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## TS-830S

"Top-notch"...VBT, notch, IF shift, wide dynamic range

The TS-830S has every conceivable operating feature built-in for 160-10 meters (including the three new bands). It combines a high dynamic range with variable bandwidth tuning (VBT), IF shift, and an IF notch filter, as well as very sharp filters in the 455-kHz second IF.

### TS-830S FEATURES:

- LSB, USB, and CW on 160-10 meters, including the new 10, 18, and 24-MHz bands. Receives WWV on 10 MHz.
- Wide receiver dynamic range. Junction FETs in the balanced mixer, MOSFET RF amplifier at low level, and dual resonator for each band.
- Variable bandwidth tuning (VBT). Varies IF filter passband width.
- Notch filter high-Q active circuit in 455-kHz second IF.
- IF shift (passband tuning).
- Noise-blanker threshold level control.
- Built-in digital display, (fluorescent tube), with analog dial.
- 6L46B final with RF negative feedback. Runs 220 W PEP (SSB)/180 W DC (CW) input on all bands.
- Built-in RF speech processor.
- Narrow/wide filter selection on CW.
- SSB monitor circuit.
- RIT and XIT (transmitter incremental tuning).

### Optional accessories:

- SP-230 external speaker.
- VFO-230 external digital VFO with five memories, digital display.
- VFO-240 external analog VFO.
- AT-230 antenna tuner.
- YG-455C (500 Hz) or YG-455CN (250 Hz) CW filter for 455 kHz IF.
- YK-88C (500 Hz) or YK-88CN (270 Hz) CW filter for 8.83 MHz IF.
- KB-1 deluxe heavyweight knob.



## TS-130SE

"Small talk"...IF shift, Processor, N/W switch, affordable.

A compact, all solid-state HF SSB/CW transceiver for mobile or fixed base station, covering 3.5 to 29.7 MHz.

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- 80-10 meters including the new 10, 18, and 24 MHz bands. Receives WWV on 10 MHz.
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- Digital display, built-in.
- IF shift circuit.
- Speech Processor, built in.
- Narrow/wide filter selection on CW and SSB with optional filters.
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- RF attenuator, built-in.
- Effective noise blanker.
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Frequency control in 20-Hz steps with UP/DOWN microphone (supplied with DFC-230). Four memories and digital display. (Also operates with TS-120S, TS530S, and TS-830S.)

### Optional accessories:

- PS-30 matching power supply (TS-130SE).
- KPS-21 power supply (TS-130SE).
- PS-20 power supply (TS-130V).
- SP-120 external speaker.
- VFO-120 remote VFO.
- FA-4 fan unit (TS-130SE).
- YK-88C (500 Hz) and YK-88CN (270 Hz) CW filters.
- YK-88SN (1.8 kHz) narrow SSB filter.
- AT-130 antenna tuner.
- MB-100 mobile mounting bracket.



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## R-1000

High performance, easy tuning, digital display

The R-1000 high performance communications receiver covers 200 kHz to 30 MHz in 30 bands. An up-conversion PLL synthesized circuit provides improved sensitivity, selectivity, and stability.

### R-1000 FEATURES:

- Covers 200 kHz to 30 MHz.
- 30 bands, each 1 MHz wide.
- Five-digit frequency display with 1-kHz resolution and analog dial with precise gear dial mechanism.
- Built-in 12-hour quartz digital clock/timer.
- RF step attenuator.
- Three IF filters for optimum AM, SSB, CW.
- Effective noise blanker. • Tone control.
- Built-in 4-inch speaker. • Dimmer switch.
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## R-600

"Now hear this"...digital display, easy tuning

The R-600 is an affordably priced, high performance general coverage communications receiver covering 150 kHz to 30 MHz in 30 bands. Use of PLL synthesized circuitry provides maximum ease of operation.

### R-600 FEATURES:

- 150 kHz to 30 MHz continuous coverage, AM, SSB, or CW.
- 30 bands, each 1 MHz wide, for easier tuning.
- Five digit frequency display, with 1 kHz resolution.
- 6 kHz IF filter for AM (wide), and 2.7 kHz filter for SSB, CW and AM (narrow).
- Up-conversion PLL circuit, for improved sensitivity, selectivity, and stability.

- Communications type noise blanker eliminates "pulse-type" noise.
- RF Attenuator allows 20 dB attenuation of strong signals.
- Tone control. • Front mounted speaker.
- "S" meter, with 1 to 5 SINPO "S" scale, plus standard scale.
- Coaxial and wire antenna terminals.
- 100, 120, 220, and 240 VAC, 50/60 Hz. Selector switch on rear panel.
- Optional 13.8 VDC operation, using DCK-1 cable kit.
- Other features include carrying handle, headphone jack, and record jack.

### Optional accessories for R-600 and R-1000:

- DCK-1 DC Cable kit. • SP-100 External Speaker.
- HS-6, HS-5, HS-4 Headphones.
- HC-10 Digital World Clock.



## TS-660

The TS-660 "QUAD BANDER" covers 6, 10, 12, 15 meters.

- FM, SSB (USB), CW, and AM
- Dual digital VFO's
- Digital display
- IF shift built-in
- 5 memories with memory scan
- UP/DOWN microphone
- All-mode squelch
- Noise blanker
- CW semi break-in/sidetone
- 10 W on SSB, CW, FM; 4 W on AM.

### Optional accessories:

- PS-20 power supply
- VOX-4 speech processor/VOX
- SP-120 External speaker
- MB-100 Mobile mount
- YK-88C, YK-88CN CW filters
- YK-88A AM filter.

## TS-530S

"Cents-ational"...IF shift, digital display, narrow-wide filter switch

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### TS-530S FEATURES:

- 160-10 meters, LSB, USB, CW, all amateur frequencies, including new 10, 18, and 24 MHz bands. Receives WWV on 10 MHz.
- Built-in digital display (six digits, fluorescent tubes), with analog dial.

- IF shift tunes out interfering signals.
- Narrow/wide filter selector switch for CW and/or SSB.
- Built-in speech processor, for increased talk power.
- Wide receiver dynamic range, with greater immunity to overload.
- Two 6146B's in final, allows 220W PEP/180 W DC input on all bands.
- Advanced single-conversion PLL, for better stability, improved spurious characteristics.
- Adjustable noise-blanker, with front panel threshold control.

- RIT/XIT front panel control allows independent fine-tuning of receive or transmit frequencies.

### Optional accessories:

- SP-230 external speaker with selectable audio filters.
- VFO-240 remote analog VFO.
- VFO-230 remote digital VFO.
- AT-230 antenna tuner/SWR/power meter.
- MC-50 desk microphone
- KB-1 deluxe VFO knob.
- YK-88C (500 Hz) or YK-88CN (270 Hz) CW filter.
- YK-88SN (1.8 kHz) narrow SSB filter.



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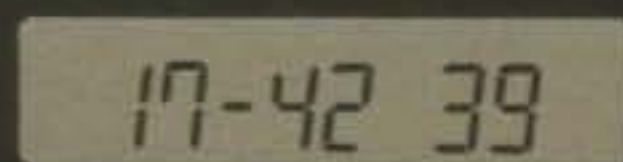
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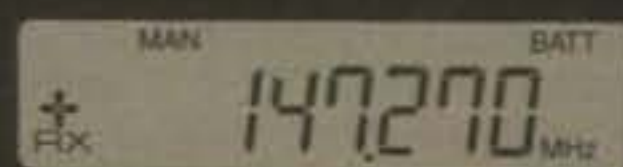
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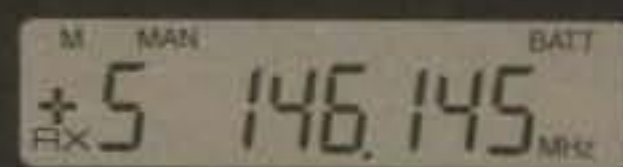
■ The 24 hour format digital clock on the LCD display is uniquely SANTEC, and it typifies the thoughtful operator-oriented design incorporated throughout the ST-144/μP. ■ Not only does it give you accurate time checks whenever you want, but also it can display the time instead of the frequency, while this handful of radio continues to operate on your "favorite" frequency.



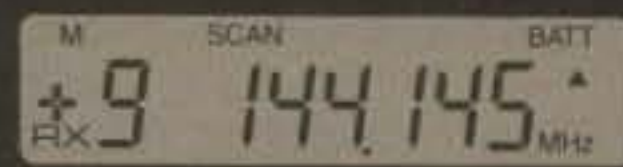
**24 Hr Clock** provides time of day even while the radio is turned off, or it can be selected by the front panel switch while in QSO.



**Full Frequency Display** showing offset selected, battery condition and current scan mode. At turnon, the contents of M-1 are loaded into the operating register, and the display looks like this.



**The Memory Mode** is indicated by the small "M" above "+"; the "5" indicates that the data were stored in Memory 5 before recall. The "+" indicates that the + offset was stored with the frequency.



**Memory Scan** with "Priority Scan / Auto-Resume" has stopped on Memory 9 to listen for a few seconds.



**Transmit** is indicated on a minus 600 kHz offset from 146.820 MHz which was stored in M-6. Activity on Memory 6 was found by using the "Search" mode of Scan.

■ The 10 frequencies that you put into the memories are stored with your repeater offsets, and you can have them scanned, searched or instantly recalled at the touch of a button. ■ Memory 1 even gets priority treatment in the memory scan mode. ■ That's timely complexity made amazingly simple: and the high power option of 3.5W (nominal) is simply the greatest reach you've ever held in your hand.

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- Mobile Charger (ST-MC)
- Speaker Microphone (SM-1)

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# Zero Bias

## AN EDITORIAL

The big news in amateur radio took place on July 1, 1982. On that date the FCC Commissioners voted seven to zero for a "No Code" amateur license. They then directed the PRB (Private Radio Bureau) to develop an NPRM (Notice of Proposed Rule Making) for a no-code license to encompass the amateur bands above 30 MHz. The basic requirements for this new license should fall somewhere between the current Technician license and one patterned after the Canadian Packet License (the latter is favored by the OST (Office of Science and Technology). The Canadian License is extremely difficult and very highly technical. Prior to any action on this new license, WARC-79 must be ratified, and both S929 and HR5008 must be approved, so it would appear that the earliest we could expect any action would be the beginning of 1983.

If we consider the code-free Technician class license for a minute, we immediately see a conflict with those who already hold that class of license. The present-day holders are credited with the minimum 5 w.p.m. code test, and therefore enjoy c.w. privileges on some Novice bands. According to the *Callbook*, there are about 76,000 Technician class licensees. Would dropping the code requirements from the Technician class disenfranchise those presently holding that class of license, since presumably they would have to give up their c.w. privileges? Is that legal? I don't know the answer to that one, but I'm sure that if the 76,000 were suddenly demoted in a sense, with a consequent loss of earned privileges, there would be a class action or two in the works.

Another consideration in this type of move is the possibility of (I sort of doubt it, though) a sudden influx of 6 meter operation with all accordant interference problems. I don't think that the FCC is ready to deal with a major increase in interference complaints. How about a couple of hundred thousand new 2 meter f.m. operators plus an additional few thousand repeaters? I don't think that this is the aim of the FCC either. After consideration of these and probably many other potential problems, the Canadian approach might look good only as a safeguard against these problems by being so exclusionary. This of course would introduce a sixth class of amateur license.

With funding running out for the existing five classes of amateur licenses, it is unlikely that Congress will rush in to shore up the FCC in a quest for a sixth class. I do admire the FCC for seeing the need and acting in a responsible manner to solve a real problem—namely, more

people, especially younger people, entering amateur radio. If the original concept prevails, it will not mean hundreds of thousands or millions of sub-humans pouncing on the amateur bands as has been predicted. There are enough inherent problems with HR5008 and what will happen to current licensing procedures after the money runs out (reportedly in October), so a code-free license of any type at this point is strictly academic. A highly technical exam might assuage some bureaucratic types, but in its own way it is just as exclusionary as a 13 or 20 w.p.m. code test. While this may be an ideal, it is not based on reality. For those who think that it is, take one facetious moment to consider the converse. Consider, if you will, a 40 w.p.m. code test, theory-free, for those who have "technical barriers" and still want to be amateurs. While the move toward a code-free license by the FCC is in the right direction, it is heading away from the goals it seeks to achieve.

Perhaps some thought should be given to, or a reassessment taken of, some existing proposals at say 220 MHz or 900 MHz. Data or digital transmission at these frequencies is quite possible, the potential interference problems are minimized both in terms of r.f. and overpopulation, and these areas could really use a boost in both usage and the benefits that new technology will bring.

### Spillover

The technological push for hardware for cellular radio-telephone equipment will no doubt spill over into amateur radio. For years, one of the bulwarks thrown up against the controversial 900 MHz code-free Communicator class license was a lack of adequate components for reliable equipment. Motorola has recently announced a series of r.f. devices with up to 30 watts output and operational through 960 MHz. These will be off-the-shelf devices at affordable prices. The series includes a predriver (MRF890), a driver (MRF892), and an output transistor (MRF894).

### Travels With CQ

In mid June Dick and I went to Washington, D.C. to attend the AFCEA Convention. AFCEA is the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association. Let me tell you that this is one heck of a communications show. The gear that we go bananas over at Dayton and the like seems as child's play compared to what is on display here. Not only is it almost impossible in some cases to tell what the

gear is or does, it's even more difficult to figure out how to turn it on. Overall, this show is very impressive and in some ways very similar to a hamfest.

Since we didn't have a CQ exhibit at this event, Dick and I spent our time looking at the booths and displays just like a ham visiting a hamfest. The people who came to this event gathered literature and "freebies" much in the same way we do at shows, and surprisingly enough, there were indeed a good number of hams there on both sides of the booths. Several of the exhibitors are also in the amateur radio business and were exhibiting as we were at the Atlanta Hamfest the previous weekend.

One of the main reasons for our attendance was the Amateur Radio Luncheon, an annual AFCEA function which now attracts about 200 amateurs from industry and government. The luncheon is hosted by our own Ted Cohen, N4XX. The food is good, the speeches short (mine is the shortest), and it is an excellent chance to exchange views with some very prominent people.

The only drawback to a very full day is the ride home, and this one was a trip to remember. After a hurried dinner with the folks from Cushcraft (Bob Cushman and his wife), Mary Ellen Stoner and Richard Robinson of the Electronic Equipment Bank, and Bill Henry and Ken Sartain of HAL Communications, Dick and I sped to National Airport to just make the last shuttle to New York at 9:00 p.m. The 9:00 shuttle left at about 9:40 and flew non-stop to Baltimore, about 10 minutes away. We stayed there until after 2:00 a.m. and finally flew to JFK, then boarded taxis to LaGuardia where our cars were. So, door to door it took 6 hours to get home that night.

The weekend before, Dick and I were at the Atlanta Hamfest. Jack caught up to us from the San Diego show, and the three of us manned the CQ booth. The Atlanta show is probably at a turning point, whereby bigger facilities are in order within the next year or so. The weather held for the most part, although it rained for a short while on Saturday afternoon. Billy Williams, N4UF, our CQ DX Awards Manager, showed up, as did World of Video columnist Dave Ingram, K4TWJ, with his charming wife. Once again, as with other shows, the economic mood of the attending amateurs seemed optimistic, and people were intent on having a good time.

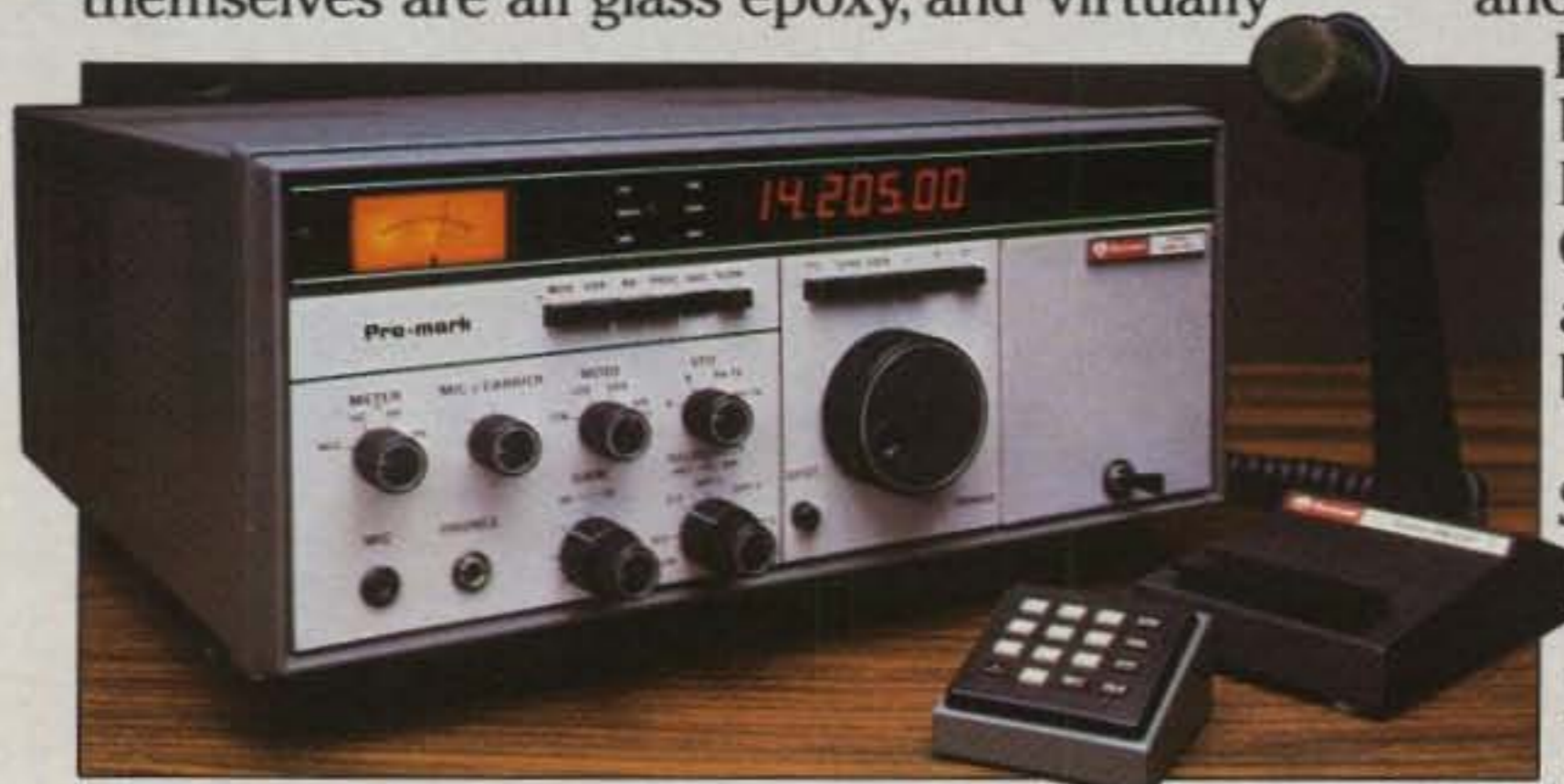
Surprise, surprise! Wayne flew in for a day to give two talks (no 73 booth at the

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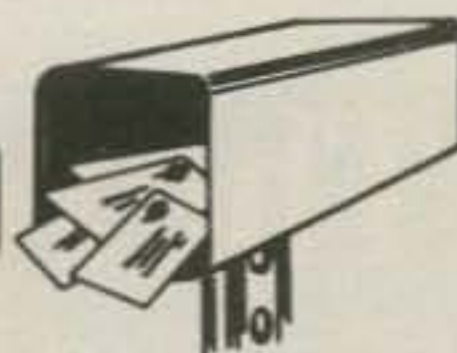


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## USA-CA Number One

Editor, CQ:

Today I received my USA-CA #372 award plaque. Throughout the years I have received various awards presented in the form of a plaque, trophy, etc. However, never before have I been as thrilled about an award as I was to receive this beautiful thing. You must know it will receive the honor spot on my wall forever.

Thank you for your sponsorship of this most exciting part of the amateur radio hobby. I am now chasing them for the second time and already looking forward to the third try. It's fun and the people are the greatest.

Mr. Ed Hopper does an excellent job in administering the USA-CA award program and in writing the Awards column in CQ. I know you are pleased to have him representing you in that capacity. Additionally, may I take this opportunity to say how much I enjoy receiving and reading CQ magazine. It was the first of the several ham radio magazines I at one time subscribed to, and it is now the only one interesting enough for me to continue.

Ace Burdett, N9CHU  
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## Another Modification To The Azden Memory Circuits

Editor, CQ:

I read with interest the article by Arthur Greenberg, W2LH, "A Simple Modification to Improve the Battery Life in the Azden PCS-2000 Memory Circuits," which appeared in the July issue. His modification to the PCS-2000 is a good one, but it is only one of several different approaches that may be used to solve the "expensive watch battery burnout problem" in the otherwise excellent Azden unit. There are other techniques that do not involve physical modification to the outer case of the transceiver, and/or the use of out-board components.

One such approach is to use three small, 1/3-AA size Nicads wired in series, mounted in a single penlight cell holder, which are connected to the watch-battery mounting terminals and a simple charging circuit.

Still another approach, and the one I use with my 10-meter Azden, is to use a 3.6-volt lithium battery, which is simply paralleled across the watch-battery terminals and tucked away in the control head of the Azden. I found that Poly-Paks, P.O. Box 942, S. Lynnfield, MA 01940, sells an inexpensive, high-energy 3.6-volt lithium battery that is designed to eliminate the need for recharging circuits in CMOS

memory systems. The cell's high output (3.6 v. at 30 ma over an extended time period), coupled with the relatively low power requirements of the memory circuit, should enable a useful battery life of several times the approximate six-month life of the standard RS76 silver oxide cells. I obtained the lithium battery, Poly-Paks No. 7265, for \$6.49, plus shipping, which is about two thirds of the cost of a set of RS76 cells.

Installation involved simply soldering pigtail leads to the ends of the lithium battery (which looks like a standard AA cell), wrapping it in several layers of plastic insulating tape, tucking it into a corner of the control head, and soldering the two wires to the watch battery terminals (observing correct polarity). While only time will tell just how long the lithium battery will hold up, if it only lasts as long as the watch batteries, it will represent money well spent.

You may want to let readers know of this simple, non-defacing modification, which should work equally well with either the PCS-2000 (2-meter) or PCS-2800 (10-meter) Azdens. (The newer PCS-3000 has a built-in rechargeable battery, so it does not suffer from the battery burnout problem.)

Karl T. Thurber, Jr., W8FX  
Millbrook, AL

## McKinney Interview Hits Home

Editor, CQ:

For the record, I want to say that the interview you published with Jim McKinney in CQ (June 1982 issue) is superb. Of course, we don't agree with Jim on no-code licensing, but I guess we can allow Jim one aberration! He's doing a great job as chief of the FCC's Private Radio Bureau, and Ted Cohen did a great job reporting on his work.

Perry F. Williams, W1UED  
Washington Area Coordinator, ARRL

## Thanks for the Award

Editor, CQ:

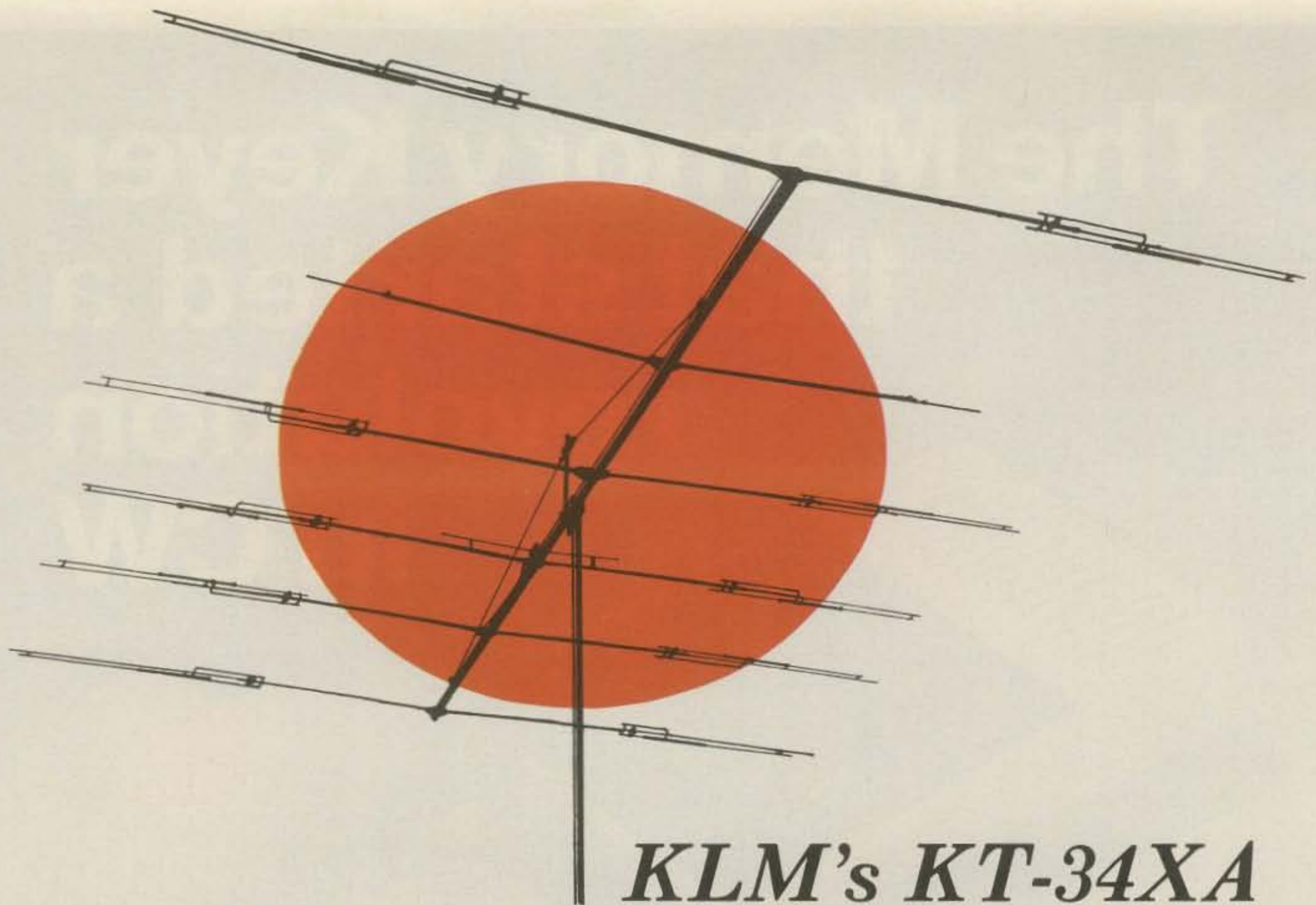
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The Fraser Valley DX Club (VE7DXC) also meets at my place (80 members). Keep up the good work, and I hope you can expand on CQ.

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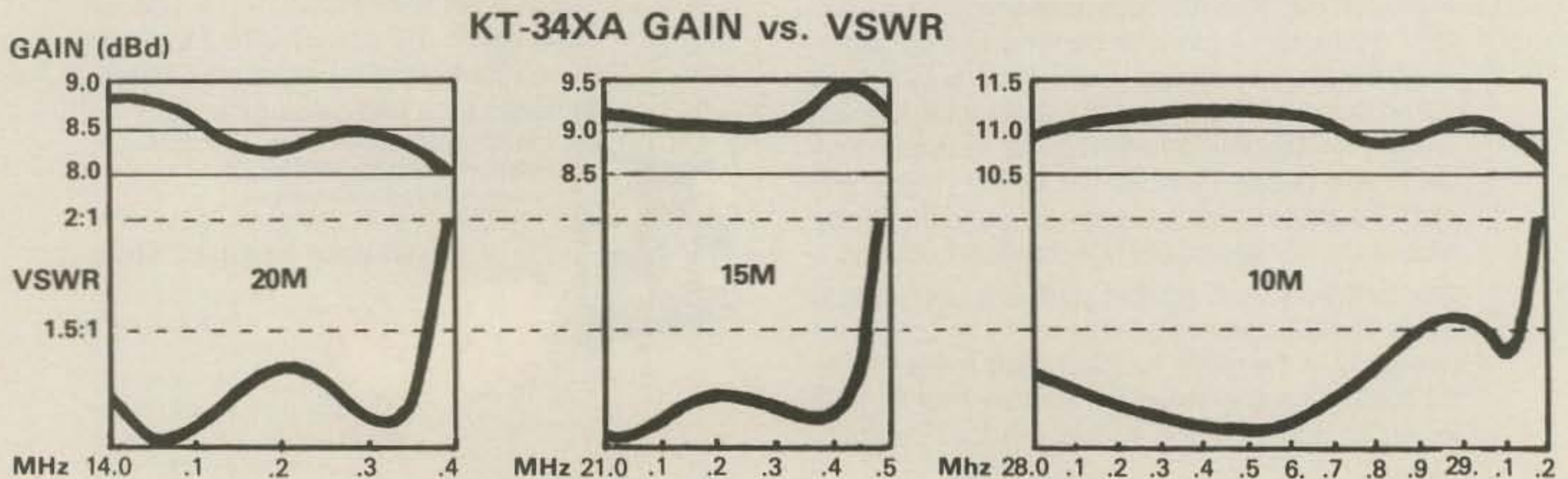


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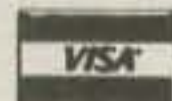
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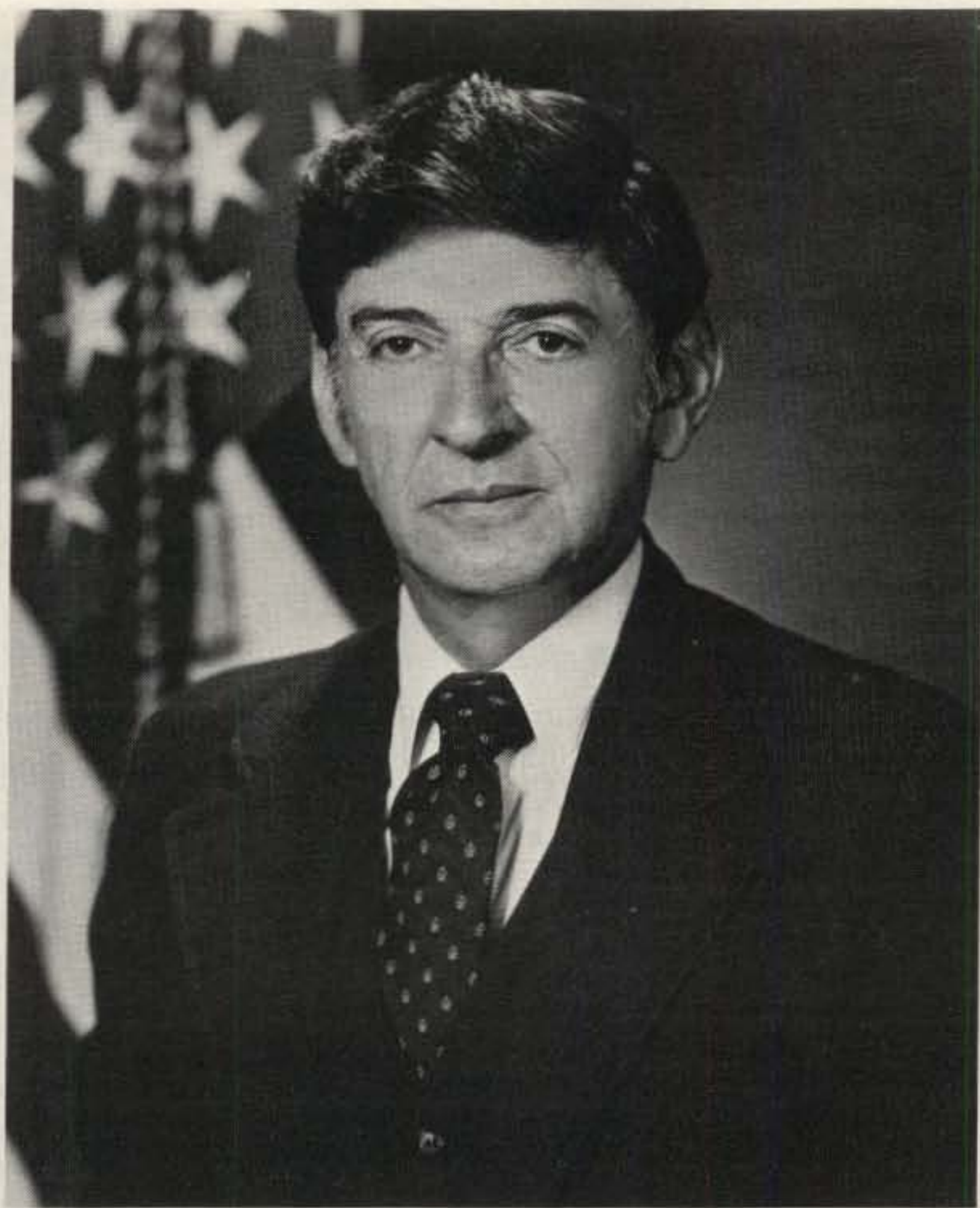
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## **CQ INTERVIEWS: THE HONORABLE LOUIS O. GIUFFRIDA**

**Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

BY DR. THEODORE J. COHEN\*, N4XX

*The Honorable Louis O. Giuffrida is the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He has had extensive civilian and military experience in the field of emergency management and is a recognized expert in the management of emergency training and response programs.*

*At the request of the governor of California in 1971, Mr. Giuffrida organized the California Specialized Training Institute. He served as its director and as an advisor to the governor on emergency management topics until his appointment to the FEMA post. Under Mr. Giuffrida, the Institute earned a prestigious international reputation for effective and innovative training in emergency management, including response to earthquakes, floods, civil disorders, terrorism, and hazardous materials incidents. Its*

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*26,000 students include a wide spectrum of federal, state, and local officials with vital management and operational roles in natural and man-made disasters.*

*Prior to his work at the Institute, Mr. Giuffrida was a career military officer. Commissioned in the Marine Corps in 1943, he served in the Pacific Theater as a company commander. He was later commissioned in the Army and saw action again in Korea.*

*Attaining the rank of colonel in 1968, Mr. Giuffrida served in a variety of top-level staff, leadership, intelligence, management, academic, and command positions, and he was directly responsible for units having thousands of people and multi-million dollar budgets. Before his nomination to the FEMA post, he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general in the California National Guard.*

*Born in Middletown, Connecticut, Mr. Giuffrida earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut and a*

*master's degree from Boston University. In addition, he has extensive military training, including that received at the U.S.A. Security Agency School, USA Command and General Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College, USA Advanced Industrial Security School, and the U.S. Army War College.*

*Mr. Giuffrida is a presidentially appointed member of the Board of Governors of the American National Red Cross, a fellow of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, and a member of the Criminal Justice Administrators Association and the American Society for Industrial Security.*

*Currently residing in the greater Washington, D.C. area, Mr. Giuffrida and his wife, the former Genevieve Chapowicki, have three sons and two daughters.*

*CQ takes great pleasure in presenting this exclusive interview with the Honorable Louis O. Giuffrida, Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency.*

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**CQ:** Mr. Giuffrida, what, briefly, is FEMA?

**Giuffrida:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is the central point of contact within the Federal Government for a wide range of emergency management activities in both peace and war. The Agency is dedicated to working closely with all the members of the emergency management community to achieve a realistic state of preparedness and an increased capability to respond to emergencies of all types.

**CQ:** Then so-called "civil defense" is only one part of your Agency's responsibilities.

**Giuffrida:** That's right, Ted. There will always be emergencies. Planning for them, responding to them, recovering from them, and taking steps to prevent their happening again is a responsibility shared by federal, state, and local governments and the private sector.

**CQ:** Could you be more specific as to the types of activities in which your Agency is involved?

**Giuffrida:** Of course. Among FEMA's activities are: coordinating civil emergency preparedness for nuclear attack, nuclear power plant accidents, and nuclear weapons accidents; ensuring continuity of government and coordinating mobilization of resources during national security emergencies; determining which materials are strategic and critical and setting goals for the national defense stockpile; supporting state and local governments in a wide range of disaster planning, preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery efforts; coordinating Federal aid for Presidentially declared disasters and emergencies; providing training and education to enhance the professional development of federal, state, and local emergency managers; reducing the nation's losses from fire; developing practical application of research to lessen damaging effects of emergencies and disasters; administering national flood insurance, crime insurance, and riot reinsurance programs; and developing community awareness programs for weather emergencies and home safety.

**CQ:** Your ability to respond to man-made and natural disasters is critically dependent on timely communications. What means of communications do you employ, as the Director of FEMA, to coordi-

nate the Agency's activities during emergencies?

**Giuffrida:** We have several different communications capabilities that would be used, depending upon the type of disaster. Many of these capabilities depend on use of leased, commercial, land-line services, but we also have a nationwide radio capability. As you might expect, most of our communications would be by telephone or dedicated message systems if the land lines have not been disrupted. We would like to utilize amateur radio when such service is available.

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**CQ:** What are the various means of communications FEMA is prepared to use in the field during an emergency?

**Giuffrida:** Ted, I should first explain that FEMA is structured into ten regions throughout the United States. Emergency Response teams are available in each of these ten regions to respond quickly to disasters within their particular region; they could also be dispatched to another region that might be experiencing more than one emergency. These teams would respond with items such as v.h.f. repeaters or base stations, v.h.f. mobile, and v.h.f. hand-held portable units. This equipment would be used to set up a network within the immediate disaster area. They may also use a portable h.f. transceiver to communicate with, or relay communications through, the regional h.f. station at region headquarters or at a remotely located Federal Regional Center (FRC). Additionally, under the provisions of the Disaster Relief Act, the FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO) can call on the communications resources of any Federal department and agency to augment his or her disaster response.

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**CQ:** Mr. Giuffrida, with the growth in the use of communication satellites, we, as a nation, have become increasingly dependent on this means of communication for both civilian and military application. Yet, in the event of nuclear war, high-frequency, or "shortwave," radio may be the only means of communication available for long-haul communications. Do you agree? And if so, what can you say about FEMA's h.f. capabilities?

**Giuffrida:** I definitely agree with the need for a good h.f. capability. In fact, we prob-

ably have the most extensive h.f. network of any government agency. The net control station is located at Olney, MD, and we have federally owned and operated stations in each of the ten regions. In addition, the network further branches out to each of the state Emergency Operation Centers (EOC). In the states, the equipment is federally provided, but it is operated by the state personnel. This system is called the FEMA National Radio System, but it is more commonly known by its old name: Civil Defense National Radio System (CDNARS). Each of the stations at the FRCs has radio-wire integration, or phone patch, capability; therefore, a disaster official or a person at the emergency site could get support or pass information via radio to the FRC or be linked via telephone, as required.

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**CQ:** What can you say about FEMA's relationship with the military during time of emergencies?

**Giuffrida:** We work very closely with the military and especially with the Army, which is the DOD Executive Agent for Military Support of Disaster and Civil Emergencies. In fact, during a wartime emergency, some of our sites would have their personnel staffing augmented with military reservists, and some of our maintenance—such as antenna maintenance—would be provided under interservice agreements.

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**FEMA regions are equipped for, and are members of, their respective Army area MARS networks.**

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**CQ:** Given your relationship with the military, does FEMA maintain liaison with the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) as part of its work?

**Giuffrida:** FEMA regions are equipped for, and are members of, their respective Army area MARS networks. Regional day-to-day staffing may not permit answering daily roll calls, but the capability does exist for emergency coordination, as required.

**CQ:** What part does MARS play in the scheme of things?

**Giuffrida:** MARS has not been utilized to a great extent with FEMA in response to disaster support. It has been more active in forwarding health and welfare messages for individuals.

**CQ:** The Radio Amateur Civil Emergency



Service (RACES) is a part of the Amateur service which serves civil defense under a separate subpart of the Amateur regulations. What part does RACES play in FEMA?

**Giuffrida:** The Manual for RACES was published by one of our predecessors, the Office of Civil Defense, and it is still a valid publication. RACES plans are submitted through the State Civil Defense organizations for approval, and a limited amount of FEMA funds are available for RACES equipment. FEMA strongly supports the request for additional RACES frequencies, especially in the 2-meter v.h.f. band. In an emergency, RACES traffic would pass from the local level to the State EOC and, if necessary, would be introduced into the FEMA National Radio (CDNARS) system for forwarding to other states or here, to the National Office.

**Licensed radio amateurs have always been ready and eager to respond in time of an emergency as has been demonstrated many times during and after hurricanes, tornadoes, and earthquakes.**

**CQ:** Given that there are almost 400,000 radio amateurs in the United States and that many of these operators have mobile stations, how will FEMA tap amateur radio's capabilities during an emergency?

**Giuffrida:** Ted, licensed radio amateurs have always been ready and eager to respond in time of an emergency as has been demonstrated many times during and after hurricanes, tornadoes, and earthquakes. I believe that amateurs will provide a grass-roots network that may be utilized for reconstitution of official networks after a major wartime emergency, should one ever occur. As you know, many amateurs are also active volunteers in MARS and RACES so there will be many paths for emergency messages to take. In addition, several members of my staff are radio amateurs, and we have radio amateurs working in most of the regional offices. Since FEMA is also responsible for coordination of radio support in major disasters and emergencies, our regional offices coordinate amateur disaster response as well.

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**CQ:** With what amateur organization does FEMA maintain liaison?

**Giuffrida:** We maintain close liaison with the ARRL and frequently meet with Perry Williams and John Lindholm when they are in the Washington area. Also, some of the radio amateurs on my staff are very active in local amateur radio clubs. Our regional offices, in order to assist in this radio coordination role in disasters, hold copies of the ARRL Section Emergency Coordinators listing and the v.h.f. repeater directories.

**CQ:** I asked the previous question because the ARRL has an Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) consisting of approximately 60,000 amateurs who are trained in message handling during emergencies. Does FEMA have a plan in place to tap ARES?

**Giuffrida:** No, Ted, there is no formal FEMA plan to do this. However, as you can see from some of my previous answers, amateurs will be called upon during an emergency, if needed. The plan that provides for this is the National Plan for Communications Support in Major Disasters and Emergencies, which was developed to support FEMA's disaster response requirements. This Plan identifies how amateurs, including those in the ARRL's ARES, will be utilized.

**CQ:** Mr. Giuffrida, the National Industry Advisory Committee (NIAC), Amateur Radio Service Subcommittee, is an FCC-established group, which, among other things, has been discussing emergency communications to be provided by amateurs. Does FEMA work with or monitor NIAC?

**Giuffrida:** Many of the items discussed and supported by the NIAC, Amateur Radio Service Subcommittee, such as the recent discussion on rebroadcast of amateur transmissions on Emergency Broadcast System (EBS) stations, are of great interest to FEMA. Usually we try to have someone monitor the proceedings of NIAC, Amateur Radio Service Subcommittee, and we do actively participate on other NIAC subcommittees.

**CQ:** The Federal Communications Commission recently created a State Emergency Capability Using Radio Effectively (SECURE). This system, intended initially to supplement other emergency communication systems, will be used by the states to communicate between emer-

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gency command centers and disaster sites. How does FEMA tie into SECURE?  
**Giuffrida:** SECURE is a radio service for providing statewide communications. They would interface with FEMA by refiling messages to CDNARS at their state EOC station. In addition, after SECURE plans are approved, the states will be eligible for funds controlled by FEMA to purchase radio equipment for use in the SECURE networks.

**CQ:** Are you concerned that unlike the other FCC-licensed disaster-communication services, SECURE operations may be conducted by operators who do not hold either a commercial or an amateur radio license? Put another way, are you satisfied that the states will be able to effectively train their SECURE operators?

**Giuffrida:** No, I'm not really concerned. First, Ted, I want to remind you that operators in the SECURE system will not be operating on CDNARS or RACES frequencies; they will be operating on FCC-authorized SECURE frequencies. I am sure that the FCC will do an adequate job in monitoring and controlling the use of those frequencies. Second, many of the people who will be operators on SECURE frequencies already operate in other radio services, such as police, fire, etc. Finally, I think that the states will easily be

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### **FEMA personnel can participate in any type of simulated disaster drills.**

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able to train their operators because the type of equipment that will be approved for their use will be simple to operate.

**CQ:** Will FEMA participate in simulated disaster drills with SECURE? With MARS? With RACES? With ARES?

**Giuffrida:** Yes, they will. FEMA personnel can participate in any type of simulated disaster drills.

**CQ:** Given your Agency's responsibilities, your budget must be significant. True?

**Giuffrida:** In this case, significant is a relative term. Certainly any agency would say they could use more money. The Agency's direct program budget for FY '82 is \$283,614,000. This figure does not include funds for disaster relief assistance, crime and riot reinsurance, or the National Flood Insurance Program. Including these would bring FEMA's FY '82 budget to \$913,548,000. I believe our budget request for FY '83 will enable us to effectively carry out our duties.

**CQ:** But do you feel you have the support required to do your job effectively?

**Giuffrida:** I feel strongly that we have the support of the Reagan Administration in carrying out our duties. If our budget is approved as proposed, we believe we can effectively meet any challenges facing our country. But keep in mind that our budget may be altered in the appropriations approval process.

**CQ:** Mr. Giuffrida, what is the most difficult task your agency faces today?

**Giuffrida:** It is to find and retain, in adequate numbers, the skilled people we need to properly carry out all of FEMA's missions during this period of a diminishing budget.

**CQ:** Are there any other comments you would like to make?

**Giuffrida:** Only this, Ted. FEMA has become a key player in the nation's effort to prepare for any emergency, irrespective of magnitude. While we still have much work to do, I am gratified by the hard work that hundreds of FEMA members across the nation have willingly devoted to our effort.

**CQ:** Thank you, Mr. Giuffrida, for a most interesting and enlightening interview.

**Giuffrida:** The pleasure was mine.

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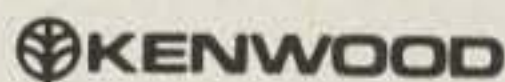


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Labor Day! The end of summer. Kiddies back to school. Furnace checks so the hacienda doesn't blow into the next county. Woolies out of the attic. It is the time of year this scribe starts cogitating over what I can do outside now that could be miserable to do in 60 days when it would be plumb too cold. Take a wire brush and clean off the coax connectors. Don't forget to do the same to the insulators. Pull the antenna apart, get some 0000 steel wool and clean off the oxide (boy, look at the change in SWR's). Coax Seal is a smart investment. New guy cables to withstand Zephyr and Aurora. You get the idea.

I was cleaning up around the Emporium and was taken by the HF/VHF display. Next to it were some fifteen year old issues of QST, with "modern" gear on the covers. Are times changing quickly, or am I just getting older. 2 meter radios that fit in your pocket. HF rigs the size of 1970 vintage 2 meter rigs. Wow! I can only conclude that we ain't seen nothin' yet.

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Second in the World in the MS category was this happy group at I3MAU. The Italians really know how to celebrate!



Here they are, the whole P41C crew who just set the new all-time high score ever in a contest. In the back left to right are Chet, PJ9EE; Dave, K3JLT; Hans, PJ2GM; XYL of PJ2GM; Ed, N3ED; Bill, KB2XZ; and Stu, N7ZZ. In the front are Bill, W3XU; Tom, AD3V; Walt, WA3LRO; Jeff, N8II; and Wally, W8LRL. Missing from the photo are Frank, KA3E; Brooke, N2BA; and Neil, AE6E.



The number three Single Op, All Band entrant was Bill, N1GL, who operated HI8PGG (shown in background). What a fantastic score for North America at 9 M!

# 1981 CQ WORLD-WIDE DX CONTEST PHONE RESULTS

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

The dust has settled, and all the shouting is over. Yet 1981 may well be remembered as the year of the unbeatable record, as 5 of the 8 most coveted all-time phone records fell by the wayside. For the first time ever, a single operator station has bested the 10 million mark. Dick Norton, N6AA, still smarting over losing his previous World record last year to Fernando, EA8AK, has scored a phenomenal 11,085,529 points to demolish the old record and set what has to be a standard in DX contesting—a standard like the 4-minute mile. But alas, two others posted phenomenal scores as well, with Fernando, EA8AK, breaking his own one-year-old record to finish second at 9.9 M, and Bill, N1GL, coming in a close third with 9.0 M from HI8PGG. In the end, it was Dick's 20 and 10 meter QSO's that proved to be the difference, overcoming a substantial multiplier edge that Fernando held on the low bands. All in all, new World, North American, South American, and African records have been set in the Single Operator, All Band category, all of which may last for some time to come.

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The second major record broken was the all-time Single Band World record, one that was very hotly contested this year, too. Paul, N4PN, operating his VP2KAA call, managed to squeak by the 2 million mark on 14 MHz, the first time that number has ever been achieved on any band or mode, and that proved to be just enough to nose out Jim, N6RJ, who amassed 1.94 M from nearby ZF2FL. Paul's extra 8 countries and higher point ratio overcame Jim's fine 250 QSO edge, proving that one can work too many W's!

And then, of course, the largest score ever achieved in a contest (42 M) has been posted by the crew at P41C. Those guys were just absolutely determined after narrowly losing out last year from PJ2CC at a run for the record set by VP2KC in 1979.

In the U.S.A. arena, John Dorr, K1AR, has captured N7DD's old U.S.A. phone record with a fine 3.5 million points. John now holds both the phone and c.w. U.S.A. records! Congratulations are in order. In the Single Band category, Larry Pace, N7DD, abandoned his chance to stave off K1AR's assault at his record. Instead, Larry set an all-time record for the U.S.A. in the Single Band category with an unbelievable 920 K on 15 meters. Larry holds the U.S.A. record now for both 10 and 15 meters. WOW!

## Other Multi-Operator Highlights

Things were a bit quiet this year in the Multi-Single category, with no records of any kind being set! The guys at VP2MFW took World high in the MS category with 8.3 M in a very tight race with the crew at I3MAU, who were just 42 K behind. U.S.A. high MS was K3LR with 3.87 M, just a tad above KX4S. In a Jim Lawson led comeback, W2PV edged out recent perennial Multi-Multi winner N2AA with a fine 10.6 M point score. We are pleased to report that Jim's trophy made it to him before he passed on in mid-May. W2PV's loss will be felt by all of us in contesting.

## Other Single-Operator Highlights

This year's Single Operator, Single Band winners included ZZ5EG on 10 meters with a great 1.8 M score, and a new South American mark for that band. On 15 meters, VP2KAC, operated by Val, N4RJ, took World high and set a new North American record. Rounding out the trio of North American single-band records set this year, all three of which were from the VP2KC location of 1979, was Bob, K4UEE, at VP2KAE with a new 40 meter North American Record effort of 432 K. Not enough, though, for World high, as Mike, ZL1BIL, narrowly edged

him out with 443 K to snag a new all-time World high and Oceania high mark for 40 meters. On 80 meters, YV3AZC ran away with his second World high in a row, almost double the nearest score. The 160 meter band was tough, but UP2BAW accumulated a fantastic 20,000 points amidst all the static crashes. Congratulations on a terrific job!

Meanwhile stateside, Bill, W0ZV, took top 10 meter honors; Bob, K2HFX, took the top spot on 20 meters; and Roy, W7IVX, led a field of 3 U.S.A. contenders separated by less than 1,000 points on 80 meters. Chuck, K0RF, continued his fine work on 40 meters with a fabulous 150 K, a new all-time U.S.A. 40 meter mark. WB3GCG captured 160 meter honors with 1280 hard-to-get points.

### Other Records

In other fine record-setting performances, 4X0U set a new Asian Single Operator, All Band mark at 3.5 M, while Randy, KH6XX, did the same for Oceania at 5.7 M. That's new records for all continents except Europe in the All Band category. Single Band records include Africa 21 MHz, EL2AV; Asia 1.8 MHz, 4X4NJ; Asia 7 MHz, 4Z4DX (what a signal here on the West Coast long path, too); Europe 7 MHz, I6NOA; Europe 21 MHz, YU3TU; Europe 28 MHz, 9H1EL; Oceania 14 MHz, KG6DX; Oceania 21 MHz, KP4KK/DU2; and South America 21 MHz, YV3BJL. Congratulations to all.

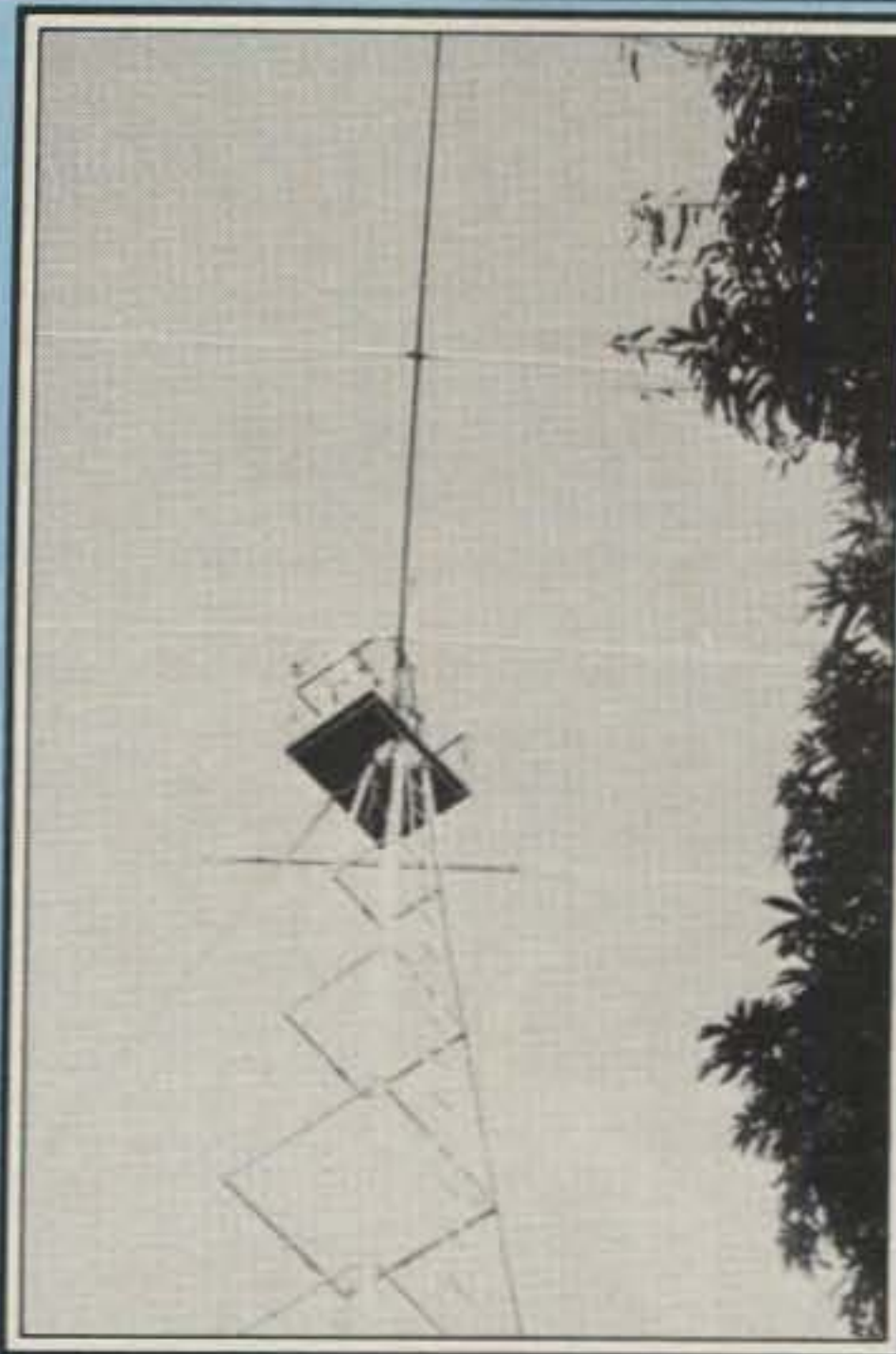
### Some Off-Hand Comments

Each year when we compile the QRM section of the results, we are amazed at the variety of opinions that we get. Some guys comment on how wretched conditions were or activity was; other comment that things have never been better. There are the usual visits by Murphy, but judging from some of the pictures and scores that we get, sometimes things go just right, too. Anyway, your comments generally reflect the fact that you are having a good time, and that's what it's really all about. Please, let's not forget that point as you scan the incredible record-breaking results. It's still very easy to make a lot of good DX contacts and have a good time.

For those of you who think you don't have a chance to win anything, just scan over the results a little closer. There's hardly a call area or a country where some type of certificate wasn't available in one or more categories for those who put in an effort. For example, in W2 and W6 lands, there were no 80 meter entrants at all, nor were there any really competitive entries on either 14 MHz or 7 MHz from W4 land. So next year, why not give it a try yourself. Bet the contest bug will really bite you if you do!

### Rules Comments

Each year we get a little static from the



*The first-ever 2 million point single band effort was achieved by N4PN at VP2KAA with this 5-element Yagi. Paul, N4PN, is shown making some adjustments.*

sea lawyers over some aspect of the rules. This year three rule areas in particular were in contention. We sent out warning postcards to some guys who didn't fill in the "sent" and "received" serial numbers (report and zone) in their logs for their contacts. One indignant fellow claimed that the rules didn't require logging the exchange! We thought about that and read the rules closely. Even though there are columns on our log forms for all sent and received exchanges, the logging data rule is not very clear. Come on guys, those columns on the log pages are there for a reason. Nevertheless, if we have to change the rule to make it more specific, we will. For the record, though, the committee feels that you are required to log or otherwise call out the complete exchange sent and received.

The second rules issue is club competition rules. As we've said at some of the conventions, we'd like to avoid having to enact explicit rules to cover every conceivable contingency. Yet, we are continually being hit with questions about mileage rules to meet club eligibility, meeting requirements, what constitutes a DXpedition, etc. One airline pilot has vociferously objected to our ruling that his Georgia state score can't be counted for the Frankford Radio Club's effort. Yet he hardly can be considered as part of the suburban Philadelphia scene under any stretch of the imagination. W4 land does not qualify as a DXpedition to us either.

The thing that makes it difficult for us here is that we don't feel that explicit rules are fair due to the wide differences in what constitutes local clubs across the country, and for that matter, over different parts of the world. Also, we don't feel



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we have any right to tell participating clubs how many meetings they must hold

So, like it or not, we plan to continue to rule on a case-by-case basis. By the way, the situation in New England with the YCCC is beginning to catch our eyes. We're not too sure that a New York City to Boston and beyond geographical area ought to be allowed as a "local club." There do have to be limits to the "local area."

The third area concerns the Multi-Single category. One station sent us a letter accusing another entrant of going through his Multi-Multi log and "converting" it into Multi-Single by deleting some contacts. Sorry, but we really take a dim view of that. Let's be fair about it. The category you begin in is the one you must claim. It may be hard for us to prove, but we'll do our best to catch anyone who tries that kind of nonsense.

### Good News

The good news this year was all those African multipliers we heard. It looks like our appeal to the rank and file to drum up third world participation in the contest has worked. But heavens, don't relax. Keep up the good work for the benefit of us all in the 1982 test.

Other good news relates to some special log checks we ran this year. A substantial number of QSO's in the top four W Single Operator All-Band logs were cross-checked on a random basis. We're delighted (and amazed) to report that only one QSO could not be completely confirmed in all four logs, and that one QSO was a case in which the U.S.A. station's call was in the DX station's log, but was crossed out for some reason. Our congratulations to K1AR, W1ZM, K2TR, and K2BU on phenomenal logging accuracy, a real shot in the arm to us after some sad experiences in recent years.

### C.W. Contest Results

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From far-off Mongolia, we were honored to have Bator, JT1BG, participate in the WW test. Sure wish my JT1BG card would come through the bureau!

## U.S.A. QRM

QRM was tremendous on 28.5–28.8 . . . N4CT. Try saying WB0YJC portable four one thousand times in a weekend . . . WB0YJC/4. Biggest thrill was having UK1PGO answer my CQ . . . AA4M. Learned new propagation paths—the contest is a great teacher . . . K4PI. Working TYA11 and beating N2AA, W3BGN, and W3LPL on 6W8DY—Wow! . . . WA4SVO. A good warm-up for C.W.—it makes one mean . . . W4NL. Sure wish DX stations would listen up on 40 . . . KB4CD. Wish DX stations would identify more frequently . . . W4KMS. Mom screaming “go to bed,” Dad screaming “do your homework,” me screaming “CQ contest”—what a mess . . . N5DDO. Amplifier broke, rotor broke, and operator failed all on the first day . . . K5NW. Stopped to eat dinner (you had better print it) . . . W6BH (Opr. WA6IQM). I've had this call for 2 years and half the U.S. still thinks I'm on Midway . . . KM6K. Picked up country number 250 QRP . . . WA2JOC/8.

Biggest thrill was AH8A answering on second try—very hard to work on 2 watts . . . WD8IDD. My friends told me that working 20 M QRP would be crazy. They were right . . . KB2NU. Amazed at the number of stations with the call sign QRZ . . . KC2P. Our 20 M op got so excited that he asked Y11BGD to repeat his call six times . . . K1UO. Worked HZ1HZ, 4S7AAG, and 3X1Z all on 2–3 calls—the antenna must be working . . . KA1EIV. Ten meter op went into shock after A6XTH called . . . KE2C. Well, we tried and had fun . . . N2BNC. When K8MR worked Y11BGD, he started calling CQ in foreign tongues . . . K3LR. Someday I'd like to get into a contest and not have a transmitter go or an antenna break . . . KB3HE. I need to master the split control on the IC-730 . . . W6GO. Going into this contest without an amplifier is like being fed to the crocodiles . . . N6WR. Biggest thrill was when the line noise disappeared for a few hours . . . WA7KLK. Had a great time. Will be back next year . . . KJ9D.

Hard to have sympathy for DX stations I duped when some of them didn't give their own calls for 20 QSOs or more . . . N7DF. Missed EU multipliers by sleeping through the alarm clock both mornings . . . KG5W/7. Ten meter QSOs to Europe from the Pacific Northwest were rare this year . . . KC7EI. Smoke clouds from the gear meant plenty of rebuilding during the test . . . K7LZJ. In this contest you didn't need giant antennas to work lots of new countries . . . K17F. I set a goal of 100 countries in less than 24 hours on one band—made it, too! . . . W7IL. Got my new tower up one day before the test—whew! . . . W3HKK/8.

Very helpful using CQ's propagation forecasts to plan this one . . . K8PUJ. Biggest thrill? Just plain fun! . . . K8CV. Fun breaking pileups with my modest station (100 watts and trapped vertical)! . . . WB8UGI. Being a YL in the test was extra fun! . . . N8CNT. Enjoyed s.w.l.'ing the test as much as working stations . . . K8PSR. Two rotors died. Wait 'til next year! . . . A19J. Wish DX stations would ID more . . . Sheboygan County DXA. Pinched nerves in left arm due to resting arm on desk all weekend. Fingers still numb, weeks later. My doctor says it's a case of Contest Elbow! . . . N9AFV.

Team competition within your DX club sure boosts the enthusiasm . . . K9RN. True love—my wife did the dupe sheet . . . WA9MAG. Fun until the cops showed up with a t.v.i. complaint . . . N9ACP. Best part of the phone test is looking forward to the c.w.! . . . K9QVB. Always enjoy running with the Big Guns . . . W9MYG. Great contest—no t.v.i. reports! . . . WD0FSJ. Still pruning my monster quad at start of test—exhausted . . . AG0M. Always enjoy the Big One—CQ WW . . . WB0CMN.

