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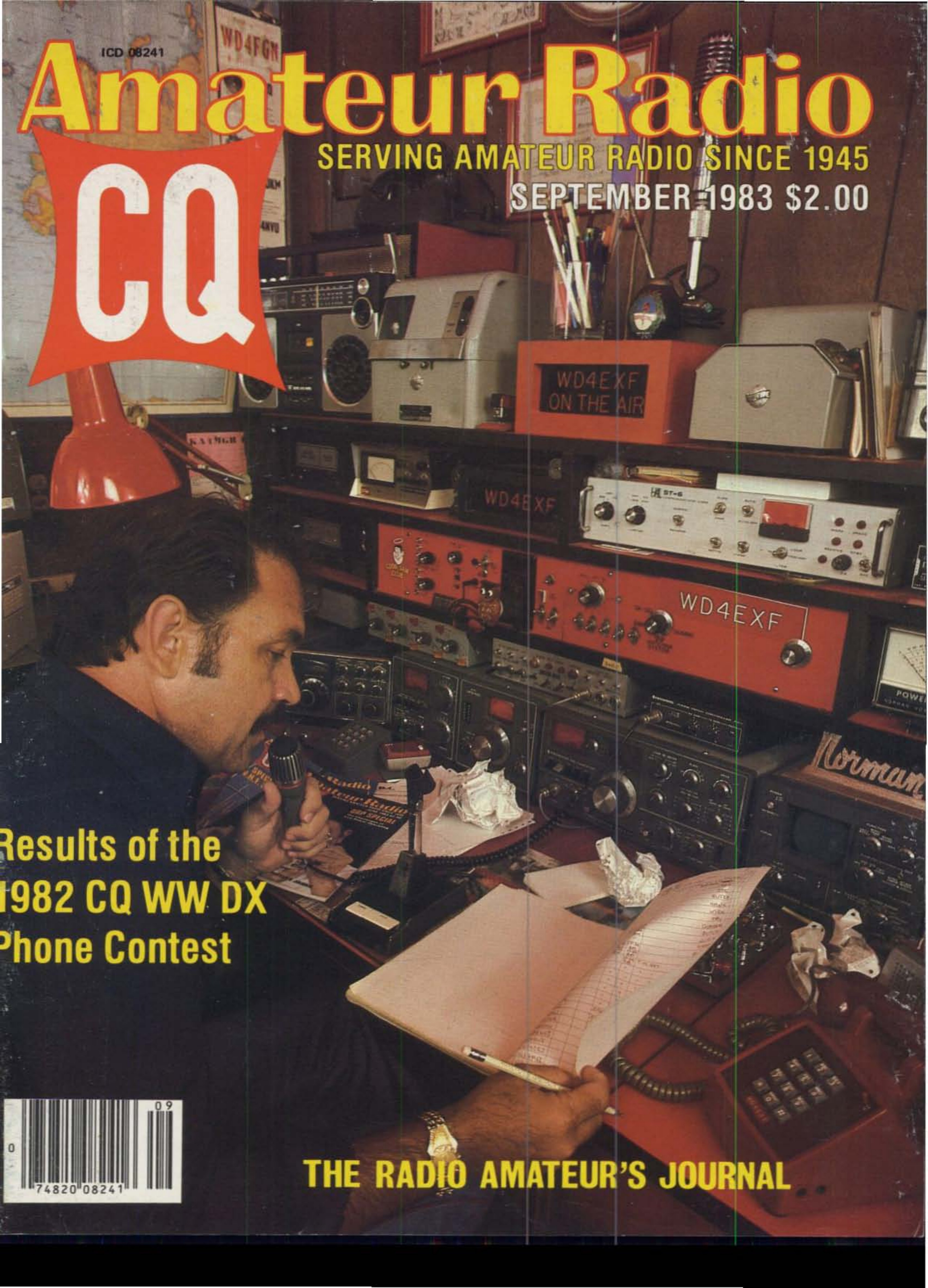
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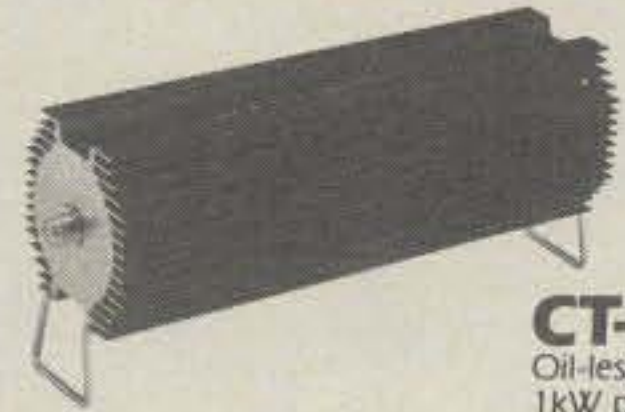
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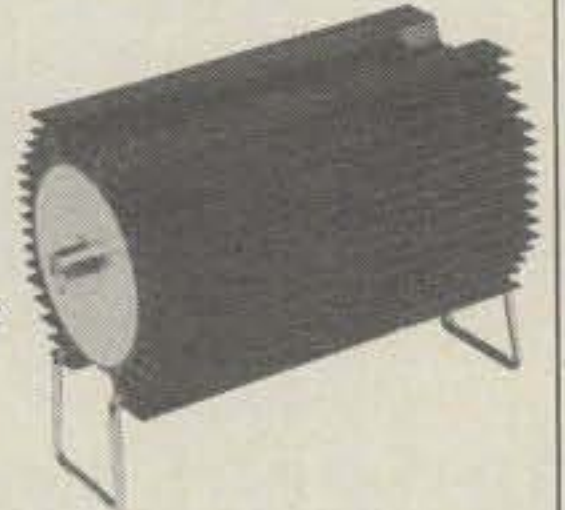
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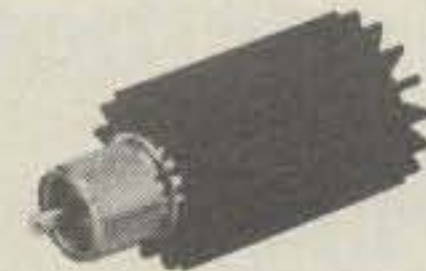
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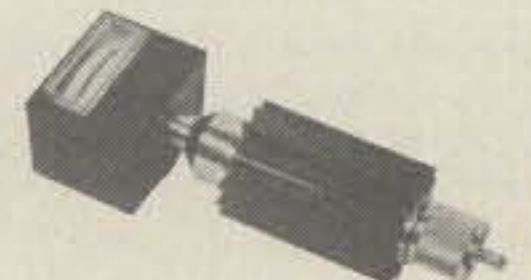
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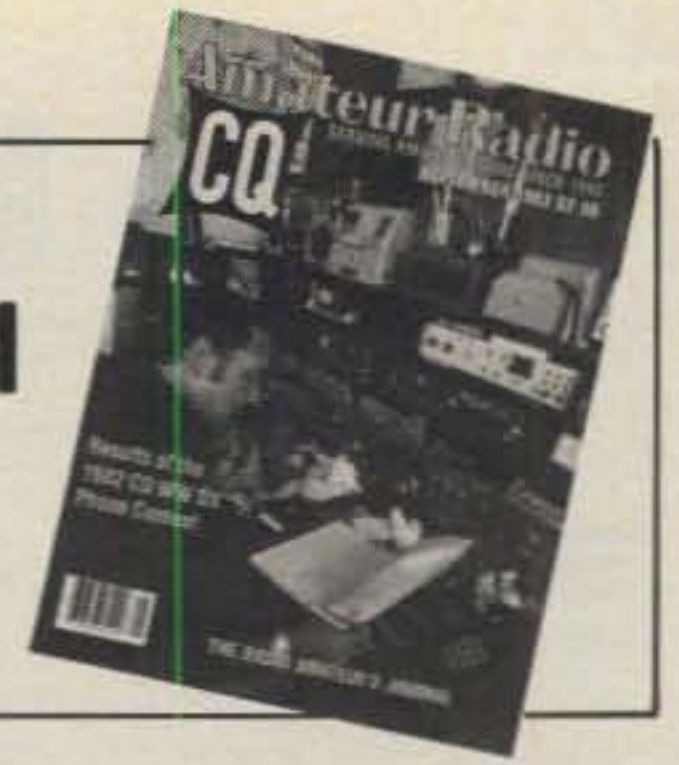
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September is here and the CQ contest season is starting up in grand style. This month we bring you the results of the CQ WW DX S.S.B. Contest from last year, and if things go as we hope, the certificates should be in the mail (and arriving) by now. There is no easy way to handle the certificates, especially if you are dealing with several thousand examples of "strange" handwriting. Amateurs, it seems, learn penmanship from the same texts used to train doctors. From the logs received here, it is always amazing to me that they got here in the first place. This year I hope that more people print.

This month also features the rules for the 1983 CQ WW DX Contest. Read them carefully, as there are a few changes from last year's rules. I'm sure that some of the big guns have their DXpedition plans in order for this year's bash in the hopes of toppling some record scores. It's always reassuring to know that these mind-boggling "forays" of tactical, logistical, and operating strength still need you, the average amateur and contesteer, for those all-important multipliers and points. Every single amateur operating a contest and turning in a log (regardless of size) is vitally important to the success and growth of that contest. Obviously we all can't win, but we can make a difference in who does.

With the above in mind, let us remember that the prime objective of this or any contest is to have fun. It is a test of operating skill, equipment reliability, and the willingness to compete. Our rules are kept purposefully simple and concise. They are easy to understand and comply with, and if necessary they can be enforced. We don't have rules excluding the wonders of technology and "operating aides" that a bountiful credit rating can provide simply because it affects very few of us and we have to recognize that the same facilities theoretically are available to all. No matter what techniques are used, it still comes down to the thousands of amateurs who take part in a contest in order to make those million-point-plus scores possible.

Our Fourth Anniversary

September technically is the fourth anniversary of the New CQ. Although our first issue was December 1979, it was mid-September when we moved to Hicksville and set up shop. It has been four years of very hard work by a very dedicated crew here at CQ and by the many contributors and columnists who believe in the magazine and all it stands for. Our unparalleled growth in the amateur radio pub-

lishing industry, while others faltered, is due to your faith and support. We will continue to strive to bring you the best, most interesting, and most fun-reading amateur radio magazine available today.

September is also the first anniversary of our new publication, *Popular Communications*. Again, the acceptance of this predominantly shortwave-listener-oriented magazine has been terrific. We've shown *Popular Communications* at all the hamfests we've been to this past year, and it has always drawn favorable comments, plus many new subscribers. Many of us started out on the road to amateur radio via the s.w.l. route, and evidently many of us still pursue this pastime.

This month (hopefully) our new Spanish-language edition will hit the newsstands of Spain, South and Central America, and, of course, the U.S. We've gotten numerous requests from U.S. dealers and readers to be among the first to receive the new publication.

As you can tell it has been a very busy four years for us, with a lot of planning being done as to the next four years.

Travels With CQ

I'm glad to say that the intrepid CQ staff is back home (for a while) after some hectic traveling. In mid-June, Gail and I winged our way to Washington, D.C. for the AFCEA amateur radio luncheon, which is hosted by our own Ted Cohen, N4XX. About 200 amateurs from industry have made this event a yearly ritual. The exhibits at the show feature really amazing equipment and techniques used by the military (both ours and others). Although generally we only get to spend one day there, it literally would take the three days or so that the show runs to see and appreciate it all. It's the closest thing we've seen to an electronic Disneyland.

Two days later Herb and I flew to Atlanta for their annual hamfest. Meanwhile, Dick had left for Europe to get a first-hand look at Germany's biggest show in Friedrichshafen. Jack and Arnie left that weekend for a two-week tour of the west coast, where they visited with those wonderful folks who help make all of this possible—our advertisers. The Atlanta Hamfest this year was held at the Civic Center, a great improvement over last year. The lighting, air conditioning, and treatment by all was superb. It was classic southern hospitality, right down to the young ladies who made sure that the exhibitors had enough cold drinks and sandwiches to keep them going through the weekend. The crowds were bigger than last year, and the fleamarket was bigger, too.

From what Dick described to me, the show at Friedrichshafen is something that really must be experienced. About 13,000 or so amateurs show up for this one. The booths are totally unlike what we normally have here, and the variety of gear also is generally unlike ours or unavailable here. They have a big fleamarket, and Dick showed me one prize possession he brought back—a brand-new (still in the original box) American J-38 key. If I can get him to develop the two rolls of film he brought back, we'll have more to show you later on about the "Dayton of Europe." Jack and Arnie reported that everything is alive and well on the west coast, with an up mood and anticipation of better times ahead. Although it's hard to picture Jack being away from a rig that long, Arnie assured me that Jack kept his HT humming for two weeks. He even managed a detour to get in some Field Day time at the QTH of Chip Margelli, K7JA. Chip is with Yaesu and is an avid DXer and operator.

Miscellaneous

Those of you trying to find the error in the "Errata" section of last month's Zero Bias found it in the breakhead itself. It was one of those things which looked right at the time but obviously is wrong in retrospect.

Our traveling pace will be lighter during the remaining summer months, and I hope to catch up on my mail. I know what it feels like to write for information and have to wait an extraordinary amount of time for an answer. The first week in February I wrote to a leading wire manufacturer for some information to clarify an article. The answer came the second or third week of June.

We've got some great articles coming up for the winter season, so look under that pile of junk in the basement for your soldering iron (or gun) and try to get a few of your tools back from your kids. Besides some nifty building projects, the 1983/84 contest season is shaping up to be a big one for operating. Do yourself a favor and send in early for all logs and summary sheets (include an s.a.s.e.).

For all those who have hounded me about the loss of our annual index, I am subtly trying to get a volunteer here at the office to start working one up. It is obvious that this is not the sort of fun job that people rush to do nor look forward to digging into. There truly hasn't been the time or personnel here to work on one. We haven't forgotten it though, and maybe we can get someone to work on it this year.

73, Alan, K2EEK

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Fond Memories of CQ

Editor, CQ:

Just a line to let you know how much I have enjoyed CQ through the years. I still have about every issue since October 1951. As an electrician by trade and following heavy construction, I have had several portable locations in the last 30 years and have met in person several amateurs whom I had talked to on the air. Even worked the original holder of "6KG," later W6KG.

Now due to a heart condition I will not be able to work at the trade any longer, so I will be on a fixed income and will have to cut back on my expenditures. The XYL is checking on all of my electronic magazines, etc., to see where I can cut back, and she has brought up a point that I can't argue with. I have always built most of my gear and converted war surplus for mobile and portable use. She pointed out that every one of the electronic magazines I receive has about 80% advertisements and very little on build-it-yourself or conversions. Therefore, I am dropping all of my subscriptions and just buying an occasional one off the stand. Well, I guess that progress has finally left the old man behind, but with fond memories of amateur radio as it used to be and with 30 years of old CQ's, *Popular Electronics*, *QST's*, *Radio & TV News*, *Radio Electronics*, *Electronic Servicing*, etc., to while away my time I bid you 73.

Herman H. Lofdahl, W7PTO
Santa Clara, CA

QRP Up The Mountain

Editor, CQ:

Thanks for the *excellent* QRP column in the June 1983 issue. All of Ade Weiss's tips were on the money. I wish I had taken the one about antennas more to heart. It is a 3 hour hike up a mountain to my site, but I could have saved some weight by putting the thing up in my yard to find out that it wouldn't load. I had to carry it up the mountain to find out. It came out okay, however, because I also carried a lot of extra wire and put up a random wire with a lot of radials. Worked well!

I ran into an HW-8 problem that I had never heard of. It took me two years, but I finally found out that one of the switching diodes in the final filter was bad. It caused very low power (.25 watt). In the circuit, the ohmmeter said they were okay. I replaced them in desperation because they were cheaper than coils and caps. (I was desperate!) I cured it Thursday p.m. and hiked up for Field Day on Friday morning.

Next year Ade might mention something that Bill Dickerson, WA2JOC, wrote: "QRO operators usually have ears to match." Several stations were blasting in but couldn't hear me or other stations. I also worked some stations who heard me better than I heard them!

Keep up the good work in CQ!

Jim Droege, W0VS
Schofield Barracks, HI

Three Cheers for CQ!

Editor, CQ:

We want to thank you for being such a helpful part in our effort to produce another successful hamfest. We appreciated your very nice door prize gift of the subscriptions to your publication of CQ magazine. We hope our credits which were made via our sound and video system during the day proved adequate, and that you will want to be a part of our next 1984 hamfest. Again, thank you very much.

Jake Life, W9VJX
Randolph Amateur Radio Assoc.
Winchester, IN

Thanks From A Hall of Fame Member

Editor, CQ:

I want to thank John Attaway, K4IIF, and the CQ DX Committee for the most pleasant amateur radio award of my life, the CQ "Hall of Fame" plaque.

I know that the feeling I had in Visalia, which was noticed by the several hundred at the banquet, was very evident. My surprise was followed by tears, and whatever I said (I don't even actually know—Hi!) seemed to cause some tears in others' eyes, too. In all, it was a positive experience, and no less than a few dozen came up to congratulate me. SM0AGD and OH2BH even hugged me later! Thank you for the most kind consideration, and I shall never forget the honor as long as I live. I am still at a loss for words, and that is unusual for me!

I just returned from my Southeast Asia trip and ended up my DXpedition with over 11,000 QSOs. The total since 1969 is now 85,000 and probably no more for a while, since I'm returning to practice of medicine this summer. Glad I now have all countries worked and am at the top of Honor Roll so that I can concentrate on the medical practice and not DX. Hi!

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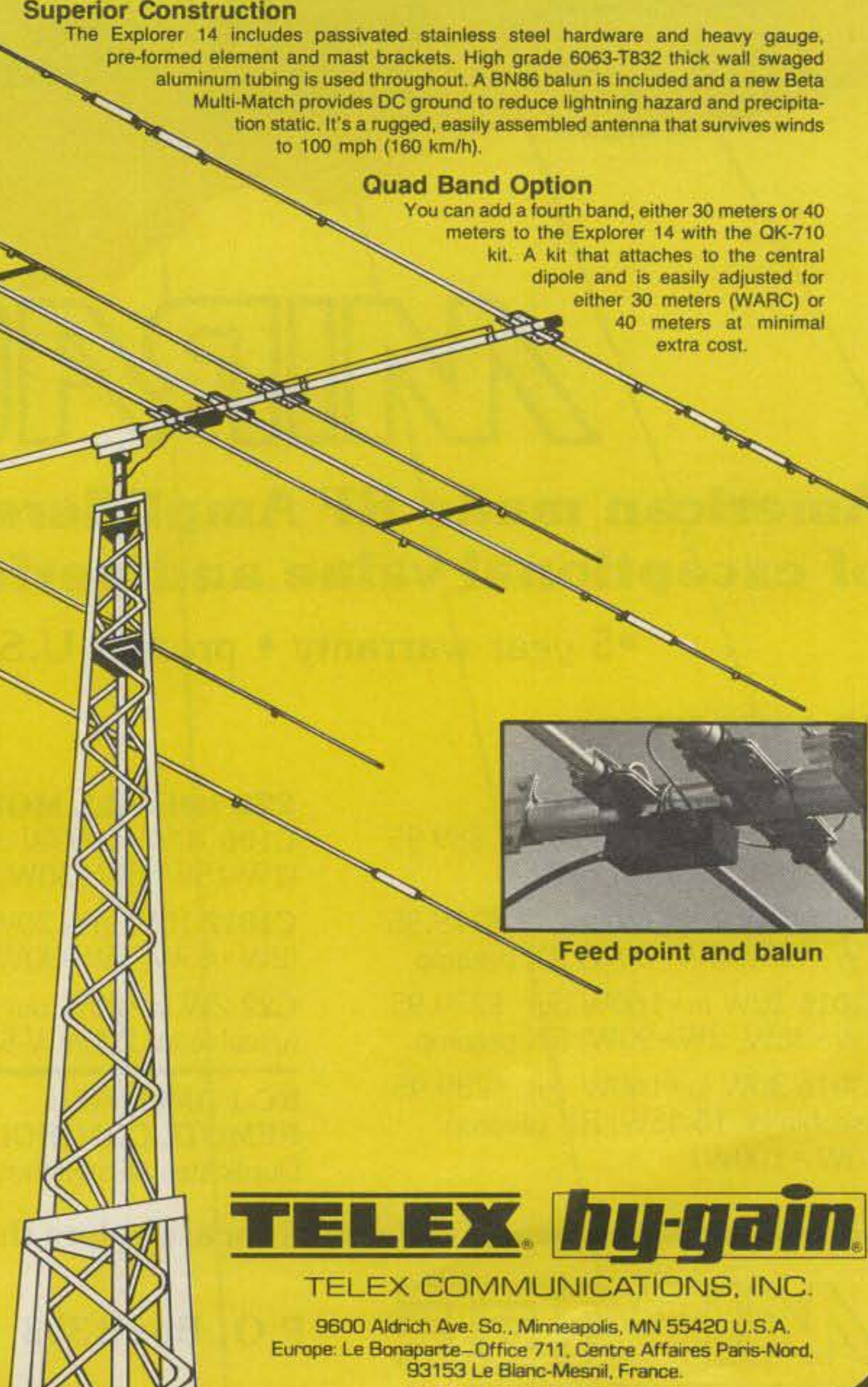


Lew McCoy, WIICP, is among the most authoritative writers in amateur radio. For over 30 years he served on the ARRL technical staff with his last position as assistant senior technical editor. Presently he is the technical writer for CQ magazine. Here is what he had to say about the Explorer 14:

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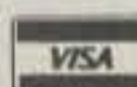
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1982 CQ WORLD-WIDE DX CONTEST PHONE RESULTS

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

The fates that control those radio waves decided to shake things up a bit in the 1982 CQ World-Wide S.S.B. Contest. After the dust had settled on the weekend it was clear that conditions on the low frequencies were excellent—probably the best they have ever been—while the higher frequencies were excellent, good, or poor, depending on where you were on the planet. Even though there was a disturbance which affected the polar routes, new world records were set on both 28 and 21 MHz. The conditions on 160 were exceptional, with over 80 countries in participants' logs! Many stations on the east coast of the U.S. commented on working a VK mobile on 160.

When it was all over and all the logs were checked, the overall Single-Operator winner was 9Y4VT operated by N6AA. Dick made over 7000 QSO's in the 48-hour period—Wow! HH2WW operated by N4WW made nearly as many, but had to settle for second place. Austin was followed by N1GL/6Y5. In the U.S.A. W1ZM operated by K1ZM pulled away from the pack and took away the high U.S.A. crown. He was followed by last year's winner, K1AR. Third place in the

states was hotly contested, and K1RX emerged as the winner.

Records broken other than those mentioned above were as follows: Single Operator All Band—Asia UF6CR, Europe YU3EY. World Record Single-Operator Single-Band winners were 7 MHz YU3BRF; 21 MHz AH0AB (Opr. JA3ODC); and 28 MHz YV2AMM. Continental Single Band records were set by EA8AK (1.8), 4X4NJ (1.8), N2BZQ/4X (14), YU3EF (1.8), YT3A (3.8), KH6XX (3.8), AH0AB (21), AH0B (28), YM3AZC (3.8), YV3BRF (7), CX4CR (21), YV2AMM (28). U.S.A. records were set by W8LRL (1.8), K0GU (7), and K1KI (14) who broke the longest standing U.S.A. record on the books set way back in 1970 by WA4PXP.

Eight stations broke the World Multi-Single record in 1982. The score of 9Y4W topped the list with 16.7M points. They were followed by NP4A and FM7CD, two well-manned efforts. The group from RG6G deserves special attention! They (UK2BAS) took down their entire station, towers and all, and drove it by truck to UG6 and put it up again on a mountain-top—quite a feat! The following stations set new Multi-Single records: 9Y4W (SA); NP4A (NA); RG6G (AS); CN8CX (AF).

In the U.S. three stations broke the old Multi-Single record. W4QAW's multiplier helped to edge out KR2N and KX4S for top honors.

The battle of the giants (i.e., Multi-

Multi) involved a careful check of the submitted logs. After it was all done, OH0W edged out EW6V for top honors. Both stations did not just *happen* to be on the air. Months of planning went into setting up these and other multi-op stations. To show you what is possible on 160, check out EW6V's breakdown in the band-by-band box! OH0W set a new multiplier record of 917—Wow! VP9AD finished third in their category. They almost pulled off a surprise victory. In South America the boys with the abbreviated call sign HC0 did quite a job and finished fourth. In the U.S., N2AA pulled out all the stops to beat runners-up W3LPL and K1OX to win the Multi-Multi hat.

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All of the logs were checked, and most scores were changed usually to a higher score. People still forget to count UK1N (UN1), IT9, GM (Shetland), and JW (Bear Island) as separate countries. Remember that the DXCC list plus the WAE country list are what we count. Remember to send in a check sheet if you make over 200 QSO's in a band. There is a new winner box this year: High Single Operator All Band by Zone; hope you like it!

The fellows you can thank for hours of hard work in tabulating the scores are: K1AR, K2SS, K2VV, KR2Q, N2AA, N3ED, AD6C, N6SV, K6NA, N6CW, N6AW (Jan, a new member), W7EJ, and K9DX. Thanks also to W1WY and K2MGA for their suggestions and help.

Congratulations to all the winners and we hope to see you all as entrants in 1983!

73, Bob, K3EST, and Larry, N6AR

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World—21 MHz

AH0AB (Opr. Masato Hata, JA30DC)

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USA—14 MHz

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Canada—21 MHz

John Sluymer, VE6OU

Donor: Gene Krehbiel, VE7KB

Carib./C.A.—21 MHz

Perry Brittain, VP2MR

Donor: KP4ES Memorial

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Europe—28 MHz (Zone 14)

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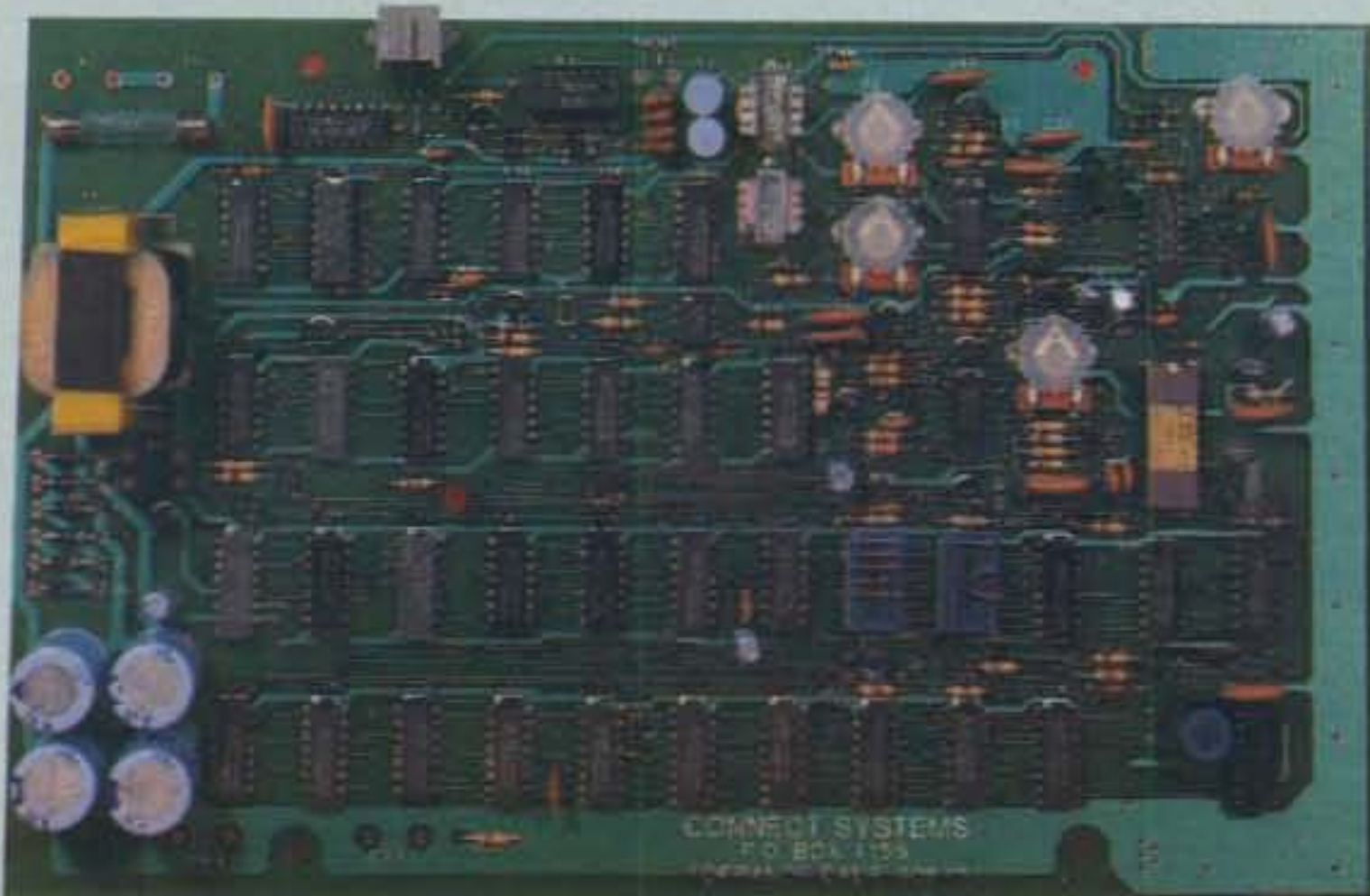
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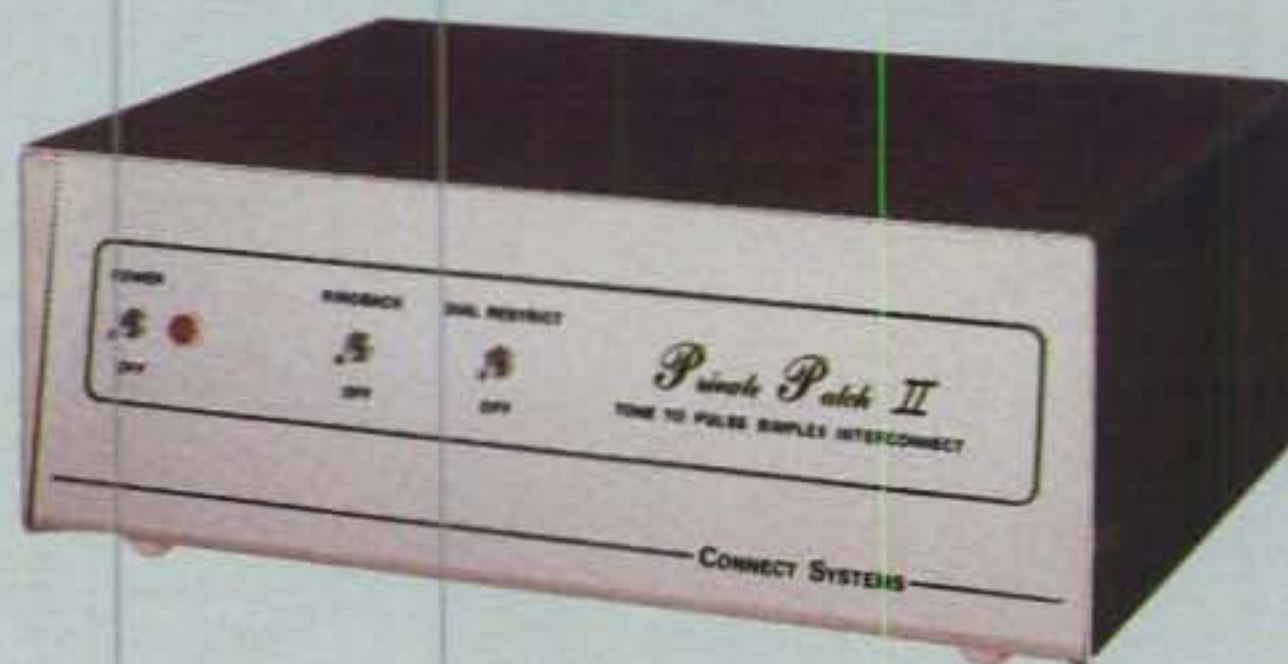
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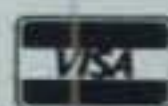
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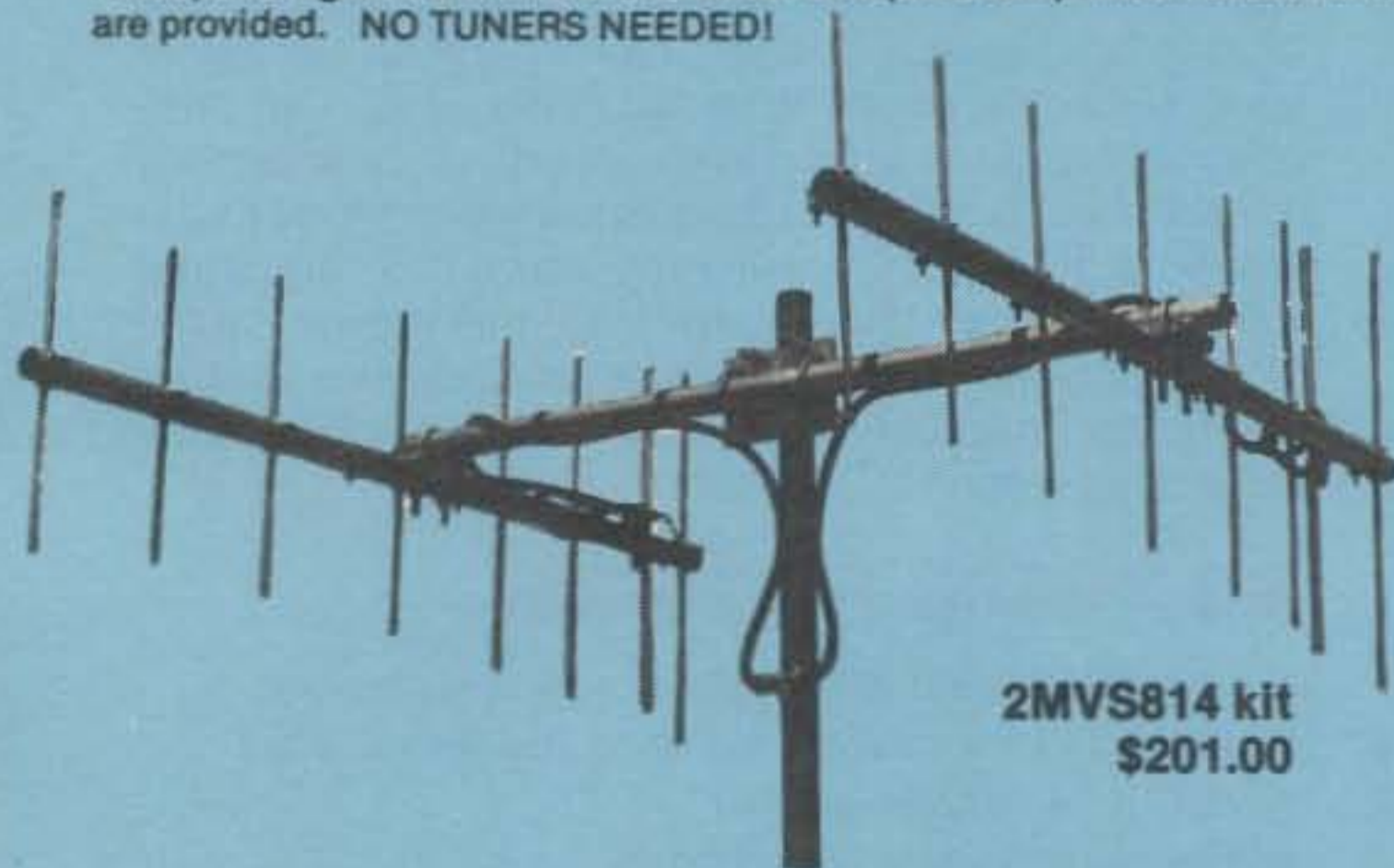
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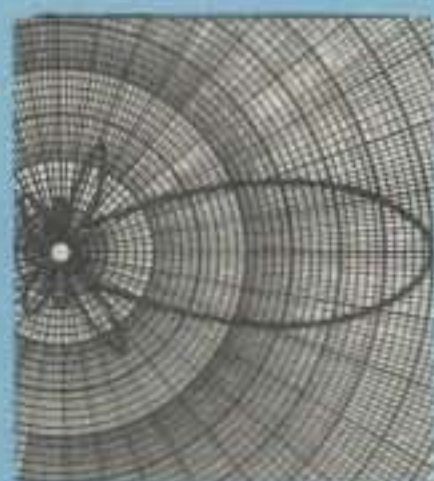
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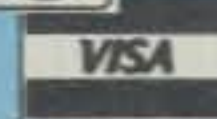


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Everything worked for a change—good Test . . . *KR2N*. Called CQ on quiet 10M band, then VU9, A4X, EI3, GI3 in less than 2 minutes . . . *K2ITG*. Way too many U.S. stations outside band on 40, 75 . . . *KA2CDJ*. Condx on 160 excellent . . . *W4QAW*. Murphy hit us this year. Lost SB220, MLA2500, plus bad line noise . . . *N4ZC*. Accidently worked Canada on dummy load . . . *N5DXQ*. Duping computer crashed three times . . . *KA7MDM*. Not a bad effort for confirmed c.w. ops . . . *KS8S*. Wonder how other YLs did during the Test? . . . *KM7E*. European openings getting more spotty . . . *W7FGT*. Bands were great the week before the Contest—what happened? . . . *K7LXC*. The various "woodpeckers" make it challenging—ugh! . . . *N7AM*. Poor conditions especially over the Pole. Sign of the times? . . . *W7KSA*. Went from two to three elements on 40. Still not enough! . . . *W7XN*.

Biggest thrill? No TVI complaints! . . . *WB8VPA*. DX should I.D. more . . . *KC8JH*. By now the football fans at Ohio State are used to seeing our antennas rotating above the stadium during games! . . . *W8LT*. CQ WW—the world's most demanding contest . . . *KB8FJ*. After 58 years of radio there are no more "thrills," but the WW is always fun . . . *W8YGR*. No time to operate—getting ready for Heard Island . . . *K8CW* (Thanks, Al—ed.). The non-stop calling on 75 meters hurts all of us, fellows. Time to evaluate our methods? . . . *K8MN* (Amen—ed.). Snagged #161 on 160M. Thanks to all for another great Test . . . *W8LRL*. Conditions so poor on 10/15, even the woodpecker went to 40! . . . *KE9A*. Everything was normal—still connecting the beam coax when the Test started . . . *K9GM*.

Spent Friday putting up a new 75M vertical. Neither it nor I worked too well Friday night . . . *K9QXY*. Being a dentist, found myself giving advice to a Canadian DXer who was suffering from a toothache! . . . *KC9MF*. My computer dupe/QSL program was written by a 13-year-old student of mine . . . *WA9BZW*. As a policeman I'm usually too busy working Halloween to allow time for the Contest . . . *K9YAX*. As usual, CQ WW was "the greatest" . . . *KK9A*. Those "double multipliers" sure feel great . . . *W0UA*. Never heard OH0W. Where were they? . . . *W0IYR*. If you think it's tough from home, try it in your car! . . . *KD0U/m*. Refreshing to hear more courtesy this year . . . *W0BWJ*. Took a break Saturday long enough to pluck a BY1PK QSL out of the mailbox . . . *W0ZV*.

Finished DXCC on 40M . . . *WB1EAZ*. Great way to snag new ones for CQ DX Awards . . . *K1VHS*. No soap box, it is never printed anyway . . . *K2NJ*. Eleven trips up tower to turn beam (son cut cable with lawn mower!) . . . *WA2SPL*. Good Contest! Is it over already? . . . *N1API*. Working ZD9YL on first call . . . *KB2WN*. Having all equipment work for a full weekend . . . *N2BLT*. Hard to operate—expecting first baby this weekend. Potential DXer Christopher born 4 November . . . *KT2M*. My first! Great fun . . . *WA2SSH*. It's been a long time . . . *N3RS*. Contest theorem #101: antenna put up day before always works well . . . *K3ZJ/1*. I just followed N6RO around . . . *K19A*. Increased my total to 199 with one watt . . . *K7BTB*. 160 fabulous—worked 23 countries in two hours . . . *K1ZM*. Great 160M opening . . . *AA2Z*. Biggest thrill was working the KA's in zones 3, 4, and 5 during JA openings . . . *N2LT*. Being notified by EA7TH Friday night that I had won the Seville DX Contest . . . *W3BGN*.

