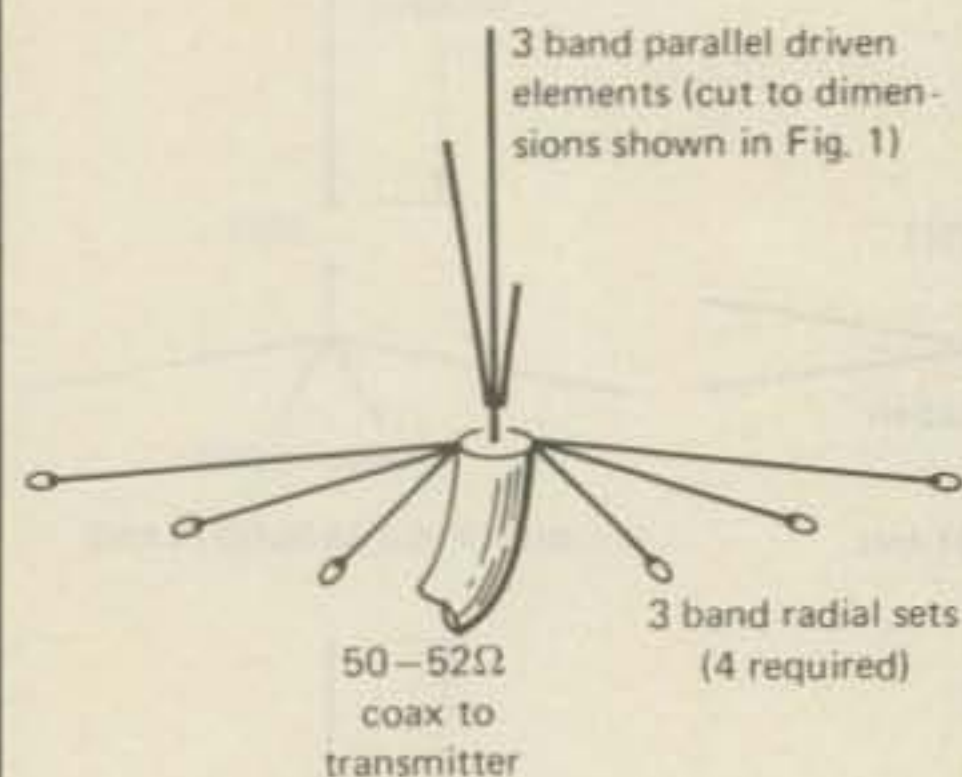


Fig. 2- Representative vertical antenna configurations. Note: Impedances are approximate and the drawings are not to scale.



(A) FOLDED GROUND PLANE



(B) PARALLEL GROUND PLANE

Fig. 3- Two unique vertical antenna designs.

The trombone-shaped 10 meter antenna at left is made from two parallel conductors, joined at the top and separated at the bottom. One is connected to the coax lead-in's center conductor, the other to the braid shield and radials. Copper or aluminum tubing can be used to form the driven element, as can 300-ohm TV-type twinlead or 450-ohm open-wire line. This broadband antenna should allow coverage of the entire 10-meter band with acceptably low s.w.r. Feed-point impedance is slightly higher than 75 ohms, so a matching transformer may be required.

Antenna at left for 10, 15, and 20 meter operation is the vertical equivalent of the parallel multiple dipole. A fishing pole, dowel or other wooden mast supports three vertical wire driven elements, resonant on each band, which are connected together at the base. Center conductor of the 50-ohm coaxial cable is in turn connected to the driven elements. Four sets of 3-wire parallel radials, each cut for resonance on a particular band, are connected to the coax outer braid. Once initially tuned, band changing is automatic.

when changing bands. To make a vertical operate *automatically* on more than one band, the electrical length is varied by installing pretuned, parallel-resonant traps at specific points to electronically "cut" the antenna to $\frac{1}{4}$ -wavelength resonance on each band. (We will cover both types in next month's column.)

Several popular full-size vertical antenna configurations are shown in fig. 2. In addition to these, two simple specialized designs particularly appeal to me.

One is the **parallel ground plane antenna**, a close cousin to the parallel dipole described in a previous column. In this inexpensive, no-trap design, three vertical wires cut for the 10, 15 and 20 meter bands are taped to a cane or other wooden pole about 17' long and connected *in parallel* at the base to the transmission line center conductor. A minimum of four sets of radials are used, each set consisting of a resonant radial for each of the three bands. The antenna can be mounted on any convenient support. A good match to coax is possible on each band without adjustment after initial trimming; the nonresonant driven elements have a high impedance and are therefore practically

nonexistent on other than the band for which they are cut. Bandswitching is automatic since the antenna is self-resonant on the three bands.

With 10 meter activity and band conditions on the upsurge, an antenna that is both inexpensive and inconspicuous is handy to have to get in on the fun on the high band. With a bandwidth of 1.7 MHz, however, 10 meters is hard to cover with a single antenna if good transmission line matching is to be had. The **folded ground plane**, a variation of the familiar *folded dipole* can be used as a vertical radiator. Any type parallel conductors, even a length of twin-lead or open wire supported by a wooden mast, about 8'2" in length, can be used as the vertical element. The conductors are joined at the top and opened at the bottom. One conductor is connected to the 70-75 ohm transmission line center conductor, the other to the coax braid. What results is a trombone-shaped antenna with a very wide bandwidth comparable to that of the folded dipole. As the base impedance is somewhat higher than 70 ohms, a matching network may be required for low s.w.r.

Both of these two interesting designs are shown in fig. 3.

Don't forget the ground. With most

verticals, operation against a low-resistance ground is a "must" if the antenna is to radiate better than the proverbial wet string. Indeed, the importance of an efficient ground system for the vertical can't be over-emphasized. Why is this so?

The vertical, in its simplest form, is designed to be *electrically equivalent* to a dipole stood on end. When mounted close to the ground, the earth takes the place of the "missing half" of the dipole. The antenna can work effectively in this mode only if there is a low-resistance connection to ground, since the ground circuit resistance, along with the radiation resistance of the antenna, determines the amount of current flowing in the antenna circuit and therefore the power radiated. A ground circuit resistance of more than a few ohms will substantially detract from the mirror effect the earth is to provide and can result in extremely low antenna frequency—possibly as low as 10%. To secure a good ground, rods, wire mesh screens, and radial wires are used.

If local conductivity is exceptionally good or if the soil beneath the antenna is chemically treated to increase conductivity, a simple 4-6' metal stake *may* serve as the ground connection. Far better and more efficient are ground wires arranged in the form of wagon wheel spokes radiating from the central ground rod, with each radial preferably terminated in a ground rod. Wire size or type conductor is unimportant; the radials do not have to be of any particular length, they do not have to be laid in a straight line, and they don't even have to be buried. A large number of *long* radials is better in reducing ground losses than a number of *short* ones. However, since the largest losses occur in the ground near the base of the antenna (where current flow is highest), it's better to use a larger number of radials of shorter length than a smaller number of longer ones, for a given amount of wire. Wire mesh (such as chicken-wire screening) can be used effectively under the antenna, in the area of highest ground loss.

If a good ground can't be obtained, of if the ground mounted antenna would be surrounded by power-absorbing objects, you can mount the antenna atop a mast or on a roof, installing your own artificial ground system (ground plane) under the vertical. The antenna is supported by at least four ground plane radials, installed at the base of the elevated antenna and connected to the braid of the coax and to the supporting tower or mast (if metal). The ground plane radials should be $\frac{1}{4}$ -wave-

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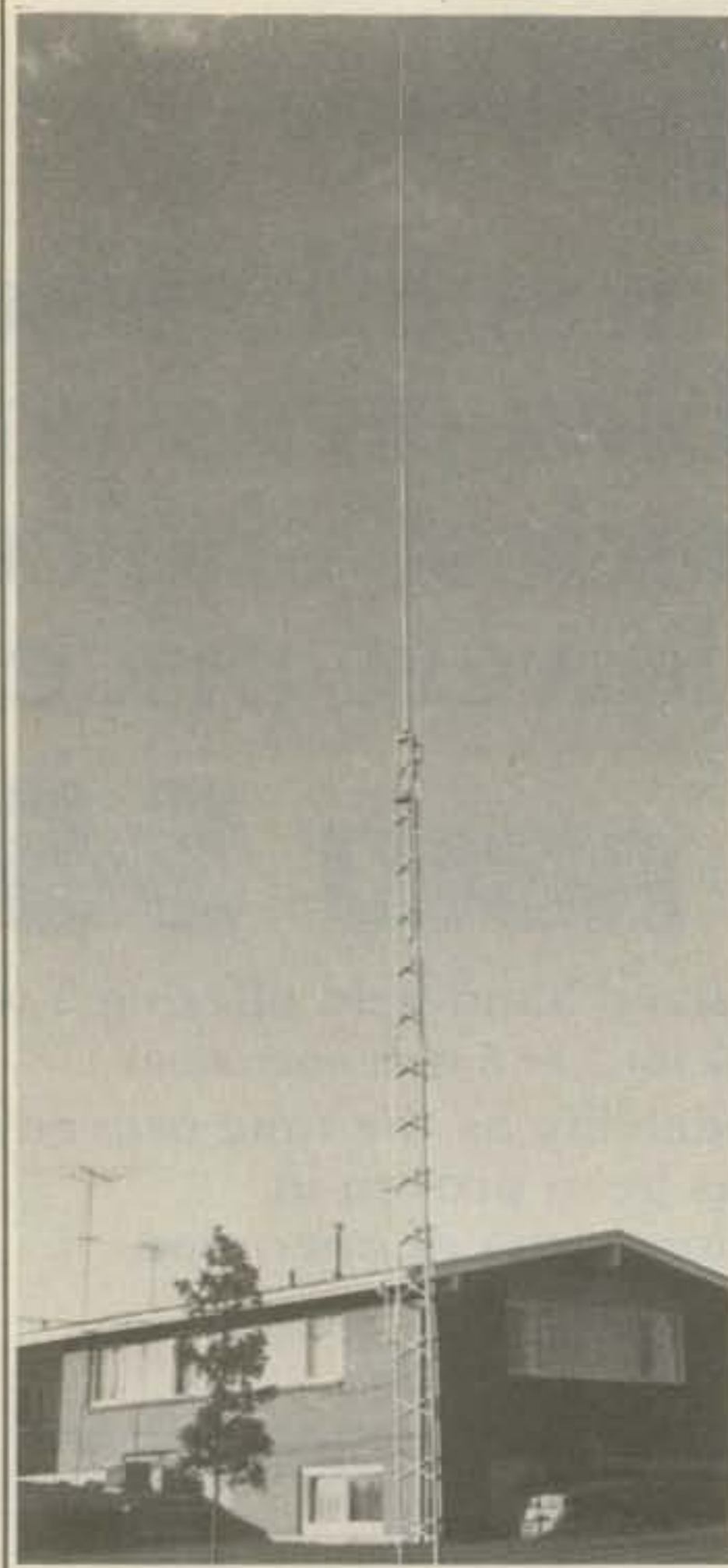
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Antenna of the Month: Hy-Gain 18HT Multiband H.F. Vertical

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The galvanized 24' tower requires no guying in winds up to 75 m.p.h. The top mast is constructed of 6063-T832 taper swaged aluminum that extends the antenna to an overall height of 50'. A special hinged base assembly allows complete assembly at ground level and easy raising and lowering.

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length for the band to be used. They should be insulated at the far ends and separated from guy wires by egg insulators.

Four or more radials provide an effective ground plane mirror for the antenna, and they also act as decoupling stubs to choke off current flow on the mast used for support. The radials may be run parallel to the earth or sloped downward; sloping them at a 45-degree angle will raise the feed-point impedance, possibly allowing a direct match to 52-ohm cable without the use of a matching device. For multiband operation, paralleled radial sets should be used for each band, though 40 meter radials will suffice for 15-meter operation due to their odd-harmonic resonance on the higher band. (Multiple conductor TV rotator cable or twin-lead can be used for the parallel radials if the conductors are peeled back to form $\frac{1}{4}$ -wave radials on each band.)

In difficult apartment or business locations, where the antenna can neither be ground mounted nor used with an artificial ground plane, you may still be able to use a vertical if you can find a large mass of metal close by the antenna base that has a direct or capacitive-coupling to ground, such as air conditioning or heating systems, structural steel frames, downspouts, etc. Windowsill-mounted "semi-verticals" may be used where roof-mounted antennas are prohibited, if a cold-water pipe or radiator connection can be found and/or if tuned radials or a *counterpoise* is used for r.f. grounding. The metal bodies of trailers, mobile homes and campers may be used as parts of a ground system for verticals. Results are unpredictable and will likely vary from band to band. On-the-air performance depends to a large measure on one's dogged persistence in trying to secure an effective ground system.

Antenna of the Month

Beginning this month, and from time to time in subsequent columns, we will feature an "antenna of the month." We'll pick an unusual commercial antenna design and review its technical details for the benefit of CQ readers who may be contemplating purchase. In the future, we may be able to include unique homebrew designs, so if you have a special design you are particularly proud of and want to share it with other readers, send along a technical rundown. Good photo and sketches are a must. See you then.

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● **South Jersey Radio Association's 32nd Annual Hamfest** - The South Jersey Radio Association is hosting a 32nd Annual Hamfest in this, their 64th year of existence. The Hamfest will be held on Sunday, September 7th, on the grounds of Pennsauken Senior High School on Hylton Road (1½ miles S.E. on Rte 73 from the Tacony Palmyra Bridge) in Pennsauken, N.J. There will be a flea market and in addition, prize drawings, contests, Bingo for the ladies, and games for the children. In case of inclement weather facilities indoors can accommodate exhibitors and attendees. Admission is \$3. Tailgate or booth space is \$5 per seller. Talk-in on 146.52 simplex; 146.22/82 PARA SJRA Repeater. For more information contact Edwin T. Kephart, W2SPV, 4309 Willis Ave., Pennsauken, N.J. 08109.

● **Butler Hamfest** - The Butler County ARA Hamfest will be held on September 7th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Butler Farm Show Grounds, Rt. 68, Butler, Pennsylvania. Free outside fleamarket, indoor fleamarket, refreshments, prizes. \$1 donation for admission, free parking, children under 12 admitted free. For more information contact WA3GDS, Dan Metrick, 130 Rieger Rd., Butler, PA 16001.

● **W9DXCC Convention** - The Northern Illinois DX Association will host the W9DXCC Convention on September 13 at the Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights, Illinois. A full program for DXers is planned. For details write: Howie Huntington, K9KM, 65 South Burr Oak Drive, Lake Zurich, IL 60047.

● **Indiana Hamfest** - The Porter County Amateur Radio, Inc. will hold its annual Hamfest at the Porter County Fairgrounds in Valparaiso, Indiana on September 14. Flea market, technical sessions, door prizes, bingo, food. Dealers and commercial exhibitors; free indoor and outdoor space. Gate opens at 6 a.m. Talk-in on 147.96/36 and 146.52 MHz. Advance tickets, \$1.50. At the gate \$2.00. For tickets and information, write to Charles Baker, W9SJK, P.O. Box 251, Portage, IN 46368.

● **Tu-Boro ARC Auction** - The Tu-Boro ARC will hold its Annual Auction on September 18 at the Odd Fellows Hall, 149-14 14th Avenue, Whitestone, New York. 6 p.m. for sellers, 7 p.m. for buyers. Donation \$1.00 per person. Beer and soda available. For information call: Walt, WB2PFO at 212-539-5732 nights, and Ed, WB2IBQ at 212-746-4082. Talk-in on 146.52.

● **Cincinnati Hamfest** - The Cincinnati Hamfest will be held on Sunday, September 21st at Stricker's Grove, State Route 128, Venice (Ross), Ohio. Exhibits and booths, prizes, refreshments, flea market, talks, entertainment, and more. Admission and registration is \$4. For more information request a copy of the "Hamfest Issue" of "The Mike and Key" from WBALW, 3965 Harmar Court, Cincinnati, OH 45211.

● **Skyview Radio Swap and Shop** - The Skyview annual Swap and Shop will be held on September 21 from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Sokol Camp, Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania. For more information send a s.a.s.e. to Jim Jackson, K3VRU, RD # 1, Box 7A, Apollo, PA 15613.

● **Radio Association of Erie Hamjam** - The Radio Association of Erie, Pennsylvania will hold their annual Hamjam on Sunday, September 28th at the Rainbow Gardens at Waldameer Beach Park, Erie, Pennsylvania to promote the Amateur Radio Fraternity.

● **On-the-Air Reunion** - An on-the-air reunion, sponsored by the Canal Zone Amateur Radio Association (CZARA), Panama, to foster continued friendship among former KZ5's, will be held in the contest period of 48 hours beginning 0001Z, September 27. A1 and A3 modes only, no cross mode operation allowed. Listen within the lowest 25 kHz of the c.w. and phone segments of the U.S. General Class portion on each band. Contest call will be "CQ Ex-KZ5 Reunion." No power limitations. Extract of contest logs must be mailed by October 31, 1980 and must be marked either "Reunion" or "Balboa Award." Send to John B. Barham, HP1XOG, PSC Box 4481, APO Miami 34001. Former KZ5's who choose not to submit an entry are encouraged to provide current call signs and address via QSL or post card to the above address. Also contact the above for more information about the contest.

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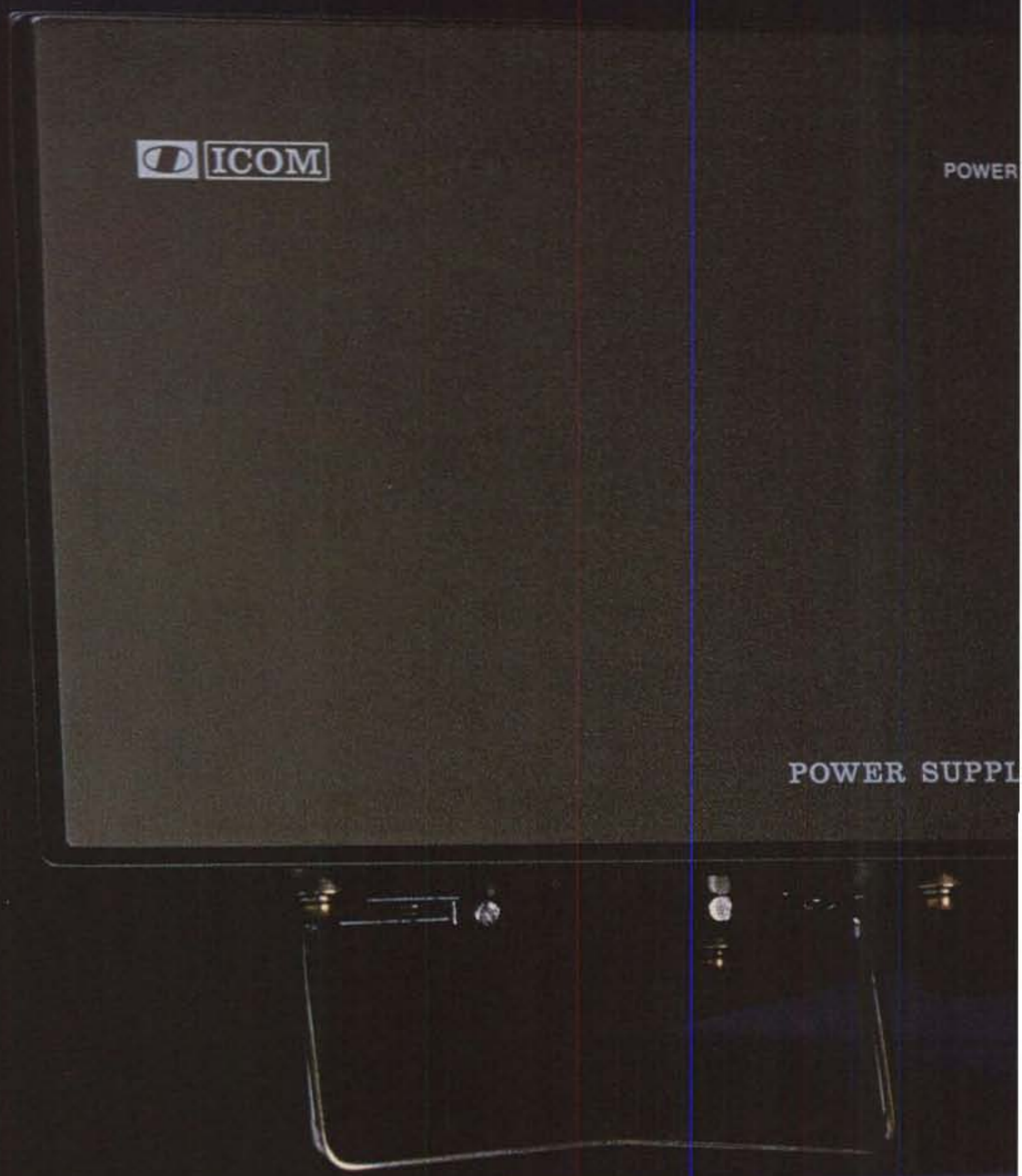
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NEWS OF COMMUNICATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

We attended the Fresno DX Convention (DX-80) for the first time this year, and a mighty event it was with presentations on Palmyra and Kingman by K6LPL, the Neutral Zone DXpedition (8Z4A) by JY4MB, Abu Ail by DJ9ZB and HB9MX, Spratly by K4SMX, YASME by Lloyd and Iris, Rhodes and Africa by K5VT and climaxing with the DX Hall of Fame Award presentation to Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD, which was accompanied by a 5-minute standing ovation. Our heartiest congratulations to Convention Chairman Dave Bell, W6AQ, and his DX-80 Committee consisting of Joe, N6AHU; Frank, W6AOA; Larry, N6AR; Dick, W6ET; Irv, WA6GOY; Norman, W6ORD; Bernie, W6PJX; Marty, N6VI and Freid, WA6WZO, all of the Southern California DX Club. Next year will be the Northern California DX Club's turn again, and rumors hint that the site may be moved to the greatly expanded Visalia Airport Holiday Inn's convention facilities. Nothing definite yet, however, so don't write for reservations.

The DX Forum at Fresno produced a startling recommendation which I know will interest you. It started with an observation by Dave, K6LPL, that rocks, reefs and sandbars were not real countries and should be deleted from the DXCC Countries list. One would have expected this idea to be shouted down by a room full of rabid DXers. When we last mentioned it in the CQ DX column several years ago it required a wheelbarrow to cart home all the letters of protest received at Box 205, the theme of which was the need for new countries to keep the award alive and excitement in the world of DX. However, at Fresno the group roared its approval and voted unanimously (as near as I could tell) in favor. Jack Troster, W6ISQ, Dick Baldwin, W1RU, and I looked at each other in amazement.

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At the Dayton Hamvention, Joe Arcure, Jr., W3HMK, (left) receives his DX Hall of Fame plaque from CQ Publisher, Dick Ross, K2MGA. For a complete story on the election of W3HMK to the DX Hall of Fame see page 78 of the December 1979 issue of CQ. (Photo courtesy Skip, WB8OWM)

So what now? We don't know! Perhaps this was just a temporary aberration. On the other hand, maybe it will be referred to the League's DX Advisory Committee. If you have thoughts on the matter we suggest that you drop a note to the Committee and let them know how you feel.

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For Those Who Remember...
(Thanks WA4JTI and QRZ DX)

"At the Saturday DX Forum at Dayton this year a scene took place which stirred the hearts of many. The moderator canvassed the audience for those individuals who had operated from other countries, and asked each one to stand and list his accomplishments. I thought to myself, 'There is one man who could really turn this place upside down if he were here and could tell us of all the places he had been.'

"Then over to my left my gaze stopped upon a familiar countenance. My heart skipped a beat. They passed the microphone quickly down the aisle to where he stood, almost hidden by the huge throng present in the hall. Yes, the hair was grayer and maybe a little thinner, but the voice

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Applications and reprints of the latest rules may be obtained by sending a self addressed stamped envelope (30 cents) size 4 1/2 x 9 1/2 to the W A Z Manager, Leo Haisman, W4KA, 1044 S.E. 43 Street, Cape Coral, Florida 33904. Applicants forwarding QSL cards either direct to the W A Z manager or to a check point should include sufficient postage for the safe return of their QSL cards. The processing fee for all C.Q. awards is \$5.00.

was still strong and those old eyes for a split second once again sparkled like we remembered them from a long ago era. He spoke of some of his visits such as Sikkim, Bouvet, Aldabra, Desroches and countless others of the rare and exotic. Then the fellow announced in that all too familiar sweet southern drawl that he had held some 169 callsigns during his DXpeditioning career.

"The applause started as a low rumble from across the room, and built into a shattering crescendo as the much-traveled one received a long standing ovation. There was hardly a dry eye in the house when the tribute ended and the old gent silently slipped from the room, disappearing into the Dayton crowd. I guess there are those who were with me in the audience that day who until now still do not know who our visitor was. His being there took us back several years to a time when chasing the new one was somehow more fun than it is today.

"Thanks, Gus, for helping us remember."

For those interested in that "golden era," Gus, W4BPD is publishing a series on his famous DXpeditions in *The DXers Magazine*, P.O. Drawer DX, Cordova, S.C. 29039.

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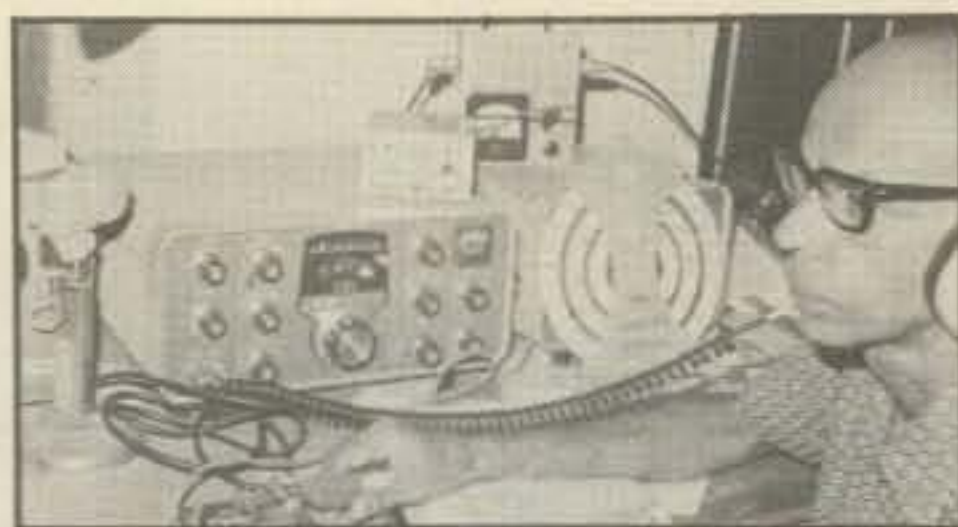
160 Meter DX—Stew Perry, W1BB, (DX Hall of Fame—1968) is still offering the *160 Meter DX Bulletin* free to anyone who sends a self-addressed, stamped envelope to his home QTH, 36 Pleasant St., Winthrop, MA 02152. Stew has published this bulletin since 1932. If you are interested in the ultimate DX challenge, try 160.

Stew congratulates Ed, WA4SGF, on working all states by 160 meter mobile. Ed worked KH6CC during the 1979 CQ Worldwide C.W. Test, report 4/4/9, for his 50th state with the mobile rig on top band.

New DX Bulletins—The Japan DX Radio Club is now publishing an English language bulletin for foreign countries. If interested, contact the editor, Kouichi Asai, JA8KB, 90-49, Oasa, Ebetsui, Hokkaido, 069-01, JAPAN. The President of JDXRC is JA3BG and Directors are JH1VRQ and JA8KB.

The *DXers Newsletter* is a new biweekly bulletin published "for the little guy as well as DX that's rare. If you haven't got it, it's rare." The editor is Roger Carson, WD4PEQ, P.O. Box 1458, Morristown, TN 37814.

Prefixes—EY6C is a special prefix in the Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan, Oblast 002. CI3LSS was a special events station by the Radio Club of the Listonal District School in Ontario.



Kris, VU2KMK, is looking for the U.S. on 14028 daily from 0100 to 0200 GMT and again from 1200-1400 GMT using an SB-101 to a dipole. QSL to Doug Hendricks, N7UT, 4906 Pine-wood Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84107. (Photo via N7UT)

OE25 was used by Austrian hams last spring as a jubilee celebration.

A Lidville Limerick by WA4JTI—

A Dxr not knowing the call,
Entered a pileup deep wall to wall,
After calling all day,
Much to his dismay
He found that he'd worked Montreal.

The moral—next time you hear a pileup on a strange prefix check it out before you dive in. You might not need it.

An American At The Other End

The following article was written exclusively for the CQ DX column by Art Candell, HH2A, who has provided

a first Haiti contact for many happy DXers. If you are interested in the trials and tribulations of an American operating at the other end, please read on:

Many hams, listening to the exotic flow of communications originating out of the U.S.A.—much from expatriate Americans, who dream and fantasize that someday they too will somehow get the opportunity to sit on the other side of a DX pileup with some sort of a rare call to fascinate their compatriots, chairbound to some prosaic stateside call area.

Quite a few years ago, I too had this dream, which eventually materialized following my becoming a foreign correspondent for a leading wire service which led to various rare, and not-too-rare, QTH's—and much of the dream came true, but by the same token, it ain't all milk and honey.

During the regime of the late Francois Duvalier, and for several years of the reign of the present President, Jean-Claude Duvalier, hamming was forbidden in Haiti, except for a few special fortunate ones who held an "HH" call by special permission, and who were sought out as a real special rarity.

Unfortunately I was not one of those privileged ones. But when the ban was lifted 2½ years ago, I was one of the first to become officially licensed and shortly thereafter

CQ DX Honor Roll

The CQ DX Honor Roll recognizes those DXers who have submitted proof of confirmation with 275 or more ACTIVE countries for the mode indicated. The ARRL DXCC Countries List is used as the country standard. Total number of countries on the list as of deadline is 319. 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 at any time, in any number. Updates indicating no change will be accepted to meet the annual requirement. The fee for endorsements involving the issuance of a sticker is \$1. Other updates require an SASE for confirmation of total. The basic award fee is \$5.

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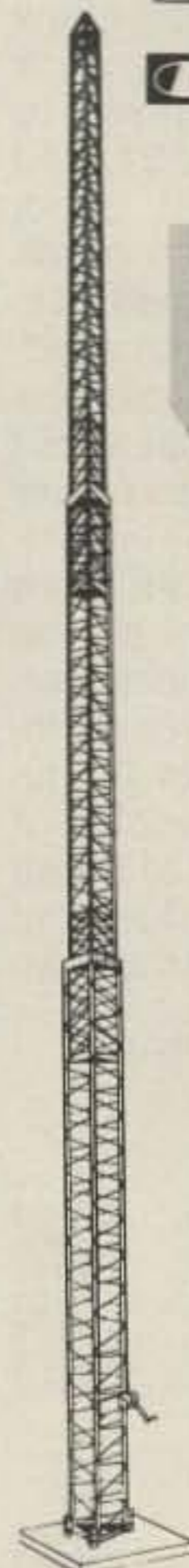


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started operating with my call, HH2A.

For one of those strange reasons, unaccountable by propagation formulas and rational explanations, my home, perched about 800' over sea-level and overlooking the Caribbean in Haiti's capital city, Port-au-Prince, turned out to be one of those hot, fantastically good, propagation spots for no apparent reason, consistently bringing in S9+ reports using low power. When I went on the air, this good signal together with the still rare "HH" prefix brought an overwhelming response. A rational QSO was all but impossible, and the thrill of working a pileup with 500 stations, all seeking an HH card, which constituted the bulk of contacts, was soon lost in the inability of holding a nice, peaceful rag-chew with a single station. To avoid this, it became my habit, at that time, to operate on the low end of 14, 21, and 28—outside of the American band, where, guiltily, I picked up so much DX, unencumbered by stateside stations that soon, this too became a jaded situation as cartons and cartons filled up with DX cards from just about every country with electricity to power a transmitter.

The pressure became less as more and more "HH" stations went on the air, enabling me to make more personal contacts resulting in many interesting and lifelong friends in the states—one of the great spinoffs of ham radio. Let's go into a bit of detail at this time concerning the fun and problems of an expatriate American

One of the most exciting DXpeditions of the decade was the 8Z4A Neutral Zone expedition carried out by the Royal Jordanian Radio Society in celebration of the 44th birthday of King Hussein, Nov. 14, 1979. A total of 40,800 s.s.b. and c.w. contacts were made on 80-10 meters. This series of photographs, taken during the DXpedition, were given to K4IIF at the Fresno DX Convention by Mohammed Balbisi, JY4MB, a member of the Executive Committee of the Society and one of the DXpedition operators.



Mohammed, JY4MB, takes a break.



Naiel, JY5US, is rested and ready to hit the rig again.



Hassan, J28AA, needs a stretch after a long turn at the operating position.



Mohammed, JY4YJ, and Zedan, JY3ZH, pose at snacktime.

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ham with the call, HH2A.