## DX QRM

Very good activity . . . HA4XX. Worst propagation since 1970 on 80 . . . HA8KQX. Particularly happy to work XZ9A and 3X1Z . . . HA4XH. Homemade 4-element 40 meter Vee beam broke in wind 2 hours into the contest . . . I6NOA. I have been a ham since 1953 and say that the CQ WW contest is the best contest in the world . . . IT9ZGY. I hope to go multi-operator here next year . . . SV0BP/SV9. Smattering of long-path opening to JA/YB at about 1800Z on 10 meters was pleasant surprise . . . 9H1EL. Called CQ zone 40 and OX3JF answered . . . VE5AE. Great contest, fantastic conditions, will be back next year . . . VO2WL (fantastic—ed.). Static on ungrounded antenna took out receiver front end . . . ZS6BPL. We had many problems with the electricity—7 rigs failed . . . HK4RCA. You never print our comments anyway . . . VE1DXA. My 10 meter log looks like the German callbook . . . VE3PCA.

Need bigger antenna, more operators, and better propagation . . . VE5DX. Our first contest. Quite an experience . . . 8P6MH. Very enjoyable. Who says missionaries only run phone patches? . . . WB5SNA/HR1. Biggest thrill was working 160 M from Mexico . . . XE2BC. We operated only 46 hours because I fell asleep at the mike . . . VP5IW. Azores Island stations are always with you . . . CT2CE. This time I actually managed to hold a channel for awhile and get a stream of W's to call me . . . G3ZAL. 40 M is really tough going from Europe . . . G3UKS. The ZK2 called me through a JA pileup . . . DK8NG. Looking forward to the next one . . . EI5DP. Could not talk for 3 days afterward . . . GD5DZP. The mother-in-law visited during the contest! . . . PA3ADJ. I always look forward to this contest because of all the termites that come out of the woodwork . . . KH6NO.

First time on DX side proved most enjoyable . . . WA1UZH/KH6. Enjoyed it even though t.v.i. severely limits my operating hours . . . VK1JN. The “Yanks” were kind to me . . . VK2NHV. S9 noise on all bands the first day . . . VK3SM. Next year the whole weekend is booked for the contest . . . VK5OU. Bloody woodpecker—curtains . . . VK6FS. Very difficult to get a pile-up; no one is looking for zone 28 . . . YB2CR. Difficult to sort out countries from all the strange prefixes . . . ZL3ABC. My thanks to the most well-mannered operators—the JA8's . . . S83W. Could not be on the air longer because of my UN duties . . . OH1TD/4U. Only worked a half day; got sick from virus, but still enjoyed the contest . . . 9Q5FL. I will be back next year . . . ZL1BPK. Will be on from CT2 next year for all the contests . . . KP4KK/DU2. Well pleased with a solid run of 1539 QSOs in 8 hours last day on 28 MHz . . . GU3HFN (sorry, but you counted 100 per page instead of 80!—ed.).

We put up a new 6 element log Yagi on 20 and it was very successful . . . HG5A. Last year the QSOs; this year the multipliers; next year both and a good score . . . F3TV. Plenty of snow and heavy winds . . . HB0BHA. Great fun . . . YU4FRS. We understood the multi-single 10-minute rule clearly 3 days after the contest . . . EA7TH. Never had such a cold shack . . . GD5DLW. Finished our 3 element 40 M mono-bander on Friday; it was a great help . . . SP9PDF. One hour after the contest we blew up the linear . . . SV0BV/SV5. Tried sloping dipoles for the first time after inverted Vees (for 80) . . . UA9CBO. I lost electricity during the second night . . . UA6AAM. Made DXCC this weekend with 101 countries . . . UB5PBA. With only 2 watts worked 6 continents in 90 minutes . . . OE1SBA. Could not get up early in the morning . . . VE3MFA.

Good conditions on the long path on 40 M to W6 . . . 4Z4DX. Buying a beam and hiring a babysitter will improve the score next year . . . VE6BEO. Great fun—next year I won't have a throat virus . . . ZS6YO. Tried hard, but 40 and 80 M antennas didn't work . . . ZS3HL. 10 M opened to the east coast at 2354 the last day; they were glad to see me . . . HL9DX. Conditions were either feast or famine throughout the weekend . . . VK4LX. Sure wish the 10 M band had opened to Europe just once . . . VE7BTV. Lots of fun but hard on the constitution . . . VE2EVO. What a weekend to discover I had t.v.i. . . VE2DUN. I even got 10 hours sleep . . . VE3GCO. Didn't Alaska participate? . . . VE3IPR. Fell asleep Sunday morning and woke up 5 minutes after the contest ended . . . VE3EEW. I found that I spent four times the actual operating time preparing the log . . . TE1C (TI2CF). Fantastic host, country, and contest. Wait till next year . . . HI8PGG (N1GL). Unfortunately, I could not finish the contest because of physical collapse . . . 4M2AMM.

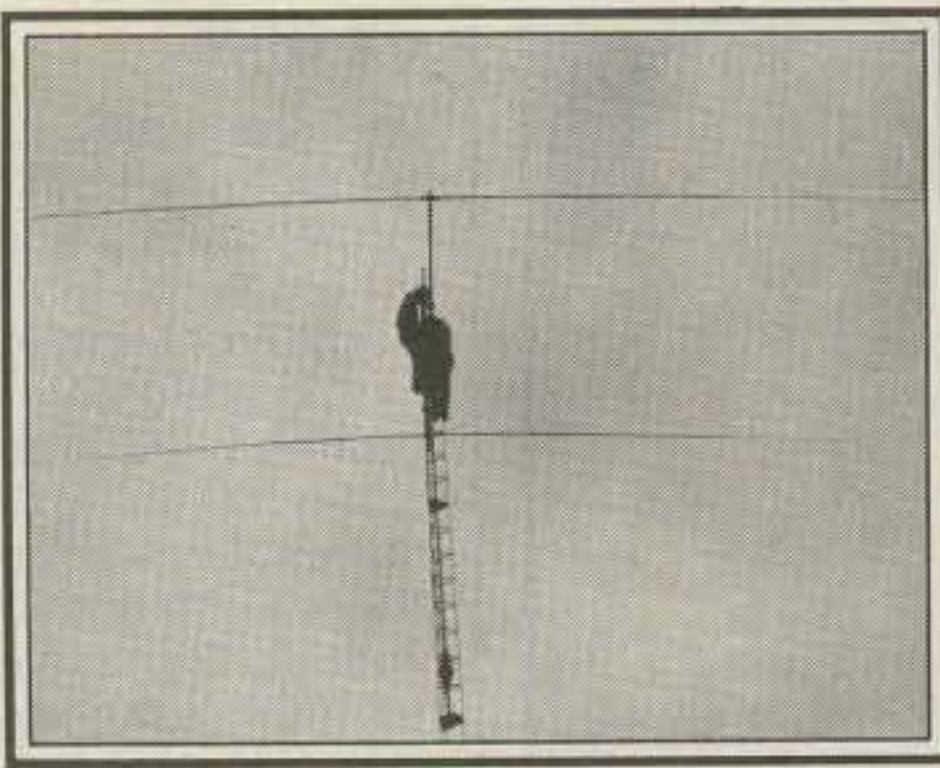
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Bill, CN8CO, sent us this shot of his Morocco QTH. Bill has also signed EP2FB, JY9FB, and HS1FB. Fine business!



That loud YV on 40 phone this year was Enrique, YV3BQS, who used this fine 2-element Yagi to provide the punch.



Is this what it means to snag a YL in the pile-up? Stan, W1XK, of PJ8UQ shows us how it's really done!

G3DEF, G3RFM, G3TQD, G3WJZ, G4FWR, G4KTW, G8ASO, G8NSL, G8NWR, G8TIC, G8TMG, G8XGG, G8XRC, G8XRF, G8YDLW, DL7RT, DL7SP, GM4KWS: GM3YOR, GM3ZSP, GM4EJ1, GM4HJO, GM4IPS, GM4MTV, GM8NCM, GM8ZTV, GU3HFN: GU3MBS, GU4CHY, GU4EON, GU4KPE, GU5BKX, GU5EEJ, GU6EFB, GU8TGP, GU4IUW, HA7KPL: HA7PL, HA7SH, HA7SO, HA7PZ, HA7UG, HB8BHA: DF9GQ, DJ2EH, DJ4PX, DK6NN, DL9NP, HG5A: HA5FM, HA5FN, HA5GF, HA5HO, HA5LN, HA5LZ, HA5MK, HA5NQ, HA5PP, HA5OM, HA7RY, L. Budai, HK3A: HK3AFD, HK3AXT, HK3TF, K3ZO, HK4RCA: HK4KKB, HK4DUM, HK4FZ, HK4UT, HK5BCQ, HP1XRX & HP1XAT, HP1XAW, HP1XRJ, HP1XRO, K4JPD, WB6HPS, WB5SNA/HR1 & WB8VMN, I1KN & I1DFS, I1EVJ, I1JJZ, I1LBH, I1PDP, I1SBU, W3US, I4YSS & I4KDJ, I4ZNU, JA1YHA: JH4JJS, JJ1AEB, JG1ZUY: JG1ILF, JG1IMM, JJ1ACI, JJ1QOI, JA4YAD: JA1QGC, JR6JOE, JE2QIZ, JH8DRT, JR5OAZ, JE3HM, JH4VLL, JH7UFV, JH8JLI, JA9VEF, JA4YFH: JF3GSP, JH4DIT, JH4FMI, JH4MYB, JH4UJD, JR4TKR, JA6YDH: JA4JYL, JH6NFR, JH6NLY, JH6RAD, JH6SWF, JR6GHN, JR6KI, JE6DSG, JR6KYA, JE6ASN, JE6LFO, JE6SAY, JG1TAW, JA9YBA: JA9LJI, JA9LNI, JA9LWB, JA9OTX, JH8CAZ, K1FWF & Net, K1RQ: A11S, KA1RE, KB1W, W1GG, Jay, K1SA & N1AFC, KB1U, KH6IRW, K1IXZ, KB10 & others, K1UO & K1RQG, KA1GM, N1AC, KA1EIV & KA1DTA, N1BSO, WA1EJM, WA1OEZ, KA1GG & K1KJT, N1AVA, N1ZE, W1KM.

K2BK & KQ2O, K2HR & Net, K2ITG & WB7KCN, K2QF & KA2HZN, K2TD & Net, K2VV & N2JJ, KB2MG & KA2DLK, KA2EVY, KA2MNJ, K12S, WA2PVB, KD2T & WA2VFK, KE2C & KF2X, N2AU, W2PA, K2PLF/3 & KB3MF, K3FN & Net, K3LR & AF3P, KA3DRR, N3CGI, N3CGK, W3HV, WA3WIK, WB3EUB, WB3EVB, K3CX, K8MR, K8EI, WD8ALG, K3TUP & K3USC, KA3BFX, N3BJ, W3KHQ, WA3UCS, KB3AG & WB2YOF, KF3R, KB3HE & N2BLT, KB3NO, N3CIZ, KB3KE & KA1CQM, K3BVO, KA3BOS, KA3DRD, N3ARS, WA3TPF, KB4YT & KS4G, KC4BG & AJ4R, KC4SM, N4AUS, WA4MOJ, WB4CWB, WB4PEI, WB4TVQ, WB4TZR, KC5AD, KD4RH & N6AV, WB6RWX, KX4S & N4HB, N4ND, W4MYA, WB4BVY, WD4IMC, KD4ZI & N4CRH, K5TA & A55B, K5HUI, KN5D, W5JW, K9MK/5 & K9LA.

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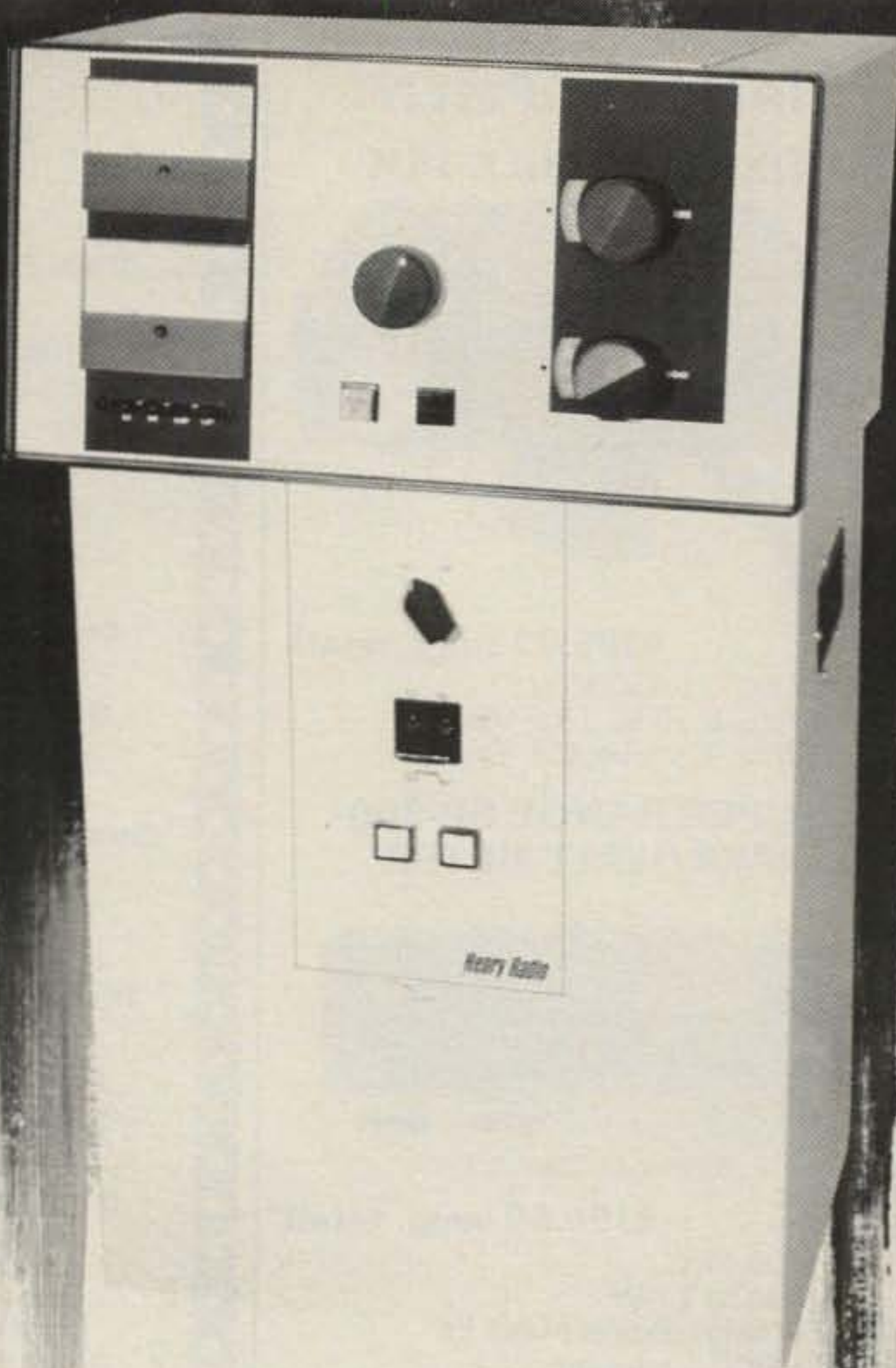
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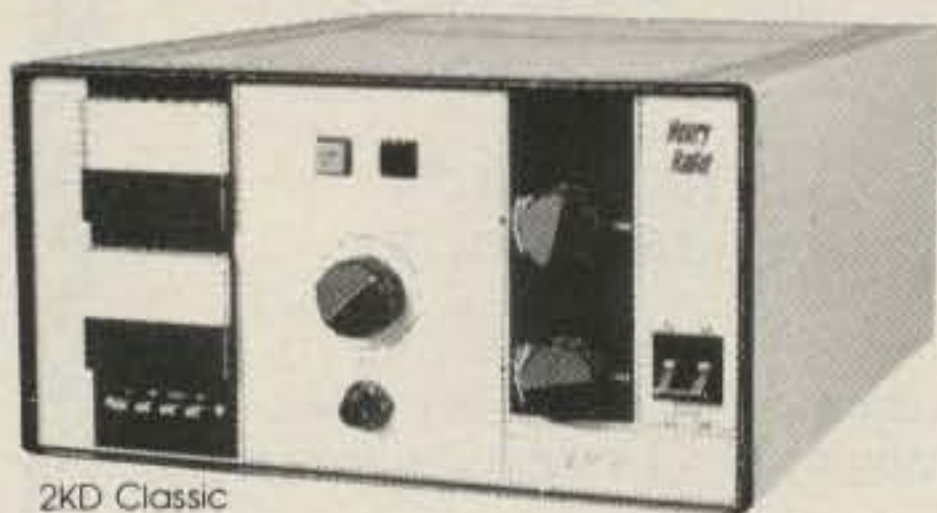
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9H1EL	1,355,760	W1WEF	535,382
I8UDB/IC8	1,355,648	W5XZ	498,170
YO1K	1,143,625	W6RR/7	479,360
EA6ET	1,107,358	WB4DWD	457,530

21 MHz

21 MHz

VP2KAC	1,783,500	N7DD	923,945
JE1C	1,449,805	K7RI	630,136
KP4KK/DU2	1,413,042	W9ZRX	549,696
EL2AV	1,404,936	KM6B	527,150
YU3TU	1,312,793	K9DX	514,098
YV3BJL	1,231,630	WB0CMM	422,280

14 MHz

14 MHz

VP2KAA	2,011,185	K2HFX	484,449
ZF2FL	1,940,539	W0UA	305,610
OE6MBG	1,018,818	K1NG	284,170
KG6DX	923,510	W6YA	283,936
VO2CW	898,720	W7IL	282,408
YV1DQU	882,735	K2RD	269,439

7 MHz

7 MHz

ZL1BIL	443,646	K0RF	150,810
VP2KAE	432,942	K7UR	97,478
ZL1AZV	332,508	K6QEH	93,930
I6NOA	292,152	K9KA	58,860
YV3BQS	287,850	K2IGW	57,810
CT2CE	257,580	KB0U	53,636

3.8 MHz

3.8 MHz

YV3AZC	160,740	W7IVX	24,603
C6ADV	85,666	WA4SVO	23,779
YU4VBR	79,524	N7RK	23,595
YU3APR	79,390	AB1A	20,976
DF9QO	70,551	W4NL	20,448
HA5KDB	58,422	K9WZB	6,840

1.8 MHz

1.8 MHz

UP2BAW	20,091	WB3GCG	1,280
YU3EF	7,611	N4IN	1,173
VE3MFA	5,180	K5UR	1,008
OK1KPU	4,740	W4PZV	738
4X4NJ	3,942	AA1K/3	645
SP9DH	3,904	KB8AC	598

Multi-Op

Multi-Op

Single Transmitter	Single Transmitter		
VP2MFW	8,321,040	K3LR	3,867,840
I3MAU	8,279,232	KX4S	3,837,896
HP1XRK	7,932,712	WB2FZO	3,755,350
Y23EK	7,247,100	N4ZC	3,749,108
GU3HFN	7,234,392	W4QAW	3,722,928
R5I	6,742,879	K0UK	3,522,168

Multi-Op

Multi-Op

Multi-Transmitter	Multi-Transmitter		
P41C	41,957,244	W2PV	10,618,352
KG6RE	18,781,080	N2AA	10,399,208
YT0R	13,462,620	N5AU	10,003,840
VP9AD	13,338,000	K1OX	8,016,197
K6HNZ/		KN6M	7,300,170
CT3	13,149,240	W3LPL	7,260,708
OH1AA	10,840,617		

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Independent Dot & Dash (Full) Weighting	Yes	Yes	Yes
Calibrated Speed, 1 WPM Resolution	Yes	Yes	Yes
Calibrated Beacon Mode	Yes	N/A	No
Repeat Message Mode	Yes	N/A	Yes
Front Panel Variable Monitor Frequency	Yes	Yes	Yes
Message Resume After Paddle Interrupt	Yes	N/A	Yes
Semi-Automatic (Bug) Mode	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Automatic Word Space Memory Load	Yes	N/A	Yes
Instant Start From Memory	Yes	N/A	Yes
Message Editing	Yes	N/A	Yes
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Test Mode With Answers	Yes	Yes	N/A
Random Practice Mode	Yes	Yes	N/A
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All Morse Characters	Yes	Yes	N/A

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Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
9Y4VT	50/6/10	257/14/32	363/22/63	1800/34/110	1130/33/88	3107/31/104
E8BAK	44/9/22	220/19/63	371/30/80	1034/30/88	1542/33/99	2295/31/104
H18PGG	35/5/9	226/12/39	550/21/70	1170/31/89	1869/31/86	3337/31/99
N6KT/HK8	9/4/4	310/11/25	470/16/34	1306/27/76	1957/31/78	2756/28/90
4M2AMM	210/13/28	582/22/66	1003/30/72	1112/28/88	1495/22/73	W3BGN
KH6XX	37/6/6	232/18/26	286/20/38	499/27/62	1436/30/65	2422/30/65
DK3GI		51/4/26	112/14/41	680/38/109	1027/37/102	1280/33/102
DK8NG	22/4/14	141/10/47	133/16/58	405/27/84	383/26/78	1972/33/111
DJ4PT	16/2/10	191/10/43	437/18/65	396/28/72	810/32/67	1695/34/72
VP2MBA	4/2/4	111/6/13	247/17/52	796/28/80	1240/24/77	1271/23/70

## USA TOP SINGLE OPERATOR—ALL BAND

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
K1AR	5/2/3	55/13/33	80/20/50	487/35/111	590/34/107	977/36/116
W1ZM	11/5/6	86/18/45	102/22/55	329/33/92	640/31/103	860/30/108
K2TR	5/2/2	59/14/33	100/19/51	321/30/89	671/35/99	991/29/105
K2BU		59/10/38	88/18/44	478/29/87	464/27/84	865/31/101
W3BGN	14/6/8	55/13/35	85/18/43	366/33/96	464/29/90	711/30/107
K8LX	7/4/4	64/15/40	114/21/62	249/32/83	359/30/92	713/30/101
N2LT	5/3/3	26/8/18	79/20/42	323/29/89	370/31/92	737/29/100
N3AD		42/12/28	38/12/26	363/29/89	378/29/87	760/30/108
N7DF	12/4/3	79/15/24	95/18/27	194/33/82	739/33/77	512/30/92
W9RE	8/5/6	36/9/21	82/23/49	240/32/90	364/32/89	615/28/99

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VP2MFW	213/12/28	326/20/67	1640/28/102	1541/28/91	2927/32/96
I3MAU	225/16/61	379/26/80	1175/38/125	1548/36/105	1479/36/103
HP1XRK	9/7/6	32/12/25	610/21/59	1593/34/102	1746/34/100
Y23EK		184/7/41	253/18/52	985/32/104	2168/32/98
GU3HFN	34/3/15	286/11/53	246/13/64	827/29/95	1301/34/103
R5I	26/8/22	275/18/58	534/31/85	936/39/127	1764/36/109

## USA TOP MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER

K3LR	13/6/11	50/15/44	103/26/69	843/36/128	336/33/110	792/32/122
KX4S	6/4/5	35/14/32	85/23/70	474/36/112	729/35/109	919/32/121
WB2FZO	7/3/4	81/19/56	58/18/53	662/35/116	617/34/103	808/32/117
N4ZC	10/7/9	35/15/33	90/26/65	497/35/120	505/34/107	1019/34/128
W4QAW	11/6/9	54/17/42	120/27/72	266/34/109	565/35/124	1005/34/132
K8UK	13/8/12	60/20/39	403/28/57	278/36/102	669/35/90	768/33/108

## WORLD TOP MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

P4IC	261/9/21	861/22/69	1752/30/98	4837/38/156	5790/39/143	4813/35/138
KG6RE	2/2/2	217/12/23	934/27/48	2207/38/116	4147/36/96	4552/35/95
YT0R	136/7/31	411/11/55	901/27/87	2556/39/144	2144/35/127	2178/35/110
VP9AD	82/4/6	459/15/37	413/19/64	2868/36/127	2732/35/106	3096/34/102
K6HNZ/CT3		185/11/39	378/13/48	1675/32/106	3038/36/106	3193/31/98
OH1AA	79/4/23	415/12/57	719/28/179	1835/40/144	2082/39/126	1460/37/122

## USA TOP MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

W2PV	48/7/10	348/19/61	357/28/84	1112/37/149	1735/37/157	1524/34/146
N2AA	39/7/10	263/20/60	342/28/88	1064/36/141	1496/36/135	1730/32/146
N5AU	115/8/12	109/22/48	425/31/87	1079/37/147	1393/38/133	1751/35/147
K10X	41/5/8	138/18/52	229/24/72	905/36/145	1286/34/128	1478/36/138
KN6M	16/4/4	243/18/36	803/28/64	475/35/109	974/37/104	1941/34/117
W3LPL	80/6/9	156/18/56	231/28/87	783/35/138	1297/37/144	969/35/139

## WORLD TOP 10 QRPP

(5w input)

1. I5NSR ..... 670,133
2. OA8V ..... 545,400
3. WB2ULI ..... 505,997
4. K3ZR ..... 434,720
5. DF4RD ..... 407,313
6. ON6NL ..... 344,268
7. OK3CGP ..... 299,446
8. N2US ..... 171,264
9. G3FTQ ..... 163,344
10. AJ7S ..... 148,144

Number groups after call letters denote following: Band (A=all), Final Score, Number of QSOs, Zones, and Countries. Certificate winners are listed in Bold Face.

## SINGLE OPERATOR NORTH AMERICA

### UNITED STATES

K1AR	A	3,554,880	2194	140	420
W1ZM		3,206,348	2028	139	409
			(Opr. K1ZM)		
AK1A		1,490,138	1124	129	352
KA1R		1,390,830	1329	100	270
WA1TFF		1,199,312	1154	98	270
W1ZT		734,252	764	99	248
K1TGX		505,005	753	71	186
K1BV		498,879	708	67	176
N1API		489,000	546	92	234
K1WJL		457,666	552	76	217
WA1YEC		441,441	546	78	195
A1IE		406,503	478	73	206
K1VDF		365,192	526	73	166
KA1RC		363,816	547	71	177
KA1UE		336,750	482	69	181
KE1F		303,432	410	80	189
W1HNZ		246,510	513	38	128
W1FM		243,522	352	75	174
K1EFI		218,572	361	63	149
N1DX		212,760	353	56	160
K1LXJ		169,338	348	43	126
KA1IM		153,959	308	46	123
K1TN		143,920	206	70	187
KA1O		108,800	253	49	111
AD1Z		93,380	228	43	102
K1JYM		66,080	179	41	99
KA1UI		53,720	137	45	91
KN1DPS		52,470	180	36	74
W0MHK/M1		41,154	132	30	84
KE1E		36,120	126	33	72
WB1FXI		34,216	125	33	71
K1KA		22,500	83	37	63

WA1YTW		21,930	97	26	59
K1BZ		20,775	98	20	55
KA1CFZ		15,372	95	15	46
KF1B		10,752	65	20	44
KD1U		8,322	55	21	36
W1HUE		2,262	32	18	21
KA1ACC		2,146	23	16	21
W1WFF	<b>28</b>	<b>535,382</b>	<b>1219</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>115</b>
KA1CVM		187,782	556	26	93
WA1LOU		135,228	399	27	91
W1GNR		120,714	357	27	91
KA1FCH		111,825	365	22	83
K8CH/1		107,663	246	42	109
K1WVL		44,044	198	20	57
W1PLJ		3,534	40	8	33
KA1TR		507	13	4	9
W1NG	<b>21</b>	<b>439,110</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>133</b>
W1PH		165,984	443	32	101
K1THP		26,228	114	24	59
KA1EKR		9,724	67	16	36
KA1PU		3,380	47	12	23
K1ZZJ		3,040	33	11	21
K1NG	<b>14</b>	<b>284,170</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>120</b>
W1WY		5,670	40	14	40
WB1AEZ	<b>7</b>	<b>18,023</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>48</b>
WA1AER		2,006	20	17	17
AB1A	<b>3.8</b>	<b>20,976</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>51</b>
W1BB	<b>1.8</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
K2TR	<b>A</b>	<b>3,153,664</b>	<b>2147</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>379</b>
			(Opr. K3UA)		
K2BU		2,646,098	1954	115	354
N2LT		2,056,912	1540	120	344
K2DM		1,797,816	1452	114	319
W2YV		1,468,448	1171	114	322
W2TA		1,212,636	1018	114	303
K2NJ		1,115,224	908	108	310
KF2D		652,653	625	104	277
W2GD		651,037	615	109	254
N2VW		577,809	636	87	238
KB2CR		560,032	582	93	259
W2BHK		531,840	734	93	199
KF2U		486,920	657	64	195
K2FL		464,092	530	85	229
N2MR		441,098	475	102	241
W2REH		434,696	556	84	184

AB2E	**	393,108	576	67	179
N2ATD	**	293,066	365	77	200
W2BTU	**	291,116	450	71	188
K2SNK	**	281,880	405	62	181
K2PA	**	272,406	411	78	171
K2ZSY	**	260,775	407	53	172
W2KI	**	215,878	320	70	177
N2BIN	**	183,008	369	44	128
WA2WYR	**	176,436	255	75	186
N2BZK	**	164,889	321	51	146
K2SHL	**	154,036	284	54	140
W2HG	**	136,080	237	64	146
W2NC	**	127,908	228	58	146
WA2DPU	**	127,218	256	58	124
WA2CYQ	**	126,243	269	47	122
KB2SE	**	116,219	270	52	111
K2DY	**	115,857	239	67	122
KB2WN	**	113,103	232	53	124
WA2LJM	**	107,085	229	47	118
KE2M	**	105,860	240	49	109
AG2S	**	99,792	240	49	113
KA2HAR	**	93,578	293	45	97
N2AIF	**	84,854	199	45	109
WB2THN	**	72,615	254	28	78
WB2PXA	**	66,411	174	43	98
W2GKZ	**	62,282	163	44	105
KA2EAY	**	49,500	179	34	76
W2PHT	**	49,042	152	33	80
WB2CJL	**	48,720	148	39	77
KK2E	**	42,000	169	31	74
WA2EQD	**	38,340	102	48	87
W2TZ	**	37,884	116	43	80
W2FTY	**	36,418	98	48	91
KK2A	**	19,110	117	17	48
WA2IMH	**	18,105	86	27	58
W2DSE	**	16,750	170	48	96
K2HPV	**	12,900	75	14	46
N2BCF	**	5,736	46	18	31
KB2SG	<b>28</b>	<b>217,074</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>110</b>
K2SPD	**	104,748	276	28	101
KJ2N	**	80,190	281	23	76
WB2NFB	**	70,560	252	23	75
WB2TKD	**	65,044	218	24	77
K2MFY	**	58,776	254	18	61
KA2EHO	**	38,456	158	21	67
W2KZE	**	36,450	154	21	60
W2AYJ	**	35,880	139	22	70
WA2GUM	**	28,835	142	18	55
W2HPF	<b>21</b>	<b>243,528</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>106</b>
K2P	**</				

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W4ZTW	98,340	330	32	78	KJ6Z	62,618	230	58	73	W8IMZ	150,150	282	68	142	WA9ETR	17,340	106	25	43	VE1TG	21	170,040	565	29	91	
W4JD	36,034	156	24	62	AC6V	58,050	159	46	89	K8TMK	119,493	229	57	130	W9LTL	8,832	96	6	26	VE1CAN	49,248	248	21	60		
N4TZ	15,498	90	18	45	N6EZN	52,650	244	38	52	KC8JH	112,723	249	54	115	WA9MRU	6,042	60	11	27	VE2AYU	A	762,560	941	89	231	
AC4X	14	11,946	62	23	43	WB6DNN	50,794	166	40	69	N8BRQ	101,840	244	48	104	W9ZRX	21	549,696	1170	39	129	VE2DUN	135,000	586	36	72
W4UYC	7.0	4,752	46	17	27	W6DGC	46,250	137	50	75	W8UPH	99,330	234	46	108						VE2FUY	22,018	90	35	66	
WA4SVO	3.8	23,779	141	21	58	N60M	38,307	140	44	69	W8CBB	80,631	187	50	103	K9DX	514,098	1063	38	131	VE2DVI	28	110,052	363	24	84
W4NL	20,448	123	19	52	W6AQ	35,984	112	45	68	WD8BSX	74,196	173	53	109	K9BGL	181,016	484	36	100	VE2EVO	52,207	241	23	60		
N4IN	1.8	1,173	26	8	15	K6PU	35,520	111	44	76	K8CZO	67,340	176	45	95	W9NGA	177,826	456	36	101	VE2WA	14	51,300	203	29	71
W4PZV	738	34	7	11	AF6S	32,248	89	55	84	N8AHK	58,828	147	58	96	K9QVB	130,944	369	32	96	VE3GCO	A	2,108,592	1865	112	320	
K4AS	558	15	8	10	N6TR	27,456	120	44	60	W8SQ	55,096	151	46	96	KE9U	120,048	324	33	90	VE3UOT	934,908	1096	96	242		
K8CFU/4	345	26	7	8	NC6Q	16,926	70	35	56	K8BWB	45,696	138	50	86	N9ER	90,828	278	29	87							
K5DX	A	837,668	799	105	257	K5ASI	15,744	68	25	57	K8BRT	45,105	110	52	103	KI9U	36,378	139	25	69	VE3ABR	272,731	396	82	181	
N5JB	661,440	748	96	224	AA6EE	14,824	88	32	37	N8CLR	42,848	152	34	69	W9MYG	29,475	106	22	53	VE3GP	201,749	365	71	158		
N5DDO	569,160	775	87	183	W6OVO	9,272	58	29	32	W8DXT	37,632	139	37	75	W89CX	6,811	51	16	33	VE3MV	163,542	333	59	135		
K5LP	547,305	618	97	224	KA6JHU	9,000	67	32	28	AD8O	36,442	100	51	86	WA9ZPR	14	233,532	517	35	121	VE3CKR	95,760	564	26	58	
K5SA	520,995	926	77	158	KD6AZ	4,730	39	18	25	N8AKF	35,640	125	36	74	W9IIC	148,190	360	35	110	VE3GCE	87,824	186	62	114		
N5BA	486,990	570	96	219	W6SX	3,192	32	21	21	K8KUH	35,616	124	33	73	KA9GRL	83,205	229	34	95	VE3EJU	63,048	186	43	99		
K5JW	446,213	686	74	165	W6KBD	1,250	21	12	13	N8TN	35,096	120	34	73	W9JUV	78,324	230	32	90	VE3NBW	54,400	160	47	89		
K5AW	379,764	516	86	188	KM6K	28	254,520	691	31	95	N8BTT	27,552	126	26	58	K9SD	71,250	265	32	82	VE3NBY	37,030	128	40	75	
W5DV	331,932	438	92	186	W6EUF	214,104	577	33	99	W8V	23,520	114	23	61	W9NUD	66,788	204	29	89	VE3LNV	28	571,608	1338	33	120	
K5QY	235,585	327	89	176	K6VI	160,544	580	29	87	WD8ECA	22,570	107	21	53	K9YNF	31,242	139	25	57	VE3MKJ	14,628	118	14	39		
KC5CP	230,640	355	75	173	KD6DY	137,494	470	26	72	W8ZJW	19,215	70	40	65	W9RKP	2,100	25	12	23	VE3BMV	21	1,130,206	2376	38	141	
W5OSJ	223,560	362	82	161	WB6MBF	120,288	440	27	69	KC8JE	15,660	66	36	54	K9KA	7	58,860	198	29	80	VE3EEW	14	314,145	1066	34	101
N5UA	214,120	368	68	144	W6TMD	75,456	275	26	70	WD8OHC	14,616	70	29	55	W9CH	50,295	180	29	76	VE3DYB	17,520	89	19	54		
W5LMG	149,730	272	69	141	W8AKS/6	31,021	202	21	46	W8UIG	14,535	69	29	66	WD9IIX	29,744	129	23	65	VE3LAJ	13,286	70	20	53		
W5BE	130,248	233	65	136	A16Z	30,494	138	22	57	WA8WMC	11,304	57	28	44	W9NB	23,085	111	25	56	VE3IPR	3.8	30,544	344	15	31	
W5FJV	125,121	253	61	118	KA6DSW	18,868	127	20	33	K8HF	8,662	58	26	35	AG9S	22,356	108	24	57	VE3CPU	11,934	220	11	66		
K5GDE	119,184	237	63	128	K6UFT	16,775	99	18	43	WD8MDG	6,854	52	14	32	W89IWN	264	9	5	7	VE3MFA	1.8	5,180	207	6	8	
N5KT	79,430	217	43	87	W6OUL	10,065	58	15	46	N8MK	6,498	43	24	33	K9WZB	3.8	6,840	70	13	32	VE38BN	3,553	169	5	6	
AB5P	70,700	181	44	96	WA6TLA	6,020	47	16	27	W88VPO	2,656	30	9	23	W8SAHJ	6,292	75	14	30	VE4AIV	A	128,954	487	38	84	
W5UR	54,621	164	39	80	KM6B	21	527,150	1422	36	94	K8EIO	2,600	27	16	24	K9AJ	4,488	44	15	29	VE4RP	28	112,409	386	39	82
W5IYR	51,788	155	39	82	W6XJ	337,688	880	37	99	WD8CZA	1,696	19	15	17	N8GA	A	635,256	667	104	242	VE4AXX	12,852	106	17	34	
W5JC	45,816	125	54	84						N8CNT	28	219,726	721	29	88	W8EWD	490,320	786	66	150	VE5RA	28	319,451	1268	30	83
K85UW	39,663	135	41	76	N6UC	167,440	502	31	84	W8BCL	119,310	341	29	94	K8RWL	441,870	487	100	230	VE6AYE	28	113,661	705	24	49	
W5YH	31,008	114	33	69	W6BSY	148,155	444	33	86	WA8DXB	80,738	198	32	114	AC8N	405,216	586	79	173	VE6BEO	12,300	129	19	22		
W5GVP	29,295	108	41	64	N6TO	124,960	407	30	80	W8NWD	80,615	246	26	89	K8BV	301,530	397	86	199	VE7WJ	A	3,303,990	3482	131	274	
W5JWM	26,631	103	39	60	WA6VNR	67,296	254	30	66	W8IDE	62,699	258	22	69	WD8GML	273,182	399	76	171							
K5DEC	15,834	96	37	41	K6SMH	26,796	120	29	55	K8IPL	45,838	189	22	64	W8ECP	258,990	351	88	179	VE7BSM	533,200	800	89	159		
W5EIJ	14,608	76	34	49	W6YA	14	283,936	667	36	116	K8BEEA	32,204	145	22	61	K8BPR	200,074	336	80	137	VE7ITV	28	422,484	1742	31	71
W5ELN	5,304	42	22	30						N8CXX	17,812	101	18	43	W8FF	167,085	264	75	160	VE7AWT	271,710	1210	29	61		
W5AE	4,048	34	20	26	W6HXW	52,965	179	28	79	W8KUK	11,368	69	17	41	K8VBU	128,575	256	62	123	VE7EOA	69,714	540	24	30		
KC5HO	736	16	12	11	W6OK	44,700	159	29	71	W8BYEW	4,370	42	11	27	W8ISW	127,866	247	64	138	VE7IN	21	731,372	2058	37	97	
K5RC	28	623,729	1385	37	132	W6JMS	41,405	170	29	62	K8PSR	3,706	40	11	23	W8FJSJ	115,634	245	67	112	VE7AVU	128,380	756	23	47	
										W6DPD	12,648	69	24	44	K9BLY/8	101,569	204	57	112	VE7AZC	14	8,479	53	24	37	
W5XZ	498,170	1191	32	123	W6DE	5,208	23	15	13	K6BLH	150,156	416	32	97	W8PPF	94,200	223	47	110							
K5KLA	404,400	929	35	117	K6BIA	1,305	19	11	18	N8AJF	126,360	341	33	97	W8OSK	93,297	247	49	88							
K5JJ	322,200	744	33	117	K6QEH	7	93,930	322	31	70	W3IWG/8	116,501	353	30	89	WA8DCB	93,264	204	56	116						
K8TD/5	277,836	772	32	105						AC8C	73,600	268	26	74	K8BD	89,011	198	51	116							
W5VGX	266,110	729	32	98	WA6KKM	37,500	179	24	51	K8EF	73,188	248	28	79	W8BRT	82,584	205	47	101							
K5IID	235,884	631	30	102	AA6AA	21,216	77	33	71	W8KKI	34,830	151	23	58	W8RU	80,070	198	54	103							
W5ASP	73,034	240	27	79	N6QR	21,140	116	22	48	K8BMQ	23,652	117	22	51	N8D/8	65,026	192	38	84							
K5RF	69,576	239	26	78	K6SE	1.8	480	38	8	K8RWL	8,800	55	20	35	W6FN/8	60,741	141	61	92							
KA5KSS	47,120	182	24	71	N7DF	A	1,920,192	1631	133	305	W8TRW	14	61,950	188	29	89	W8ZRL/8	47,656	124	53	95					
N5CEM	20,274	122	20	42	KC7EH	717,457	1054	83	158	K7ZA	520,591	680	92	179	KM8P	46,112	136	44	87							
AK5E	14,381	73	23	50	K7A	513,060	750	94	161	KG5W/7	429,722	685	81	158	K8IFL	44,640	134	42	76							
K5GA	21	334,734	858	37	104	KI7M	421,610	552	93	173	W7AEP	421,610	552	93	173	W8OEL	44,635	142	37	76						
										W7JYW	301,698	494	76	146	K8VBU	128,575	256	62	123							
W85UDX	203,885	601	32	89	W7FEI	285,532	457	78	143	KJ7R	174,636	305	74	124	W8ISW	127,866	247	64	138							
K5NW	117,351	356	35	82	W7FGT	165,264	420	61	115	W7RYC	151,150	425	66	84	W8BRT	82,584	205	47	101							
W5LKP	108,160	30																								

CANARY ISLANDS				ASIATIC U.S.S.R.				CZECHOSLOVAKIA				FAEROS ISLANDS			
EABAK	A	9,974,811	5506 152 457	J13DLX	"	1,701	23 11 16	OK2BLG	A	1,297,440	1366 120 360	OY1A	A	24,320	247 19 61
EABTY	28	57,424	261 18 56	JF2PKI	"	819	15 10 11	OK2PBM	"	589,024	1864 83 233	FINLAND			
CAPE VERDE				JA4UIT	"	816	15 11 13	OK2ABU	"	546,780	1073 65 195	OH2PM	A	865,928	1177 96 233
D4CBC	A	2,326,454	2301 96 242	JH1AJT	28	735,165	1648 35 118	OK3PO	"	308,880	641 65 169	OH2BPE	"	187,658	465 62 140
CUETA AND MELILLA				JH1AGU	"	405,765	1092 31 96	OK3YCA	"	185,525	391 69 36	OH2BDN	"	87,954	353 37 100
EA9GD	28	8,715	83 7 28	JH1RNZ	"	312,144	983 31 81	OK1AVD	"	191,412	441 65 166	OH17NW	"	74,295	259 46 149
DJIBOUTI				JG1NBD	"	299,085	810 32 95	OK1KZ	"	180,970	451 64 158	OH2JQ	"	74,256	224 52 152
J28DM	A	302,750	582 50 125	JL1NRR	"	224,808	686 34 82	OK1EP	"	127,040	318 49 111	OH9SLH	"	60,885	236 48 117
LIBERIA				JA7UMT	"	206,430	684 29 76	OK1DVK	"	69,007	286 49 102	OH1RZ	"	53,320	160 46 126
EL2AV	21	1,404,936	3087 35 117	JJ1NUB	"	193,860	610 30 78	OK3CRH	"	61,300	230 41 114	OH5MQ	"	40,194	242 32 84
MADEIRA ISLANDS				JA2YKR	"	188,570	605 30 79	OK2BSA	"	44,928	416 42 66	OH2VZ	"	31,863	123 43 86
CT3AF	28	2,912	38 8 20	JH1ARC	"	152,286	521 30 72	OK1AXB	"	40,820	269 26 100	OH6HI	"	26,544	170 28 56
CT3BM	21	349,830	1020 29 86	JA3EQC	"	150,500	524 31 69	OK3YK	"	38,781	272 22 71	OH5PA	"	24,038	88 41 78
CT3BD	7	142,978	499 20 77	JA8UFD	"	99,388	408 26 58	OK2YN	"	35,964	167 33 48	OH3AT	"	22,866	161 28 73
MOROCCO				JH4UTP	"	81,360	356 25 55	OK2BJU	"	35,322	170 28 59	(Opr. OH3MP)			
CN8CO	A	1,776,054	2022 74 220	JA1MYW	"	78,715	302 25 66	OK3KJF	"	34,600	201 31 69	OH1PY	"	16,281	69 24 57
NAMIBIA				JG3KAB	"	69,300	333 24 53	OK1AOU	"	27,100	214 32 68	OH1BV	"	8,228	68 24 44
ZS3HL	A	1,768,704	2116 80 202	JA4CTL	"	60,040	267 24 55	OK2BKR	"	19,882	129 35 44	OH2DN	"	7,308	55 25 33
SENEGAL				JH1LZC	"	59,013	246 26 57	OK2KVI	"	18,860	168 23 59	OH1FM	"	2,795	27 16 27
6W8JU	A	101,336	339 29 77	JH2JUK	"	58,764	318 29 54	OK1AZI	"	12,151	53 33 52	OH1ED	"	928	17 13 16
SOUTH AFRICA				JA1FO	"	58,420	232 31 61	OK2PBG	"	10,521	78 21 42	OH3XZ	28	546,360	1270 37 137
S83W	A	800,792	1092 83 165	JR7TJP	"	58,108	278 22 51	OK2BHX	"	7,866	61 20 26	OH4PW	"	29,532	180 23 69
ZS6YO	"	354,093	751 56 103	JA1COT	"	55,554	217 29 65	OK1XG	"	7,250	101 15 43	OH1OR	"	7,852	90 18 34
ZS4SP	"	90,440	237 43 90	JA1DFQ	"	52,800	229 21 59	OK3CEG	"	5,500	67 15 15	OH2BAH	"	2,240	24 13 19
ZS6A00	14	552,704	1371 34 102	JR7CDL	"	45,084	207 24 54	OK1DMJ	"	1,624	32 18 10	OH2GFS	"	893	26 6 13
SWAZILAND				JA1JGP	"	40,725	192 24 51	OK1ALW	28	508,416	1498 35 93	OH3YW	21	558,975	1361 37 108
3D68A	A	117,478	268 55 96	JA9YE	"	34,444	153 25 54	OK1AVU	"	431,822	1183 35 107	OH6AC	"	277,636	864 35 89
ZAIRE				JA4AQR	"	29,098	173 19 39	OK3CFA	"	340,296	1023 35 97	OH6AM	"	227,160	763 32 88
9Q5FL	28	15,624	217 10 14	J11XW	"	25,389	139 24 39	OK1ATT	"	259,065	749 35 100	OH1KA	"	164,528	760 30 83
ZIMBABWE				JE1PJR	"	25,368	155 20 36	OK1ZL	"	178,825	594 32 83	OH30Q	"	4,350	53 13 17
ZE3JO	A	49,496	184 29 63	JA1QZC	"	22,794	142 22 36	OK1VAM	"	70,161	312 24 67	OH7SC	"	3,627	45 14 25
ASIA				JH0QAD	"	20,970	159 18 27	OK3CFP	"	28,282	150 24 55	OH2IO	14	97,129	505 29 74
BAHRAIN				JH8RZJ	"	17,014	134 19 28	OK2BJR	"	27,300	151 24 51	OH2BCD	"	82,954	378 32 86
A9XDD	A	254,156	444 53 150	JR1OYL	"	13,468	122 15 22	OK2BLD	"	13,356	137 22 14	OH6AS	"	82,173	583 22 69
ISRAEL				JF1EEK	"	10,030	63 18 41	OK1JIM	"	4,290	55 13 17	(Opr. OH6DO)			
4X8U	A	3,497,208	2774 116 313	JA8XMV	"	6,579	56 17 26	OK1DKS	"	555	19 6 9	OH6NG	1.8	240	17 3 12
4X6FY	"	42,768	182 21 60	JA1AAT	"	4,725	38 15 30	OK1TN	21	637,392	1696 35 112	FRANCE			
4Z4AB	28	887,404	1910 38 126	JL1VKX	"	4,544	55 13 19	OK1ARI	"	476,439	1408 35 106	F9GL	A	1,661,352	1844 98 243
4X6DK	"	31,293	189 15 46	JA1ERW	"	1,549	41 5 8	OK7ZZ	"	147,763	631 28 73	F6DZU	"	776,539	1354 77 152
4Z4EU	21	602,184	1556 32 100	JR3HUW	"	1,525	21 10 15	OK2BOL	"	104,656	392 34 90	F6BVB	"	337,617	699 52 152
4X6DX	14	677,100	1588 35 113	JA5SIX	"	1,121	21 9 10	OK1AJN	"	85,500	370 31 83	F6CGP	28	430,388	1117 31 102
4X6BYB	"	571,119	1571 35 92	JH8LLN	"	860	19 9 11	OK3KEX	"	49,864	285 25 67	F6FNA	"	16,960	117 20 44
4Z4DX	7	241,368	721 26 87	JA2APA	21	594,789	1343 39 112	OK1ASQ	"	38,509	198 25 72	F6CGE	"	15,075	151 15 30
4Z4KX	3.8	2,730	50 4 17	JE3TBM	"	476,721	1098 39 108	OK3CAQ	"	13,740	97 17 43	GERMANY (FDR)			
4X4NJ	1.8	3,942	55 6 21	JK1HAM	"	302,016	853 36 85	OK1AMF	"	756	14 10 11	DK3GI	A	4,461,908	3150 126 380
JAPAN				JK1PLZ	"	297,838	746 37 100	OK7AA	14	351,196	1248 36 109	DK8NG	"	4,127,424	3062 116 382
JA1ELY	A	2,090,880	1672 139 293	JM1FHL	"	266,600	742 35 89	OK1ATE	"	57,680	274 29 83	DJ4PT	"	3,986,400	3045 124 329
JR1AIB	"	1,191,456	1064 127 267	JA1DCO	"	222,860	703 35 75	OK3CKF	"	41,574	335 18 64	DJ3HJ	"	3,338,888	2952 109 327
JH1CNT	"	1,723,752	1670 123 233	JR3RIY	"	131,760	421 31 77	OK3TCK	"	21,684	161 21 57	DKBAX	"	1,619,904	1604 105 324
JF1SEK	"	525,525	776 82 149	JH2VNY	"	106,636	337 32 74	OK1ALQ	"	20,640	150 18 62	DJ2RB	"	1,037,908	1381 86 227
JA6CNL	"	501,270	611 101 193	J11QLB	"	101,970	345 32 71	OK3CGI	"	19,656	168 20 58	DK2WH	"	903,408	1146 93 261
JA4ESR	"	217,125	402 78 115	JA1SJV	"	66,187	152 33 88	OK3TGB	"	10,452	129 14 38	DF2RS	"	743,600	1063 78 247
JE3DYW	"	175,062	338 67 112	JF3EGT	"	45,448	212 27 49	OK1PFM	"	527	19 6 11	DL6RAI	"	673,260	1163 86 208
JA1ALX	"	147,900	353 47 98	JJ1LBJ	"	45,192	192 28 56	OK2SPS	"	240	14 4 11	DL2UH	"	491,582	829 74 185
JA6QZ	"	146,720	325 50 110	JM1LLD	"	37,125	170 26 49	OK1ODW	"	238	14 5 9	DF4ZL	"	438,834	697 87 240
JF1IMQ	"	142,044	433 41 73	JA1BCF	"	36,725	202 24 41	OK20X	7	11,712	169 12 49	DH2FAW	"	263,340	782 31 102
JF3CCN	"	132,759	307 52 97	JA1EYP	"	27,600	147 25 44	OK1MSN	3.8	32,832	448 13 54	DK8FS	"	258,856	834 81 181
JA6CN	"	114,954	250 52 109	JH7JDB	"	20,176	130 22 30	OK1AYE	"	16,218	305 6 45	DK1FW	"	251,986	387 78 209
JA7JND	"	109,356	241 45 111	JR3CVJ	"	15,438	89 21 41	OK3YCL	"	13,524	302 6 40	DJ4PI	"	214,200	428 79 221
JA6WWW	"	107,663	251 60 91	JA3FZI	"	15,087	110 19 28	OK3KRV	"	12,280	307 5 35	DK8KC	"	173,658	421 53 153
JR1POW	"	96,142	310 43 63	JA3GQK	"	14,016	105 18 30	OK1ANB	"	2,592	97 4 23	DK1YK	"	167,937	297 78 153
JA7KCD/1	"	92,345	277 47 68	JL1TVV	"	10,188	96 13 23	OK1DGZ	"	1,256	57 3 23	DJ2UU	"	165,000	339 149 149
JA2QJ	"	78,338	210 47 84	JL1EJO	"	6,762	56 17 29	OK2BBO	"	352	22 3 13	DJ2YE	"	142,632	279 65 187
JR3XEX	"	77,851	215 47 80	JA7RXU	"	5,934	50 16 29	OK1KPU	1.8	4,740	152 5 25	DK5XN	"	139,107	207 94 173
JA6QDU	"	65,392	197 47 75	JF3NRT	"	3,822	53 8 18	OL1BBR	"	2,054	85 4 22	DF6VE	"	96,978	309 46 83
JA7BAL	"	55,328	150 50 83	JF3GEP	"	3,720	48 15 16	DENMARK							
JA7KM	"	54,970	172 41 74	JA5DFY	"	2,106	27 13 13	OZ5EV	A	1,422,720	1549 93 267				
JA7CUK	"	53,805	251 27 58	JA1YGY	"	940	18 11 9	OZ2TF	"	1,300,284	1628 80 262				
JA6AKV	"	52,569	185 38 61	JA1RDP	"	920	18 8 12	OZ1CAH	"	527,310	886 71 199				
JA6PL	"	36,972	166 20 59	JH1OEL	"	24	3 3 3	OZ4MD	"	474,516	760 73 221				
JA1IZ	"	36,260	130 35 63	JA0JHA	14	373,996	967 35 98	OZ7BG	"	134,277	376 49 94				
JL1DBI	"	28,350	141 25 45	JA1XJU	"	189,074	505 39 95	OZ6OG	"	118,845	334 53 118				
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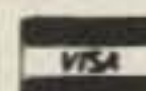
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<b>KX6PI</b>				DF4RD	"	407,313	684 67 204	NAKG	2,305,457	1511 134 419	VO2CC	388,935	752 85 130	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>						
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ZL3AAX	A	266,604	584 62 94	OK3CGP	"	299,446	634 77 216	N4BS	1,028,034	1000 99 270	VE5NN	226,670	468 71 119	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>						
ZL3ABC	"	56,373	281 25 44	N2US	"	171,264	329 51 141	AA4FF	973,504	839 117 307	VE5CHS	34,522	183 29 53	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>						
ZL480	28	387,002	1333 30 68	G3FTQ	"	163,344	582 37 129	KD4RH	794,466	855 94 248	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>									
ZL1BPK	"	172,124	786 23 51	AJ7S	"	148,144	296 69 119	KC4BG	526,473	574 98 235	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>									
ZL18IL	7	443,646	1245 33 90	UP2NV	"	146,076	314 69 153	KB4YT	482,474	687 92 225	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>									
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<b>PHILIPPINES</b>				K7HBN	"	140,454	313 65 97	WD4RCO	111,315	214 65 140	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>									
DU1CPL	28	315,920	1341 27 53	WA4FHQ	"	130,720	252 54 136	KD4ZI	71,133	202 37 94	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>									
KP4KK/				N2GC	"	121,752	254 50 128	K5TA	2,605,024	1863 139 389	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>									
DU2	21	1,413,042	3675 38 104	WA2JOC/8	"	90,117	201 52 119	WA5SOG	383,688	501 91 201	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>									
DU1EFZ	"	197,088	700 33 63	W6YK	"	89,473	250 53 78	K9M/5	135,388	277 60 121	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>									
<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>				WA3FNK	"	74,382	189 44 94	W6RDF	3,154,782	2163 142 367	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>									
<b>ARGENTINA</b>				DK6AO	"	69,058	231 43 103	K6MYC	2,737,026	2038 134 343	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>									
LU1BR	A	3,134,040	3386 98 214	JA1KFX	"	48,789	154 48 89	NC6T	2,415,420	2045 129 297	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>									
LU2DSL	"	1,725,440	2332 75 181	KL7IBT	"	47,346	252 29 42	K6XV	1,893,970	1477 131 311	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>									
LU8FEU	28	1,021,750	2711 32 93	JA6VZB	"	42,300	233 25 50	N6MG	1,506,776	1261 129 308	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>									
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LU1ABT	"	11,050	130 15 19	UL7LSM	"	16,994	123 17 41	AA6T	833,310	1067 98 184	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>									
<b>BOLIVIA</b>				OE1SBA	"	9,928	68 26 42	K6HIH	825,392	894 109 207	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>									
WSKNA/	A	213,330	382 66 129	Y24TG	"	9,585	119 13 58	W6YX	611,556	871 92 154	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>									
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PP2ZDD	A	1,424,110	1825 75 190	ISJHW	28	102,580	346 29 86	K6BST	441,336	647 101 158	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>									
PY1NEZ	"	611,200	1033 61 139	JA1EF	"	100,386	363 28 71	W6VLD	423,549	604 79 170	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>									
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OA4AWD	A	2,989,840	2688 111 269	N1TZ	2,987,088	1716 153 476	W8VPV	106,560	178 51 134	<b>326,196 793 60 161</b>										
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Vojo, YU7OCV (ex-YU1OCV), sent us this shot of his station.



One of the top Single Band 10 M entries for this year was Dom, IBUDB/IC8, shown here in the heat of battle.



Here's a welcome addition to the contest at just 15 years—4X6DX.

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# CQ Reviews:

## The Hal-Tronix 5312 12/24 Hour 6-Digit Clock Kit

BY BOB SWEARENGIN\*, W5HJV

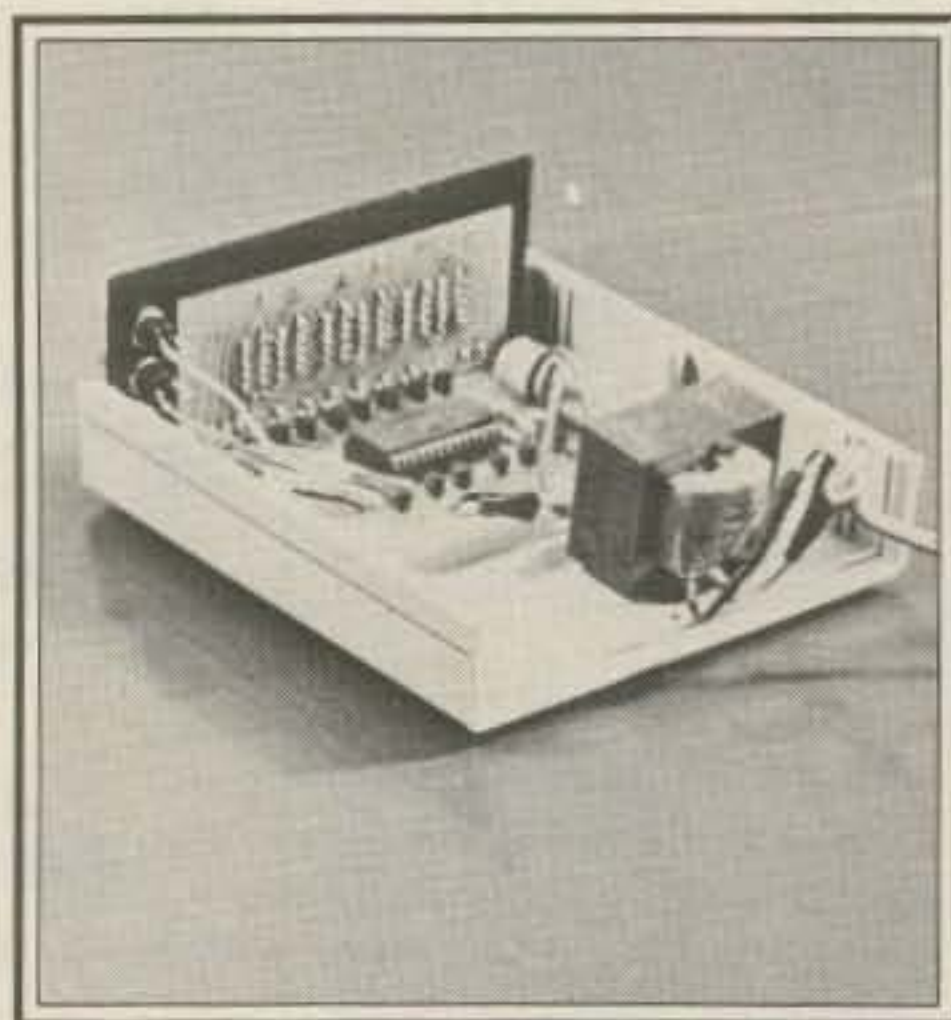
Of course I know what time it is! All I have to do is glance at the ancient electric clock on the shack shelf—the one transferred from the bedroom when the solid-state clock radios went on sale. It grows a little, but keeps perfect time.

Hmmm... it's 3 p.m. But 12-hour time is for non-radio people and doesn't look sophisticated in the log. Let's see. Add 3 hours to 12 noon and it's 1500 hours. Better, but still not good enough. The amateurs with 100-foot towers, expensive gear, and walls of awards go by Universal Time. For some reason Greenwich is where it's at. More figuring: to convert Mountain Standard I add 7 hours. But wait a minute; we're on daylight-savings time. Do I add 6 hours or 8 hours? Well, the rule is, "Spring ahead, Fall back." Or is it "Spring back, Fall ahead"? You can't "fall ahead," but... good grief, what time is it?

That's been the story at W5HJV for some 25 years. There never seemed to be enough extra bucks for a decent station clock. The dollars went into watts and decibels.

Things changed when I noticed an ad for the Hal-Tronix 5314 clock kit. Why not invest the price of a jug of good sour mash—only \$12.95—and get in sync with the National Bureau of Standards for a change? I skipped the optional clock case at \$4.50 (when purchased with clock kit) because this was to be a low-budget project. Figured I'd just use a coffee can or mount the clock on some scrap Plexiglass with standoff insulators.

The kit arrived as advertised. In spite of the low price, I was pleasantly surprised at the quality. The circuit boards were sturdy and well-plated—no peeling up when I goofed on a solder joint and had to apply more heat than usual. The kit furnished everything but the a.c. line cord. I



Inside the Hal-Tronix 5314 clock. The transformer attaches with "sticky-back" foam. The boards are held in place by the transformer leads and press-fitting the readouts to the front-panel cutout.

clipped that from the old station clock, optimistically figuring I wouldn't need it anymore.

Most of the circuitry is in the CMOS clock chip, an MM5314, and this makes the kit easy to build. Construction involves the bridge rectifier for the d.c. voltage and installing the 13 transistors which drive the six 5/16-inch FND readouts. Be especially careful with the close connections on the readout board.

The manual contains detailed diagrams and construction hints and I experienced no problems. The kit went together in a leisurely two evenings. Because the solder pads are small and some are quite close together, I used a low-wattage pencil iron. Since I wish I had a 100-foot tower, expensive equipment, and a wall full of awards, I ignored the jumper for 12-hour operation.

The clock chip is sensitive to static electricity and should be handled carefully. Leave it in the foil until you are ready to install it, and touch the station ground before you do so. If you're new to kit build-

ing, note that pin #1 is marked on the underside of the chip. Don't put it in backwards! Before plugging in the completed clock, check the boards for solder bridges with a magnifying glass under a bright light. Use bifocals, if necessary.

My clock worked on the first try. The best part of any construction project is gloating over the finished product, so I bought the sour mash anyway and spent an hour sipping and watching the seconds tick away on the display. It was easily visible from across the room in normal light. Not too stimulating, maybe, but still more interesting than most of the stuff on network television.