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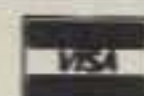
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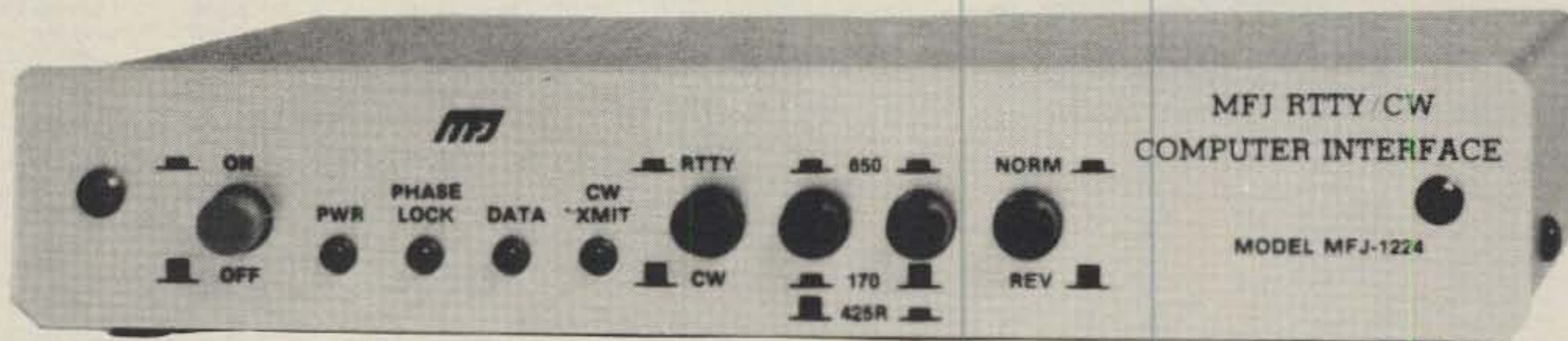
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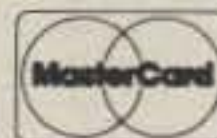
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K8RSH	**	24,820	107	33	52	K9KVA	**	4,601	43	16	27
A1BW	**	23,653	86	46	63	K9GDF	**	460	13	10	10
K8KUH	**	20,202	103	24	50	W9YCV	**	234	11	7	9
KV8E	**	17,024	95	19	45	K9CLO	28	127,002	381	31	91
KC8NR	**	15,106	78	33	50	K9MDO	**	124,572	341	30	98
N8BHD	**	12,264	59	35	49	W89IVC	**	90,720	300	29	79
W8YGR	**	9,804	47	34	42	KA9D00	**	87,285	275	30	85
WB8YEW	**	7,259	55	24	37	W90A	**	76,014	226	30	93
K8IIN	**	5,192	43	16	28	N9ACP	**	63,023	215	27	80
K8HF	**	814	19	9	13	K9IW	**	61,182	213	29	74
N8II	28	423,680	920	34	126	WD9IIX	**	50,611	170	31	76
N8CNT	**	84,420	345	26	79	KK9L	**	41,008	163	26	62
W8DWJ	**	67,023	236	27	72	WD9IRV	**	35,619	141	29	64
W8BIDE	**	41,856	160	28	68	KG9D	**	28,122	129	26	60
WB8VPO	**	31,734	138	25	61	N9CXJ	**	23,927	124	25	46
WA8NDE	**	16,560	106	19	41	KE9Y	**	22,608	117	21	51
KW8M	**	629	15	5	12	W9CA	**	4,662	40	12	30
N8DOE	**	532	12	9	10	WA9MRU	**	390	11	4	9
N8UM	21	362,666	855	34	115	KE9U	21	140,081	387	30	97
K8DU	**	86,884	270	27	89	WA9LCU	**	69,874	253	27	71
K8RWL	**	68,544	208	29	83	AE9Y	**	68,801	222	29	78
KB8IO	**	43,700	173	26	69	KC9FS	**	66,352	246	29	75
KW8E	**	33,756	148	22	65	KA9ERV	**	47,025	180	28	67
W8TWA	14	142,392	388	35	101	WA9JWL	**	46,992	181	24	65
K8CW	**	12,449	77	15	44	WA9CXV	**	26,554	141	22	49
AD8C	7	57,500	208	27	73	K8SHAC	**	5,888	50	18	28
K8VFE	**	23,100	118	24	53	KK9A	14	286,728	648	36	120
N8RA	**	19,430	103	18	49	W9NUF	**	144,838	383	31	108
W8EDU	3.8	50,424	249	24	64	KB9TI	**	3,325	39	14	21
						W9CH	7	66,447	228	27	80
						W9LT	**	31,790	139	24	61
K8MN	**	20,022	121	20	51	KA9V	**	17,082	89	24	43
WA8YTM	**	1,892	55	9	13	AG9S	**	12,864	79	21	43
W8LRL	1.8	16,191	154	18	45	A19J	3.8	67,068	310	26	66
						KB9KD	**	1,830	27	11	19
						W9ZR	1.8	3,366	52	12	21
						K8BAC/9	**	1,554	138	9	12
						W8FR/9	**	550	27	5	6
K9SH	A	900,674	835	112	286	K8RF	A	2,079,660	1491	148	342
KE9A	**	860,180	776	118	282						
W90P	**	603,911	660	99	242	N8GA	**	661,329	655	115	258
K9GM	**	582,978	589	115	248	K8LUZ	**	655,074	641	112	266
N9AFV	**	570,032	571	108	260	AC0N	**	511,896	604	94	214
K9Q	**	513,162	567	87	219	N8BSH	**	320,534	427	88	190
N9GT	**	426,915	574	77	188	WB8ISW	**	293,440	383	94	168
K9QXY	**	351,830	425	100	202	K8TLM	**	285,480	346	101	204
WA9TGL	**	338,580	442	91	194	N8ZA	**	241,109	369	84	169
KC9MF	**	336,687	457	94	197	K8GT	**	202,464	270	109	179
KB9AW	**	295,596	411	87	189	W8FF	**	184,320	295	81	159
WA90AK	**	274,040	400	82	178	W6FN/B	**	179,304	284	79	164
W9ZM	**	164,220	270	77	153	W8OSK	**	154,812	297	64	130
WA90VU	**	153,454	290	63	131	W8IYR	**	151,554	276	64	137
N9AMF	**	152,771	276	75	152	KA0D	**	124,146	236	75	134
W9NA	**	147,052	318	56	138	KD0U/M	**	105,523	232	69	112
KC9EW	**	131,943	276	61	122	W8PPF	**	102,784	222	58	118
WA9BZW	**	129,888	281	72	126	KK0R	**	101,374	197	66	116
K9YAX	**	126,266	240	68	135	W8BWI	**	95,654	221	56	113
N9CSF	**	118,800	232	63	117	W8BCB	**	86,016	202	60	108
W9RF	**	114,918	248	57	122	WD8EIF	**	50,304	143	46	85
KB9OC	**	103,880	215	72	124	K8VXU	**	41,262	113	52	86
K9YNF	**	96,976	235	55	97	W8RT	**	35,937	120	53	68
N9BBM	**	91,798	221	63	103	K8JV	**	33,333	110	53	70
K9IZT	**	91,324	219	56	102	W8BIE	**	25,774	100	37	61
N9CHN	**	88,038	225	50	96	KBVM	**	25,029	109	27	54
W9AMM	**	80,703	177	67	116	K8VUA	**	20,276	101	27	47
KC9FC	**	75,680	169	57	103	W8OTCF	**	20,273	85	40	57
W9DIM	**	74,520	181	58	104	W8RXL	**	19,227	90	33	54
W9RE	**	71,012	176	65	99	N8EAL	**	6,565	47	30	35
KB9PY	**	55,044	149	44	95	K8AL	**	4,089	36	16	31
W89ZGY	**	53,955	121	52	113	KS0T	**	3,276	34	18	24
KC9GL	**	48,944	147	46	87	W8SR	**	1,740	30	14	15
WA9ETR	**	48,384	159	33	79	W8YK	28	268,732	742	32	95
KA9KKU	**	35,700	136	39	66	WA8ETC	**	110,331	323	30	93
W9TNZ	**	30,912	109	41	71	W8GOR	**	109,197	397	26	73
KC9SQ	**	23,085	94	35	60						
WB9GLB	**	22,784	97	31	58						
KA9JXX	**	18,507	80	34	59						
KB9PB	**	14,628	94	36	56						
KB9LC	**	12,354	66	29	42						

WB8YUC	**	15,616	90	20	41
WBZY	21	631,331	1429	37	114
N8AFL	**	39,783	155	23	66
N8CKN	**	39,648	176	25	59
N8AT	14	140,760	386	35	103
K8BJ	**	760	15	7	13
K8GU	7	195,624	587	32	82
KB8WT	**	11,590	67	22	39
WBJU	3.8	8,592	80	15	33
K8CS	**	8,450	74	18	32
WBVX	**	5,740	63	14	27
K8IQR	**	5,320	61	13	27
WBFI	1.8	2,250	36	11	19

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KL7D	A	443,930	947	79	127
KL7NT	**	18,081	53	18	31
KL7AF	28	58,900	564	18	32

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K60J/C6A	A	1,122,670	2023	85	177
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8P6KX	A	3,530,488	3747	112	297
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8P6J	**	2,042,866	3251	90	197
					(Opr. N6TJ)
8P6PS	21	466,816	2162	31	81

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VP2VIN	A	55,404	358	31	45
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V010U	A	618,540	1270	46	149
V01AW	**	76,575	88	25	50
VE1TG	21	275,561	808	30	113
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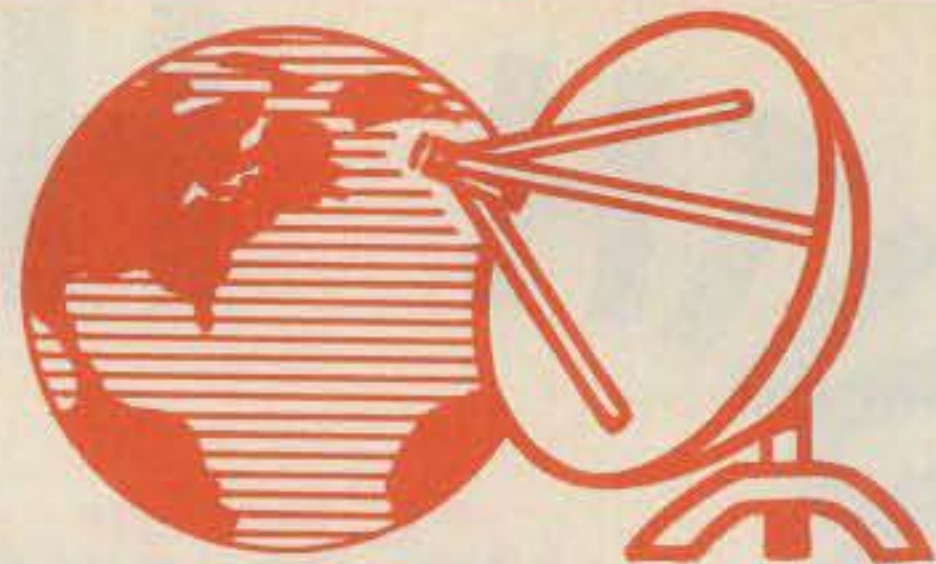


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YV5ANE	869,632	W5WMU	305,660
CX7BY	863,211	KK9A	286,728
ZS6AOO	769,272	W1GG	254,185
7 MHz		7 MHz	
YV3BRF	528,193	K0GU	195,624
ZY5EG	232,603	W6AM	163,317
OH1IJ	199,440	N6SV	121,056
K0GU	195,624	K8UR/1	91,304
ZL4BO	186,684	K2IGW	84,164
LA7JO	185,096	K4PI	76,986
3.8 MHz		3.8 MHz	
4M3AZC	203,280	K1JX	99,645
KH6XX	161,622	K1PT	77,322
YT3A	154,972	N2KK	77,066
LZ1KDP	143,022	AI9J	67,068
YU4BR	130,205	AB1A	63,112
IO6NOA	126,324	WA4SVO	58,104
1.8 MHz		1.8 MHz	
EA8AK	34,220	W8LRL	16,191
YU3EF	27,956	AE6U	5,005
EA9EU	25,080	N4IN	4,305
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JA7FFY	**	39,680	178	27	53	JA5BAB	**	30,495	125	33	62	UA9CTL	**	54,600	273	19	56	OE1ZHS	A	260,036	512	71	180	OK1AJY	**	31,200	279	19	59
JR2CFD	**	38,290	193	26	44	JA4CVJ	**	21,138	98	28	50	UA8FBZ	**	52,020	424	23	45	OE6HZG	**	141,000	454	41	79	OK3YK	**	23,874	255	16	53
JA4AYU	**	34,009	160	26	45	JA3AOL	**	19,338	113	25	41	UA8QEP	**	50,728	308	17	51	SP5IXI	**					OK3CLD	**	10,692	152	13	41
J13BFG	**	33,609	176	25	44	JR3BOT	**	18,590	109	24	41	UW9CR	**	30,840	200	13	47	/OE6	**	52,826	310	25	88	OK1MIZ	**	7,434	152	9	33
JA6XGQ	**	31,990	170	23	47	JABAGA	**	16,874	106	16	43	UA9UCU	**	27,930	176	13	44	OE1ZES	**	6,550	70	27	48	OK2KMR	**	616	19	7	7
JR70MD	**	31,872	179	17	47	JA7RXU	**	15,860	93	21	40	UA8SKL	**	24,596	203	11	41	OE1MKW	**	4,104	41	22	35	OK1DA	7	35,724	338	17	61
JH8ALB	**	30,810	171	22	43	JH2CJW	**	9,780	60	24	36	RA9UNN	**	24,221	192	12	41	OE1MPW	**					OK2PDE	**	33,600	339	15	60
JH7UJU	**	27,824	201	19	28	JA9YE	**	5,980	48	22	30	UA9ACO	**	23,968	163	12	44	/3	28	327,744	924	32	112	OK3KCM	3.8	36,917	496	11	56
JE1PJR	**	24,282	149	23	34	JE1ILP	**	3,268	32	19	19	UA9CMS	**	21,335	95	21	64	OE5CWL	7	630	28	5	16	OK3YCL	**	21,384	387	8	46
J11JQQ	**	24,080	122	23	47	JE1GZB	**	1,296	22	11	13	UA9YBR	**	6,264	102	12	24							OK3KXR	**	8,740	182	6	40
JA8LYV	**	23,700	159	20	30	JK1MZY	**	828	14	10	13	RA8CDM	**	5,984	48	14	30							OK1MGW	**	5,289	128	6	35
JA1FO	**	22,701	120	21	48	JA2BAY	7	172,992	629	30	66	UA90GF	**	3,724	133	10	18							OK2BRZ	**	1,830	61	5	25
JF3KNQ	**	21,390	125	19	43	JA9AGX	**	52,780	269	27	43	UV8EU	**	243	17	4	5							OK2BRR	**	216	18	3	9
JA7YAA	**	21,200	295	12	13	JF1EEK	**	46,200	252	26	40	UA9WCQ	21	123,119	455	29	72	EA6FS	A	106,533	337	44	89	OK1KCU	1.8	8,448	164	8	36
JA4KWU	**	20,640	96	28	52	JH4AAG	**	26,600	150	30	35	UA9YBO	**	69,479	512	19	48	EA6ET	28	812,640	2200	37	123	OK1DVK	**	4,056	104	7	32
JA1AAT	**	19,521	88	34	47	JA5PUL	**	4,218	45	17	21	UA8ZBF	**	65,162	621	25	37	EA6LA	21	14,630	142	19	51	OK1JDX	**	3,536	103	6	28
JE4BTE	**	17,976	121	20	36	JA50P	**	3,565	45	15	16	UA9AAP	14	321,540	890	36	102							OK1DDS	**	1,836	69	5	22
JD1RFR	**	13,724	104	19	28	JG3RPL	**	2,470	44	14	12	UA9XWR	**	125,757	530	27	62							OK3CQD	**	1,326	48	6	20
JA4AQR	**	12,299	90	19	30	JH4MTE	**	2,070	35	12	11	UA90S	**	18,988	143	12	35							OK3CLS	1.8	110	12	3	7
JE6JVJ	**	11,954	96	18	25	JH3LFE	**	1,540	30	10	10	UV9DO	**	13,740	88	19	41												
JR2NTC	**	11,128	75	17	35	JG3VKW	**	1,184	31	9	7	UA8SGL	7	4,650	126	11	19												
JA1AAV	**	7,661	58	20	27	JAGIEF	3.8	14,892	108	23	28	UA8CCW	**	1,134	17	12	15												
JH20RJ	**	6,642	54	18	23							UA90IE	**	435	20	5	10												
JA6PL	**	5,808	46	16	28							UA9CBO	3.8	38,052	240	13	50												
JR7WAY	**	5,328	56	13	24							UA9SHU	**	20,951	187	8	33												
JA6ADA	**	2,604	32	10	21							UA8ZDD	**	15,184	223	12	14												
JH8RGO	**	558	11	8	10							UA9CBM	**	8,871	115	9	28												
JL1CCX	**	528	11	6	10							UA9S JL	1.8	5,208	80	8	16												
JA5DQH	**	287	15	4	3																								
JA2APA	21	395,351	1091	35	92																								
JR1CBC	**	356,574	915	35	99																								
JR1WHW	**	321,480	908	34	86																								
JA1USD	**	310,905	757	38	103																								
JF3NLQ	**	164,192	499	33	79																								
JL1TVV	**	127,102	439	34	69																								
JF6IWU	**	116,300	410	30	70																								
JR1DZA	**	69,048	287	29	55																								
JABUJY	**	65,570	273	28	55																								
JJ3AIO	**	64,034	225	33	68																								
JA3YKM	**	63,336	262	26	61																								
JH7NAB	**	62,568	309	24	48																								
JH6HYL	**	56,722	239	27	50																								
JA5IMB	**	48,772	195	30	59																								
JA1DCO	**	48,676	199	26	60																								
JH1QLB	**	46,056	213	26	50																								
JR4DFO	**	45,980	209	25	51																								
JF1ASB/4	**	43,650	205	26	46																								
JH1LLD	**	41,001	175	26	53																								
JH5EVO	**	40,040	185	27	50																								
JA7GYR	**	37,587	206	23	44																								
JK1WBW	**	37,520	191	26	44																								
JR7OKK/1	**	36,936	163	29	52																								
JH3EOG	**	28,365	116	38	55																								
JR3EGT	**	26,975	146	23	42																								
JA6ZJD	**	25,193	144	22	39																								
JR4ISK	**	22,862	117	26	45																								
JA9CWX	**	20,940	120	21	39																								
JA8UMV	**	18,113	110	21	38																								
JM1JAL	**	17,574	121	20	38																								
JE7DOT	**	16,050	114	21	29																								
JN1UZU	**	14,711	115	20	27																								
JA2SAP	**	7,257	65	18	23																								
JH5NJJ	**	4,960	55	14	18																								
JE3XWJ	**	4,840	48	16	24																								
JA4GHZ	**	4,690	48	14	21																								



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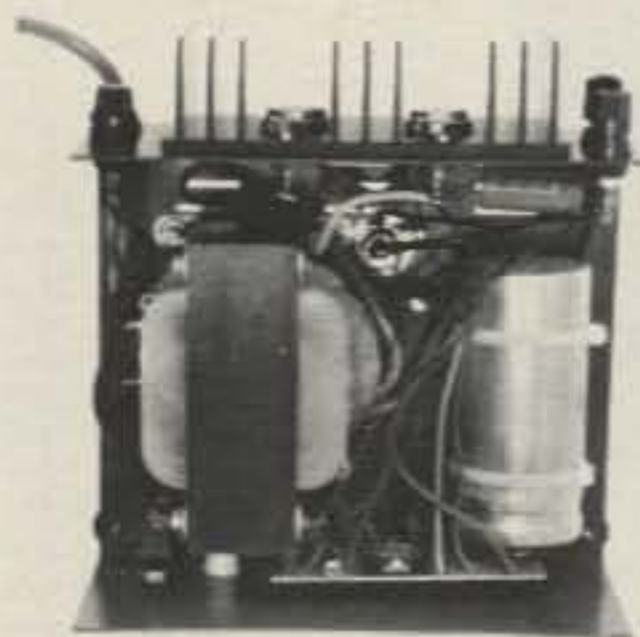
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OH6MM	**	49,416	247	35	107	Y67XL	**	172,032	577	51	173	IK3AWP	**	7,371	113	12	39	IS0LLJ	14	4,922	65	13	33	SM5CBM	**	2,160	32	11	25
OH2BSX	**	46,116	287	40	68	Y38YE	**	141,382	358	56	167	IN3QBR	7	37,656	366	12	60	SCOTLAND			SM5GNU	7	100,626	608	22	71			
OH2VZ	**	41,230	145	43	112	Y22HF	**	107,800	328	52	144	IO1ZHH	**	11,592	155	11	52				G4JVG	**	10,207	146	**	48			
OH1PY	**	40,917	227	26	43	Y48YA	**	106,741	422	40	133	IO6NOA	3.8	126,324	838	29	87				/SM0	**	13,776	250	10	38			
OH2BJG	**	39,000	212	33	92	Y32UC	**	94,667	465	38	99	I4RYC	1.8	13,832	233	10	42				SM5CAK	3.8	13,776	250	10	38			
OH6CD	**	24,990	204	21	77	Y36YM	**	86,673	308	44	123	LEICHTENSTEIN			GM3BCL	A	225,828	608	43	110	SWITZERLAND			HB9AAA	A	814,345	904	88	283
OH5UL	**	24,411	113	33	70	Y23DG	**	79,667	334	36	97				GM4JFS	**	139,675	472	42	143				HB9AUS	**	608,882	827	83	251
OH1OR	**	19,966	104	38	96	Y87XL	**	51,891	208	40	107				GM5EMM	**	114,342	458	40	137				HB9ZY	28	112,426	312	31	103
OH2DN	**	5,422	56	18	40	Y57TH	**	49,300	243	45	144				GM3YOG/A	28	19,026	150	16	47				HB9DX	21	26,596	99	28	94
OH5PA	**	5,244	43	19	38	Y22WD/P	**	45,843	289	38	73				GM4KHE	14	27,384	186	22	62				U.S.S.R. EUROPEAN					
OH1KO	**	1,804	29	16	28	Y43ZI	**	43,484	137	49	123				SHETLAND ISLANDS			BYELO-RUSSIA			UC20AJ	A	137,632	465	53	131			
OH1ED	**	1,770	26	14	16	Y33TA	**	32,922	118	44	74				GM4GPN	A	261,630	658	68	187				UC2WBL	**	32,625	167	40	87
OH1PY	**	167	88	26	60	Y33VL	**	31,892	108	44	75				SICILY						UC2ACI	28	33,726	228	20	57			
OH50Q	**	76	7	5	7	Y49RF	**	29,274	123	46	73				IT9KZW	28	686,826	1750	32	126				UC2AAF	**	24,674	192	21	52
OH1BA	**	50	5	5	5	Y23VB	**	26,950	101	39	59				IT9GFS	21	679,473	1900	34	119				UC2WAZ	14	16,965	154	16	49
OH1BV	28	35,214	205	34	103	Y35RK	**	26,832	243	20	84				IT9TQH	7	59,082	496	18	68				UC2BA	7	2,660	50	7	28
OH2BFS	**	814	35	6	16	Y32ZF	**	24,700	129	30	70				IT9UJU	**	56,025	451	16	59				ESTONIA					
OH6AM	21	596,167	1745	34	109	Y26PH	**	22,311	107	36	75				SPAIN						UR2RHF	A	271,216	581	66	187			
OH5TS	**	559,986	1778	32	102	Y34UF	**	19,530	118	26	64				EA3CCN	A	2,224,530	2498	94	284				UR2RMI	28	121,452	509	26	90
OH3AA	14	351,648	1308	36	108	Y75YL	**	19,075	104	33	76				EA2QU	**	1,550,601	1637	98	279				UR2RII	**	32,470	174	25	60
OH3RF	**	203,680	865	35	99	Y24SK/A	**	17,955	118	32	63				EA1AGO	**	1,086,426	1499	194	85				UR2RJI	**	19,558	115	22	55
OH4ML	**	78,881	455	26	75	Y79WN	**	16,856	100	33	65				EA3CUQ	**	767,130	1208	75	206				UR2RGJ	**	18,975	164	16	53
OH2IO	**	76,160	350	35	83	Y21JH	**	15,928	109	28	60				EA3NA	**	132,758	833	86	243				UR2RMZ	**	13,515	76	23	62
OH6DU	**	26,880	266	17	53	Y24GF/A	**	14,196	72	25	53				EA10D	**	111,569	254	63	124				UR2RC	**	13,134	142	19	43
OH1IJ	7	199,440	1232	27	93	Y54UA	**	11,682	95	22	44				EA1NZ	**	71,604	250	46	116				UR2RNO	**	5,632	78	9	23
OH2BWL	**	682	27	4	18	Y34XF	**	6,572	71	17	36				EA2CR	**	21,318	129	31	72				UR2RLS	**	3,731	34	15	26
OH4PW	3.8	4,800	120	7	33	Y54ZI	**	6,554	82	19	39				EA7BYM	**	20,976	120	26	50				UR2RLZ	**	3,465	30	19	26
OH5NG	1.8	7,449	191	6	33	Y62ZH	**	6,237	93	14	49				EA3ABJ	**	13,102	141	26	47				UR2RFL	**	1,800	33	9	16
OH2BO	**	3,267	91	7	26	Y79VN	**	6,188	51	25	43				EA5BVG	**	11,944	98	19	35				UR2RMI	14	126,408	928	22	70
OH3TQ	**	815	35	5	18	Y71WN	**	5,589	71	17	52				EA5ANR	**	8,800	62	27	53				UR2RNL	**	88,368	429	33	79
						Y38WI	**	2,958	49	15	36				EA1BPS	**	7,452	80	17	37				UR2RNU	**	53,613	263	32	79
						Y44WA	**	702	29	9	9				EA1BIM	**	5,959	41	24	25				UR2RNV	**	49,200	460	16	59
						Y37ZE	28	51,352	247	24	74				EA3AIN	28	669,382	2016	33	104				UR2RNB	**	15,974	307	7	42
						Y53ZF	**	47,960	227	25	63				EA5CX	**	229,475	610	40	97				EUROPEAN S.S.R.					
						Y25MG/A	**	29,646	215	22	64				EA3DMP	**	96,841	401	25	88				UV3GZ	A	1,813,322	2100	104	297
						Y67WG	**	10,845	110	14	31				EA3DPH	**	28,743	210	21	46				UA6ALL	**	1,094,052	1524	102	270
						Y23GB	**	8,648	96	16	30				EA3DFA	21	164,331	783	25	68				UA3QDW	**	541,620	1093	81	214
						Y53WL	**	8,536	84	15	29				EA4AVC	**	139,780	768	30	86				UA3RKK	**	371,579	803	75	208
						Y34SE	**	5,671	45	18	35				EA1BCK	**	16,878	230	15	43				UA3AGF	**	6,441	81	18	39
						Y85YL	**	4,480	76	11	24				EC3AEA	**	315	18	3	12				UA4CCF	**	5,238	39	23	31
						Y34YE	**	4,410	40	15	34				EA20J	**	231	7	5	6				UA4ANN	**	3,417	43	17	34
						Y62XG	**	570	16	8	11				EA4ZD	14	48,411	163	11	27				UA6ARA	28	418,002	1381	33	105
						Y33XB	21	327,206	1095	35	124				EA5CDE	**	10,962	110	13	41				UA3UG	**	256,878	903	32	102
						Y78XL	**	202,565	781	33	94				EA3DNC	**	1,798	52	6	23				UA4WVA	**	221,169	945	28	79
						Y24SG	**	40,568	203	22	66				ED1TA	7	11,505	119	13	53				UA3TET	**	131,535	501	19	57
						Y52YG	**	17,955	173	18	43				EA7LM	**	6,550	90	8	17				UA3RBS	**	97,869	475	26	75
						Y26TL	**	7,955	112	14	29				EC4API	3.8	26,596	226	12	49				UA6ARE	**	97,448	526	24	80
						Y47ZL	**	7,695	93	12	33				EA3VY	1.8	10,868	161	9	35				UA3TAP	**	75,207	228	30	99
						Y55WH	**	7,105	91	8	27				SVALBARD ISLAND						UA4CDL	**	61,470	390	20	70			
						Y68SG	**	5,332	77	11	32				JW1UW	A	4,752	46	20	24				UA4NCI	**	60,165	404	35	70
						Y26KL/A	**	3,219	33	13	24				JW5VAA	**	390	12	8	7				UA6LHU	**	52,651	385	22	59
						Y57WG	14	137,588	624	31	87				JW6MY	**	154	14	4	7				UA3QOO	**	9,024	100	15	38
						Y55XG	**	98,169	505	33	96				SWEDEN						UA1AET	**	8,599	108	14	38			
						Y39YA	**	36,432	258	21	67				SM3BIZ	A	721,517	995	84	253				UA3AGV	**	6,441	81	18	39
						Y26KN	**	17,526	199	14	55				SM5AD	**	648,848	779	102	277				UA4CCF	**	5,238	39	23	31
						Y76VN	**	11,340	93	18	45				SM5DSF	**	291,500	642	62	203				UA4ANN	**	3,417	43	17	34
						Y24DF	**	4,059	106	6	27				SM6BGG	**	161,798	475	60	132				UA6ARA	28	418,002	1381	33	105
						Y25DE	**	1,944	48	7	20				SM0KNV	**	157,920	404	54	170				UA3UG	**	256,878	903	32	102
						Y23FA	**	1,058	20	10	13				SM2LWU	**	146,142	459	52	155				UA4WVA	**	221,169	945	28	79
						Y32KE	7	31,027	386	11	60				SM0DZJ	**	126,404	241	70	237				UA3TET	**	131,535	501	19	57
						Y24LE	**	11,220	185	11	44				SM7KIL	**	95,816	317	39	79				UA3RBS	**	97,869	475	26	75
						Y52WG	3.8	51,830	648	13	60				SM5ARG	**	66,780	245	37	122				UA6ARE	**	97,448	526	24	80
						Y28AL	**	21,603	399	8	49				SK7NC/7	**	52,662	247	43	91				UA3TAP	**	75,207	228	30	99
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UA2EC	A	248,704	566	64	204	YU20M	**	100,562	276	49	105	LU1VK	A	944,628	1452	77	146	EA4LH	A	3,691,500	3614	107	238	HK5BCZ	A	2,010,284	2357	83	206	CEBAE	28	423,516	1652	26	61	YS1X	14	1,176,400	2843	38	136	OA4PQ	28	225,618	884	29	64	PZ1CC	A	714,235	1159	62	149	9Y4VT	A	11,954,696	7082	146	422	YV480U	A	1,937,280	1750	93	291	KL7Y	1,929,312	2643	104	204	VP2EC	11,754,309	8296	141	468	V3DX	4,266,864	3864	126	333	VP9IB	3,018,216	3393	107	295	VP2VDH	8,138,728	6343	135	421	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VP9IB	3,018,216	3393	107	295	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227
UA2FFC	28	12,540	137	13	42	YU1AHX	**	65,315	284	36	111	EA4LH	A	3,691,500	3614	107	238	HK8BVN	28	132,200	410	28	85	CEBAE	28	423,516	1652	26	61	YS1X	14	1,176,400	2843	38	136	OA4PQ	28	225,618	884	29	64	PZ1CC	A	714,235	1159	62	149	9Y4VT	A	11,954,696	7082	146	422	YV480U	A	1,937,280	1750	93	291	KL7Y	1,929,312	2643	104	204	VP2EC	11,754,309	8296	141	468	V3DX	4,266,864	3864	126	333	VP9IB	3,018,216	3393	107	295	VP2VDH	8,138,728	6343	135	421	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VP9IB	3,018,216	3393	107	295	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227																										
UA2FCW	**	1,176	53	5	16	YU1SF	**	32,452	196	31	102	EA4LH	A	3,691,500	3614	107	238	HK48KB	21	178,250	532	31	84	CEBAE	28	423,516	1652	26	61	YS1X	14	1,176,400	2843	38	136	OA4PQ	28	225,618	884	29	64	PZ1CC	A	714,235	1159	62	149	9Y4VT	A	11,954,696	7082	146	422	YV480U	A	1,937,280	1750	93	291	KL7Y	1,929,312	2643	104	204	VP2EC	11,754,309	8296	141	468	V3DX	4,266,864	3864	126	333	VP9IB	3,018,216	3393	107	295	VP2VDH	8,138,728	6343	135	421	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VP9IB	3,018,216	3393	107	295	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227																										
UA2FCW	**	1,176	53	5	16	YU7SF	**	29,988	138	41	85	EA4LH	A	3,691,500	3614	107	238	HK48KB	21	178,250	532	31	84	CEBAE	28	423,516	1652	26	61	YS1X	14	1,176,400	2843	38	136	OA4PQ	28	225,618	884	29	64	PZ1CC	A	714,235	1159	62	149	9Y4VT	A	11,954,696	7082	146	422	YV480U	A	1,937,280	1750	93	291	KL7Y	1,929,312	2643	104	204	VP2EC	11,754,309	8296	141	468	V3DX	4,266,864	3864	126	333	VP9IB	3,018,216	3393	107	295	VP2VDH	8,138,728	6343	135	421	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VP9IB	3,018,216	3393	107	295	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227																										
UA2FCW	**	1,176	53	5	16	YU1PJQ	**	26,860	161	24	61	EA4LH	A	3,691,500	3614	107	238	HK48KB	21	178,250	532	31	84	CEBAE	28	423,516	1652	26	61	YS1X	14	1,176,400	2843	38	136	OA4PQ	28	225,618	884	29	64	PZ1CC	A	714,235	1159	62	149	9Y4VT	A	11,954,696	7082	146	422	YV480U	A	1,937,280	1750	93	291	KL7Y	1,929,312	2643	104	204	VP2EC	11,754,309	8296	141	468	V3DX	4,266,864	3864	126	333	VP9IB	3,018,216	3393	107	295	VP2VDH	8,138,728	6343	135	421	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VP9IB	3,018,216	3393	107	295	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227																																														
UA2FCW	**	1,176	53	5	16	YU2QU	**	20,301	81	41	60	EA4LH	A	3,691,500	3614	107	238	HK48KB	21	178,250	532	31	84	CEBAE	28	423,516	1652	26	61	YS1X	14	1,176,400	2843	38	136	OA4PQ	28	225,618	884	29	64	PZ1CC	A	714,235	1159	62	149	9Y4VT	A	11,954,696	7082	146	422	YV480U	A	1,937,280	1750	93	291	KL7Y	1,929,312	2643	104	204	VP2EC	11,754,309	8296	141	468	V3DX	4,266,864	3864	126	333	VP9IB	3,018,216	3393	107	295	VP2VDH	8,138,728	6343	135	421	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VP9IB	3,018,216	3393	107	295	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227																																														
UA2FCW	**	1,176	53	5	16	YU7NE	**	17,706	75	18	60	EA4LH	A	3,691,500	3614	107	238	HK48KB	21	178,250	532	31	84	CEBAE	28	423,516	1652	26	61	YS1X	14	1,176,400	2843	38	136	OA4PQ	28	225,618	884	29	64	PZ1CC	A	714,235	1159	62	149	9Y4VT	A	11,954,696	7082	146	422	YV480U	A	1,937,280	1750	93	291	KL7Y	1,929,312	2643	104	204	VP2EC	11,754,309	8296	141	468	V3DX	4,266,864	3864	126	333	VP9IB	3,018,216	3393	107	295	VP2VDH	8,138,728	6343	135	421	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VP9IB	3,018,216	3393	107	295	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227																																														
UA2FCW	**	1,176	53	5	16	YU3TE	**	745,368	1865	35	121	EA4LH	A	3,691,500	3614	107	238	HK48KB	21	178,250	532	31	84	CEBAE	28	423,516	1652	26	61	YS1X	14	1,176,400	2843	38	136	OA4PQ	28	225,618	884	29	64	PZ1CC	A	714,235	1159	62	149	9Y4VT	A	11,954,696	7082	146	422	YV480U	A	1,937,280	1750	93	291	KL7Y	1,929,312	2643	104	204	VP2EC	11,754,309	8296	141	468	V3DX	4,266,864	3864	126	333	VP9IB	3,018,216	3393	107	295	VP2VDH	8,138,728	6343	135	421	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VP9IB	3,018,216	3393	107	295	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227																																														
UA2FCW	**	1,176	53	5	16	YU7BB	28	529,546	1343	33	116	EA4LH	A	3,691,500	3614	107	238	HK48KB	21	178,250	532	31	84	CEBAE	28	423,516	1652	26	61	YS1X	14	1,176,400	2843	38	136	OA4PQ	28	225,618	884	29	64	PZ1CC	A	714,235	1159	62	149	9Y4VT	A	11,954,696	7082	146	422	YV480U	A	1,937,280	1750	93	291	KL7Y	1,929,312	2643	104	204	VP2EC	11,754,309	8296	141	468	V3DX	4,266,864	3864	126	333	VP9IB	3,018,216	3393	107	295	VP2VDH	8,138,728	6343	135	421	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VP9IB	3,018,216	3393	107	295	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227	VE1DXA	6,347,732	4920	134	420	VE3PCA	4,139,190	3158	139	416	VE3CYX	3,256,120	2185	150	430	VE5GF	1,268,730	1808	106	227																																														
UA2FCW	**	1,176	53	5	16	YU3DRW	**	477,600	1150	33	117	EA4LH	A	3,691,500	3614	107	238	HK48KB	21	178,250	532	31	84																																																																																																																																																								

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RS and VS SERIES SPECIAL FEATURES

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- RIPPLE: Less than 5mv peak to peak (full load & low line)



MODEL RS-50A



MODEL RS-50M



MODEL VS-50M

RS-A SERIES



MODEL RS-7A

MODEL	Continuous Duty (Amps)	ICS* (Amps)	Size (IN) H x W x D	Shipping Wt (lbs)
RS-4A	3	4	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 9	5
RS-7A	5	7	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 9	9
RS-10A	7.5	10	4 x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 $\frac{3}{4}$	11
RS-12A	9	12	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 x 9	13
RS-20A	16	20	5 x 9 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	18
RS-35A	25	35	5 x 11 x 11	27
RS-50A	37	50	6 x 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 11	46

RS-M SERIES



MODEL RS-35M

- Switchable volt and Amp meter

MODEL	Continuous Duty (Amps)	ICS* (Amps)	Size (IN) H x W x D	Shipping Wt (lbs)
RS-12M	9	12	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 x 9	13
RS-20M	16	20	5 x 9 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	18
RS-35M	25	35	5 x 11 x 11	27
RS-50M	37	50	6 x 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 11	46

VS-M SERIES



MODEL VS-20M

- Separate Volt and Amp Meters
- Output Voltage adjustable from 2-15 volts
- Current limit adjustable from 1.5 amps to Full Load

MODEL	Continuous Duty (Amps)			ICS* (Amps)	Size (IN) H x W x D	Shipping Wt (lbs)
	@13.8VDC	@10VDC	@5VDC			
VS-20M	16	9	4	20	5 x 9 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	20
VS-35M	25	15	7	35	5 x 11 x 11	29
VS-50M	37	22	10	50	6 x 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 11	46

RS-S SERIES



MODEL RS-12S

- Built in speaker

MODEL	Continuous Duty (Amps)	ICS* Amps	Size (IN) H x W x D	Shipping Wt (lbs)
RS-12S	9	12	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 x 9	13
RS-20S	16	20	5 x 9 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	18



MODEL RS-7B

- Matches EF Johnson PPL Radios Available as models.

MODEL	Continuous Duty (Amps)	ICS* Amps	Size (IN) H x W x D	Shipping Wt (lbs)
RS-7B	5	7	4 x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 $\frac{3}{4}$	9
RS-10A	7.5	10	4 x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 $\frac{3}{4}$	11

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EATTH	5,553,546 3806 121 450
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EA2RCI	30,644 291 19 53

SWEDEN

SM5AOE	1,297,076 1434 111 340
SM6KRE	181,890 542 67 148
SM5AZU	122,056 310 51 158
SK6JX	3,330 62 13 32

SWITZERLAND

HB9CAT	1,127,016 885 100 296
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THE NETHERLANDS

PI1G0E	207,466 615 53 150
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U.S.S.R. EUROPEAN

BYELO-RUSSIA

UK2AAW	699,700 1257 85 278
UK2AAB	16,450 272 9 41
UK2LAN	14,250 98 23 52
UK2ABC	2,244 66 10 24

ESTONIA

UK2RDX	4,766,528 3365 155 519
UK2RAW	198,440 564 51 191

EUROPEAN S.S.R.

UK6LAZ	3,969,133 2930 147 476
UK6LAA	3,071,110 2837 126 385
UK6XAA	1,563,618 2096 102 337
UK4CCC	1,389,782 1720 98 311
UK4WAB	1,176,814 1493 98 316
UK6LEZ	1,048,240 1222 90 270
RK3AB0	987,138 1411 87 259
UK6LBM	933,032 1551 100 264
UK6HCZ	774,877 1229 80 243
UK4WAA	726,362 1306 81 257
UK4ACE	697,552 636 101 275
UK3ABT	645,904 1276 80 236
UK4HAW	525,370 897 75 207
UK1AAW	490,200 1250 85 200
UK3DBV	438,768 1059 69 208
UK3WAF	394,415 906 77 218
UK4CBL	327,107 777 70 199
UK4LAA	181,653 741 70 181
UK4SAM	140,113 609 44 123
UK3XAB	37,800 198 28 62
UK3MAA	10,080 124 21 49
UK3DBW	9,075 106 15 40
UK3TBF	3,081 71 10 29

KALININGRADSK

UK2FAA	1,770,444 1748 115 353
UK2FAD	38,121 243 30 67

KARELO-FINNISH

UK1NAD	444,066 1130 67 224
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LATVIA

UK2GKO	1,488,800 1965 95 305
UK2GAB	1,287,616 1474 119 377
UK2GAZ	185,895 463 95 148
UK2GJW	19,000 219 18 58

LITHUANIA

UK2BBB	3,266,312 2657 135 449
UK2PAD	3,086,772 2599 133 431
UK2PAP	1,876,074 1864 122 380
UK2BAG	565,056 1070 84 243
UK2PRC	413,364 943 70 224
UK2BCC	279,565 736 56 197
UK2BBX	60,888 370 29 100
UK2BBF	20,900 153 29 66

UKRAINE

UK5IBB	5,099,934 3757 149 502
UK5MAF	3,593,876 2928 134 438
UK5MCO	2,717,000 2536 140 410
UK5MAA	2,041,538 2347 113 365
UK5GKW	1,352,078 1850 106 336
UK5QBE	1,281,397 1739 101 308
UK5MCP	963,300 1435 85 240
UK5WBG	788,671 1029 97 306
UK5ECV	560,787 1088 80 241
UK5MEG	

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

LU4F 8,507,235 5517 145 372
LU4DQ 2,836,666 2605 112 259

CHILE

CE5CJA 2,064,170 2344 91 210
CE2AA 2,047,680 1208 89 199
CE3PA 1,172,360 1863 68 136

PERU

4T40 13,494,118 7869 152 431

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9Y4W 16,775,034 8,097 158 540

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UNITED STATES

N2AA 10,003,266 4371 175 631
W3LPL 8,806,995 3854 173 628
K10X 8,393,616 3912 163 594
W7RM 7,518,720 4420 172 468
N5AU 7,424,865 3773 172 557
K9GL 6,191,968 2963 173 579
N6RO 5,713,852 3607 162 434
N4RJ 4,370,076 2436 166 518
K4VX/W 3,987,462 2292 166 476
W3GM 3,776,299 2068 152 501
K2UA 3,512,054 2130 141 457
AI6V 3,478,548 2730 138 316
W1YN 3,462,000 2101 141 459
K6RU 3,419,323 2372 140 381
KB6I 3,176,855 2591 131 314
N2RM 3,090,550 1937 127 438
N6RZ 1,948,536 1805 116 272
K4VHC 1,679,115 1319 123 348
K3ON 1,630,496 1210 122 380
N6VV 1,605,955 1396 115 288
W4XJ 1,553,112 1195 126 351
K3II 1,460,830 1048 134 375
K3ZUF 1,453,200 1012 133 386
K6ZM 1,326,200 1260 118 262
W8NGO 1,107,004 924 124 312
K1SA 1,060,064 918 110 312
N7BIT/2 936,169 824 105 298
AD3V 723,240 648 122 298
WB6KBZ 702,506 946 95 183
K1XM 488,305 579 88 217
N3AW 367,500 550 85 209
W3YFV 257,370 415 71 159
N9BZR 232,200 390 71 145
KC8SD 215,528 335 72 160

ALASKA

KL7RA 3,004,600 4046 105 227
KL7CQ 428,778 1005 62 104

BERMUDA

VP9AD 15,929,459 10696 148 489

CANADA

VE7ZZZ 3,036,195 4202 110 217
W80K/VE2 2,097,622 3369 93 205
VE3UM 345,060 520 79 164

PUERTO RICO

KP480 1,225,200 2839 62 138

ASIA

GEORGIA S.S.R.