First the pleasures. Perhaps the best is the attachment to the American culture. Here, away from the MacDonal'd's, gas shortages, weather and local politics of the U.S.A., ham radio provides, at least for me, a very necessary positive, psychological link with the small things going on in the homeland... snowstorms, elections, and many other events taken for granted by you, but missed by those not involved. It's nice to know that a phone patch can be made during an emergency, and again, most of all, there is the rewarding experience of accumulating a large group of wonderful friends in almost every state.

One frequently hears of the discourtesy of the American ham but possibly with the exception of some profane and outlandish procedures during the heat of pileups, this is largely untrue. I would place American hams about in fourth position, worldwide, in operational procedure. Perhaps in first place would come the Canadians, followed by Japan, Germany and England. Unfortunately at the rock bottom of the scale, and I know this will bring a lot of outcry, is

the operation coming out of various South American countries, notably, Venezuela and Colombia.

When talking to a foreign ham, under no conditions discuss politics in his country. Few countries have the total freedom of the American to criticize or expound his theories, and it is a good idea to stay away from politics, local or international, as well as any other subject which can be even remotely deemed controversial. While the American ham can talk about almost anything except using the ham bands for business or commercial purposes, many countries specifically provide a broad spectrum of penalties for discussing politics, religion or other taboos. To be safe, use discretion and don't get on matters which might, without your being aware, put the ham on the other end in an embarrassing situation at the very least.

QSL cards can be quite a chore, and an expensive one as well. Despite my continuously and clearly identifying my QSL manager, Frank, AJ9D, I continue to get cards mailed directly, with no IRC's enclosed, pleading "please QSL." Impossible. It costs me about 60¢ to airmail a card direct,

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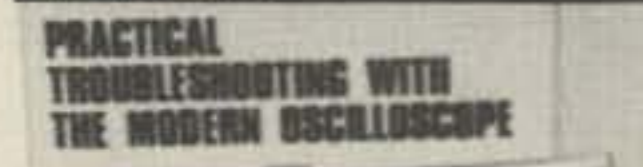
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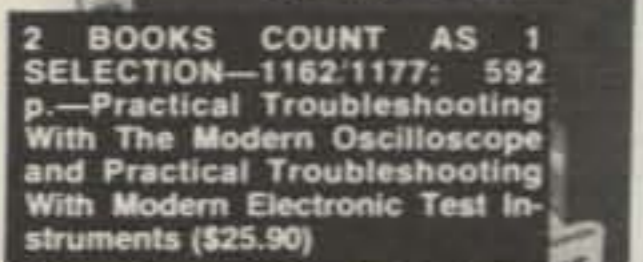
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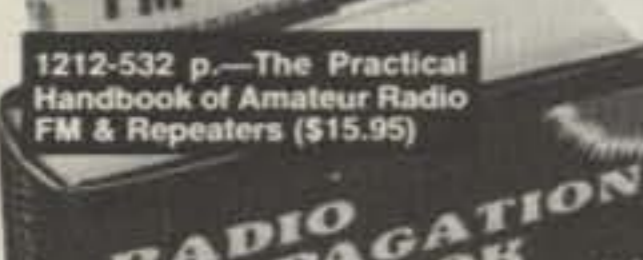
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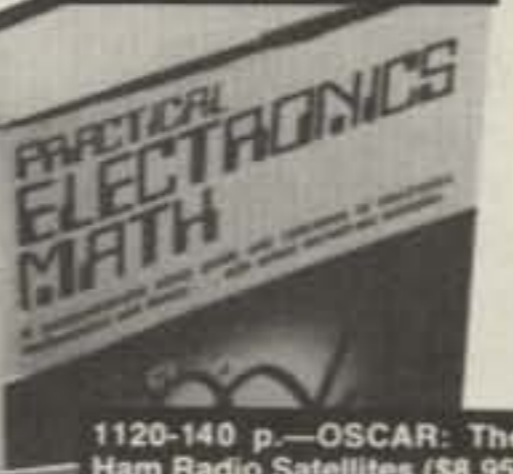


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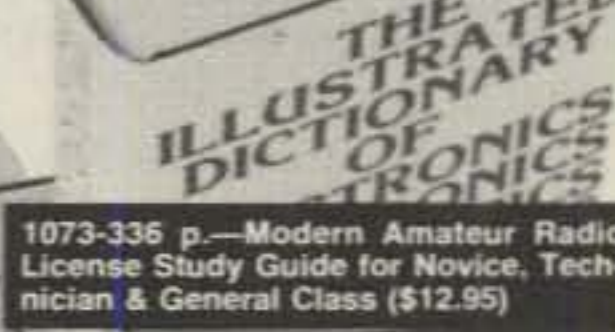
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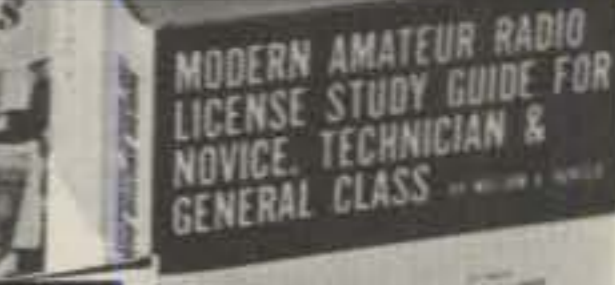
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and the quantities make for a situation in which I would soon go broke. In the name of all overseas amateurs with a stateside QSL manager, please send him your card *together with an SASE*. In 99.99% of the cases you will quickly receive a response.

A pet peeve of mine is "QSL Bureaus," which appropriate my IRC's and return envelopes—everything but the card, which I receive sometimes as much as two years after it was mailed. Don't send me your card via a "Bureau." QSL'ing for an overseas station is a thankless, expensive, and time-consuming task. Sadly, we do not need your cards, but knowing you need ours, we attempt to do the best we can, and the best is via a QSL manager. If you *DO* QSL direct, you won't get a response without some IRC's—sorry about that, and so much for QSL'ing.

Basically, after many years of hamming I am a rag-chewer. If I am so engaged, and you badly need "HH2" for your DXCC, and are biting off bits of your mike in anticipation, please don't start yelling "BREAK!" or jump in on top of the QSO. Please wait, wait patiently, until it finishes, at which time, I'll be more than happy to meet you. There is an exception however. During an "anything goes" pile-

up, by all means, flip on the linear and get into some of that good, old, all-American competition; just don't lose your cool. We enjoy it at this end as well, but keep your transmission brief with just a signal report and basic information. Cruelly, we have no interest in your WX, what kind of a rig and antenna you have and the phonetic spelling of your QTH, "Watahootchie-On-the-Smilhawonga River." We don't care how old you are or where you make your bread. Tell us all this at some other time when we can lend a more sympathetic ear. Your face would turn red if you knew what the other hams attempting to make contact during your long-winded discourse were calling you!

One of our truly great pleasures is having one of you from the states stop in to visit us, and perhaps for the first time, sit on the downwind side of DX. Your excitement and thrill is a joy to behold! If you intend to do some hamming while visiting a foreign QTH, be advised that their regulations are totally different, and in many cases conflict with those to which you are accustomed.

In no case pack that shiny new transceiver and associated gear in your suitcase and blythly attempt to carry it through customs. In many cases it will be picked up. If you send it down, you might have to pay a duty almost equal to its cost to get it out of customs. Your best and most reliable source is a resident ham. Ask him about procedures, licensing, operating, etc. He, in most cases, will be happy to assist you. Don't rely on information obtained from foreign consulates and embassies in the U.S.A., as in most cases they are quite misinformed. The resident ham is the guy to help you.

We living overseas do not have the network of sophisticated Coast Guard services, Civil defense procedures or other highly developed assistance in time of emergency disasters such as hurricanes and earthquakes. If you hear an emergency call during such a disaster, if you can help, jump in, otherwise, to put it bluntly, SHUT UP. More interference is caused by hams attempting to be genuinely, but ineffectively, helpful than by the more notorious freaks and psychopaths who get some sort of sick, vicarious pleasure in disrupting an emergency net where lives and property are genuinely at stake. If you are totally uninvolved, if you live in Iowa or Kansas, for God's sake, don't break into a hurricane net and ask for the latest coordinates. Put on your TV and find out; stop asking for inappropriate information totally not applicable. If the net con-

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73, John, K4IIF

The WPX Program Mixed

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| 839...JA5ESR | 843...VE3IPR |
| 840...N6PV | 844...YU2RQN |
| 841...DM3WYJ | 845...DF7GK |
| 842...HA9RE | |

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| 1268...N4IB | 1273...IT9YSW |
| 1269...9G1JI | 1274...JA5NG |
| 1270...9G1JU | 1275...JA6JNF |
| 1271...WB9TDR | 1276...EA1ACH |
| 1272...JH5FQO | |

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| 1943...JA5SIX | 1945...W0YBV |
| 1944...PA2CHM | |

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VP2EEW - c/o WD9ALG
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4X4JS - Via WA2KWP
4X4XB - To KA5BBL
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9J2BO - To W6ORD
9K2DX - c/o W6LV
9M6MU - Via N2CW
9V1TX - To N5FN

Me make a mistake? Impossible! Well, maybe. K8BG takes us through some of the special features the Radio Shack TRS-80 provides for dealing with testing and debugging programs.



INTRODUCTION TO BASIC

A Computer Programming Language

Part IX - The Level II EDIT Mode

BY BUZZ GORSKY*, K8BG

In part eight of this series on BASIC, we examined some of the techniques which are useful for testing and debugging programs. The TRS-80® has a number of special features which are particularly helpful with this process, and most of this segment will be devoted to those.

The Level II system has an **EDIT** mode which permits the alteration of BASIC program lines with a minimum of fuss. Often a syntax error will involve only one character of a line. If that line was a full 255 characters, nearly three lines, on the screen, in length, then it would indeed be frustrating to have to retype the entire line. Furthermore, in the retyping process, the odds of injecting a new error would be large. In order to facilitate the editing process, the EDIT mode makes it possible to make changes, including additions and deletions to program lines, with a minimum of retyping.

The edit mode is entered from the command mode by typing **EDIT** followed by a currently valid line number. If the entire line were to be

deleted, then it would be simplest to type **DELETE** (line number) rather than using the edit mode. However, if the line is to be mostly or partly saved, then the editor can be used. Once in the edit mode it should be possible to make as many changes in a line as desired, without returning to the command mode until all changes are complete. One can return to the command mode by hitting **E** for exit, or by hitting the **ENTER** key. If editing mistakes are made, then the alterations will be ignored and the line will be left unchanged by typing **Q** for quit.

Once in the edit mode, there are several ways of moving to the place where the programmer wishes to make changes. If the space key or the left-arrow are hit, the machine will space or back-space thorough the program line one character at a time. One can also type a number followed by either space or left-arrow and the machine will space forward or backward the number of characters indicated. One can also use the **S** for search command. Suppose what you wish to correct is located just after the second equals sign in the line. You would then type **2S=** and the

machine would search for the second occurrence of the equals sign and stop right there. In each case the number preceding the letter **S** indicates how many of the characters to search and the character indicates which character. Whether it's easier to space through a line, or locate a spot with the **S** command, depends on the circumstances or personal preference. In a complex line with lots of parentheses it may be easier to just space thorough the line rather than start counting parentheses in order to search out the correct one. On the other hand, if there is one dollar sign two and a half lines into a program statement, and you wish to correct something that occurs just a few characters after that, then **1SS** will certainly do the trick.

Once you find what you want, you can change, delete or insert material. To change characters you type a number followed by **C** for change, and the machine will then let you type the number of characters indicated, and it will replace the current characters with what you type. You will see the changes as you do the typing. If you do not type a number then the **C** command will let you change one char-

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acter. You can delete characters with the **D** command. As with the change, a **D** preceded by a number will delete that many characters while a **D** alone will delete one character. You will see the deleted material indicated on the screen between exclamation points. Once you have deleted material, be careful about spacing through that material since you will be spacing through material which appears on the screen, but no longer exists in the computer's memory representation of the program statement. Thus after doing deletions, if you wish to make further alterations in the line, it is best to

hit **L** for list, twice. The first time you hit the **L** the machine will display the rest of the program line, and the second time it will display the entire line, with the deletion made. (You can use the **L** command at any time in the edit mode, not just here.) Material can be inserted with the **I** command. After typing **I**, any text that you type will be inserted into the line.

In order to make more than one change in a line, it is convenient to be able to leave a given sub-command and not return to the command mode, but rather remain in the EDIT mode. This is done by holding down the shift key and hitting the up-arrow. So for example, if you have inserted some material and you now wish to space through the statement seeking another error, you can hit shift/up-arrow, and you will then be able to execute any other of the EDIT commands.

The **K** for Kill command provides a quick way of doing some deletions. If you are at the space where a string, located between two quotations, appears, and you wish to delete the string and then insert another, you could count the characters in the string and hit **nD**, where **n** is the number of characters. You could also type **1K** which would delete from the current location through the next occurrence of the quote character; the quote character would not be deleted. You would see the deleted material inside exclamation points, just as when using the **D** command. After the deletion, it would be easy to use the **I** command to insert new material.

The **X** command moves to the end of the program line and places the programmer in the insert mode. That is the command to use when you wish to add material to the end of a line. The **H** command is another special insert command. It will delete all of the line following wherever the display is located and will accept new material in the insert mode. The **A** command is the last. Like the **E** command **A** ig-

nores previous corrections. But with **A** you remain in the EDIT mode.

As you can see the EDIT mode is a great time saver during the editing process. Features of the command mode can also save a great deal of time. Most program statements can be typed in the command mode and will be executed, and those that will not will result in an error message. How is that useful? Well suppose you have a program which requires that a fair amount of data be entered from tape during the process of execution. Suppose that you load the program, then the program loads the data from tape. Then let's say the machine indicates a syntax error in a line. You list the line and see that the only error is that you have left out a quotation mark in a print statement. If you edit the mistake, you will lose all of the entered data and you will have to begin again. Such a process can waste a great deal of time during the many runs which might be required in a long program. Of course you might have used an error trapping routine with the **RESUME NEXT** statement which would have the program continue with the next statement. However, in some instances, you may not want the program to go on with the next statement in every case. In such instances, you can keep the program running from the command mode. Let's say that the quotation mark error is in a single statement line (that is the **PRINT** statement is the only thing in the line) and that the number of the next line is 125. Since the print statement is not mandatory for the completion of the program, you can type **GOTO 125** in the command mode and the program will continue with line 125, effectively ignoring the error. You can then note the error on a scratch pad and correct it after the program run is complete. On the other hand, suppose that the line with the quotation mark error continues with some computational statements which cannot be ignored if the program is to run properly. Must you then resort to editing and starting again? No! In the command mode you can duplicate the required parts of the statement, ending with **GOTO 125** and then the program execution will continue as if the error had not occurred.

While in the command mode you can change the value of variables without causing termination of program execution. Let's say that you see that a string variable which is used in various parts of the program, and is supposed to be set to the null string after each part, was not set to the null string in a given place. Again, if you add a statement to do that, you will be editing the program, and you

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will not be able to continue execution. However, you can type **Z\$ = ""** in the command mode and then type **CONT** to continue the program.

The command mode can also be used to re-do something that has not occurred properly. Suppose that there are ten **INPUT #1** statements in the program for acquiring data from tape. Nine do OK, but the tenth generates a faulty data message. You can run the tape back to the point required for the tenth statement and in the command mode type **GOTO n** where **n** is the statement number for the tenth **INPUT** statement. This will cause re-execution of that line, and hopefully will get the data into the machine. If there is really something wrong with the tape so that data will not enter, you could enter it all by hand in the command mode, assuming of course that you knew what the data was. Once you begin to use the command mode in this fashion to help during the debugging process, many similar examples will become obvious to you.

I will conclude this segment by introducing two branching statements which can help to keep a program organized and easy to use. These are the **ON N GOTO** and **ON N GOSUB** statements. In each case a variable **N** is used to control where the program will go. Suppose you have a program that takes care of the station log. On line 100 the program begins a routine which lets you look at previous entries. On line 300 you can make new log entries, and in 500 the program will print out the log. You might use the following routine to operate the program.

```
50 PRINT "ENTER 1 TO EXAMINE
LOG ENTRIES"
60 PRINT "ENTER 2 TO MAKE
NEW LOG ENTRIES"
70 PRINT "ENTER 3 TO PRINT OUT
LOG ENTRIES"
80 INPUT N: ON N GOTO 100,300,
500
```

This routine would display the instructions and then let you enter a value for **N** from the keyboard. If you enter a **1** the program will branch to line 100, but if you enter **2**, it will go to 300, and if you enter **3** it will go to 500. Of course, you could accomplish the same thing with a series of **IF THEN ELSE** statements, but this is much easier, especially with a long list. You do have to be careful that **N** is within proper limits or things will get messed up. For example, in the little routine above, if **N** is zero or negative, an error will result. If **N** is four or greater then the program will ignore the **ON N GOTO** statement and the program will continue with the next program statement. Thus with some statements like this, it may be important to

check **N** first. For example we could change line 80 to the following:

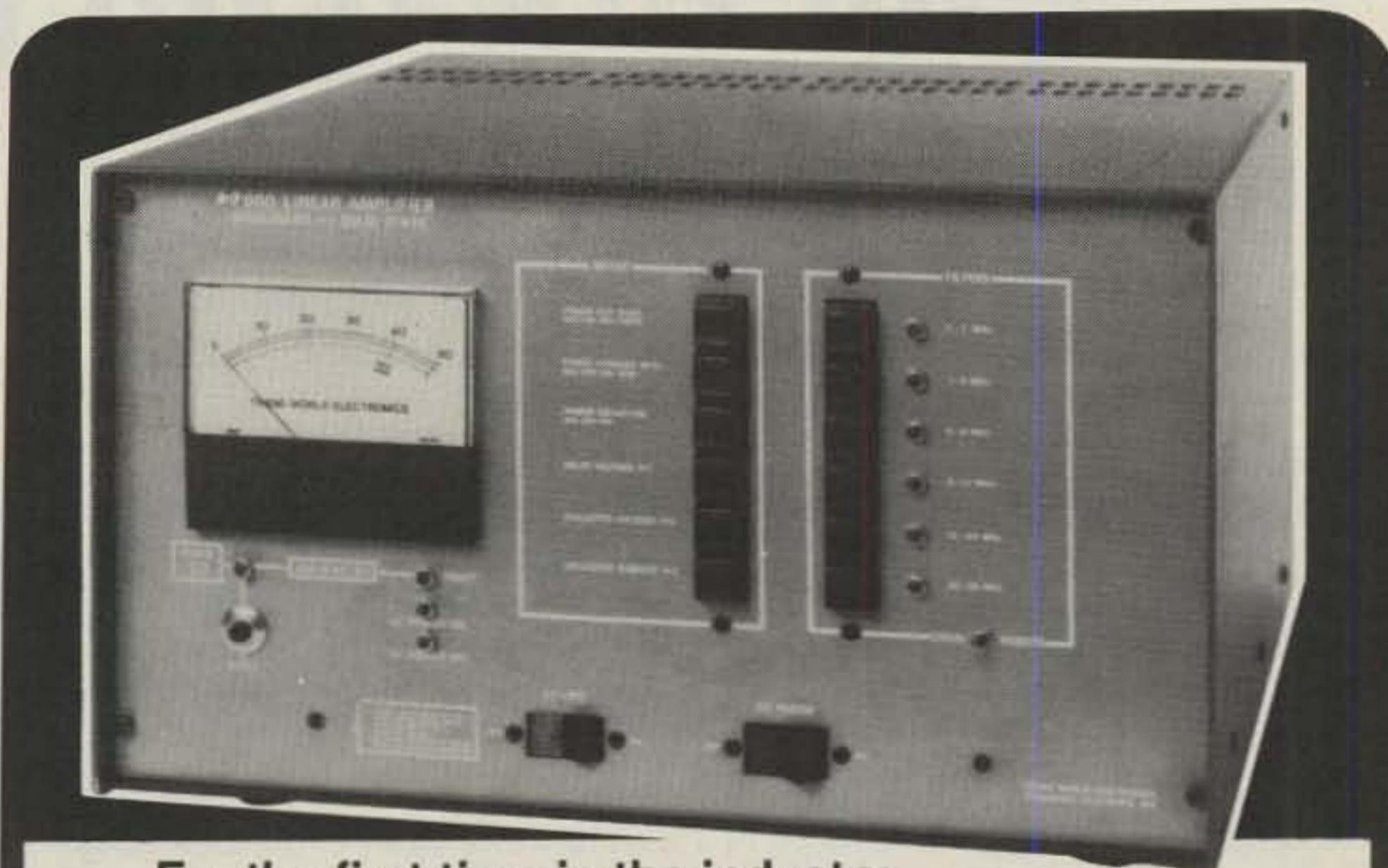
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80 INPUT N: IF(N<=0 OR N>3)
THEN 80 ELSE ON N GOTO
100,300,500
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Now the program would examine the value of **N** and if it were out of limits, line 80 would run again, giving you another chance to enter a correct value, before the **ON N GOTO** statement is encountered.

In some cases, you may wish to execute a subroutine based on an index variable such as **N**. In this case you can use the **ON N GOSUB**... statement where a series of line numbers follow. When **N** is **1** the first

subroutine is entered, for **N=2** the second is begun, and so on. As with any other subroutine, when the **RETURN** is encountered, the program will return to the statement following the **ON N GOSUB** statement.

While this month has not introduced a great deal of new programming material, these items are exceedingly useful in the process of programming. In the next installment in the series, I will demonstrate a few additional BASIC statements which can be used to implement machine language programs through BASIC and I will discuss briefly machine and assembler language.



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Contest time is fast approaching. W3RJ once again comes through with another simple modification to turn a Collins S-Line into a QSK contest machine . . . on c.w.

The Collins S-Line As A C.W. Transceiver With Full Break-In (QSK)

BY RICHARD KLINMAN*, W3RJ

In a pair of previous articles^{1,2} I have described how to modify the Collins S-Line to operate full break-in (QSK) on c.w. The only thing standing in the way of perfection when using the S-Line in that configuration is the lack of transceiver capability in c.w. As originally supplied by Collins Radio, the 32S transmitter and 75S receiver cannot operate transceive on c.w. This note will show exactly how to achieve such capability. Only one very simple and minor modification to the 32S transmitter is required.

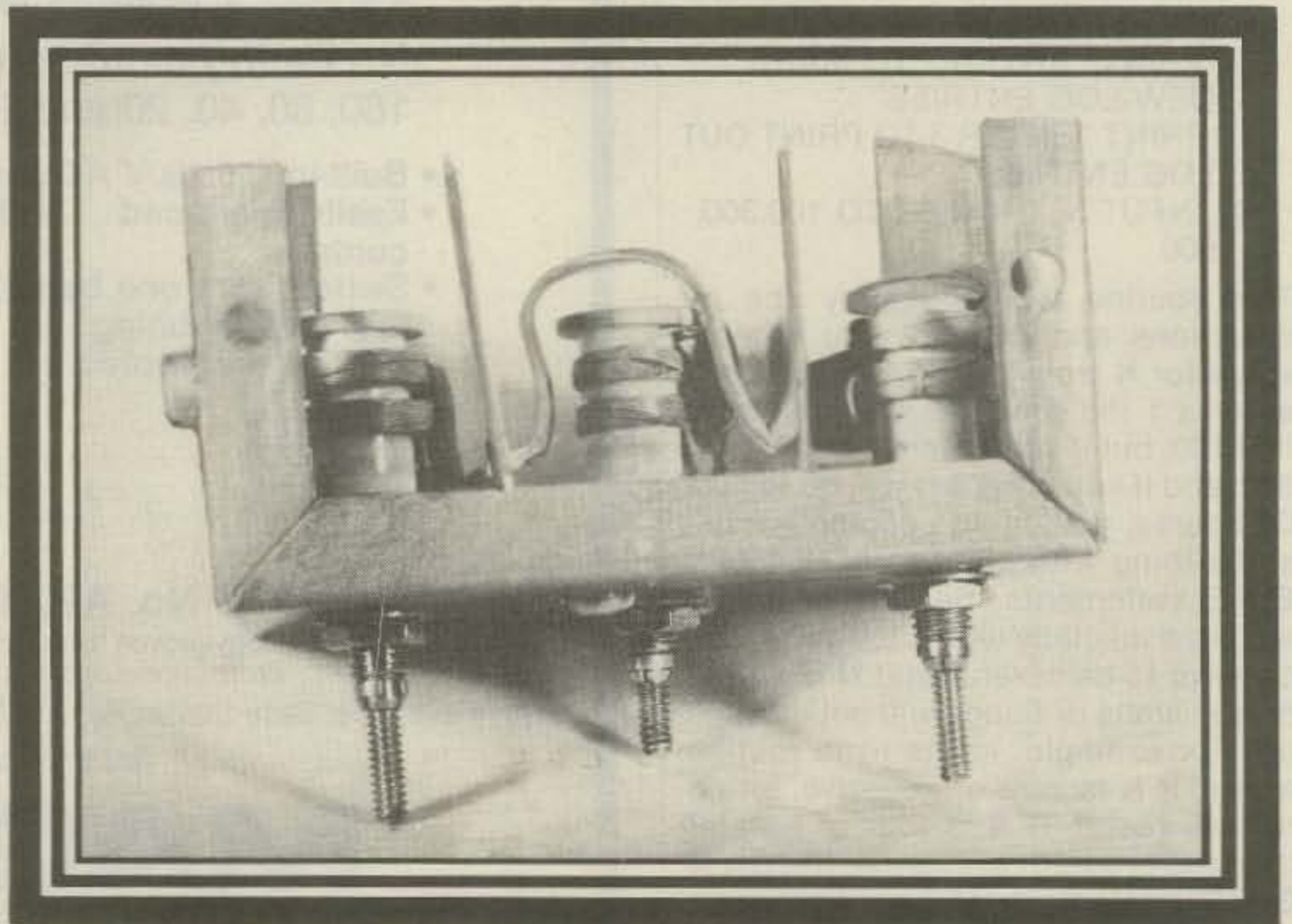
The 32S transmitter will not transceive on c.w. with the 75S receiver because the 32S b.f.o. uses the same crystal for both c.w. and s.s.b. If you attempt to transceive in the c.w. mode you will discover that the transmit frequency is 1.350 kHz away from being zero beat with the station you are listening to. The offset is exactly what is needed for u.s.b. but is incorrect for c.w. Other radio sets, like the Heath SB and Drake 4 series, are generous enough to supply the separate b.f.o. crystal in the transmitter for c.w. operation. The frequency of this crystal is selected for the correct offset for c.w. transceive operation. The same may be done with the 32S transmitter. With the price so high you would think that Collins Radio would throw in the extra crystal. The modification for the 32S transmitter enabling c.w. transceive consists of adding a 455.000 kHz b.f.o. crystal that

is used only in the c.w. mode.

The required crystal can be obtained from International Crystal Mfg. Co., 10 North Lee, Oklahoma City, OK 73102, to the Collins specifications for the regular u.s.b. and l.s.b. b.f.o. crystal except the frequency which must be exactly 455.000 kHz. To physically match the two original b.f.o. crystals the case should be specified as F-700 with wire leads. The crystal's cost is \$16.30 (at the time of this writing) and the International part

number is 413243.* More frugal hams would do well to search the surplus market because many crystals in this frequency range are available. Of course, the same case and lead style may not be found. For example, one surplus house³ has advertised what appears to be a usable crystal for \$5.25.

To add the crystal, open the transmitter and locate the two original b.f.o. crystals Y12 (l.s.b., 453.650 kHz) Y13 (u.s.b. 456.350 kHz) and wafer S8F of



The 455 kHz trap filter. Note the internal shielding between filter sections to minimize b.f.o. feed through.

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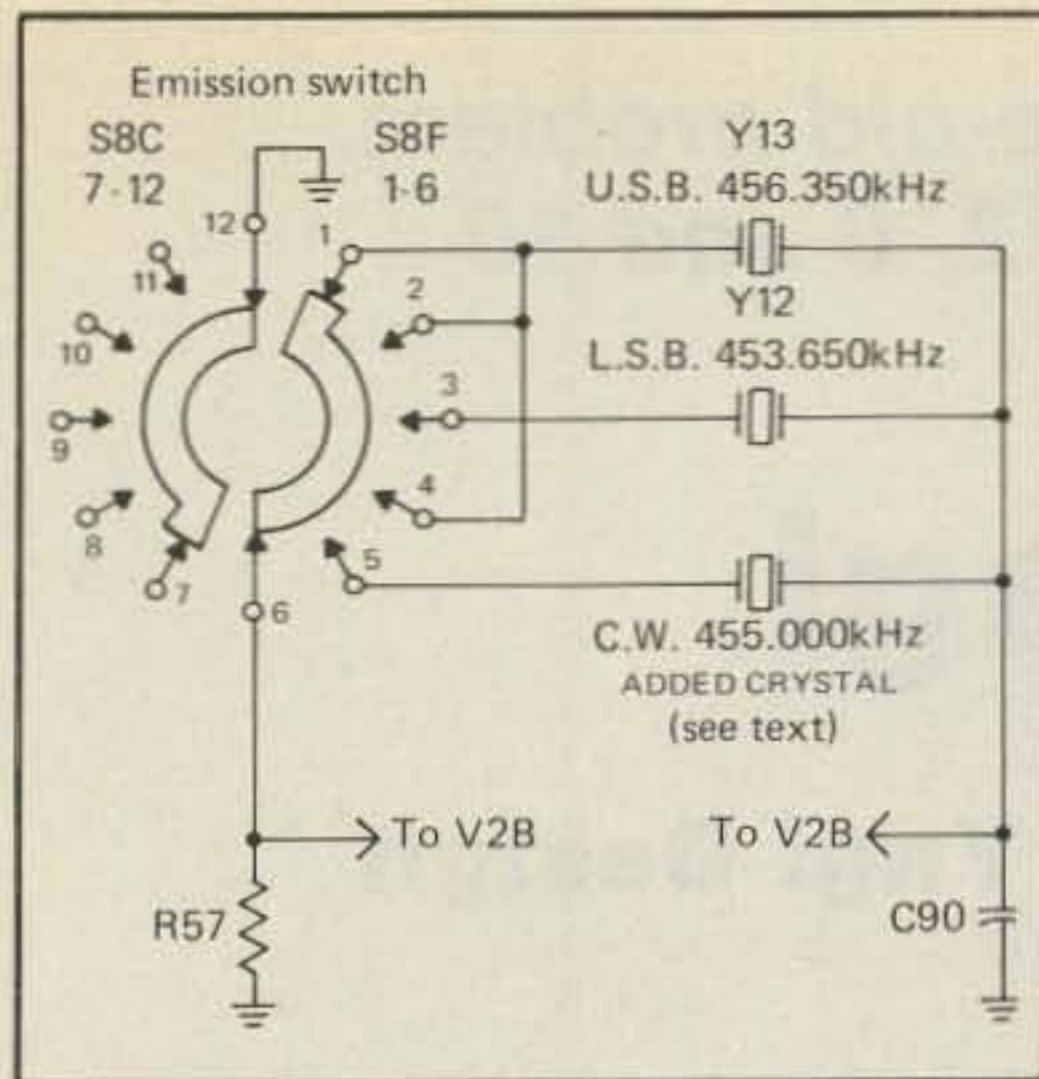


Fig. 1 - Modified 32S-3 b.f.o. circuit for c.w. transceive.

the emission switch. Follow the lead of the u.s.b. crystal Y13 to pins 1, 2, 4 and 5 of S8F. Cut out the wire connecting the u.s.b. position, Pin 4, and the c.w. position, Pin 5, on this wafer. Stack the c.w. b.f.o. crystal below the original crystals and solder one lead to the lug where Y13 and Y12 are joined. Cover the other lead with an appropriate length of insulation and solder it to the c.w. position, Pin 5, on wafer S8F. Tack solder a bare wire to the case of the new crystal. Do not solder to the bead of solder already on the crystal case. Solder the other end of the wire to the ground point used for the two original crystal cases. That completes modification of the 32S transmitter.