I was so pleased that the next day I exceeded the budget and purchased a Radio Shack deluxe plastic enclosure (catalog #270-218) for \$7.95. Counting sour mash and postage, this brought the total project cost to more than \$30. Why didn't I buy the inexpensive case from Hal-Tronix in the first place? The Radio Shack cabinet, however, measures a bit over 2" x 5" x 5" and is ideal for the clock. The gray and black finish matches the rest of my equipment. The clock was easy to install in the case. I just cut a rectangle in the front panel sized for a press-fit with the readouts. Of course, a case isn't mandatory. At 1 3/4" high, 3 3/4" wide, and



The Hal-Tronix 5314 clock in a Radio Shack 270-218 cabinet. Switches at right are for setting the time. Top button is hold, middle button is slow speed, and bottom button is fast.

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3" deep, the clock would tuck nicely into a station console or control panel.

Things were fine for a couple of days. Then I noticed that my new accessory had gained several minutes. How could this be? The chip references the 60-cycle a.c. for a time-base and should be accurate to 2 or 3 minutes a year. The instructions had the answer: either stray r.f. or spikes on the a.c. line can cause the clock to gain or lose time. I ruled out r.f. immediately, because the rig here is grounded to the claw-foot tub in the up-

stairs bathroom. This totally eliminates surplus r.f., although problems arise if you forget to unplug the station before taking a bath. But that's another story.

Following the hints for curing a.c. spikes, I soldered 4.7K ohm resistors from pins 13, 14, and 15 of the clock chip to the B+ line. I did this on the bottom of the board, using a piece of electrical tape to keep the resistors from shorting to underside connections. These "pulling" resistors clipped the spikes and completely eliminated the problem. If you're the su-

per-cautious type, you might want to go ahead and do this when you build the kit. And if you don't have a claw-foot bathtub, .01 capacitors from the same three pins to ground will bypass stray r.f. from transmitted signals and fluorescent lights.

The clock has been rock-stable for several months now, and I can truly say I know what time it is. Let's see. My watch says it's only 1000 hours in Laramie, but according to the clock it's cocktail time in Greenwich, England. Where did I hide that bottle of sour mash? □

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# Slow Scan With A Difference

BY HENRY B. RUH\*, KB9FO

**S**low scan as we know it has been used for ten years or more on the amateur bands, but the method used to transmit the pictures hasn't changed. The analog world is quickly changing to digital, and our transmission methods will change also. Even if you have a digital scan converter such as a Robot 400 or Wraase 422, you still use analog methods of transmission. The question I raise is: Why convert analog to digital to analog to digital to analog when the digital form is so much easier to send? Well, part of the answer is FCC regulations, and part of the answer is here.

First, the FCC has only allowed slow scan TV transmissions as an analog signal, using a voltage-to-frequency converter to produce an audio tone which is directly related to the luminance of the signal of the video source—i.e., an f.m. audio representation of the video waveform. If you transmit a section of black, you actually send around 1500 Hz audio; white is 2700 Hz audio, with various levels in between. Old hat you say? Keep this in mind as we change to digital later.

In the analog world, the TV signal is a continuously variable voltage level. This produces a continuously variable audio signal which directly mirrors the TV picture undulations. With the advent of digital scan converters, the TV signal has been digitized. What has happened is that the signal which had virtually infinite possibilities of discrete levels between TV black and TV white, has changed. The process uses a series of voltage comparators. As the incoming signal is compared with a series of discrete voltage steps in the converter, a digital signal is generated which now represents various discrete and exact levels.

Most systems use 16 levels between TV black and TV white. There are commercial and experimental systems which use as few as 2 levels, and some which use 128 levels. The difference in the number of gray levels is a matter of taste and

use whereby more levels will result in a more faithful representation of the original analog signal. For amateur use 16 levels is good enough, being a compromise between picture quality and cost. The drawback is that you do have errors and a visible contouring in the picture. But let's deal with the digitized signal a little more.

Once the SSTV signal is in the digital form, you can do a lot with the data. A simple memory will store the picture. By varying the load and read times, you effect scan conversion, changing fast scan TV signals into slow scan "frames." With a big enough memory, commercial uses include converting one fast scan TV picture to another set of fast scan standards. This is used to translate TV pictures recorded in European or French systems, which use 50 fields and 625 or over 800 lines, to U.S. standards, which are 60 fields and 15,750 lines (actually 59.94 fields and 15,734 lines). This is how we can watch *Benny Hill* and other British programs.

Our systems, however, change this wonderful digital information back to analog for transmission. We are still tied to the wasteful f.m. audio signal which has discrete and exacting conversion of the audio to video and vice versa, even though the signal will now only have 16 specific audio tones to represent the 16 discrete steps generated by our digital scan converter (plus 1200 Hz for sync). We have eliminated all the in-between "tones," since there is no way at this time (after digitizing the signal) to generate a gray level between, say, numbers 6 and 7, since the original information has been lost in the digitizing process. We can make guesses and use fancy averaging systems to recreate more gray levels, but they are not representations of the original signal, since when you receive the 16-level picture, you do not know what the actual level that generated each level was, or how the signal was changing (rate of change or slope) at the time the sample was taken. This is called a **quantization error** and is found in all digital systems. The greater the number of levels, the smaller the quantization error. However, there is always an error, since we are converting

an infinite number of possibilities into a discrete number of actuals.

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In commercial TV we use these in-between spaces in the luminance information to insert the color signal in a clever scheme set up by the National Television Systems Committee way back in the early 1950s, which is why we call our fast scan system NTSC (also known as "Never The Same Color" by engineers who prefer the other systems which are called PAL and SECAM). But the real question is, do we really need to send all that information? The related question is, can we send more or can we send it faster?

Let's look at the digital signal as generated in the scan converter. If we decide to use 16 gray levels, we will have to set up voltage comparators which will provide 16 data bits. Each comparator will represent one step between TV black and TV white. As the incoming signal is cut into tiny packages by a clock circuit, separating the continuous signal into samples, each sample is tested by the 16 comparators. One of the comparators will decide that the sample is equal to or nearly equal to its level and produce an **ON** state. The 16 discrete comparators are added in a special circuit which reduces the 16 parallel bits into a 4-level binary number. This is because we can count to 16 (or 0 to 15) in binary using only four powers of 2 (i.e., 1111 equals 16 and 0000 equals 1).

In-between numbers are made with different binary numbers (i.e., 15 would be 1110). We could now simply transmit the binary **WORD** which represents our digitized sample, but we don't. The scan converter will take the binary word and store it, or use it to generate a new frequency in an audio generator. Here the binary word is converted back to an ana-

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log audio signal. Each binary word will generate a discrete audio tone, representing the 16 gray levels and sync. In the scan converter, sync is actually artificially generated, since there is no need to save the original sync information because it is always the same signal no matter what the video looks like. Keep this in mind when you build your TV decoder systems to watch pay TV. No matter what they do, the sync signal can always be regenerated, and thus the video restored. It is impossible to scramble a TV signal beyond recognition, since we know what the TV signal looks like, and all we have to do is tinker with the scrambled signal until we recreate what we know should be. But that's another story for another time.

Something new: If you go back and look at what happens inside the scan converter, you will find that we had the video signal reduced to 4 binary bits, or a 4-bit word. We could simply use these 4 bits to generate 4 audio tones. The only problem is a minor one: selecting 4 tones that do not produce any intermod products which would be one of the original tones (i.e., if you mix tone 1 and tone 2, they could not be allowed to produce tones 3 or 4). By detecting the 4 tones (a musical chord), you could send the 4 bits in a parallel data system. You probably would use 8 tones, since you would want to represent both 0 and 1 so as not to have a false tone appear from interference sources. But even with 8 tones, there is a savings over the 17 tones used in the analog system. Some folks would also find clever ways to use less tones by using "signature" or parity bits to eliminate false words.

But let's go back even further into the scan converter to the comparator. The basis on which the comparator works is that a specific voltage as set by a resistor divider network establishes 16 discrete voltages. As the incoming signal is sampled, each sample is compared to the reference 16 levels, and when the two are the same or nearly so, that one discrete comparator turns on. Each sample is put to 16 tests. The results then have to be changed to four "tests," which then are generated and transformed again into the audio analog signal. Wouldn't it be marvelous if there was only one comparator and only one data bit to send? *Well there is!*

The reference used for the multilevel scan converter is a discrete voltage for each level. But what we really need is a new reference to compare each sample. Then we would have only one data bit to send. The easiest way is simply to compare the first sample with the second sample, the second sample with the third, etc. Thus, each sample serves as the reference for the next sample, until we reach the end of the line of video. If we look at the TV signal, what we really need to transmit is the direction of the video from moment to moment (towards black

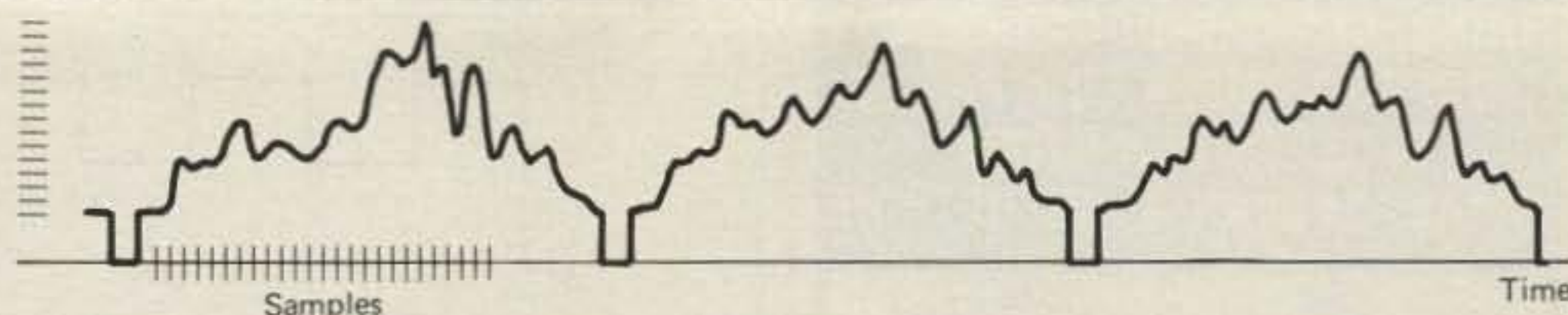


Fig. 1—A typical video line.

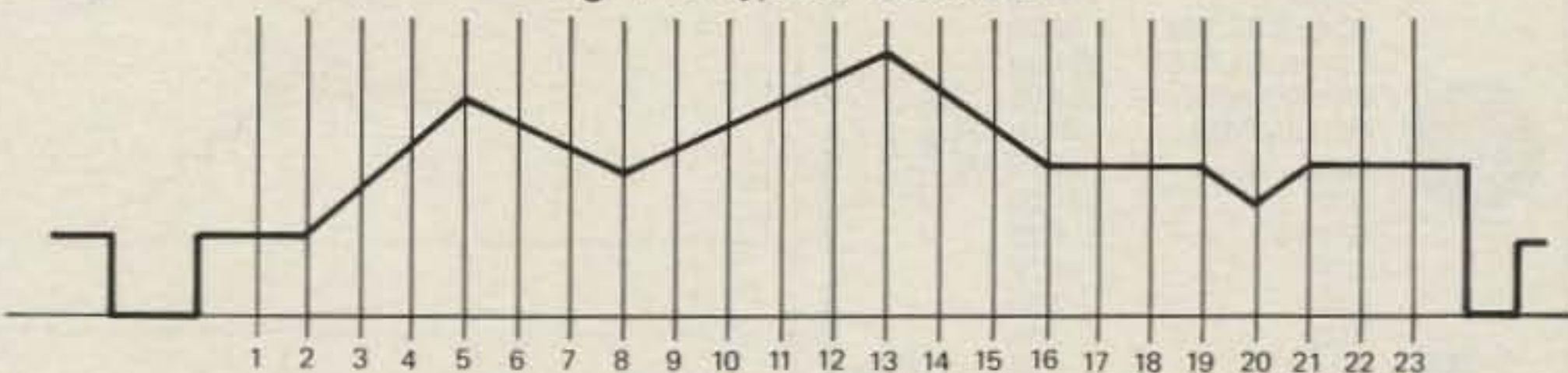


Fig. 2—For purposes of explanation, fig. 2 is a simplification of fig. 1.

or towards white) and how much. If we sample the video signal often enough, the changes from sample to sample can never be very large. The fastest and biggest changes are simultaneous.

If we have a picture which is black on the left side and white on the right side, we will send a series of samples that say there is no change, followed by a very large, quick change, followed by another series of no changes for the remainder of the white. A visual vertical grid of alternating black and white lines would be the worst case, since we would have to transmit a lot of changes, and all of these changes would be very large. But in real life, outside of test patterns, most of the TV pictures have a series of small changes between gray levels, or moderate changes from object to object. If our sample rate is fast, we can still represent these moderate changes, and with a little electronic trickery, we can even catch the big changes without too much delay. Since we are transmitting the differences between samples, or picture elements (we call these **pixels**, which stands for picture elements), let's call this **Delta Modulation**, delta being the greek letter we most often use to show a change when writing formulas and other scientific notation.

Let's look at a typical video line and how this would translate into delta modulation. Remember that all we can send is 0 and 1. Now in real life, we would have a very complex waveform as shown in fig. 1, and we would take a lot of samples per line, say 256 or 512. For discussion's sake, let's use a more easily understood waveform and less samples as in fig. 2. The principles are the same.

We see that the value of sample 1 is our start. Since it is close to black, we would send a 0. Sample 2 is a little more toward white, so we would send a 1. Sample 3 is a little more white than sample 2, so we would again send a 1. Sample 4 is a little more white than sample 3, so we would send another 1. Sample 5 is a little more white than sample 4, so we would send another 1. Sample 6 is a little less white than sample 5, so we would send a 0. And likewise for the entire line. Our

transmission would be a series of 1's and 0's which would look like this:

01111000111110000100110

When there is no change, such as at sample 17 (18 compared to sample 16), we really don't have a way of saying *no change*. To compensate for this we simply send an alternating series of 010101. Since the largest change in a series of alternating 1's and 0's is only one level, if we use enough sensitivity (i.e., each change is only a very small amount), then the effect is very small. If the changes were very large, say from full white to full black at each 0/1 alternation, we would have a terrible picture.

If we say we are going to have 64 discrete levels in our final picture, then there could not be more than 1/64th change in brightness between samples. Therefore, a little fudging by alternating 1/0 to cover an area of equal brightness is not going to be easily noticed. However, there is a small drawback. The more levels you are going to have, the more samples it will take to get from full black to full white. Since we are only stepping one gray level at a time, it would take 64 samples to go from black to white. If we had only 64 samples per line, we would have a tough time drawing a checkerboard! We would end up with a single wavy line which would never get very far from the middle of the gray scale, depending on how many samples we had; if there are 8 samples per checker square, we would have a triangular wave with 8 gray levels (of our 64) from edge to edge, and back again, something like fig. 3.

While the desired picture is that shown for the input, our average output would look like the middle line. The actual signal would consist of 8 tiny steps up and 8 down as shown in the bottom line. However, because the pixels are small and we would view the picture from a distance, we would not perceive this aspect of the system, as our eye would simply blend the points together. Also, in a simple interlace scanning system the alternate lines on the display would be slightly offset and would provide an intermediate

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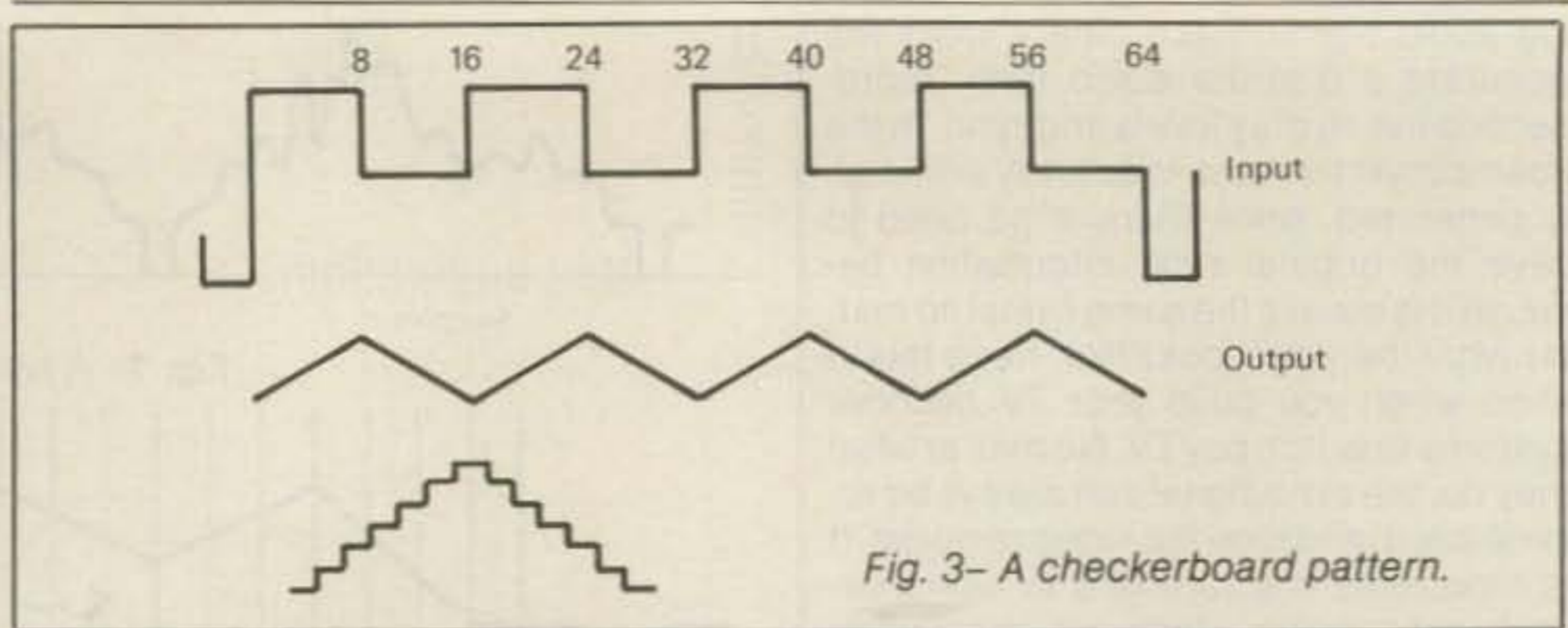


Fig. 3- A checkerboard pattern.

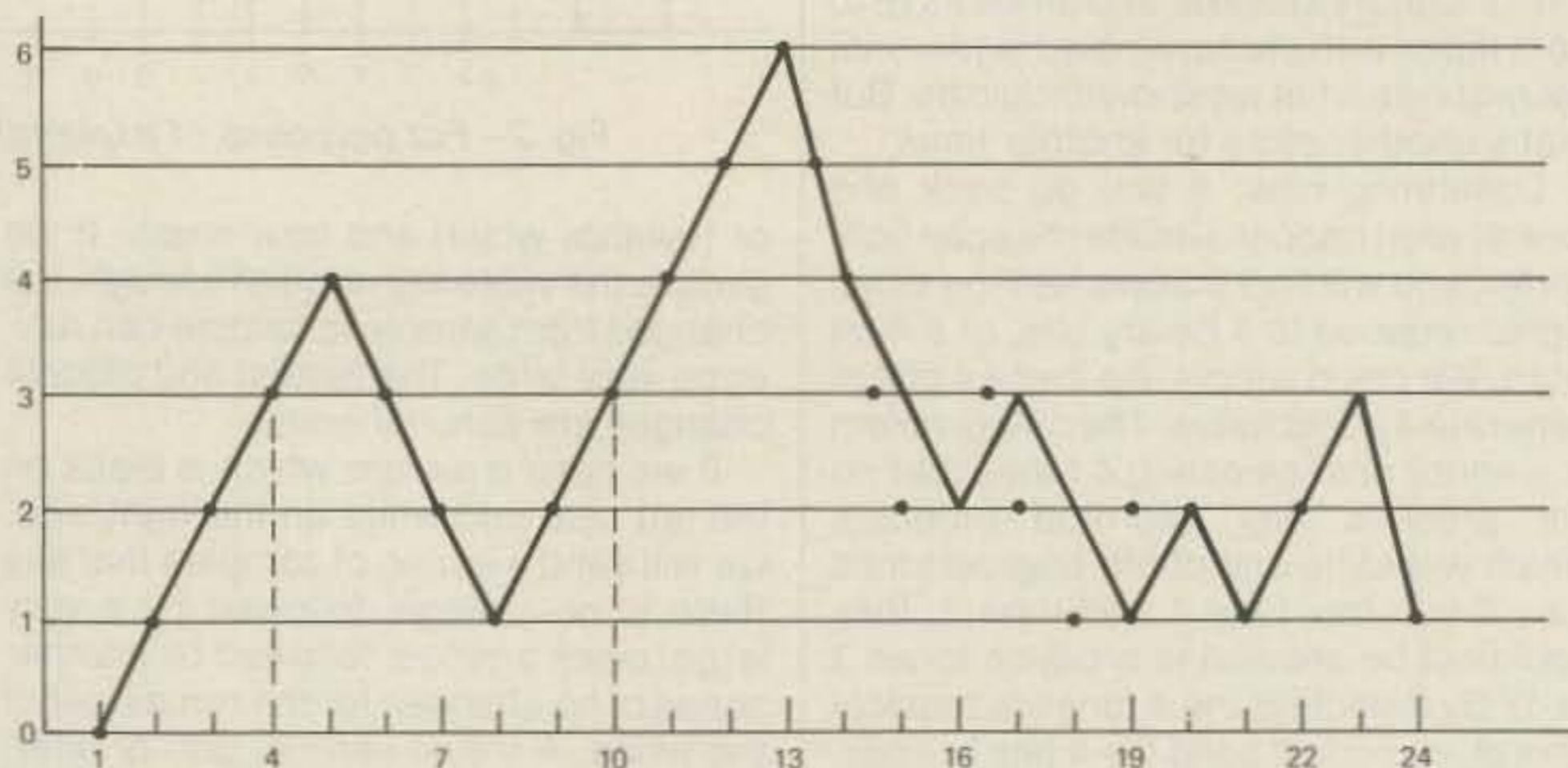


Fig. 4- A simple data train showing various samples with respect to gray levels. Details are explained in the text.

level as the two adjacent lines are visually merged, giving a smooth appearance. While this might be acceptable for a low-contrast picture, it is obvious that it adds a severe distortion to our checkerboard.

We could take more samples, say divide each of the 64 samples into 64 smaller samples ( $64 \times 64$ ), but this would create a very high data rate. We could also reduce the number of steps, say from 64 to 16, or 8, or 2. Each would provide a better and better reproduction of the desired picture. Since the checkerboard only has two gray levels, we could use a two-level video switch and we would have perfect replication of the gray levels. But when we change to another scene, with more information at more gray levels, we would have to change back to smaller steps. Now how can we do that?

If we examine the data train from our first example, you will notice that we have no difficulty following a gradual change. Samples 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, through 15 would faithfully reproduce the waveform when reconverted from zeros and ones to the waveform. But what happens at sample 20? Depending on whether the flat area ahead of the 20th sample ends in a zero or a one, we either have a continued sawtooth, or a bump or bigger valley. What we need is a way of determining if the data series is actually following the data, or trying to catch up with the line. Let's look at a simple problem using the same line and give values to the various gray

levels. We'll use 7 levels for simplicity.

Sample one is level 0.

Sample two is level 1.

Sample three is level 2.

Sample four is level 3.

Sample five is level 4.

Sample six is level 3, etc.

It changes our 0s and 1s as shown in fig. 4.

If we compare our generated waveform with the original waveform, we find that for the most part it follows rather well. When we get to the smaller details, the reconstructed waveform begins to depart from the original because of the quantization errors. From this we can see that the sample rate must be larger than the waveform to be reproduced. In commercial scan conversion and frame store units, a sample rate of three times the color subcarrier is used, as this is the minimum Nyquist sample rate required to reproduce the cyclical waveform. Because of the large number of samples and high frequency rates used in fast scan TV, a sample rate of four times the subcarrier frequency also works well. A sample rate that is much higher than the frequency of the detail is unnecessary, as you are only generating unnecessary bits and using a lot more hardware.

From all of this we can rationalize that the sample rate will be about three times the highest frequency we intend to reproduce. Thus, if we want to reproduce 64 bits per line, we need a sample rate that is  $64 \times 3$ , or 192 bits or samples per line.



However, we can cheat a bit with a little simple math.

For large changes we need either a very fast sample rate or large changes in reproduced level (larger steps). If we use large steps we end up with a severe contour artifact, since there are not enough intermediate levels of gray to produce a pleasing picture. Here is where our trick math system comes into play.

If you look back at the binary numbers that represented the delta or change in video level, you will notice that there is a basic pattern. As the change increases, the number of 1's increases, or the number of serial 0's increases. We can add a code recognition circuit which will count the number of series 1's or 0's. If there are three 1's or three 0's in a row, the counting circuit can say, "There is a large change here." We can now use our earlier binary system to do a little work.

If the change is large, there is going to be a series of the same numbers. If the number series is constantly trying to keep up, saying more more more in the same direction, we can accomplish the same change by using a new counting system—binary. Let's call this **Delta Delta**, since it represents a change in the rate of change—DD for short. When the incoming data says 111 or 000, the "rate" finder will double the rate. Now we are taking twice the amount of gray-level change for each successive 1. Four 1's would give us a 6 level change. If we had another series of three 1's, we would double the gray-scale change again, or 4 levels for each 1. The same is true for going in the other direction with a series of 0's. Now we can accommodate large changes in gray level at a faster rate of change without increasing our data rate.

Our sample rate has not changed, so our amount of data to be transmitted has stayed the same. What *has* changed is the amount of change the data represents. If the series of numbers is alternating, then we know we are at or near the right level, since we know that alternating 1's and 0's are moving our representation only up and down by one gray level. We can now look again at a series of three incoming data bits and say that whenever the data bits alternate 010 or 101, we can ignore the changes and generate a flat area in the waveform. It would take a 001 or 110 to move up or down one level. The numbers are not alternating, and they are not a series of three of the same number.

With a little math trickery, we can now represent the waveform a little better with no increase in data. A 000 or 111 means a great change (double the rate of change), 001 or 110 means move up or down one, and 010 or 101 means stay the same. We can now use these three "words" to control the reproduction with more precision than our original 1 equals up and 0 equals down.

The last consideration is where do we

start. The first data sample for a video line has no relationship to the last data sample from the previous line—not if we use the same scanning system we are used to. The usual scanning form is to start at the left side of the picture, go to the right, return to the left, and start over again. But in a digital world we have no need for this. It is much more likely that the adjacent lines in a picture are related vertically, rather than horizontally from end to end, since they are adjacent picture elements, not elements at opposite ends of the scan line. So why not reverse the scan line? Line one is scanned right as we normally do; line two is scanned left in the

opposite direction. We can now use our same comparator to look at the last bit (the far right) of line one and the first bit (at the far right) of line two. We now maintain our same comparison for an entire frame; each pixel is compared to the previous pixel.

At the start of a frame we have no real idea of where to start. The first pixel of the first line is not related to the previous frame unless we are sending still pictures. However, the purpose of reducing the amount of data required to send one picture is to be able to send the pictures faster, which affords motion! Now in any analog video display, such as your CRT,



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duced at the top of the picture between the time we started and the time we got back. If we reverse scan vertically, we double the amount of time between scans over the same spot at the top of the screen.

We can put this time to good use. After we send a "go to the top and start over again" sync pulse (vertical sync), we can

send a little data. In fast scan TV we already do this. After the vertical sync pulses, but before the start of the active picture, we insert all sorts of information. This information is in the form of various test signals such as **VIR** (Vertical Interval Reference), **VITS** (Vertical Interval Test Signals), and lately, closed captioning, which prints out the text at the bottom of the screen for hearing-impaired viewers.

We can also insert some intelligence into the same time period. We will send a "look ahead" or "peek" at the first bit of digital video. What we need is a simple binary word which tells us where to start. If we continue the same 16 gray levels used in analog slow scan, we need only a 4-bit binary word to tell us from what level to start counting. If we need more gray levels, we simply use a bigger "peek" word. If we make an arbitrary start, we might be right or dead wrong. If we always start from video black, and the real picture is video white, we will be completely wrong, and vice versa. It will take as many data bits as gray level error to catch up to the first pixel, and by then we will be partway across the screen and always behind until the video and data cross or meet somewhere towards the middle. If we always start at the middle gray level, we will be starting closer, but only once in a while will it be right. So let's use the "peek" system to get started at the right point.

So there you have it: a way to send SSTV with a faster frame rate, less spectrum, since we are only sending one data bit per pixel, and our replica will be close to the original. To summarize, let's pick a few numbers and start experimenting. Let's continue to use 16 gray levels. This will keep our data sample rate within reason. We need only 5 bits to go from full black to full white. We will use a series "detector" to keep track of the data trend, looking for 111, 000, 100, 001, 110, 011, 010, and 101. We will use reverse scanning on alternate lines so there is a better chance of having a small error or no error on the first bit of each line. Let's use 64 or 128 pixels per line to further keep with current SSTV standards before we settle on "optimized" rates, and let's use RTTY shift keying (FSK or AFSK) so we can use existing hardware to detect the two signal states (0 and 1) and stay within current bandwidths.

Since this new system is not listed in the FCC annals, we will have to get some STA's to use it on the air. However, we can work on it "closed circuit" or with intermediate conversion to ASCII or such on the air. With higher data rates such as that used for Packet radio, it should be possible to have motion at rates of 2 or 4 frames per second within voice bandwidth, and perhaps as high as 8 frames per second using the medium scan bandwidth as used by Don Miller, W9NTP, and others working in this same arena.

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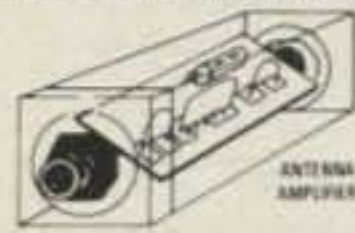
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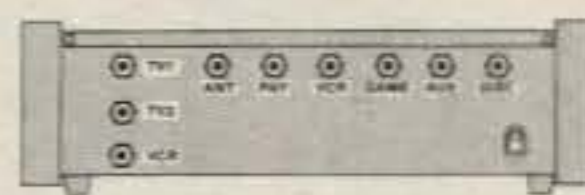
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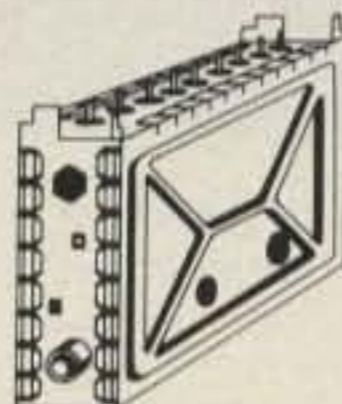
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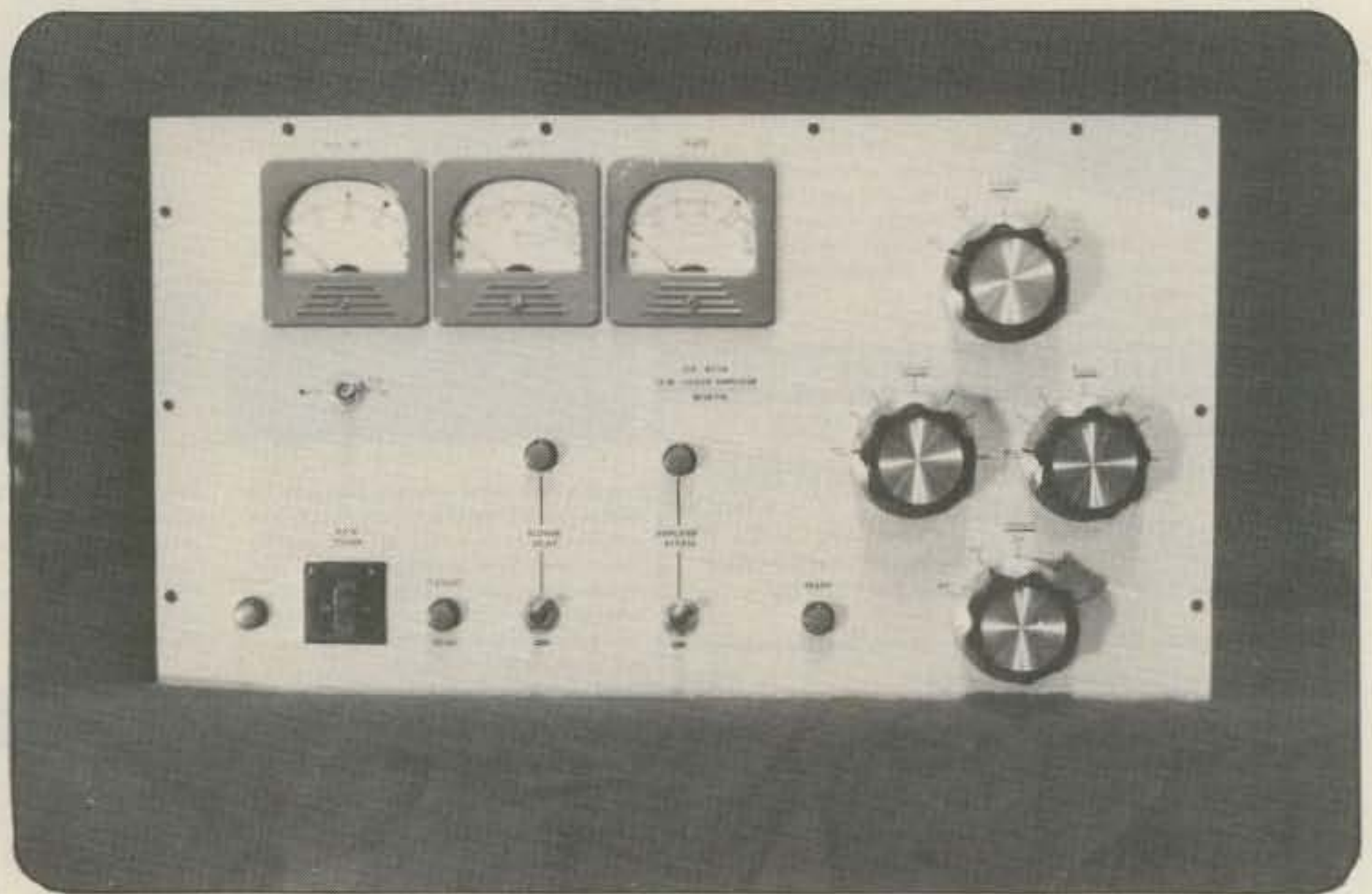
# How To Build The DX-811A All-Band Linear Amplifier

BY F.T. MARCELLINO\*, W3BYM

This project began in the summer of 1981 at a hamfest held at the Howard County Fairgrounds in Maryland. I purchased a real treasure that day for the grand sum of \$15—a DX-100. The seller, sensing a fish on the hook, quickly loaned me his wheel cart for hauling my 100-pound purchase. For those of you too young to remember, the DX-100 was a real workhorse a.m., c.w. transmitter introduced about 1956 by Heathkit, and featuring 15 tubes, including a pair of 6146's in the final and a welded No. 16 gauge copper-plated steel chassis. The painted steel cabinet used double-lapped joint construction, giving excellent rigidity and r.f. screening.

I had no intention of restoring the old rig, but the idea of designing another linear amplifier using that enormous chassis, panel, and cabinet was an appealing challenge. Besides these three parts, the old rig contributed many high-quality components to the new project. These included brass panel bushings, shaft couplings, one E.F. Johnson plate tuning capacitor, ceramic tube sockets, and several pre-bent partitions.

Work began immediately by completely stripping the chassis and sorting the useful components. As the hours passed, I often thought of how I would have given my eyeteeth to own this rig in the mid-50s. But my thoughts soon turned to visions of replacing my trusty SB-220 with another homebrew linear, this being my third. You may ask, why would anyone want to replace the SB-220, especially when it's paid for and is such a good performer? The answer is simple to understand if you are a practical-minded, serious homebrewer. My old linear has fulfilled my station requirements admirably, while I've spent non-operating hours collecting information and components to eventually produce a linear of my own. In my case, this time spanned three years and the



Front-panel view of the DX-811A amplifier. The unit shown out of its cabinet is quite professional in appearance and bears no resemblance to its noble ancestry.

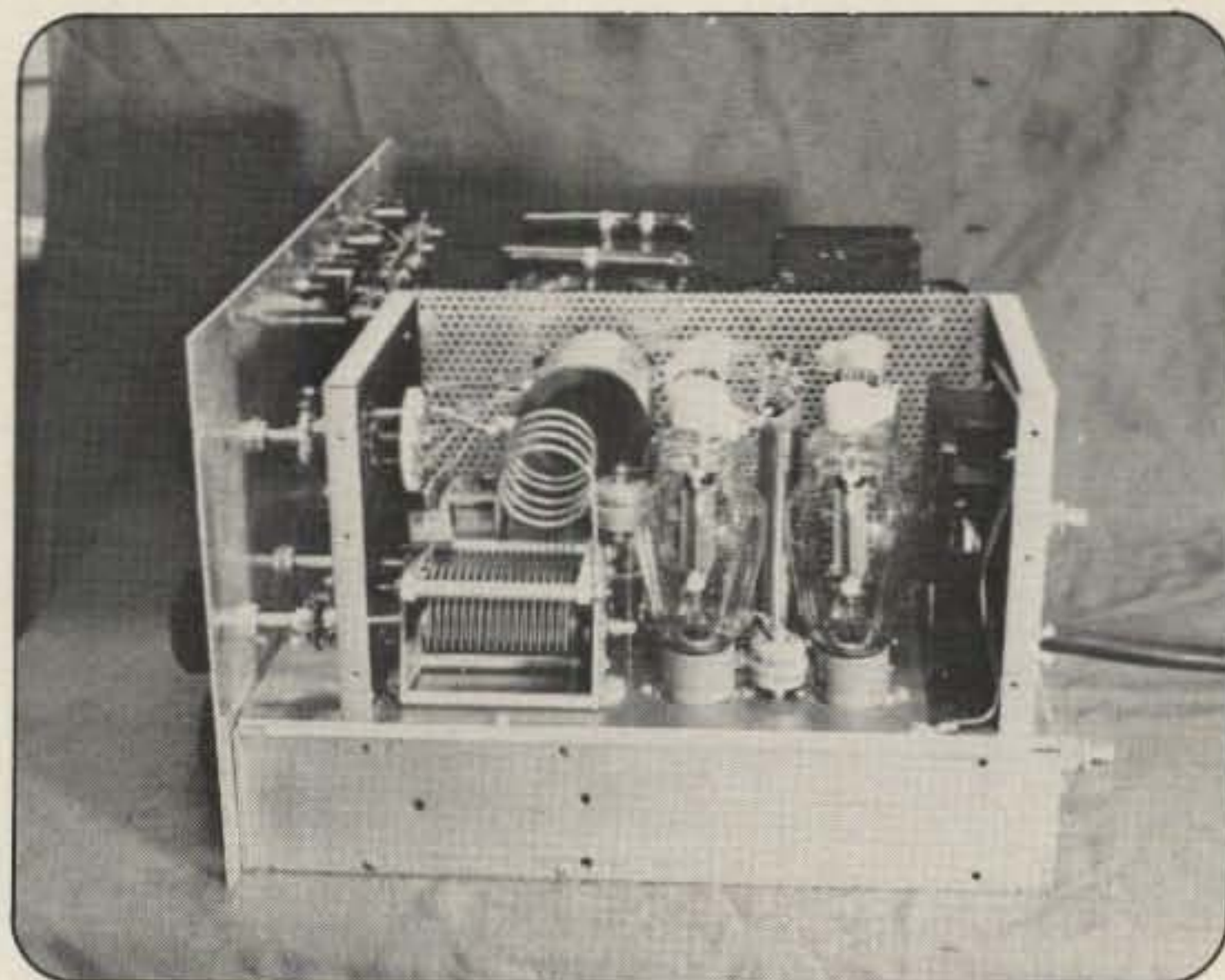
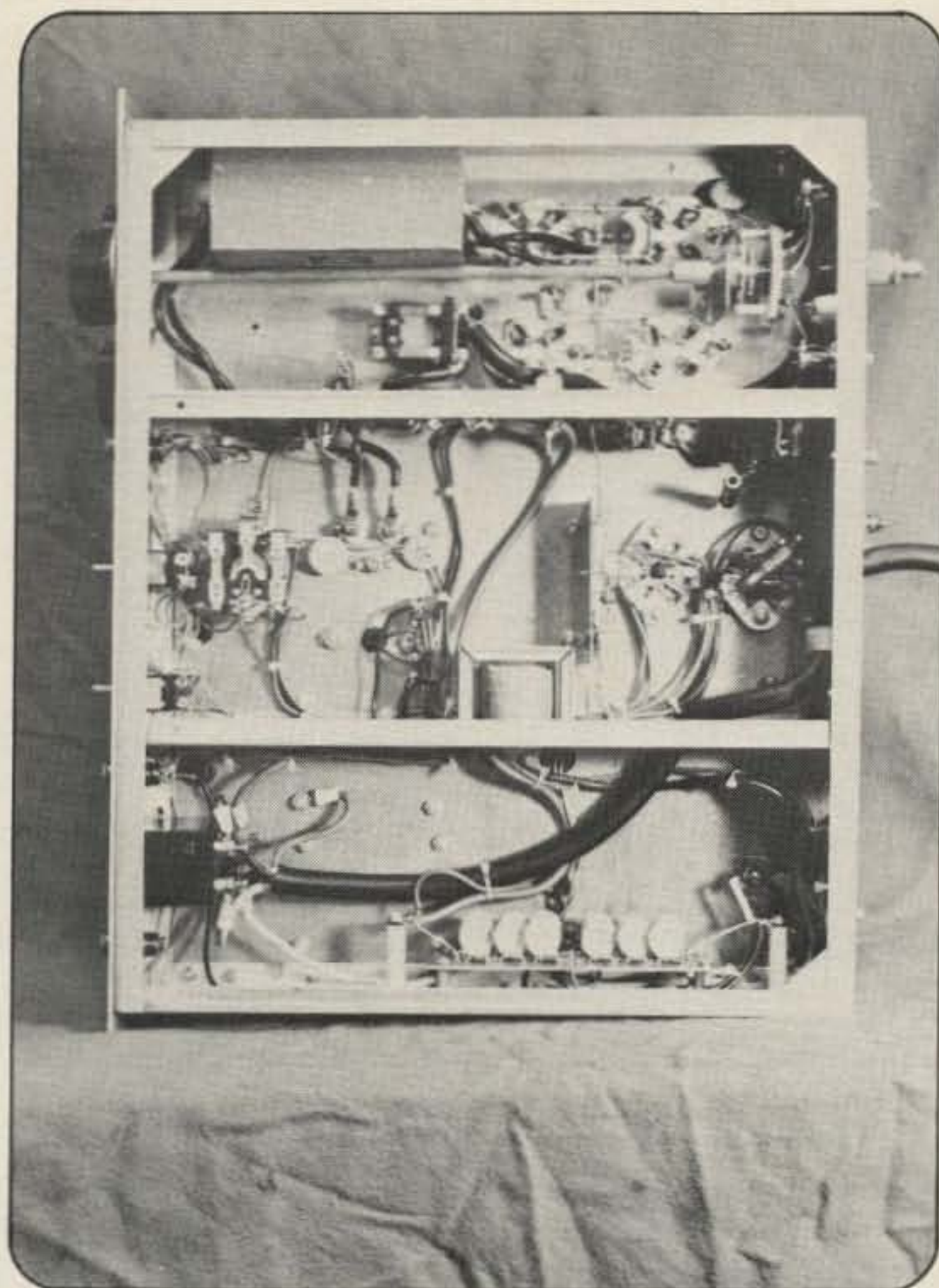
completion of the third linear. On the economic side, think of the replacement cost of just one 3-500Z—a mere \$125.

The new project presented many mind-boggling problems, with the most perplexing being what to do with all those chassis and front-panel holes. The excess chassis holes were simple to deal with. I just discarded the top plate and replaced it with a solid aluminum sheet. The front panel, as you can see in the photos, is original. Many of the holes were retained, some new ones were drilled, and some were filled. Filling of the unused holes was treated like repairing a dent in a car's fender. I first applied pieces of metallized tape to the back of each hole; this provided electrical contact to the chassis front and a base for the Liquid Solder™. A flat washer was placed in each hole along with a small amount of solder. Allowing the solder to dry as indicated by the instructions and then sanding and using additional applications as needed produced a very smooth surface.

The major goal in the design and construction of this project was to produce a quality 1 kw d.c. input linear amplifier having good reliability using affordable tubes and components. Early in the design phase I established these minimum requirements: (1) 1 kw d.c. input using 811A tubes, (2) filament inrush protection, (3) rectifier transient protection, (4) filament warm-up delay, (5) amplifier bypass capability, (6) simultaneous metering of the plate current, grid current, and HV, (7) blower delay and speed option, (8) lamp indicators for all vital functions, and (9) tuned input circuits. Some of these features are incorporated into commercial linears, but many are not because of added cost and size in the final product. These reasons become low priority to the homebrewer who has access to hamfests and other swap sources for his components, along with the imagination to design whatever he desires.

In this project the power transformer (Berkshire 6181) is rated at 600 v.a., and

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Side view showing r.f. output section.

Bottom view showing the three major compartments. Top, r.f. input circuitry; middle, low-voltage power supply and control circuits; bottom, rectifier stack and primary switching.

when rectified and filtered, it produces a compatible voltage of 1540 v.d.c. for the 811A's. I would also stress the use of a filament transformer having 25% additional current capacity. Also, buy a healthy quantity of .01 uF disc ceramic bypass capacitors rated at 1 kv. For this project I used 30 of the 1 kv type and another dozen of the 50 v.d.c. variety. If you want to keep power lines clean of r.f., bypass capacitors and r.f. chokes are mandatory. Complete your circuit diagrams and chassis layout designs, and then prepare a shopping list. Carry the list with you to a hamfest or on friendly visits to other ham shacks. You never know when one ham's junk will be your treasure.

In my project the power supply shown in fig. 1 is comprised of three transformers with their primaries connected for 220 v.a.c. operation. All circuitry is protected with the front-panel dual circuit breaker which doubles as the main power switch. Relay K1 and its contacts in parallel with a 75 ohm 10 watt resistor form the necessary inrush current protection. All secondary voltages reach full power in about 4 seconds after simultaneous closure of CB1 and CB2. The rectifier stack is conventional with equalization resistors and transient bypass capacitors. I recommend using the Radio Shack No. 276-170 circuit board for mounting all the rectifier components.

The filters are likewise conventional

with a pair of center-tapped 25K ohm 50 watt resistors used for voltage equalization and bleeders. Notice that I mounted these resistors on top of the capacitors. They normally run very warm, producing heat that will escape through the cabinet top and not affect other parts. One additional tap was added to the bleeder string about 5K ohms above B- for HV metering. The B- is raised above chassis ground by the 10 ohm 10 watt resistor and bypassed with a .01 uF capacitor. This point now becomes the amplifier's high-voltage return via the plate current meter.

The r.f. amplifier section is shown in the circuit diagram of fig. 2. This circuit uses many conventional features and one that surprisingly isn't found on many 811A amplifiers. The grids are hardwired to chassis ground, thus improving plate-to-cathode isolation with true grounded grid operation. Most of the circuits I reviewed use bypass capacitors from grids to ground which lift the grids off d.c. ground for biasing purposes. This is an acceptable method for r.f. grounding the grids and provides a means of supplying external cutoff bias to the tubes.

I selected the Zener diode method of bias because it is easy to install in the center tap circuit of the filament transformer and provides the necessary operating bias, which is again not used on many 811A amplifiers. *Caution:* If no bias

is used, the resting plate current will be 150 ma for the four tubes. When the amplifier is keyed up and tuned for full power, the tubes will reach full plate dissipation capability very rapidly, as evidenced by glowing red plates even with maximum blower cooling. Maximum output power will be attainable, but the tube plates will literally deform and eventually fail with repeated use.

My bias circuit, which isn't new, uses a 10 watt Zener diode having a value of 4.7 v.d.c. and a 50K ohm 10 watt resistor for biasing the four tubes. This circuit is located in fig. 3. The voltage drop across the Zener plus the drop across the resistor provide cutoff bias, frequently called standby bias. This level is reduced to operating Zener bias only when K2 is closed by the VOX signal.

As shown in the rear panel photo, the biasing components are attached to a universal PC board which is supported by the grid meter terminals. The Zener diode is not mounted on this board, but rather is placed directly underneath on the main chassis using insulating washers.

In the event that abnormally high plate current is allowed to flow, the Zener will be protected by the series fuse. This could occur if the amplifier is overdriven before the final tank circuit is in resonance. With the fuse blown, the biasing circuit would be open-circuited, allowing plate current to flow through the tubes

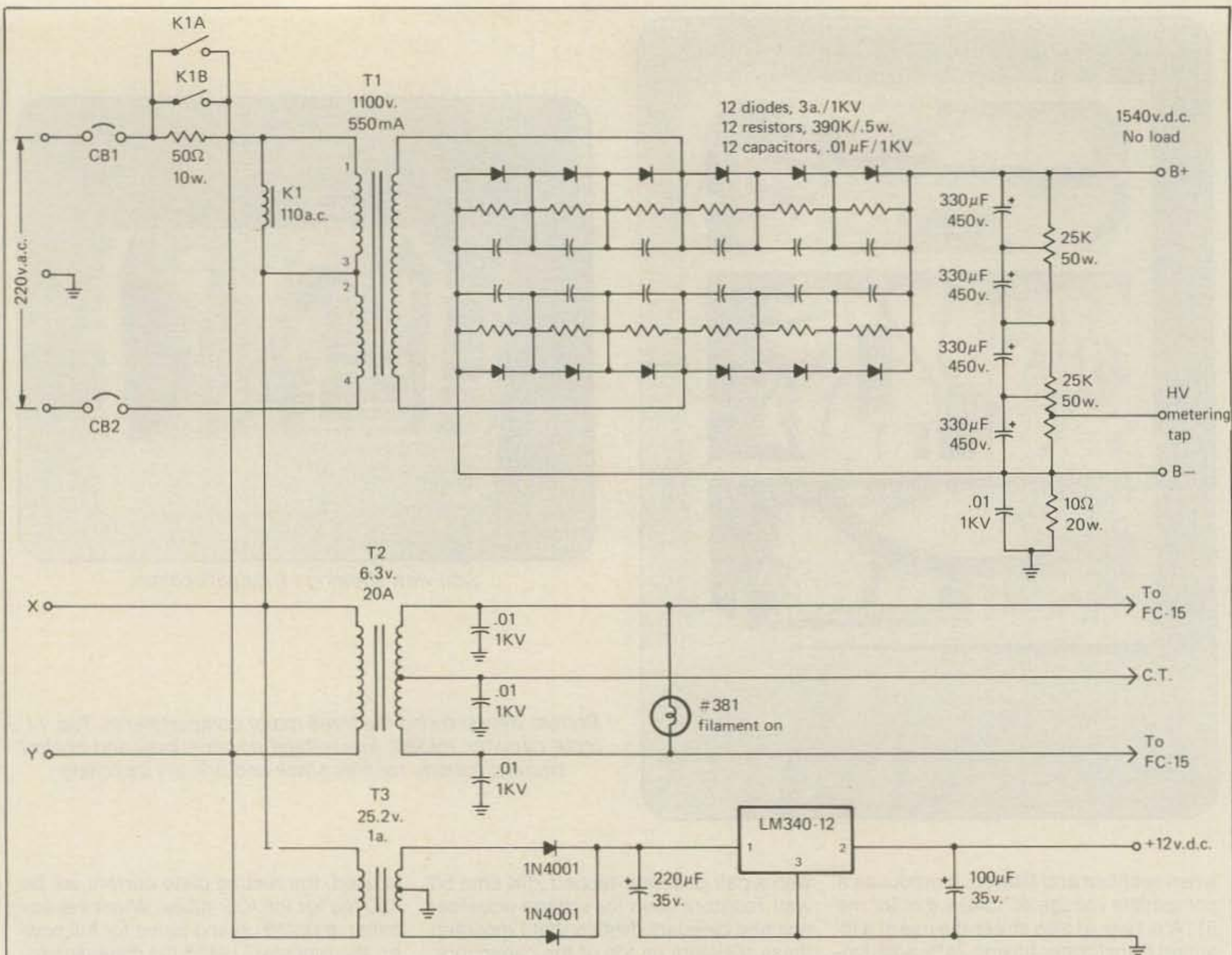
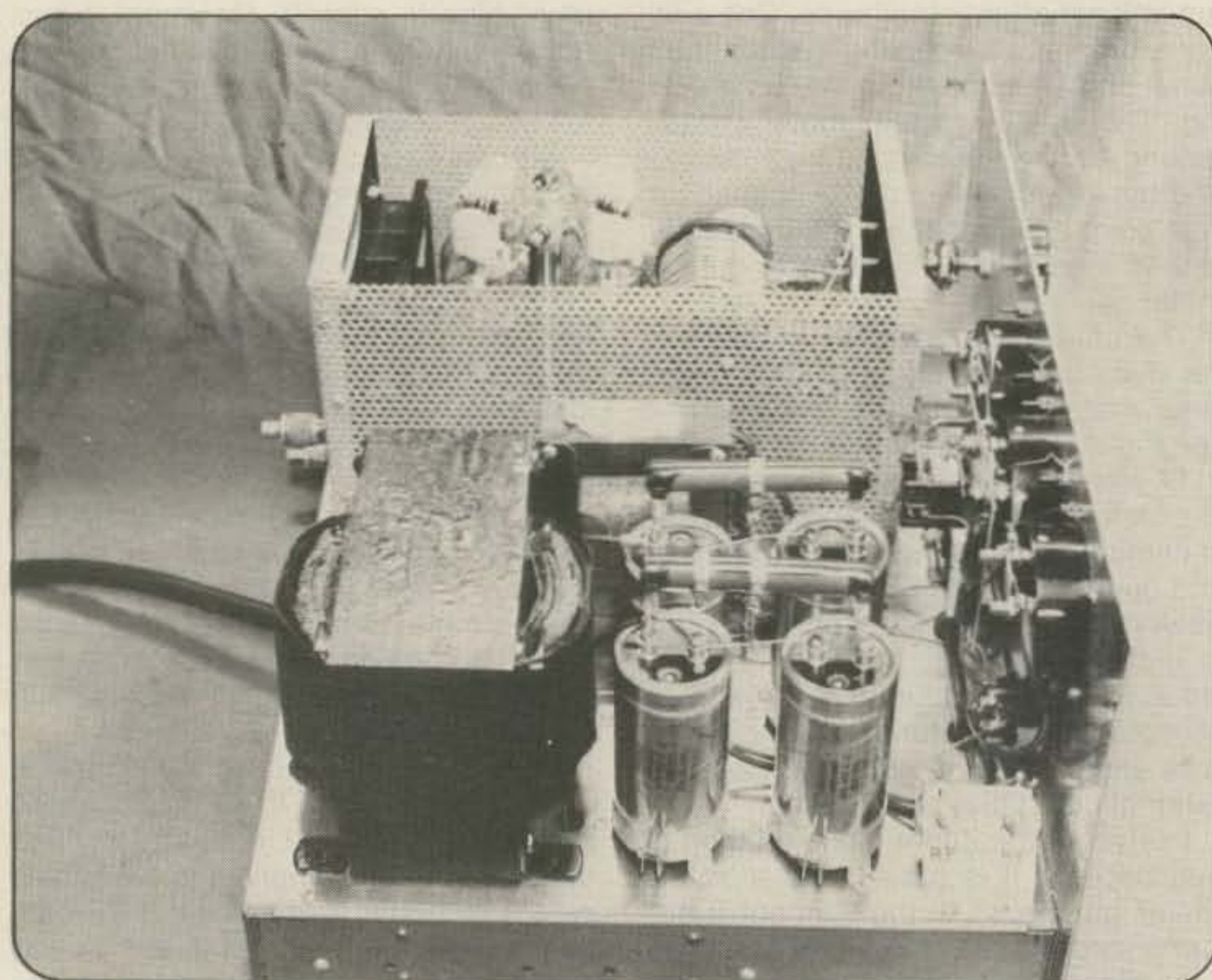


Fig. 1- Power supply circuits for the DX-811A amplifier. Details are described in the text.



Side view showing high-voltage section, r.f. and HV calibration controls.

in their idle state. This condition would not be indicated by the plate current meter because it likewise would be open-circuited by the blown fuse.

To prevent the occurrence of what has just been explained, I installed a protective resistor in parallel with the Zener and fuse having a value of 10K ohms and 10 watts. This resistor is ineffective with a working Zener/fuse circuit, but will supply the necessary protective bias in the unlikely event of a blown fuse.

Filament current is fed through a commercial, shielded r.f. choke which is rated at 15 amps. Although the four tubes draw a total of 16 amps from the 20 amp transformer, the extra one amp is easily dissipated by the choke.

The dimensions for L6 and L7 were taken directly from the *Radio Handbook* by Bill Orr (21st edition, Editors Engineers, Div. of Howard W. Sams & Co., pp. 22.6-22.8). The only problem I encountered was with 10 meters and my 350 pF tuning capacitor. To resonate the coil I had to short one turn of L6 using a piece of braid. The reason for this was the additional capacity of the four tubes adding to the large tuning capacitance.

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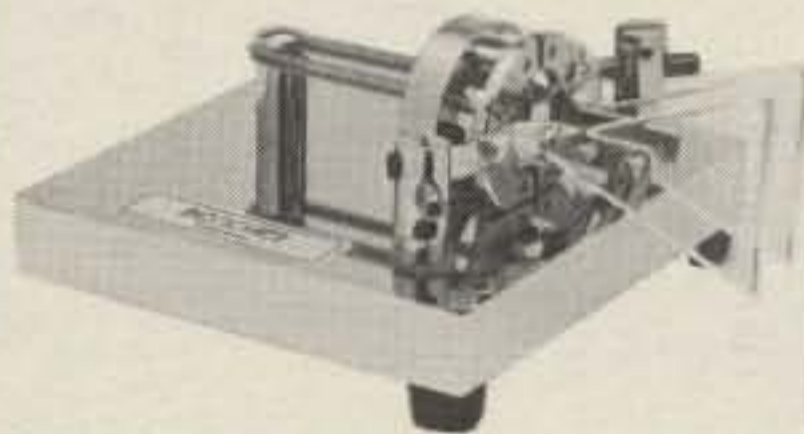
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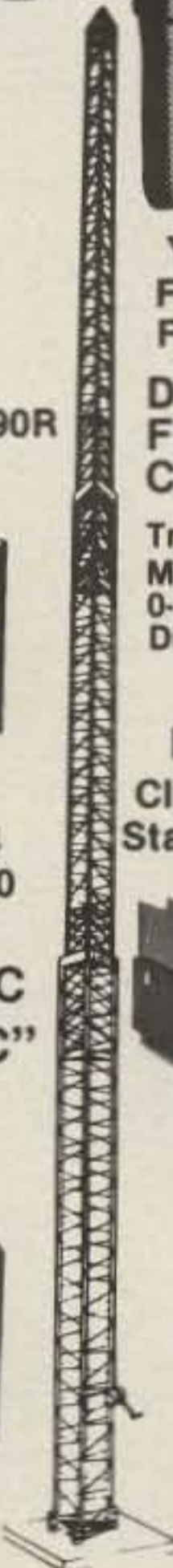
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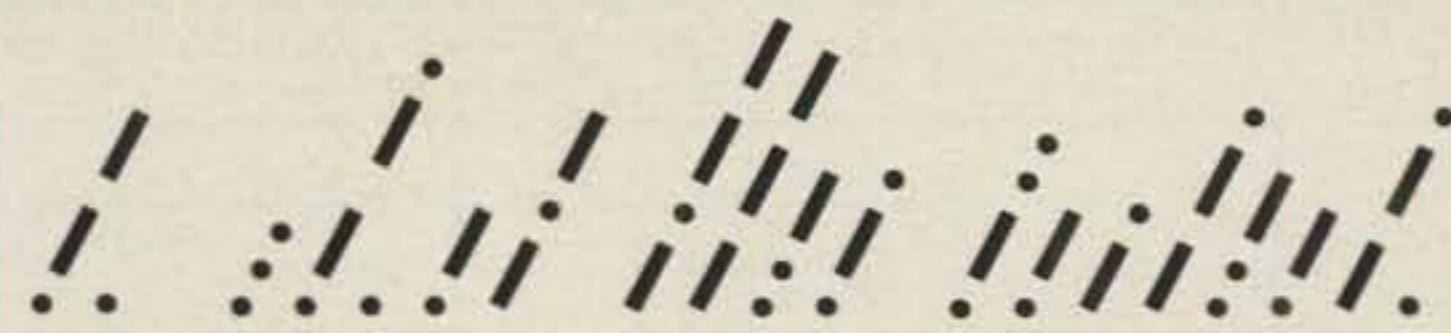
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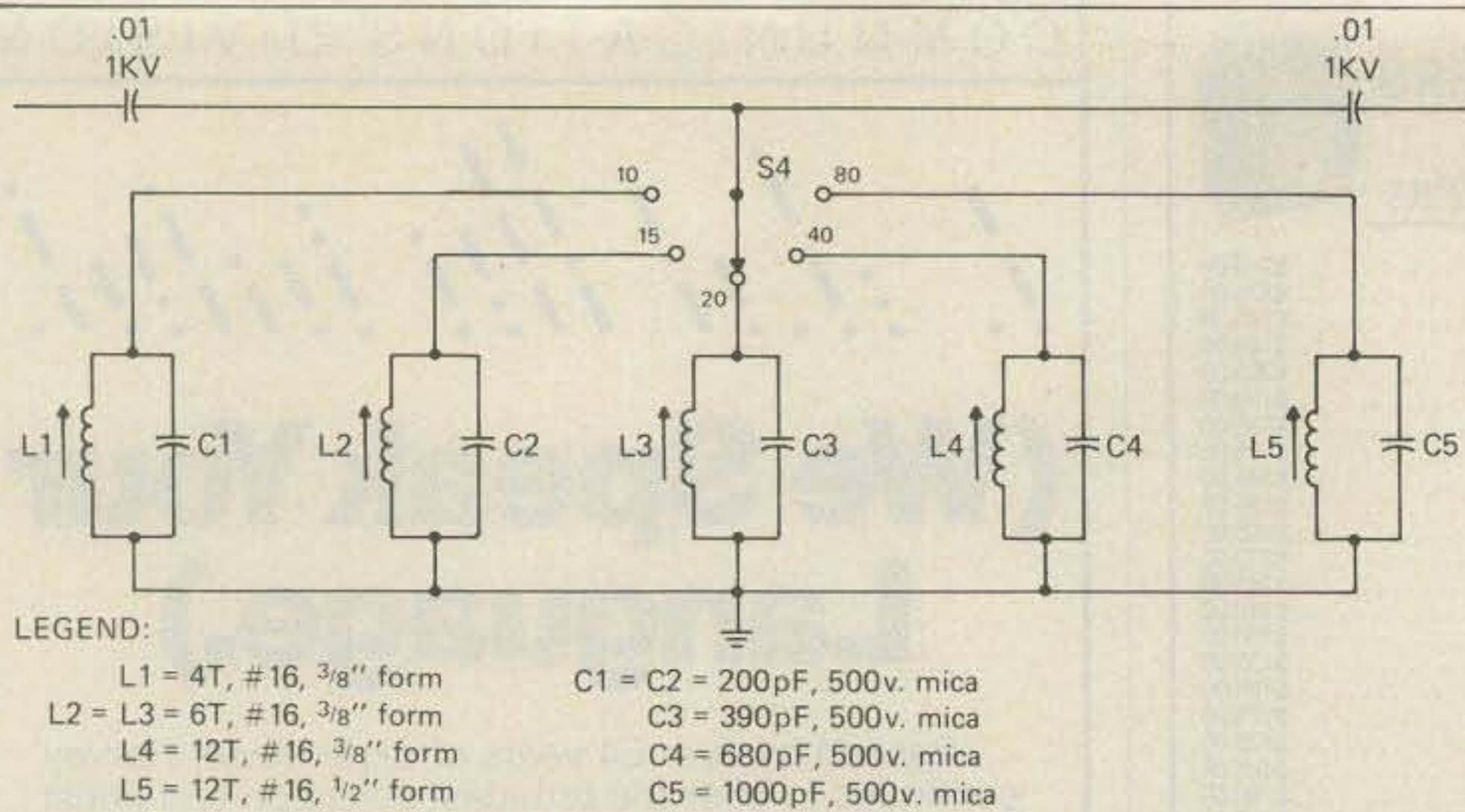


Fig. 4—Tuned input circuitry. Slug-tuned phenolic coil forms are used for L1 through L5.

