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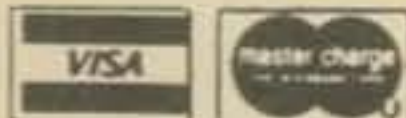
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AN EDITORIAL

One of the biggest issues in amateur radio today involves a subject that most people only give lip service to. No, it really doesn't have anything to do with WARC, DX, contests or even awards. The hot potato within amateur radio involves simple basic economics. It's the understated conflict between the American domestic market and what is euphemistically called the foreign or import market. In simple English it is the American manufacturer who feels that he is getting a raw deal at the hands of the Japanese manufacturer and especially the Japanese government.

The Japanese have a relatively free market in the United States, while at the same time, American goods face very restrictive tariffs in a Japanese market. Obviously, it is a one-sided market designed to have goods flow one way. It is very protective of their industry, whereby only the well-to-do can afford to buy our products. Is it fair? No. Is it right? I don't know.

For the most part, the Japanese did not take away a market from the Americans. It simply just wasn't there. We all occasionally reminisce about the great old names in amateur radio that used to be, and the wonderful times we had with equipment that can only be found in a flea market these days. The Japanese didn't put these folks out of business or cut their sales. Those revered names we recall today were already gone by the time the Japanese could marshal enough industry to seek out the American market. Most of the companies that fell by the wayside didn't even fall out to the CB boom. That came some time afterwards. The reliable, old, solid names that have continued through the years serving amateur radio in the United States primarily made a living serving both commercial and military interests. There simply wasn't enough money to support an amateur market.

The reasons why a declining market existed in the United States vary from the Leagues push for Incentive Licensing and more and more regulation to simply changing economic times. Anyway, during the early 1960's the bottom dropped out of the American amateur market, and the number of people who wanted to become amateurs declined drastically.

The Japanese, however, deregulated amateur radio to the tune of over 500,000 new licensed amateurs during our decline. These hams all needed a first rig to get on the air, let alone a second or mobile rig. They all needed just about everything from scratch. They could build of course and many did, but just like in this country, when a need arises there is some entrepreneur out there willing to take a chance on satisfying that need. Those marvelous

old names we miss today all started out the very same way.

Well, once you've paid for tooling and R&D, it doesn't cost that much to make a few more units or to begin thinking of expanding your market. It's a universal concept. The only additional expense in increasing your market is more advertising and a larger sales force, both of which pay for themselves. So, into the relative American void comes the Japanese entrepreneur seeking to increase his market by filling that void.

The Japanese entrepreneur comes from a relatively new tradition, if that isn't too much of a contradiction in terms. Japanese industry itself is relatively brand new since the war, and manufacturing techniques and marketing know-how were imported during post war years. They learned the value of bells and whistles and just how much modern packaging is worth in the hi-fi/stereo industry, and they transferred that knowledge to the amateur industry.

When the CB boom hit, they were right there with the same bells and whistles, extruded and die-cast panel design and miniaturized equipment. The gear looked like a million dollars and exuded a richness of quality that some of our equipment lacked and still lacks. Through the use of "cottage industry" it is assumed that they could manufacture and assemble products relatively cheaply and manage to be competitive in this country. The only thing that we have here that can sort of compare with "cottage industry" is the concept of migrant workers or piece workers in the garment industry. The cost of labor is somewhat lower, but the overhead is nonexistent.

Unlike the auto industry, however, the Japanese amateur industry is not on the verge of creating mass layoffs in the American amateur industry. None of the tooling or manufacturing equipment used in today's amateur industry dates back to Henry Ford. All of the tooling, R&D and manufacturing equipment used to produce what you see in ads in any of the amateur journals is probably less than 10 to 15 years old. A great deal is most likely newer than that. We can assume that most, if not all, of what is produced in Japan today is produced from designs and equipment manufactured since 1945. The thinking and techniques available to manufacturers in both countries should be comparable.

Using the auto industry as a paradigm may make more sense when you consider the following example. When TV reporters went to the auto plant in New Jersey to get workers' reactions to the plant closing, most were upset with the inroads the

Japanese have created in our automobile market. Here indeed was a sizable American market producing millions of new cars each year being undercut and out-sold by foreign competition. The American workers wanted legislation restricting imports and more control over what was sold here. Sounds righteous and good so far. Well, when the TV camera panned the employee parking lot, it seemed that almost three-quarters of the cars were either Japanese or German. The workers were not buying their own product. This leads me to ponder on how many people within the American amateur radio industry from management to assembly worker are actually using some Japanese gear.

This leads to arguments of quality and technology. While a lot of these statements can be subjective, their gear is pretty good. It does what they say it'll do. It's packaged to look like it's worth the asking price, and it certainly has all of the bells and whistles to satisfy any ego.

Japanese equipment has been the irritant or thorn needed to stimulate some of our manufacturers to modernize their thinking and equipment. Their advertising campaigns are designed to move merchandise and make the product look impressive, desirable and a worthwhile addition to any shack. It is a truly professional approach to marketing that is starting to catch on here.

With few exceptions, Japanese equipment is imported through American firms run in this country by Americans. On the other hand, most of the sales revenue collected for this equipment does indeed find its way back to Japan. But all through the process of importing, distribution, direct or two-step sales, money exchanges hands and stays within this country.

Where does the furor lie? Well, in one big part it lies within the fact that none of this is reciprocal. As I said earlier, the Japanese do have pretty high restrictive tariffs on American gear coming in. This makes it almost impossible for Americans to get much of a piece of the pie in Japan. Also, through their licensing structure, some of our gear is not applicable to their needs nor does it comply with their licensing privileges. However, I do feel that their government would indeed restructure their licensing scheme appreciably if they saw enough business in it. It is obvious that within the past year the Japanese have started to produce equipment for a mode that most of their licensees cannot use. I'm sure that if sales warrant or could represent a couple of hundred thousand potential sales in the homeland, then they would consider changing their licensing structure.

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"WHY WORK RTTY?"

RTTY is one of those quickly growing "specialized" forms of amateur communications. The attraction to its devotees is probably a mixture of the magic of modern digital communications coupled with the convenience of written rather than coded or voice communications. If you participate in the popular autostart nets, it's not even necessary to be home when receiving a RTTY message—the printer or display will record the text for you to read at your convenience. RTTY is very popular among "rag-chewers" and "engineers" alike; in fact, you get to do a bit of both. The rapid growth of digital electronics has carried over to both RTTY and the new home computer hobby. ASCII communications between ham computers lacks only final FCC approval. If your "bag" is chasing DX, what could be more satisfying than a DXCC certificate for all RTTY? There are several DX RTTY contests sponsored every year with heavy participation. So, rather than ask "Why?" ask "How?"

"WHAT DO I NEED TO WORK RTTY?"

A ham RTTY station needs a transmitter, receiver, and antenna just like any RF communications system, in addition to some "special boxes" to make the RTTY part work. Some considerations for the equipment are outlined below:

1. RECEIVER-TRANSMITTER

The RTTY receiver and transmitter (or transceiver) should be stable, well calibrated, and capable of *EXTENDED TRANSMITTER OPERATION*. When you are transmitting RTTY, the full carrier is on for longer periods of time than for CW or SSB voice. So, check your manual and manufacturer for RTTY specifications and, if in doubt, reduce transmitter power somewhat. For HF work, a good SSB rig in LSB mode works well with RTTY tones (more on tones, later). Most VHF-FM transmitters work with RTTY, but avoid overloading the transmitter as mentioned above.

2. ANTENNA

A good antenna will buy you the same benefits in RTTY as it does in other modes. One caution though, the traps on some antennas may not handle as much power in continuous RTTY operation as they do for CW or SSB voice. This can especially be true of trap yagi antennas for the HF bands.

3. RTTY DEMODULATOR

The demodulator connects to the receiver audio output and converts the RTTY tones to keying pulses. The quality of your printed signal is determined more by demodulator performance than by any other portion of the system. Demodulators come in all shapes, sizes, and prices. HAL offers the feature-packed ST-6000 with active filters, scope, autostart, anti-space, ATC, DTH, and KOS, as well as the lower cost ST-5000. The popular ST-5 and ST-6 parts kits are also still available for the skilled technician.

4. TONE KEYER

The tone keyer circuitry converts the keying pulses from your keyboard into audio tones to drive the transmitter. Since this circuitry is closely related to that of the demodulator, both are supplied in the same cabinet in all HAL demodulators.

5. TERMINAL

The terminal is the device that prints or displays the received signals while allowing you to type your transmitted message. The terminal is sometimes divided into a keyboard and a printer or display section. The terminal can be as simple as an old surplus TTY machine or as exotic as the microprocessor controlled HAL DS3100 ASR terminal. An important feature of HAL Communications terminals is that ALL HAL RTTY EQUIPMENT IS LOOP COMPATIBLE WITH TTY MACHINES. This means that you can add HAL electronic equipment to your RTTY system at any time. The advantages of the HAL electronic terminals are many; ranging from lack of noise and oil (keeps the XYL happy and your nerves soothed) to automatic operator features such as real-time editing of typing errors, programmable identification message, and automatic carriage return/line feed operations. Also, the speed of the electronic terminal is easily changed with a front-panel switch. Machines require an expensive gear box or a manual change of gears to change speed. HAL offers the DS3100 ASR and the new DS2000 KSR terminals as well as the popular DS-3000 KSR, RVD-1005, and the DKB-2010. The DS3100 ASR, DS2000 KSR, and the DS-3000 KSR all work the standard ASCII computer code as well as the normal amateur BAUDOT code.

"HOW DO I HOOK IT UP?"

Probably the most frightening thing to the RTTY beginner is the thought of all those wires that must be connected to make it work. A particularly complicated RTTY station can have a real "rats-nest" of wires, but it didn't start that way. Make connections in a logical and step-by-step manner and all will work well. All transceivers are slightly different, but, in general, you will have to make these connections:

1. GROUNDING

Before making any other connections, decide approximately where your equipment will be located and run short, low-inductance ground wires (shield braid recommended) between the cabinet grounds of all equipment AND MACHINES. Do not defeat the AC safety ground on the HAL power cords; run separate RF grounds in addition to the AC safety ground. **LACK OF ADEQUATE RF AND SAFETY GROUNDS CAUSES MORE PROBLEMS IN RTTY INSTALLATION THAN ANY OTHER SOURCE.**

2. RECEIVER TO DEMODULATOR

Use shielded cable to connect a 500 ohm audio output of the receiver to the demodulator audio input jack. If you do not have a 500 ohm output, the 4-8 ohm speaker output will work, but not as well; a speaker to 500 ohm line transformer would be a good part to add when possible.

3. TONE KEYER TO TRANSMITTER

Use shielded cable to connect the tone keyer output of the demodulator to the transmitter audio input. Often, a rear-panel "phone-patch" or "auxiliary" input is provided. If not, connect directly to the microphone connector.

4. DEMODULATOR TO TERMINAL

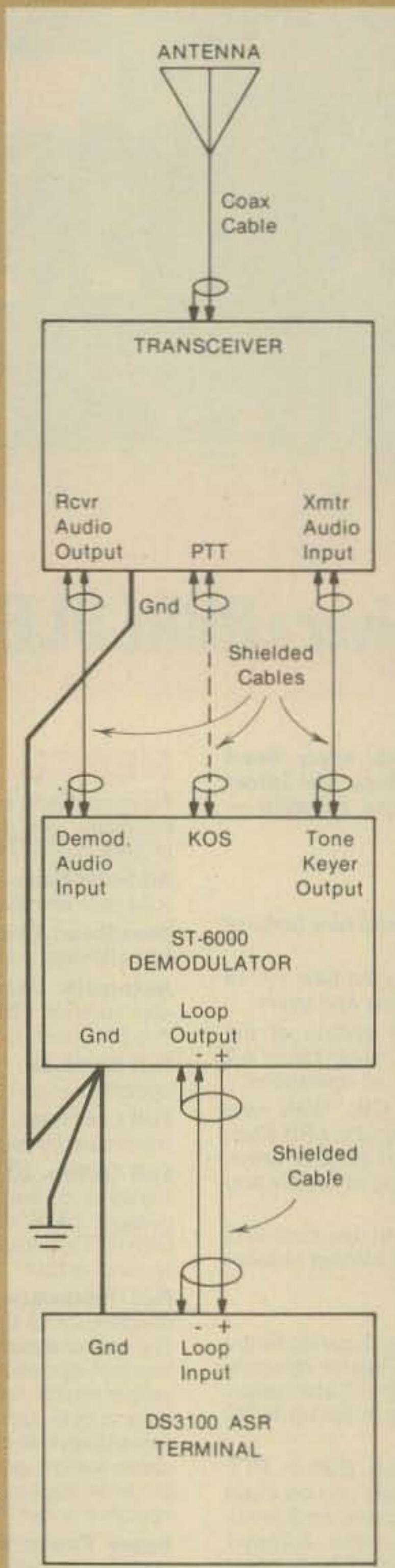
Use shielded cable to connect the terminal to the demodulator. Use the current loop connection for each. When connecting to a solid-state terminal, be sure to observe the proper polarity as indicated in the operator's manuals. Be extremely careful when wiring the loop circuit—potentially lethal voltages are present when the equipment is turned on (200 VDC @ 60 ma). Also, be sure that no part of the loop circuit is connected to chassis ground in machines or other equipment. All RTTY equipment is connected in series when the current loop output is used.

5. CONTROL CIRCUITS

Since the control requirements differ with manufacturer, study your transceiver manual carefully to determine how to control the transmit-receive function. Usually, you can control the push-to-talk (PTT) line through a pin on the microphone connector, a front-panel switch, or a rear panel accessory connector. Initially, try to manually switch between transmit and receive until you are familiar with RTTY operation. Eventually, you will probably want to take advantage of the automatic Keyboard Operated Switch (KOS) feature of the DS3100 ASR and ST-6000. KOS is the RTTY equivalent to VOX; typing on the keyboard puts you into transmit mode. If you pause long enough, the KOS "drops-out" putting you back into receive mode. KOS is particularly convenient for short exchanges.

"WHAT IS THIS MARK AND SPACE BUSINESS?"

The RTTY signal from the terminal is a series of pulses. The amateur BAUDOT RTTY signal has 7 possible pulses for each character typed or printed, each transmitted one-after-another (serial). Each pulse can be either "ON" (current flow in the RTTY loop) which is called "MARK" or "OFF" (no current flow), the "SPACE" condition. To keep decoders synchronized, the first pulse of a character, the START pulse, is always a SPACE (current off); the last pulse, the STOP pulse, is always a MARK (current on). The 2nd through the 6th pulses can be either MARK or SPACE, depending upon the coding required for a character. The START and all 5 data pulses are the same length; the STOP pulse may be either equal to or longer than the others. The so-called computer ASCII code uses START and STOP pulses but has eight instead of five intermediate data pulses, thus allowing a greater number of characters to be encoded. Although all machines and HAL electronic terminals use pulses, the MARK and SPACE pulse conditions are converted into MARK and SPACE audio tones for easy radio transmission.



QUESTIONS ABOUT RTTY

"WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FSK AND AFSK?"

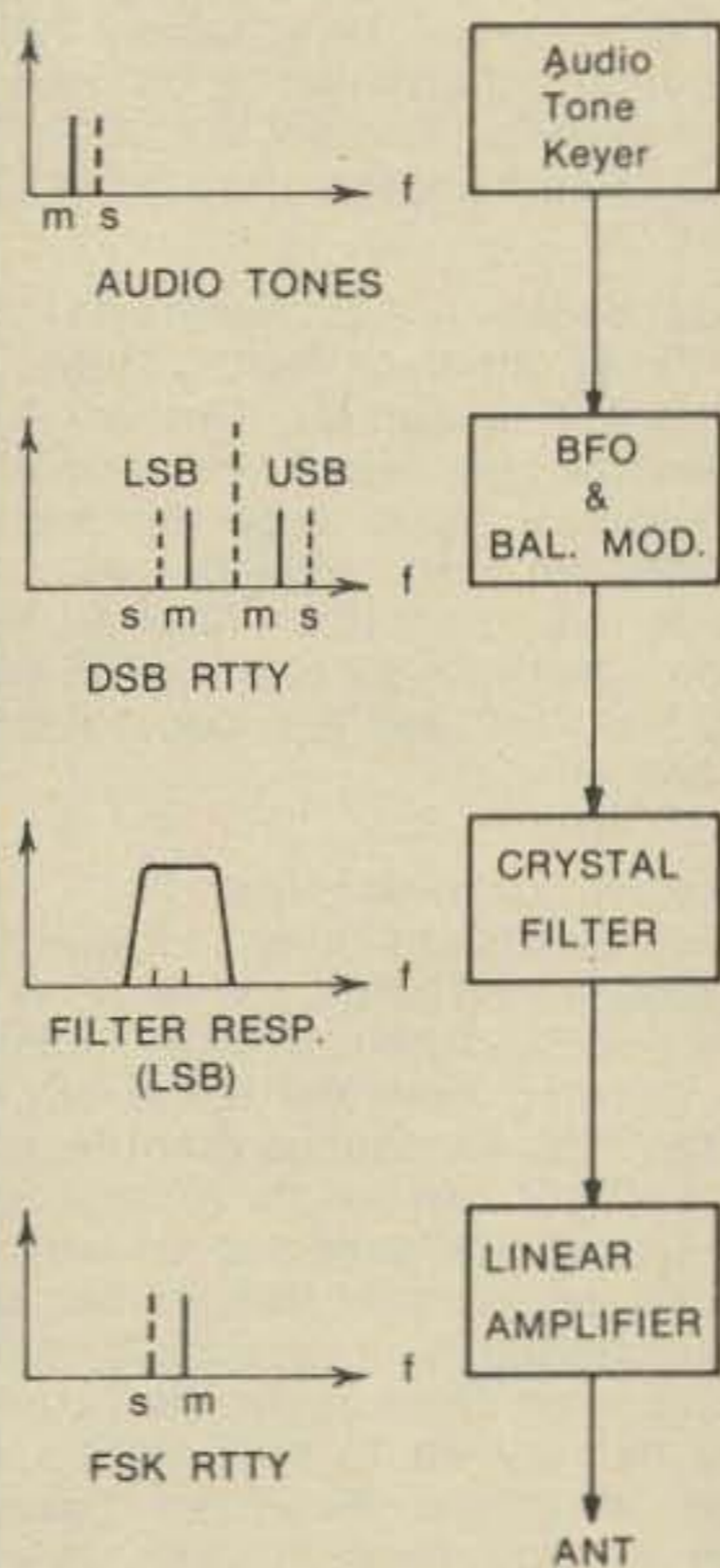
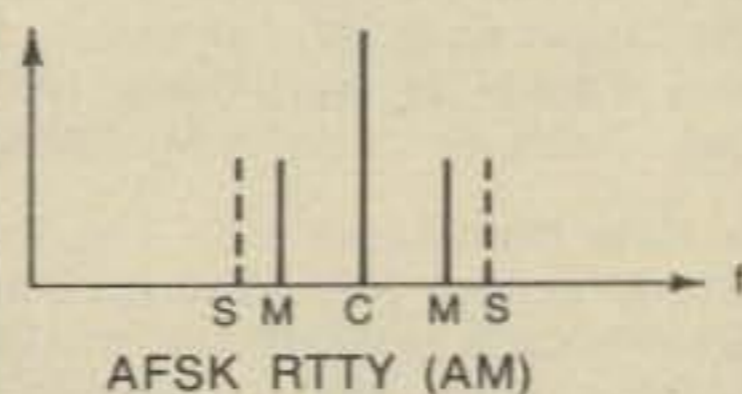
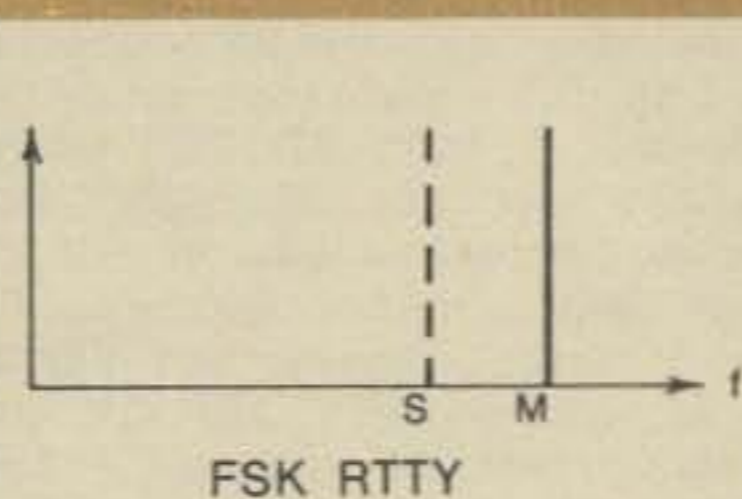
Transmitting RTTY signals via radio could be done like Morse code with on-off keying of the transmitter carrier. However, the interference received during off-times would give badly distorted printout. Rather, HF RTTY is transmitted with Frequency Shift Keying (FSK) so that the mark pulse condition corresponds to one radio frequency and the space to another. Amateur radio convention has it that the mark radio frequency is higher than space and that the separation or "shift" of the signal is standardized at 170 Hz or 850 Hz (425 Hz shift is also used by commercial RTTY stations.) Most present-day amateur RTTY stations use 170 Hz shift exclusively. The FSK signal is received with the BFO turned on, giving two audio frequency tones for the mark and space conditions. The audio tones are, in turn, detected in the demodulator and the resulting pulses drive the display or printer. Note that changing the transmitter or receiver frequency (on purpose or through frequency drift) will change the audio output frequency to the demodulator. The HF system is therefore quite drift sensitive. Present HF equipment frequency stabilities are quite adequate for FSK RTTY, but it is only very recently that VHF equipment was available with similar stability. Therefore, VHF RTTY has traditionally been transmitted by first keying audio tones with the RTTY pulses and then using these tones as the audio modulation of an AM or FM VHF transmitter. This is called AFSK for Audio Frequency Shift Keying. Current amateur convention is to make the mark audio frequency lower than the space frequency by the amount of the shift. Since the RTTY data is audio modulation of the carrier, frequency drift of either transmitter or receiver is a lot less critical. The audio frequency of the tones transmitted is set to be the same as those in the receive demodulator.

The required radio frequency shift keying can be done in two different ways: shift the frequency of a transmitter oscillator directly with the RTTY pulses or use a SSB transmitter with audio tones. Direct FSK keying circuits are described in most amateur journals and are generally simple, but require modification of the equipment; generation of FSK with a SSB transmitter is as follows: If a Lower Sideband Transmitter (LSB) is driven with a 2125 Hz audio tone, the RF output of the transmitter will be at a frequency 2125 Hz BELOW the suppressed carrier frequency. A properly adjusted LSB transmitter will have NO OTHER output frequencies. If the input tone is changed to 2295 Hz (170 Hz shift), the RF frequency is now 2295 Hz BELOW the carrier frequency. Thus, audio tones into the LSB transmitter have produced FSK carriers out of the transmitter. Note that, because the LSB mode was used, the 2125 Hz standard mark tone for VHF AFSK has become the higher radio frequency. Thus, the same demodulator and tone keyer can be used for both VHF AFSK and HF FSK operation. Often, this use of audio tones with a SSB transmitter is mistakenly called "HF AFSK"—actually the resulting output is true FSK, IF the SSB transmitter has no spurious outputs (such as carrier or unwanted side-band). Most HF RTTY amateur radio stations use audio tones with a SSB transmitter. Although "standard" audio tones for VHF amateur operation have long been 2125 Hz for mark and 2975 Hz for space (850 Hz shift), limited audio frequency response of HF SSB transmitters and receivers has recently given rise to a second set of "standard" tones at lower frequencies ("Low-tones").

"HOW ABOUT HIGH- VS LOW-TONES?"

Historically, demodulator tones were set to 2125 Hz for mark and 2975 Hz for space reception of 850 Hz shift. When transmitter stability improved, 170 Hz shift was used and the space frequency changed to 2295 Hz (mark remained at 2125 Hz). These three tones were, and still are, a standard for U.S. Amateur RTTY. However, in the early 1960's, virtually all commercially available transmitters and receivers became filter-type SSB equipment with audio pass-band limited to speech frequencies, sometimes as narrow as 2.1 kHz (300 to 2400 Hz). Obviously, the 2975 Hz (850 Hz shift Space) tone will not pass through such a filter and 850 Hz shift with these tones is not possible (although the 170 Hz shift is). Therefore, either the SSB equipment must be modified or different, lower-frequency tones must be used if 850 Hz RTTY shift is desired. Both approaches have their advantages and both are currently in use. The so-called "LOW-TONE" standard sets mark at 1275 Hz and space at 1475 Hz (170 Hz shift) or 2125 Hz (850 Hz shift), conforming to the European IARU standard. So, there are now two sets of "standard" tones, LOW and HIGH (as well as a myriad of others), all of which work INTERCHANGEABLY on HF RTTY. However, since the actual audio tone is transmitted for VHF AFSK operation, the two sets are NOT COMPATIBLE IN VHF AFSK applications. Current

U.S. Amateur operation uses the HIGH TONES for VHF. Thus, to use a demodulator and keyer for both HF and VHF operation, it should be set-up for HIGH-TONE operation. Conversely, you may wish to have separate stations for HF and VHF, simplifying the cabling, and providing simultaneous monitor/operation capability, as well as resolving the tone problem. The HAL ST-6000 and ST-5000 Demodulators are available for either HIGH or LOW-TONE operation.



"WHAT FREQUENCIES DO I USE FOR RTTY?"

HF RTTY Operation has evolved to heavy operation on the 80 and 20 meter bands (CW segments) with sporadic operation on other HF bands. 80 meter RTTY stations tend to operate between 3600 and 3650 kHz and 20 meter stations between 14.075 and 14.100 MHz. 170 Hz shift is used almost exclusively with mark being the higher radio frequency. 60 wpm (45 baud) is the most popular RTTY speed, but 100 wpm (74 baud) is gaining in popularity.

VHF RTTY operation in most areas is concentrated on 2 meter FM with 146.700 MHz being the popular operating frequency. Virtually all stations are now using the "High-tones," usually with 170 Hz shift. As with HF RTTY, 60 wpm (45 baud) is most popular on VHF. Some areas now have RTTY-only repeaters on 146.10/146.70 MHz.

"WHO DO I TALK TO ON RTTY?"

RTTY enthusiasts run the full range of ages and interests, but tend to be technically inclined. The typical RTTY'er is always modifying his station, likes to talk, and usually has more ideas than you have printer paper (or display screen)! Some operators are good typists; most aren't. The DS3100 ASR letters-fill and editing modes make even a poor typist look good. Recently, the home computer hobby has become quite popular with RTTY people and you may find a lot of help in debugging your programs if that's your interest. There are an increasing number of DX stations on RTTY.

"HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?"

RTTY is like any other hobby—it can cost as much or as little as you want it to. If you buy used machines and build kits or your own designs, the total RTTY cost can be quite low. Conversely, the DS3100 ASR and ST-6000 offer an ULTIMATE RTTY station that is expensive. Because all of the HAL RTTY products are current loop compatible, you can add devices as your interests (and pocketbook) indicate. For the beginner, HAL has the following recommendations:

1. DEMODULATOR

Assuming you already have a good transceiver and antenna, your first major RTTY purchase should be a good demodulator. The HAL ST-5000 makes a particularly good, cost-effective unit. If you select a high-tone ST-5000, it will be usable for either VHF or HF (170 Shift) RTTY operation; if you are only interested in HF RTTY (for short-wave-listening to press stations, for example), the low-tone unit may be a better choice. Conversely, you may wish to "jump-in" and get the ST-6000 from the first. Either way, put high priority on a GOOD demodulator.

2. TERMINAL

You can spend very little or a lot on the terminal. A surplus machine can often be acquired at a hamfest for little cash investment. However, by the time you figure out how it works, fix it, and buy parts and manuals the total cost may not be so low. If you do, you'd better be prepared with tools, oil, and patience. Newer machines require less work, but also cost more. On a feature-for-feature basis, either the new DS2000 KSR, DS3100 ASR, or DS-3000 KSR are more cost effective than other terminals presently available. Certainly a "solid" beginner's RTTY station would be the DS2000 KSR and ST-5000.



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● **C.V.F.M. Hamfest** - The C.V.F.M. Hamfest will be held on September 28th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the King Ridge Ski Area, exit 11 off I-89 in Sutton, New Hampshire. There will be a giant flea market, florist exhibit, frisbee toss, horseshoe competition, dealers' exhibits, refreshments, and overnight camping available. Door prizes plus grand prize raffle. Admission is \$3 per person over 16. For further information contact C.A. Breuning, 54 Myrtle Street, Newport, NH 03773.

● **Rock Hill, SC Hamfest** - The York County Amateur Radio Society will hold its 29th annual hamfest on October 5 at Joslin Park in Rock Hill. Barbeque dinner, snack bar and drink stand will be in the park. For registration/prize info, write to: Y.C.A.R.S., P.O. Box 4141CRS, Rock Hill, SC 29730.

● **Mini-DXpedition** - The Berthoud Amateur Radio Society and the Arc of the Covenant Contest Group plan a mini-DXpedition to the four corners area of the Ute Indian reservation scheduled for late September, early October. A single contact will enable stations to work the states of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Arizona simultaneously. A special call-sign may be used. Handsome hand-lettered certificate will be available for \$1.00 and large s.a.s.e. to BARS, BOX 101, Berthoud, CO 80513.

● **ARRL Virginia State Convention and Hamfest** - The Fifth Annual Tidewater Hamfest, Computer Show, and Flea Market will be held in the great new Virginia Beach, Virginia, Arts and Conference Center on October 4 and 5. Take Highway 64 to Highway 44, which passes right by the door and also into the beach resort area. Featured are ARRL, Traffic, DX, Technical Forums, XYL free bingo and lounge. Admission \$3.50. Advance ticket drawing for Kenwood FM transceiver. Flea market spaces \$3 day. Ticket and information send s.a.s.e. to: TRC, P.O. Box 7101, Portsmouth, VA 23707.

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● **Blossomland A.R.A. Hamfest** - The Blossomland Amateur Radio Association will hold its 15th annual Hamfest on Sunday, October 5 from 8:00-3:30 Eastern Time at the new Lake Michigan College Convention Center one mile off exit 30 of I-94 near Benton Harbor, Michigan. Flea market, film tour of Heathkit Factory, demos, lectures on SSTV, QRP, DX, Brass Pounders Contest, XYL program. Pre-paid tickets \$2 each; \$3 at the door. YL's, XYL's and Harmonics under age 16 Free. Tables \$3 each. Talk-in on 22/82. For tickets and info send s.a.s.e. to Matt Beha, N8BPI, 3752 Lane Court, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

● **Pack Rats Hamarama '80** - The Pack Rats fourth annual Mid-Atlantic States VHF Conference is October 4 at the Warrington Motor Lodge, Rte 611, Warrington, PA. Advance registration \$3, at the door \$4. Price includes admission to ninth annual Hamarama flea market October 5 from 8 to 4 at the Bucks County Drive-in Theatre, Rte 611, Warrington, PA. Cost for flea market alone \$2, tailgating \$2 per space. Bring your own table. Talk-in W3CCX on 52. Information for both events available from Ron Whitsel, WA3AXV, P.O. Box 353, Southampton, PA 18966. Tel. 215-355-5730.

● **Cedar Valley A.R.C. Hamfest** - The Cedar Valley Amateur Radio Club's annual hamfest is Sunday, October 5, in Cedar Rapids, Hawkeye Downs Exhibition Hall. Technical talks, large flea market, manufacturers and dealers welcome. Talk-in on 146.16/.76, .52, 223.34/.94 MHz. Advance tickets \$2, \$3 at the door. Write CVARC Hamfest, Box 994, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406.

● **Houston Com-Vention 80** - The Southwest's largest annual amateur radio convention will be held October 3-5 at the new Marriott Brookhollow Hotel, Houston, Texas. Drawing from the entire 5th call area, the ARRL sanctioned event features at least 40 commercial exhibitor booths as well as technical sessions, DX and contest activities, covered flea market, banquet, transmitter hunt, hospitality suites and much more. Once again, the Texas DX Society has agreed to host the DX and contest activities. Featured banquet speaker is Roy Neal, K6DUE, science editor for NBC news. A special hotel room rate of only \$30 per day per room (up to 4 persons per room) will be made available to convention attendees, and plenty of parking is available. Houston Com-Vention 80 is sponsored by Houston Ham Conventions, Inc., a non-profit organization. For further information write to HHC, P.O. Box 79252, Houston, TX 77024.

● **Amacom '80** - The annual New Orleans hamfest-computerfest, under its new name, Amacom '80, will return this year for one of the largest gathering of elec-

tronics hobbyists in the Deep South. The Jefferson Amateur Radio Club is scheduling Amacom '80 for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 11-12, at the Airport Hilton Inn, Kenner, Louisiana. There will be a schedule of forums and demonstrations on the latest electronics trends. Exhibitors of amateur radio and computer equipment will display their wares inside the hotel, while hobbyists will offer their used gear at the flea market outside. Besides having an ARRL forum, officers will schedule FCC amateur radio tests, if the FCC is willing. For those not interested in the convention's program, there will be games and other events both days. Attendance prizes and other awards will be offered throughout the meeting. Admission will be \$3 for head-of-household and \$1 for each family member. Other tickets will be six for \$5. Details may be obtained from Wayne Knabb, publicity Chairman, at 943-5889, home; 586-3560, work.

● **Plymouth Indiana Swap and Shop** - This Swap and Shop will be held on October 12. Tickets are \$2 advance \$2.50 at door. Inside floor space available. \$200 cash main door prize. 5th annual gathering, doors open 7 a.m. Talk-in on 146.07/.67 and 146.52 or follow the signs to National Guard Armory in west part of Plymouth. Snacks and electronic goodies for sale or trade. Info at MCARC, P.O. Box 151, Plymouth, IN 46563.

● **Greater Delaware Valley-80 Hamfest** - The Moorestown Severe Watch ARC will hold its 2nd annual GDV-80 hamfest on Sunday, October 19, at Nashville East "Cotillion Ballroom" on Rt. 73, Pennsauken, New Jersey. Exhibits indoors open at 2 a.m. for dealers and 8 a.m. for the public. Plenty of outdoor tailgating and parking for all. Door prizes, seminars, YL/XYL activities and films. RV parking and camping on Saturday night. Tickets are \$2.50 at the door and \$2 in advance. Indoor exhibit space is \$5 a table and tailgating is \$3 for 10' of space. Talk-in on 146.22/82. For reservations, map, tickets or more information write GDC-80, 15 East Camden Avenue, Moorestown, NJ 08057 or call 609-234-3926. A special telephone number will be set up at the hamfest for 11 am Saturday Oct. 18 to 5 pm Sunday Oct. 19, call 609-663-2323.

● **Michigan (Ontario, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois)** - The 26th Annual VHF Conference will be held on October 25 at Western Michigan University from 2:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. Microprocessor Control of VHF Transceivers, Plotting Antenna Settings, and other VHF topics. For more information write to Dr. Glade Wilcox, Professor E.E., Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 49008.

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This DXpedition planning session included (left to right) Alvin, KP4D, Bill, KP4DSD, Dave, KP4AM, Pedro, KP4Q and Louie, KP4WI.



To many people Desecheo is simply a remote, rugged, uninhabited (except for a few goats and monkeys) 360-acre island lying in the Mona passage between Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. To others, such as KP4AM and myself, it represented the potential dream of a lifetime: finding a new one and, once having obtained separate country status, enjoying the thrills of a DXpedition.

Dave, KP4AM, when not practicing law, seems to spend the majority of his time chasing DX, or, when not on the air, pouring over detailed maps hunting for those elusive new ones. In 1976 he found one: Desecheo, just 70 miles from his Levittown, Puerto Rico home. Before long, he had his new country request and documentation prepared and forwarded to the ARRL.

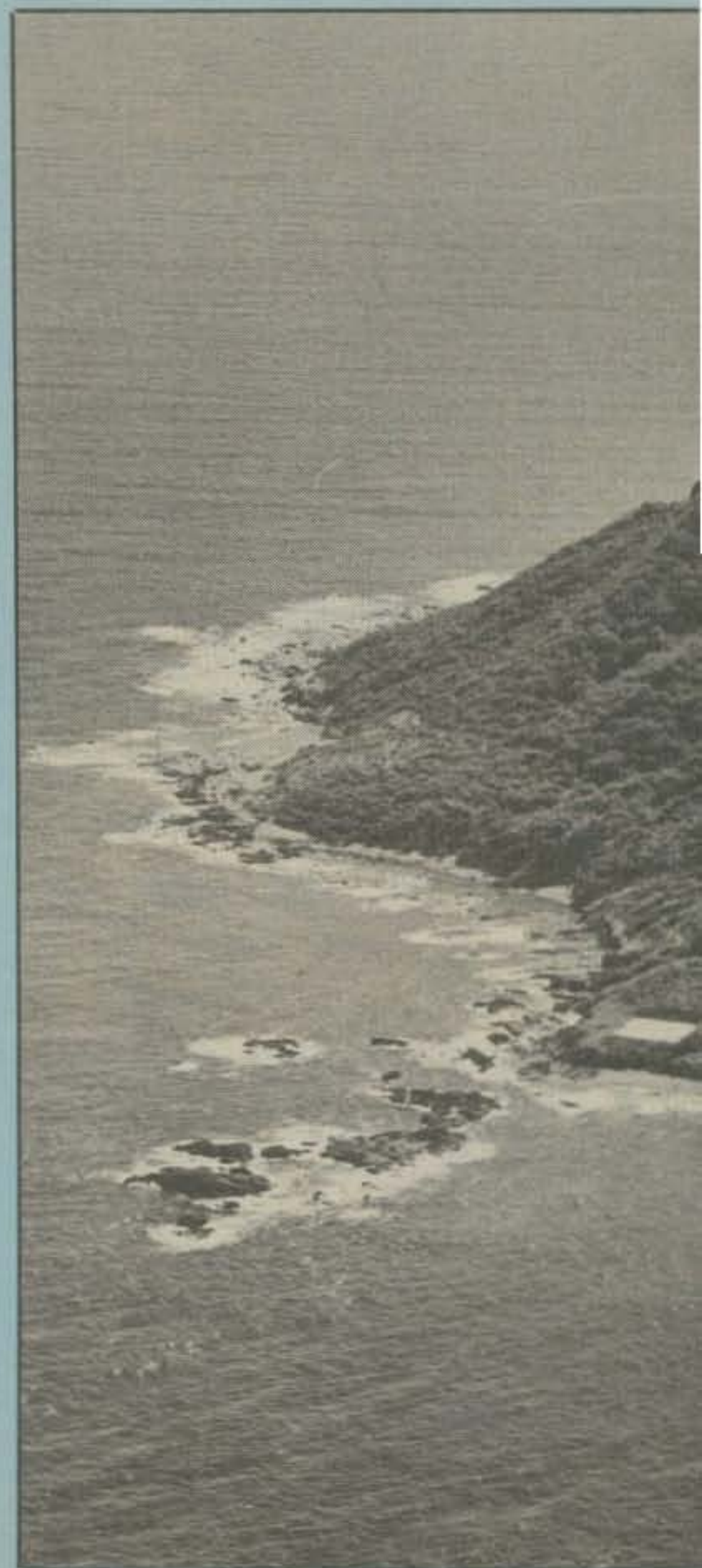
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After nearly two years of planning and preparations, KP4AM finally made it to Desecheo Island and completed 21,108 QSO's with a country total of 131 in five days.

Desecheo Island DXpedition

Part I

BY BILL KERBER*, KP4DSD/K4AQQ



He began planning for a DXpedition.

In 1972, I accepted a position as a staff veterinarian with the Caribbean Primate Research Center. Upon arriving in Puerto Rico, I found among the center's "possessions" several offshore islands on which free-ranging rhesus monkeys had been introduced for scientific study. Desecheo was one of these islands. The monkeys on the island had been studied very little because of the expense and difficulties of getting to and from Desecheo. The talk in 1972 involved surplus the island and removing the monkeys.

Prior to World War II, Desecheo belonged to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. During the war it was transferred to the U.S. Department of Defense. For several years it was used as a bombing range, and even today unexploded bombs are occasionally found on the island. In the mid-sixties, Desecheo was transferred to the U.S. Department of Health,

Education and Welfare, and the monkeys were introduced on the island for research purposes.

Following my promotion to Director of the Center, one of my first concerns was getting rid of the island, since it was of little value to the Center. The necessary papers were submitted and I promptly forgot about Desecheo until October 1976. During that month CQ magazine carried a comprehensive article outlining criteria used by the ARRL DXCC advisory committee in evaluating petitions for new country status. My interest was aroused and after careful perusal of the article I was certain I had found a new one right under my nose.

During the next several days I discussed my finding and the possibility of a DXpedition with several of the locals, including KP4EAJ, KP4EKI, KP4EAS and KP4ECH. All were active contesters, first-class operators, and

eager to go. A separate country status request was quickly drafted and mailed to the league.

Within a few months word leaked out, and KP4AM and I realized that each had submitted separate country requests for Desecheo. Dave and I were terribly disappointed, since both of us felt we had exclusive rights to the island. We realized, however, that neither group had the required resources to mount a major DXpedition. As a result, we joined forces and began planning. Little did we know that nearly two years would pass before we would be able to set foot on Desecheo.

Plans and Gathering Gear

Early in our planning we agreed that the call used for the DXpedition should be KP4AM. Dave's two-letter call and extra class license offered definite advantages over the three-



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After much consideration, transportation to the island was via this Korean War vintage helicopter.

letter call and advanced class license of myself. We also felt that a dipole and 200-watt-type DXpedition would be inadequate to meet the needs of the DX community. Beams, towers, and small linears would be required, particularly for the more difficult Asian paths.

Our plans included establishing two or three complete stations for a week long DXpedition that would operate around the clock with both c.w. and s.s.b. capabilities on all bands 160 through 10 meters. Not all of these objectives were met.

We projected that a minimum of six and a maximum of eight operators would be required. Although only six eventually made it to Desecheo, some ten to fifteen others were at one time or another scheduled to be part of the activity. Diminishing interest, pressures of work or being transferred to new QTH's in other parts of the world required that many drop or be dropped from the group.

Meetings were held at least monthly and later at weekly intervals to coordinate our plans, assemble the necessary gear or to discuss how to deal with the latest crisis relating to new country status or gaining permission to operate on the island. Pedro, KP4Q (alias KP4AST, KP4RF) quickly came up with two 30 foot sections of tower from his antenna farm. Wilson Electronics Corporation donated two System-Two Triband beams, and Newtronics Corporation supplied two 4BTV all band trap verticals. Long wires and slopers would supplement our low band capabilities. A major manufacturer of transceivers expressed the willingness to loan us

four rigs for the DXpedition. However, because of the uncertain timing of our operation, we were unable to make the necessary arrangements for their use. In the end, the rigs and linears were provided from the home stations of the DXpedition crew.

Obtaining the necessary antennas, towers, rigs, and multitude of supplies presented few problems, and we quickly turned our attention to determining where on the island we would set up operation.

Selecting an Operating Site

I had in my files several black-and-white aerial photographs of Desecheo taken some 15 years previously and a topographical map. These were supplemented by beautiful color aerial photos taken more recently by KP4D, a professional photographer. Clearly, only two areas appeared suitable for locating the tents and antennas: at the top of the highest peak on the island or near the northwest corner adjacent to an old helicopter pad. The latter site is some 50 feet above sea level, while the former is about 700 feet above sea level. The high elevation provided a clear shot in all directions, while the lower meant going directly through the hill to Africa and southern Europe.

Since a closeup look would be required to determine the best location, a small boat was located, and KP4AM, KP4Q and KP4D were soon on their way to Desecheo. Luck was with them! When they arrived, they found the seas calm enough to enter a small lagoon and anchor their boat.

They waded to shore in three feet of water, and within two to three hours, they had surveyed the possible operating sites.

KP4Q was convinced that to be successful in working the JA's and other Asians, the hilltop location would be needed, while KP4AM favored the site near the helicopter pad as being more practical. There was room at the most for only a single small tent at the summit of the hill. This meant splitting the group, having two operating positions at the lower level and the third a very difficult hour and a half hike up the hill. The hilltop was mostly solid rock, which would have presented problems in anchoring the guy wires for the tower and tent. Also, it was obviously impossible to transport the gear by hand to the peak of the hill.

KP4Q only looked at these problems as a challenge. He talked to a local helicopter pilot and soon had a solution, he thought, to the problem. The pilot warned us that there was inadequate space at the top to land the chopper safely. Upon Pedro's urging, however, he agreed to transport two operators and the necessary gear to the top of the hill, and then while hovering there, lower them and the equipment to the ground by a cable suspended under the chopper. KP4Q asked for a volunteer to operate with him on the hilltop. There weren't any! We then agreed we would operate as a group at the more accessible lower position.

While arguing the relative merits of the upper and lower operating sites, Louis, KP4WI, came up with a unique idea to facilitate the transfer of equipment to the hilltop. KP4WI, who earns his living as an engineer, designed a portable ham shack/equipment carrier that could be slung under a chopper, transported to Desecheo and lowered to the hilltop. The idea was terrific! He drew up plans for a large, heavy, reinforced plywood box that incorporated doors, prop open windows, 110 and 220 volt wiring and lighting, fold-down operating tables and the base of a vertical attached to the side. The only things missing were bunk beds, running water and a john. When transporting the portable shack to Desecheo, it could be "buttoned-up" and completely filled with generators, gas drums, rigs, antennas and other supplies. Upon arrival at the island it was to be lowered into position on the hilltop. It could have been quickly unloaded, the table leaves dropped into position, the rig plugged in and the starter rope to the generator pulled. Desecheo could have been on the air minutes after arrival! Unfortunately, none of this was to happen.

Transportation

We now turned our attention to a major area of concern. How were we going to get three tons of gear and operators safely to and from Desecheo? During the war, a helicopter pad had been constructed on the island, and we felt that using a chopper would be the easiest, safest and most dependable mode of transportation. The rental cost of nearly \$600 per hour for a large helicopter was out of reach, and it became obvious that we needed to consider boat transportation.

During much of the year, the seas around Desecheo are very rough. This is especially true during the winter months. The island is virtually surrounded by coral reefs, and there are no sandy beaches that one could easily land a boat on. There is, however, a small, deep inlet located about one-quarter mile away from our selected operating site. Between the inlet and the operating site is a very rough beach covered with numerous sharp rocks and tidal pools. Transporting two and a half tons of gear over this terrain would be no easy task.

The skipper of a 40 foot fishing boat agreed to take us to the island and remain anchored offshore during the DXpedition. He even agreed that his crew would be available to help

with the physical labor. He cautioned us, however, that because of the frequent severe seas, he could not guarantee getting us on or off the island on specific dates. In addition, we would be required to transfer our gear from his fishing boat to a smaller boat and then row to shore. On occasion, personnel of my laboratory had used boat transportation to Desecheo. They had horror stories to tell of their small boat being overturned with the subsequent loss of equipment and their personal struggles to get safely to shore. Some refused to ever return to the island. KP4AM and KP4Q mentioned that they were not swimmers. They didn't seem concerned, however. Apparently, their confidence in life-jackets overcame any concern about having to swim the last few feet to Desecheo. Anything for a new one!

KP4WI, a pilot in the Air National Guard, frequently flew over the island during training flights. His reports on the conditions of the seas were not encouraging. We had visions of never getting on the island, or once having gotten there, never getting off. About this time, the captain of our vessel said his boat would not be available for a period of several months. Our thoughts once again turned to the helicopter and its high costs.

An inquiry with detailing of our plans made to the Northern California DX Foundation brought us the financial help we needed. Not only would they help us with the helicopter costs, but they volunteered to print the QSL cards and assume the responsibility of distributing them. Needless to say, we accepted their generous offer of help. Our group relaxed a little, feeling that many of our major problems were out of the way.

More Problems

In January of 1977, title to Desecheo was transferred to the U.S. Department of the Interior. They planned to use the island as a refuge for nesting sea birds. The transfer did not concern us as to the validity of our separate country status claim with the ARRL. Desecheo was simply being passed from one U.S. government agency to another. True...but how wrong we were about not being concerned.

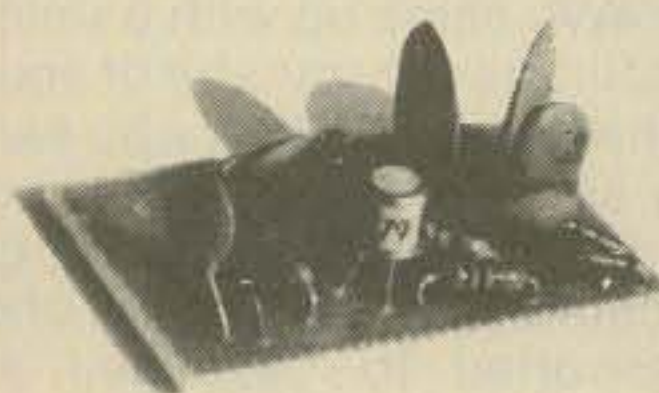
Many DXpeditions have problems related to getting the proper licensing for their operation. Fortunately, this was of no concern to us, since any amateur license issued by the FCC would be valid for operation of Desecheo. Our problems were concentrated in two areas: 1) obtaining separate country status from ARRL, and 2) obtaining permission from the Department of the Interior for a DXpedition on the island.

After nearly two years of waiting, we were elated in November of 1978 to receive notice from the ARRL that Desecheo would be counted as a new one. Many times previously we had heard rumors that the Desecheo request had passed with a successful vote of the DXCC advisory committee. Just as frequently we heard that it was being re-submitted because the composition of the committee had changed or because the committee wanted to have another look at Desecheo and Water Island, a potential new one in the Virgin Island area.

Our enthusiasm, however, was dampened due to our never-ending problems of attempting to gain permission for the operation from the Department of Interior. Written requests, numerous phone calls and eyeball QSO's with representatives of the Department produced a response from the Interior that seemed to say "We might let you go...we need more details and time to study your request." Our cautious optimism turned to temporary despair when they notified us that "...while they recognized the unique value of ham radio to society, their plans for the

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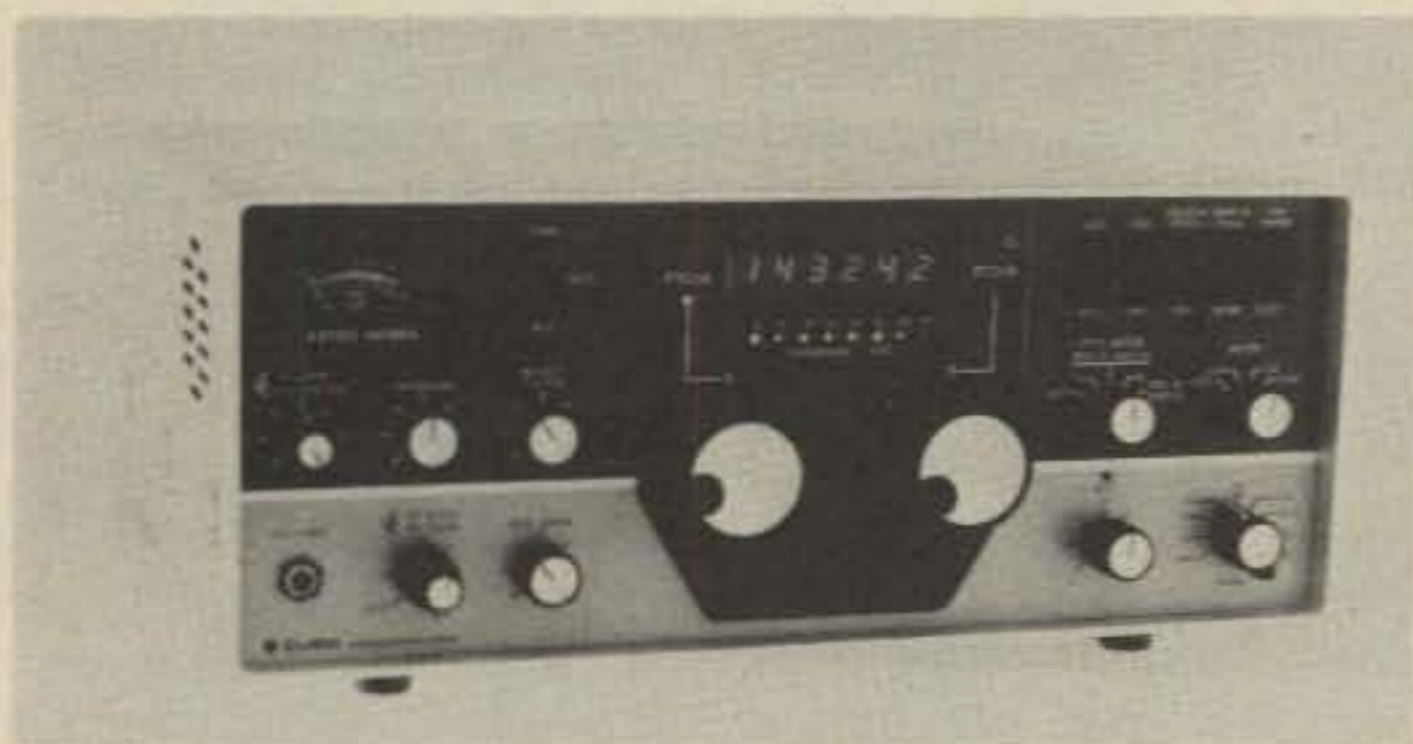
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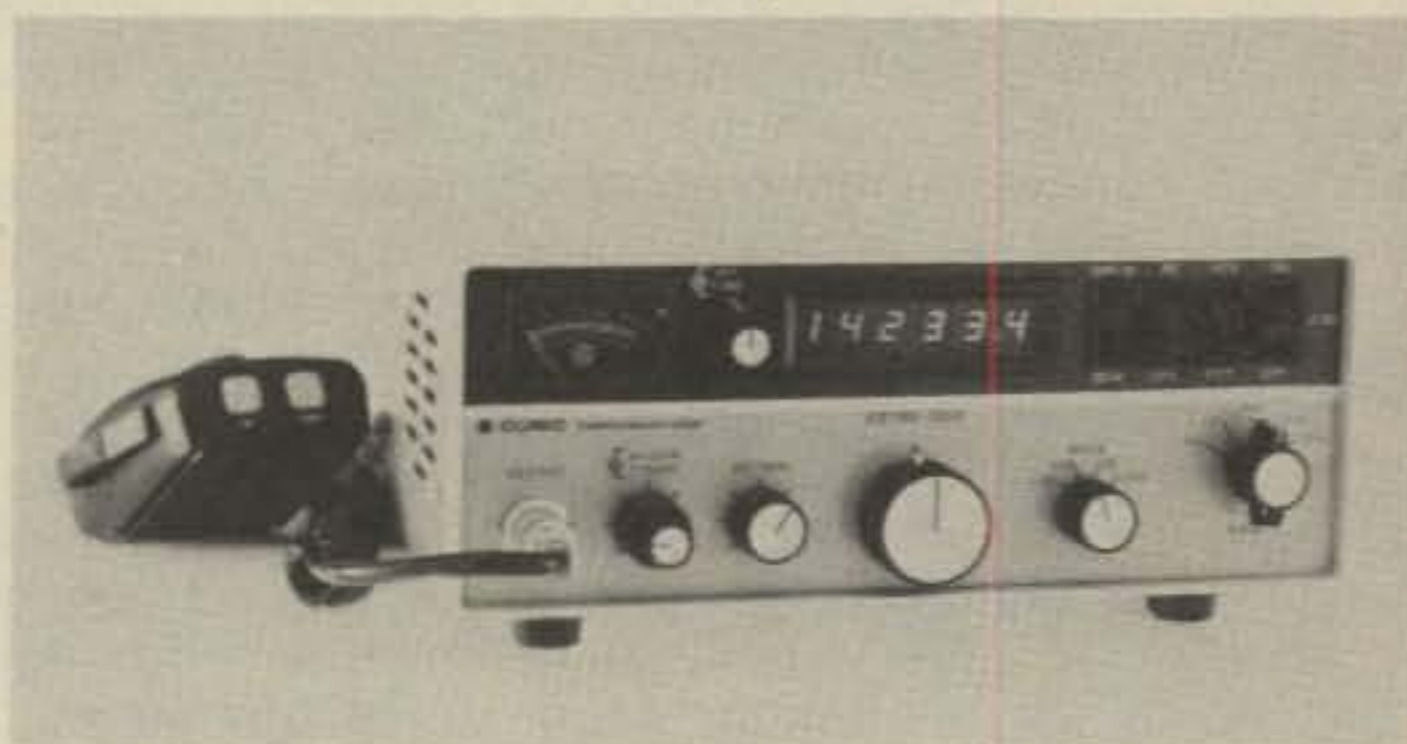
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development of Desecheo as a game refuge for sea birds did not include ham radio operation from the island." They remained "Sincerely Yours," and we remained even more determined to gain the necessary permission for the expedition.

Good friends of amateur radio enlisted in our cause, and following more phone calls, letters and eyeball QSO's, a small crack began to appear in the stubborn federal bureaucracy. They now announced that a DXpedition might be possible, providing the group confined their activities to three days, took no more than four operators, conducted no night-time operations, used no generators and did not use helicopters. We could not have competed in the "Novice Round-up" with these restrictions, and therefore we developed a strategy of push hard, gain a small concession, back up for awhile and push again to gain another.