EW6V 19,181,932 10100 142 544

JAPAN

JA2YKA 5,953,860 3591 157 425
JA3YKC 3,748,110 2616 147 358
JA7JRR 2,592,760 2157 128 296
JF1ZRQ 2,522,550 2182 127 275
JA1YXP 1,574,856 1722 112 205
JA1YNE 1,456,070 1503 114 227
JH1YDT 1,383,084 1590 97 212
JA1YDU 692,624 852 102 190
JA4YEB 408,576 579 85 171
JA2YDC 197,758 409 66 112

SAUDI ARABIA

HZ1AB 7,691,938 5138 133 408

EUROPE

AALAND ISLANDS

OH8W 19,030,501 10,773 188 729

BELGIUM

ON7KL 2,180,850 2611 109 325

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

OK7AA 5,550,235 5087 136 465

ENGLAND

GB4ANT 9,184,188 6271 152 526

ITALY

IY4FGM 1,272,800 1552 95 305

SPAIN

EA1YV 1,207,800 1706 86 280

YUGOSLAVIA

YT4I 9,948,515 6819 147 530
YZ1E 9,805,090 6956 147 538

SOUTH AMERICA

BRAZIL

ZY3ZZ 741,612 1840 34 104

ECUADOR

HC8 14,994,328 8623 155 432

WORLD QRP

TG9GI A 1,035,693 1747 75 192
DF4RD " 431,547 643 83 256
UB5UCJ " 387,416 581 86 230
KBIA " 337,666 460 84 187
UP2BIM " 315,563 659 71 210
OABCW " 288,674 611 61 105
WBUVZ " 248,256 333 90 198
ON6NL " 246,749 521 58 169
K4LTA " 233,122 392 78 151
G3FTQ " 122,570 508 38 132
K7BTB " 114,504 268 55 101
W6VYK " 66,700 241 38 62
KI9A " 64,232 176 52 96
VK3RF " 55,062 157 52 74
GM4ELV " 49,389 281 26 75
KR7L " 47,970 209 36 46
WB9HRO/6 " 37,293 143 39 54
KE6XC " 36,846 151 41 48
N8CQA " 36,663 120 40 81
UP2NV " 34,500 166 32 93
LA9PCA " 33,512 268 24 94
KA1CZF " 30,640 141 24 56
JR2BNF " 29,340 123 41 49
WB2BGA " 28,033 100 30 67
W9PNE " 27,615 115 41 64
UR2OI " 27,306 208 21 61
I1PLX " 27,018 142 31 81
N8AXA " 21,386 104 23 51
EA2SN " 20,400 115 32 68

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The Yaesu FT-One All-Mode Solid-State General-Coverage Transceiver Part I

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Because of the major nature of the FT-One, we are breaking tradition and running the review in two parts. W4FA has once again done a monumental job in preparing this review. Consequently, the manuscript and illustrations are quite voluminous. This unorthodox approach will allow us to present the review in its entirety.

—K2EEK

Yaesu Musen must believe that h.f. amateur communications still have a great future in store. Their FT-One transceiver not only carries a prestigious designation, but it is obviously packed with features, both electrical and constructional, that are designed to preserve its value for years to come.

To start, it must be said that most advertising photographs do not do complete justice to the transceiver as I realized after I saw the real thing. The front-panel color is a soft gray with the knobs being darker gray with aluminum skirts. The main digital display is yellow (not red as seen in some photographs), while the auxiliary digital display has red digits. The two panel meters have soft-green illumination. It is an impressive-looking unit that seems to combine a functional appearance along with a visually appealing aspect. That factor may, at least, help the situation a bit when you try to convince your non-amateur XYL or OM that you need a new transceiver costing about \$2,500!

According to Yaesu's literature, their design project for the FT-One started about four years ago. The following quote from their literature gives a bit of interesting insight into what it must be for a company to get involved in a completely new transceiver design rather than just adding a few more "bells and whistles" to an existing design:

"As technology progressed, the de-



The FT-One makes an impressive sight sitting on the operating desk.

sign was revamped to take advantage of the more sophisticated devices available to the engineers. Finally, early in 1981, the last major component was soldered in place, and the arduous task of evaluating the final design in computer simulations and field torture tests was begun. Assembly line fixtures were built, computerized testing programs were debugged, and hundreds of thousands of parts were ordered. A proud research and development staff presented its report to their President: "We've done it!"

Of course, Yaesu did expect to spin-off a lot of the investment in design work, assembly tools, techniques, etc., involved in the FT-One in later transceiver designs, and one can already see this appearing in designs such as the FT-980 and FT-102. However, there doesn't seem to be much doubt that the FT-One will remain Yaesu's top-of-the-line h.f. transceiver for the foreseeable future.

General

Table I gives the specifications for the FT-One. It is a long list and contains a lot of detailed information that readers might want to refer back to later on. In general, however, the FT-One represents a complete departure from the usual type of 9 MHz i.f. design transceiver Yaesu has produced over the years, which was limited to amateur-band-only coverage. The FT-One covers continuously the 150 kHz to 29.9999 MHz range on receive with tuning down to 100 Hz steps. On transmit, it covers fully all existing and proposed amateur bands and can be very easily modified for a full transmit capability from 1.8 to 29.9999 MHz for those amateurs who have a need for such a capability (e.g., MARS operation). It has provisions for s.s.b., c.w., a.m., FSK, and f.m. modes of operation with only the latter mode requiring an optional PC board instal-

*c/o CQ Magazine

TRANSMITTER

Frequency range:

160m band	1.8 to 2.0 MHz
80m band	3.0 to 4.0 MHz
40m band	7.0 to 8.0 MHz
30m band	10.0 to 11.0 MHz
20m band	14.0 to 15.0 MHz
17m band	18.0 to 19.0 MHz
15m band	21.0 to 22.0 MHz
12m band	24.0 to 25.0 MHz
10m band	28.0 to 29.99 MHz

Tuning steps:

Selectable 1 MHz, 100 kHz, 100 Hz, 10 Hz

Emission types:

LSB, USB (A3J/J3E*), CW (A1/A1A*), AM (A3/A3E*), FSK (F1/F1B*), **FM (F3/F3E*)

* New emission designation per WARC '79

** With optional FM unit installed.

Power output (minimum):

	160m through 15m	10m
SSB, CW	100W (PEP)	90W (PEP)
AM	25W	25W
FM, FSK	50W	50W

Carrier suppression:

better than -40 dB below peak output.

Unwanted sideband suppression:

better than -50 dB below peak output, (measured at 14 MHz, 1 kHz tone)

Non-harmonic spurious radiation:

better than -40 dB below peak output

Harmonic radiation:

better than -50 dB below peak output

Audio response:

better than -6 dB from 300 Hz to 2700 Hz

3rd order intermodulation distortion:

better than -31 dB below peak output

Frequency stability:

less than 300 Hz drift during the first 30 minutes after 10 minutes warm-up; less than 100 Hz every 30 minutes thereafter.

Modulation type:

A3J:	Balanced Modulator
A3:	Low Level Modulation
F3:	Variable Reactance

Maximum deviation (FM, optional Unit installed):

±5 kHz

FSK shift frequency:

170 Hz.

Output impedance:

50 ohms, unbalanced (nominal)

Microphone impedance:

Low Impedance (500 to 600 ohms)

RECEIVER

Frequency range:

150 kHz to 29.9999 MHz (continuous)

Clarifier range:

±9.9 kHz

Sensitivity:

(CW, SSB, and AM figures measured for 10 dB S+N/N)

* 1.8 to 30 MHz ** 150 kHz to 1.8 MHz

SSB/FSK(W)/CW(W)

* better than 0.3 μV, ** better than 5.0 μV

CW(N)

(with optional XF-8.9KCN filter installed)

* better than 0.2 μV, ** better than 2.5 μV

CW(M)/FSK(N)

(with optional XF-8.9KC filter installed)

* better than 0.25 μV, ** better than 3.0 μV

AM

* better than 2.0 μV, ** better than 30 μV

AM

(with optional XF-8.9KA filter installed)

* better than 3.0 μV, ** better than 50 μV

FM

(with optional FM unit installed)

better than 20 dB of Quieting from 1.8 to 29.99 MHz

Intermediate frequencies:

1st IF: 73.115 MHz

2nd IF: 8.9875 MHz

Width/shift IF: 10.76 MHz

Noise Blanker IF: 455 kHz

FM IF (with optional FM unit installed):

455 kHz

Image rejection:

better than -80 dB

IF rejection:

better than -70 dB for all frequencies

Selectivity:

-6 dB -60 dB

SSB, CW(W), FSK(W) 2.4 kHz 4.0 kHz

CW(N)* 300 Hz 900 Hz

CW(M)*, FSK(N)* 600 Hz 1.2 kHz

AM* 6 kHz 10 kHz

FM** 12 kHz 24 kHz

* with optional filter installed

** with optional FM unit installed

NOTE: These figures apply as maximum bandwidths with Width control set to maximum.

RF attenuator performance:

from 0 dB to 25 dB attenuation, continuously adjustable

Dynamic range: (at maximum sensitivity)

better than 90 dB with standard SSB filter

better than 95 dB with optional 600 Hz

CW(M) filter

better than 97 dB with optional 300 Hz

CW(N) filter

Audio output power:

3-watts minimum (into 4 ohms, with less than 10% THD)

Audio output impedance:

4 to 16 ohms

POWER REQUIREMENTS

Voltage:

AC: 100 to 120V, or 200 to 234V;
50 to 60 Hz

DC: 13.5V ±10%, negative ground

Power consumption:

AC DC

Receive 90 VA 2.7 A

Transmit (100W output) 560 VA 20 A

Backup (Power Switch OFF) 3.5 VA 0.07 A

Dimensions (WHD):

approximately 370mm x 157mm x 350mm;
380mm x 165mm x 465mm with all feet,
knobs and heatsink

Weight:

approximately 17 kg.

Table I- FT-One specifications.

lation. The minimum output power is 100 watts except on f.m. and FSK where it is 50 watts and a.m. where it is 25 watts. It is self-contained in the sense that a.c. (110/220 v.a.c.) and d.c. power supplies, cooling fan, a speaker, and optional

electronic keyer are or can be built in. So, for instance, if one were using one of the newer beam antennas which provide very flat s.w.r. curves across an amateur band, one only has to add a microphone and paddle to the FT-One for s.s.b., c.w.,

a.m. and f.m. operation. The transceiver is completely "no-tune" in every sense for both receive and transmit operation and doesn't even have a bandswitch. The main frequency readout is on a six-digit display with an analog kHz display on the skirt of the main tuning knob.

Considering some of the foregoing, one may then wonder what functions are played by the myriad, although neatly arranged, rotary controls, switches, push-buttons, etc., on the front panel of the FT-One. They do, of course, have to do with all sorts of features contained in the transceiver, ranging from now commonplace VOX to advanced features dealing with frequency selection and storage. It takes a bit of time to appreciate how to use all the features for maximum flexibility. They are probably best highlighted and explained as a basic look is taken at the circuitry of the FT-One and then later on as performance impressions are given. However, a summary of the main features besides the frequency coverage, power, and mode capabilities just mentioned are:

1. Dual v.f.o. system with the equivalent of 10 internal v.f.o.'s.

2. Tuning steps of 10 Hz, 100 Hz, or 1 MHz, using the main tuning knob.

3. Entry of frequencies into memory from keyboard or from tuning-knob setting. Recall of frequencies by keyboard command or rotary v.f.o. switch selection.

4. Manual scanning using keyboard switches or automatic scanning with a stop-on-signal feature.

5. Full cross-band or split-frequency operation using different sidebands, if desired, and with full break-in on c.w.

6. R.f. attenuator using a PIN diode.

7. Active IC audio filter for peak/notch functions over the 300-1500 Hz range.

8. RIT (clarifier) with a ±9.9 kHz range.

9. A.g.c. selection for slow-fast-off.

10. Variable i.f. bandwidth tuning allowing control of passband width and placement (about 400-2400 Hz width adjustment).

11. Provisions to accommodate optional c.w., FSK, and a.m. i.f. filters.

12. Adjustable VOX and c.w. delay down to full break-in on c.w.

13. Noise blanker with adjustable threshold.

14. R.f. speech processor with compression adjustment.

15. Microphone squelch circuit to cut out background noise during speech pauses.

16. Dual metering with one meter serving as a multimeter (to include s.w.r.) and the other meter dedicated as an "S" meter on receive and a.i.c. level meter on transmit.

17. Full provisions for the connection of external equipment—linear, transverters, etc.

amplifier stage. The signal then proceeds on to a double-balanced mixer (Q1012) where it is translated up to the first i.f. at 73.115 MHz. Fig. 2 shows some details of the "front-end." The diagram is rather complex, but one can see the rather elaborate bandpass filter block on the left. The filters are switched in or out according to band data information from the microprocessor in the FT-One. The 10 bandpass filters, starting from the top, are divided into frequency ranges of:

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. 1.8 MHz and below | 6. 5.0-7.0 MHz |
| 2. 1.8-2.0 MHz | 7. 7.0-10.0 MHz |
| 3. 2.0-3.0 MHz | 8. 10.0-14.0 MHz |
| 4. 3.0-4.0 MHz | 9. 14.0-20.0 MHz |
| 5. 4.0-5.0 MHz | 10. 20.0-30.0 MHz |

The interesting push-pull r.f. amplifier using 2N4427's is shown in the middle of the diagram. It uses broadbanded input/output transformers. The PIN diode variable attenuator is immediately before the input transformer and consists basically of diodes D42, 43, and 44. The functions of the rest of the stages can be ascertained by comparing fig. 2 with the block markings on fig. 1. XF01, at the lower right of fig. 2, is the 73.115 MHz, 20 kHz wide i.f. crystal filter.

The 73 MHz i.f. is then translated to a 8.9882 MHz i.f. where the main signal selectivity in the FT-One takes place. Just to the right of the middle in fig. 1 one can see the various blocks which represent the standard 8.9882 MHz crystal s.s.b. filter and the optional a.m., c.w.-medium and c.w.-narrow crystal filters. The i.f. signal then flows through an up-down mixing arrangement employing an s.s.b. crystal filter at 10.76 MHz (or optional c.w. crystal filter) so the "windows" of the 8.9882 MHz filter and 10.76 MHz filter can be superimposed on each other to achieve variable passband tuning. In addition to having the bandwidth variable, an i.f. shift feature is accomplished by having the frequency of the second local oscillator made slightly variable (see Q3013 in the right middle of the diagram). After the variable passband tuning stages, the signal goes on to several stages of i.f. amplification at 8.9882 MHz and then on to the various a.m. and s.s.b. detector stages, peak/notch filter circuits, and a.f. amplifier stages. There are a great many other stages associated with the receive signal path which have to do with the "hang" a.g.c. action and, particularly, gain equalization in the i.f. stages so the switching in of different filters does not change the apparent overall gain. Other circuitry provides for various frequency offsets depending on the mode of operation so the frequency readout remains correct.

The noise blanker circuitry is a bit different from that found in most transceivers in that the 8.9875 MHz i.f. signal is translated down to a 455 kHz i.f., the noise signal detected, and the detected/rectified signal used to drive a gate

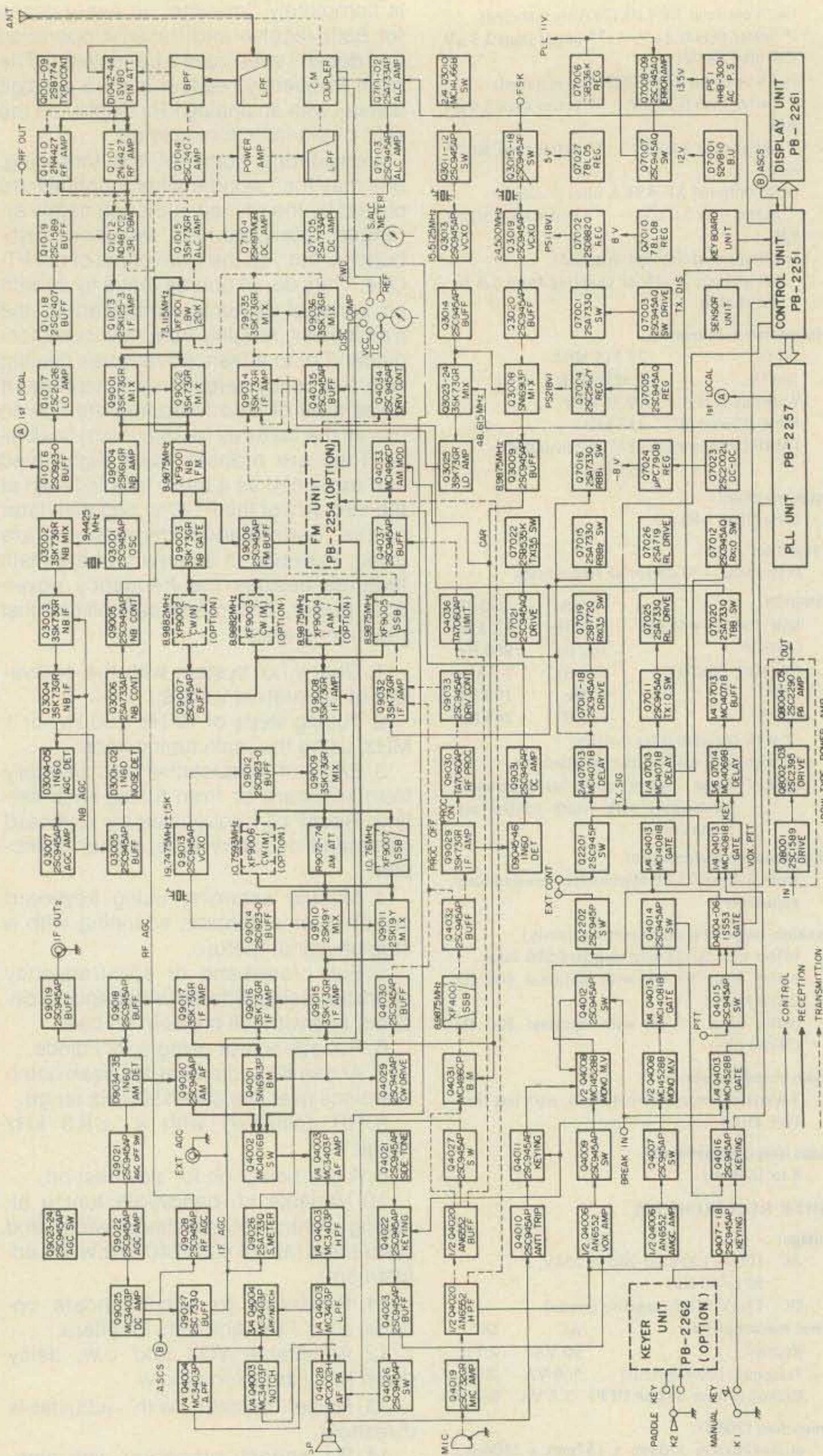


Fig. 1— Overall block diagram of the FT-One.

Circuitry

A block diagram for the FT-One is shown in fig. 1. The diagram looks overwhelming at first, but by following a few of the signal paths indicated, one can at least understand the basic circuit scheme used and appreciate a few of the novel ideas which are incorporated.

Referring to the upper right-hand corner (antenna input) of the block diagram, one can trace the receive signal path as going to a fixed low-pass filter (to reduce TV/image overload), then to a bandpass filter block containing 10 diode-switched filters, through the PIN diode antenna block, and on to a pushpull 2N4427 r.f.

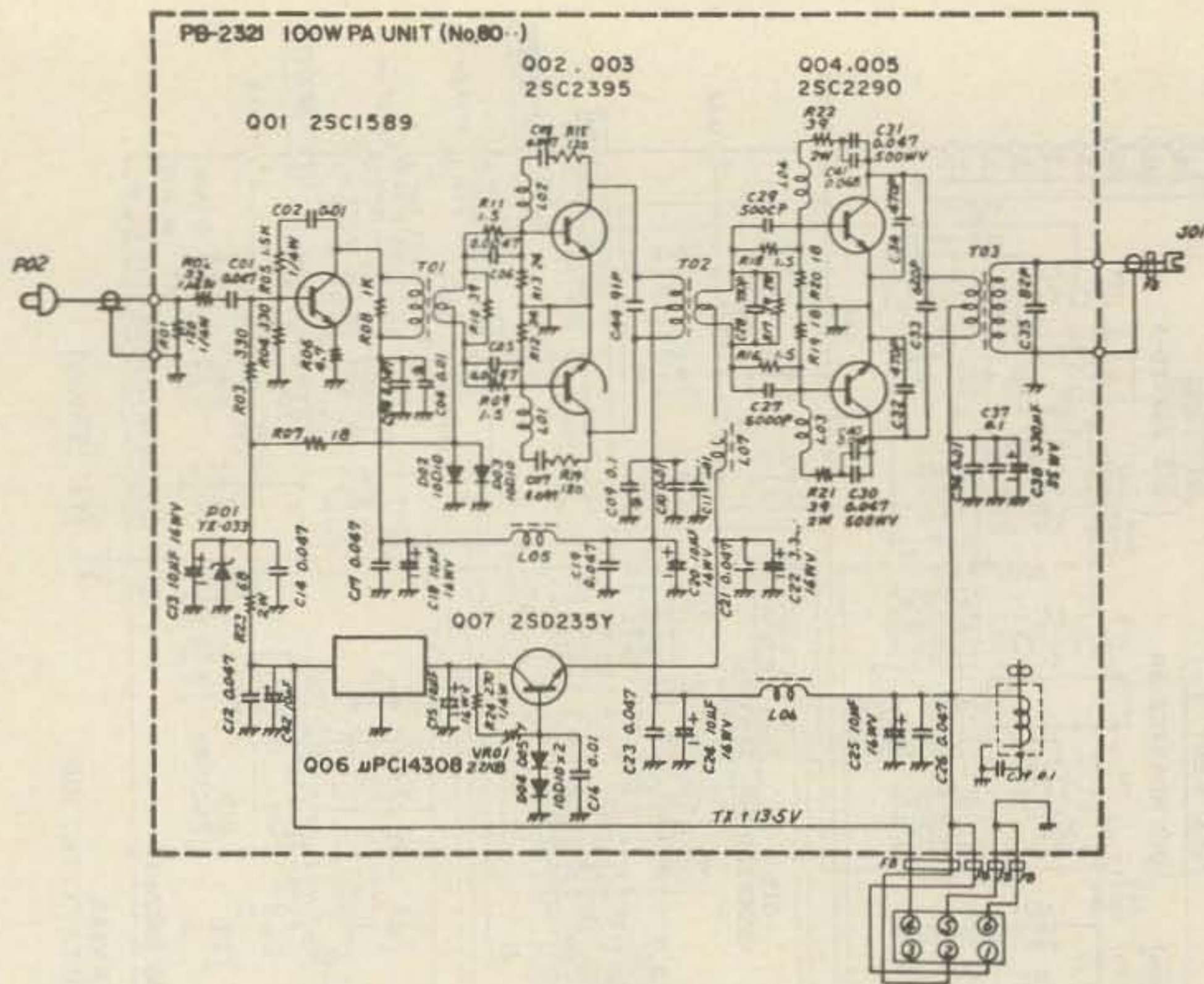


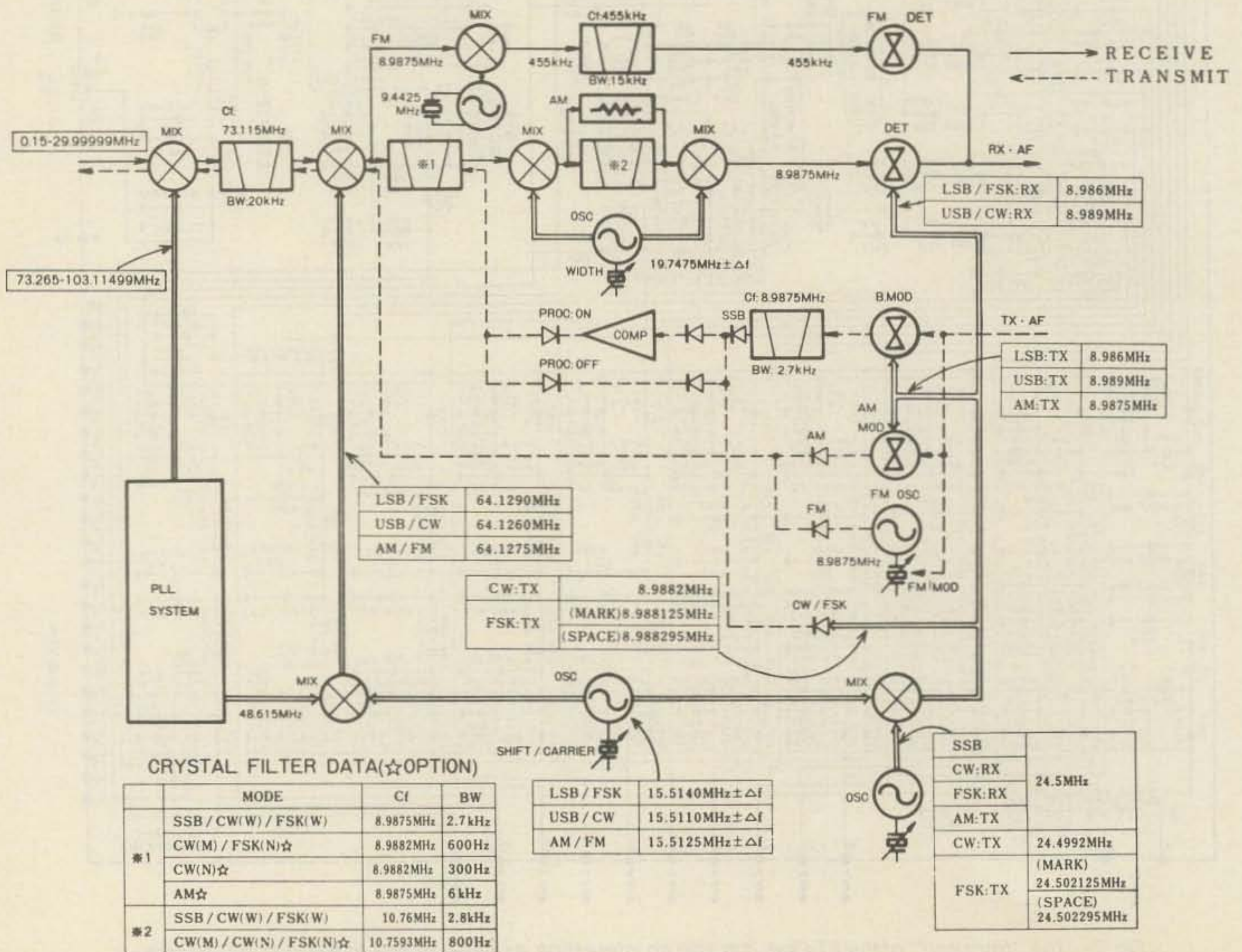
Fig. 3- The 100 watt power amplifier unit. It is followed by a bank of 10 relay-switched low-pass filters.

stage which is in the 8.9875 MHz i.f. chain. One can see these blocks in fig. 1, starting with the noise blanker amplifier Q9004 and looping around to the noise blanker gate stage Q9003. Presumably this is done to stretch noise impulse lengths before they are detected. The threshold level at which the noise blanker operates is variable.

If the f.m. option is installed, the broadband 8.9875 MHz i.f. signal is translated to 455 kHz, goes through a ceramic i.f. filter, and then on to limiting and discriminator stages.

On the transmit side, the amplified microphone signal goes to a balanced modulator (Q4031 in the middle left side of fig. 1) where it modulates the 8.9875 MHz i.f. signal. S.s.b. is produced after crystal filter XF4001. The s.s.b. signal is either routed through the r.f. speech processor stages or directly to transmit mixers Q9035 and Q9036 where it is translated to the 73 MHz i.f. The 73 MHz signal is then mixed with the first local oscillator signal to produce the desired output frequency, which then passes through one of the nine bandpass filters, as used in the receive mode, which cover 1.8 to 30.0 MHz. Essentially, the whole process is

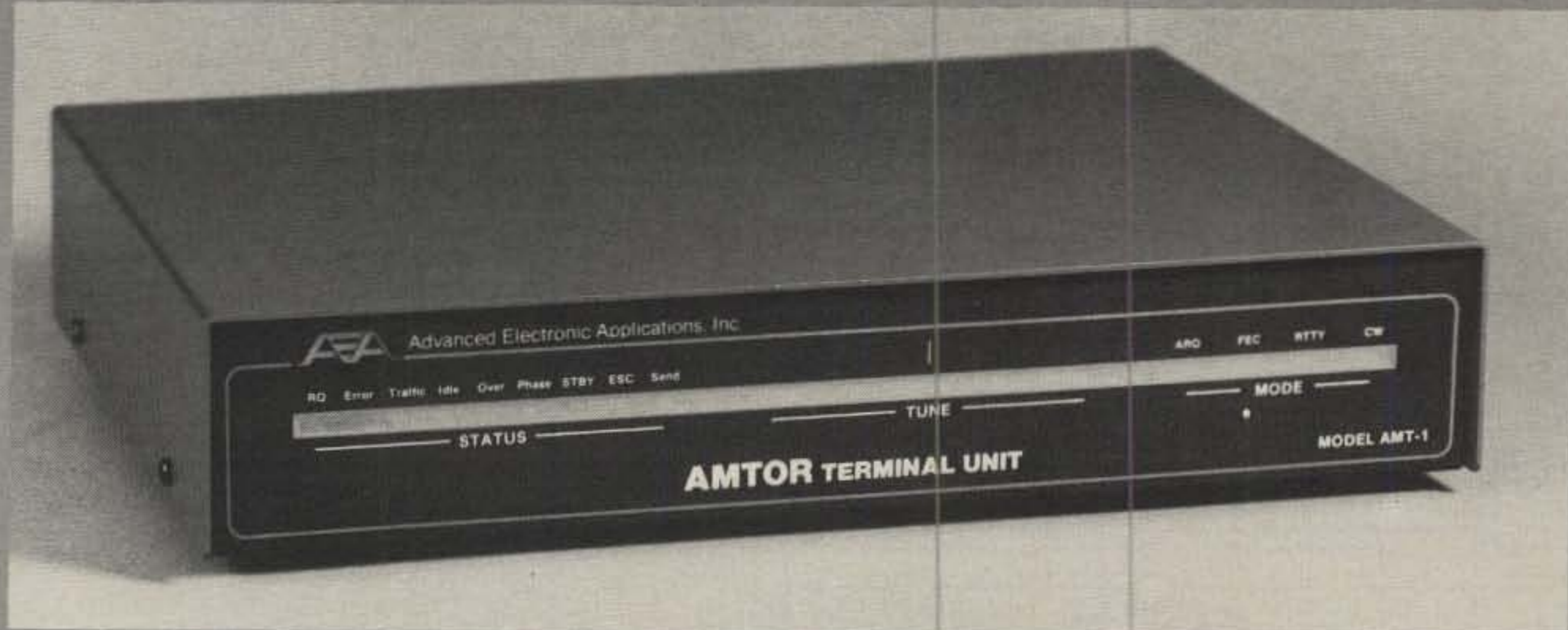
Fig. 4- FT-One frequency relationships.



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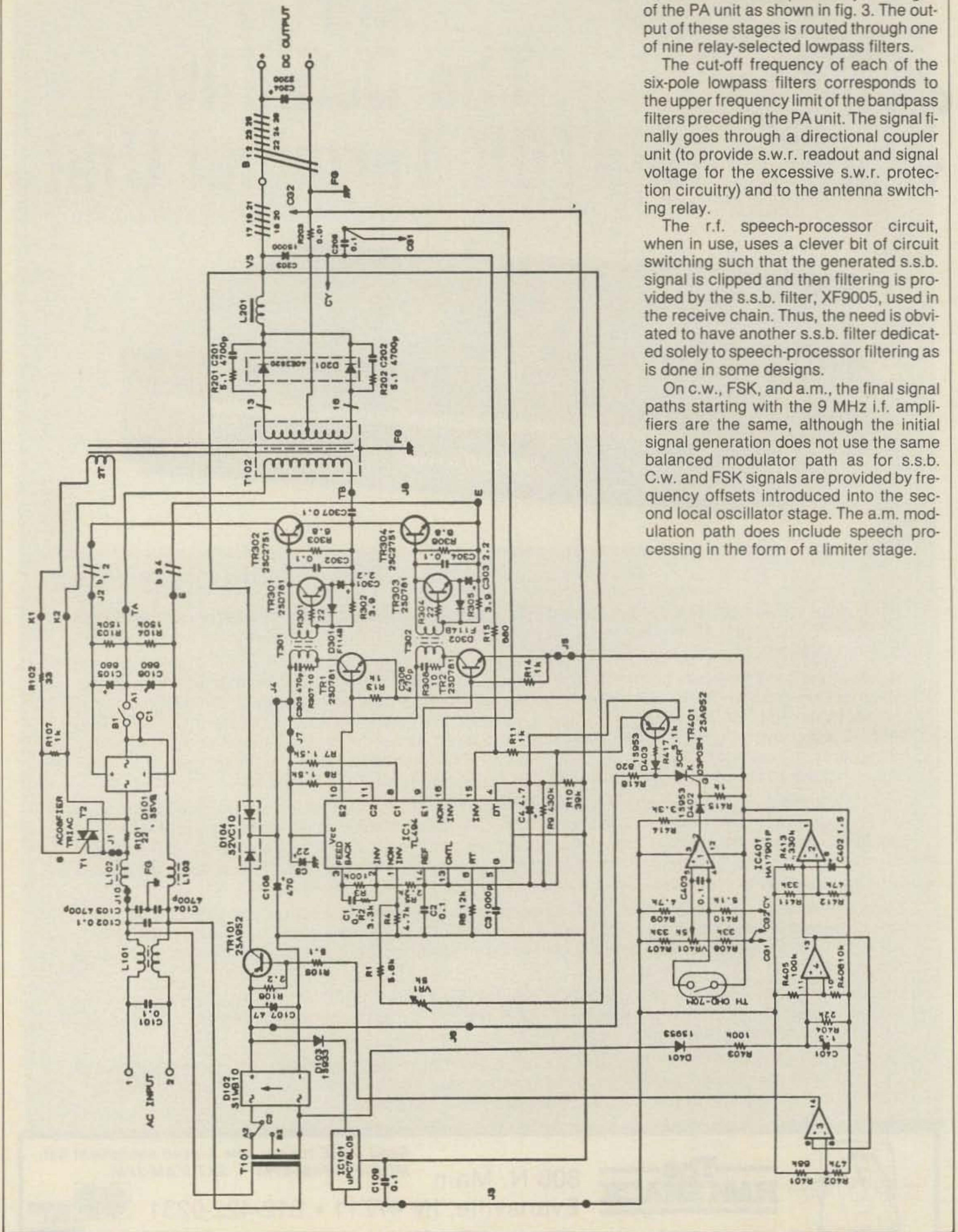
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Fig. 5— The FT-One is one of the first amateur transceivers to incorporate a switching-type power supply. They probably will be very common in the future in amateur gear.



just the reverse of the signal flow path on receive. However, the low-level signal must now be amplified to the 100 watt level, and this is accomplished by the stages of the PA unit as shown in fig. 3. The output of these stages is routed through one of nine relay-selected lowpass filters.

The cut-off frequency of each of the six-pole lowpass filters corresponds to the upper frequency limit of the bandpass filters preceding the PA unit. The signal finally goes through a directional coupler unit (to provide s.w.r. readout and signal voltage for the excessive s.w.r. protection circuitry) and to the antenna switching relay.

The r.f. speech-processor circuit, when in use, uses a clever bit of circuit switching such that the generated s.s.b. signal is clipped and then filtering is provided by the s.s.b. filter, XF9005, used in the receive chain. Thus, the need is obviated to have another s.s.b. filter dedicated solely to speech-processor filtering as is done in some designs.

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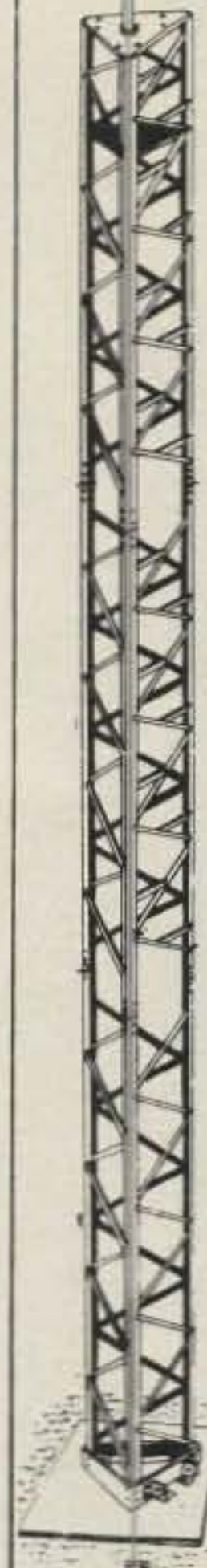


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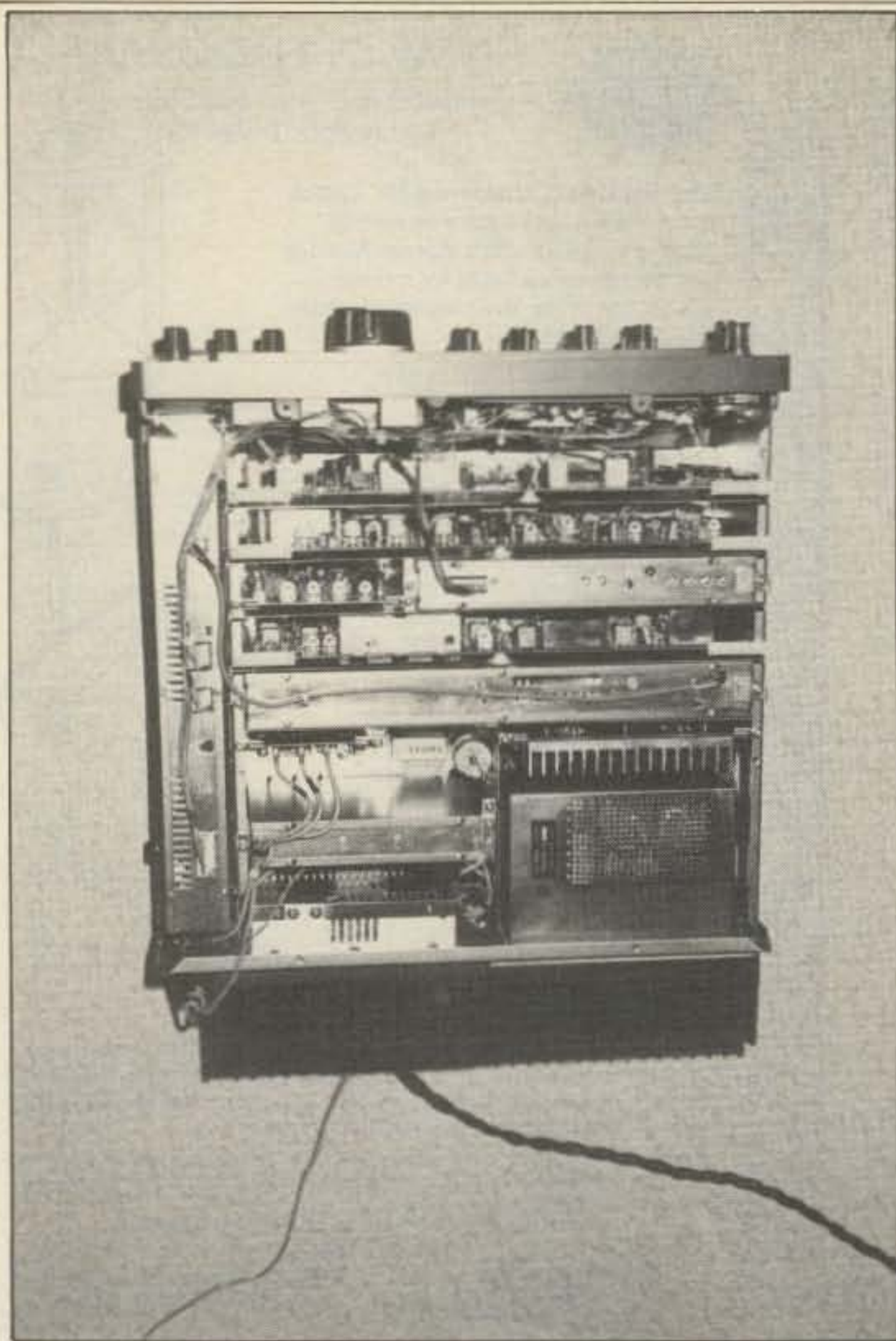
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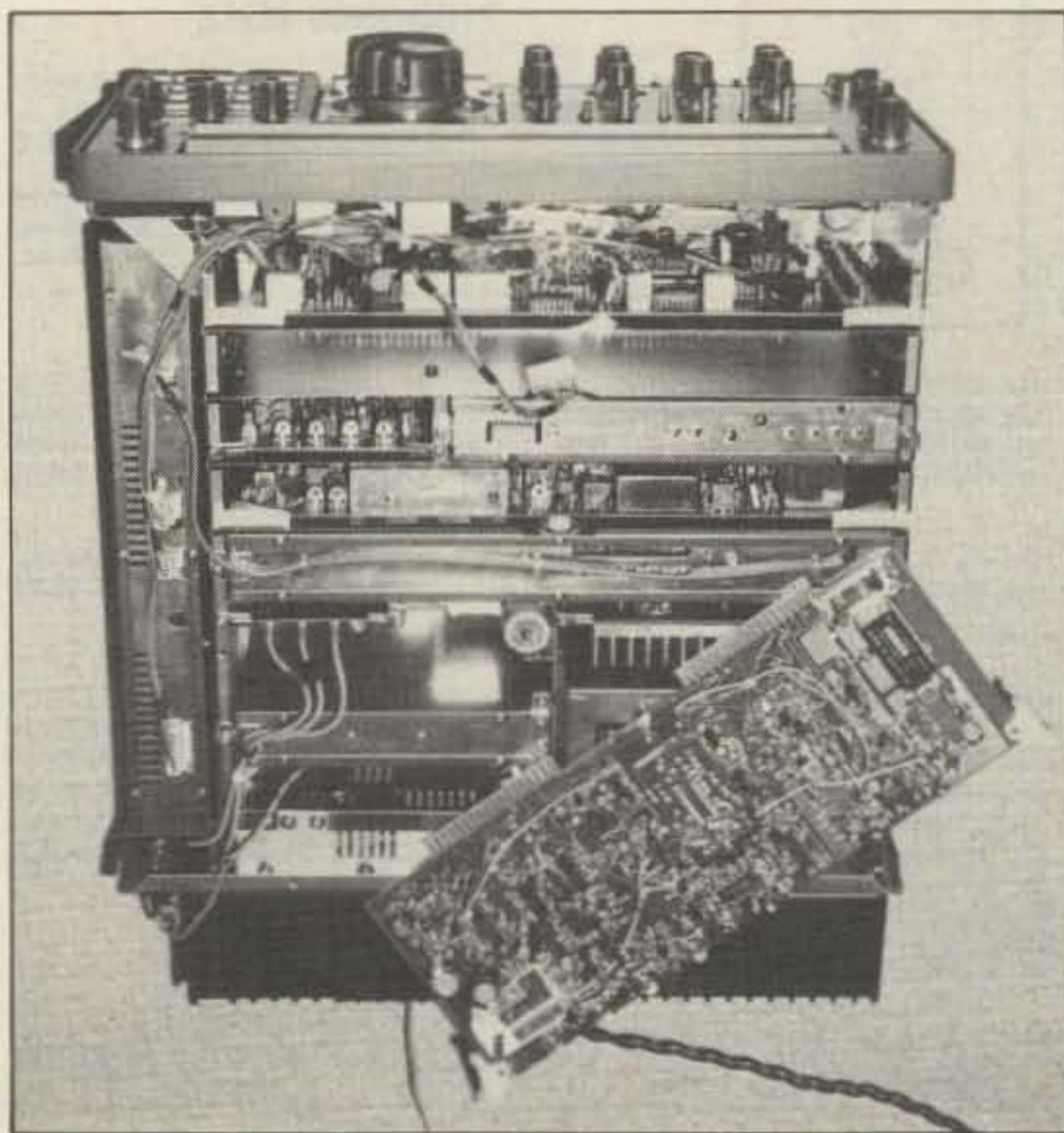
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Taking the top cover off the transceiver, one sees an impressive assembly of large PC boards and shielded enclosures. The power-supply compartment is on the lower right, and the PA compartment is on the lower left. Normally one will have to take the top cover off once to reach various adjustments if one wants to tailor sidetone volume and pitch, AF monitor level, some VOX adjustments, etc., to individual preferences.