Placement of the taps on L7 was the last operation performed on the linear. There are several factors which should be considered when this is done. I highly recommend the use of a calibrated dip meter to aid in correct placement of the taps. Although I have stated the number of turns for each band, these values will only hold for this linear. Chances are your layout and/or capacitances will be different, presenting new situations. But let's ignore these differences for now, because the procedure will be the same. Place all tubes in their sockets with completed plate circuits connected. Then connect a 50 ohm dummy load using one of the following methods: connect to the output r.f. connector and close K5A/B by nonelectrical means, or connect to the top of the 1500 pF loading capacitor. Place the input and output band selectors to the same band—say 40 meters. Set the loading and tuning capacitors near the center of their ranges. Using the dip meter, find the exact tap point. You will have to rotate both capacitors to resonate the inductors. If your antenna is close to a 50 ohm system, these same settings will also provide maximum r.f. transfer. The other band taps are located in a similar fashion.

The input circuits should be peaked at this time. The values for L1-L5 and C1-C5 can be found in fig. 4. I used phenolic instead of ceramic forms for all the inductors. The ceramic forms resonated okay, but produced a much smaller notch. All coils are slug tuned and have closely wound inductors using enamel-coated wire.

The two welded main chassis partitions provided many mounting holes that were used to hold various components, tie strips, and relays. One additional hole had to be drilled for the HV ceramic feedthrough. This hole was difficult to install, but by using progressive drill sizes and working from both sides of the partition, it soon became the required 3/8 inch diameter. The HV feed line is brought to one side of the feedthrough, and the other side picks up with RFC Z-50 to the second

feedthrough. Notice the use of bypass capacitors on the tube sockets and HV line. In addition, notice the use of solid No. 12 bus wire connecting the filament pins in a symmetrical arrangement.

All components used in the r.f. output meter circuit, except for the calibration pot, are mounted in the output compartment. The rectified signal is conducted down through a feedthrough located near the rear of the loading capacitor on the chassis top.

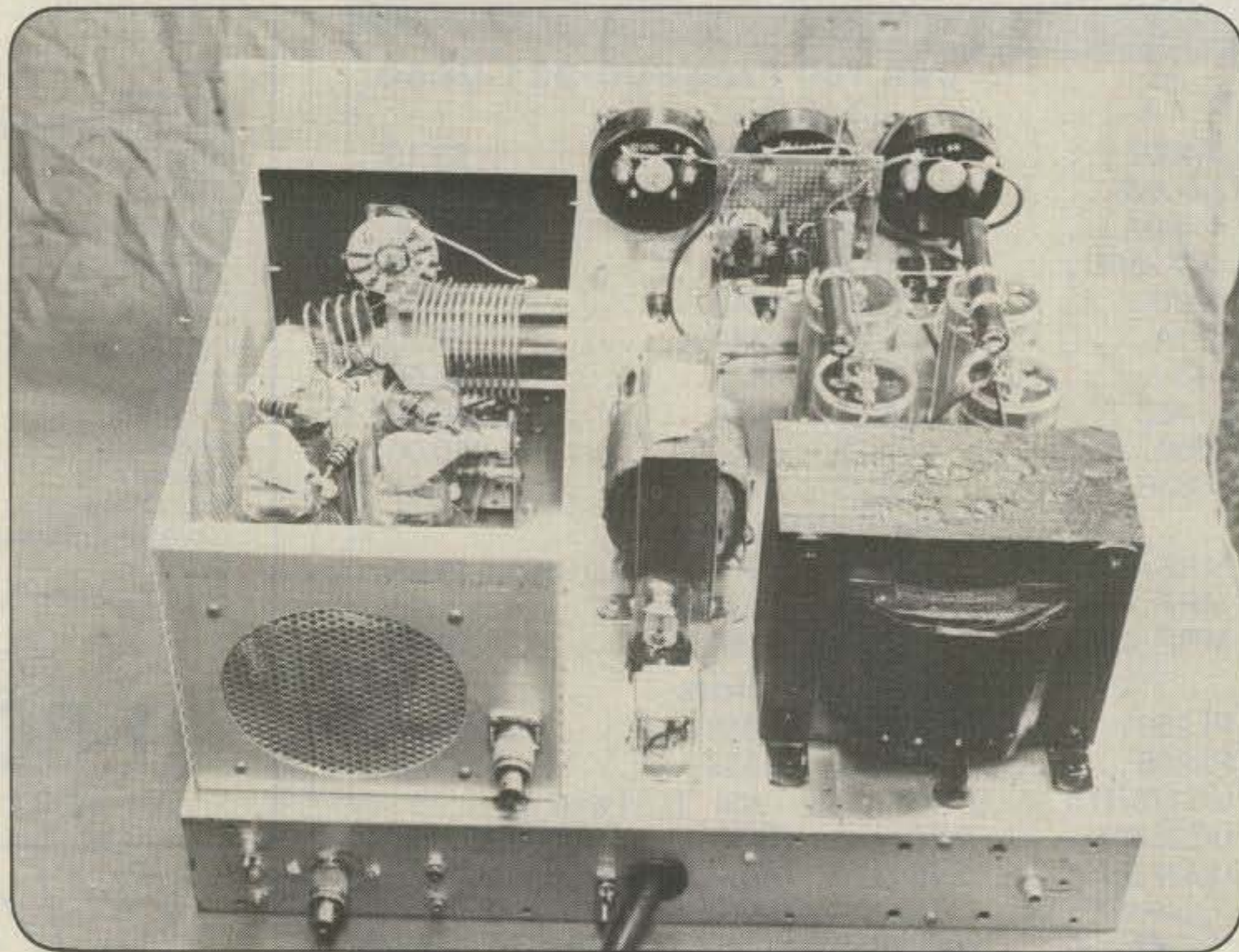
The amplifier control circuit is shown along with the previously explained bias circuit in fig. 3. Vital functions are initiated by the transceiver's VOX signal. If amplifier bypass is required, S1A/B when switched ON will indicate the event by lighting a lamp and opening the VOX line. After initial turn-on via CB1 and CB2, the amplifier cannot be placed on line until the time delay relay has closed. This

forces a needed warm-up time for the 811A filaments. When time delay contacts 5 and 7 close after the nominal 1 minute waiting period, K3 will close. This event is automatic and will be indicated by the transfer of the standby to ready lamp. The amplifier is now ready to be tuned once the transceiver closes the VOX line to ground.

The blower control circuit that I used has some interesting features. I wanted to eliminate or reduce the annoying blower noise, especially when the linear was sitting at idle with zero plate current. Additionally, I wanted full blower operation to commence automatically with the VOX signal. I did try complete blower elimination during standby, but with such close tube proximity the tube filaments produced undesirable heat concentrations.

After some experimentation I finalized the circuit that is shown in fig. 5. The blower delay circuit is actuated when S3A/B is in the ON position. With this condition set, the blower will turn at about one-half speed because of the series 250 ohm 10 watt resistor. Yes, the resistor will get warm, so be careful where you mount it. When the amplifier is initially turned on, the standby delay ON lamp will indicate this event.

When the amplifier's ready lamp comes ON and the VOX signal grounds Z, the 555 timer is triggered, closing K4, providing full power to the blower, and turning off the blower delay lamp. The 555 is wired in a negative trigger monostable circuit. Its output will stay in the second state as long as Z is momentarily grounded within the delay period. In other words, the blower will be running at a low, quiet speed until the VOX line is keyed.



Rear view, r.f. cage top not installed, showing thermal and surge relays (center, rear of chassis) and screened blower input. The input tuned circuits are nested around the r.f. input connector. VOX input is on right side of chassis.

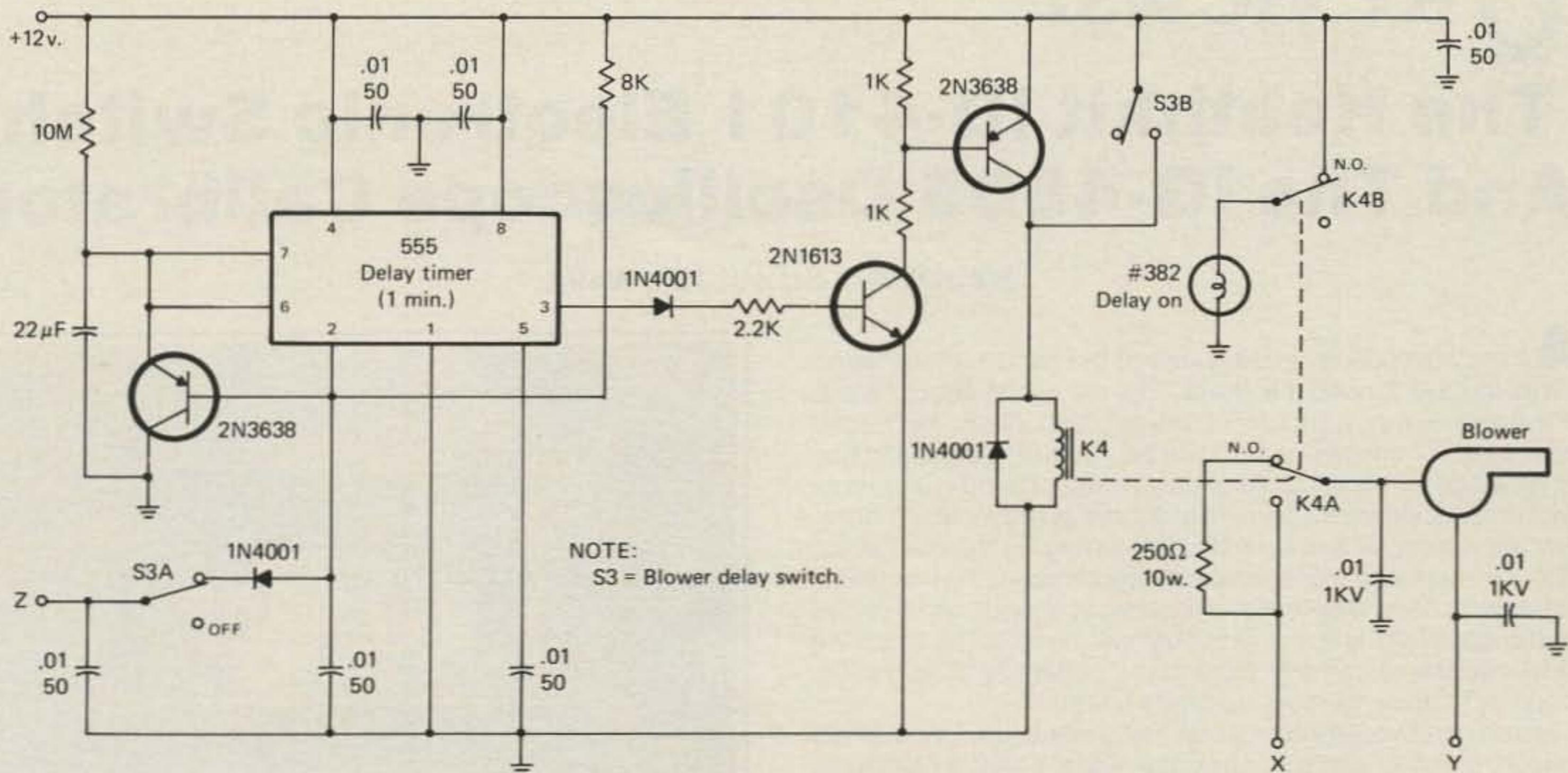


Fig. 5- Blower delay circuitry.

Then full blower operation will start

## The Heathkit ID-4101 Electronic Switch And The IG-4505 Oscilloscope Calibrator

BY JOHN J. SCHULTZ\*, W4FA

An oscilloscope is certainly one of the handiest test instruments to have around the shack. The old cliché about "a picture being worth a thousand words" can easily be turned around into "a scope presentation being worth a thousand meter readings." Following the general trend of good quality hobbyist test equipment becoming available at reasonable prices, new oscilloscopes are now also appearing on the market, so probably more and more amateurs will be acquiring this useful instrument. Assuming that one purchases a moderately priced oscilloscope, an interest probably will develop in acquiring some accessory items to expand the capability of an oscilloscope or to allow its more accurate usage.

Heath has two interesting test instruments designed as accessory items for oscilloscopes: the Model ID-4101 Electronic Switch (\$57.95) and the Model IG-4505 Oscilloscope Calibrator (\$57.95). After one has used an oscilloscope for a while, either one or both of these items might be of interest. Besides their specific applications with oscilloscopes, both instruments can have a number of general-purpose applications around a ham shack.

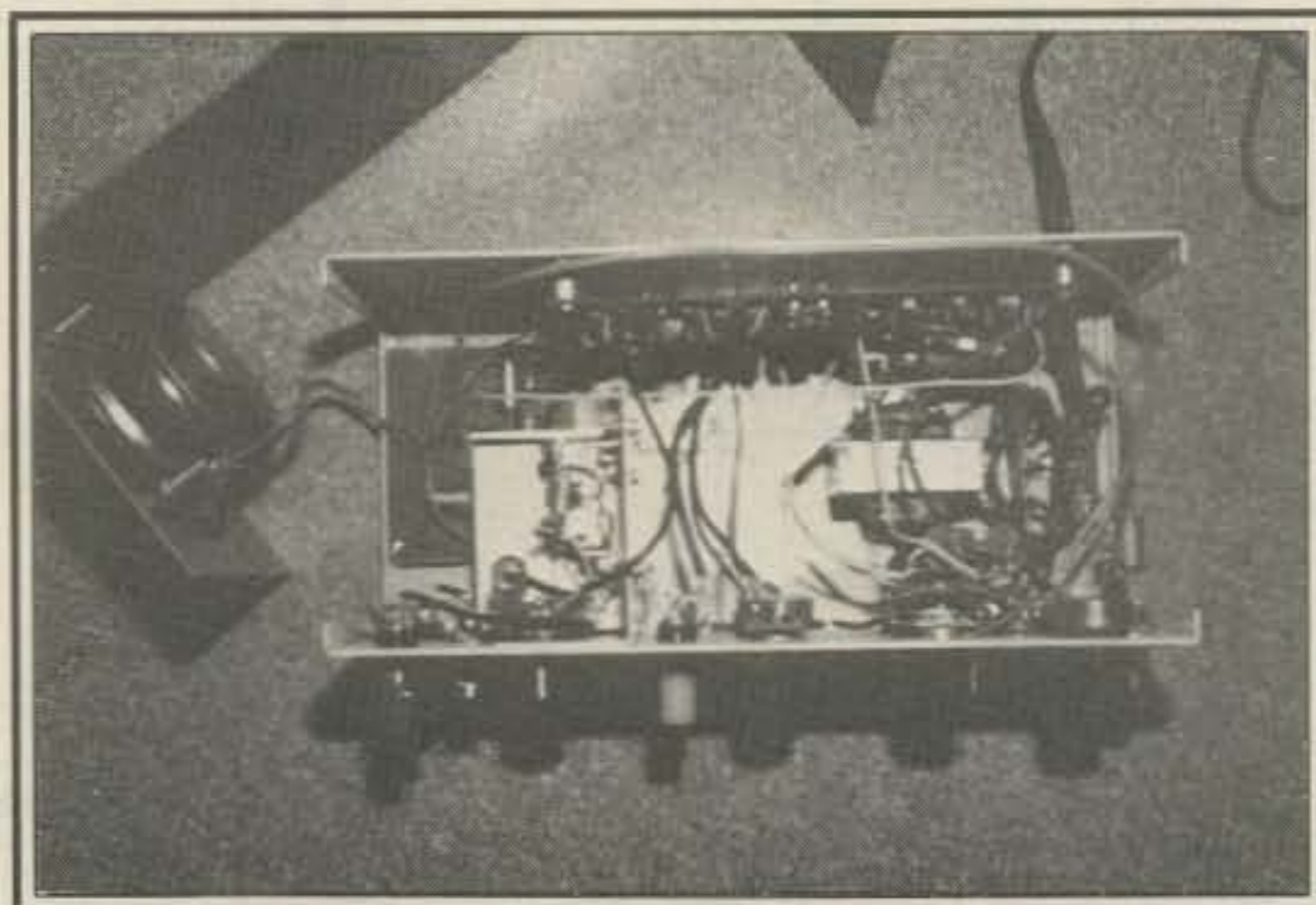
### The ID-4101 Electronic Switch

The ID-4101 Electronic Switch is a solid state version of an oscilloscope accessory that has been around for many years. The basic functional diagram of the unit is shown in fig. 1. There are two independent amplifier chains, the output of each going to an electronic switching circuit. The electronic switch is driven by a square-wave generator, so the output of each amplifier is selected for the same period of time. If the output of the switch is viewed on an oscilloscope, the output of each amplifier in the switch does not appear in the same location on the oscilloscope screen. Rather, due to an offset voltage provided by the ID-4101, one display appears on top of the other. Therefore, one can simultaneously view the two outputs for comparison purposes. The square-wave generator which drives the electronic switching circuitry has four selectable output frequencies (100, 500, 1000, and 5000 Hz), so one can select the frequency that provides the best display.

The uses for the switch are multifold whenever one wants to compare two circuit conditions. For instance, one can simultaneously view the input and output of some audio circuit, such as a compressor or clipper, and see how the input changes the output conditions. This can be done with r.f. circuits also up to 5 MHz if the oscilloscope has the necessary frequency response. So, one can check the linearity of low-level r.f. stages, the balance in mixer stages, comparative performance of different filter circuits, etc.

On the other end of the scale, one can also perform a variety of comparative measurements on d.c. circuits, since the two amplifiers in the switch are d.c. coupled. One can simultaneously check two d.c. voltages in a circuit or even the relationship of some a.c. voltage to a d.c. control voltage. Note that in the case of comparing two d.c. voltages, an oscilloscope is *not* necessary. One can also connect the output of the switch to an ordinary v.o.m.

Each amplifier in the switch is actually a 7 transistor unit with a d.c. to 5 MHz bandwidth and provides up to 20 dB of gain. There is a fixed input attenuator with 1, 10, and 100 volt ranges,



This photo shows the placement of the audio amplifier PC board added to the ID-4101 and the mounting of the loudspeaker in the top cover of the enclosure.

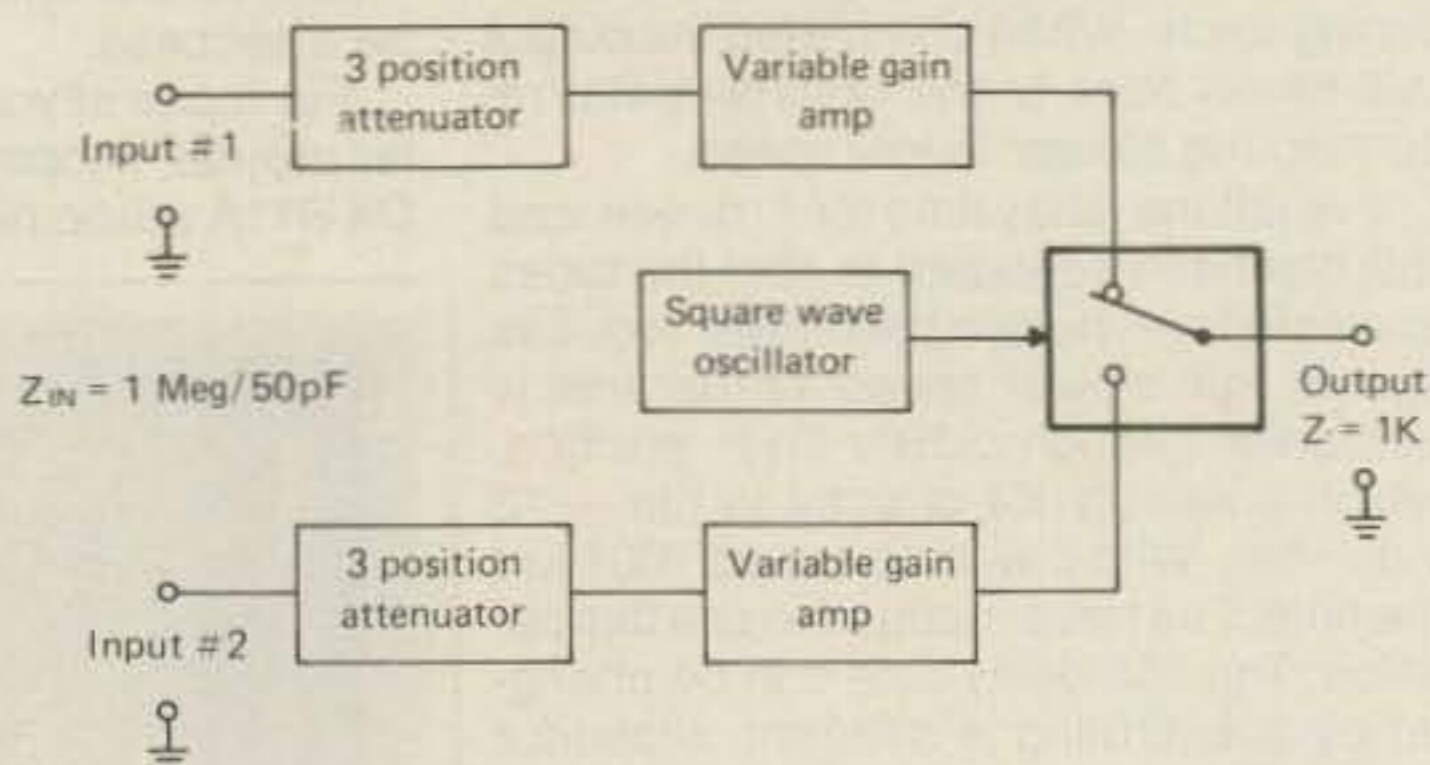


Fig. 1— Basic functional block diagram of the Heath ID-4101 Electronic Switch.

and also a variable gain control for each amplifier. Although not shown in fig. 1, the output switching arrangement in the unit is such that one can obtain not only the switched output, but also the independent outputs of either amplifier or the square-wave generator. This allows quite a bit more versatility.

For instance, each amplifier has an FET input (1 megohm) and an emitter follower output (1K ohm). Therefore, either amplifier can be used as a preamplifier in experimental circuits. The high-impedance inputs are over-voltage protected, but to maintain their broad frequency response, they contain no r.f. bypassing. When used as an experimental audio preamplifier, it may be necessary to place an r.f. choke in the inputs to prevent overloading from r.f. fields. The high-impedance input combined with the d.c. response also allows the amplifier to be used with an inexpensive v.o.m. to avoid circuit loading when making a d.c. voltage measurement. The output of the square-wave generator has a good rise time, so it can be used, for instance, to make square-wave response measurements of an audio amplifier in conjunction with an oscilloscope.

Construction of the ID-4101 kit is quite straightforward. Almost all of the components, except for the controls, switches, etc., mount on one PC board. The kit can easily be assembled in a few evenings. Perhaps the only point to note is to be sure that the unit is warmed up for 15 minutes or so if accurate measure-

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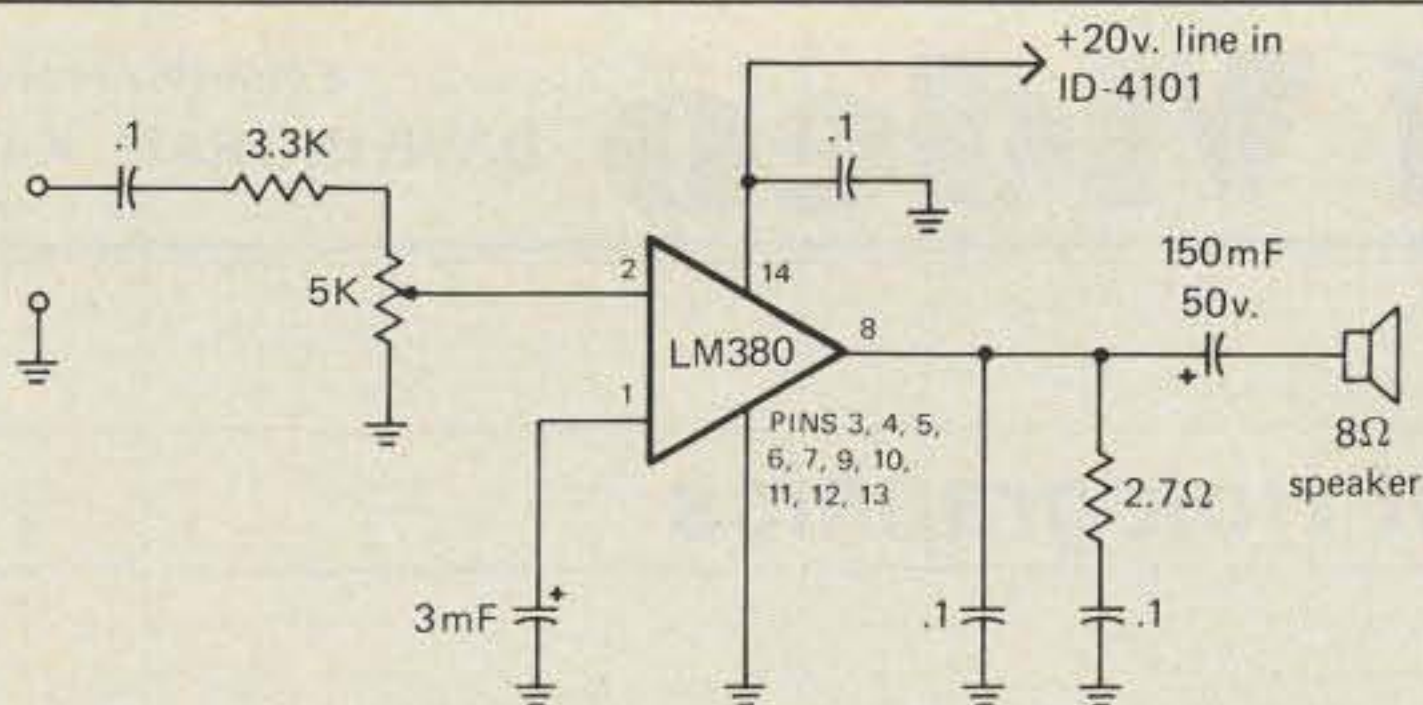


Fig. 2— Simple but good quality 2 watt audio amplifier which was added to the ID-4101.

ments and initial adjustments are to be made. The balance adjustments in the amplifiers are subject to temperature drift.

Two small additions were made to the ID-4101 which, it is felt, made the unit even more useful. One was the addition of BNC panel connectors by the inputs of each amplifier and by the output-terminal binding posts. These provide the possibility of a better shielded interconnection to other units. The other addition was a good quality a.f. power amplifier/loudspeaker. Since so many audio experiments were being done using the switch, it was found very handy to have the added amplifier capability. The circuit for the 2 watt LM380 amplifier is shown in fig. 2. Except for the volume control, the components are mounted in any convenient manner around the IC. The volume control was mounted on the front panel where the pilot lamp is normally placed. The latter was moved slightly to the left in a new mounting hole. The input connectors for the amplifier were mounted just above the ID-4101 output connectors on the front panel. As can be seen in the photograph, the PC board for the amplifier was mounted on the bottom left side of the enclosure. The loudspeaker, a good quality 3-inch unit, was mounted in the left side of the top enclosure.

### The IG-4505 Oscilloscope Calibrator

The IG-4505 Oscilloscope Calibrator should appeal to those who have a moderately price oscilloscope but who want to make accurate voltage and/or time measurements. The calibration outputs of the IG-4505 are:

1. A square wave of 0.5 second to 1 microsecond period in a 1-2-5 switch-selectable sequence with .01% accuracy.
2. A square wave of from 1 millivolt to 100 volt amplitude in six switch-selectable steps with 2% accuracy.
3. A d.c. voltage of from 1 millivolt to 100 volts in six switch-selectable steps with 2% accuracy.

The internal circuitry of the unit consists basically of a square-wave source and a d.c. source. The output of either can be connected to a precision output voltage divider. The square source starts out with a 4 MHz crystal oscillator and then goes through various TTL dividers. By selecting the output of various dividers and by changing the input frequency to the divider chain, 18 different timed outputs are obtained. These are

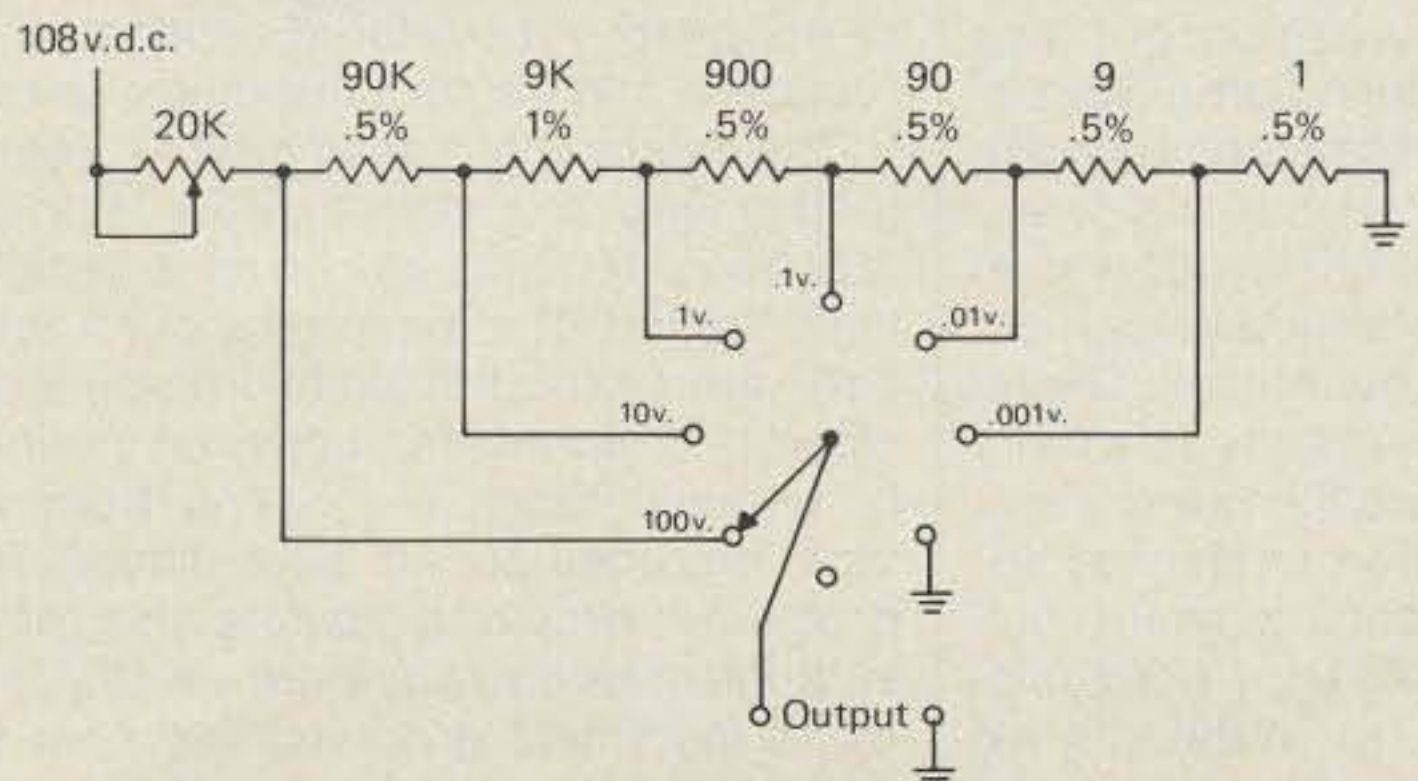


Fig. 3— Precision divider network, such as in the Heath IG-4505, can provide d.c. calibration voltages ranging from 100 volts to 1 millivolt.

square waves having a period of from 0.5 second to 1 microsecond (2 Hz to 1 MHz) in 18 steps. The square-wave output goes to two output transistor switching transistors. One is a direct output for a fast rise time (less than 4 nanoseconds) output. The other switching transistor actually keys a 108 volt d.c. source at the square-wave frequency, and this output goes through a precision resistor divider network to obtain a 1 millivolt to 100 volt output in six steps. The d.c. output is simply the steady 108 volt d.c. source applied to the precision output divider network.

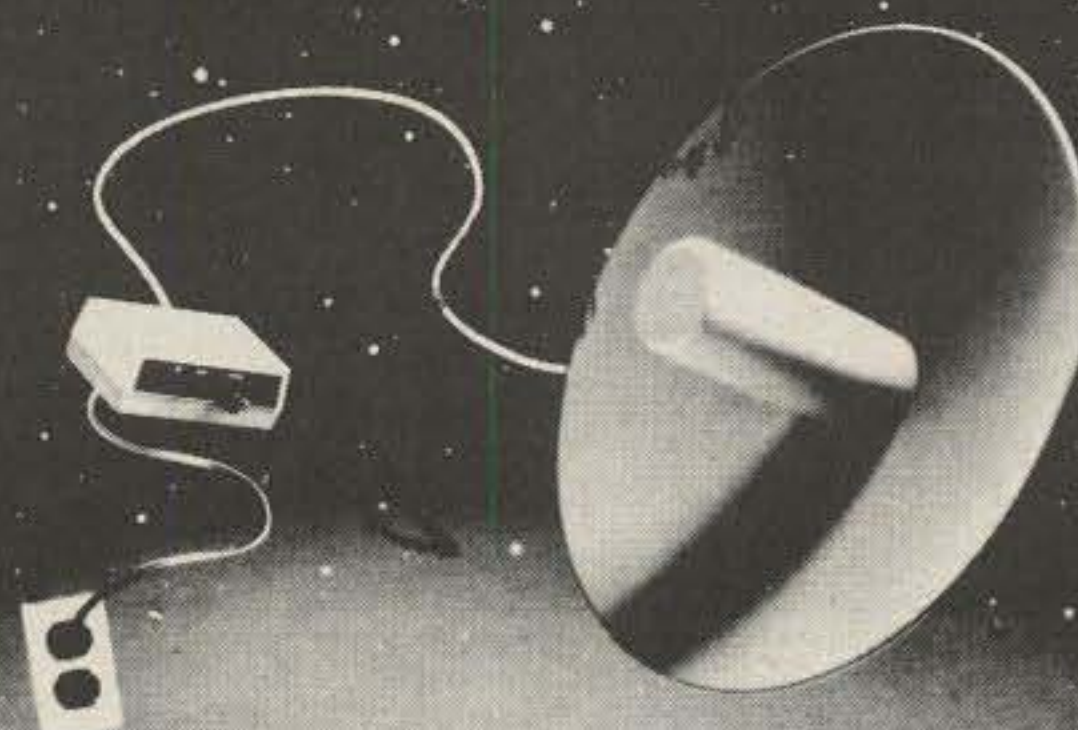
Construction is relatively simple using one PC board. There is only one simple calibration step that must be done to adjust the output voltage divider network.

The uses for the IG-4505 are pretty much self-explanatory in checking the time base calibration on an oscilloscope and in checking the vertical amplitude calibration on an oscilloscope. The d.c. output can also be used to calibrate simple meters, although it is not accurate enough to check a digital d.c. meter. However, there are other useful applications of the IG-4505. The very wide frequency range square-wave output makes it useful for audio and r.f. checks, signal injection, receiver calibration, etc. The fast rise time also allows it to be used as the square-wave source in time domain reflectometry antenna checks.

If one purchased only the ID-4101 Electronic Switch, instead of the audio amplifier addition described earlier, it might be better to consider adding a d.c. calibrator circuit such as found in the IG-4505. This simple addition would greatly enhance the usefulness of any moderately priced oscilloscope used with the switch which has a d.c. frequency response but no voltage-calibrated input attenuator. The attenuator network is shown in fig. 3. The 108 volt d.c. source need not be exact in value, but it must be regulated. A simple power supply with a zener regulator will suffice. A one-time calibration is made by selecting the 1 volt output for measurement (preferably using a good digital meter) and adjusting the 20K potentiometer for a 1.0 volt reading.

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### Another Look at Holographics

The first part of our May column carried a basic discussion of Holographic Video, a concept which we feel holds significant capabilities in tomorrow's visual communications. The initial system outlined in that column employed a "window" type hologram achieved through a modified form of LCD readout, a programmable matrix, and a diffused laser beam. Could such items be replaced by presently available components? Let's take a closer look at the system and ponder that possibility.

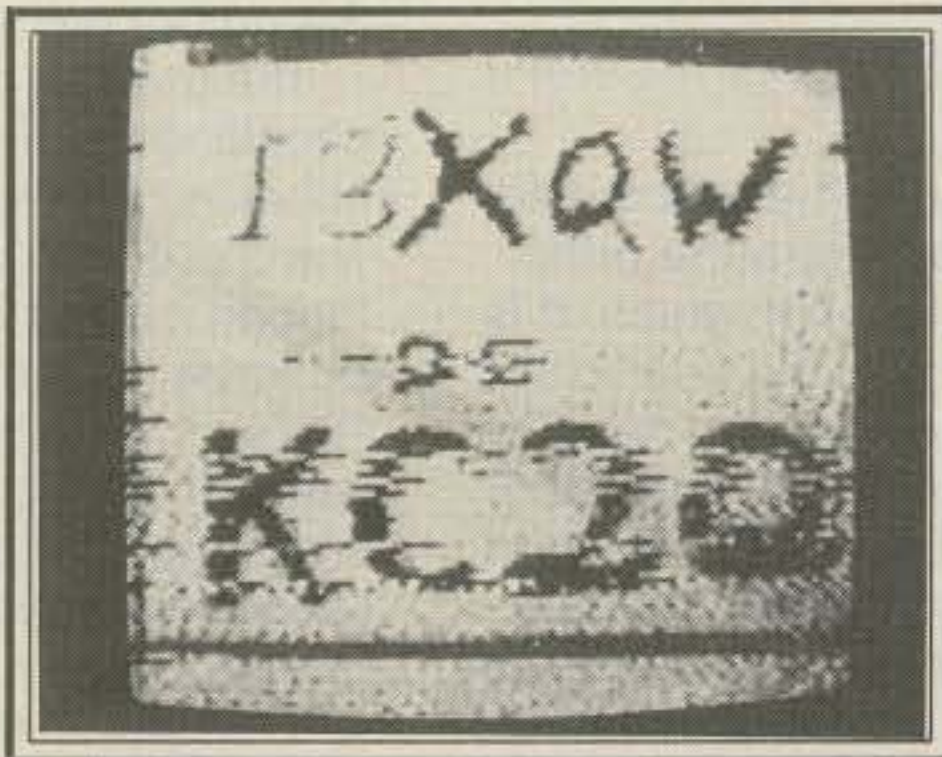
The photographic plate containing holographic-interference pattern information might be exposed from a conventional Slow Scan or Fast Scan TV display. The slide could then be independently viewed with the aid of a diffused laser beam. While this setup is far from optimum, it reflects a presently possible arrangement similar in style to early color SSTV techniques. Since "full blown" holograms require use of a split-beam laser firing into a cloud chamber for image reconstruction, electronic scanning and video modulation concepts may thus be applied in this area. Studying previous track records while visualizing future techniques as expansions of existing concepts, for example, we might see a "third return to the wheel" for instigating such real-life holograms (first wheel; mechanically scanned television, second wheel; CBS color system of the early 50's).

Scanning of the desired holographic area with the (split) laser beam can be accomplished by placing a group of small mirrors on a rotating wheel similar to vintage TV systems. Likewise, small variations in the mirrors or variations in their reflectivity may be accomplished via modulation parameters. The end result would provide a scanned and modulated laser beam which, through proper lens/mirror alignment, re-establishes the hologram. We continue trying to find time for pursuing holographic video, but numerous other projects plus writing another book (this one on microwaves) keeps us "hopping." Meanwhile, we hope you enjoy sharing our thoughts.

#### Video Scene at Dayton '82

As old-time Slow Scanners are quite aware and newcomers quickly realize,

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*Not all SSTV signals are closed-circuit copy, but they all reflect exciting moments for their operators. This exchange recently took place between 13XQW and KC2Q via 20 meters.*

the annual Dayton Convention is a prime gathering point of amateur video activity. The new developments and ideas presented and discussed at these April meetings set the pace of each year's ensuing technical innovations, etc. Many of the items revealed at Dayton do not appear in amateur magazines until many months (or years) later, thus a brief review is warranted for this month's column. We'll expand on these topics during coming months.

Over 170 amateurs packed the Friday night informal gathering, and technical presentations ran late into the evening hours. The highlights of discussion included VE3EGO's color modification for the Robot 400, WB9LVI's new high-resolution digital scan converter, KB9MC's animated motion adaptation to the Robot 400, W0LMD's super microprocessor-controlled digital scan converter, plus discussions on a number of interesting video subjects. More than one of the program speakers expressed concern over the lack of resolution/definition in digitally scan-converted pictures as compared to old P-7 displays. This tends to indicate a "readjustment" of interest in digital scan converters and small computers (particularly those with small memories). Digital scan converters with expanded memory for greater definition are the rising trend, while computer control is favored for "housekeeping" functions such as memory designation/selection, horizontal scan rate switching, etc. WB9LVI's experimental unit, for example, featured 6-65k bit memories (2 for red, 2 for green, and 2 for blue), while W0LMD's unit contained 16 such memories! A rather pow-

erful microprocessor is obviously necessary for control of such vast operations. In fact, W0LMD's unit was so complex that he used a "cheat sheet" to keep up with its many functions.

Other interesting suggestions included consideration of changing the Slow Scan aspect ratio from 1:1 (square picture) to 4:3 (similar to conventional television), and future format modifications of SSTV signals to include a 3 or 4 pixel-length back porch on the horizontal retrace period. The Saturday gathering was a more formal presentation/discussion of the previous night's activities. Eight-second color SSTV didn't make a grand finale debut at Dayton this year. The real time systems are still being pioneered, and a fixed set of parameters haven't yet been established. One of the more promising systems under investigation at this time involves the use of an approximate 1200 Hz phase-shifted subcarrier modulated orthogonally with color-difference information (technique similar to that used in conventional television). A discussion of this setup was presented by W9NTP in June QST.

Video activity was, indeed, paramount at Dayton '82. There were more SSTV and FSTV-related booths than ever before, and satellite TV dishes dotted the area in large numbers. What else can we say except start making your plans now to attend Dayton '83. It should truly prove an unbelievable cattle drive-err-experience (over 27,000 people reportedly attended Dayton '82).

#### More SSTV Basics

Continuing our monthly saga of SSTV basics, let's now move into a discussion of popularly encountered aspects of r.f. feedback and camera utilization ideas.

The dilemma of transmitted r.f. energy getting into a station's SSTV monitor, tape recorder, etc., can be an exasperating situation. The symptoms of r.f. feedback are characterized by improper displays only during transmission periods, or unusual tones emanating from the tape recorder during such times. This problem is similar to old-time "hot mike" entanglements which were usually traced to inefficient grounds, improper bypass techniques, or antenna arrangements which allowed r.f. energy to exist in the shack. Likewise, there's no single cut and dry solution for solving all r.f.

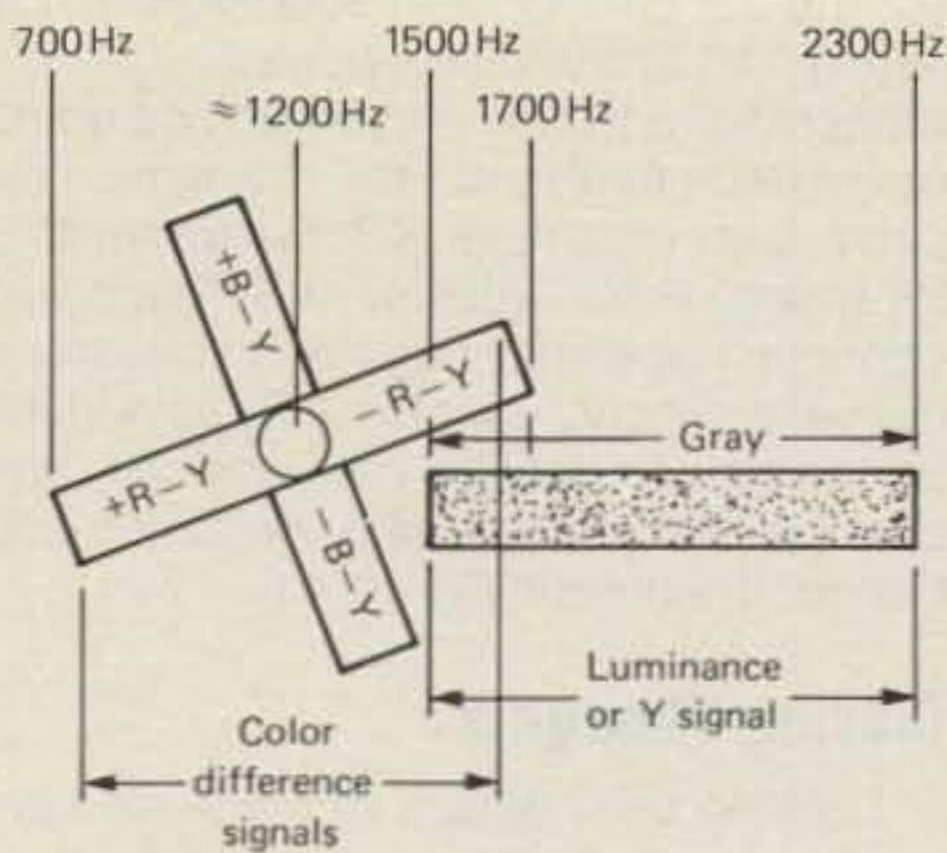


Fig. 1— Frequency multiplexing concept under consideration for 8-second color SSTV. Color difference information is contained in 1192.5 Hz subcarrier, while black-and-white information is contained in regular SSTV signal. A slightly wider than normal s.s.b. bandpass may be required for passing these signals.

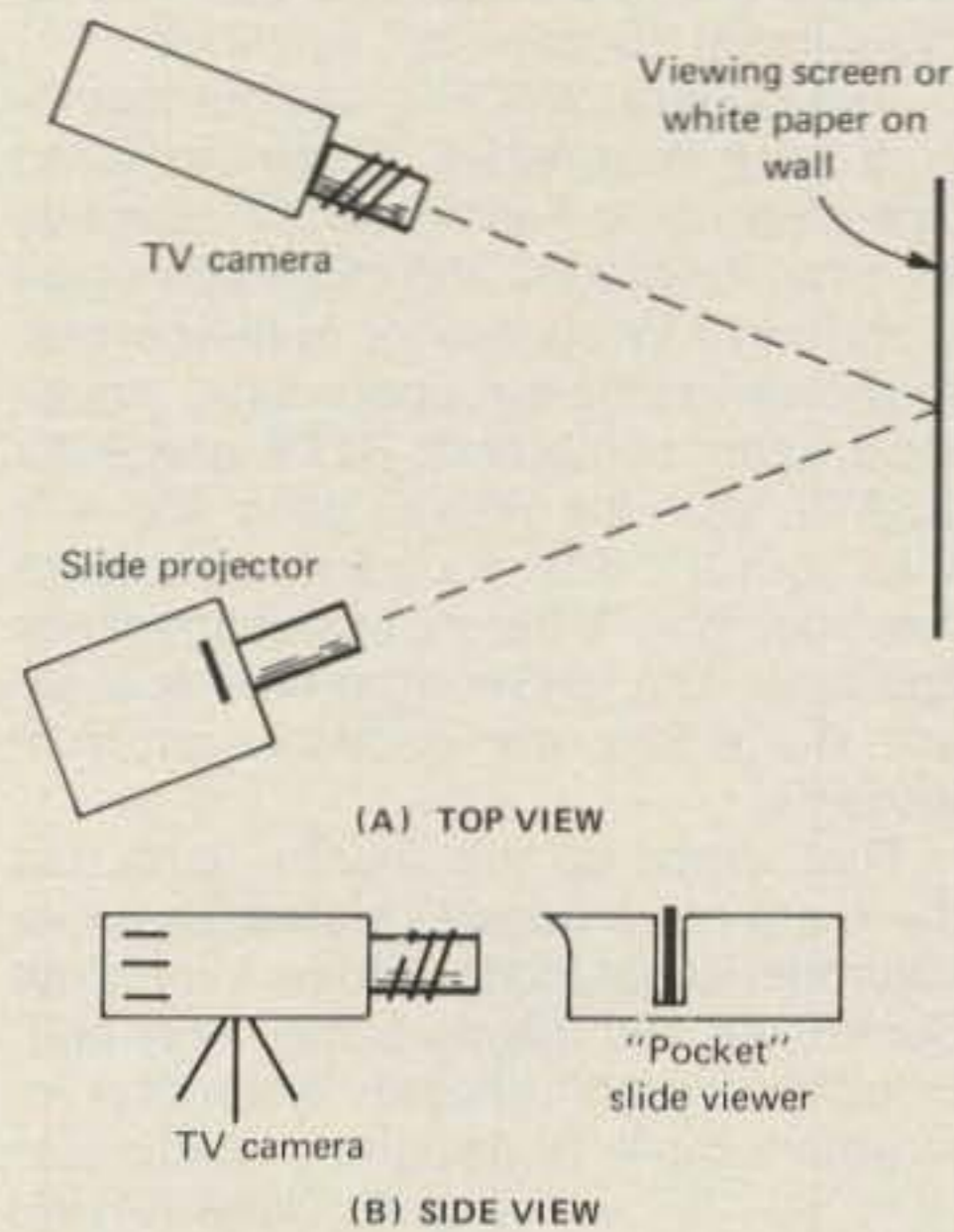


Fig. 2— Two beginning SSTV/FSTV setups for "low light" picture transmissions. A manual or automatic changer may be used at (A), while the camera merely looks into the viewer at (B). For best results, select a location that will permit camera movement (pan) to also view the operating setup.

feedback problems; each case is unique and must be handled accordingly. Hopefully, the following guidelines will help alleviate those problems in miniscule time. First, all equipment in the shack should be connected to a large ground buss which in turn is connected to a solid earth ground by heavy cable. We suggest placing a large copper strap on the operating desk's rear section and then grounding each piece of equipment to that strap via short lengths of cable braid (alligator clips are convenient for this use). Likewise, heavy braid can be used for the out-

door ground connections (which should include several rods, radials, and the cold water pipe).

Many times, r.f. energy enters equipment via a.c. power lines. This situation can be reduced by installing .01 mFd disc capacitors precisely where those lines enter the equipment. Bypass both wires to the chassis proper, and remember to keep leads short. Also ensure that the three conductor cords and cables are utilized. The technique of winding excess a.c. cord on a large toroid, such as shown in March QST, is also quite effective in reducing recorder or monitor interference.

Another cause of in-station r.f. energy is antenna systems with radiating-type feedlines or a high s.w.r. This is again the old "hot mike" syndrome which may appear on some bands but not others or with only one particular station antenna. The solution may be as simple as repairing the skywire (Have all connections been cleaned and tightened lately? How old and frayed is its transmission line, and how secure are its grounds?) or eliminating an excess length of cable. The most aggravating cases are usually those with stations located directly below triband beams: r.f. energy emanates from the driven element downward and directly into equipment. Relocating either the station gear or antenna is occasionally required to eliminate that problem.

One of the most common problems when initially setting up an SSTV camera involves achieving proper illumination of the subject or subject area. Some low-light cameras may function relatively well with existing in-shack lights, but a more professional approach is desirable for best results. A single 100 watt floodlight and mating dimmer mounted atop the camera proper may be convenient, but it tends to produce overexposed or "hot spots" in televised scenes. Twin swivel-type floodlights, each with individual dimmers, mounted on a camera light bar produce quite acceptable results. Once the camera's controls and lens aperture are adjusted, variations in picture illuminations can usually be handled by the light dimmers.

Another interesting technique is "bouncing" floodlight illumination off a white ceiling. The results usually produce more lifelike views while creating a certain amount of highly desirable backlighting. If you really desire to go first class, small quartz lights are available from most photographic supply houses. Although these lights are rather fragile (don't move them when hot, and don't touch the bulb proper), they produce pure white light rather than yellow/orange tints (incandescent) or green tints (neons). Finally, remember to use enough light to permit small apertures (high number "f-stop settings") for greatest depth of field. Keep in focus, and your views should be grand.

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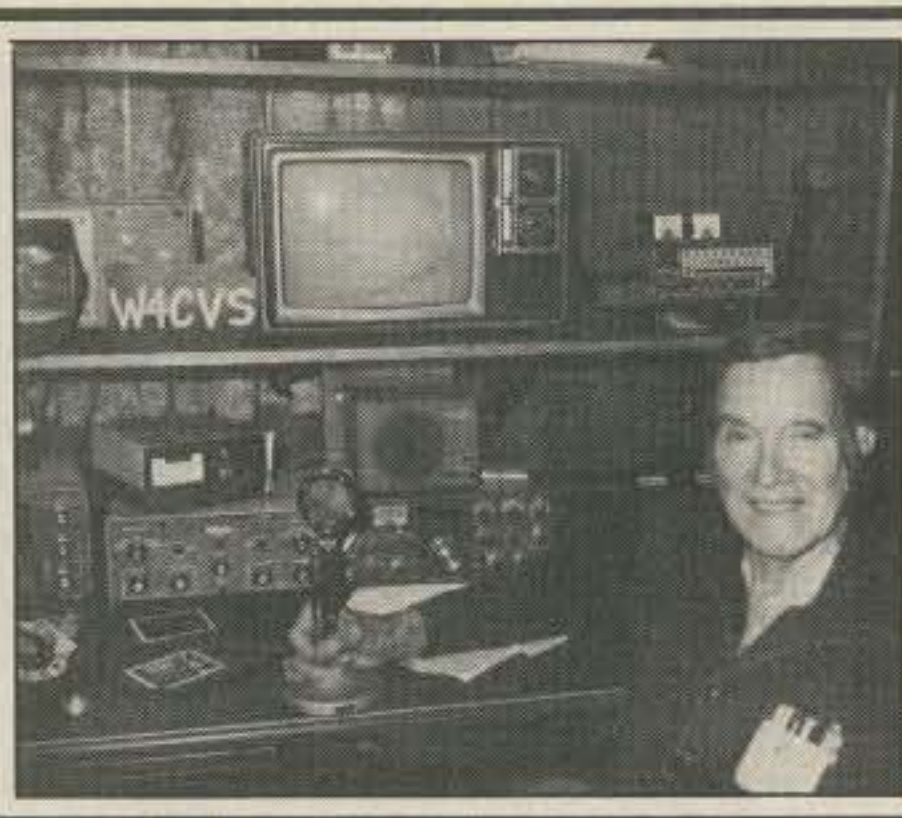
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*Bill Wells, W4CVS, is quite active in real time color SSTV with a 3-memory modified Robot 400, color camera, and (Fast Scan) video recorder. H.f. gear includes a TS-830S and a 4-1000 amplifier.*

### Computer Controlled Scan Converter

The computerized digital scan-conversion system revealed by Dr. Robert Suding, W0LMD, at Dayton '82 was quite an impressive unit. The setup featured over one-million-bit storage in its 16 full-size SSTV memories, all of which were independently programmable and usable by its associated microprocessor. Any format (Slow, Medium, or Fast Scan) thus may be directly achieved, and any function from keyboard to superimpose or zoom can be instigated by the system. As shown at Dayton, 12 memories were used for high-resolution black-and-white SSTV operations, and 16 memories were used for color SSTV (6 memories for red, 6 memories for green, and 4 memories for blue).

Another interesting way of looking at the system was by considering its capability of storing eight 128 by 128 by 64 gray-level SSTV pictures, four medium-scan pictures, or two 256 by 256 by 64 high-resolution SSTV pictures. Talk about massive systems! Not for the weak heart-

ed, the support system encompassed a hearty 147 IC's and an estimated cost approaching \$1,000. Keyboard columns controlled functions for transmit, receive, etc. (example, K for keyboard, G for graph, R for receive, etc.). We could continue page after page on this system, but we'll simply summarize by saying it's a chameleon which can change and change and change with the times and trends. It's practically unreal.

### Closing Thoughts

Looking over details of the Australian scan converter mentioned in last month's column while surveying the vast graveyard of discarded TV games set the mind whirring. These units seem rather adaptable for use as a receiving SSTV scan converter. Although the memory proper is lacking, sweep circuits, video generators, and TV oscillators are included on these relatively inexpensive boards. This concept might prove an interesting and rewarding winter project for you innovative-minded "Scanners." Opinion?

Tom O'Hara, W6ORG, has put together a very informative 20-minute video tape describing Fast Scan TV activities for amateur groups and clubs interested in starting ATV operations in their areas. It shows on-the-air operations, equipment, using computers, RTTY, and SSTV on ATV, plus the W6VIO gang and ATV links from JPL. This is a great way to learn the ropes of ATV before investing money and time. The VHS-format tape is available (for a \$20 reproduction cost) from W6ORG.

That wraps up this month, gang, but there are more goodies slated for future columns: Robot mods, info on Microcraft Commsoft, and maybe some "way out" thoughts on light repeater systems or interactive cable TV designs of the future.

73, Dave, K4TWJ



*A quite unusual creature, this aqua-colored frog with red eyes (in the original color photo) was received via 20 meters color SSTV and photographed on the monitor screen at W4CVS.*



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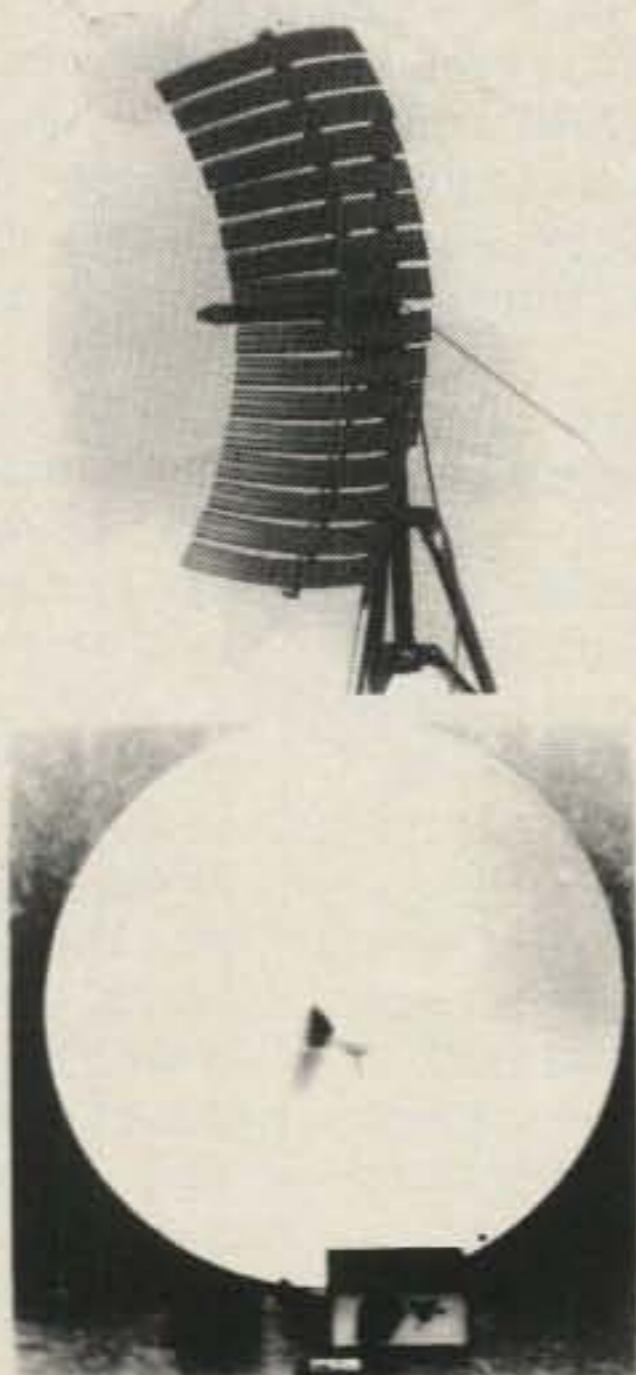
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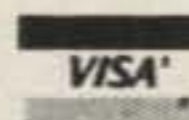
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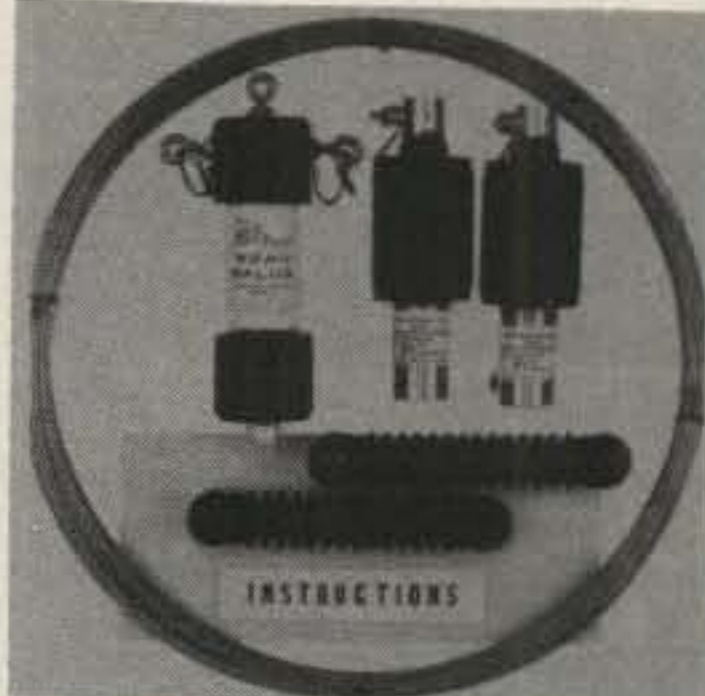
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DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, FACT, AND EVEN SOME FICTION

## The Transmatch Revisited: Part III—Conclusion

In last month's column, W8FX continued his discussion of the transmatch. This time he concludes his series on transmatches with some useful selection and adjustment tips. Read on!