Very slowly the restrictions began to fall by the wayside, and we were confident once again that in the end we would receive permission to mount a major DXpedition that would meet the needs of the world-wide DX community.

Suddenly in December of 1978 two amateurs from the Virgin Islands ap-

peared on the air from Desecheo and completed a few thousand QSO's. Since they did not have the required permission from the Department of Interior, all hell broke loose. The Department, in writing, reverted to their *NO AMATEUR RADIO OPERATION* stand! At the time we felt and still feel that their premature, unauthorized operation from Desecheo exceeded the "norms" of the competitive spirit of amateur radio. In their eagerness to scoop the KP4's well-known, long-planned operation, these operators nearly destroyed any opportunity for an authorized, large DXpedition that would have provide the maximum benefit to the multitude of DXers. The fact that their operation was not accepted by the League offered us some satisfaction.

Just two months prior to our actual operation, we were faced with the reality of having an ARRL authorized new one within "2 meter distance" of our home QTH's but no permission to operate from the island. KP4Q, KP4AM and several friends redoubled their efforts and attempted to repair the damage that had been done. After little initial success, once again the crack opened slightly and finally nearly all the way. Permission was

eventually granted with only a minimum of restrictions, including one which stipulated that the operation take place almost immediately, and the second that no helicopter be used for transportation.

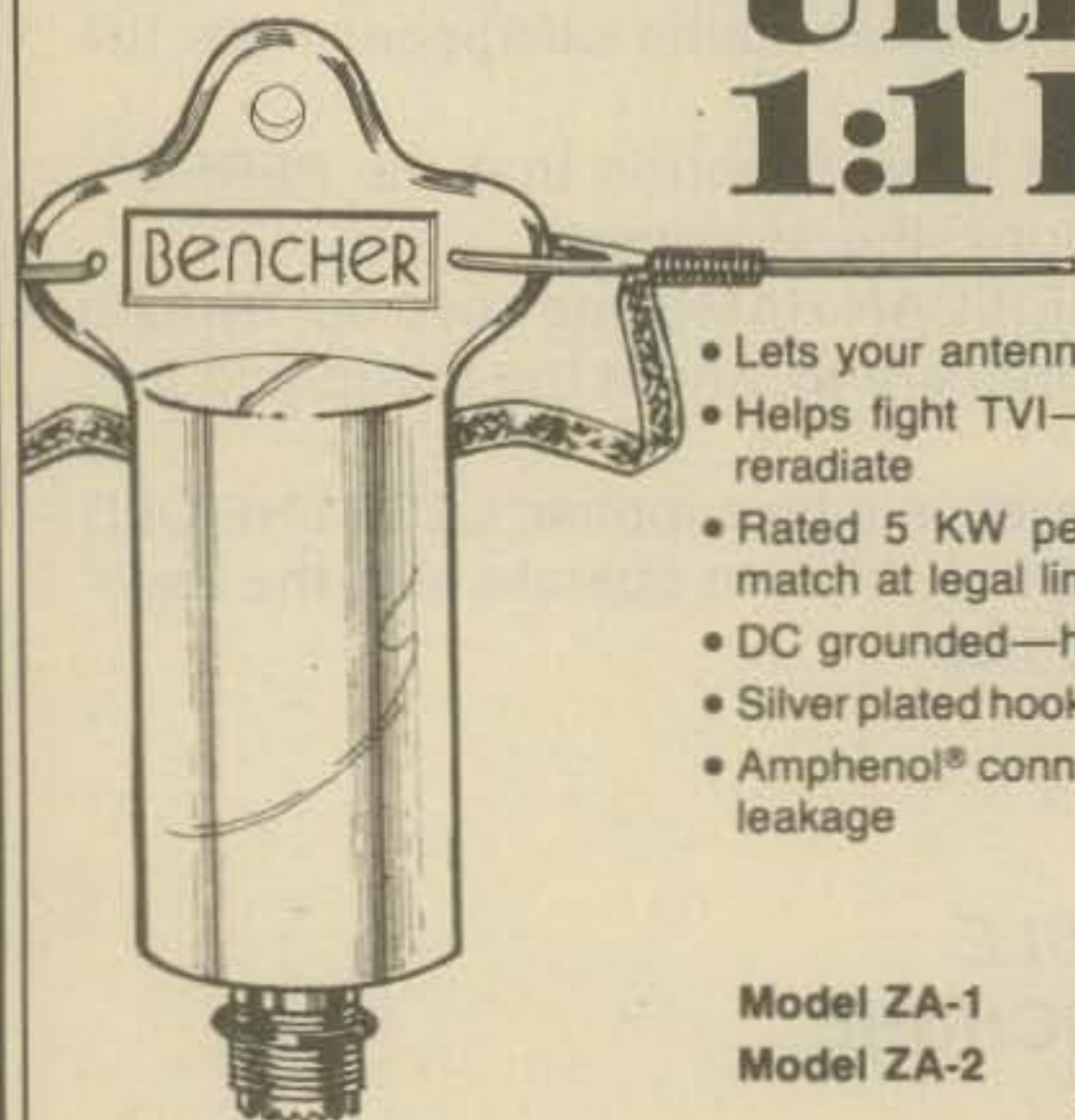
We quickly rounded up another boat. The captain, however, said that there was no way he could stay anchored off Desecheo during our operation. The seas were too rough and the dangers too great. The captain was recommended to us as being the most knowledgeable of the waters surrounding Desecheo. We wondered once again if we would be able to get on the island by boat. Concerns of getting off the island were forgotten. During this period, personnel from my laboratory were on the island and were engaged in removing the monkeys. They had used helicopter transportation. Their reports were not encouraging. During 12 days of their 14-day stay on the island, the seas would not have allowed any type of boat to land regardless of size. Fortunately, almost simultaneously with this discouraging report, the Department of Interior eliminated their restrictions regarding helicopter transportation.

The Department of Interior, however, continued to insist that our DXpedition take place almost immediately. This caused us severe headaches. Three of our stateside operators, Chet, N6ZO (Ex KP4EAJ), Dick, W4VN and Pete, N6CJ could not rearrange their work schedules to include the DXpedition in such short time, less than a week. These three were expected to carry the entire c.w. part of the operation. Chet quickly arranged for Roger, N4ZC and Don, N4EA to be replacements, and the c.w. operations were salvaged. KP4WI, who had been with the group from the inception, also had to drop out at the last minute due to work pressures. John, KV4KV had previously arranged to accompany us to Desecheo, and this brought us to six operators, the absolute minimum we thought needed for the DXpedition.

The final group of six operators was pulled together from the States, the Virgin Islands and two areas of Puerto Rico. Planning and preparations for the operation suffered because of our geographical separation, but somehow at the last minute everything seemed to fall into place. KP4AM, KP4Q, KV4KV, N4EA, N4ZC and I were ready for lift off!

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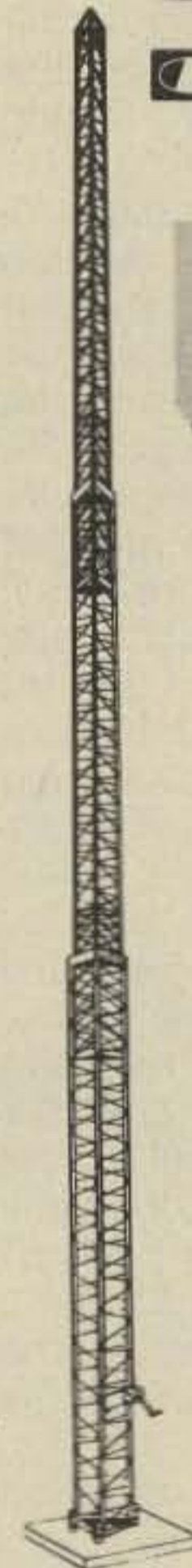
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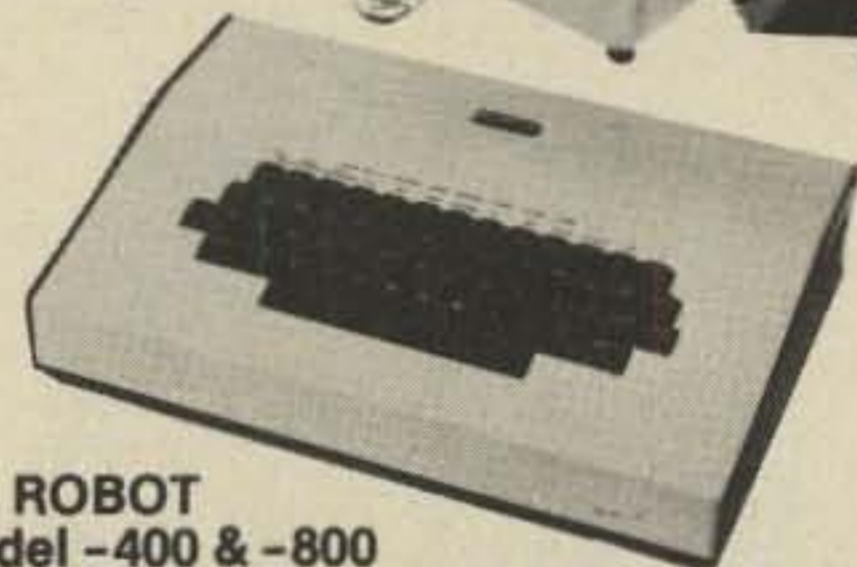
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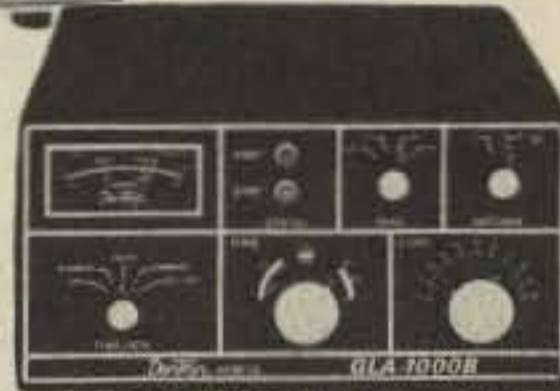


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Time rushes by!!! It's hard to believe that almost a year has passed since the record-setting 1979 CQ Worldwide DX Contests, the last of the major operating events of the 70's. Now October and November are just around the corner with the first CQ Worldwide Contests of the 80's.

Again this year, we are trying to provide you with a list of Contestpedition stations (Contest DXpeditions) which will be active in the CQ Worldwide Phone Test; Oct. 25-26, 1980 and the CQ Worldwide C.W. Test, Nov. 29-30, 1980. However, as this column is written in July and many DXers are just beginning to make plans for the Tests, our list necessarily will be incomplete. The only information we have is from those confirmed contest expeditioners who plan well ahead, and, who knowing our early deadline, have been thoughtful enough to send their QTH's, dates, QSL Managers and other necessary data. Undoubtedly there will be many more Contestpedition stations active, so we advise you to read the *Long Island DX Bulletin* (W2IYX)', *QRZ DX* (K5FUV), *The DX Bulletin* (K1TN), the *DXers Magazine* (W4BPD), *DX 'Press* (PA0TO), the *DX News-Sheet* (Geoff Watts), the *DX News Letter* (DL3RK), *Long Skip* (VE3FRA) or one of the other DX or DX club bulletins as the contest weekends approach.

Here is what we have received through mid-July:

Lloyd, W6KG and Iris, W6QL, Colvin will definitely be active overseas during both the phone and c.w. weekends. Likely spots include Greece, Crete or the Dodecanese Islands. As usual, QSLs for operations by Lloyd and Iris go to the YASME Foundation, Box 2025, Castro Valley, CA 94546.

The Potomac Valley Radio Club plans a Contestpedition to Curacao again this year for the phone weekend. The callsign will be PJ2CC. Based on past performance this station will compete for world high.

The Frankford Radio Club will be fighting for top club score again also and has several possible irons in the



Torros, A7XM, has given many DXers a new one from his QTH in Doha, Qatar. In this photo he is installing a new TH6DXX at 45 meters. QSL A7AM via DJ9ZB. (Photo courtesy DJ9ZB)

fire, including 9Y4, described as 50-50, and 6Y5 in the Phone Test, plus a probable multi/single at ZF2AD during the c.w. weekend.

The Northern Ohio DX Association will ensure a Guatemala contact for everyone during the November C.W. Test. Five members, K8CW, K8HV, W8QWI, WB8CSH and WD8MOV, plan to use the call TG4NX, with QSLs to go to WD8MOV.

The Noriomagum DX Group from the Netherlands will be active from Jersey Island from Oct. 22-27 on the 5 bands 80-10 meters, c.w. and s.s.b., except all s.s.b. during the contest weekend. There will be 5 separate GJ5 calls plus GJ4IFE.

The Red Dragon DXers plan to shoot for the top European phone score from GW6GW using monoband beams on 7, 14, 21 and 28 MHz, plus wires for 80 and 160 meters. Operators will be GW3GHC, GW3KYA, GW3NJW, GW3NWS, GW3NYY, GW4BKG and GW4BLE in the multi-operator, single transmitter class. QSLs to GW4BLE.

The North Florida Group of HH2 and VP5 fame is expected to be back on Providenciales again for the Phone Test, but plans are not yet firm at presstime.

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15 M Phone

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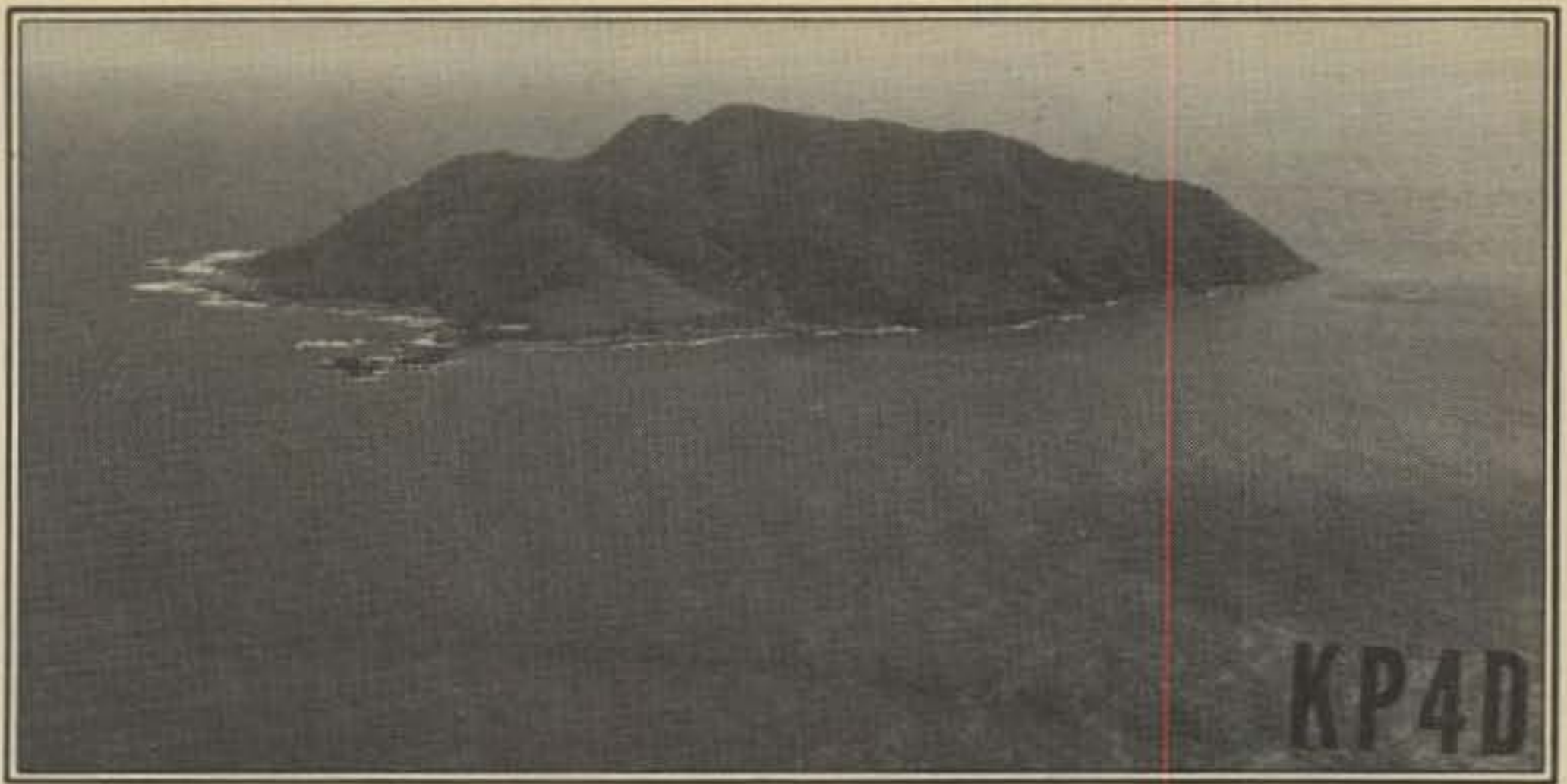
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Remember the famous (and controversial) DXpedition to famous (and controversial) Desecheo Island back in March 1979? Thanks to Roger Burt, N4ZC (ex-KP4A00 back when the world was young), we are now able to provide photos of both the group and the island. Left to right are Roger, N4ZC himself, Don, N4EA, Pete, KP4Q, Bill, KP4DSD, Dave, KP4AM, and John, KV4KV.

This is a long shot of Desecheo looking east with Puerto Rico dimly seen on the horizon.

This picture shows the operating area around the helicopter pad. The tent for the upper operating position can be dimly seen up the hill about 200 ft. above the sea. The tent beside the pad was the sleeping tent for the first night, but the generator noise was so bad it was necessary to move down to the beach the second night. The lower position was toward the beach to the right of the mid-tent.

Carl and Martha Henson have scheduled their vacations for a 2 week period before and after the October phone weekend, but at deadline time their destination is unknown. Carl says they will definitely be DX for the contest.

Woody, K9EF/8R1 writes that Guyana will be on for sure during both the phone and the c.w. weekends. Plans are still in flux, but Dave, WD4RCO, hopes to come down from Atlanta during the phone weekend and may operate as K9EF/8R1. N4BPP and one other operator from Kentucky plan to be on as WB4LRB/8R1. These operations will cover 80-10 meters with 160 a possibility.

Les, W8ATK and Dave, K8BPX will operate 5 bands from Bonaire during the Phone Test, arriving the evening of Oct. 23 and setting up on Oct. 24. They are not trying for score but will be on the air as much as possible. Their call-signs probably will be /PJ4.

Terry, N6CW, and Group will be back to the British Virgin Islands in October, so everyone should be able to make their VP2V contacts again with ease.

Bill Parker, W4YKH will make Grand Cayman available again this year as ZF2BP, along with N4AJU as ZF2DA and WD4AEX as ZF2DL. They will be active from Oct. 22-Oct. 29.

Perry, W5STI advises that he and the XYL will operate VP2MPB from Montserrat during the Phone Test. They

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1684 I0AMU	1262 K5UR	1017 DL1MD	909 PY3BXW	804 WA2AUB
1637 K6XP	1225 ZL3NS	992 W0YDB	908 I6MBX	770 N2AC
1600 W4UG	1207 W9DWQ	989 DJ7CX	900 JH1VRQ	759 ZP5RS
1548 K6JG	1200 I4ZSQ	989 OE2EGL	888 W4BQY	718 I6NOA
1502 K2POA	1193 PA8SNG	967 PA2TMS	881 N4NO	706 WA2FKF
1440 I8KDB	1176 N4UU	962 OZ5EV	854 N6FX	657 I5AFC
1350 N4MM	1105 WB2NYM	962 YU7ODS	851 W2NC	602 YU3APR

C.W.

1535 W8KPL	1288 YU7BCD	1123 N4NO	851 KH6HC	709 DL1MD
1459 W2NC	1234 W9FD	1067 VO1AW	834 VK4SS	679 I1YRL
1434 DL1QT	1217 G2GM	1062 WA0KDI	833 LZ1XL	658 EA2OP
1432 ON4QX	1165 W4BQY	1013 K6ZDL	808 I5IZ	650 K8LJG
1418 K6JG	1150 W3ARK	978 N4MM	802 OY4OD	628 W1WLW
1346 K6XP	1150 K2VV	966 YU1AG	777 YU3APR	612 WA2AUB
1344 N4UU	1146 N2AC	925 YU7ODS	756 SM0GMG	607 I1TLA
1336 WA2HZR	1140 K5UR	912 N6FX	750 JH1VRQ	
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Dr. John W. Reasoner, WA4QMQ, of Bowling Green, Kentucky has a complete set of basic CQ prefix awards. He earned VPX certificate #21 in March 1970 under his SWL callsign W4-10646, followed by WPNX #86 in February 1976 as WN4QMQ. Then in rapid order John qualified USA-WPX-76 in April 1976 on c.w. and in December 1976 on s.s.b., followed by S.S.B. WPX #987 in 1977, C.W. WPX #1749 in 1978, and Mixed WPX #697 in 1978. To our knowledge Dr. Reasoner is the only person to progress from VPX as an SWL, to WPNX as a Novice, on to the full amateur prefix awards. If there are others out there please let us know.

plan to be active for 10 days prior to the contest weekend. Montserrat will also be available in the C.W. Test as K5BDX and will be operating on all bands, including Novice frequencies, as VP2MFL. QSL's for the latter operation go to K5BDX.

Dave Gardner, K6LPL has 2 possibilities for the phone weekend. He will be /KH3 if plans for a much more exotic location in another part of the world do not materialize.

Milton, KB5AS and Group plan to be in VP1, Belize for the Phone Test. Operators will include K5LU, W5XZ and K3JT. A 10 day stay is anticipated.

Bob, VE3FCU and Friends will be QRV from 8P6MI, Barbados for the c.w. weekend. They hope to arrive a week before the Test to operate strictly c.w. on 15, 20, 40 and 80 meters. QSLs for this operation should be directed to Mike, VE3JTQ.

Chuck, W7FP advises that 3 or 4 operators, probably all from the Willamette Valley DX Club, plan a multi-operator, single-transmitter station from Saipan for the Phone Test. They will probably use Len's call, KH0AC.

Dick Norton, N6AA has tentative plans to be back at 9Y4 but it isn't definite, so he asks that this not be regarded as a formal announcement. We hope that he makes it, as Dick's operations are always first class.

The WPX Program

Mixed

846...JH2SUV	850...WD9IIC
847...GU5CIA	851...UA3LX
848...WB0LXM	852...UD6DLJ
849...WD9DCL	853...JA7RPC

S.S.B.

1277...WA7YBN	1288...UA3PBY
1278...KB8OQ	1289...UA4CZ
1279...YU3APR	1290...RA9OEU
1280...WA2JAS	1291...UK3MAX
1281...I8FTF	1292...UK6AAF
1282...WB4VQO	1293...UK6AJS
1283...AJ6A	1294...UV3CS
1284...I8HDN	1295...UW3HN
1285...HM1SX	1296...UB5ABK
1286...W5TJQ	1297...UP2PAD
1287...DA1MV	1298...VK2VAB

C.W.

1946...YU3APR	1967...UA6AAK
1947...K4AMC	1968...UA6AXX
1948...OK1AES	1969...UA6AYR
1949...DJ0BC	1970...UA6AYX
1950...GU5CIA	1971...UA6HGV
1951...OZ1BII	1972...UA6PAM
1952...WA2EYA	1973...UA9PP
1953...WB7QEL	1974...UA0JAY
1954...UK3DAZ	1975...UA0OAG
1955...UK5UAC	1976...UA0SGJ
1956...UA2FCB	1977...UB5HBH
1957...UA3ACJ	1978...UB5JFX
1958...UA3ADO	1979...UB5JIQ
1959...UA3AGL	1980...UB5ZBF
1960...UA3AIT	1981...UC2LAS
1961...UA3NAH	1982...UD6DLJ
1962...UA3NG	1983...UL7VAI
1963...UA3QBE	1984...UT5LF
1964...UA4ACA	1985...UW1ZO
1965...UA4PGE	1986...UW6DM
1966...UA4WPX	1987...K7WA

VPX

190...OK1JSU	198...UA9-099-85
191...ONL-4003	199...UA0-139-76
192...UA1-169-758	200...UB5-062-302
193...UA2-125-57	201...UB5-065-480
194...UA3-142-736	202...UB5-081-15
195...UA3-168-7	203...UO5-039-173
196...UA3-170-857	204...UQ2-037-152
197...UA6-150-900	

Endorsements

Mixed: 400 WB0LXM, WD9IIC, UA3LX, JA7RPC. 450 JH2SUV, I5JFG, WD9DCL. 550 W0JIE. 600 WB8YQX, GU5CIA. 800 IT9HLO. 900 N6JM, W6ANB. 1000 WA4QMQ. 1650 W2NUT. 1700 I0ZV.

SSB: 300 WA7YBN, KB8OQ, WA2JAS, UB5ABK, I8FTF, WB4VQO, UW3HN, UV3CS, HM1SX, W5TJQ, DA1MV, UK6AJS, UK6AAF, UK3MAX, RA9OEU, UA3PBY, 350 I8HDN, UP1PAD. 450 AJ6A, DK5WQ. 500 I2OMF, W6BCQ. 550 WB8YQX, UA4CZ. 600 YU3APR, KB8JF. 750 I6ZJC. 800 W7KOI. 850 W2NC. 950 WA4QMQ. 1000 OE2EGL. 1550 K2POA.

CW: 300 UA0OAG, UA0SGJ, UB5HBH, UB5JFX, U5JIQ, K4AMC, OK1AES, DJ0BC, WA2EYA, UK5UAC, UA3ACJ, UA3ADO, UA3AGL, UA3AIT, UA3NAH, UA3QBE, UA4PGE, UA6AAK, UA6AXX, UA6AYR, UA6AYX, UA6HGV, UA6PAM, UA0JAY, UB5ZBF, UC2LAS, UD6DLJ, UL7VAI, UW1ZO, UW6DM, K7WA. 350 UK3DAZ, UA2FCB. 400 VE2BP, F6CWA, UA4WPX. 450 GU5CIA, OZ1BII, UA4ACA. 500 GW3SB. 600 DJ1YH, UT5LF. 700 UA9PP. 750 YU3APR, JH1VRQ. 1000 K4RDU.

20 meters: UK3DAZ
40 meters: W0JIE

Asia: UK3DAZ, W7KOI, UV3CS.
Europe: OE1-109976, WB8YQX, W3GXX, GU5CIA, KB8JF, UK3DAZ, UV3CS, W0JIE, GU5CIA, F6CWA.
No. America: KL7AF.
Oceania: KL7AF.
So. America: WA4QMQ.

Complete rules and application forms may be obtained by sending a business-size, self-addressed, stamped envelope (foreign stations send extra postage if air-mail desired) to "CQ WPX AWARDS", 5014 Mindora Dr., Torrance, Calif. 90505, U.S.A.



Fred Fraley, AA4FF, is the newest CQ DX Award's Checkpoint, representing the Lynchburg Amateur Radio Club. Fred was first licensed in 1953 at the age of 15. His amateur career includes a tour at KL7WAF where he was president of the Wildwood Station Radio Club and Custodian of the All Alaska Counties Award. He holds the WPX-CW Award and USA-CA at the 3000 county level.

Robert Wanderer, WB2MCB is considering a trip either to the Caribbean, where he might operate from VP2K or VP2M, or north to activate rare Zone 2.

The Finland DX Group hopes to activate both EA8, Canary Islands and CT3, Madeira again this year.

Bill Hatcher, DU2KK/KP4KK plans to operate from Macao during the Phone Test using equipment left by John Ackley, KP2A/CR9A. Bill hopes to have the callsign CR9B.

John, K4IIF enjoyed operating from the home QTH in '79, but looks forward to being DX again in 1980.

Special Recognitions

Your attention is called to major accomplishments in the CQ DX Awards Program by the following 3 DXers:

1. Gary Dixon, K4MQG, of Charlotte, N.C., who is the first U.S. amateur to earn 5-Band WAZ. Gary is #2 in the world.

2. Kent Svensson, SM4CAN, of Laxa, Sweden, who is the third amateur worldwide to qualify for 5-Band WAZ.

3. Ron Moorefield, W8ILC, of Dayton, Ohio, who is the first amateur in the world to achieve the CQ DX Award Honor Roll using less than 5 watts power, QRPP.

We hope to have photographs of each of these 3 amateurs for use in the DX column of a later issue.

DX Club News

The Western Washington DX Club has petitioned the FCC to expand U.S. phone bands to include 3750-4000 kHz, 7050-7300 kHz, 14100-14350 kHz, 21200-21450 kHz and 28400-29700 kHz. This petition has touched off a lively controversy within the club, as many

members disagree with the position. When you're the world's largest DX club with over 500 members there is bound to be a variety of opinions.

The Utah DX Association was reorganized this past spring with the following officers; Curt Wilbur, K7CU, President; Mike Fulcher, KB7JE, Vice President; Doug Hendricks, N7UT, Secretary/Treasurer and Jim Oliver, W7BPS, Awards Manager.

The Lynchburg Amateur Radio Club has formed a High Frequency Operators Group (HFOG, pronounced Hi Fog) to encourage DX and Contest activities by its membership. Fred, AA4FF, serves as chairman.

Long Island DX Association new officers are Carl Lindenman, W2TDQ, President; Allen Singer, N2KW, Vice President; Charles Wagner, WA2YUH, Treasurer; Arthur Bernstein, N2KA, Secretary; and Robert Jacobson, K2YGM, Corresponding Secretary. Contacts with the club should be made through N2KA at 387 Avenue "S", Apt. 6D, Brooklyn, NY 11223.

The Northern California DX Club has elected Bob Thompson, K6SSJ, as chairman for the 1981 International DX Convention to be held May 1, 2 and 3, 1981 at the Airport Holiday Inn, Visalia, California. Facilities at this location are so outstanding that the "Fresno Convention" may locate permanently in Visalia. This is reminiscent of the famous Pittsburg Conference for analytical chemists, which is usually held in Cleveland.

New club officers are Bruno Biehnfeld, AA6AD, President; Ted Park, K6XN, Vice President; Ron Panton, W6VG, Secretary, and Gene Spinelli, WD6DLK, Treasurer.

The Southern California DX Club is offering a new certificate for anyone working 35 club members on any of the 6 lower bands, 160-10 meters. To apply, contact Norm Friedman, W6ORD.

The Southern California Club's DXer

CQ DX Awards Program S.S.B.

869	WB5SVV	880	W1CRL
870	KB0C	881	K2CL
871	W5SG	882	KB5FU
872	WA2JAS	883	UV9DT
873	KB8OQ	884	UA6HDD
874	VE2QO	885	UQ2MU
875	K1GSK	886	UA3CS
876	KB4BW	887	UA0CCW
877	AJ6A	888	UA9ODK
878	W5TJQ	889	UP2PAD
879	WB5TXP	890	UK3MAX

C.W.

437	W4BD	444	UA9PP
438	WB4PRU	445	UA3IBH
439	W0YBV	446	UA6LBX
440	UA3RM	447	UB5ZDF
441	UQ2MU	448	UA3AGL
442	UA4WWS	449	UA0CAC
443	UA9YAQ		

S.S.B. Endorsements

310	VE3MJ/317	275	JA5PUL/284
310	N4WF/314	250	K1GSK/260
310	W4DPS/314	250	WB0SNG/250
310	DJ9ZB/312	200	KB5FU/213
300	W9SS/309	200	W6TPC/211
300	K9RF/309	200	WB5SVV/200
300	N6AV/309	200	KB8O/200
300	N6AW/305	200	AJ6A/204
300	OE3WWB/300	28 MHz	WB5TXP
275	W7OM/292	28 MHz	KB8O
275	10MBX/290	28 MHz	AJ6A
275	LA7JO/284	28 MHz	UP2PAD

C.W. Endorsements

310	N6AV/312	200	UA9PP/226
300	K4CEB/307	200	WB4PRU/203
275	DL3RK/299	175	W7OM/189
250	W4BD/252	150	WA2EYA/150

The total number of active countries as of deadline was 319. Complete rules and application forms for the CQ DX Awards Program may be obtained by sending a business size, No. 10 envelope, self-addressed and stamped, to CQ DX Awards Manager, Billy Williams, N4UF, 911 Rio St. Johns Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32211 USA.

of the Year Award went to Dr. David Gardner, K6LPL.

That's the club news for this month. If your DX club has newsworthy items please drop a line to DX Editor, K4IIF, at P.O. Box 205, Winter Haven, FL 33880.

Atlanta Hamfestival

For the first time ever, the Atlanta Hamfestival, held June 21-22, 1980 at the Atlanta Marriot, featured a special forum on the CQ DX Awards Program. A slide show was presented by K4IIF illustrating the different awards and



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 C31TQ-c/o EA2TV
 C5ACW-Via OZ5QU
 CR9A-To WB2KXA
 CX7XU-c/o CX3AN
 DA1WA/HB0-Via DJ0LC
 FH0FLP-To DK9KD
 FK0CQ-c/o DJ5CQ
 FK8DO-Via N4TN
 FM7BM-To Box 618, Fort de France, Martinique
 FM7ITU-c/o F6BFH
 FR0ACB/G-Via DK9KD
 FW0DD-To VE3ODX
 FY0BE-c/o F6AOU
 G3JKI/5A-Via F6CYL
 HH2PW-c/o WD9GSO, Rt. 1, Box 242, Knightstown, IN 46148
 HH2VP-To N4XR
 HM5PB-c/o Box 586, Pusan, Korea
 J5AG-To SM3CXS
 J6LNP-Via 9Y4NP
 J28CB-c/o I8JN
 K1FMP/9K2KA-Via. P.O. Box 30, Kuwait
 N5VV(New Mexico)-To DF2RG
 N6YK/VP2A-c/o N6NK
 OD5RX-Via WA3HUP
 PJ8UQ-To W3HNC
 S79MC-c/o N4NW
 SM0AGD/3D6-Via SM3CXS
 ST2FF/ST0—To OH2MM
 SV1W/A-c/o Box 3751, Athens, Greece
 SV0AT-To AF4B

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 TL8JM-Via W5RU
 TZ4AQ5-To ON6BC
 VK9NS-c/o P29JS
 VK9NV-Via Box 27, Norfolk Island, South Pacific
 VK9XW-To VK6RU
 VP2AJ-c/o WB2TSL
 VP2EES-Via K4TVE
 VP2MU-To VE3HD
 VP2VGF-c/o WA1GXE
 VP5AA-Via W4ZR
 VP5JAX-c/o JA2VUP
 VP8AI-To WD4AHZ
 VP8ZR-c/o G3KTJ
 VQ9TR-Via N2IT
 VS5RP-To Box 43, Tutong, Brunei
 VS5OO-c/o N2OO
 W7LDF/DU2-Via N2CW
 ZD8HR-To N6HR
 ZD8TC-c/o N2CW
 3B6CF-Via 3B8CF
 4S7DX-c/o WB2VFT
 4S7MX-To SM3CXS
 4S7RS-c/o DK8KL
 4S7TK-Via JA1ELY
 5H0HAS-To Box 2873, Lagos, Nigeria
 5U7BE-c/o DK9KE
 5W1AT-Via WA6AHF
 5Z4NG/A-To DK9KD
 5Z4YV-c/o JA2AJA
 6T1YP-Via OH2BH
 7X4BL-To K4CNW
 8P8OH-c/o W2FLO
 8P6MI-Via VE3JTO
 8Q7AW-To DJ2BW
 8Q7AR-c/o K2TJ
 9A1ONU-Via M1C
 9M6MU-To N2CW
 9N1MM-c/o K2UQ
 9V1TK-Via JA6RIL
 9X5LE-To SM3CXS

The DX Quiz

Thanks to Roger Burt, N4ZC, of Mt. Holly, N.C. who contributed the questions and answers to test your DX acumen this month:

What is the correct zone for each of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|-------|
| 1. UF6 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 20 | or 21 |
| 2. VU, Nicobar | 21 | 22 | 26 | 37 | or 39 |
| 3. VU Laccadive | 21 | 22 | 26 | 37 | or 39 |
| 4. UA0YT | 17 | 18 | 19 | 23 | or 25 |

List 4 countries that count as multipliers in the CQ Worldwide DX Contests but do not count in the ARRL DX Contests:

5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

The following odd calls are worked in the CQ WPX Contest. The correct DXCC country for each is:

9. AM1AA VK W KH4 EA or LU
10. ES1AA UR2 EA ET EP or EI
11. HE1AA HA HB HH HCor HV
12. 4A1AA 4S7 4X4 XE XU or VE

List the 6 French(F) DXCC countries in North and South America.

13. _____

List the 7 island DXCC countries in the Mediterranean:

14. _____
15. _____
16. _____
17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

Match the country prefix to the legal capital of each country: 60 - YI - YK - P29 - DU - CP - HR - ZA - ZS3 - HZ - YA - 70

21. Quezon City _____
22. Tegucigalpa _____
23. Sucre _____
24. Windhoek _____
25. Mogadishu _____
26. Port Moresby _____
27. Riyadh _____
28. Tirana _____

The ARRL DXCC list shows some island countries by 2 names, such as Auckland and Campbell Islands/ZL and Trinidad and Tobago/9Y4. List the correct prefix for each of the following of the less common names:

29. Roncador Cay _____
30. Jarvis _____
31. Martin Vaz _____
32. Prince Edward _____
33. Futuna _____
34. Gough _____
35. Miquelon _____



Percy, ZS6BGJ (on the left) stopped by for a visit with Joel, WA4HNL, just prior to the Atlanta Hamvention a few months ago.



Two other visitors to the shack of WA4HNL during this time were Mohammad, JY5HH (on the left) and Mohammad, JY4MB (on the right). Joel, WA4HNL is QSL Manager for JY4MB.

plaques offered in the CQ DX Program, and copies of rule sheets and application forms were distributed to interested DXers.

From the Mailbag

de Greg Johnson, N9AKP - Re *De Extra* in the June 1980 issue of CQ, here are my thoughts:

1. DXpedition stations should work only 3 per round from each call area. Assuming 30 seconds per contact, this will give each call area a chance every 15 minutes. 2. Each time the DXpedition station identifies, he should state "Please give me your call sign and signal report only."

These 2 specific rules will eliminate or reduce QRM from those stations who are losing propagation and keep everyone's interest at a high level, knowing they will get another chance in 15 minutes and giving them time to get an 807 or take a rest break. To be fair to all, this system should be extended to Europe, Japan and high density areas when propagation favors their part of the world.

73, John, K4IIF

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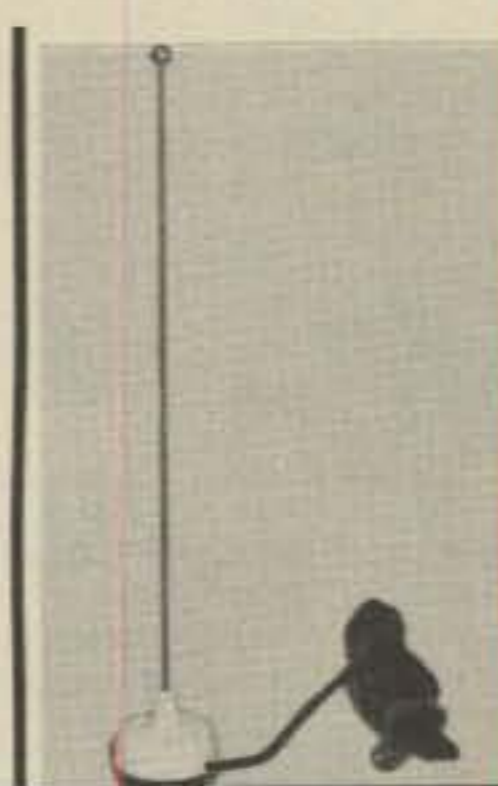
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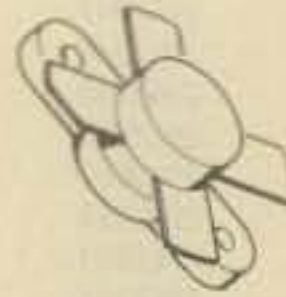
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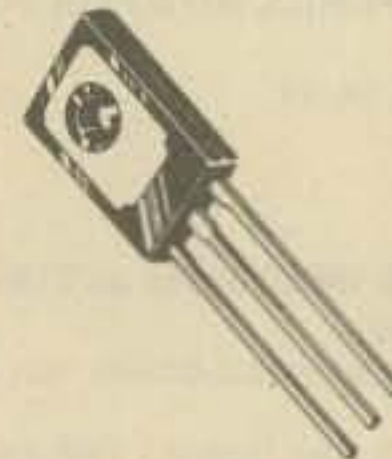
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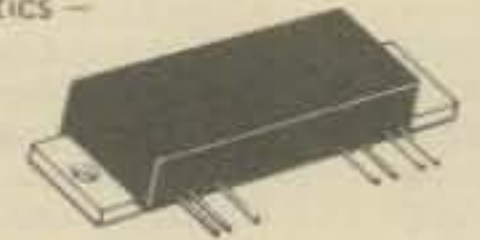
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The DenTron GLA-1000B Linear Amplifier

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Linears using TV-type sweep tubes have certainly had their ups and downs since s.s.b. became popular. The list of advantages and disadvantages of linears using such type tubes versus linears using "transmitting" type tubes can become mighty long. If money were not a question, most amateurs, including the author, would in the final analysis choose an amplifier using "transmitting" type tubes such as the 3-5002, 8873 family, etc. However, on the other hand, it has been well proven that TV-type sweep tubes when properly used in a linear can provide reasonable performance in terms of power output, distortion and reliability at an economical price. The DenTron GLA-1000B is a commercial linear that well supports this argument.

The GLA-1000B is a self-contained linear amplifier with built-in 110/200 volt a.c. power supply for 80-10 meters. Because of the present unfortunate FCC regulations, it has to be sold as a 80-15 meter amplifier. However, a simple and economical (\$5) modification kit is available from DenTron to licensed amateurs to expand its coverage to include 10 meters.

The first impression one receives of the GLA-1000B is that of a "heavy" unit although it weighs only 24 lbs and measures far less than a cubic foot (5 3/8 x 11 x 11 inches to be exact). Perhaps one just expects a TV-tube linear to be a light-weight! The basic construction of the linear is quite rugged. Steel front and back panels are joined together by a chassis plate. Then heavy rolled and perforated steel top and bottom covers are used to enclose the amplifier. Most of these details can be seen from the photographs, although in the top view the top cover has been removed. The front panel controls are well arranged and use nicely dimensioned knobs.

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Front view of the GLA-1000B. The top cover has been removed temporarily.

The basic circuitry of the GLA-1000B is shown in fig 1. Four type D-50A (6LQ6) tubes, which have been factory matched, are used in a conventional grounded grid circuit. The output circuit is a pi-network type and there is a separately switched pi-network input matching circuit for each band. The inclusion of the latter networks is the main difference between the GLA-1000B and the old GLA-1000A. These networks allow the linear to present an almost constant 50 ohms input impedance to the exciter such as a "no-tune" solid-state transceiver. As a bonus, they also add an extra bit of harmonic attenuation to the output of an exciter. The power supply is a straight-forward bridge rectifier type with a total of about 33 mf output filtering.

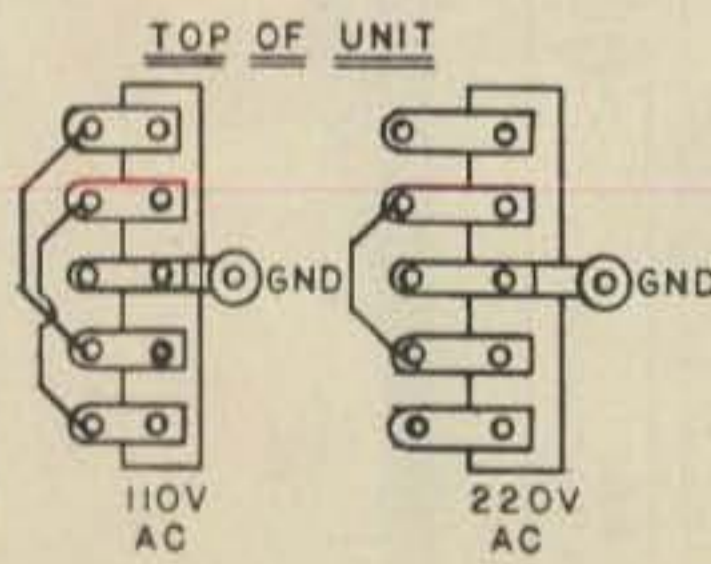
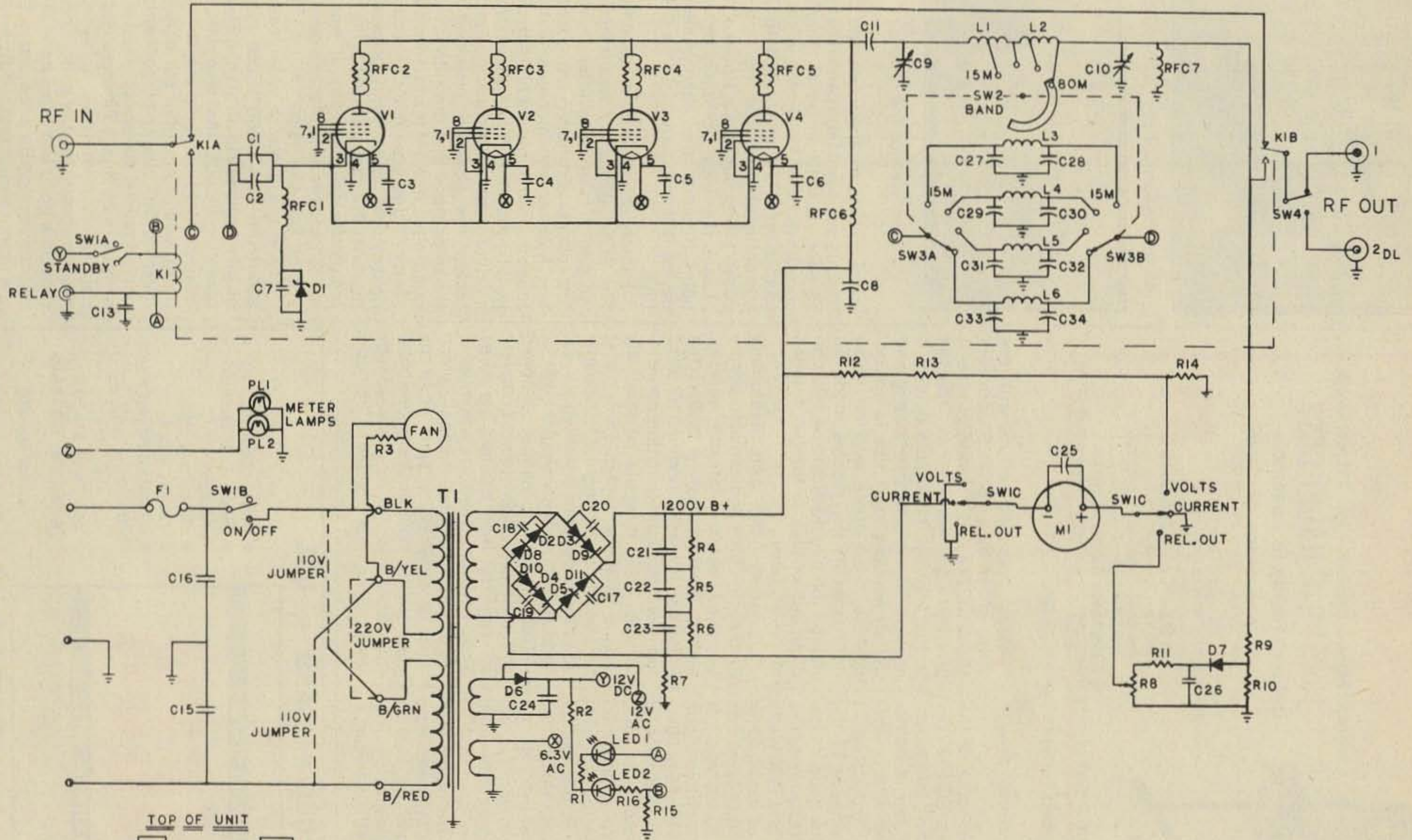
A switched meter allows for the monitoring of plate voltage, plate current and relative r.f. output. LED status indicators show whether the linear is just turned on (standby) and whether the relay line to the linear has been keyed (transmit). A cooling fan runs continuously to suck out air from the D-50A tube envelopes. All in all, the circuitry is similar to that used for TV sweep tube linears for the last 20 odd years. The only thing significantly different, and a point which might be picked up by home-brewers, is the use of a zener diode, D1, to provide bias. In this case, it is a 24 volt/50

watt zener but it saves having to provide another transformer winding and/or rectifier/filter circuit for the bias supply.

Considering the price of the linear, the execution of the circuitry is very neatly done with good quality components. The top view shows the interior of the linear with the power supply components grouped on the left and the r.f. components on the right. All of the components are mounted on either the chassis plate or on the front or rear panels except for components associated with two PC boards. One PC board is used to mount the tube sockets and plate choke. Another one is used to mount the rectifier diodes and filter capacitors associated with the power supply. A wide spaced transmitting type variable is used for the plate tuning capacitor while a three section BC type capacitor is used for loading. The pi-network coil tap switch as well as the dummy load selector switch are well dimensioned and appear to have steatite insulation. A small board to the left of the coil tap switch holds the fixed-tuned input pi-network circuits for each band. They are switched by a separate section on the coil tap switch. The meter used is larger than usual and with its green back-lighted scale makes for very easy reading of plate voltage, plate current or relative power output. There is a potentiometer mounted on the back panel so one can externally adjust the meter reading for relative power output. As DenTron suggests, this can be a useful aid to avoid overdrive of the linear. When loaded for full c.w. power input, the relative output meter reading is set for full scale. Then when operating s.s.b., the exciter microphone gain control is adjusted to limit meter deflection to about one-half scale on voice peaks. Finally, to complete the look "inside", one should mention the power transformer which has the "danger" sign on top. It is a very husky transformer and must account for more than half the weight of the linear—quite contrast to the skimpy

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Fig. 1—Schematic diagram of the GLA-1000B.



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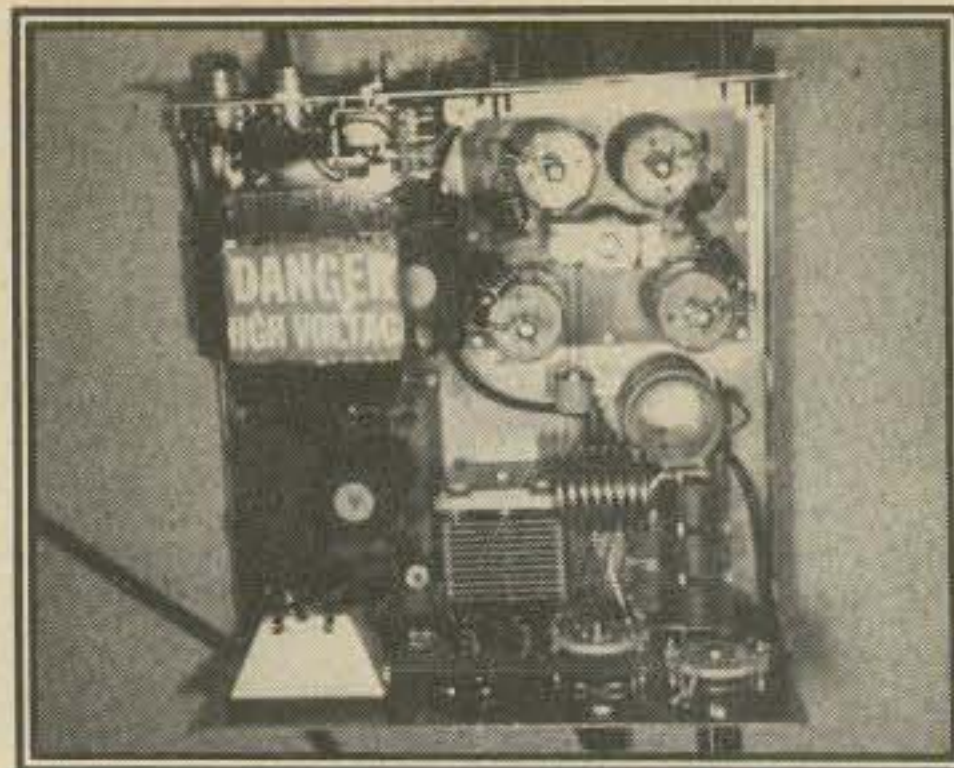
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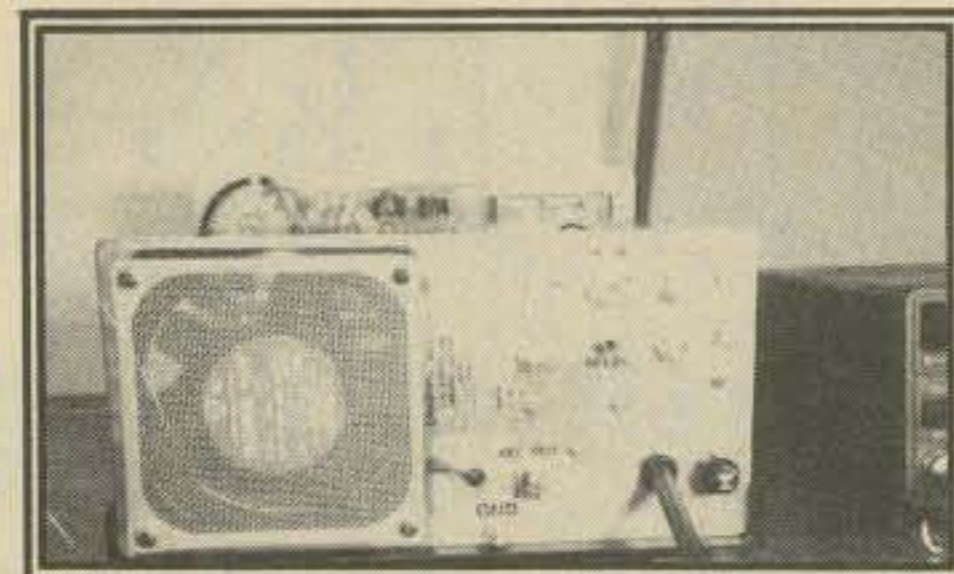
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An inside view of the GLA-1000B.



Rear view of the linear.

TV type transformers one often sees in home-brew linears.

The rear view shows some of the construction techniques. SO-239 connectors are used for all r.f. in/out connections. The exhaust fan is particularly well dimensioned and is well screened for r.f. shielding purposes.

The electrical performance of the GLA-1000B matches its good mechanical construction. The amplifier is rated at 800 watts c.w. and 1200 watts PEP input on 80-10 (when modified for the latter band). This input level was easily achieved using 80-100 watts of drive. The power output efficiency on c.w. and s.s.b. ranged from 55 to 60%, dropping off a bit on the very end of 10 meters. IMD measurements on a high-power linear can be complicated because one must take into account the IMD products from the exciter used. The measurements made may be a bit on the conservative side but they indicated — 30db third order IMD products on all bands except the high end of 10 meters where it fell to — 27 db. These IMD specs are better than one finds with the usual sweep tube linear but not as good as can be achieved with tubes especially designed for linear amplifier service.

Actual operating results with the linear driven by a TS-120S were very pleasant. The linear is easy to tune, it provided a definite boost as expected to the barefoot TS-120S's output, it showed no signs of overheating and the air exhaust fan noise is not noticeable. Also, there was no noise noticeable in the receive mode although there is no provision for complete cut-off bias to the D-50A tubes during standby.

Obviously, the antenna/dummy load switch provided can also simply be used as an antenna selector switch. Another feature is that the linear can be easily modified for all of the new h.f. bands when they come into use. Also, it would be relatively simple to add a built-in s.w.r. meter function by modifying the front panel selector switch and installing a s.w.r. sensing bridge or sensing circuit.

The operating manual supplied with the GLA-1000B is quite complete as regards instructions, diagrams and a parts list. There are a number of precautions in the manual which must be observed. In spite of all the good qualities of this linear, one must remember that it is a sweep-tube linear. One must allow 3 minutes

warm-up time for the tubes and continuous key-down time cannot exceed 15 seconds with an equal length of cool-down time. The linear might be usable for RTTY at some quite low power input level but the manual doesn't even suggest a figure. If one abuses the linear obviously one can harm it since the only protective device it incorporates is an a.c. line fuse.

Factory service is quite responsive. The GLA-1000B which was tested developed a fault soon after delivery. The idle plate current jumped up to a few hundred milliamperes and the tubes started to glow a bit. Apparently, D1—the zener diode shown in fig. 1— had shorted. The factory was contacted, the situation explained and the offer made that the author would replace the diode if the factory would send one and if such action would in no way void the warranty (a usual 90 day one). The diode arrived in the mail practically the next day, it was installed and the amplifier has been operating fine ever since.

There are a lot of nice features about the GLA-1000B which cannot all be mentioned in an article. The engineering thought that went into it is interesting to contemplate. It is not an expensive amplifier but care was taken to put quality components at critical points. Care was taken in assembly to do things like scraping the paint away from screw holes where the top cover joins the bottom one to provide a good electrical bond. All in all, considering its price and quality, the author would rate the GLA-1000B as one of the best commercial sweep-tube linears to come on the market.