Adding the c.w. b.f.o. crystal allows transceive operation on c.w. However, after this modification the effectiveness of break-in operation when using the receiver v.f.o. is reduced due to b.f.o. backwave. Backwave will not be noticeable either before or after the b.f.o. modification when using the transmitter v.f.o. in "split" c.w. operation. The backwave arises from the free running b.f.o. oscillator when the QSK is in the c.w. position. An iden-

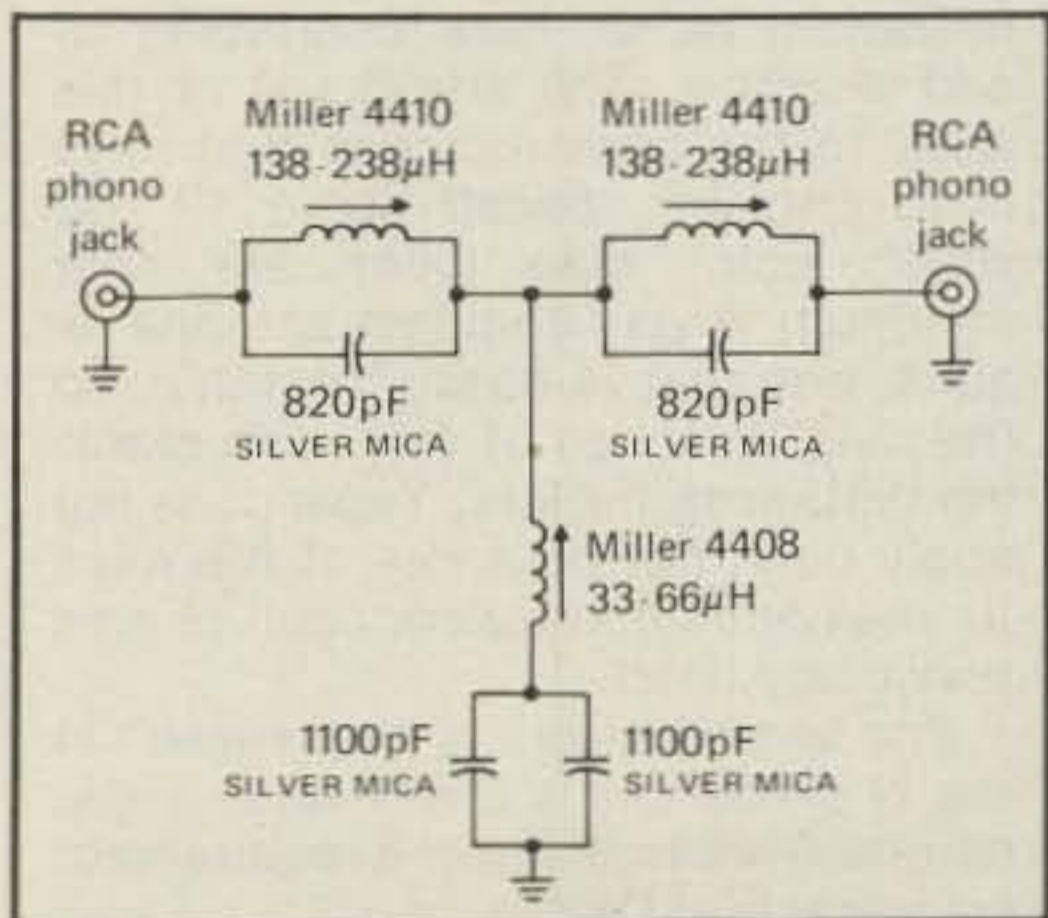


Fig. 2 - 455 kHz trap filter for the v.f.o. transceive cable.

tical problem arose in modifying the Heath SB-401 for break-in. This problem was solved by keying the BFO.⁴ Direct application of this solution to the 32S transmitter renders the spot button inoperative. In the S-Line the b.f.o. backwave enters the receiver through the v.f.o. transceive cable. This cable carries the 2.5 - 2.7 MHz v.f.o. signal from the receiver to the transmitter frequency control switch. Unfortunately, it also provides a parasitic path for the unwanted 455 kHz b.f.o. signal. The backwave has been eliminated through the use of a 455 kHz stop filter, or trap, as shown in fig. 2. The filter is inserted in the v.f.o. transceive cable near the transmitter. It is built in a 3 1/4" x 2 1/8" x 1 5/8" mini-box as shown in the photograph. Note the internal shielding between filter sections to minimize b.f.o. feed through. The filter is tuned until no b.f.o. backwave can be heard in the receiver with the transmitter frequency control switched to the receiver v.f.o. To accentuate the backwave during filter adjustment, a dummy load should be used as the receiver antenna. The backwave should be nulled to the point where it is completely inaudible. While the filter does have some insertion loss at the v.f.o. frequency, it

has negligible practical effect on transmitter operation.

Operation in c.w. transceive is simple. Regardless of what audio tone the operator selects with the b.f.o. control, once the received signal is tuned in and peaked at the selected tone the transmitter is always exactly zero-beat with that received signal. Operation couldn't be much simpler than that. □

Footnotes

*The International catalogue number is 413243 with specifications: frequency 455.000 kHz, CS (:01%), 26C, 20 pf; tsl type 57, holder type 09, load 02, fctr 00, Cal/1, angle -01.

¹ R. Klinman, "A Vacuum Relay TTL QSK Antenna Switch," CQ, July '76.

² R. Klinman, "Vacuum Relay QSK in a Commercially Equipped Station. Part I, the Collins S-Line," CQ, Dec. 1977.

³ Lectronic Research Laboratories, Inc., Atlantic and Ferry Ave., Camden, N.J. 08104 (609-541-4200).

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Here's an interesting approach to an age-old problem. The basic design can be scaled for 1 1/4, 2, 6 and 10 meters.

The Ultra-Yagi

A Different Approach to U.H.F. Yagi Design

BY T.E. WHITE*, K3WBH

Ever since a couple of those wonderful folks who brought you the Z-car invented the Yagi-Uda antenna, amateurs have toiled countless hours to find the one combination of spacing, length, thickness, stacking distance, etc., that would produce the "perfect" beam. Some succeeded in developing fantastic gains, but nobody succeeded in making that gain (and attendant low s.w.r. and high F/B ratio) usable over more than a couple of MHz. This is just what we *don't* want at u.h.f., where antennas must perform well over wide ranges.

Here is a design that flies in the face of some "established" criteria, yet works over a spread of 10 MHz or more, while staying within usable gain, F/B and s.w.r. parameters. And perhaps the best "discovery" of all is that huge stacking distances are not required.

The antenna shown here is for use at 420-435, but it may be scaled to 1 1/4 or 2 meters or even 6 and 10. On 2, for example, it would also cover the upper end of the aircraft band and the satellite band, working well from 135 all the way to 148 MHz.

Our "Ultra Yagi" uses the *diagonal* reflector system (no, not *diagonal*) to preserve usable F/B ratio over a wide band. The reflector elements are longer than previous formulae would have them. All elements are of 1/8" rod. The boom is 3/4" square tubing as is the reflector spacer.

The DE is not a ratio assembly but a straight folded dipole. It may be fed directly with 300 ohm line or with a 4:1 balun and coax, but coax losses at these frequencies are severe if runs exceed 25 ft. Impedance has been measured at from 240-260 ohms at the DE terminals (a lot higher than the 80 ohms one might think).

D1 is very close to the DE. D2 and

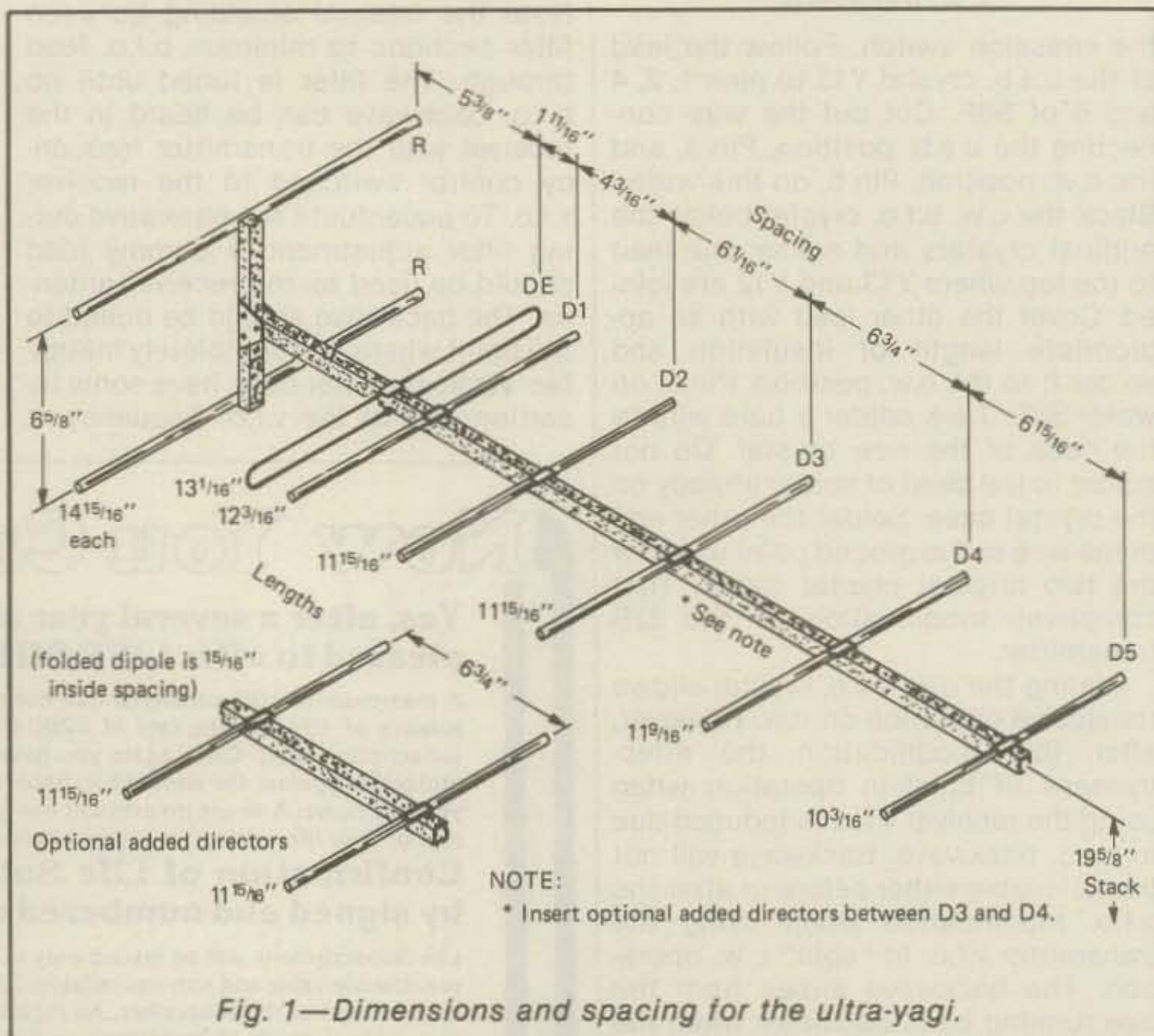


Fig. 1—Dimensions and spacing for the ultra-yagi.

D3 are equal length. Not until D4 and 5 are reached do we start shortening D's. And if we wish to add more D's, we do *not* do so at the far end. Rather we in effect break open the boom and insert D's of the same length as D2-3. The two forward-most D's remain at their staggered lengths (the last D is much shorter than you might think proper).

The antenna shown has 2 R's, 1 DE, and 5 D's, or an 8 element beam. Increase of slightly over 1.5 dB at max. gain point can be obtained by inserting 2 additional D's as explained above. The former D4 and D5 thus become D6 and D7, without change in previous length or difference in length.

Further gain beyond this can far better be obtained by stacking 4 bays ver-

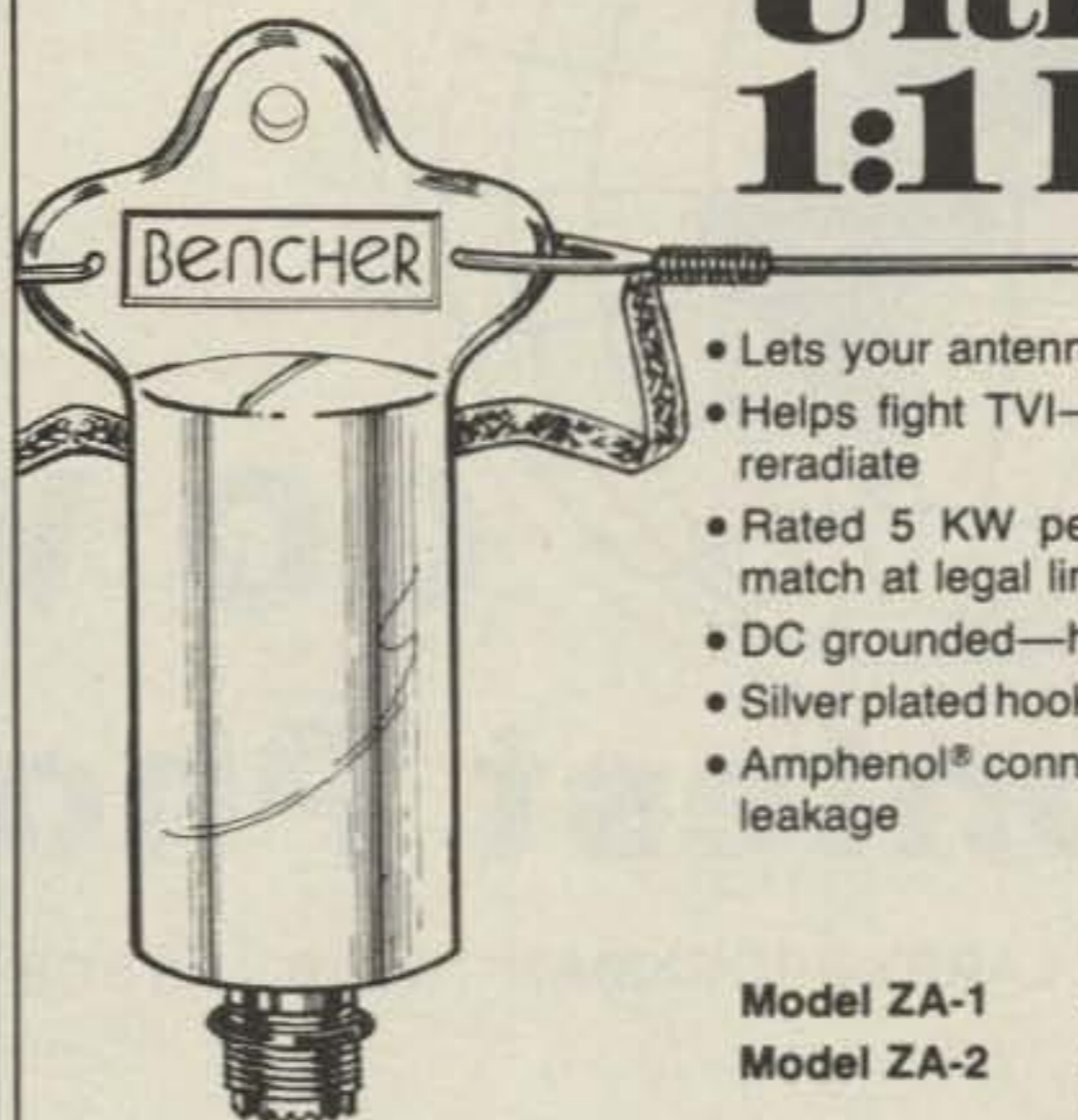
tically (assuming horizontal polarization) rather than continuing to add directors. The advantage of this array to the constructor is that bays need only be spaced about 19", at which point side lobes are near minimum. A very compact antenna results, one that is easily rotatable. So the "old" practice of very wide stacking distances for long Yagis does not apply here, nor do some of the rules for maximum aperture or capture area previously used.

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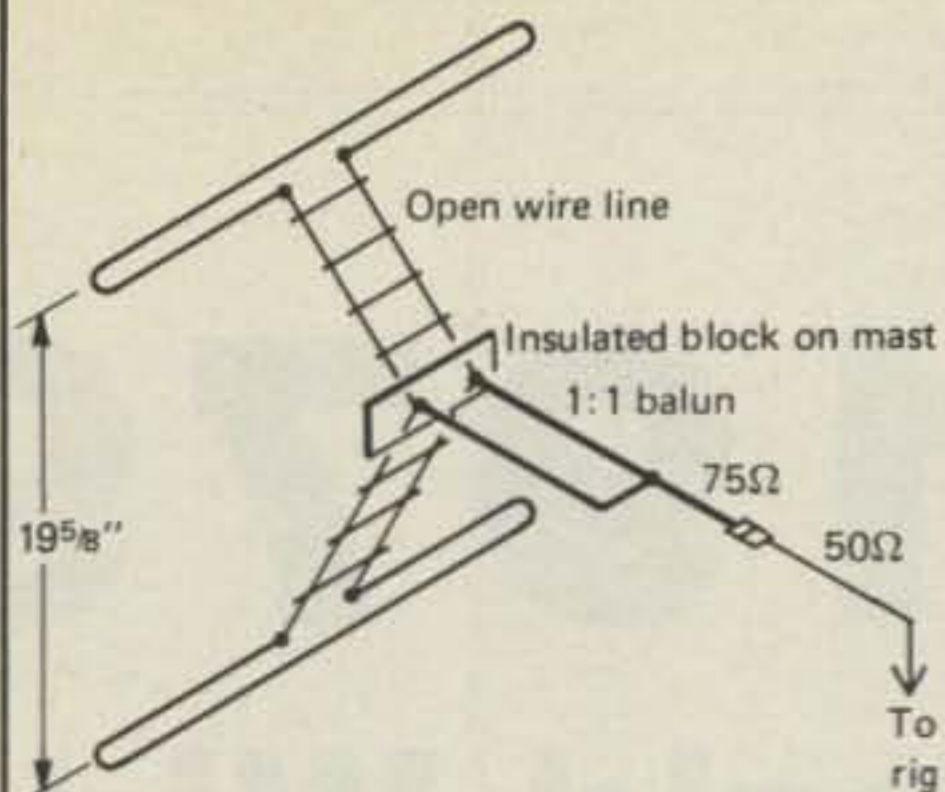
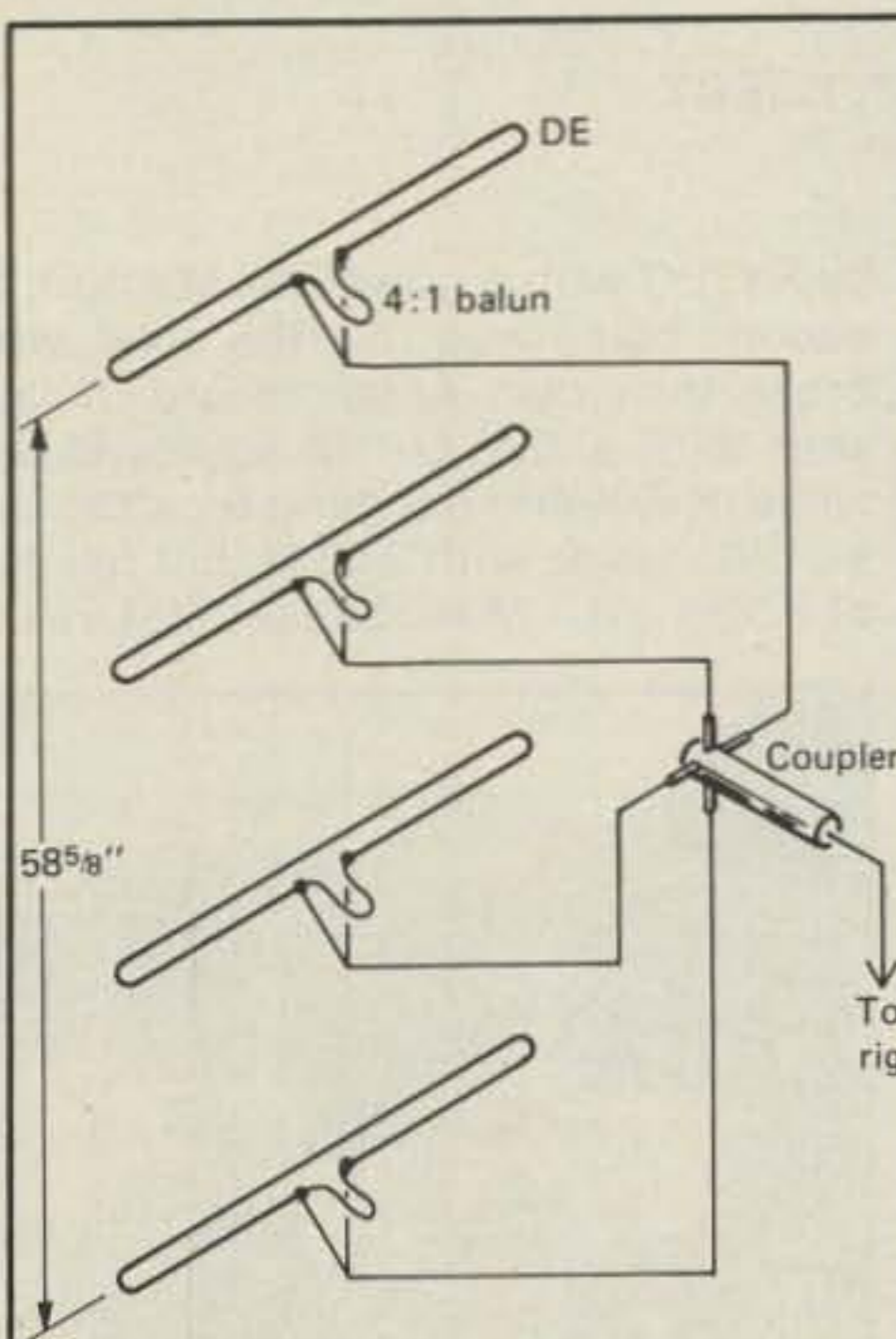


Fig. 2—A feed system for a two-stacked array.



NOTE:
All branches are of equal length (any odd multiple of $\lambda/4$)

Fig. 3—Feeding a four-stacked array.

feedpoint. To match 50 ohm downlead, a 75 ohm section with a 1:1 balun is used as a transformer. Type N fittings are mandatory. Don't use "UHF" types. And if a long coax run is unavoidable, use the newer type having a #18 or even #14 center conductor.

Four-bay arrays should use 4 equal lengths of coax with 4:1 $\lambda/2$ loop baluns. These ideally should terminate into a 4-port transformer-coupler (commercially available from KLM Electronics), with a 50 ohm run to the shack.

The overall dimensions of even a 4-bay array are quite reasonable, and many hours of good DXing will reward the u.h.f. amateur who constructs this "Ultra Yagi."

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1979 CQ World-Wide DX Contest Phone Results

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

The DX Contest is Born

Way back in 1948 some guys decided that a DX contest ought to be just that—a *World Wide* DX contest. They started with a judicious blend of zone and country multipliers, no quotas, a single weekend per mode time format, a worldwide format (i.e. world work the world), and multi-op/single op and single band/all band categories (in those days all bands meant 80, 40, 20 and 10 only). Larry Le Kashman, then W2IOP, announced the new contest in the August, 1948 issue of CQ magazine. The idea was an immediate success, with PY2AC the first phone winner, followed by G2PU and W8KMC. The first c.w. winner was GI6TK, with a Single Op/All Band score of 452,000. His score prompted Vic Clark, W4KFC, to comment that "The first c.w. winner has set a record that may be impossible for subsequent entrants to top!" That record lasted just 3 years.

For 31 years now that contest has been steadily growing under the able direction of former WW Contest directors W2IOP, W6QD, W9IOP, W1WY, and K6SSS. We now have over 5000 entrants this year, and have seen an almost steady 10 percent growth each year. Oh, there have been some changes over the years, such as the addition of 15 and 160, the addition of the "club competition" (won the first year, 1955, by the Southern California DX Club), and many rule clarifications

and refinements. But, that 31-year history has seen the establishment of a consistent and complete set of meaningful records, the oldest of which are a 1957 28 MHz European single band c.w. record that was broken this year, and a 1964 7 MHz African single band c.w. record set by 5A1TW, now N2AA. The CQ WW Trophy program is subsidized by private donors. These trophies are the most prized contesting achievement awards in the world.

So, gentlemen, tell me again where the crowd will congregate for the 1980 DX Olympics. Of course, it will be for the 1980 CQ WW DX Contest, and none can compare.

The 1979 Phone Contest

The 1979 Phone Contest heralded the peak of the current sunspot cycle with a pademonium that just had to be observed to be appreciated, let alone believed. Just about every 10 meter record was obliterated, with over a dozen 28 MHz single band scores over 1 million. All in all, 27 new records were set.

Dick Norton, N6AA, captured the World High Single Operator Honors for the second year in a row as visiting operator at 9Y4VT with 6.7 million. The Europeans swept the remainder of the top 4, with G3FXB (a new European record), UR2QD, and DJ4PT in that order. The U.S.A. top spot went to Larry Pace, N7DD with a fabulous, new all-time high U.S.A. score of 3.16 million. Congratulations to Larry, who had finished second for three consecutive previous years.

In the Multi-Single category, HI8XWP, manned by K1DG and K1AR, toppled the old 9M all-time record set last year

by FY7BC with a great 9.87 M effort. In second place was the R6F crew, who broke their own Asian record of last year with a fine 9.0 M score. Meanwhile, K4VX and the gang took the top slot Stateside with 3.85 M, but fell shy of K5GA's 4.1 M record set last year.



Here it is, the VP2KC team that shattered the all-time world-record contest score. From top, l. to r., row 1—W4GIW, VP2KC, K4PHE; row 2—WB4RUA, N4NG, K4UEE; row 3—K3OIH, W3BTX, N4PN; row 4—AA4V, W4IVM, N4WW; row 5—K4PI, WA4PBW, K5PP, N5UR, K1PBW; row 6—JA3ODC, N4RJ, WD4RCU, W4HR.

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Multi-Multi Bigness

The Worldwide Multi-Multi winner was VP2KC with an incredible 37.8 million. This amounts to the all-time high contest score ever achieved anywhere, any mode. You would have to see their 1.8 MHz log to believe it—a 526 contact, 11 zone, 47 country effort with skilled K1PBW doing the operating. We looked very suspiciously at such an outrageous effort, but our judicious check as well as the many log comments from others all over the world convinced us it's for real. Congratulations on a fine team effort, guys.

This was apparently the year for other big double-digit MM efforts too. The 9Y4FRC crew of the Frankford Radio Club finished second with a whopping 24 M, with KH6XX in third place at 21 M (a new Oceania record). Stateside, a new all-time high of 13.8 M was amassed by the guys at N2AA, as they bested their own 1978 record.

Single Bands

In the single band categories, it was 28 MHz that was the big story. Ville, OH2MM, piled up 4068 contacts for an unbelievable African and Worldwide all time high 1.83 million score from OH2MM/CT3. He was followed by rival EA8AK at 1.6 M and KV4FZ at 1.48 M (a new North American record). Not only that, the Stateside winner, WA2SPL, demolished the U.S.A. record with a fine 735 K, over 50% more than the old record. In fact, after having seen all the logs this year, our comment on 28 MHz activity is wrapped up in just one word—WOW! A 500 kHz swath of 10 meter phone was absolutely packed from before dawn until well after dark with all kinds of good, juicy DX. WOW!

On 21 MHz H31LR took the top spot from Panama, setting new World and North American 21 MHz records with 1.45 million, while Vince, K1RM, edged out committee member K9DX and old U.S.A. 21 MHz record holder WA6EKL with a superb 870 K single band score, the best ever achieved by a W station. The World high 14 MHz effort was by Larry, UA6HZ, with just over 1 M and a new European record, while the top U.S.A. spot went to K0KX at 335 K.

The low bands suffered some reduction in activity this year. However, Marty, OH2BH, posted a new African 3.8 MHz record with a surprising 235 K at his CT3BZ location as he took the 1979 World High. W0MJ captured the U.S.A. top spot. On 7 MHz, Italy's 15NPH smashed the old European 7 MHz record with 273 K, and finished World High in his first single band



OH2BH (left) and OH2MM (right) conquered the all-time single band African records for 80 and 10 meters respectively from this QTH. They came well prepared.



Vince, K1RM, who demolished the old USA single band record on 15, is shown here with the winning station.

contest. Meanwhile, K4JRB snagged the USA High with 76 K. 160 meters surprised all of us with some fine activity—the first ever from some of the Russian multipliers, and a welcome addition, too. Those extra countries helped perennial 1.8 MHz winner PA50HIP to best his own 1974 European record with a fine 7644 score. W8LRL posted a U.S.A. high of 2945.

Other Records

Other continental records were set by: JH1JGX (Asian 28 MHz); HS1ABD (Asian, Single op/All Band); G3MXJ (Europe 28 MHz); EM6A (Europe Multi-Single); YU3EY (Europe Multi-Multi); KH6CC (Oceania, 1.8 MHz); and VK4VU (Oceania 21 MHz). Congratulations, fellows, on your stupendous performances.

Low Power Category

In the world of QRPp it was John, W6PQZ, and his solar powered Argo-

naut that took World and U.S.A. high with 168 K, followed by WA2JOC. We would also like to mention K1CGJ's outstanding 10 meter QRPp effort too—82 countries with 5 watts in just 2 days. Who needs a list, anyway.

Honorable Mention

By the way, we feel that one other special honorable mention is due the crew at U0Y. Their fine 3.7 million Multi-Single score represents the largest ever score from zone 23, and contesters from all over the world are indebted to them. What a fine all-band effort that was from a rare zone—in fact, the rarest zone.

More on Cross Check Sheets

Three years ago, the contest rules were changed to require that entrants submit a cross check sheet (or dupe sheet) for each band on which 200 or more QSOs were made. We have been utterly dumbfounded over how that's been misinterpreted, especially overseas. For starters, let's just clarify what "Cross Check" sheets are *not*. They are not duplicate copies of your log and they are not lists of all your duplicate contacts.

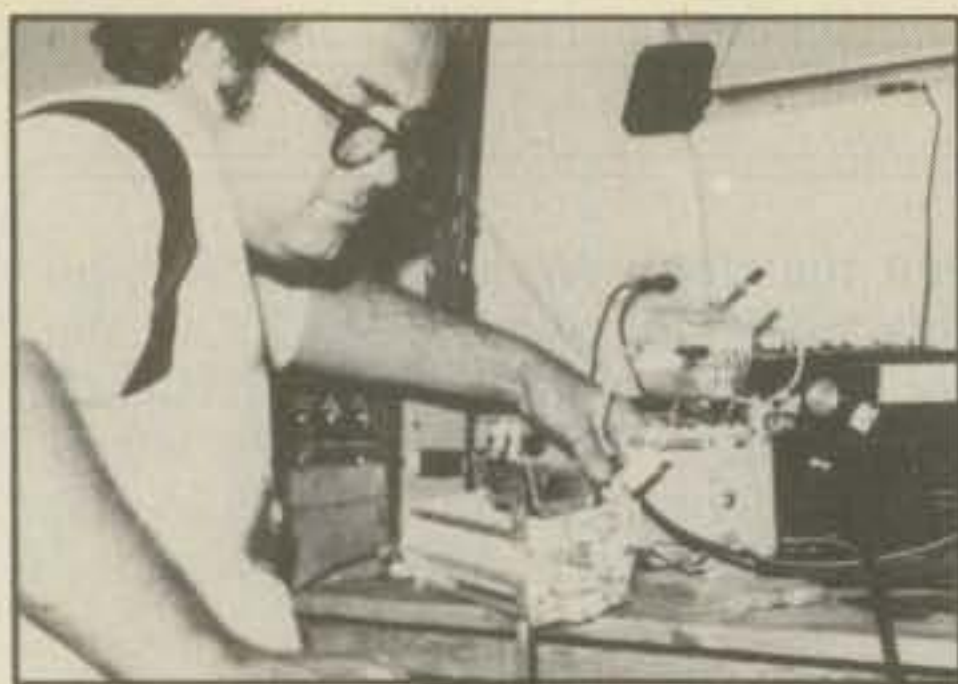
What we mean by a "Cross Check" or "Dupe" sheet is an alphabetical or other ordered list of *all* stations contacted on a particular band such that you can easily determine whether a contact is a duplicate (a second contact on the same band) as you fill the sheet in. When you find a duplicate, simply cross it out with a line in your log and allow 0 points in the scoring for that contact.

Some folks use the ARRL cross check form (ARRL form CD 175). Still others use a matrix with call area numbers for rows, and letters for columns. The letters heading the columns in the matrix can represent the first letter of the suffix, the last letter of the call, the prefix of the call, etc. One then goes through one's log contact by contact and fills in the matrix with the call letters or the suffixes of the calls as appropriate.

We don't really care what forms you use for duping your log. But please do dupe check it, and be sure to send us the work sheets (dupe or cross check sheets). If you don't, we may disqualify you. We hope that the above helps to straighten out some of the confusion.

Rules Changes

There are several rule changes for the 1980 contest which we would like



The professional touch to the 9Y4FRC 160 meter antenna tuner is given here by Joe, W2REH.