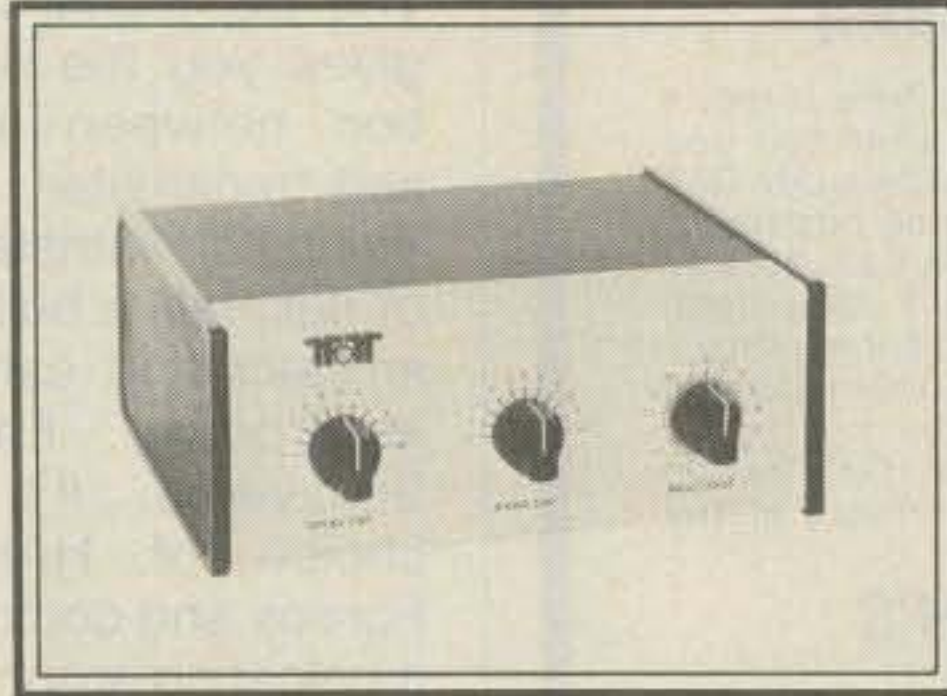
Last time we continued our discussion with coverage of some advanced designs such as the ultimate and SPC transmatches. We also highlighted possible problems with harmonics, and we went into some receiving and installation considerations.

In this month's CQ we will wrap up our transmatch feature with some important points on transmatch selection, along with some tune-up and adjustment procedures and considerations. Let's examine selection considerations first.

### Transmatch Selection

Before even thinking of which transmatch to build or buy, you should consider whether or not a transmatch is, in fact, needed. Many amateurs are overly enamored with the capabilities of the transmatch, when, in fact, an antenna tuner is not required in their particular situations. For example, if your operation is confined to a small segment of a single band, and a simple coax-fed dipole is used, it is questionable whether a transmatch would be a necessary or wise investment. On the other hand, the apartment amateur trying to get acceptable multiband operation from a random wire fed against a counterpoise would get good use from a transmatch; using one might, in fact, be the only way to get the transmitter to tune and load properly.

Obviously, there is no such thing as an "ideal" transmatch. However, if such a unit did exist, it probably would be one that would match virtually all kinds of antennas (coax-, parallel-line-, and single-wire-fed); allow for continuous, simultaneous monitoring of forward and reflected power; be capable of either straight-through operation, or operation through the matching circuit; have front-panel selection of several types of antennas and dummy load; and possibly operate at least partly automatically (the latter mode being the latest wrinkle in state-of-the-art matching circuits).



Classic Ten-Tec transmatch covers 1.8–30 MHz and handles 200 watts; an auxiliary s.w.r. bridge is required. Unit is popular with QRPers. (Photo courtesy Ten-Tec)

There are many specific features one might consider when evaluating transmatches. It's reasonable to expect that the transmatch one acquires should:

1. Be of overall high-quality construction and be adequately shielded.
2. Easily handle the transmitter's output power, and have some "growing room" for increased station power.
3. Cover all amateur bands on which operation is contemplated, plus frequencies "in between" if CAP/MARS work or general coverage reception are required.
4. Cover a sufficiently wide impedance matching range to allow transmitter s.w.r. to be reduced to 1:1.
5. Be capable of handling a variety of transmission lines: coax, single wire, and balanced.
6. Have a means of measuring feed-line s.w.r., preferably to include simultaneous, continuous monitoring of transmitter output power and reflected power.
7. Have an internal antenna switching capability.
8. Permit off-the-air transmitter tuning using a built-in dummy load, or have provisions to switch in an external load.
9. Allow for transmatch bypass switching for automatic bypassing of the matching circuitry when it is not needed.
10. Attenuate second and higher-order harmonics to a significant degree.
11. Incorporate easy tuning features such as rotary turns counter, logging scale, vernier tuning, automatic electronic tuning, or similar features.

When searching for a transmatch, it's not easy to get a "handle" on all of the considerations mentioned above. However, inspection of the unit's schematic and specifications will tell a great deal;

more is revealed if you can open one up and examine the internals. Some physical features to look for include a high-quality ceramic bandswitch; wide-spaced, heavy-duty capacitors; and sufficient space around the tuning inductor. Also, when comparing specs (even if you're now running QRP), look ahead to the day when you may run higher power. While a compact, 200-watt or smaller unit may serve well at this point, if there is any prospect of moving up to a 500-watt or full-gallon power level in the future, it likely will pay to buy a unit that will accommodate that power level now.

Recent trends have led to bigger, heavier, and more sophisticated transmatches that are anything but cheap. What, you may ask, makes some commercial tuners so expensive? There are two main cost drivers: expensive components (such as rotary inductors and precision counter drives), and special convenience features (such as built-in dummy loads, antenna switching, dual power/s.w.r. meters, etc.). Rugged, high-power tuners are very costly due to the large coils and heavy-duty capacitors that must be used if the tuner isn't to "arc-over" when running the legal power limit. Rotary inductors are particularly costly, and they are used in many of the top-of-the-line tuners (as opposed to tapped coils) in order to get the coil inductance "just right."

Whereas the amateur of 25 years ago had perhaps one or two commercial tuners from which he could choose (such as the Johnson Viking Matchboxes and Millen Transmatches), today's amateur has a variety of high-capability models from which to select. Manufacturers such as Drake, Dentron, Murch, Yaesu, Kenwood, Palomar, Ten-Tec, MFJ, J.W. Miller, Daiwa, Heath, RF Power Components, and others offer a wide assortment. MFJ alone makes upwards of a dozen models that are designed for a variety of antenna matching chores at many different power levels; Heath and RF Power Components offer transmatches in kit form.

In the past few years, there have been several important transmatch innovations. One of these innovations is the Palomar PT-2500A antenna tuner, which has two interesting and unique features. The first is the tuner's balun, which is located at the *input* of the tuner, rather than at the output; this placement was made on the theory that a balun should be used only at

its design impedance. When the balun is placed, as it normally is, at the tuner output, to convert the unbalanced transmatch to balanced output for open wire lines, it usually encounters a wide variety of impedances with resultant heavy r.f. losses in the balun as a result of the mismatch. With the 50-ohm balun placed at the input of the tuner, the tuner input is always 50 ohms when it is properly tuned so that the balun sees its exact design impedance. The result is a reduction in losses and improved circuit balance.

The second innovation in the Palomar tuner is the 50-ohm noise bridge that allows the operator to set the transmatch controls without transmitting. All adjustments to the transmatch are made in the receive mode using the receiver portion of the station transceiver or a separate receiver. The advantages of noise-bridge tune-up, according to the manufacturer, include more rapid adjustment, less risk of damage to final amplifier tubes and transistors, and reduced interference caused by on-the-air tune-up. Of course, the noise bridge tuning feature can be backed up by and cross-checked with a conventional s.w.r. bridge. Although the Palomar unit, priced at around \$300, is a bit expensive for the s.w.l., the advantages of "no-r.f." tune-up are obvious.

Until very recently, little has been done to automate the actual tuning process. However, two recent transmatch offerings, the Daiwa CNA series and the J.W. Miller Auto Track AT2500, have enabled the amateur to rely on electronic means for setting the transmatch controls. These units have taken away much of the drudgery in transmatch operation under most circumstances.

The imported Daiwa CNA-1001 (500 watts PEP) and CNA 2002 (2.5 kw PEP) automatic antenna tuners are comprised of an internal directional coupler and associated s.w.r. meter, the pi-network matching network, and the sensing circuitry that controls the motorized tuning capacitors in the matching network. The matching function becomes automatic whenever the "operate" button is pressed, although at least 5 watts of r.f. must be applied to the unit for automatic operation. The internal detection circuitry senses forward and reflected reverse power, and the resultant proportional d.c. voltage is applied to the motor control amplifier, which drives the tuning motor. The motor is connected to the two variable tuning capacitors through a 30:1 gear train. Performing the tuning function in less than 45 seconds, automatic operation ceases when the s.w.r. is brought below 1.5:1; two manual fine-tuning controls can then be used to "tweak" the s.w.r. to 1:1. The Daiwa models make use of the cross-needle meters, which allow forward power, reflected power, and s.w.r. to be read simultaneously without bothersome sensitivity adjustments.

Similar in function to the Daiwa units,



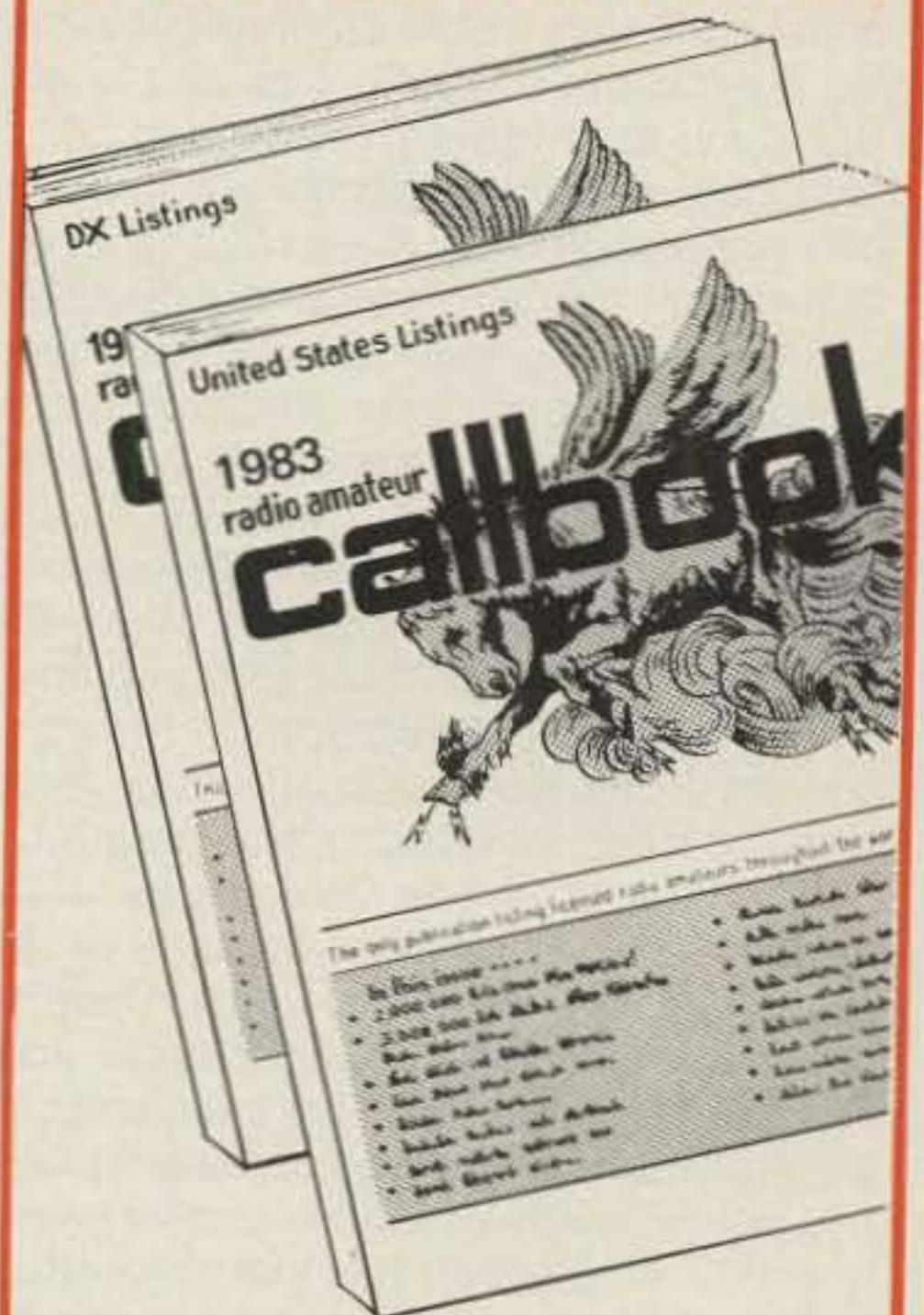
Heath's SA-2040 antenna tuner, one of two transmatch kits sold by the firm, is billed as a "two-evening kit" in the catalog. Capable of handling the full legal power limit, the low-cost unit sports a continuously variable inductor for precise matching. Interestingly, the capacitors are put together by the constructor. Note the erasable front panel where band settings can be penciled-in. (Photo courtesy Heath Company)

the domestically manufactured J.W. Miller Auto-Track AT2500 is designed to automatically match unbalanced loads to a 50-ohm transmitter within a 15-second time frame. While the Daiwa models are self-contained, the AT2500 consists of two separate assemblies—a main tuner unit which contains the r.f. components and PC boards as well as the motors, and a remote coupler. Based on the "T"-network design, this unit will work with as little as 1 watt of r.f. applied; visual and audible alarms can be set to warn the operator of excessive s.w.r. conditions. Both the Daiwa and J.W. Miller units represent the vanguard of a new wave of super-sophisticated transmatch designs; right now, they are probably appreciated most by contesters, but the popularity of such units is sure to increase among casual operators who appreciate the convenience offered by such accessories.

Since the transmatch makes an excellent construction project, it's surprising that there aren't many such kits sold today. However, there are a few on the market. One is the wide-range RF Power Components "Maxi Tuner." This is a heavy-duty, 3 kw PEP unit that features a rotary inductor, counter dial, balun, and vernier tuning drive. Based on the ultimate transmatch design, it will load up almost any kind of antenna system. The unit, available with or without an internal s.w.r. meter, is sold by RF Power Components, P.O. Box 11, Ladysmith, WI 54848.

Heath is also in the transmatch kit business with two models. One is the relatively simple and low-cost SA-2040 kit, a 2 kw PEP 80-10 meter wide-range model that sports a continuously variable inductor, a built-in 4:1 balun, and an "erasable" front panel for write-in band settings. This unit's big brother is the SA-2060, which covers 160-10 meters continuously and includes a built-in dual wattmeter/s.w.r. bridge, tuner bypass switching, and two coaxial outputs for front-panel antenna selection.

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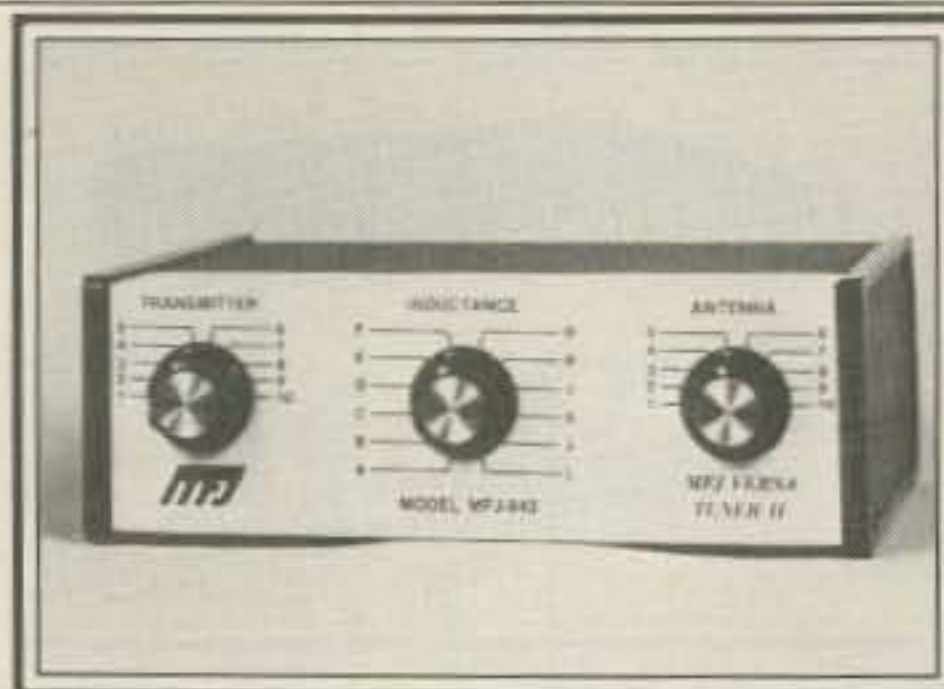
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It's entirely possible to build your own transmatch; construction and wiring are relatively easy, and there are no complex circuits to worry about. The ARRL *Radio Amateur's Handbook* and the *Antenna Book* include several popular and well-tested designs that should give you little trouble. And, the bibliography at the conclusion of this column suggests several other sources for construction details.

If you're looking to design your own transmatch, major considerations to work into your design would include a wide range of variable inductance and variable capacitance; using coils and capacitors that will stand up under the planned power levels without arcing or overheating; employing low-loss switches and insulators; and keeping r.f. leads as short as possible. Capacitors used should have a low *minimum* capacitance, which will help extend the impedance



*The smaller MFJ "versa tuners" are popular with QRP operators and s.w.l.'s due to low cost and wide matching range. The unit shown here is designed to "match almost anything" over the 1.8-30 MHz range. A built-in 4:1 balun for handling balanced lines is provided. Up-scale models are similar but include an s.w.r. bridge/dual range wattmeter and 6-position antenna switch. (Photo courtesy MFJ Enterprises, Inc.)*

matching range that can be accommodated on the higher bands, such as 10 and 15 meters.

### Transmatch Adjustment Techniques

Proper adjustment of the transmatch is essential to good performance. The usual method of adjusting it involves the use of an s.w.r. bridge installed in the coaxial cable running to the transmitter. Just what tuning procedure to follow will de-

pend on the design and controls on the transmatch. In any case, the tuner is adjusted for lowest possible reflected power readings.

Normally, it's possible to attain a perfect "1:1" s.w.r. indication if the antenna system is within matching range of the transmatch. Once adjusted, you can be reasonably certain that the transmission line reactance has been compensated for, that proper impedance transformation has taken place, and in the case of balanced-to-unbalanced condition has been achieved. After the adjustments have been completed, they can be left alone unless frequency is shifted to another portion of the band, or to a different band.

The objective, regardless of the method used, is to get the amplifier in your transmitter to "take a load"—to efficiently transfer power from the rig to the antenna. What you have accomplished by making these adjustments is to adjust the transmatch so that the transmitter (or transceiver) looks into the 50-ohm load it was intended to see.

There are a number of possible techniques for tuning and adjustment of the transmatch, but most procedures run along the following lines. First, a dummy load is connected to the transmitter output, and the transmitter is tuned up on the desired frequency. This step ensures that the transmitter is properly adjusted for



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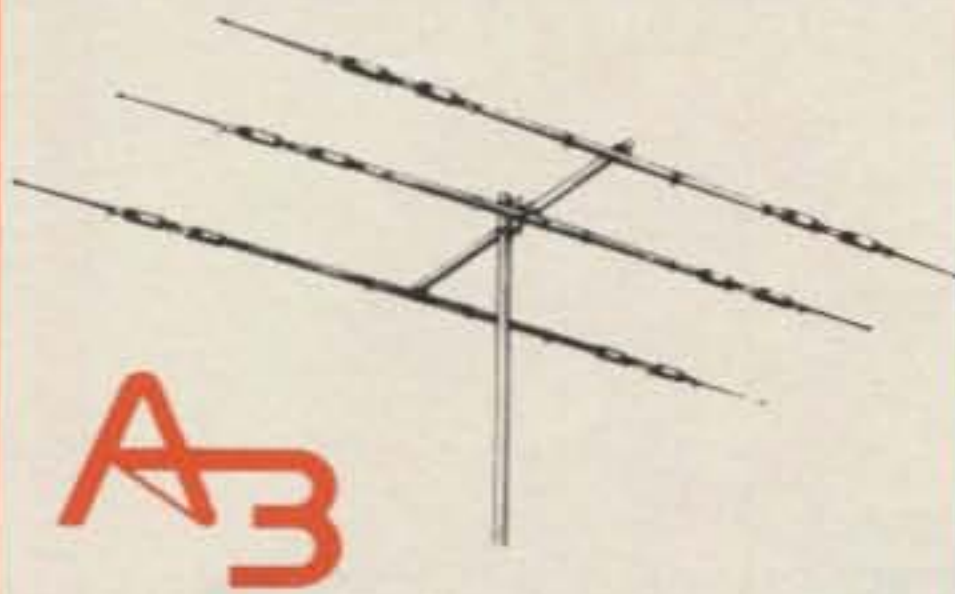
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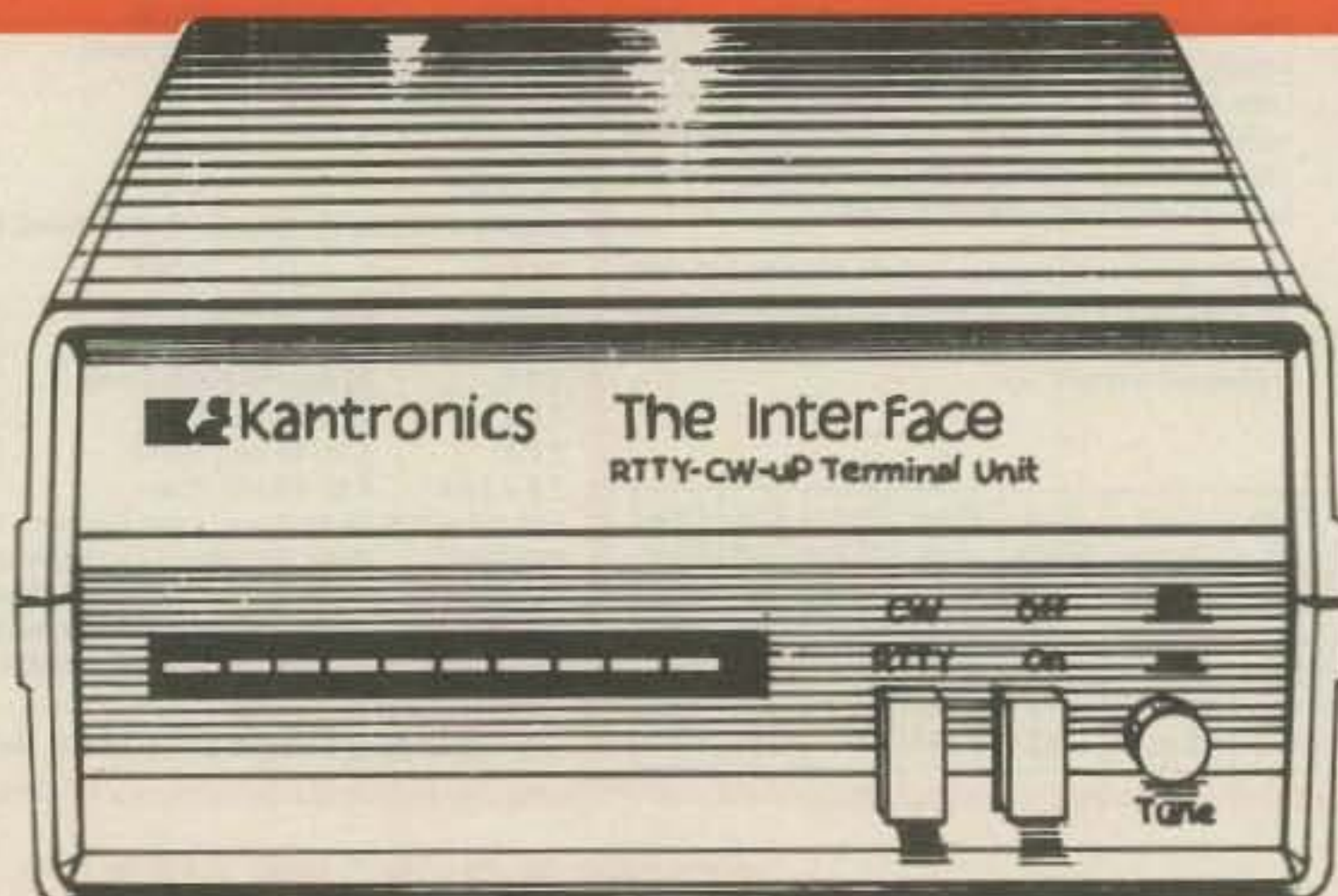
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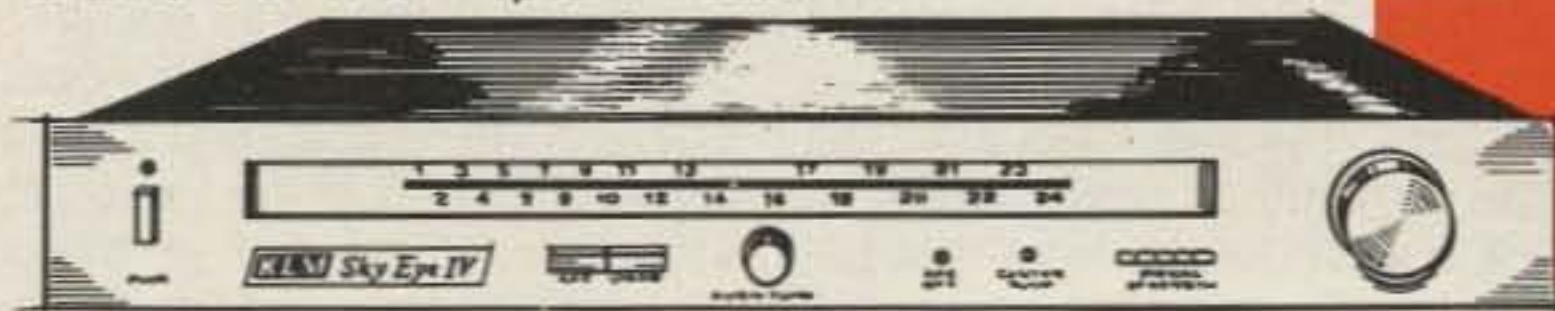
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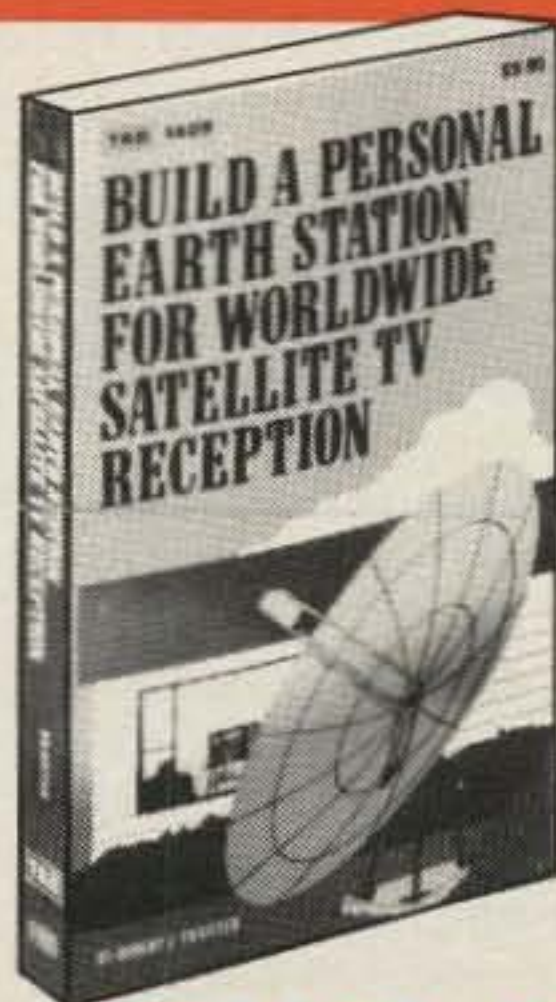


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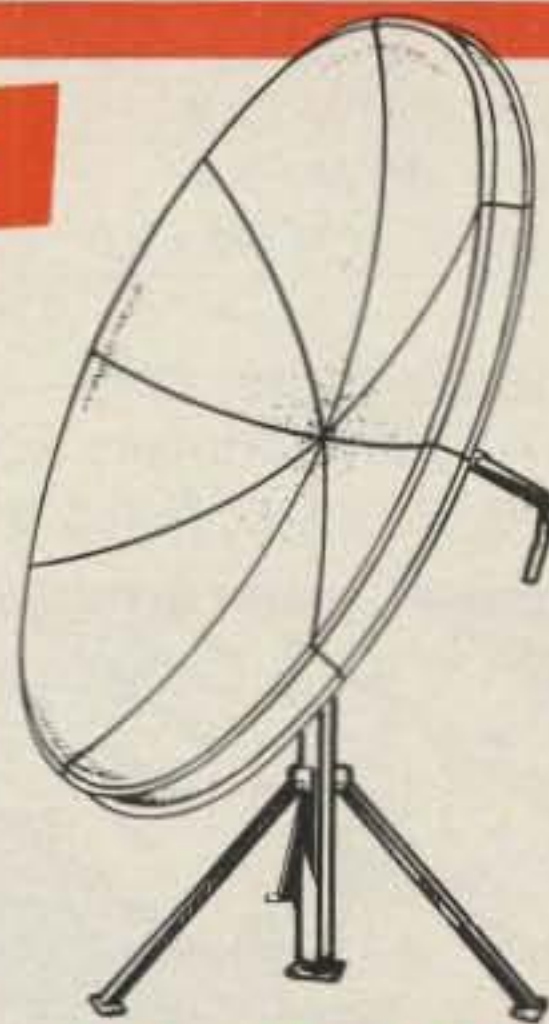


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matching to a 50-ohm r.f. load, the objective being to adjust the transmatch in such a way so that the antenna is matched to this pre-set load.

Second, an approximate setting of the transmatch controls is determined, but without applying power to the transmitter. This can be done by using the receiver (or receiver section of the transceiver), starting off with the transmatch's tuning capacitors set to mid-scale (plates one-half meshed). The variable or stepped inductor control is rotated until maximum signal or background noise is heard from the receiver; the variable capacitors on the transmatch may be adjusted to peak the background noise. This adjustment, although only a preliminary one, should be fairly close to the final one to be determined by actual s.w.r. reading.

Third, a minimum s.w.r. reading is obtained while a low level of power is delivered to the antenna through the transmatch. This is done by alternately adjusting the variable capacitors on the transmatch for minimum indicated s.w.r. The two capacitors interact, so it is usually necessary to adjust and re-adjust the two controls several times to obtain the lowest possible reading. If a 1:1 s.w.r. is not obtained, it may be necessary to adjust the inductor slightly, again working the tuning capacitors for minimum s.w.r.

Fourth, final adjustment of the transmatch controls is made with full transmitter power applied. Adjusting the s.w.r. meter to its "set" or full-scale position (if required), high power is applied to the transmatch and the unit's variable capacitors are readjusted to yield minimum s.w.r. When a good match is obtained, the s.w.r. should be at or very close to 1:1, although (depending on the transmatch's design and the specific antenna system) it may not *always* be possible to obtain a perfectly "flat" reading. Usually, an s.w.r. on the transmatch-transmitter link of under 2:1 is acceptable. Note that patience is required to find optimum settings; also, readjustment of the transmatch's variable capacitors and/or inductor may be required when a significant QSY is made.

An alternate (but somewhat less satisfactory) approach you can take if you don't own an s.w.r. bridge is to tune up the transmitter using a 50-75 ohm dummy load, making all subsequent adjustments to the antenna coupler and leaving the transmitter controls as they are except when changing bands. Still another method is to use an r.f. power meter or ammeter in the output line to the transmatch; optimum tuner settings should coincide with lowest s.w.r. and maximum power transfer to the antenna. These two methods are not as precise as the s.w.r. bridge method, but they should give good results if you take care when making the adjustments.

Tune-up of a specialized transmatch such as the Palomar Engineers PT-2500A

is rather unconventional, if one is accustomed to the usual s.w.r. bridge-based methods. In adjusting this unit, the specially-marked front-panel switch is turned from the "operate" to the "tune" position. Doing so turns on the noise bridge and results in the generation of a loud noise in the receiver. To tune up the transmatch, the "inductance" knob is turned to the setting that gives the lowest noise, while the "transmitter" and "antenna" knobs are subsequently adjusted for lowest noise. At the proper setting of these knobs, the noise level should drop or null out completely. The tuner now looks like a perfect 50-ohm resistive load, and the s.w.r. on the cable from the transceiver to the tuner is 1:1. Note that all of the adjustments are made in the receive mode; transmitting is not required to tune the transmatch, although final tuning conditions may, of course, be backed up with a standard s.w.r. bridge.

With automatic tuners of the kind sold by Daiwa and J.W. Miller, little adjustment is required, although the units must be "set up" when changing bands, and the antenna to be matched must be within somewhat restricted impedance criteria. And, although operation is largely automatic when changing frequency within a band, after the automatic tune-up cycle has been completed, it's usually necessary to manually fine-tune the variable capacitors for an exact 1:1 s.w.r. Both of these units are particularly useful in making rapid frequency excursions within a band, or from band to band, especially when narrow-bandwidth antennas are used. However, an s.s.b. signal may not provide a sufficiently "stable" signal to permit the units to retune properly, so the operator must switch to a continuous-carrier mode (such as c.w. or "tune") to obtain proper automatic operation. Of course, the specialized nature of these units requires that the specific tune-up instructions contained in the instruction manuals be followed very closely.

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A few transmatch tune-up cautions are in order:

1. Take the time to log the correct transmatch control settings for each band (or band segment). Doing so will allow you to change bands rapidly and to arrive easily at the correct adjustments. Once you have a good match, final transmitter adjustments can be made and coupler controls left alone. (Many solid-state transceivers are "broadband" tuned; ensuring that the rig looks into a



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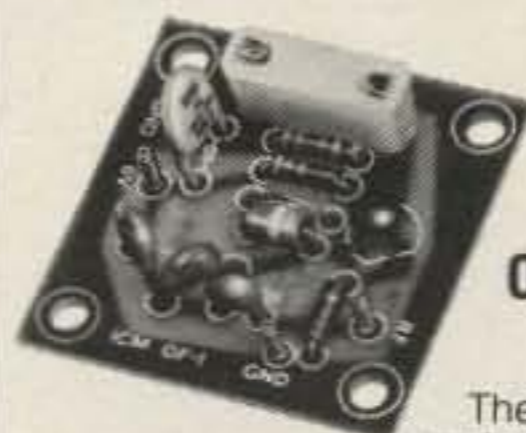
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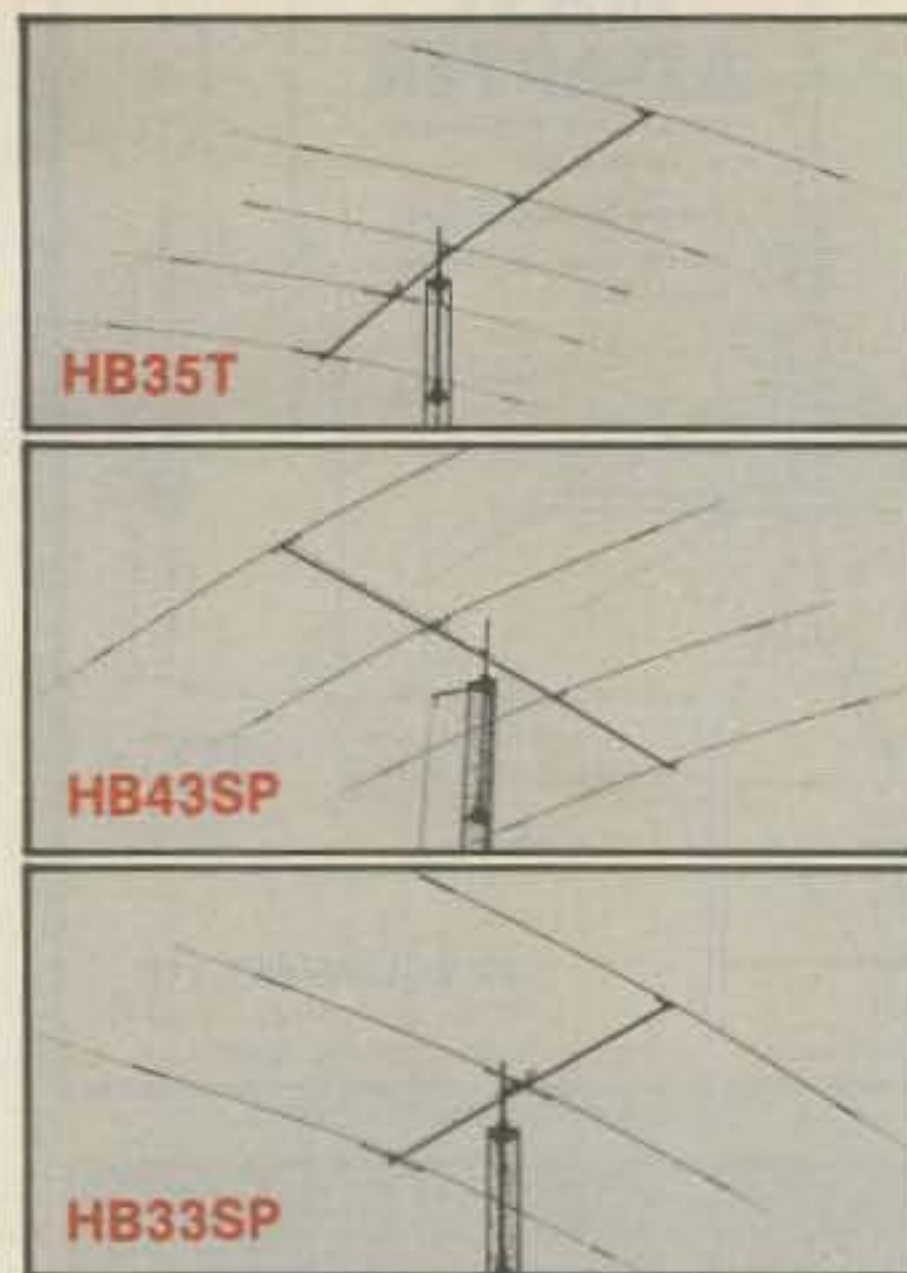
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2. Beware of harmonics in your signal. If you are unable to reduce s.w.r. to a 1:1 level, it may be because there is an excessive harmonic content in your signal that "distorts" the s.w.r. readings. If this occurs, carefully check transmitter loading procedure. A bandpass or lowpass filter may need to be installed at the output of the transmitter.

3. Watch for "bogus" tuning conditions. With many transmatches it's possible (especially in those with dual tuning capacitors and tapped inductors) to "load up the coupler," so to speak, and to obtain a 1:1 s.w.r. with little or no r.f. power actually reaching the antenna. Be especially wary of tuning adjustments that leave the tuning capacitors fully open or meshed, or that have the coil either fully "in" or "out" of the circuit. An r.f. power meter in the output line or a small field strength meter in the shack will serve as a cross-check on correct tuning by giving an actual (though relative) indication of power transfer to the antenna.

4. Use the lowest power possible to obtain a usable s.w.r. reading when initially tuning the antenna; generally, only a few watts of r.f. are required to obtain such readings. When high r.f. powers are presented to an improper load, which exists before the transmatch is adjusted, a strain is placed on the transmitter's output circuit. In addition, current and voltage loops can be created in the transmatch which can cause the capacitors to arc and switches to fail.

At the bottom line, don't expect the transmatch—regardless of superiority of design or care with which it is adjusted—to improve the antenna; its duty is to facilitate the transfer of power from the transmitter to the antenna, and little more. If your antenna suffers from poor system performance, don't expect a complete turnaround in transmission efficiency and reception quality when a transmatch is used. Overall antenna effectiveness depends primarily on the "business end": the antenna itself and the proper interface between the antenna and the transmission line.

## Wrap-Up

In this series, we have looked at the transmatch as an important antenna and station accessory. We've defined and discussed essential transmitter matching considerations, highlighted basic and advanced transmatch designs, covered the harmonic problem and possible solutions, and presented some receiving, installation, selection, and adjustment considerations.

Next month, we will begin a series of columns that will bring into focus various station and antenna accessories that can help the antenna and transmitter to radiate a respectable signal. See you then.

73, Karl, W8FX



*Daiwa CNW-418 antenna tuner incorporates the cross-needle meter display to indicate s.w.r./power, a feature unique to this manufacturer's equipment. The tuner is specifically designed to cover the new WARC bands (10, 18, and 24 MHz) in the 3.5–30 MHz range. The unit matches 10–250 ohm loads and handles 500 watts with an insertion loss under 0.5 dB. (Photo courtesy MCM Communications)*

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## Antenna of the Month: J.W. Miller Auto-Track AT2500 Automatic Antenna Tuner



*The J.W. Miller Auto-Track AT2500 automatic antenna tuner. (Photo courtesy J.W. Miller Div., Bell Industries)*

Of special interest to contesters and other rapid QSY'ers, the AT-2500 is the first transmatch of its kind manufactured in the U.S. for amateur use (the Daiwa units are imported from Japan). The Miller unit is designed to automatically match unbalanced loads from 10–200 ohms, to 50 ohms resistive, over the range 3.0 to 30 MHz—within a 15-second time frame.

The device is broken down into two separate assemblies: a main tuner assembly which houses the r.f. components and circuit boards as well as the motors, and a remote directional bridge coupler which is installed at the transmitter's r.f. output terminal. Five circuits, besides the bridge, work to achieve the automatic operating feature: the s.w.r. analog computer, power logarithmic amplifier, slope detection circuit, logic control circuit, and tune-load motor-drive circuit. A dual-mode (a.c. or d.c.) power supply provides power for these circuits. The AT2500's automatic functions will work with as little as 1-watt of r.f. carrier applied to the unit, and visual and audible alarms are built-in to warn the operator of excessive s.w.r. conditions. The transmatch, which uses a C-L-C "T"-network design, is capable of handling 2500 watts PEP and has smooth-acting interconnect circuitry for use with a linear amplifier.

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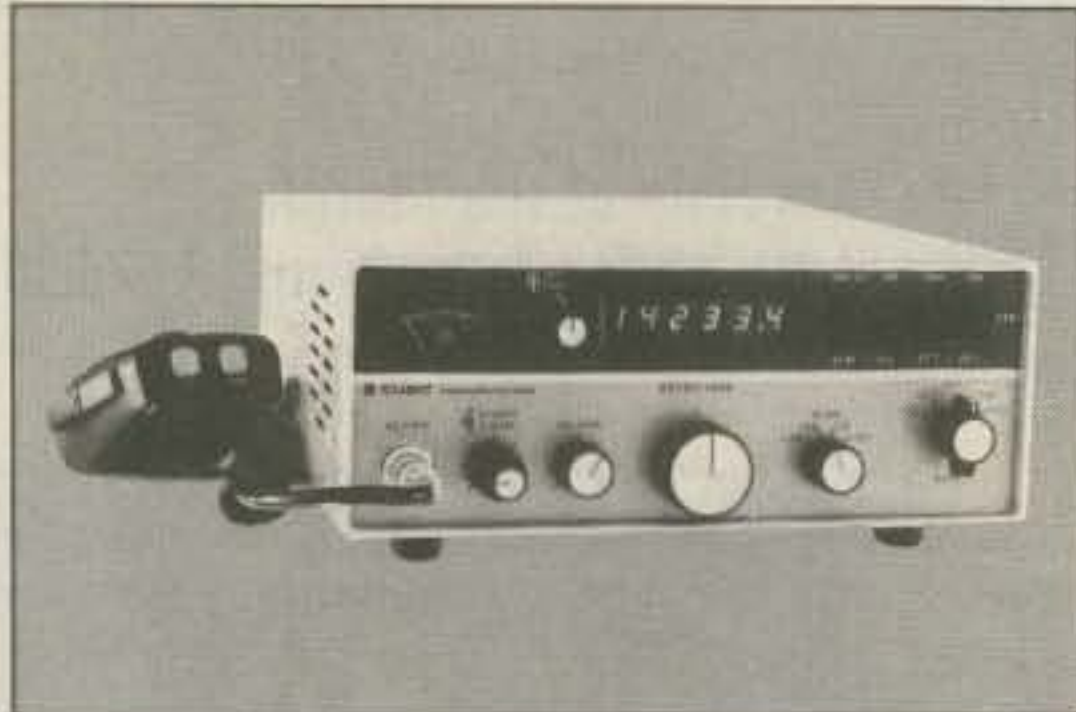
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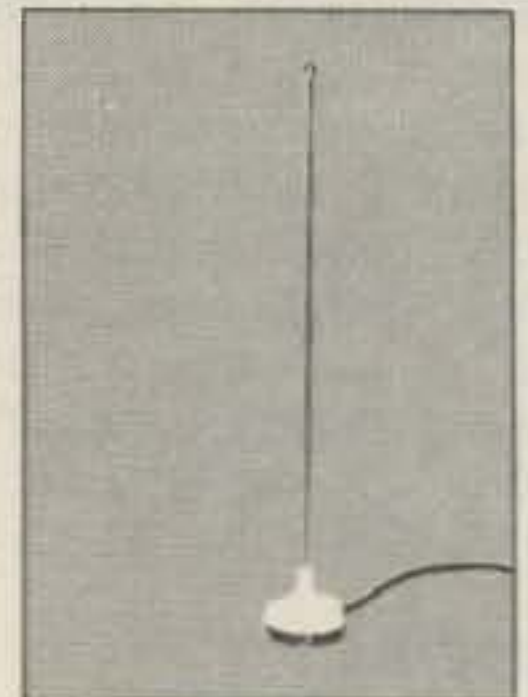
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● **Palmyra DXpedition** - M.O.T.H.E.R.S. (Marengo Over-The-Hill Electric Radio Society), a group of north central Illinois amateurs, are planning a DXpedition to Palmyra. Expected ops are WB9NKH, K9UA, KF9E, KC9DC, and WA9TAH. Operation is planned from Palmyra on Sept. 11 and 12 (0700-2100 CDT on the 12th). Frequencies will be up 30 kHz from the bottom of the c.w. and General phone band edges. Call sign will be WA9TAH, with QSL's going to the Call Book address. A special QSL/award will be available for an s.a.s.e.

● The following hamfests, fleamarkets, etc., are slated for September:

Sept. 5, **Central Pennsylvania Repeater Assoc. Hamfest/Computerfest**, Harrisburg, PA. Contact Irvin Sanders, K3IUY, RD #3 Box FA53, Harrisburg, PA 17112, phone 717-469-2185.

Sept. 10-12, **Augusta, ME, Emergency Amateur Radio Unit Northeast Area Hamfest**, Windsor Fairgrounds, 10 miles east of Augusta, ME. Contact Windsor Hamfest Committee, c/o W.E. Jackson, W1WCI, RFD #1 Box 3970, Winthrop, ME 04364.

Sept. 11, **Grant County ARC Hamfest**, Marion, IN. Contact Beecher Waters, WB9YHF, RR #1 Box 357, Converse, IN 46919.

Sept. 11, **Sussex County ARC Hamfest, SCARC '82**, Augusta, NJ. Contact Sussex County ARC, P.O. Box 11, Newton, NJ 07860.

Sept. 11, **33rd Annual W3PIE Gabfest**, Uniontown, PA. Contact UARC Gabfest Committee, c/o John T. Cermak, WB3DOD, P.O. Box 433, Republic, PA 15475, phone 412-246-2870.

Sept. 11-12, **NJ Microcomputer Show & Fleamarket**, Newark, NJ. Contact Kengore Corp., 3001 Route 27, Franklin Park, NJ 08823, phone 201-297-2526.

Sept. 11-12, **4th Annual Georgia Hamfest & ARRL Georgia State Convention**, Warner Robins, GA. Contact Jim Piper, W4HON, 618 American Blvd., Warner Robins, GA 31093.

Sept. 12, **Suffolk County Radio Club Flea Market**, Port Jefferson Station, LI, NY. Contact Floyd, WA2SDI, 516-234-9376 after 6 pm.

Sept. 12, **Butler County ARA Hamfest**, Butler, PA. Contact Leighton Fennell, Crestmont Dr., RD 6, Butler, PA 16001, phone 412-586-9822.

Sept. 18-19, **Peoria Superfest '82**, Peoria, IL. Contact Superfest '82, 5808 N. Andover Court, Peoria, IL 61615 (s.a.s.e.).

Sept. 18, **Grand Rapids ARA Swap & Shop**, Grand Rapids, MI. Contact Grand Rapids ARA, Inc., P.O. Box 1248, Grand Rapids, MI 49501.

Sept. 18, **4th Annual Seaway Hamfest**, Louisville (Masse-

na), NY. Contact Laird H. Chaffee, WV2HJK, Box 30, West Stockholm, NY 13696, phone 315-265-8710 days.

Sept. 19, **Central Alabama ARA Hamfest**, Montgomery, AL. Contact Hamfest Committee, 2141 Edinburgh Dr., Montgomery, AL 36116, phone 205-272-7980 evenings.

Sept. 19, **South Jersey Radio Assoc. Hamfest**, Pennsauken, NJ. Contact Fred Hoiler, W2EKB, 348 Bortons Mill Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

Sept. 19, **L'Anse Creuse ARC Swap & Shop**, Mt. Clemens, MI. Contact Maurice Schietecatte, 15835 Touraine Ct., Mt. Clemens, MI 48044 (s.a.s.e.), phone 313-286-1843.

Sept. 19, **Skyview Radio Society Hamfest**, New Kensington, PA. Contact Skyview Radio Society, Turkey Ridge Rd., New Kensington, PA 15068.

Sept. 19, **Augusta Hamfest**, Augusta, GA. Contact John Schumacher, N4DOU, P.O. Box 3072, Augusta, GA 30904, phone 404-860-4460 between 6-9 pm EDT.

Sept. 19, **Candlewood ARA Fleamarket**, Newton, CT. Contact George, WB2THN, at 914-533-2758, or Ken, KA1GDS, 203-744-6953.

Sept. 25, **Elmira Hamfest**, Chemung County Fairgrounds. Contact Donald Estus, 42 Maplehurst Park, Horseheads, NY 14845, phone 1-607-739-4807.

Sept. 25-26, **Chicago FM Club Radio Expo**, Lake County Fairgrounds. Contact Harold G. Rowlett, c/o Radio Expo, P.O. Box 1532, Evanston, IL 60204, phone 312-588-3976.

Sept. 25-26, **Wichita ARS Hamfest**, Wichita Falls, TX. Contact WARS Hamfest, P.O. Box 4363, Wichita Falls, TX 76308.

Sept. 26, **Connecticut Valley FM Assoc. Hamfest/Fleamarket**, New London, NH. Contact KA1BWE.

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### QRP Field Day 1981

**T**he 1981 ARRL Field Day provided for quite a few operators to test their knowledge and skill in an emergency operation situation. As usual, some hardy individuals locked horns with Murphy and won hands down. An unfortunate few were scratched by unforeseen variables. That's the neat thing about a QRP FD! Just about everyone plans a highly successful outing, and success looks certain on the drawing boards. The first big variable—conditions—automatically spells disaster if it goes negative. If conditions are good to excellent, something else usually gets in the way, like forgetting to replace the batteries in the keyer, or forgetting to resolder the splayed coax-to-connector joints. If it is going to fail, FD is the time when it does fail!

Last year (1981), the QRP ARC I and Michigan QRP Club joined with the Milliwatt Field Day Trophy program to offer an expanded set of awards, including a plaque for the highest scoring QRP multi-operator, multi-rig entry, and a trophy for the high-scoring under-one-watt entry. The first category enticed a goodly number of entrants, but alas, only one QRP operator had the courage to tackle the really difficult one-watt trophy; in his effort, K5WNH did a bang-up job, racking up 239 QSO's! Our hats are off to K5WNH, and anyone who has actually operated FD at the one-watt level can appreciate the amount of dogged determination that was necessary to come up with this kind of showing! On the other hand, the rest of us five-watt types can stand in amazement at N4BP's phenomenal success of 999 QSOs—one short of a thousand! That is simply incredible. Bet he doesn't do that well this year again, mainly because things can't be perfect every year! Ironically, the club award was won by a bunch of QRP nuts from the QRP ARC I, but it was all fair and square. So much for general comments, and on to the soapbox wherein the wisdom of the tried-and-true QRP FD operators is available for the taking.

#### "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Seems like mountaintops were very popular as FD 1981 sites! Gary Stay, KJ7G, netted 195 QSOs from a valley at the top of the Wasach Mountains at 8500 ft. alti-

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That's Perry, W5SOD, at the controls of AF5B at the 10,800 ft. level in the Sierra Blanca. The cool temperatures were a bit of a hardship, as can be evidenced by the blanket wrapped around Perry.

tude in Utah. He used a 40 meter dipole at about 50 ft. and an 18AVT with several radials. He notes that "many contacts would not believe I was QRP, so I finally stopped telling them!" There may be some truth to getting the antenna high and in the clear!

Bob Spidell, W6SKQ, active in QRP since back in the old *Milliwatt* days, did a fine job from his mountain: "I went back to my old stomping grounds in the mountains near here at an approximate elevation of 7200 ft. Used a 515, homebrew 'ZL Special,' 120 ft. center-fed Zepp, and MFJ antenna tuner. This year the weather cooperated with lots of sunshine and mild temperatures during the daytime, but it sure got very cool at night."

G.E. Periera, K4KBL, used an Argo and dipole atop a mountain in Cobb County, GA, but was only able to put in about 7 hrs of operation. However, lest newcomers start combing local maps for peaks, mountaintops aren't all paradises for FD!

Phil Levine, N8BQL, an inveterate mountain-topper whose exploits will be chronicled in some future column, put in a lot of effort to get to "Top of the World" in Pike National Forest, but managed only 26 QSOs on 20 meters with a mini-transceiver I designed for the purpose. Phil was quite disgruntled, needless to say! Then, at times, success comes only with a dear price tag!

Dave Riehl, AF5B, and Perry Bell, W5SOD, have been going up for three years now with impressive results. "We have operated 1-B for 3 years in the mountains of central New Mexico at 10,000 ft. or higher with excellent results. In 1979 we produced 465 QSOs from Windy Point Overlook, just two miles from Sierra Blanca

peak. In 1980 we operated from Monjeau, a 10,000 ft. mountain 4 miles from the '79 site, but we made only 279 QSOs, all c.w., probably due to being among trees and not on top of the peak. This year we struggled up to an elevation of 10,800 ft. We had to negotiate 3.5 miles of Forest Service road—rocky and rough.

"We arrived shortly after 1800Z, unloaded the gear, and put up the tent in sprinkling rain. When we got all ready to go, it began raining and continued for 6 hours till sundown. It was cold! The camp stove made the tent passably comfortable, but cold hands don't key very well, even on a keyboard. During the night the temperature must have dropped down into the 30's (F). A beautiful dawn was followed by 3-4 hours of sunshine, and then



Believe it or not, these guys worked an incredible 999 QSOs and still had time to goof around! That's Bob Patten, N4BP, on the left, and cohort N4UM on the right. The shot explains their group name, which, incidentally, is "The Bashful Perverts." "Perverts" we can understand, but "bashful"?

rain again all day until five minutes before the end of FD. We had beautiful weather for break-up and load-up, though.

"Propagation was terrific from the high altitude, and that is the reason we go back each year. During a one-hour period on Saturday evening, we had a run of 90 QSOs on 15 meters s.s.b.! It was like a DX pileup; we would call QRZ and 5 or 6 stations would respond. It went on like that for an hour, working them as fast as we could go through the exchanges. It was 'fantastic' and a lot of fun! We would oc-

asionally say that we were running 5 watts at 11,000 ft. and guys could hardly believe we were putting out such a fantastic signal with such low power. We proved to ourselves that 'mountain-topping' really works.

"But Murphy also got us, in a way. We went to sleep Saturday night with the rig hooked to the 20 ft. mast, loaded for 40 meters. We forgot to switch back to the beam on Sunday and operated all day with the 20 ft. mast. We kept wondering why we weren't producing those pileups of the previous day. We did not discover the reason until taking down the antenna. We were sick about it!"

Sounds great, doesn't it? Too bad the highest peak around here maxes out at around 103 ft.! SD is sort of flat. And boring. Oh well . . .

### 1981 Murphy Does It Again Award

**Andy Reynolds, WD9IYT**, deserves the recognition (or condolence?) reserved for the chief butt of Murphy this year. Andy read last year's FD report in *CQ*, got fired up, and decided to try FD for his first time ever, and then . . . "Murphy must have stored up especially for me. My 'confirmed' overnight privileges fell through when someone at the park office left an hour early, one of my two batteries (the main one at that) died, a last-minute coax run turned out to be faulty, reducing me to one of two antennas, a Mosley 40 meter loaded vertical. Had a great time, though! All of the above was also very educational so that I'll know better next year and start my planning more than a week in advance!"

### Better Than Last Year

Most FD reports end typically with some version of "wait 'till next year and I'll be ready." In some cases, determination and conditions permit the desired improvement.

**Dan Tomcik, K4OU**, from TenTec, spent last year (his first QRP FD) on his houseboat "The Love Barge" using an ingenious loaded dipole constructed with bamboo poles, fishing rods (what else would be laying around on a sea-going vessel?), and coils. Went back this year: "Well, I did it again. Spent the FD period on the Love Barge and had a ball. This year I managed to finish making the 40 meter coils and tips for the bamboo rod antenna (see photo, last year's report, *CQ*, June 1981) and it worked just fine. Worked through the night this year on 40 and added a considerable number of contacts to my score of 176 QSOs last year, again using the Argo 515."

Likewise, **Tom Magera, KA1CZF**, capitalized on his '80 FD experience: "Used an Argo and 67 ft. random wire antenna through a TenTec antenna tuner. Worked fairly well and managed a KH6 on 20 meters. Set up portable in a nearby park until dark on Sat. and then finished up at home



Steve, W0OGJ, in the tent at the Argo operating position. The reason for his smile can be seen in the next photo.



The easy-to-use trees supporting W0OGJ's antennas, which included a Delta loop at 55 ft.! Check this photo carefully for ideal tree characteristics: very tall with few if any branches until the top of the tree. Branches at lower levels make the task of tossing a weight over a branch at the top more difficult.

using the random wire thrown up in a tree and a 12v auto battery for power. QSO total not impressive, but greatly improved from last year's (137 QSOs vs 28 QSOs!). After 1½ years of QRP operating, I am still amazed at how well one can do with QRP even in pileups. I managed a c.w. QSO and c.w./s.s.b. QSOs with the KP2A/ Desecheo expedition on 15 and 20 meters!"

**Steve Russell, W0OGJ**, found portable operation to have a distinct advantage over the home QTH: "I set out to better my last serious QRO FD effort of 1975, when I had 182 QSOs with the HW-7. This year found me in NJ, where I sought out some tall trees for supports for my 20 meter Delta loop and 80 meter inverted Vee fed with open wire. The apex of each antenna was at the 55 ft. level, making them far better than the antenna system at the home QTH. Used an Argo 509 and home-

brew amp at 9w input. Most contacts were on 80, 40, and 20, with only a few on 15 and 10. At one point I was managing 30 QSOs/hour. Had I been able to operate continuously without sleep, I'm sure I could have exceeded 400 contacts."

**Ken Gould, W0SLU**, and **Phil Ott, W0NLK**, note: "Unfortunately, we were unable to operate the full contest period because of other commitments on Sunday, but almost worked as many stations as last year anyhow. Forty meters was our best operational band this year, with fair results on 20 meters. Antennas were a ground-mounted vertical and center-fed Zepp double-extended on 15 meters at a height of 25 ft."

Hawaii is a dream location for everything but FD, judging from comments from **KH6CP**: "I operated at Puu Ualakaa State Wayside park when not participating in the 2A KH6WO operation 500 ft. away. Equipment consisted of an Argo 515 with dipoles at 15 ft. I quickly discovered that I could not operate on the same band as KH6WO—front-end overload. As a result, there were only a few hours when contacts outside KH6 could be made, including W2RQ, N4NC, and W8IZ."

**Virg Willis, WB6KQI**, and **Loren Murch, WA6OEY**, felt hampered by condx even though they outdid last year's effort. "Band conditions weren't nearly as favorable this year as last, but we had a good time. Used the same basic equipment with the Bird TenuLine Coaxial power attenuator to keep our output under the 5 watt limit. So, once again, we were out in the boonies with 100% battery power, the FT301S, and KLM KT34A tri-bander, plus dipoles for 80 and 40 meters. They were not too effective. We'll have to use something better next year for sure."

**Don Bajorek, KA3ENK**: "I had a ball even though I only operated about six hours total. The rig was the Argo 515 and end-fed Zepp fed with 300 ohm twinlead through a Dentron Jr. Monitor tuner. Operated from a small campground in Parkman, OH, with the XYL and kids having fun in the sun."

**Ron Wilson, WB5NBQ**: "I set up at Hords Creek Lake about 60 miles east of San Antonio, TX, with my tent under some nice Texas oak trees, using an Argo and 40 meter dipole. This was not one of my better performances. I guess I needed more antenna. Had a good time, all things considered."

**Lee Carkenord, KA0FPJ**: "I used a Kenwood TS180S powered with a 95 amp-hour battery. Antenna was a horizontal Vee beam, each leg 86 ft. long, with an apex angle of about 86 degrees. Fed it with 50 ft. of open line through a homebrew tuner up about 50 ft. The battery wasn't as good as I thought, and it was dead about 1.5 hours before the contest ended. That put an end to my operating. Next year, two batteries!"



WB6KQI at the controls of the FT301S.

**Carl Moreschi, N4PY:** "I operated from a beach cottage with an 80-15 meter trap dipole up 20 ft. using an HW-8 and car battery. The dipole is homemade with 3 traps on each side, overall length 70 ft. Trap capacitors were made by cutting RG58 to the proper length, with inductors wound on 1 inch PVC tubing. I found the going very rough with QRP. I could not get any answers to my CQs, so all my QSOs were made by answering others. My QSO rate was about 8-10 per hour, except the last hour when I worked 15. At this point, the station density on the band had dropped enough so I was more easily heard."



Ron Wilson, WB5NBQ, at the mike at his Hords Creek Lake QTH in TX. A simple and neat layout.

## Clubs

The new category for multi-op, multi-transmitter groups brought out several clubs. **Red Reynolds, K5VOL/9**, headed up a group consisting of **K9BCM**, **K9PNG**, **KA9HAO**, and "Frank," and did fairly well with simple antennas. "Setup included a shortened, loaded dipole for 20/15/10 meters, which was designed for mast-mounting, but hung from a line and tree-branch. A trap dipole at about 20 ft. was used on 80/40 meters. A single Argo 515 served as the rig. When the sun was out, a solar panel, borrowed from Motorola by KA9HAO's wife who works there, ran the Argo for 124 QSOs. The panel was leaned against a step-ladder so we could take full advantage of our big thermonuclear generator 93,000,000 miles away."

**Tim Flebig, N2BCF**, and **Norman Harbinson, K2NH**, were encouraged by their initial success during 1980 FD with an HW-8, and went back for more this year. "We had a terrific time this year running the two HW-8s and dipoles. Ran the rigs from a motorcycle and a car battery, neither of which showed any signs of weakening after the 24 hr. period. We made over 200 QSOs and are really proud of that!"



Operating position at K5WNH/0, winner of the 1 watt category, on Devil's Head Mountain. Terry operated alone in this beautiful setting with the HW-8 on the card table, appropriate publicity sign and T-shirt, and vertical in background. Must have been a great FD for him!

**Joe Parsons, VE6PD**, took his "ham family" out, including **XYL, Evelyn, VE6CHN**, and sons **Tim, VE6CGZ**, and **Rick, VE6CLO**, and turned in a good showing, working 34 states and 4 provinces with an FT-7 and trap dipole. "We found FD another exciting and challenging QRP activity. The band conditions, however, were not the best one would wish for, and we had typical FD weather with rain during the setup operation."

**Randy Shirbroun, WA0VBW** (DXCC QRPp Trophy #35), and three other unnamed operators used an Argo 515 and 80 meter dipole up 75 ft. for 302 QSOs. **Chris Hethorn, KM8X** (DXCC QRP Trophy #36), and 10 others from the MI QRP C used a 515 and introduced **XYLs Deb, KA8ME**, and **Lynn, WD8MFY**, to QRP FD. "They had a great time at their first FD as all of us did." Next year, KM8X plans an assault on the 1 watt trophy. Any other takers?