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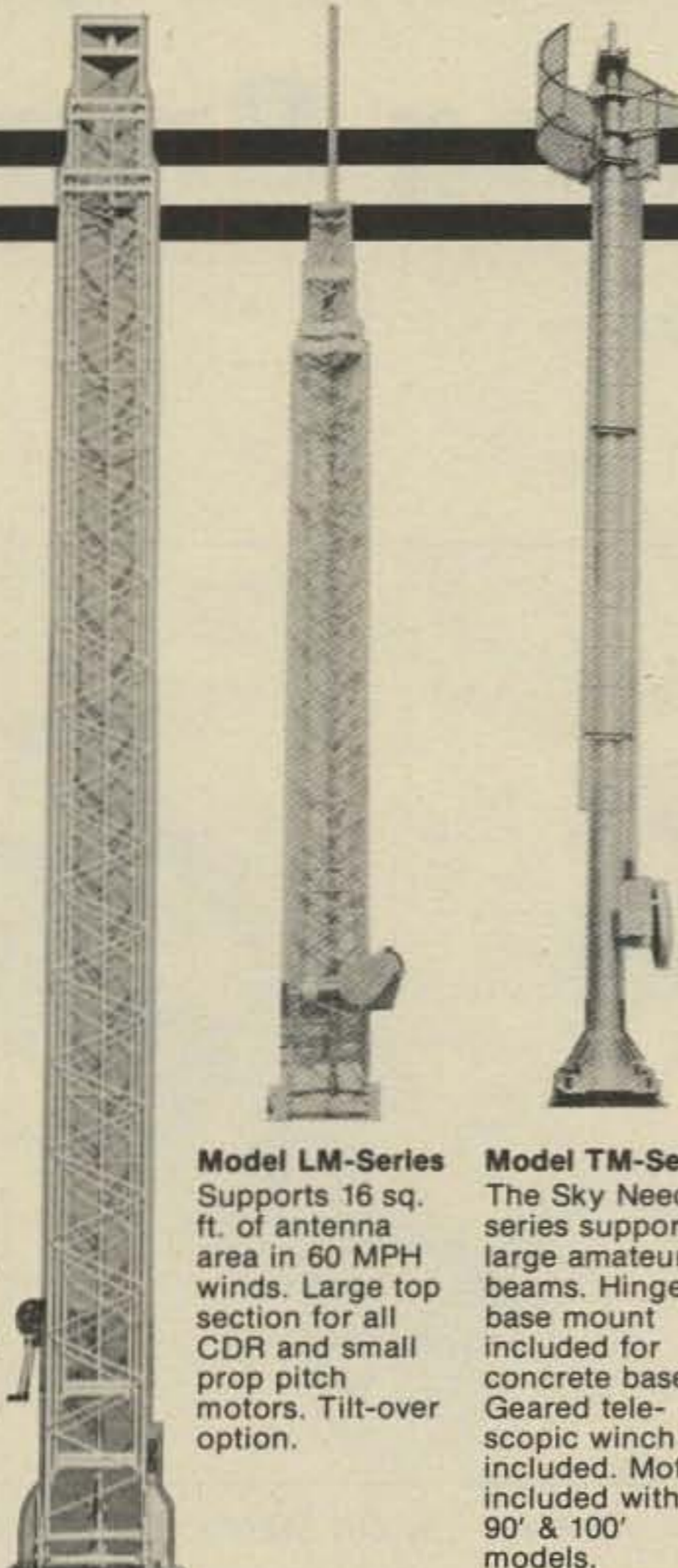
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Here's a little background information on an alternate method of construction.

A Wire-Wrapping Primer

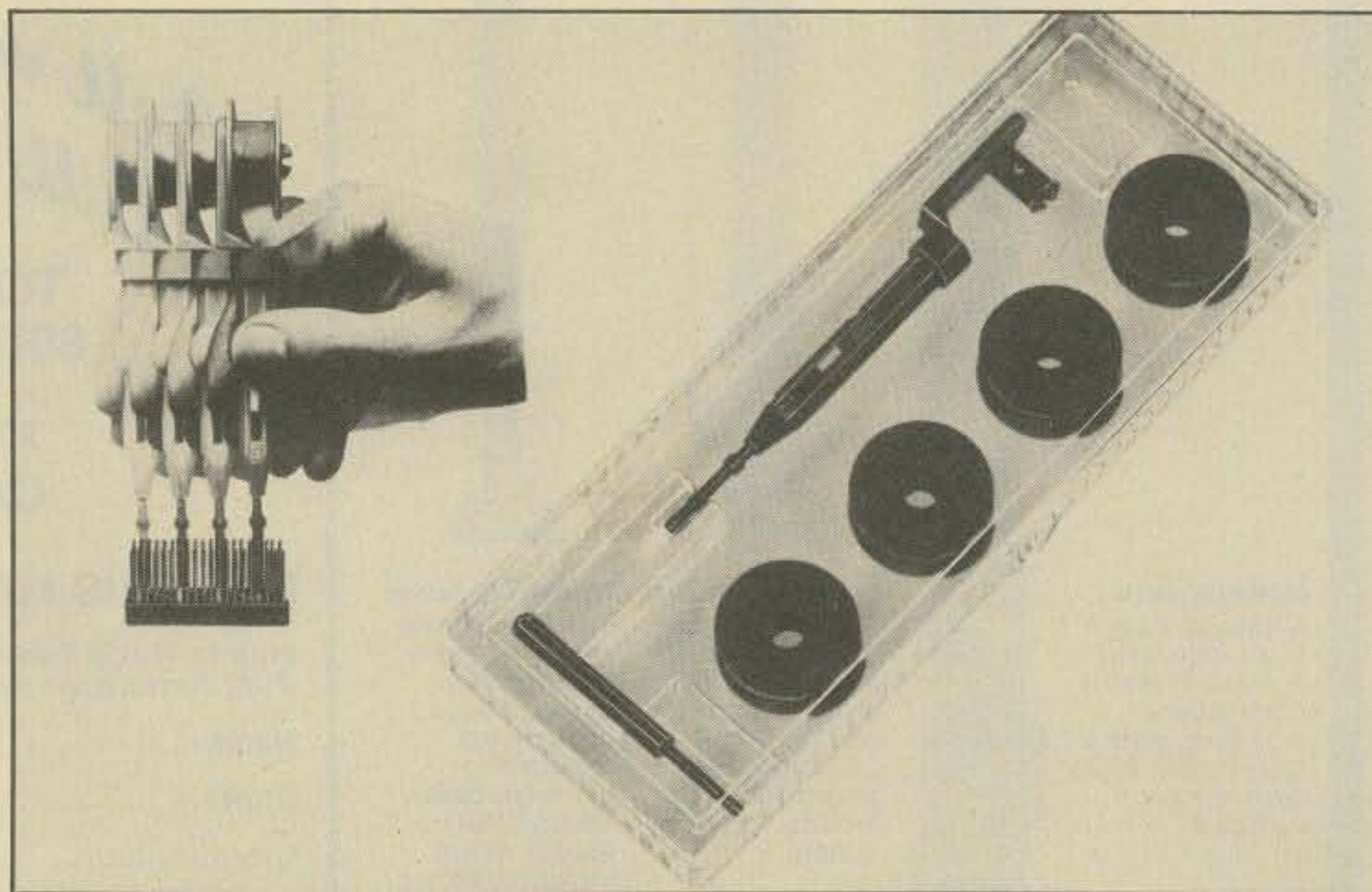
BY VAUGHN D. MARTIN*

The proliferation of wire-wrap¹ products advertised in hobbyist electronics magazines is in striking contrast to just two years past when scarcely any wire-wrap products appeared. The hobbyist has available to him a wide assortment of wire-wrap products ranging from S-100 bus compatible wire-wrap boards with 100 pin edge connectors that plug directly into hobby computers to more standard wire-wrap boards with bussed ground and power planes. Also, numerous types, sizes, and colors of wire-wrap wire in both spooled and pre-cut form are now available. Discrete component holders (headers) and IC sockets with wire-wrap pins are also found. Flat interconnecting ribbon cables and other interconnecting/interfaces connectors having wire-wrap pin terminations are now available if so desired.

Why the sudden interest in wire-wrapping and just what is wire-wrapping? Wire-wrapping offers the advantages of being solderless, compact for high parts density, neat through all interconnecting wires being on the board's bottom side, fast for circuit breadboarding an idea, plus I feel that the craze has also been brought on by hobbyists becoming more sophisticated and having greater exposure to electronic products. This, coupled with the growing number of home computer hobbyists and programmable ICs on the market and entering the marketplace almost on a daily basis, necessitates the use of some solderless means by which the hobbyist can wire and rewire time and time again a certain circuit to change and/or experiment with that IC's characteristics.

The use of protoboards also has its place; however, wire-wrapping tends to be more permanent because of its resistance to vibration and other

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abuse. Also, protoboards eventually will suffer contact wear after prolonged use, whereby the contacts no longer hold the wire tightly. This can also result from using too large a wire that springs the protoboard's contacts. Wire-wrap boards will last forever if properly cared for by not applying lateral force to the pins which can break off if bent over and straightened back up too many times.

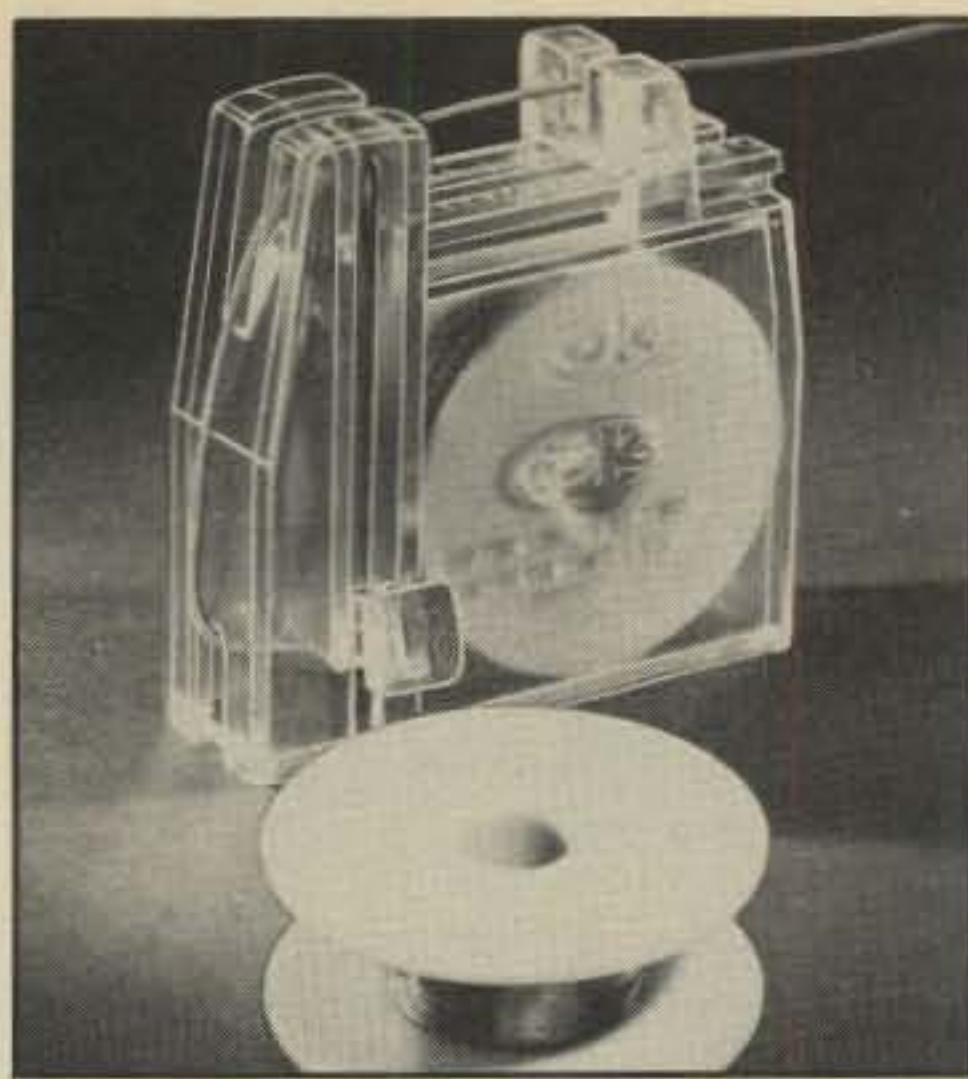
No matter how sophisticated or simply you go about it, wire-wrapping comes down to one basic fact. That is the simple task of removing the insulation from the wire and spinning or wrapping the bare portion around the wire-wrap post. The post is usually a 25 thousandths inch diameter square protruding from the board's underside.

Today wire-wrapping ranges from computer automation to simple manual stripping and wrapping. Point-to-point wire-wrapping is accomplished under computer control by a programmer coding a sheet of point-to-point interconnects that causes a wrapping tool to be indexed over a post, come

down on that post, and wrap the wire around it. Naturally, extreme precision alignment is required for this operation.

In the small engineering development lab or within the hobbyist's own workshop this degree of sophistication is naturally not present. Usually the wrapping tool looks like a fat pencil and does wrapping on one end, unwrapping on the other, and has a slit in which to place the wire. The wire is then given a quick tug, stripping away the insulation. There is a middle ground of sophistication with electric handheld guns that now even have bits that automatically strip away the insulation to a predetermined length. The operator then presses the trigger which twirls the bare wire around the

¹Although the term wire-wrap is a registered trademark of Gardner-Denver Corporation, the concept and technique of wire wrapping was originated and developed during the early 1950's by Bell Telephone Laboratories. Bell Telephone Laboratories supplies the R&D for Western Electric Company.



An adjustable wire dispenser and replacement roll of wire used in wire wrapping.

wire wrap post with neatness and precision wrapping tension applied on the wire.

Wire-wrapping is a veritable science. The most crucial areas are concerned with the wire itself, the method of wrapping, and the wire-wrap post, more commonly and hereafter referred to as the wrapost.

The wire used by hobbyists is almost always 30 gauge or 30 AWG. The AWG stands for American Wire Gauge and #30 has a 100.5 circular mil cross-sectional area. It is this cross-sectional area that determines wire resistance and in turn its current-carrying capability. A general approximation of relatively good accuracy is that for each three numbers you go down in the AWG chart you experience a doubling in cross-sectional area. Therefore, one would expect a #27 wire to have double the cross-sectional area of a #30 AWG wire. Actually, it is 201.5/100.5 circular mils for a 2.005 ratio which is indeed nearly a doubling.

There are numerous types of wire-wrap insulation with Kynar² being the most popular with hobbyists because of its ease of stripping. The wire's insulation is no greater than the thickness of the wire itself nor any less than 80 percent of this dimension. The smaller the wire the more it will stretch. Refer to Table I. All three popular wire-wrap sizes—24, 26, and 30—have 30,000 PSI tensile strength.

Wire-wrap wire insulation bonding

strength is crucial for automatic wrapping machinery that has to know how hard to pull to adequately strip away the insulation. The hobbyist is not too concerned about this, but Kynar insulated #30 AWG, the hobbyists' favorite, requires from 3 to 12 oz. pull to strip back 1 inch of wire.

Wire-wrapping technique is important for a successful highly reliable electrical connection. There are essentially two kinds of wraps; refer to fig. 1. These are the standard wrap and the modified wrap. The standard wrap consists of the bare wire being wrapped around the post and the insulated portion being wrapped around the post only a fraction of a revolution, as opposed to the modified wrap which has the insulated portion of the wire making between one and two full revolutions.

The modified wrap is a bit more secure and is recommended for smaller size wire such as the #30 AWG wire the hobbyists use. Fig. 2 shows the acceptable method of a modified wrap along with unacceptable methods, and explains why the latter methods are unacceptable.

Now for the wire wrapost or terminal. This piece of hardware is usually square; however, there are oblong and rectangular shaped posts. These are less popular and effective because of the "pigtail" that typically results. A "pigtail" is the end of the wire that does not conform to the shape of the post but, rather, has a tendency to stand out. There are three rules of thumb with respect to wraposts. These are: (1) the wrapost should not be less than one wire diameter, (2) the wrapost width should not be more than 2-1/2 times the wrapost's thickness, and (3) the maximum wrapost width should not be more than three times the conductor's diameter.

Also, the wrapost should be long enough to accommodate two wire wrap connections. A quick rule of thumb for determining the number of wraps is to divide the AWG number by four; therefore, a #30 AWG wire should have approximately 7-1/2 wraps with the first and last wraps not counting because they are not involved in the bond determining qualities of the wrap.

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Wire AWG No.	Minimum Elongation Per 10 Inch Length	Minimum Strip Force Lbs./Newtons
30	15%	3.0 (13.4)
29	15%	3.5 (15.6)
28	15%	4.0 (17.8)
26	15%	5.0 (22.3)

Table I # Physical characteristics of wire-wrap wire.

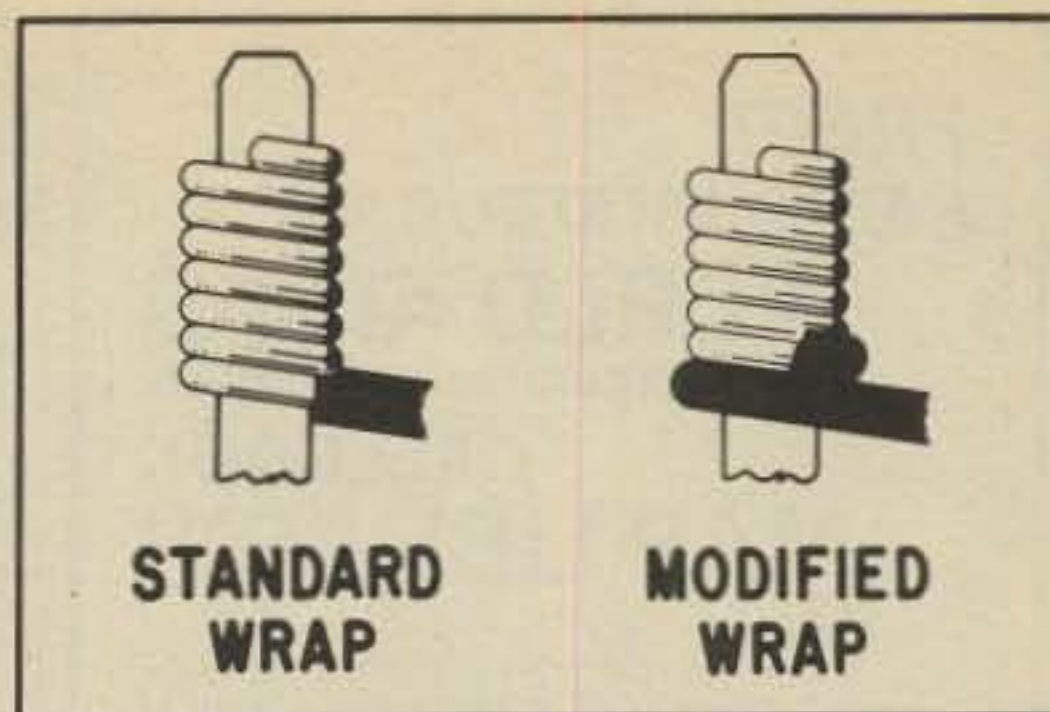


Fig. 1- Two methods of wire wrapping. (A) The standard wrap. (B) The modified wrap.



Fig. 2- The acceptable methods of a modified wrap along with the unacceptable methods of wire wrapping.

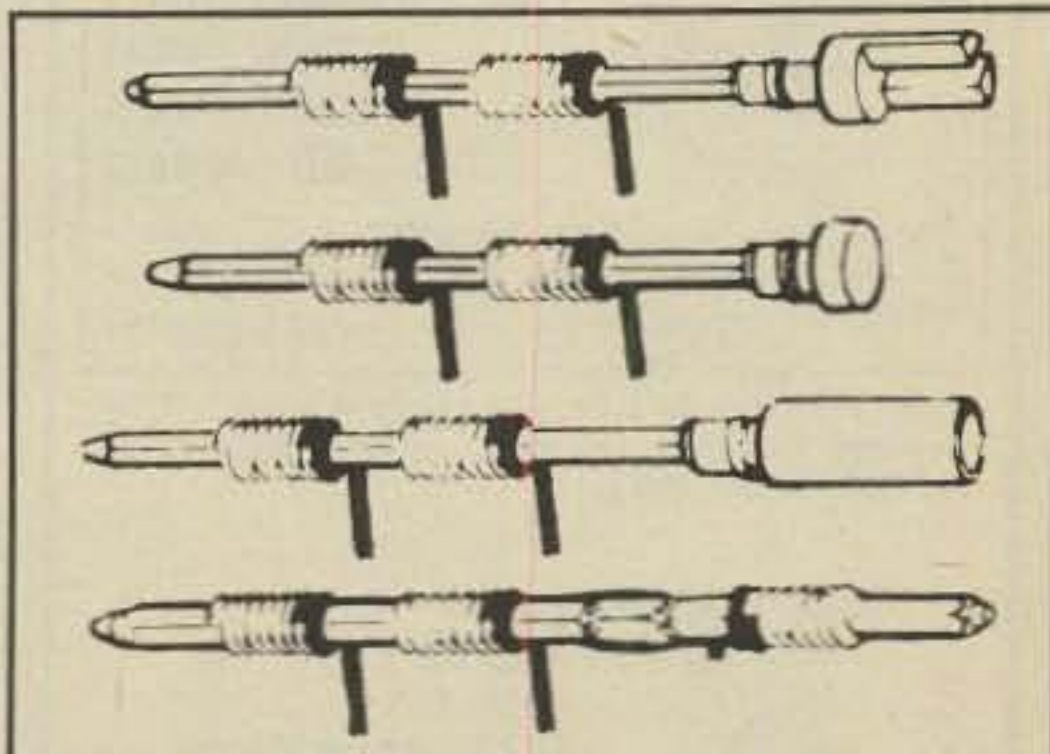
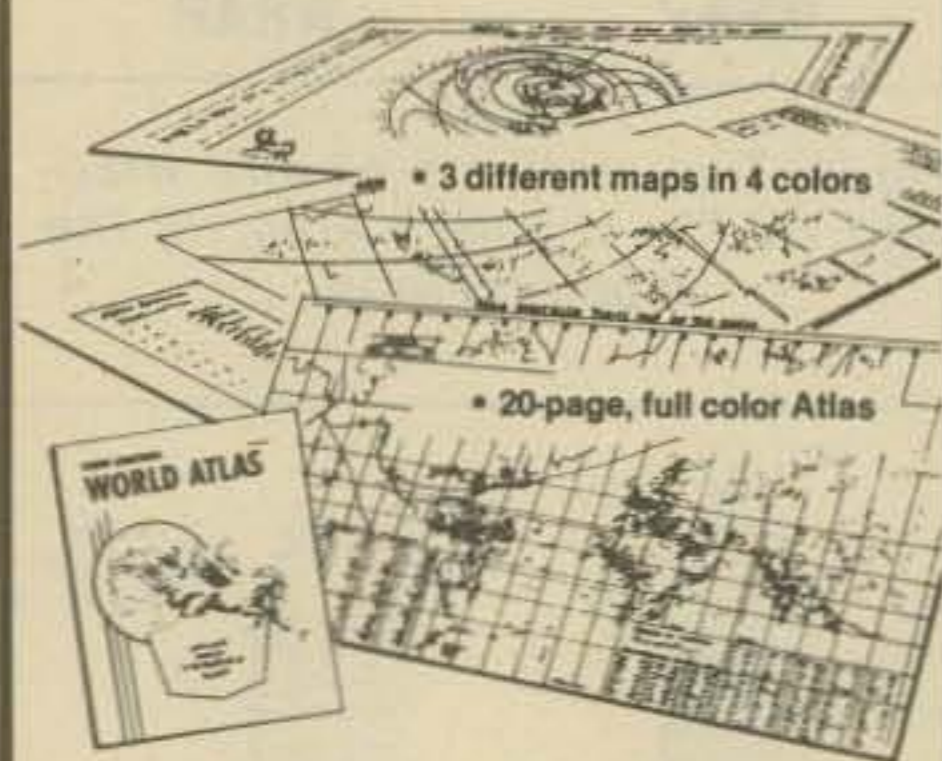


Fig. 3- Common wrapost configurations.

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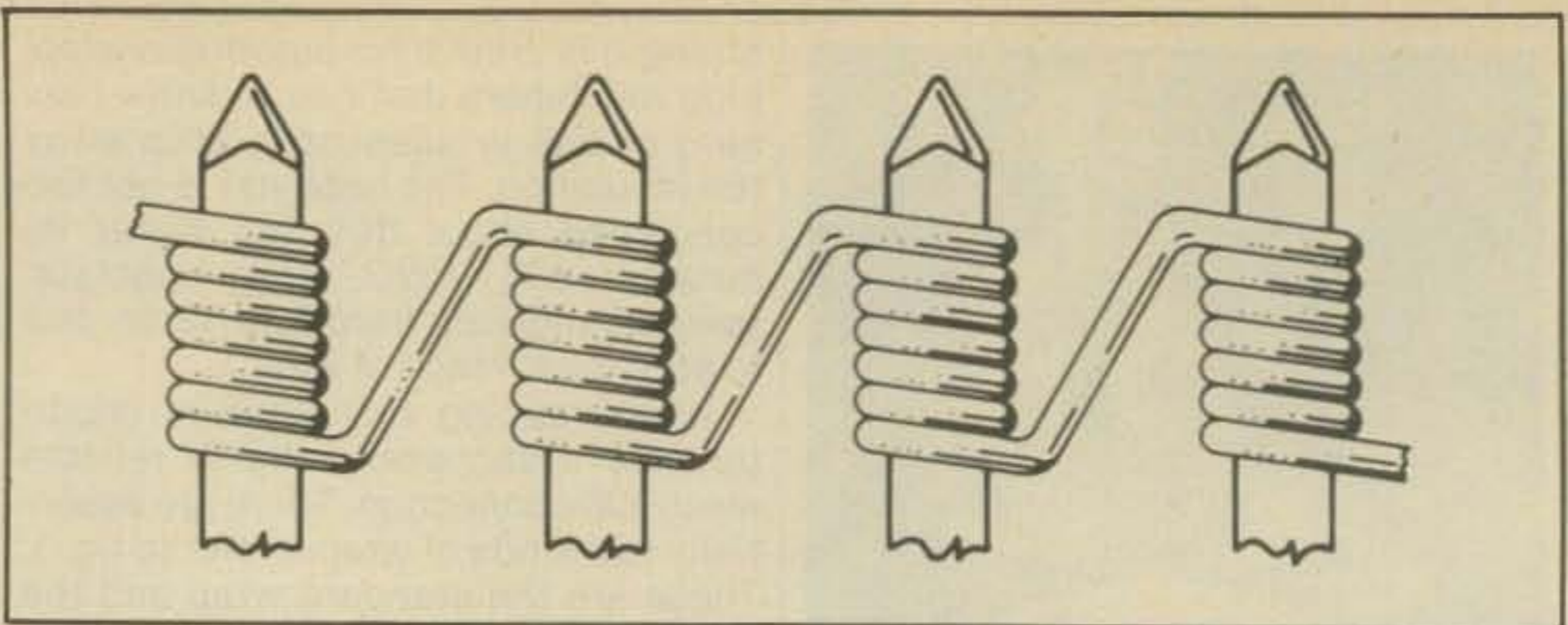
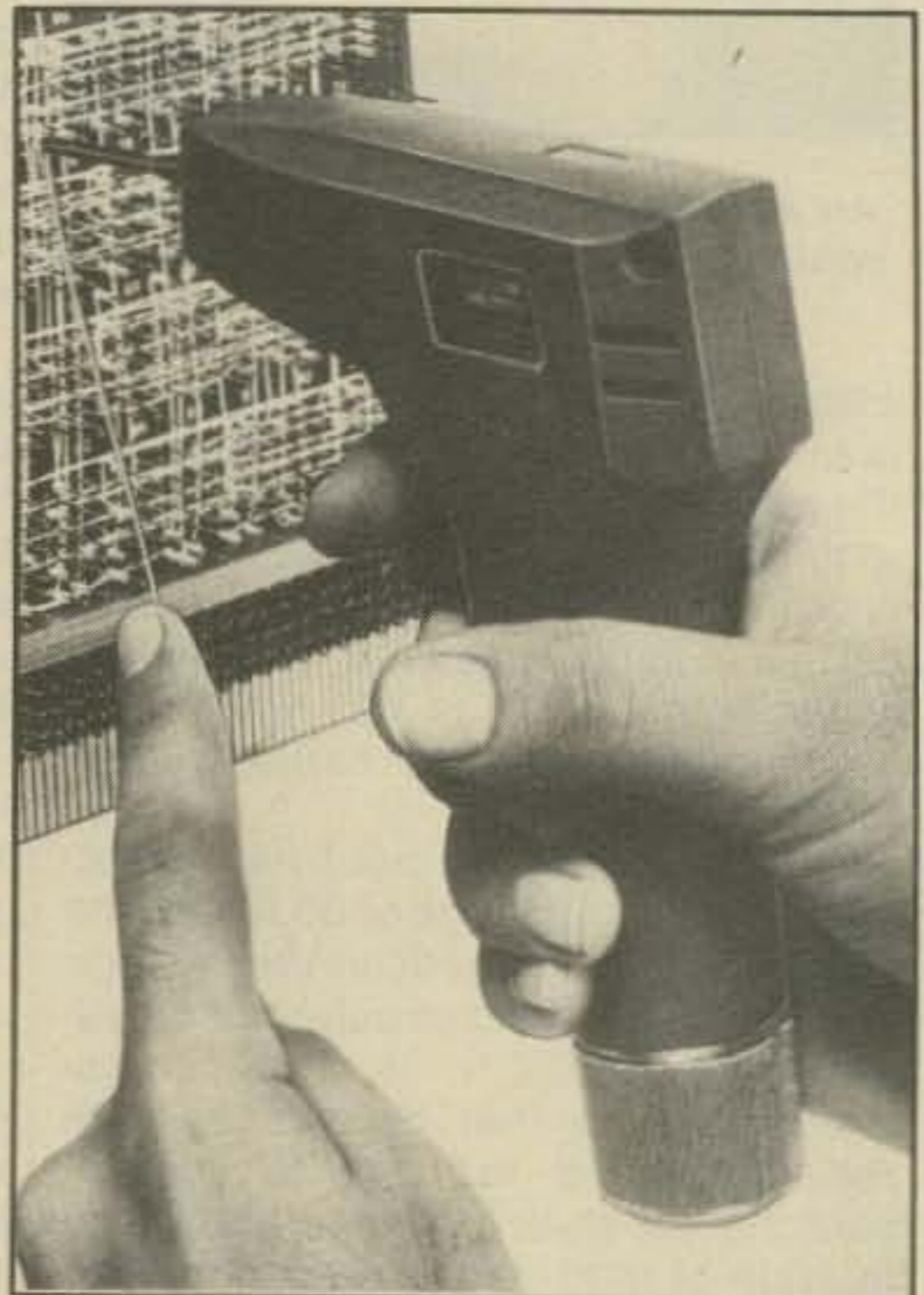


Fig. 4- The daisychain method of wrapping.

The wraposts themselves are made of one of six commonly used materials: (1) beryllium copper, (2) phosphor bronze, (3) half hard brass, (4) copper-nickel, (5) nickel silver alloys, or (6) plated steel, see fig. 3.

In summary, you now know all about wire-wrapping. But to go along with this technical knowledge here are some tips on technique to help you wrap more effectively. Try to wrap one end of the wire on the lower side of a wrapost with the other end on the high end of another post. This is called the daisychain method and is illustrated in fig. 4. This technique is most appreciated when a wire has to be lifted off an IC pin because using this method never requires more than one wire to be removed. If, on the other hand, all connections to a point in question were made on the bottom of the wrapost then a great number of wires would have to be removed and chaos would result.

Some additional tips are: Examine any wrapost being replaced for excessive damage taking special care to see if the wrapost is starting to crack and pull away from the board. Insert the wire as far as it will go up into the bit or wrapping tool. Always dress the wire in a wrapping direction. Do not ever try to reapply the wrapping tool to a connection that has been poorly wrapped. Unwrap it and start again! Do not use pliers of any kind on a wrapost; use an unwrapping tool. Do not use the bit and sleeve of the wrapping tool as a pry. Lastly, if possible, do not put over two wrap connections on any one single post.



A battery operated wire wrapping tool.

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A LOOK AT THE TECHNICAL SIDE OF THINGS

It seems like we have really struck a nerve in our past few columns about telephone related devices, since the mail has literally been pouring in. As a result, in this month's somewhat abbreviated version of Math's Notes, we'd like to pass on some more such data.

About a dozen readers have asked how they might add a hold button feature to their telephone when going from one extension to another. Fig. 1 shows such a circuit. With the telephone "hung-up" the SCR is cut off and the 48-volt open circuit voltage has no effect. When the receiver is picked up to answer a call, the telephone line voltage drops to a low d.c. value due to the load placed on the line by the telephone circuitry. It is this "keep-alive" load that must be maintained to "hold" the line. To use the hold button, you must push the button and hold it in while hanging up the receiver. When you do this, the SCR fires, placing the 470-ohm resistor and LED indicator across the line, and the telephone is on hold. When someone again picks up the receiver, the lower resistance of the telephone equipment forces the SCR to stop conducting, and the initial conditions resume.

When building this setup, you must be certain that you have the correct polarity of the telephone line. If you cannot determine this, or if you have a scheme where the line voltage is reversed, then the revised circuit of fig. 2 must be used. Here, a full-wave bridge does the polarity switching.

In either case, all of the circuitry will easily fit inside most home telephones, and if you employ a switch with an internal LED illuminated button, a neat professional installation will result. Before making all connections permanent, be certain to check the entire circuit on the bench. You must be certain that you will not interfere with the normal operation of the telephone network. Since there are only a few parts, this should be an easy job.

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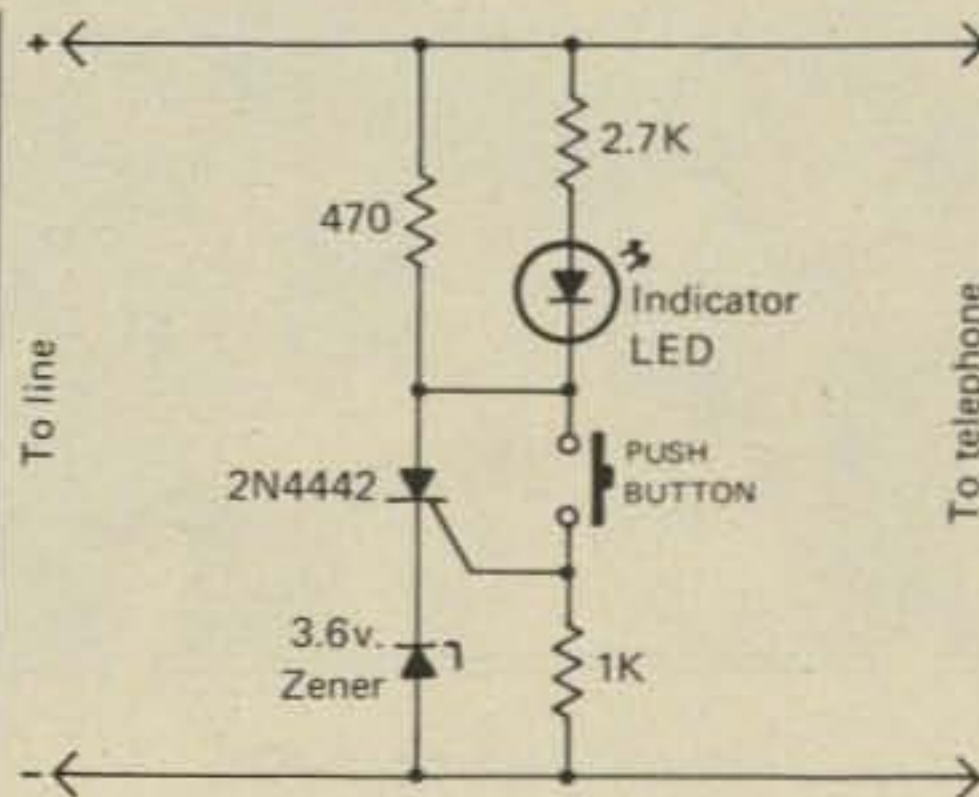


Fig. 1- The hold circuit as discussed in the text. Be sure to observe the correct polarity.

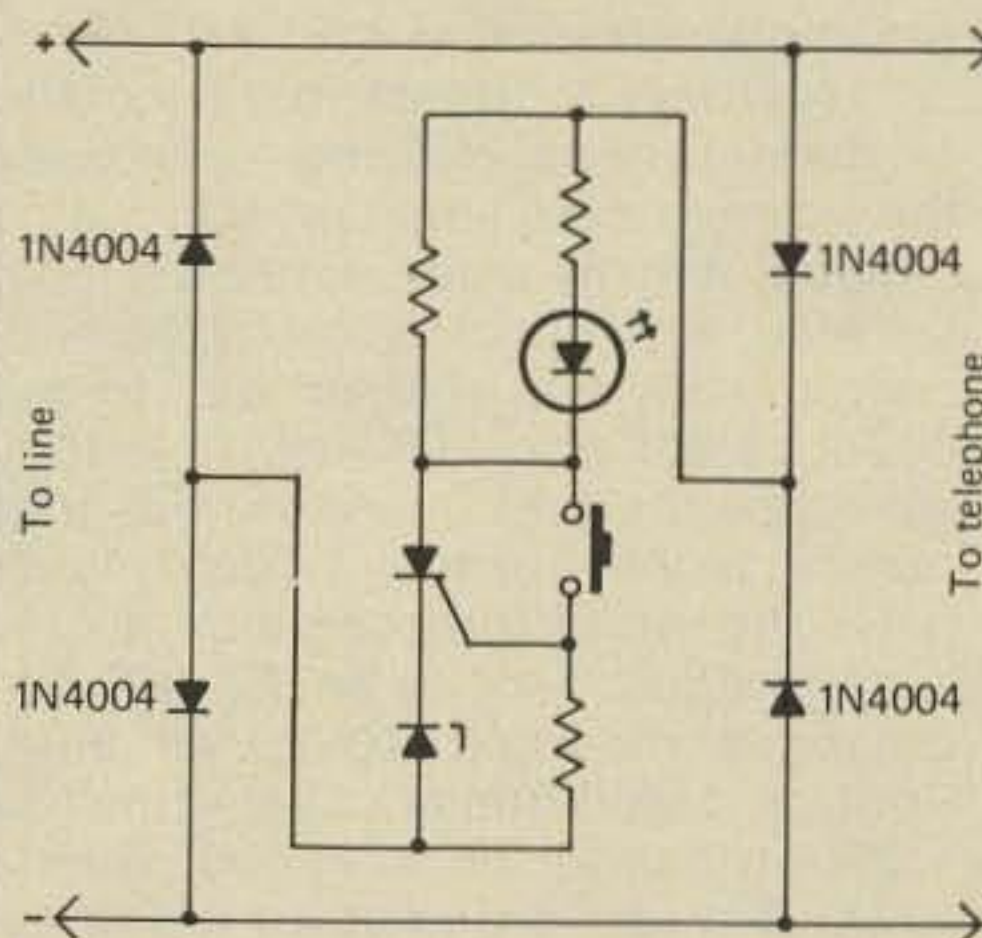


Fig. 2- The addition of a bridge circuit for bipolar lines. The circuit within the bridge is the same as in fig. 1.

By installing this circuit in every telephone in your home, the common yell "hang up the phone" when switching from one extension to another will be gone.

Before concluding, I just want to answer a question that at least 20 people have asked relating to the circuit in the July 1980 column. The value of Vcc should be 10-12 volts, the relay a 12-volt low-current reed type, and the transistor a 2N3904 or the equivalent.

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"After graduating college in 1964, I worked in the family manufacturing business but left after 2 years to take my present position of Associate Professor of Business at the Fulton Montgomery Community College.

"Lois is a Philadelphia girl and graduated from Drexel University as a Home Economist. We met in August 1967 and after two days we decided to get married, which we did in December of that year.

"Louis was born eight days before Neil Armstrong walked on the moon and our second boy was born 2½ years later.

"In February 1976 we bought a new car and Lois used it for the first time. The car died at 12 midnight (it turned into a lemon). The next day I had a CB put in the car and I was bitten by the radio bug.

"Well, after SSB sets, beam antennas, and all the rest, I was disgusted. Too many power miles, too many people and too many idiots led me to feel that there had to be a better way. WB2JVP talked me into going to the Rochester Hamfest in May 1977. In late July my Technician's ticket arrived as WB2QKD. In late January of 1978 I received my Extra Class ticket.

"Well, I worked a little DX and loved to rag-chew with W2UJ, WA2LSU, and N2FN on 75 meters. Russ, W2UJ, suggested I try the 75 meter net. I listened for two weeks before working K7HWK in Cister, Montana on 8-25-79, and I was had by the bug. Well it took until 12-1-79 for WB5YDH to get Catahoula, Louisiana for #3074 (the last one).

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Bruce Jacobs, K2QK.

"The wide range of events that take place on the net, from extreme generosity to a degree of selfishness that blows my mind, never ceases to amaze me. But that's the way the world goes around.

"I feel very fortunate to have made so many friends. Helping to sponsor the Northeastern Mini last May was a high-point in my amateur radio hobby.

"Also, when I got close to the end, people went out of their way to get counties for me, knowing that they were not the last counties. For that reason alone, I know I could never leave the net or the people on it.

"The equipment is an FT 901 DM driving a modified SB220 amplifier through a modified MT2000A tuner to a TH3 tribander on a 71 foot Aluma tower. I'm very proud of my modification on the MT2000A, which now has internal antenna switching, and my modification to the SB220, which is a variation of the QST modification.

"Lois does not share my enthusiasm for radio. She is a designer/salesperson for a local kitchen and plumbing contractor. Her hobby is photography, and I'm very proud of her work, as she is of mine on the radio. The boys are interested and I think Louis may try for a ticket very soon.

"I am a volunteer examiner for the handicapped through the FCC and have also taught a Novice course through the college. I was also an instructor through the ARRL until that organization lost sight of it's purpose and responsibility.

"I used to be head tennis professional at one of the top complexes in

the Northeast and still teach occasionally. My interest has been centered on community activities involving the Lexington Training Center. This is our training center for rehabilitating the handicapped. I run a tennis tournament to raise money for the center and I believe very strongly in what is being done.

"I enjoy running mobile and putting our counties for the net. I use a TS-120S, which really works well. I have given out many last counties but receive very few awards for my efforts. At \$1.25 (or more) per gallon of gas, it would be nice if people would spend a dollar to say, thank you."

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Dr. Gary Banks, N9ER (formerly WA9CZI), who received USA-CA-500 in April 1977, really went to work and caught USA-CA-1000 through All Counties.

Al Guignard, WB7QFI waited until he had them All before sending for USA-CA-500 through All Counties.

Jane Willis, K6RLR (OM is Frank, K6YBI) also waited until she had them All and then acquired USA-CA-500 through All Counties.

Randy Woelk, W0DSY had a bit of a wait for some QSL's, then hit me for USA-CA-500 through All Counties.

Charley Schneider III, WA3ZTY/WB5ZEJ is awaiting a few QSL's for them All, but did not wait and qualified for USA-CA-500 through USA-CA-3000.

"Mat" Santos, CT1TZ, with fine help from Dorothy, WB9RCY, sent for USA-CA-2500 endorsed All S.S.B. #1 to CT1.

Bill Grim, Jr., W0MHK (who moves around a little) picked up USA-CA-2500.

Hugh Williams, Jr., N7AKG obtained USA-CA-500 through USA-CA-2000 endorsed All S.S.B., All 14 MHz.

John Alexander, W8GZF claimed USA-CA-2000.

Bayard Smack, Jr., W3NB (ex W3AYS) gained USA-CA-1500.

Ellis Evans, GW3CDH was happy to make USA-CA-1000 and USA-CA-1500 endorsed All S.S.B., #2 to GW. As I write this, he and his XYL are on their way to the MARAC Convention in Denver.

Mark Stidam, AI9Y (formerly WD9FPQ) won USA-CA-1000 and USA-CA-1500.

Rich Marshall, WB4CCT came up with USA-CA-500 and USA-CA-1000 endorsed All S.S.B., All 14 MHz.

Ivo Sarcevic, YU2OB took a little while to become #2 in Yugoslavia with USA-CA-1000.

USA-CA-500 Certificates endorsed Mixed, went to:

Marshall S. Epstein, N4YJ;
Jurgen A. Weigl, OE5CWL;
Dr. Wolff Parmentier, DJ5JH;
Takashi Kondoh, JA1DFQ;
Akinori Kuruma, JJ1BBQ.

USA-CA Honor Roll

3000	K6RLR	431	K6RLR	607
K2UVG/6	WA3ZTY	432	WA3ZTY	608
N9ER	W0DSY	433	W0DSY	609
WB7QFI	W8GZF	434	GW3CDH	610
K6RLR		1500	YU2BO	611
WA3ZTY	N7AKG	482	AI9Y	612
W0DSY	N9ER	483		500
2500	W3NB	484	N4YJ	1480
N9ER	WB7QFI	485	N7AKG	1481
WB6QFI	K6RLR	486	OE5CWL	1482
CT1TZ	WA3ZTY	487	WB4CCT	1483
K6RLR	W0DSY	488	WB7QFI	1484
WA3ZTY	GW3CDH	489	K6RLR	1485
W0DSY	AI9Y	490	WA3ZTY	1486
W0WHK		1000	DJ5JH	1487
2000	N7AKG	603	W0DSY	1488
N7AKG	N9ER	604	JA1DFQ	1489
N9ER	WB4CCT	605	JJ1BBQ	1490
WB7QFI	WB7QFI	606		

Awards

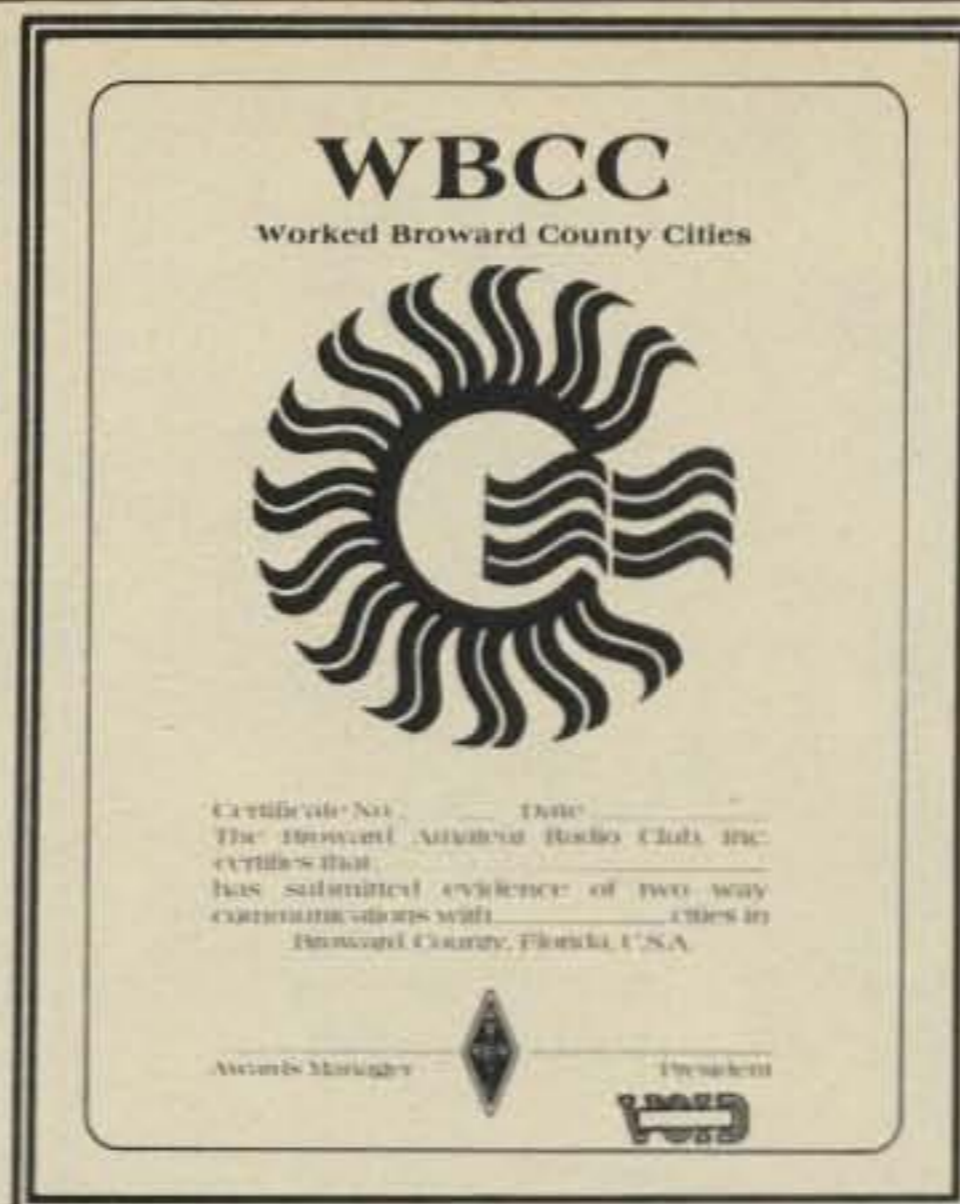
Worked Broward County Cities Award (W.B.C.C.): The Broward Amateur Radio Club, Inc. is happy to sponsor the all new WBCC Award. The Award is available to all amateurs who submit proof of two-way contacts as follows:

A. Residents of Browards, Colliers, Dade, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Martin, Monroe, or Palm Beach Counties—with all 29 cities.

B. All other amateurs—with 15 of the 29 cities in Broward County.

C. Contacts must be made from the home QTH of the applicant, but contacts with mobile or portable stations in Broward County are acceptable. All legal amateur bands and modes (except through repeaters) are valid.

D. Applications to show date, time, frequency, and mode, as well as call and QTH of the Broward Stations.



WBCC Award.

Certification by the applicant that he has QSL's for all contacts and verification by two licensed amateurs is needed. Mail application, preferably on form that can be obtained for s.a.s.e., together with the fee of \$1.00 and 30¢ in stamps for postage (DX applicants U.S. \$1.00 plus 3 IRCs or a total of 10 IRCs) to: Awards Manager B.A.R.C., WD4RAF, 1921 NW 41st Street, Oakland Park, Florida 33309, U.S.A.

Tri-State Certificate: Rules are: All contacts must be made on or after January 1, 1977. W1-K1 call area must work three (3) stations from the Tri-States of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. All other call areas and DX stations must work one (1) station from each of the Tri-States. QSLs must be in your possession; they need not be sent, but any may be requested to confirm your log. Log data must consist of date, time, call, name, state. Open to all amateurs on all bands. Hand written endorsements on request. Send log data, two (2) dollars, check or money order for U.S. (DX send two IRCs) to: Tri-State Amateur Radio Club, Award Committee, Box 213A, R1, Thompson, Connecticut 06277. (Thanks to Bill Welsh, W6DDB for the data.)

Worked All New England Award: Rules are: All contacts retroactive to January 1, 1976 will count. W1-K1 call area stations must work two (2) stations in each of the 6 New England states (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont) for a total of 12 contacts. All other call areas and DX need to work one (1) station from each of the 6 New England states, total 6 contacts. Available to anyone who operates 50 MHz or higher. Endorsements on request for ATV, s.s.b., c.w., Oscar, etc. Send full log data with date, time, call, name, and

state. Send check or money order (DX 2 IRCs) for \$1.50 (made payable to Ron Pariseau, Chairman) to: Worked All New England Award, Ronald Pariseau, Chairman, R1, Box 213A, Thompson, Connecticut 06277. (Again thanks to Bill Welsh, W6DDB for the data.)

Three Thousand DX Award: In April 1980 CQ, data was given on the Five-Five Thousand DX Award, but although the response was very good, there seemed to be a lack of response from the East Coast states. Perhaps this is because so many work Europeans and thus are under the 5,000 mile mark. So here is one for them. Like the 5,000 award, this one is sponsored by the North Florida Amateur Radio Society. It can be earned by logging three or more rag-chew-type QSOs with any DX amateur over 3,000 miles away. Mixed bands, modes, and skeds are okay. Certificates will be sent to you and your DX friend. Remit both names, call signs, and full QTHs with log data and \$2.00 to: Dale Mann, N4AWI, 5433 Glorienne Circle N., Jacksonville, Florida 32207.

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Danny Weil:G7DW/MM;VP2VB;KZ5WD;FO8AN;VR1B;VK9TW;VR4AA;CR10AB;YV0AB;VP2KF;VP2AY;VP2MX;VP2KFA;VP2DW;VP2LW;VP2SW;VP2GDW;-VP4DW;VP7VB;VP5VB;HK0AA;HC2VB;ZK1BY;ZM6AW;VR2EO;FW8DW.



Armstrong Pioneer Memorial Award. For details see page 91, CQ, Feb. '80. For more details write to The Major Armstrong Memorial ARC, Box 1234, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632. (Photo via WA2HAR)

Dick McKercher: W0MLY; W6MLY; AC0MLY; HZ1MY; FL8MY; FL8MY; VQ6MY; 4W1MY; 6L6MY/ Qatar; W0MLY/TJ8; W0MLY/TL8; W0MLY/TN8; W0MLY/TZ2; TY2MY; W0MLY/TR8; W0MLY/TT8; 5V4MY; TI9RC; K7JDG; KL7JDG; CN8HF.

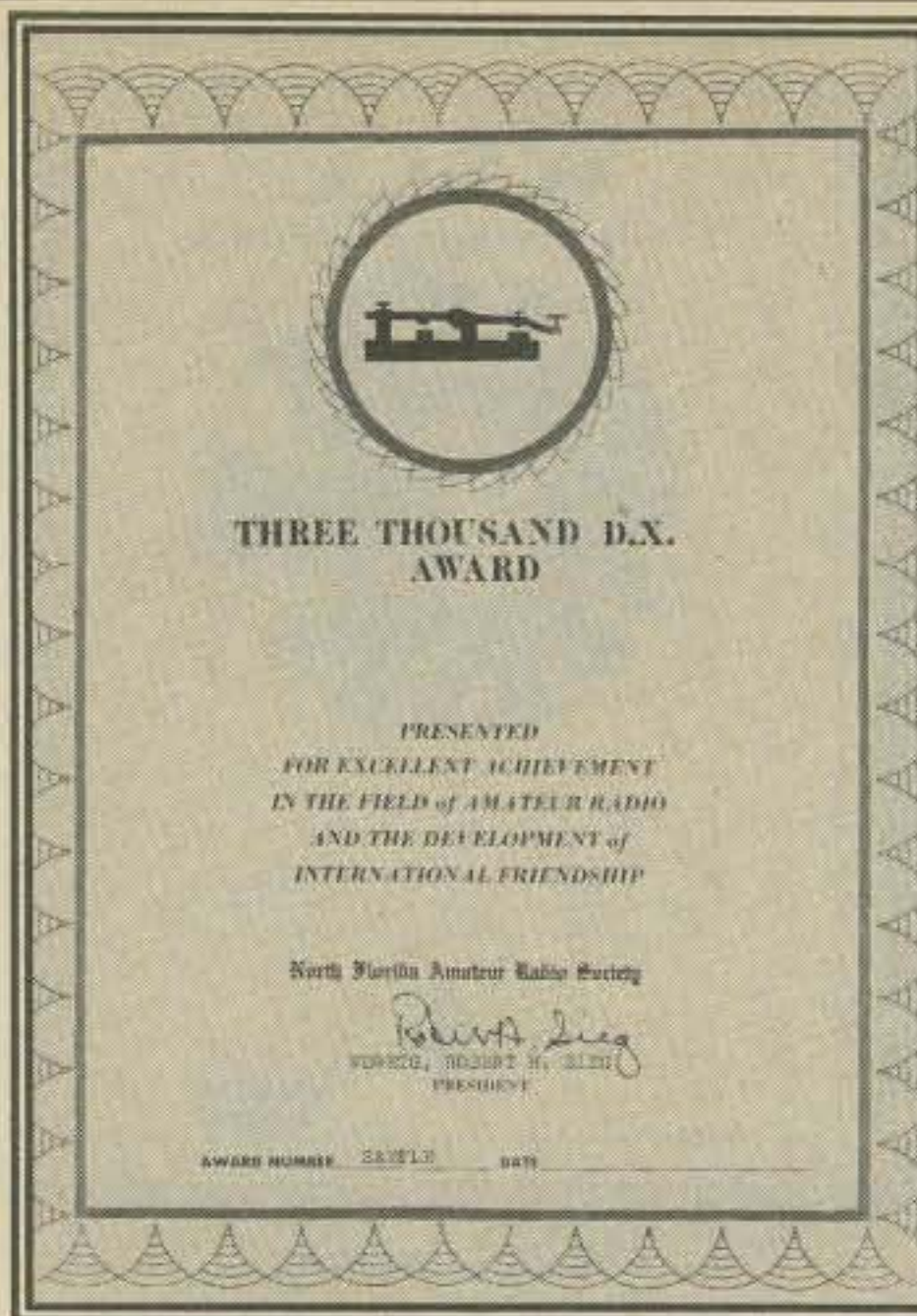
Lloyd & Iris Colvin: W6KG; W6QL; W6DOD; FA8JD; W6ANS; DL4ZB; W6IPF; K7JG; JA2KG; W6KFD; K2CC; J2AHI; W2USA; K4WAB; W7YA; DL4ZBD; J2USA; W6AHI; W7KG; JA2US; W4KE; DL4ZC; KL7KG; W6BWS/KG6; W4ZEW; KL7DTB; KG6SZ; W6KG/KG6; KC6SZ; KG6SZ/KC6; VR1Z; GD5ACH/ W6KG; GD5ACI/WB6QEP; ZB2AX; GC5ACI/WB6QEP; GC5ACH/W6KG; CT3AU; CT2YA; 6W8CD; 5T5KG; ZD3I; 9L1KG; 5L2KG; 9G1KG; TU2CA; 5V1KG; TY2KG; WW6ITU; VR8B; 3D2KG; C21NI; FO0KG; YJ8KG; W6KG/AJ3; VP2VDJ; VP2EEQ; PJ8KG; W6QL/ VP2A; VP2MAQ; KG4KG; W6QL/6Y5; ZF2CI; W6KG/TI5; HR0QL; VP1KG; J3ABV; VP2SAX; J6LOO; J7DBB; VP2KAH; HI6XQL.