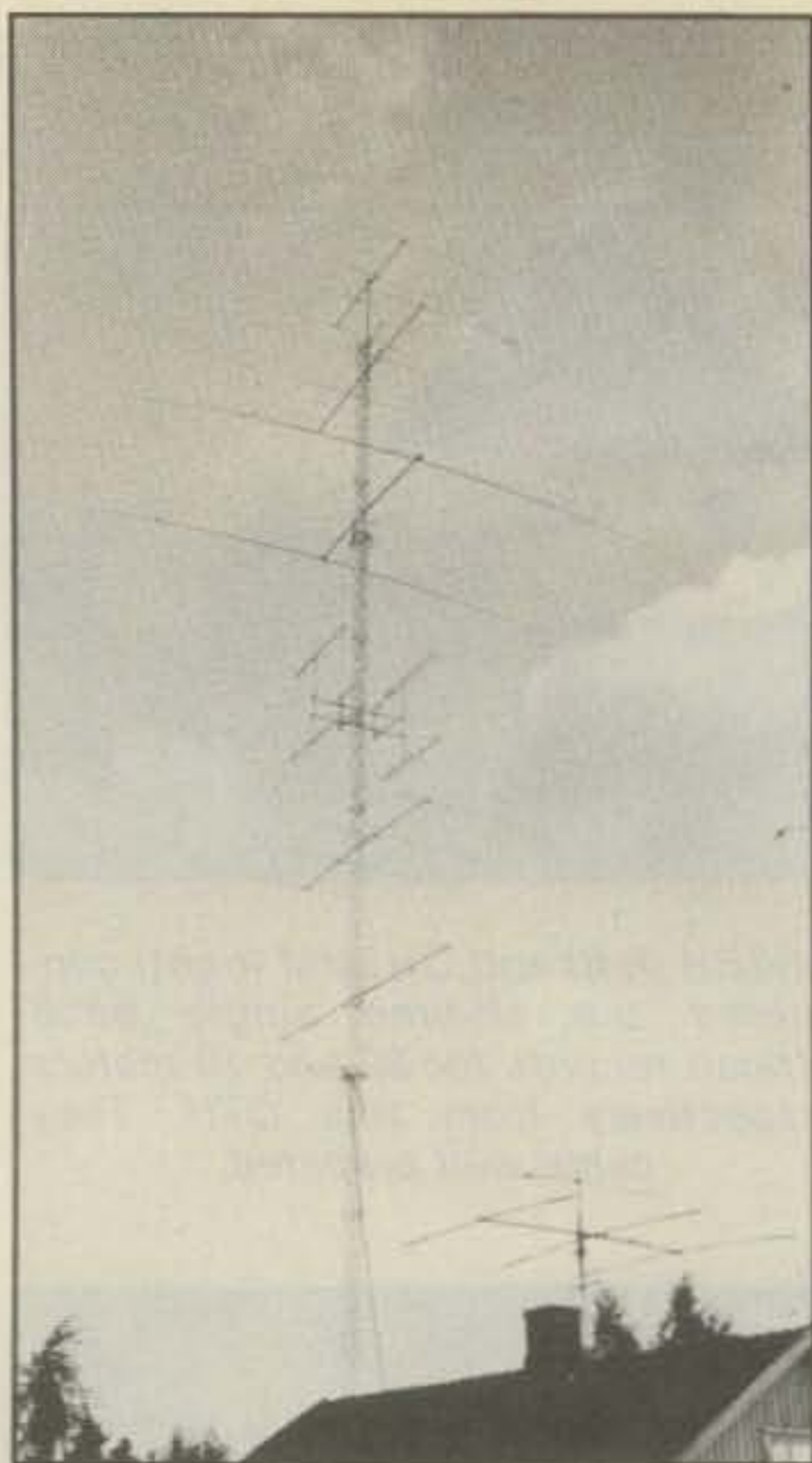
Ken, JR2GMC, sent this photo of the tired JA2YKA crew after the contest.



The JA3YKC team poised and ready.

to highlight here. First, beginning in 1980, we have added a definition of what constitutes a station for the Multi-Multi category. This became necessary because of reports over the past few years that some Multi-Multi stations were spreading out over as much as a 10 mile (20 km) radius. Come on, guys, that's a no no. So, from now on we will require that in the Multi-Multi category all transmitters must be within a 500 meter diameter, or confined within the property limits of the station licensee's address, whichever is greater.

Secondly, we have changed our rule on signing portable such that you are only required to sign portable if you are operating in a different country or a different zone (CQ zone). When you sign portable, sign your call such that you reflect the correct call district for your portable location. The third



Here's the antenna layout at OH1BR as constructed by OH8QD—Wow!

change relates to violations of the Multi-Single 10-minute time rule. In the past few years, we have reclassified entrants from Multi-Single to Multi-Multi if they exhibit excessive violations of the 10-minute rule. However, the rule did not reflect this policy; it was changed to reflect this policy for 1980.

Lastly, we have changed log submittal requirements to read that "recopied logs must be accompanied by a photocopy of the original log." That means we want a photocopy of your original log, no matter how sloppy it is. If you also want to send a computer printout or a recopied log for clarification, that is fine. But, we *require* a photocopy of the original log.

At the Fresno and Dayton Conventions, the co-directors received a lot of flack at the contest forums about our inflexible position on this point. However, we are the ones who have to check 5000 plus logs each year, and we know best how to do that. In fact, the committee members overwhelmingly approved our rules change, because they feel it's a must in doing a proper log check.

Speaking of Changes

We have tried computerized log checking on some of the logs this year for the first time. Although we had some problems, we are confident that they will be worked out. Computerized



Chet, KX6PP, sported this fine rig.



Doc, W4SME, is shown at the VP1RX Multi-Single operating position.



DK8FZ during the contest.

log checking is a change we are sure will help remove some of the inequality in our log checking between various committee members. Stated another way, the computer is more consistent.

We've made one more change. We are changing the log form so that it will hold 80 contacts per side rather than 40. Hopefully that will cut down the mailing costs for everybody. Also, we are in the process of changing the mailing address for the magazine on the summary sheets to reflect CQ's recent change of address. One thing you can all do to help us reduce the delays in forwarding the logs is to send your logs to the director in charge of the mode rather than to the magazine. That would be K3EST for the Phone Contest in 1980, and N6AR for the CW contest. However, because the directors switch off every year on Phone and CW, it is important in subsequent

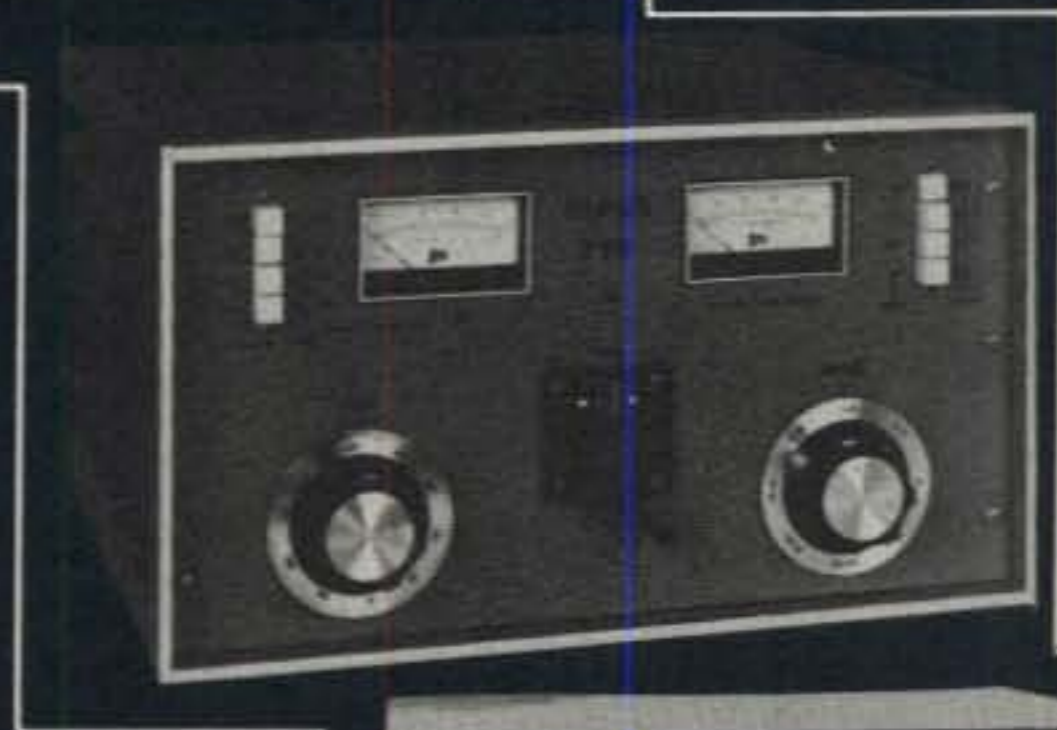
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Parting Comments

Even now, the CQ contest committee is still hard at work processing the CW logs, which we will report on in detail next month. This year we have added John Battin, K9DX, and Doug Zweibel, WB2VYA, to our ranks. They fill slots vacated by John Kanode, N4MM, and Tom Taormina, K5RC, who retired from the committee at the end of 1979. We know you will join us in thanking all of the committee

U.S.A. QRM

Very frustrating to hear BV2B and not to be able to get through the pileup with QRP... K1LOM. College Board scheduled the PSAT for the first day of the contest*#3&#*... WB1ANT. CQ should sponsor an XYL trip for the weekend... K2OLG. 10 Meters was terrific—63 countries mobile!... W0MHK/M2. Too many DX stations only call QRZ—no call sign... WB3ICL. Six minute WAC on 10 Meters on CQ's!... K2VV. My first phone contest in 50 years... W3ARK. Many stations would avoid dupes by giving their calls more often... AD3V. Definitely lives up to its name, the CQ World War Contest... N1EE Had to take time out for sleep, work, Steeler Football, beer, women, etc... N3VA. Never again will I go to a class reunion on contest weekend—oh, the pain... K1CGJ. Got to be crazy to operate QRP—always on the bottom of the pileups... KA5N. Tuner caught fire half way through the contest... N1ACJ. First full time contest effort in over 10 years—lots of fun... W2VJN. Have to get something up for 40... WB3EKV. Around 10 Z Sunday heard VK5OP and VK3AZY calling on 160 but could not break... K4VX. 10 M brought back memories of 1957... KC4B. ANNOBON!... W6GO. Took off 3 prime time hours to chase 3C0AB... K7HCD. Next time I am going to use something more than a dipole... K7IM. I got my first license 5 days before the contest. Wow, what an introduction to ham radio!... N0BHQ. Again lost voice 6 hours from end of contest. Maybe I should give up smoking... W9ZRX. When I found our that arch rival and friend K8MR was going to VP2MRX, I offered a donation to get him out of 8 land... K8MN. Worked UA0SGL on 10 M with 5 W PEP input... WB0CGJ. Love DX ops who identify... AC4X. Worked VS5DX with one minute to go... W4DR. Best contest in the world... WD4IZR. 3C0AB called with 13 minutes left... K4ISV. Am now bald after listening to all the rare DX that wouldn't listen up on 40... N4KE. FB8XV called me on a JA run on 20 M... K5JA. Now hold the record for the number of antennas erected after dark during the contest—3... K5FUV. After 15 years of CQ WW CW, my first SSB—Thank goodness for CW... K5BDX. It was a lot easier as 9L1JT... K4ZIN/6. A 7 element Yagi is a real advantage except when it won't rotate... K0RF.



Ben, DL8UI, displays his wares.

members for the fine voluntary work they do in checking the thousands of logs sent in.

We also wish to extend a special thanks to Dick Norton, N6AA, who poured over each Contest result issue from 1948 to date and provided us with much of the information in our opening.

Well, the plans are in motion for the



That very loud signal at the LA1H Multi-Op effort comes from this fine station, with LA8UL at the controls.

1980 big event next month. So, we will see you all in the pileups, and good luck.

73, Larry, N6AR, and Bob, K3EST

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CW—Larry Brockman, N6AR, 7164 Rock Ridge Terrace, Canoga Park, CA 91307.

DX QRM

This was the best CQ contest of the 28 CQ contests I've operated in the last 10 years. The log processing seems to be the most time consuming part of it all... OH3XZ. (AMEN—ed.) No possibility to win from here—poor US condx... OH1IJ. Very poor conditions on 160... OH2BO. Thunder, lightning, short power failure... 9H1EV. After 24 hours 2800QSOs. Then Xcvt and Linear quit, so went to bed for 10 hours. Borrowed a rig and finished barefoot—what a pity... YU3ZV. I did not complete a single QSO without signing my call, yet still had over 100 dupes from USA... SP3DOI. First time on 7 MHz—where was VK... I5NPH. Very good propagation, but much splatter from USSR stations... IT9VQC. Frustration is looking for a CE contact... EI2BB. Never heard bands so crowded for so long—especially 10 M... G3YBH. How do Annobon bunch justifying 25 kHz of band! Traffic directors didn't help things either... G3VPW. Have you ever seen 506 multipliers with 467 QSOs... SM0AJU. Activity low on 160, but lots of multipliers... PA50HIP. 30 hours of operating—125 hours of logs and QSLs... GM3WBZ/LX. MUF was so high we worked EI2W on 50 MHz... VE1DXA. We'll have zone 2 on the air again next year... VO2WL. USA operators were tremendously well disciplined, but the Europeans were quite rude... W8TN/6Y5. Every year the contest gets more popular... UK2BBB. FB operations from the US boys... UC2ACA. First serious operation since my return from the Kurile Islands... UV3GM (ex UA0). I'd like to get WAC-SSB with the endorsement "During 14 minutes"... UW3EH. Where are our 2 points for JA? 160 M was something different... UK9AAN. Try working 12 hour days and then come home to the contest... VP2ML. Those rare prefixes should be used in the WPX Contest—they create a lot of confusion in the WW... KP4AM. Very hard to work 40 and 80, but 10 M was permanently open here... LU4MEE. Bad conditions 60% of the time... HK3DMC. I think my QSL manager (K1RH) intentionally forgot to mail my amplifier tubes for me for fear what I might create for him... K9EF/8R1. No doubt the best contest of all... YV5EED. Toughest contact was the Annobon expedition amongst all the QRM... VK6NE. Good fun until TVI shut me

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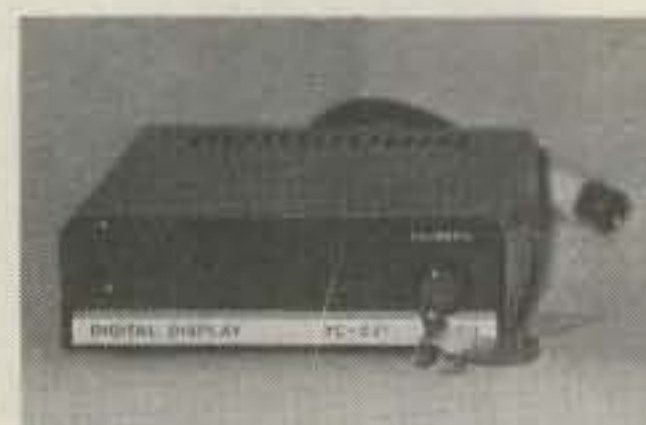
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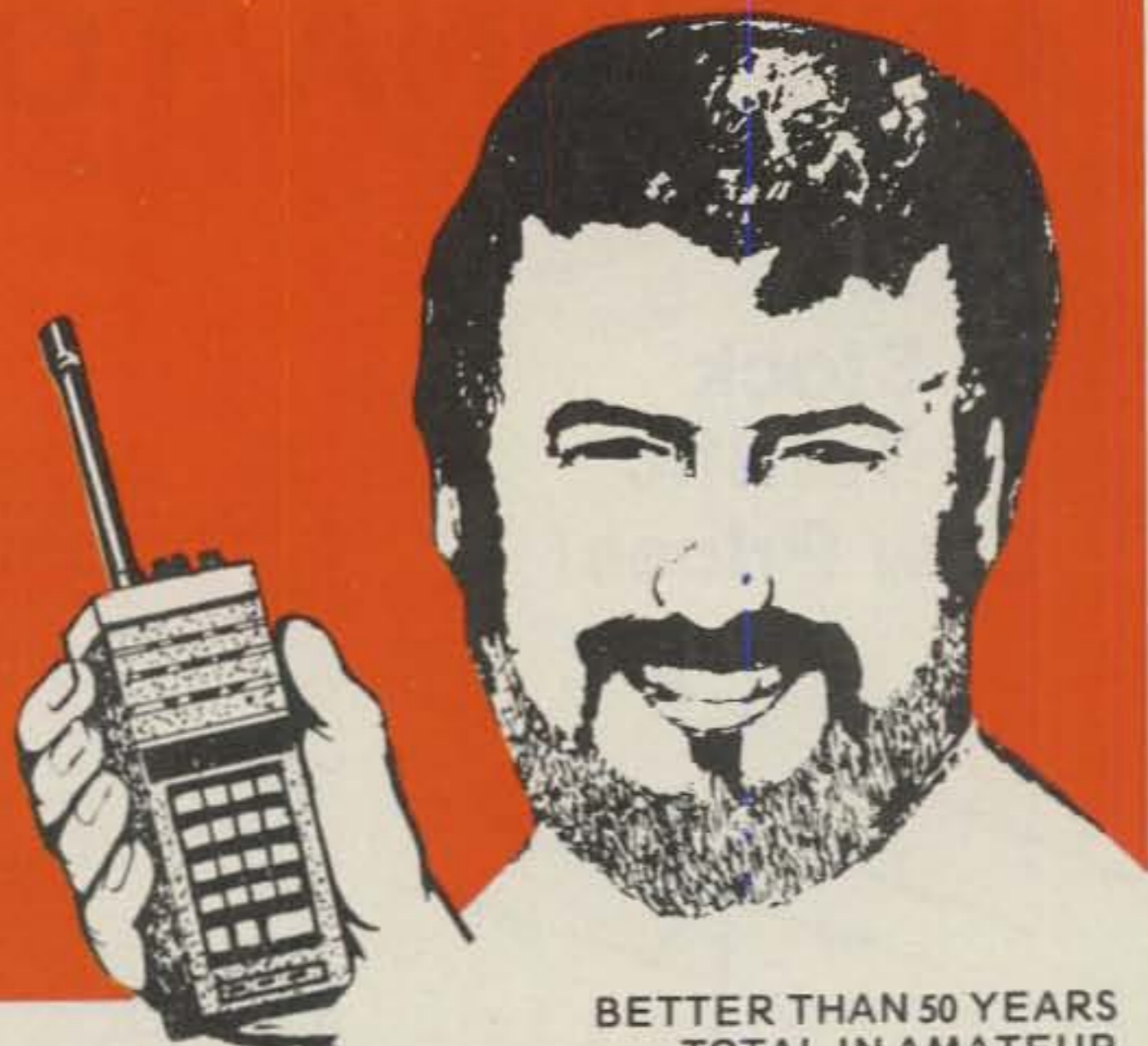
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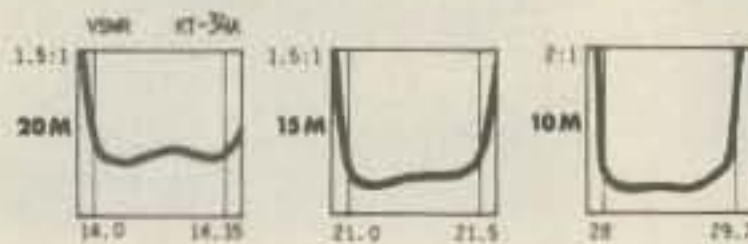
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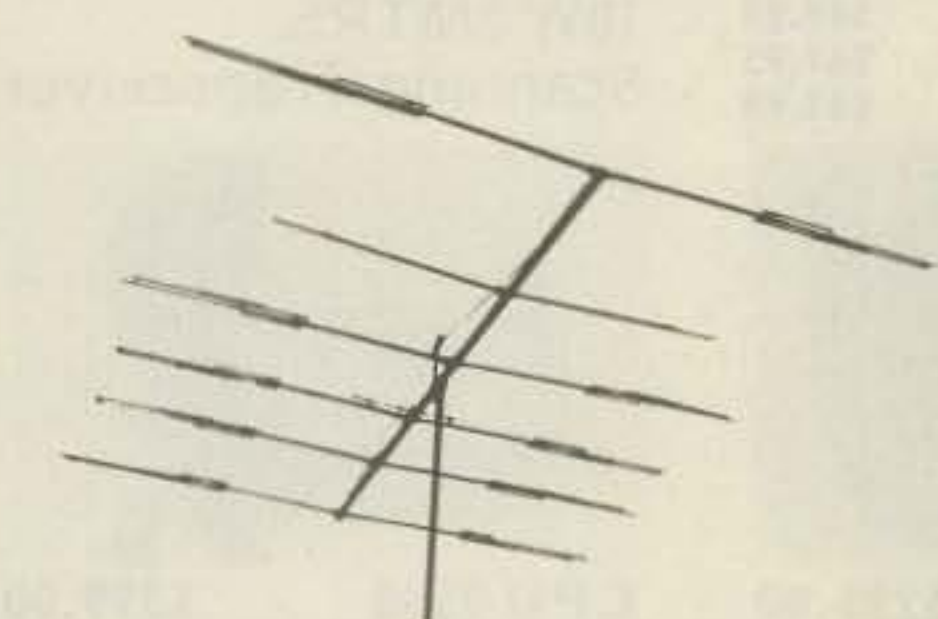


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Phone: October 25-26 & C.W.: November 29-30
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I. OBJECTIVE: For amateurs around the world to contact other amateurs in as many zones and countries as possible.

II. BANDS: All bands, 1.8 thru 28 MHz.

III. TYPE OF COMPETITION:

1. Single Operator (Single band, and all band). Single operator stations are those at which one person performs all of the operating, logging, and spotting functions. The use of DX spotting nets or any other form of DX alerting assistance places the station in the Multi-Operator category.

2. Multi-Operator (all band operation only).

a. Single Transmitter, only one transmitter and one band permitted during the same time period (defined as 10 minutes). *Exception:* One—and only one—other band may be used during the same time period if—and only if—the station worked is a new multiplier. *Logs found in violation of the ten-minute rule will be automatically reclassified as multi-multi to reflect their actual status.*

b. Multi Transmitter (no limit to transmitters but only one signal per band permitted).

c. All transmitters must be located within a 500 meter diameter or within the property limits of the station licensee's address, whichever is greater. The antennas must be physically connected by wires to the transmitter.

3. QRPp (single operator only) Power must not exceed 5 watts output. Stations in this category will be competing only with other QRPp stations for awards.

IV. NUMBER EXCHANGE: Phone: RS report plus zone (i.e. 5705). C.W.: RST report plus zone (i.e.: 57905).

A station in a zone or country different than that indicated by its call sign is required to sign portable.

V. MULTIPLIER: Two types of multiplier will be used.

1. A multiplier of one (1) for each different zone contacted on each band.

2. A multiplier of one (1) for each different country contacted on each band.

Stations are permitted to contact their own country and zone for multiplier credit. The CQ Zone Map, DXCC country list, WAE country list and WAC boundaries are standards.

VI. POINTS: 1. Contacts between stations on different continents are worth three (3) points.

2. Contacts between stations on the same conti-

nent but different countries, one (1) point. *Exception:* For North American stations *only*, contacts between stations within the North American boundaries count two (2) points.

3. Contacts between stations in the same country are permitted for zone or country multiplier credit but have zero (0) point value.

VII. SCORING: All stations: the final score is the result of the total QSO points multiplied by the sum of your zone and country multiplier.

Example: 1000 QSO points \times 100 multiplier (30 Zones + 70 Countries) = 100,000 (final score).

VIII AWARDS: First place certificates will be awarded in each category listed under Sec. III in every participating country and in each call area of the United States, Canada, and Asiatic USSR.

All scores will be published. To be eligible for an award, a Single Operator station must show a minimum of 12 hours of operation. Multi-operator stations must operate a minimum of 24 hours. A single-band log is eligible for a single-band award *only*. If a log contains more than one band it will be judged as an all-band entry, unless specified otherwise.

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*Canada - Gene Krehbiel, VE7KB
Carib./C.A. - Pedro Piza, Jr., KP4RF
Oceania - 14 MHz - VK3JW Memorial, Pacific DX Net
*So. America - Rafael Ponce de Leon, CX3BR

Multi-Operator, Single Transmitter

World - Don Wallace, W6AM
*Canada - Calgary Amateur Radio Assoc.

Multi-Operator, Multi-Transmitter

World - Radio Club Venezolano
U.S.A. - Dale Hoppee, K6UA
Europe - Bob Cox, K3EST

Contest Expeditions

World - Single Opr. - Stuart Meyer, W2GHK
World - Multi-Opr. - Bill Schneider, K2TT

Special - Single Operator, All Band

World - Phone/C.W. - John Knight, W6YY

C.W.

Single Operator, All Band

World - W2AB Memorial (Albert Kahn, K4FW)
World - QRPp - Gene Walsh, N2AA
U.S.A. - Frankford Radio Club
*Canada - Canadian DX Association
Carib./C.A. - Jim Neiger, N6TJ
Europe - W3AU Operators
Africa - Gordon Marshall, W6RR
*Asia - Japan CQ Magazine
*Japan - Palm Garden Contest Club
Oceania - Maui Amateur Radio Club

Single Operator, Single Band

World - W2JT Memorial, No. Jersey DX Assoc.
World - 3.5 MHz - Fred Capossela, K6SSS
U.S.A. - No. Illinois DX Association
*Canada - Canadian Amateur Radio Federation
Carib./C.A. - DX Club of Puerto Rico
*Europe - 14 MHz - G2LB Memorial (From Friends)
Oceania - 21 MHz - Pacific R.A.T.S.
*So. America - Rafael Ponce de Leon, CX3BR

Multi-Operator, Single Transmitter

World - Anthony Susen, W3AOH

Multi-Operator, Multi-Transmitter

World - Hazard Reeves, K2GL
U.S.A. - Rush Drake, W7RM

Contest Expeditions

World - Single-Opr. - Yankee Clipper Contest Club
World - Multi-Opr. - Bill Schneider, K2TT

Clubs

World - Phone/C.W. - CQ Magazine
*Special - Phone/C.W. - Southeastern DX Club

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Trophy winners may win the same trophy only once within a three year period. (This does not apply to any of the Club or CQ Special Awards.)

A station winning a World Trophy will not be considered for a sub-area award. That Trophy will be awarded to the runner-up of that area.

The Canadian, Carib./C.A. and the African awards are for residents *only*. A resident is defined as one living in that country with an established Post Office address.

X. CLUB COMPETITION:

1. The club must be a local group and not a national organization.

2. Participation is limited to members operating within a local geographic area (except for DXpeditions especially organized for operation in the contest and manned by members).

3. To be listed, a minimum of 3 logs must be received from a club and an officer of the club must submit a list of participating members and their scores, both on phone and c.w.

XI. LOG INSTRUCTIONS:

1. All times must be in GMT.
2. Indicate zone and country multiplier only the FIRST TIME it is worked on each band.
3. Logs must be checked for duplicate contacts, correct QSO points and multipliers. The original log must be sent in. Recopied logs must be accompanied by a photocopy or the original log.
4. Use a separate sheet for each band.
5. Each entry must be accompanied by a Summary sheet showing all scoring information, category of competition, contestant's name and address in BLOCK LETTERS and a signed declaration that all contest rules and regulations for amateur radio in the country of operation have been observed.

6. Sample log and summary sheets and zone maps are available from CQ. A large self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage or IRC's must accompany your request.

If official forms are not available, make up your own 80 contacts to the page on 8½" x 11" paper.

7. All entrants are required to submit cross-check sheets for each band on which 200 or more QSO's were made. All other entrants are encouraged to submit cross-check sheets.

8. For each duplicate contact that is removed from a log by the committee, a penalty of three additional contacts will be exacted.

9. QRPp stations must indicate same on their summary sheets and state the actual maximum power output used, with a signed declaration.

XII. DISQUALIFICATION: Violation of amateur radio regulations in the country of the contestant, or the rules of the contest, unsportsmanlike conduct; taking credit for excessive duplicate contacts; unverifiable QSO's or unverifiable multipliers will be deemed sufficient cause for disqualification. (Incorrectly logged calls will be counted as unverifiable contacts.)

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

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

XIII. DEADLINE: All entries must be postmarked NO LATER than December 1, 1980 for the Phone section and January 15, 1981 for the C.W. section. Indicate phone or c.w. on envelope.

Phone logs go to: Bob Cox, K3EST, 5801 Huntland Drive, Temple Hills, MD 20031.

C.W. logs go to: Larry Brockman, N6AR, 7164 Rock Ridge Terrace, Canoga Park, CA 91307

Logs may also be sent to CQ magazine, 76 North Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801. However, we prefer that they be sent directly to either Bob Cox, K3EST or Larry Brockman, N6AR at the above addresses.



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THE INS AND OUTS OF THE WASHINGTON SCENE

RFI Complaints Involving Amateurs Increase Significantly

According to Jeffrey Young, Chief, Investigations Branch (Field Operations Bureau), RFI complaints to the Commission in the period January-March, 1980, inclusive, were up 45% over the number of complaints reported in the same period last year. This correlates well with year-to-year comparisons for the periods October-December, 1978 and 1979, which also showed a similar increase (43%). Moreover, the number of complaints in the January-March period is over 15% higher than the number of complaints in the October-December, 1979, period.

Young noted that over 53% of the complaints filed with the Commission in the first three months of 1980 involved alleged interference to electronic home entertainment equipment by amateurs. However, he emphasized that most of this so-called "interference" was related to r.f. overload conditions in the home entertainment equipment, and not to problems such as harmonic radiation. Still, amateurs are being blamed by their neighbors for causing the alleged interference.

While the figures reported by the Commission suggest that amateur-related RFI problems are increasing at an alarming rate, there is reason to believe that the flood of complaints is related to seasonal factors. First, the use of electronic home entertainment equipment increases during the winter months; thus more of these devices were in use during the October-

March period. Compounding the RFI problem, too, was the fact that with the recent peak in the 11-year sunspot cycle, use of the 10 and 6 meter bands probably reached levels last seen in 1969.

It is hoped that in the coming months, amateur-related RFI complaints will fall significantly, thereby alleviating one of amateur radio's biggest headaches. In the long run, however, the solution to most RFI problems rests with the manufacturers of electronic home entertainment devices...manufacturers who continue to market equipment which incorporates design deficiencies that render their products susceptible to r.f. fields.

Jamming of Amateur Operations Continues

At this writing, jamming of WESCARS operations on the West Coast; of EASCARS, the HHH Net, and the Connecticut Phone Net on the East Coast; and of VHF repeaters country-wide, continue. Accordingly, the Commission has mounted a major effort to identify operators whose jamming constitutes violations of Federal law.

On the West Coast, for example, the Commission has caught and cited two v.h.f. operators who were intentionally interfering with the operation of the Grizzly Peak repeater in San Francisco, CA; the operations of 13 other amateurs are under investigation in this matter.

Meanwhile, on the East Coast, the Belfast, MN, monitoring station, in cooperation with the Commission's Boston office, has located one of the

area's principal jammers of h.f. operations. This individual and others who have been identified are currently under investigation by Federal authorities.

Roberts Reports on Radio Activities in China (PRC)

Carlos Roberts, Chief, Private Radio Bureau (see May 1980 CQ) recently returned from an 11-day trip through the Peoples Republic of China. While he reports seeing no amateur activity, Roberts noted that any activity which does develop will probably be regulated by the China Sports Federation. This observation is based, in part, on the high level of interest in radio-controlled model boats which is exhibited by many Chinese.

Roberts also noted that radio equipment is available for sale in department stores, where numerous components of Chinese manufacture (e.g., transmitter tubes, solid state devices and integrated circuits [ICs]) are on display. The fact that the Chinese have the capability to produce ICs, in fact, suggests that their nation is more technically oriented than heretofore thought.

Shortwave radios are also popular in the Peoples Republic of China, and displays of such equipment are always thronged with people. Interestingly, the radios available for sale are made both in China (PRC) and in Japan.

As a final note, Roberts said that he would not be surprised to see a PRC amateur station on the air within a few years.

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Amateurs Receive Anti-Semitic Literature

The Federal Communication Commission has received numerous complaints from amateurs who have received anti-semitic literature following contacts they have made with stations in Israel (4X4). The material is being sent by a "Radio Monitoring Station for the Texas Palestine Committee, P.O. Box 7046, Houston, TX 77008, or P.O. Box 145-168, Beirut, Lebanon." Observations of contacts between amateurs in the U.S. and Israel are apparently being made on the ship "Liberty II".

The anti-semitic literature, which is also an insult to Christians, apparently violates no Federal or international laws. Operators receiving such material, however, are encouraged to turn it over to their local FBI office. Copies should also be sent to the Postmaster General, Washington, D.C.

IEEE Society Refuses to Support Shockley for Medal of Honor

As reported in this column for July, 1980, the 1980 Medal of Honor was presented to Dr. William Shockley by the IEEE "for the invention of the junction transistor, the analog and junction field-effect transistors, and the theory underlying their operation."

Following the presentation, the IEEE Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing Society disassociated itself from the award to Shockley; the Communications Society is now considering a similar action.

The Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing Society took this action because Shockley "...has used (his) vast recognition to further a program of improving the genetic stock of mankind and because...this program is contrary to the basic principles of human rights."

Del Norte Technology Presses for Use of 420-450 MHz Band

The Commission currently is considering RM-3378, in which Del Norte Technology, Inc., is petitioning the Commission to delete the present 1 January 1981 cut-off date for non-government use of the 420-450 MHz band. Del Norte contends that there is a pressing need for continued radiolocation usage of this band and that the state of the art in radiolocation techniques has advanced suffi-

ciently to permit compatible operations by primary users and by radiolocation users on a secondary basis.