**Ted Van Beek, AC2U**, **Steve Sacco, Jr., KC2X**, and **Ralph Juliano, N3RJ**, used a KLM KT34A mounted on a borrowed trailer-mounted Tri-Ex crank-up to reach a 65 ft. height, plus 80 and 40 meter dipoles at 60 ft. to come up with a 627 QSO total.

**N2RI, AI2Q**, and **WB2OVH** used a pair of 509's and a double-extended Zepp fed with open line for 40 meters, a collinear array and two half-waves in-phase, both fed with open line through matching networks, for 20 meters. They win the award for the best club name—"Sticky and the QRP Mountain Boys." The QRP ARC I gang went into the field led by President **Tom Davis, K8IF**, with **K8BX** (call used),

## 1981 QRP Field Day Results

### 5W, 2 Op/1 TX Class

(Entries: Station, Number of QSOs S.S.B./C.W., Total QSOs, Score)

Call	S.S.B./C.W.	QSOs	Score
1. N4BP	427/572	999	6144
2. WB6KQI	519/--	519	3264
3. W6SKQ	409/20	429	2724
4. AF5B	216/181	397	2532
5. W0OGJ	--/361	361	2316
6. WA6POC	84/202	286	1866
7. KA0FPJ	282/--	282	1842
8. K4OU	--/263	263	1728
9. WA4UQA	--/233	233	1548
10. N5EM	--/208	208	1398
11. K5BOT	--/208	208	1398
12. WB9OAR	194/--	194	1164
13. N4PY	--/156	156	1086
14. WA0SLU	--/147	147	1032
15. KA1CZF	34/103	137	972
16. KC5EV	126/--	126	906
17. K4KBL	89/18	107	792
18. KJ7G	124/71	195	780
19. KC8P	51/34	85	660
20. K6TG	4/80	84	654
21. KA0JGL	46/33	79	624
22. WA3FNK	1/77	78	618
23. WB6NYH	64/14	78	618
24. N4EVC	--/121	121	484
25. N5AE	17/35	52	462
26. WB5NBQ	50/2	52	462
27. KA3ENX	19/33	52	462
28. N0BQF	--/26	26	306
29. N9ANK	--/64	64	256
30. KH6CP	2/10	12	238
31. WD9IYT	--/5	5	180

### 1W, 2 Op/1 TX Class

1. K5WNH	--/239	239	3018
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### Multi-Op/Multi-TX 5W Class

1. K8BX	109/745	854	5274
2. AC2U	--/627	627	3912
3. N2/RI	248/307	555	3480
4. KM8X	30/377	407	2592
5. WA0VBW	208/104	312	2022
6. K9BCM	19/281	300	1950
7. K2NH	--/224	224	1494
8. VE6PD	--/155	155	1080
9. K1NQG	9/53	62	398

**WA2JOC**, **WD8DWQ**, and **WD8MFP** filling in the ranks. A pair of Argo's and 80 meter doublet, 40 meter dipole, and portable TA-33 Jr. led to 745 QSOs. Unimaginative group name—"QRP ARC I."

## One-Watt Lone Ranger

**Terry Travis, K5WNH/0**, was the sole 1-watt entry, and won convincingly with 239 QSOs. He notes: "This was my first year to enter solo operation and QRP. Actually, QRP isn't that much of a disadvantage, considering you can get to those 'good remote' sites using a battery for power. I operated from Devil's Head Mountain, CO, at an elevation of about 11,500 ft. I didn't start setting up until 1730 UTC (30 min. prior to FD opening), but found that a simple vertical and dipole only takes 30-40 minutes. After 22 years of hamming, I think this has been my most memorable FD experience, and I really look forward to next year, knowing what I learned this year!"



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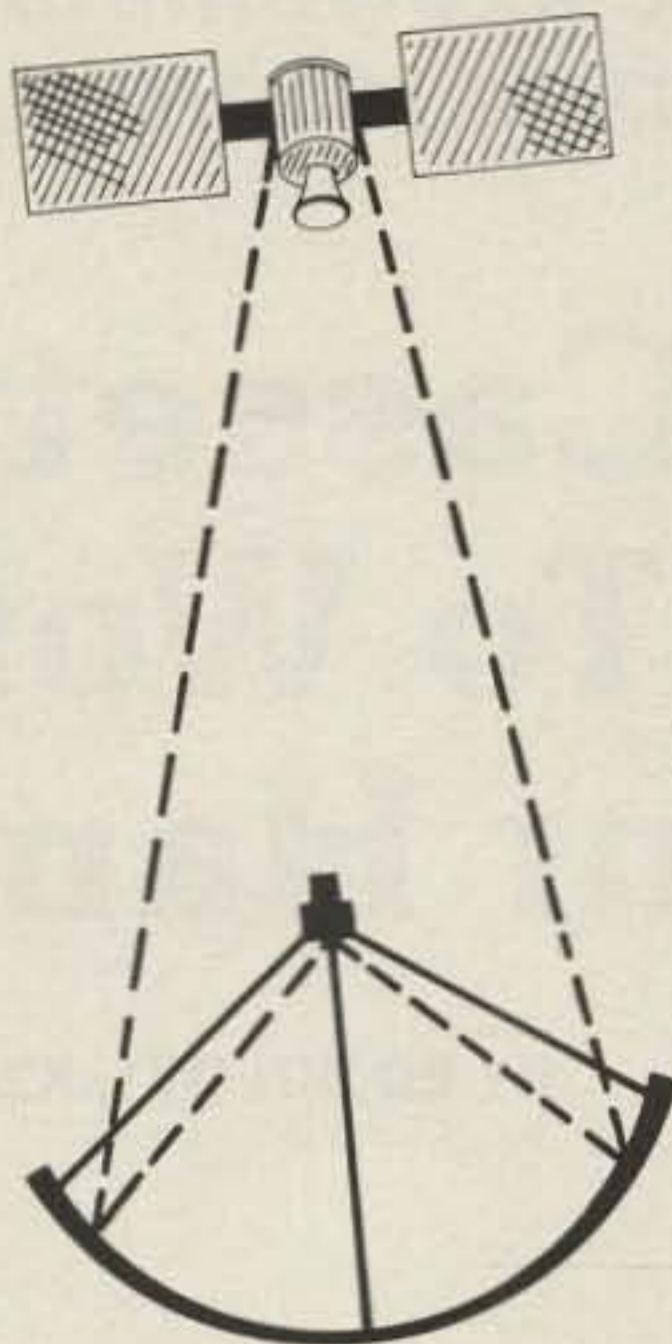
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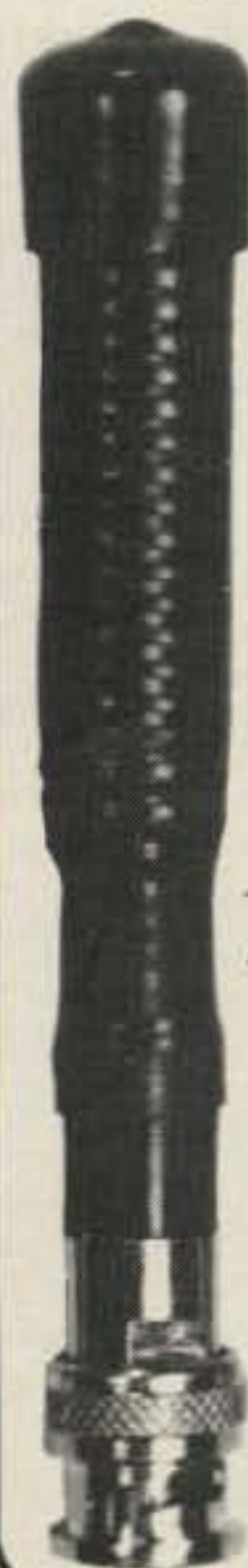
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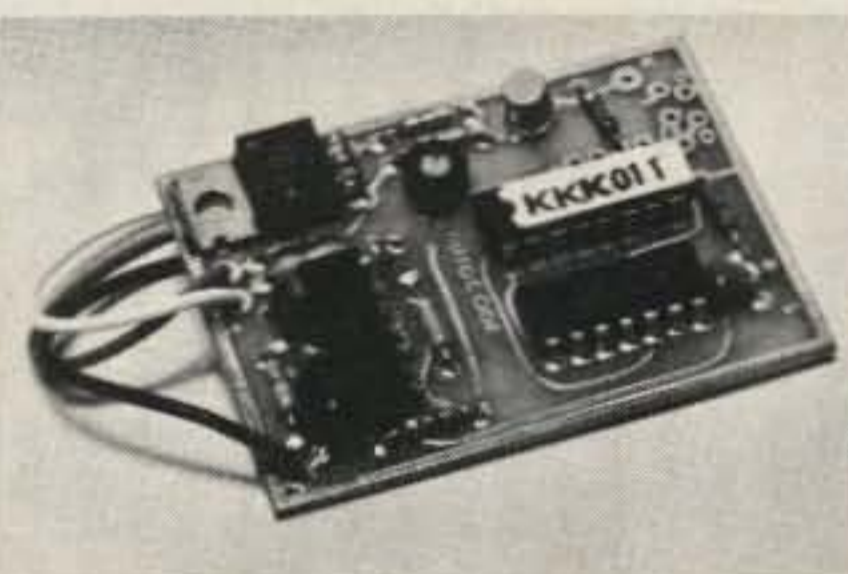


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Here's how to get some extra amateur mileage out of an inexpensive cassette tape recorder.

# Put Your Cassette Recorder To Work In Your Ham Shack

BY ED SOLOV\*, K2SE

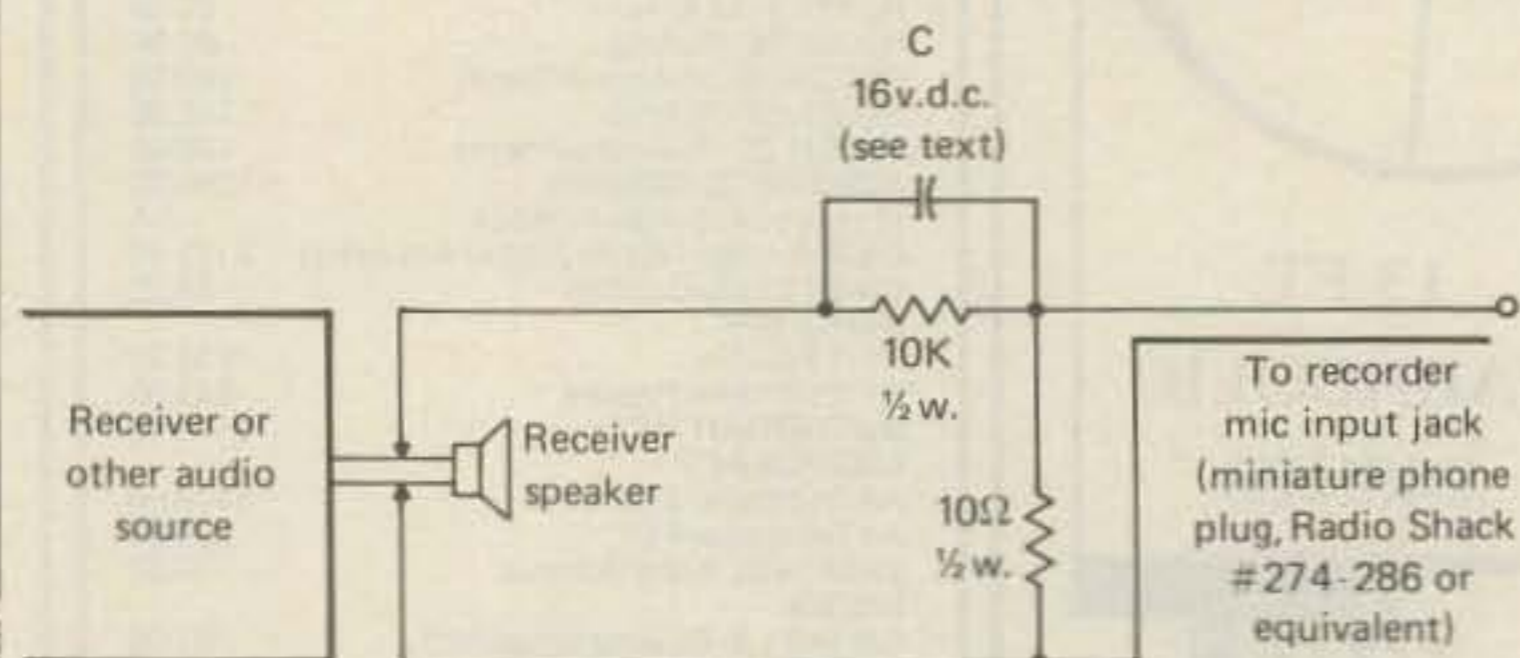


Fig. 1—Connecting a cassette recorder to an audio source.

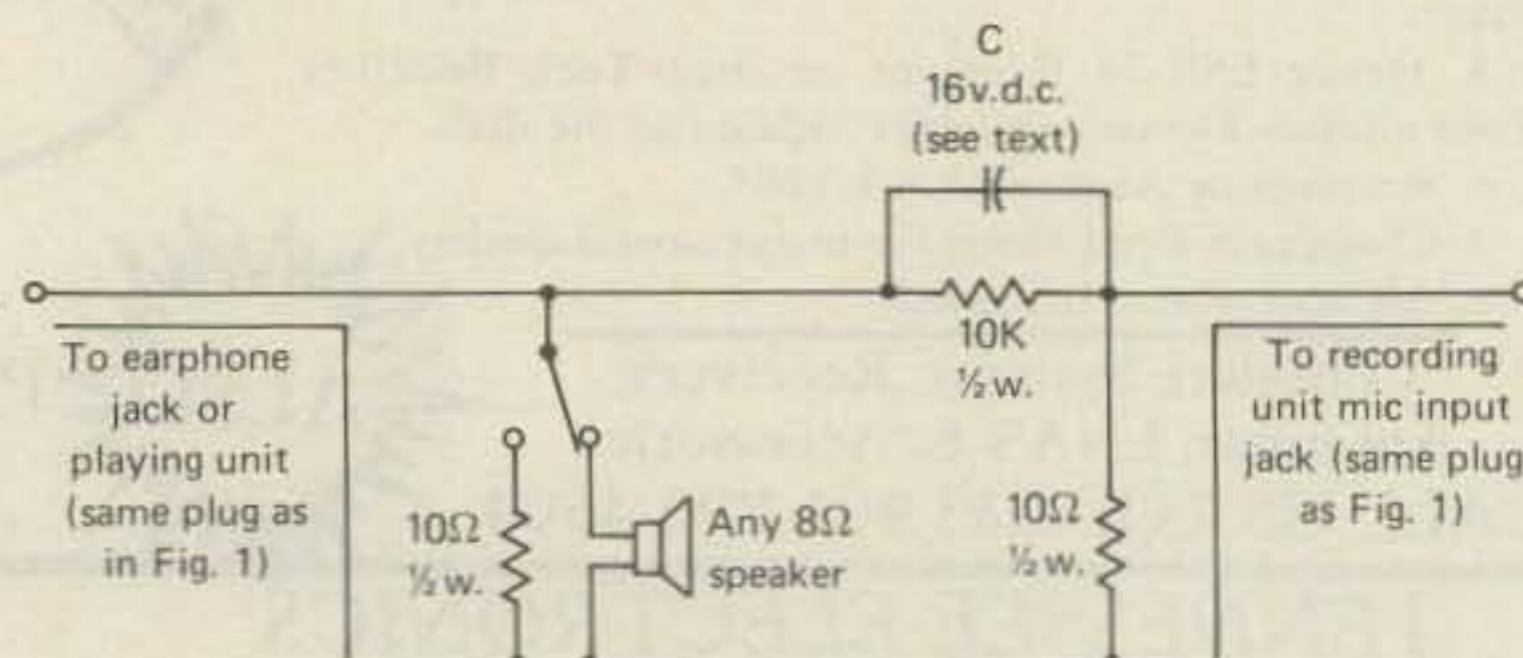


Fig. 2—Recorder to recorder patching connections.

A very handy gadget for the ham shack is an inexpensive cassette recorder. I use mine to record code practice sessions for Novice classes, to duplicate code practice tapes, to record my own QSO's, and to "compress time," as we'll see later. A few simple circuits will help you electrically interface your recorder to your receiver and to other recorders for duplicating tapes.

You might ask, "Why not use a recording mic next to the receiver speaker?" Well, that will work, of course, but then when the dog barks, the phone rings, or the XYL yells at you to take out the garbage, you'll have a permanent record of that on your tape. If you're duping tapes, you'll get sick of hearing the stuff after you've run eleven copies. Direct interfacing is easy and avoids all these problems.

## Simple Patch Cords

My experience with a few different, low-cost cassette units—GE and Panasonic models—is that a few millivolts at the mic input jack provides a fine recording signal level. Too much signal, and the recorder overloads and distorts. On the other hand, audio amplitude across the typical 8-ohm speaker coil is a volt or two at normal listening level. Therefore, the first step is to cut down the signal level. In

fact, that's the only step, and a circuit such as that shown in fig. 1 does nicely. Since the recorder has automatic recording-level control, there is no need to worry about the particular volume of the receiver; the recorder compensates for it.

Usually, the capacitor, C, is not needed. However, with one such hook-up, I found the recorded signal to be muffled, and I added the capacitor to beef up the higher frequencies. If you need it, try something in the range of 0.01 to 0.05  $\mu$ F.

If you are connecting your cassette unit to another unit for tape duplicating, try the circuit shown in fig. 2. The 8-ohm speaker provides the proper load for the playing unit and allows you to monitor

progress of the duplication. If you don't want to listen, switch in the 10-ohm resistor instead. I've found that results are best if at least one of the two recorders is running on batteries rather than a.c. Otherwise, there are unpleasant problems with 60 Hz hum.

## Compressing Time

If you've ever monitored a public service frequency, you may have noticed that there are many minutes of total silence for every few seconds of conversation. A recorder is a handy way of eliminating the long silences. It's done using the remote-control jack and the little VOX-like device of fig. 3 to turn the re-

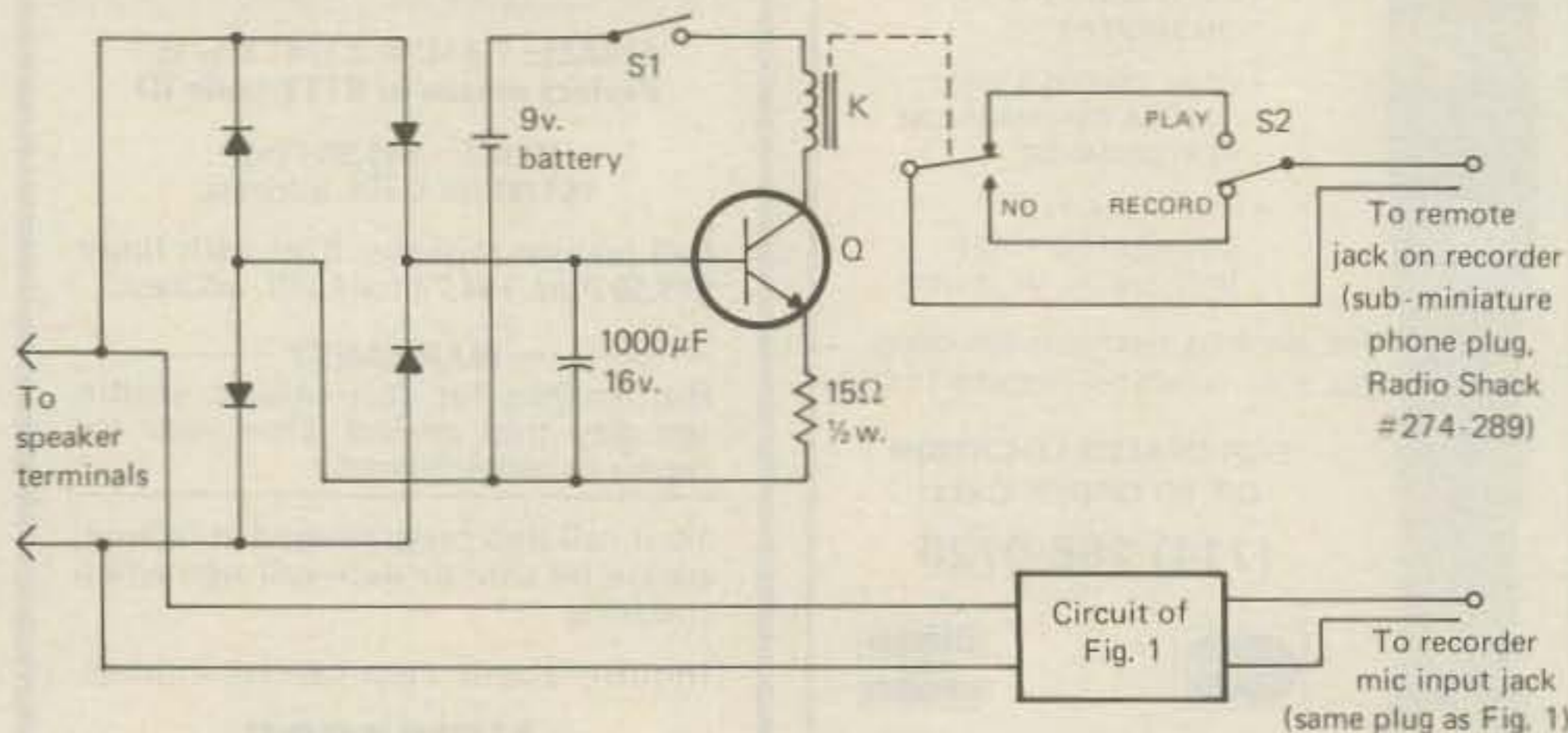


Fig. 3—How to control the cassette recorder by audio at the speaker terminals.

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order on when there is conversation and to turn it off when there isn't. If you record the conversation, you can come back after a few hours and listen, in a few minutes, to the total business transacted on the frequency during the hours you were off doing something else. It has the added advantage of allowing you to record hours of business on one side of a C-60 or C-90 cassette.

I used an HEP S0007 for Q, but many other NPN transistors, such as the ubiquitous 2N2222A (Radio Shack No. 276-1617, 15 for \$1.98) would do as well. The relay, K, can be a 9 to 12 volt d.c. (coil) unit, such as the Radio Shack 275-004. Any handy diodes will do for the bridge.

The way the circuit works is that when there is audio at the speaker, the diodes rectify it and provide base current to Q. That turns on the relay. As long as S2 has been switched to the normally open relay contact (**Record**), the remote circuit of the recorder is completed and the recorder

operates. The audio take-off (which is the circuit of fig. 1 again) feeds the speaker signal to the mic input jack, and if the recorder controls have been set in the **Record** position, all is recorded. When the talking stops, the relay shuts off and all stops.

When you come back to listen to what has been going on, put S2 in the normally closed (**Play**) position and leave S1 on. If a live signal comes on while you are playing back the recorded conversation, the circuit will shut the recorder off so that you can listen to the live conversation undistracted. When the live signal ends, playback of the recorded material resumes.

### Conclusion

Your particular cassette machine and the uses to which you plan to put it might dictate modifications to some of these techniques, but with a little experimentation you can make your cassette recorder a very valuable addition to your shack.

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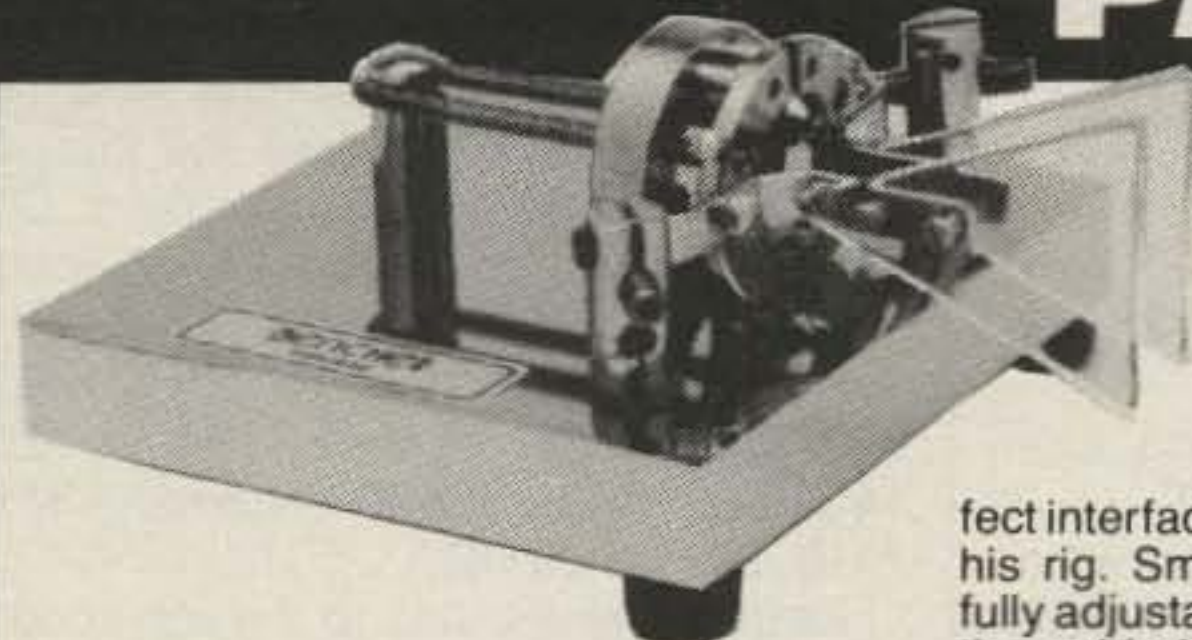
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**D**uring the last couple of months the rumor-mongers have had W1WY stepping down as Chairman of the CQ Contest program, and W8IMZ resigning under pressure as the WPX Contest Director.

Let's set the record straight. I have been involved with CQ contests since 1954 and have no intentions of retiring at the present time. And although Bernie Welch in fact wants to resign from his duties as WPX Contest Director, it is not because of any problems or complaints, but rather because of his workload in other areas.

We just cannot overlook the phenomenal growth of the WPX Contest under Bernie's leadership and have persuaded him to continue as a Co-Director and to pass on his vast experience to Steve Bolia, N8BJQ, in his new assignment as Co-Director of the CQ WPX Contest program. Steve has been assisting Bernie for the past several years.

So, the moral to the story is, "Don't believe everything you hear and only half of what you read," especially if you see it in an unreliable publication. And always keep in mind that it's not official unless the news comes out of Hicksville.

Rules for this year's World Wide Contest will be found elsewhere in this issue. There are a few minor modifications and additions, but basically everything is status quo. Following are a few items that you should review:

**VIII. Awards:** Certificates will now be awarded in each call area of Japan.

**IX. Trophies:** Six additional plaques have been added to last year's list. Some of these previously have been announced in this column and are effective for the 1981 Contest now being reported. There is, however, one deletion.

The 3 year eligibility period remains in effect. In a survey of the donors the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of making no change. A minor adjustment has been made in the African and N6TJ Carib./C.A. awards at the request of the donors. These are now available to all participants.

**XII. Disqualification:** This clause has been rewritten and clearly states the penalty if a station or operator is disqualified.

A couple of corrections in the 1981 WPX Contest scores are also in order. In the S.S.B. Contest the 728 prefix multiplier of AI6V was not a new U.S. record as indicated. The record belongs to the AD8R multi-multi group with a total of 730 prefixes. In the C.W. section gremlins somehow deleted G3FXB's Single Oper-

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Aug. 28-29	Ohio QSO Party
* Sep. 4-5	Aruba Field Day
Sep. 4-6	FOUR Land QSO Party
* Sep. 5	Bulgarian C.W. Contest
Sep. 8-10	YLRL "Howdy Days"
* Sep. 11-12	European Phone Contest
Sep. 11-12	Cray Valley SWL Contest
Sep. 11-12	G-QRP Activity
Sep. 11-12	ARRL VHF Contest
Sep. 19	North American CW Sprint
Sep. 18-19	CAN-AM Phone Contest
Sep. 18-19	College Scrimmage
Sep. 18-19	New Mexico QSO Party
Sep. 18-20	Wash. State QSO Party
Sep. 18-19	Scandinavian C.W. Contest
Sep. 25-26	Scandinavian Phone Contest
Sep. 25-26	CAN-AM C.W. Contest
Sep. 25-26	Delta QSO Party
Sep. 25-26	Maine QSO Party
Sep. 26	North American SSB Sprint
Sep. 25-27	Massachusetts QSO Party
Oct. 2-3	California QSO Party
Oct. 2-3	VK/ZL/Oceania Phone Contest
Oct. 9-10	VK/ZL/Oceania C.W. Contest
Oct. 10	RSGB 21/28 MHz Phone
Oct. 16-17	Boy Scouts Jamboree
Oct. 16-17	Pennsylvania QSO Party
Oct. 16-17	ARCI QRP C.W. Contest
Oct. 17	RSGB 21 MHz CW Contest
Oct. 20-21	YLRL Anniv. CW Party
Oct. 23-24	Maryland/D.C. QSO Party
<b>Oct. 30-31</b>	<b>CQ WW DX Phone Contest</b>
Nov. 3-4	YLRL Anniv. Phone Party
Nov. 13-14	European RTTY Contest
<b>Nov. 27-28</b>	<b>CQ WW DX C.W. Contest</b>

\*Covered last month.

ator, All Band score of 1,902,930 from the World Top Scores listing. Al Slater did indeed make the Top 10; he was 8th high.

*A final reminder:* Deadline for material for the December issue is September 15th, for the January issue, October 15th.

It's a long column this month, and I hope that I have not overlooked anything. 73 for this time, Frank, W1WY

### Ohio QSO Party

0000Z Sat. to 2400Z Sun., Aug. 28-29

This year's party is again being sponsored by the Cuyahoga Falls ARC.

The same station may be worked on each band and mode for QSO and multiplier credit.

**Exchange:** RS(T) and QTH. County for Ohio, ARRL section or country for others.

**Scoring:** Two points for each contact with an Ohio station. Contacts with a Falls member are worth 10 points. Work the club station W8VPV for 25 points. (Club members should identify themselves.)

Ohio stations score 5 points for out-of-state contacts, plus the member and club bonuses.

**Multiplier:** For Ohio, ARRL sections and DX countries. All others use Ohio counties (maximum 88) for their multiplier.

**Frequencies:** 5 kHz up from low end of each General Class band, both on s.s.b. and c.w. The club station W8VPV will be found near these frequencies.

**Awards:** Plaques to the top-scoring Ohio and out-of-state station. Certificates to the winning stations in each ARRL section, Ohio county, and DX country.

Dupe sheets are required for stations making 200 or more contacts. A summary sheet showing the scoring, the usual signed declaration, etc., is also requested. Include a large s.a.s.e. for a copy of the results.

Mailing deadline for all entries is September 29th to: The Cuyahoga Falls ARC, P.O. Box 6, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44222.

### FOUR Land QSO Party

1800Z Sat., Sept. 4 to 0600 Sun., Sept. 5  
1300Z Sun., Sept. 5 to 0100 Mon., Sept. 6

The Brightleaf ARC is again sponsoring this, the 12th annual QSO Party, to make the many counties in the eight 4th district states available to county hunters.

The same station may be worked on each band and mode, again if operating portable or mobile from each county change. Stations in the 4th area may work each other for QSO and multiplier credit.

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

**Scoring:** 4th call area—One point per QSO. Multiply total QSO points by the number of states, provinces, and countries worked.

*All others*—Two points for each 4th area station worked, times the total 4th area states and counties worked. Contacts with the club station W4AMC count 5 QSO points.

**Frequencies:** C.W.—3575, 7055, 14070, 21070, 28090. Phone—3940, 7260, 14340, 21360, 28600. Novice—3710, 7110, 21110, 28110.

**Awards:** Certificates to the top scorers in each state, VE province, and DX country, 2nd and 3rd place where warranted. Also county awards to 4th call area states and Novices.

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

## YLRL "Howdy Days"

1800Z Wed. to 1800Z Fri., Sept. 8-10

This activity is for YL's, and scores will be based on contacts between YL's only. All licensed women operators throughout the world are invited to join the party.

All bands and modes may be used. (Frequencies?) Crossband and Net contacts do not count. Only one contact with the same station is permitted, regardless of the band.

Score 2 points for each YLRL member worked, and 1 point if it's with a non-member. Therefore, members should identify themselves in the exchange. There is no multiplier; just add the QSO points.

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

Submit your original log, no carbon copies. Indicate if you are a member, score your log, and sign the summary sheet. You are expected to delete all duplicate contacts. For each duplicate contact that is removed by the Committee, a penalty of 3 additional and equal contacts will be exacted.

Logs must be received by October 11th and go to: Sandi Heyn, WA6WZN, 962 Cheyenne St., Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

## Cray Valley SWL Contest

1800Z Sat. to 1800Z Sun., Sept. 11-12

Sponsored by the Cray Valley Radio Society of Great Britain, this event is probably the biggest s.w.l. competition in the world. The results are tabulated by an extensive computer system, and are known in a relatively short time.

You can use up to 18 hours of the contest period. Multi-operator groups may log during the entire period.

There are two sections, phone and c.w., each with two categories, single operator and multi-operator. Use all bands 1.8 through 28 MHz.

Scoring should be compiled as follows: One point for each station heard, multiplied by the number of different countries heard on each band. The call areas of the U.S., Canada, and Australia will each count as separate countries.

CQ, QRZ, or similar calls do not count, and the practice of logging a series of contacts made by one station is not permitted. If points are claimed for both sides of a QSO, the call sign of both stations must appear in the log.

Countries will be determined by the official RSGB country list, which is similar to the ARRL DXCC list.

Although not required, it is desirable that official log forms be used. A large s.a.s.e. (or IRC's) to G4DFI will get you a sample. If you make up your own, include the following information: date, time in

GMT, band, station heard, station being worked. RS(T) at your location.

Certificates will be awarded at the discretion of the Society. Neatness of logging will also be taken into consideration.

Entries must be received no later than November 1st and go to: Owen Cross, G4DFI, 28 Garden Avenue, Bexleyheath, Kent DA7 4LF England.

## G-QRP Club Activity

0001Z Sat. to 2400Z Sun., Sept. 11-12

This is the second of a series of three held by the G-QRP Group each year. The next one will be on Dec. 26-31. A full list of frequencies and times was given in the February Calendar.

This is not a contest, but an activity to promote QRP interest. Send all reports to: Chris. J. Page, G4BUE, Alamosa, The Paddocks, Upper Beeding, Steyning, West Sussex, BN4 3JW, England.

## "College Scrimmage"

2200Z Sat. to 0400Z Sun., Sept. 18-19

This year the activity will be confined to s.s.b. only. The idea of this party is to put long-lost alumni in touch with each other and with their alma mater.

Entry classes are alumni and college stations, single transmitter only. Each station may be worked once per band.

**Exchange:** Name of school and the last number of the year you graduated or will be graduating (example, Harvard '77). Club stations use name of college in their exchange.

**Scoring:** Multiply total QSO's by the number of different colleges worked.

**Frequencies:** 5 kHz up from low end of each General class section of the phone bands.

Logs go to: Penn State ARC, 202 Engineering Unit E, University Park, PA 16802.

## North American "Sprint"

C.W.: Sept. 19 S.S.B.: Sept. 26  
Sunday: 0100 to 0459 UTC (Sat. night)

The National Contest Journal has added an s.s.b. section to this fall's contest. As the name "Sprint" implies, it's a real shorty—only 4 hours.

North Americans will be working other North Americans as well as stations in other countries. Single operator only.

**Exchange:** Call, QSO no., name, and QTH (state, VE province, or country).

**Scoring:** Multiply total QSO's by the sum of states, VE provinces, and other North American countries worked for your final score. (US and VE are not countries; KH6 is not a state.) There are 8 VE provinces: Maritime and VE2 through VE8.

**Frequencies:** Three bands only: 3530-3550, 7030-7050, 14030-14050 kHz on c.w., and 3870-3910, 7210-7240, 14260-14290 kHz on s.s.b.

**Awards:** A trophy to the highest scoring station on each mode. Certificates to the top station in each U.S.A. call district, Canada, and other countries. The top ten scores, the winning team, and each member of the winning team will also be rewarded.

Team competition is limited to a maximum of 10 operators as a single unit. Pre-contest registration is required for each team at least 24 hours before the start of the "Sprint." W6OAT is the coordinator.

There are other detailed rules, a special QSY rule, etc. I suggest you write to W6OAT or K7GM if you do not have a copy of the National Contest Journal.

Entries must be received no later than 30 days after the end of each "Sprint." The C.W. go to Rusty Epps, W6OAT, 948-H Kiely Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95051, and the S.S.B. to Rick Niswander, K7GM, 1914 W. Cortez Cir., Chandler, AZ 85224.

## Canadian-American Contest

Phone: Sept. 18-19 C.W.: Sept. 25-26  
1800Z Sat. to 1800Z Sun.

Sponsored by the Ontario Contest Club and the Canadian DX Assn., this contest was organized to promote friendship among Canadian and American amateurs.

Use all bands, 1.8 through 28 MHz, in the U.S. General portion of each band.

**Categories:** Single operator, all band, single band, and QRP. Also multi-operator, single transmitter.

QRP is limited to a maximum of 10 watts input.

Single operator stations are limited to 20 hours with one or two rest periods. Multi-operator stations can operate the full 24 hours.

**Exchange:** RS(T) plus QSO no. starting with 001, and state or province abbreviation (use CN for Caribbean and PC for Pacific U.S. possessions).

**Points:** U.S. to U.S. and VE to VE QSO's, 2 points. U.S. to VE QSO's 3 points.

**Multiplier:** 50 U.S. states; 2 U.S. possessions (CN and PC); 10 VE provinces; 2 VE territories (NWT and YU); 1 VE island (Sable and St. Paul). Total of 65 per band (maximum of 390).

**Final Score:** Total QSO points times the sum of the multiplier from each band.

**Awards:** Certificates to the winners in each multiplier area on each mode in the single operator category and to the top five multi-stations in each country for combined phone/c.w. scores. In addition, there are nine plaques and trophies for the U.S. and Canadian champions: single operator, phone, c.w., combined, multi-operator combined, and club competition scores.

Do not use separate log sheets for each band. Indicate the multiplier the first time it is worked on each band. Entries with over 200 QSO's must include a check sheet.

It is suggested you send for the official

rules, sample log forms, and check and summary sheets from VE3BMV. Include a large s.a.s.e. (do not glue U.S. stamps to envelope).

Mailing deadline is 30 days from the end of the contest to: CAN-AM Chairman, VE3BMV, P.O. Box 65, Don Mills, Ont., Canada M3C 2R6.

### New Mexico QSO Party

1800Z Sat. to 2100Z Sun., Sept. 18-19

The Albuquerque DX Assn. is again sponsoring this one. Efforts are being made to activate all 33 New Mexico counties.

The same station may be contacted on each band and each mode for QSO and multiplier credit, and New Mexico mobiles in each county change.

**Exchange:** RS(T) plus a consecutive QSO no., starting with 001, and QTH. County for NM stations; state, province, or DX country for others.

**Scoring:** Two points for phone contacts, 3 points for c.w. QSO's.

New Mexico stations multiply total QSO points by total number of states, VE provinces, and DX countries worked. All others multiply total QSO points by total number of New Mexico counties worked on each band and mode.

**Frequencies:** C.W.—35 kHz up from low end of each band. Novice—25 kHz up from low end of each Novice band. S.S.B.—3900, 7270, 14300, 21370, 28570.

**Awards:** Certificates to the highest scorer in each state, VE province, and DX country. Certificates will also be awarded to each station submitting a score of 100 or more points. Plaques to the top single operator score from NM and out of state, and highest scoring NM portable.

Mailing deadline for logs is October 15th to: Station K5QQ, 1005 Morina Court NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112. Include a large s.a.s.e. for results.

### Wash. State QSO Party

0100Z to 0700Z Sat., Sept. 18  
1300Z to 0700Z Sat./Sun., Sept. 18-19  
1300Z to 0100Z Sun./Mon., Sept. 19-20

This is the 17th annual party sponsored by the Boeing Employees ARS (BEARS). The same station may be worked on each band and mode for QSO and multiplier credit. Wash. stations may work other in-state stations for QSO points.

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

**Scoring:** Phone contacts are worth 2 points, c.w. contacts 3 points.

Wash. stations multiply total QSO points by number of states, VE provinces, and DX countries worked. Others use Wash. counties for their multiplier (maximum of 39). There is an additional multiplier of one (1) for each group of 8 con-

tacts with the same Wash. county for non-Wash. stations.

**Frequencies:** C.W.—1805, 3560, 7060, 14060, 21060, 28160. Phone—1815, 3925, 7260, 14280, 21380, 28580. Novice—3725, 7125, 21150, 28160.

**Awards:** Certificates to the top scorers, both single and multi-operator, in each state, VE province, DX country, and Wash. county. Additional awards where warranted.

The World Five Bears Award is available to anyone working 5 club members before, during, or after the party. The Worked Three Cubs Award is available for working 3 Novice club members.

Include a check sheet with your entry if you made 200 or more contacts. Results will be mailed to all entrants, no s.a.s.e. required.

Mailing deadline is October 20th to: Boeing Employees ARS, Contest Committee, Att: Willes D. Propst, K7RS, 18415 38th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98188.

### Scandinavian Activity Contest

C.W.: Sept. 18-19 Phone: Sept. 25-26  
Starts: 1500 GMT Saturday  
Ends: 1800 GMT Sunday

It's the world working the Scandinavians in this the 24th SAC. The same station may be worked on each band for QSO and multiplier credit.

It is suggested that the following sections of the bands be used. C.W.—3505-3575, 7005-7040, 14010-14075, 21010-21120, 28010-28125. Phone—3600-3650, 3700-3790, 7050-7100, 14150-14300, 21200-21350, 28400-28700. Stations in Regions 2 and 3 use their frequencies above 3790 and 7100.

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

**Classes:** Single operator and multi-operator, both single and multi-transmitter. Multi-single must remain on the same band at least 10 minutes. Multi-multi only one signal per band. Club stations are considered as multi-operator.

**Exchange:** RS(T) plus a QSO number starting with 001. Multi-multi stations use separate serial numbers on each band.

**Points:** Europeans score 1 point for each SAC contact. Non-Europeans score 1 point for each SAC contact on 14, 21, and 28 MHz, 3 points on 3.5 and 7 MHz.

**Multiplier:** Each call area in the above list of Scandinavian countries worked on each band (call areas, not prefixes).

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

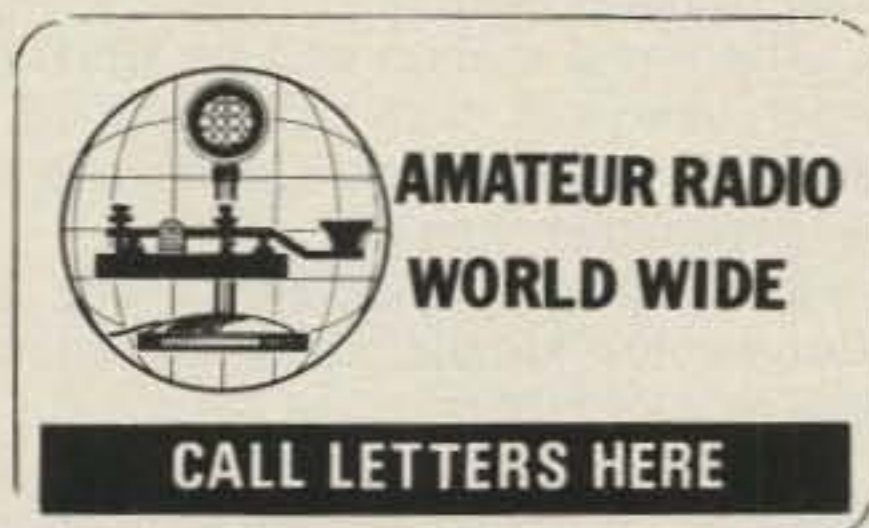
**Awards:** Certificates to the winning station in each class, both c.w. and phone, in each country and U.S.A. call area. Additional awards depending on the returns.

## 1981 C.W. All Asian Contest Results

	U.S.A.	
*AE6U	1.9	126
K6SE	"	105
*W7DRA	3.5	806
*N6QW	"	256
*N6IG	7	29,848
N6TV	"	28,450
AI6V	"	23,506
N6VI	"	20,257
*WA7UEC	"	8,360
*KC2X	"	35
*W6SZN	14	20,328
K6XT	"	19,250
*K3TW	"	3,348
*KJ7I	"	703
*W5TVX	"	380
*K1MEM	"	208
*WA4MIY	"	144
WA4OML	"	70
*N6RZ	21	44,643
K6LL	"	24,163
*WA3DMH	"	558
*N4MM	"	340
*WB9UAI	"	312
*WA2LWT	"	144
*KA7GXO	"	121
*N0CKC	"	88
*W1OPJ	"	72
*KA8IPL	"	13
*N6PE	28	1,012
K6OMB	"	180
*N6RO	AB	337,549
*N6CT	"	176,042
*N5JB	"	40,208
*W8UVZ	"	36,080
*W3GM	"	32,648
*W7YF	"	8,245
*AI1S	"	8,107
AA6EE	"	5,820
W1END	"	5,376
*K0RWL	"	5,358
W3GRF	"	4,340
K8AC	"	3,788
*W2HL	"	3,240
W5OB	"	3,157
W1CNU	"	1,792
N6JM	"	1,530
KE5B	"	1,200
*W4KO	"	1,080
K2CL	"	672
*W9QWM	"	608
W7YS	"	468
KA2CGV	"	459
W3ARK	"	414
KD4PP	"	374
KA1CBD	"	265
WB2QEU	"	240
W7JKA	"	234
W5EIJ	"	35
KA3AKY	"	9
*N5CDO	M-Opr.	152,874
*W6BIP	"	142,635
N6AUV	"	16,245
*WA3SFJ	"	69
<b>Canada</b>		
*VE3BMV	21	975
*VO1AW	AB	6,903
VE7ZK	"	1,143
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Plaques will be awarded to the top-scoring station in each continent.

The usual disqualification criteria will be observed. Include a summary sheet and a dupe sheet for logs with more than 200 QSO's.

Mailing deadline is October 30th, and this year logs go to EDR Contest Manager, Leif Ottosen, OZ1LO, Bankevejen 12, Kong, DK-4750 Lundby, Denmark.

### Delta QSO Party

1800Z Sat. to 2400Z Sun., Sept. 25-26  
(Rest period 0600Z to 1200Z Sun.)

This is the 13th annual QSO party sponsored by the Delta Div. of the ARRL.

Delta stations (Ark., La., Miss., Tenn.) may contact stations both inside and outside their boundaries. Others, only Delta stations.

The same station may be worked on each band and each mode, portable and mobiles in each county change.

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

**Scoring:** For Delta—Total number of QSO's multiplied by ARRL sections worked (maximum of 74).

Outside Delta—Total QSO's multiplied by the Delta counties worked (maximum

of 316). DX stations may be worked, but for QSO points only.

**Frequencies:** C.W.—80 kHz up from low end of each band. S.S.B.—3990, 7290, 14290, 21390, 28590. Novice—3725, 7125, 21125, 28125.

#### Certificate Awards:

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

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

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

D. Plaques: To the top scorers in and outside the Delta division. Top portable and mobile Delta stations. Highest scoring Delta Club station.

(For more detailed information and sample log forms send an s.a.s.e. to W5XX.)

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

### Maine QSO Party

2300Z Sat. to 2359Z Sun., Sept. 25-26

The Portland A.W.A. is running this one on this busy September weekend. The organizers of this party said they didn't mind being on a busy weekend, that they

would profit from the activity created by other contests. You know, they might have a point there!

The same station can be worked on each band and each mode, and ME stations may work other ME stations for QSO and multiplier credit.

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

**Scoring:** Each contact is worth 3 points. ME stations multiply total by (ME counties + states, + VE provinces + DX countries) worked. All others use Maine counties for their multiplier (maximum of 16 possible).

**Frequencies:** C.W.—1805 and 60 kHz up from low edge on other bands. Phone—1815, 3930, 7280, 14280, 21380, 28580. Novice—3720, 7120, 21120, 28120.

**Awards:** Certificates to the top-scoring stations in each state, VE province, country, and ME county.

Applications for the Worked All Maine Counties Award may also be sent to the address below.

Mailing deadline is December 1st to: Portland A.W.A., P.O. Box 1605, Portland, ME 04104.

### Massachusetts QSO Party

1600Z Sat. to 0200Z Mon., Sept. 25-27

This party is again being sponsored by the Greater New Bedford Contestors.

A station may be contacted once on each band and mode for QSO credit.

**Exchange:** RS(T) and QTH. County for Mass., state or VE province for others.

**Scoring:** Two points for each s.s.b. QSO; 4 points if it's on c.w.

Mass. stations multiply total QSO points by (Mass. counties + states + provinces) worked. Others QSO points x total Mass. counties worked.

**Bonus:** Add 100 points to total score for each of the 3 sponsors worked (KA1GG, N1AVA, K1KJT), counted once only for bonus points.

Mobile and portables may be contacted from each county change. DX stations count for QSO points only.

**Frequencies:** C.W.—1810, 3560, 7060, 7120, 14060, 21060, 21120, 28060, 28120. Phone—1820, 3960, 7260, 14290, 21380, 28590, 50110.

**Awards:** Certificates to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each Mass. county and each state. Two special awards: one to the ARC in Mass. with the highest aggregate score (minimum 3 logs), and one to the Mass. station who beats the present record of 1483 QSO's made by K1GSK in the 1979 party. Certificates will be given to stations working all 3 sponsors.

Include a summary sheet showing the scoring and all essential information with your entry. Include 50¢ in postage (no envelope) for a copy of the results.

Mailing deadline is October 31st to: Ed Peters, K1KJT, 29 Greenbrier Drive, New Bedford, MA 02745.

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**E**lsewhere in this issue, readers will find an in-depth, penetrating interview with the director of the agency responsible for responding to national emergencies. The exchange with the Honorable Louis O. Giuffrida explores a number of areas in which FEMA interacts with the amateur service and with various emergency radio services sponsored by the military, the states, and the ARRL. For a candid view of the role amateurs can play in providing communications during emergencies ranging from storms to nuclear war, don't miss this month's exclusive interview with Louis O. Giuffrida.

**Sen. Harrison Schmidt Recommends Delay in Ratification of WARC-79 Treaty**

Speaking before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on 18 May 1982, Sen. Harrison Schmidt (NM) stated that his most immediate fear today was that the "United States will not be able to protect and promote (this) nation's telecommunications needs at the Plenipotentiary Conference and at subsequent ITU conferences." Schmidt was referring to the ITU's Plenipotentiary Conference which will be held this fall and will consider changes in the basic convention governing the structure and functions of the ITU.

It was Schmidt's opinion that "the basic objective of WARC-79, to provide uniformity and certainty in the Table of Allocations so that countries may effectively plan for their telecommunications needs, was not accomplished." Further, the Senator questioned the viability of the "one-nation, one-vote" policy of the ITU, given U.S. requirements for spectrum and orbit resources.

The Senator called on the Foreign Relations Committee to delay action on the WARC's "Final Acts" until after the conclusion of the Plenipotentiary Conference. Said Schmidt: "It is possible that, upon the conclusion of the Plenipoten-

tiary Conference, we will be in a better position to determine what our prospects are for reaching acceptable agreements at future conferences."

In his speech, Sen. Schmidt cited numerous cases in which the U.S. delayed ratification of ITU decisions to protect our vital interests. And he recognized that by delaying ratification, we may reduce the protection to which we are entitled under the treaty. Regardless, Schmidt believed that "our long-range national interests will be served by 'biting the bullet' and delaying ratification."

The Senator noted that a delay such as that which he proposed does not prevent the U.S. from implementing the provisions of the Final Acts. In fact, he acknowledged that the U.S. is presently proceeding in a number of areas to bring U.S. operations into compliance with the provisions of the Final Acts.

The Senator closed his remarks with a stinging criticism of the Carter and Reagan Administrations: "This delay would also be beneficial as a strong signal of Senate disapproval of the dilatory approach of this Administration, which, like its predecessor, has failed to comprehend the extraordinary long-term importance of these ITU conferences."

**FCC Cites San Diego Ham with Four Rule Violations**

Earlier this year, the FCC San Diego field office received 15 complaints from California amateurs concerning alleged intentional interference in the 40-meter band from a station in the San Diego area. Engineers from that office subsequently monitored the station on 7255.5 kHz, noting that it identified using an unassigned "WB6" call. The station was broadcasting music and "party records."

Sophisticated mobile radio direction-finding equipment was then used to locate the source of the transmissions. An inspection of the pinpointed residence revealed that the station was operated by a General Class operator. The operator threatened bodily harm should FCC engineers return to this station.

As a result of the investigation, the operator was issued an Official Notice of Vi-

olation, charging violation of the following FCC Rules:

- Unauthorized one-way transmissions;
- Transmission of music;
- Use of call sign not assigned;
- Willful and malicious interference.

**Former Amateur Indicted on Seven Counts**

A federal grand jury has returned a seven-count indictment against Richard A. Burton for unlicensed operations and for broadcasting obscene, indecent, and profane language. Burton, formally licensed as WB6JAC, was arrested by U.S. Marshals on 30 April 1982, and was arraigned on 3 May; at that time, he was charged with operating an unlicensed radio station. Freed after posting a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond, Burton was scheduled to appear in court early this summer. If convicted on all counts, he faces up to 10 years in jail and a fine of \$10,000 on each count.

**FCC Cracks Down on Unlicensed Operations**

Continuing its intensive enforcement program begun earlier this year, the FCC, in the first three weeks of May alone, issued 18 notices of apparent liability ("fines") totaling more than \$17,000. According to Joseph Casey, Chief, Investigations Branch, Enforcement Division, Field Operations Bureau, FCC, the following cases were among those handled:

- In St. Paul, MN, a Novice class licensee who had previously had his amateur license revoked for unlicensed h.f. broadcast operations was cited again for operating an unlicensed station. The station, operated by Michael Martin and identified as "Voice of the Voyager," was heard in the h.f. broadcast band, just outside the 40-meter amateur band. Martin was fined \$2000; an accomplice, Scott Blixt (also a Novice), was fined \$1000.

- In Grand Rapids, MI, the operator of Super Race Systems of New York was fined \$1000 for unlicensed operations involving business use of the amateur 2-meter band. The operator used the 2-meter links to provide communications for activities such as white water rafting

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ances, and he previously had been warned to cease operation.

● In Metairie, LA, Donald Walker was cited for unlicensed operations involving communications with his son, a licensed amateur. The communications took place outside the 40-meter amateur band. Said Walker: "Gee, I figured I'd never get caught because the FCC never monitors." Walker was fined \$750. FCC action against his son is pending.

### Sharp Nominated to Seat on the FCC

Following months of dispute over the nominee for a contested seat on the Commission, President Reagan earlier this year nominated the Commission's general counsel, Stephen A. Sharp. This nomination, according to *The Washington Post* and *The Wall Street Journal*, represents a victory for FCC Chairman Mark Fowler, who strongly supported Sharp for the position. Also supporting Sharp is the Rev. Jerry Falwell, head of the Moral Majority.

Earlier this year, Chairman Fowler came into conflict with the Senate over Sharp's nomination. Specifically, Mr. Fowler's support for Mr. Sharp was in conflict with Sen. Ted Steven's choice for the position, Marvin Weatherly, a member of the Alaska Public Utilities Commission (and, interestingly enough, KL7NU). Also supporting Weatherly was Sen. Bob Packwood (R-OR), the chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee. So strong was the opposition to Sharp that Sen. Steven, Majority Whip of the Senate, had little trouble convincing Sen. Packwood not to schedule confirmation hearings for him in the event he was nominated by the President.

As this is written, it is not clear whether confirmation hearings will be held for Mr. Sharp. While Sen. Steven has withdrawn Mr. Weatherly's name for the seat, several senators are known to be irritated by Mr. Fowler's lobbying for his candidate.

If confirmed by the Senate, Sharp would fill the vacancy created when Abbott Washburn's term expired on 30 June 1982.

### Sabotage Silences Controversial F.M. Station

The Rev. Jerry Falwell's f.m. station, WRVL, long a source of controversy because of interference it causes to f.m. radio and Ch. 6 TV reception in the Lynchburg, VA, area, was put off the air on 31 May 1982, when someone cut the cables supporting the station's tower. However, leaders of the Concerned Viewers of Central Virginia, a group which opposes WRVL's operation because of the interference problem, denies knowledge of the act.

Falwell's 100,000-watt station, which has yet to be granted a permanent license, was ordered some months ago to

reduce power to 5000 watts. Station officials complied, but had recently petitioned the Commission for permission to resume operations at full power.

This is the second incident involving the station. Late last year, someone fired several shots at WRVL's tower, but station officials did not report the incident because they feared it would encourage other acts of sabotage.

The latest incident of sabotage is under investigation by the Amherst County (VA) Sheriff's Department and the FBI.

Incidents of violence involving f.m. stations which interfere, among other things, with Ch. 6 reception are not new to the Commission. Two years ago, an f.m. station in Florida was the source of numerous r.f.i. complaints. When the problem was not resolved to everyone's satisfaction, a person or persons unknown set fire to both the station's studios and to the building which housed the transmitter.

### International Electrotechnical Comm. Takes Action On TV Receiver Susceptibility to R.F.I.

During a meeting of Sub-Committee E: Interference Characteristics of Radio Receivers (a subcommittee of the International Special Committee on Radio Interference, or CISPR), a draft proposal was prepared which addressed radio-frequency interference immunity of television receivers. Specifically, the paper deals with the measurement techniques which should be used for determining the immunity of receivers to signals in the frequency range 3 to 30 MHz (the so-called "high frequency" band). Note that the paper does not address interference produced by harmonics of h.f. transmitters, but instead, focuses on what is more commonly known as "fundamental overload."

It is intended that the SC E paper be incorporated in CISPR's literature until such time that more extensive measurement techniques are developed.

### AMRAD Completes First Phase of Spread-Spectrum Study

The Amateur Radio Research and Development Corporation (AMRAD) recently completed the first phase of its investigations into amateur use of spread-spectrum modulation techniques. These techniques employ a "spectrum spreading" function to produce transmission bandwidths significantly larger than the information bandwidth of the signal, thus allowing the signal to be "hidden" in the noise. Because of this property, SS signals cannot be received on receivers built for use with conventional modulation schemes.

Under the Special Temporary Authorization (STA) issued to AMRAD for the SS study, investigations were conducted in a number of areas. One major concern

was the need for self-policing of SS transmissions by amateurs. As a result of its work, AMRAD has developed the concept for a new type of SS receiving system which does not require a knowledge of the spreading function used to produce a frequency-hopped signal.

The Corporation also discovered that there were numerous spreading codes, which while they were complex, did not have privacy properties. Thus, the number of spreading codes available to amateurs is larger than originally thought.

All that AMRAD learned about SS in their first set of experiments was not totally favorable. The biggest unresolved problem encountered with the SS modulation techniques used was the "near/far" effect. That is, in the vicinity of the SS transmitter, the SS signal is higher in signal strength than the ambient noise. However, the signal strength does fall below the noise some distance from the transmitter. Work continues on what can be done to mitigate this problem.

Future SS experiments planned by AMRAD may involve frequency-hopped transmissions in the 14 and 21 MHz bands. Hopping speeds of up to 80 hops per second could be used.

If your interests lie in areas such as spread spectrum and packet radio, AMRAD invites you to join them in advancing the state-of-the-art in communications as we know it today. Write to Mr. Paul Rinaldo, Amateur Radio Research and Development Corporation, 1524 Springvale Avenue, McLean, VA 22101.

### General Electric Introduces New Consumer-Oriented Car-Phone Service

According to *Electric Engineering Times*, General Electric has proposed to introduce a new Personal Radio Communications Service (PCRS) for use by consumers. The service would operate on two 4.5 MHz bands in the 900 MHz band, with the two subbands separated by 45 MHz. This type of allocation would provide 150 channels, each 30 kHz in bandwidth.

Using PCRS, a person would communicate from his mobile unit to his base station (ranges of up to 5 miles should be possible). The base station, in turn, would be coupled into a commercial telephone line, giving the operator access to the public telephone network. If repeaters are used (yielding mobile-to-repeater ranges of up to 15 miles), the user would still communicate with his base station, using the latter to tie into the public telephone network.

General Electric estimated that a PCRS system would cost the owner \$400 for the GE hardware, plus about \$5 a month for service. Repeaters would be licensed to private individuals or groups, with user charges expected to be about \$5 a month.

Amateurs could conceivably benefit in two ways from the introduction of PCRS:

- Relatively low-cost equipment for the 900 MHz band would rapidly become available;

- Amateur repeater operators could apply for licenses to operate PCRS repeaters, yielding opportunities for the small businessman.

If approved by the FCC, PCRS could represent a significant improvement over existing mobile telephone service and CB, since the PCRS user would be able to place direct-dial calls.

### FCC Moves to Speed Consideration of Amateur Matters

In a move not well publicized, the Commission has begun to handle most matters pertaining to the Amateur service by means of internal memoranda which are circulated to the Commissioners. In fact, most items of a "non-controversial" nature are now handled this way. The memoranda are read and acted upon by the Commissioners, and if no dissenting votes are cast, the proposed action is implemented. If even one dissenting vote surfaces, however, the matter in question is placed on the FCC's agenda.

Some observers in Washington view the new procedure as a "plus," since it can serve to expedite the Commission's business. Others, however, are afraid that they will lose visibility of items before the Commission as well as their understanding of the Commission's day-to-day workings.

### FCC Considers Streamlined Equipment Authorization Procedure

Under a proposed equipment authorization procedure, applicants would only be required to notify the FCC that their equipment meets the appropriate technical standards. Such authorization is used to reduce, if not eliminate, potential interference problems by requiring equipment to meet certain standards of operation before it can be sold in this country. Four types of equipment authorization procedures are currently used by the Commission:

- type approval
- type acceptance
- certification
- verification

It is the Commission's belief that simpler authorization procedures could be used without affecting the Agency's ability to control potential sources of interference.

As noted in *Electronic News*, "some of the likely candidates for (the new) notification procedure would be equipment that presents a low potential for causing interference, and 'technically mature' hardware which has been manufactured for a sufficiently long time that it no longer presents design problems." However, no specific classes of equipment were being proposed by the Commission for inclusion in their proposed program.

There are a number of benefits which could result from the introduction of the new authorization procedure. First, use of the new procedures would cut Commission costs. Second, the time required for a manufacturer to obtain authorization would be reduced, and so, manufacturing costs also could be cut.

### Dr. Merle A. Tuve Dies

Dr. Merle A. Tuve, retired director of the Carnegie Institution's Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, died on 20 May 1982. Dr. Tuve, who earned his doctorate at Johns Hopkins in 1926, was credited as having played a major role in the development of the proximity fuze during World War II. Moreover, while at Johns Hopkins, Dr. Tuve and a Carnegie scientist (Briet) conducted a radio experiment which confirmed the existence of the ionosphere. Before retiring in 1964, Dr. Tuve announced the development of an image intensifier that significantly increased the power of telescopes used in astronomy.

His honors included a Presidential Medal of Merit and the rank of commander of the Order of the British Empire.

*Your Editor thanks the Director of the FCC's San Francisco Regional Office and Mr. John Johnston, Chief, Personal Radio Branch, Private Radio Bureau, FCC, for their contributions to this month's column.*

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## NEWS OF COMMUNICATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

**T**he Scottish poet Robert Burns said it very well:

"The best laid schemes o' mice and men  
 Gang aft a-gley;  
 An' lea'e us nought but grief and pain,  
 For promis'd joy."