Robert Vallio: W6RGG; KE6ITU.

Martin Laine: OH2BH; 3C1EG; 3C0AN; OJ0MR; EA8CR; OH2AM/OH0; CT3BZ; OH2BH/ZD3X; OJ0DX; CT9AT; OH0AM; SV1GA/A. In these calls, Marty was not always the operator. Only the cards indicating Marty was the operator will be accepted.

Past and Present Yasme Officers and Directors: Past—W5NC; K5JLQ; W8EWS; W5IGJ; W6GN; K6AN; W6LDD; W9AC. Deceased prior to 1977—W4QDZ; K4KCV; W4TO; G2DC. Present—W6AM; KV4AA; N6SF; W6OAT; JA1KSO; VK2EO; K5RC; WA5LES.

Application: Send QSLs with list of cards to: Yasme Award Custodian, Dick McKercher, W0MLY, Box 7, Rippey, Iowa 50235, U.S.A. (Although the Award is free, if you value your QSLs, may I suggest you send them registered and include postage/funds for their return by registered mail—Ed.)



Three Thousand DX Award.

Notes

Final Results of the 1980 MARAC County Hunters SSB Contest. Plaques to be awarded to the highest scoring fixed U.S. or Canadian station, DX station, mobile station, and second highest scoring mobile station. Certificates to the top 10 fixed and mobile stations in the U.S. and Canada and to the highest scoring station in each DX country.

This year we had repeat winners in the fixed and mobile categories. A lot of mobiles spent a large amount of effort and money putting out counties. Appreciate everyone's cooperation this year, again. As you can see by the logs, there was plenty of activity. Thanks to all, 73 de, John, W0QWS.

Regarding **Awards Directories** or whatever you want to call them, the only ones (in English) I am aware of are: the one put out by the Radio Society of Great Britain; the *DX-Awards Guide* put out by Charles J. Ellis, P.O. Box 1136 Welch Station, Ames, Iowa 50010.

I repeat that for those interested in County Hunting on s.s.b., send 54¢ in stamps (no envelope required) to Walt Allen, W0DG, 10310 W. 170th Terrace, Olathe, Kansas for a bundle of information on Nets, special CH QSLs, special CH QSL Bureaus, and much more.

Those interested in County Hunting on c.w. send s.a.s.e. to Jim Hoffman, K1ZFG, 42 Gresham Street, Milford, Connecticut 06460 for information on their frequencies, QSL Bureau, etc.

Fixed Station Scores

*N7TT/2	4,469,304
†K1NWE	3,820,064
†AG9S	2,069,262
†WA3YEY	1,555,200
†WD5EYM	1,466,059
†WD4FGW	960,918
†K5IID	603,120
†W3ARK	280,434
†WB3CFD	263,493
†W7JYW	239,760
†VE1RQ	206,976
K9DAF	199,906
N8BGF	117,420
WA0RJJ	49,470
WA2WCW	30,960
WB8MDG	8,723
WD8QOY	5,130
WB9SMU	4,104
WB8WEZ	1,955
K9GTQ	1,491
K9GDF	333
K5XY	250

Mobile Scores

*N4UF	575,340
W0QWS	343,295
*WB5BBS	234,360
†K3KX	135,125
†W5VOR	131,376
†W4OWY	54,240
†WB4FBS	27,186
†VE3IR	1,566
†K4ZT	1,554
†W1EXZ	540
†K9DAF	243

DX Scores

*WB4KEA/KP4	1,787,832
†G2AFQ	206,778
†I2PHN	83,681
†VK4VU	72,900
†CT4SL	9,460
†JH1BBU	6,322
†SM0CHA	2,600

*Plaque winners.

†Certificate winners.

Two other fine items helpful for County Hunters (actually aimed at the s.s.b. group) are put out at cost by B & B Shop, 1348 Pinewood Drive, Woodbury, Minnesota 55119. The *County Hunters Directory* consists of 74 pages of full data on all the active County Hunters. Present price until the supply is exhausted is \$5. The other item is the *County Hunter Handbook*, which is full of valuable information on each active County Hunter, lists active County Hunters in each county, and has much more, such as data on the Independent Cities. It has 68 pages and costs \$2.

Hope you all had a fine time at the MARAC Convention in Denver and also a wonderful summer.

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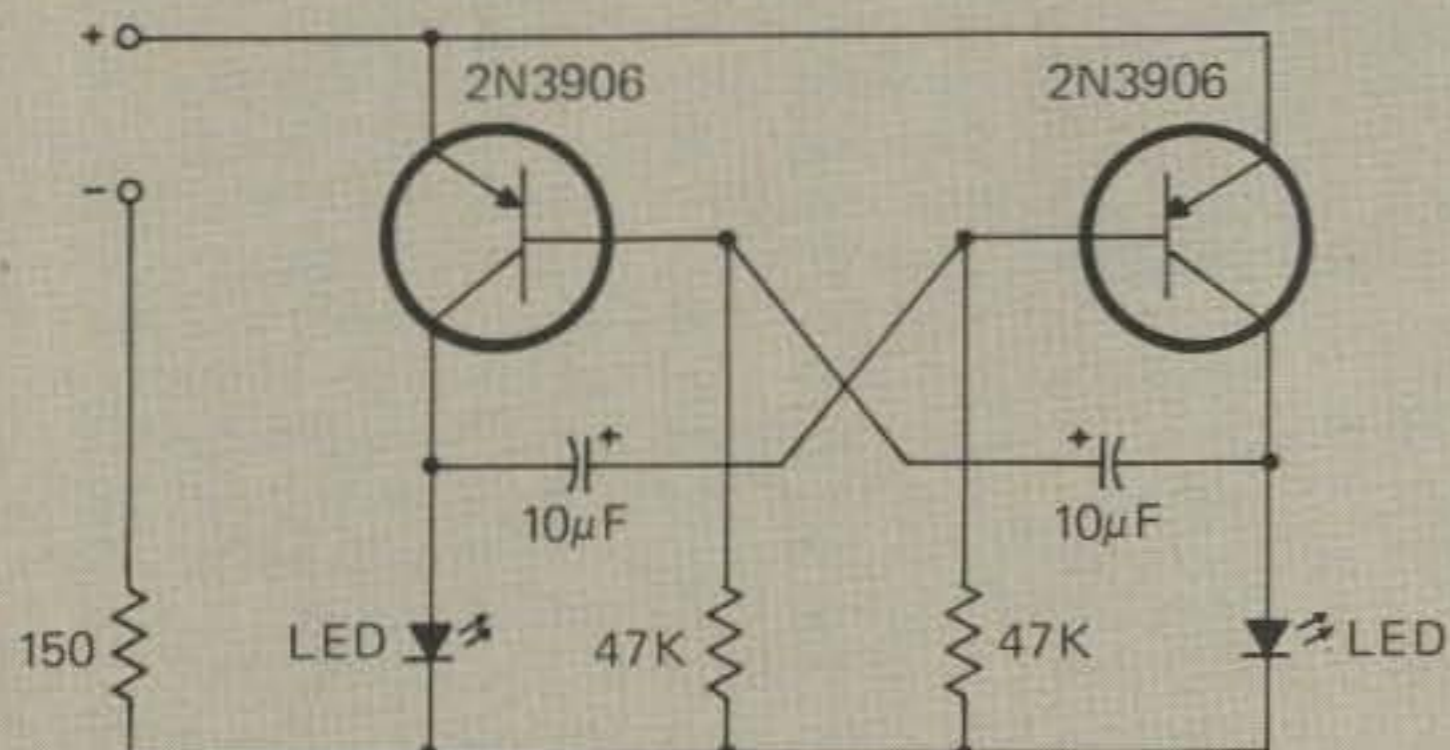
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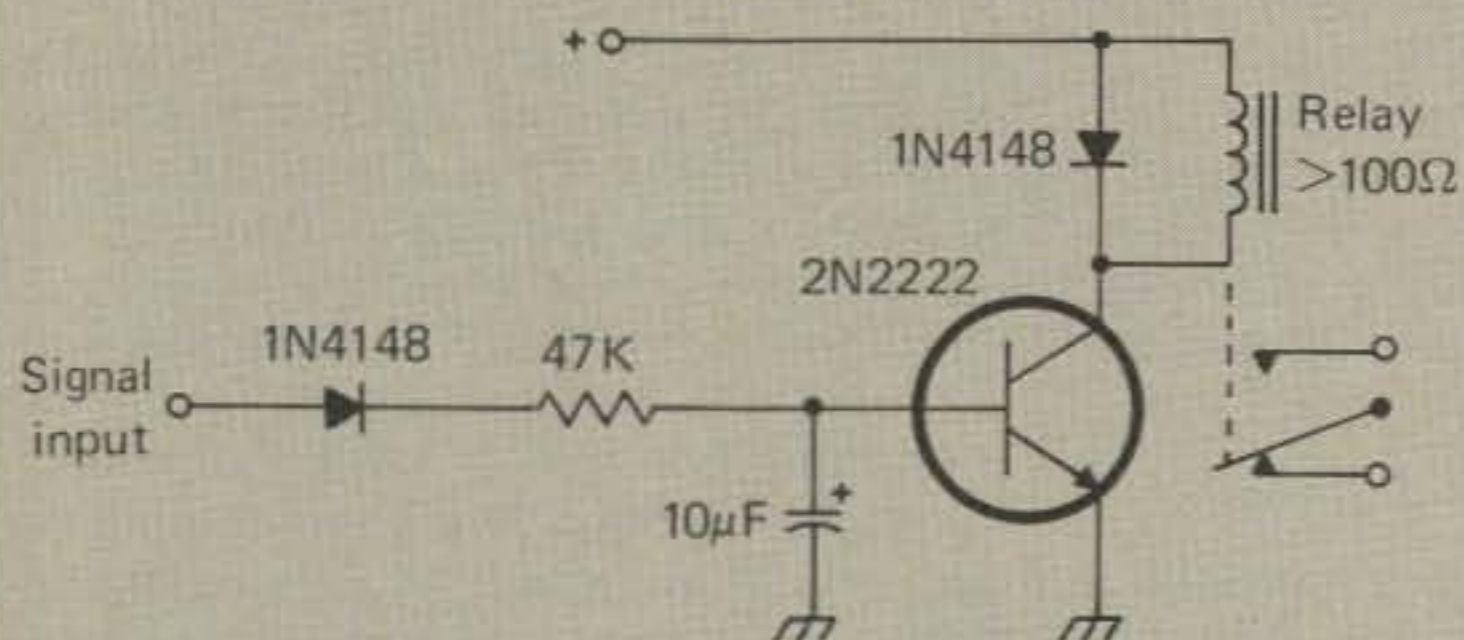
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"HOW TO" FOR THE NEWCOMER TO AMATEUR RADIO

Worldwide Sources of Code Practice — Part I of II

The September 1979 Novice column provided a long list of code transmissions that amateurs and others can use to improve code reception proficiency. That list evoked a lot of favorable comment and enough update information to make it worth printing again. Special thanks go to those who submitted a lot of useful changes and additions, including Jerry Johnson, W6VKY, Norris Maxwell, K5BA, Dick Milligan, K5RCG, K. Nagase, JK1QLR, and Eros Chiasserini, I1OEC.

I hope you obtain and read the three-part article about code that was printed in the June through August 1979 Novice columns. That article should help you attain a better understanding and appreciation of code. Code operation is truly a privilege extended to amateur radio operators. It provides Novices with the most efficient method of radio communications right at the start of their exposure to amateur radio.

A natural follow-up to the code article is an article about code practice sources, which is what this is. If you have read my previous Novice columns, you should know that I believe there is no better code practice than actual on-the-air contacts. However, I know that beginners have to learn the code well enough to earn the Novice license. I also can understand that someone may wish to supplement his on-the-air practice with code receiving practice to help increase receiving proficiency.

If you are just getting started and do not yet know the International Morse Code, I advise you to obtain and read the code articles in previous issues of this magazine. There are many aids available to help you learn the code and become proficient in its use. Most electronics stores have code practice oscillators, handkeys, books, records, and tapes to help you master the code.

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Henry J. Peters, WD8KCA, of Cincinnati, Ohio, advises that it took him 36 years to get on the air as an amateur. He first became interested in radio when he completed the Armored Force Radio School in Fort Knox, Kentucky in 1943. After WW II, he was still interested in amateur radio but marriage, additional education, and earning a living kept him too busy to become licensed until 1977. He gave up smoking and bought a Yaesu FT-101-ZD Transceiver with the money he would have burned up smoking. He uses dipole antennas cut for each Novice band and he is working hard to develop a good clean fist. Henry enjoys the Novice column and advises that he makes good use of the lists of telegraphic abbreviations and Q-signals printed in previous Novice articles. He is really enjoying amateur radio and wishes he had not waited 36 years to get started.

Training aids are usually advertised in amateur radio publications. A careful search through this issue should disclose several code instruction aids currently for sale. The for-sale ads often list used code aids available at reasonable prices.

You need a good manual telegraph key (handkey) and a code practice oscillator (c.p.o.) The c.p.o. does not need to be an expensive device; you just require something that produces

a reliable audio tone. It is advisable to be able to adjust both volume and tone of the c.p.o. It is also best to have a headphone jack on the c.p.o. and the internal speaker should automatically be disconnected when the headset connector is plugged into the c.p.o. If you already have station equipment, you may be able to use it for code practice without putting it on the air. If you have access to equipment that has a built-in sidetone oscillator, you should not need a separate c.p.o. The sidetone oscillator produces an audible tone that enables the operator to hear his own sending when he is on the air with his receiver section automatically muted. It is possible to use the sidetone oscillator as a c.p.o. with most equipment by simply switching to a voice mode position. This usually permits the sidetone signal to be heard without any transmitter r.f. output. It is easy to determine whether or not this unintentional code practice feature is available in any equipment. If you have equipment that does not permit you to use a sidetone oscillator for code practice, you can use the receiver section for code practice. Simply tune the receiver to a steady signal (such as WWV on 2.5, 5, 10, and 15 MHz) and insert your handkey in series with one of the leads supplying audio output to your speaker or headset. In this arrangement, you will hear your code characters as you close the key to send dits and dahs. Naturally, the key contacts would have to be left closed (or electrically short circuited) for the receiver to function normally when you are not practicing code sending. I advise you to get a good communication (not high fidelity) headset and to use it whenever you are practicing code or operating on the air. These dits and dahs may soon sound like music to your ears, but they will remain just aggravating noise to others in your home. Using a good double earphone (both ears covered) headset also isolates you from household

noises that could distract you and make your code practice less useful. It is particularly important to use a good headset when you are trying to work a station with an extremely weak signal; with earphones you can hear and work weak ones that you may not be able to work using a speaker.

You will need some type of receiver if you plan to increase your code speed by copying on-the-air stations. The amateur-band-only type of receiver is your best dollar value once you have your amateur ticket and you're ready to operate. However, some beginning students have general-coverage military surplus or old commercial types of receivers. These receivers are usually not satisfactory for use on today's amateur bands, but they are more than adequate to let you get a lot of excellent on-the-air code receiving practice. The list I've detailed herein shows stations transmitting a wide variety of code transmissions from all parts of the world and over a frequency range of about 15 kHz to 25 MHz. You can use some really junk-type receivers and still hear good code practice stations shown in this list.

The November 1977 through March 1978 Novice columns provide information to help you select and install the best possible station. If you are not familiar with amateur radio equipment, I advise you to obtain these issues and read them very carefully.

There are several stations regularly transmitting code practice in the amateur bands, and you can request free details from the American Radio Relay League, 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111. The ARRL operates W1AW, which provides regular code practice. With the exception of national holidays and infrequent special occasions, W1AW sends code practice transmissions on 1.835, 3.58, 7.08, 14.08, 21.08, 28.08, 50.08 and 147.555 MHz. Each code practice run is 8 minutes long. Slow speed code practice transmissions begin at the lowest speed and progress to the highest speed. High speed code practice transmissions begin at the highest speed and drop down to the lowest speed.

Slow speed W1AW code practice runs are made at 5, 5, 7.5, 7.5, 10, 13, and 15 words per minute (w.p.m.). On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, slow practice starts at 0000 and 1400 UTC. On Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, slow code practice starts at 0300 and 2100 UTC.

Fast speed W1AW code practice runs are made at 35, 30, 25, 15, 13, and 10 w.p.m. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, fast practice starts at 0300 and 2100 UTC. On Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, fast code prac-



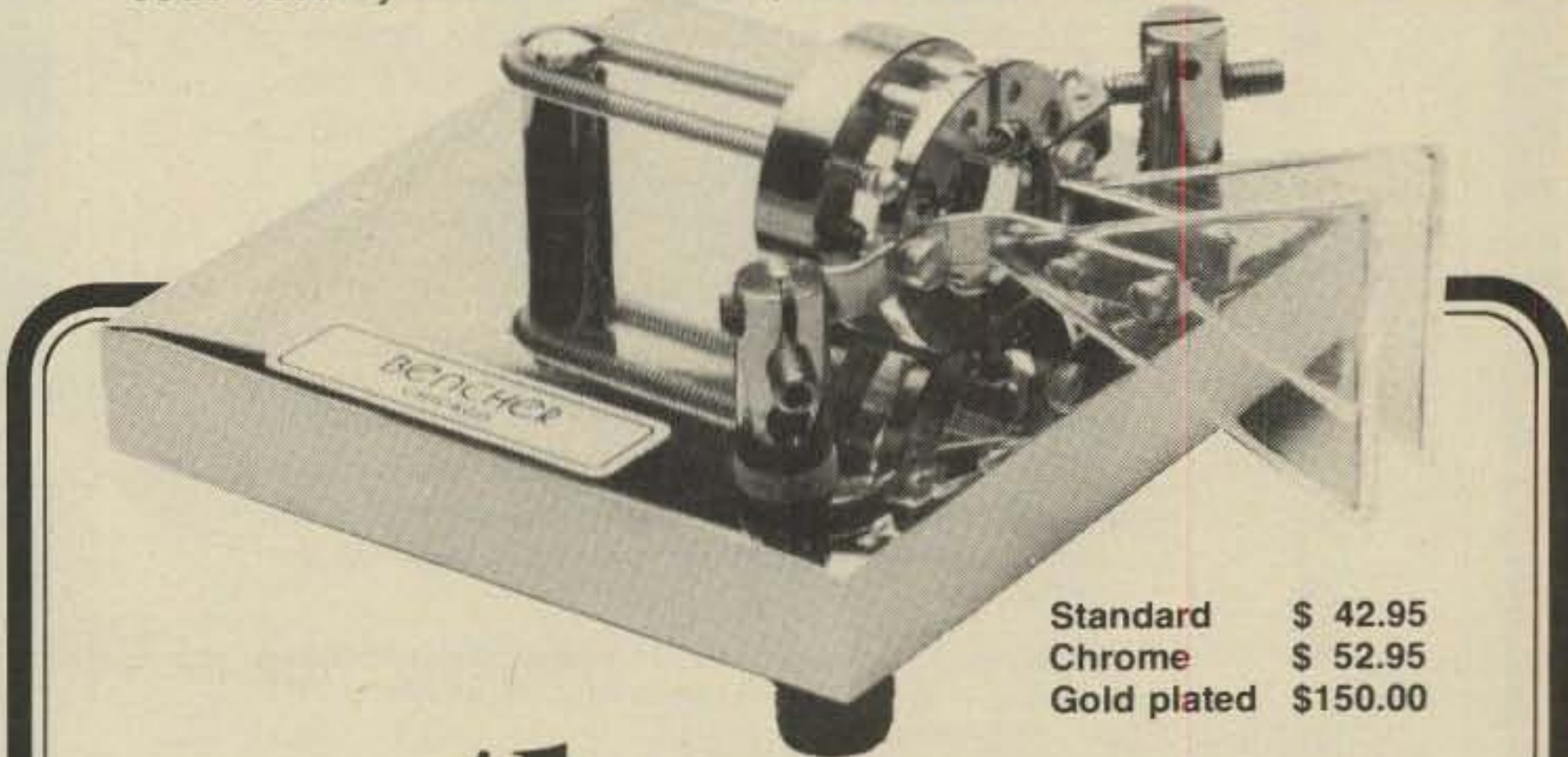
This is 16-year-old Ned Linch, KA4AXS, of West Point, Georgia. He contacted amateurs in 44 states, 15 countries, and 5 continents during his first year and a half on the air. He has worked 62 DX (foreign) amateurs. His station includes a Heath SB-100 Transceiver and a hybrid quad antenna. Most of his operation is on the 10 meter Novice band and his 10-X number is 26,801. His QRP Amateur Radio Club number is 4414 and he is an ARRL member. Ned has the Ten American Districts and the 1000-Mile-Per-Watt operating awards. He reads the Novice column regularly and he particularly liked the December 1979 coverage of the modified Phillip's code used by amateurs.

tice starts at 0000 and 1400 UTC. UTC is Universal Time Coordinated. It is simple to convert UTC to your local time. UTC is the same basic time that was previously called Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) or Zulu (Z) Time. UTC is 5, 6, 7, and 8 hours ahead of EST, CST, MST, and PST (Standard Time), respectively. UTC is 4, 5, 6, and 7 hours ahead of EDST, CDST, MDST, and PDST (Daylight Savings Time), respectively. Consequently, just deduct the proper number of hours from the indicated UTC to determine your local time.

NOTE: Remember that the first two numbers of four-digit time represent the hours and the second pair of numbers are the minutes. Consequently, 0930 is 9:30 a.m. and 2130 is 9:30 p.m.

Once you've learned the code and attained a receiving proficiency of at least 7 w.p.m. the best way to increase your code speed further is to get your Novice license and to operate as much as possible. If you are preparing yourself to pass a code exam, make sure to copy every required character down because you must practice to perfect your ability to transcribe what you hear. Just listening is not enough.

The following list of commercial and military code transmissions is of prime use to anyone who wants to increase code receiving proficiency anywhere between 10 and 50 w.p.m. Remember that these transmissions are protected



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by the Secrecy of Communications Act, which prohibits you from either making use of the received information or from passing it along to someone else. This on-the-air receiving practice is particularly beneficial to beginners because it gives them the opportunity to become familiar with receiving under various on-the-air conditions.

Code students normally progress from listening to time ticks (for receiver familiarization) through copying traffic lists, weather reports, broadcasts to merchant ships, hydrographic reports, and (finally) press reports. This list contains code practice sources that are useful to code

enthusiasts of all capabilities, and it indicates the content of each broadcast by one or more of the following:

HX is a hydrographic report. This is good practice for students who are not yet able to copy fast press reports.

MCST is a broadcast to merchant ships. This is most useful to the student who has progressed past the need to copy weather reports.

PX is a press report. This provides the best code practice for advanced students because broadcasts range between fixed speeds of 15 to 50 wpm. You'll copy news that you'd otherwise not always see or hear. This is truly enjoyable practice!

TFC is a traffic list. This is the best practice for a beginning code student. The shore station repeats the four letter ship callsign twice for each ship for which it has traffic.

TX is a time tick. This has very little code practice value, but some stations do identify in code and this is useful to a beginner. Time ticks are listed to help newcomers get accustomed to receiver calibrations. Since many time and frequency standards stations operate on the same frequencies, the strongest one overrides weaker signals at each listening location. The following table lists some time and frequency standards stations.

Frequency	Call sign	Location
16	kHz GBR	Rugby, United Kingdom
17.8	kHz NAA	Cutler, Maine
18.6	kHz NLK	Jim Creek, Washington
21.4	kHz NSS	Annapolis, Maryland
23.4	kHz NPM	Lualualei, Hawaii
24	kHz NBA	Balboa, Panama
50	kHz OMA	Podebrady, Czechoslovakia
60	kHz MSF	Rugby, United Kingdom
60	kHz WWVB	Fort Collins, Colorado
77.5	kHz DCF 77	Mainflingen, W. Germany
100	kHz (Loran-C)	Carolina Beach, N.C.
2.5	MHz JJY	Sanwa, Japan
2.5	MHz MSF	Rugby, United Kingdom
2.5	MHz OMA	Podebrady, Czechoslovakia
2.5	MHz WWV	Fort Collins, Colorado
2.5	MHz WWVH	Kekaha, Hawaii
2.5	MHz ZUO	Olifantsfontein, Republic of South Africa
3.3	MHz CHU	Ottawa, Canada
4.5	MHz VNG	Lyndhurst, Australia
5	MHz JJY	Sanwa, Japan
5	MHz LOL	Buenos Aires, Argentina
5	MHz MSF	Rugby, United Kingdom
5	MHz WWV	Fort Collins, Colorado
5	MHz WWVH	Kekaha, Hawaii
5	MHz ZUO	Olifantsfontein, Republic of South Africa
7.335	MHz CHU	Ottawa, Canada
7.5	MHz VNG	Lyndhurst, Australia
8	MHz JJY	Sanwa, Japan
10	MHz ATA	New Delhi, India
10	MHz JJY	Sanwa, Japan
10	MHz LOL	Buenos Aires, Argentina
10	MHz MSF	Rugby, United Kingdom
10	MHz RWM	Moscow, Russia
10	MHz WWV	Fort Collins, Colorado
10	MHz WWVH	Kekaha, Hawaii
12	MHz VNG	Lyndhurst, Australia
14.67	MHz CHU	Ottawa, Canada
15	MHz JJY	Sanwa, Japan
15	MHz LOL	Buenos Aires, Argentina
15	MHz RWM	Moscow, Russia
15	MHz WWV	Fort Collins, Colorado
15	MHz WWVH	Kekaha, Hawaii
20	MHz WWV	Fort Collins, Colorado
20	MHz WWVH	Kekaha, Hawaii
25	MHz WWV	Fort Collins, Colorado

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Please send all reader inquiries directly



Karel Karmasin, OK2BLG, is working on a new piece of equipment for his station. He advises that the Novice column is very helpful in areas where prospective amateurs have very few sources of aid. If you want a contact with Breclav, Czechoslovakia, listen for him.

reports, and broadcasts to merchant ships frequently overlap each other in their degrees of copying difficulty.

Please bring all corrections and additions to the attention of the author. Your letter or card will be greatly appreciated. Please understand that I'm just trying to make it easier for people who want to learn the code.

This completes the first part of this two-part article. Next month's Novice

column will contain the list of stations you can copy to improve code proficiency.

G3XCS points out that David S. Porter, K2BPP, is the first person who visited both the North Pole and the South Pole. Also, Naomi Uemara, JG1QFW, was the first solo explorer to reach the North Pole. Yugoslavian amateur radio station callsigns sometimes end /X or /Y, meaning that the station is being operated by a member of the licensee's family.

Topographic Maps

There is an excellent series of geological survey topographic maps available. These maps are required when determining antenna height above average terrain (HAAT) and they are useful in many other ways. You can obtain an index to the maps of your state by requesting it from one of the following:

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Newsletter

If you would like to receive a free sample copy of a good amateur radio service newsletter, send a self-addressed and stamped envelope with your request to Fred Maia, W5YI, 1322 Edgewood Drive, Richardson, Texas 75081. The issue I saw was very interesting. The correct name of the newsletter is *W5YI Report* "Dits & Bits."

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 (please state which) to CQ. A brief description of operating activities and some personal background information are needed with your picture.

Some of the stations I've worked on the novice bands are: Sal, KA1ETB, New Haven, Conn.; Ted, KA2HAR, Rochester, N.Y.; Jim, KA3ESU, Beaver Falls, Penn.; Ken, KA4JUA, Melbourne, Fla.; Ray, KA5HXR, Kenner, Louisiana; Rick, KA6DID, Arleta, Calif.; Carmen, WB7UGU, Grants Pass, Ore.; Dave, KA8IDJ, Kentwood, Mich.; Dave, KA9EDP, Elizabeth, Illinois; Elli, KA0FNY, O'Fallon, Missouri; Nomar, WP4BBM, Aguadilla, Puerto Rico.

73, Bill, W6DDB

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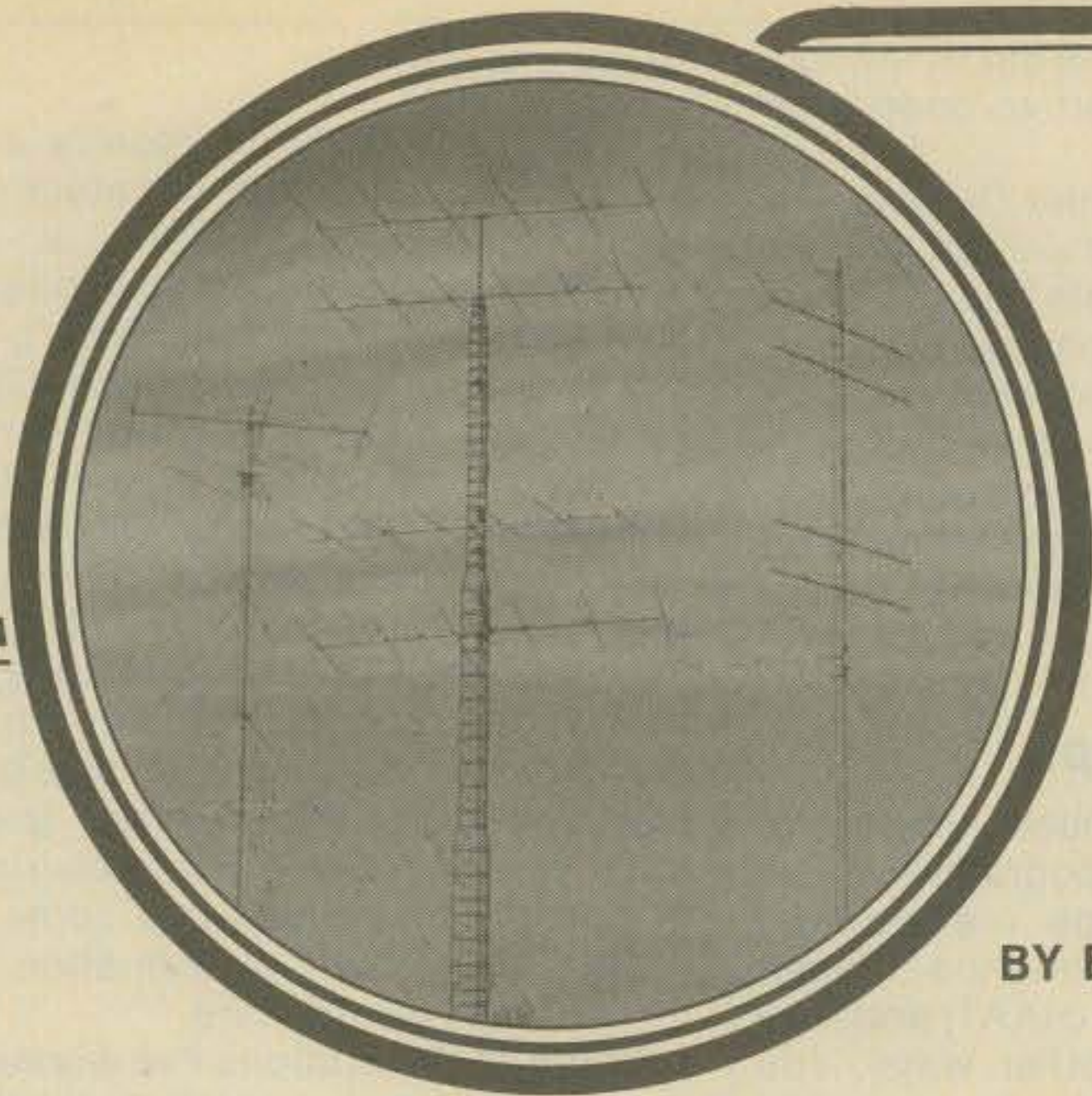


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1979 CQ World-Wide DX Contest - CW Results

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

After checking approximately 500,000 QSO's, the 1979 CQ World-Wide CW DX Contest enters the record books as the most successful ever! It was clearly the year of the high frequency bands. Ten new 28 and 21 MHz records were set. For those with enough energy to try the low bands, rewards were found in surprisingly good band openings. For all entrants increased operating skills were needed to cope with the onslaught of QSO's.

The World Champion Single Operator score was EA8AK operated by OH6DX. Erki averaged 80 QSO's per hour for the 48 hour period. He was followed by 9Y4VT operated by N6AA. Third and fourth places go to UF6DZ and OK2RZ.

The Multi-Single category generated quite a race. NP4A barely edged out R6F for the new world record. Both stations broke the old world record by quite a margin.

The battle of the Multi-Multi giants resulted in PJ2CC setting a new world record. They were followed closely by 9Y4W. PJ2CC was sponsored by the Potomac Valley Radio Club, while 9Y4W was sponsored by the Frankford Radio Club.

The top USA All Band score was K1AR. John was happy with U0Y calling him on 40 meters! Look at the battle for second place in the US. Four stations within 53,000 of one another. K1VTM operated by K1JX edged out W1ZM, W1CF and N2LT.

The USA Multi-Single effort was lead

by K5RC's pace-setting record of 4 million points. The antenna farm of N4AR had to settle for a second place finish.

The USA Multi-Multi effort was headlined by N2AA. All six top finishers beat the old CW record which had stood since 1970! K8LX and K3WW finished second and third, respectively.

The following stations set new records: LU8DQ: World 28 MHz; FR0MM: Africa 28 MHz; UH8EAA: Asia 17 MHz; JH3LPT: Asia 21 MHz; 4Z4KX: Asia 28 MHz; G3SZA: Europe 1.8 MHz; YU2CDS: Europe 7 MHz; SM5GMG: Europe 21 MHz; DK3GI: Europe 28 MHz; VP2MEE: N. America 21 MHz; KV4FZ: N. America 28 MHz; KH6XX: Oceania 28 MHz; UF6DZ: Asia Single Operator All Band; OK2RZ: Europe Single Operator All Band. M.O.S.T.: Africa, EA9EU; Asia, R6F; Europe, YU7BCD; N. America, NP4A. M.O.M.T.: Europe, SK2KW; N. America, N2AA; S. America, PJ2CC.

The new QRP category continues to grow. An excellent effort by Chris, G4BUE, brings him this year's QRPP Trophy. The top USA entry was WA4LOF with W5YZ very close behind.

Something To Think About

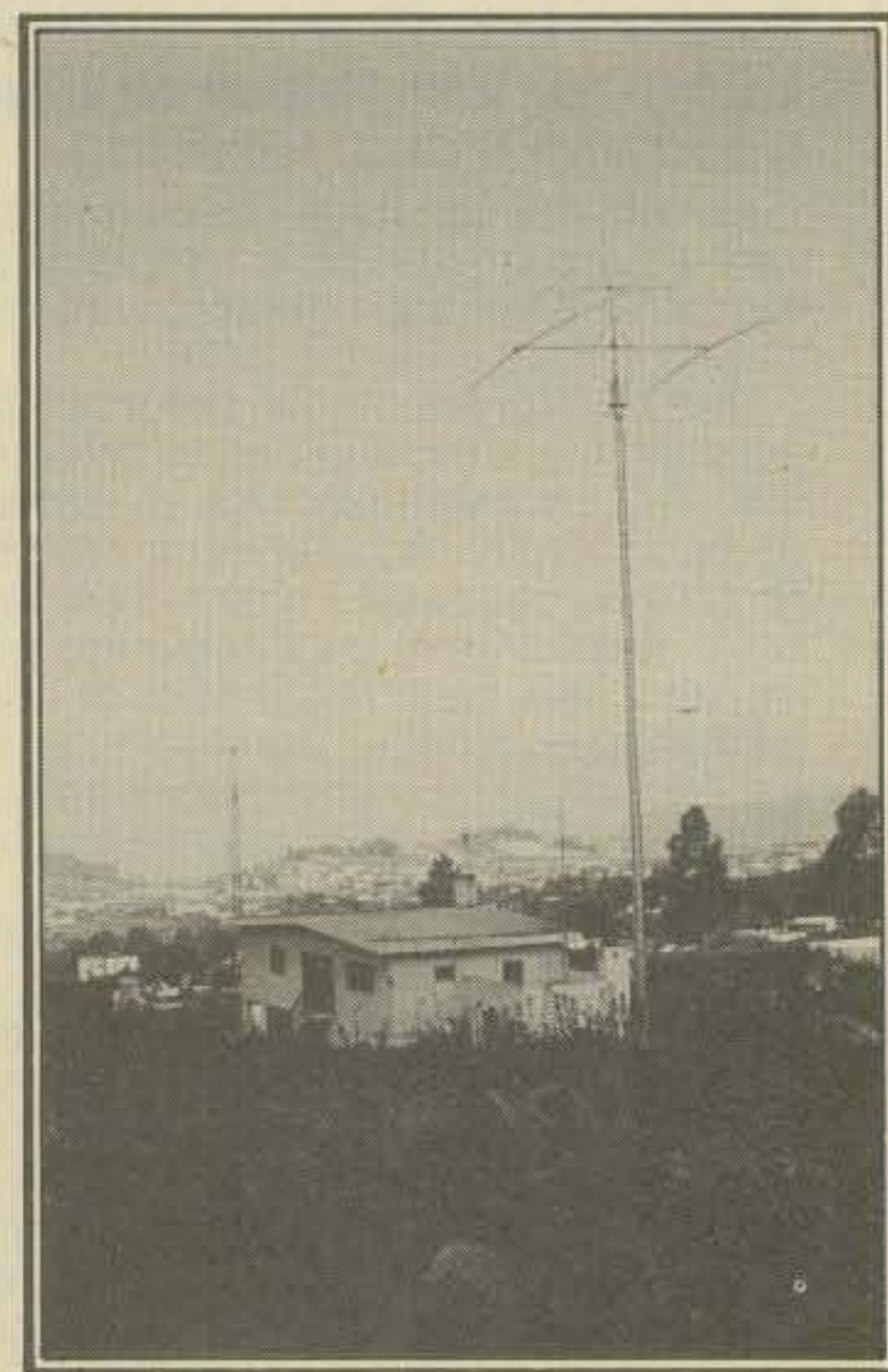
Each year the committee receives complaints concerning unsportsmanlike activity by a few operators. Complaints based on actual log data are verified by the committee. However, other types of violations *not based on log data*, such as excessive power, unsportsmanlike operating techniques, violations of the single operator category, are very difficult to substantiate.

Contesting, by its very nature, relies heavily on the honor and word of the participants. When the statement you

sign on the summary sheet becomes meaningless, it only serves to diminish the satisfaction of the achievement.

The following people devoted much time and effort to verifying the results: Frank Anzalone, W1WY; Terry Baxter, N6CW; John Battin, K9DX; Yuri Blarovich, VE3BMV; Lenny Chertok, W3GRF; Dave Donnelly, K2SS; Lew Jenkins, N6VV; Fred Morris, AD6C; Glenn Rattmann, K6NA; Jim Sullivan, W7EJ; Reg Toumi, N6SV; Gene Walsh, N2AA; Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ; and Doug Zwiebel, WB2VYA.

Congratulations to all the winners!
73, Bob, K3EST, and Larry, N6AR



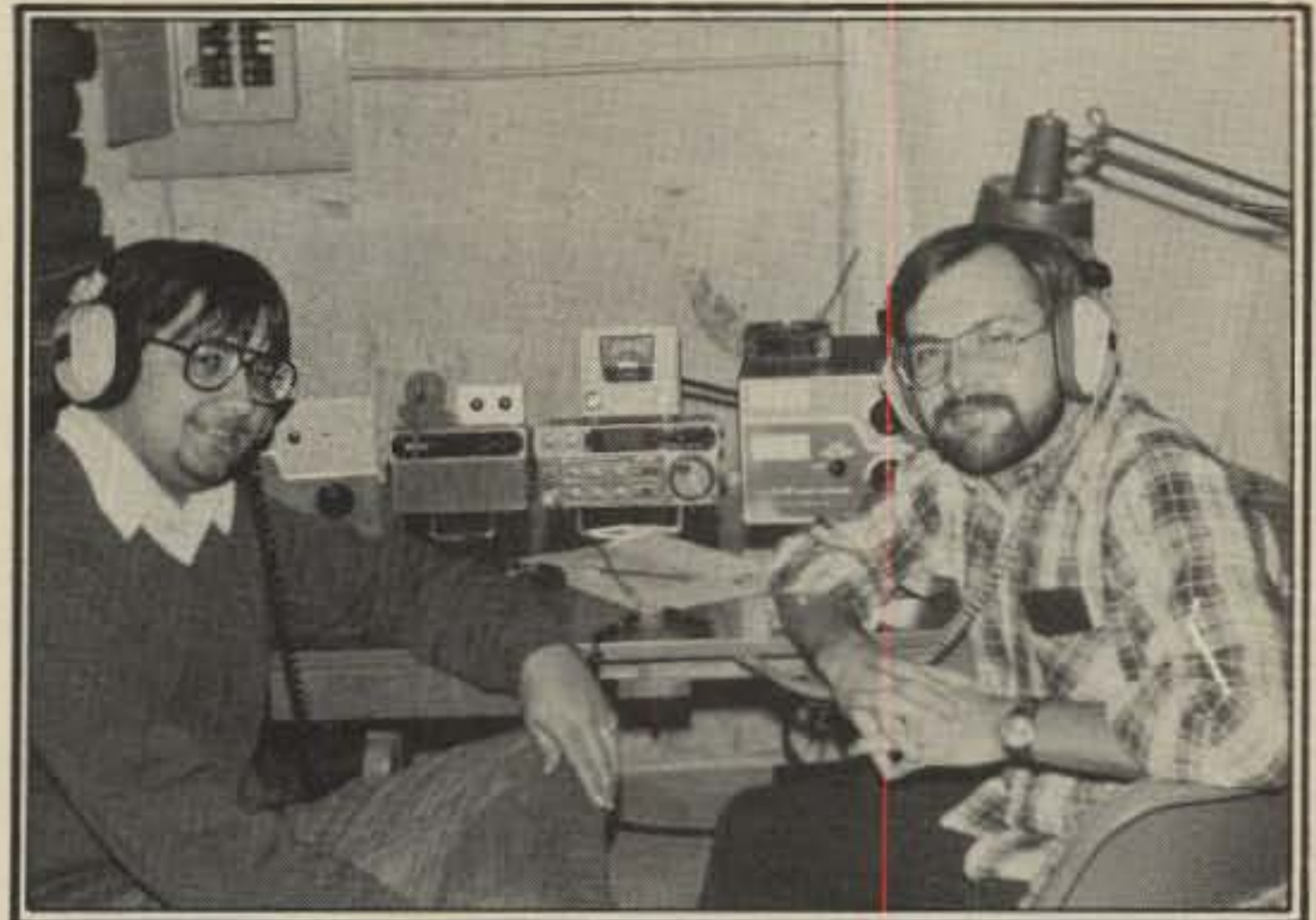
EA8AK operated by OH6DX. Top Single Operator score.

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Single-Operator, All Band

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Donor: W2AB Memorial (K4FW)

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John Dorr, K1AR

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Canada

Sauli Arosankari, VE1AIH

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Donor: W3AU Operators

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Donor: Gordon Marshall, W6RR

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Oceania

Willmer Hew, KH6NO

Donor: Maui Amateur Radio Club

Japan

Saty Nakamura, JE1JKL

Donor: Palm Garden Contest Club

Single Operator Single Band

World (28 MHz)

William C. Poellnitz, FR0MM

Donor: W2JT Memorial (No. Jersey DX Assn.)

World 3.5 MHz

Alvaro Robledo, EA2OP

Donor: Fred Capossela, K6SSS

U.S.A. (21 MHz)

Peter Chamalian, W1RM

Donor: No. Illinois DX Association

Canada (21 MHz)

Yuri Blarovich, VE3BMV

Donor: Canadian Amateur Radio Federation

Caribbean/Central America (28 MHz)

Tim Winger, C6ACY

Donor: DX Club of Puerto Rico

Europe 14 MHz

Drago Turin, Jr., YU3ZV

Donor: G2LB Memorial from his friends

South America (21 MHz)

Elcio Neves, PY3CFD

Donor: Rafael DeLeon, CX3BR

Oceania 21 MHz

Haryono S., YB0GF

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World

NP4A (Oprs. NP4A, K2TR, K3UA, KP4EHP,

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Multi-Operator Multi-Transmitter

World

PJ2CC (Oprs. K3EST, K3KU, K4BAI, K4VX,

PJ2FR, PJ9EE, W1BIH, W1GNC, WB4SGV,

YU3EY)

Donor: Hazard Reeves, K2GL

U.S.A.

K8LX (Oprs. K8LX, K8GM, K8MD, N8EA,

W8KPL, W8TA, W8WA, WA8TBQ,

WA8YVR, WA8ZDT, WN8PEE, WD9HFW)

Donor: Rush Drake, W7RM

Contest Expeditions

World Single Operator

3B8RS (Opr. Walter Skudlarek, DJ6QT)

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World Multi-Operator

U0Y (Oprs. UV0BB, UA0BW, UA0ABB,

UA0ACQ, UA0AG, UA0AAK)

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Top World Single Operator Combined Phone/CW

9Y4VT (Opr. Richard Norton, N6AA)

Donor: John Knight, W6YY

World Top QRP

Christopher J. Page, G4BUE

Donor: Gene Walsh, N2AA

Club Trophies

World High

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Most Improved Radio Club

Mad River Radio Club, 24,119,894

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Neville, ZS6BSQ.



K3YL at the key.



Mark, 4Z4KX.

U.S.A. Club Scores

Frankford Radio Club	173,821,640
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	81,556,186
Potomac Valley Radio Club	81,121,926
Southeastern DX Club	47,212,683
Southern California DX Club	27,619,591
Mad River Radio Club	24,119,894
San Diego DX Club	17,921,546
Northern California DX Club	16,323,530
Western Washington DX Club	15,390,656
North Texas Contest Club	14,564,849
Murphy's Marauders	9,673,789
Texas DX Society	9,621,558
North Florida DX Association	9,237,751
Northern California Contest Club	9,194,849
Eastern Iowa DX Association	8,935,659
Michigan DX Association	7,451,320
Kansas City DX Club	6,981,220
Alamo DX Amigos	6,669,414
Central Virginia Contest Club	5,520,441
Northern Illinois DX Association	4,951,273
Ill Wind Contesters	4,796,165
Gloucester County A.R.C.	4,228,123
Central Arizona DX Association	3,829,374
Greater Milwaukee DX Association	3,378,420
Buffalo Area DX Club	2,765,988
Indianapolis DX Association	2,623,850
Northern Ohio A.R.S.	2,339,757
Southern Florida DX Association	2,226,758
Neenah-Menasha A.R.C.	2,110,234
Wireless Institute of the Northeast	1,907,750
Lynchburg A.R.C.	1,363,048
Delta DX Association	1,271,351
Sheboygan County DX Association	1,222,177
Williamette Valley DX Club	1,208,521
Red Stick DX Association	1,173,548
DX Association of Connecticut	1,010,331
Mississippi Valley DX and Contest Club	640,825
Livonia International DX Society	449,212
Fort Wayne Radio Club	448,802

Great South Bay A.R.C.	418,314
Boiled Owls of New York	291,014
Poughkeepsie A.R.C.	286,238
Point Radio Operating Society	111,125
Whidbey Island DX Club	1,914

DX Club Scores

Rhein Ruhr DX Association	41,593,795
Lithuanian Contest Group	25,287,271
Voroshilovgrad Radio Club	21,763,473
Chelyabinsk Radio Club	21,555,865
South German DX Group	20,382,719
Kaunas Polytechnic Institute R.C.	18,638,982
YU DX Club	17,244,870
Tallinn Radio Club	13,289,503
Northern Lithuania DX Group	12,161,088
Edmonton DX Club	8,496,894
Leningrad Radio Club	7,334,229
Minsk Radio Club	5,438,193
Alaska DX Association	5,037,562
Ontario Contest Club	5,029,161
Halifax A.R.C.	4,965,214
Radio Club of the G.D.R.	3,941,417
Riga Radio Club	3,185,602
Saar Pfalz DX Club	3,035,696
Winnepeg DX Club	2,213,205
Thunder Bay Contest Club	1,984,018
Pushinko Radio Club	1,816,242
Students Radio Club (OE6XRG)	1,797,200
Moscow Radio Club	1,041,643
SP DX Club	988,915
Grupo Argentino De CW	931,664
Voice of Hida Ham Club	689,983
Noviomacum Contest Group	575,535
Guernsey A.R.S.	484,034
Baku City Radio Club	427,924
OK1KIR Club	90,918
Kiev Radio Club	81,169

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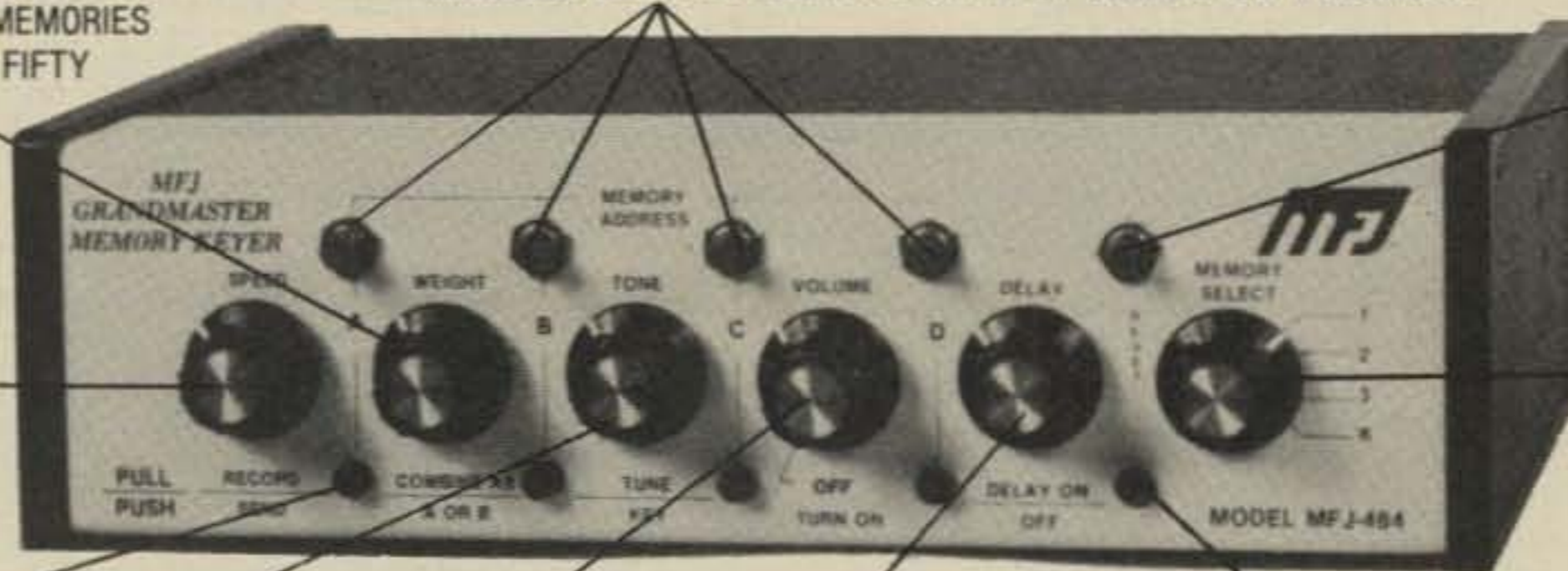
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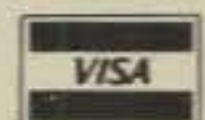
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DX QRM

Finally got license after 1½ years just two weeks before the contest...SV0AR (WB9UIY). Poor activity from Africa...YU1EXY. What a lot of W's! But where are the JA's?...I4IND. From 1950, almost every year with you in this contest...HB9KC. Installation of the big 7 MHz yagi before the contest made me more tired than all the contest operation...OH6DX operator EA8AK. I love CW...JE1JKL. Again aurora...OH8SR. My age is 13 and I am fond of contests...OH6DC. First contest. I'm 13 years old so I have many years left for contests...OH5KR. When power went off I took part in chess competition and won a medal!...YT3L, QRP. Used only 8 crystals...OH6GZ/2. A bit more support could have more than doubled the score. Otherwise a VG contest...VP9DX. The brilliant aurora did us in as far as working Europeans was concerned; no Africa either...VE7AV. Condx so good and pile-up so big on 10 meters, we had great difficulty picking out calls...VE8NI. See you next year with bigger score...TF3CW. After 3 years operating from YB3 it was nice to try again from home...PA0LOU. Activity good and conditions favorable. Managed to give GI to lots of stations. Still young at 70...GI3JEX. On air for over 47 years and still no beam. Wonderful what bits of wire will do...GI5UR. Wonder if CW interest is going down. Maybe we need a slow speed section...SM0AJU. Active in contests since 1926...F8TM. Was trying to beat the European record but no JA opening on 10 and 15 spoiled it...OZ1LO. Nice to beat record that has stood since

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Chris, G4BUE, World Top QRP score.

I was five years old... GU4CHY. Antenna system went up on Friday and down on Monday to keep peace in neighborhood... G5CMX. How about some real reports. I know I am not S9 everywhere!... G3JKY. Worked 39 W stations on 7 MHz and ZL3GQ long path on 14 MHz with 5 watts... G4BUE. It is remarkable to have gotten HH2MC and PJ2CC with QRP rig... JR6KRI. Even with 5 watts it is possible to reach every heard station at least on 10 meters... DK2BJ/A. First CQ WW test. Hope to do better next year... UL7MAR. It seems that our 3 element quad on 7 MHz and 5 element on 14 MHz was designed especially for CQ WW Contest. On Monday after CW part it crashed in strong wind... UK2PAP. Don't think we could do any better this year. UK9 doesn't sound like PJ2 and the sun covers the south—Hi!... UK9AAN. Nice to work 160 for first time in contest... UR2RDX. Activity great. Nice to hear the likes of HZ1HZ, etc... C6ACY. Every time the best contest on the amateur bands... HR1AT. Some of these rare contest calls drive me up the wall... VE3FAE/HCI. Condx poor, tropical QRN strong S+9, Caribbean station calling CQ in DX window... YV1OB. Big thrill QSO with K3VA on 160 M. First ever contacts between JA and W3... JA7AO. I wish more activity from Africa and South America... JF1PUW. Most difficult country for me was JA, because they

neglected my call... JJ1SOE. On Friday Murphy stepped in! Stuck with us throughout the contest. Next year will wipe him out... SL2ZZU. 14 mc conditions were just like the sunspot bottom... JA3YKC. One rig caught fire, one blew fuses and dial lights of a turned-off amplifier lit to full brilliance... KL7Y. My first single band entry in this contest, worked all multipliers that I heard except TG0AA and W5JMM/SU... OE5CWL. Condx very good again this year, suspect many records broken... I4JCC/5 (op: W3US). Great this festive moment in our amateur life... YO3JX. Did not hear any VK/ZL stations. So. America was poor here. I hope to work 1980 CQ Contest with QRO on all bands. A fine contest!... YO5BQ. As usual, the finest contest ever! See you next year!... YO3BEJ/9. Had to take 8 hours rest period on Saturday night, AC power went out... HA0HW. Many stations did not give their call sign for 15-20 minutes and many dupe QSOs... YU4CF. I wish I could try it from zone 09... OK2RZ. Built a new vertical for 40 M and it proved to be working fine. Went to bed after the contest and woke up Tuesday morning! Guess will keep myself limited to single band entries in the future and leave all-band to younger chaps. Hi... OK3EA. Very few stations on 15 M all contesters were up on 10 M where the condx were much better... OK1TA.