An example of one of the large PC boards which can be easily removed for any possible service work.

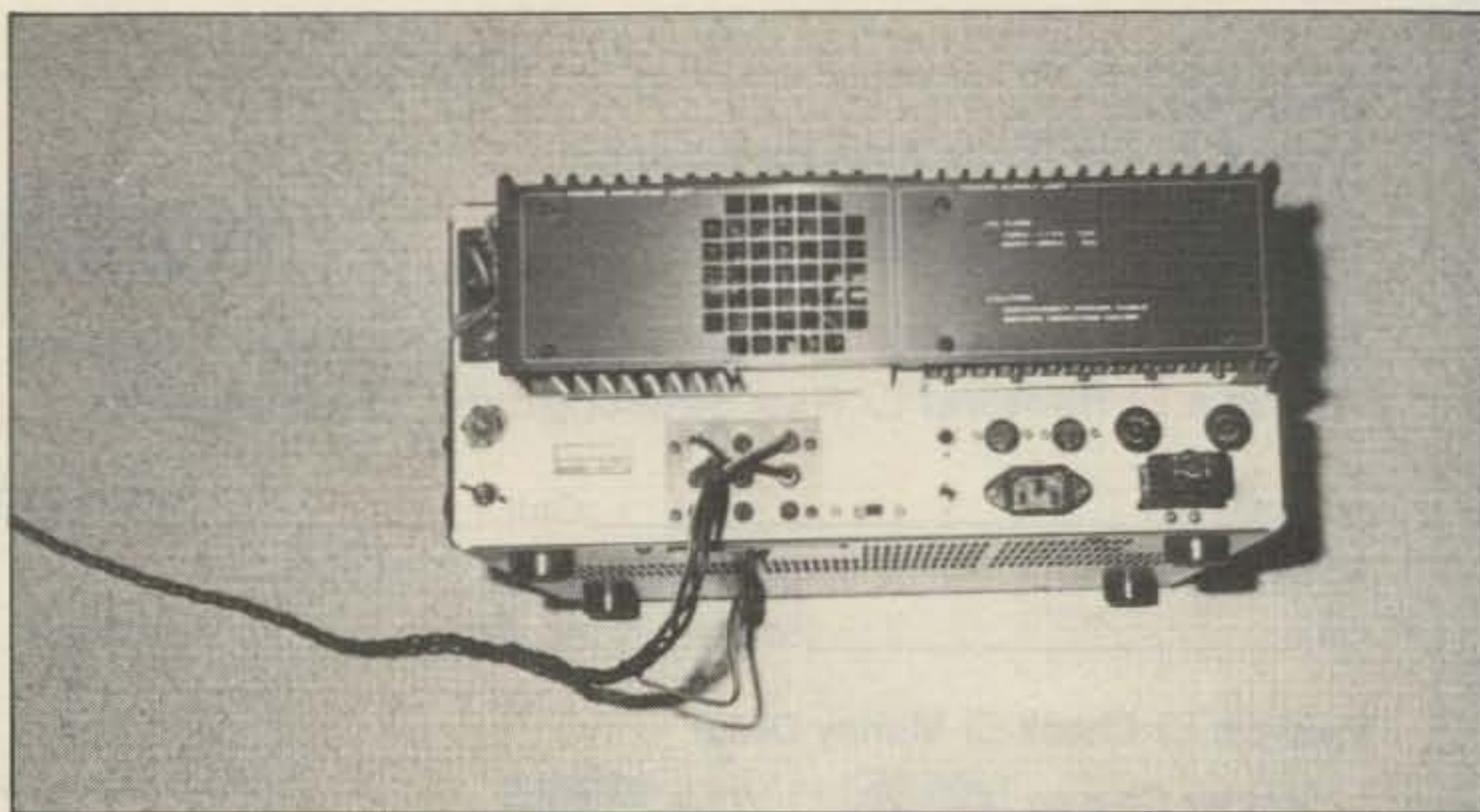


A better idea of the frequency relationships within the FT-One can be seen from fig. 4. If one studies it a bit, one can see the various signal relationships for different modes of operation, which oscillators (indicated as being variable) affect functions such as carrier shift, variable bandwidth tuning, f.m. modulation, FSK shift, etc. The heart of the system is, of course, the PLL block shown in fig. 4. Basically, it provides a frequency stepped 73.11500 to 103.11499 MHz output to serve as the first local oscillator signal and a fixed 48.615 MHz signal which is further mixed to provide a second local oscillator signal. Rather than present a complicated block diagram of the PLL unit, suffice it to say that it is composed of four frequency loops with crystal oscillator reference signals with finally an external control unit selecting one of the six VCO's into which the first local oscillator frequency range is divided. The reason for having six VCO's is to keep the noise output of the PLL unit as low as possible and as linear as possible. The PLL unit in turn is controlled by a Control Unit (fig. 1). This unit receives commands from the tuning-knob optocouplers, keyboard switches, microphone scan switches, and various other switches, and, in turn, via a microprocessor, it sends out commands to the PLL for which frequency steps it should

use, which bandpass and lowpass filters it should select, and what frequency it should display on the digital frequency readout.

The foregoing presents only a small glimpse at the circuitry within the FT-One. A final note might be made of the built-in power supply, since the FT-One is one of the first amateur transceivers to use a switching-type power supply. The diagram of the supply is shown in fig. 5. It

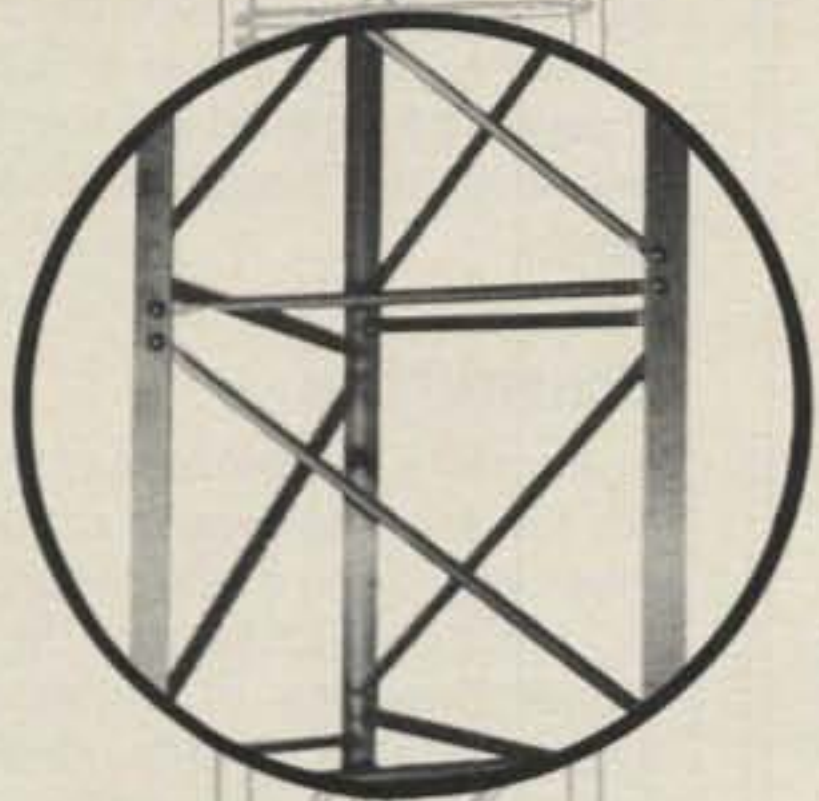
looks, and is, rather complex, but essentially it switches at 50 kHz and produces a square-wave voltage which is rectified by a half-wave rectifier, shown to the right of fig. 5, and then filtered using a classical choke-input LC filter. Because of the small ferrite-core inductors needed at 50 kHz, the greater filtering effect per mF of filter capacitance, regulation feedback loops allowed by the switching mode of operation, etc., the overall result is a pow-



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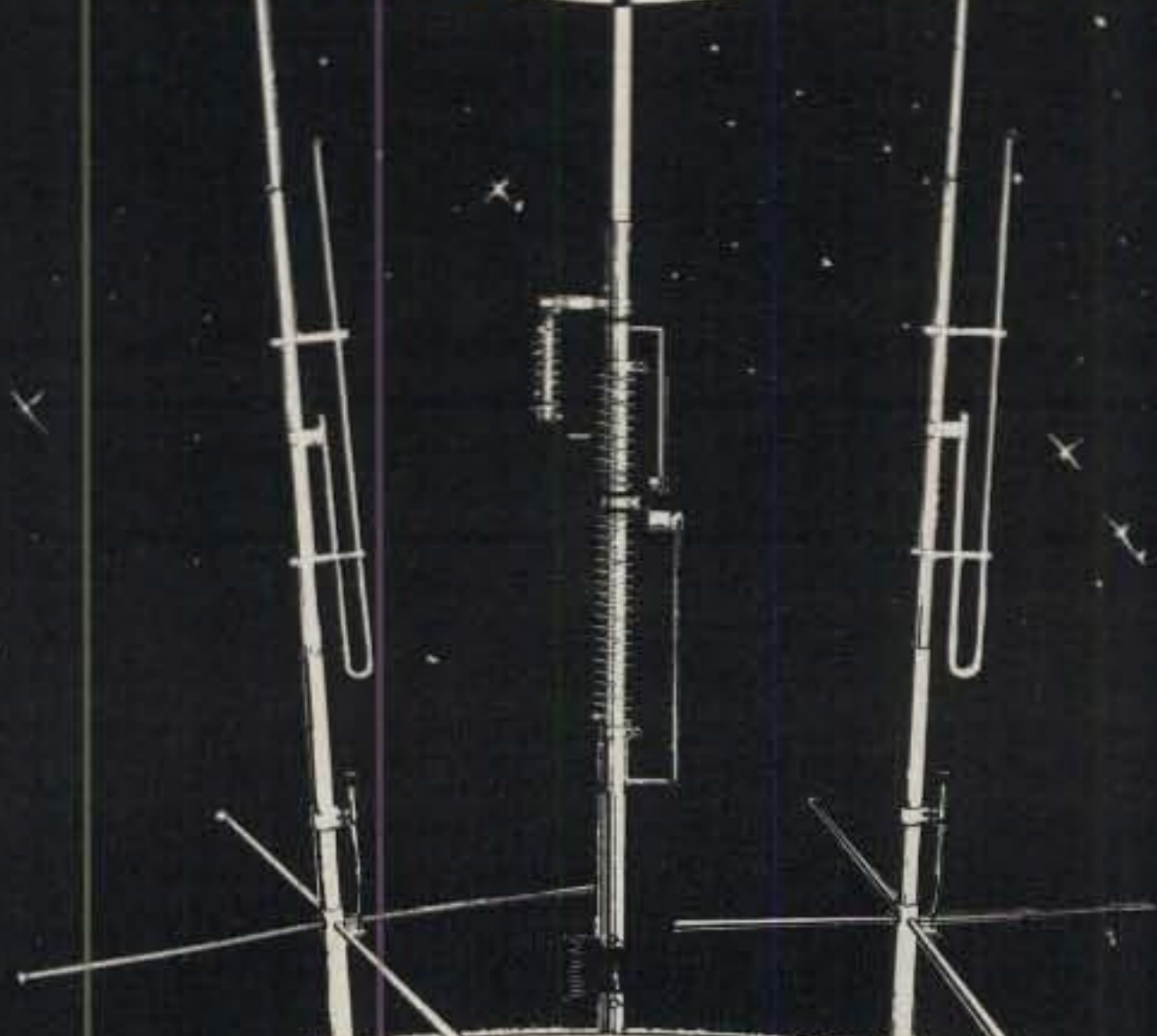
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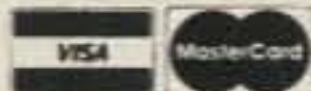
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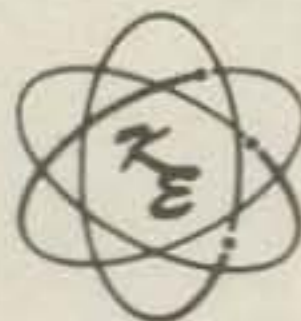
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Construction

Housing a complex transceiver such as the FT-One would present any engineer with quite a few problems. Obviously, the housing has to be rugged, very good shielding must be provided between boards (and even circuits on the same boards), and yet the whole assembly must be made reasonably accessible for servicing. As the photographs with the top cover of the FT-One removed show, a basic frame is used which then houses large, individually removable PC boards and fix-mounted individually shielded enclosures. Some of the PC boards also have individually shielded sections on them.

The PC boards are easily removed by disengaging lever clamps which hold them in place. Connectors are used to facilitate the complete removal of the PC boards. The final amplifier, switching power supply, synthesizer circuits, and various oscillator circuits are all individually shielded. The construction is very impressive overall as to neatness, apparent ease of servicing, and quality of the parts used. The outside wrap-around steel shell covering has no perforations on the top half, thus providing good protection against various outside elements. The front panel is of solid die-cast aluminum. The rear panel, as can be seen in one of the photographs, mounts a large heat-sink which is effective for both the power supply and final-amplifier modules. The flush-mounted fan for the final-amplifier module can also be seen. Below the heat sink there are a variety of connectors, the function of which should satisfy just about any installation situation. There are provisions for an external receiver or receive-only antenna, PTT, speaker, a.f. out for recording, i.f. out for a monitor scope, phone-patch connections, key or paddle connections, linear-amplifier control connections, transverter drive and control connections, etc. One interesting jack is marked **AUX**, and Yaesu says it provides a special clocking signal for use only with "special" Yaesu accessories. I wonder what they have on the drawing board?

The FT-One is not light. It weighs in at about 42 lbs. However, the impression one gets is that it is a solid, well-constructed 42 lbs. worth of transceiver. Its weight and shipping dimensions are such that it can be sent by Parcel Post or UPS.

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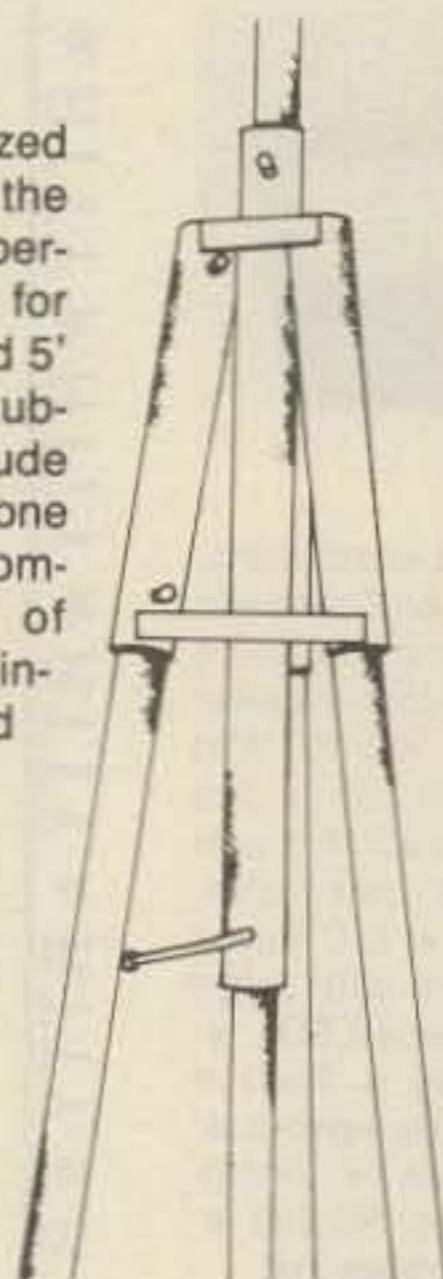
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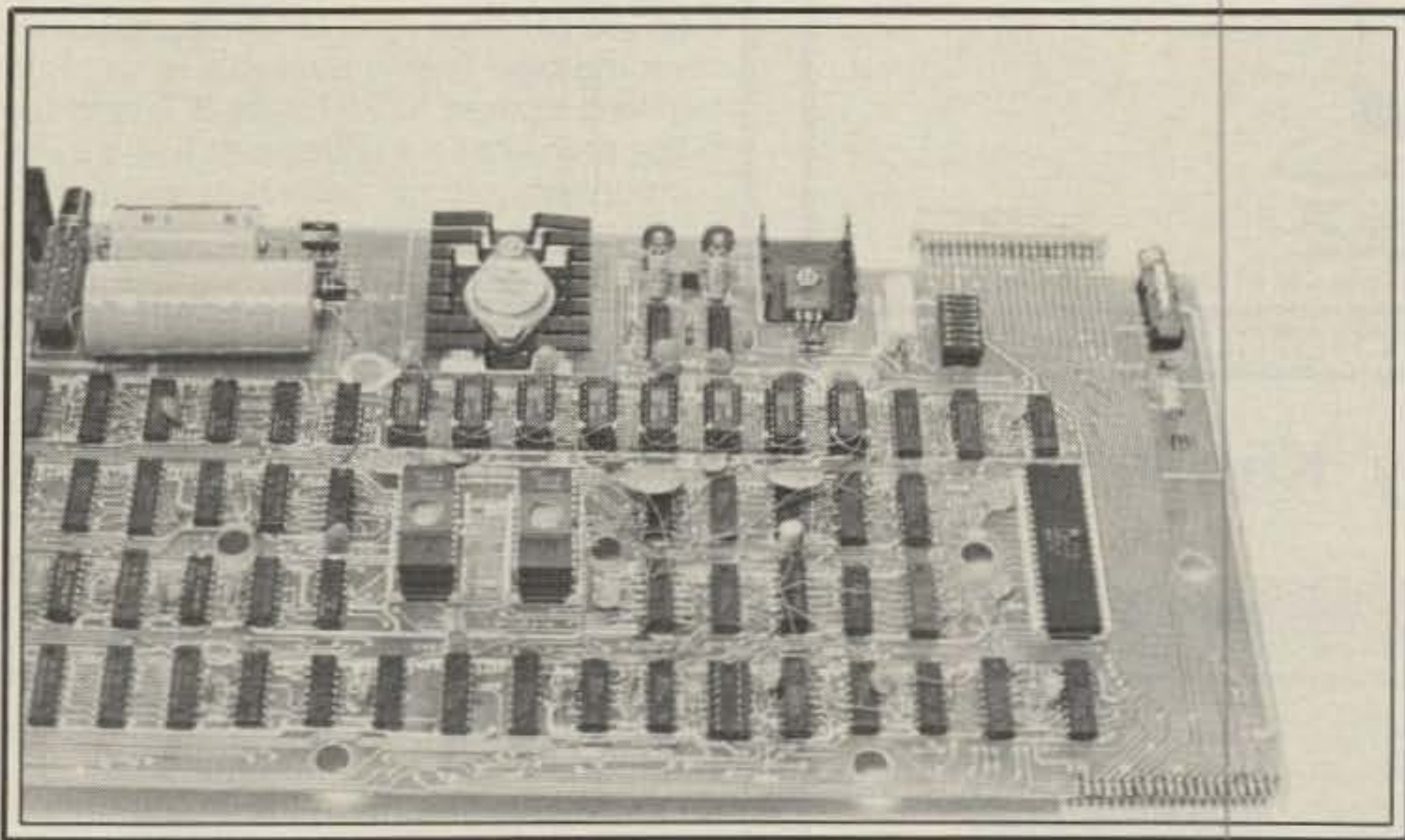
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We were lucky enough to obtain some factory rejects of interface boards, and almost invariably the problems with the boards were memory problems. By installing the 64K, 4164 dynamic RAM chips on the computer board itself, memory errors common to using the interface vanished.

4164 Variations—Watch Out!

The pin numbering on the 4164s is different from the existing RAMs used in the Model I. However, no socket changes are necessary to make the modifications. All

that is required is to lift certain pins on the new RAMs (pins 8 and 9) so that the pins do not make contact with the sockets. These pins which were lifted or bent up will be wire-wrapped for their new connections. With some types of 64K RAMs, a few manufacturers require that pin 1 be connected to +5 volts. Be careful here because on the existing sockets on the TRS-80® Model I board, pin 1 is -5 volts. In our modification, such types of the 64K RAMs must have the pin lifted so that it is not engaged in the socket. They must be lifted and then strung together and connected to the +5 volt line. (The OKI chips we used do not have pin 1 connected internally and pin 1 is not connected to +5 volts, so this was not a problem in the modification shown in the photo.) Of course it would be remiss on our part if we tell you to be careful of the manufacturer and then not tell you where we got our chips. Here is the supplier: Microprocessors Unlimited, P.O. Box 8080, Beggs, Oklahoma 74421, phone 918-267-4796. The chips are designated 220 ns, OKI, plastic 64K dynamic RAMs. When we got ours, they were about \$5.00 each.

Required Modifications

We could do the modifications in a step-by-step manner, but the changes are really simple. The project just requires some care. It is assumed that anyone desiring to make this change has long since voided the warranty by opening his or her computer to make changes. However, the changes should be clear so that any amateur with even basic soldering knowledge can make the mods required. First, please observe all the usual warnings and precautions about handling the 4164s. They are sensitive to static electricity and can be ruined through careless handling.

After removing the computer case, carefully remove the existing RAMs, Z13 through Z20. They are all in a line togeth-

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er on the top row just below the large power-supply pass transistor. Next, carefully bend pins 8 and 9 on each of the new chips to slightly more than 90 degrees, enough so that you will be able to wire-wrap the pins. (If your 4164s have the pin 1 connected as mentioned above, you will need to lift these pins also.) Now carefully insert all the RAMs into the sockets, making sure that all pins make good connections into the sockets. Pin 8 on the new RAMs requires 5 volts, so these pins should be wire-wrapped, daisy-chained, and then connected to the 5 volt bus. In order to reduce noise pick-up, both ends of the line were connected to 5 volt points. Z20, pin 8 is connected to Z39, pin 16 (5 volt point), and Z13, pin 8 is con-

nected to Z31, pin 16 (5 volt point). (Be careful to check your wire-wrapping to make sure that none of pins 8 are shorted to pins 9.)

In order to address this new memory we need to create a new line, **MA7 (Memory Address 7)**. Fortunately, this is extremely simple. Z51, a 74LS157, is an address multiplexer, and if you examine it, you will find that pins 12, 13, and 14 are not connected to anything. These pins will be used to create our new line **MA7**. First, daisy-chain all the pins 9 together on the memory chips using your wire-wrap wire; then connect a lead from pin 9 of Z20 to pin 12 of Z51. We routed the wire through the large hole between Z51 and the ROM socket Z34 to make the con-

nection to pin 12 of Z51 on the bottom side of the board. Be sure when making any of these connections to use a minimum of solder and heat. Naturally, one should check any new solder joint to make sure that it isn't shorting to any adjacent line or connection. Make a connection between Z51, pin 13 to Z38, pin 11. This is address line 14 and is needed for addressing the new memory. Likewise, connect Z51, pin 14 to Z38, pin 9, which is address line 15.

If your chips require pin 1 to have +5 volts, they must be wired together and connected to the +5 volt line. It is probably a good idea to connect both ends of the string to the 5 volt line as you did with pin 8.

One last modification is required. It is necessary to enable the memory locations above 32K by activating the signal **MEM***. We can do this by inverting A15 using a spare gate. This modification is a little trickier if we want to use the spare inverting gate that is available to us. This gate is located on Z37, pins 8, 9, and 10. The problem here is that pins 8 and 9 are grounded, and the ground connection is under the chip. We used a desoldering tool to clean out the pin holes. A small prod was used to lift the two pins from the board so we could get at them. You could get another 74LS02 and mount it piggyback and then wire it for +5 volts and ground rather than unsolder the existing pins, but that is up to you. Next connect pins 8 and 9 together and connect them to Z38, pin 9 (address line 15). Last, connect a signal diode such as a 1N4148 with the cathode (bar) to pin 10 of Z37. The anode end (arrow) is connected to pin 10 of Z74. That completes the modifications. There are no other modifications required to complete the project.

Some Conclusions

It is important to keep in mind that the first 16K of memory is reserved by the ROMs in the TRS-80® Model I. We understand that there are other operating systems available (in ROM), but presently we have no further information. In the photograph of the unit shown here, the ROMs used are a special program dedicated to various amateur radio functions such as RTTY, code copying, slow-scan, etc. But that is another story that may never be written—the system is always in a state of flux!

One last item: Those people who have interfaces with memory in them must remove the memory chips in the interface. This prevents memory contention between the two sets of memory.

We have modified three computers so far. The first took several hours of study and work. The last one took about two hours to modify using this article as a guide.

Is the work and expense worth the effort? We think it is. Getting rid of the heat and memory glitches was well worth it. **WJ**

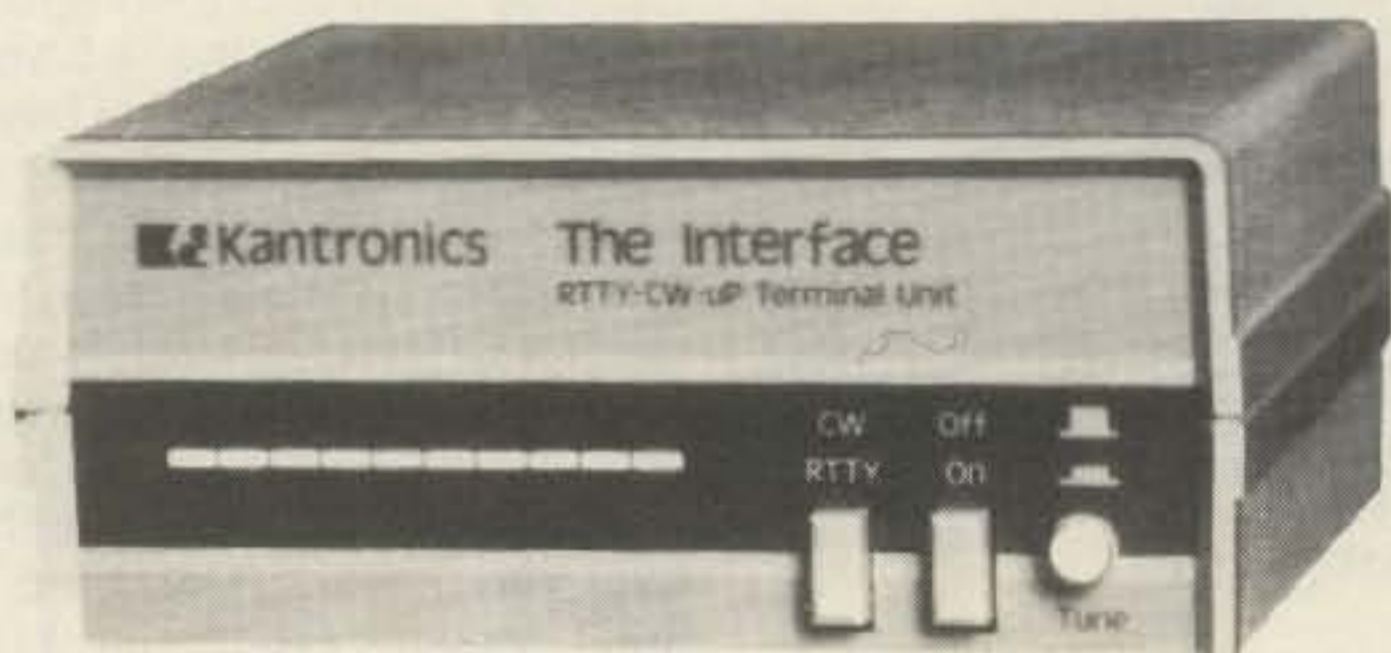


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More Random Headings: Part V

In CQ last month, Antennas columnist Thurber discussed ways to obtain acceptable reception between the ham bands, presented some range-extending cordless-telephone antenna ideas, and highlighted some big-signal arrays. This month, there are several new topics of interest.

In last month's Antennas column we returned to mainline antenna topics to discuss the problem of obtaining acceptable reception between the ham bands, such as for s.w.l.'ing or RTTY monitoring purposes. We also examined specialized antennas for cordless telephones and looked at the impressive 80 meter vertical array at N7AM.

This month, we'll look at three antenna-related items of interest. These will include some simple antennas for getting started on the new 30 meter amateur band; a modification of Lew McCoy's applications program for radiated power level determination; and an interesting new product, the Ameritron RCS-8 remote coax switch.

First, let's look at that newest of ham bands: 30 meters.

CQ Thirty

While amateur radio is truly a dynamic hobby, largely as a result of the accelerating rate of technical change associated with the hobby, some aspects nevertheless have remained fairly constant. One such constant has been the overall h.f. allocation available to U.S. amateurs. For the most part, the last major change in available bands, other than changes as a result of incentive licensing and the removal of Loran from the 160 meter band, was the opening of the then-new 15 meter band on May 1, 1952. This band turned out to be an outstanding one for DX work, although operation on the new band was a disaster at first for many in a number of areas. This was because the burgeoning TV industry was then using a 21 MHz intermediate frequency (i.f.). The close proximity of the TV i.f. to the new amateur band caused grief to many, and almost precipitated an era of open warfare between TV viewers and amateurs.

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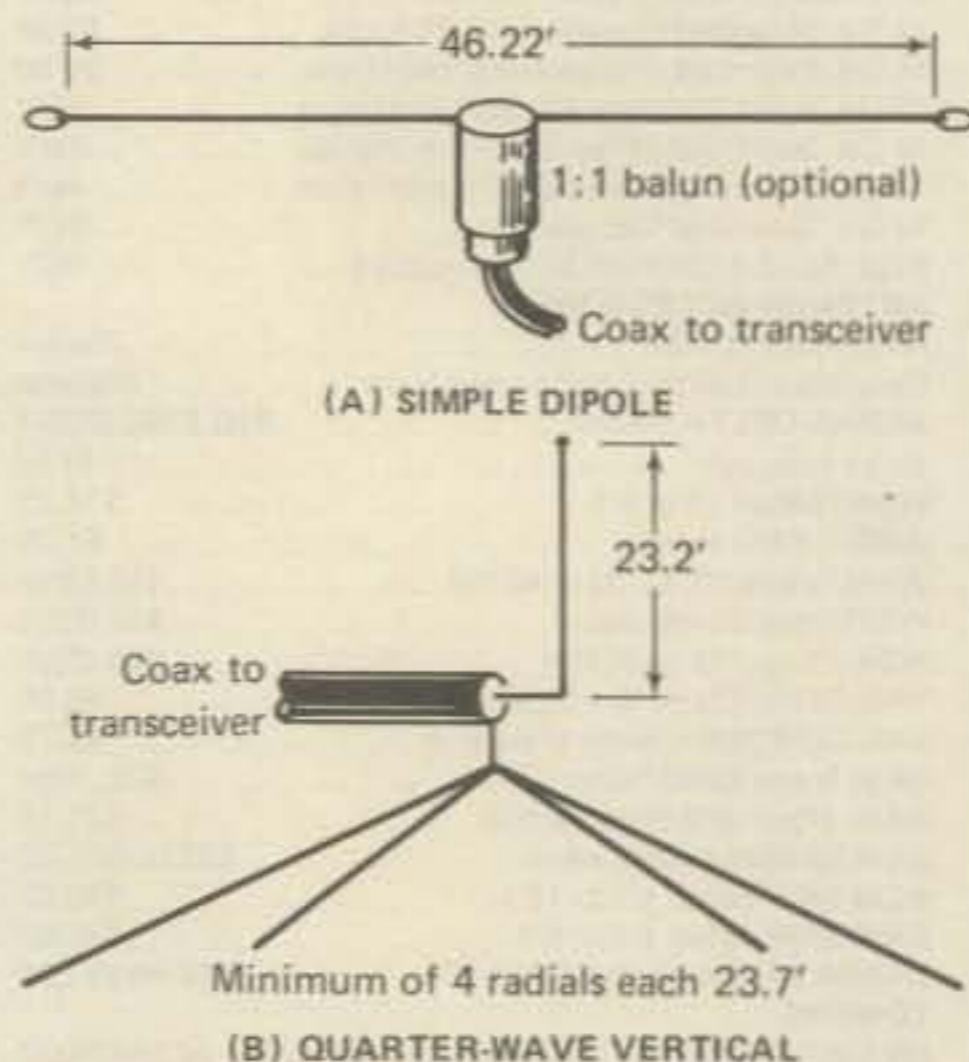


Fig. 1—Antenna ideas for 30 meters. Note: The vertical is shown as a ground plane. However, it may also be mounted at ground level, provided that it has a fairly unobstructed view of the horizon and is removed from nearby power-absorbing obstructions. If mounted at ground level, a ground rod or pipe should be used in conjunction with buried radials.

The opening of the new 30 meter amateur band, available as a direct result of the 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC) assignment on October 28, 1982, has not generated such major problems. The band promises to be an interesting one that combines much of the propagation characteristics of 40 and 20 meters, possibly favoring the former, as initial indications show. The 30 meter allocation of 10.100 to 10.109 MHz and 10.115 to 10.150 MHz is now available on a shared (secondary) basis to General and higher class operators. A maximum power level of 250 watts on c.w. and RTTY are permitted. Available on a worldwide basis, dozens of countries have already authorized operation, including Australia, Japan, and several European countries. Thus, the DX potential for 30 meters is clearly there.

Of course, not everyone with an h.f. transceiver can operate on the new 30 meter band. Most older tube-type equipment is designed for classic 5-band h.f. operation (80/75, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters) and may not lend itself to easy, convenient, and cost-effective 30 meter operation. However, many (if not the majority of) solid state designs from about 1980 onwards made provisions for 10, 18, and 24 MHz operation. Most popular Japanese-produced rigs were furnished for

domestic use without the budding WARC bands being activated (at least for transmitting). But the bulk of these transceivers require only a slight modification to enable operation on the new bands; generally, these involve cutting a particular jumper wire or similar cosmetic operation. In other rigs, particularly some manufactured at about the time new WARC bands were envisioned but before the exact nature of the frequencies were known (such as the Kenwood TS-180S), operation on the new bands is not so simple. In such gear, special WARC modification kits or boards must be purchased and installed to make various "auxiliary" transceiver ranges functional. If you contemplate 30 meter operation, you should check your transceiver's instruction manual and schematic diagram carefully for details on provisions, if any, for operation on the new WARC bands, and then you should contact the manufacturer if more than a simple "clip mod" is required.

As for antennas for 30 meters, the only one of the three new WARC bands currently available for U.S. amateurs, just about anything that has been used is still being used. Generally speaking, whatever types of antennas that work well on 40 meters will work comparably well on 30, as overall band characteristics seem to resemble 40 meters somewhat more closely than 20 meters. Low- and medium-power operation with simple dipoles and verticals is generally quite competitive; even QRP appears to have a chance on 10 MHz.

Antenna dimensions for the new band are reasonable. For example, a half-wave dipole checks in at 46.22 feet overall; a ground plane's vertical radiator is 23.2 feet long, while the radials should be slightly longer, or 23.7 feet. The dimensions for a Delta Loop are somewhat more imposing, with each leg of the driven element 33.1 feet long, and each leg of the reflector 33.9 feet long. Fig. 1 shows some representative, basic 30 meter antenna sketches.

Other simple antenna ideas for those who would like to "test the waters" before becoming involved with complex designs for the new band include using existing single-wire or multiband antennas using tuned feeders. The latter option is particularly attractive, as most multiband dipoles fed with open wire or ladder line through a wide-range transmatch should present little tuneup difficulty on the new band. End-fed Zepps and single

wires should also prove attractive, although there is more risk of encountering an awkward feedpoint impedance and inducing "r.f. in the shack" type problems, common maladies on the other h.f. bands when such antennas are used.

Wire V-beams, Bruce arrays, conventional Yagis, and rhombics are also possibilities suitable for 30 meter use. Custom-designed trap dipoles and verticals offer good possibilities, although few commercial offerings have been seen. However, in the February 1983 CQ, Dave Ingram, K4TWJ, presented an excellent overview of the new band, and suggested some interesting 30 meter designs and modifications of existing 20 meter antennas. Also, in the August 1982 *Ham Radio*, Bill Orr, W6SAI, described a simple 2-band 30-40 meter trap-dipole design. Both articles should be of interest to the fledgling 30 meter enthusiast.

The better heeled amateurs—those who happen to sport log periodics that cover 7 or 10 MHz up, such as the KLM 10-30-7LPA, which covers 10 through 30 MHz with an option for the 40 meter band—should be able to work DX first class with no antenna modifications required. On the budget side, the Barker and Williamson model 370-15 broadband dipole (which covers 3.5 to 30 MHz continuously, to include the 12, 17, and 30 meter bands) should allow full 8-band operation, 80-10 meters, with direct coaxial feed and no tuning required when changing bands.

What can you reasonably expect from that skinny slice of 30 meter spectrum that lies just above the WWV calibration mark on your set? Initial indications are that the band shows interesting and exciting propagation characteristics combining elements of both the 40 and 20 meter bands, with a slight tilt toward the former band. The 30 meter band offers both short- and long-path conditions, often on a 24-hour basis. Good ground wave and short skip (1000 miles) are attainable in the daytime, with good long-haul DX paths opening in the late afternoon and evening. Clearly, the band represents a good gap-bridging slot between the 7 and 14 MHz bands.

It should be emphasized that at this writing the FCC's opening of the new band is technically on a secondary and non-interference basis; emission is limited to A1 and F1 modes with a maximum 250 watts input authorized. And, remember that the slot between 10.109-10.115 MHz is "off limits" for U.S. amateurs, being reserved for government operation. One thing conspicuous in its absence, at least for the moment, are contests in the new band. Because current operation is on a secondary basis, International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) societies have agreed that activity-generating contests and other sports-type operation should not be encouraged, at least until the band finally becomes an exclusive amateur allocation on a worldwide basis.



The Ameritron RCS-8 remote coax switch may be tower or mast mounted; the control console is located indoors at the operating position. With a device of this nature, only one coaxial feedline is required to operate several antennas—five in the case of the RCS-8. With the control unit turned off, all antennas are grounded. The system is designed for 120 v.a.c. operation and uses a six-conductor control cable. (Photo courtesy Ameritron, Inc.)

The Ameritron RCS-8

One who becomes involved in the "antenna farming" business will soon discover the high cost of coaxial cable, which can account for a major part of the antenna system's total cost. With a large number of antennas, it may prove worthwhile to use a remote switching device, in which short cable runs are made from the various antennas to a central (usually tower mounted) remote switching box, and a single feedline is used for the long run to the ham shack. These allow for the use of practically any number of antennas, while retaining the simplicity of a single feedline, and with no clutter at the operating position.

Typical units—such as those offered by Drake, Heathkit, Ameritron, and others—accommodate five or six antennas and have provisions for disconnecting all antennas and grounding the feedline at the remote switch location (for safety purposes). Most units require a separate run of TV rotator or similar type control cable from control head to remote switching box to carry operating voltage and switching commands.

The Ameritron RCS-8 is a remote-controlled r.f. switch that may be mounted in several different ways. The system includes an outside switching box and an indoor control head. The switching box may be mounted on a tower leg, mast, or building wall; the hardware supplied will accept a tubular mast up to 1 1/2 inches in diameter. The two units are connected

together by means of a six conductor cable (not supplied). The box is weather tight and allows selection of up to five different antennas.

The indoor control head contains the 120 volt a.c. power supply and the switching selector that sends control voltage to the remotely located coax switching box. The front panel of the control head has six green status indicator lamps that indicate which antenna is in use, or that all antennas are grounded (depending on the position of the front-panel selector switch). The switch positions on the control head are numbered on the front panel, and a space is provided above each position so that the operator can pencil-in a designation for each antenna. With the control unit turned off, all antennas are grounded and the main feedline is open circuited. A self-checking feature is provided, in that if one of the green indicator lights is dimmer than the others, or more than one light is lit at a time, a short in the control cable is indicated.

The RCS-8 boasts less than 0.2 dB claimed insertion loss below 50 MHz, a v.s.w.r. of under 1.05:1 under 30 MHz, and a power capability of 2000 watts p.e.p. High-quality gold flash and silver cadmium oxide relay contact materials are used in the remote unit, which is rated for a minimum of 100,000 operations. RCS-8 specifications are given in fig. 2.

Is use of a remote switching device advisable in your situation? Generally, the decision to use a remote switching scheme depends mainly on economics. Considerations include the number of antennas to be used, their location, cable cost and lengths required, and the cost of the switching device itself. In some cases, it's almost mandatory to use the remote switch, since an undesirable shack location might otherwise be dictated when long, multiple feedlines are required. A potential drawback to remote switching schemes is the possibility of relay box malfunctions due to moisture or electrical failure.

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 Loss at 50 MHz: Less than 0.2 dB
 V.S.W.R.: Under 30 MHz—1.05:1 or less
 Under 150 MHz—1.30:1 or less
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 Power handling capability: 2000 watts p.e.p.
 Relay contact materials: 1/8" fine silver (gold flash); 3/16" silver cadmium oxide
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Fig. 2—RCS-8 switch specifications.



The MFJ multi-sensor s.w.r./peak-reading wattmeter lets one monitor s.w.r. as well as peak or average power, for h.f., v.h.f., and h.f./QRP rigs. Several plug-in sensors are available that allow power monitoring from 2 to 2000 watts full-scale forward power from 1.8 to 175 MHz. (Photo courtesy MFJ Enterprises, Inc.)