In the June DX column we announced that Franz Langner, DJ9ZB, had been elected to the prestigious DX Hall of Fame, and that the award plaque was presented to him at a special DX meeting held in Germany in early May. That was our scheme, but as the poet says, things do go astray.

The presentation meeting was carefully planned by Jim Immelnkemper, DK2BI, Walter Geyrhalter, DL3RK, Rudi Knobloch, DJ3HJ, and myself, K4IIF. It was to be a surprise for DJ9ZB. He was to be present, but he was not to know the real purpose of the meeting until I stood up and unveiled the DX Hall of Fame plaque. I had pages of background material on DJ9ZB and my speech was prepared.

Let me say that surprise was complete! Unfortunately, the surprier became the surprise-ee and the surprise-ee the surprier when DJ9ZB announced his DXpedition to Mellish Reef also to take place in early May.

In a sense it was fitting. What better backdrop for the announcement of an election to the DX Hall of Fame than the honoree busily passing out contacts from a rare island country contest-style! High drama! It was a first.

Naturally, we were disappointed that we were not able to hand the plaque to Franz personally, but his absence was certainly excusable. Meanwhile, DK2BI is arranging a new presentation date and we hope to have a photo for you in a future column.

### Walter's Plaque

One of the highlights of our trip to Germany was the opportunity to present the 5 Band WAZ Award plaque, for all 200 zones, to Walter Geyrhalter, DL3RK. Although Walter has been a good friend for 15 years, during which he has done an outstanding job as German checkpoint for the CQ DX Awards, this was our first opportunity for an eyeball.

In appearance, Walter is a tall, distinguished Bavarian. On the bands, he is one terrific DXer, having worked all 200 zones for a full 5 Band WAZ using only a



Three of the biggest gun DXers of Germany meet with K4IIF in Trier, West Germany. Left to right are K4IIF, then Jim Immelnkemper, DK2BI, Hermann Samson, DJ2BW, and Karl Mueller, DL9OH. (Photo by the XYL of DJ2BW)



Walter Geyrhalter, DL3RK, receives the 5 Band WAZ plaque from John, K4IIF, Chairman of the CQ DX Awards Advisory Committee. The presentation was made in Munich, Germany, at the home of Kurt Loos, DL1XT. (Photo by Cordula Loos, youngest harmonic of DL1XT)

ground-plane antenna. Earning the 5 Band WAZ plaque is an enormous achievement even with a superb antenna farm including stacked beams. To do it with a ground plane! Obviously, only the most highly skilled operators could ever achieve it.

Our thanks to Kurt Loos, DL1XT, his beautiful XYL, and two delightful daughters for their hospitality in hosting the meeting for the award presentation. Those in attendance included Bahri, DJ0UJ/TA2BR, Leo, DJ7CX, and Valentin, DJ4TV. Many thanks also to Valentin and his XYL for the wonderful dinner the second night in Munich.

### Contest Awards

While in Finland and Sweden we were pleased to award two plaques for the Contest Department. In Helsinki we presented the W4BVV Operators Plaque for 1980 to Antti Kiviluoma, OH6JW, for achieving the best score from Europe in the Single Operator, All Band Phone category. The presentation was made at a special award dinner held at the home of Miika Heikinheimo, OH2BAD. Attending were Ville, OH2MM; Jorma, OH2KI/OH3XZ; Anssi, OH2QV; Olli, OH2BBM/OH0XX and Jari, OH2BU/OH7RF. Our thanks to Miika and XYL Raili for hosting this event. Our thanks also to Ville, OH2MM, and family for another great dinner the second night in Helsinki.

In Sweden we awarded the Bob Cox, K3EST, trophy for 1980 to the SK2KW team for the best European effort in the multi-operator, multi-transmitter phone category. We were pleased that many of the Outback DX Club group were able to come to Stockholm from northern Sweden for the event, and we are grateful to Lars Mohlin, SM0GMG, for arranging the presentation dinner.

### De Extra

*Telephone Bills from European Hotels.* Traveling DXers should be aware of the peculiar telephone billing practices of European hotels. The rate varies from country to country, but almost everywhere in Europe the hotels are permitted to add an exorbitant surcharge to the actual cost of the call.

These surcharges are less onerous in the Scandinavian hotels than in most other countries. In Norway, Sweden, and Finland the surcharge is about 40-50%, and for a flat fee of only 10 Krona (\$2.00), the hotels will allow you to bill your call to your international telephone billing number, or to reverse the charge to your state-side number, where it will be billed at a normal rate.

Unfortunately, this is not so in Germany. Many travelers feel that German hotels are literally given a "license to steal" by their regulating authorities. It is not uncommon for a German hotel to add a surcharge of several hundred percent to the cost of a long-distance call dialed from one of their rooms. For example, on our recent trip we made two calls to the states from different hotels. At the first hotel, the cost of the room was 55 marks per night, about \$24. However, a direct dial call to the U.S., less than 10 minutes in length, cost 231 marks, about \$101, or over 4 times the charge for the room. At the second hotel a call was made simply

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## The WPX Program

### Mixed

987 ..... VE3KZE 989 ..... JH8NYK  
988 ..... N4BPP

### S.S.B.

1502 ..... VE2FOU 1505 ..... SV8CS  
1503 ..... KJ9N 1506 ..... JR7ICN  
1504 ..... WD5HEG

### C. W.

2151 ..... KD5KP 2152 ..... PY2FK

### VPX

224 ..... NL-4276 225 ..... DE3WBD

### Endorsements

Mixed: 450 N4BPP, 550 DL9TD, 600 K9BQL, DL9TD, 650 WB0LXM, DL9TD, 700 KP4V, 750 IS0MVE, 800 WA3GNW, 850 AF7M, 15AFC, 1050 SP9CTW, 1100 IT9HLO, SP9CTW, 1150 SP9CTW, 1200 WD8MGO, SP9CTW, 1250 WA4QMQ, SP9AI, SP9CTW, 1300 SP9AI, SP9CTW, 1350 SP9CTW, 1400 SP9CTW, 1750 YU4HA, 1800 YU4HA, 1850 YU4HA, 1900 YU4HA.

S.S.B.: 350 SV8CS, JR7ICN, 400 SV8CS, 450 SV8CS, 500 EA5ANR, 850 K4CKS, 900 K4CKS, N2AC, 1000 WB9EBO, 1050 WA4OIB, 1200 WA4QMQ, 1450 W0YDB, 1500 I4ZSQ, 1550 I4ZSQ, 1750 K2POA.

C.W.: 350 JR7KND, 450 JA5SIX, WA2CNF, KA7AIG, 500 AG5C, 600 VE2FOU, 650 SP6FER, 750 KF2O, 800 KF2O, 1100 K4RDU, 1150 YU7SF, 1800 W2NC.

VPX: 1102 ..... UB5-0683, 1139 ..... NL-4276.

10 meters: WD5HEG, K9BG.  
15 meters: K9BG.  
20 meters: KJ7N, K9BG DL9TD.  
40 meters: DF9FM.  
80 meters: DF9FM.

Asia: JA5SIX, DL9TD, NL-4276.  
Africa: WA4OIB, NL-4276.  
Europe: NL-4276, EA5ANR, DL9TD.  
No. America: KD5KP, NL-4276.  
So. America: UB5-0683, NL-4276.  
Oceania: NL-4276, KF2O.

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to give the phone number of the hotel so that it could be dialed from the U.S. at the U.S. rate. This call took 20 seconds. The charge was 55 marks (\$24). Requests to the hotel operator to place a call and bill it to our international telephone credit card were flatly refused. The German hotel rule is that all calls must be billed at the hotel rate, not the true international rate.

The phone bill has arrived here, and we find that the cost of a direct dial call from the U.S. to a German hotel during this trip varied from \$4.00 for a 3-minute call to \$13.50 for a 10-minute call. The same 10-minute call placed from a German hotel would cost over \$100. We have heard of unsuspecting travelers who dialed home, only to find when they checked out that the cost of their phone call was greater than the cost of a plane ticket back to the states. There are only two defenses: (1) have calls placed to you from the states at a prearranged time; or (2) leave the hotel and place your calls from a public phone booth. Never, never, never touch a telephone in a German hotel except in a serious emergency.

Perhaps this is out of place in a DX column, but if it saves one traveling DXer his hard-earned dollars, it will be worthwhile.

Meanwhile, if someone from the German telecommunications authority wishes to offer an explanation, we will be happy to consider the comments for publication.

## Where in the World Is \_\_\_\_\_?

Amateur radio prefixes have proliferated over the past decade. As a result, even the most ardent WPXer must struggle to keep track of all the new ones. An exotic-sounding prefix, heard for the first time, may be a rare island country halfway around the world, or he could be just across town.

As an aid to members of the Northern California DX Club (NCDXC), AC6V assembled Table I, which shows the locations of stations using the prefixes which are prompting the most questions on the club repeater. We present it to you with thanks to the NCDXC.

## Successful QSLing

The following summary of the most important considerations in QSLing to DX stations appeared in the *W6GO/K6HHD QSL Manager List*. This information is always timely.

**Basics:** Use 24-hour UTC, write or print

clearly, and *write out* the name of the month. *Always* send s.a.s.e. or s.a.e. and return postage. Send separate return envelopes for each card desired. If you fold anything, including the return envelope, place it in the envelope with the fold on the bottom. *Be patient!*

**Explanations:** If you keep your log in Universal Time Coordinates (UTC), the time on your card should agree with the time in the DX station's log and save the QSL manager countless hours. You must have a clock in your hamshack, preferably a 24-hour clock, which tells time in the international standard. This was formerly called GMT and is also referred to as Zulu time by members of the military and by MARS stations. *Keep your log in UTC*, and remember that the *date changes* at 0000. This is late afternoon or early evening in the U.S., 4 p.m. PST or 7 p.m. EST (5 and 8 p.m., respectively, when using Daylight Savings Time).

If you work a station on April 1, 1982, put 4/1/82 on the card, and send it overseas there will be a problem. In most every country but the U.S., dates are abbreviated with the day/month/year so that someone outside W/K-land will read that

Prefix	Location	Prefix	Location
A22	Botswana, old A2	P47	St. Maartin, old PJ5, 6, 7 & 8
A71	Qatar, old A7X	S4	Unofficial prefix for Ciskei. Counts for South Africa.
AH1-AH0	See KH1-KH0	S8	Unofficial prefix for Transkei. Counts for South Africa.
CF-CK	Canada	SV5	Dodecanese Islands
CY-CZ	Canada	SV9	Crete
EA-EH	Spain	SV0	Foreign hams in Greece, Crete or Dodecanese.
H31	Panama	T2	Tuvalu, old VR8
H44	Solomon Is., old VR4	T4	Assigned to Cuba, but used unofficially by Venda, which counts for South Africa.
H5	Unofficial prefix for Bophuthatswana. Counts for South Africa.	T5	Somalia, old 60
HD	Ecuador	T30	West Kiribati, old T3A, T3K, VR1. Includes Tarawa, Makin & Ocean Island.
HG	Hungary	T31	Central Kiribati, old T3P or VR1, British Phoenix Islands. Includes Canton & Phoenix Islands.
HT	Nicaragua	T32	Eastern Kiribati, old T3L or VR3, Christmas Island or Line Islands.
HW	France	TK	France
J2	Djibouti, old FL8	V2A	Antigua, old VP2A
J3	Grenada, old VP2G	V3	Belize, old VP1
J5	Guinea-Bissau, old CR3	VK9N	Norfolk Island
J6	Saint Lucia, old VP2L	VK9X	Christmas Island (Zone 29)
J7	Dominica, old VP2D	VK9Y	Cocos Island
J8	Saint Vincent, old VP2S	WH1-WH0	See KH1-KH0
KH1, AH1, NH1 & WH1	Baker, Canton & Howland Islands	WP2	See KP2
KH2, AH2, NH2 & WH2	Guam	WP4	See KP4
KH3, AH3, NH3 & WH3	Johnson Island	XJ-XO	Canada
KH4, AH4, NH4 & WH4	Midway Island	XQ	Chile
KH5, AH5, NH5 & WH5	Palmyra & KH5K, Kingman	Y11-Y99	East Germany, old DM
KH6, AH6, NH6 & WH6	Hawaii	YT-YU	Yugoslavia
KH7, AH7, NH7 & WH7	Kure Island	YZ	Yugoslavia
KH8, AH8, NH8 & WH8	American Samoa	Z2	Zimbabwe, old ZE
KH9, AH9, NH9 & WH9	Wake Island	ZV-ZZ	Brazil
KH0, AH0, NH0 & WH0	Northern Marianas	1A	Unofficial prefix for S.M.O.M., which is a new country.
KP2	U.S. Virgin Islands	4K	Russian polar stations
KP4	Puerto Rico	4M	Venezuela
NH1-NH0	See KH1-KH0	4N	Yugoslavia
NP2	See KP2	4T	Peru
NP4	See KP4	6D-6J	Mexico
P41, P42	Netherlands Antilles, old PJ2, 3, 4 & 9	6T-6U	Sudan
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131	ZL1BIL	134	JA1MDK
132	KE2C		

### 20 Meter Phone

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407	W6PGK	410	KL7Y
408	WB3DNA		

### 40 Meter Phone

17	I4RYC	18	OH3YI
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### 80 Meter Phone

19	I4RYC	20	OH3YI
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### 10 Meter C.W.

36	N6AW
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### 15 Meter C.W.

70	JH2QAY
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### 20 Meter C.W.

168	KC9T	170	K4CXY
169	K4JLD	171	DL8CM

### 40 Meter C.W.

35	JH4JLZ
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### All Band WAZ

#### S.S.B.

2457	EA2SG	2466	N4WJ
2458	N8BKF	2467	G3WYN
2459	AC8R	2468	JH8BJG
2460	DL9ID	2469	DJ6DU
2461	I1WZT	2470	OE2VEL
2462	JH1BSR	2471	WB6TRP
2463	W1HEO	2472	DL8QS
2464	HB9BFS	2473	VE5ADA
2465	G4FDO	2474	KE4RX

### C.W. and Phone

5372	AG5C	5384	GM3OXX
5373	JA7COE	5385	WB6VGY
5374	DK5XF	5386	DJ8VC
5375	DL7YY	5387	DK5BO
5376	KG9D	5388	DK9MB
5377	KG2A	5389	DF2NL
5378	N6NW	5390	DL0AF
5379	KE1K	5391	DL0IB
5380	WA0UIR	5392	WA4ZBK
5381	G3LOI	5393	DF8BD
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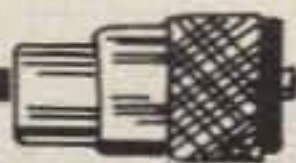
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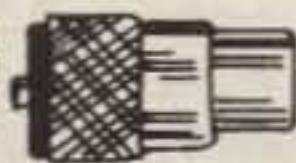
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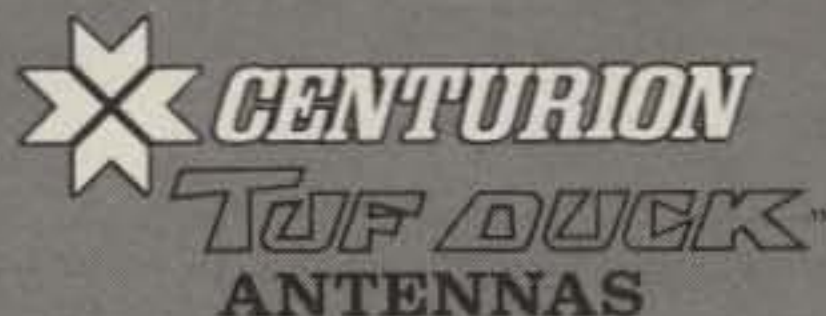


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### From the Mailbag

**de Hugh, WA4WME:** "Your DX Countries article in the May 1982 issue of CQ was very well done. I thought you might like to know that your FO8 for Clipperton was half correct. It is FO8 if the licensee is non-French, but FO0 if the licensee is French. For example, FO8AJ in 1954 was Bob Denniston, an American; FO8AN was Danny Weil, an Englishman; FO8AT was Doug Magill, an American; but FO0XA through FO0XH in 1978 were all French licensees, including F9JS and F6BBJ.

"Many DXers have asked 'Why FO8 before, and then in 1978 it was suddenly FO0?' The answer is that 1978 was the first time a Frenchman was licensed to operate from this French island."

**de Art, W2HAE:** "With reference to your countries list article in the May '82 issue, I have no fault with your definition of coun-

tries, but I do have some questions regarding the makeup of the list itself. For example, cards such as KS4, Swan; ZD5, Swasi; ZC4, Cyprus; KR6, Ryukus should be listed on the left index for reference even though you will say delete after that. 9Q5 is listed at the very end and in a different place, which implies two different countries, and the formerly VP2 islands in the Caribbean have in the same count the correct J prefixes."

**de Tom, AA4A/8:** "I enjoyed your recent CQ article 'The Countries List Revisited.' Like you, I have long relied on the National Geographic Atlas as my reference, and it seldom lets me down, even showing Barque Canada Reef of 1S1DX fame. However, for Abu Ail (Jabal at Tair) and Market Reef, it just doesn't make it. I have enclosed a copy of a portion of a plate from my Times Comprehensive World Atlas showing 'J. at Tair' near Kamaran Island. It appears in the Geographic Atlas, but without its name.

"And I have searched for years for Market Reef, finally finding it two weeks ago in the Detroit Public Library atlas collection in a Swedish Atlas."

**de Leo, W4KA:** "The Countries List is in error on the zones for S9, CR5—Sao Thome and 3C0, Annobon. Both are shown in zone 35, but both should be in zone 36."

### Here and There

**The International DX Foundation:** The International DX Foundation was established by John Ackley, KP2A, in 1978 to promote international goodwill and understanding. The officers are KP2A, President; Gary Medford, N2CW, Vice President and Treasurer; Rudy Lehnert, KB2XS, Vice President—Operations; Bob Denniston, VP2VI, Vice President—DX Committee; Bob Schenck, N2OO, Vice President—Public Relations; and Stu Green, WA2MOE, General Counsel.

The International DX Foundation is an on-going membership organization with over 1,000 active members and sponsors many expeditions such as the 1982 Navassa effort, which produced 33,500 contacts, and the 1981 Desecheo operation, which resulted in 43,000 QSO's. In addition, donations of equipment are made to many rare countries such as 3X, 4S7, 8Q7, CR9, EL, J7, and 5R8.

The Foundation is a major contributor to the Heard Island Dxpediton planned for February 1983 by the Wireless Institute of Australia. It is not soliciting donations for the Heard effort, but is asking the DX community to show its support by responding to a membership drive. Suggested donations are \$25 for a 1-year sustaining membership, or \$500 for a life membership. Donations may be mailed to: International DX Foundation, Box 117, Manahawkin, NJ 08050. Please include call, name, and address. If more information is needed, send an s.a.s.e. to the above address.

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- W8AH, Albert Hix (U.S.A.)
- W6KUT, E. A. Andress (U.S.A.)
- EA8AK, Fernando Fernande (Spain)
- LA7JO, Stig Lindblom (Norway)
- EA3SF, Fernando Blenert (Spain)
- OH1XX, Hannu Nieminen (Finland)
- EA8OZ, Julio Rosello (Spain)
- W0SD, Edward Gray (U.S.A.)
- K0ZZ, Gary Knutson (U.S.A.)
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- N4KE, Ron Blake (U.S.A.)
- K5UR, Rick Roderick (U.S.A.)
- K9AJ, Michael McGirr (U.S.A.)
- SM3EVR, Tord E. Julander (Sweden)
- LA5YJ, Bjorn Hugo Ark (Norway)
- DL3RK, Walter Geyrhalter (W. Germany)
- N4WJ, Frank McCormick (U.S.A.)
- G3MCS, W.R. Hawthorne (England)
- SM5AQD, Hakan "Hawk" Eriksson (Sweden)
- W0MLY, George Mc Kercher (U.S.A.)
- I0RIZ, Gianni Rizzi (Italy)
- ON5NT, Ghislain Penny (Belgium)
- OH6JW, Antti Kiviuoma (Finland)
- OK1AWZ, Milan Dlabac (Czech.)
- IV3PRK, Pierluigi "Luis" Mansutti (Italy)
- DJ6RX, Klaus Heintzenberg (W. Germany)
- OH3YI, Ossi Lehtas (Finland)

The top 10 contenders for 5 Band WAZ:

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. CT1FL, 198  | 6. K1MEN, 197  |
| 2. DL6RX, 198  | 7. K7UR, 196   |
| 3. I4RYC, 198  | 8. TG9NX, 196  |
| 4. ZL1BIL, 198 | 9. N4RR, 192   |
| 5. EA8QL, 197  | 10. NE7IG, 192 |

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**Heard Island Update:** The arrangements are moving along nicely. A contract is being negotiated for the "Anaconda II," a larger ship than the one originally selected. She is one of the largest charter vessels presently based in Australia and has had previous Antarctic charters. Use of this ship will permit a larger operation, with three radio operators rather than

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1139	VK3JF	1145	G4JJC
1140	K4JLD	1146	K41RR
1141	K4SE	1147	HC2RG
1142	K4CXY	1148	WB1ALC
1143	KF2X	1149	N6ANR

#### C.W.

541	N8BQB	544	K4SE
542	G2FFO	545	K4CXY
543	K4JLD		

#### S.S.B. Endorsements

310	W6EUF/318	300	W8JXM/302
310	W3GRS/318	275	K4SE/296
310	I8AA/317	275	WD9IX/288
310	W9KRU/316	275	K4CXY/287
310	F2MO/315	250	N8BKF/252
310	W3GG/315	250	WB0LXM/251
310	VE3GMT/315	200	K4JLD/248
310	K9MM/315	200	N9ANR/210
310	W4DPS/314	200	G4GED/204
300	VK4VC/309	150	DF7AU/150
300	OK1MP/307	28 MHz	WB0LXM
300	4Z4DX/306	28 MHz	A19F
310	K1UO/305	28 MHz	W4LCL
310	VK3JF/305	28 MHz	KF2X
300	A18S/302		

#### C.W. Endorsements

310	K9MM/313	275	K4SE/278
310	W4BQY/310	200	K4CXY/245
310	N6CW/310	200	G2FFO/224
300	OK1MP/300	200	KE9A/204
275	K9QVB/298	150	K4JLD/186

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### C.W.

W6PT 318	N6AV 313	W4OEL 305	N4MM 298	JH1VRQ 281
DL7AA 317	K9MM 313	W2GT 304	K1MEM 295	N5DX 280
ON4QX 316	K6JG 312	DL3RK 303	WA8DXA 294	W4BV 280
W3GRS 316	K4CEB 311	K3FN 301	JA1GTF 285	WB4RUA 279
W9DWO 316	W4BQY 310	DJ7CX 300	W0SR 285	K4SE 278
K6EC 315	N6CW 310	OK1MP 300	W0IZ 285	W1WLW 276
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### S.S.B.

K2FL 318	K4MQG 314	ZL1BIL 305	W9RY 294	I8KCI 280
W6EUF 318	N4WF 314	VK3JF 305	WA4DAN 294	XE1OX 280
K6WR 318	W4DPS 314	K1UO 305	W8BMO 293	KP4EQF 280
W3GRS 318	I8YRK 313	W1NG 304	W2FGY 293	N2AQH 280
W3NKM 318	EA4LH 313	G4CHP 304	JA5PUL 292	K1VHS 280
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**Silent Keys in the DX World:** The DX world was saddened by the loss of two of its finest, Jim Lawson, W2PV, and Jesse Bieberman, W3KT, during the month of May. Jim passed away on May 25 after a long illness. He was an outstanding DXer and a prominent contest operator and had one of the most technically-advanced amateur stations in existence. Jesse died two days later on May 27 after a relatively short illness. He had been manager of the W3 QSL Bureau for 33 years and also operated the W3KT QSL Service. The latter service was used by me for about 15 years, always with excellent results. In fact, we were so pleased with Jesse's work that we continued to send our out-bound cards via W3KT even after the League started its outgoing QSL Bureau.

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### Shortwave Listening—Part V of VI

This is a six-part article about shortwave listening. The first four parts provide the introduction, plus coverage of the legality of eavesdropping, variety of transmissions, radio waves, selecting listening frequencies, publications, tapes, clubs, equipment and accessories suppliers, and receivers.

#### Loudspeakers

If your receiver is operated in an area where it can't be heard by other members of your household or the neighbors, it is acceptable to use a loudspeaker. If you use a speaker, be sure to use one which matches the output impedance of your receiver. Your receiver's instruction manual states whether the matching loudspeaker must be low impedance (4–16 ohms) or high impedance (500–600 ohms). The output impedance is usually marked on the terminal strip on the rear apron of the receiver.

If you have nothing else to go by, you can usually tell whether a speaker is high impedance or low impedance simply by looking in the back side of the speaker enclosure to see whether the input leads (from your receiver) connect directly to the leads attached to the speaker cone, or connect to a transformer. If no transformer is used, you probably have a low-impedance speaker. If a transformer is used, you have a high-impedance speaker; such transformers are usually mounted directly on the loudspeaker. The use of a loudspeaker which has an incorrect impedance causes power loss (reduced audio listening level), distortion, and reduced listening pleasure. Some receivers have both high and low impedance terminals, allowing you to use the speaker of your choice; in this case the "G" (ground) or "C" (common) terminal is used with either type of speaker.

#### Earphones

If you are going to operate your receiver in close proximity to others, it is extremely important that you use earphones. The squeaks and squawks emanating from your loudspeaker may well be of great interest to you, but they are just noise and annoyance to others. Your



Twelve-year-old Shanon Olson, KA9MDZ, of Oglesby, Illinois, operates in the 40 meter Novice band using a Kenwood TS-520S Transceiver and a 40 meter inverted Vee antenna fed via a Mullen tuner. Shanon has worked several states since she received her license in November of 1981, and she particularly enjoys contacting other young amateurs. Her code speed is about 8 w.p.m. (words per minute), and she is preparing to upgrade to General. Shanon is also active in her school band, track, and Girl Scouts.

use of a pair of earphones makes your shortwave listening acceptable to the rest of your family. In addition, you effectively increase the strength of the received signal when you switch from a loudspeaker to earphones. This can make the difference between hearing a weak station or missing it. An ideal set of earphones for shortwave listening has:

(1) A communications-type frequency response of about 400 to 12,000 Hertz.

(2) Soft and flexible earmuffs to keep received signals in where they will be applied to your ears and to keep external (household) noises out.

(3) Dual earphones; leaving one ear uncovered permits increased distractions from external noises.

(4) Adjustable headband pressure. It is important to have enough pressure to hold both earphones firmly in place over your ears. However, an excessively tight fit causes discomfort which can become painful after an hour or more of continuous use. Adjust the headset so that it is tight enough to stay firmly in position but not tight enough to become uncomfort-

able. Once you have them adjusted perfectly, don't let others use or adjust your headset.

(5) A coiled (retractable) cord reduces the possibility of getting entangled with the headset cord, which usually causes the headset (and other objects) to be knocked down. The coiled cord extends out easily as one pulls on it and automatically retracts to its shorter coiled length as you reduce the pull. Coiled cords are available for any headset at an extra cost of a few dollars; they are provided with some headphone sets.

(6) Light weight is important in earphones which are to be worn for long periods of time. A heavy headset becomes uncomfortable after about an hour of use. Unfortunately, the better headsets do require some "guts" to function well and they are not the lightest ones. There are happy compromises, though, and not everyone agrees about how much weight is acceptable in headsets.

The preceding comments should help you in your selection of a good pair of earphones. Most receivers are designed to automatically disconnect (turn off) the loudspeaker when a headset connector is plugged into the receiver's headphone jack. It is best to have both a loudspeaker and a headset because there will be appropriate times to use each. You also must be careful to use earphones that match your receiver's output impedance to have maximum undistorted sound reproduction.

#### Antennas

The beginner is usually very confused about what type of antenna he or she should buy or build. The coverage of frequency and wavelength in this article is, of course, directly related to antennas and antenna lengths. A fundamental antenna is usually one-half wavelength long to be resonant. This is true because the r.f. energy has to travel back and forth over the entire length of the antenna wire to resonate (ring), rather than to just travel in one direction.

Consequently, the antenna is physically about half as long as the full wavelength of the frequency one wants to receive. There is a little "fudge factor" which causes the antenna to be about five percent shorter than the actual half wavelength, but it is easy to understand. Radio waves travel slower along wire

than through air, so the antenna has to be physically shorter to be resonant. Copper wire is commonly used for antennas, and it slows down radio waves less than five percent. This slowdown is commonly referred to as the "velocity factor" of the wire, so copper wire is said to have a velocity factor of about 95 percent. There is also a higher voltage end effect which causes antennas to have to be cut physically shorter than their actual electrical length. Table I lists the physical halfwave lengths of antennas for the international shortwave broadcast bands.

Band (Meters)	Halfwave Length (Feet & Inches)
60	93' 6"
49	78'
41	65'
31	48' 6"
25	39' 8"
19	30' 9"
16	26' 4"
13	21' 8"
11	18'

Table I— International shortwave broadcast band antennas.

It should be understood that any antenna will provide some signal input. Today's highly sensitive receivers provide good results even when they are used with inadequate antennas. Nevertheless, a resonant antenna is required if you want to obtain optimum reception.

**Temporary Antenna.** It may take some time for you to build and erect a good antenna system. Take your time and get the job done right. Before you get your good antenna system completed, I advise you to enjoy some shortwave listening by just attaching a random-length piece of wire to your receiver's antenna input terminals and stringing it out. It is preferable to string such an antenna outside, but it will function to a lesser degree inside, unless you are in an r.f.-shielded enclosure such as a stucco house (chicken wire under the stucco) or a modern building which has steel girders. Do not bother to remove insulation from antenna wire because the radio frequency energy passes through it; just remove insulation at the end point that connects to the receiver's antenna input terminal.

**Antenna Location.** When you erect your antenna, locate it where it is as high as possible and clear of any nearby metal objects. Avoid running your antenna wire parallel and close to power and/or telephone lines. Most types of antennas have a slight gain characteristic when they are positioned broadside to the transmitted signal, simply because this position exposes the maximum antenna surface to the received radio wave. As a practical example, an antenna that runs east and west provides better reception north and south. However, the gain characteristic is quite small for random wire, dipole, and folded dipole antennas, and it should not

be the primary consideration in choosing the antenna location.

**Trap Antennas.** There are several so-called "trap" antennas on the market and most of them provide satisfactory results. Unfortunately, some of these commercial trap antennas are supplied with poor-quality (high-loss) transmission line for connecting the antenna to the receiver, causing unnecessary and unacceptable signal loss in installations which require transmission lines longer than 50 feet. If you intend to use any antenna in an installation requiring a long transmission line, it is important to use a high-quality low-loss transmission line such as RG-213/U (low impedance) or open-wire ladderline (high impedance).

Trap antennas derive their nickname from the fact that they include one or more traps which effectively "cut" the associated antenna wire to different lengths for use on different bands. Simply stated, each trap is a parallel resonant circuit containing an inductor and capacitor pretuned to the desired cutoff frequency. From the transmission line out, the first antenna section is resonant at the highest frequency, which is the shortest wire length. This first wire segment is effectively cut off from the rest of the antenna by the tuned trap, and the wire past the trap (for lower frequencies) is not part of the short first segment, which is reso-

nant at the desired frequency. The next lower frequency band makes use of the first (highest frequency) antenna segment, the coil section of the first (highest frequency) trap, and the following section of antenna wire.

If the antenna is to be resonant on more than two bands, a second trap is located at the far end of the second wire segment to cut this longer overall section off from the wire segment which follows the second trap. This arrangement is repeated for each band covered by the antenna, and the last wire segment is attached to an antenna insulator at the far end. The other side of the antenna end insulator is attached to a non-conductor such as a nylon line to hold the antenna in position when it is installed. When cutting an antenna wire segment which is to be attached to an antenna insulator, cut it about 6 inches longer than the actual resonant length to allow for the wire which is used to make the insulator connection; the straight-line remaining portion is the part that rings (resonates).

**Random-Wire Antennas and Antenna Tuners.** Since many shortwave listeners are interested in hearing stations throughout the frequency spectrum, they really need an antenna which is hundreds of different electrical lengths. A random-wire antenna, used with an antenna tuner, provides a resonant antenna at any frequency.

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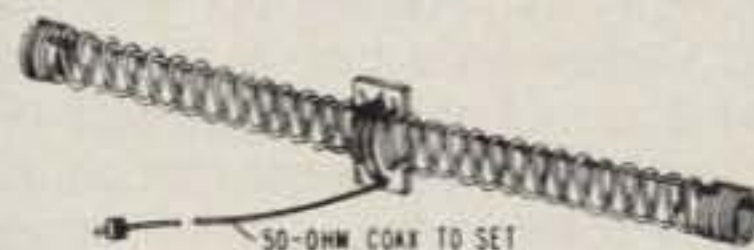
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A tuner which can be used to insert variable capacitance and variable inductance in series with a random length of wire provides an actual resonant antenna system which will provide very good reception over the entire frequency range of your receiver. This ability to adjust the electrical length of an antenna permits one to erect a random-length antenna which fits one's site. An obvious added advantage to this combination is that no feedline (transmission line) is needed between the antenna and the receiver, and thus, there is no feedline loss of a weak antenna input signal. This tuner and wire combination is easy to use; you just set the variable capacitor at mid-range and adjust the coil for maximum signal reception at the frequency to which the receiver is tuned. Then, you adjust the capacitor tuning for peak signal reception.

**Antenna Wire.** When constructing any type of wire antenna, it is advisable to use a solid copper-clad steel antenna wire such as Copperweld. Stranded wire is twisted along its entire length to hold the strands in place. Twisted wire has an inductive effect, and an antenna made of such wire will be physically and electrically longer than is apparent, and it will actually resonate below the desired frequency. If soft-drawn copper wire is used, it will stretch-out quickly to incorrect longer lengths as it is buffeted by wind and stretched by the weight of any transmission line. Hard-drawn copper exhibits the same problem but to a lesser extent. Copperweld has a steel center which just about eliminates stretch problems, and it has a copper outer coating to provide excellent r.f. current-handling ability.

**Directional Antennas.** If you find that most of your listening becomes centered on one particular band or broadcasts from one region, it is worthwhile for you to erect a highly directional antenna (such as a Yagi-Uda or a quad beam) for optimum reception on that band. Such antennas are readily available from several manufacturers, and most are light enough to allow them to be rotated by heavy-duty TV-type rotators or light-duty amateur rotators. These directive antenna should be installed on rotators or you'll lose too much signal strength in all directions other than the one direction in which the antenna is pointed.

**Antenna Books.** Your local electronic outlet should have an assortment of technical books on antennas, and you may find the antenna facet of your hobby to be intriguing, educational, and rewarding.

The publications list in this article includes sources of such books (Part III, July 1982 CQ).

**Two-Terminal Antenna Connections.** If your receiver just has two antenna terminals, they are usually marked "A1" and "A2." If you are connecting a longwire (unbalanced) antenna to your receiver, it should be attached to the "A1" terminal, with the best available external ground connected to the "A2" terminal. If you are connecting any balanced (two wire) antenna, the ground/shield lead should be attached to "A2" and the center/high lead should be attached to "A1."

**Three-Terminal Antenna Connections.** Many modern receivers have three antenna terminals and they are marked "A1," "A2," and "A3." The "A3" terminal is attached internally to the receiver chassis, and it should be wired to the best available external ground to ensure optimum receiver performance. If you are using a single-wire (unbalanced) antenna, it should be attached to the "A1" terminal, and the "A2" terminal should be wired to the "A3" terminal.

If you are using a balanced antenna (such as a dipole, folded dipole, quad, or Yagi-Uda), the grounding jumper must be removed from between terminals ("A2" and "A3"). The "high" side of the antenna input (center conductor of the coax, for example) is connected to "A1," and the "low" side (shield of the coax, for example) is attached to "A2." "A3" is connected to ground.

All connections must be made very carefully. Don't allow bare wires to short against each other or against any other metal object. It is wise to solder "spade" or "eye" lugs to each antenna lead, instead of just twisting them around antenna screw terminals and hoping that they will remain secured in place.

## Ground

It is not always easy to locate a good radio frequency ground. Fortunately, this ground is not as critical to receiving equipment as it is to transmitting equipment. However, the receiver has many circuits which work against the reference ground potential of the metal receiver chassis. For best results, it is obvious that the receiver must be wired to a good external ground point. Radio frequency signals, intermediate frequency signals, other processing signals, and power-supply returns are commonly connected to the receiver chassis. If the chassis is not attached to a good external r.f. ground, the chassis is not at the desired zero-voltage reference potential, and receiver performance is degraded. It is worth your time and effort to install an excellent r.f. ground system.

**House Power Ground.** The electrical power system ground (conduit ground) may be satisfactory as a receiver ground. Do not ground your receiver to the telephone ground.

**Water-Pipe Ground.** If you are fortunate and have a copper water-pipe system (with its soldered connections), you should clean down a nearby connection point (to the bare metal) and attach your receiver ground lead to this pipe with a "C" clamp. The electrical connection to the pipe will be better if you can drain water out of the pipe and solder your ground lead directly to a clean (bare metal) area of the copper pipe. If you have other types of metal water pipes, they usually have sealant material between each section, and the sealant is also an unintentional but effective radio frequency insulator. A water system that does not use copper pipes is usually relatively poor as an r.f. ground, but it may have to be used if you have nothing else. You can improve your r.f. ground by attaching it as close as possible to the incoming water main, if you have to attach to water pipes that are not soldered.

**Ground Rods.** If you do not have an adequate r.f. ground readily available, drive a ground rod (steel rod with copper coating) into the ground close to the window where your ground lead will exit from the house. Electrolysis (battery action) from this rod can attack nearby plant life, so be very careful about where you locate it. These rods are available in various lengths at better electronic stores, and a 6- to 8-foot rod should suffice. If you are forced to drive your ground rod into non-conductive soil (such as sand), it may be necessary to first dig out the area and to make it electrically conductive by mixing in a generous amount of rock salt (or common table salt) into the dirt.

**Ground Braid.** For best results, use ground braid to interconnect your receiver's ground terminal to the external ground you have selected. Simply stated, a quarter wavelength of a piece of wire acts like an insulator. In effect, this would make a receiver act as if it were disconnected from ground at frequencies which happen to be exactly related to the quarter-wave length of a piece of wire being used as a ground. Ground braid acts like several different electrical lengths, and many will effectively tie the receiver to ground at all frequencies. This is just another installation consideration which must be observed to obtain optimum reception.

**Multiple Ground.** If you are not sure which available ground point is best, do not hesitate to connect to both (or all) of them. The electrical signals on the chassis of your receiver will automatically flow to the best ground point.

## Part V Conclusion

This completes the fifth part of this six-part article about shortwave listening. Next month's concluding part covers signal reporting codes, QSL cards, logs, and amateur radio.

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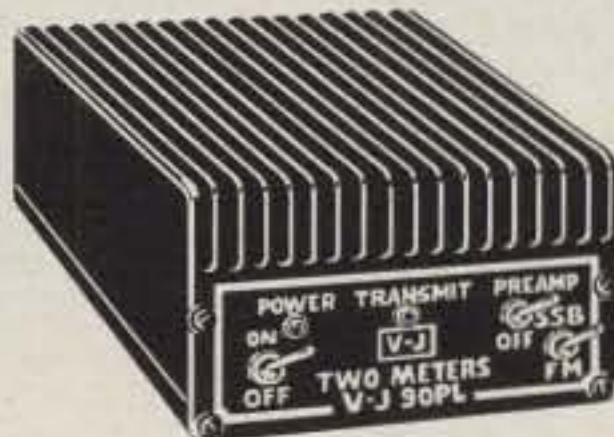
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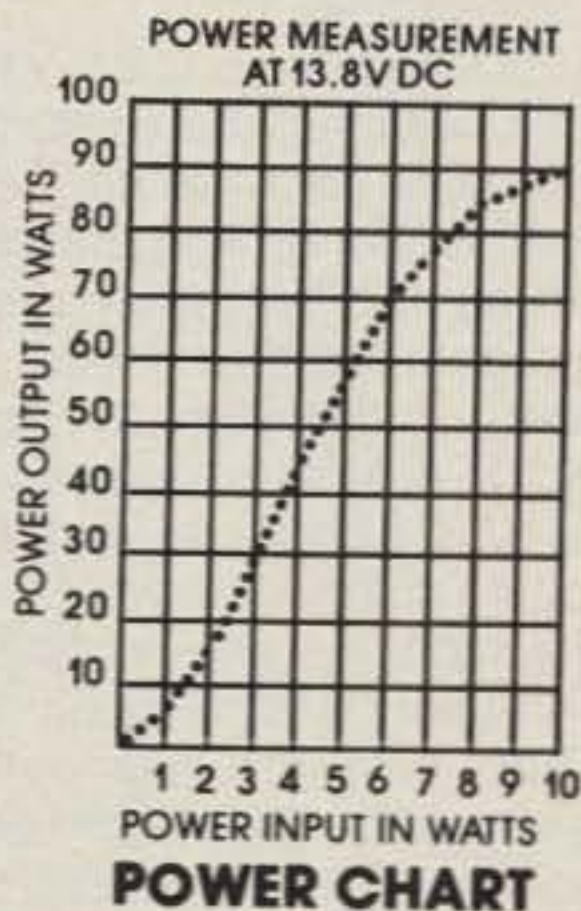


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### Bulletin

Solar activity of historic proportions occurred during the week of June 7-13. The largest, most active sunspot group observed in more than 25 years caused the highest flare activity of any sunspot group seen during the present solar cycle. Flares of enormous intensity caused the blackout of skywave communications on all high-frequency bands for periods of time during the daylight hours. The blackouts lasted from several minutes to several hours, and they took place on each day of the week. The flare activity began to subside on June 14 as the group of sunspots passed into the side of the sun out of line with the earth. It is likely that this record solar event will reoccur over several 27-day rotational cycles of the sun.

Solar activity took a sharp drop during May, and the cycle is now declining again after remaining relatively constant for almost a year. The Royal Observatory of Belgium reports a monthly mean sunspot number of 81.4 for May 1982. This is the lowest level of solar activity observed since August 1978. It results in a smoothed sunspot number, upon which the solar cycle is based, of 139, centered on November 1981. A smoothed sunspot number of 116 is forecast for September 1982.

### September Conditions

During September expect an increasing number of DX openings during the daylight hours on 10, 15, and 20 meters. Improved nighttime DX propagation conditions, with stronger signals and lower static levels, are also forecast for the 40, 80, and 160 bands. A seasonal decline in conditions is expected on 20 meters during the hours of darkness.

The fall, or autumnal, equinox will occur on September 22 as the sun crosses the plane of the equator on its apparent travel from northern to southern skies. On this day the hours of daylight and darkness are equal in length throughout the world. The affects of the equinox are felt on h.f. propagation conditions from about mid-September through early October. During this period, the characteristics of the ionosphere are similar over large

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### LAST MINUTE FORECAST

Day-to-Day Conditions Expected for September 1982

Propagation Index . . . . .	Expected Signal Quality			
	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)
Above Normal: 6, 13, 20	A	A	B	C
High Normal: 5, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24-25	A	B	C	C-D
Low Normal: 4, 7, 10-11, 15-16, 18, 22-23, 30	A-B	B-C	C-D	D-E
Below Normal: 1, 3, 8-9, 26, 28-29	B-C	C-D	D-E	E
Disturbed: 2, 27	C-E	D-E	E	E

Where expected signal quality is: A—Excellent opening, exceptionally strong, steady signals greater than S9 + 30 dB.

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

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

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

E—No opening expected.

### HOW TO USE THIS FORECAST

1. Find propagation index associated with particular band opening from Propagation Charts appearing on the following pages.

2. With the propagation index, use the above table to find the expected signal quality associated with the band opening for any day of the month. For example, an opening shown in the charts with a propagation index of 3 will be fair-to-poor (C-D) on Sept. 1st, poor-to-no opening (D-E) on the 2nd, fair-to-poor again (C-D) on the 3rd, good-to-fair (B-C) on the 4th, etc.

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areas of the world, and this is usually the best time for DX openings between the temperate regions of both the northern and southern hemispheres. A similar period occurs during the spring equinox, which is centered on March 21. Look for an improvement in conditions between the USA and South America, to the South Pacific area and Australasia, to southern Asia, and to southern Africa and Antarctica. Improved conditions should be noticeable on all h.f. bands 10 through 160 meters. The best time for equinoctial-type openings should be the twilight periods around local sunrise and sunset, but they will occur at other times as well. Many of these inter-hemispheric openings may follow either the long or the short great circle path, so be sure to check both directions. The expected improvement in equinoctial propagation is

reflected in the DX Propagation Charts appearing in this month's column.

### V.H.F. Ionospheric Openings

Solar activity is still high enough to support some F2-layer DX openings on the 6 meter band from the USA to many areas of the world. Conditions should favor openings into the southern hemisphere, with the best times being the late afternoon hours. This month's DX Propagation Charts contain forecasts for 6 meter DX openings.

A seasonal improvement is expected for trans-equatorial (TE) openings on 6 meters, mainly between southern locations in the USA and South America. The best time to look for TE openings is between 8 and 11 p.m., local standard time. While F2-layer openings on 6 meters are generally steady and quite strong, TE openings are usually weak, and often accompanied by severe flutter fading.

Although sporadic-E ionization should fall off considerably during September, compared to summer levels, some 6 meter short skip openings should still be possible over distances ranging between approximately 1000 and 1300 miles. The best time to check for such openings is before noon and again during the early evening hours.

Although no major meteor showers are expected during September, some minor ones may permit meteor-scatter-type openings on the v.h.f. bands during the first two or three days of the month, and again for several days after September 20.

There is often a seasonal increase in auroral activity during the equinoctial periods, so expect some 6 and 2 meter auroral-type short skip openings during the month. The best possibilities for such openings should coincide with periods of expected storminess on the h.f. bands. Check the Last Minute Forecast at the beginning of this column for those days during September that are expected to be Below Normal or Disturbed.

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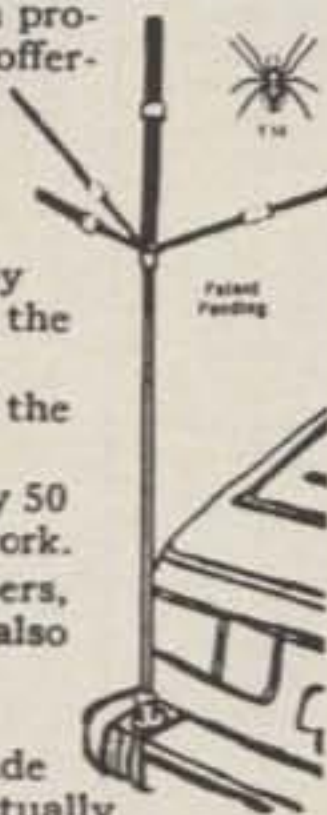
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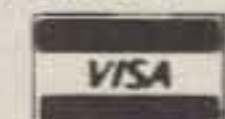
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**HOW TO USE THE DX PROPAGATION CHARTS**

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

2. The predicted times of openings are found under the appropriate meter band column (10 through 80 Meters) for a particular DX region, as shown in the left hand column of the Charts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**September 15 - October 15, 1982  
Time Zone: EDT (24-Hour Time)  
EASTERN USA TO:**

	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
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South Pacific & New Zealand	11-13 (1) 13-14 (2) 14-15 (3) 15-18 (4) 18-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-22 (1) 11-14 (1)* 16-18 (1)*	08-09 (1) 09-15 (2) 15-17 (3) 17-20 (4) 20-21 (3) 21-22 (2) 22-00 (1)	04-08 (2) 08-11 (3) 11-13 (2) 13-18 (1) 18-20 (2) 20-22 (3) 22-02 (4) 02-04 (3)	00-01 (1) 01-06 (3) 06-08 (4) 08-09 (2) 09-10 (1) 02-04 (1)* 04-07 (2)* 07-08 (1)*
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Caribbean, Central America & Northern Countries of South America	08-09 (1) 09-10 (2) 10-12 (3) 12-16 (4) 16-17 (3) 17-18 (2) 18-19 (1) 09-12 (1)*	07-08 (1) 08-09 (2) 09-11 (4) 11-14 (3) 14-18 (4) 18-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	07-10 (4) 10-12 (3) 12-14 (2) 14-16 (3) 16-23 (4) 23-03 (3) 03-05 (2) 05-07 (3)	19-20 (1) 20-21 (2) 21-22 (3) 22-05 (4) 05-06 (3) 06-07 (2) 07-08 (1) 20-23 (1)* 23-05 (2)* 05-07 (1)*



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McMurdo Sound, Antarctica	15-19 (1)	11-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-21 (3) 21-22 (2) 22-23 (1)	16-17 (1) 17-20 (2) 20-03 (3) 03-05 (2) 05-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-10 (1)	23-01 (1) 01-05 (2) 05-07 (1) 04-06 (1)*

\* Indicates best time for eighty meter openings. Openings on 160 Meters are also likely to occur during those times when 80 meter openings are shown with a propagation index of (2), or higher.  
\*\* Indicates best times to listen for F-2 layer openings on 6 meters.

**Time Zone: PDT  
(24-Hour Time)  
WESTERN USA TO:**

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

1. In the Short-Skip Chart, the predicted times of openings can be found under the appropriate distances column of a particular Meter band (10 through 160 Meters) as shown in the left hand column of the Chart. For the Alaska and Hawaii Charts the predicted times of openings are found under the appropriate Meter band column (10 through 40 Meters) for a particular geographical region of the continental USA as shown in the left hand column of the Charts. An \* indicates the best time to listen for 80 meter openings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CQ Short-Skip Propagation Chart  
September & October, 1982  
Local Daylight Time At Path Mid-Point  
(24-Hour Time System)**

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

15	Nil	08-10 (0-1) 10-14 (0-2) 14-15 (0-3) 15-17 (0-2) 17-21 (0-1)	08-10 (1-2) 10-14 (2-4) 14-15 (3-4) 15-17 (2-4) 17-20 (1-3) 20-22 (1-2) 22-08 (0-1)	08-09 (2) 09-10 (2-3) 10-17 (4) 17-20 (3) 20-22 (2-3) 22-23 (1-2) 23-01 (1) 01-08 (1-0)
20	12-14 (0-1) 14-17 (0-2) 17-22 (0-1)	08-10 (0-3) 10-12 (0-4) 12-14 (1-4) 14-17 (2-4) 17-18 (1-4) 18-22 (1-3) 22-03 (0-2) 03-08 (0-1)	06-08 (1-2) 08-10 (3-4) 10-18 (4) 18-22 (3-4) 22-01 (2-3) 01-03 (2) 03-06 (1)	06-08 (2) 08-10 (4) 10-14 (4-2) 14-16 (4-3) 16-22 (4) 22-00 (3-4) 00-01 (3) 01-03 (2) 03-06 (1-2)
40	08-10 (2-3) 10-12 (3-4) 12-18 (4) 18-20 (3-4) 20-23 (1-2) 23-06 (0-1) 06-08 (1-2)	08-10 (3-4) 10-12 (4-3) 12-16 (4-2) 16-18 (4-3) 18-20 (4) 20-23 (2-4) 23-01 (1-4) 01-06 (1-3) 06-08 (2-3)	08-10 (4-2) 10-12 (3-1) 12-16 (2-1) 16-18 (3-2) 18-20 (4-3) 20-01 (4) 01-04 (3-4) 04-06 (3) 06-08 (3-4)	08-10 (2-1) 10-16 (1-0) 16-18 (2-1) 18-20 (3-2) 20-04 (4) 04-06 (3-4) 06-08 (4-3)
80	07-09 (3-4) 09-11 (4) 11-19 (4-3) 19-00 (4) 00-05 (3-4) 05-07 (2-4)	07-09 (4-2) 09-11 (4-1) 11-17 (3-1) 17-19 (3-2) 19-21 (4-3) 21-07 (4)	07-09 (2-1) 09-17 (1-0) 17-19 (2-1) 19-21 (3-2) 21-22 (4-3) 22-06 (4) 06-07 (4-3)	07-09 (1-0) 09-17 (0) 17-19 (1) 19-21 (2) 21-22 (3-2) 22-04 (4-3) 04-06 (4-2) 06-07 (3-1)
160	17-19 (1-0) 19-21 (2-1) 21-06 (4) 06-08 (3-2) 08-10 (2-1) 10-12 (1-0)	18-20 (1-0) 20-21 (1) 21-03 (4-3) 03-06 (3-2) 06-08 (2-1) 08-10 (1-0)	20-21 (1-0) 21-23 (3-1) 23-03 (3) 03-06 (2-1) 06-08 (1)	21-23 (1-0) 23-03 (3-2) 03-06 (1) 06-08 (1-0)

**HAWAII  
September & October, 1982  
Openings Given In Hawaiian  
Standard Time —**

TO:	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
Eastern USA	06-08 (1) 08-12 (2) 12-14 (3) 14-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	05-06 (1) 06-08 (2) 08-12 (1) 12-16 (2) 16-18 (3) 18-20 (2) 20-22 (1)	11-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-18 (3) 18-21 (4) 21-00 (3) 00-04 (2) 04-06 (3) 06-07 (2) 07-08 (1)	18-20 (1) 20-23 (2) 23-00 (3) 00-01 (2) 01-02 (1) 20-22 (1)* 22-00 (2)* 00-01 (1)*
Central USA	06-08 (1) 08-11 (2) 11-14 (4) 14-16 (2) 16-17 (1) 12-14 (1)**	05-06 (1) 06-08 (2) 08-10 (1) 10-12 (2) 12-14 (3) 14-16 (4) 16-18 (3) 18-20 (2) 20-22 (1)	09-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-18 (3) 18-22 (4) 22-00 (3) 00-04 (2) 04-06 (3) 06-09 (2)	18-20 (1) 20-22 (2) 22-01 (3) 01-03 (2) 03-04 (1) 21-22 (1)* 22-00 (2)* 00-02 (1)*
Western USA	07-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-14 (4) 14-16 (3) 16-18 (2) 18-19 (1) 12-14 (1)**	06-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-14 (3) 14-17 (4) 17-19 (3) 19-22 (2) 22-00 (1)	10-15 (2) 15-17 (3) 17-19 (4) 19-00 (3) 00-02 (2) 02-04 (1) 04-06 (2) 06-08 (4) 08-10 (3)	18-19 (1) 19-20 (2) 20-02 (4) 02-04 (3) 04-05 (2) 05-06 (1) 21-22 (1)* 22-23 (2)* 23-02 (3)* 02-03 (2)* 03-04 (1)*

**ALASKA  
September & October, 1982  
Openings Given in GMT —**

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

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

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

**Announcing:**

# The 1982 CQ World-Wide DX Contest

**Phone: October 30-31 & C.W.: November 27-28  
Starts 0000 GMT Saturday Ends 2400 GMT Sunday**

**I. OBJECTIVE:** For amateurs around the world to contact other amateurs in as many zones and countries as possible.

**II. BANDS:** All bands, 1.8 through 28 MHz.

**III. TYPE OF COMPETITION:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All certificates and plaques will be issued to the licensee of the station used.

**IX. TROPHIES & PLAQUES (Donors)  
PHONE**

**Single Operator, All Band**

World - Bill Leonard, W2SKE

World - QRPp - Adrian Weiss, K8EEG/0

U.S.A. - Potomac Valley Radio Club

\*Canada - Jack Baldwin, VE7RG

Carib./C.A. - Jim Neiger, N6TJ

Europe - Thomas J. Peruzzi, Jr., W4BVV

Africa - Gordon Marshall, W6RR

\*Asia - Japan CQ Magazine

\*Japan - Palm Garden Contest Club

Oceania - No. California DX Club

S. America - David Novoa, KP4AM

**Single Operator, Single Band**

World - K2HLB Memorial, No. Jersey DX Assoc.

\*World - 21 MHz - Lee Wical, KH6BZF

World - 3.8 MHz - Fred Capossela, K6SSS

U.S.A. - 28 MHz - Donald Thomas, N6DT

U.S.A. - 3.8 MHz - Arnold Tamchin, W2HCW

U.S.A. - So. California DX Club

\*Canada - Gene Krehbiel, VE7KB

- Carib./C.A. - Pedro Piza, Jr., NP4A - KP4ES Memorial
- \*Europe - 28 MHz Zone 14 - A. G. Anderson, GM3BCL
- \*Japan - 21 MHz - DX Family Foundation
- \*So. America - Rafael Ponce de Leon, CX3BR

**Multi-Operator, Single Transmitter**

- World - Don Wallace, W6AM
- U.S.A. - Theodore Pauck, Jr., K8NA
- \*Canada - Calgary Amateur Radio Assoc.

**Multi-Operator, Multi-Transmitter**

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

**Contest Expeditions**

- World - Single Opr. - Stuart Meyer, W2GHK
- \*World - Multi-Opr. - "The YASME Award."

**Special - Single Operator, Phone/C.W.**

- World - All Band - John Knight, W6YY
- World - Single Band - Yuri Blanarovich, VE3BMV

**C.W.**

**Single Operator, All Band**

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

**Single Operator, Single Band**

- World - W2JT Memorial, No. Jersey DX Assoc.
- World - 3.5 MHz - Fred Capossela, K6SSS
- World - 1.8 MHz - Chip Margelli, K7JA - KP4ES Memorial
- U.S.A. - No. Illinois DX Association
- \*Canada - Canadian Amateur Radio Federation
- Carib./C.A. - DX Club of Puerto Rico
- \*Europe - 14 MHz - G2LB Memorial (From Friends)
- \*So. America - Rafael Ponce de Leon, CX3BR

**Multi-Operator, Single Transmitter**

- World - Anthony Susen, W3AOH
- U.S.A. - Douglas Zwiebel, KR2Q

**Multi-Operator, Multi-Transmitter**

- World - Hazard Reeves, K2GL
- U.S.A. - James Rafferty, N6RJ

**Contest Expeditions**

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

**Clubs**

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

\*Trophy supplied by Donor.

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

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

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

**X. CLUB COMPETITION:**

1. The club must be a local group and not a national organization.
2. Participation is limited to members operating within a local geographic area (except for DXpeditions especially

organized for operation in the contest and manned by members).

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

**XI. LOG INSTRUCTIONS:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

An entrant whose log is deemed by the Committee to contain a large number of discrepancies may be disqualified from eligibility for an award, both as a participant operator or station, for one year. If an operator is disqualified a second time within 5 years, he will be ineligible for any CQ contest awards for 3 years.

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

**XIII. DEADLINE:** All entries must be postmarked NO LATER than December 1, 1982 for the Phone section and January 15, 1983 for the C.W. section. An extension may be given if requested. Indicate phone or c.w. on envelope.

**Phone logs go to:** Bob Cox, K3EST, 6548 Spring Valley Dr., Alexandria, VA 22312.

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

Logs may also be sent to CQ Magazine, 76 North Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801.

\*Except the Jim Neiger, N6TJ, award.

# CQ Reviews:

## THE ICOM IC-25A 2 METER TRANSCIVER

BY AL GORDON\*, WD6HAK

**F**rom the instant that one unties the unique string-secured box it is evident that the new hot little number from ICOM is an unusual rig. Dubbed the IC-25A (the European models are suffixed "E" instead of "A"), this rig measures 5½" x 2" x 7", yet emits a mustard-cutting 25 watts output. To boot, the transceiver sports a dual scanning system (one for memory and one for v.f.o. . . . dual v.f.o.'s, no less), and the entire package comes with a touchtone microphone as standard fare. But there are other unusual features of this rig.

Instead of random-access frequency selection, ICOM has elected to incorporate a rotary encoder pulse generator system which is push-button mode selectable. One switch setting is **VFO A** and the alternate setting is **VFO B**. Continuous tuning on the rotary switch produces resolution to the nearest 5 kHz, although VFO B tunes in 15 kHz steps. The entire 2 meter band plus MARS is accessible, the rig spanning 143.8 to 148.2 MHz. Furthermore, any interval within the band—or the entire band—can be traversed by a versatile scanning system: One can opt for memory scan through the 5 user-programmed channels plus the two v.f.o.'s, scan between upper and lower limits user-written into two memory channels, or else v.f.o. full-range scan covering the entire 143.8 to 148.2 MHz spread. Another scan option is automatic scan resume, a rarity in transceivers. Altogether, these niceties make for a compact package of bells and whistles, but what about the rig's basic features?

To squelch the most ardent skeptics among us who feel that none but ill audio can emanate from a small cabinet ("communications quality," I believe, is the current descriptive euphemism), the excellent response trumpeting from the compact IC-25A makes for a favorable first impression. ICOM uses common-collector buffers when matching to a high-impedance input, a corner that is cut in some



The ICOM IC-25A.

rigs on the market. This kind of isolation appears at several locations in the analog portions of the transceiver. The spectral purity characteristics of the IC-25A almost defy any concern for their values (save satisfying FCC regulations, of course) because the power amplifier output enters a three-stage low-pass filter which suppresses harmonics by a calculated greater than 60 dB reading, and that is after considerable pre-filtering for the 2 meter band. Also, another amateur who lives not far away and who has an accurate frequency counter which bypasses the limiter stage of his rig measured no discernible amplitude modulation of the n.b.f.m. transmission on simplex, which, by the way, is direct f.m. and not phase modulation as is found in some rigs. The output of the PLL circuit, the oscillator for both transmit and receive, is 16.9 MHz below the receive frequency, keeping "spurs" to a minimum.