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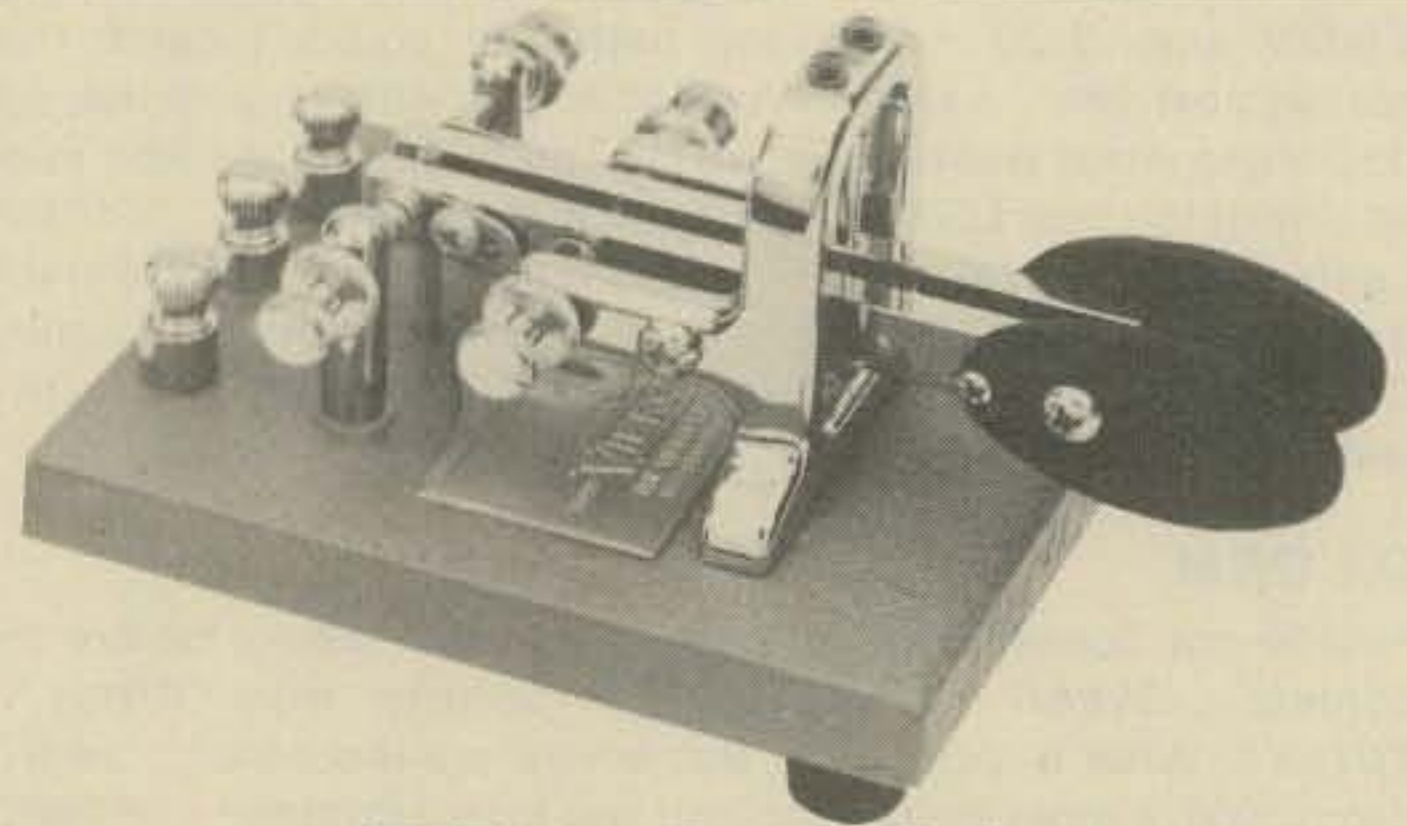
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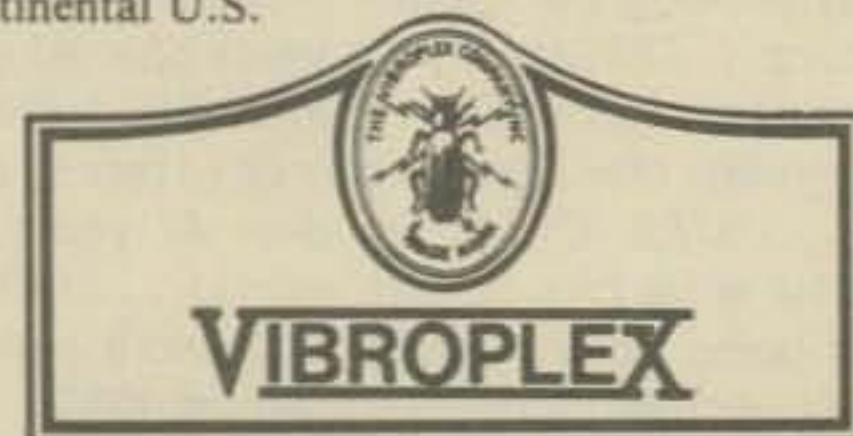
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K1AR	2,635,224	N2LT	2,326,170
UA1DZ	2,614,568	W3GRF	2,064,972
OZ1LO	2,523,528	K3LR	2,016,204
K1VTM	2,379,465	N3AD	2,001,300
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FR0MM	978,012	K8NZ	309,632
KV4FZ	653,072	N8II	309,222
DK3GI	592,848	AE2A	306,306
KH6XX	586,236	W5MYA	299,976
C5AT	495,558	K1NA	291,126

21 MHz		21 MHz	
VP2MEE	623,118	W1RM	450,120
VE3BMV	574,056	K8IA	408,590
SM5GMG	526,229	N5CR	394,750
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14 MHz		14 MHz	
YU3ZV	598,506	K8ZH	440,496
KX6PI	441,780	N4PN	433,576
K8ZH	440,496	K0KX	423,025
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K0KX	423,025	W5FO	366,404
UH8EAA	411,120	K1SA	309,750

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I2XXG	279,648	K7UR	142,740
YU1EXY	223,652	N6AW	133,620
W5UN	202,176	N5TP	123,270
K7UR	142,740	K2IGW	112,021
GW3NYY	139,040	W8UVZ	91,104

3.5 MHz		3.5 MHz	
EA2OP	114,075	WB3AVN	35,287
DJ2BW	110,618	W9LF	25,179
UA9CM	91,712	K1MEM	24,780
YU5FAA	86,184	W2FR	21,312
H31LR	79,356	N7EA	14,709
LZ2PP	73,233	WB9TIY	8,512

1.8 MHz		1.8 MHz	
G3SZA	21,960	K1PBW	11,040
K1PBW	11,040	W8LRL	6,232
OK1DIJ	9,006	W1BB/1	2,842
UC2AAK	8,262	W2IB	2,632
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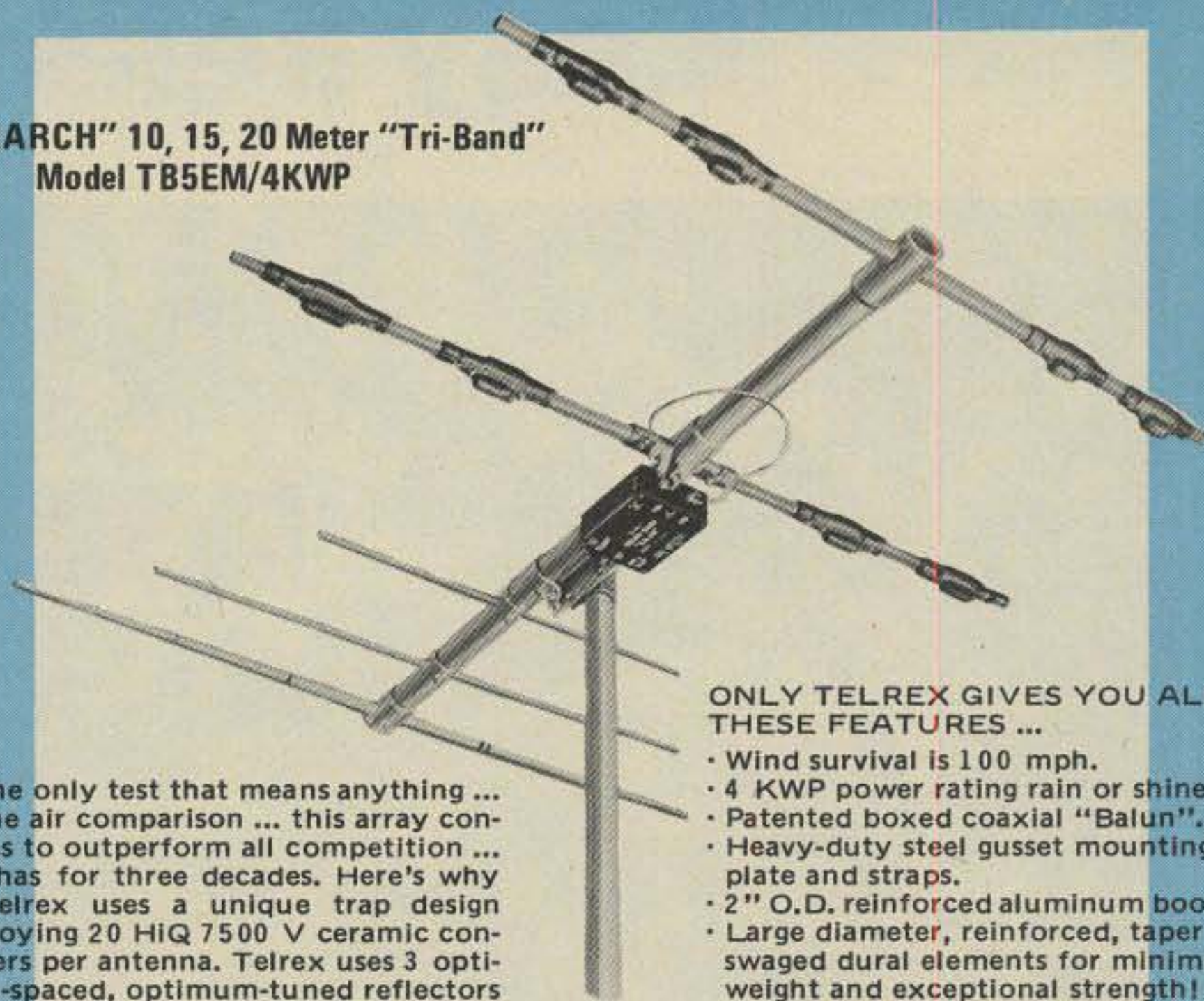
Multi-Op Single Transmitter		Multi-Op Single Transmitter	
NP4A	7,982,576	K5RC	4,148,784
R6F	7,966,368	N4AR	3,199,572
UK9AAN	6,357,553	W3BGN	3,045,549
HH2MC	5,426,104	N1AC	2,093,649
VP2SX	4,859,777	K2BK	1,998,461
EA9EU	4,200,839	N0NO	1,946,610

Multi-Op Multi-Transmitter		Multi-Op Multi-Transmitter	
PJ2CC	20,045,952	N2AA	8,542,056
9Y4W	16,835,172	K8LX	6,568,430
N2AA	8,542,056	K3WW	6,467,632
SK2KW	7,101,325	N9MM	5,951,372
DL0PG	6,846,726	K0RF	5,715,264
K8LX	6,568,430	W3FA	5,683,174

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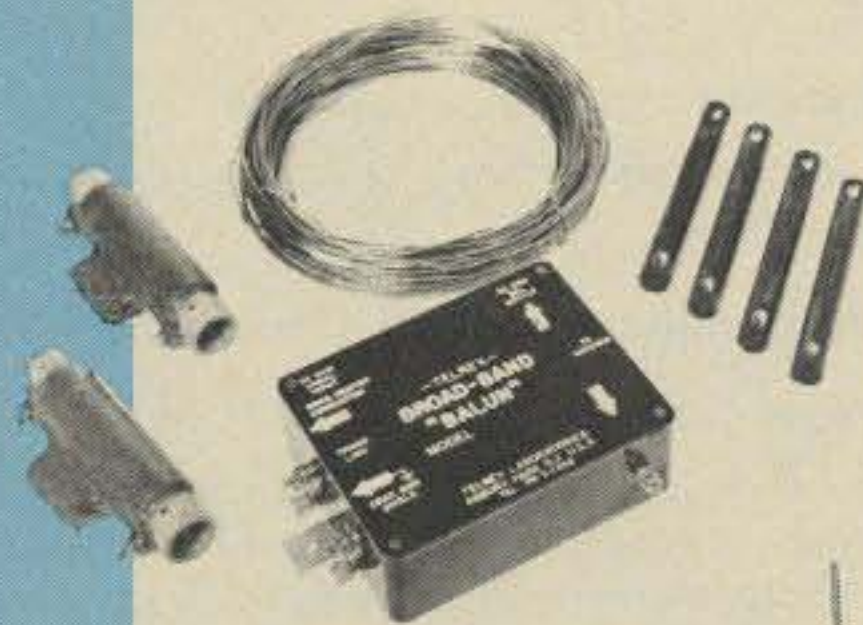


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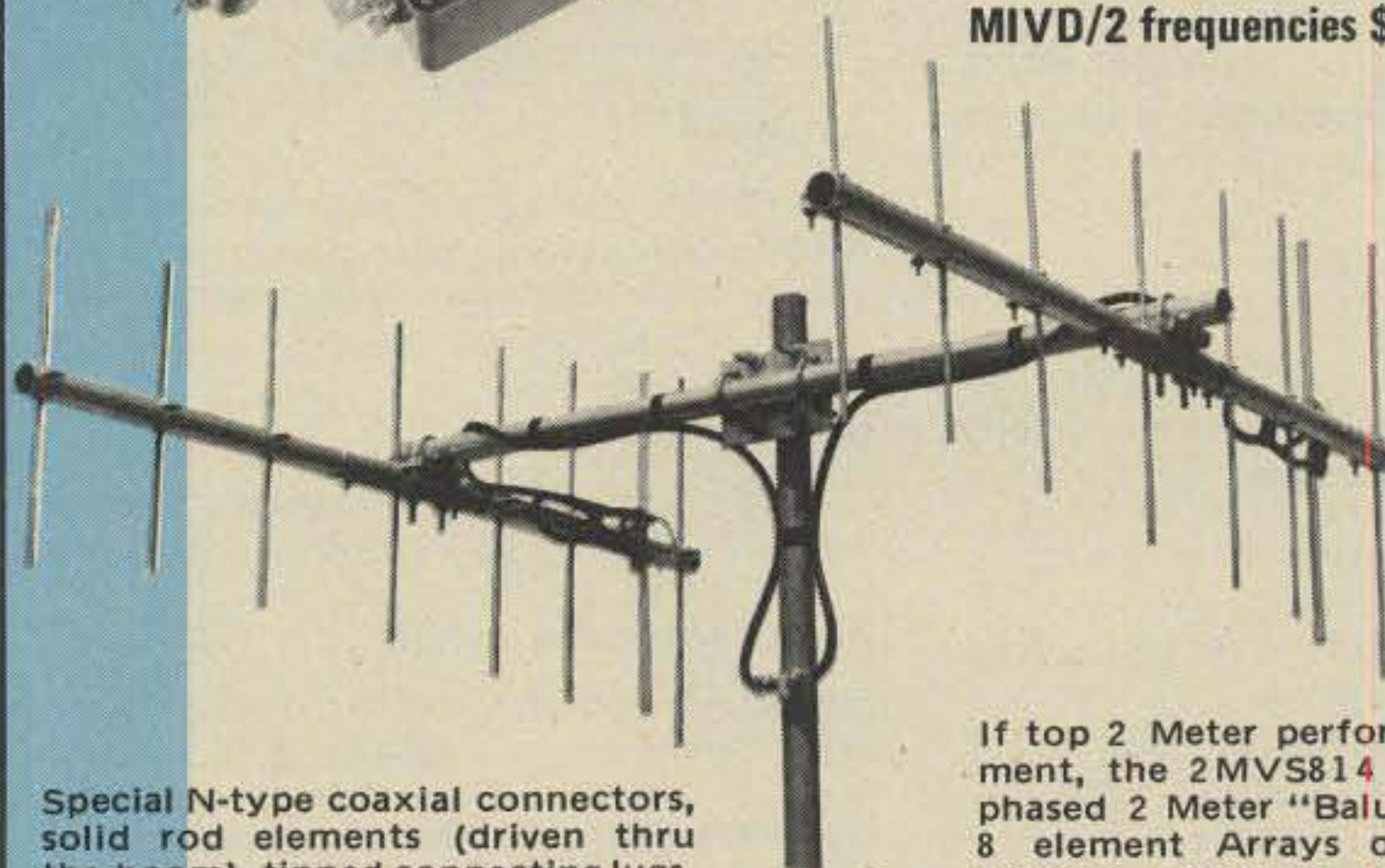
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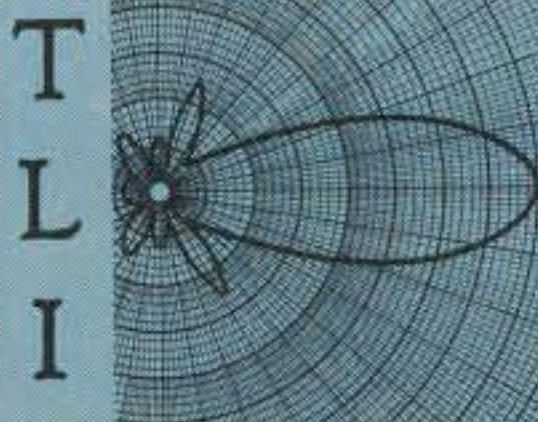


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TR-7800 FEATURES:

- **15 multifunction memory channels, easily selectable with a rotary control**
M1-M13... memorize frequency and offset (± 600 kHz or simplex).
M14... memorize transmit and receive frequencies independently for nonstandard offset.
M0... priority channel, with simplex, ± 600 kHz, or nonstandard offset operation.
- **Internal battery backup for all memories**
All memory channels (including transmit offset) are retained when four AA NiCd batteries (not Kenwood-supplied) are installed in battery holder inside TR-7800. Batteries are automatically charged while transceiver is connected to 12-VDC source.
- **Priority alert**
M0 memory is priority channel. "Beep" alerts operator when signal appears on priority channel. Operation can be switched immediately to priority channel with the push of a switch.
- **Extended frequency coverage**
143.900-148.995 MHz, in switchable 5-kHz or 10-kHz steps.
- **Built-in autopatch DTMF (Touch-Tone®) encoder**
- **Front-panel keyboard**
For frequency selection, transmit offset selection, memory programming, scan control, and selection of autopatch encoder tones.
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Handy for checking signals on the input of a repeater or for determining if a repeater is "upside down"
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To display frequency (both receive and transmit) and memory channel.
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25 watts (HI)/5 watts (LOW).
- **LED bar meter**
For monitoring received signal level and RF output.
- **LED indicators**
To show: +600 kHz, simplex, or -600 kHz transmitter offset; BUSY channel; ON AIR.
- **TONE switch**
To actuate subaudible tone module (not Kenwood-supplied).
- **Compact size**
Depth is reduced substantially.
- **Mobile mounting bracket**
With quick-release levers.

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MATCHING ACCESSORY:

- KPS-7 fixed-station power supply



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Processor, N/W switch, IF shift, DFC option

TS-130S/V

An incredibly compact, full-featured, all solid-state HF SSB/CW transceiver for both mobile and fixed operation. It covers 3.5 to 29.7 MHz (including the three new Amateur bands!) and is loaded with optimum operating features such as digital display, IF shift, speech processor, narrow/wide filter selection (on both SSB and CW), and optional DFC-230 digital frequency controller. The TS-130S runs high power and the TS-130V is a low-power version for QRP applications.

TS-130 SERIES FEATURES:

- **80-10 meters, including three new bands**
Covers all Amateur bands from 3.5 to 29.7 MHz, including the new 10, 18, and 24-MHz bands. Receives WWV on 10 MHz. VFO covers more than 50 kHz above and below each 500-kHz band.
- **Two power versions . . . easy operation**
TS-130S runs 200 W PEP/160 W DC input on 80-15 meters and 160 W PEP/140 W DC on 12 and 10 meters. TS-130V runs 25 W PEP/20 W DC input on all bands. Solid-state, wideband final amplifier eliminates transmitter tuning, and receiver wideband RF amplifiers eliminate preselector peaking.
- **Built-in speech processor**
Increases audio punch and average SSB output power, while suppressing sideband splatter.

- **CW narrow/wide selection**
"N-W" switch allows selection of wide and narrow bandwidths. Wide CW and SSB bandwidths are the same. Optional YK-88C (500 Hz) or YK-88CN (270 Hz) filter may be installed for narrow CW.
- **SSB narrow selection**
"N-W" switch allows selection of narrow SSB bandwidth to eliminate QRM, when optional YK-88SN (1.8 kHz) filter is installed. (CW filter may still be selected in CW mode.)
- **Sideband mode selected automatically**
LSB is selected on 40 meters and below, and USB on 30 meters and above. SSB REVERSE position is provided on the MODE switch.
- **Built-in digital display**
Six-digit green fluorescent tube display indicates actual operating frequency to 100 Hz. Also indicates external VFO or fixed-frequency, RIT shift, and CW transmit/receive shifts. Also analog subdial for backup frequency indication.
- **IF shift**
Allows IF passband to be moved away from interfering signals and sideband splatter.
- **Single-conversion PLL system**
Improves stability as well as transmit and receive spurious characteristics.
- **Built-in RF attenuator**
For optimum rejection of intermodulation distortion.
- **Built-in VOX**
For convenient SSB operation, as well as semibreak-in CW with sidetone.

- **Effective noise blanker**
Eliminates pulse-type interference such as ignition noise.
- **Built-in 25-kHz marker**
Accurate frequency reference for calibration.
- **Compact and lightweight**
Measures only 3-3/4 inches high, 9-1/2 inches wide, and 11-9/16 inches deep, and weighs only 12.3 pounds. It is styled to enhance the appearance of any fixed or mobile station.



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Allows frequency control in 20-Hz steps with UP/DOWN microphones (supplied with DFC-230). Includes four memories (handy for split-frequency operation) and digital display. Covers 100 kHz above and below each 500-kHz band. Very compact.

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MATCHING ACCESSORIES FOR FIXED-STATION OPERATION:

- PS-30 base-station power supply (remotely switchable on and off with TS-130S power switch).
- SP-120 external speaker
- VFO-120 remote VFO
- MC-50 50kΩ/500Ω desk microphone
- Other accessories not shown:
- YK-88C (500 Hz) and YK-88CN (270 Hz) CW filters
- YK-88SN (1.8 kHz) narrow SSB filter
- AT-130 compact antenna tuner (80-10 m, including 3 new bands)
- MB-100 mobile mounting bracket
- MC-30S and MC-35S noise cancelling hand microphones
- PC-1 phone patch
- HL-922A linear amplifier
- TS-5 and HS-4 headphones
- HC-10 world digital clock
- PS-20 base-station power supply for TS-130V



- SP-40 compact mobile speaker
- VFO-230 digital VFO with five memories



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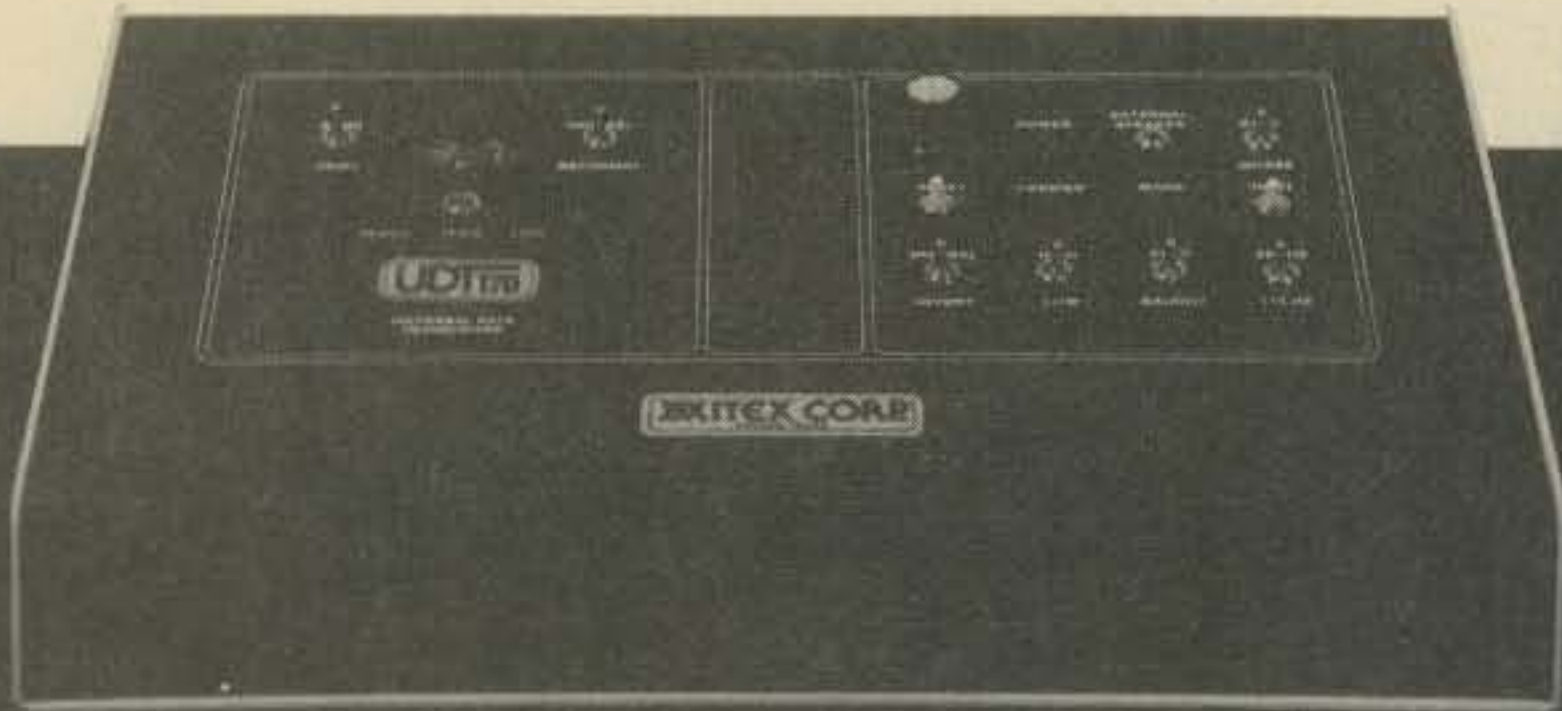
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K1VTM		2,379,465	1863	118	319
				(Opr. K1JX)	
W1ZM	"	2,368,968	1730	126	346
				(Opr. K1ZM)	
W1CF	"	2,360,450	1789	125	332
				(Opr. K1UA)	
W1RR	"	1,935,549	1530	117	324
K1DG	"	1,867,455	1608	110	295
W1KM	"	1,840,440	1611	103	289
N1GL	"	1,456,420	1230	113	299
K1RX	"	1,081,598	1167	90	232
W1GG	"	602,196	672	96	225
W1FJ	"	383,130	507	78	192
WA1UZH	"	272,154	484	60	141
W1LQQ	"	231,352	353	74	168
W100	"	175,071	320	70	131
K1TN	"	172,860	285	66	149
KA1EP	"	165,620	361	61	108
AB1U	"	165,416	315	64	120
K1BV	"	155,991	331	55	108
W1WY	"	150,880	268	67	138
K1WJ	"	143,276	271	59	137
WB1AGO	"	120,228	248	52	120
W1PL	"	76,410	203	40	952
W1HX	"	68,675	142	66	109
K1MBQ	"	65,975	325	64	139
W1CNU	"	63,500	175	42	85
K1CC	"	40,713	126	40	83
KA1DS	"	36,000	125	33	67
W1SD	"	34,684	111	37	79
WA1KSF	"	28,362	112	25	62
WB1EYI	"	26,136	100	34	65
N1AU	"	23,808	86	35	61
WB1DFV	"	11,891	91	15	32
WA1YVT	"	8,500	59	16	34
W1CM	"	3,932	59	17	29
N1DC	"	3,744	53	22	30
W10PJ	"	88	4	4	4
K1NA	28	291,126	823	29	92
AG1C	"	71,764	327	22	55
K1EMU	"	19,992	106	26	42
K1IJU	"	11,475	80	12	39
W1TN	"	9,231	63	15	36
W1RM	21	450,120	1173	37	95
WA1FCN	"	159,444	528	30	73
K1SA	14	309,750	885	36	89
W1YN	"	254,750	885	34	81
K1WJL	"	104,760	334	30	78
K1WAI	7	83,678	345	21	65
K1VUT	"	16,578	115	13	41
K1MEM	3.5	24,780	130	16	54
K1PBW	1.8	11,040	85	14	32
W1BB/1	"	2,842	36	9	20
AA1K	"	1,302	44	7	14
WB1HIH	"	176	40	3	5
N2LT	A	2,326,170	1743	127	335
W2VJN	"	1,620,432	1358	113	319
W2YV	"	1,435,152	1417	91	257
K2DM	"	1,231,155	1322	96	231
W2YC	"	814,668	842	97	251
K2SX	"	715,204	729	101	255
K2TD	"	560,280	615	96	226
N2MR	"	520,025	608	87	218
W2LYL	"	482,300	658	76	184
K2MFY	"	424,751	561	78	191
W2NS	"	340,764	532	65	154
K2QIL	"	266,844	428	67	155
W2FTY	"	235,104	363	77	180
K2VV	"	178,947	353	52	125
K2SPO	"	163,152	281	68	130
WA2ORX	"	132,612	274	56	116
K2PF	"	130,680	251	63	135
K2PE	"	129,642	198	53	121
WA2DPU	"	124,320	241	53	107
K2FS	"	110,670	222	58	128
WA2LJM	"	109,792	265	46	100
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UK4CAA	535,780	1034	77	224
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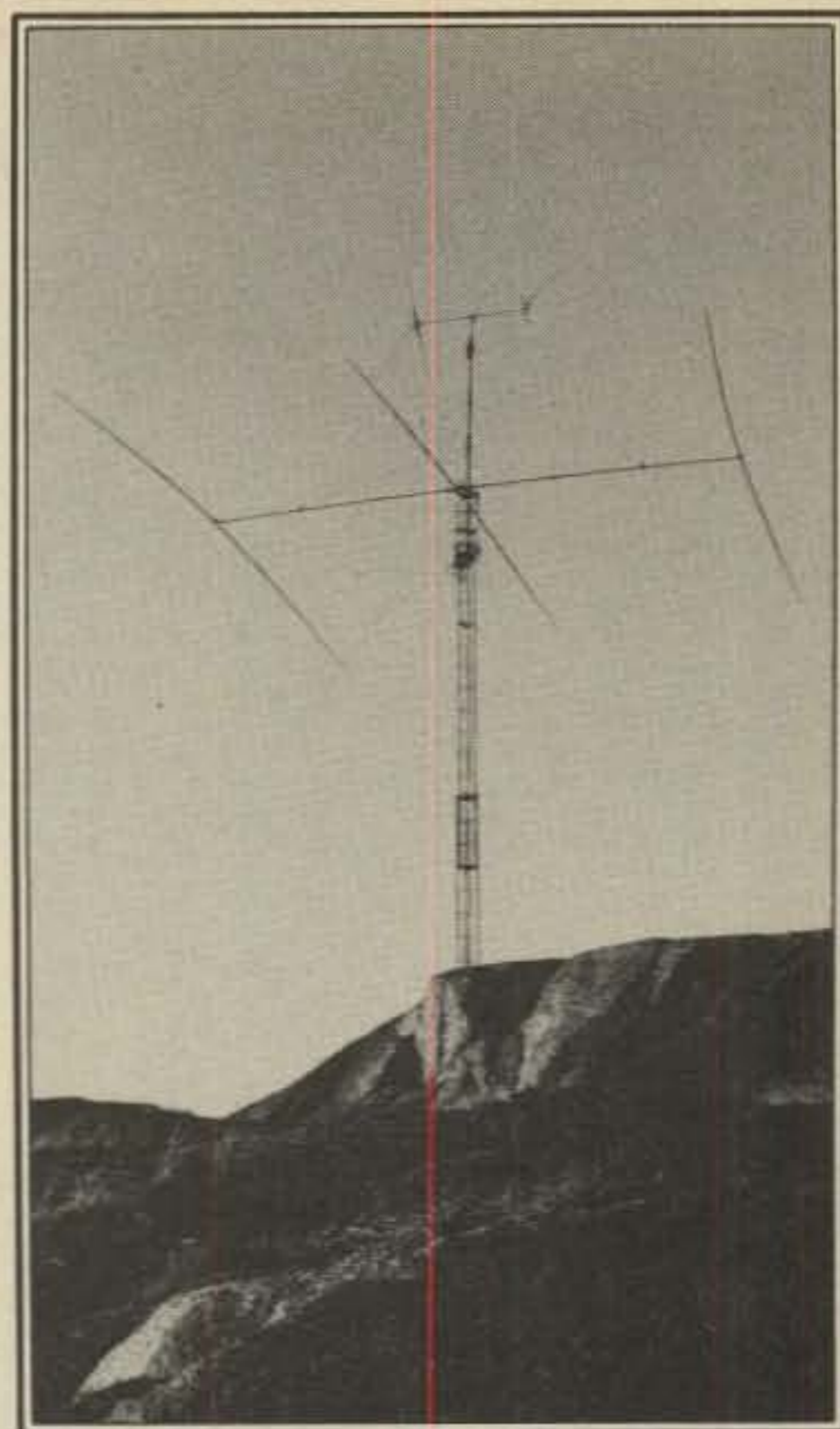
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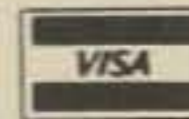
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OK1DKW	"	304,194	661	64	178
SM5CCT	"	256,365	549	68	175
WA4LOF	"	188,055	337	71	128
W5YZ	"	163,348	308	64	130
WA6POC	"	143,577	393	47	82
VE5JO	"	70,512	299	44	60
K8DU	"	69,823	199	43	88
N2GC	"	60,032	178	37	91
WA2JOC	"	55,622	146	41	96
UB5AAL	"	50,552	219	41	101
KX6MY	"	45,198	170	48	45
HP1XAT	"	44,044	400	25	27
UC2ACT	"	26,400	144	29	71
KD4A	"	22,477	94	36	55
DM2DTG	"	14,706	142	25	66
WBVSK	"	10,877	59	15	24
UA6AKT	"	10,350	88	21	48
JR110S/2	"	9,845	62	25	30
K2RF	"	9,690	63	20	37
AB5N	"	9,568	84	26	26
N5ARB	"	7,480	55	24	31

KL7IBT	"	6,750	56	22	23
SM7CZC	"	3,080	36	18	26
SM3BP	"	1,537	29	11	18
WA2ZWH	28	71,295	258	27	70
JF1VVR	"	47,784	259	21	45
UM8MBO	"	19,904	193	16	32
W1PWK	"	16,182	92	17	45
OK1MDK	"	12,366	83	19	35
DK2BJ/A	"	10,841	120	15	22
N6QR	"	9,477	94	16	23
PABANK	"	9,472	102	14	23
VE3LJJ	"	9,240	108	14	26
JE1BQE	"	1,323	65	14	23
K1CGJ	21	75,256	289	26	66
JR6KRI	"	56,019	276	24	47
SM5KAS	"	35,955	359	14	33
WB4BBH	"	24,540	145	20	40
J9AUD	"	22,528	148	17	27
OK1JCH	"	3,296	55	11	21
SM7BNG	"	2,784	60	8	21
JH8DEH	"	2,392	39	11	12
WA7HDI	"	1,133	28	6	5
WB4YFF/	"				
C8A	"	127	15	4	3
UB5KBF	14	62,228	384	25	69
K3FN	"	42,168	178	25	59
DM2BPN	"	5,776	95	10	28
DM2FEI/P	7	5,700	132	7	31
OK1DCP	"	5,203	79	8	35
OK2BMA	"	1,560	38	7	23
JJ1INO	"	497	26	4	3
YD2CGZ	3.5	1,122	70	4	13
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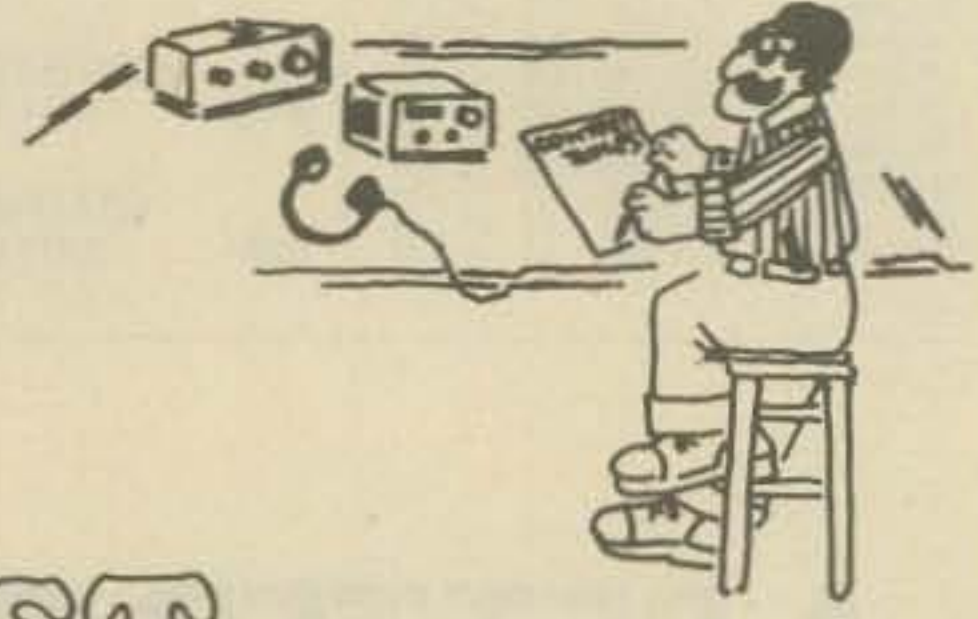
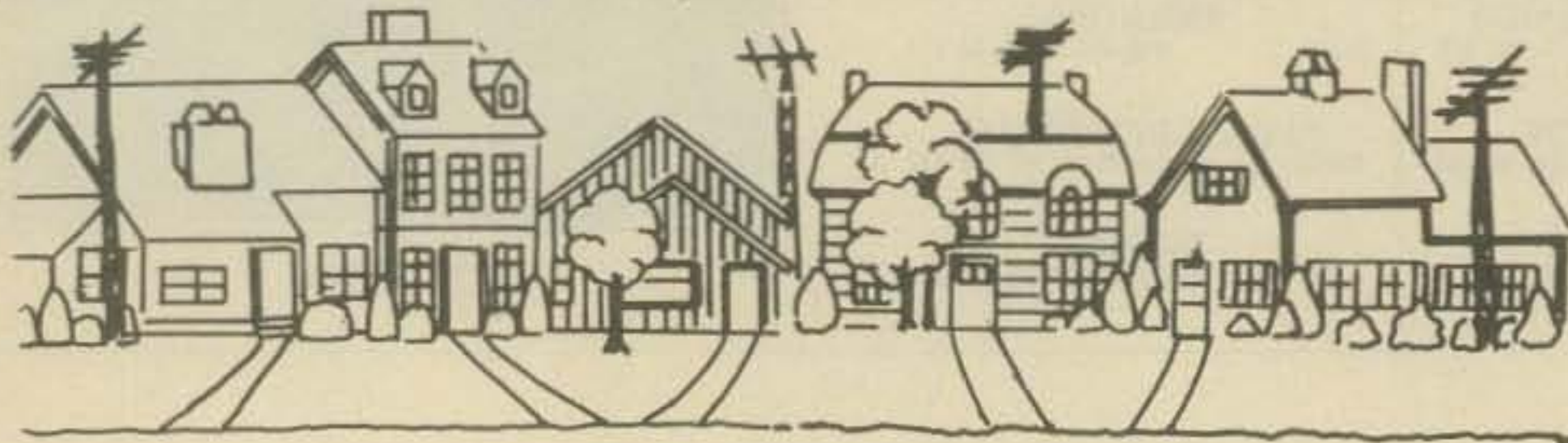
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Addendum: Bill, K5GA, was inadvertently left out of the phone results. His score was 2,064,160 points, 1513 QSO's, 135 zones, 350 DXCC. Our apologies.

Disqualifications:
W6VPH: Excessive duplicates and broken calls.
ZX4BW: Excessive duplicates.



THE CONTEST

*'Twas a week till the contest and all thru the town
All the hams were preparin' with nary a frown.
We cleaned up our stations and got lots of rest
'Cause the contest demanded the peak of our best.*

*I was ready this year. I was willing and eager.
For the last fifteen years my scores had been meager.
This year would be different, I'd taken a vow.
I knew I could win it if Fate would allow.*

*The first year I tried TVI did me in
And I had to leave off where I'd planned to begin.
So I filtered and bypassed and shielded and grounded
Till I got rid of spurs and was no longer hounded.*

*The very next year my poor transmitter died.
The six one four six in the final got fried.
So I stocked up on spares of all sorts of parts;
Now the size of my junk box will gladden your hearts.*

*The third year I tried and I got on the air!
But my skill in the contest was ranked less than fair.
So I dug out my key and brushed up on the code
And I checked into nets in the SSB mode.*

*As each year went by, something different went wrong.
Each contest I tried, Murphy's Law was along.
I couldn't admit it to family or friend,
But this was my limit—I'd not try again.*

*There's no fighting Fate, some things aren't meant to be.
If I failed again then from contests I'd flee.
But I wasn't worried, I'd come out on top.
With fifteen years practice I just couldn't flop!*

*My station was perfect. There was naught that it lacked.
That I'd win this year's contest I knew for a fact.
I'd studied and practiced like a second career.
My whole goal in life was to win it this year.*

*I'd spent every evening and half of the night
Working DX till the dawn's early light.
I'd fine tuned my skills to the highest degree
And I'd studied the rules of the F C and C.*

*I'd harvest the contacts and reap such a score
That my record would stand for a dozen years more.
I dreamed of my conquest all night in my bed,
For little I knew of my troubles ahead!*

*The next morning's mail hit me just like a shock.
Uncle Charlie had written (on his famous pink stock)
A letter of warning (it's called a citation)
For working DX from an expired station.*

*I started at my ticket and found it was true.
My license had expired. I forgot to renew.
And then as I wept salty tears in my beer,
My wife said, "Don't cry dear. There's always next year."*

By Glen Charnock, WB6JKM

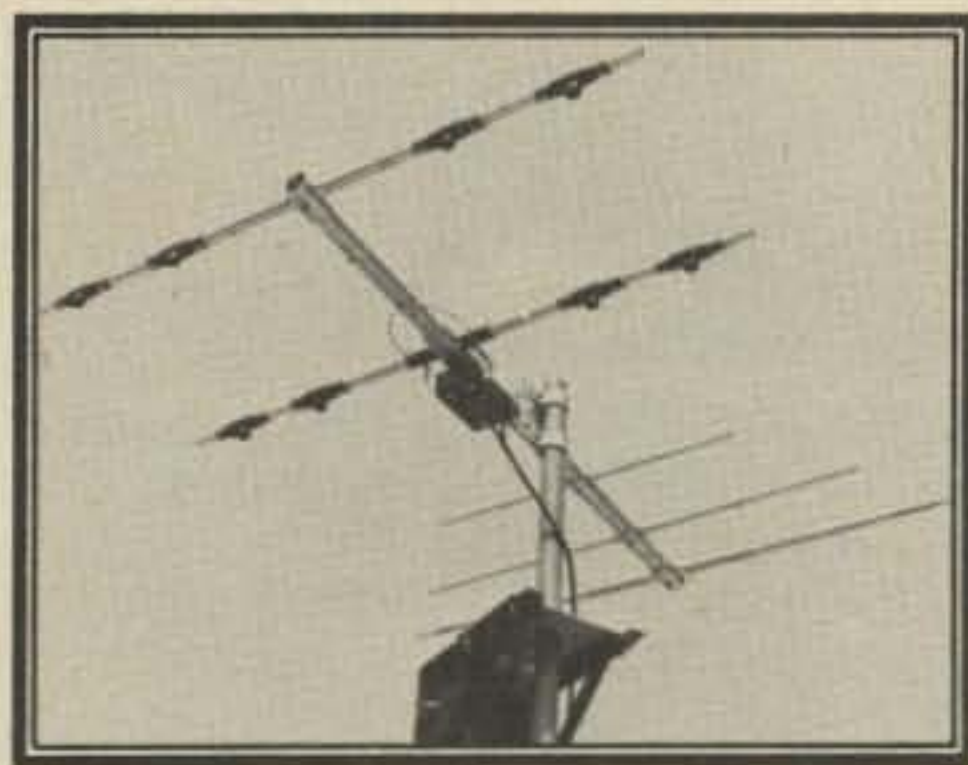
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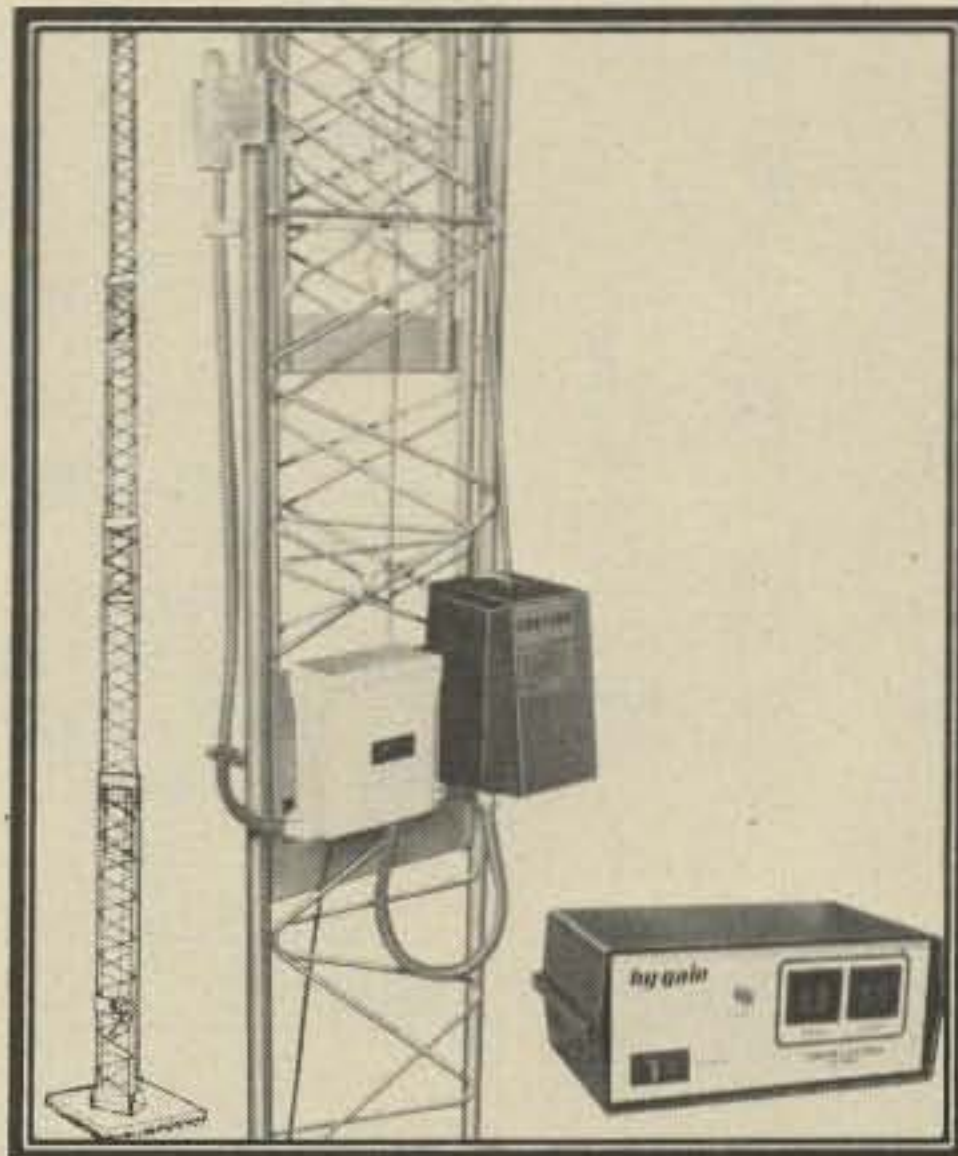


Telrex Labs. Tri-Band Model TB5ES

The latest in Telrex's series of antennas is the 5-element "balun" fed 10, 15, 20 meter Tri-Band Model TB5ES. The antenna provides optimum forward gain, f/b ratio, and signal to noise ratio. It has an 18 ft. boom, 36 ft. longest element, 22 ft. turning radius, 7 sq. ft. wind surface area, and weighs 49 lbs. The one-half

power beamwidth is 60° with 35 dB side nulls and a 1 kw power rating.

The TB5ES has a precision machined boom, hermetically sealed epoxied traps, stainless steel electrical hardware, preformed gusset mounting straps, reinforced boom and elements, and more. The antenna is priced at \$315. For more information contact Telrex Labs., P.O. Box 879, Asbury Park, NJ 07712, or circle number 104 on the reader service card.



Hy-Gain Adds To Tower Line

Hy-Gain has announced the addition of three new products to its tower line. The HG-70HD, a new 70 foot self-supporting crank-up tower, is all steel, has four sections and features an improved guide system providing rigid, close-tolerance structural support while leaving the tube ends open for complete surface galvanizing and unrestricted moisture drainage. This heavy-duty tower was designed for antenna loads of up to 16 sq. feet in winds of up to 60 mph. The top section is predrilled for thrust bearing bolts and a rotor mounting plate is included.

Hy-Gain has also developed a new electric winch system, Model No. HG-EW, that fits the new HG-70HD, as well as the existing 54 foot HG-54HD and the 52 foot HG-52SS. This winch system can be converted at any time to remote-control operation by adding

the new Hy-Gain tower control, HG-EWRC, which has been specifically designed as a modular addition to the HG-EW winch. For further information contact Hy-Gain, Div. Telex Communications, Inc., 8601 Northeast Highway Six, Lincoln, NE 68505, or circle number 105 on the reader service card.



Shure Model 444D Microphone

The new Shure Model 444D fixed station microphone which retains all the performance characteristics that made the Model 444 popular, also offers added features for amateurs. The Model 444D has a new impedance selector switch located on the bottom of the base, which allows selecting either high or low impedance operation. A second easy-to-use slide switch is provided for switching between normal or VOX operation. These new features join the unit's easy-to-use, momentary or locking, push-to-talk switch bar, which actuates the microphone and an external relay or control circuit with fingertip action.

Other added features of the Model 444D are a coiled cable, the availability of a free, personalized nameplate, and a wiring guide. User net price of the Model 444D is \$55.50. For more information contact Shure Brothers Inc., 222 Hartrey Avenue, Evanston, IL 60204, or circle number 108 on the reader service card.

CQ World-Wide DX Contest All-Time Phone Records

BY FREDERICK CAPOSSELA, K6SSS

In the records listed below, boldface listings denote world records. Number groups after calls are: year of operation, total score, contacts, zones, and countries. All-band and Multi-Operator records include a band-by-band breakdown of the world leader in each category.

Single Operator/Single Band

WORLD RECORD HOLDERS

1.8	KV4FZ('76)	37,584	380	11	37
3.5	KV4FZ('75)	275,319	1,297	23	80
7.0	KX6LA('77)	405,678	1,523	28	63
14	KV4FZ('78)	1,520,904	3,890	36	132
21	H31LR('79)	1,448,848	3,524	36	127
28	OH2MM/CT3('79)	1,827,150	4,068	37	113

AFRICA

1.8	No Entrant				
3.5	CT3BZ('79)	235,113	772	22	87
7.0	EA8CR('74)	253,528	639	31	103
14	CR6WW('74)	1,058,446	2,152	35	132
21	EA8JJ('77)	766,125	1,900	31	104
28	OH2MM/CT3('79)	1,827,150	4,068	37	113

ASIA

1.8	4X4UR('74)	1,188	35	3	9
3.5	VE3MR/4X('71)	197,106	742	22	69
7.0	VE3MR/4X('72)	215,840	643	27	88
14	VE3BWK/4U('78)	1,061,634	2,532	39	122
21	4X4UH('78)	738,315	1,907	33	102
28	JH1JGX('79)	1,035,464	2,474	35	107

EUROPE

1.8	PA50HIP('79)	7,644	171	7	35
3.5	I3MAU('75)	113,535	778	18	69
7.0	I5NPH('79)	273,144	1,073	28	86
14	UA6HZ('79)	1,020,181	2,296	38	135
21	YU3ZV('78)	1,212,530	2,975	37	109
28	G3MXJ('79)	1,296,826	2,905	38	119

NORTH AMERICA

1.8	KV4FZ('76)	37,584	380	11	37
3.5	KV4FZ('75)	275,319	1,297	23	80
7.0	HR1RF('72)	399,542	1,349	28	93
14	KV4FZ('78)	1,520,904	3,890	36	132
21	H31LR('79)	1,448,848	3,524	36	127
28	KV4FZ('79)	1,482,525	4,079	39	126

OCEANIA

1.8	KH6CC('79)	2,975	63	9	8
3.5	KH6XX('77)	116,416	606	28	40
7.0	KX6LA('77)	405,678	1,523	28	63
14	VK6HD('72)	706,251	1,483	37	132
21	VK4VU('79)	1,079,335	2,609	35	104
28	VR3AH('78)	1,442,244	3,970	35	89

SOUTH AMERICA

1.8	HK4EB('76)	3,672	34	4	9
3.5	YV4AGP('72)	72,666	388	18	48
7.0	CX4CR('76)	363,110	1,125	30	80
14	FY7AK('76)	1,415,329	2,950	36	127
	(Opr. F5QQ)				
21	CW4CR('70)	1,196,085	2,462	39	126
28	CW3BR('78)	1,662,718	4,028	35	104

Single Operator/All Band

AF	EA0CR('78)	7,639,624	4,876	130	396
AS	HS1ABD('79)	2,772,192	3,092	116	286
EU	G3FXB('79)	4,708,014	3,710	116	341
NA	KV4FZ('70)	4,961,551	4,362	128	369
O	KH6RS('72)	5,331,072	4,739	128	256
	(Opr. K2SIL)				
SA	9Y4VT('78)	8,281,800	6,194	118	332
	(Opr. N6AA)				

WORLD RECORD

Station	Band	Contacts	Zones	Countries
9Y4VT	1.8	31	5	6
Opr.	3.5	247	12	25
N6AA	7.0	436	18	60
(1978)	14.0	1986	27	78
8,281,800	21.0	1363	27	76
	28.0	2131	29	87
Total		4,876	130	396

Multi-Operator/Single Xmtr.

AF	9LICA('78)	7,367,846	5,393	118	340
AS	R6F('79)	9,029,396	5,643	137	411
EU	EM6A('79)	8,120,574	5,497	136	431
NA	HI8XWP('79)	9,872,267	7,603	134	417
O	5W1AZ('77)	5,452,302	5,154	125	241
SA	FY7BC('78)	8,989,695	6,125	124	371

WORLD RECORD

Station	Band	Contacts	Zones	Countries
	1.8	10	4	9
HI8XWP	3.5	276	14	52
(1979)	7.0	511	22	65
9,872,267	14.0	1,076	30	96
	21.0	2,362	32	96
	28.0	3,370	32	99
Total		7,603	134	417

Multi-Operator/Multi-Xmtr.