Radiated Power Determination

The FCC has proposed radical changes in its maximum power rule (97.67). This change redefines transmitting power in terms of peak envelope power (p.e.p.) output, rather than in terms of power input. Proposed by the Commission is a power limitation of 1500 watts p.e.p. maximum output. Adoption of the new standard of measurement will not significantly affect most amateurs using modes such as c.w., s.s.b, and RTTY. However, classic double-sideband a.m. will be affected, due to the nature of the a.m. modulation envelope, meaning that at 1500 watts p.e.p. the maximum author-

ized a.m. carrier power level output would be 375 watts, since the p.e.p. of a conventional a.m. signal at 100% modulation is four times the carrier power. Assuming a final amplifier efficiency of 75%, maximum input power would be about 500 watts. A special five-year "grandfathering" period would cushion the impact, allowing 1 kw input. However, after that period the new definition for maximum power would apply to a.m. as with other modes, possibly crimping the style of some 75 and 10 meter a.m.'ers.

In the February 1983 issue of CQ, fellow author Lew McCoy, W1ICP, explained the power rule changes, the problems of accurate r.f. power measurement, and how to comply with the new rules. Lew pointed to the problems of measuring s.s.b. using the long standard "average power" definition, as well as the problems of determining peak power with commonly available meters. Also explained was the fact that while the new 1500 watt p.e.p. output standard does not solve all of the measurement problems, it does come close for the reason that 1500 watts p.e.p. output is the same whether it be p.e.p. of c.w, s.s.b, a.m., RTTY, television, or whatever. Thus, for most amateurs the redefinition of power measurement is beneficial and simplifies power determination. It also makes administration of the rules by the FCC an easier and even safer proposition.

From this point we get into a sticky wicket, because the next question invariably revolves around the proper relationship between forward, reflected, and "true" radiated power. If there is other than a 1:1 s.w.r. on a transmission line, where does the so-called reflected power



Although no longer offered, the Swan/Cubic WM-2000A peak-reading wattmeter is representative of devices that allow one to get a "handle" on transmitted peak envelope power (p.e.p.). The unit measures forward power to 2000 watts, as well as s.w.r. (Photo courtesy Swan Electronics)

go if it is not radiated? Many take the position that s.w.r., and hence reflected power, really doesn't count, and that all of the forward power in a transmission line (minus any line losses, of course) is radiated, regardless of s.w.r. As Maxwell and others have suggested, reflected power is real.

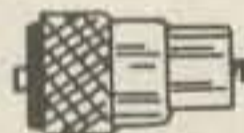
Thus, the result is when there is a mismatch on the transmission line, the r.f. power bridge will indicate a certain forward power, and when switched, a corresponding reflected power. The actual, or "real," power output can be considered to be the difference between these two power readings.

As an example, in a situation where the forward power reading on a coaxial transmission line is 1666 watts at an s.w.r. of 2:1, the reflected power is about 166 watts. The difference, 1500 watts, is the "true" radiated power, neglecting, of course, feedline and other small losses. From this example it can be seen that in order to get "the mostest" into the transmission line and antenna in light of the new standards, one should tune up (in this example) for a forward power reading of 1666 watts when the s.w.r. is 2:1; this yields a true r.f. output of close to 1500 watts.

Needless to say, if one is to work very close to the maximum authorized power level, an accurate peak power meter is a necessity. Obviously, in s.s.b. operation bridge and meter movement response time vary widely. As a result, obtaining a 100% accurate p.e.p. reading on voice is virtually impossible, so it's wise to stay under the permissible p.e.p. limit to allow for such variances.

In the W1ICP article in February 1983 CQ, a Basic language computer program was presented for conveniently determining reflected power. I have modified that program somewhat for operation on a Commodore 64 computer and to provide a printer routine. The program enables one to input the forward power level

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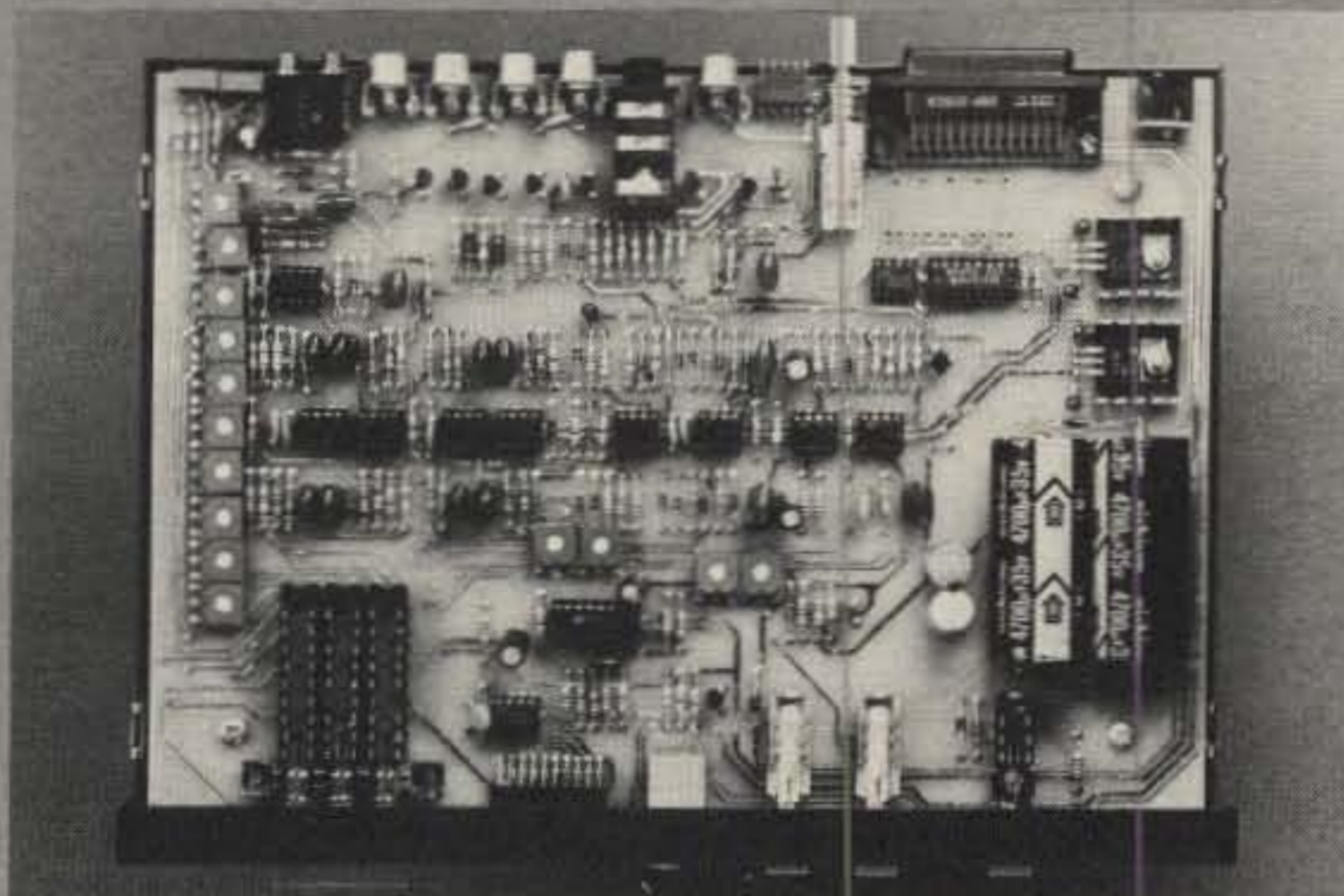
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100 REM *** CBM-64 REFLECTED POWER
110 REM *** BY LEW MC COY, W1ICP
120 REM *** CQ, FEBRUARY 1983
130 REM *** CBM-64 BY K. THURBER, W8FX
135 PRINT"J"
140 POKE 53280,1:POKE 53281,1:PRINT"■"
150 PRINT"J"
160 PRINT
170 PRINT "■ *** DETERMINING REFLECTED POWER *** ■"
180 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
500 INPUT "ENTER FORWARD POWER (WATTS)":F
550 PRINT
600 INPUT "ENTER MAXIMUM VSWR":VM
650 PRINT
700 INPUT "ENTER VSWR STEP SIZE":S
900 REM *** PRINT ROUTINE
910 OPEN 4,4:PRINT#4
960 PRINT#4, ""SPC(18)"< FORWARD POWER IS":F;"WATTS >"
970 PRINT#4:PRINT#4
980 PRINT#4, "      VSWR":SPC(12)"REFLECTED PWR (W)":
982 PRINT#4, ""SPC(9)"TRUE RAD PWR (W)"
985 PRINT#4
1000 REM *** CALCULATION
1010 FOR V=1 TO VM STEP S
1160 R=F*((V-1)/(V+1))*((V-1)/(V+1)):T=F-R
1170 PRINT#4, CHR$(16)"04"V:CHR$(16)"22"R:CHR$(16)"48"R
1180 NEXT
1190 CLOSE4
1200 PRINT"J"
1210 END
1215 REM *** PRINTER LISTING ROUTINE
5000 CLOSE4:OPEN4,4:CMD4:LIST
5010 PRINT#4:CLOSE4

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READY.

Program Notes—Special Commodore characters (above)

1. Line 140—PRINT statement sets text color to black and border/screen poke to white for good readability. Hit "Commodore" key and "1".
2. Lines 150 and 1200—Clear screen. Hit "shift" and "clear".
3. Line 170—Reverse field on. Hit "control" and "9".
4. Line 170—Reverse field off. Hit "control" and "0".

Fig. 3—CBM-64 program listing.

< FORWARD POWER IS 1500 WATTS >		
VSWR	REFLECTED PWR (W)	TRUE RAD PWR (W)
1	0	1500
1.1	3.40136055	1496.59864
1.2	12.3966942	1487.60331
1.3	25.5198408	1474.48015
1.4	41.6666667	1456.33333
1.5	60.0000001	1440
1.6	79.8816569	1420.11834
1.7	100.823045	1399.17696
1.8	122.44898	1377.55102
1.9	144.470868	1355.52913
2	166.666667	1333.33333
2.1	188.865765	1311.13424
2.2	210.9375	1289.0625
2.3	232.782369	1267.21763
2.4	254.325259	1245.67474
2.5	275.510204	1224.4898
2.6	296.236296	1203.7037
2.7	316.654492	1183.34551
2.8	336.565097	1163.4349
2.9	356.015779	1143.98422
3	374.999999	1125

Fig. 4—CBM-64 program sample output.

and the maximum s.w.r. to be considered, and to display both reflected power and "true" radiated power for various increments of s.w.r. Thus, the relationships between s.w.r., forward power, and reflected power are easily seen. One can then determine the actual forward power level to which to tune-up, in order to yield a given output under known s.w.r. conditions. The program is easily modified to run with other Commodore computers, such as the VIC-20 and PET, and shouldn't be too difficult to rework for other Basics. Fig. 3 shows the program listing, while fig. 4 provides a sample program output. The example chosen uses a forward power of 1500 watts and s.w.r. from 1:1 to 3:1 in 0.1 s.w.r. unit increments.

The several s.w.r. and reflected power articles listed in this column's bibliography should provide suitable grist for the s.w.r. buff's mill!

Wrapping It

This month in CQ, we suggested some simple antennas for the new 30 meter amateur band. We also highlighted a new accessory product, the Ameritron RCS-8 coax switch. Finally, we discussed radiated power determination, including a power-level program suitable for use with the Commodore 64 computer. Next month, we'll examine several additional antenna topics. See you then.

73, Karl, W8FX

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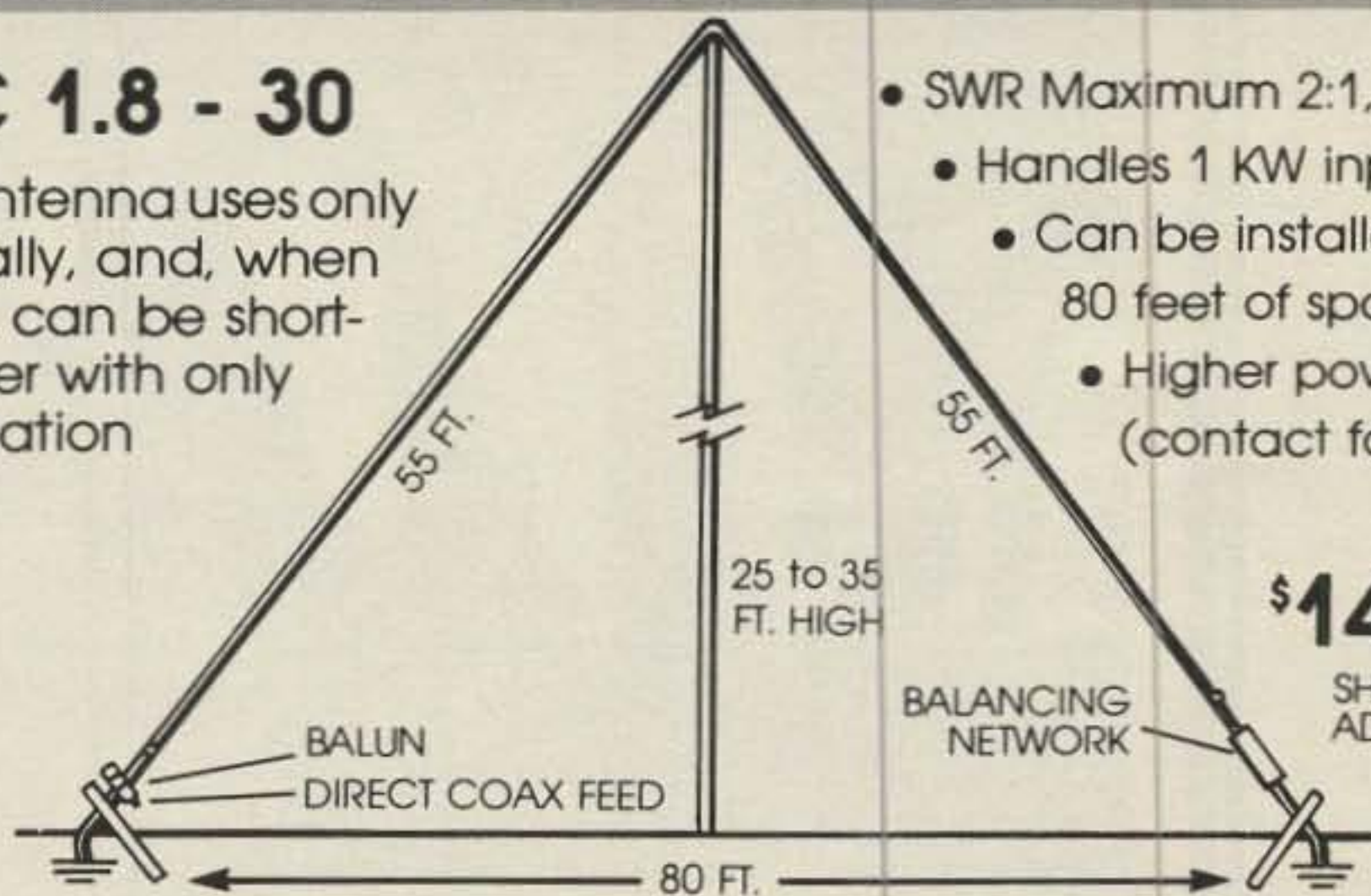
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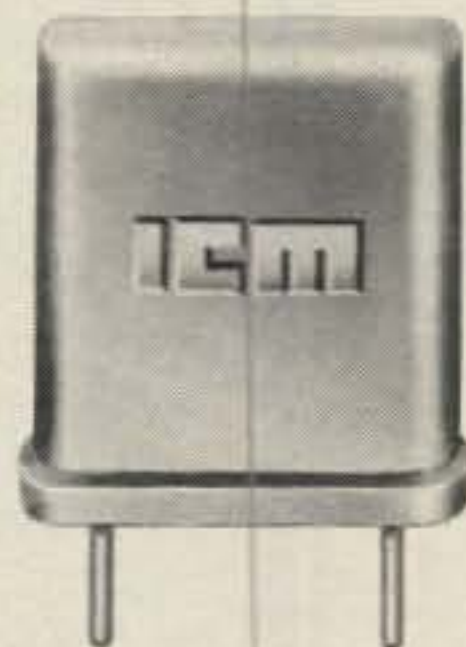
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CIRCLE 51 ON READER SERVICE CARD

If you didn't make Visalia or Dayton this year, then you missed out hearing first-hand about the DXpedition of the year, Heard Island. W6YQ (Editor of the SCDX Bulletin) fills us in on the trials and tribulations of Jim Smith, KV9NS/VK0JS, before, during, and after his February 1983 DXpedition.

DXPEDITION TO HEARD ISLAND

BY MICHAEL HUDGENS*, W6YQ

The ever-popular Heard Island penguins parade before the camera.



Two days before Jim Smith left Heard Island, the winds began to intensify, making eerie music that sometimes sounded like a great choir humming a requiem. The kitchen shelter housing the radio stations trembled and began to vibrate. Gusts jolted the building, lifting it off the ground every few seconds. Had it not been tied to stakes, the entire structure—with people, ICOM transceivers, and provisions inside—would have been rolled right down into Atlas Cove.

Smith looked out at the cove, which had turned into a menacing seascape of whitecaps that stretched to the horizon, and thought about words of a 1948 Heard Island visitor:

Start with Atlas Cove; you may think it's the posterior end of the universe, but, believe me, it's nothing compared to the rest of the place.

Anchored in the cove was *Cheyne II*, going through the three-hour process of getting up steam. When Smith learned that the barometer had fallen from 1013 to 970 in two hours, he realized his expedition to Heard was probably drawing to a close.

Violent weather, of course, is one of the costs of doing business in the *Screaming Fifties*, that belt of southern ocean around the fiftieth parallel where there are no landmasses to obstruct the westerlies. They blow almost all year round, and when storms stir things up, the power of the winds is beyond belief.

A few weeks later, Smith was describing these events to a group in Los Angeles. "You've heard of the bottom dropping out of the glass? That's what hap-



An outside cold view of the shack.

pened. I've seen a lot of weather, but never anything like that. We thought we'd be able to get aboard the boat and took some stuff down to the beach, but in just minutes things went from bad to worse. My wife, Kristi, VK9NL/VK0NL, was knocked flat on her back. Needless to say, we couldn't board *Cheyne II* (it was impossible) so we spent another very uncomfortable night on Heard Island."

The next morning they made it.

"Our skipper and the skipper of the *Anaconda* (the vessel that transported the IDXF group to Heard) had agreed that if the weather did get rough and help was needed, they would work together, which they did. We picked up Al, K8CW/VK0CW, and Dave, VK3DHF/VK0HI, and their gear, while *Anaconda* picked up our mountain climbers at Mechanic's Bay. It was a 50-50 situation."

Until that time, the weather on Heard had been relatively calm. "We were very lucky," Smith said. "But make no mistake. It's a hell of a place and a hell of a trip. There's no way you can beat the 5,000 miles of sea, no way to beat the

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Roaring Forties and the *Screaming Fifties*. If you don't get to Heard by January—February at the latest—you don't want to be there. Like the man said, 'Beware the Ides of March.' Anything outside the time slot is impossible. I'm not saying you couldn't go down in July and find a week of glorious weather, but the risks are monumental."

Smith was late getting to Heard, and while the weather did not work against him, propagation did. "It was heartbreaking," he said, "but still we managed to make 14,500 QSOs with 138 countries. We had the first satellite QSO from Heard, the first RTTY contact, and Kristi conducted the first YL operation."

There were four stations. "We had three operating positions in the kitchen shelter. The walls were unlined, and it was cold and drafty. The fourth station, where we did RTTY and satellite, was apart from the others. We had four generators. I owe a debt to Tony, VK2AHG, who was also VS6AG, for the ingenious coding system he devised for our TH3. Everything was labeled, and I put it together in about five minutes. We got right on the air and started making contacts. We also had three elements on 15 and three on 10, but we didn't do much on those bands. In all, there were only 150 QSOs on 10 meters. We had more on 15, but only a half-dozen were with the U.S. No propagation. On the other side of the coin, 40 meters was good—really good."

Smith had journeyed to California to speak at the International DX Convention at Visalia. From there, he would go on to Dayton. The Visalia crowd warmed up to him almost immediately.

"I worked my sixes over the long path at 1600 Zulu," he told several hundred DXers packed into a banquet room, "because I can remember when I was a G, you sixes coming over the top of my head, getting into the southern Indian Ocean. My original call was G3HSR, which I recently passed down to my eldest son. I've been licensed since 1947 and have spent most of my amateur radio life being a DXer. I cut my teeth on W6AM, W6DZZ, and VQ4ERR. In those days it seemed to me that DXing was fun. It was a much more casual endeavor. I built all my own equipment. I went on s.s.b. in 1949 and never returned to a.m. I've nearly always been DX—VS1, HZ1, 9M8, T3, C21, H44, ZM7. As P29JS I made more than 75,000 QSOs."

Smith then asked the audience to bear with him. "I have something to say regarding the mounting of two expeditions to Heard Island, with tremendous duplication of effort, with tremendous duplication of expense. The funding of an expedition to Heard Island is astronomical. Six figures are so quickly reached that you'll find yourself without even a bag of beans to eat down there."

He told of his early attempts to activate Heard: the ill-fated VKØRM effort when a TS-120S gave up the ghost after 65 contacts.

"That's when I started down the road to Heard. In those days I worked for the Australian government in Papua, New Guinea, and had some influence. I pulled strings to get on the *Cape Pilar*, which was going to Heard Island. Australia wanted to restate their claim on Heard, having abandoned it in 1951 for the slightly easier climate of the Antarctic continent. That doesn't say much for the weather on Heard, or the scenery, or the fauna and the flora. You can eat the Kerguelen cabbage. It's not bad; a sort of hot, mustardy taste. You want to leave the seals alone, though. They're pretty smelly things and not exactly friendly, either. When the weather gets bad, the elephant seals knock down the doors of the shelters and come in. Then they tear up the place. Tins and tins of food are absolutely ruined. No, it's very cold and miserable on Heard, and the Australian government found that could do all their scientific experiments on the Antarctic continent."

Passage to Heard was the big obstacle, Smith said. He did not get berth on *Cape Pilar*, and the *Dick Smith Explorer*, on which he had next pinned his hopes, went to the Antarctic instead of Heard.

In April 1982, first at Visalia and then at Dayton, the news broke that a mountain-climbing expedition to Heard was in the works, and amateur radio had been invited, providing it paid its way. Smith heard the news on the air.

"I said, 'Fair enough; somebody else can do it. I haven't done it, so let them.' And because of my contributors, I felt I should get into print, which I did very quickly."

His comments appeared in the Australian publication *Amateur Radio Action*. The author of the article said he had the documents in hand that proved Jim Smith

had done a great deal of work toward a Heard Island expedition, and the only hindrance remaining appeared to be raising money for a charter and equipment.

"I pointed out—in frustration, of course—that if the Northern California DX Foundation had offered me \$10,000, or the International DX Foundation had offered me \$10,000, or the Wireless Institute of Australia had offered me \$7,000, I would have gone to Heard and been back already."

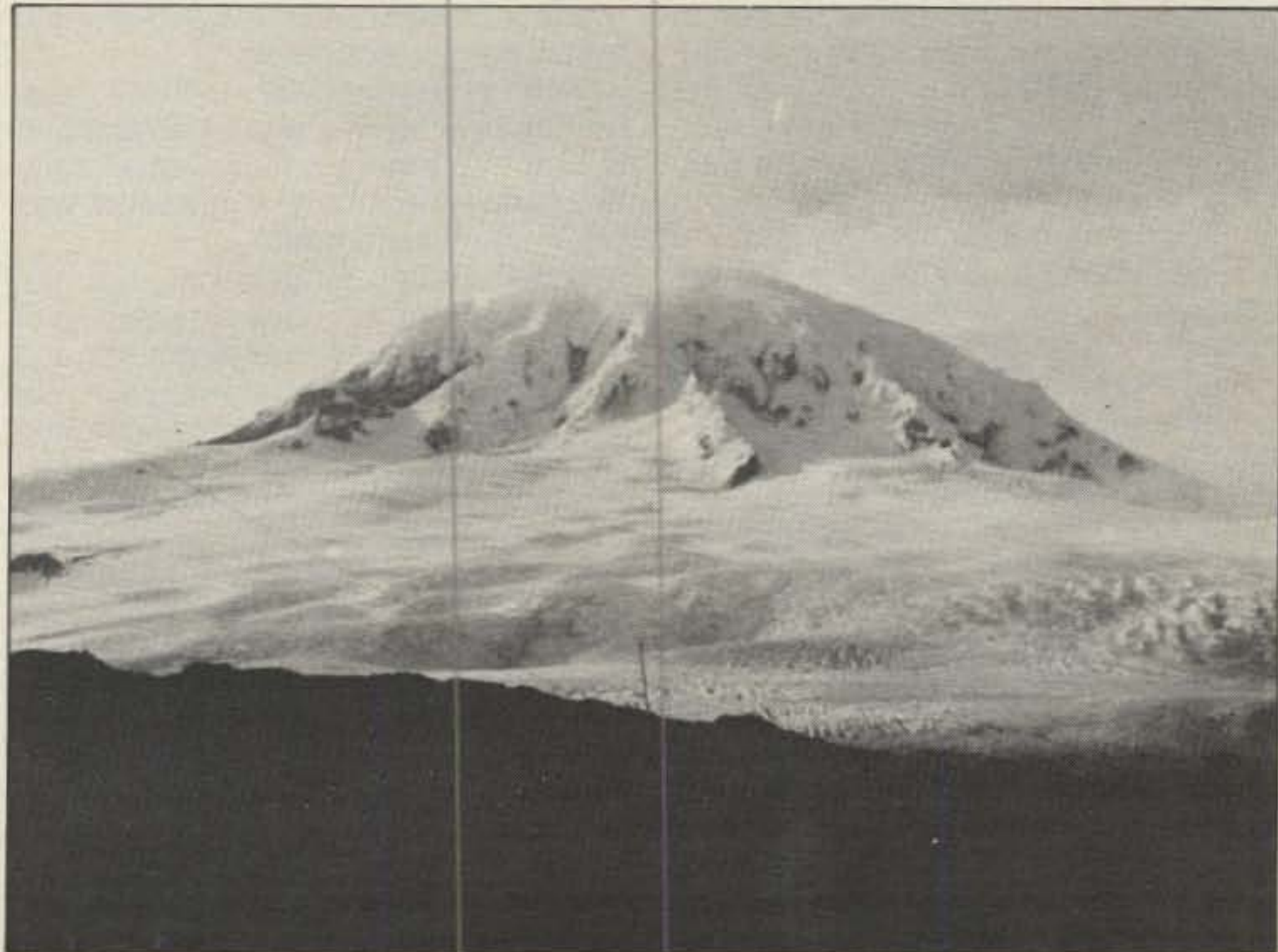
In the story Smith said that he was going to withdraw, that funds would be returned to contributors, "and in that way the individual can decide." Smith's Heard Island DX Association, HIDXA, would stand aside, he wrote, and "allow another group to activate Heard Island."

But after seeing the story in print, Smith changed his mind. Along with his comments were statements from members of a group calling themselves the VK6 DX Chasers Club. Not only was it made clear that Smith had been excluded, but they were pouring salt into his



Aboard the *Cheyne II*, from left to right are Jim Smith, VKØJS, Kristi Smith, VKØNL, Walter Flor, OE1LO, Sjoerd Jongens, VKØSJ, and Bob Walsh, WA8MOA.

Big Ben is an apt name for this cloud-scraping promontory on Heard Island.





The banner proclaims the official operating position of the Heard Island DX Association. Jim and Kristi Smith, VKØJS and VKØNL, operated from a prefab shelter.

wounds as well. One such remark, unattributed: "Jim's planning wasn't all that advanced and he thus would not have had that much to offer anyway."

"Nobody telephoned me," Smith said at Visalia. "Nobody wrote me; nobody asked me anything. I don't own Heard Island, but I have in all honesty put a hell of a lot into it. I had no help from major organizations. My application for financial assistance on Heard Island had been on file with the Northern California DX Foundation since 1980, but they decided for reasons better known to themselves to now join forces with IDXF. These are donations we're talking about, and somebody has decided to put himself on high and choose which expedition to support. There's one-upmanship at work here, and it's putting DXing into a kind of spiral, a maelstrom. Maybe there are many good reasons for not supporting a Jim Smith effort. I simply feel that decisions must be *objective*, and I don't think they have been."

What finally pushed Jim Smith into making this costly trip to the United States were the scores of falsehoods that were heard on the bands about his Heard Island endeavors. "It takes a long time to build up a reputation, and a reputation can be ruined very quickly. I've seen various people come and go. I've seen the character assassination that takes place when things don't go right. I've also seen a lot of really good blokes go under due to situations they got themselves into. I'm not one of these people, and I came here to assure everyone of that. There are those putting out poison of a type I don't think I've come across in amateur radio. If they want to get at Jim Smith, fine—that's one thing—but not the 16 expeditioners who went to Heard. Not our scientists, or our four mountaineers who flew all the way from Austria. What I want to assure everyone is that we did not go to Heard in an irresponsible way. We did everything humanly possible to make sure the vessel was suitable. We paid a fee to an independent surveyor and master mariner to inspect *Cheyne II* and he found her to be, he said, 'adequate for the proposed voyage.' That's documented."

The worst of all, he said, was when he got back from Heard. "I was met by

VK6MK, whom many of you know. He urged me to show him our logs immediately because the word was out that we'd lost our logs. What could be more terrible than a radio expedition that comes back with no logs? You might send them your card, but you wouldn't enclose a check, would you? Anyway, VK6MK authenticated our logs."

Their vessel encountered problems, especially on the return voyage when they had to resort to sailing to conserve their dwindling fuel supply and could only average 2.34 knots an hour. "We were going so slow at one point," he said, "that a penguin walked aboard. The albatross got bored with us. Instead of circling, they sat down on the water and waited for us."

What went wrong was very simple, he said. "The vessel consumed far too much fuel. But, not only that, it's a steamship and they didn't carry enough water. We only had power three hours a day. The whole ship was cold and dark."

The charter for the craft was \$60,000. "The remaining funding was to fuel *Cheyne II*, and Kristi and I put up \$23,000 for the fuel. We hope to get some of that back from philatelic covers we're selling for \$5, and we also have a two-hour documentary on the expedition that should bring in something."

Smith asked the DXers to make a distinction between his expedition and that of IDXF: "We went to Heard as an amateur radio expedition. Our expedition was driven by amateur radio."

Those who made donations, he said, "got an expedition to Heard consisting of five radio amateurs, five scientists, and four mountaineers. Amateur radio was frustrating due to band conditions and the sharing of the bands with the other group, a situation never envisaged. But we set a few records. The scientific achievements on Heard were considerable, and the weather allowed activity for study and collecting of specimens on most days. However, the same weather frustrated our mountaineers, who pioneered a new route to the top of Big Ben, but spent four days—six hours from the top—waiting for a cold spell. The mountain was very treacherous with severe avalanche conditions. They were beaten by the weather, and now they say they



These permanent residents of Heard Island tend to become unwelcome house guests during bad weather.



Walter Marshall, W7SE, and Bob Walsh, WA8MOA, flank the Director of the Antarctic Div. in Hobart prior to departure. Sjoerd, "Sojo," is on the right.

want to go back next year. I think we'll help them with logistics and possibly send an operator with them."

Smith was asked if he'd go again.

"If I did, and I'm not saying I would—but I might—I'd take a three or four-element phased vertical array on 40 meters, because that's the band where the work is going to be done. Forty is it—the right place."

Postscript

With regard to the questionable seaworthiness of the *Cheyne II*, as was brought up recently at the Dayton Hamvention, CQ is in receipt of a preliminary survey of the ship by Fred G. Christie (Capt.) Master Mariner and Surveyor. Reading through the four-page report one does come away with the feeling that we are not dealing with the newest and best-fitted ship. However, Capt. Christie did assure the HIDXA that the ship has sailed those waters for years, was in the midst of being refitted and would carry more than enough fuel and water to make a safe journey. Everything that would be required by maritime law would be provided. Obviously Capt. Christie was right, as the DXpeditioners made it there and back safely.

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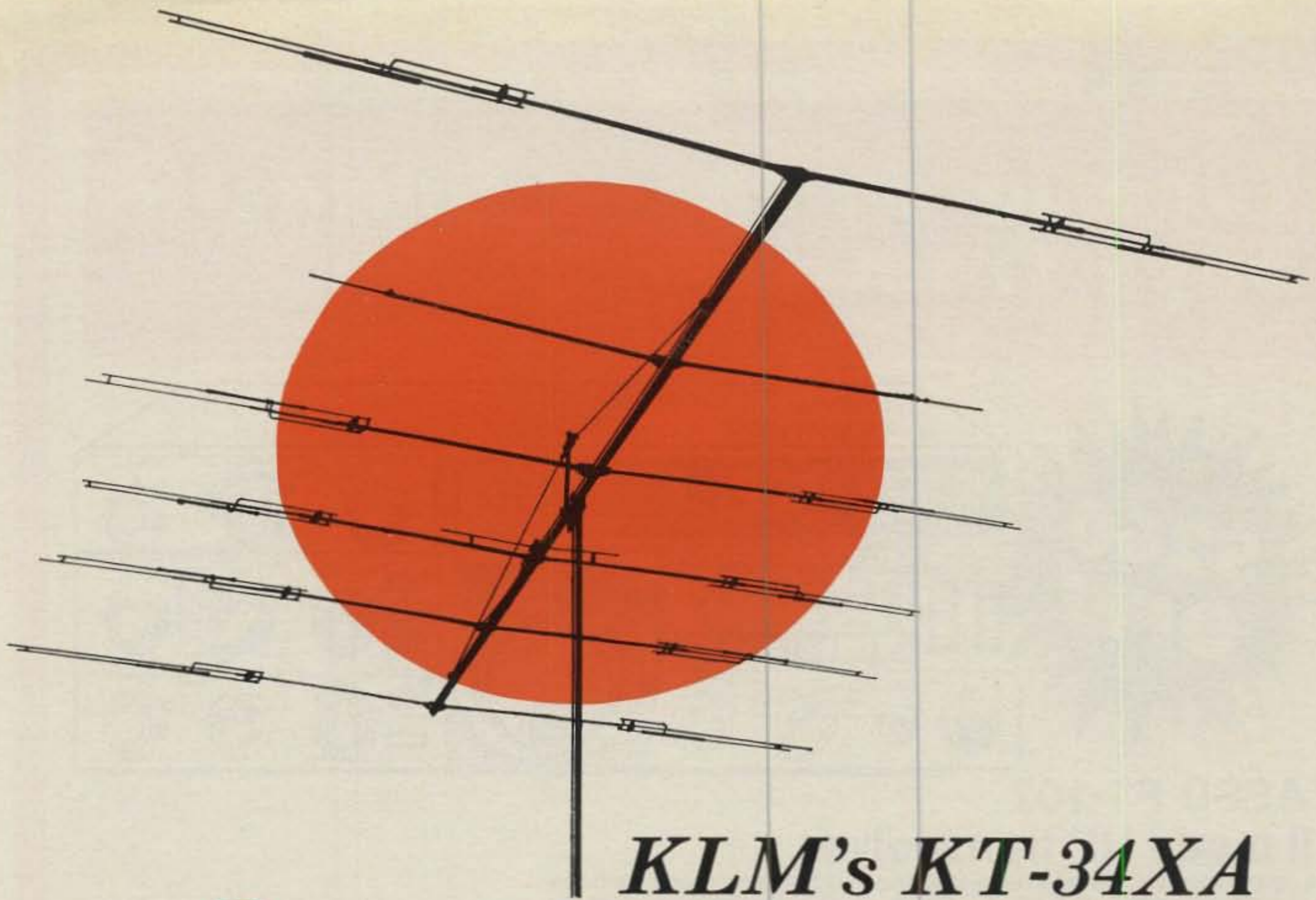
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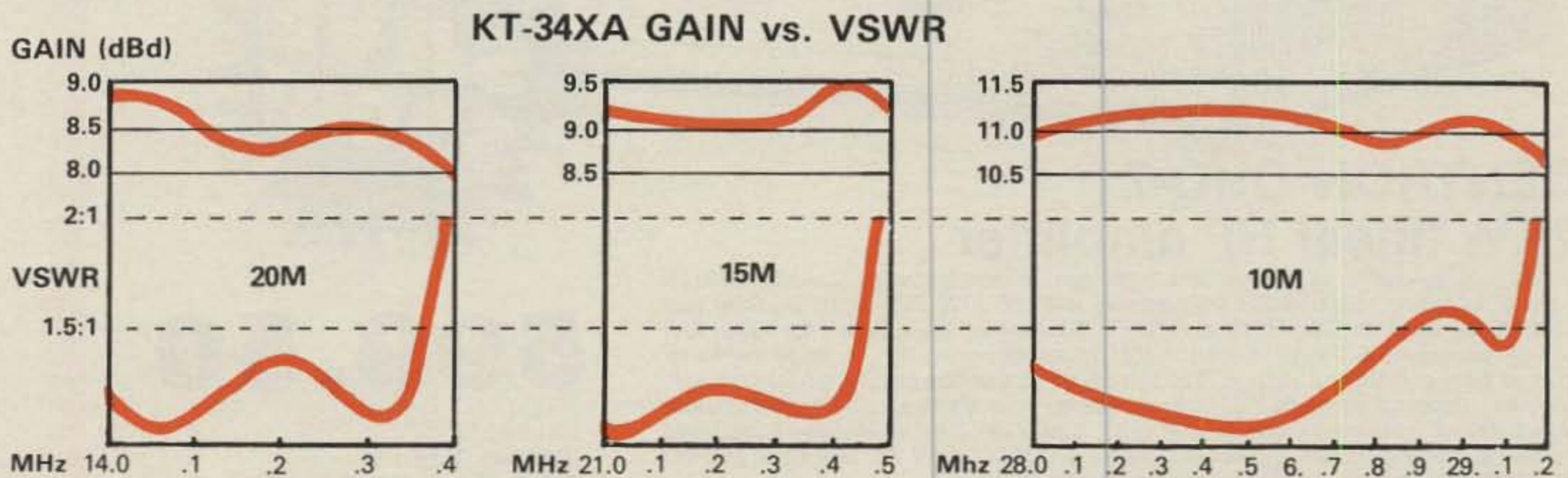


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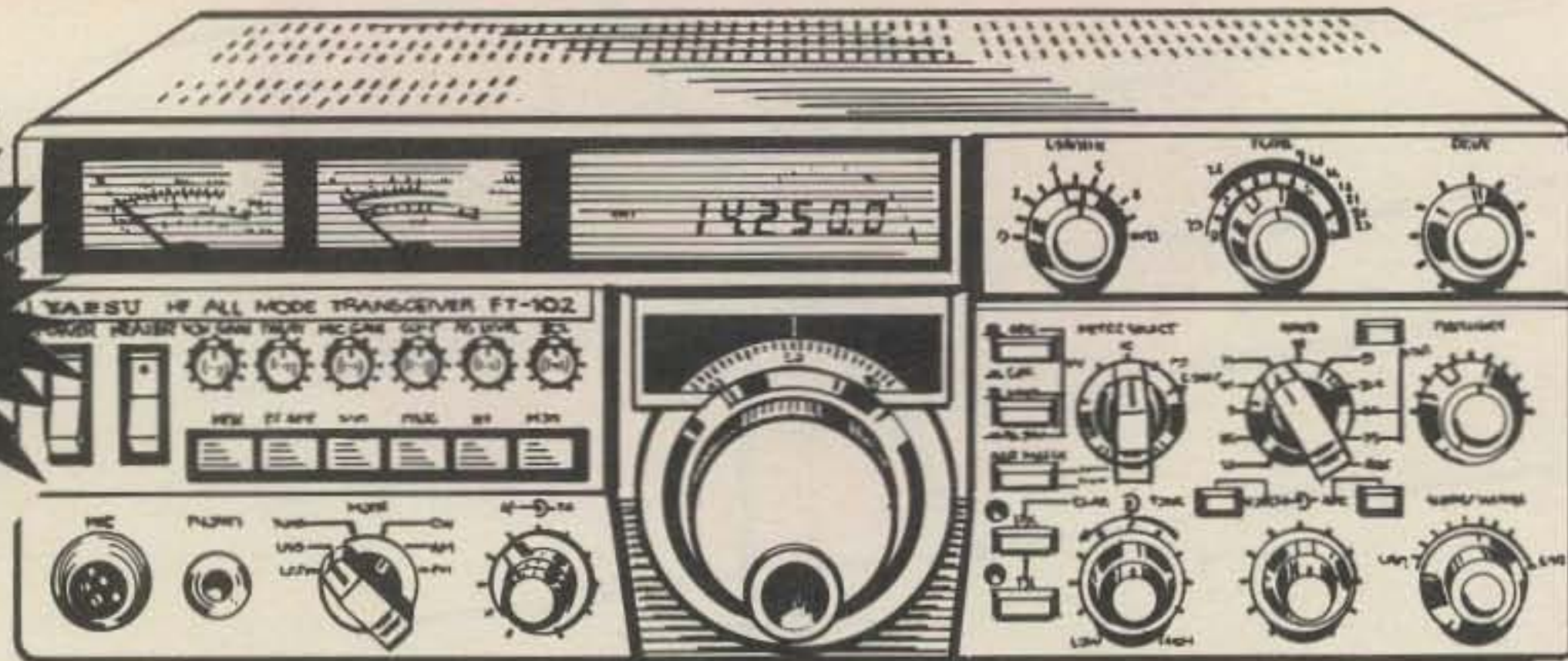
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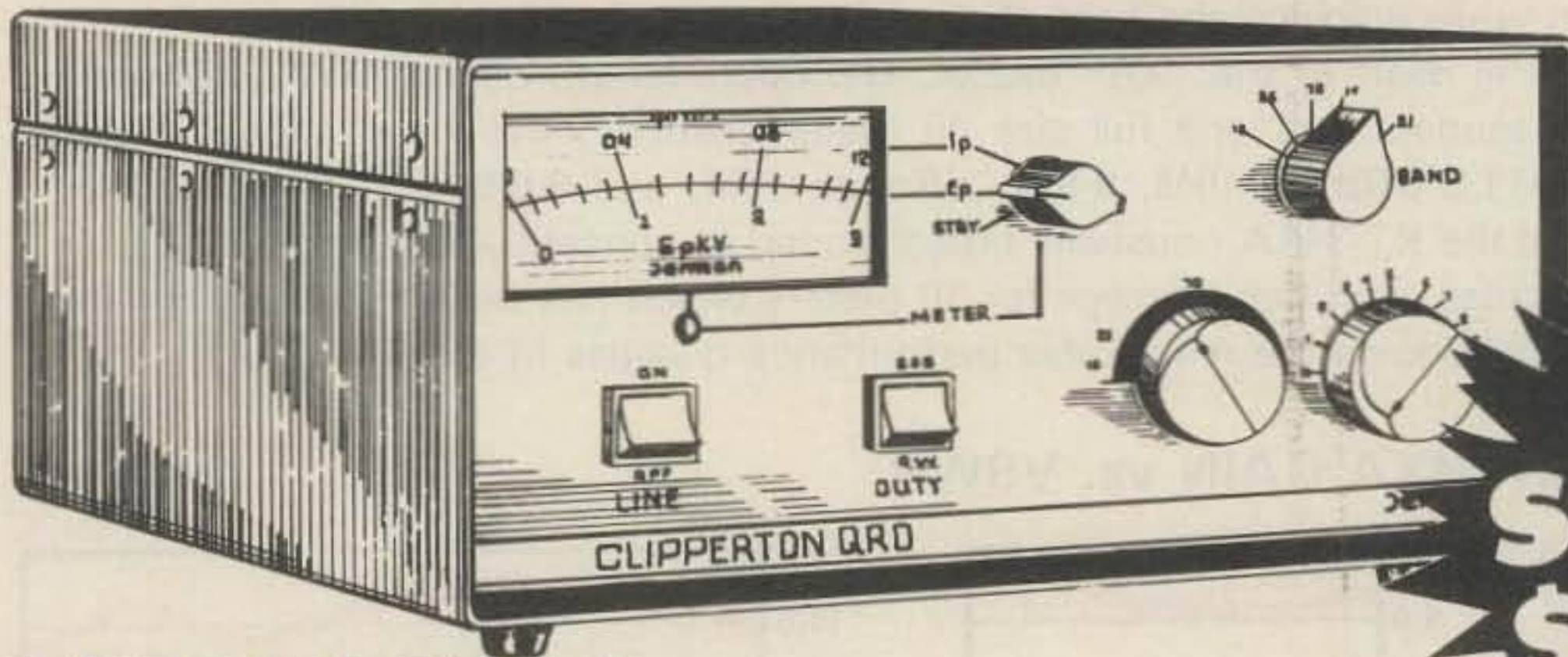