### Circuit Description

A complete block diagram is shown in fig. 1. Relay T-R switching has been replaced by space-saving diodes to isolate the PA module from the receiver circuits. From the receiver, input signals are amplified by a MOSFET, cleaned up by a four-stage helical cavity filter, and then sent to one input port of the double bal-

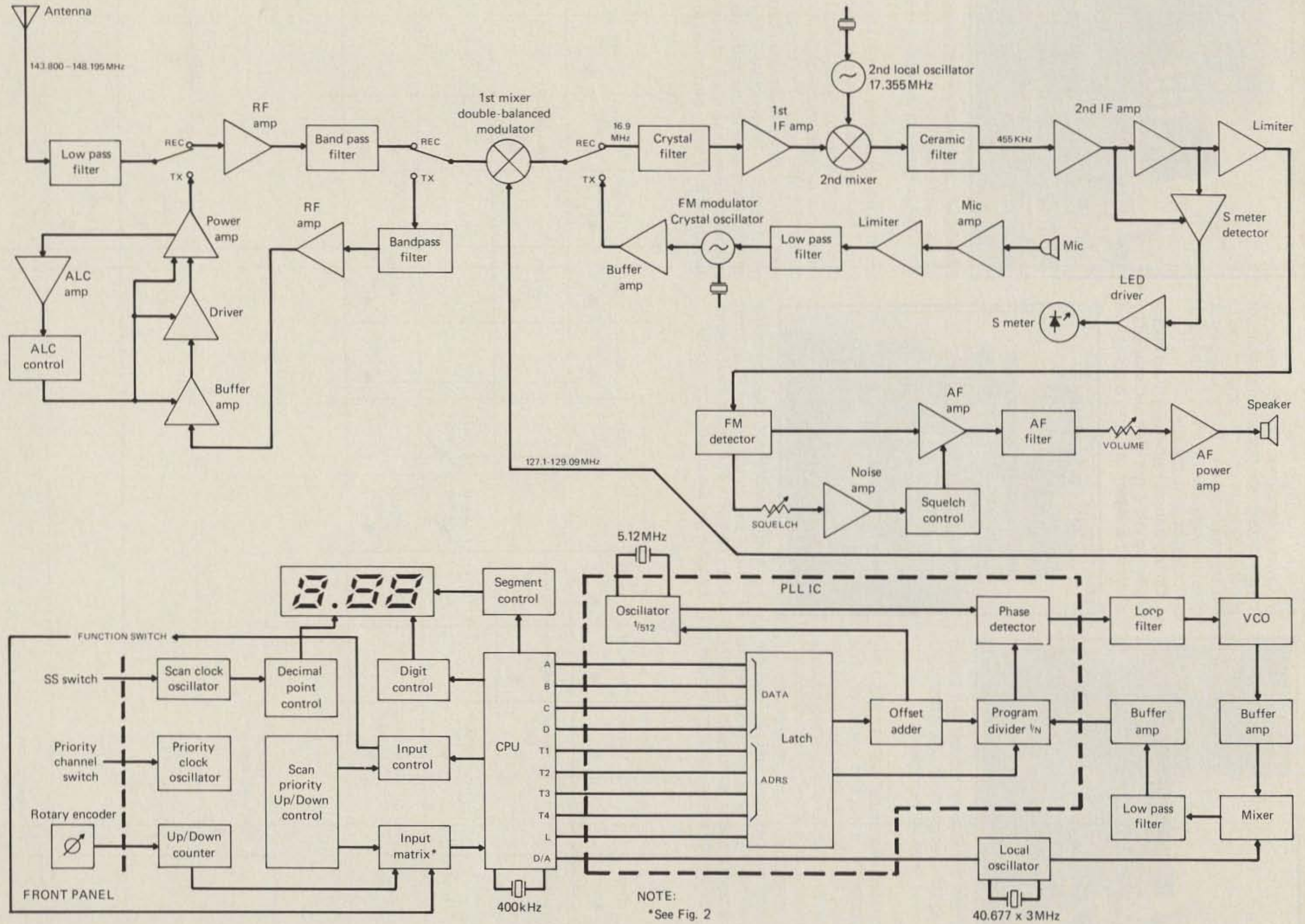


A side-by-side comparison shows the relative size differences between the IC-25A, an antique type 227 vacuum tube, and a standard coffee mug.

anced mixer comprised of Schottky diodes with their low forward cut-in voltage in order to keep sensitivity less than .6 uV for 20 dB quieting. To the other port is fed a PLL-produced 127.1 to 129.09 MHz signal to beat with the r.f. down to 16.9 MHz, the first i.f. frequency. After passing through a ceramic filter and being amplified, a second i.f. of 455 kHz is obtained

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Fig. 1 - The complete block diagram of the IC-25A illustrates the signal flow path indicated in the text.



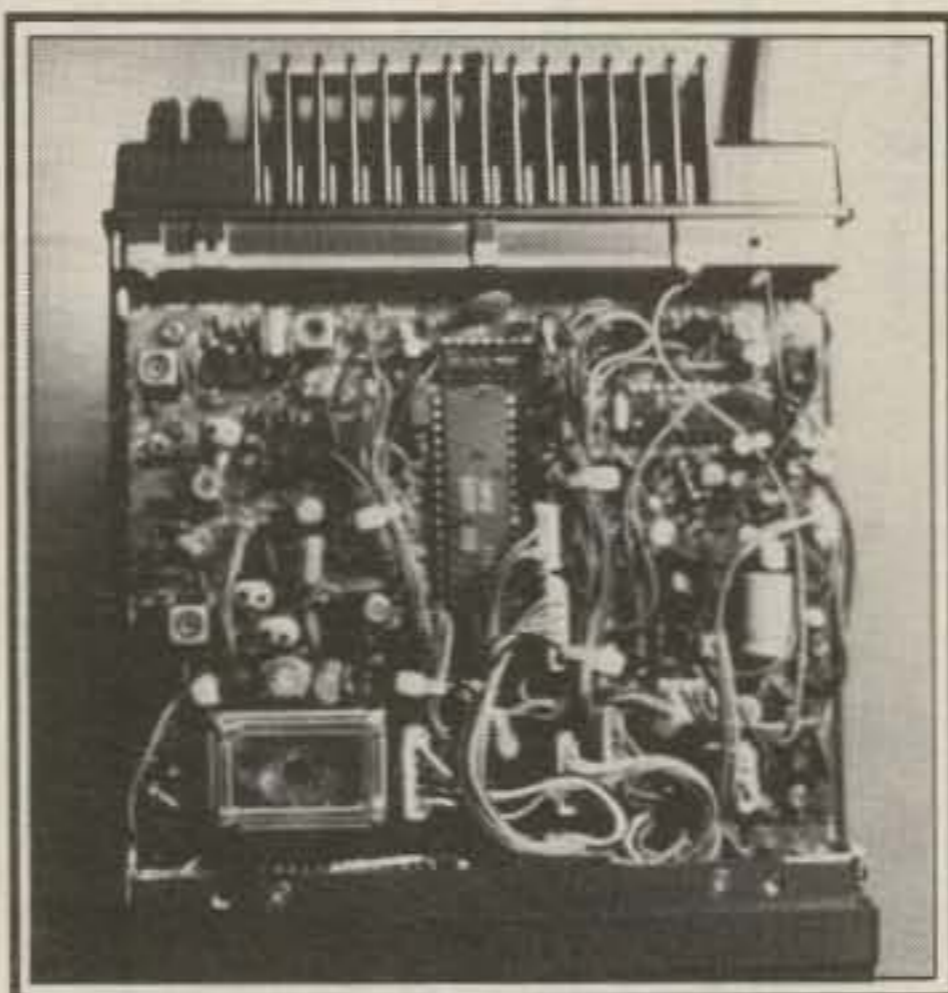
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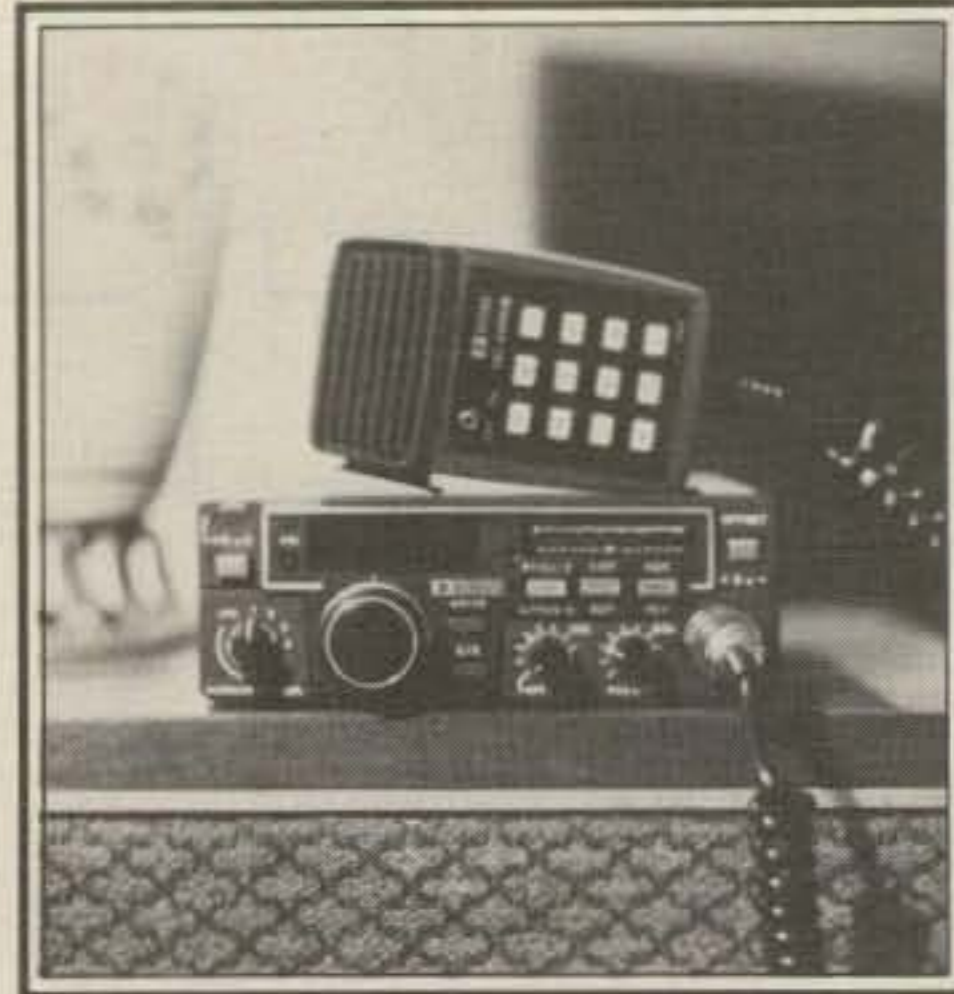
The heat from the PA module is transferred to the diecast heat sink which radiates very efficiently.

adjusting the cutoff threshold accordingly. To avoid erroneous operation resulting from audio signals, noise components of about 25 kHz are selectively amplified in the squelch network. The final signal is given de-emphasis before a.f. power amplification of up to 2 watts.

On the transmit side, amplified microphone signals are limited and shaped by an amplifier which provides 6 dB/octave



A top down view of the IC-25A shows the CPU near the center of the PLL/Driver board. The VCO unit is inside the shield located in the lower left of the board.



The IC-25A comes with a touch-tone mike as standard equipment. Note the size of the miniature mike compared to the rig.

by beating the signal with 17.355 MHz produced by a second oscillator. The second i.f. amplifier/filter then feeds the output to the limiter and detection occurs by means of a ceramic discriminator. This demodulation scheme provides outstanding temperature stability and extreme linearity. The squelch loop begins at the discriminator output and re-enters the receive line at the first a.f. amplifier,

rolloff at the breakpoints of 300 Hz and 3 kHz. The output is low-pass filtered and passed to a varactor diode which reactance modulates a crystal-oscillator-produced 16.9 MHz signal. The crystal oscillator provides the suitable deviation and added stability. The modulated signal is amplified and sent to the same double-balanced mixer as is used in receiving, the double duty being performed to con-

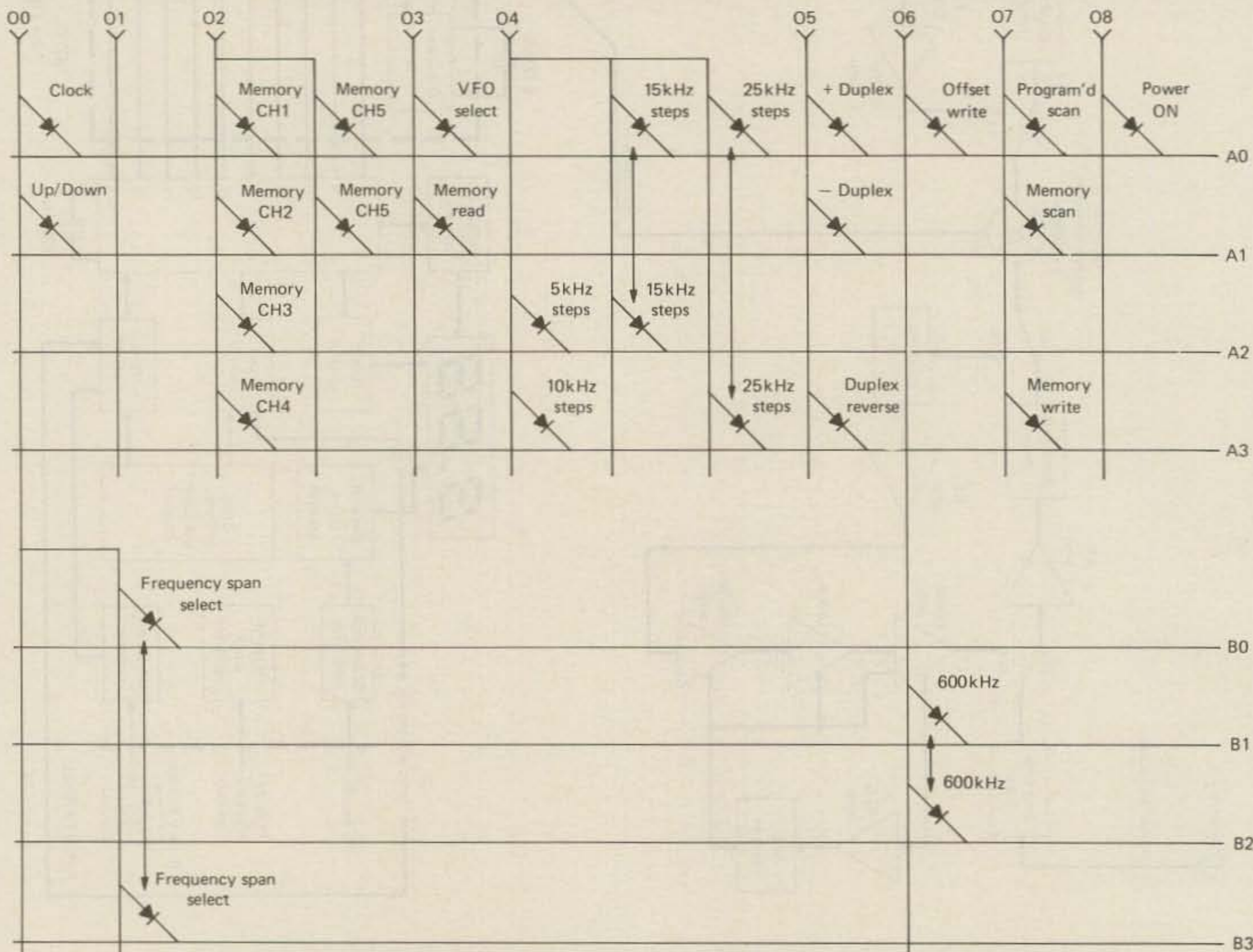


Fig. 2- To increase the number of functions of the 4-bit CPU an input matrix is used.

serve space. Here, 126 MHz signals from the PLL are mixed to give sum and difference resultants (the original signals are cancelled in the double-balanced mixer). The signals are prefiltered for the 2 meter band by a helical band-pass filter prior to final power amplification. The output signal is further filtered prior to output to the antenna. Feedback error amplifier a.i.c. stabilizes the final power under fluctuating antenna load conditions by providing gain control over the PA module.

The PLL unit local oscillator generates both a 40.677 MHz and a 122.03 MHz (third harmonic) output which are mixed with the VCO signals in an FET mixer. The output is filtered to pass only frequencies lower than 15 MHz and then amplified to proper drive level (3 volts p-p) for the programmable divider inside the PLL IC. The reference frequency generator is a crystal oscillator and a high-speed divider ( $\div 12$ ) which produces 10 kHz for the phase detector. This 10 kHz reference fixes the variation step of the PLL output frequency and the divide number (N) as determined by the CPU output via the display frequency, and determines the PLL output frequency. The digital phase detector senses the phase difference of the 10 kHz and the programmable divider frequency, proportionally sending positive or negative signals to the loop filter, which determines the loop response time. The filter output goes to the VCO unit as a control voltage, varying the VCO Clapp oscillator frequency around 127 MHz. The VCO output goes to the first mixer and to the internal PLL unit mixer via a buffer to complete the PLL unit loop.

In the driver unit, microcomputer input data is controlled by a custom LSI circuit. A mechanical rotary-encoder linked to the tuning-knob shaft produces two clock signals which are 90 degrees out of phase. The scan function is enabled and disabled by alternately starting and stopping the multivibrator scan oscillator via the front panel **SS** button. The CPU is a 4-bit with inputs  $A_0$  to  $A_3$  and  $B_0$  to  $B_3$ . To increase the number of functions of the CPU, a scanning system across the matrix, which is mapped in fig. 2 (with  $0_0$  to  $0_9$  inputs, and  $A_0$  to  $A_3$  and  $B_0$  to  $B_3$  outputs to the CPU), is employed. The frequency display is derived from BCD outputs of the CPU, which include both 7-segment outputs and digit-control outputs.

### Conclusion

All in all, the IC-25A is an excellent rig, and there appears to be no tradeoff for its reduced size; indeed, some aspects of the rig appear to be superior to many rigs of larger dimensions. In fact, the only fault I can find with the rig is that it is almost too small for my admittedly fat fingers. If the point of diminishing returns for operator convenience hasn't been passed because of this "little problem," then the ICOM IC-25A is an ideal rig for a sub-compact car.

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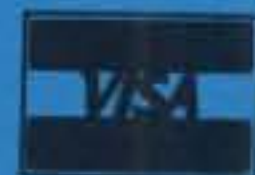
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## NEWS OF CERTIFICATE AND AWARD COLLECTING

The September Story of the Month as told by Bob is:

### Robert G. Craig, K6XZ All Counties #324, 4-25-81

"I was listening to the ICH Net on 14336 on August 19, 1978 when I decided to really go after all the U.S. Counties. Up to that time I had collected some 500 counties from various c.w. contacts on the different amateur bands over a period of 10 years, being strictly a c.w. buff.

"I got interested in ham radio one spring day in 1968 when my son, Jim, brought home a copy of *Popular Electronics* from his high school library. The magazine had an amateur radio column written by Herb Brier. At the time we lived in Huntington Station, N.Y., and I was teaching music and band instruments in the public schools of Uniondale.

"I found an Elmer in the person of Charlie, K2HTX, who proved to be quite helpful in getting me started. I attended his Novice classes, which were a service of the Larkfield Amateur Radio Club, and on August 1, 1968, I had my first QSO as WN2GMD.

"My Novice rig was a Knightkit T-60 transmitter (which I'd built), a new Hammarlund HQ-100 receiver, a hatful of 15 meter crystals, and a 2-element Mini-Beam antenna which my son and I installed on our rooftop.

"Prior to World War II, I had learned to play a few different band instruments and was active in musical groups. When I graduated from high school in June 1939, I enrolled at New York University to study music education.

"In 1942 I went into the Air Force, where I spent the next three years. I was stationed for 19 months at an Eighth Air Force B-17 bomber base in Deenethorpe, England, where I was a member of the control tower crew. I also found time to play saxophone in a band which Special Services sent to play for dances at our own and various other Air Force bases within a 50 mile area. My main instrument is drums, although my other hobby, in addition to amateur radio, is playing the electronic organ.

"My teaching career began in September 1948 at New London, Connecticut. I also taught school in New Jersey, spending a total of 28 years on the job in 3 states.

"In 1976 I decided to retire at age 55.



Bob Craig, K6XZ.

My wife, Marianne, and I moved here to Santa Rosa, California, for a change of scenery and climate. I was given the call WB6RWE, and later on in 1977, K6XZ.

"Many thanks to all the mobiles on the ICH Net who helped me get those needed counties. I'd also like to thank Mike, K7CLO, Arnie, K9DCJ, and Dave, W6CCM, who kept the land line buzzing when a mobile was nearing a 'last' county which I needed in a particular state. Special thanks to Bob, VE1RQ, who passed through North Carolina, giving me four counties I needed to finish that state. He then went into Georgia where he provided me with four more counties, including Emanuel County, my last one for, as they say, 'the whole ball of wax.' Last, but not least, I must express my appreciation to all the net controllers and their assistants for the fine help they provided in hunting those many counties."

### Awards Issued

James Rounds, W1SSX, who got USA-CA-500 back in May 1963, has kept at it in his spare time and made USA-CA-1000 through All Counties endorsed Mixed.

David Taylor, KS5A (ex-WA5DXI, WB0CCW), waited until he had them All and requested USA-CA-500 through All Counties endorsed Mixed.

Aubrey Armstrong, K5MOF, who got his USA-CA-500 back in February 1965, had me send him USA-CA-1000 through USA-CA-3000 endorsed All S.S.B., All 20, All Mobiles, and All Counties endorsed Mixed.

### Special Honor Roll All Counties

- #380 James E. Rounds, W1SSX 5-15-82.
- #381 David S. Taylor, KS5A 5-22-82.
- #382 Aubrey G. Armstrong, K5MOF 6-1-82.
- #383 Franz B. Kurth, WB6ALC 6-5-82.

Franz Kurth, WB6ALC, who also waited until he had them All, then qualified for USA-CA-500 through USA-CA-2500 endorsed All S.S.B., All 20, All Mobiles, and USA-CA-3000 and All Counties endorsed Mixed.

Alex Marion, W2CUE, upgraded his endorsement from USA-CA-2000 through All Counties to be endorsed All S.S.B., All 14, All Mobiles.

James A. Rounds, K9WA (ex-K9DDA), not to be confused with W1SSX who is James E. Rounds, added to his nice collection USA-CA-2000 and 2500 endorsed All 2XC.W.

Stu Casper, W2PDM, who does a lot of mobiling, picked up USA-CA-500 through USA-CA-1500 endorsed All S.S.B., All 20, All Mobiles, and USA-CA-2000 endorsed Mixed.

Lew Milligan, WA4OIB, added USA-CA-1000 and 1500 endorsed All 2XS.S.B. to his collection.

Barry Siegfried, K2MF, acquired USA-CA-1000 endorsed Mixed.

USA-CA-500 certificates, endorsed Mixed, were claimed by:

Kenneth Kruger, WB8AAX.

Arie Guterbaum, 4X6AG.

Alfred Sengenberger, DK2UB.

Diane Elizabeth Haigh, N1YL.

USA-CA-500 Certificates, endorsed All C.W., went to:

Stanislav Antos, OK1FCA.

S.R. Scheltens, PA2SAM, who worked all 50 states to get it.

Gabriel G. Gonzalez, EA7PW, sent for USA-CA-500 endorsed All S.S.B.

### USA-CA Honor Roll

<b>3000</b>	K9WA	522	K2MF	718
W1SXX	K5MOF	523	W2PDM	719
K5SA	WB6ALC	524	K5MOF	720
K5MOF			WB6ALC	721
WB6ALC				
	<b>1500</b>		<b>500</b>	
	WA4OIB	583	WB8AAX	1720
<b>2500</b>	W1SXX	584	4X6AG	1721
W1SXX	K5SA	585	OK1FCA	1722
K5SA	W2PDM	586	KS5A	1723
K9WA	K5MOF	587	DK2UB	1724
K5MOF	WB6ALC	588	PA2SAM	1725
WB6ALC			N1YL	1726
	<b>1000</b>		W2PDM	1727
<b>2000</b>	WA4OIB	715	EA7PW	1728
W1SXX	W1SXX	716	WB6ALC	1729
K5SA	K5SA	717		
W2PDM				

### Awards

**Worked All Oregon With W7ULC:** Available to anyone who has worked W7ULC in all 36 Oregon counties. No time limit. Send a list (no cards) of contacts giving time, date, and signal report to: Jerry Skaife, W7ULC, Rt. 3 Box 3449, La Grange, Oregon 97850. (See story and photo of Jerry in November 1981 CQ.)

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



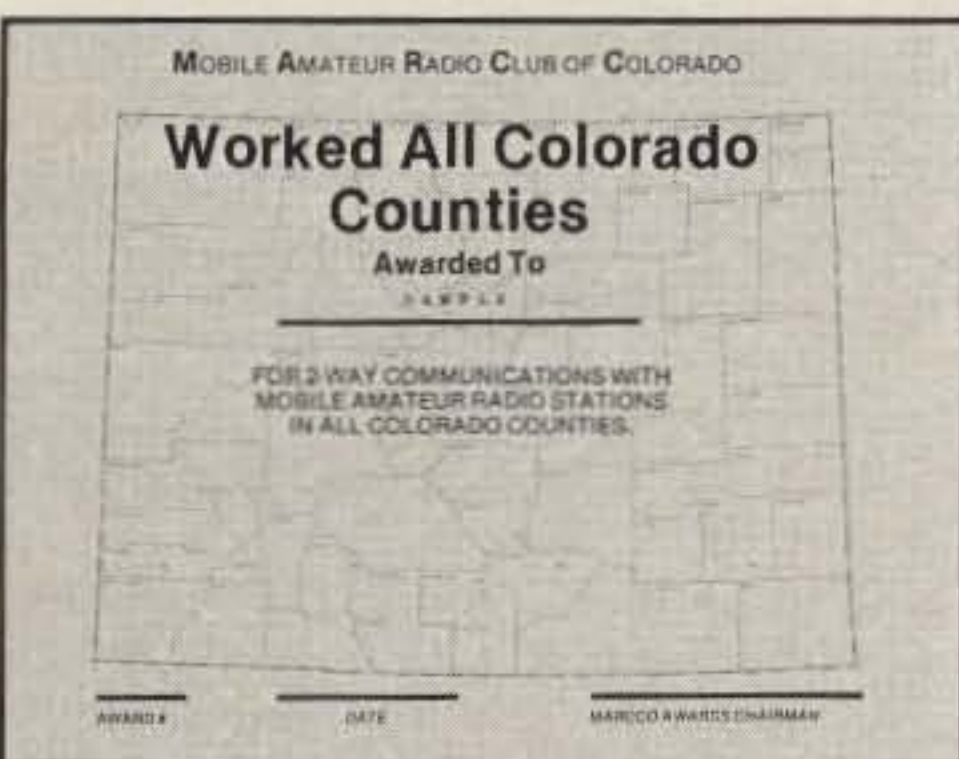


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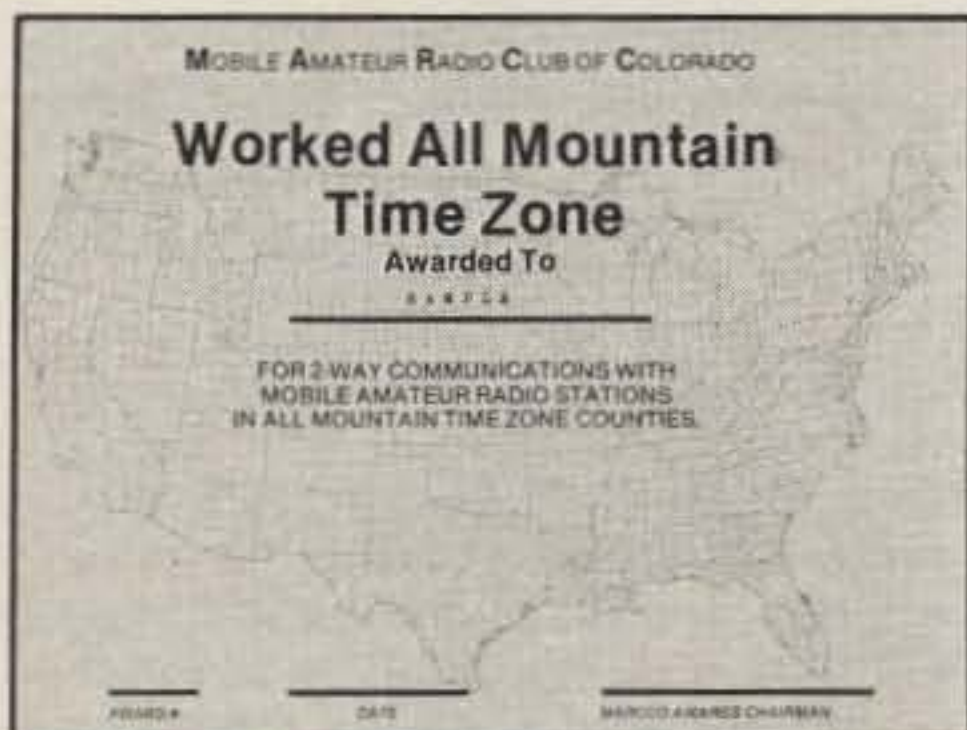
**French Awards Program: (General rules)**

All REF certificates and awards will be issued to transmitting and/or s.w.l. stations (see Table I). In agreement with the I.A.R.U. Region 1 rules, each claim must be accompanied by a list of QSOs and by a statement from the applicant's national DX Award Manager that correctly filled-in QSLs are really in possession of the applicant. If this is not possible, the applicant must submit all the required QSLs. In the case of any dispute concerning a claim, the decision of the council of Reseau des Emetteurs Francais shall be final.

Unfortunately the complete rules would take up my whole column, so please send an s.a.s.e. (French stamps or a couple of IRCs) to: REF French Award President, F6AXP, Mr. Max Pomel, HLM Les Gargailles #134, 63370 Lempdes, France, or to the new DX Awards Manager, F9MD, Mr. Pouchoux Marcel, 39 Villa Belvedere, 9400 Villejuif, France. I have several of their awards and they are well worthwhile.



Mobile Amateur Radio Club of Colorado Worked All Colorado Counties.



Worked All Mountain Time Zone.

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DDFM	Mr. Max Anouzet, F6FWH 8, allée du Parc F 63110 Beaumont	10 IRCs
5BDDFM		65 IRCs
DPF		10 IRCs
5BDPF		65 IRCs
DUF1		Mr. Edmond Dubois, F9IL B. P. 7 Aubenchoul Au Bac F 59265 Aubigny Au Bac
DUF2	9 IRCs	
DUF3	12 IRCs	
DUF4	15 IRCs	
DUF Medal	20 IRCs	
each endorsement	6 IRCs	
5BDUF		65 IRCs
Initial DTC	Mr. Rene Roy, F8GA 8, rue des Mottes Muides Sur Loire F 41500 Mer	10 IRCs
DTC1		10 IRCs
DTC2		10 IRCs
DTC3		10 IRCs
REF ACHIEVEMENT		30 IRCs
F-CW-500		10 IRCs
each endorsement		6 IRCs
DTA	Mr. Alain Duhauchoy, F6BFH 21, rue de la Republique F 76420 Bihorel	10 IRCs
DDTOM		10 IRCs
DEE	Mr. Jean Robert, FE9434 2, rue Arsene-d'Arsonval F 64001 Pau	10 IRCs
YL REF	Mrs. Gilda Le Gall, F6FMO Ecole publique F 56490 Guilliers	10 IRCs for each award

Table I- REF awards managers and fees.



Coast to Coast Award.



Border to Border Award.

**Mobile Amateur Radio Club of Colorado (MARCCO):** They have an active club and four awards (complete rules in my column, page 82, CQ, January 1982). If you do not have a copy of the rules, send an s.a.s.e. or s.a.e. and IRCs to: Paul F. Hultquist, WB0SEQ, MARCCO Secretary, 2615 Van Gordon Drive, Lakewood, Colorado 80215.

**HAROAA Awards and Certificates:** These are available to all licensed amateurs and amateur stations. Do not send QSL cards. A list showing full details of the contacts (log information) should be certified by you and one other amateur or a radio club officer. Photocopies of your QSL cards or original log will also be permitted. At your request, special endorsements will be added, such as: C.W., S.S.B., All YL, QRP, RTTY, SSTV, One Band, etc. No time limit, no contacts via repeaters, but QSOs via satellites are permitted. Apply to: HAROAA, P.O. Box 341, Hinckley, Ohio 44233.



Great Lakes Award.

**HAROAA Great Lakes Award:** Requires one contact with each state bordering the Great Lakes: New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

**HAROAA DX Award:** Obtained by working DX stations. Each DX station counts as one, even if several are from the same country or area. Special endorsements

for this award are 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 200, and 500 DX contacts.

**HAROAA Super Certificate Hunter Award:** You earn this by having a minimum of 10 amateur radio operating awards. Simply list the awards that have been issued to you. Special endorsements are 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 100 plus.

**HAROAA Insomnia Award:** This is earned by communicating with one other amateur for a minimum of one hour between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 a.m.

**HAROAA Super Operator:** This is rendered for those providing a service on behalf of amateur radio, such as weather observer, public service, emergency,

helping a new ham, providing communications for a community function, etc. Applicant should briefly describe the event or service, and the officials at HAROAA will determine whether it deserves this special recognition.

**HAROAA Official Traffic Handler:** This award is a self-issued achievement, allowing you to display the fact that you are indeed an official handler of radio traffic.

Each application for each award should be accompanied by three (U.S.) dollars. Payment may be made by cash, personal check, money order, 10 IRCs, or first-class-rate U.S. postage stamps. DX applicants may send a money order made out

to U.S. funds, 10 IRCs, or any other of the above.



*The Two Letter Calls Award.*

**The Two Letter Calls Award:** This award is sponsored by the Heart of America Radio Club (HARC) in Kansas City, Missouri. Requirements: Contact a station in each of the 50 states with 2 or less letters in the suffix (examples: W0RR, KB0VL, and AK0A). Send full log data verified by two amateurs or any radio club secretary and \$2.00 to: Adrianus Hoogenraad, WB0RAF, 7204 E. 28th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64129.

### Notes

If you were fortunate enough to work the special events station of the McDowell (County, W.Va.) ARC that was active June 15 through the 22nd in honor of West Virginia Day, a certificate is available to you via Andy Pitt, WB8WEZ, Secretary McDowell ARC, Box 484, Welch, W. Va. 24801.

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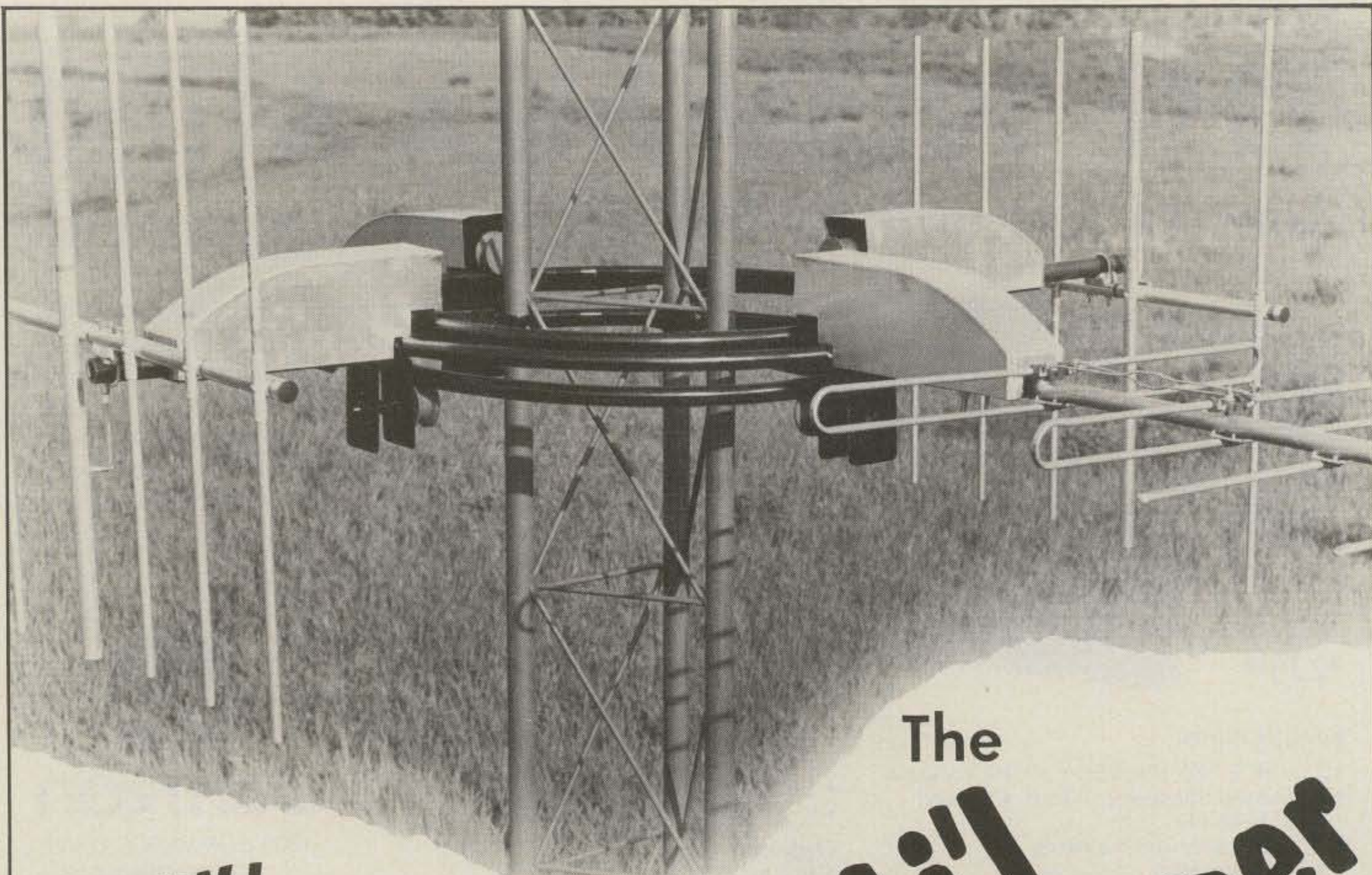
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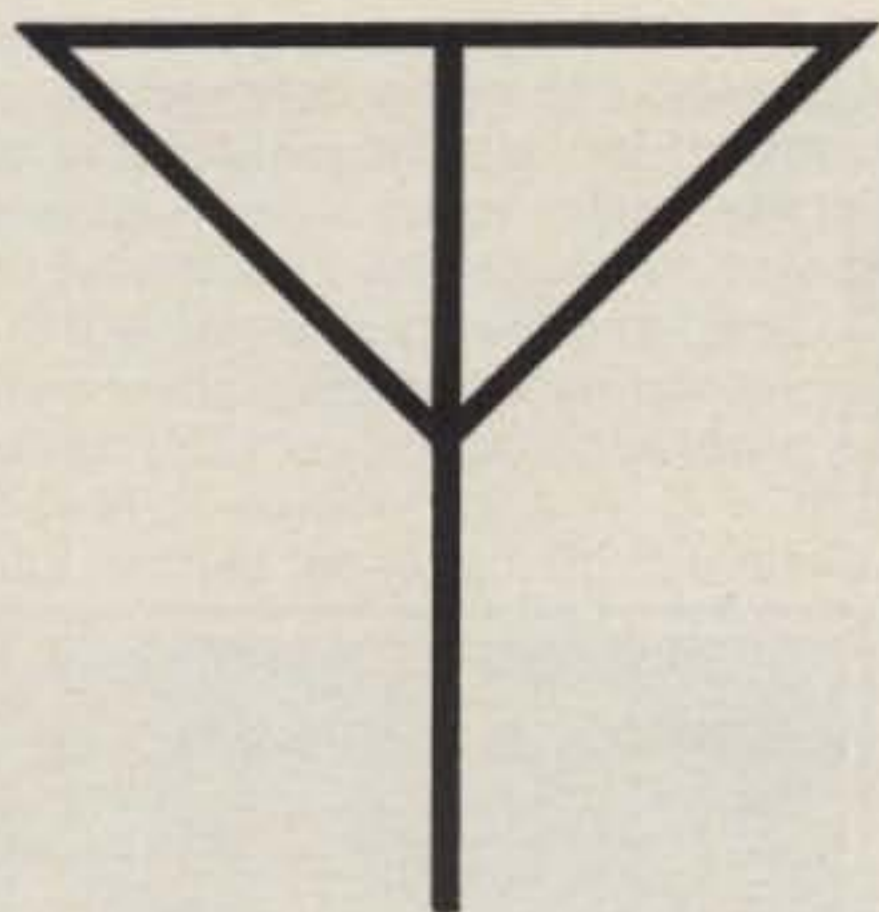
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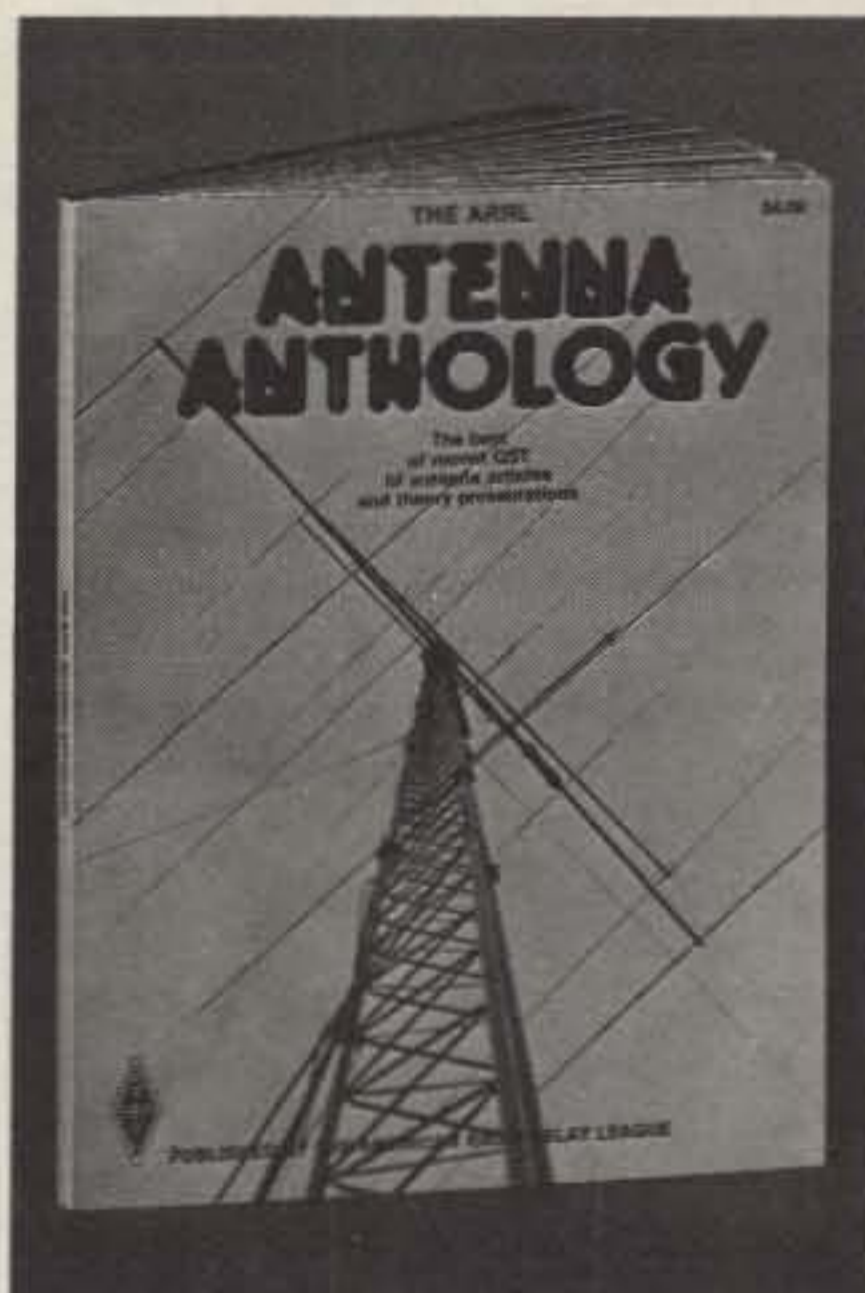
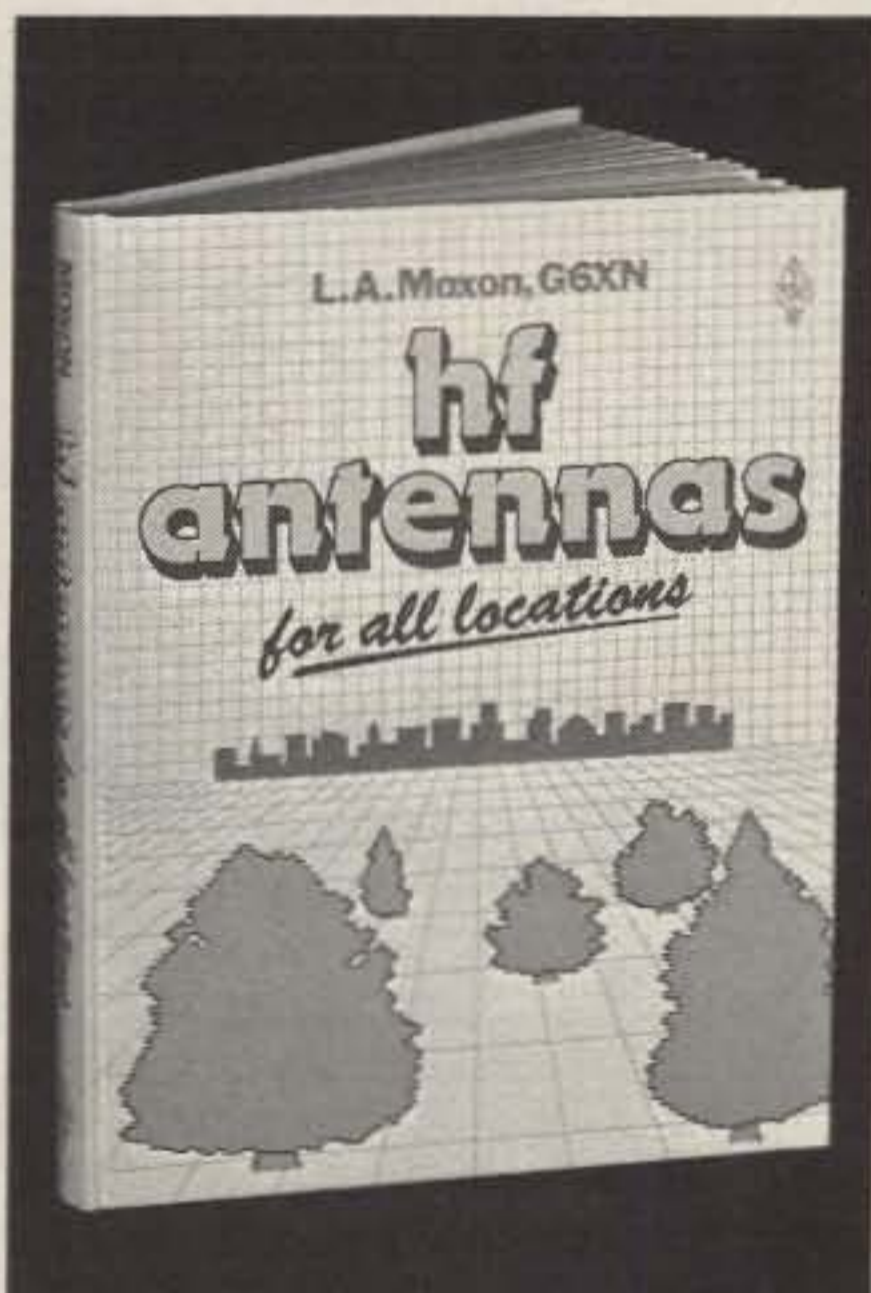
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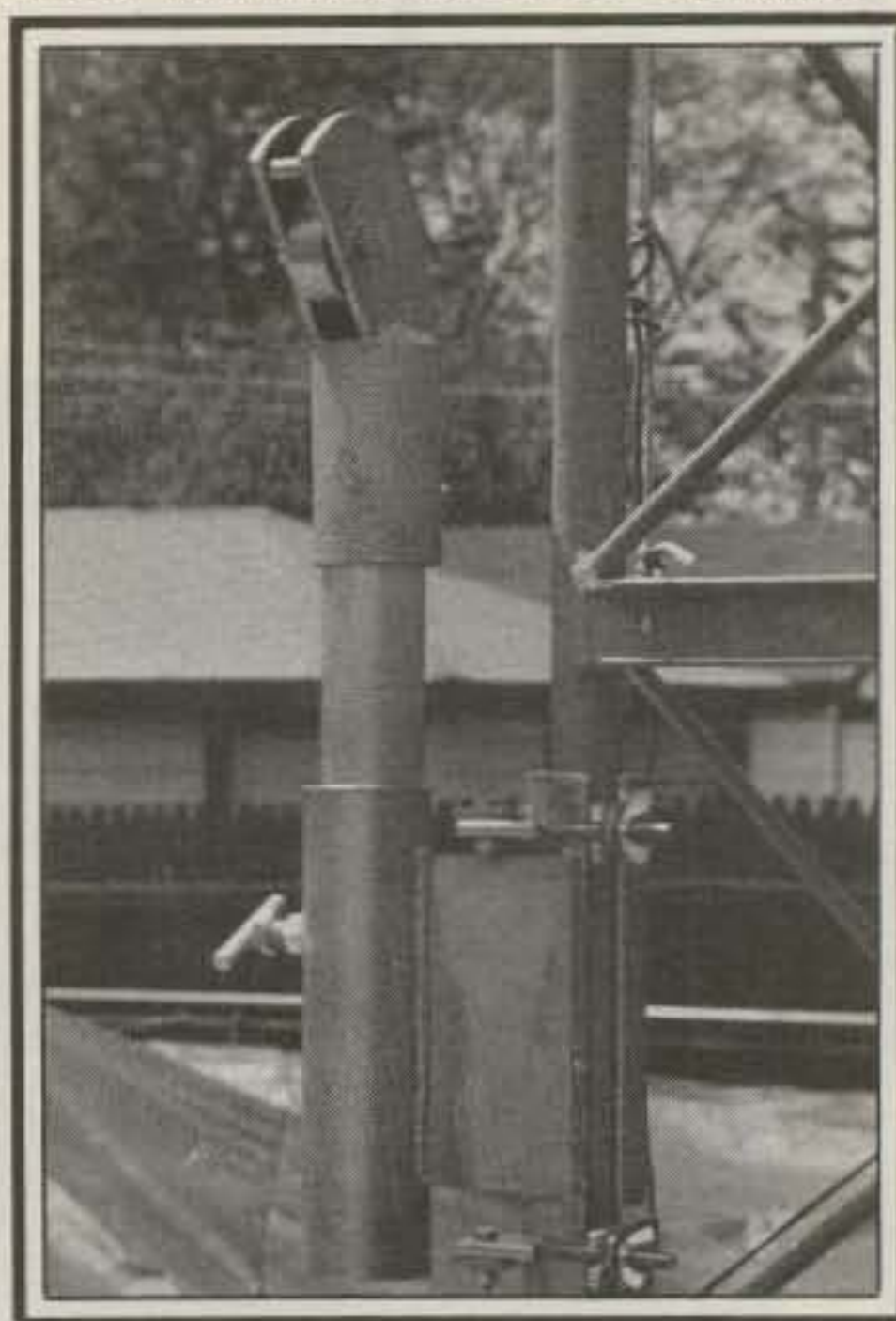
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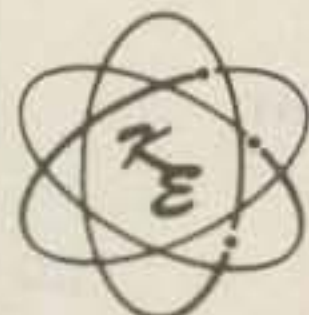
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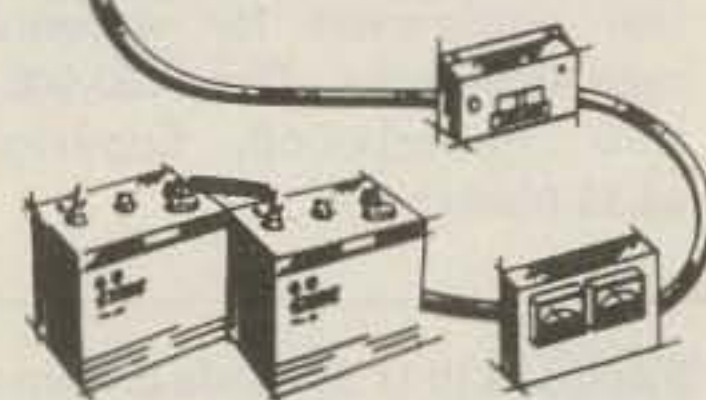
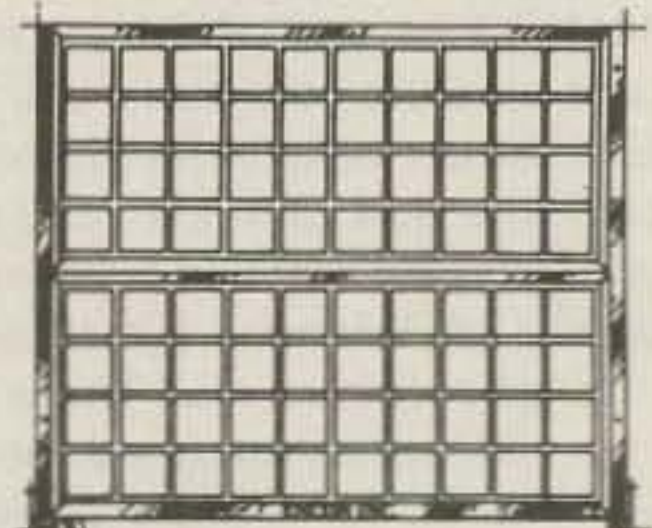
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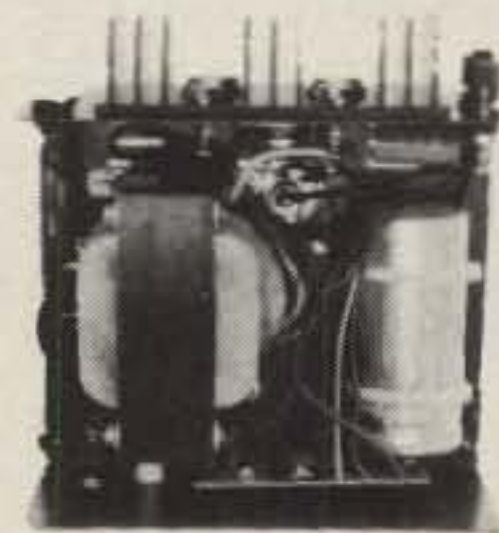
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show) and reportedly took off for South America. He did congratulate me for finally getting out of the office and attending a show or two. Judging by his last editorial (July), I wonder if the \$1,000-plus expenses covers one talk or two. Anyway, if it was \$2,000-plus expenses (certainly no booth expense) or only \$1,000, it's still a nice day's work. Yeah, maybe it is sour grapes after all.

### Contest Dept. Heads Visit CQ

The day after AFCEA, CQ's Contest Director, Frank Anzalone, W1WY, and WPX Contest Director, Bernie Welch, W8IMZ, came to the CQ offices for a visit and to discuss our Contests. Bernie drove in from Dayton, and at his suggestion we packed his car with WPX logs for the return trip. This will be Bernie's last year as WPX Contest Director. He will be turning over the reigns to Steve Bolia, N8BJQ, who has been his assistant for several years. Steve is responsible for automating the scoring of the Contest, which has grown tremendously in recent times to the point where automating it was the only way to handle the volume. Bernie will continue on in an advisory capacity for two to three years, so there will be a smooth transition and continued growth.

### Silent Keys

In recent months, amateur radio has lost three stalwart supporters. Jim Lawson, W2PV, an avid Contester and prolific technical writer, passed away on May 25th. On May 23rd, just two days before, and through superhuman effort and cooperation, Jim was presented with two trophies for the 1981 CQ WW DX Contest. Knowing that Jim's condition was deteriorating, the Contest Committee, Frank Anzalone, W1WY, and Bernie Laight (our DX Contest trophy supplier) worked to quickly finalize Jim's score and engrave the trophies for presentation. W2PV was presented with the Dale Hoppe, K6UA, Trophy for High U.S.A. in the Phone portion, and the Hazard Reeves, K2GL, Trophy for World High C.W., both Multi-Operator, Multi-Transmitter.

Jesse Bieberman, W3KT, also recently passed away. He was world renowned for his W3KT QSL Service, which aided thousands upon thousands of amateurs. Most recently, we learned of the death of Kamchai "Kam" Chotikul, HS1WR, after a lengthy illness. "Kam" was founder and President of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand and had just been promoted to Brigadier General in the Royal Thai Army.

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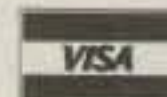


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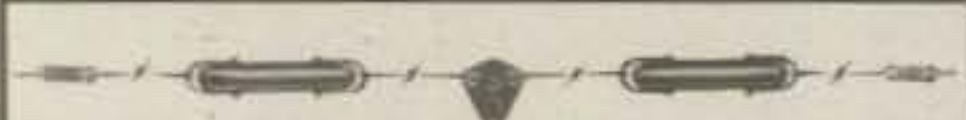
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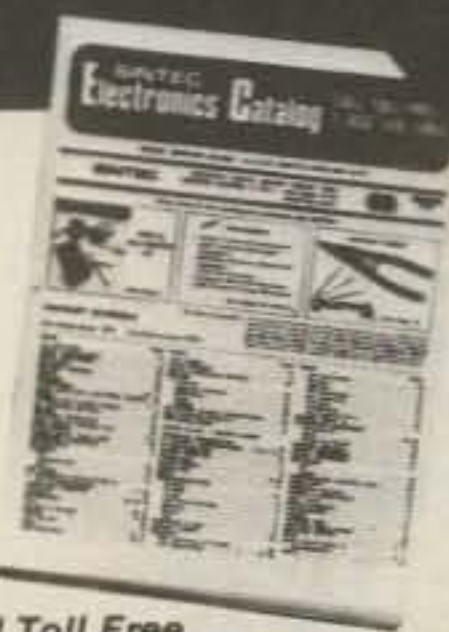
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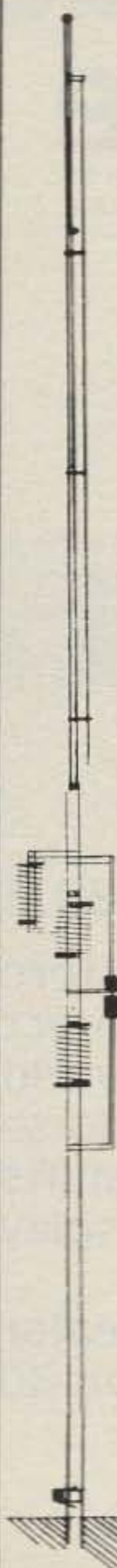
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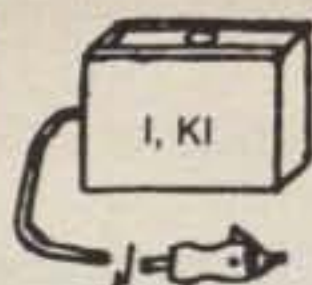
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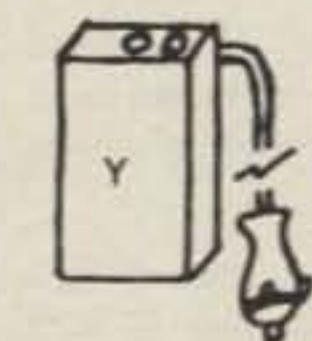
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# New Yaesu FT-102 Series Transceiver of Champions!



The long-awaited new generation of Yaesu HF technology has arrived! New research in improved receiver filtering and spectral purity is brought to bear in the competition-bred FT-102, the HF transceiver designed for active Amateurs on today's intensely active bands!

#### Unique Cascaded Filter System

The FT-102 utilizes an advanced 8.2 MHz and 455 kHz IF system, capable of accepting as many as three filters in cascade. Optional filters of 2.9 kHz, 1.8 kHz, 600 Hz, and 300 Hz may be combined with the two stock 2.9 kHz filters for operating flexibility you've never seen in an HF transceiver before now!

#### All New Receiver Front End

Utilizing husky junction field-effect transistors in a 24 volt, high-current design, the FT-102 front end features a low-distortion RF preamplifier that may be bypassed via a front panel switch when not needed.

#### IF Notch and Audio Peak Filter

A highly effective 455 kHz IF Notch Filter provides superb rejection of heterodynes, carriers, and other annoying interference appearing within the IF passband. On CW, the Audio Peak Filter may be switched in during extremely tight pile-up conditions for post-detection signal enhancement.

#### Variable IF Bandwidth with IF Shift

The FT-102's double conversion receiver features Yaesu's time-proven Variable Bandwidth System, which utilizes the cascaded IF filters to provide intermediate bandwidths such as 2.1 kHz, 1.5 kHz, or 800 Hz simply by twisting a dial. The Variable Bandwidth System is used in conjunction with the IF Shift control, which allows the operator to center the IF passband frequency response without varying the incoming signal pitch.

#### Wide/Narrow Filter Selection

Depending on the exact combination of optional filters you choose, a variety of wide/narrow operating modes may be selected. For example, you may set up 2.9 kHz in SSB/WIDE, 1.8 kHz in SSB/NARROW, then select 1.8 kHz for CW/WIDE, and 600 Hz or 300 Hz for CW/NARROW. Or use the Variable Bandwidth to set your SSB bandwidth, and use 600 Hz for CW/WIDE and 300 Hz for CW/NARROW! No other manufacturer gives you so much flexibility in selecting filter responses!

#### Variable Pulse Width Noise Blanker

Ignition noise, the "Woodpecker," and power line noise are modern-day enemies of effective Amateur operation. The FT-102 Noise Blanker offers improved blanking action on today's man-made noise sources (though no blanker can eliminate all forms of band noise) for more solid copy under adverse conditions.

#### Low Distortion Audio/IF Stage Design

Now that dynamic range, stability, and AGC problems have been largely eliminated thanks to improved technology, Yaesu's engineers have put particular attention on maximizing intelligence recovery in the receiver. While elementary filter cascading schemes often degrade performance, the FT-102's unique blend of crystal and ceramic IF filters plus audio tone control provides very low phase delay, reduced passband ripple, and hence increased recovery of information.

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#### Heavy Duty Three-Tube Final Amplifier

The FT-102 final amplifier uses three 6146B tubes for more consistent power output and improved reliability. Using up to 10 dB of RF negative feedback, the FT-102 transmitter third-order distortion products are typically 40 dB down, giving you a studio quality output signal.

#### Dual Metering System

Adopted from the new FT-ONE transceiver, the Dual Metering System provides simultaneous display of ALC voltage on one meter along with metering of plate voltage, cathode current, relative power output, or clipping level on the other. This system greatly simplifies proper adjustment of the transmitter.

#### Microphone Amplifier Tone Control

Recognizing the differences in voice characteristics of Amateur operators, Yaesu's engineers have incorporated an ingenious microphone amplifier tone control circuit, which allows you to tailor the treble and bass response of the FT-102 transmitter for best fidelity on your speech pattern.

#### RF Speech Processor

The built-in RF Speech Processor uses true RF clipping, for improved talk power under difficult conditions. The clipping type speech processor provides cleaner, more effective "punch" for your signal than simpler circuits used in other transmitters.

#### VOX with Front Panel Controls

The FT-102 standard package includes VOX for hands-free operation. Both the VOX Gain and VOX Delay controls are located on the front panel, for maximum operator convenience.

#### IF Monitor Circuit

For easy adjustment of the RF Speech Processor or for recording both sides of a conversation, an IF monitor circuit is provided in the transmitter section. When the optional AM/FM unit is installed, the IF monitor may be used for proper setting of the FM deviation and AM mic gain.

#### WARC Bands Factory Installed

The FT-102 is factory equipped for operation on all present and proposed Amateur bands, so you won't have to worry about retrofitting capability on your transceiver. An extra AUX band position is available on the bandswitch for special applications.

#### Full Line Of Accessories

For maximum operating flexibility, see your Authorized Dealer for details of the complete line of FT-102 accessories. Coming soon are the FV-102DM Synthesized VFO, SP-102 Speaker/Audio Filter, a full line of optional filters and microphones, and the AM/FM Unit.

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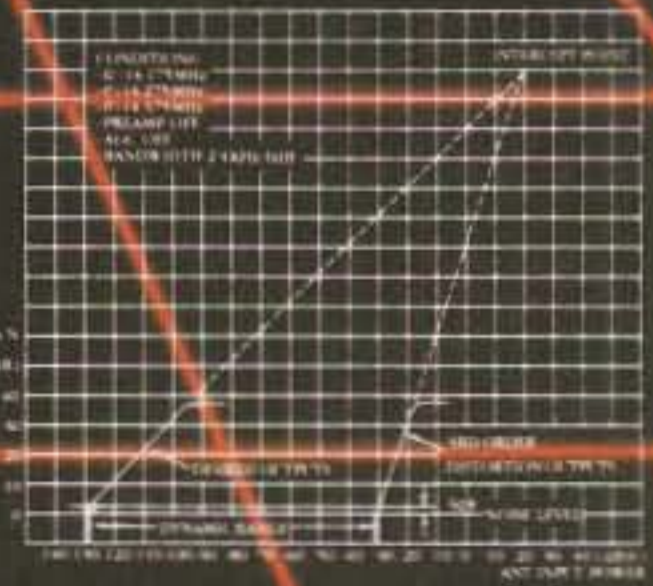
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