Specifically, Del Norte seeks to operate a spread-spectrum ("chirp") radiolocation system in the 420 MHz band. According to tests run by that corporation, the degree of isolation between radiolocation and voice communications systems is so high using spread-spectrum techniques that radiolocation and communications systems can coexist without causing interference to one another.

According to sources in Washington, one of the Del Norte spread-spectrum systems is now being tested by the ARRL. Presumably, the results of these tests formed the bases for the League's comments on RM-3378.

Amateurs should recognize that as the spectrum becomes more crowded, sharing will become "the order of the day." However, sharing is a two-way street, and the development of spread-spectrum techniques and systems for amateur use should someday see bands now allocated to other services opened on a shared basis to amateurs.

Use of HF Radar Increases

In addition to the Russian "Woodpecker" and other over-the-

horizon radar systems which operate in the high-frequency bands, similar radar systems may soon come on-stream for the purpose of determining sea conditions in areas where gas and oil exploration is being conducted. According to *Ocean Industry* magazine, a group of French institutions is examining the use of HF radar for determining wave height, surface current parameters, and wind direction. The method used, named OREME, involves the transmission of pulses of a given frequency towards the sea zone of interest, and the analysis of the Doppler shifts induced by the movement of the waves on the backscattered signal.

At this time, the maximum range of the OREME radar is from 60 to 90 miles. A number of companies are said to be interested in offering this HF radar service on a commercial basis.

The staff of CQ magazine joins your Washington editor in congratulating Mr. John J. (Jack) Kelleher, W4ZC, on his election to Fellow by the IEEE. Jack earned this award for his "contributions to international radio regulations."

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NEWS OF CERTIFICATE AND AWARD COLLECTING

At last, here is the September "Story of the Month" as told by Bob.

Robert Fuss, W4OWY All Counties -211 1-12-79

"Born in Buffalo, New York, I was first licensed as a Novice in 1954. As a youngster I had plenty of radio parts to experiment with. My father was a ham in the early 1900s, the good old spark gap days. I spent several years as a child winding coils and building crystal sets and one-tube receivers. Finally at the age of 12 I got a local ham, W2VFV, to give me my Novice test. I received the call KN2MLH and later upgraded to K2MLH.

"In 1969 my wife Barbara, sons Dave and Steve, and I moved to Manassas, Virginia where I received the call K4DIS. At that location I was relatively inactive, as a ham, as my job in Washington, D.C. kept me rather busy.

"In 1973 we again moved, this time to Rochester, New York. Here I received the call W2HIH. In the spring of 1975 I decided to get active again and went to the local Heathkit store and bought an HW-101. After getting it working I decided to go mobile. At the time, I was covering 5 counties around Rochester with my job. Never having heard of County Hunting, I ran across WA6MAR and the net on 20 meters one day. After having listened for a couple of days and working a few mobiles, I decided to run a county. I soon found out that some of the counties around me were somewhat rare. After a week or so of running counties, I decided to collect them as well, so in August 1975 I really started collecting counties.

"In 1977 we again moved. This time to Marietta, Georgia, outside of Atlanta. Here I became W4OWY and worked my last county on December 31, 1978. I was returning home from one of my deer hunting trips to Butts County when I heard N9ER running N4UF in a Georgia county on the Alabama border. At that time my last county was Henry County, Alabama. From my mo-



Robert Fuss, W4OWY and nice setup.

bile rig I broke Gary and asked him to ask Billy about Henry as a last county. Billy said no, as he was in a hurry to get back to Jacksonville. I asked Gary to explain that Henry was *the last* one and Billy said he would be there in 3 hours. I went home and fired up the home station. In 3 hours Billy arrived. At about that time he broke in to say he was there, the Spanish QRM started. So, we went to 40 meters where we easily made contact.

"Probably my most memorable experience as a County Hunter was running a county in Kentucky. At the convention in Rochester, Minnesota in 1977, I made a schedule to get Jackson County, Kentucky for K1UNM on my way home. When we arrived there I discovered I could run the Tri-County point of Jackson, Madison and Rockcastle. We worked Ben, K1UNM and started working the pile. What I had not noticed was about 200 feet down the road sat three gentlemen in the front yard of a home. All at once my wife exclaimed that one of the men had just gone into the house and came back out with a rifle and sat down with it across his lap to watch us. I guess that they thought we were revenueurs with my red Chevrolet Suburban and my Hustler antenna with a double take on it. My wife became very anxious to leave, and I hadn't begun to put a dent in the pileup. My neighbor, W4HR, was net control and running me at the time. I explained to Bob what was going on down the road and that the gentleman with the rifle was looking at me rather funny. Bob said,

"They would look at you funny no matter where you were; keep running the county." So we finished the run and left with my wife trying to hide under the front seat of the car.

"I am currently employed by I.B.M. Corp. and they are the reason for my moves around the country.

"My wife, Barbara, has no interest in ham radio but she enjoys meeting all the ham folks at the conventions and puts up with all my radio activities.

"We have two sons, one 13 and the other 17. The older boy is a Novice, WD4KQN, and is about to enter Georgia Tech in September. My younger boy is not interested in ham radio but likes radio controlled cars, boats, and planes, so we do a little of that as well.

"Currently my ham activities include chasing DX, trying to upgrade my license to Extra, and County Hunting for the second time around. I would have to say I enjoy County Hunting the most and also going to the conventions and meeting all those fine people."



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Special Honor Roll All Counties

#283 William J. Driml, W6NAT 5-2-80.
#284 John A. Butler, WB2NFB 5-16-80.

Awards Issued

Jim Driml, W6NAT, who had received USA-CA-500 back in April 1964, re-kindled his interest and applied for USA-CA-1000 through All Counties endorsed Mixed.

John Butler, WB2NFB waited until he had them All and collected USA-CA-500 through All Counties endorsed All S.S.B.

Jim Emerson, WB6GMM acquired USA-CA-500 through USA-CA-2000 endorsed All 2 x SSB, All Mobiles, All 14 MHz.

Cal Weyant, WA2PFF keeps plugging away and added USA-CA-1500 and 2000, endorsed Mixed, to his collection.

Ray Reynolds, AF2A (ex WA2TPC) obtained USA-CA-500, 1000 and 1500 endorsed All S.S.B., All Mobiles, All 14 MHz.

Jerry Burkhead, N6QA qualified for USA-CA-1000 endorsed All 2 x C.W.

A USA-CA-500 Certificate endorsed Mixed went to:

Mario Lumbau, IS0LYN, #1 to Sardinia.

USA-CA-500 Certificates endorsed All A-1 were claimed by:

Jay Geraden, WD9IFG.

Tauno Marvala, OH2TM.

Jacob Casal, HB9BCY, #2 to Switzerland.

USA-CA-500 Certificates endorsed All S.S.B. were won by:

Julio Guigou Rosello, EA8OZ, #1 to EA8.

James Grandinetti, WA2SRM.

Kazuo Ohkoshi, JH8DSC, #2 to the 8th call area.

USA-CA Honor Roll

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| W6NAT 309 | W6NAT 477 | IS0LYN 1470 |
| WB2NFB 310 | WB6GMM 478 | WD9IFG 1471 |
| 2500 | WA2PFF 479 | WB6GMM 1472 |
| W6NAT 371 | AF2A 480 | AF2A 1473 |
| WB2NFB 372 | WB2NFB 481 | EA8OZ 1474 |
| 2000 | 1000 | WB2NFB 1475 |
| W6NAT 424 | W6NAT 598 | OH2TM 1476 |
| WB6GMM 425 | WB6GMM 599 | HB9BCY 1477 |
| WA2PFF 426 | AF2A 600 | WA2SRM 1478 |
| WB2NFB 427 | WB2NFB 601 | JH8DSC 1479 |
| | N6QA 602 | |

Awards

Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Association Award (OVA): The Ohio Valley ARA is reinstating its OVA after a lapse of some 20 years. It can be obtained (free at this time) by working ten members of the OVARA and sending a GCR (General Certification Rule) list with log data to: Awards Manager, Ed Gleason, W8DVY, 7096 Pickway Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238. It can be en-

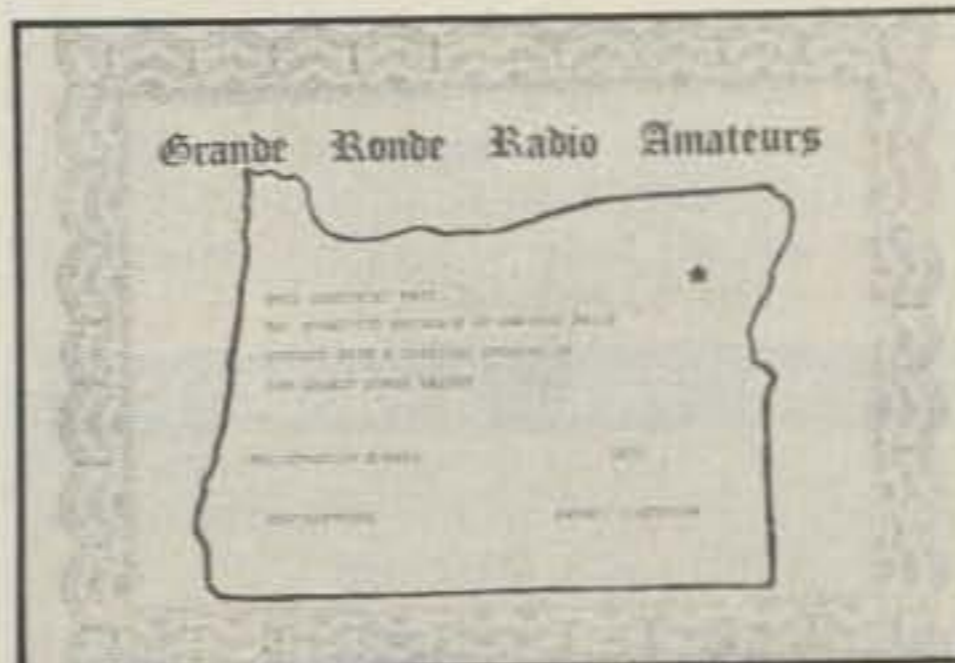


Ohio Valley ARS Award.

dorsed for any modes or frequencies, as confirmed. Active OVA Members are: AA8Z; K8 AQ, BA, CXM, FL, HBN, HEY, LEE, PSG, SW, YSD; N8 DX, FU; W8 AYB, BO, BVF, BZ; CEG, CSK, DQC, DVY, GOC, GS, HO, HQK, II, JAQ, KZT, MEL, MVN, NMB, PBU, RSW, SLB; WA8 AJI, BCG, CDP, NYB, PNS; WB8 AOE, BPI, EFB, MUA, NBA, PTP, QIS, SSI; K4FU; W4FU; N9 NB, NC; W9OEH.

Grande Ronde Radio Amateurs Certificate: The Grande Ronde Radio Amateurs, a small club located in Union County, eastern Oregon, offers an award to any foreign or domestic amateur who submits evidence of two-way communications with three amateur radio stations in the Grande Ronde Valley. Any band or mode may be used, and no QSLs need be sent. The fee is \$1.00 or 3 IRCs, and it will be sent postpaid upon receipt and verification of the application. Your letter application should include the call signs, dates, and times of contacts (and fee) and should be sent to: June Campbell, WB7FDB, Rt. 2, Box 2486, La Grande, Oregon 97850.

Brazilian Coast Award (CCB-Certificado Costa Brasileira): This is a new release sponsored by GPCW—amateur radio group of Brazil. Requirements: Available to all licensed amateurs and s.w.l.s who can submit proof of contacts with different call areas of the Brazilian coast. Brazilian Stations need 12 different call areas. Foreign Stations need 8 different call areas.
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Ski Canada Award: Available to all amateurs. Requirements: Work two (2)

stations from each major skiing province of British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, and Quebec. A total of eight contacts is required. All contacts must be made after January 1, 1978. There are no band or mode limitations. The major ski areas from each province are:

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NOTE: You probably remember that Eric, VE3HLL and Garry, VE3GCO put out a fine 75-page booklet of over 65

different Canadian Awards, containing complete details, check lists, application forms, QSL Bureaus, etc. The NEW cost is \$3.00 Canadian and USA (Cash, check, or money order) and \$5.00 for DX. Send to Eric at above listed QTH. Eric's hobbies are skiing and amateur radio, thus the beautiful Award.



Ski Canada Award.

Notes

Sad to note the loss of Jim Fisk, W1HR (ex W1DTY), Editor of *Ham Radio*. He received USA-CA-500-#1373 8-8-79 endorsed All S.S.B.

Also sad to hear about Robert Potter, K9WSL, who received his USA-CA-500 Award March 9, 1965 and got up to USA-CA-2500 in January 1970.

Although the Mobiles are doing a *great job*, kindly do NOT run wet County Lines. Please do not waste time with all the letters from different state highway special rules that would take two lawyers to figure out. I would hate to go back to some old K6BX rules and refuse all county lines. I also remember reading about some County Hunter grabbing a County via a phone-patch. That is not a genuine QSO and do not use repeaters on satellite contacts for USA-CA. Although the original and present rules do mention Reservations, some of them run for many, many miles and touch several states, which makes it rather ridiculous to claim a county that you are many miles from. Please, let us NOT reduce the value of the Award.

Due to all the heavy traffic on the regular 14336 net, Steve, W5LXG and Arnie, K9DCJ have started a bi-monthly session for all holders of All Counties Awards to enable them to give out their numbers for those working for the Cliff Corne, Jr. Memorial Award. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 2359 GMT (Universal Time) somewhere between 14.340 and 14.345 MHz. This idea was originally suggested by Bertha, WA4BMC some years ago.

Good Hunting, keep it clean.

73, Ed, W2GT

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A Verbal Graphic Description Of Antenna Operation

BY ROGER HALSTEAD*, K8RI

Most of us have wondered at one time or another how all that educated aluminum above the house really sends the signal in the direction we want it to.

One look at some of the textbooks on antenna theory leaves most convinced that all those numbers, formulas, and symbols are really incantations recited by the design engineers over each neatly packaged system before it leaves the factory so it will do what they say it will when you put it up.

There are also those of us who look up a set of dimensions in the antenna handbook that should work, if adhered to, and then find out what the price of aluminum tubing is, so we buy the kit anyway.

Neglecting all the math and construction work just how does an antenna work?

The following is a very generalized description of antenna operation. No! You won't be able to build a super DX getter from the explanation, but it should help in understanding how directive antennas work.

To begin with, what are directivity and gain? Well, for one thing they are inseparable. You cannot have gain without directivity or directivity without

gain, although some mighty inefficient systems kind of make you wonder.

To get gain, the antenna has to take some of the signal from the undesired directions and add it to the signal in the desired direction. Therefore, the more gain the narrower the beam width.

So how do we get them? By algebraically adding the signals of antennas (plural) in a common near field.

How's that again?

It's simply putting a number of antennas close enough to each other so their signals will add in the desired direction and cancel or at least be reduced in the undesired direction.

In the case where all elements are driven, such as with a "phased" vertical array, the directivity and gain are derived from both the spacing between the antennas and the feed line lengths. Changing either will change the phasing and thus the gain and directivity.

What about parasitic arrays such as the Yagi or quad designs? Same thing! Except, the phasing is done by varying the element spacing and length to get the desired effect.

Start with the driven element and also the assumption that the element is resonant and has an s.w.r. of 1:1.

With the arrival of the first cycle of r.f. energy at the feed point, the current will flow toward the outer ends of

the element; at the same time the magnetic field generated by the current will radiate out toward the other elements at about the same speed as the current traveling toward the ends of the element.

Most of the magnetic field will be coupled to the elements in front and back of the driven element rather than being radiated out into space. When this field reaches these elements it will in turn induce a current in them.

Upon arrival at the ends of the driven element the current changes its phase by 180 degrees. It also would be correct to say the instantaneous polarity of the current has reversed at that point.

The current then travels back to the feed point and arrives in phase with the next cycle from the feed line.

Meanwhile, the currents which were induced in the other elements have created their own magnetic fields which radiate back to the driven element. The field from the director will be more or less out of phase when it reaches the driven element and that from the reflector will be more or less in phase at that point. This will cause the signal radiated toward the rear of the antenna to be reduced in strength and that toward the front to be increased in strength.

As the field from the next cycle radiates from the driven element it will arrive more or less in phase with the current at the first director and out of phase at the reflector. This again will result as an increase in signal strength toward the front of the antenna and a reduction toward the back of the antenna.

In the case of the directors, being shorter than the resonant length will cause an advance in phase. Also, progressively shortening them toward the front of the antenna will tend to give better performance across a wider frequency range with only a small sacrifice in gain at the design frequency.

Using multiple driven elements and making them slightly different lengths will also allow the antenna to operate over a wider frequency range.

This is not a precise explanation, but then neither is the performance of the antennas perfect or there wouldn't be any side lobes and the front to back ratios would be much greater than some of the larger figures we see for some of the big antennas today.

All of the antennas I know of today can be visualized as operating on this principle.

A long wire can be viewed as a number of individual antennas in series, also the helix, or even the big dish type used for microwave frequencies.

So, even if you can't build a big antenna directly from this explanation, I hope it has at least helped in understanding how they work. □

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Contest Calendar

NEWS/VIEWS OF ON-THE-AIR COMPETITION

This is a rather crowded month of contest activity, therefore space for any comments is limited.

However, I call your attention to the World-Wide Contest rules in this issue. Basically, they are the same as they have been these many years. However, several clarifications have been spelled out.

Physical location of multi-multi transmitter operation, treatment of computerized logs and an updated list of Trophy and Plaque donors are a few of the topics covered.

Therefore, it would be advised to check the 1980 rules closely.

73 for now, Frank, W1WY

FOUR Land QSO Party

Two Periods (GMT)

1800 Sat. Aug. 30 to 0600 Sun. Aug. 31
1300 Sun. Aug. 31 to 0100 Mon. Sept. 1

This year the 10th annual QSO party is sponsored by the Brightleaf A.R.C. of Greenville, N.C.

The same station may be worked on each band and mode, and again if operating portable or mobile from each county change. Stations in the 4th area 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 per QSO; multiply total by number of states, provinces and countries worked (counted once only).

All others—Two points for each 4th area station worked times the total 4th area states and counties worked (also counted once only).

Frequencies: C.W.—3575, 7055, 14070, 21070, 28090. Phone—3940, 7260, 14340, 21360, 28,600. Novice—3710, 7110, 21110, 28110.

Awards: Certificates to the top scorers in each state, VE province and DX country, 2nd and 3rd place when

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Calendar of Events

- Aug. 30-31 FOUR Land QSO Party
- Sept. 7 Bulgarian C.W. Contest
- Sept. 10-12 YLRL "Howdy Days"
- † Sept. 13-14 European Phone Contest
- Sept. 13-14 CAN-AM Phone Contest
- Sept. 13-14 Pennsylvania QSO Party
- Sept. 13-14 Wash. State QSO Party
- Sept. 13-14 Cray Valley S.W.L.
- Sept. 14 North American Sprint
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- Sept. 20-21 Scandinavian C.W.
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- Oct. 4-5 California QSO Party
- Oct. 4-5 VK/ZL/Oceania Phone
- Oct. 11-12 VK/ZL/Oceania C.W.
- Oct. 15-16 YLRL Anniv. C.W. Party
- Oct. 18-19 CLARA AC-DC Contest
- Oct. 18-19 WADM Contest
- Oct. 18-19 Boy Scouts Jamboree
- Oct. 18-20 ARCI QRP QSO Party
- Oct. 25-26 CQ WW DX Phone
- Nov. 5-6 YLRL Anniv. Phone Party
- Nov. 8-9 European RTTY Contest
- Nov. 8-9 Inter. Police Contest
- Nov. 9 Czech. Contest
- Nov. 15 DARC 10 Meter Contest
- Nov. 29-30 CQ WW DX C.W.

†Covered last month.

warranted. Also county awards to 4th call area states. Special awards to Novices.

Mail logs within 30 days to: Contest Chairman, Bob Knapp, W4OMW, 105 Dupont Circle, Greenville, NC 27834. Include a large s.a.s.e. for results.

Bulgarian C.W. Contest

0000-2400 GMT Sunday, September 7

Organized by the Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs, this contest is open to amateurs throughout the world.

Bands: C.W. portion of each band, 3.5 through 28 MHz.

Classes: Single operator, multi-operator/club stations and s.w.l.

Exchange: RST plus ITU zone.

Scoring: QSOs with LZ stations 6 points. One point with stations in the same continent. Three points for all other areas. (S.w.l. score 3 points for reporting both calls in an exchange, 1 point if only one call.)

Multiplier: Sum of ITU zones worked on each band.

Final Score: Total QSO points multiplied by sum of ITU zones worked on each band.

Awards: Trophies and medals in each class to the top three world leaders, top three continental and top three on each band. (S.w.l. top three in world.)

Separate log is required for each band. A summary sheet showing the scoring and zones worked on each band, and the usual signed declaration.

Contest contacts may be used for the many Bulgarian awards. BFRA diploma, W-100-LZ, 5 Band LZ, W-28 Z/ITU, and Black Sea Sofia Award. Send application with your contest entry.

Mailing deadline is 30 days after end of contest to: BFRA Contest, P.O. Box 830, Sofia, BULGARIA 1000.

YLRL "Howdy Days"

Starts: 1800 GMT Wed. September 10
Ends: 1800 GMT Fri. September 12

This activity is for YL's and scores will be based on contacts between YL's 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.

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Canadian-American Contest

Phone: Sept. 13/14 C.W.: Sept. 27/28
Starts: 1800Z Sat. Ends: 1800Z Sun.

This is the fourth running of this contest sponsored by the Ontario Contest Club and the Canadian DX Assoc.

Contacts may be made on all bands, 1.8 through 28 MHz. It is recommended that operation be confined to the General portion of each U.S. band. QSO exchange will be between the two countries as well as within each country.

Multi-operator stations can operate the full 24 hour period. Single operator is limited to 20 hours, with a maximum of two rest periods totaling 4 hours.

Catagories: Single operator, multi-operator single transmitter and club competition.

Exchange: RS(T), QSO no., and multiplier area. Postal abbreviations for the 50 U.S. states. "CN" for U.S. possessions in the Caribbean. "PC" for Pacific possessions. And provinces for Canada. (59001 CT, 599001 PQ, etc.)

Points: W/K to W/K and VE to VE QSOs, 2 points. W/K to VE QSOs, 3 points.

Multiplier: 50 U.S. states, 2 U.S. possessions (Carib. and Pacific

areas), 10 Canadian provinces, 2 Can. territories (NWT and Yukon), 1 Can. Island (Sable, St. Paul). Total of 65 per band, max. of 390 from all bands.

Final Score: Total QSO points from all bands multiplied by the sum of multipliers from each band.

The same station may be worked on each band for QSO and multiplier credit. Stations operating outside their own area must identify their location.

Multi-operator stations must stay on the same band at least 10 minutes before switching to another band.

Phone and c.w. are separate contests. However, combined phone and c.w. scores will be used for overall competition.

Awards: Certificates to single operator station winners in each multiplier area, and the top five combined phone and c.w. scores for multi-operator stations.

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Do not use separate log sheets for each band. Indicate the multiplier only the first time it is worked on each band. A summary sheet must accompany each entry, showing the scoring and other pertinent information. Entries with over 200 contacts must also include a check sheet for each band.

Sample log forms, summary and check sheets are available from the contest chairman. A large s.a.s.e. will bring you sample. (Do not glue U.S. stamps to the envelope.)

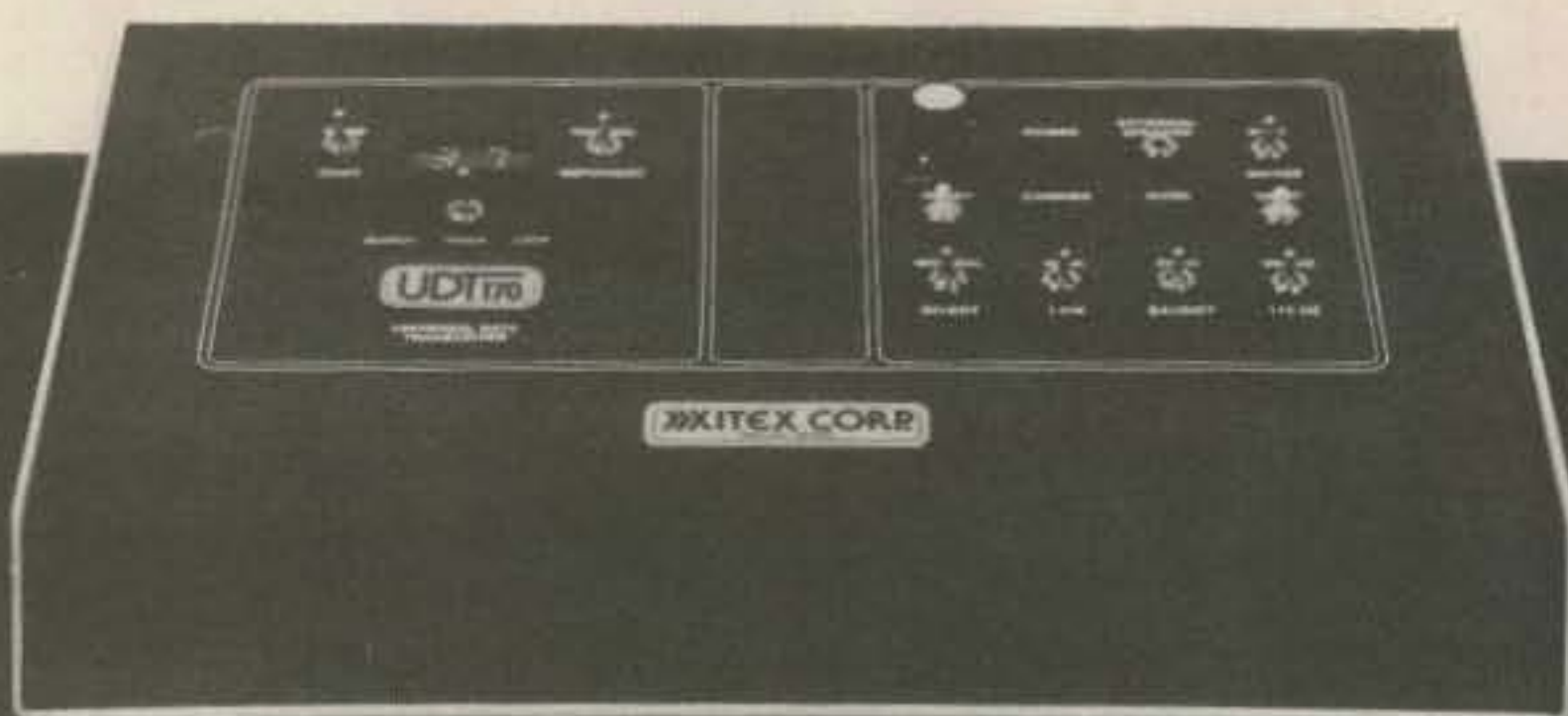
Mailing deadline for all entries is 30 days after end of contest to: CAN-AM Contest, VE3BMV, P.O. Box 292, Don Mills, Ont., Canada M3C 2S2.

Pennsylvania QSO Party

1700Z-0400Z Sat./Sun. Sept. 13/14
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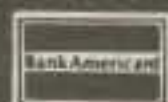
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and mode for QSO points. Penn. stations may also work other in-state stations for QSO and multiplier credit. Mobiles may be worked in each county change.

Exchange: RS(T), 3 digit sequential QSO number and QTH County for Penn., ARRL section for others.

Scoring: One point for s.s.b. contacts, 1.5 points for c.w., and 2 points for 80 meter c.w. contacts.

Penn. stations multiply total by ARRL sections and Penn. counties worked. Others use Penn. counties worked for their multiplier (max. of 67).

Penn. mobiles calculate total score for each county then add county totals for final score.

Frequencies: C.W.—50 kHz up from bottom of each c.w. band. S.S.B.—3980, 7280, 14280, 21380, 28580.

Awards: Certificates for section winners and to the top 10 Penn. entries (min. of 10 QSOs). Plaques to the top Penn. and top out-of-state winners. An engraved gavel donated by W1PL goes to the Penn. club scoring the highest aggregate score.

Include a summary sheet with your entry showing the scoring, a check list of counties or sections worked and any interesting comments. A dupe sheet is required if you make 100 or more contacts. Also include a large

s.a.s.e. for a copy of the results.

Mailing deadline is October 15th to: Douglas R. Maddox, W3HDH, 1187 S. Garner Street, State College, PA 16801.

Washington State QSO Party

Three Periods GMT

0100 to 0700 Saturday, September 13
1300 to 0700 Sat./Sun. Sept. 13/14
1300 to 0100 Sun./Mon. Sept. 14/15

This is the 15th annual party sponsored by the Boeing Employees A.R.S. (BEARS). The same station may be worked on each band and mode for QSO and multiplier credit. Wash. stations may work other Wash. stations for QSO points.

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

Scoring: Phone contacts are worth 2 points, c.w. 3 points. Wash. stations multiply total QSO points by number of states, VE provinces and DX countries worked. Others use Wash. counties for their multiplier (max. of 39).

There is an additional multiplier of 1 for each group of 8 contacts with the same Wash. county for non-Wash. stations.

Frequencies: C.W.—1805, 3560, 7060, 14060, 21060, 28160. Phone—1815, 3925, 7260, 14280, 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 5 club members before, during or after the party. The Worked Three Cubs Award is available for working 3 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 15th to: Boeing Employees A.R.S., Contest Committee, Att: Willis D. Propst, K7RS, 18415 38th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98188.

Cray Valley S.W.L. Contest

Starts: 1800Z Sat. September 13

Ends: 1800Z Sun. September 14

We often receive complaints from s.w.l.'s that we do not list activities in which they can participate. That's because very few contests have an s.w.l. category.

Well here's one organized just for you. You can use up to 18 hours during this period; multi-operator groups may log during the entire contest.

There are two sections, phone and c.w., all bands 1.8 through 28 MHz.

Scores should be compiled as follows: One point for each station heard on each band multiplied by the number of different countries heard on each band. Add the scores from each band for your final score.

If points are claimed for both working stations, the call signs of each must appear in the heard column. The practice of logging a series of contacts made by one station is not permitted. The same station may be logged later but not more than 20 times on the same band.

Countries will be determined by the official R.S.G.B. list (same as ARRL) with call areas of the USA, Canada and Australia counting as separate multipliers.

Certificates of merit will be awarded by the Cray Valley Committee. Neatness of logging is a must, up to 100 bonus points will be awarded for a neat log.

Although not required, it is desirable to use the official log forms. A large s.a.s.e. to the Contest Manager, G4DFI, will get you a supply.

Entries should be sent to: Mr. Owen Cross, G4DFI, 28 Garden Avenue, Bex-

leyhearth, Kent, DA7 4LF, England. They must be received not later than November 3rd.

North American Sprint Contest

0100 to 0500 GMT Sun., September 14

There are two "Sprints" held each year, one in February and the other in September. As the name implies, it's a real shorty—four hours only.

North American stations will be working stations on other continents as well as other North Americans. Single operator, c.w. only.

Exchange: Call, QSO no., name and QTH. (State, province or country.)

Scoring: Multiply total QSOs by sum of states, VE provinces and N. American countries worked. USA and VE not countries, KH6 not a state. There are 8 VE provinces, Maritime plus VE2-VE8.

Frequencies: Three bands only, 3530-3550, 7030-7050, 14030-14050. Same station may be worked once on each band.

Awards: A Trophy to the top scorer. Certificates to the winners in each U.S.A. call district, Canada and each country, and also to the top ten scores, the winning team and each operating member.

Club competition is limited to a total of 10 members as a single unit. A club may enter more than one unit. To qualify each member in the unit must be registered with the contest coordinator, N6SF, at least 24 hours before the contest.

Special QSO Rule: Any station calling CQ or soliciting contacts is permitted only one QSO as a result of that call. He must thereafter move at least 1 kHz before working another station, or at least 5 kHz before again soliciting other calls.

Use a separate log for each band, indicate the multiplier the first time it is worked and include a summary and check sheet with your entry.

Entries must be received no later than 30 days after the contest and go to: Rusty Epps, N6SF, 1030 Bush Street, Apt. #6, San Francisco, CA 94109.

Maryland/D.C. QSO Party

Starts: 1900 GMT Sat., September 20
Ends: 1900 GMT Sun., September 21

This is the 15th 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 band multipliers.