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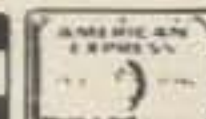
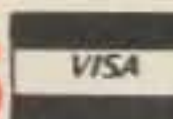
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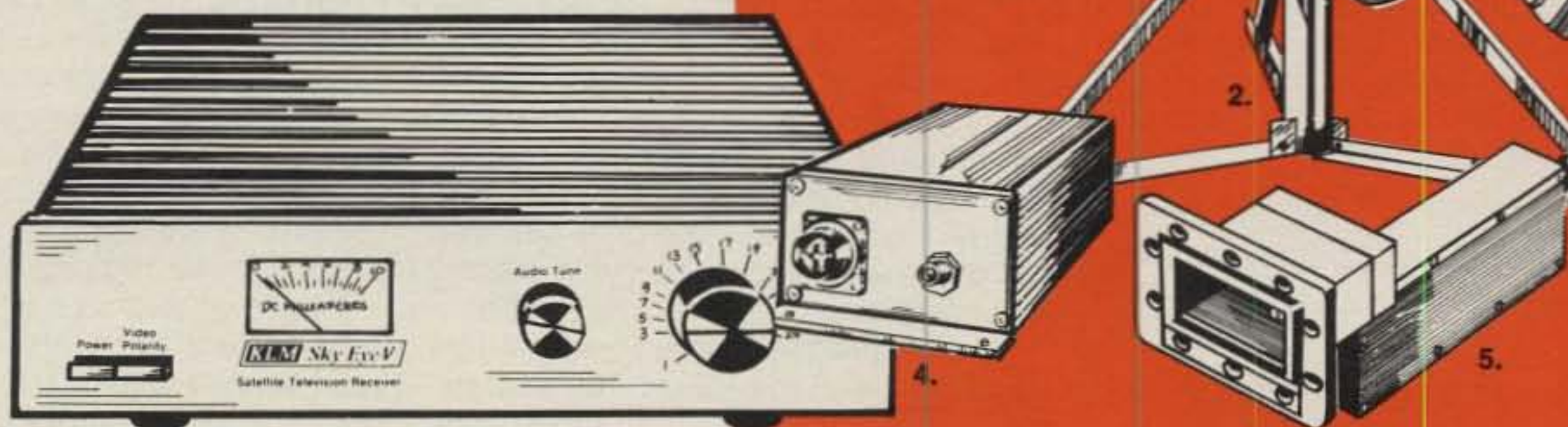
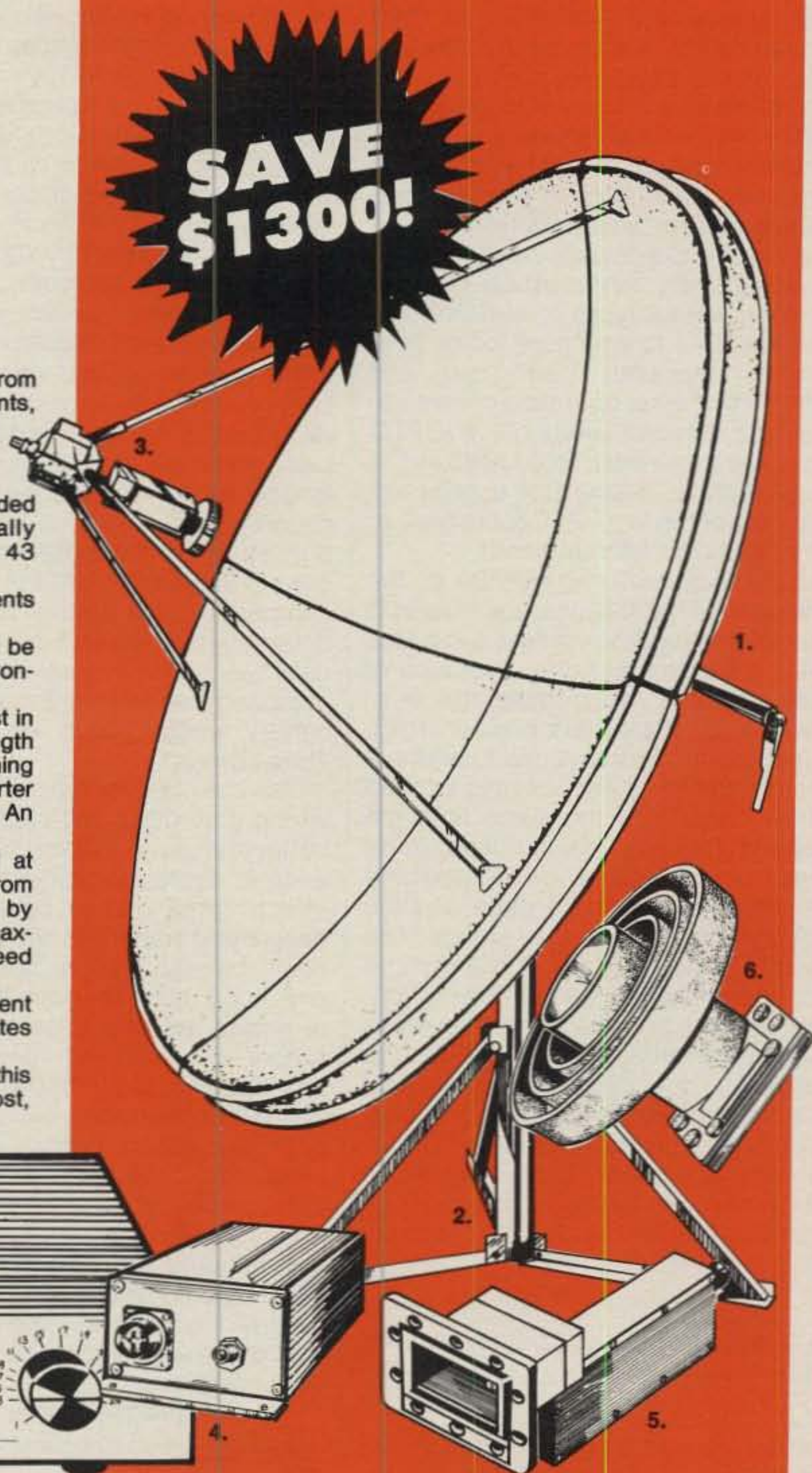
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Living With The Lead-Acid Battery

BY MICHAEL S. DROOKER*, WA1PZQ

The need for a reliable emergency power supply, the availability of solid state radio gear, and the desirability of a ripple-free d.c. power source have combined to make storage batteries a reasonable choice for an amateur radio station power supply. The most readily available battery, and likely the most cost-effective one for amateurs (in terms of energy stored per dollar expended) is the lead-acid battery. In this article I will describe the various types of lead-acid batteries available to amateurs today, their operating principles, their "care and feeding," and other operating considerations I have found useful. At WA1PZQ lead-acid batteries are being used as the energy storage element of a solar-cell power supply in a U.S. Department of Energy demonstration project.¹

All lead-acid batteries operate on the same principle. A fully-charged lead-acid battery contains plates of lead and plates of lead oxide immersed in a solution of strong sulphuric acid called the electrolyte. When the battery is discharged, the lead plates are converted to lead sulfate, and electrons are released into the external circuit. At the same time the electrons returning to the lead oxide plates from the external circuit combine with the material on the plate and the electrolyte to produce lead sulfate. The strength (concentration) of the sulfuric acid decreases as the battery is discharged. Charging the battery reverses the chemical reactions and increases the strength of the electrolyte. The total capacity of the battery in terms of energy stored is determined by the amount of active material present. The rate at which energy may be extracted from a battery is determined by its design and construction.

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Common lead-acid batteries fall into two distinct categories according to their intended use. **Engine starting** batteries are designed to deliver a high current for a relatively brief period of time, after which they are immediately charged up to full capacity in preparation for the next starting cycle. This type of operation cycle typically uses only a fraction of the total energy stored in the battery, and the battery is designed and constructed to optimize the energy delivered during the brief, high-current starting load.

The second general type of lead-acid battery commonly available is the **deep cycle**, or motive, battery. It is designed to deliver moderate amounts of current for long periods of time. During this so-called deep cycle, in excess of 80% of the energy stored in the battery may be delivered to the load before the battery is recharged. Such a battery is constructed differently from a starting battery and usually has thicker, denser, stronger plates of active material than those of a starting battery whose plates are thinner and more porous.

The use of either type of battery in the wrong duty cycle will cause premature battery failure. A starting battery used in a deep cycle application will lose its effectiveness in about 50 cycles, while a deep cycle battery in the same service could be expected to operate well for over 200 cycles. The selection of the type of battery will therefore depend on the proposed use at the individual station. For example, at WA1PZQ, a small solar-cell panel charges a set of deep cycle batteries during periods of sunshine. Most of my operation is at night so that a considerable amount of energy may be extracted from the batteries before they are recharged the next day. This coupled with the fact that successive cloudy days may further increase the time between charges makes the deep cycle battery the appropriate choice for my station.

An appropriate-size deep cycle battery would be the proper choice for any station desiring to establish an emergency communication capability with storage batteries also. However, it is possible that a storage battery might be used as a substitute for a high-current d.c. supply at a station which uses an r.f. amplifier. In this

use, a low-current d.c. supply would power the receiver while float charging the battery. When the transmitter is keyed, the high current required for the amplifier would be supplied from the battery. The low current supply would require appropriate current limitation and voltage regulation to be compatible with the battery. I have not worked out the details for this application, but it would be a case where the starting type of battery would be more suited to station operation than the deep cycle type.

The choice of which type of battery to use at an amateur station likely will depend as much on the economic realities as on the battery duty cycle. Anyone who is able to obtain good used automobile batteries at a nominal cost will be able to keep his station on d.c. power inexpensively, albeit by changing batteries often.

Battery capacity is rated in **ampere-hours** at a certain discharge rate—usually the 20 hour rate. This means that an 80 ampere-hour battery will deliver 4 amps for 20 hours if it is working to capacity. However, the energy delivered from a battery is determined by the rate of extraction: the faster you extract, the less is available. Consequently, the 80 ampere-hour battery will *not* deliver 80 amps for 1 hour, but it will deliver in excess of 2 amps for 40 hours.

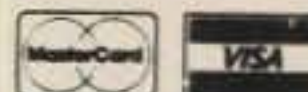
Battery capacity is also a function of temperature. After a normal charge, a 75 ampere-hour battery rated at 70°F will perform like an 80 ampere-hour battery at 140°F and like a 30 ampere-hour battery at -40°F. This is of importance when designing battery systems for locations which suffer temperature extremes (such as mountaintop repeater sites). Battery manufacturers supply curves of capacity versus discharge rate and capacity versus temperature to aid in the design of power supplies suitable for their projected use and operating conditions.

Whatever the size and type of lead-acid battery used, its installation and care considerations are the same. Here is where some of the drawbacks of lead-acid batteries become apparent. *Batteries are hazardous.*

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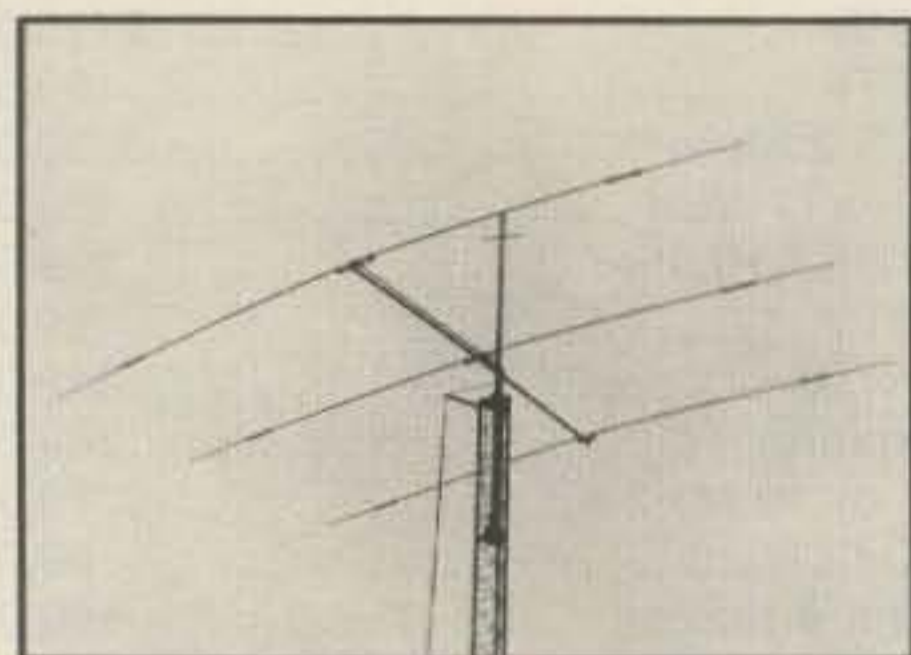
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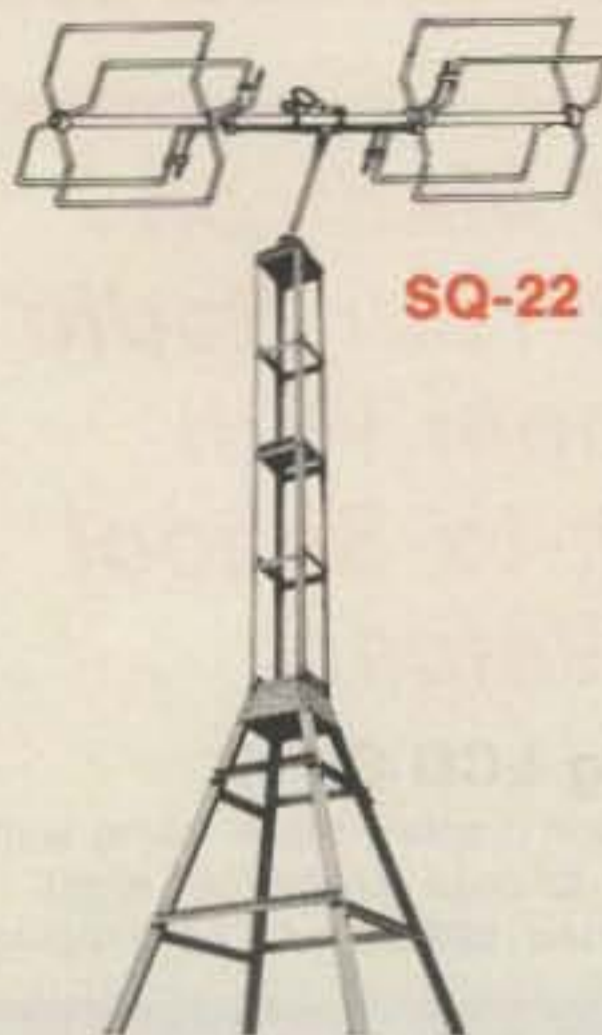
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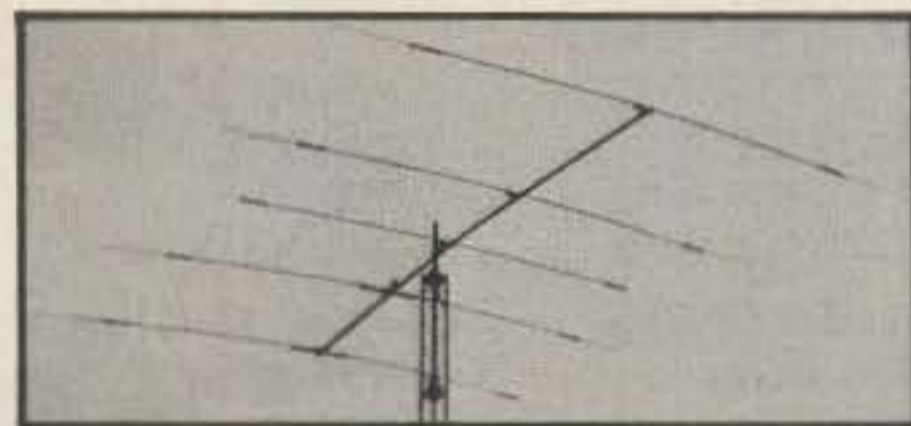
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Gain	14.6dB	22.5dB	10/13/12.5dB	8.5/8.5/10dB	10/10/11dB	16.5dB	—	16dB	16dB	12dB
F/B Ratio	26dB	24dB	23dB	20dB	22dB	22.5dB	—	20dB	20dB	20dB
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When a battery is being charged, it gives off hydrogen gas and oxygen gas from the dissociation of the water in its electrolyte. The rate of production of these gases is a function of temperature, voltage, and charging current. Hydrogen is a combustible gas which in a wide range of mixtures with oxygen or air is explosive. Consequently, a battery must be placed in a location which is ventilated to permit safe dissipation of the hydrogen gas. Because battery caps are vented to let the gas escape, it is usual to find that droplets of acid are carried out of the battery by the venting gases. This causes corrosion of battery terminals and other metal in the battery box and is one of the maintenance items to be attended to when servicing the battery.

There is a special battery cap available which is intended to overcome some of the above problems. It contains a catalyst to recombine the hydrogen and oxygen and return them to the cell as water along with the acid carryover. With these caps (one for each cell of the battery) you would reduce frequency of watering and clean up as well as be able to locate your battery safely indoors without an extensive ventilation arrangement.

The characteristic low internal resistance of lead-acid batteries, while contributing to their suitability as radio power supplies, leads to another battery hazard. A charged lead-acid battery is similar to a charged capacitor. It will release a lot of energy in a short period of time if a low resistance path is created between its terminals. A wrench or screwdriver accidentally dropped across the terminals of a charged battery rapidly will become too hot to handle and may cause enough heat to be released to cause the battery to explode. This is an extreme case, but it has happened. A lesser catastrophe can happen when a battery hot lead in the shack is accidentally grounded, in which case the battery acts like an arc welder on some prized piece of radio gear. It is

prudent to estimate the maximum current draw for your station based on the combination of equipment likely to be operating simultaneously with the highest power demand and then to install a slightly larger fuse very close to the battery to prevent a serious accident.

When you install your battery power supply for your shack, take a tip from the installers of high-power mobile equipment and use adequate-size conductors between the battery and the load. A 1 volt drop in a 110 volt power supply is good regulation, but a 1 volt drop in a 12 volt power supply is bad news. The table below gives the resistance in ohms per 100 feet at 25 °C of various sizes of copper wire.

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As can be seen from the table, 30 amps through 33 feet of number 10 wire will drop 1 volt.

Low-voltage power supplies are degraded by poor connections, so good, clean mechanical connections are a must and soldered connections are recommended. A 1 ohm connection will drop 1 volt at 1 ampere, which is generally unacceptable in a 12 volt system.

Routine lead-acid battery maintenance consists of watering and cleaning as necessary, and the frequency of this routine will depend on the battery. Some sealed batteries require no such attention. If your battery needs to be watered, use only distilled or demineralized water. Nothing else should be added to a battery. To ensure long life, the materials in the battery are refined to a high degree of purity. This can be ruined by adding impure water to a battery. Some impurities — such as chlorides, which will cause chlorine gas to be generated in the battery — can be hazardous as well as

lead to premature battery failure. If you want to maximize the life of your battery, follow the maintenance recommendations of the battery manufacturer with regard to periodic test discharges and equalizing charges.

At WA1PZQ, I have installed a d.c. power meter and distribution panel in one of my equipment racks. It contains d.c. ammeters to indicate battery charge and discharge rate, a voltmeter reading d.c. bus voltage, and because I have a solar panel for battery charging, a solar panel output ammeter. On the distribution panel are the individual fuses for all the d.c. loads, a connection for an a.c. battery charger, and isolation switches for the elements of the system. The main battery fuse is located at a fuse block on the battery box which is outside the house.

A desirable element lacking in this system is some kind of meter which tells the instantaneous state of battery charge. There are a couple of approaches to get this information. One is to read battery electrolyte specific gravity, correct it for temperature, and relate the corrected reading to the specific gravity of a fully-charged battery. A linear relation between temperature-corrected specific gravity and battery capacity can be assumed using the specific gravity of the discharged battery to represent zero capacity and the specific gravity of a fully-charged battery as 100%. A reading half-way between the two would indicate 50% capacity, etc. This method is quite accurate, but it is messy and involves handling battery acid.

A more satisfactory approach to capacity measurement is to install an integrating ampere-hour meter which increments when charge is put into the battery and subtracts off ampere-hours as the battery is discharged. I've left room on my monitoring panel for such an instrument, but haven't come up with one yet. Is there an amateur who has built one of these meters or who wants to try to build one? Who can come up with an inexpensive circuit, perhaps using a voltage to frequency converter feeding an integrating counter? If you have any ideas, let me know.

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A LOOK AT THE WORLD AROUND US

Collecting, Restoring, and Using Vintage Gear

As we've pointed out many times, there are numerous areas of pursuit and enjoyment in the world of amateur radio. Some of these avenues are competitive and fast paced, some are experimental and/or technically oriented, and some are peacefully relaxing and self-expressive. While we can all feel a jubilant pride over fantastic innovations such as the new OSCAR 10 Satellite (a subject which was covered in our March and April columns), it's also quite exhilarating to occasionally reflect on past decades and revitalize various items from that now-classic era. There is a certain amount of this nostalgic interest in all of us, be it restoring a vintage auto or collecting and refurbishing early radio gear. The latter, however, has the advantage of requiring less physical room and financial investment. The returns of occasionally using that heritage-related gear might be compared to enjoying a classic auto—more so, in fact, as today's public lifespaces seldom permits open enjoyment of personal interests without consequences. Fortunately, the world of amateur radio is a totally different ball game. Surely you'll agree that every amateur needs at least one relic . . . err . . . memory from the past in his shack.

One of the first questions that may come to mind is which era to consider for collectibles: the 1920s with its crystal rigs and spark gap transmitters, the Golden 30s with its ever classic tube rigs, the 40s and 50s, or even the 60s. Could there really be amateur radio collectibles from such recent decades? Sure! There are first-run s.s.b. transceivers, early 2 meter talkies, original SSTV gear—the list is so long that we'll simply devote next month's column to those areas! Meanwhile, let's look at one of the ever-popular eras of interest: the classic 30s. The areas of interest in this era include vintage broadcast receivers, amateur radio gear, tubes, hand keys, and magazines (along with numerous tales of actual use during related periods!). As a means of finding exactly which "collectibles" best suit your interest, we suggest merely keeping an open mind and following the way things naturally lead you. Should you emerge with a few hand keys and later prefer one or two c.w. transmitters, consider trading items via hamfests and flea-

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While some amateurs maintain a full basement of collectible tubes, others maintain a few vintage "bottles" in their operating room. Items shown are part of the "natural decor" at K4TWJ.

markets. The main idea involves preserving our past rather than letting it succumb to the trash man. In some ways this might be compared to saving an endangered species.

Before becoming hopelessly lost in the world of amateur radio collectibles, we suggest you read some magazines and books from various eras. Become familiar with equipment and trends of different periods. An often overlooked source of that information is the main-branch archives of a local library. A couple of years ago, for example, we checked our city's library for information on 1925 scanning disc TV and uncovered full volumes of QST from 1924 until the present day. Following several weeks of reading, we began hunting for parts to build our first vintage rig (which has since returned many hours of enjoyable operation).

Locating vintage radios, ham gear, parts, etc., can sometimes be a challenging situation. While such items aren't getting more plentiful with time's progression, they do continue to eclectically appear at hamfests, fleamarkets, older radio repair shops, garages, and attics. Stay alert—the most desirable items often surface in the most surprising places and at the most unexpected times. Like

many other aspects in life, advertising is the key to success. No one will know of your collecting interest unless you tell them. Running ads in magazines, continuously querying local amateurs and neighbors, plus tacking notes on QSLs can bring good returns.

While you're chasing older gear, try also to find a source of parts. Senior amateurs with large basements and "retired" radio shops are good candidates. Remember that those spare parts can keep your selected prize operation many more years. If you succumb to collecting tubes, try to locate mating sockets. The combinations can be mounted on polished wood for producing beautiful displays, especially when their filaments are occasionally re-energized.

Vintage Broadcast Receivers

Collecting and resurrecting early a.m. band receivers has traditionally been a popular area of general interest. Some of these radios are absolutely beautiful, with their "Morning Glory" speakers, deep luster wood frames, and dome envelope tubes truly bringing the 30s back to life. Although we haven't uncovered any factual proof of properly restored vintage receivers still playing original

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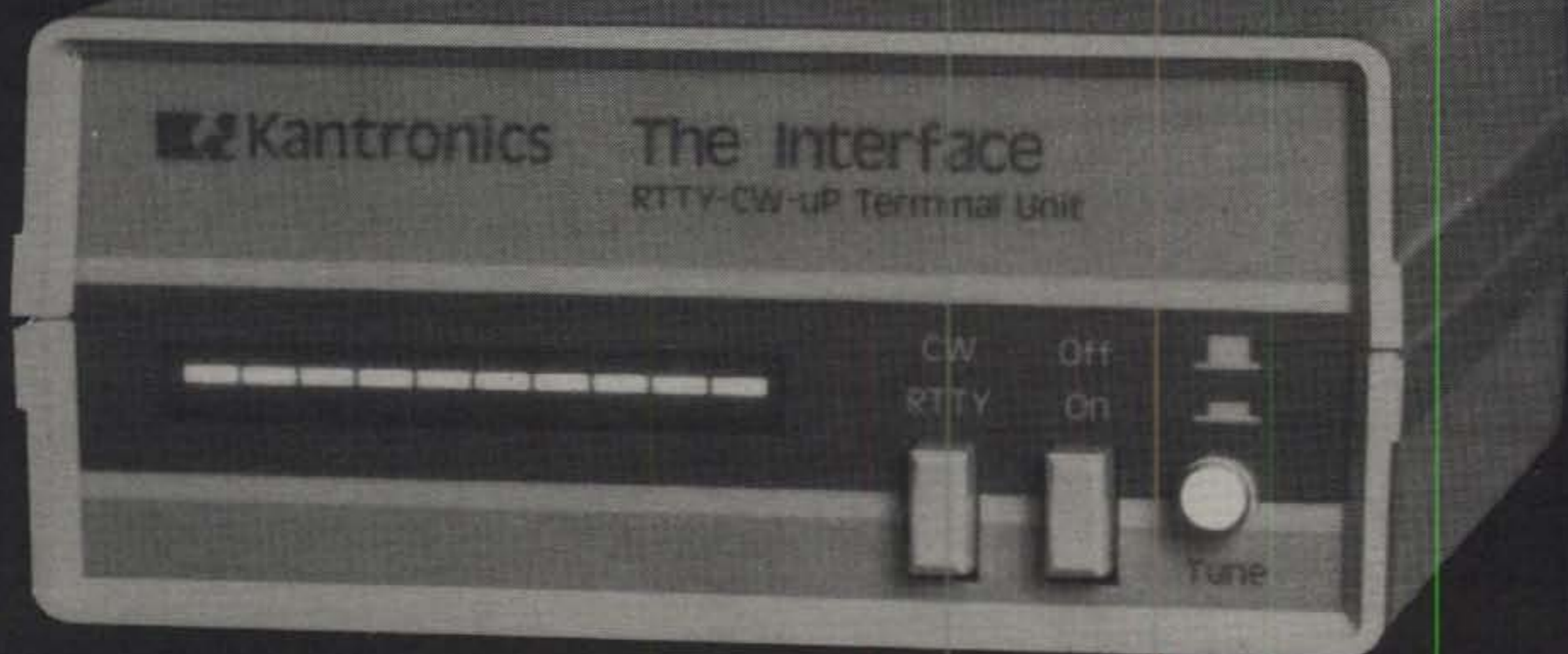
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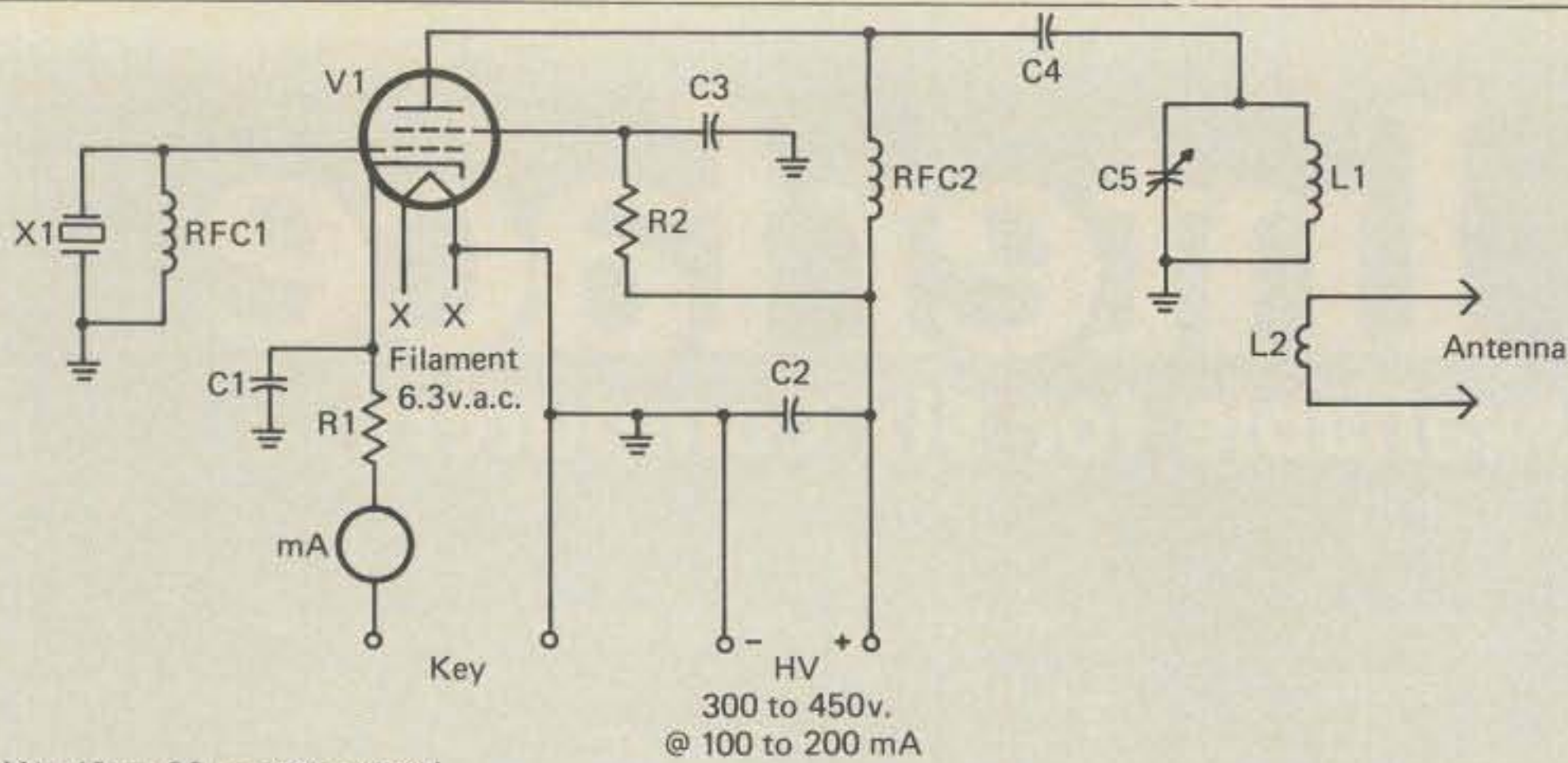
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Fig. 1— Spurring your nostalgic interest for days of yesteryear, we present this classic QRP rig of the 40s. Build this little gem and enjoy some exciting c.w. activity.

"Big Band" and Dorsey-style music (or early European radios still speaking German), we must admit that their "Winchester Cathedral" sound when tuned to an "easy listening" station is phenomenal. Should you find this aspect of collecting like potato chips (can't stop with only one), consider adding a small "wireless

phonograph" for in-room transmission of proper era music to each radio.

Some of the most sought radios today are Atwater Kents, Crosleys, and Cathedral-cased receivers. The price market for these units isn't clearly defined, but it mainly depends on buyers and sellers. Thirty to 250 dollar ranges are typical, de-

pending on condition. Other highly desirable radios include wooden-cased table receivers and shock-prone metal-cased kitchen radios (those a.c./d.c. jobs that jangled your teeth when crossed with water pipes or refrigerator doors). As we said earlier, these radios are found anywhere from old repair shops to small country stores or hamfest fleamarkets.

A.m. radios are fairly easy to repair and restore, especially if an in-cabinet schematic is readable. If the unit is totally dead, check to ensure a.c. reaches the power supply and d.c. reaches the tubes. Suspect rectifier and audio output tubes next. Terrible hum regardless of volume setting? Replace filter capacitors. AC/DC set dead? Check the pilot lamp (it acts as a fuse). Clean tuning capacitor sections with an air gun; clean pots with Qwetrol. Add new grill cloth, along with several hand-rubbed coats of wood polish, and enjoy your new prize. Later you can replace those weak and hard-to-find tubes and paper capacitors.

Vintage Amateur Gear

If you would like to enjoy some genuine old-fashioned fun and really get a charge from ham radio (no pun intended!), consider restoring and occasionally activating a full amateur setup from the past. Granted, early crystal sets aren't too spiffy for shortwave reception, and spark-gap transmitters are outlawed, but single-tube Hartley oscillators and SW-3 receivers of the 30s can still turn some good QSO's on 160 and 80 meters. If you can't locate assembled rigs, build them! Old handbooks are full of circuit ideas and parts suggestions. Read them closely! Substitute modern parts where you must, but keep watch for their vintage replacements. Brass screws, square buss wire, Farenstock clips, and Bakelite knobs might appear anywhere, but you'll have to flush them out. Recently, for example, we found brass screws in a hardware store and a pile of Farenstock clips in Long's Electronics' warehouse. Self-excited transmitters can tune to any frequency, and they're rich in harmonics. If used on the air, monitor their signal on a modern receiver and use a single-band tuned antenna, preferably with a selective tuner.

Vintage handkeys aren't as tricky to restore and use as transmitters. Possibly this attraction explains the many key collections. If you are a devoted phone buff, however, a special microphone collection may hold appeal. Refurbished mikes can be fitted with the new Heil HC-3 elements, and the results are great.

Due to possible stability and stray capacitance entanglements, refurbishing commercial receivers is more desirable than home-constructing those units. Although that might turn into a full reworking, you'll have the advantages of proven layouts and subassemblies. Should you elect to build from information in old

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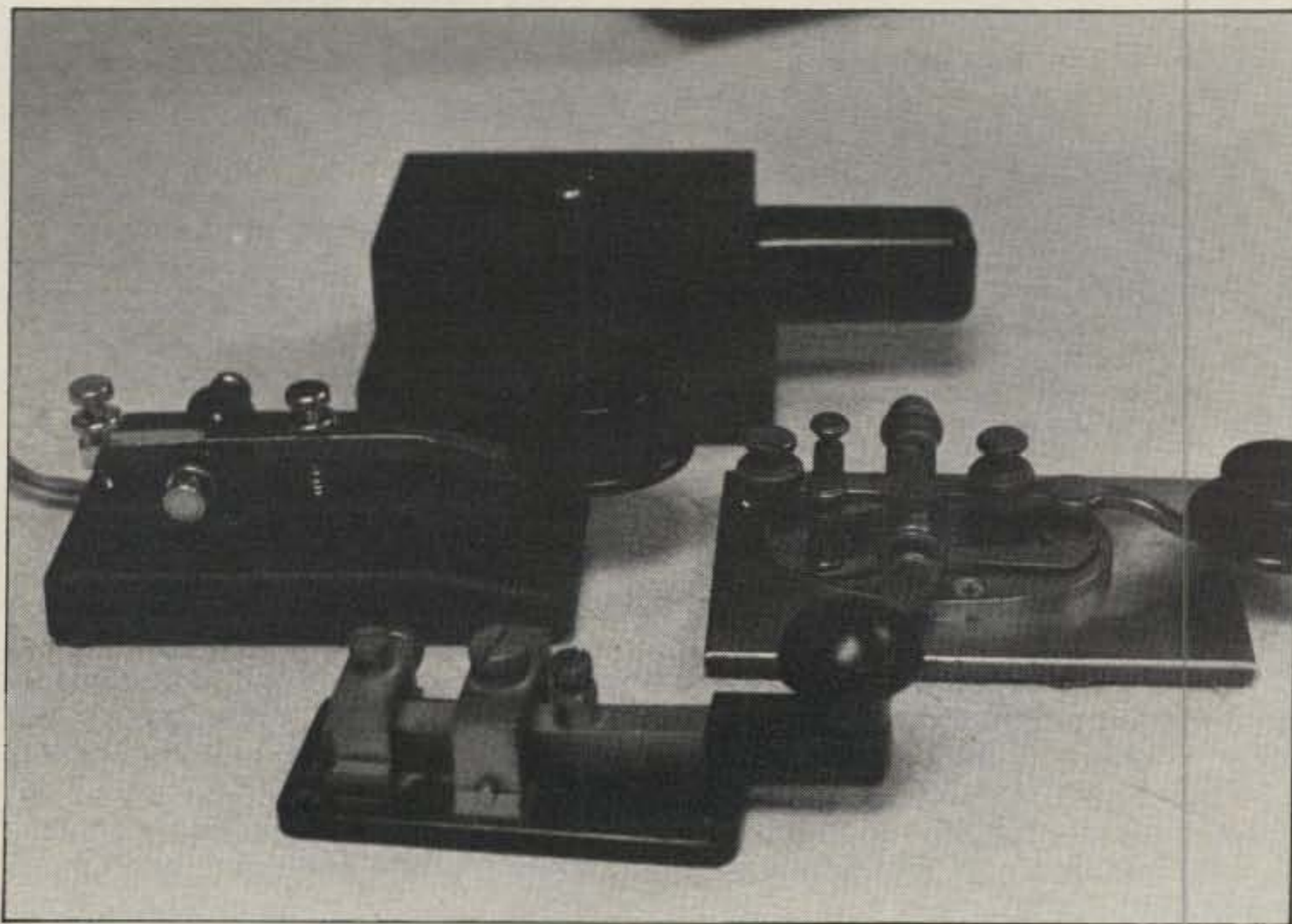
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Classic amateur gear from the 1930s can be refurbished and used on c.w. for many exciting QSO's. Rig shown here is number 10 tube transmitter, vintage key, and National SW-3 receiver. Rig has turned many 80 meter contacts at K4TWJ.



Some of the hand keys at K4TWJ, illustrating no two collections are alike, nor do they cover similar eras of time. In fact, several specially-made hand keys are manufactured at this time by Nye-Viking and Daiwa.

handbooks and magazines, remember to add metal plates behind phenolic panels, and alter units for original appearance or modern performance as necessary (past ideas will become quite clear after you become involved in this game). There are few "cut and dried" prerequisites in the vintage rig game; feel free to mix eras or use classic transmitters with modern receivers. The only stipulations we'll add are to keep all transmitted signals clean, within amateur bands, and free of harmonics.

On The Air

Once a vintage transmitter reaches the operational status and passes clean signal checks, there's a natural tendency to put it on the air. Great! Although most of the popular vintage rigs run only a few watts output, they are quite capable of many exciting QSO's. Remember to continuously monitor your signal on a well-calibrated receiver, and watch for "spurs." A grid dip meter is handy here: while keying, check for "strange emissions," and then tune the (modern) re-

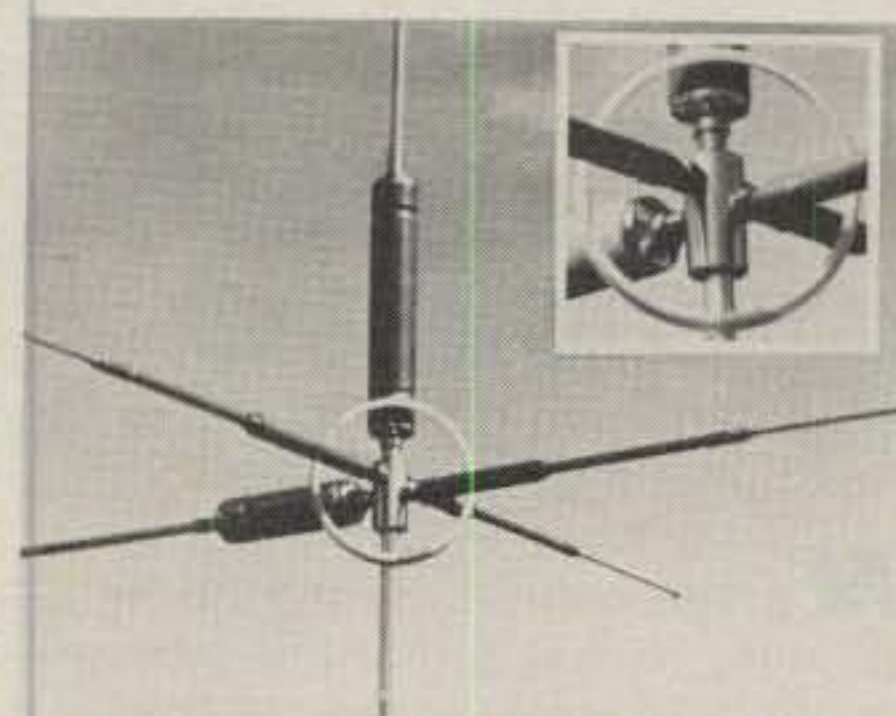
ceiver to the dipper's indicated frequency and check signals. Across-town amateurs can also help with these checks. Remember also to keep your hands out of "open air" transmitters when voltage is applied. Most amateurs know that and respect high voltages, but occasional shocks can still happen merely by hand slips (from a knob to a nearby coil) or when distracted by a noise while reaching around a rig.