AF	EA8CR('77)	21,351,898	10,290	153	544
AS	EX9A('78)	15,364,080	9,233	164	519
EU	YU3EY('79)	16,646,364	9,562	153	528
NA	VP2KC('79)	37,770,012	17,767	175	677
O	KH6XX('79)	21,990,252	10,989	184	494
SA	PJ9JR('78)	29,211,300	14,598	147	528

WORLD RECORD

	Band	Contacts	Zones	Countries
	1.8	526	11	47
VP2KC	3.5	1,079	22	95
1979	7.0	1,702	28	107
37,770,012	14.0	4,208	39	153
	21.0	5,417	39	145
	28.0	4,835	36	130
Total		17,767	175	677

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CQ World-Wide DX Contest All-Time C.W. Records

Single Operator/Single Band

WORLD RECORD HOLDERS

1.8	KV4FZ('76)	42,800	390	13	37
3.5	CT3/OH1TV('77)	223,364	1,066	19	57
7.0	KP4AST('73)	447,421	1,479	32	95
	(Opr. WA4PXP)				
14	CX4CR('75)	935,025	2,303	34	103
	(Opr. CX9BT)				
21	LU8DQ('78)	1,011,220	2,611	34	106
28	LU8DQ('79)	1,033,399	2,775	34	93

AFRICA

1.8	EA8CR('76)	7,696	100	8	18
3.5	CT3/OH1TV('77)	223,364	1,066	19	57
7.0	5A1TW('64)	227,814	918	22	64
14	CR6IK('74)	925,386	2,021	38	116
21	TJ1AW('70)	549,888	1,447	35	93
28	FR0MM('79)	978,012	2,590	36	90

ASIA

1.8	4X4NJ('74)	4,818	76	6	16
3.5	UI8LAG('78)	110,552	606	16	57
7.0	4X4FA('64)	174,505	781	25	60
14	UH8AA('79)	411,120	1,401	31	73
21	JH3LPT('79)	376,208	1,151	35	77
28	4Z4KX('79)	368,986	1,237	29	77

EUROPE

1.8	G3SZA('79)	21,960	283	12	33
3.5	DK3GI('77)	165,216	967	23	73
7.0	YU2CDS('79)	361,680	1,204	32	88
	(Opr. YU2RQX)				
14	OH8OS('77)	625,812	1,961	34	87
	(Opr. OH2BH)				
21	SM5GMG('79)	526,229	1,660	35	86
28	DK3GI('79)	592,848	1,584	31	101

NORTH AMERICA

1.8	KV4FZ('76)	42,800	390	13	37
6.5	KV4FZ('75)	190,082	789	24	77
7.0	KP4AST('73)	447,421	1,479	32	95
	(Opr. WA4PXP)				
14	KV4FZ('70)	908,514	2,315	36	117
21	VP2MEE('79)	623,118	2,457	30	72
28	KV4FZ('79)	653,072	2,384	32	87

OCEANIA

1.8	VR3AH('78)	20,310	238	12	18
3.5	VR3AH('76)	178,560	956	24	40
7.0	AH6Z('78)	387,750	1,382	30	64
14	VK6HD('75)	469,320	1,325	32	8
21	KH6XX('78)	816,102	2,311	38	81
28	KH6XX('79)	586,236	2,013	34	64

SOUTH AMERICA

1.8	YV1OB('77)	14,220	192	9	21
3.5	N4JI/HC1('77)	77,748	463	21	36
7.0	CV4DL('75)	230,040	1,020	24	57
	(Opr. CX1BBL)				
14	CX4CR('75)	935,025	2,303	34	103
21	LU8DQ('78)	1,011,220	2,611	34	106
28	LU8DQ('79)	1,033,399	2,775	34	93

Single Operator/All Band

AF	CT3BZ('78)	5,135,104	4,256	105	311
AS	UF6DZ('79)	3,440,172	2,540	99	255
EU	OK2RZ('79)	2,916,045	2,463	128	367
NA	KP4RF('78)	4,908,186	3,797	135	379
	(Opr. N6CJ)				
O	KH6RS('72)	2,748,307	2,990	121	190
	(Opr. W6MAR)				
SA	9Y4VT('77)	4,697,304	3,992	122	275
	(Opr. N6AA)				

WORLD RECORD

	Band	Contacts	Zones	Countries
	1.8	0	0	0
CT3BZ	3.5	274	14	41
(1978)	7.0	526	16	49
5,135,104	14.0	856	28	84
	21.0	810	24	64
	28.0	1,790	23	73
Total		4,256	105	311

Multi-Operator/Single Xmtr

AF	EA9EU('79)	4,200,839	3,652	106	303
AS	R6F('79)	7,966,368	4,965	148	408
EU	YU7BCD('79)	4,072,150	2,913	154	421
NA	NP4A('79)	7,982,576	6,100	141	385
O	5W1AZ('76)	2,534,416	3,043	108	176
SA	FY7AK('75)	4,197,364	3,670	98	288

WORLD RECORD

	Band	Contacts	Zones	Countries
	1.8	76	17	19
NP4A	3.5	238	16	58
(1979)	7.0	922	22	66
7,982,576	14.0	1,307	35	89
	21.0	1,796	32	79
	28.0	1,761	28	74
Total		6,100	141	385

Multi-Operator/Multi Xmtr

AF	EA8CR('78)	17,734,970	9,799	142	463
AS	EX9A('78)	8,721,019	6,882	137	384
EU	SK2KW('79)	7,101,325	6,416	146	381
NA	N2AA('79)	8,542,056	4,677	167	461
O	KS6ER('73)	1,415,650	2,136	102	123
SA	PJ2CC('79)	20,045,952	11,786	154	422

WORLD RECORD

Station	Band	Contacts	Zones	Countries
	1.8	81	6	10
PJ2CC	3.5	704	18	53
(1979)	7.0	1,768	25	76
20,045,952	14.0	3,442	33	95
	21.0	3,244	38	100
	28.0	2,447	34	88
Total		11,786	154	422

CQ World-Wide DX Contest

All-Time U.S.A Records

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Tabulated below are the record-high scores achieved by U.S. contesters in the CQ World Wide DX Contest. Number groups following calls and bands are: year of operation, total score, contacts, zones, and countries.

PHONE

Single Operator/Single Band

1.8	K1PBW('76)	7,280	100	10	30
3.5	W1CF('78)	114,227	435	23	80
7.0	W3PHL('75)	110,799	337	29	88
14	W4AXE('70) (Opr. WA4PXP)	595,725	1068	39	156
21	K1RM('79)	870,237	1,768	38	129
28	WA2SPL('79)	735,528	1,659	36	116

Single Operator/All Band

	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	55	8	14
N7DD	3.5	50	15	28
(1979)	7.0	74	20	42
3,113,788	14.0	420	34	76
	21.0	794	35	86
	28.0	813	34	100
	Total	2,206	147	346

Multi-Operator/Single Xmtr

	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	7	5	5
K5GA	3.5	39	15	37
(1978)	7.0	173	21	64
4,150,306	14.0	549	39	125
	21.0	619	35	103
	28.0	1057	33	111
	Total	2,444	148	445

Multi-Operator/Multi-Xmtr

	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	109	8	16
N2AA	3.5	406	24	79
(1979)	7.0	366	28	84
13,299,750	14.0	1646	40	152
	21.0	2198	40	144
	28.0	1354	36	120
	Total	6,079	176	595

CW

Single Operator/Single Band

1.8	K1PBW('76)	22,626	157	15	39
3.5	W1MX('76) (Opr. WA8WNU)	108,288	403	21	75
7.0	W5WZQ('76)	322,383	907	33	90
14	W6VPH('78)	468,312	1105	36	116
21	W1RM('79)	450,120	1,173	37	95
28	N4WW('79)	349,206	1,009	34	87

Single Operator/All Band

	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	9	9	8
W3RJ	3.5	54	16	36
(1978)	7.0	210	22	65
2,186,948	14.0	516	34	88
	21.0	371	28	76
	28.0	420	28	83
	Total	1,580	137	356

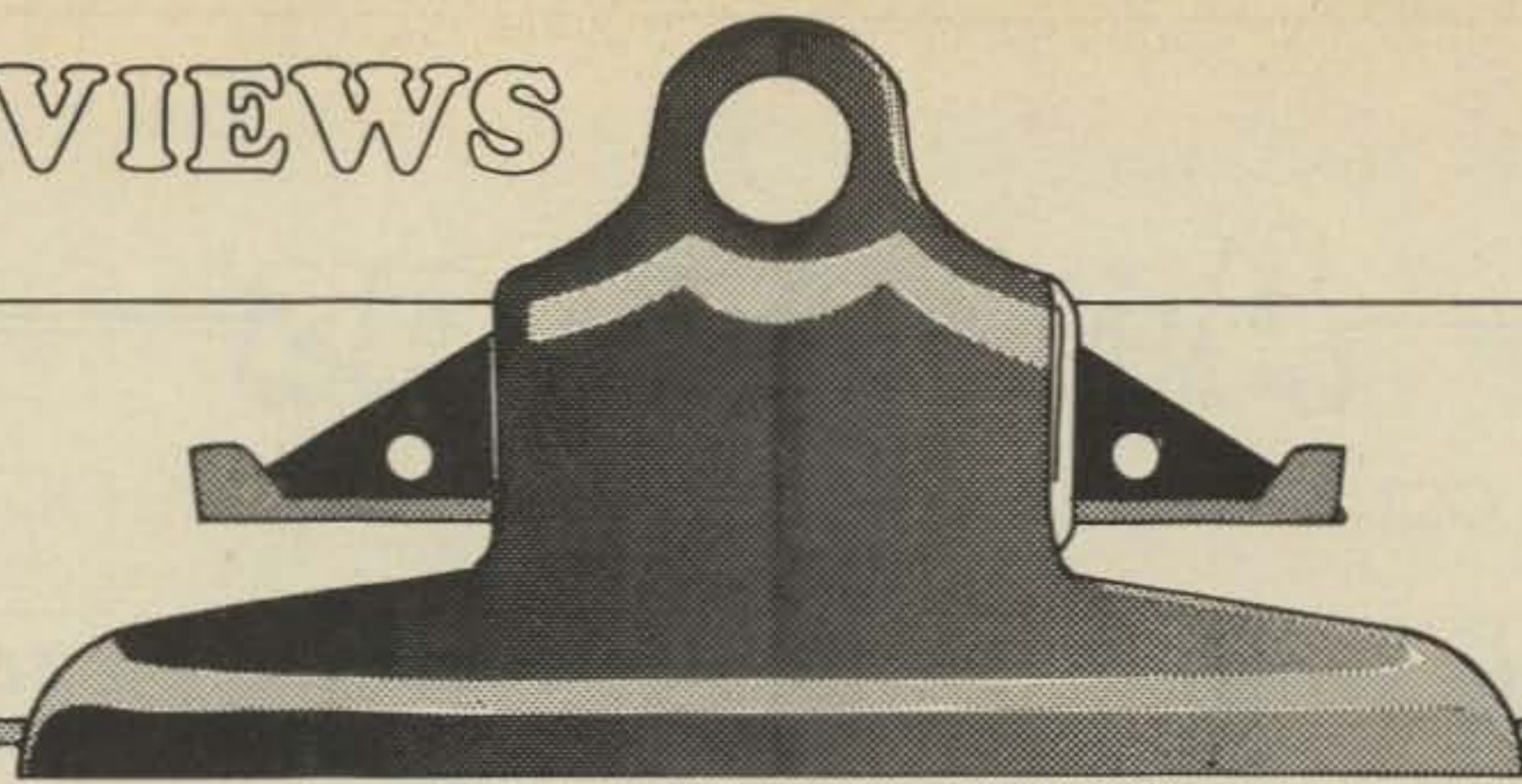
Multi-Operator/Single Xmtr

	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	10	7	9
K5RC	3.5	60	18	39
(1979)	7.0	328	30	79
4,148,781	14.0	773	38	100
	21.0	728	34	92
	28.0	658	33	85
	Total	2,557	160	404

Multi-Operator/Multi-Xmtr

	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	29	6	14
N2AA	3.5	324	24	64
(1979)	7.0	741	29	82
8,542,056	14.0	1,394	40	116
	21.0	1,237	36	96
	28.0	952	32	89
	Total	4,677	167	461

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The Heathkit SA-1480 Remote Coax Switch



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If you're fortunate to have several antennas up, or are planning to put up a few more this year, Heath has a practical solution to the feeding problem. With the Heath SA-1480 remote coax switch you can use one feedline to feed and use up to five different antennas.

The remote switch consists of two units, a small console for your operating position and the actual weatherproof remote switch, which is connected by an 8-wire cable, and can be either tower or mast mounted by a single clamp. The console houses the a.c. supply, which supplies 30 v.d.c. to operate the motor switch in the remote unit.

The front panel of the remote coax switch console has six LED indicators, indicating any of five antennas or ground. All five antennas can be grounded simultaneously at the flick

of a switch to protect your system from lightning. If perchance something happens to jam the motor, the LED's will glow dimly to indicate the malfunction.

The front panel antenna selector switch routes the 30 v.d.c. to the remote motor switch through any of six positions. The motor switch and a pulse switch step in 30° increments until an open circuit is found. The motor will stop then at the appropriate antenna, or ground, via the rotary switch section, and the corresponding LED will light.

Construction is quite easy and straightforward. One area of concern where caution should be exercised is in soldering the connections to the 6-lug terminal strip mounted on the bottom of the console. This terminal strip has connections through the terminals and the rivet type holes below supporting the terminals which are near chassis level. There is a flat 6-wire cable running under this terminal strip, at right angles to it. There

is the danger of melting through the flat cable insulation when soldering through one of the lower hole connections on the terminal strip. If you put a small piece of insulated vinyl electrical tape over the flat cable at this point you can prevent it from happening or repair it if necessary. I leave it to you to figure out how I found this out.

As I mentioned, construction is easy and takes about 7 hours using simple tools and a light pencil-type soldering iron.

The SA-1480 uses standard SO-239 connectors and is rated up to 150 MHz. It will handle the legal limit with input impedances between 50 and 70 ohms. Switch contacts are silver plated.

The SA-1480 sells for \$89.95. It requires 8-conductor cable (not supplied). Heath supplies the cable in three lengths: IDA-1290-1, 50 ft. \$7.95; IDA-1290-2, 100 ft. \$14.95; IDA-1290-3, 150 ft. \$21.95. For further information contact Heath Company, Benton Harbor, MI 49022.

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Antennas

DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, FACT, AND EVEN SOME FICTION

More On H.F. Verticals: Getting Fancy

Last month, author W8FX began a discussion of h.f. vertical antennas. He covered the merits of vertical vs. horizontal polarization, basic theory and full-size designs, as well as grounding and matching requirements. This month, he goes on to discuss popular variations on basic vertical designs.

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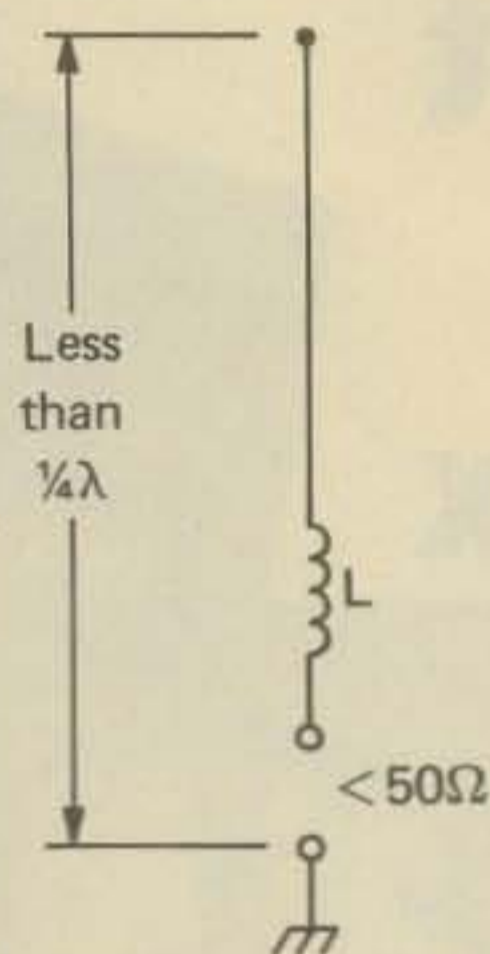
Last month we covered basic h.f. vertical antenna design and theory. We also highlighted straightforward vertical designs, including two of my favorites, the folded vertical and the no-trap multiple vertical. This month's column continues the article which began last month. We will go on to discuss shortened and loaded verticals, including mobile antennas and base loaded multibanders.

Let's go into what happens when we substantially shorten the vertical from "reasonable" lengths of $\frac{1}{4}$ -wavelength or longer to mini-sized configurations.

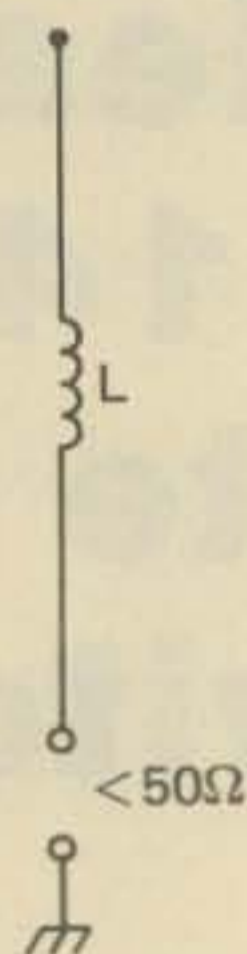
Shortened/Loaded Verticals

While quarter-wavelength or longer antennas make for more efficient radiators, shorter verticals can still be effective radiators as long as they possess an adequate ground system, don't exhibit excessive loading coil losses, and show a reasonably good match to the transmission line.

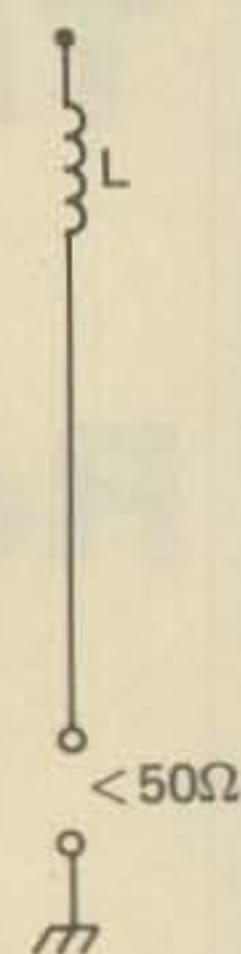
A very short vertical has a low radiation resistance and a high "Q" or selectivity factor. At all frequencies lower than the antenna's self-resonant frequency, it electrically looks like a low resistance in series with a high capacitive reactance. In order to resonate the antenna to the desired frequency and to match the antenna to a convenient transmission line impedance (such as 50-75 ohms), the reactance must be cancelled out



(A) BASE LOADING



(B) CENTER LOADING



(C) TOP LOADING

Fig. 1—The shortened/loaded and mobile vertical antennas.

Three representative classes of shortened verticals are shown above.

The electrically short antenna shows high Q (selectivity factor), and a low radiation resistance. The capacitive reactance which is present is tuned out and the antenna resonated by means of a series loading coil. The coil may be mounted at any point, though base loading (A) is usually most convenient, and is usually done with fixed station antennas. Center loading (B) is more efficient, and top loading (C) is the most efficient—though the least convenient, mechanically speaking. A "top hat" may be added to reduce the size of the loading coil required and thus to minimize coil losses. Continuously-loaded, helically-wound coils have also been used with some success. The idea is to make the coil as small as possible and to raise the point of maximum current in the antenna as high as possible above ground.

The same principles apply to mobile antennas—only more so. The typical, 8-foot, center loaded whip becomes inefficient and extremely unforgiving of even small QSYs; feedpoint impedance is quite low and can be very difficult to match to coax.

and an impedance transformation accomplished. This calls for the use of a series loading coil or L/C network.

A quarter-wave vertical has an impedance of about 35 ohms. An acceptable match can be effected by direct connection to coax cable, or an r.f. transformer or base-matching circuit can be used for more effective power transfer from transmission line to antenna. However, when the length of an antenna is physically reduced with respect to wavelength, the radiation resistance is also lowered. For example, a 0.2 wavelength antenna

has an impedance of about 18 ohms, showing capacitive reactance. A very short vertical, for instance, a 16-foot antenna on 80 meters, will show a radiation resistance of but a few ohms; coupled with high capacitive reactance, it's hard to match. Since radiation resistance is low relative to the ohmic resistance of the antenna, the radiator becomes a very inefficient one—with most of the power wasted in the form of heat.

If size reduction is not carried to the extreme, decent results can be had with shortened antennas if a

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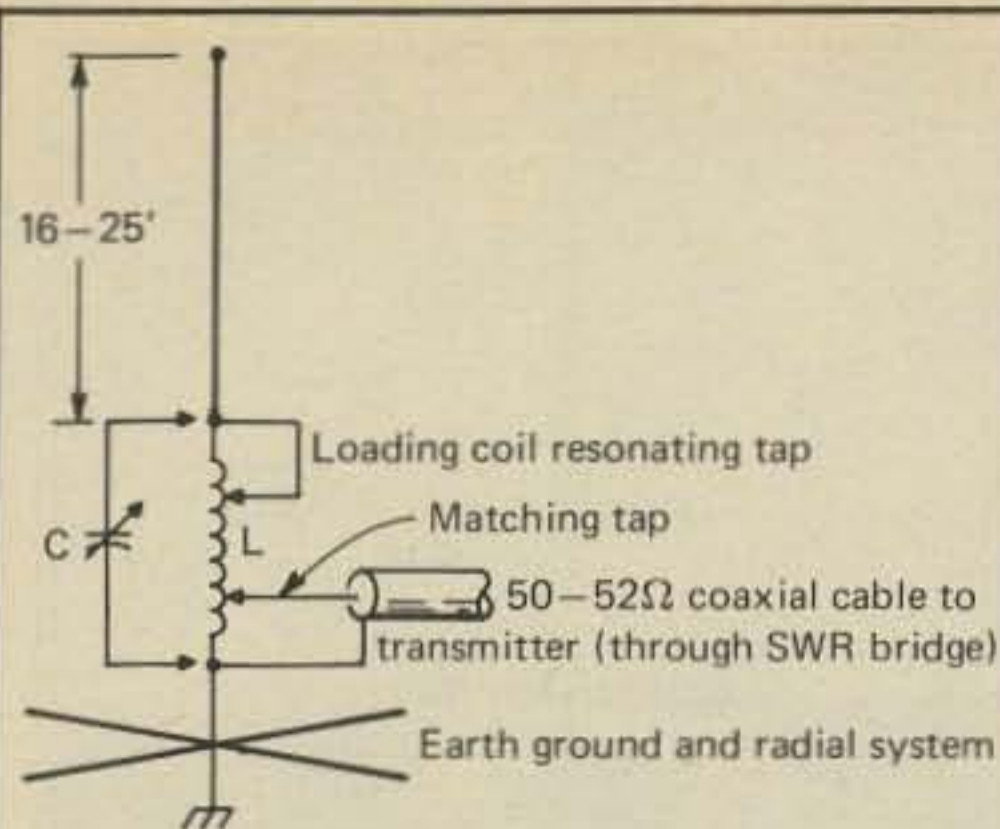


Fig. 2—Base loaded multiband verticals.

Typical base loaded multiband vertical antenna. In this antenna design, a loading coil is installed at the base of a vertical length of wire, tubing or rod about 16-25' long to enable the antenna to be manually resonated on several bands.

Inexpensive and especially suited to home construction techniques, a couple of 10' TV mast sections can make up the radiating element, which is supported by a beverage bottle or by ceramic insulators. For 80-10 meter operation, the inductor (L) is usually about 30 turns of 2-3 inch diameter coil stock. The capacitor (C) is a maximum of 100-150 pf. and is used only if a good match to the transmission line can't be obtained without its use. An "L"-network can be used to resonate the antenna, and a wideband r.f. transformer can be used to secure an impedance match.

Several manufacturers sell low-cost multiband verticals incorporating the base loading principle.

high-Q loading coil is used to minimize losses, provided the resultant narrow operating bandwidth is acceptable. An antenna slightly less than 1/8-wavelength is about the shortest that should be used for good results; 24 feet is about the minimum for really good 75/80-meter operation. The very low base impedance—around 15 ohms for a 25' vertical on 80 meters—is difficult to properly match to coax, though one of the new r.f. transformers (as offered by Palomar Engineers, SST Electronics, and Swan) should fill the bill. The Palomar transformer, for example, has taps at 8, 12.5, 16, 22, 32 and 50 ohms, allowing close matching of almost any shortened vertical to coax.

The problems of the shortened vertical are magnified when considering mobile antennas. On all bands except 10 meters, where a standard 8' whip works out to full quarter-wave resonance, the antenna is extremely short

relative to wavelength; longer whips are not usually practical since they risk hitting obstructions. The efficiency of a loaded antenna drops off markedly on the lower bands, especially on 75 and 160 meters, because the resistance of the loading coil assumes a large proportion of the total resistance into which the transmitter output power is fed. No one likes to mention it, but radiation efficiency on 75 meters can drop to 3% or less—compared with nearly 100% for a full-size, half-wave dipole.

Antenna efficiency can be substantially improved (by 50% or more) by moving the loading coil from the base to the center of the antenna. Adding a capacitive "top hat" decreases the size of the loading coil required, and therefore increases the overall efficiency of the antenna system. However, on the lower bands, the Q (selectivity factor) of an efficient antenna is so high that it's necessary to retune the antenna for even small QSYs (changes in frequency)—as little as 10 kHz on 160 or 75 meters—if efficiency and low s.w.r. are to be maintained. With most mobile antennas, changing bands means changing coils and/or top sections, although there are a few *multiband* antennas available and several schemes have been devised for remote resonating

and bandswitching from the driver's seat.

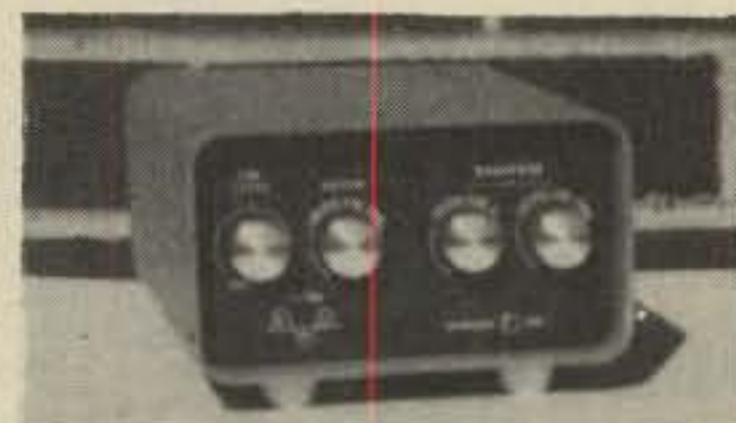
Mobile antenna tuneup is much trickier than adjusting fixed station antennas. A good s.w.r. bridge and dummy load/wattmeter, and possibly a grid dip oscillator or antenna noise bridge, are practical necessities. Achieving a good feedpoint match is even more important than with the shortened fixed station vertical, since mobile whip impedance may be 10 ohms or less. Needless to say, when it comes to h.f. mobile antennas, a little extra effort to reduce unnecessary system loss may increase your ability to "work out" more than any other improvement you can make.

Of interest to the apartment dweller and renter where a windowsill antenna is the only possibility, a number of amateurs have effectively used standard mobile coil-and-whip combinations, mounting them as windowsill semiverticals. At least one manufacturer, Barker and Williamson, has come up with a *portable* base loaded antenna system that covers the 2-through 40-meter bands using several interchangeable coils and a 57" whip. Since it's almost impossible to secure a real "r.f. ground" in an apartment, antennas of this kind are usually not truly grounded, but are instead fed against an insulated, artificial ground

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known as a counterpoise. Ground system and antenna adjustment can be tricky, and it's especially difficult to keep the shack free of "floating r.f." caused by poor impedance matching and the strong r.f. fields that are induced in metal objects, including station equipment.

Fig. 1 shows representative shortened antenna types.

Base Loaded Multiband Verticals

We've said that the simple quarter-wave antenna is basically a one-band antenna. Nevertheless, one can easily load up a single 16-25' vertical on all bands, 80-10 meters. The usual configuration is a vertical piece of tubing, used in conjunction with a base loading coil. By tapping the coil at appropriate points, the antenna can be roughly matched to 50-ohm coaxial cable on any band. This no-trap antenna must be manually adjusted when switching bands. Adjustment must be

made at the antenna, not from the shack; bandswitching isn't automatic.

This type of antenna is an excellent compromise for all-band operation, especially for the budget-conscious amateur who can't erect separate verticals for each band, or who can't afford the cost of an all-band trap antenna. The antenna design lends itself to homebrew construction, since there are no mechanically challenging traps to build, weatherproof and install. It's also a good antenna for the space-limited amateur, since its overall length is normally under 25'. This length works out to a bit longer than 3/4-wavelength on 10 meters, chosen as the maximum length that will yield a low-angle radiation characteristic on the highest band to be used.

Fig. 2 shows electrical details of the base loaded multiband vertical. A tapped inductor, consisting of about 30 turns of 2-3" diameter B&W or similar coil stock, makes up the loading coil. It is tapped from the top at the appropriate points so as to resonate on each band of interest; the clip is tapped down the coil as bands are changed. The center conductor of the coax is tapped up from the bottom of the coil for impedance matching purposes, or an r.f. transformer can be used to effect impedance transformation. The parallel capacitance shown in the figure, about 100 to 150 pf., may or may not be required, depending on the band in use and the length of the antenna. An s.w.r. bridge is recom-



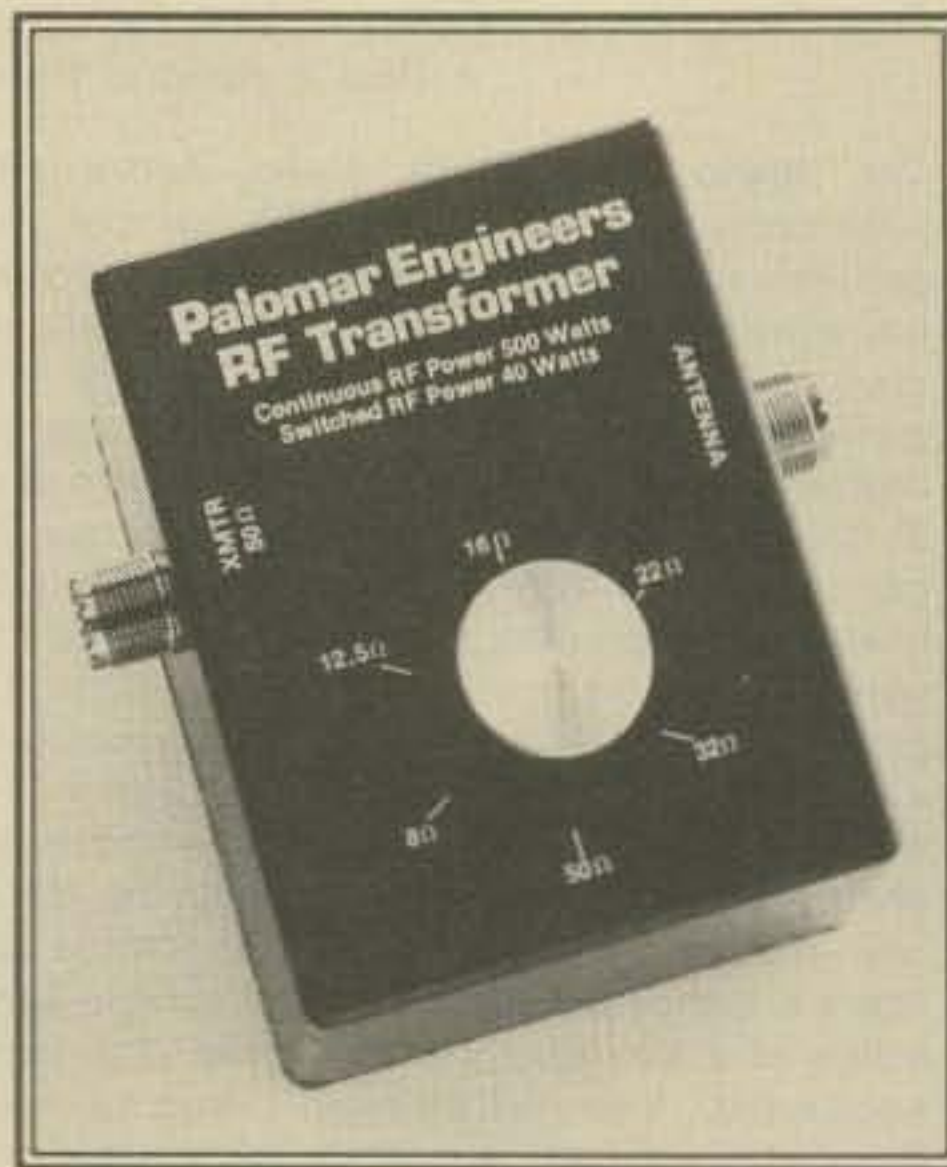
A tri-band mobile antenna by Swan features automatic operation on 20, 40, and 75 meters. After initial adjustments have been made, the antenna requires no changing of coils to change bands. Just flick the transceiver bandswitch. Operating bandwidth is 25 kHz on 75, 70 kHz on 40, and 90 kHz on 20 at the 2:1 s.w.r. points.

mended for adjustment. An antenna noise bridge may also be used for accurate resonance determination.

Mechanical details are simple. Two or three sections of 10' TV mast can be used to construct the antenna. The masts can be supported by a soda or beer bottle and guyed with nylon cord or rope if necessary. Another possibility is to side-mount the mast sections on a length of wood using heavy ceramic insulators. Since the loading coil is connected at the base, it doesn't interfere with the antenna's mechanical strength.

As with most verticals, the quality of the ground system is important, especially on the lower bands. The antenna can be fed as a ground plane or it can be ground mounted. However, if fed as a ground plane, separate, resonant radial sets are required for each band for good results. This becomes unwieldy, to say the least, especially on the lower bands. For this reason, I suggest installing the antenna on the ground and using a ground rod and radial system, as described last month. Resonant radials need not be used if the antenna is ground mounted.

What about performance? This type of multiband antenna can produce surprisingly good results despite its simplicity and relatively low cost. It's



Low-low r.f. transformers such as this 500-watt unit by Palomar Engineers allow broadband matching to low-impedance antennas, such as short verticals and mobile whips. Small, high-efficiency package has switch-selected taps at 8, 12.5, 16, 22, 32, and 50 ohms. An r.f. ferrite toroid core is at the heart of the device. (Photo courtesy Palomar Engineers)

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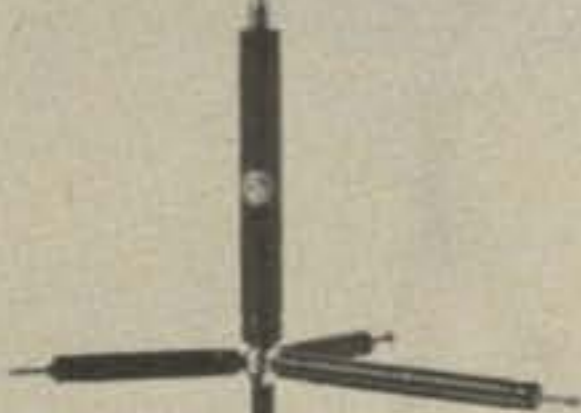
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Antenna of the Month

Unusual, multiple-resonant Swan mobile antenna covers 10, 15, and 20 meters and requires no coil change or readjustment after initial tuning; for additional band coverage, optional 160, 80, or 40 meter coils and top section can be added. The 200-watt p.e.p. mobile antenna features low s.w.r. at resonance; independent resonance adjustments on each band; wide bandwidth; and a low-wind-resistance profile. Its design also lends itself to trailer park, mobile home, camper, or apartment mounting schemes.

Besides the basic 3 lb. antenna base rod and 10/15/20 meter resonators, accessories include a base extender rod, telescopic top section (for 160/75/40 meter operation), and center loading coils required for 160, 80, and 40 meter work. (Photo courtesy Swan Electronics)

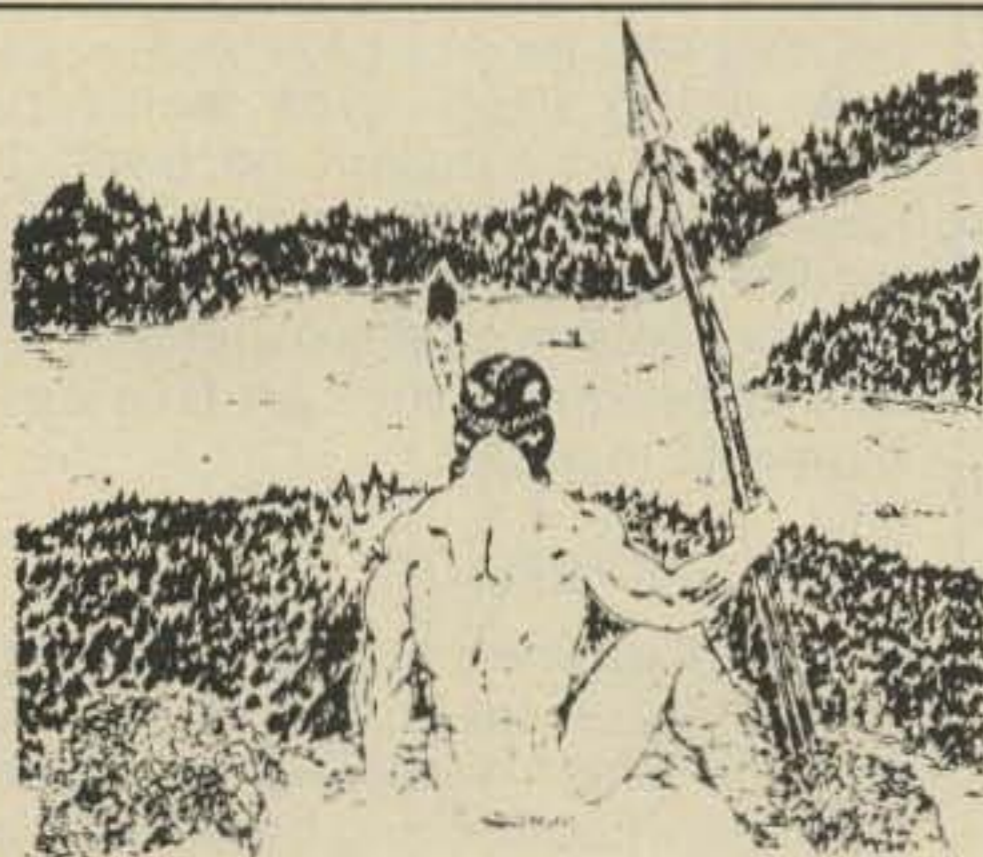


an especially attractive proposition for the Novice who wants to try his hand on *all* the h.f. bands open to him—80, 40, 15, and 10 meters. Two things to consider are that the antenna *must* be manually returned when switching bands, and that usable bandwidth (and s.w.r.) will be quite narrow on the lower bands. Also, the angle-of-radiation pattern will change for each band, since the antenna varies in relative length from band to band.

What about 160-meter operation? The short vertical can be used on the "top band" if a reasonably long radiator and large-enough loading coil are used. However, efficiency of the short base loaded vertical is low. And, while the vertical will produce good ground-wave signals on 160, it's been found that a horizontal antenna often outperforms the vertical at night when propagation is by ionospheric means. For these reasons, and to keep the loss-prone, high-current portion of the antenna as high as possible, bent or L-shaped antennas are favored for 160-meter operation. We'll cover these specialized antennas in a later column.

Next month we will conclude our discussion of verticals with trap-type verticals, matching and a bibliography of interesting articles concerned specifically with vertical antennas. See you then.

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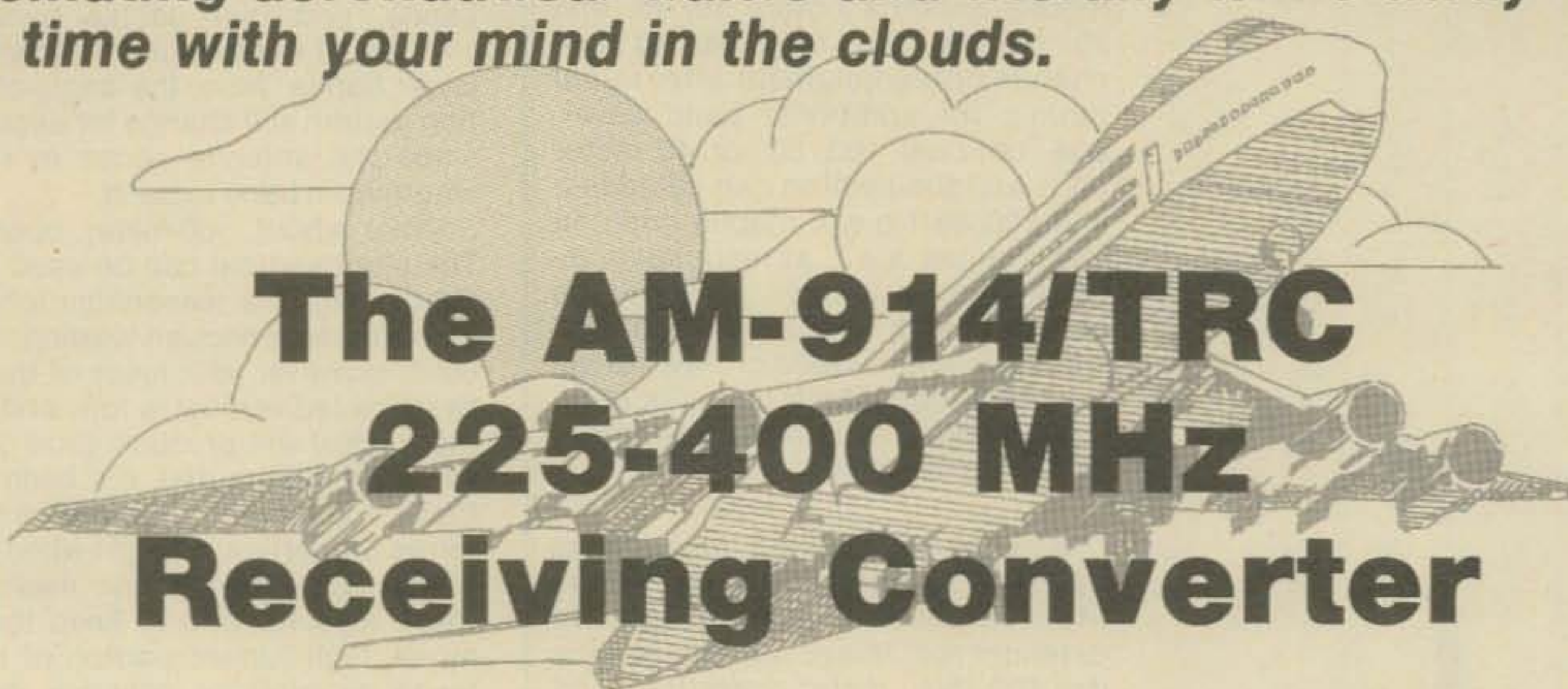


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The AM-914/TRC 225-400 MHz Receiving Converter

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The 225-400 MHz band is somewhat neglected by monitoring enthusiasts. And yet this band often teems with military aeronautical action. Strategic Air Command missions are in constant communication. Air Force, Army, and Navy training exercises are regular listening fare. Even the Coast Guard utilizes this portion of the spectrum for much of their air-borne activity.

Commercial receiving equipment for this lower part of the u.h.f. spectrum is hard to find. No scanner presently made includes this frequency range. The Collins R-278/GRR is a nice receiver, but it is big, heavy, and old. National's shipboard URR-13 and URR-35 are the most popular surplus radios for this range, but they, too, are rather large and difficult to service.

Since most of us already have h.f. receiving equipment, and since the vast majority of 225-400 MHz military radio activity is in the a.m. mode, a converter is the way to go. The limited amount of satellite f.m. communications which may be heard may be slope detected by an a.m. receiver.

Probably the nicest converter to come out of recent years was the CV-253. It tuned continuously from

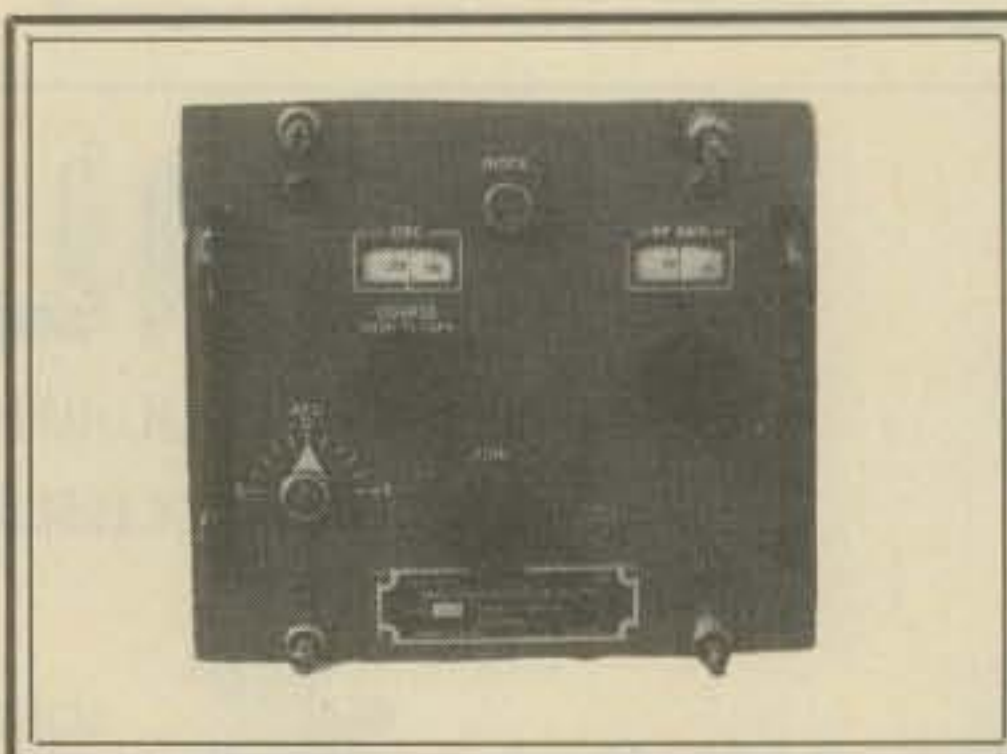


Fig. 1- The AM-914/TRC before conversion.

38-1000 MHz in four bands, but the market has dried up.

One old-timer which we recently uncovered at Fair Radio Sales (P.O. Box 1105, Lima, OH 45802) was made for the Navy, and carries the nomenclature AM-914/TRC. It is pictured in fig. 1.

The AM-914/TRC was originally designed to plug into an R-417/TRC mainframe receiver. That unit worked off 120 v.a.c./60 Hz, and had a 30 MHz i.f. input.

As you can see from the schematic (fig. 2), the design is very straight forward. A string of triodes provides all functions: 2 stages of r.f. amplification, a local oscillator, buffer, and mixer. The 30 MHz output may be fed into a general coverage receiver, 10-meter transceiver, or even a CB rig will do in a

pinch. For f.m. only, a low-band scanner may be used.

By using a tube-type receiver or transceiver as a mainframe, 6 volt filament power and 150 v.d.c. B+ will be readily available. The extra 20 ma d.c. drain should not cause a problem to any receiver, although five extra filaments might!

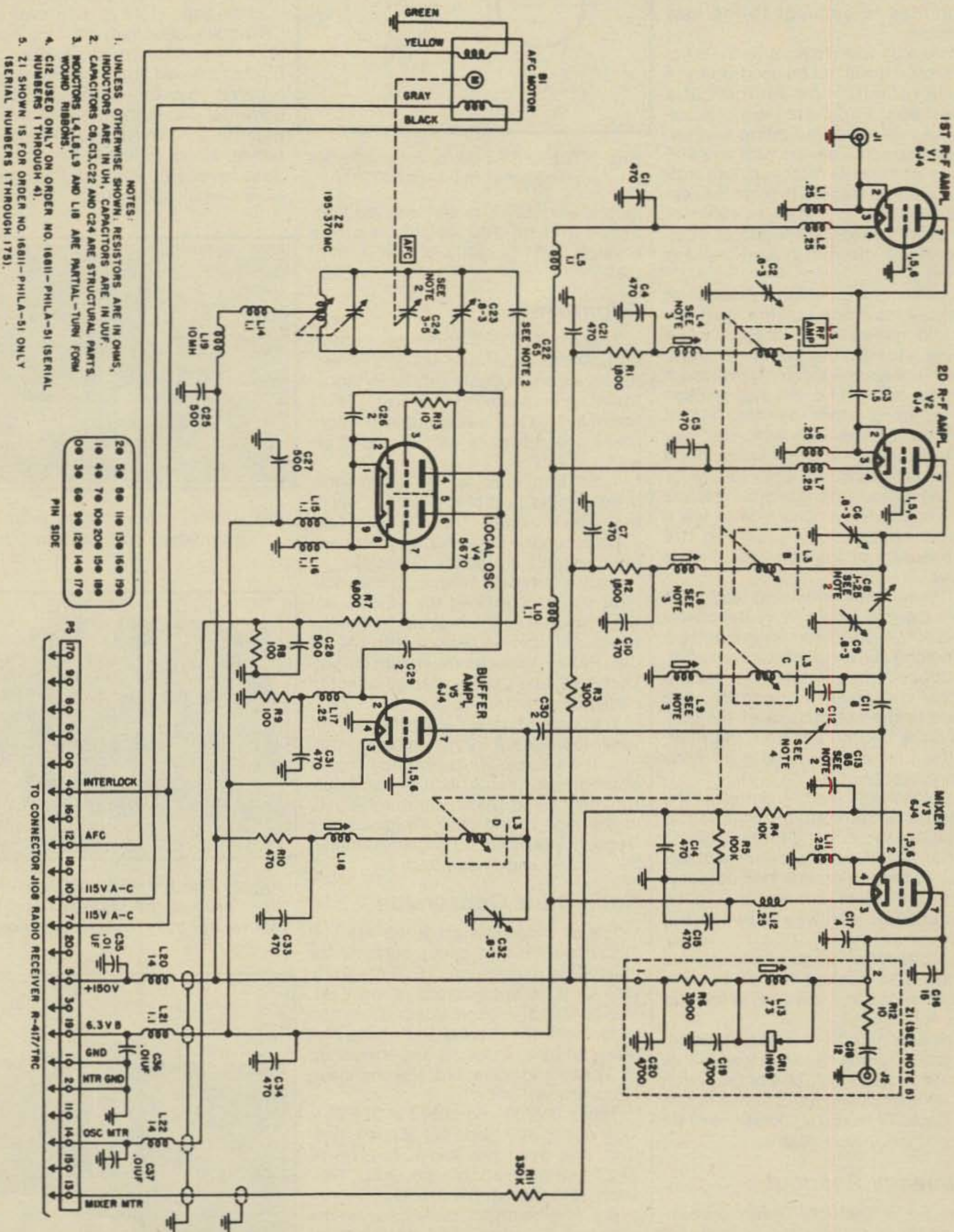
The Conversion

How does one go about converting a converter? In fact, *why* does one go about it? The AM-914/TRC will operate just fine without doing a thing to it but connecting the appropriate voltage and r.f. leads. However, I personally prefer the roomy simplicity of stripping down unnecessary components. Feel free to include or delete any of the steps you wish except the alignment procedure; *that* you will need!

Remove top dust cover and visually inspect the unit thoroughly for damaged or missing components and connections. Test all tubes. If original replacements are impossible to find, suitable substitutes are available. For the 5670, try a 2C51, 6385, or 7961. For the 6J4's a 6AN4, 7137, or 7245 should work. And there are others.

1. Remove coarse tuning knobs. Remove spring and retaining washer. Replace knobs and press in shaft to engage gears.

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- NOTES:
1. UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN, RESISTORS ARE IN OHMS, INDUCTORS ARE IN UH, CAPACITORS ARE IN UUF.
 2. CAPACITORS C9, C13, C22 AND C24 ARE STRUCTURAL PARTS, WOUND RIBBONS.
 3. INDUCTORS L4, L8, L9 AND L18 ARE PARTIAL-TURN FORM WOUND RIBBONS.
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PIN SIDE	
20	50
50	80
80	110
110	130
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160	190
190	40
40	70
70	100
100	130
130	160
160	190
190	30
30	60
60	90
90	120
120	140
140	170

Fig. 2- Schematic of the AM-914/TRC converter.

2. Remove superficial hardware (panel lockbolts, handles) as desired.

3. Remove both rear apron coax connectors and replace with type SO-238 connectors. Use the old BNC and coax assemblies to connect to the new SO-238's.

4. You may wish to remove the a.f.c. drive motor. It will not be used, and will provide room for the addition of a power supply. To remove the motor, extract the two lower mounting screws. Loosen the clutch collars with an Allen wrench, and pry the motor upward with a screwdriver, freeing it from its rear cup shell housing. Snip the two pairs of leads from the rear power supply strip, and remove the motor and its rear housing.

5. Loosen the forwardmost collar on the a.f.c. knob shaft. Pull the shaft forward and tighten the collar again while pushing it toward the rear of the shaft. This will tighten the assembly, making it more stable. The a.f.c. dial may be used for fine tuning rather than the "FINE" control which has backlash. You may wish to substitute a larger knob on the a.f.c. control for less touchy tuning.

6. Connect appropriate ground leads from the chassis to one side of the 6 v.a.c. filament supply and to the negative side of the 150 v.d.c. power supply.

7. Connect the remaining lead from the 6 v.a.c. line to pin 19 of the power connector. It is located on the bottom left, looking at the rear of the converter.

8. Connect the 150 v.d.c. B+ lead to pin 5 of the power connector. It is located at the bottom row of the connector, the second pin from the right. No other connections need to be made to the power plug.

9. Since the 30 MHz i.f. output of the converter is capacitively coupled, it may be hooked directly to the antenna input of any 30 MHz receiver without danger to the equipment. This output is located at the BNC connector atop the tuner chassis, midway between the tubes.

10. Connect an appropriate antenna and low-loss coaxial feedline to the antenna connector, the BNC at the rear of the tuner.

A Newtronics DCX discone, or 10-inch ground plane will work well in this application (see fig. 7). Use only enough coax for the run, and make sure it is low-loss. Cable TV RG-6U works very well for v.h.f. and u.h.f. applications.

Frequency Readout

The Department of Defense channels its communications frequencies. The window displays on the converter are not read in MHz, but rather in channel designators. Fortunately, the scheme is logical, and easy to convert.

To convert the dial readout to MHz,

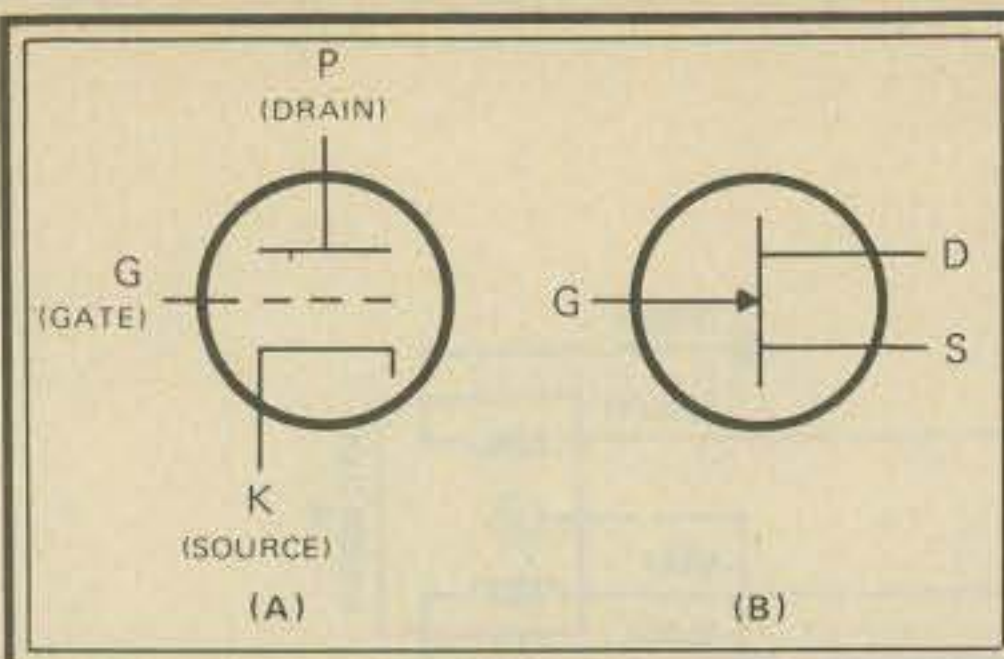


Fig. 3- Tube/FET analogy for solid-state conversion of the AM-914/TRC.

merely add 199.5 to the dial reading. Since adding 200 would be close enough, "75" is really 275 MHz. Simple?

Alignment

The AM-914/TRC converter is built around the venerable Mallory inductuner, a continuously rotatable inductor. It is an excellent circuit, albeit noisy in this early application. Alignment procedure is very straightforward.

1. Set both dials to "50". With background hiss audible, peak for maximum output: C2, C6, C9, and C32 (located under the tuner and accessible through a slot in the chassis).

2. By alternately advancing the oscillator dial and peaking the r.f. dial, set the converter to the highest frequency which still can be peaked with the r.f. dial. Peak in order for maximum output: L4, L8, L9, and L18 (located adjacent to capacitors of step 1).

3. Locate i.f. mixer slug at center of tuner top. Peak it for maximum output.

4. If an accurate-frequency signal source is available, adjust oscillator trimmer C23 (accessible through a hole in the side of the cabinet) for correct frequency readout. A.f.c. dial must read "0" for this alignment step.

Solid-State Conversion

The all-triode design of the AM-914/TRC makes it particularly suitable for solid-state conversion. FETs are available for u.h.f. applications at low cost. Notice that the oscillator utilizes two triode sections in parallel; they may be replaced by one device, and a touchup of C23 should correct for the change in circuit capacitance.

Types 3N200 and 40673 MOSFET's look especially good for this application, and even the low-cost 2N4416 JFET could probably be used. Personally, I'd bet on the 3N200's!

B+ will be much lower now, on the order of 12 volts. And no filament voltage is required!

Before permanently mounting the FET's, plug them into tube sockets firmly to test the scheme. Be sure that they are connected: source to cathode,

gate to grid, and drain to plate as shown in fig. 3. The correct voltage must be present for proper operation of the FET's. Either vary the B+ or plate resistors for proper operation.

In the solid-state version, even an old CB walkie-talkie may be employed as an i.f. mainframe. With the circuit board removed from the housing, the receiver may be mounted within the converter cabinet along with batteries, making the whole system self-contained! Holes drilled in the side or top dust cover will allow audio to escape from a small speaker.



Fig. 4- Dial calibration is in channel designators; add 199.5 for MHz.