Exchange: QSO no., RS(T) and QTH. County for MD/D.C. (Baltimore and Wash. are independent cities) and

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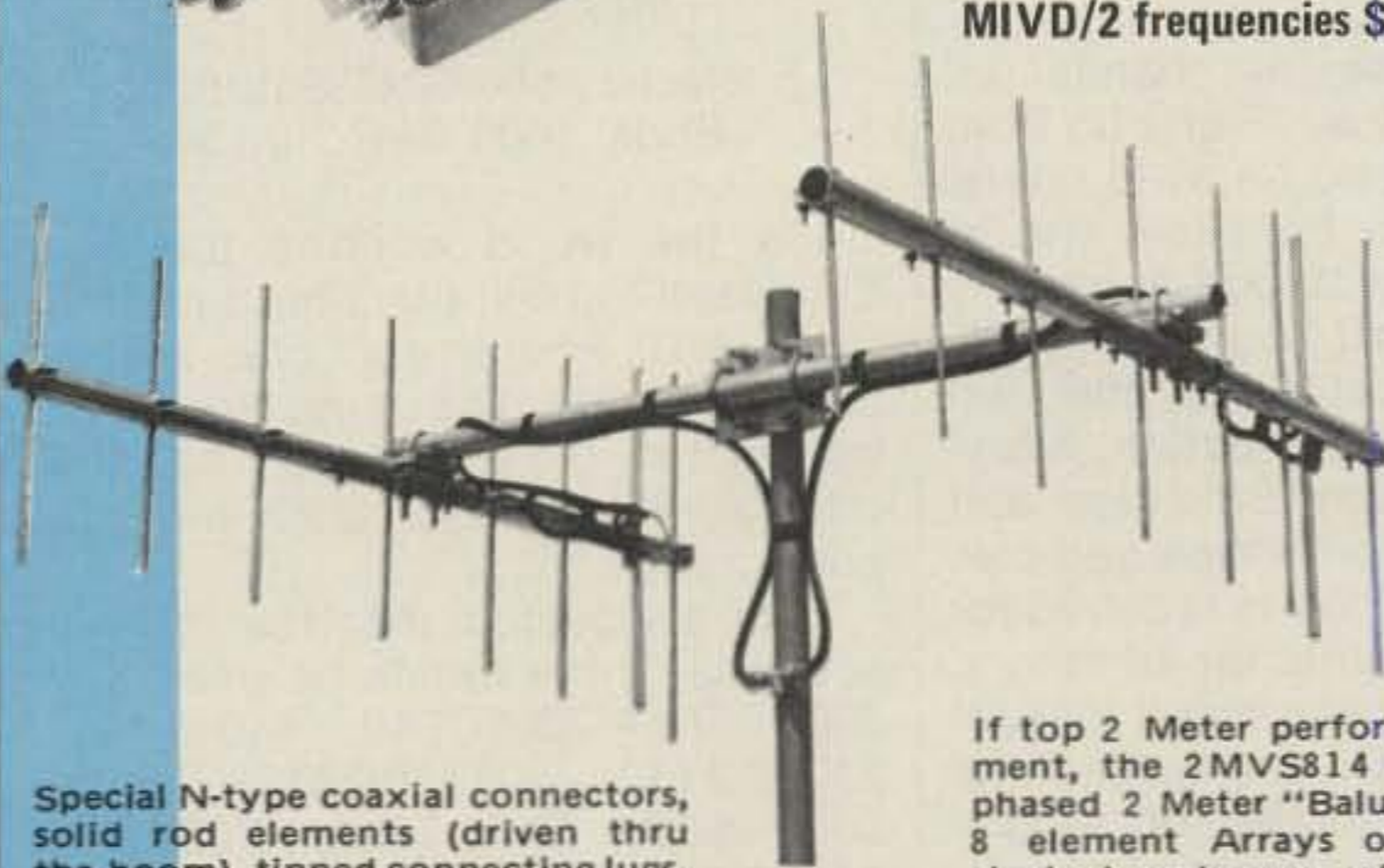
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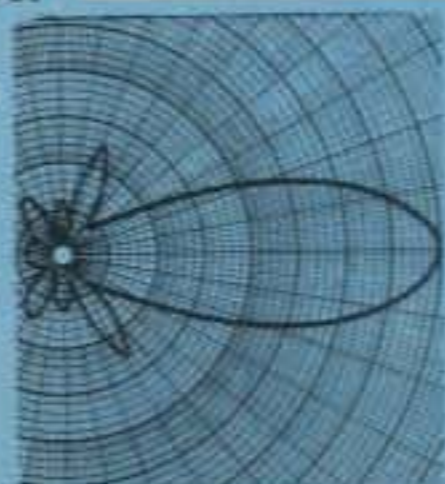
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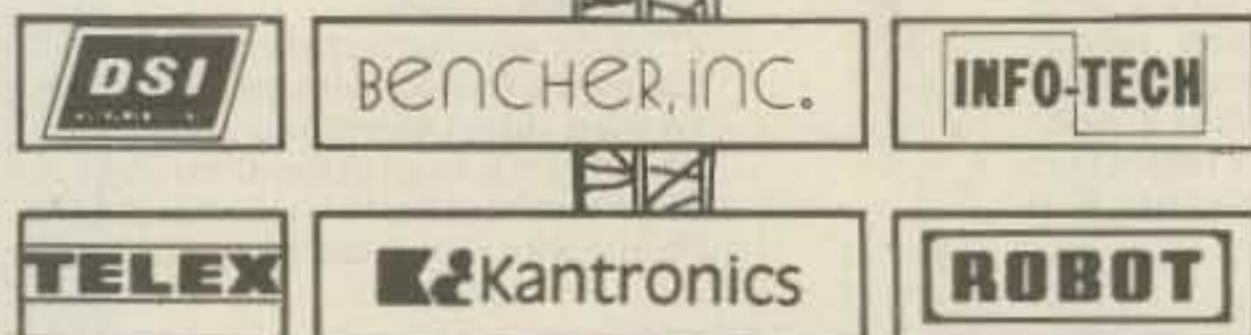
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ARRL section or country for others.

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 s.s.b. 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, independent cities and each country, both on phone and c.w. A minimum of 1000 points required for MD/D.C., and 250 points for all others.

Plaques for top combined phone/c.w. score in MD/D.C., and outside the MD/D.C. area, and to the top Mobile providing he has a minimum of 10 contacts from each county and independent city.

Use a separate log for each band and mode, include 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 E. Andersen,

W3XE, 14601 Claude Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

Scandinavian Activity Contest

C.W.—Sept. 20-21 S.S.B.—Sept. 27-28

Starts: 1500 GMT Saturday
Ends: 1800 GMT Sunday

It's the world working the Scandinavians in this, the 22nd running of the S.A.C. Phone and c.w. are separate contests. The same station may be worked once on each band, 3.5 through 28 MHz, for QSO and multiplier credit.

It is suggested that the following sections of the bands be used. C.W.: 3505-3575, 7005-7040, 14010-14075, 21010-21125, 28010-28125. S.S.B.: 3600-3650, 3700-3790, 7050-7100, 14150-14300, 21200-21350, 28400-28700.

The prefixes used in Scandinavia are: LA/LB/LG/LJ Norway, JW Svalbard & Bear Is., JX Jan Mayen, OF/OG/OH.OI Finland, OH0 Aaland Is., OJ0 Market Reef, OX Greenland, OY Faroe Is., OZ Denmark, SJ/SK/SL/SM Sweden, TF Iceland.

Classes: Single operator, and multi-operator both single and multi-trans-

mitter. Multi-transmitter stations must use a separate series of serial numbers for each band. Club stations are considered as multi-operator.

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

Points: European QSOs count 1 point on any band. DX contacts are 1 point 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 the same call area, as are SM3, SK3, SL3). Portable stations in Denmark or Norway count as the 10th area. OH0 is the 10th area for Finland, OJ0 is also separate, and SJ9 is the 9th area for Sweden.

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 station in each class, both s.s.b. and c.w., in each country and each U.S. call area. Additional awards depending on the returns. Plaques will be awarded to the top scoring stations in each continent, both on s.s.b. and c.w.

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 all entries is October 15th. This year logs go to: SSA Contest Manager, Peter Arninge, SMØGMZ, Granovagen 20, 7, S-151 64 Sodertalje, SWEDEN.

Delta QSO Party

Starts: 1800 GMT Sat. September 27
Ends: 2400 GMT Sun. September 28

This is the 11th 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 station 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 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. S.S.B.—3990, 7290, 14290, 21390, 28590. Novice—3725, 7125, 21125, 28125.

Certificate Awards:

A. Achievement: To 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 stations. Highest scoring Delta Club station.

Mailing deadline for logs is October 21st to: Malcolm P. Keown, W5XX, 213 Moonmist, Vicksburg, MS 39180.

Classic Radio Exchange

Starts: 2000Z Sunday, September 28
Ends: 0300Z Monday, September 29

This is the fall edition of this unusual activity sponsored by the Southeast A.R.C. of Cleveland, Ohio.

Object is to restore, operate and enjoy older equipment with like-minded hams.

A classic radio is defined as any gear built since 1945 but which is at least 10 years old, an advantage

in the contest but not required in the exchange.

The same station may be worked on each band and mode and with different equipment combinations. Non-contestants may be worked for credit.

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

Scoring: Multiply total QSOs by number of different receivers, transmitters, states, provinces and DX countries worked on each band. Multiply that total by your Classic multiplier—total years old of all receivers and transmitters used. (Three QSOs minimum per unit.) If equipment is a transceiver, multiply age by two.

Frequencies: C.W.—60 kHz from low edge of each band. Phone—3910, 7280, 14280, 21380, 28580. Novice/Tech—3720, 7120, 21120, 28120. Listen to 10 on the quarter hour, 20 on the half hour and 15 on the three quarter hour.

Awards: Certificates will be awarded for the highest scores, longest DX and "unusual achievements."

Send logs with comments, pictures, anecdotes, etc. to: Stu Stephens, K8SJ, 1407 Hollywood Rd., Sandusky, OH 44870. A s.a.s.e. will get you a copy of the newsletter with the results.

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Novice

"HOW TO" FOR THE NEWCOMER TO AMATEUR RADIO

Potpourri

One dictionary definition of *potpourri* is "a miscellaneous collection." That describes this month's column very well. The longer articles use up all the available space, leaving no room for short items. Here are several good things that should be of interest to you.

QSL Service

One of the most pleasurable things related to amateur radio is the receipt of QSL (confirmation) cards from amateur operators we have contacted on the air. One of the worst parts of amateur radio is addressing and mailing QSL cards. As the January through March 1979 Novice article on QSL states, there are QSL service organizations that handle incoming and/or outgoing domestic (U.S.A.) and/or foreign (DX) QSL cards. Since the majority of Novice band contacts in America are between two American amateurs, this item introduces you to an organization that handles cards being exchanged between American amateurs. The U.S. QSL Service (USQS) also handles cards being exchanged between Canadian and American amateurs, as well as cards being exchanged between Canadian amateurs.

USQS is run by Laryl Myers, N7BMY, and Pat Berry, KB7JW. Laryl has extensive experience in filing system management and she is the general manager. Laryl and Pat are both ardent code operators and you may work them on the Novice bands. Paid clerks sort the cards and prepare mailings. Emphasis is placed on hiring disabled people for this work, since mobility requirements are low.

This is how to use their service. Make sure all of your cards are filled out completely, so that they will be useful to those who receive them. Do not bother to write the name and address on each card; just print the callsign clearly in the address space.

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Fourteen-year-old John DeRicco, KA2EEO, of Moriches, Long Island, New York, built his Heath HW-101 Transceiver, which he uses with a ground-plane antenna installed 35 feet above ground. John is active on the Novice 10, 15 and 40 meter bands. I recently had the pleasure of working him on the air. He upgraded from Novice to Technician in December 1979 and his good code proficiency makes me believe that he may have upgraded to General by the time you read this item.

Pre-sort your cards going to Canadian and American (only) amateurs. Pre-sort in accordance with the callsign areas (one through zero), followed by any Hawaiian (AH6, KH6, WH6, etc.) and Alaskan (AL7, KL7, WL7, etc.) cards plus Canadian (VE1 through VE0) cards. Address a suitable envelope to USQS, P.O. Box 814, Mulino, Oregon 97042. When using USQS for the first time, enclose two or three legal size (4 1/8" x 9 1/2") self-addressed and stamped envelopes (SASE's). These SASE's will be used to return received cards to you from other amateurs you have contacted, who also use USQS. When you receive an SASE, send a replacement SASE to USQS. Print your callsign clearly in the upper left corner on the front (address) side of the SASE, above the USQS return address. Also, print your callsign on the rear flap of the SASE. As the SASE is addressed to yourself, include your name (first and last) and complete mailing address, including the postal

zip number. Since QSL card stock varies in weight and cards vary in size, you should determine how many of your cards total one ounce in weight. Experience has shown me that 5 to 7 cards usually weigh one ounce. Record how many of your cards total one ounce so that you will know how many stamps to use on future shipments. Put your pre-sorted cards and any SASE's in the envelope addressed to USQS after making sure that you have added your return address to the envelope. Enclose 25 cents to cover handling charges for one to 20 cards. Enclose an additional quarter for each group (or portion of a group) of 20 additional cards. Payment should be by check or money order. An amateur can send cards to USQS as often, or as seldom, as he or she wishes. Seal the envelope securely and be positive that the correct amount of first-class postage is attached before mailing it. At the present time, we pay 15 cents for the first ounce and 13 cents for each additional ounce of first-class mail. USQS (like most other businesses) will not accept postage-due mail.

Sending a card to each station contacted for the first time is the final courtesy extended to other amateurs we work on the air. The use of QSL services eliminates the need to purchase callbooks and to look up the name and address of each amateur when addressing cards. It is faster, easier, and less expensive to send cards via a QSL service than to send them directly.

USQS was registered 12 February 1980 as a subsidiary of Pat's company, B2 Systems. Laryl was surprised to learn that no simple system existed for exchanging cards between Canadian and American amateurs. She discussed this need with Pat and helped him work out the details to establish an efficient but low-cost bureau. USQS was established to reduce the work and expense associated with exchanging cards between American and Canadian ama-

teurs. This service should improve the QSL exchange ratio and increase operating time. I am giving it a try and I hope you will do the same.

If you want more information about USQS, you can request it from USQS, P.O. Box 814, Mulino, Oregon 97042. As always, enclose the usual SASE when requesting anything.

If you decide to participate in the USQS system, you should advise your on-the-air contacts that they can QSL you via USQS and you can refer them to this article for an explanation.

You are advised to read the QSL articles (January through March 1979 CQ) previously printed in these Novice columns. There is a lot more to good QSL practices than is immediately apparent to a beginner. Exchanging QSL cards is important to most amateurs and it is worth some time and effort to learn about QSL cards and their proper usage.

Postage-Due Mail

The QSL cards coverage in the January through March 1979 Novice columns included a statement that the U.S. Post Office does not deliver postage-due mail. Reg Tibbetts, W6ITH, informed me that this is incorrect and postal regulations support his statement. The 30 July 1979 dom-



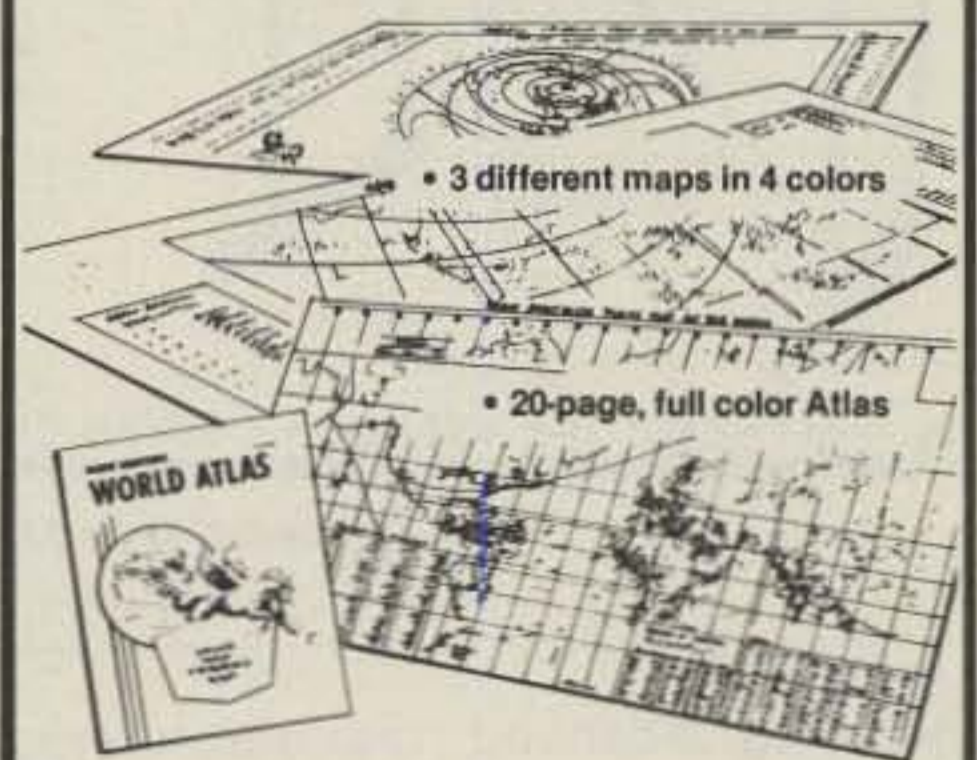
Jim McCormack, KA4IAY, of North Miami, Florida, obtained the Novice license in April 1979 and immediately started operating. By July, I had issued a Ten American Districts (TAD) award to him and he earned a Rag Chewer's Certificate (RCC). His station includes a Yaesu FT-101-ZD with c.w. and s.s.b. filters, a ham keyer with Bencher chrome paddle, a transmatch, a ground plane for 10 meters, a drooping dipole, and a tri-band Hy-Gain TH6DXX beam for 10, 15, and 20 meters. Jim upgraded to General in December 1979 and is studying to obtain an Advanced license. He lives in a very small apartment and is pleased that his operating activities cause no interference to his fine neighbors. The station installation tips covered in a previous series of Novice articles provide the information needed to put a good initial station on the air.

estic mail manual covers the handling of prepayment and postage-due mail in section 146. Item 146.121 states that matter without any postage attached is returned to the sender or disposed of if no return address exists or if the return address is the same as the delivery address. This means that the Post Office will not deliver mail that has no postage attached. However, item 146.131 states that matter with insufficient postage attached will be delivered to the addressee upon payment of the charges marked on the mail. This latter rule is of particular importance to amateurs, since we receive most of the DX QSL cards via the ARRL Incoming DX QSL Bureau. This means that envelopes may be mailed to us even though insufficient postage is attached, with the postage rate increased again. Despite this, it is advisable for every amateur to submit at least one self-addressed envelope with first-class postage attached. While you are at it, forward supplementary stamps to be attached to any envelopes you already have on file at your bureau. The addresses of ARRL Incoming DX QSL Bureau groups are frequently printed in QST. If you want a copy of this information, simply request it from myself (or ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111) and enclose the usual self-addressed and stamped envelope.

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If you want to reduce electric power bills where you live and/or work, you should consider installing power factor control devices in appliances that include alternating current (ac) induction motors. These devices have been developed and patented by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Electrical power consumption is reduced as much as almost 40 percent in these motors, which reduces the electricity bill. In addition to reducing electric power consumption, these power factor controllers cause a.c. induction motors to operate cooler and quieter. Variable speed devices, such as mixers, normally use d.c. motors. Most other motor-driven units use a.c. induction motors that can be made to operate more efficiently by installing power factor control devices. Typical units that normally include a.c. induction motors are can openers, clothes washers, dish washers, duplicators, fans, garbage disposals, pencil sharpeners, power tools, pumps, refrigerators, sewing machines, trash compactors, and typewriters. If you are interested in these devices, you should contact one or more of the

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QSL Cards

Earl Turner, Jr., KA2DLK, urges all amateurs to have their county printed on their QSL cards to enhance the value of these cards to those who receive them. When you are having cards printed, I advise you to go one step further and have the country (U.S.A.) printed on your cards. The January through March 1979 issues of CQ include an excellent article on QSL cards. If you are a relatively new amateur, I strongly advise you to read that article. It takes time, money, and effort to send QSL cards; one may as well send cards that are correct and complete. It has been my experience that about five percent of the cards I receive have one or more of the following items missing: (1) date and/or time of contact, (2) frequency/-band, (3) mode/emission, (4) report, or (5) station worked. Many amateurs make their cards out to themselves, instead of to the stations worked.

Geography

Brian A. Jones, G8ASO, sends the following information to provide a better understanding of the indicated terms:

British Isles. This is an island

group located Northwest of continental Europe. It includes Great Britain, Ireland, and adjacent islands.

Great Britain. The countries of England, Scotland, and Wales.

United Kingdom. The countries of the Bailiwick of Guernsey and Dependencies, Bailiwick of Jersey, England, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

The associated amateur radio callsign prefixes are:

- G England
- GA-GZ United Kingdom
- GB United Kingdom (Special)
- GD Isle of Man
- GI Northern Ireland
- GJ Bailiwick of Jersey
- GM Scotland
- GU Bailiwick of Guernsey and Dependencies
- GW Wales
- G5/GD5 United Kingdom Reciprocal Licensees
- G8/GD8 United Kingdom VHF only

The January 1980 Novice column contains a useful list of radio callsign prefixes used by amateurs all over the world.



Stu Heering, WB5ULD, issues the Mississippi, Old Man River, The Old South, and other operating awards.

Beginning Operating Certificates

As you may know, this magazine features an excellent monthly column about available operating awards. However, some of the awards are not easily within the operating capability of a beginning amateur. Here are a few awards one can earn without major effort:

Colonial America. Work amateurs in all 13 of the original states. These states are Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Virginia. A couple of these states are not often heard, but you should be able to work them and earn this fine certificate.

El Golfo de Mexico. Work amateurs in

all 5 American states bordering on the Gulf of Mexico (Golfo Mexicano), plus one amateur in Mexico. These American states are Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. I have seldom heard a Mexican amateur operating code in the Novice bands but I have worked a few of our friends from south of the border.

Mississippi. Work ten contacts with Mississippi amateurs. The award shows the state outline and a few facts about Mississippi.

Old Man River. Work amateurs in all ten states bordering on the Mississippi River. These states are Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. The award shows these states and describes the river.

The Old South. Work amateurs in all eleven of the old Southern states. These states are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. The award shows a scroll listing these states.

All five of the preceding awards are available from Stu Heering, WB5ULD, Route 2, Box 72, Fulton, Mississippi 38843. Except for repeater use, there are no operating restrictions related to these awards. One can use any mode and all bands. Awards are custom printed and suitable for framing. Do not send QSL cards. Provide a list showing the required contacts, have another amateur check your log to ascertain the accuracy of your list, and have that amateur sign the list to verify that it is correct. Enclose one dollar with each award request; cash, check, or international reply coupons (IRCs) are acceptable.

Ten American Districts. The TAD award is available to amateurs who provide proof of two-way contacts with other amateurs in each of the ten American callsign areas. A data sheet is available to anyone requesting it from the Lockheed Amateur Radio Club (W6LS), 2814 Empire, Burbank, California, 91504. The usual SASE is appreciated.

Anyone with similar easily earned awards is urged to send complete details to W6DDB for possible inclusion in a future Novice column.

One of the toughest awards I ever worked for is Stu Heering's Capitols of the United States certificate. To earn it, you must have a two-way radio contact with amateurs in the capitols of all 50 states, plus one in the capitol of the United States (Washington, D.C.). You will be dismayed at some of the seldom-heard small cities that are the capitols of some states. This award is a real challenge!



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Help Available

A recent Novice column pointed out that newcomers to amateur radio need the help that an active member can provide. If you are willing to help, please send a note to W6DDB stating your name, callsign, mailing address, and telephone number. Here is the first group of people who have offered to help people in their areas:

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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.

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Math's Notes

A LOOK AT THE TECHNICAL SIDE OF THINGS

From time-to-time in this column, we describe new semiconductors and integrated circuiting that we feel would be of interest to our readers, and the letters that we get in return are usually quite encouraging.

This month we have a new integrated circuit family that is so ideally suited for amateur applications that we think you will be quite excited with its possibilities.

Intersil Corporation has announced the availability of a new line of frequency counters-on-a-chip that are really just that—complete units. All that is necessary in addition to a single chip is a readout, a handful of inexpensive components, and a few switches. Add those and you wind up with a d.c. to 10 MHz counter that offers features normally only available from expensive industrial counters.

There are two (2) basic units in this family: the ICM7216/26 A & B which is a complete universal counter offering frequency measurements, period measurements, ratio of two (2) frequencies, and time interval measurement, and the ICM7216/26 C & D which are frequency counters alone. Both are intended to drive 8 digit readouts and offer resolutions of 1 Hz at 10 MHz or 0.1 microseconds when used as a timer.

Fig. 1 shows a functional schematic of the typical counter circuit and hookup is really not much more complicated.

Once you have the basic counter working, a prescaler can easily be added to extend the frequency range to essentially anything you wish. In addition, BCD output pins are available for interfacing the counter with a minicomputer. Since the ICM7216/26 is also a CMOS device utilizing multiplexed drive signals for

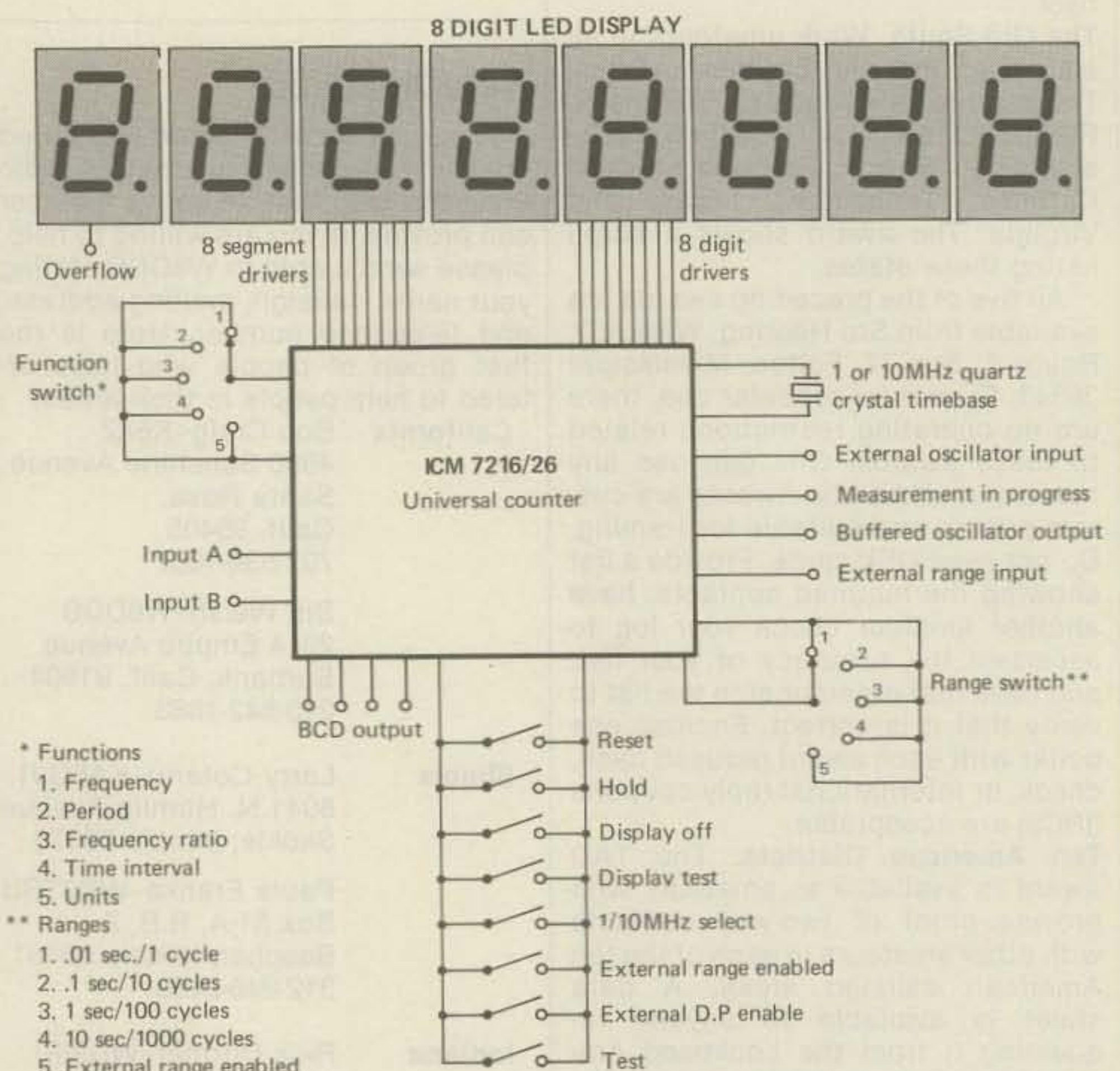


Fig. 1- Functional schematic of the ICM7216/26 counter.

the readouts, current drain is very small and battery operation is certainly feasible.

Cost for the chips alone range from \$20 or so for the frequency counter versions to \$25 or so for the universal counter. Best of all if you wish, you can order a complete evaluation kit from Intersil that contains all parts including readout, P/C board, switches, etc., that will allow you to build the whole unit. Cost is \$74.95 and the kit should be ideal as the basis for a "digital dial" or a complete frequency counter.

If this type of product seems to

arouse your interest I would suggest that you write to Intersil Analog Products, 10710 North Tantan Avenue, Cupertino, Ca. 95014 and ask for data sheets and application notes for the ICM7216/26 family of 8 digit universal counters.

Please let us know how projects such as this one work out for you if you actually do build them. As previously stated, our readers do seem interested, and we would like to follow up such interest with descriptions of actual applications.