Self-excited transmitters such as vintage 15 watt, one-tube Hartley oscillators shouldn't be operated above 3.8 MHz. Although old handbooks show coils for 40 and 20 meter use, drift and stability are poor and/or hard to handle.

Crystal-controlled transmitters are dandy for 40 meters, and also 30 meter use. In fact, the low power limit on 30 (250 watts) is especially attractive for vintage gear. Don't jeopardize our use of 10.1 MHz, however; use only crystal control, ensure your signal is pure, and watch band edges. Modifying 40 meter rigs for 30 meters usually involves merely unwinding a few coil turns: quick, easy, and simple. True nostalgia buffs can put (new) sealed crystals inside old Bliley crystal holders for authenticity. Enjoy!

Describing the full world of vintage gear and amateur collectibles in a single month's column is impossible. The areas of interest are limited only by one's imagination. Good hunting!

73, Dave, K4TWJ



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NEWS/VIEWS OF ON-THE-AIR COMPETITION



When awards are handed out at conventions and forums, they almost always go to contest winners. The one who makes this activity successful usually goes home empty handed. Not so at the Contest Forum during the Dayton Hamvention last April. Here we see Al Dorhoffer, K2EEK, CQ Editor, presenting a plaque to Bernie Welch, WB1MZ, for his many years of dedicated service to the CQ contest program, the last ten of which he served as WPX Contest Director, building it up from just another contest to one of the leading world competitions. Although Bernie has stepped down as director, he is still very much involved in an advisory capacity. (WB4VQO photo)

We have been reviewing the 160 Contest rules format and at this time we do not anticipate making any changes in the new scoring system that was put in effect last year. We will, however, modify the requirements in the exchange. It will not be necessary for DX stations to spell out their QTH; their call will identify their country.

There has been some controversy regarding the dropping of the QSL serial number. We would like to extend the present exchange, minus the serial number, for another year and get some additional input from you fellows. Reception on 160 is by far the most difficult of any band, and we would rather not make it more difficult for the average station with limited facilities. Your opinions and suggestions are solicited, especially from you fellows with limited operating facilities.

The multi-operator category has been increasing in popularity, and at present

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Calendar of Events

- * Sep. 3-4 "Corona" 10 Meter RTTY
- * Sep. 4 Bulgarian C.W. Contest
- * Sep. 3-5 FOUR Land QSO Party
- Sep. 10-11 Cray Valley SWL Contest
- Sep. 10-11 G-QRP Club Activity
- * Sep. 10-11 DARC WAE Phone Contest
- Sep. 10-11 YLRL "Howdy Days"
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- Sep. 10-11 IARS/CHC C.W. Contest
- Sep. 17-18 IARS/CHC S.S.B. Contest
- Sep. 17-19 Wash. State QSO Party
- Sep. 17-19 Kansas State QSO Party
- Sep. 18 No. America C.W. "Sprint"
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- Sep. 24-25 S.A.C. S.S.B. Contest
- Sep. 24-25 Delta QSO Party
- Sep. 24-25 Maine QSO Party
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- Oct. 1-2 Oregon QSO Party
- Oct. 1-2 California QSO Party
- Oct. 8-9 GARTG SSTV Contest
- Oct. 8-9 ARRL C.W. QSO Party
- Oct. 9-10 ARRL Phone QSO Party
- Oct. 9 RSGB 21/28 MHz Phone
- Oct. 16 RSGB 21 MHz C.W. Contest
- Oct. 15-16 Maryland/D.C. QSO Party
- Oct. 15-16 Boy Scout "Jamboree"
- Oct. 22-23 Pennsylvania QSO Party
- Oct. 22-23 ARCI QRP QSO Party
- Oct. 22-23 CLARA AC/DC Contest
- Oct. 22-23 YLRL Anniv. C.W. Party
- Oct. 29-30 CQ WW DX Phone Contest**
- Nov. 5-6 YLRL Anniv. Phone Party
- Nov. 12-13 DARC WAE RTTY Contest
- Nov. 26-27 CQ WW DX C.W. Contest**

* Covered last month.

we do not have a trophy for that classification. We extend an invitation for any possible donors. Contact me for details.

Final rules for the 1984 160 Contest in January will appear in the December issue of CQ.

The Southern Counties Amateur Teleprinter Society has organized a World-Wide RTTY Art Contest. The contest period is from Sept. 1st to Nov. 30th.

Rules and subject matter are quite detailed and lengthy and cannot be covered in the limited space of this column. Winners will be rewarded with plaques. The winning design will be published in CQ. Those of you who are interested can get more details from Norm Koch, K6ZDL, P.O. Box 1351, Torrance, CA 90505.

Too late to be included in last month's column was an announcement from the Keyman's Club of Japan of a c.w.-only contest on August 20-21. Activity was on all c.w. bands. If you worked any JA's during that period and they included two letters in the exchange identifying their area, you can send your entry to: Kikuo

Takamitsu, JA9FT, 4-16-22 Izumino-machi, Kanazawa, Ishikawa 921, Japan.

No announcement has been received for the Can-Am Contest usually held in September. However, a note in *Long Skip*, the Canadian DX Association publication, indicated that they have decided to discontinue sponsorship of that event. Therefore, I would assume that we can scratch that one for this year.

That just about covers it for this month. Don't forget, deadline for material for the December issue is September 15th, and October 15th for the January issue. Send all contest announcements to my home address, please.

73 for this time, Frank, W1WY

Cray Valley SWL Contest

1800Z Sat. to 1800Z Sun., Sept. 10-11

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 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. 10-11

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.

YLRL "Howdy Days"

1800Z Sat. to 1800Z Sun., Sept. 10-11

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: Rose Ellen Bills, N2RE, 17 Craig Place, Pennsville, NJ 08070.

IARS/CHC International Contest

C.W.: Sept. 10-11 S.S.B.: Sept. 17-18
0000Z Sat. to 2400Z Sun.

This is a joint venture by the International A.R.S. and the Certificate Hunters Club. Rules do not indicate if the contest is open to non-members. This should be clarified in the next contest announcement.

Exchange: RS(T), IARS and/or CHC number, and state, province, or country (i.e., 599 IARS 955 CHC 1404 CA).

Scoring: QSO's multiplied by (countries x IARS/CHC members worked). A member of both clubs will count as two multipliers. The same station may be worked once on each band.

Frequencies: C.W.—70 kHz up from bottom of each band. S.S.B.—3960, 7260, 14300, 21360, 28600.

Awards: Plaque to highest overall score. Certificates to top scores on each band and to the 10 runners-up.

Include a summary sheet with your log and a check sheet for logs with 100 or more QSO's. Include a large s.a.s.e. for a copy of the results. Mailing deadline is December 1st to: Ted Melinosky, K1BV, 525 Foster St., South Windsor, CT 06074.

Wash. State QSO Party

0100Z to 0700Z Sat., Sept. 17
1300Z to 0700Z Sat./Sun., Sept. 17-18
1300Z to 0100Z Sun./Mon., Sept. 18-19

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

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

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

The 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 19th to: Boeing Employees ARS, Contest Committee, Att: Willes D. Propst, K7RS, 18415 38th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98188.

Scandinavian Activity Contest

C.W.: Sept. 17-18 Phone: Sept. 24-25
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. 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: SRAL Contest Manager, OH2QV, P.O. Box 306, SF-00101, Helsinki 10, Finland.

Kansas State QSO Party

0100Z to 0700Z Sat., Sept. 17
1300Z Sat. to 0700 Sun., Sept. 17/18
1300Z Sun. to 0100Z Mon., Sept. 19

This is the second annual party sponsored by the Boeing Employees' A.R.S. of Wichita, Kansas. The same station may be worked on each band and each mode, and Kansas may work in-state stations for QSO and multiplier credit.

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

Scoring: Two points for phone QSO's, three points if on c.w. Kansas stations multiply total QSO points by the sum of different states, VE provinces, and DX countries worked.

Others will use sum of different Kansas counties worked for their multiplier (counted once only, maximum of 105). There is also a bonus multiplier of one for each group of 8 QSO's with the same Kansas county.

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

Awards: Certificates to the top-scoring station, both single and multi-operator, in

each state, VE province, DX country, and Kansas county. Work five club members and you will be eligible for the worked five Kansas Bears Award.

Include a summary sheet and a dupe sheet if your log shows more than 200 contacts. The usual signed declaration is also required. Logs and summary sheets are available; include a large s.a.s.e. with your request to address below.

Postmark for all entries is October 20th to: Boeing Employees' A.R.S., c/o Mike Thornton, WA0TAH, 1001 Munnell Ave., Wichita, KS 67213.

North American "Sprint"

C.W.: Sept. 18 S.S.B.: Sept. 25
Sun. 0100Z to 0459Z (Sat. night)

This is the fall section of this contest organized by the National Contest Journal. As the name implies it's a real shorty—only 4 hours. North Americans will be working other North Americans as well as 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 North American countries worked (U.S. and VE not countries, KH6 not a state).

Frequencies: Three bands only: 3540, 7040, 14040 kHz on c.w., and 3890, 7225, 14275 kHz on s.s.b. (plus or minus depending on QRM).

Awards: A trophy to the highest scoring station on each mode. Certificates to the top station in each U.S. call area, Canada, and other countries. The top 10 scorers, the winning team, and each member of the 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 for details.

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

Delta QSO Party

1800Z Sat. to 2400Z Sun., Sept. 24-25
(Rest period 0600Z to 1200Z Sun.)

This is the 14th 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 the 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.—65 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, 14 Lake Park Estates, Vicksburg, MS 39180.

Maine QSO Party

2300Z Sat. to 2359Z Sun., Sept. 24-25

The Portland Amateur Wireless Assn. is again sponsoring this year's party. 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.

Oregon QSO Party

1700Z Sat. to 0800Z Sun., Oct. 1-2
1500Z to 2400Z Sunday, Oct. 2

The Hermiston Amateur Radio Club of Oregon is sponsoring this one. The same station may be worked on each band and each mode, and Oregon may work other in-state stations for QSO and multiplier credit.

Exchange: RS(T) and QTH. County for Oregon; state, province, or country for others.

Scoring: One point per QSO. Oregon stations multiply total by number of OR counties, states, VE provinces, and countries worked. All others use OR counties for their multiplier (maximum of 36).

Frequencies: C.W.—60 kHz up from bottom of band. S.S.B.—1810, 3929, 7260, 14300, 21370, 28600. Novice—10 kHz up from bottom of Novice bands.

Awards: None were mentioned. Your entry may be mixed mode or c.w. only. There probably will be an appropriate certificate awarded.

Be sure to include a summary sheet with your log and a large s.a.s.e. for a copy of the results. All logs must be received by November 4th by Bob Franklin, KA7IXH, Rt. 3, Box 3783, Hermiston, OR 97838.

California QSO Party

1600Z Sat. to 2159Z Sun., Oct. 1-2

This year's party is again being sponsored by The Northern California Contest Club. Operating time is limited to 24 out of the 30-hour contest period for single operators; multi-operators can use the full 30 hours. Off times must be clearly indicated on the log and must be at least 15 minutes long. The same station may be worked on each band and each mode, and CA stations may contact in-state stations for QSO and multiplier credit. CA mobiles that change counties are considered new stations.

Exchange: QSO no. and QTH. County for CA stations; state, province, or DX countries for others.

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

The multiplier for CA is the number of states (50) and VE call areas (8) worked. Out-of-state stations use CA counties for their multiplier (maximum of 58).

Frequencies: C.W.—1805, 3560, 7060, 14060, 21060, 28060. S.S.B.—1815, 3895, 7230, 14280, 21365, 28560. Novice—3725, 7125, 21125, 28125. Try c.w. on the half hour, 160 at 0500Z.

Awards: Certificates to the highest scorers in each CA county, in each state, VE province, and DX country. Also to stations making 100 or more contacts.

There are four plaques: to the top scoring in CA and out-of-state, and to the highest scoring expedition, both single and multi-operator, to a CA county.

Indicate each new multiplier on your log as it is worked. Include a summary sheet showing the scoring and other information. Enclose a large s.a.s.e. for copy of the results.

Mailing deadline is November 1st to: NCCC, c/o Alan Brubaker, K6XO, 34456 Colville Place, Fremont, CA 94536. QSL cards for NCCC stations in the contest may be sent to U.S. QSL Service, P.O. Box 814, Mulino, OR 97042. An s.a.s.e. to USQS will provide more details.

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HOW COME I CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING?

BY THOMAS R. SUNDSTROM*, W2XQ

“Conditions on 20 meters are terrible!” “Where did everyone go?” “Did my antenna fall down?” “How come I can't hear anything?” Do these statements sound familiar? How often have you heard these complaints over the local 2 meter DX alert frequency?

During the week of July 12, 1982, many h.f. DXers were muttering to themselves. A major solar flare at 0914 GMT on July 12 caused the largest proton event on this planet since 1972. That three-day event, coupled with a geomagnetic storm commencing at 1618 GMT on July 13 and another major flare at 1746 GMT on July 14, caused havoc on the h.f. bands and shut them down. The v.h.f. DXers on 2 meter s.s.b., however, had a good time. Extremely rare double-hop E-skip between the New England/mid-Atlantic states and Wyoming attracted lots of attention. Aurora was visible as far south as Philadelphia and Indianapolis, and the Carolinas, Georgia, and Florida were worked via aurora on 2 meter c.w.

The business of propagation is difficult at best, and those who depend solely upon the printed word would not know of the events of July 12-16, 1982. Propagation forecasts for the print media have to be somewhat general only because of the 45 to 60 day lead time needed for magazines and the one or two weeks needed for the various DX newsletters.

A combination of long-range propagation forecasts (exemplified by the dean of the school, George Jacobs', work for CQ each month) and current, same day information is the best way to be knowledgeable about current conditions. There is a way to gather current data, although the source is not solely designed for radio amateur use.

The National Bureau of Standards' station WWV broadcasts on 2.5, 5, 10, and 15 MHz 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. A propagation bulletin, prepared by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, is aired every hour at 18 minutes past the hour.

The H + 18 bulletin contains four parts: (1) a report of yesterday's solar flux and

A	K	Classification
0	0	quiet
3	1	quiet
7	2	quiet
15	3	unsettled
27	4	unsettled-to-minor storm levels
48	5	minor storm level
80	6	major storm level
140	7	major storm level
240	8	major storm level
400	9	major storm level

Table I—A- and K-indicies relationship.

A-index; (2) the current K-index, updated every three hours; (3) a statement of past solar and geomagnetic activity, with times of events, for the last 24 hours; and (4) a statement of expected solar and geomagnetic activity for the next 24 hours.

The solar flux is simply a measure of the intensity of solar electromagnetic radiation. A number of different frequencies are monitored by the Algonquin radio observatory in Ottawa. The measurement at 2695 MHz is normally reported. The solar flux has a range from about 60 to 400 units. There is a positive correlation to both the sunspot number and the maximum usable frequency. The solar flux is reported on a daily basis, updated at 1818 GMT.

The A-index, measured at Fredericksburg, Virginia, is a measurement of geomagnetic activity ranging from 0 (extremely quiet) to 400 (very disturbed) units. The A-index is also reported on a daily basis, updated at 1818 GMT.

There have been a few occasions when the solar flux and A counts have changed between 1818 GMT and three or six hours later. The updated counts seem to occur when there is extraordinary activity, and more analysis yields more accurate data.

The K-index is a quasi-logarithmic index of geomagnetic activity, ranging from zero to nine units, taken at Boulder. It is updated every three hours (at 0000, 0300, 0600, 0900, 1200, 1500, 1800, and 2100 GMT). See Table I for the relationships between the A- and K-indicies and the terminology to describe geomagnetic activity.

And finally, solar activity is classified as very low, low, moderate, high, and very high. The terms relate to the regions on the solar disk capable of producing disruptive flares.

Comparisons of A's and K's over periods of time can show changes in the level of geomagnetic activity. A two- or three-point jump in the K-index from one three-hour block to another may well mean the beginning of some kind of solar-induced event. Comparisons of solar flux and A's over a few days can show short-term trends in propagation, or K's over several sequential three-hour blocks of time can show the onset or decline of a geomagnetic storm.

The information aired by WWV is most useful when some sort of record is kept. Slips of paper tend to get lost in the desk clutter. Fig. 1 illustrates the form used here at W2XQ. I punch it for a three-hole notebook and make daily entries, usually after supper. On the weekends, particularly during those with contests, the K-index gets logged several times a day to pick up any short-term changes. Additional entries for flares, sudden ionospheric disturbances, *et al*, with time(s) are made using the key at the lower right. (A friend also keeps records, and he and I fill in missing dates caused by being away from home on weekends, business, etc.)

To make effective use of this information, if you are not already familiar with the ins and outs of propagation, take a look at the reading materials referenced at the end of this article. In brief, as geomagnetic activity increases, signals passing through or near the polar regions are weakened or absorbed (depending upon the level of activity). With high levels of activity, h.f. DXing is poor at best, whereas v.h.f. DXers have a field day with aurora and sporadic-E (the latter tends to occur most often during the summer months in the northern hemisphere).

Using the information is a matter of developing correlations of solar and geomagnetic activity to the on-air results of DXing, given your equipment, antennas, and location. For example, I find a flux of 150 or so is necessary to be productive in chasing DX on 20 meters all night. An A-count of 30, or K of 4, means high-

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Month/Year: 19_____

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Solar Flux																	
A-Index																	
K-Index	0000Z	0300Z															
	0600Z	0900Z															
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Enter Key & Time of Events																	

A	K
0	0
3	1
7	2
15	3
27	4
48	5
80	6
140	7
240	8
400	9

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Key Event

- F - Flare start (GMT)
- G - Geomagnetic storm start (GMT)
- P - Satellite proton event start (GMT)
- S - Sudden commencement start (GMT)
- C - Polar cap absorption (PCA) start (GMT)

Fig. 1- Record the data as announced, watching the dates for the A and K numbers. The K's are current and the A's are for the day ending or the previous day. See the text for explanation.

latitude great-circle signal paths are in deep trouble, and time could be better spent chasing DX out of Central and South America. The station here is modest—dipoles and exciter power—but the better your antennas, the longer you can expect to get results despite worsening, marginal propagation conditions.

It is easy to use the form in fig. 1, and you'll start to see the correlation of the announced flux, A, and K to the collapsing band conditions once some numbers are put in. It's not necessary to get the information every day, although you may miss some short-term developments. Very quickly, however, you'll be able to see trends for hours and days ahead and know whether or not spending a weekend at the operating desk would be profitable. Then you'll be able to answer the question when your friends ask, "How come I can't hear anyone?"

A Homework Assignment

Familiar with statistics? Use the data collected each month to calculate the mean, median, mode, range, and standard deviation of the solar flux and A-index each month. Plus-and-minus one standard deviation takes in approximately two-thirds of all values for the month, centered on the mean. It's interesting to

plot the values calculated for the standard deviation against the range (high and low) and examine the skewness of the distribution.

The sun rotates on an average of every 27 days. Another interesting assignment is to plot the flux and A-count on a sheet of graph paper, overlaying consecutive 27-day periods on the X-axis. Use different colors for each 27-day period. Scale the Y-axis to maximize the spread of the data points. If you plot three or four periods on one graph, the reoccurrence of the effects of sunspots as they rotate around almost a month later can be seen quite clearly.

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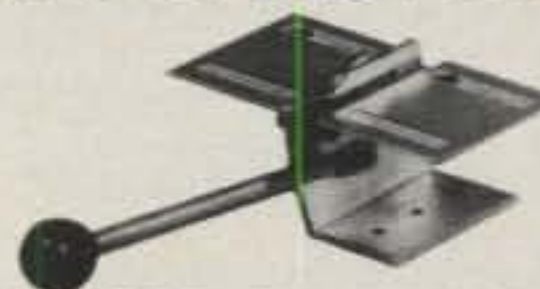
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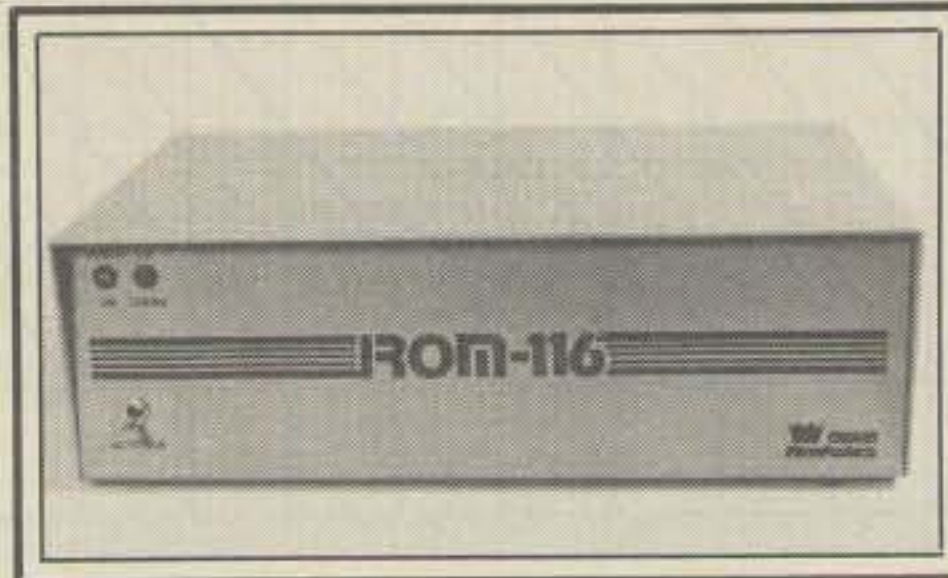
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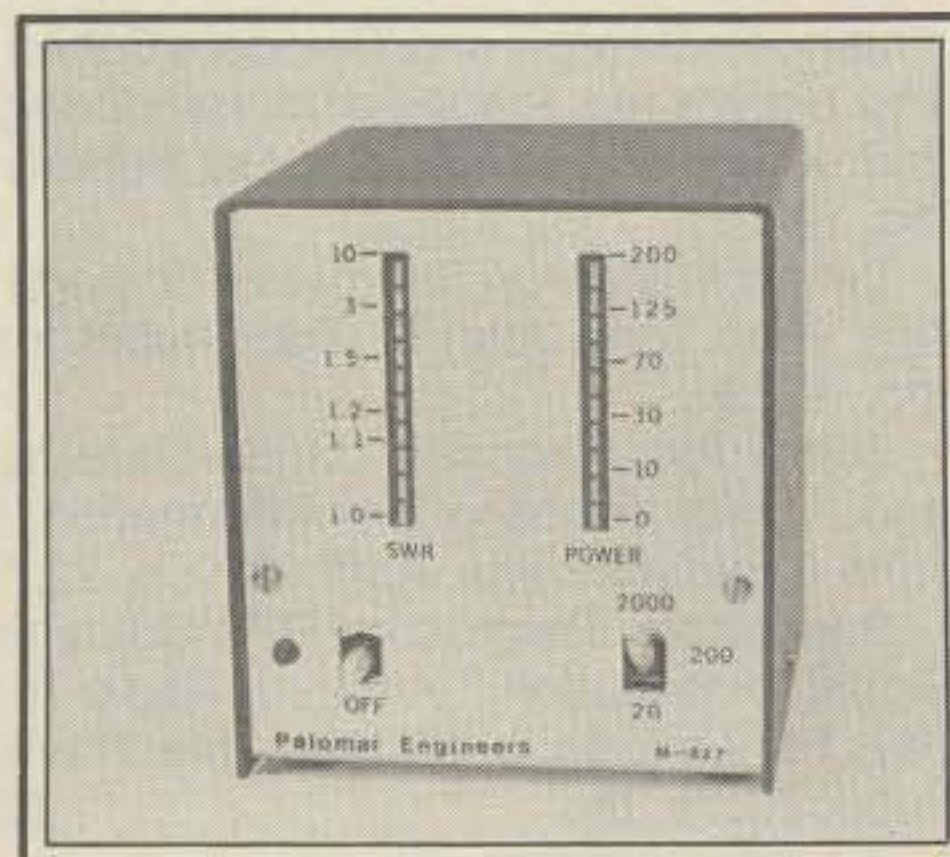
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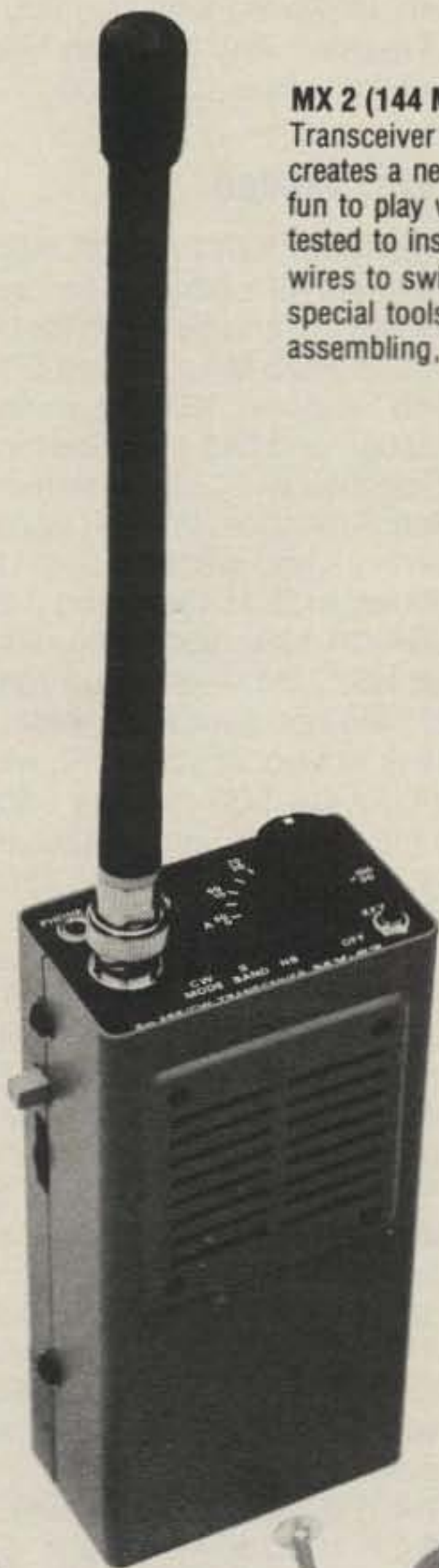
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NEWS OF CERTIFICATE AND AWARD COLLECTING



Dick Bolster, WB0MNE, at his station in Fairmont, MN.

The story of the month for September as told by Dick is:

R.D. "Dick" Bolster, WB0MNE All Counties #351 11-09-81

"Since high school I have been intrigued by amateur radio, but I did not know what it took nor how to become involved until I met a Minnesota state trooper who was a ham radio operator. He gave me some of the information I needed. Shortly thereafter, WA0IEF, the area Boy Scout Executive and an active amateur radio operator, moved into town. He gave me the help I needed to pass the Novice test. In 1971 I became WN0FET (Novice), but that call expired. In March of 1973 I passed my General class test and sat by waiting for my license. The license for WB0MNE arrived in April. It had been issued on my birthday, April 19th.

"My family consists of my wife, Marge, and our two children. Steve is a junior at Bemidji State University, and Cindi is a freshman at the University of Minnesota in Duluth. Our home was built in 1940. At that time a coal bin was built in the southeastern corner of the basement. By the time we bought the house in 1967, coal was no longer used in the furnace, but the 8 foot by 6 foot room was still there. The coal bin was converted into a radio room. The shack contains a Swan 700 CX, an Atlas 210X, and a Kenwood 820 bought at a sheriff's sale. My antenna is a TH3 Jr. at 50 feet. I use dipoles for 80 meters and 40 meters, and a Hustler antenna for mobile operation.

"In February of 1976 I called CQ on 20 meters and was answered by Larry, K6SLP/M6. We had a good QSO, and Larry talked about county hunting and told me the net frequency. After signing with Larry I tuned to 14.336 and listened.

After a while I decided I would try working Douglas County, Nevada, and I gave the mobile there a 5 x 8 signal report. He returned a 5 x 9. I did not get seriously involved, but I did work a few other counties during the next three months. What I was really looking for was my 50th state, Hawaii. After getting Hawaii, I thought I would go to 14.336 again, listen, and attempt to figure out what the stations were really doing. I heard one of the stations move another off frequency and I went along. After a 'break' I told them that I was new and asked if there was any information I could get. It was suggested that I write to MARAC for the information packet. When the information arrived, I read it and decided that it would not be possible to work all counties, but it was a real challenge.



Marge Bolster and Dick, WB0MNE, preparing for a mobile trip.

"After I decided to really try to work all counties, the first station I worked on the County Hunter's net was Robie, K4RQX. That was on July 10, 1976, and he was mobile in White Pine County, Nevada. After that I was a confirmed County Hunter. During the five years that I worked for my USA-CA, we were able to attend three of the MARAC conventions: Rochester, MN in 1977; Denver, CO in 1980; and Des Moines, IA in 1981. It was most enjoyable to actually meet many of the county hunters and their families.

"As many of you know, I am a police officer. One of the stations looking out for me as I dropped down to less than 20 counties to go knew that there was a mobile in my 17th-from-last county. Since he did not want me to miss the county, he telephoned the police department and told the dispatcher to tell the chief to get on the air because one of his counties was coming up. I am not the chief. The dispatcher did as he was asked, called the chief (real), and was asked what that was supposed to mean. The dispatcher then remembered that I am an amateur radio

operator and called me to ask if the message had any meaning for me. It did, and that is how I was able to work the 17th from the last. The big day and last county arrived on November 3, 1981 at 0206 when Chuck, N0BHO, went to Harding, South Dakota.

"I would like to thank all of the net controls, assistant net controls, and, of course, the operators of mobile stations. Without your help I would never have made it. The biggest thank you must go to my family for their patience when I appeared late at meals or had my meals in the shack while I was listening for counties I needed. And yes, with help you can work all counties."

Awards Issued

Fred Klein, KS7T (ex-K2UAR/W7JYW), completed all counties before sending for his award and qualified for USA-CA All Counties #423 Mixed dated 5-14-83.

Bob Sawinski, KD4DJ, completed his collection and had me send him USA-CA All Counties #424 Mixed dated 5-31-83.

Ron Sundsboe, WA0MQM, did a lot of paperwork and came up with USA-CA All Counties #425 Mixed dated 6-2-83.

USA-CA 3000 certificates went to Fred Klein, KS7T, #452; Bob Sawinski, KD4DJ, #453; and Ron Sundsboe, #454, all Mixed.

Jack Knapp, Jr., W3ARK, who already had USA-CA 500 through 2500 all A-1, had me send him an additional endorsement, USA-CA 500 through 2500, endorsed all 2 x S.S.B.

USA-CA 2500 endorsements also were sent to Fred Klein, KS7T, #510; John F. Kray, KA9CNG, #511; Bob Sawinski, KD4DJ, #512; and Ron Sundsboe, WA0MQM, #512. All of these endorsements were for Mixed band and mode.

Fred Klein, KS7T, and Ron Sundsboe, WA0MQM, claimed USA-CA 2000, #565 and #566, both Mixed.

Gari J. Berloit, K9PBV, qualified for USA-CA 1500, #632 Mixed. Fred Klein, KS7T, and Ron Sundsboe, WA0MQM, received USA-CA 1500, #633 and #634, respectively.

Robin U. Go, DU9RG/4D9RG, claimed USA-CA 1000 #777, all 2 x S.S.B. Also qualifying for USA-CA 1000 were Gari J. Berloit, K9PBV, #778; Fred Klein, KS7T, #779; and Ron Sundsboe, WA0MQM, #780 Mixed.

USA-CA-500 Certificates went to: Randy Tipton, WA5UFH, #1834, All 2 x S.S.B., All 6M.

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Fred Klein, KS7T, #1838 Mixed.

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Ed Sanders, WA6VJP, #1840, All 2x C.W.

Deiter Pries, DK9QD, #1841 Mixed.

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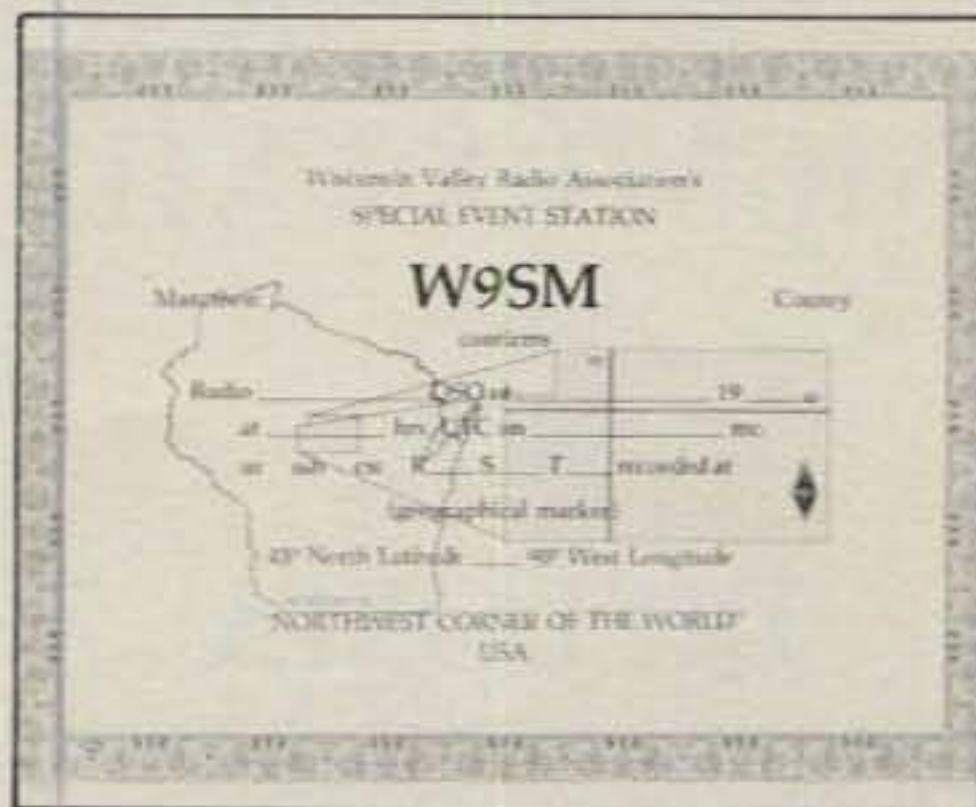
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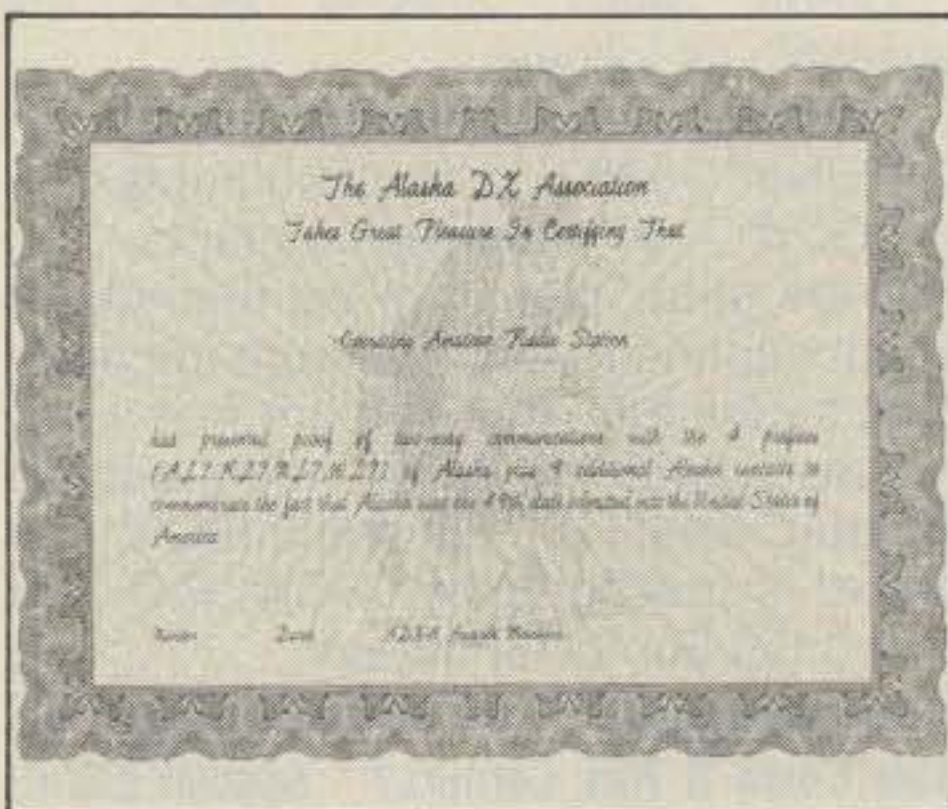
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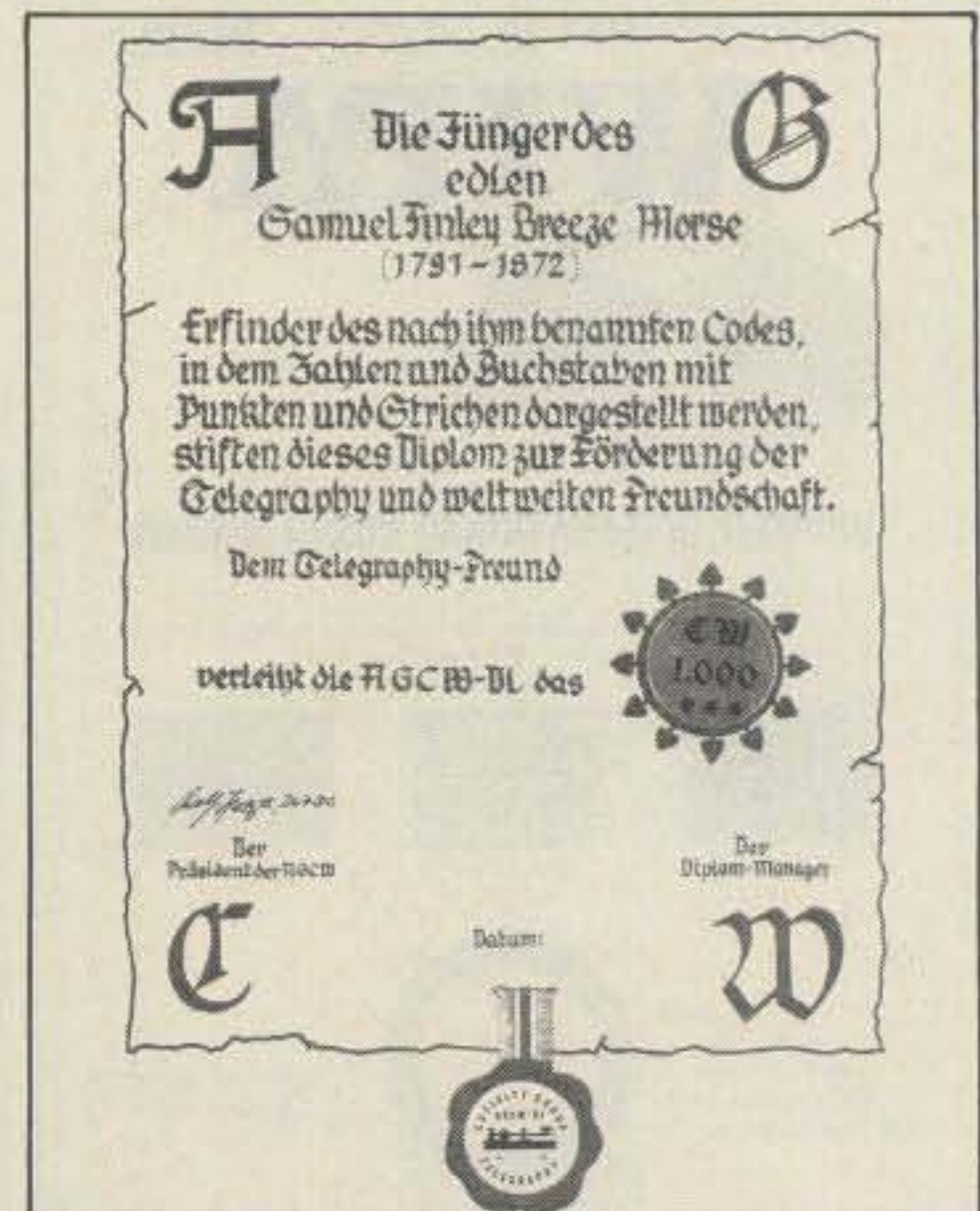
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AGCW—C.W. 1000 Award.

Notes

Here in midwest America, the summer holiday season is fast drawing to a close. The 1983 County Hunters Convention in Charleston, West Virginia, is a pleasant memory, and we are looking forward to our own fall vacation to the Rocky Mountains. Until October . . .