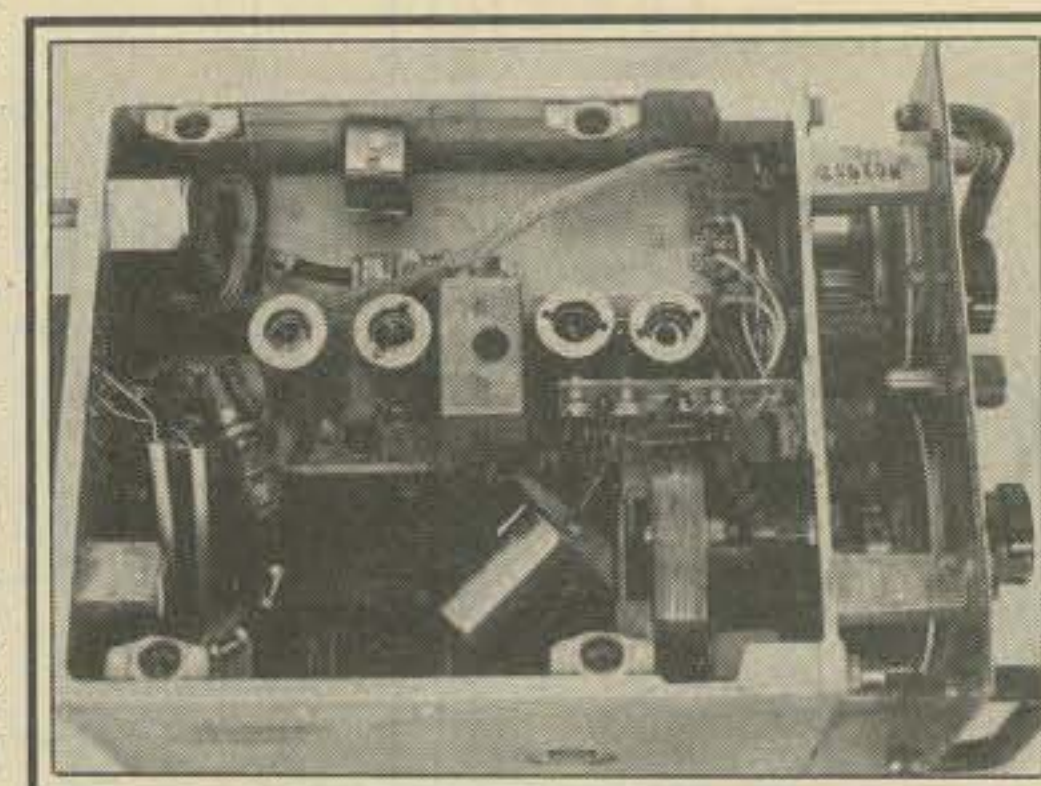


Fig. 5- The AM-914/TRC converter is built around the Mallory inductuner, shown centrally located in the cabinet.

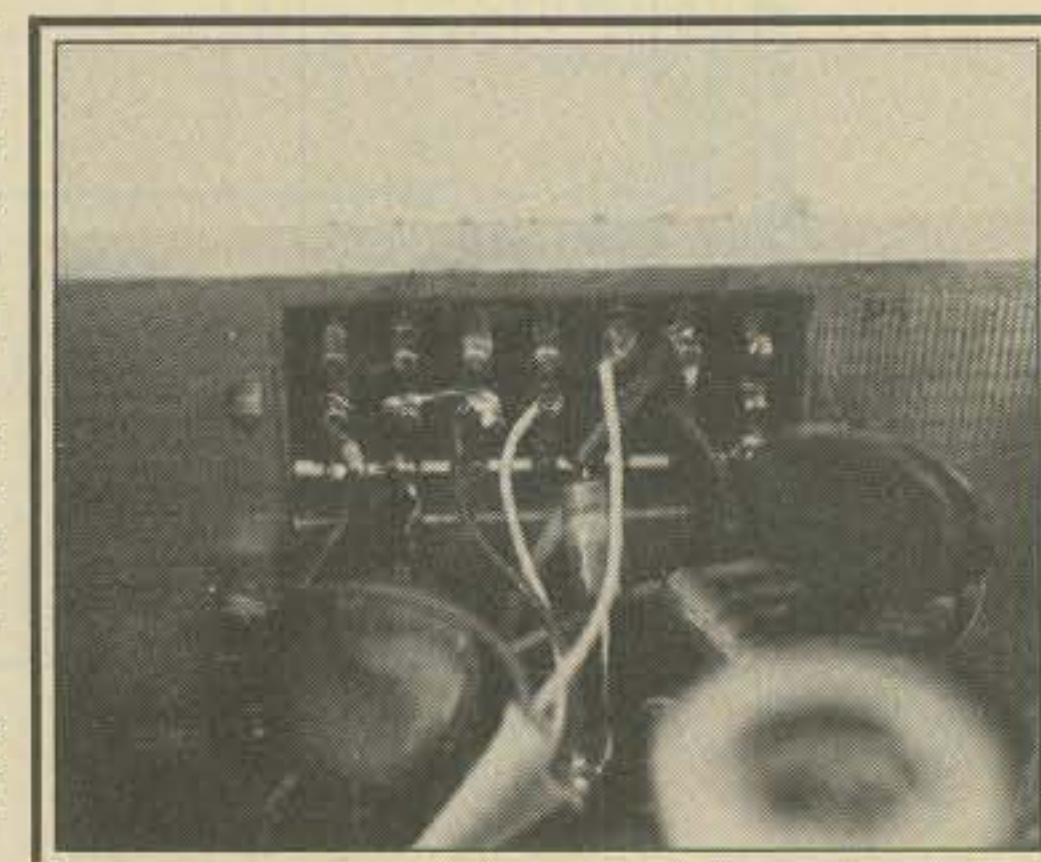


Fig. 6- The power connector has a lot of pins, but few are connected, and even fewer actually need to be used.

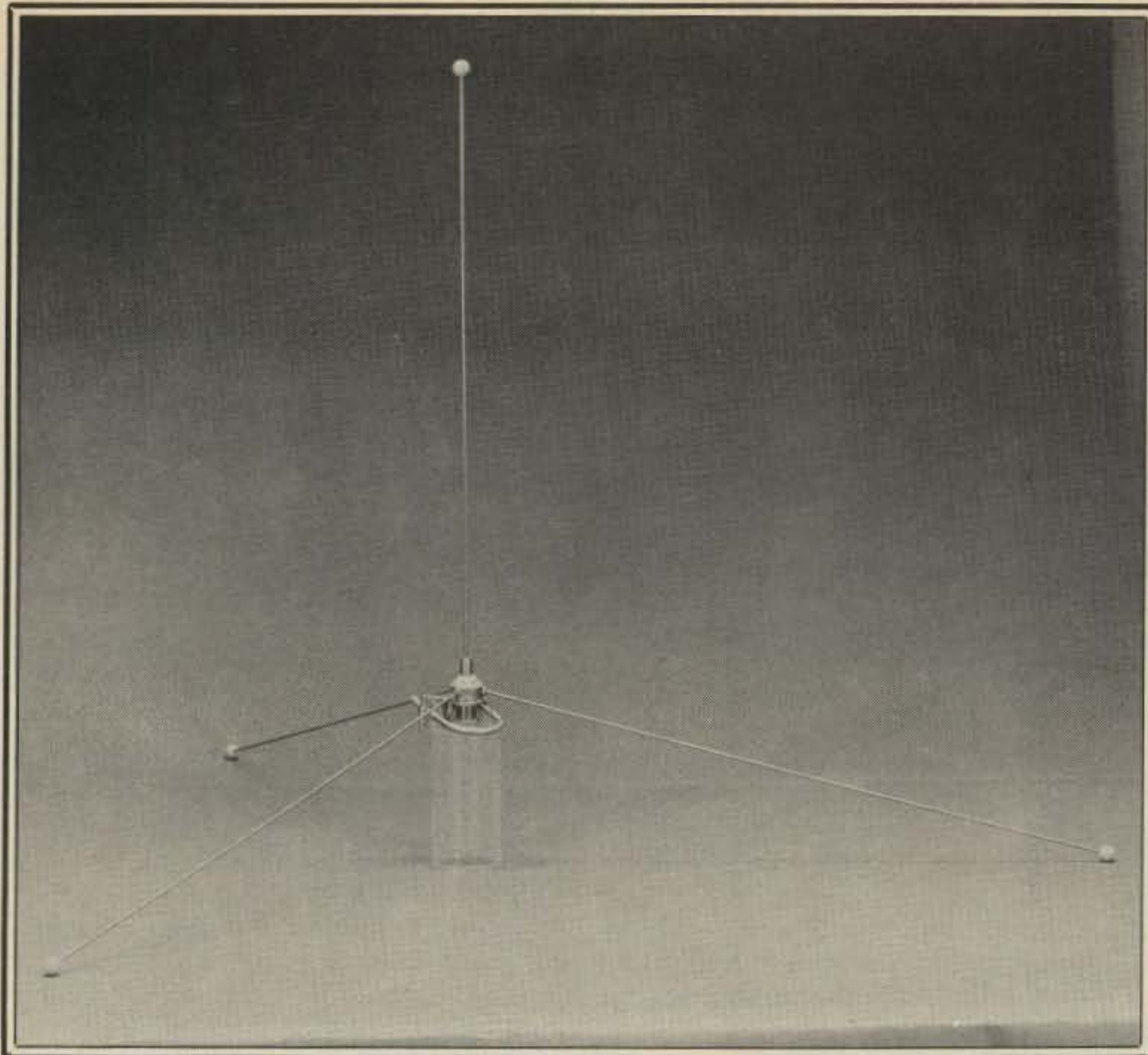


Fig. 7- An inexpensive ground plane antenna like this unit from Radio Shack (stock no. 20-176) will provide good local reception.

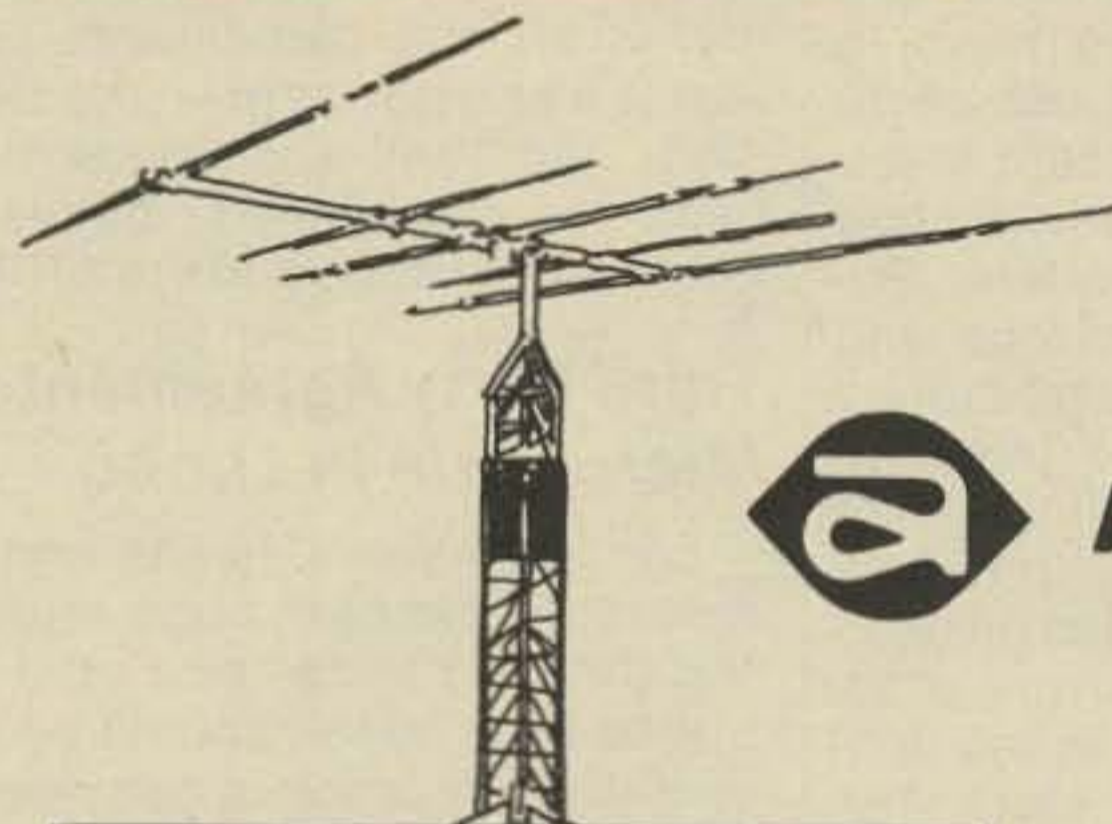
Where To Listen


While the entire 225-400 MHz military aeronautical communications band is available for tactical communications, there is a basic band plan. For the most part, channelization is done every 100 kHz. When the space shuttle is finally launched, listen for u.h.f. communications with ground stations on 296.8 and 259.7 MHz. FLEETSATCOM satellite down-link channels are between 240-270 MHz. They are f.m., but slope-detection a.m. works fine. Fed into a scanner, however, satellite reception is a natural.

You may wish to use an external pre-amplifier to help lower the noise floor of the system, or perhaps the solid-state conversion will improve the situation.

Conclusion

While the AM-914/TRC is hardly the latest thing in sophisticated technology—it is over 30 years old—it does permit the listener to hear military aeronautical communications, especially if he is located relatively near a base. Don't expect rock stability or low noise performance. But for \$39.95 plus shipping, and a little bit of workshop diddling, the unit makes a fun project for the incurable experimenter.



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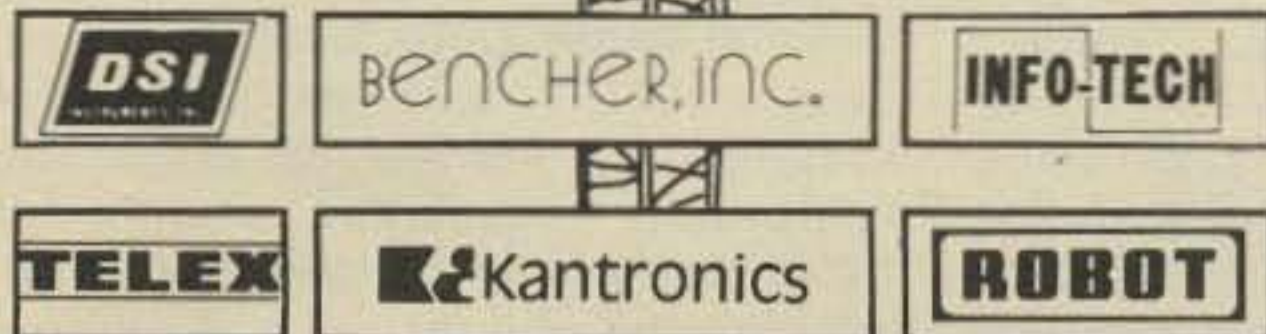
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Court Decision May Impact Attempts To Stop Amateur Jammers

A recent decision by the U.S. District Court, District of Columbia (James Reston, Jr., vs. the Federal Communications Commission, 30 May 1980) holds that amateur radio communications, in general, are protected (i.e., covered) by Section 605 of the Communications Act of 1934 (as amended). Section 605, in essence, states that it is illegal to intercept and divulge the contents of communications which you are not intended to receive.

While final guidance in the matter has yet to be developed by the Commission's General Counsel, Mr. James McKinney, Chief of the Field Operations Bureau, noted that the Court's decision "throws into question the area of self-enforcement by all radio services."

Said McKinney, "It is all right for an individual to notify the Commission of illegal amateur operations without violating Section 605. However, the new ruling suggests that a group of amateurs working on interference cases may collectively violate Section 605 by exchanging information among themselves."

At the least, the new ruling will require that the Commission re-examine Section 605 and the enforcement plans which were under development for use in the amateur service.

10 Meter Amplifier Ban To Expire

The Commission's ban on the manufacture of 10 meter amplifiers is set to expire on 28 April 1981. As such, the FCC is now considering whether to renew the prohibition on these devices.

According to Mr. Jeffrey Young,

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Chief, Investigations Branch (Field Operations Bureau), the FOB has found the ban useful in closing down the manufacturers of 10 meter amplifiers and in prosecuting individuals who defy the ban.

There is no indication at this time as to whether the ban will be extended.

Commission Moves To Counter Illegal 10 GHz Radar Jammers

Various Commission bureaus and offices are now discussing ways in which to curb the growing use of 10 GHz radar jammers. In a recent meeting, representatives from the Private Radio Bureau, Field Operations Bureau, and the Office of Science and Technology entered into preliminary discussions as to how the jamming transmissions could be distinguished from legitimate amateur transmissions. Consideration was also given to making certain changes in the amateur rules, and specifically in the definition of amateur radio, since the wording of the definition may be a major factor in making the distinction between jamming and legal amateur operations. According to a spokesman at the Commission, every attempt will be made to minimize the impact of Commission actions on the amateur service.

ARRL Representatives Meet With FCC Chairman

On 19 June 1980, ARRL President Harry Dannals, W1HD, and Washington Area Coordinator Perry Williams, W1UED, met with FCC Chairman Ferris to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern. Also present at the meeting were Carlos Roberts, Chief, Private Radio Bureau; James McKinney, Chief, Field Operations

Bureau; and Dr. Stephen Lukasik, Chief Scientist, Office of Science and Technology.

Some of the areas discussed included the need for amateur exams to be given at hamfests and conventions, and the matter of code requirements for amateurs, both from an international standpoint as well as from a digital/computer licensing standpoint.

The Chairman was very open and candid during the meeting, and he expressed much interest in hearing from representatives of the amateur service. In all, the participants indicated that it was a good "give and take" session, and that a dialogue had now been re-established between the Chairman's office and the ARRL.

Third Party Agreements With Micronesia In Limbo

For many years, health and welfare messages between such areas as the Marshall Islands and the United States have been handled by amateur operators. A problem has now arisen, however, in the continuing use of amateur radio for this purpose.

The problem comes about because the various entities which make up "Micronesia" (e.g., the Northern Marianas, the Marshalls, the Federated States of Micronesia, etc.) are being terminated as a U.S. Trust Territory. The U.S. Department of the Interior has been pressing to obtain reciprocity agreements which will permit the third party communications to continue, but the State Department refuses to cooperate. The State Department claims that one cannot enter into a reciprocity agreement unless the other party is an independent nation, and that no one really knows when, or how, the various Micronesian states will become individual nations.

Many aspects of the relationship

between Micronesia and the United States are already complicated by the termination of Trust status. Whether such complications will serve to terminate important third party communications between the new nations and the United States, however, is a question viewed with concern by many individuals in both areas.

New Report Prepared By CCIR Study Group 8E (Amateur Terrestrial)

A new draft report, "Technical Investigations by the Amateur Service," has been prepared by CCIR Study Group 8E. Included in the report is a review of technical investigations by amateurs in the following areas:

- Improved reliability of long distance communications
- Signal-to-interference protection ratios
- Signal processing techniques for HF circuits
- Bandwidth compression
- Computer communications
- Spread spectrum techniques
- Development of low cost communications equipment

The report will be submitted to the CCIR for approval during the next round of CCIR meetings.

Reports and other documents prepared and approved by the CCIR, the technical arm of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), form the bases for frequency allocations to the various telecommunication services recognized by the ITU.

AFCEA Holds Annual Amateur Radio Luncheon

As part of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronic Association's 34th Annual Convention, your Washington editor hosted the annual Amateur Radio Luncheon at the Sheraton Washington Hotel on 25 June 1980. The luncheon was attended by over 120 amateurs from government, industry and the military. Following lunch and the drawing for door prizes, three representatives from the FCC were invited to make informal comments on where they see the amateur service "going" in the 1980's.

First to speak was Carlos Roberts, Chief of the Private Radio Bureau. Roberts stated that amateur radio was now "technology driven," and that he expected to see amateurs experimenting shortly in such areas as spread spectrum and packet switching. He cautioned amateurs, however, that they have to get their "story" out if they hope to receive favorable attention in Washington. In this regard, Roberts commended Perry Williams,

Washington Area Coordinator for the ARRL, for his work to make the government aware of amateur radio and the services we provide to the public. Roberts closed by saying that he is encouraging a liberal policy vis-a-vis the issuance of Special Temporary Authorizations for experimentation, and that he hoped amateurs would take advantage of this policy by working with new communications techniques.

Next to speak was James McKinney, Chief of the Field Operations Bureau. McKinney expressed concern for a recent ruling involving Section 605 of the Communications Act (reviewed elsewhere in this column), and noted that the ruling may damage the self-policing aspects of amateur radio. He also mentioned that reports of malicious interference to amateur operations have tripled over the past year, and that the FOB was moving to identify and cite violators.

Last to speak was Michael Marcus of the Commission's Office of Science and Technology. Marcus stated that the amateur service should be a test bed for communication technology, and that he hoped to see more experimentation in such areas as digital communications and spread spectrum modulation. He also asked the amateur community to keep an open mind on such issues as sharing with radiolocation in the 420 MHz band (Del Norte is proposing to use a spread spectrum radiolocation system in this band) and as regards a new digital communications license similar to that now available in Canada.

The luncheon closed with a request from Perry Williams for assistance in bringing amateur radio's story to our officials in Washington, D.C.

ARRL Files In Opposition To Extension Of Radiolocation Operations In 420 MHz Band

In the matter of Del Norte's petition to permit the continued assignment of frequencies in the 420-450 MHz band for non-government radiolocation (RM-3378), the League opposed the extension of the 1 January 1981 cut-off date for non-government radiolocation operations. The League noted, in part, that "Del Norte, seemingly unmindful of the Commission's intent to shift non-government radiolocation to its proper frequency range, apparently attempted to further entrench HIRAN at 420-450 MHz by beginning a research and development effort to develop equipment for use (in this band)." Further, "preliminary study by the ARRL indicates that the chirped (spread spectrum) radiolocation system proposed by Del Norte could create serious interference to the steadily ex-

panding amateur television operations on 420-450 MHz, as the required bandwidth for amateur television is on the same order as the proposed service of Del Norte." Concerns were also expressed regarding interference to amateur repeater operations.

The League concluded its comments by noting that no support for the Commission's proposal to extend the cut-off date appears to have been filed by any non-government radiolocation users of the 420-450 MHz band at the time of the ARRL's filing.

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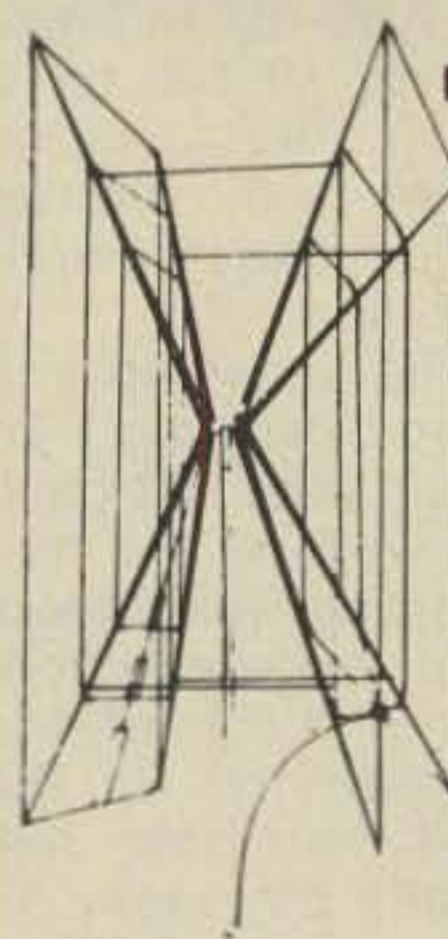
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Lo and behold, what emerged was a Texas-sized Log Periodic. To enhance 2 meter gain (and 432 gain: LP antennas work well on 3rd harmonic), a director string was added, projecting on a single boom out from the front terminating block of the main twin-boom assembly. By the way, electrical 3rd harmonic resonance is not exactly physically 1/3 times a fundamental length, but the broadness of the 220 and 420 bands allows for some rubber here.

Using the twin boom method of LP feeding not only provides a bridge-girder-like boom structure but enables the elements to be attached directly to the booms without insulating mounts, which would be needed on a single boom. The twin booms must however be insulated from the mast, as they are really part of the feed line. They are shorted together at the rear end only, effectively

terminating the feed system and enhancing front-to-back ratio.

Not only to conserve space and turning radius, but to sharpen the forward main lobe, elements are swept forward rather than perpendicular to the booms (for some LP "Theory," see the author's April '78 CQ article).

This array will receive all signals in the following bands (and of course may be used for two-way contact in the ham bands):

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- 50 MHz amateur
- 54-88 TV BC
- 108-136 aeronautical
- 136-144 Govt. & satellite
- 144 MHz amateur
- 220 MHz amateur
- 420 MHz amateur

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The feed system evolved for the antenna is a twin one. For all low v.h.f. reception and 6 meter work, a 50 ohm coax line is baluned to the feed point in a standard manner (the balun is cut 55" for 6 meters; reception on other frequencies will not be adversely affected). For listening above the f.m. band and for 2, 1 1/4, and 3/4 meter operating, a twinlead line is connected through a mast-mounted relay. Baluns for these operations are at the shack end, for lowest loss (fig. 6).

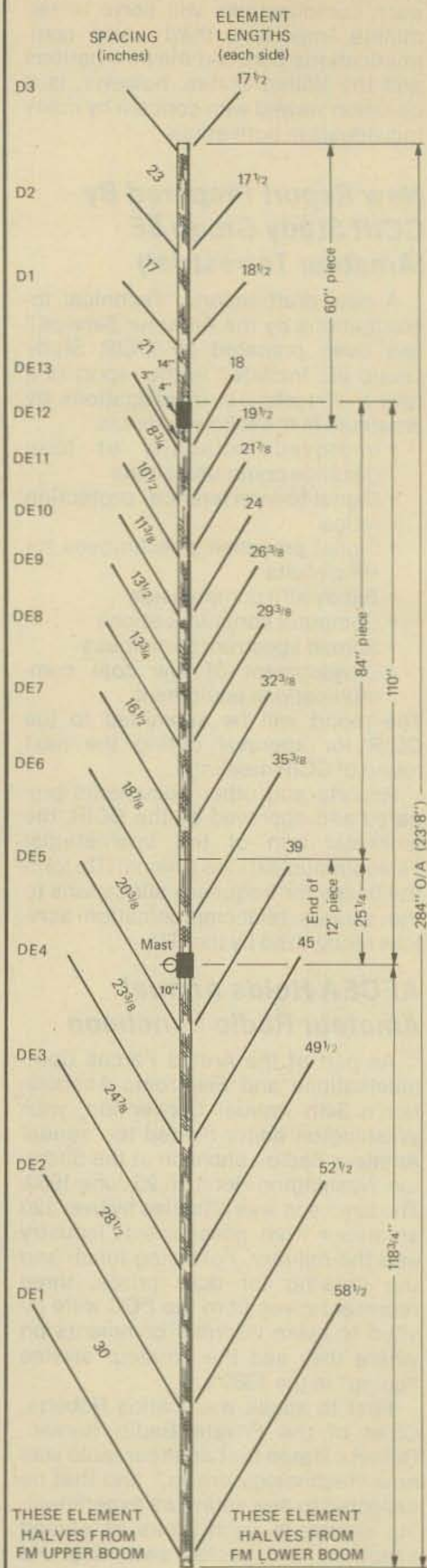


Fig. 1- Overall dimensions for the multi-band log periodic antenna.

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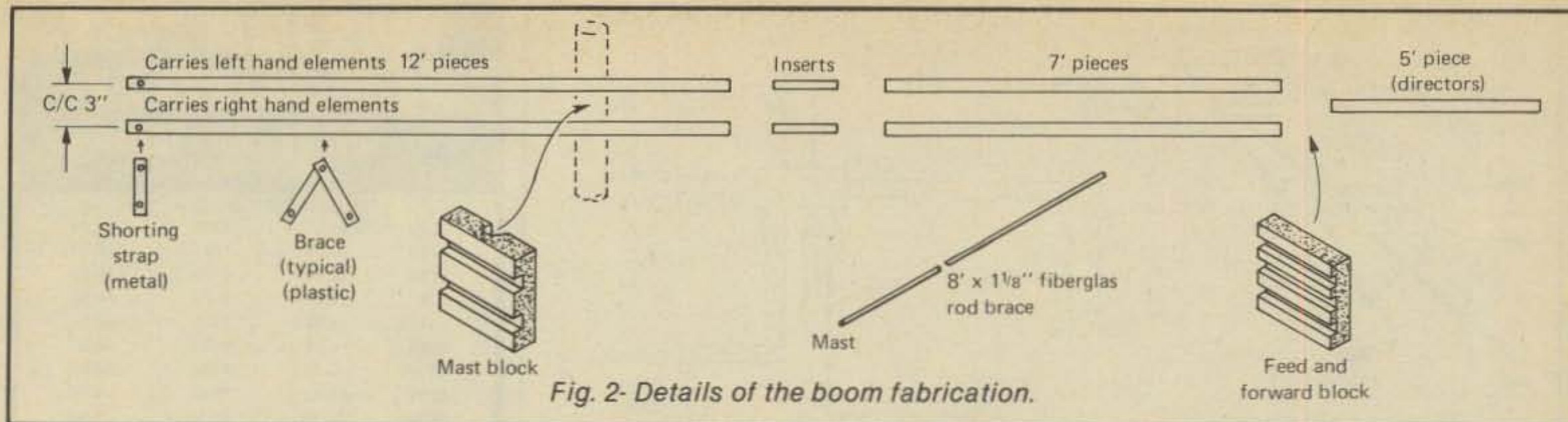


Fig. 2- Details of the boom fabrication.

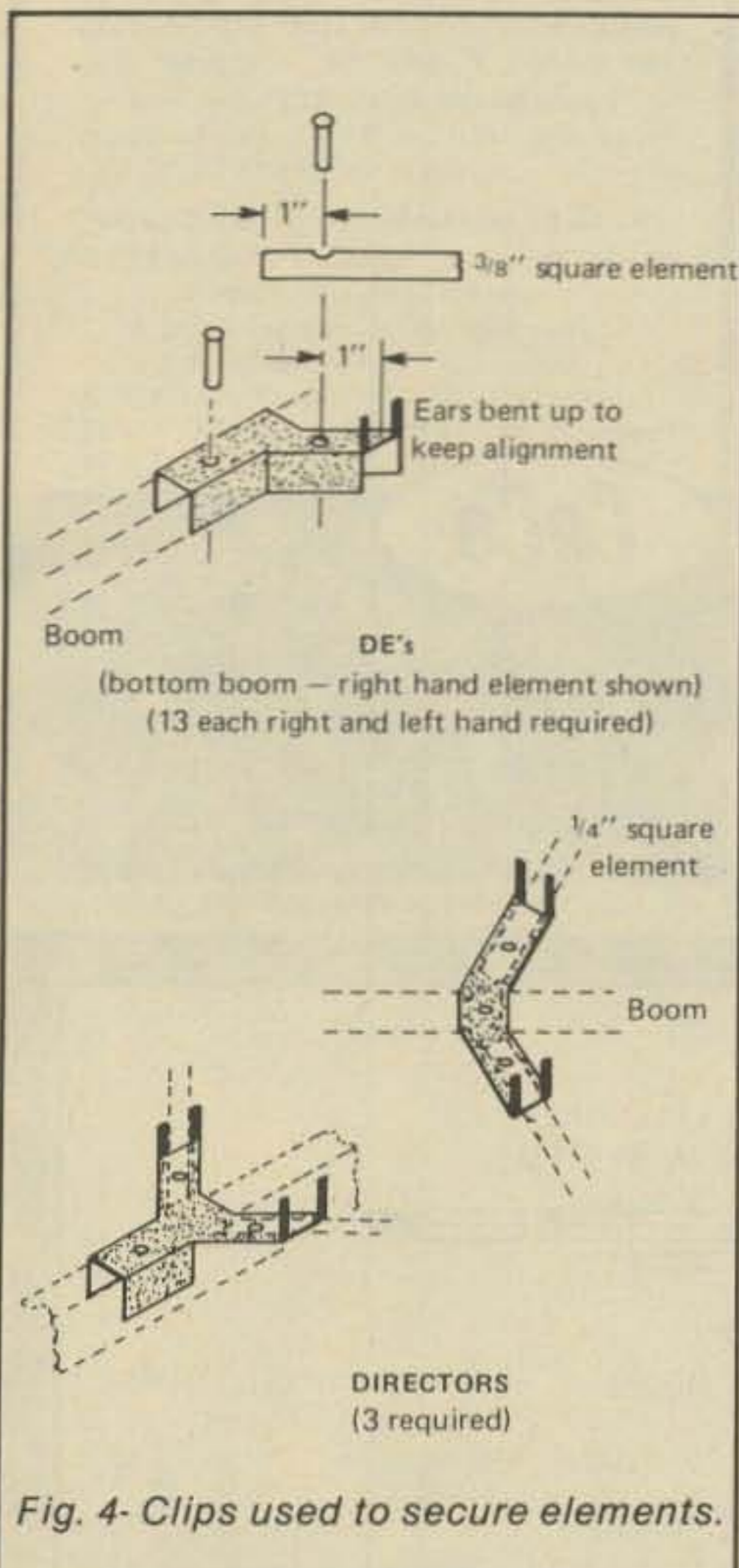


Fig. 4- Clips used to secure elements.

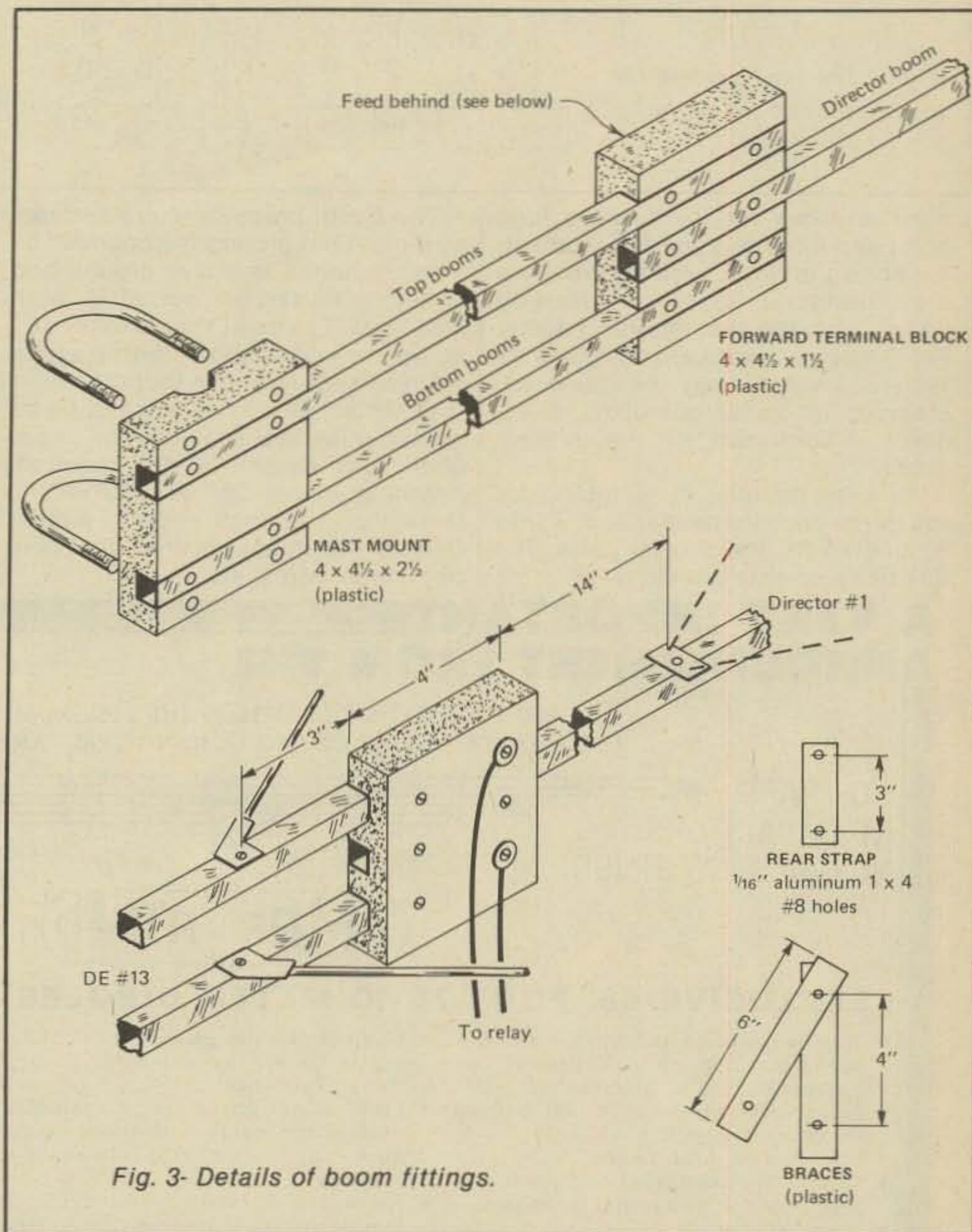


Fig. 3- Details of boom fittings.

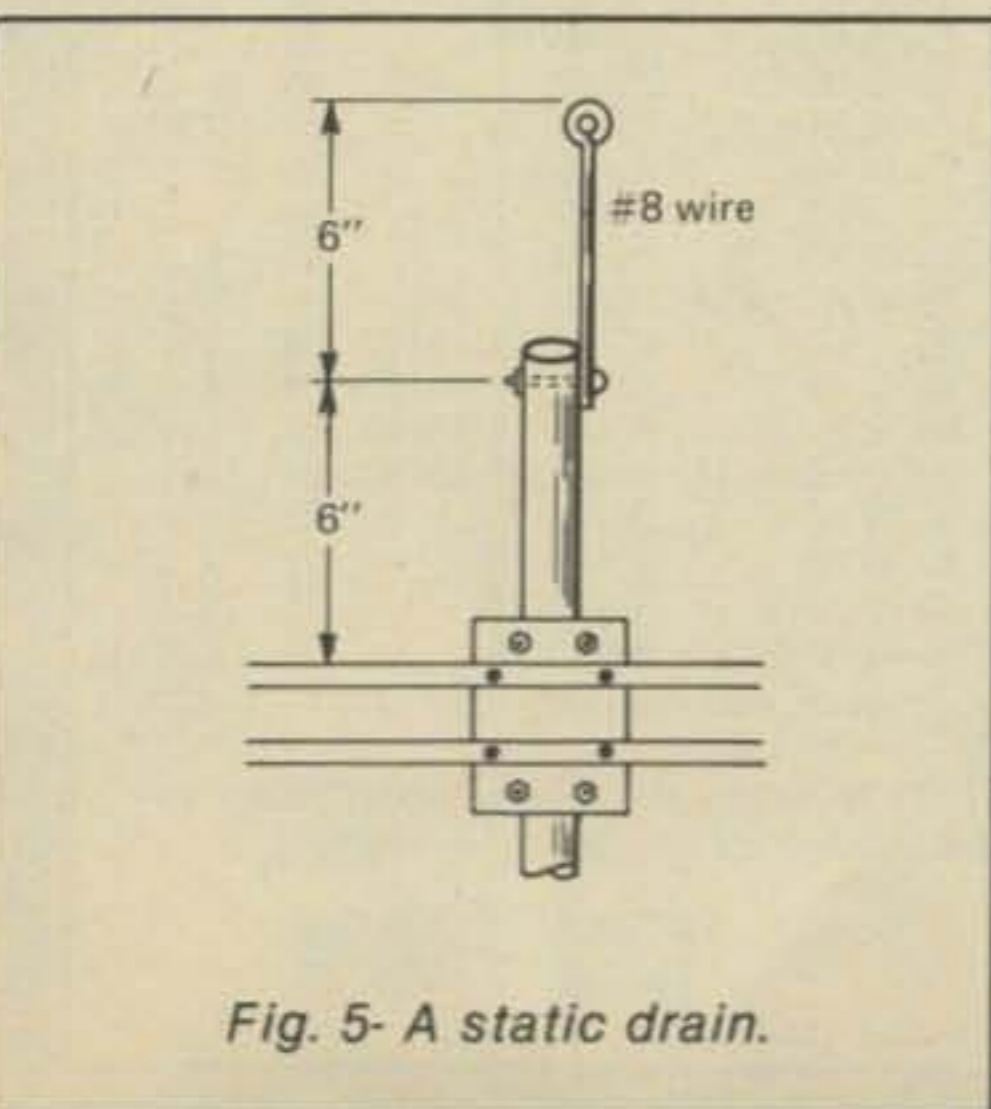


Fig. 5- A static drain.

Before proceeding to construction details, a cautionary note: This antenna will radiate any spurious out-of-band transmitter products. Make sure your rig's spurious emissions are at least 60 dB down. A low-pass filter on six is mandatory.

Square tubing is much stronger than round, and despite what you may think, offers no more wind resistance or loading. Standard 12' lengths of 1"

sq. 60-61-T6 grade are available from stock from any Reynolds or other aluminum distributor. We need four lengths, broken up as shown in fig. 2. The whole lengths are spliced at point "T" of fig. 1 to the partial lengths, using inserts of square maple (the kind used for drawer guides in good quality furniture) about 9" long.

Plastic blocks of hi-impact Lexan, Cyclocac or equivalent, one for the

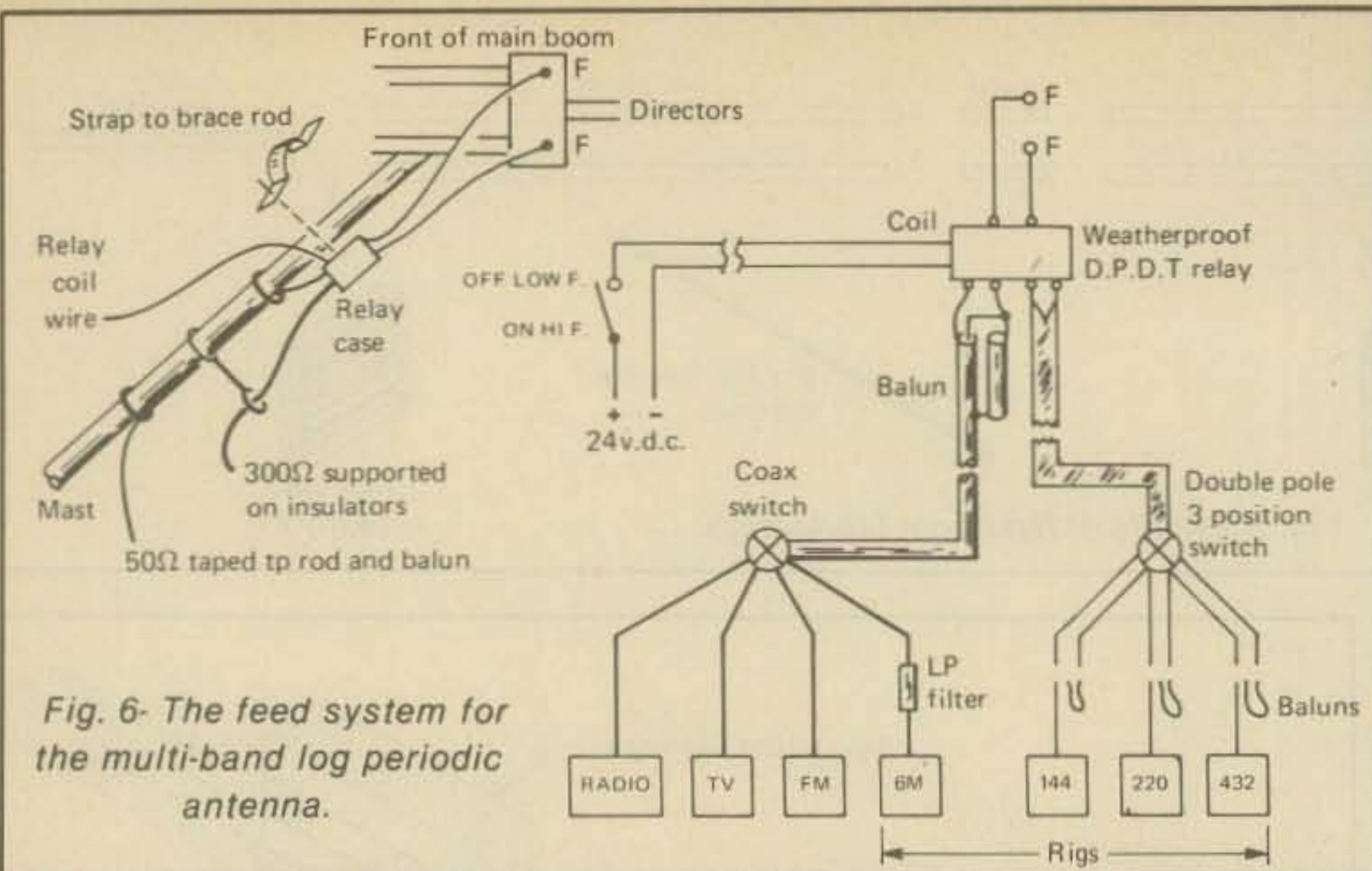


Fig. 6- The feed system for the multi-band log periodic antenna.

mast and one for the forward feed point and director boom attachment, are shown in fig. 3. Also shown there are triangular plastic stiffening straps and the rear shorting strap. Fig. 4 shows the zip element clamps required, which may be punched, stamped or diecut out of $\frac{3}{16}$ alum. sheet. Also shown are the director clips.

Element material is $\frac{3}{8}$ tubing for the larger ones in the rear and $\frac{1}{4}$ into $\frac{3}{8}$ sleeves for the shorter pairs. The director elements are all $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

The boom brace is fiberglass rod, as it must not ground the booms. The whole antenna is above ground and arrestors must be inserted in both feed lines. The mast should extend 6" above the upper boom, with a static drain of #8 wire above that (fig. 5).

LP antennas do not seem to be as ground-reflective sensitive as yagis, and great height is not required. Anything above 25' will do nicely. More important than height is a clear field of fire in any desired direction: no foliage, wires, etc.

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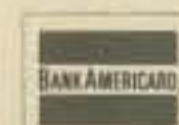
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Contest Calendar

NEWS/VIEWS OF ON-THE-AIR COMPETITION

Complete rules for our World Wide DX Contest coming up at the end of this and next month (phone in October and C.W. in November) appeared in last month's issue. They are the same as for previous years.

However, a few questionable points have been clarified:

1. The physical location of transmitters in a multi-multi operation is now defined as being within a 500 meter diameter area.

2. Recopied or computerized logs will be accepted only if they are accompanied by a photocopy or the original.

3. Multi-Single Transmitter logs found in violation of the 10 minute rule will automatically be reclassified as multi-multi entries.

4. The Trophy list has been updated with only a few changes. Note that a station winning a World Trophy will not also be considered for a sub-area award. That trophy will be awarded to the runner-up of that area.

The three year eligibility clause is still in effect. Taking into consideration that a previous winner who turns in a record world score is also deserving of an award, CQ will award a championship plaque.

Awards for the African, Carib./C.A. and Canadian areas are still for residents of those areas only. The original intent of these awards was to stimulate more interest, but the locals of the African and Carib./C.A. areas have done little to justify the continuation of this practice. However, the donors still feel that it should be continued. So you fellows better get with it before they have a change of mind.

The question of contacts with non-contest participants during the contest: These QSO's may be counted as long as a contact has been made and signal report exchanged.

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Calendar of Events

Oct. 4-5	California QSO Party
Oct. 4-5	VK/ZL/Oceania Phone
Oct. 11-12	VK/ZL/Oceania C.W.
Oct. 12	RSGB 21/28 MHz Phone
Oct. 15-16	YLRL Anniv. C.W. Party
Oct. 18-19	CLARA AC-DC Party
Oct. 18-19	Scouts Jamboree
Oct. 18-19	WADM DX Contest
Oct. 19	RSGB 21 MHz C.W.
Oct. 18-20	ARCI QRP Contest
Oct. 25-26	CQ WW DX Phone
Nov. 5-6	YLRL Anniv. Phone Party
Nov. 8-9	European RTTY Contest
Nov. 8-9	Int. Police Assn. Contest
Nov. 9	Czech. DX Contest
Nov. 15	DARC 10 Meter RTTY
Nov. 15-16	Austrian 160 Contest
Nov. 29-30	CQ WW DX C.W. Contest
Dec. 8-9	VU Garden City Contest

You will note that your contest log may now be sent directly to the Contest Directors as well as to the CQ home office. This will speed things up, but it's more reason why you should not include any other material except contest logs in your envelope.

Good luck, see you in the pileups.
73 for now, Frank, W1WY

California QSO Party

Starts: 1800Z Sat., October 4
Ends: 2359Z Sun., October 5

This year's party is again sponsored by the Northern California Contest Club.

Operating time is limited to 24 out of the 30 hour period for single operator stations. Multi-operator stations may use the full 30 hours. Off times must be clearly indicated on the log.

The same station may be worked once per band, per mode, simplex only. CA stations that change counties are considered new stations.

Exchange: QSO. no., and QTH. County for CA stations. State, province or DX country for others.

Scoring: Phone contacts are worth 2 QSO points; c.w. contacts 3 points.

The multiplier for CA is the number of states (50) and VE call areas (8) worked (max. of 58).

Frequencies: C.W. - 1805, 3560, 7060, 14060, 21060, 28060. S.S.B. - 1815, 3895, 7230, 14280, 21355, 28560. Novice - 3725, 7125, 21125, 28125.

Awards: Certificates to the highest scorers in each CA county, each state, province and DX country. This year trophies have been added for the Top single operator in CA and out of state station, and the highest scoring expedition to a CA county.

Indicate each new multiplier on the log as worked. Include a summary sheet showing the scoring and other information. A large s.a.s.e. will get you a copy of the results.

Mailing deadline is Nov. 1st to: NCCC, c/o Dennis Egan, N6QW, 811 Byerley Ave., San Jose, CA 95125.

VK/ZL/Oceania DX Contest

Phone: Oct. 4-5 C.W.: Oct. 11-12
Starts: 1000 GMT Saturday
Ends: 1000 GMT Sunday

Stations in the rest of the world will be concentrating on working stations in Oceania with the emphasis on VK/ZL for their multiplier.

Following rules apply to areas other than VK/ZL.

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

Scoring: For Oceania - Two points for VK/ZL contacts, 1 point per QSO with other areas.

Outside Oceania - Two points for VK/ZL contacts, 1 point for other Oceania contacts.

Final Score: Total QSO points from all bands multiplied by the sum of VK/ZL call areas worked on each band. (Single band logs also accepted.)

Awards: Attractive colored certificates to the top all band scorers, both phone and c.w., in each country and call areas of Japan, USA and USSR. Additional awards will be issued if returns warrant.

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

S.W.L. Section: Log VK and ZL stations only, including call of station being worked. Log and scoring same as indicated for the transmitter stations. Phone and c.w. scores are combined for final score.

Logs must be in the hands of the Committee by January 31, 1981. This year they go to: NZART Contest Mgr. Jock White, ZL2GX, 152 Lytton Road, Gisborne, New Zealand.

RSGB 21/28 MHz SSB Contest

0700 to 1900 GMT Sunday, October 12

It's the world working the British Isles on 21 and 28 MHz in this one. There are seven countries in the British Isles: G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU and GW. A total of 42 prefixes when the numerals are included (G2, GD3, GI4, etc.).

The same station may be worked on each band for QSO and multiplier credit. Entries are limited to single operator only.

Exchange: The RS report plus a progressive contact number starting with 001.

Scoring: Each contact with a British Isle station is worth 3 points. Multiply total QSO points from each band by the sum of the prefixes worked on each band. (A max. of 42 possible on each band. The GB prefix does not count.)

There is also a s.w.l. section. Only British Isles stations are to be logged. Scoring is the same as indicated above.

Awards: There are two Trophies for the British. Overseas entries will settle for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place certificates for world winners.

Separate logs are required for each band, include a summary sheet showing the scoring, a list of prefixes worked, and the usual signed declaration that rules and regulations have been observed, plus your name and address in BLOCK LETTERS.

Logs from overseas entries must be received no later than December 1st and go to: RSGB HF Contest, c/o M. Harrington, 123 Clensham Lane, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 2ND England.

YLRL Anniversary Party

C.W.: Oct. 15-16 Phone: Nov. 5-6
1800 to 1800 GMT Wed./Thurs.

This is strictly a YL only affair, open to YL's around the world. It's the 41st annual party run by the YL Radio League.

All bands may be used. Phone and c.w. are separate contests and require separate logs. A dupe sheet for logs with 100 or more contacts is also advisable.

Exchange: QSO no., RS(T) and ARRL section, country for DX stations. (Check QST for list of ARRL sections.)

Scoring: One point per QSO between stations within an ARRL section and between DX stations. Two points if QSO is between DX and ARRL section stations. The same station may be worked once only regardless of the band.

Multiplier: Is derived from the number of ARRL sections and DX countries worked. There is also a low power multiplier of 1.25 if power input is 150 watts or less on c.w., 300 watts p.e.p. on s.s.b.

Final Score: Total QSO points times ARRL sections and DX countries worked, times power multiplier if any.

For each duplicate contact that is removed from the log in the course of checking, a penalty of 3 additional and equal contacts will be exacted.

Awards: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place certificates to both c.w. and phone world top scorers, and to winners in each U.S. and VE call area and DX country.

Only YLRL members are eligible for Trophy awards. There are two gold cups, c.w. and phone, to the top scoring members in the world. There are also three special plaques: the Cocoran for the highest combined c.w./phone score in an ARRL area, the Hager for the highest combined score for North and Central America and Caribbean areas, and one for the rest of the world.

Logs must be received no later than December 12th and they go to: Ione O'Donnell, WA2DMK, Newcomb, N.Y. 12852.

C.L.A.R.A. AC/DC Contest

Starts: 1800Z Sat. October 18

Ends: 1800Z Sun. October 19

Sponsored by the Canadian Ladies Amateur Radio Assoc. this contest is open to both YL's and OM's.

Each station may be worked twice, once on c.w. and once on phone, or on two different bands, c.w. or phone.

Exchange: RS(T), QTH, name and call.

Scoring: For C.L.A.R.A. members, 1 point per QSO (YL or OM), 3 points for each contact with a bonus station. (YL's will identify if they are a bonus station.)

Non-members work YL stations only. Scoring same as above.

Multiply total QSO points by num-

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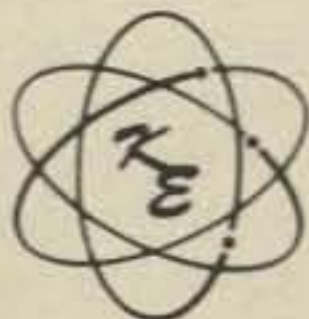
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Starts: 0001Z Sat., October 18

Ends: 2400Z Sun., October 19

This is the 23rd annual Jamboree sponsored by the World Scout Bureau for Scouts everywhere, including Girl Scouts and Guides.

This is not a contest but an opportunity for Scouts or anyone interested in Scouting as well as former Scouts to get together on the air.

Amateurs can invite members of Scout units or individuals to visit their stations and see how ham radio operates.

No specific exchange, no scoring, and no logs are required. However, participation certificates are available from the USA/JOTA Coordinator, W2GND. Be sure to include a s.a.s.e. with your report.

Frequencies: Phone - 3940, 7290, 14290, 21360, 28990, 50500. C.W. - 3590, 7030, 14070, 21040, 28190, 50050. Novice - 3750, 7125, 21140. Also s.s.t.v. and r.t.t.y. frequencies.

Stateside participants should send their reports to: Harry A. Harchar, W2GND, 216 Maxwell Avenue, Hightstown, NJ 80520.

RSGB 21 MHz C.W. Contest

0700 to 1900 GMT Sunday, October 19

Like the 21/28 MHz S.S.B. contest, activity in this one is between the British Isles and the rest of the world.

Operation is limited to single operator stations only.

There is a separate QRP section in which power input must not exceed 5 watts.

Exchange: RST report plus a progressive QSO number starting with 001.

Scoring: Each contact with a British Isles station is worth 3 points. Multiply total QSO points by the number of British Isles prefixes worked. (G2, G3, GD2, etc. A maximum of 42 possible. GB does not count for QSO or multiplier.)

Awards: Certificates for each section, British, Overseas and QRP.

Include a summary sheet with a list of prefixes worked, station description, the usual declaration and your name and address in BLOCK LETTERS.

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Entries must be received no later than December 31st and go to: J. Bazley, G3HCT, Brooklands, Ullenhall, Solihull, West Midlands, B95 5NW England.

WADM DX Contest

Starts: 1500Z Sat., October 18

Ends: 1500Z Sun., October 19

This activity is usually held the 3rd weekend in October each year, with phone and c.w. being part of the same contest.

Use all bands 3.5 through 28 MHz, both phone and c.w. However, the first 10 and last 25 kHz of the 3.5 and 14 MHz bands are to be kept free of contest operation. The same station may be worked once on each band and on each mode for QSO and multiplier credit.

There are three classes—single operator, multi-operator and s.w.l.

Exchange: RS(T) plus a 3 figure QSO number starting with 001. The DM stations will send a signal report and 2 figures identifying their district (Kreiskenner).

A district is identified by the last letter in the call, A through O, not by the number in the call. A maximum of 15 on each band. DM7, DM8 or DM0 may be substituted for missing districts. (This year the special commemorative prefix may also be used, Y22, Y24, etc.)

S.w.l.'s get 1 point for each DM station reported, and 2 points if the station being worked is also reported. Rest of scoring same as above.

Awards: Certificates to the top stations in each section of each country.

Use a separate log sheet for each band and include a summary sheet

showing the scoring, a list of DM districts worked, the usual signed declaration that all rules and regulations have been observed and your name and address in BLOCK LETTERS.

Entries must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the contest. They go to: DM Contest Bureau, RKDDR, Hosemannstr. 14, DDR 1055 Berlin, German Democratic Republic.