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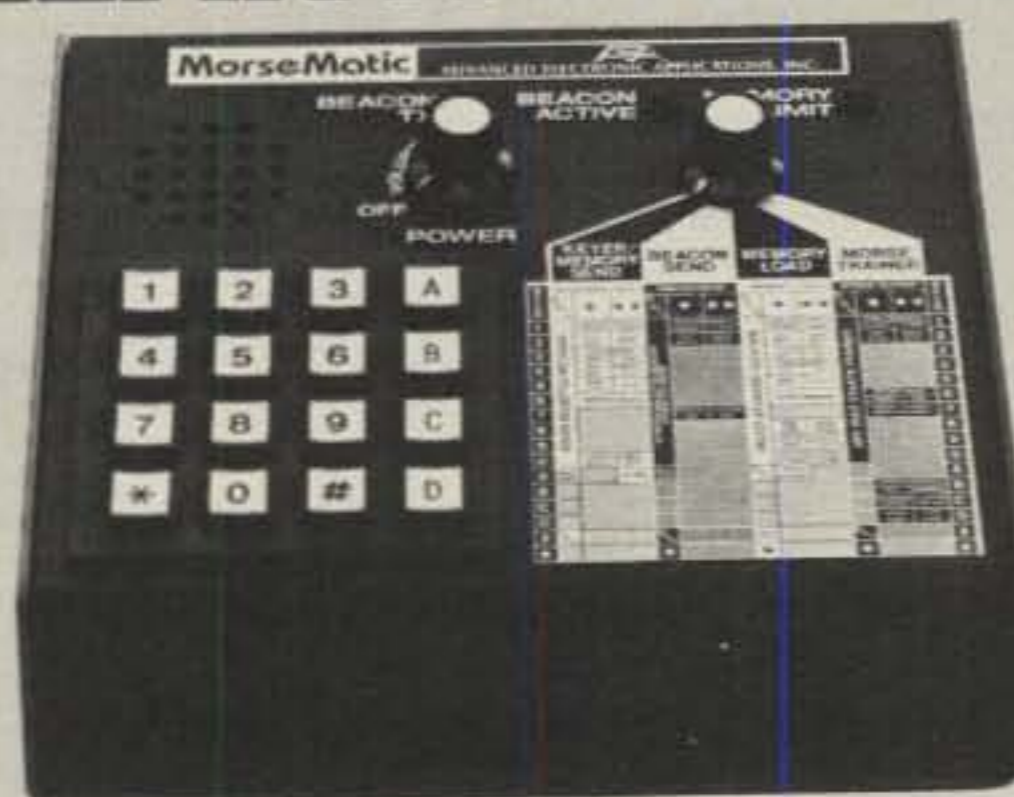
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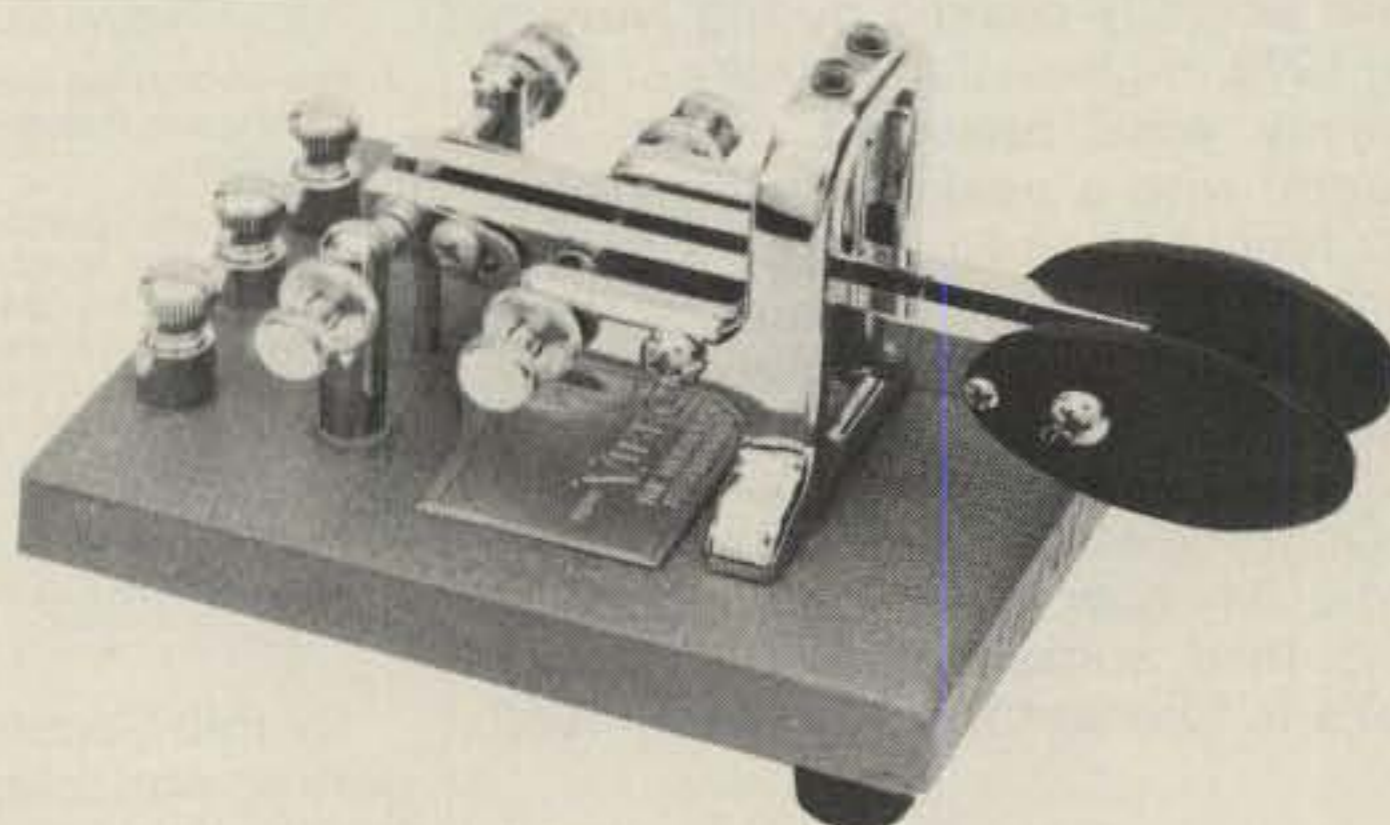
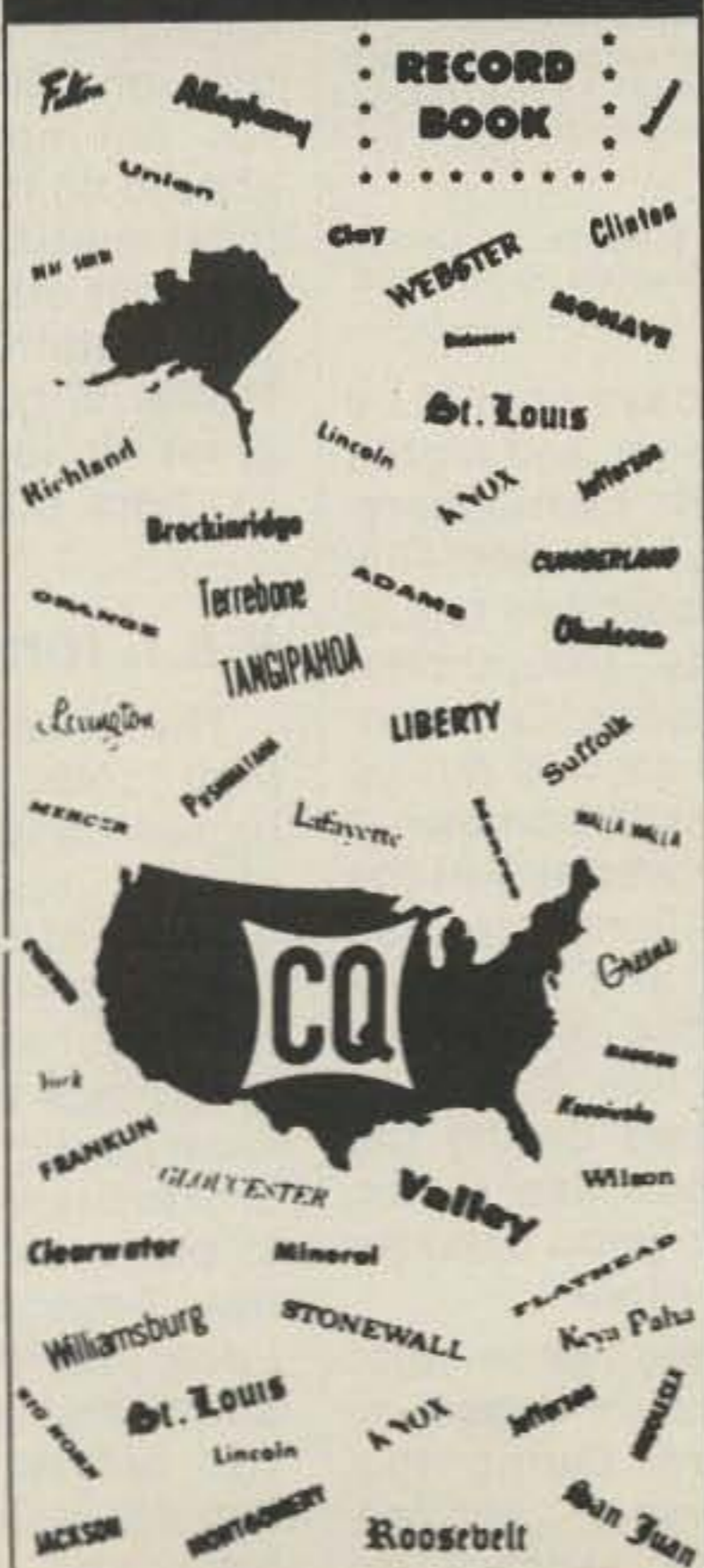
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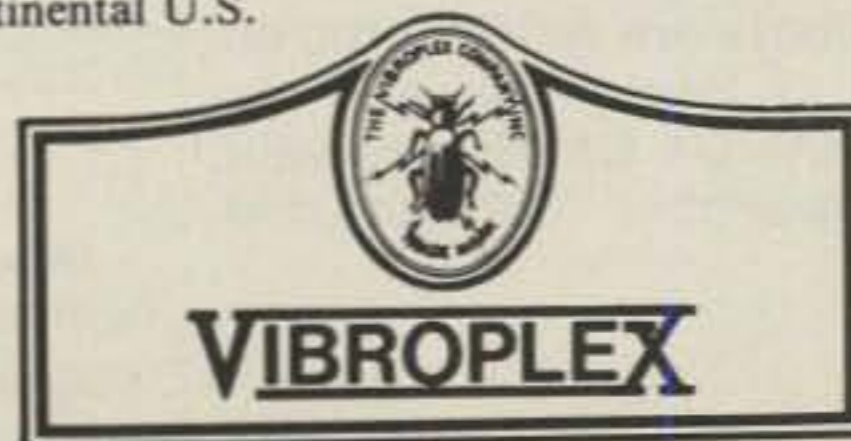
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Propagation

THE SCIENCE OF PREDICTING RADIO CONDITIONS

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The Swiss Federal Observatory at Zurich reports a monthly mean sunspot number of 179.7 for May 1980. This results in a 12-month running smoothed sunspot number of 163.1 centered on November 1979. The progress of a solar cycle is measured by the level of smoothed sunspot activity.

Solar activity during Cycle 21 has now reached a level higher than recorded in any other cycle except for the record breaking Cycle 19, which peaked at 201 during March 1958.

Although it is not yet certain, there are indications that Cycle 21 may have actually peaked during November 1979. Highest daily values of solar activity were observed during this month, with a peak sunspot level of 302 recorded on November 10th. The 10.7 cm solar flux level, a more finely tuned indicator of solar activity, reached a peak mean level of 226.8 during the month.

On the assumption that the present cycle is now declining slowly, a smoothed sunspot level in the low 140's is forecast for September 1980.

September Conditions

September and early October represents a time of transition for h.f. propagation conditions. On some days conditions will seem to be much the same as during the summer months, and on other days the first signs of wintertime conditions should be noticeable. For this reason, this month's column contains both Short-Skip and DX Propagation Charts. The Short-Skip Charts are valid for the entire months of September and October, while the DX Charts are valid from mid-September through mid-October.

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LAST MINUTE FORECAST

Day-to-Day Conditions Expected for September 1980

| Propagation Index | Expected Signal Quality | | | |
|---|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| | (4) | (3) | (2) | (1) |
| Above Normal: 7, 12 | A | A | B | C |
| High Normal: 6, 8-11, 13-15, 20 | A | B | C | C-D |
| Low Normal: 4-5, 16, 18-19, 21-22, 24, 30 | A-B | B-C | C-D | D-E |
| Below Normal: 1-3, 17, 23, 25-26, 28-29 | B-C | C-D | D-E | E |
| Disturbed: 27 | 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, with some fading and noise.

D—Poor opening, with weak signals varying between S1 and S3, and with considerable fading and noise.

E—No opening expected.

HOW TO USE THIS FORECAST

1. Find propagation index associated with particular band opening from Propagation Charts appearing on the following pages.
2. With the propagation index, use the above table to find the expected signal quality associated with the band opening for any day of the month. For example, an opening shown in the charts with a propagation index of 3 will be fair-poor (C-D) on September 1-3; good-fair (B-C) on the 4th and 5th; good (B) on the 6th; fair-poor (C-D) again on the 7th, etc.

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By mid-September, days should be getting noticeably shorter and nights longer in the northern hemisphere. Static levels should be considerably lower and daytime absorption reduced from summer levels. This should result in a greater number of DX openings on 10, 15 and 20 meters during the hours of daylight, with somewhat stronger signals. Improved nighttime DX propagation conditions are also expected for the 40, 80 and 160 meter bands, with considerably lower static levels. A seasonal decline should be noticeable on 20 meters during the hours of darkness, but this is expected to remain a very good band for DX almost around-the-clock.

Another solar phenomenon that will have considerable influence on propagation conditions during this period is the autumnal, or fall, equinox. This will occur on

September 22nd as the sun crosses the plane of the equator on its apparent travel from northern to southern skies. On this day the hours of daylight and darkness are equal in length throughout the world. The effect of the autumnal equinox will be felt on h.f. propagation conditions 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 season for DX openings between the temperate regions of both the northern and southern hemispheres. A similar period occurs during the spring equinox, which is centered on March 21st. Equinoctial propagation conditions should produce a considerable improvement in inter-hemispheric DX openings, for example, from the USA to South America, to the South Pacific area and Australasia, to southern Asia, and to southern Africa and Antarctica. This improvement should be noticeable on all bands 10 through 160 meters. The best times for equinoctial-type DX openings should be the twilight periods around local sunrise and sunset, but they will occur at other times as well. Many of these interhemispheric openings may follow either the long or the short great circle path, or both, so be sure to check both directions.

V.h.f. Ionospheric Openings

The combination of continuing high solar activity and seasonally higher daytime useable frequencies should result in a considerable number of DX openings on 6 meters. Openings in the quadrant between northeast and south are most likely to take place between 9 a.m. and Noon, local daylight time. From Noon to approximately 4 p.m., expect conditions to peak towards the Caribbean, Central America and South America. Look for openings towards the southwest and west for an hour or two before sunset. These openings should result from F-2 layer reflection, and signals levels may be

relatively strong at times. Inter-hemispheric openings are also likely to occur on 6 meters as a result of the equinoctial propagation conditions.

Later in the evening check the 6 meter band for an expected improvement in trans-equatorial (TE) type openings. These are openings that cross the geomagnetic equator at an approximate right angle, and they usually peak during late September and early October. The best time for TE openings is between 8 and 11 p.m., local daylight time, but signals are usually weak and are often accompanied by flutter fading. TE openings towards South America from the USA favor locations in the southern tier states, although openings further north can also occur.

Although the seasonal peak for 6 meter sporadic-E openings has already passed, an occasional 6 meter short-skip opening may still be possible over distances ranging between 1000 and 1300 miles. The best time to check for sporadic-E openings is before noon and again during the early evening.

Auroral activity usually increases sharply during equinoctial periods. This should result in increased auroral-type short skip openings of both 6 and 2 meters during September and early October. The best

possibilities for such openings should coincide with periods of expected radio storminess. Check the "Last Minute Forecast" at the beginning of this column for those days during September that are expected to be BELOW NORMAL or DISTURBED.

No major meteor showers are expected during September, but a minor one may permit meteor-scatter type openings on the v.h.f. bands between September 19th and 21st.

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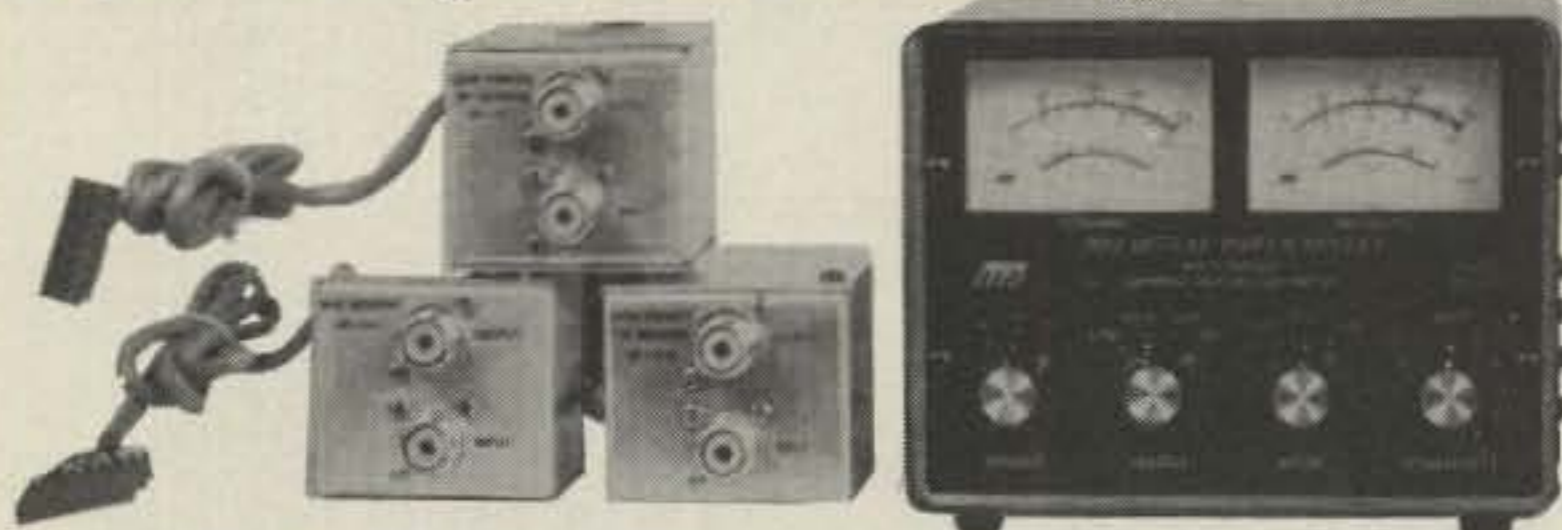
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EASTERN USA TO:

| | 10 Meters | 15 Meters | 20 Meters | 40/80 Meters |
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| Western & Central Europe & North Africa | 08-10 (1) 10-11 (2) 11-13 (3) 13-15 (2) 15-16 (1) 09-11 (1)* | 08-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-14 (4) 14-15 (3) 15-17 (2) 17-19 (1) | 02-04 (1) 04-06 (2) 06-10 (3) 10-12 (2) 12-15 (3) 15-17 (4) 17-21 (3) 21-02 (2) | 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)* |
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| | 12-15 (4) | 11-13 (3) | 11-14 (2) | 22-04 (4) |
| | 15-17 (3) | 13-17 (4) | 14-16 (3) | 04-05 (3) |
| Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil, Chile, Argentina & Uruguay | 17-18 (2) | 17-19 (3) | 16-23 (4) | 05-06 (2) |
| | 18-19 (1) | 19-20 (2) | 23-02 (3) | 06-08 (1) |
| | 09-12 (1)* | 20-21 (1) | 02-06 (2) | 20-23 (1)* |
| | | | | 23-04 (2)* |
| | | | | 04-06 (1)* |
| McMurdo Sound, Antarctica | 07-08 (1) | 06-07 (1) | 09-15 (1) | 21-23 (1) |
| | 08-09 (2) | 07-08 (2) | 15-17 (2) | 23-03 (2) |
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| | | | 03-08 (2) | |

**CQ Short-Skip Propagation Chart
September & October, 1980
Local Daylight Time At Path Mid-Point
(24-Hour Time System)**

| Band (Meters) | Distance Between Stations (Miles) | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|---|---|
| | 50-250 | 250-750 | 750-1300 | 1300-2300 |
| 10 | Nil | 10-19 (0-1) | 08-10 (1) 10-12 (1-2) 12-14 (1-3) 14-15 (1-4) 15-17 (1-3) 17-19 (1-2) 19-22 (0-1) | 08-09 (1-2) 09-10 (1-3) 10-12 (2-4)** 12-14 (3-4)** 14-15 (4) 15-17 (3) 17-19 (2) 19-20 (1-2) 20-22 (1) |

HOW TO USE THE SHORT-SKIP CHARTS

1. In the Short-Skip Chart, the predicted times of openings can be found under the appropriate distance column of a particular Meter band (10 through 160-Meters) as shown in the left hand column of the Chart. For the Alaska and Hawaii Charts the predicted times of openings are found under the appropriate Meter band column (10 through 80 Meters) for a particular geographical region of the continental USA as shown in the left hand column of the Charts. An * indicates 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 standard time is used at the path midpoint. For example on a circuit between Maine and Florida, the time shown would be EST, on a circuit between N.Y. and Texas, the time at the midpoint would be CST, etc. Times shown in the Hawaii Chart are in HST. To convert to standard time in other USA time zones add 2 hours in the PST zone; 4 hours in the MST zone; 3 hours in the CST zone, and 5 hours in the EST zone. Add 10 hours to convert from HST to GMT. For example, when it is 12 noon in Honolulu, it is 14 or 2 P.M. in Los Angeles; 17 or 5 P.M. in Washington, D.C.; and 22 GMT. Time shown in the Alaska Chart is given in GMT. To convert to standard time in other areas of the USA subtract 8 hours in the PST zone; 7 hours in the MST zone; 6 hours in the CST zone and 5 hours in the EST zone. For example, at 20 GMT it is 15 or 3 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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HAWAII
September & October, 1980
Openings Given In Hawaiian
Standard Time —

| TO: | 10 Meters | 15 Meters | 20 Meters | 40/80 Meters |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|
| Eastern USA | 06-08 (1) 08-12 (2) 12-14 (3) 14-16 (2) 16-17 (1) | 05-06 (1) 06-08 (2) 08-12 (1) 12-16 (2) 16-18 (3) 18-20 (2) 20-22 (1) | 11-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-18 (3) 18-21 (4) 21-00 (3) 00-04 (2) 04-06 (3) 06-07 (2) 07-08 (1) | 18-20 (1) 20-23 (2) 23-00 (3) 00-01 (2) 01-02 (1) 20-22 (1)* 22-00 (2)* 00-01 (1)* |

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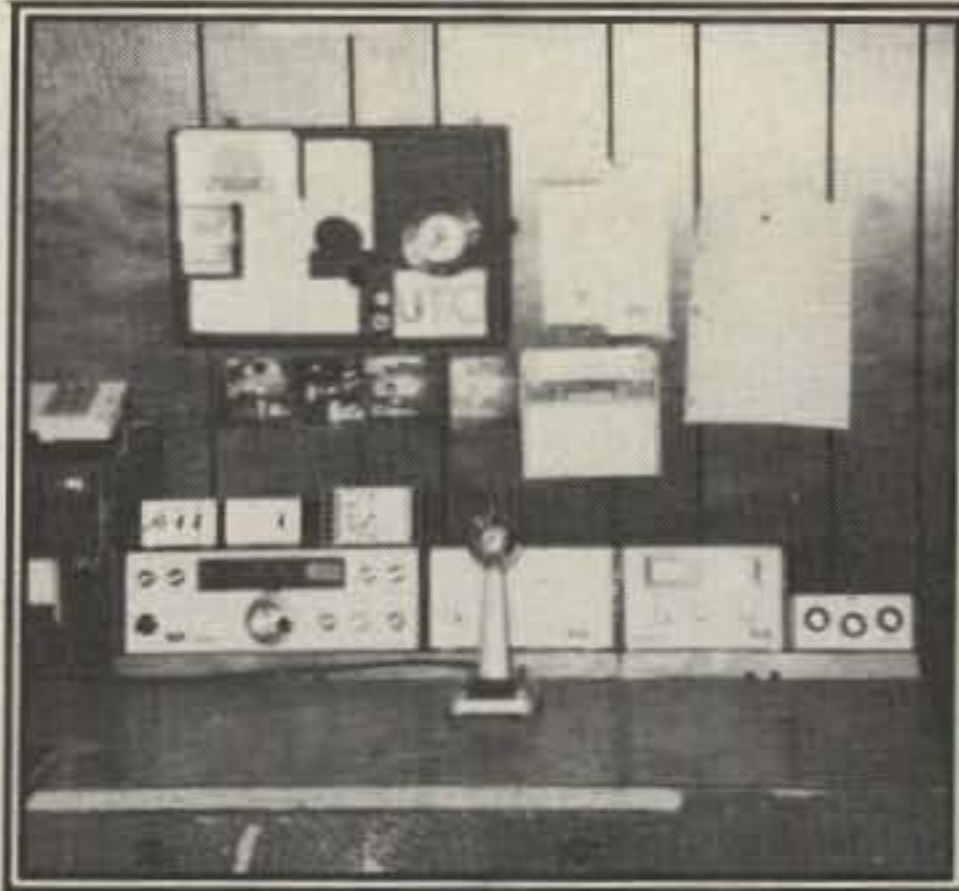
THE ART OF VERY LOW POWER OPERATING

QRPP Operating News & Reports

It seems about time to dig into the mailbag and share some of the really wonderful reports that have been flowing across my desk since my call for material in early 1979. In fact, I feel a bit guilty because the response has been so good, but I've been lagging just a bit on getting the material into print. If only I could talk the management into running two QRPP features each month, then we could get the reports in as well as letting me have some space. Maybe someday! At any rate, without further verbiage, let's let the fellows take over and share their experiences!

de. . . **WB3BBT, Bob Woish, 826 Mill Drive Rd., Audubon, PA 19407:** "I'd like to commend you on your QRPP column in CQ. I'm glad that it is a monthly feature. Material like yours is, unfortunately, a rarity since the discontinuation of *The Milliwatt*. I have two questions: 1) What is the difference between QRP and QRPP? 2) Is the QRP ARC I still operating, and if so, what is the address? (Ed.: Actually, QRP vs. QRPP is a personal preference. QRP and QRPP are generally taken to mean under five watt output operation. Secondly, the QRP ARC I is still operating, via Joseph Szempias W8JKB, 2359 Woodford St, Toledo, OH 43605. Also, the Michigan QRP Club, a genuine exclusively under five watt group, has been in operation for about three years, is growing rapidly, and has a program whereby local groups of five or more QRPP operators may form chapters. The club has a full list of QRPP awards, and has been working on an all-QRPP contest for the under-five watt gang. This is still in the planning stage, but hopefully, we'll have our own contest by December! QTH: Ralph L. Burch W8LCU, 281 Crescent Drive, Portland, MI 48875). I was recently running my homebrew QRP rig on 40 at 3 watts with KA2CEP on the other end, and we decided to see how low I could take my output power and still maintain solid copy. I hooked

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Winner of this month's Neatest QRP Hamshack award. It belongs to WB1DKX and the TenTec gear can be seen atop an old desk. One nice thing about QRP setups is that they don't require much space!

up a 9 volt transistor battery and series variable resistor, and down, down went my d.c. voltage until I got a 559 report from Skip at one milliwatt output! I just about hit the ceiling. From just outside Philadelphia to 40 miles west of N.Y.C. (113 miles) on 1 mw equals 113,000 miles per watt! By the way, my antenna is an apartment style quarter wave horizontal, and my output power measurement is traceable to the National Bureau of Standards. Thanks to Skip for a fine ear. It was the most exciting afternoon I've ever spent on the air! Thanks to you and CQ for keeping the QRP spirit growing."

de. . . **K8UOF, Frank Schloss, RR2 Box 3285, Hall, MI 48739:** "I have just recently purchased an MFJ-40T transmitter and have had a ball with it. I have been a ham for 22 years, and have not done much operating, but every year or so I get hot and build a small rig for c.w., usually a 6AQ5 or 6J6 tube rig with about 4-5 watts input. Lately I've been getting into transistors and have found they are as much fun as small power tubes. One of the big advantages of my 6AQ5 rig is that I can match a link tuned output directly to an antenna. On 40 meters this is an advantage because I can use a T.V. twinlead dipole, and feed it directly with no antenna tuner. The antenna is a half-wave with the ends

of the twinlead shorted, and one side split at the center, with a feedline of the same twinlead inserted at that point. A 100 ft roll works out just right. Do you have any info on getting a 300 ohm feed for a transistor rig using toroid cores or whatever? Something that does not involve an elaborate matchbox? (Ed. See Fig. 1). QRP rigs work well with solar power—any info on that? I work at a college and the students enjoy seeing a QRP station at work! 73's."

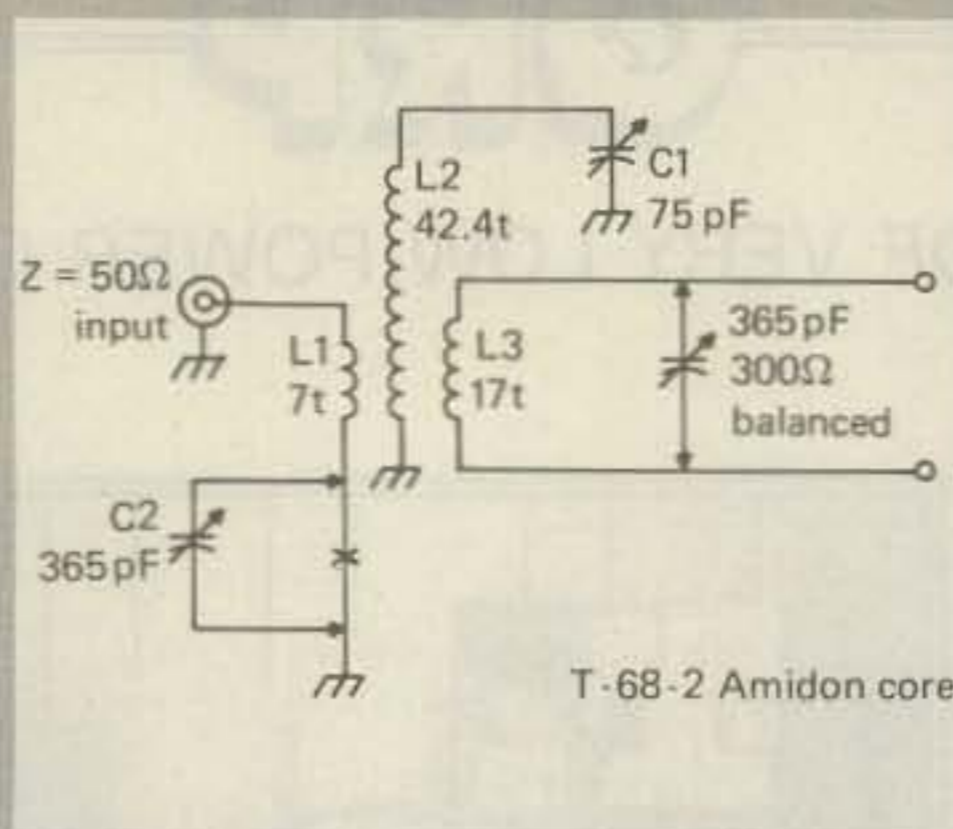
de. . . **W9NAX, Douglas R. Magill, 304 N. State St., Mishawaka, IN 46544:** "I have been following your articles in CQ for quite a while now and thought I would drop you this note to tell you how much I enjoy them. Having been a ham for 25 years and a newcomer to QRP, I would like to tell you of my accomplishments. Approximately two years ago I purchased an HW-8 and started chasing DX. With the HW-8 and Mor-Gain multiband dipole, I worked a total of 72 countries. I recently purchased a new Argonaut and have increased my total country count to 87 with 46 confirmed. My goal, of course, is the **DXCC QRPP Trophy** which you offer. I know this is quite a challenge with dipole antennas, but I am sure I can do it. I plan on entering CQ's upcoming DX contests because I think your idea of including a separate QRP Class is what is needed for us QRPP'ers to be able to compete without being at a great score disadvantage. Again, thank you for the efforts and hope to see you on the air."

de. . . **VE3JHE/VP2EY, David Rees-Thomas, RR#1, Swastika, ONT P0K 1T0:** "I hadn't thought of mentioning anything about it until I had worked over a hundred, but, since you want to hear from anyone with 25+ countries worked/confirmed, here is another statistic. Since November, 1977, when Johan PA0KAO utterly astonished me by hearing my HW-8 (then feeding a 20 meter ground plane with a 15 meter signal), I've managed to work about 44, with 31 confirmed (as of July, 1979). The HW-8 has been modified to include RIT and QSK, neither of which I would care to do without, as well as a built-in s.w.r. meter and crystal calibrator. Digital

readout is supplied on occasion by a DSI counter, although signals generated by the counter tend toward the spurious! The rig now feeds a two element GemQuad at 40ft. Generally speaking, I seem to be able to work most of the DX that I can hear, if the competition isn't too fierce! Even then, patience and timing pay off, although one gets lots of opportunity to learn about bad manners in a pile-up. Happiest DX was 4X4FU, Isaac, handling a big one by call areas. May the gods always smile on the DX station who includes VE when he works by areas! I had a brief experience from the DX side back in May, when I operated for two weeks from Marina Cay, BVI, as VP2VEY. No pile-ups, though—closest I ever got was when two W's called me in succession. The HW-8 and 150ft of wire got me 19 countries, of which the best was an unsolicited call from EL2EV. With any luck, I'll be back next year to try for some more. Well, that looks like a heck of a lot of bragging, but then again, working DX with three watts when all about you are using kilowatts just might be something to brag about!"

de. . . **WB9VJD, Charles Henderson, 250 E. Bristol Apt G-66, Elkhart, IN 46514:** "Greetings from Charlie, WB9VJD, from mobile home city, Elkhart, IN. Think you might be interested in a special experience I had for your Totally Unique Awards (TURS) program. Went camping a few weeks ago into the wilds of central Michigan and worked QRP portable for the first time. I had never been able to do that before but finally worked it out—the XYL had the mistaken notion that my interest in amateur radio was an attempt to avoid her. She has even taken to learning the code so she too

Lo-Z to Hi-Z Antenna Coupler



The output impedance from solid state transmitters is usually designed for 50 ohms fixed. Some antennas, such as the folded dipole, constructed of 300 ohm TV twinlead, cannot be connected directly to such a transmitter, but some means of impedance transformation is required. The circuit shown here usually will do the job, provided the feedline does not present too high reactance. If the antenna is cut properly (1/2 wave) and the feedline is quarter-wave length (or multiple thereof), no problem should be encountered. For best results and least susceptibility to transmitter instability, a high Q_u - Q_L (unloaded to loaded Q) ratio is best. Hence, L2 should be large, and C1 small. For QRP levels, Amidon T-50-2 and T-68-2 cores will work, and the largest gauge wire to fill the core gives the highest Q_u . In the design example for 7 MHz, we will use a T-68-2 with an A_L (permeability factor = 10) of 57.

1) C1-L2 values chosen to resonate at f_o (7MHz) with high reactance value, about 400-600 ohms, or 450 ohms in this case. Find pf and uh values for 450 ohms at 7 MHz from reactance charts or calculate:

$$C_{\mu f} = \frac{1}{2\pi f_{MHz} X_c} = \frac{1}{(6.28)(7)(450)}$$

$$= 0.00005\mu f = 50\text{pf}$$

$$L_{\mu h} = \frac{X_L}{2\pi f_{MHz}} = \frac{450}{(6.28)(7)}$$

$$= 10.23\mu h$$

2) Calculate number of turns on T-68-2 core for 10.23 μ h:

$$N_{turns} = 100\sqrt{L_{\mu h} \div A_L} =$$

$$100\sqrt{(10.23) \div (57)} = 42.4 \text{ turns}$$

Chart provided by Amidon shows that #24 wire will fill the core at 47 turns. Use #24 wire.

3) Next, select Q_L for -3dB bandwidth desired:

$$-3\text{dB BW} = \frac{f_o}{Q_L}$$

Since the major function of the circuit is impedance transformation and not harmonic reduction, a wide bandwidth is tolerable, allowing a low Q_L . A $Q_L = 4$ will provide a -3dB BW of $f_o/4 = 1.75 \text{ MHz}$.

4) Calculate the reactance of L2 if $Q_L = 4$ by $(Q_L)(X_{L2}) = (450)(4) = 1800$ ohms. L2 is then considered to have a reactance of 1800 ohms in the remaining calculations.

5) Calculate the number of turns required to transform the 300 antenna load to 1800 ohms with the formula:

$$\frac{N_{primary}}{N_{secondary}} = \sqrt{\frac{Z_{primary}}{Z_{secondary}}}$$

In this formula, the winding from which power is taken, or to which power is delivered, is considered the primary winding. Hence, L2 is the secondary, with an impedance of 1800 ohms and $N = 42.4$ turns, while L3 is terminated in 300 ohms (antenna), so:

$$\frac{N_{L3}}{42.4} = \sqrt{\frac{300}{1800}} = 0.4$$

The ratio between N_p/N_s is .4, hence $N_p = (0.4)(42.4) = 16.96$ turns. L3 will have 16.96 turns, spread out over the entire L2 winding, since it feeds a balanced load.

6) Calculate 50 ohms input winding, where L2 is again the secondary:

$$\frac{N_{L1}}{42.4} = \sqrt{\frac{50}{1800}} = 0.16;$$

$$0.16 \times 42.4 = 7.0 \text{ turns}$$

The L1 winding should begin at the ground end of L2, and be wound between the first seven L2 turns, since it is terminated in an unbalanced load.

7) Any reactance presented to either input or output will be transformed by the same ratio as the resistive part of the 50 and 300 ohms impedances. If the reactance presented by the feedline is relatively small, C1 will tune it out, either by providing greater or lesser capacitance than at resonance to cancel either inductive or capacitive reactance. However, in cases where a large reactance is presented, it may be necessary to insert C2 or C3 as shown. Similarly, the size of the L1 and L3 windings can be experimented with to attain the best match. One final note: the addition of the L1 and L3 windings will shift the frequency of the L2-C1 tank away from f_o . A larger capacitor at C1 may be needed to bring it back to 7 MHz.

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A shot of Al, WD0HHM, working 40 meter c.w. during FD at Grandin, ND. The Argonaut is visible at the lower right corner. Operation resulted in 34 contacts.

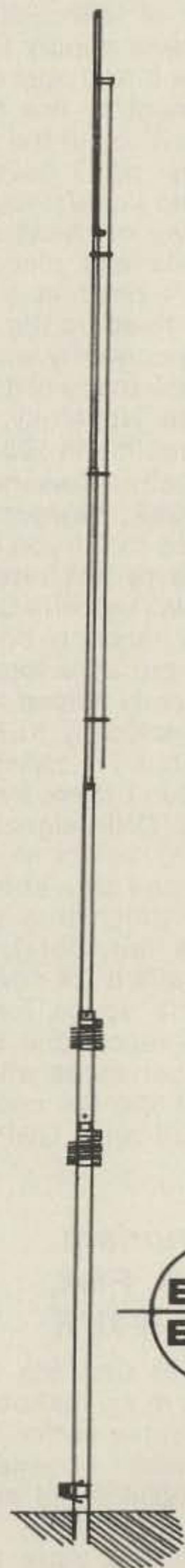
can participate in the fun. My location in Central Michigan was the White Cloud State Park—no relation to White Cloud of toilet tissue fame, although my claim to a TURS might conjure up the association. The park officials were very cooperative and even offered to help me string some wire and get my inverted Vee up in a tree. Many of my camping neighbors wandered by and stood in awe of the rig and antennas. I hung a "J-Pole" in a tall tree and my first contact on 15 meters was Plymouth, England. . . but that's nothing compared to my crowning achievement. I operated QRPp/Pp—that's portable/portable! Managed to work one contact from my portable location while making full use of my portable potty! Now I thought that would be a newsworthy item since few of us have station capabilities in our bathrooms. Thought you might drum up a special award for that contact! At any rate, the vacation was enjoyable and I did a little PR for amateur radio by recommending the local club in Grand Rapids to several CB'ers who expressed a sincere interest in getting into the world of amateur radio. Keep up the good work and fine articles and great projects that are so easy to follow. I still have hopes for more mods for the HW-8, especially the self-contained linear amplifier that you promised way back when."(Ed.: Ooops)

de. . . W6PQZ, John K. Akiyama, 1161 N. Ridge Pl., Monterrey Park, CA 91754: "Have been real busy here at work with trips to JA land in July and September. Not very active in CQ WPX Test. As soon as I get some time, I'll get my application in for 200 DXCC QRPp. As of now, I have 248 worked and 234 confirmed. I intend to try to DXCC QRPp and WAZ all over again with daylight solar power only! Will not use battery power or night con-

tacts. Since last year, I've worked 68 countries solar power on SSB. No other activity to speak of." (Ed.: John's picture was on our August cover.)

de. . . WD0CCL, Gary L. Portsche, 2826 Evergreen Rd., Fargo, ND 58102: "Have been meaning to write and your articles have given me the opportunity to brag a little about my QRPp operation. On a visit to our old neighbors in Lincoln, NE, WD0FSV and I visited the local ham shop, whereupon I walked out the proud owner of an Argonaut 509. Now, I'd been playing around with low power operation since August of '78 when I converted an a.m.

CB rig to 10 meters and worked coast to coast mobile and also had lowered the drive to my TS520S to 5 watts output and had good success on 20 meters. Anyway, we took the rig home to Marv's QTH, hooked it up to a storage battery, his TH3MK3 at 25ft., plugged in a mike, and worked KL7, KH6, SP, DL, and G. (This was during the ARRL DX Test.) When we returned to Fargo, my first goal was to work WAS on 40m phone. In a matter of two months I had worked all 50 and now have them confirmed. My antenna system here consists of the following: a coaxial inverted Vee for 40m, a HyGain 203BA at 42ft for 20m, and a 3



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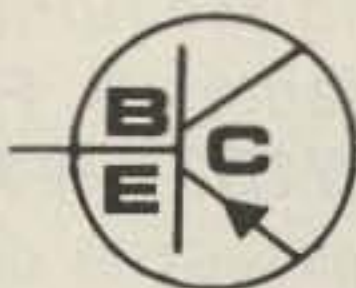
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element Radio Shack yagi at 38ft for 10. I've worked about 45 countries in the last five months and this has been with little effort. I have every reason to believe that, if I put a lot of time into the project, DXCC would not be outside the realm of possibility. All of my 10m operation is QRPp and about 99% on 20 meters. During FD, we managed 34 QSO's on 40 using QRPp, and during the IARU contest I made 48 QSO's just in my spare time, as I was painting the house and occasionally would retire to the shack for R&R. Some of the contacts were HA4, OE5, UK2, DT7, UR2, ZL1, ZP2, KP4, and PJ2. This was on 20 s.s.b. A student in one of my radio classes, now WD0HMM, was so impressed with the Argonaut that he now has one and operates 100% QRPp. If you detect some enthusiasm for low power operation on my part, you are 100% correct. I've found that if I can hear them, I can work them and it's a ball to slip down on kw alley and get through a pile-up. It really sharpens your operating skills. So, keep up the good work with your articles. It'll be interesting to read letters and reports from other readers too!"

de. . . KA0DGN, Nate Bushnell, 7175 S. Grant, Littleton, CO 80122: "I have read your evaluation of the Argonaut

and the transmitter in February, '79, CQ. Enjoyed them both. As articles on specific subjects, they are fine. May I suggest an article or series of articles on the overall picture so that the bits and pieces come into perspective more easily? My reasons for asking are these: I am a brand new Novice who is not only on a very limited budget, but who is aware of the fact that there is a lot to be learned and much fun to be had along the way before I get a General ticket and the money to buy a thousand dollars worth of 'Super Pushbutton All Band SSB Communicator!' I think you can see why I would like to see an article with a broad perspective about how a new Novice can get the most learning and enjoyment out of QRPp. Simple equipment from power supply to antenna, how to make it and operate it. Also, what equipment is not really needed etc., and how to get the most out of a homebrew rig. I have the *ARRL Handbook* and study it regularly. Much of it is over my head and I can't relate the bits and pieces to each other. What I need is a new Novice Handbook! Keep up the good work." (Ed.: We are currently working on a *QRPp Handbook* that will do just what you want Nate. Hopefully, we'll have it in print sometime in 1981.)

de. . . WB1DKX, Michael Geschwindner, RFD #1 Box 236A, Newport, NH 03773: "Just wanted to let you know how I'm doing since my last letter. My state totals are 20 worked with QSL's, all with low power, and my country total is 9/3. I have put up a longwire (about 350ft) that really helped to get those 20 states, including KL7 and W6—no KH6 yet, but I'm trying! I'd like to say that I don't think that DX stations listen for QRP signals as much as they should. Seems like they start with the first call area and then work thru 0, after which they go to QRT. That sounds fair, but I don't think it is. Well, that's it for now."

Well gang, that's space for this month. Drop us a report and photo and share your experiences with the gang. Don't forget the DX contests coming up this fall with QRP sections!

In Memoriam James R. Fisk, W1DTY/W1HR

I was pleased to find the latest issue of *ham radio* in my mailbox as I headed out for morning coffee at the Country Kitchen. When I opened the issue, meaning to check out an article on a phased vertical array, Jim's picture on one of the early pages caught my eye, and that seemed odd. I read the page and was stunned to

discover that Jim had died on April 18, 1980, more than a month ago, and I'd gone on feeling that everything was as usual up in that beautiful southern corner of New Hampshire, remembering hours spent with Jim in his little cubby-hole office from which emerged the technical excellence of *ham radio*. In thinking about it now, I see that those memories crop up frequently. He made a very deep impression on me, with his handsome whitish beard and crop of hair, his soft but confident voice, his quick wit, and technical knowledge. I liked him a lot. I liked what he did with *ham radio*. But on second thought, I more than liked him, I admired him, maybe I even idolized him. He embodied my own ideals with respect to dedication, excellence, teaching. Personally, he was always at the fringe of the future with regard to curiosity and technical knowledge, always looking ahead, speculating on how this or that new development could advance amateur radio state-of-the-art. *Ham radio* reflected his personal principles. He set out to publish a magazine that would set the standard of technical excellence in the amateur radio field. He succeeded. But not without some cost in readership. In a recent editorial, he replied to the criticism that *ham radio* oftentimes publishes material that is too advanced and technical for the average reader. My urge was to write a letter supporting his policy. He was right. Material that contributes to the advancement of knowledge must be published. Readers must be challenged to learn new matters, must be challenged to become aware of advances, must be invited to become more sophisticated radio amateurs. Through *ham radio*, Jim did this. Hopefully, his standards will live on in that publication and in all of us who were affected by him. He was that kind of man who gives direction to others because he is so sure of his own principles, is so dedicated to his purpose. And he did so without arrogance. He had great impact on many of us. I always looked forward to the Dayton Hamvention because I got to exchange a handshake and a few words with him. I didn't make Dayton the last couple of years, so I never had the chance again to shake his hand and convey my admiration and appreciation for what he contributed to amateur radio. I never told him what that handshake meant. I figured that I would be able to—some day. Now he is gone and that day will never come. So, Farewell Jim, and thanks for what you've given me and amateur radio. I won't forget.

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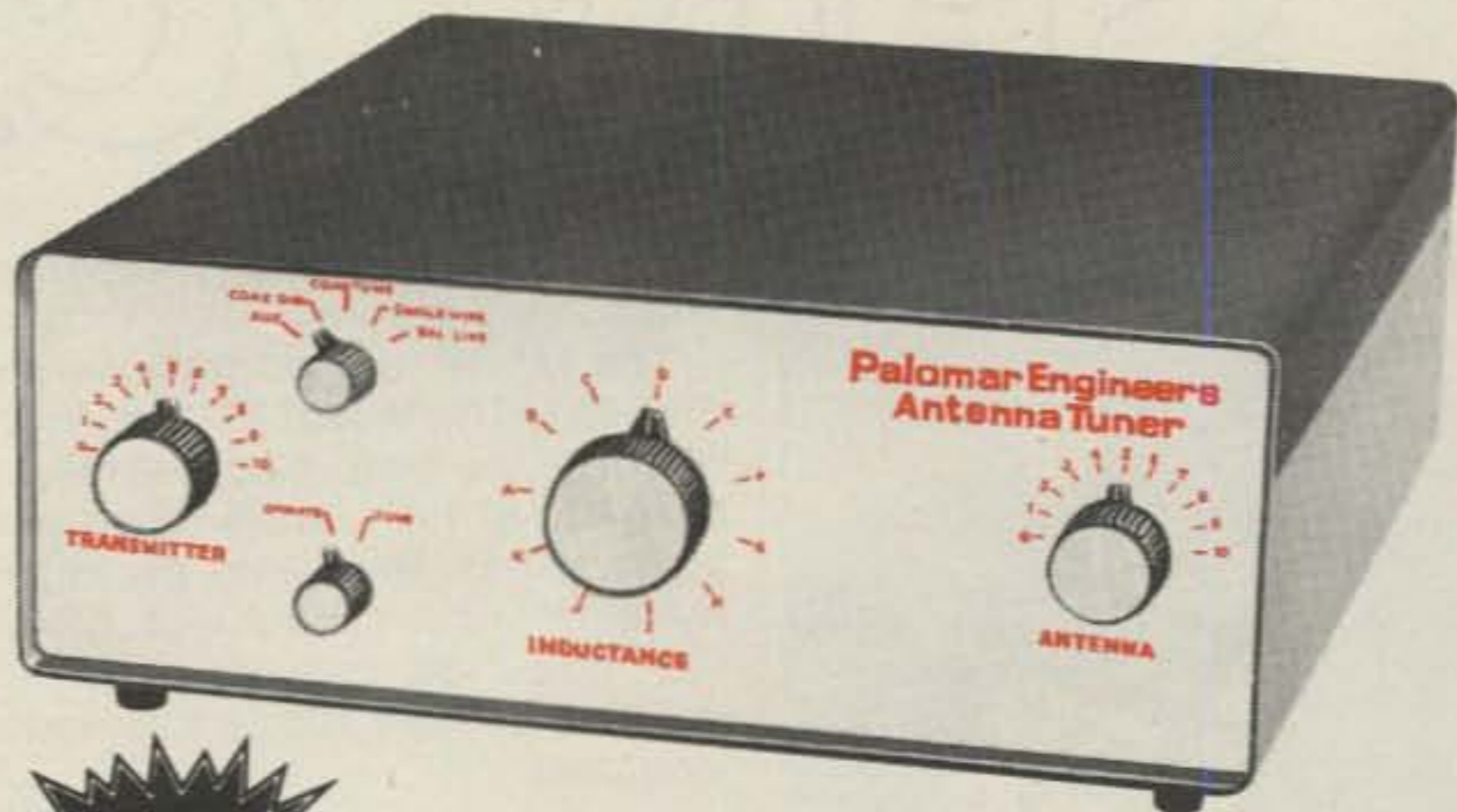
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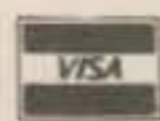
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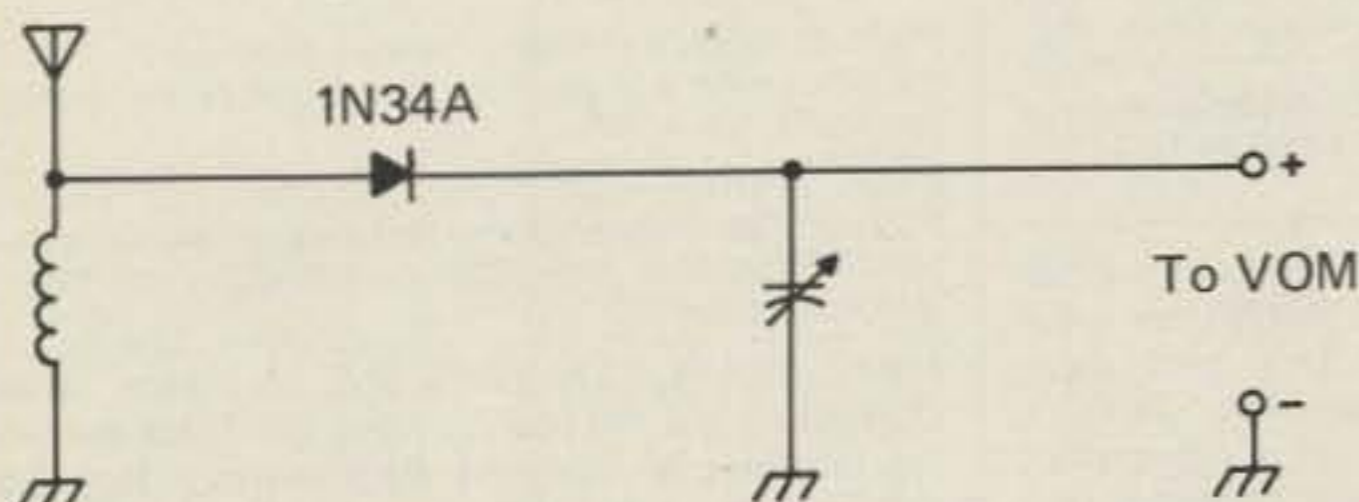


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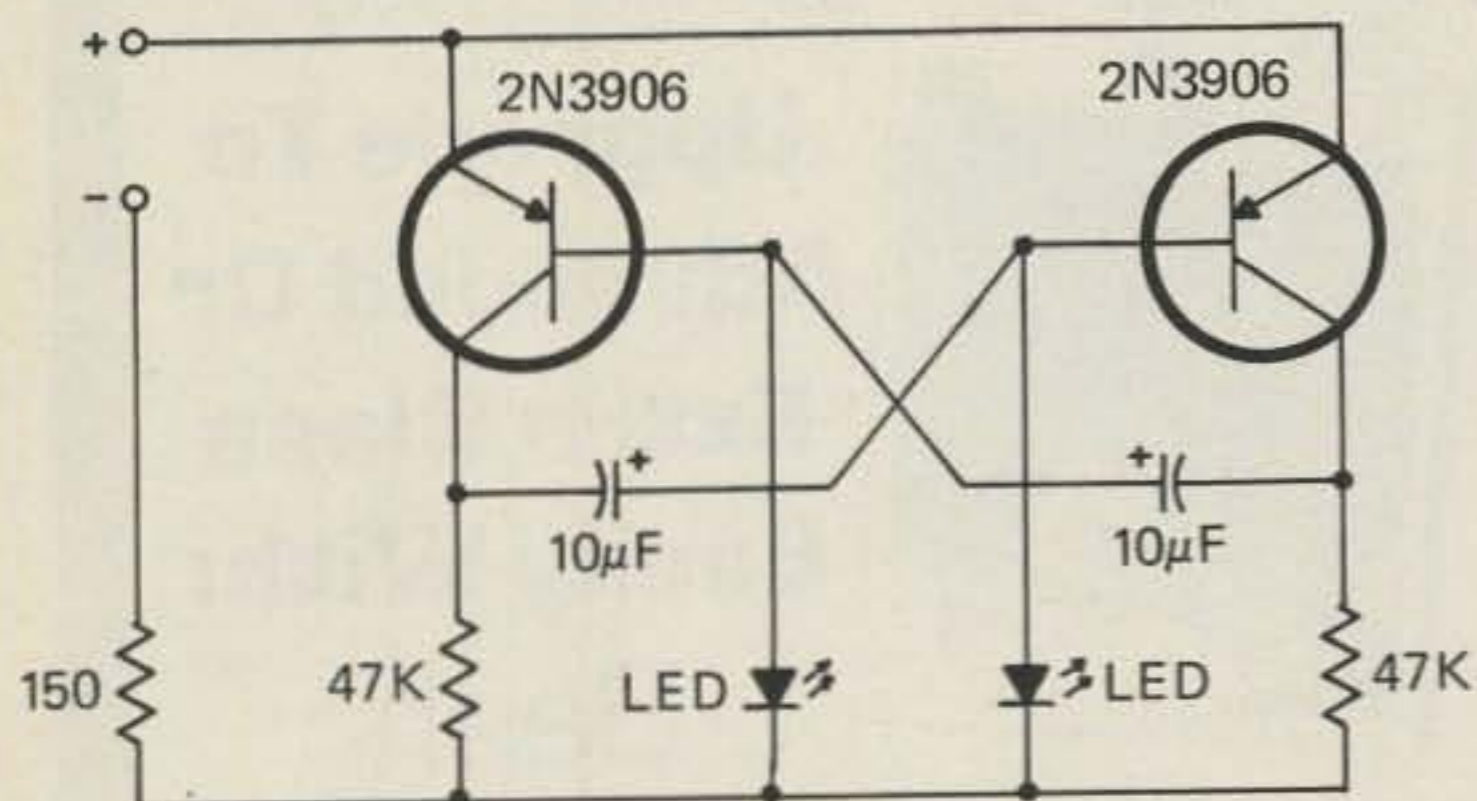
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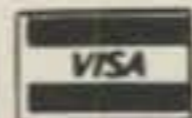
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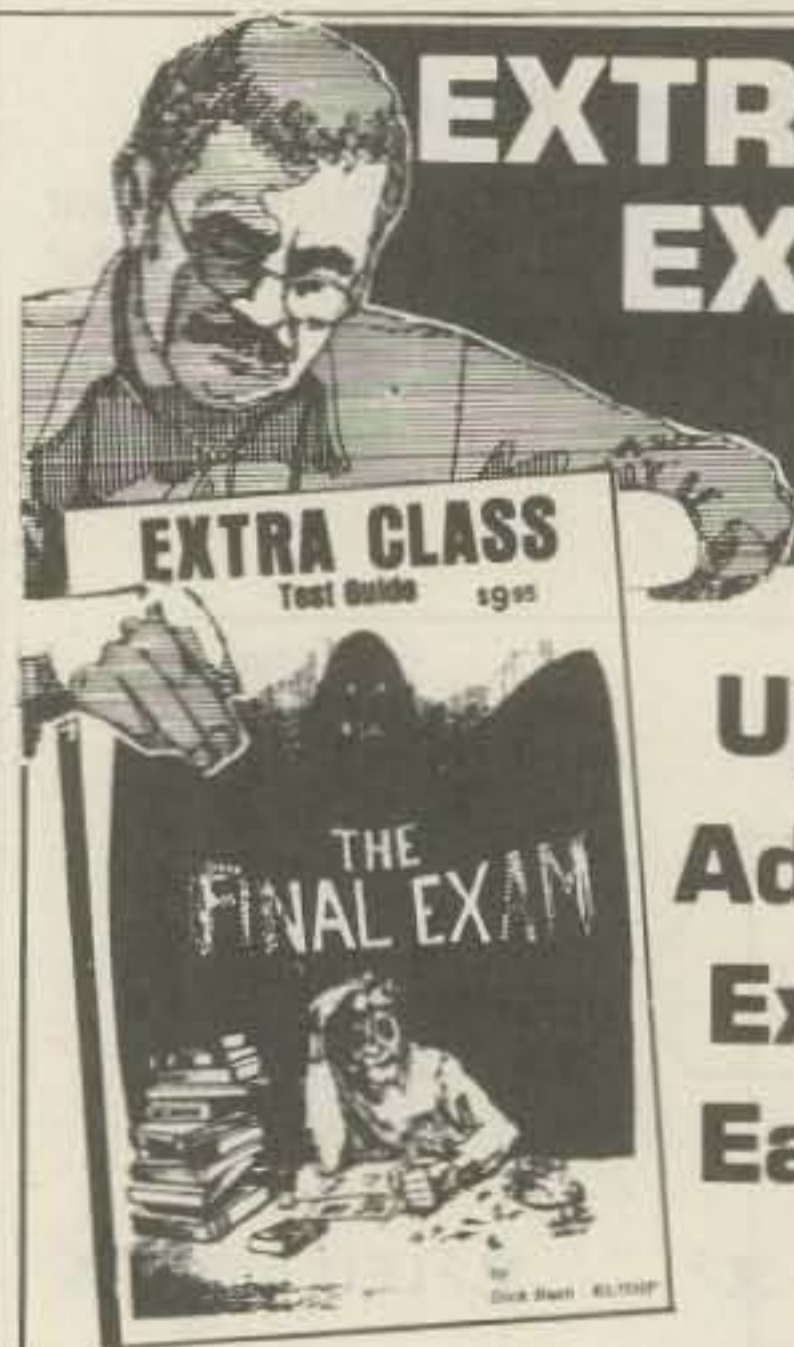
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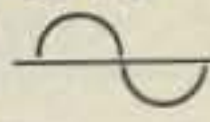
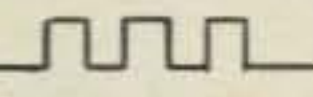
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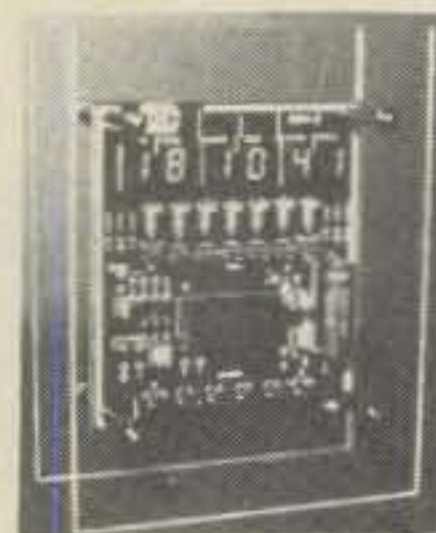
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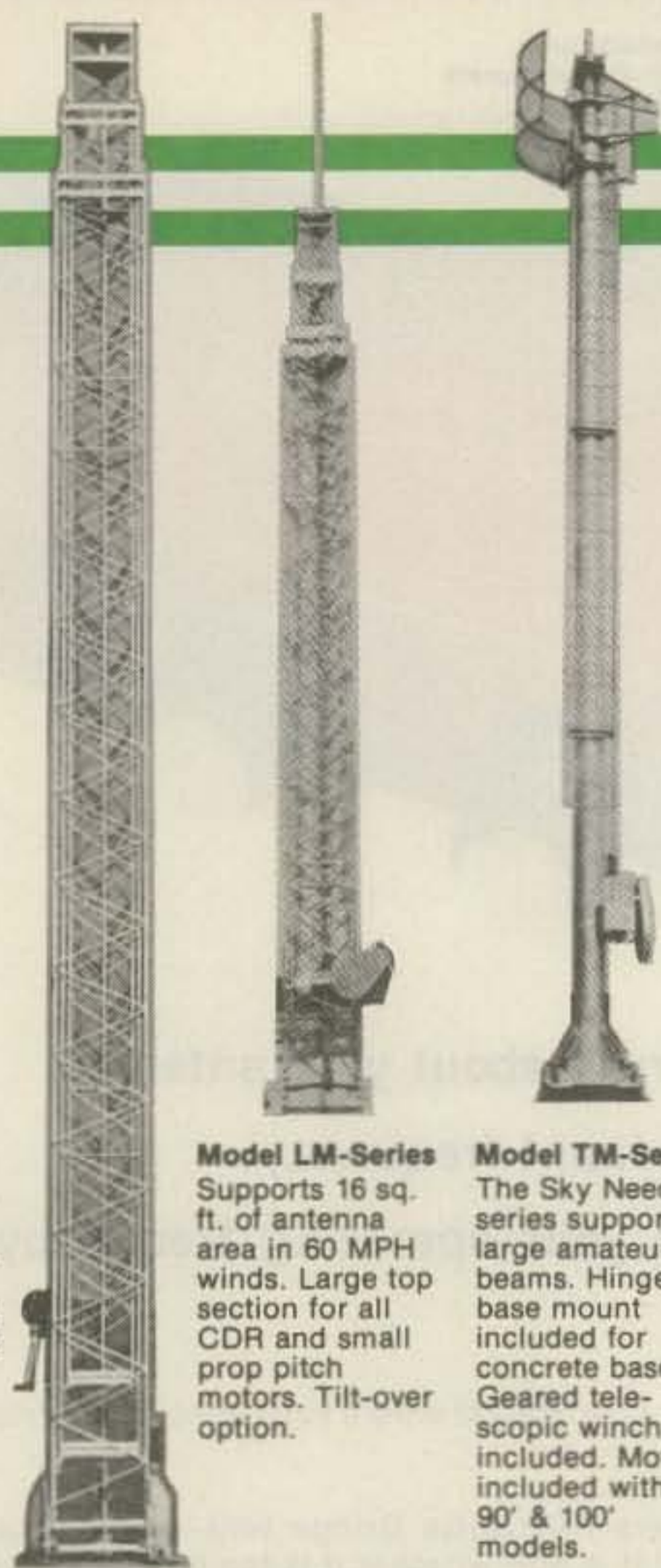
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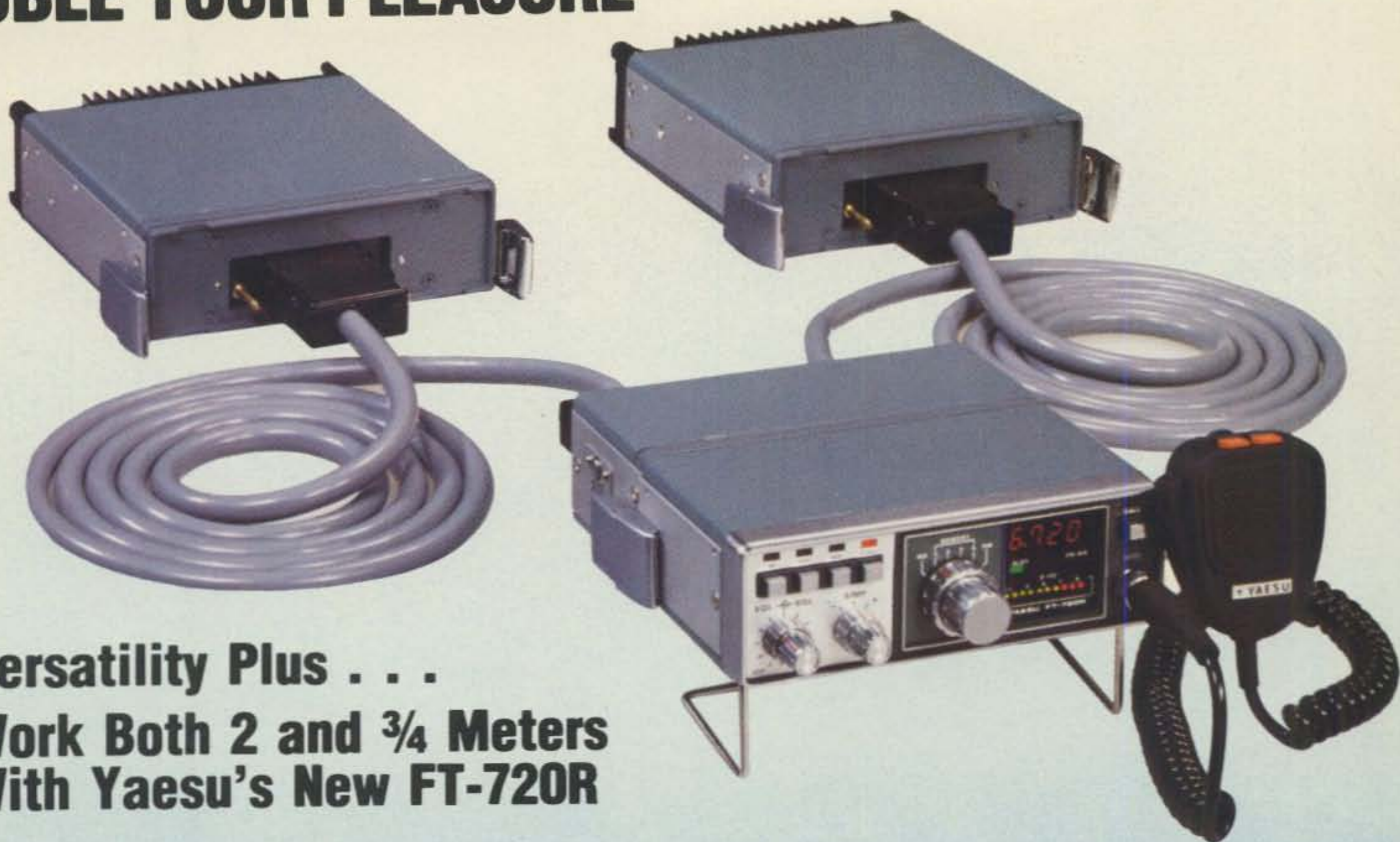
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