ARCI QRP Contest

Starts: 2000Z Sat., October 18

Ends: 0200Z Mon., October 20

This is the Fall edition of this QRP contest sponsored by the QRP Amateur Radio Club International. It is open to both members and non-members.

Exchange: RS(T), state, province or country, and QRP number for members, power input for non-members.

Scoring: Contacts with a member 3 points, non-member 2 points, stations other than W/VE 4 points. The same stations may be worked on each band for QSO and multiplier credit.

There is also a power multiplier:

Over 100 watts input x 1

30 to 100 watts input x 1.5

10 to 30 watts input x 2

3 to 10 watts input x 4

1 to 3 watts input x 6

.1 to 1 watt input x 10

Following bonus points also available: +300 if solar or wind power, +100 for battery power. Must be used for duration of the contest.

Final Score: Total QSO points x (states + provinces + countries per band) x power multiplier + bonus points if any.

Frequencies: C.W. - 1810, 3560, 7060, 14060, 21060, 28060, 50360. S.S.B. - 1810, 3985, 7285, 14285, 21385, 28885, 50385. Novice - 3710, 7110, 21110, 28110. Try s.s.b. on even hours. V.h.f./u.h.f. contacts must be direct.

Awards: Certificates to the highest scoring station in each state, province and country. Additional awards depending on returns. A certificate to the top overall Novice or Tech., and to the station showing three "skip" contacts using lowest power.

Include a summary sheet showing the scoring, equipment description and other information.

Logs must be received by November 20th and go to: QRP ARCI Contest, c/o Edwin R. Lappi, WD4LOO, 203 Lynn Drive, Carrboro, NC 27510. Include a s.a.s.e. for results.

Winners in this year's Bermuda Contest (March) are U.S.A.—W3MA, Canada—VE5RA, Great Britain—G4DSE and West Germany—DK9WB. Each one will receive his Trophy at the Society's annual banquet in Hamilton, Bermuda later this month.

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DX Contest Special

The 1980 CQ World Wide DX Contest will be held on the following dates:

Phone: 0000 GMT Saturday, October 25 to 2400 GMT Sunday, October 26

C.W.: 0000 GMT Saturday, November 29 to 2400 GMT Sunday, November 30

See pages 64-65 in last month's issue of CQ for complete rules and details concerning the 1980 Contest.

For the 30th successive year, this month's Propagation column is devoted to a special forecast for use during the Contest.

Exceptionally Good Conditions Expected

Solar activity during last year's CQ World Wide DX Contest reached a near peak in the present cycle, with smoothed sunspot levels recorded in the low 160's. This resulted in near record breaking conditions on the h.f. bands.

The 1980 contest period won't be quite as good as last year, but it may be difficult to detect the difference. Although solar activity is now believed to be declining, expect another great period for h.f. propagation conditions. Sunspot activity should be in the low-to-mid 140's, and unless mother nature comes up with a radio storm, the following conditions can be expected on each of the amateur h.f. bands.

Band-By-Band Conditions

The following is a band-by-band summary of DX propagation conditions expected from mid-October through mid-December, and centered on the 1980 Phone and C.W. contest periods.

10 Meters: Good, solid openings should be possible to almost every section of the world sometime during

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LAST MINUTE FORECAST

Day-to-Day Conditions Expected for October 1980

Propagation Index	Expected Signal Quality			
	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)
Above Normal: 5, 14	A	A	B	C
High Normal: 1, 4, 6, 17-18 23-24, 26, 31	A	B	C	C-D
Low Normal: 2-3, 10, 13, 15-16, 19, 21-22, 25, 28-30	B	C	C-D	D-E
Below Normal: 7, 9, 11-12 20, 27	C	C-D	D	E
Disturbed: 8	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 good (B) on Oct. 1st, fair (C) on the 2nd and 3rd, good (B) on the 4th, excellent (A) on the 5th, etc. Conditions look fair-to-good for the contest period Oct. 25-26.

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the *daylight hours*, with the band remaining open to southern and tropical areas well into the *early evening*. The band should open just *after sunrise* towards Europe, Africa, and the east, as well as in a southerly direction towards the Caribbean and Central and South America. Signals should peak towards Europe and the east an hour or so *before noon*, towards Africa about an hour or so *after noon*, and towards the south during the *late afternoon*. Optimum conditions towards the Far East, Australasia, Southeast Asia, etc., should occur during the *late afternoon* and *early evening*. Exceptionally strong signal levels can be expected on many 10 meter openings, particularly when conditions rise to HIGH or ABOVE NORMAL.

15 Meters: This should be the *best*

band for DX during most of the *daylight hours*. Excellent propagation conditions are expected from shortly *after sunrise* through the *early evening hours*. The band may remain open to as late as *midnight* towards southern and tropical areas. Expect signals to peak on 15 meters about an hour or so later than the peak on 10 meters from similar geographical areas.

20 Meters: This should be an *around-the-clock* DX band, with good openings possible to all areas of the world. Signals should peak from all directions for about an hour or two *after sunrise* and again during the *early evening*. Excellent openings should be possible to many areas of the world during most of the *daylight hours* and throughout most of the *hours of darkness* as well. Expect *long-path* openings on this band for about an hour or so *after sunrise* and again for an hour or so *before local sunset*. Exceptionally strong signal levels should be noted during peak propagation periods. If you plan to operate on a single band during the Contest, this should be the one to produce the longest period of DX, the strongest signals, and openings to more areas of the world than any other single band.

40 Meters: Good DX conditions are expected to most areas of the world on this band from the *late afternoon*, through the *hours of darkness*, and until *shortly after sunrise*. The band should open first for DX towards Europe and the east during the *late afternoon*. Signals should improve steadily as *darkness* approaches. During the hours of *darkness* expect good DX openings to most parts of the world. Signals should peak from an easterly direction about *midnight* and from a westerly direction just *after sunrise*. Excellent openings in a southerly direction should be possible *throughout the night*.

80 Meters: While not quite as good a *nighttime* DX band as 40 meters, expect relatively good DX openings on

this band to many areas of the world during the *hours of darkness* and into the *sunrise period*. The band should peak towards Europe and the east around *midnight*, and towards the west just *prior to sunrise*. Expect good openings towards the south throughout *most of the night*.

160 Meters: Some DX openings should be possible during the hours of *darkness* and the *sunrise period*. The band will be noisier than 40 and 80 meters, and signals considerably weaker, but look for some relatively good openings towards Europe and towards the south from the eastern half of the country and towards the south, the Far East, Australasia, and the South Pacific from the western half of the country. DX openings to other areas of the world may also be possible. A good propagation aid for determining DX openings on this band (and for 80 and 40 meters as well) is a set of sunrise and sunset curves, since DX signals tend to peak when it is *local sunrise* at the *eastern-most* end of a path.

For a more detailed circuit-by-circuit forecast refer to the *DX Propagation Charts* appearing on the following pages. Instruction for the proper use of these charts is given elsewhere in this column.

Contest Work Plans

The *DX Propagation Charts* on the following pages show the times when each amateur band from 6 through 160 meters is expected to open from each of the continental USA time zones to the major areas of the world. The information contained in the charts can easily be reorganized into more convenient operating guides or

schedules for use during the Contest. For example, for multi-band operation the charts will indicate the times when optimum conditions exist on each band. On the other hand, if you plan to operate single band, the charts will give you a good idea of what to expect throughout the day. Experience gained during previous Contests has shown that such planning can be extremely useful in piling up contacts and points with a minimum of wasted time.

Table 1 is an example of a *single band* schedule for 20 meters. It shows the times when propagation conditions are expected to be optimum to various areas of the world (propagation index 3 or 4, unless otherwise shown) for each three hour period throughout the day. An Eastern time zone location has been chosen for this example, but similar schedules can be devised for the other time zones, and for other bands and contemplated operating conditions.

Radio Storm

A "Last Minute Forecast" for the Phone section of the 1980 Contest, made at press time, appears at the beginning of this column. A similar forecast for the C.W. section will appear in next month's column. Subscribers to MAIL-A-PROP will receive updated day-to-day information for the Contest period. Information concerning MAIL-A-PROP can be obtained from P.O. Box 1714, Silver Spring, MD 20902. Updated geomagnetic and solar data also can be obtained during the Contest period from WWV broadcasts transmitted 18 minutes past each hour on 2.5, 5.0, 10.0, 15.0,

and 20 MHz. The hourly forecasts broadcast on WWV, along with the latest solar flux and geomagnetic indices, also may be obtained by telephoning area code 303-499-8129 at any time. This is *not* a toll-free number, but there is no other charge for this service.

If a radio storm should develop during the Contest, expect conditions to drop to BELOW NORMAL and possibly even DISTURBED to many areas of the world, depending upon the storm's severity. Signals will become weaker, fading will increase and noise levels will be substantially higher during a radio storm. Paths passing through polar regions and the upper latitudes are often more adversely affected than signals in mid-and-lower latitudes. During certain types of radio storms, conditions may actually improve at times for openings to southern and tropical areas.

If a radio storm should develop, concentrate on working trans-polar paths on 10, 15, and 20 meters during the daylight hours. Also check the 40, 80, and 160 meter bands for unusually good openings to some areas of the world during the hours of darkness.

V.h.f. Ionospheric Propagation

Expected seasonal increases in daytime maximum usable frequencies coupled with continuing high levels of solar activity should make DX openings possible to many parts of the world on 6 meters during October. The best times for such openings are shown in the *DX Propagation Charts* on the following pages with 1. Generally speaking, check for openings from the eastern half of the USA towards Europe, Africa, and the east *before noon*. The best chance for 6 meter DX openings towards the Caribbean and Central and South America from all areas of the USA should be from an hour or two *after sunrise* through the *early afternoon*. Look for openings towards the Far East, the South Pacific area, New Zealand, and Australasia during the *late afternoon* hours. These openings will favor stations located in the western half of the USA, but some openings may extend considerably to the east.

The ORIONIDS meteor shower should take place between October 20-23, with peak conditions taking place on the 22nd. Since an hourly meteor count of approximately 25 is expected during peak periods of this shower, check the v.h.f. bands for meteor-reflection-type ionospheric short-skip openings during the course of the shower.

Time EST	Areas To Which DX Conditions Expected To Be Optimum
00-03	Europe, Africa, South Pacific & New Zealand, Australasia, Caribbean, Central and South America, Antarctica, Far East*
03-06	Western Europe*, Africa*, South Pacific & New Zealand*, Australasia*, Caribbean*, Central and South America*, Antarctica* (Good time to catch up on some sleep)
06-09	Europe, Central & South Asia, Far East, South Pacific & New Zealand, Australasia, Caribbean, Central America, Southeast Asia*, South America*, Antarctica*, Africa*
09-12	Australasia, Caribbean, Central America, Europe*, Africa*, Central and South Asia*, Far East*, South Pacific & New Zealand*, South America*
12-15	Europe, Caribbean, Central America, Africa* (Another good time for food and sleep)
15-18	Europe, Africa, Caribbean, Central America, South America*
18-21	Europe, Africa, Eastern Mediterranean & Middle East, Caribbean, Central and South America, Southeast Asia*, Far East*, South Pacific & New Zealand*
21-00	Europe, Africa, Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East, Central and South Asia, Far East, South Pacific & New Zealand, Caribbean, Central and South America, Antarctica, Australasia*

* Propagation index (2), all others (3) or (4).

Table 1- Sample twenty meter operating schedule for Eastern USA.

Eastern Mediterranean & Middle East	07-08 (1) 08-10 (2)† 10-11 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-08 (2) 08-10 (3) 10-11 (2) 11-12 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-10 (2) 10-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-18 (1) 18-20 (2) 20-22 (1) 00-02 (1)	18-22 (1) 06-08 (1)
Western Africa	06-07 (1) 07-08 (2) 08-11 (3)† 11-13 (4) 13-15 (3) 15-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	05-06 (1) 06-07 (2) 07-13 (3) 13-16 (4) 16-17 (3) 17-18 (2) 18-19 (1)	05-10 (1) 10-14 (2) 14-15 (3) 15-20 (4) 20-22 (3) 22-02 (2) 02-03 (1)	18-19 (1) 19-21 (2) 21-22 (1) 19-21 (1)*
Eastern & Central Africa	07-08 (1) 08-10 (2)† 10-14 (3) 14-15 (2) 15-16 (1)	06-08 (1) 08-12 (2) 12-16 (3) 16-17 (2) 17-19 (1)	06-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-22 (3) 22-23 (2) 23-00 (1)	18-21 (1) 06-08 (1)
Southern Africa	07-08 (1) 08-10 (3)† 10-14 (4) 14-15 (3) 15-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	06-10 (1) 10-12 (2) 12-13 (3) 13-16 (4) 16-17 (3) 17-19 (2) 19-21 (1)	06-12 (1) 12-14 (2) 14-16 (3) 16-19 (4) 19-22 (3) 22-01 (2) 01-03 (1)	17-19 (1) 19-20 (2) 20-21 (1) 06-08 (1) 18-19 (1)*
Central & South Asia	16-17 (1) 17-19 (3)† 19-20 (1) 07-09 (1)	16-17 (1) 17-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-21 (1) 07-09 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (3) 09-10 (2) 10-11 (1) 16-17 (1) 17-19 (3) 19-21 (2) 21-22 (1)	17-19 (1) 04-09 (1)
Southeast Asia	08-09 (1) 09-10 (2) 10-11 (3) 11-12 (2) 12-14 (1) 14-15 (2) 15-17 (3)† 17-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-11 (3) 11-12 (2) 12-15 (1) 15-17 (3) 17-19 (2) 19-21 (3) 21-22 (2) 22-23 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-08 (2) 08-10 (3) 10-11 (2) 11-12 (1) 19-22 (1) 22-01 (2) 01-03 (3) 03-06 (2)	02-03 (1) 03-06 (2) 06-08 (1) 03-06 (1)*
Far East	13-14 (1) 14-15 (3) 15-19 (4)† 19-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-09 (2) 09-11 (3) 11-13 (2) 13-15 (3) 15-17 (2) 17-19 (4) 19-20 (3) 20-21 (2) 21-22 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-08 (2) 08-10 (4) 10-12 (3) 12-14 (2) 14-18 (1) 18-20 (2) 20-21 (3) 21-23 (4) 23-02 (3) 02-06 (2)	23-01 (1) 01-05 (2) 05-07 (3) 07-08 (1) 01-05 (1)* 05-06 (2)* 06-07 (1)*
South Pacific & New Zealand	08-09 (1) 09-10 (2) 10-19 (4)† 19-21 (3) 21-23 (2) 23-00 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-11 (4) 11-18 (3) 18-00 (4) 00-02 (3) 02-03 (2) 03-04 (1)	11-18 (1) 18-19 (2) 19-21 (3) 21-04 (4) 04-07 (3) 07-09 (4) 09-10 (3) 10-11 (2)	21-22 (1) 22-00 (2) 00-07 (3) 07-08 (2) 08-09 (1) 22-00 (1)* 00-06 (2)* 06-07 (1)*
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This month we compare the efficiencies of machine language, assembler programs and BASIC.



INTRODUCTION TO BASIC

A Computer Programming Language Part X—Machine Language

BY BUZZ GORSKY*, K8BG

In the very first part of this exploration of BASIC (CQ January, '80) I mentioned that *machine language* is much more efficient than BASIC. In this article of the series, I will demonstrate that fact. First I will introduce the few BASIC statements which are used with machine language routines. The **PEEK (N)** statement will provide a value equal to whatever is stored in memory location **N**. **PRINT PEEK(N)** will thus print that value. This can be useful in finding something in memory if you know about where it is, but do not know exactly. **POKE N,I** is another statement directly involving memory. The value **I** will be placed in memory location **N** by this statement. Whatever was in **N** before will simply cease to exist. Obviously a few misplaced **POKE** statements will destroy a program, so these statements must be used with care. **USR(N)** is a dummy function which causes a BASIC program to branch to a machine language routine. Suppose for example we have a machine language routine that sends Morse code, and that this is operated from a BASIC program. When we wish code to be sent we could have any statement which includes **USR(N)** and the program would

go to the machine routine. We might say **PRINT USR(X)** or we might say **Y=USR(I)**—it would not matter as long as **USR(X)** were included. However, before we could successfully enter a machine routine in this fashion, we would have to give the program the correct memory address to begin the machine program. This is done in a complex way which will be difficult to understand if you are not familiar with hexadecimal numbers—remember that in that first article I also mentioned that BASIC was nice since you didn't have to worry about such things.

The TRS-80 (Radio Shack trademark) stores addresses in two adjacent memory locations. The address is stored as a hex value. The least significant bit is stored first followed by the most significant bit. Suppose our machine language program begins at address 32000 (decimal). That is 7D00 hex. Thus we would indicate this address by storing 00 first and then 7D. Of course, BASIC does not know anything about hex values, so these must be stored in decimal form. The 00 is easy since zero in hex is also zero in decimal. The 7D could be evaluated from the program which I presented for converting hex to decimal values. 7D= 125 decimal. So we would store 0 and then 125. Oddly enough that

would indicate 32000! (It may sound crazy but that's how it works! In order to execute a **USR** call in BASIC we must put the least significant bit of the machine program address into location 16526 and the most significant bit into 16527. So those two **POKEs** would have to be done before the **USR** statement.

I recognize that this discussion may be a bit hard to follow, so I will provide an example which will demonstrate the efficiency and speed of machine language—and you do not have to understand anything about machine language to appreciate the example. However, before I do that I will explore machine language a bit, in case you are interested.

The "brain" of a computer functions in a step by step way. It sees an address in memory, picks up the number stored there and then does whatever that number represents as a machine function. Some machine functions are stored as a single number while others may require several numbers. In each case the machine will do whatever is required. For BASIC to work, the machine has a lengthy machine language program in memory which stepwise interprets the BASIC program into machine steps which are accomplished. We have seen several examples of ineffi-

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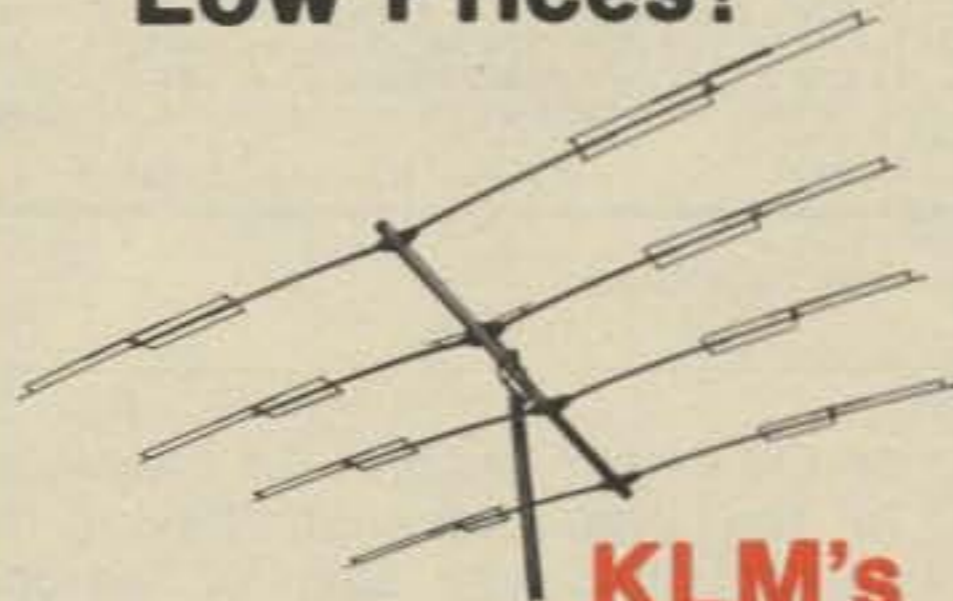
ciency with this system. A straight-forward machine language program, however, is simply a list of numbers, in proper sequence, indicating the steps for the computer to do. The computer does not have any extra interpreting to do. It merely begins at the first step, does whatever that says, and then goes on to the next. It can do that very quickly.

As you can imagine, though, programming in machine language is quite tedious. You must know all of the possible machine language statements (and there are hundreds) and you must know the numerical value for each. Furthermore, since many will refer to memory locations, you must keep track of the memory location for everything you wish stored, so that you can include proper instructions for finding things. You must also keep track of the memory location for each of the machine steps so that you can branch to a given step when you wish. Obviously there is a lot to keep track of. Most programmers do not actually use machine language. Rather they use what is called *assembler*. This language uses word, or rather abbreviation, symbols for the machine steps. The program is written with these abbreviations and then a program called an *assembler* composes the equivalent machine language program. Once the program is assembled, there is a machine program which can be entered into the computer and run just as if it had been written that way originally. The assembler program will also usually have features so that the programmer can label program lines and memory locations with abbreviations which are meaningful to the programmer and make keeping track of things easy. For example if a certain memory location is to keep track of the address of a table, we might call the location **TABLE** in the assembler program, and whenever the assembler saw the symbol **TABLE** it would substitute the correct address.

I wish to emphasize one very important difference between the BASIC *interpreter resident* in the machine, and an *assembler program*. The **BASIC interpreter** takes the BASIC program in memory one step at a time and interprets each step into machine language as it goes. Thus there is a lot of time involved. Also, it does each step independently so that if a variable is used in two adjacent steps the BASIC interpreter will not know that and it will look up and file the variable each time. Furthermore the BASIC interpreter will not know of a syntax error, for example, until the error is encountered in execution. The *assembler program* on the other hand will

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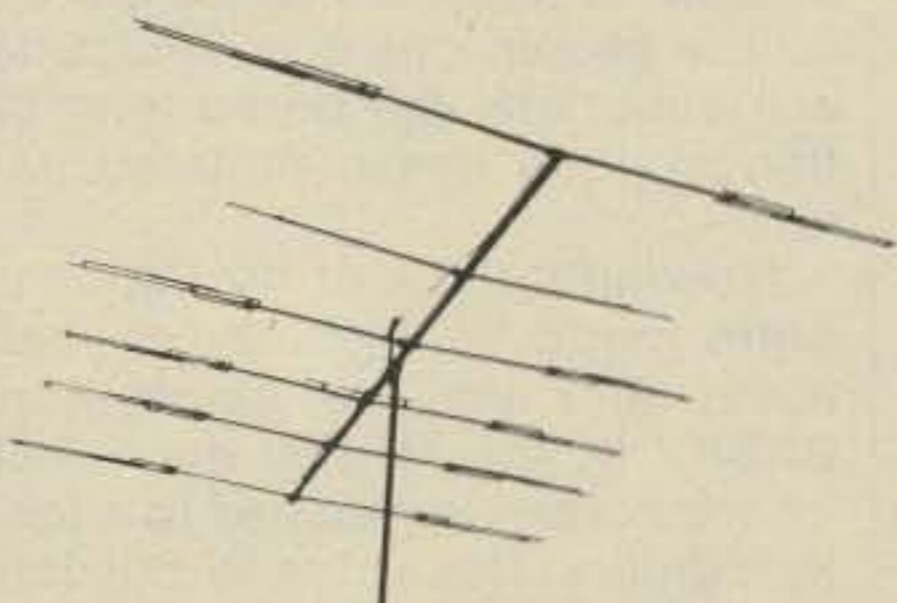


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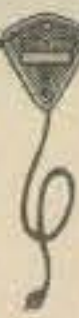
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What kinds of steps can be accomplished in machine code? Well they are all small steps and they involve special locations within the microprocessor called **registers**, **peripheral devices**, and **peripheral memory locations**. Only addition and subtraction can be done. And only simple comparisons can be done. The program can be instructed to branch based on the result of a comparison.

Now for the example which hopefully will make this somewhat theoretical discussion clearer. I am going to present a program task involving the video display—so that we can see what is going on—and I am going to accomplish the task three different ways. The first two will involve BASIC, though one will be more straightforward than the other, and the last will involve machine code. The task is simple. I wish to display

on the screen each of the characters in the character set, having the screen filled with each of the characters in sequence. Consider the following program:

```
5 CLS
10 FOR J = 33 TO 95: FOR I = 1 TO 16
20 PRINT STRING$(63,J)
30 NEXT:NEXT:GOTO 10
```

This program works its way through the ASCII character set (except for character #32, the blank space) and prints sixteen lines—i.e. a full screen—of 63 character strings of each character. After it finishes the last character it will go back and start again. If you run this program you will be able to see the characters appear on the screen one at a time, and you will doubtless get bored long before the program has completed its first run.

Now let's think of how such a program might be executed in machine code, and do the same thing in BASIC. In the TRS-80 each location on the screen is mapped to a location in memory. If a value is put into the memory location, it will appear on the screen. Thus the **POKE** statement can be used to put material on the screen. The memory location for the upper left corner of the screen is 15360 and that for the lower right corner is 16383. Take a look at this next program:

```
99 CLS
100 FOR I = 33 TO 95: FOR J = 15360
    TO 16383
110 POKE J,I
120 NEXT:NEXT:GOTO 100
```

This program will do the same thing that the first program did, but it requires much less interpretation on the part of the BASIC interpreter. We are telling the program directly to put a value into a given memory location and then go to the next location. However, we are still requiring that the machine do some interpreting. It has

to figure out the **POKE** statement and keep track of the two variables. What's more, since it's in BASIC it has to do this each time the **POKE** is encountered. So if you watch this program run you will see that it runs a bit faster than the first, but it is still slow.

Now let's implement the program in machine language. To do this I wrote a program in *assembler* code and then let my assembler give me the machine language program. I wrote a program just like that shown in lines 99 to 120 above, but it used simple machine codes. That program can be implemented as follows:

```
200 FOR A = 32600 TO 32624
210 READ N: POKE A,N:NEXT
220 DATA 62,33,33,0,60,30,16,6,64,
    119,35,16,252,29,32,247,60,254,
    96,195,90,127,195,88,127
230 END
300 POKE 16526,88: POKE 16527,
    127:X =USR(X)
```

Lines 200 to 230 enter the machine language program into memory. The **POKEs** put the data values into the memory locations. Those numbers in the **DATA** statement ARE the program. There is nothing else! The **END** causes execution to stop. Line 300 loads the start address and then calls the machine language program. This program will do just what the previous two programs did—but what a difference. As you watch this one on the screen, it will go so fast that you will not be able to tell what is on the screen. You can hit the reset button to stop execution so that you can see what is going on.

There are a few other requirements for this program. Before doing lines 200-300, you should use 32600 in the memory size statement so that BASIC will not interfere with the memory you want for the machine language program. Also it must be obvious that this is not the best way to implement a machine program. Actually when using the assembler program, it will make a tape of the machine program and then that tape can be entered with the **SYSTEM** command so that you do not have to do all of that poking manually. Once you have executed lines 200-230 you can use **SYSTEM** to get the program running instead of using line 300. Simply type **SYSTEM** and when you get the prompt type /32600 and hit enter. This will also start the machine language program at the instruction in memory location 32600.

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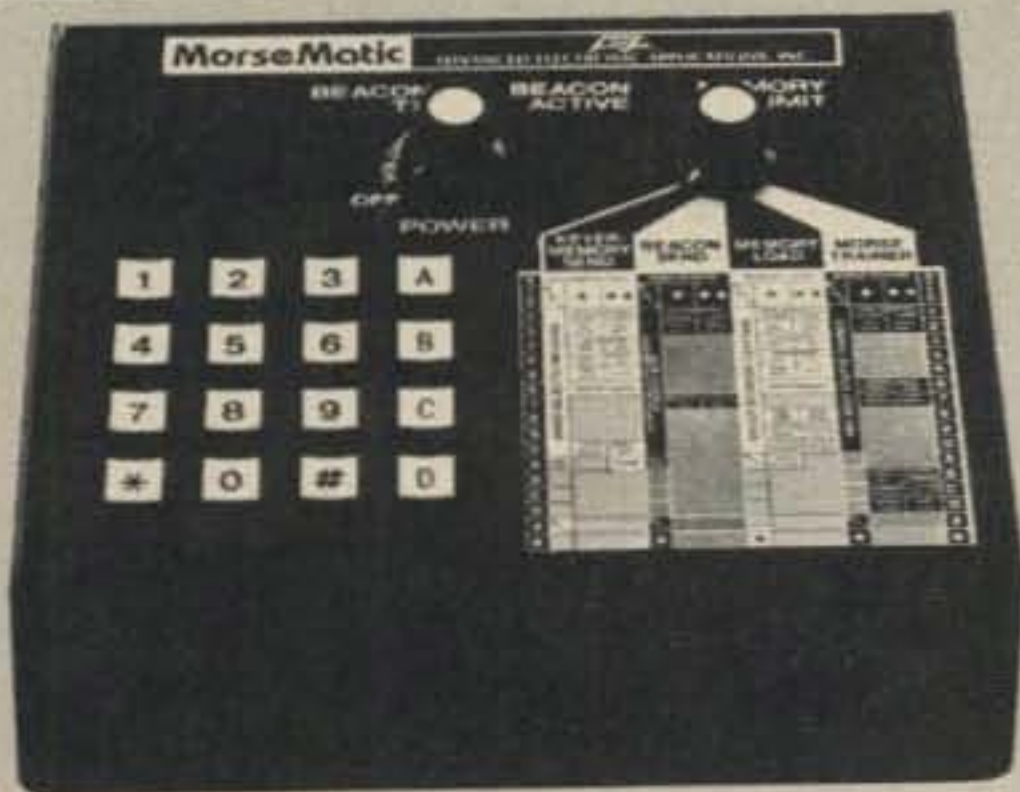
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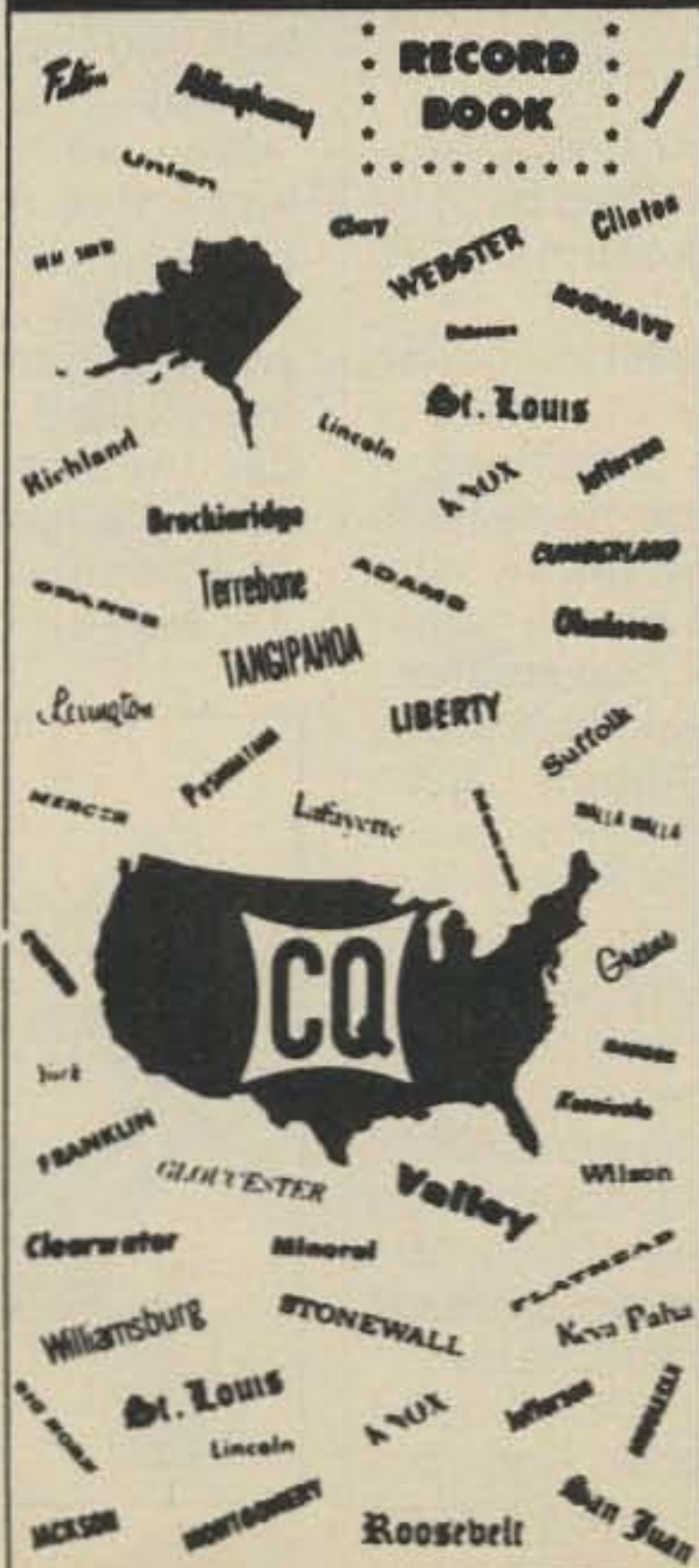
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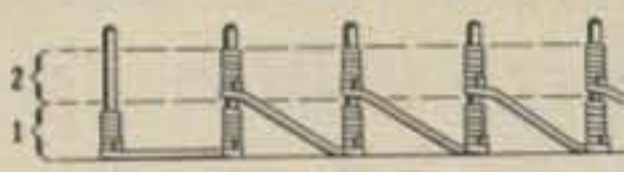
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"In my opinion," said Joe, "what this hobby needs is more self criticism. All I hear on the bands these days is QRM and pileups." I sat back and pulled deeply on my pipe. "After all, it's only a hobby and some of these DXers act more like it's a profession." Joe was perched precariously atop a rickety old stepladder waving his stapler at me threateningly. "There," he grunted as his fist drove the chisel point coldly through the 8Z4 into the expectant plasterboard, "that's the last of 'em!" He tripped from the ladder and seated himself in a rocker beside me.

Outside, February winds whipped the coax in a dismal rhythm as Joe and I settled back for our weekly lament on the sorry state of amateur radio. But somehow Joe's heart just wasn't in it. He sat staring forlornly at his wall of exotic prefixes. "What'll I do now?" he moaned. "You know those cards cost me much more than the IRCs. Just think of the alimony, the doctor bills and the batteries for this confounded hearing aid."

I told him the hearing aid was his own fault. All those years of c.w. DXpeditions through a 50 Hz crystal filter had rendered his hearing as useless as that of an acid-rock road manager. Many was the night that I entered Joe's shack amid such pings and screeches that I thought myself to be on the set of *The Enemy Below*. As Joe's hearing grew worse, he would smile philosophically and say, "There's always RTTY - DXCC."

Following Joe's initial exaltation over that last card, he entered a period of insufferable melancholia. He tried



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v.h.f., s.s.t.v., r.t.t.y. and traffic handling, but eventually he settled back into his long forgotten pasttime of 75 meter ragchewing.

Slowly he emerged from his cocoon of self pity. His recovery and transfiguration were complete and startling. A real Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, he came to hold utter disdain for those who sought his once coveted award. "What a senseless waste of life," he smirked. At first I thought these actions symptomatic of withdrawal, though I soon became convinced of his sincerity.

One cheerful Saturday morning in the spring, I dropped by as usual for a pot or two of coffee. There sat Joe at the kitchen table with his nose buried in a *National Geographic* magazine. "Have a seat; I just put on a fresh pot. It'll be done in a minute." I looked upon the table with keen interest. There, just below his cup, was a most unusual coaster. He picked up his coffee. I gasped in horror as he put the cup to his lips. There it was, in plain sight, the four corners roughly torn away, circled time and again with the brown foot-

print of the cup, JY1.

"I think it's ready now," he said, taking a fresh cup from the cupboard. "I've really got to clean this pot someday. Just look at that residue." He placed the steaming cup in front of me on a similarly distinctive coaster. I sipped my coffee in silence as he finished his article.

We filled our cups again and shuffled off to the shack. It was just as I had expected; the transceiver sat parked on 3810 in front of a wall full of staples.

"Well," he said, falling into his chair, "what shall we discuss today?"

"Oh, I dunno, how about ex-CBers with two letter suffixes?"

"Nah, that's old hat," he scoffed. "What we need are fresh ideas. You know I've found myself some new heroes. I don't spend all my time hanging around 75 anymore just talking to you. It began here, though. One night I moved up the band and ran across the devil worship net. What a hornet's nest! It almost equalled the confusion of a pileup what with all the jammers. So, I decided to check the higher



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bands. Boy, were they loaded with QRM. After some analysis, I came to realize that heckling had its big guns too, though there aren't many who operate with real style. You have your tuner-uppers, c.w. machine gunners and the anonymous whistler who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men, your heeeeeelos and oooooohlas but they lack finesse.

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His eyes were afire. He paced nervously up and down the shack, muttering to himself about awards and certificates. "Just look; I've prepared a list. I've got a friend who's a printer. Let's get started."



"What about Slashed All Mobile Tires?"

He handed me the list. There it was, in black and white: Heckled All States, Heckled All Continents, Kerchunched All Repeaters, Whistled All Frequencies (with endorsements for frequency increments), A-1 Heckler, The Soliloquy Award for One Way Ragchews. I had had enough. I placed the list on the desk and with my head bowed, turned to leave.

"No... wait, wait," he screamed, "what about... what about Slashed All Mobile Tires and... Burned All Radio Clubs and..."

The door closed behind me with a dull thud. My eyes, blinded by the bright morning sun, stared blankly at the base of the tower. Gradually, my eyes began a 200 foot climb, rung by rung, until at last they came to rest upon the gargantuan monoband array, its drooping elements swinging frantically in search of their next victim.

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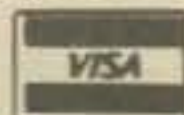
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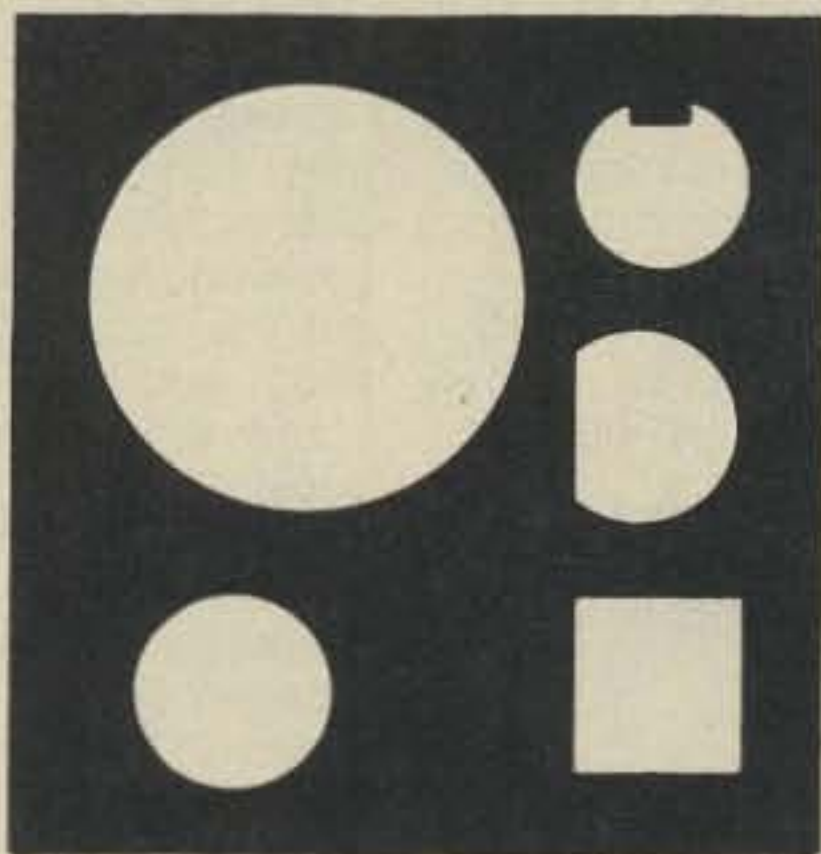


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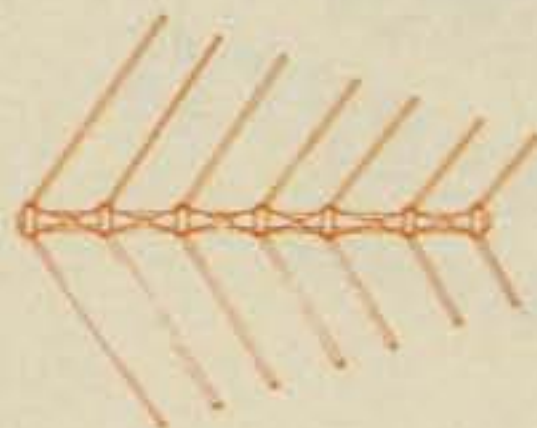
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I recognize that there does exist a certain antipathy towards the Japanese which, though well filtered by time, will take several more generations to eradicate. To change our buying habits and desires to "Buy American" may take even longer. The public would have to give up the product and freedom of choice. The importer and all of the people in the chain of distribution of Japanese products would have to give up some if not all of their amateur sales in favor of a totally American commodity and marketplace yet to be rebuilt. I think it would be pure fantasy and idealism to expect that this would occur.

Well, if we had that lobby for amateur radio in Washington that we've talked about, we could attack the problem from another viewpoint. We could try to urge our government to urge the Japanese government to relax trade barriers whereby our goods could be purchased at a favorable rate. I know that this too is idealistic and that it hasn't worked out well with the auto industry. On the other hand, restricting the flow of imports only increases the prices for those products along the lines of supply and demand.

Since there is an apparent demand for the product, and if that product is not priced dramatically differently from products produced here, there ought to be lessons to be learned. The technology is not that drastically unique, nor is the availability of super esoteric components confined to the orient. I don't think it's bragging or boastful to say that America has produced some of the finest engineering talent and scientific minds in the world. Someone recently said that we could take the Sphinx, package it in a rocket and send it to the moon. The technology is available; the only problem would be to fund the task.

The Japanese have evolved into a group of merchants and risk takers. We seem to

be evolving into a group of consumers, less willing to take risks in what some people see as a shaky economy. The Japanese seem to have formed a symbiotic relationship between their electronic industry and their government. They apparently have worked out a favorable relationship between creating hundreds of thousands of new amateurs and having an industry right there to support that interest. The government has indeed fostered its amateur and industrial growth because it is good economically and good for the country. Indirectly, it has been good for us in that it has opened up a brand new source of equipment and has forced us to rethink our own methods.

We, on the other hand, seem to be faced with a bureaucratic dilemma of our own making. Starting with incentive licensing, we, as a group, have promulgated more and more restrictive, nit-picking amateur rules and regulations than ever before in U.S. amateur history. We have become bureaucratic pains in the FCC's rear. Through what I would like to believe are good intentions, Newington has proposed and continues to propose licensing changes and conditions to structure our pastime or hobby in order to suit some almost megalomaniacal view of stewardship and proprietary interest in protecting the status quo *a la* 1934. At the same time we are facing a situation whereby the government and especially the FCC seem to want to deregulate amateur radio and make it simpler. We all know that a Hobby Class license is in the offing, and that it rears its head every so often, so that some day it will be a reality. I know that this concept is unpopular in Newington and with some readers of CQ. I know that there are people with a strong traditional sense of amateur radio out there who would like things to remain the same, and that there are even some who would like some of our licensing procedures stiffened up.

What we need at the moment is growth. Without growth we are merely an annoyance in demanding and requesting from

our government something they are trying very hard to divest themselves of. At some point, someone in authority may even ask just how important amateur radio is. Is it worth all of the time, energy and paper work to keep 300,000 to 400,000 people relatively happy? We saw what happened during the CB boom. When it was a very hot issue and the electronics industry flourished through CB business and operating, they could get whatever they wanted. When the boom was no longer a boom and the last fizzle was out of the economic balloon, the CB industry could no longer count on the government to supply extra channels or considerations. It just wouldn't wash. We got a first-hand example of our expertise and the influence of our ham tradition when we went before the FCC in the matter of linear amplifiers.

Yet there is a problem that isn't resolved. Yes, some American manufacturers are experiencing difficulty in competing with Japanese products. Yes, American manufacturers are hampered in selling their products in Japan. Enlarging our market will not in any way solve that problem. It will, however, increase their sales potential here in this country. As some of our own manufacturers are finding out, it's the bells, whistles and packaging that seem to attract you (everything else being relatively equal), and maybe this is an area to be catered to. We all expect to find style and panache in everything we buy from our stereo equipment to our car. Why not amateur radio gear? Why shouldn't an advertisement for an amateur radio product look as elegant and sophisticated as the product is supposed to be?

I've been told that a lot of these "frills" are too expensive and retooling is prohibitive. I know that a great deal of this is true. But what is the alternative? One alternative is to push for an isolationist position. Keep imports out, retrench and put the wagons in a circle. It won't work and it would hurt economically. We would stand to lose far more than we could possibly gain.

The best alternative for the long run and the one that would prove most beneficial would be to open up our market to increased sales. I think that we should take a lesson from the Japanese as they took from us and work towards a cooperative effort with our government and our industry to support amateur radio. I think that inadvertently the FCC is helping towards that goal by their efforts in deregulation and that it should be carried a few steps further. I think that opening up our licensing to include as many people as possible who want access to communication will improve everyone's lot.

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America was founded on risk and entrepreneurship. We taught the world how we did it and encouraged the world by our example and capital. Somewhere along the line we became cautious and conservative. The Japanese believed the dream, followed the lessons and put them into practice. They found a way to make it work. Certainly, since we invented it, we can do the same or better. It is within our power and ability to do anything we've told everyone else they can do... we've got to want to.

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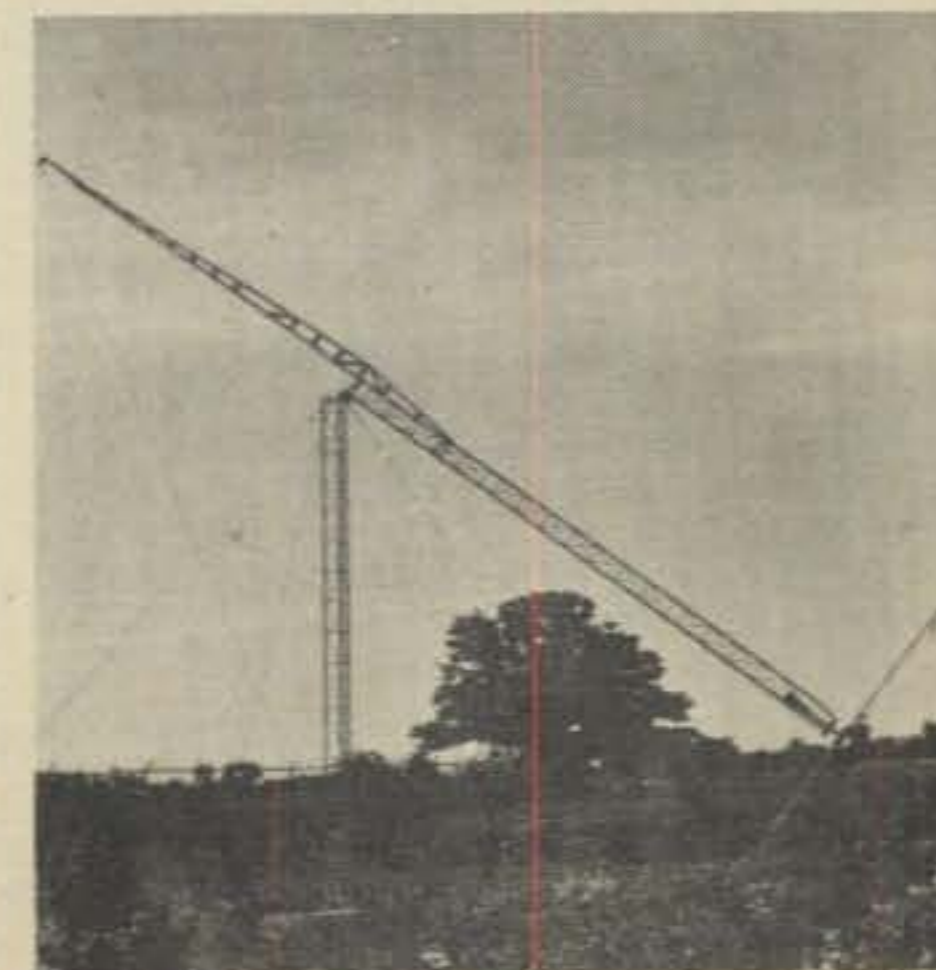
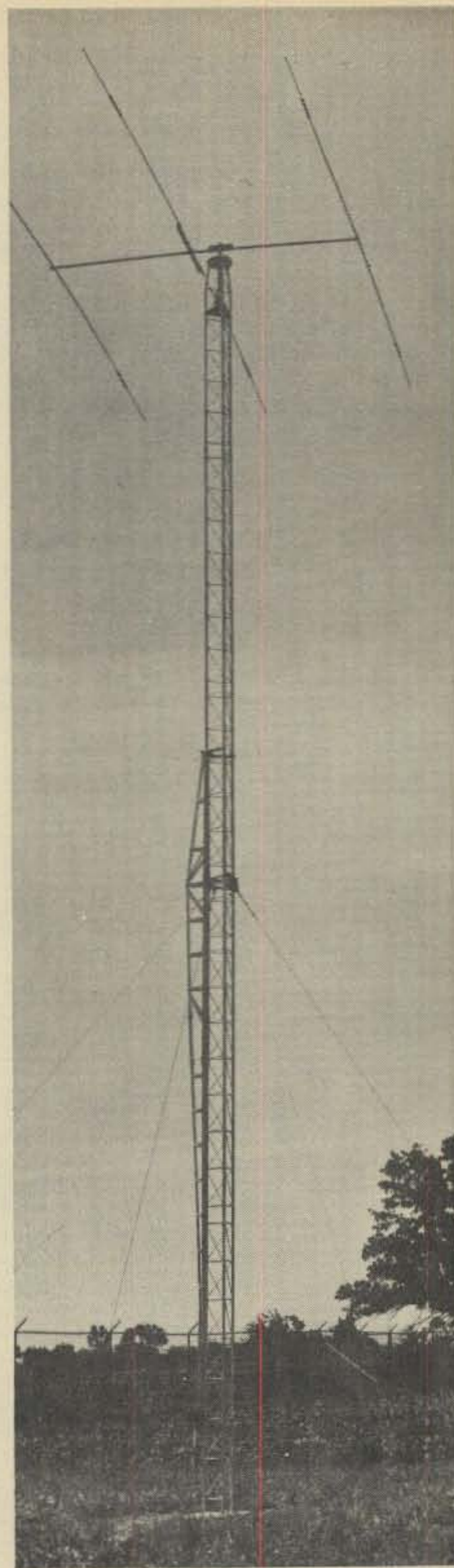
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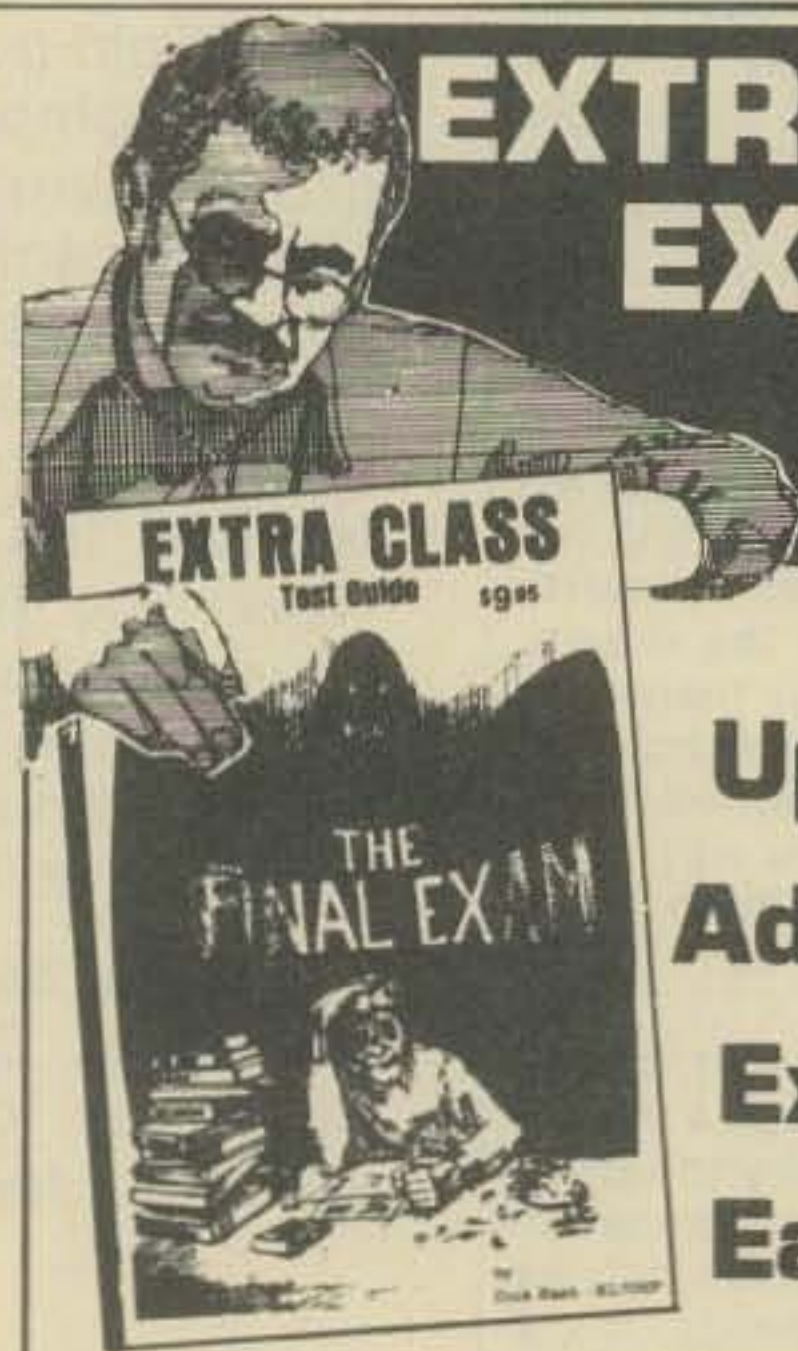
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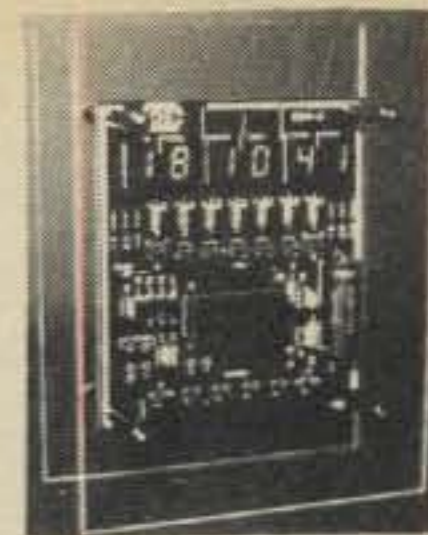
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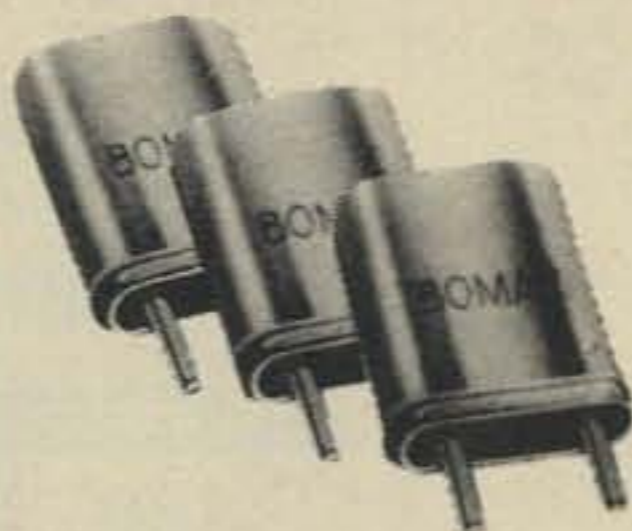
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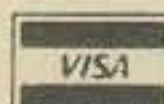
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SPECIFICATIONS:

GENERAL

Frequency coverage: 144-148 MHz
Number of channels: 800
Emission type: F3
Batteries: NiCd battery pack
Voltage requirement: 10.8 VDC
 $\pm 10\%$, maximum
Current consumption:
 Receive: 35 mA squelched (150 mA unsquelched with maximum audio)
 Transmit: 800 mA (full power)
Case dimensions: 68x181x54 mm (HWD)
Weight (with batteries): 680 grams

RECEIVER

Circuit type: Double conversion superheterodyne
 Intermediate frequencies:
 1st IF=10.7 MHz
 2nd IF=455 kHz
Sensitivity: 0.32 μ V for 20 dB quieting
Selectivity: ± 7.5 kHz at 60 dB down
Audio Output: 200 mW at 10% THD

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TRANSMITTER

Power Output: 2.5 watts minimum /200mW
Deviation: ± 5 kHz
Spurious radiation: -60 dB or better
Microphone: Condenser type (2000 ohms)

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Frequency Coverage: 50~54MHz

Power Supply Requirements:

13.8V DC±15%, negative ground
Current drain 18A max.
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Emission Modes:

A3J SSB (USB/LSB)
A1 CW
A3H AM
F3* FM

Dimensions: 111mm (H)×
241mm (W)×311mm (D)

Weight: 6.6kg

Sensitivity: SSB/CW/AM

Less than 0.5µV for 10dB S+N/N
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30dB S+N+D/N+D at 1µV

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FM* 0.4µV

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More than ±1.1 KHz at -6dB
Less than ±2.2KHz at -60dB
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