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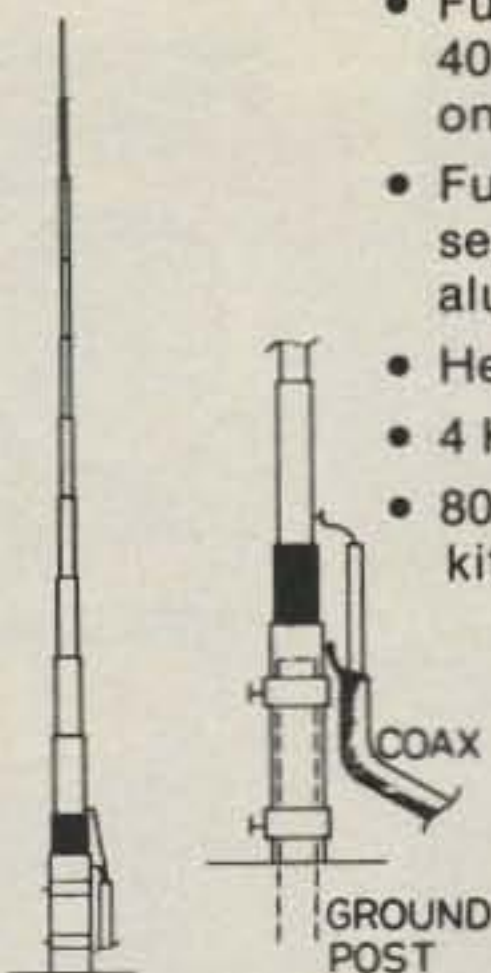
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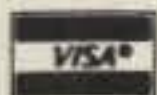
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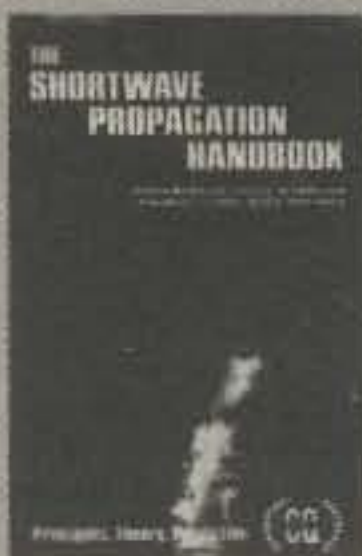
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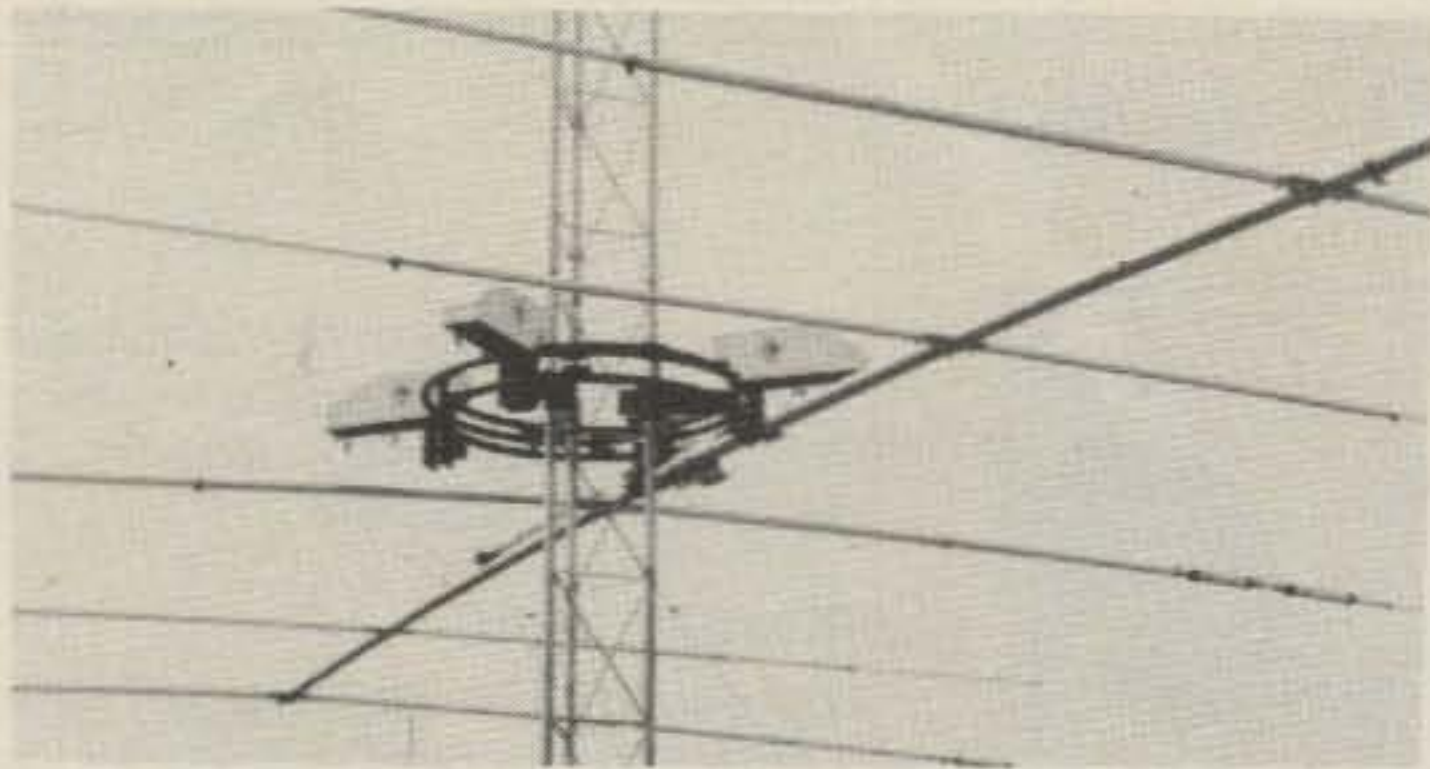
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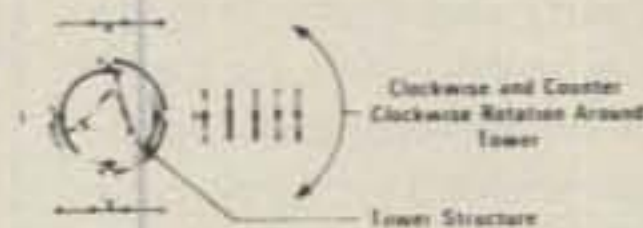
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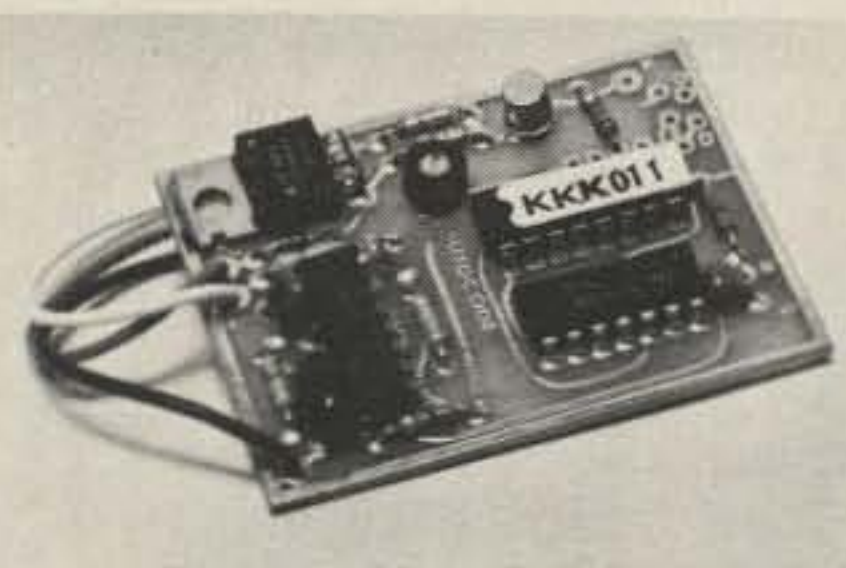
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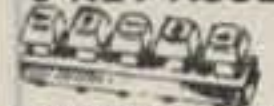
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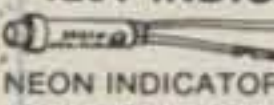
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NEWS OF COMMUNICATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

When September comes can *The Contest* be far behind? *The Contest* is, of course, the CQ World-Wide Phone Contest scheduled for the weekend of October 29 and 30. See Frank's Contest Calendar elsewhere in this issue for full details, including instructions for obtaining official summary and log sheets.

The CQ World-Wide Phone Test in October and the CQ World-Wide C.W. Test in November provide the two best weekends of the entire year for working new countries and zones. Almost anyone who hasn't "worked them all" already can find a new one during the big contest weekends.

September is the month to get ready for the phone weekend. If you plan to operate from the home QTH, as most DXers and contesters will be doing, you should be checking out the rig and the antenna system. If you have been meaning to get a new beam up, or do some repairs on the old beam, now is the time. If a new exciter or linear is in the works, now is the time to move on that also, and don't forget to hurry a self-addressed, stamped envelope to CQ headquarters for log sheets.

Maybe you belong to a contest club, or a DX club with strong interest in contest operation, and will be going for a big multi-operator, multi-transmitter score. If so, you should be talking and planning and getting the gear together. How are things at the antenna farm? Is the new beam up yet? What is the condition of the towers? Those linears haven't seen much action since the last contest. Are they ready? Time is running out!

A hard-core group of W/K/N/VE DXers, the lucky few, will be operating from a DX location, either for pure recreation or in a serious attempt to win one of the several trophies. Popular spots for U.S. and Canadian amateurs include the Caribbean islands. Previous contests have featured activity from 9Y4, HH2, 6Y5, ZF2, VP5, 8P6, KV4/KP2, KP4, VP2V, VP2E, VP2M, FM7, C6A, VP9, PJ2, PJ8, FG7, HI8, and J3 through J8. Europeans favor spots such as C31, CT2, CT3, D4, EA8, HB0, OH0, and 4U1.

If you plan to operate from one of the Caribbean islands, you should be picking your spot and making your reservations, as the choicest locations will soon be taken. And of course your gear! When an operation involves the transportation of transceivers, linears, antennas, wire, fuses, tools, and what have you on a 2,000 mile trip to a strange QTH, it re-



Larry Brockman, N6AR, (left) presenting the CQ DX Hall of Fame award to a surprised San Hutson, K5YY.

quires planning, planning, and more planning. Do you have your license in hand? Are you sure the hotel has no objection to that big beam hanging over the swimming pool? Has there been a change of management at the hotel since your last visit? A land-line call may be in order.

Do you have plenty of log sheets, a pencil sharpener, and pencils, pencils, and still more pencils? If you plan to score points in the hundreds of thousands or in the millions, you will need pencils by the dozens.

Perhaps you have hopes of winning a DXpedition trophy in the contest; then you had best direct your attention to the "3 point islands." When you are on an island where a contact with the U.S. or Canada counts only 2 points, it's very hard to compete with a guy knocking down 3 points for each such contact. The difference is the continental boundary. If your island is in North America, you get 2 points for U.S. and Canadian QSO's, but if you are in South America, you get 3 points per U.S. and VE QSO. The "3 point islands" include PJ2 and 9Y4, and stations on those islands figure high in the contest standings every year. Most Caribbean islands such as KP4, KV4/KP2, VP2, VP5, VP9, FM7, C6A, HH2, etc., are "2 pointers." You can have a lot of fun operating from these islands, but winning is extremely difficult. Herb, KV4FZ, and Pedro, NP4A (ex-KP4AST), are two who have done it by maintaining extensive an-

tenna farms with large monoband beams and arrays. However, with a temporary station using dipoles and tribanders, it's pretty close to impossible.

Contesting Hints

Top contest operators N6AR, N6AV, and N6AW recently offered these suggestions to serious contesters through the pages of the *Southern California DX Club Bulletin*:

1. Keep a dupe sheet and a zone check sheet for each band. (A dupe sheet avoids claiming the same station twice on one band. (Excessive dupes will disqualify a log.)
2. Know when to expect band openings.
3. Make up a band operating plan and stick to it.
4. Know where to operate.
5. Don't waste more than 5 minutes in a pileup.
6. Don't waste any time in a Caribbean pileup unless propagation favors you.
7. Establish a tuning pattern, consistently up to down, or down to up.
8. Check frequency carefully before calling CQ. Don't call long CQ's.
9. Determine patterns in a pileup. He might be gradually tuning in one direction to listen, then jumping back. He could be alternating between two frequencies. Does he always take the strongest caller? The tailender?
10. Look around a lot in the higher parts of the band. Let the big guns fight it out down below.
11. For a couple of hours around noon local time the bands will get slow. Grab some sleep.
12. Stay up Friday night; sleep Saturday night.

These could be called the "Twelve Commandments of Contesting." They were written by experts with the CQ World-Wide Phone Contest in mind. Take heed!

De Extra

This month's De Extra editorial was written by K5NW and first appeared in *QRZ DX*, a weekly DX news bulletin edited by W5KNE. It was prompted by the deaths of Diethelm Mueller, DJ4EI, and Gero Band, DJ3NG, who were killed while attempting a DXpedition to the Spratly Islands. This is a matter of great interest and concern to DXers, and we would appreciate your views. Thoughtful, well-written letters may be published in a future issue.

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happens as did that with the ill-fated Spratly group. These people, in effect, gambled with their lives to give some of you a new country. Unfortunately they lost that gamble. Now one must question their judgment in going to such a dangerous part of the world for such a mundane reason as a DXpedition. The political situation around the Spratly group is well documented and should have been taken into consideration. Perhaps it was, and extenuating circumstances simply put them in an unwanted situation. It simply won't be known until the survivors relate the facts.

"This is certainly not the first group to experience misfortune on a DXpedition. Among the instances which come quickly to mind are the airplane crash on Palmyra by the group going to Kingman Reef, the pirate attack on the DXers enroute to Clipperton, the deaths of Chuck

Swain and Ted Thorpe in a Pacific typhoon, and the close call by an earlier Spratly group. They will doubtless not be the last to experience such a fate.

"Or will they? Already there are rumbles and grumbles on the bands to the effect that Spratly and other such dangerous places should be deleted from the DXCC list. It has long been rumored that Newington keeps a secret countries criteria which is supposed to preclude any place becoming a new country if it involves personal danger to would-be DXpeditioners. These rumors indicate that this weighed heavily on deliberations involving Peter Island.

"Well, the mere existence of a so-called secret country criteria per se would be bad enough, but to have secret considerations other than geographic and political to determine what constitutes a DXCC country would be almost inexcusable. After all, the DXCC award is for working countries, not countries who are not at war, nor for working countries with easy ingress and egress. The DXCC award is for working some number of countries which should be determined by geopolitical criteria or boundaries! The elimination of countries, or potential countries, because of some arbitrary degree of personal risk which might be involved in putting them on the air would only serve to cheapen the award and strip some of the sense of thrill and exhilaration from potential DXpeditions.

"A past bulletin asked the question, 'At what cost DX?' I certainly can't answer that question for anyone except myself. It must be a personal decision by the potential DXpeditioner himself, and it would be wrong to attempt to answer it for him by deleting potentially dangerous countries. I daresay that more DXers have been killed or injured from high voltage or from tower-climbing accidents while trying to squeeze another half S-unit out of their stations than from DXpeditions to so-called dangerous places. Yet I hear no hue and cry to outlaw tall towers and big linears."

This is a thought-provoking view from K5NW. What do you think?

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This is shaping up as a great year for the prefix chaser, and special call signs designated to commemorate World Communications Year (WCY) are playing a major role. On May 17 the Australians activated their AX prefix series, and on May 21 the New Zealand Amateur Radio Transmitting Society (NZART) operated 8 special stations, ZL1ACY-ZL9ACY. QSLs for the latter go to ZL2HE or via the ZL Bureau. San Marino club station T70A was active on April 20, and a QSL with a special World Communications Year theme is available by writing to A.R.R.S.M., P.O. Box 1, Republic of San Marino 47031.

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2687	I0JLX	2702	KC9EW
2688	I0NKN	2703	N4KG
2689	FG7BG	2704	EABXS
2690	K4JW	2705	CE3TZ
2691	W5IUE	2706	N5AWS
2692	ZP5JAL	2707	KA2ELW
2693	CT4RH	2708	F6GUG
2694	LU4MEE	2709	YB2BOT
2695	K0TLM	2710	IK5ACO
2696	JE6WVU	2711	N6BLN
2697	WB3CJO		

C.W. and Phone

5581	W7MCG	5596	W7AM
5582	GM4LHA	5597	DF5UT
5583	KO9Q	5598	KC9BQ
5584	KC3X	5599	K0TLM
5585	PY6ABZ	5600	WA4LBX
5586	K2TK	5601	K4GFH
5587	DL6RAI	5602	YU7NW
5588	JH1EDB	5603	N4KG
5589	OK3RC	5604	F6GXB
5590	JA2EGM	5605	F5KO
5591	W4TL	5606	N6PE
5592	IV3JWR	5607	KR7G
5593	SV1NA	5608	KB0AG
5594	FC6FHX	5609	K6NAP
5595	JH7LVK		

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by VE stations, CI by VO stations, and CK1 by VY1 stations from May 17 through July 17. Finnish amateurs were allowed to substitute the special prefix OF in place of the usual OH, while the Netherlands issued special PF-WCY call signs and allowed the use of PF and PG prefixes. Special WCY stations operating from the Sudan were 6U1WCY from Khartoum and 6U0WCY from the southern Sudan by Horst, DF7ZH. Japanese stations used the 8J1-8J0 prefix block, while Niue Island contributed to the festivities with the special call ZK9WCY.

While it is not a rare prefix, it is noteworthy that HCJB, the "Voice of the Andes," did its part for WCY with a special HC1JB operation June 11 and 12. They used the regular HCJB antenna system.

Special prefixes in last spring's CQ WPX Test included TO by the French stations, CR0 for CT1, HG5 and HG6 from Hungary, 4C5 and XF0 from Mexico, ZY from Brazil, P42 from Aruba, YT and YZ from Yugoslavia, and EC3 from Spain. Franz, DJ9ZB, a member of the DX Hall of Fame, used 3A3WPX from Monaco.

The A24 prefix is said to be reserved for Novice stations in Botswana, and KP5 has been assigned to Desecheo. (Now we need someone with the right connections to arrange a landing on Desecheo.) The unusual 4U8 prefix was used from Geneva in May as 4U8ITU with QSLs to go to F6EYS.

During the month of June, HW83 was substituted for the F prefix for five stations in Annonay, France, in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the first hot-air balloon flight, and members of L.C.R.A. were issued special 5J1 and 5K1 prefixes to mark the 50th anniversary of amateur radio in Columbia.

Designated call signs for Liberian stations participating in a leprosy control project during 1983 include A81LC, A82LC, A85LC, A87LC, A88LC, and A89LC, with the LC suffix indicating Leprosy Center. The QSL Manager for these stations is SM4CWY, P.O. Box 134, 67101 Arvika, Sweden. Extra IRC's and cash represent donations to the Center.

The headquarters station for A.R.I. in Italy used the special call IR2ITU in May, and switched to I12A in June.

Some Facts About That Rare DX Country—Mount Athos

Mount Athos is a *land without women*, a land where no female animal—not even a cow or mare—has been allowed since the year 1060!

Mount Athos, or "holy mountain," is a theocratic state in northern Greece known officially as *Hagion Oros* or *Ayion Oros*. It is ruled by the holy community in Karie, which consists of one representative from each of 20 monasteries under the benevolent supervision of a Greek governor. The community has enjoyed autonomy under Byzantine emperors, Ottoman sultans, and the modern Greek

5 Band WAZ Standings as of June 1, 1983

All 200 zones worked:

1. ON4UN	22. I2ZGC	42. ZL1BIL
2. K4MQG	23. 4Z4DX	43. I4EAT
3. SM4CAN	24. N4KE	44. ZL1BQD
4. AA6AA	25. K5UR	45. TG9NX
5. W8AH	26. K9AJ	46. XE1J
6. W6KUT	27. SM3EVR	47. F5VU
7. EA8AK	28. LA5YJ	48. W3AP
8. LA7JO	29. DL3RK	49. YO3AC
9. EA3SF	30. N4WJ	50. K3TW
10. OH1XX	31. G3MCS	51. XE1OX
11. EA8OZ	32. SM5AQD	52. VE7IG
12. W0SD	33. W0MLY	53. OK1ADM
13. K0ZZ	34. I0RIZ	54. CT1FL
14. ON6OS	35. ON5NT	55. WA1AER
15. OK3TCA	36. OH6JW	56. N4RR
16. K6SSS	37. OK1AWZ	57. UW0MF
17. ZL3GQ	38. IV3PRK	58. W4DR
18. OK3CGP	39. DJ6RX	59. OK1MP
19. SM0AJU	40. OH3YI	60. W1NW
20. OZ3PZ	41. I4RYC	61. OE1ZJ
21. I3MAU		

The top 9 contenders for 5 Band WAZ:

1. JA3EMU, 199	6. K4CEB, 198
2. N4WW, 199	7. K1MEM, 197
3. W1NG, 199	8. K7UR, 196
4. W8UVZ, 198	9. F6DZU, 196
5. LA9GV, 198	

200 Stations have attained the 150 zone level

government. In 1973, because of its distinctly separate administration, it became eligible as a DXCC country.

The current population of Athos is about 600 Basilian monks, which is considerably less than the 15th century population of 1000 monks in each of 40 monasteries. Of particular concern is the present lack of novices. The number of monks is steadily decreasing.

Athos may be reached either via boat, from Thessalonika to Dafni, or by road over mountainous terrain. Any ship with women on board is forbidden to approach within 500 yards.

In many respects, Athos is a Greek *Shangri-La*. According to *Fodor's Greece 1982*, "Stately buildings dot a well-watered valley, which slopes, lush and green, down to the sea." The monasteries and their churches contain a wealth of Byzantine art, icons, treasures, and a vast number of classical and medieval manuscripts.

First founded in the 10th century, Athos was originally the haven of hermits. The oldest monastery is Lavra, which was founded in the year 963. Lavra resembles a large, fortified hilltop village.

Athos occupies the easternmost of the three promontories of the Chalcidice Peninsula and projects into the Aegean Sea. The promontory is 30 miles long and 6½ miles wide at its widest point. The highest point is the marble peak of Athos, which reaches 6,600 feet above sea level. (Thanks Bob Winn, W5KNE, and "QRZ DX" for this information.)

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12. 20 meter single-band c.w.—all c.w. since 1973.

13. 15 meter single-band c.w.—all c.w. since 1973.

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1255	G4GWB	1259	W4OHZ
1256	WA4PMF		

C.W.

584	JH1EDB	586	W6NLG
585	YU2RTW		

S.S.B. Endorsements

310	DL9OH/315	275	KB3OQ/286
310	OE3WVB/310	275	W6NLG/282
300	W0YDB/308	275	N5AWS/281
300	W8JXM/303	275	I5EFO/278
300	K9HOM/301	275	KZ2P/275
300	W7OM/301	250	VE6PW/273
300	W4OHZ/300	250	N3ARK/270
275	KB8DB/294	250	JH1EDB/265

C.W. Endorsements

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Campbell Island: ZL3HIA has been heard near 3800 kHz. He is only able to operate on 80 meters. QSL to ZL2QW.

Indonesia: For those needing YB on c.w., YB5AES has been worked on 28019 kHz. He is active daily from 0900-1500 and 2200-2400 GMT. Look for him on 40 meters between 7000 and 7005 kHz. QSL to W4BBP.

Jan Mayen: JX5DW should be active until mid-1984. He passes out c.w. contacts near 7025 from 0300 GMT and 14025 from 2300 GMT. QSL to him at 8013 Jan Mayen Island, Norway.

Kenya: 5Z4 has been activated on c.w. by Rolf, 5Z4MX, formerly 4S7MX. He will be there for three years. Reported frequencies include 21020, 3501, and 7004. QSL to SM3CXS.

Malpelo Island: A group of Columbia amateurs are scheduled to activate Malpelo for five days in October. Those involved include HK1QQ, HK3RQ, HK3BAU, HK3TF, and HK0BKX. The QSL Manager will be HK3DDD. The call is unknown at present, but HK0TU has been used previously from Malpelo.

San Marino: T77C was formerly M1C. He is active on 14020-030 c.w. from 2100 GMT. QSL to the *Callbook* address for M1C.

S.M.O.M.: The Rome amateurs hope to activate 1A0KM some time in October or November.

Taiwan: Tim, BV2A and BV2B, is the only ham in Taiwan. He uses the call BV2B for 20 meter s.s.b. only, and BV2A for other bands and modes.

Turkey: TA is active again on c.w. TA2WES was reported on 14030 kHz at 0330 GMT. QSL to Box 11, Baglbası, Istanbul, Turkey.

Uganda: Two stations, 5X5BJ on 14186 kHz and 5X5FS on 14190 kHz, have been reported on from Uganda at 2000-2030 GMT. The political situation is fluid, and they may or may not be active now.

Willis Island: VK9ZS should be on the island until December. QSL to VK6YL.

Zone 23: Vic, UA7YAN, has been active regularly from Tuva on 14045-050 kHz. QSL to Box 88, Moscow. A new rotor was donated to JT1AN by the Kansas DX Association. It has arrived, and signals to

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W8KPL 313	W1NG 306	SM3EVR 300	N5DX 291	W4BV 277
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S.S.B.

K2FL 315	CT1FL 311	AA6AA 303	KB8DB 294	XE1OW 283
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K6WR 315	I4LCK 311	ZL1BIL 303	K4SE 293	VE3CKP 283
W3GRS 315	K4CEB 311	XE1KS 303	WD8MOV 293	VE3MV 283
W3NKM 315	EA4LH 310	W8JXM 303	K9IW 293	AE5B 282
DL9OH 315	OE2EGL 310	LU1BAR/W3 302	I6PLN 292	CT1UA 282
W9DWQ 314	DK2BL 310	WA4WTG 302	WA4LOF 292	WB3DNA 282
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F9RM 314	K9RF 310	G4CHP 301	W9RY 291	TG9EP 281
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I8KDB 313	K4XO 308	LA7JO 299	KM6B 289	W4JFE 279
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 F08IW to K1CC
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 J3AVT to W8UVZ
 J28DT to DF6AD
 JD1ALN to JR8FOG
 JT1AN to W7PHO
 JX6RE to LA9RE
 KA4EIN/TI0 to N5BQR
 KC7UU/5N6 to K6EDV
 K8ZBL/J6L to K8ZBY
 LU2MM to K1MM
 LU5ZA to LU2A
 OH8BA to OH2BAZ
 PA3ATA/LX to PA6RO
 PA3AWW/LX to PA6RO
 PP8ZAT to KC8YW
 PY1ZFF to KA9KUH
 R4ASB to UK4AAB
 SV8AA to N2OO
 SV7WD to WB4LFM
 T2ETA, T2VEL, T30BF, & T30BG to OE2DYL
 T30CH to W9SLT
 T32AB to N7YL
 TG9GI to I0WDX
 TG9NX to N4FKZ
 TG9RB to W1WLW
 ZP5CD to KE4UV
 ZS3TP to N8CP
 3D6AJ to WB3CQN
 4N8ATC to YU2AKL
 5W1AB to WA7LJU
 6W8FZ to DJ7BG
 9M2HB to N4FFN
 9N1WW to JA8BMK
 A22DC to Private Bag #10, Serowe, Botswana
 C21BD to P.O. Box 225, Republic of Nauru, Central Pacific
 CP8HD to Box 322, Trinidad, Bolivia
 CX7BY to James R. Wood, W0IJN, P.O. Box 549, Montevideo, MN 56265
 D44BC to P.O. Box 36, Mindelo, Republic of Cape Verde
 FG7BM to Box 1249, Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe
 FY7AN to Boite Postal 746, 97305 Cayenne, French Guiana
 GD4PTV to 13 Threshold, Jurby, Isle of Man, United Kingdom
 HT5JAR to P.O. Box 122, Jinotepe, Nicaragua
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TG9XML to K5BDX
 TI5EWL to AG1K
 TJ1AF to N4IAM
 TL8ER to F6GQK
 T05RV/FC to F5RV
 TR8DX to WA4VDE
 TR8JL to K6VNX
 TR8MYA to JA8ATG
 TU2GA to K9KXA
 TY9NX to N4FKZ
 UA0FCL to KB7SB
 UD6BD & UD6BG to W7PHO
 UJ8JQC to WB2OHD
 UK1PAC to UK1OAA
 UK2FAA to KA6V
 UK2RDX to W7PHO
 UV8EX to W7PHO
 V2AN to WB8SSR
 VP2MCK to G2ACK
 VP2V06 to W4KA
 VP5LDX to WB8LDH
 VP8AQU to K0JW
 VS6YY to K5YY
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 XE2EBE to AA6DP
 XF8MDX to XE1MDX
 XL1WK to VE1WF
 XT2AW to KN1DPS
 YB8ACP to K6DLV
 YB8AV to KB5AS
 YB9VA to W5GZI
 YJ8DX to JL1KDX
 YN1BO to SK7HW
 YS1LSR to VE3MFP
 YS9HH to WB5GUV
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 ZK2EL to OE2DYL
 ZK2TA to OE2DYL
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 TR8JL and TR8JLD to P.O. Box 484, Libreville, Gabon
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 VK9WC to P.O. Box 27, Norfolk Island
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 YJ8RG to Box 229, Port Vila, Vanuatu, Central Pacific
 YS1LSR to Box 1493, San Salvador, El Salvador
 Z21GB to Post Office, Colleen Bawn, Zimbabwe
 Z21GO to 39 Coull Dr., Mt. Pleasant, Harare, Zimbabwe
 ZB2GR to #19, Keuhley House, Gibraltar
 ZD7BW to Isle of St. Helena, South Atlantic Ocean

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● **Chelsea Fair Certificate** - A special certificate will be issued to anyone making contact with the Chelsea Communications Club from August 30th through September 3rd. Contact can be made with WD8IEL on 40 and 80 meter phone from 2300-0100Z. Send s.a.s.e. to 104 East Middle St., Chelsea, MI 48118.

● **KB7KZ From Tombstone, AZ** - On September 3-5 special event station KB7KZ will be on the air in conjunction with the Second Annual Rendezvous of Gunfighters. Operations will be from 1500 UTC on the 3rd through 2400 UTC on the 4th on s.s.b. 28680, 21380, 14280, and 7280, and on c.w. 21130 and 7130. Certificates will be awarded to amateurs and s.w.l.'s. Send large s.a.s.e. (40¢) to KB7KZ, P.O. Box 36032, Tucson, AZ 85740.

● **Special Event Station WA1RXA** - The Greater Norwalk ARC will operate WA1RXA from the Norwalk, CT Oyster Festival on Sept. 9th (2200-0100 GMT), 10th (1500-0200 GMT), and 11th (1500-0000 GMT) on phone (3890, 7240, 14305, 21385, 28600) and c.w. (3720, 7120, 14090, 21090, 28090). For a certificate send an s.a.s.e. to Joseph Beck, 26 Ambler Dr., Norwalk, CT 06851.

● **WAARS To Operate W4WYP** - The West Alabama ARS will operate this special event station to commemorate the birthday of football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant on Sept. 10th from 1300-2400Z on the bottom 25 kHz of the general 40-15 meter phone band (also Novices on the bottom 25 kHz of Novice band). Send \$1.00 and large s.a.s.e. to the West Alabama ARS, P.O. Box 1741, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403 for a certificate.

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● **Northern New Mexico ARC Special Event** - This club will operate mobile from the Cumbres and Toltec Railroad on Sept. 17th from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. MST. They will be on 14.260 and 21.360 MHz. A certificate will be available. For more information and QSL contact Tom Walker, N5ACP, 560 Bryce, Whiterock, NM 87544 (no s.a.s.e.; send QSL and 40¢).

● **W7NYW From Sumpter Valley Railroad, OR** - The Eastern Oregon ARS and amateurs from LeGrande, OR, will operate W7NYW from 1600 UTC Sept. 17th to 2300 UTC Sept. 18th on Novice bands plus 1.865, 3.965, 7.265, 14.265, 21.365, 29.000 MHz, and repeaters 147.66-.06, 147.86-.26, and 146.20-.80. For commemorative QSL send your QSL and s.a.s.e. to EARS, P.O. Box 124, Baker, OR 97814.

● **Special Event Station KB9PQ** - The Inland Steel Employees Repeater Assoc. (East Chicago, IN) will be on the air with the call KB9PQ from 1300-0000Z on Sept. 17-18 on all bands in the first 10-15 kHz of the general and Novice portions of the bands, plus 146.52 f.m. For certificate send s.a.s.e. to ARS KB9PQ, 7605 Southeastern, Hammond, IN 46324.

● **General Motors Anniversary Station** - The Fisher Body Lordstown ARC (Warren, OH) will operate W8KKZ from 1200Z-0300Z daily from Sept. 22-24 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of General Motors. Operation will be in the lower portion of the 20 and 40 meter general phone bands and lower portion of the 15 and 40 Novice c.w. bands. QSL information will be given on the air during the event.

● **N8CUX From Smithfield, OH** - N8CUX will operate from the Smithfield Apple Festival from 2300-0400 UTC on Sept. 23rd and 24th on s.s.b. 3.900 and Novice 7.110 both ± 5 MHz. For a certificate send s.a.s.e. to Robert Carson, N8CUX, 259 Hill St., Smithfield, OH 43948.

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

Sept. 9-10, **Fourth Annual High Plains Ham Roundup**, Medicine Bow National Forest, east of Laramie, WY. Contact Mike Marchitelli, P.O. Box 731, Laramie, WY 82070.

Sept. 10, **4th Annual Grant County, IN, Hamfest**, Marion, IN. Contact Jerry Richards, KA9DLJ, P.O. Box 1146, Marion, IN 46952.

Sept. 10-11, **Mobile ARC Hospitality Hamfest**, Mobile, AL. Contact Jim Wilder, N4GUC, 424 Cody Rd. S., Mobile, AL 36609, phone 205-343-7365.

Sept. 10-11, **Windsor Hamfest**, Windsor, ME. Contact N1AZH, RFD #2 Box 3678, Greer, ME 04236, phone 207-946-7557.

Sept. 11, **Ozarks ARC Congress & Swapfest**, Monett, MO. Contact OARS, Box 327, Aurora, MO 65605.

Sept. 11, **Findlay Hamfest**, Findlay, OH. Contact Findlay Radio Club, P.O. Box 587, Findlay, OH 45840.

Sept. 13-17, **Miss America Pageant Special Event Station K2BR**, Atlantic City, NJ. Contact SCARA, K2BR, Box 121, Linwood, NJ 08221.

Sept. 17, **Sonoma County Radio Amateurs Fleamarket**, Sebastopol, CA. Contact SCRA, Box 116, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

Sept. 17, **Grand Rapids ARA Swap & Shop**, Grand Rapids, MI. Contact Grand Rapids ARA, P.O. Box 1248, Grand Rapids, MI 49501.

Sept. 17, **31st Annual W9DXCC Convention**, Itasca, IL. Contact Howard Huntington, K9KM, 65 S. Burr Oak Dr., Lake Zurich, IL 60047.

Sept. 17-18, **Peoria Superfest '83**, Peoria, IL. Contact Superfest '83, 5808 N. Andover Ct., Peoria, IL 61615 (s.a.s.e.).

Sept. 18, **L'Anse Creuse ARC Swap & Shop**, Mt. Clemens, MI. Contact Wm. Chesney, N8CVC, 215 Elizabeth, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 (s.a.s.e.), phone 1-313-463-1412.

Sept. 18, **Skyview Radio Society Hamfest**, New Kensington, PA. Contact Skyview Radio Society, Turkey Ridge Rd., New Kensington, PA 15068.

Sept. 18, **Cincinnati Hamfest**, Venice (Ross), OH. Contact W8ALW, 3965 Harmar Ct., Cincinnati, OH 45211.

Sept. 18, **Candlewood ARA Fleamarket**, Danbury, CT. Contact CARA, P.O. Box 188, Brookfield Center, CT 06850, phone KC2QF 914-533-2758.

Sept. 18, **South Jersey Radio Assn. Hamfest**, Pennsauken, NJ. Contact Fred Holler, W2EKB, 348 Bortons Mill Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08002, phone 609-795-0577.

Sept. 23-25, **ARRL Dakota Div. Convention**, Sioux Falls, SD. Contact Sioux Falls ARC, P.O. Box 91, Sioux Falls, SD 57101.

Sept. 24, **Elmira International Hamfest**, Horseheads, NY. Contact John Breese, 340 West Ave., Horseheads, NY 14845.

Sept. 24, **Seventh Annual Baldwin Hamfest**, Baldwin, WI. Contact Bruce Olson, N9BLU, Box 91, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024.

Sept. 24-25, **Radio Expo 83**, Grayslake, IL. Contact Radio Expo 83, Box 1532, Evanston, IL 60204 (s.a.s.e.), phone 312-582-6923.

Sept. 24-25, **Wichita ARS Hamfest**, Wichita Falls, TX. Contact WARS Hamfest, P.O. Box 4363, Wichita Falls, TX 76308.

Sept. 24-25, **Walla Walla Hamfest**, Walla Walla, WA. Contact Walla Walla Valley ARC, P.O. Box 321, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Sept. 25, **Sandhills ARC Eyeball QSO Party**, Garden City, KS. Contact SHARC, P.O. Box 811, Garden City, KS 67846 (s.a.s.e.).

Sept. 25, **Boulder ARC Swapfest**, Boulder, CO. Contact Tim Groat, 1000 E. 10th Ave., Broomfield, CO 80020, phone 303-466-3733.

Sept. 25, **Natchaug ARA Hamfest & Fleamarket**, Willimantic, CT. Contact Edward C. Sadeski, KA1HYW, 268 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226, phone 203-456-1432 after 4 p.m.

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Phone: October 29-30 & C.W.: November 26-27
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) = 1000,000 (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.

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*Japan - Palm Garden Contest Club
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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.

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World - Radio Club Venezolano
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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

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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 defined as within a 275 Km radius from center of club area (except for DXpeditions especially organized for operation in the contest).
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. All sent and received exchanges are to be logged.
3. Indicate zone and country multiplier only the FIRST TIME it is worked on each band.
4. 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.
5. Use a separate sheet for each band.
6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

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

10. 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, 1983 for the Phone section and January 15, 1984 for the C.W. section. An extension may be given if requested. Indicate phone or c.w. on envelope.

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

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**Except the Jim Neiger, N6TJ, and Gordon Marshall, W6RR, awards.

"HOW TO" FOR THE NEWCOMER TO AMATEUR RADIO

Using Previous Novice Columns to Get Desired Information

I receive mail from Novices and prospective Novices seeking help. I answer most of these letters with brief explanations, plus references to prior Novice columns for more detailed explanations. This month's column gathers significant previous Novice columns under four headings and lists a sequence for reading articles within each heading. The four headings are Introduction, Radiotelegraphy, Station, and Operating. Previous issues of CQ or reprints of the column are usually available at \$2.00 each from CQ, 76 N. Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801.

Introduction

"Advantages of Starting as a Novice" is in the June 1978 issue. "Sources of Aid for Prospective Amateurs" is in the December 1978 issue. "Getting Technical Help from Experts" is in the October 1977 issue. "How to Get Started in Amateur Radio" is split between the July and August 1978 issues. The last article to read in this group is "Amateur Radio Operator Examinations," which is in the March 1982 issue. If you know anyone who is teetering on the edge of taking the plunge to become an amateur, I hope you will advise her/him to read these introductory articles.

Radiotelegraphy

This sequence of articles is particularly useful to people who are learning the International Morse Code, or those who are increasing their code proficiency with on-the-air practice. If you are an inexperienced radiotelegraph operator, reading these items can help you become a better operator. The "Code" article in the June through August 1979 Novice columns is one of the two most useful ones in this sequence. "Code is not C.W." appears in the June 1981 issue, detailing why radiotelegraph should not be called c.w. "Code Practice" is in the January 1982 issue; it is a good lead-in to "On-The-Air Code Practice" (June 1981), "USAF MARS Bulletins" (September 1983), and "Worldwide Sources of Code Practice" (October and November 1980) articles. The second article of major importance in this group is "Code Operating Tips," which appeared in the January 1981 issue. If you are about to start operating code, or have just done so, this article can help you improve your proced-



Bruce Vaughan, KA5QJO, of Springdale, Arkansas, was licensed as W5HTX in the late 1930s, and he was very active on the air until family and business matters kept him so busy that he let his license lapse about 20 years ago. An old friend (Al, W0AWP) suggested they should both get back on the air, and they did. Bruce did not want to wait until the next FCC General examination conducted in Tulsa, so he took the Novice test with a local volunteer examiner. He was on the air within five minutes after his license was delivered by his mailman. Bruce enjoys working amateurs on the Novice bands. He contacted amateurs in all continents within one week after he got back on the air.

ures and on-the-air contacts. "Novice Band Code Nets" are listed in the December 1982 column. These are primarily slow-speed code nets intended to help you improve your operating skill. Some of these nets include traffic handling to provide much appreciated experience in this facet of amateur radio. The December 1980 issue article about "Worldwide Codes" provides an introduction to codes based on the alphabets of languages other than English.

Station

This group of articles covers things new amateurs should know about selecting equipment and accessories, plus setting up stations. These articles also contain information that can be used to improve existing stations. "Amateur Radio Station Installation Tips" is printed in the November 1977 through March 1978 Novice columns, with supplemental data appearing in the "Station Installation Information" item in the December 1982 issue. "Amateur Radio Station Grounding" is detailed in the September through November 1978 columns, with "Electric Shock" printed in the April 1983 issue.

Most new amateurs use the dipole as their first antenna. The May through July

1983 issues contain a useful article entitled "Dipole Antennas." One of my students told me that it taught him more about dipole antennas than he thought he would ever learn. Naturally, Novice band dipoles are emphasized in this item, with dimensions and step-by-step construction details included.

The "Military Radio Frequency Transmission Lines" article in the August 1983 column is essential reading for amateurs selecting feedlines to interconnect their station equipment to their antennas. "Solar Cell Data Source" is included in the March 1983 issue for amateurs interested in using solar energy to power their stations. The last article in this group is the "Microphones and Headphones" item printed in the April 1982 Novice column.

Operating

One becomes a licensed amateur to gain authorization to operate. Many Novice column items are intended to encourage new operators to be active on the air. If you are about to start using the Novice bands, I advise you to read these items to learn what you need to know to operate intelligently. If you are already operating but are not satisfied with the results, these articles may help you become a better operator.

There is no better introduction to amateur radio than "Shortwave Listening," and that is the subject covered in the May through October 1982 issues. If you have not decided whether or not you want to become an amateur, give shortwave listening a try. If you are a licensed amateur, I urge you to do a bit of shortwave listening to supplement your amateur operations.

"Operating Tips" are detailed in the August through November 1981 Novice columns, with "Operating Etiquette" covered in the December 1982 issue. This is a very useful pair of articles for the beginning amateur. "Amateur Radio Frequency Segments" are listed in the June 1981 column, and the "Novice Bands" are covered in the July 1981 issue. "Amateur Radio Station Callsigns" are detailed in the April and May 1979 issues, showing callsign prefixes used by American amateurs, plus those which will be assigned in the future. This American callsign data is supplemented by the "Worldwide Amateur Radio Callsigns" item in the January 1980 column. This coverage includes both normal and special callsign prefixes used by foreign (DX) operators.

"Q-Signals for Amateur Radio Use"

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Bill Peck, KA7LYW, of Seattle, Washington, is a 39-year-old longshore supervisor and a Navy veteran. Bill got his Novice ticket at the start of 1982. He has had about 300 contacts so far, and about 225 of them have been with DX (foreign) amateurs in 28 countries. His station includes a Kenwood TS-130S transceiver, Kenwood TS-430S transceiver, 80 meter inverted Vee antenna, 2-element 40 meter Mosley Yagi-Uda beam, and a 10/15/20 meter Hy-Gain TH7DXX Yagi-Uda beam. All three of these antennas are attached to a Rohn 45 tower. Bill likes to swap picture postcards, badges, and souvenir items with amateurs he has worked.

are detailed in the February 1980 column, including special Q-signals for net usage. Amateurs use a phonetic shorthand system when operating code, and it is loosely called the "Phillip's Code." This code is detailed in the November and December 1979 columns, and it is supplemented by the "Terms and Abbreviations" article in the February 1983 issue. This pair of articles is very helpful to new amateurs who are having trouble deciphering the "alphabet soup" they copy during on-the-air contacts.

"American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Divisions" are listed in the March 1982 issue, and ARRL sections are included in the January 1983 "Novice Roundup" article. There are many occasions when one needs to know their ARRL Section when operating. "QSL Cards" are discussed in detail in the January through March 1979 columns. This article tells how QSL cards should be filled in, how to display them, how to store them, how they are used, and how domestic (U.S.A.) and foreign (DX) QSL bureaus function. You can use this article to acquire a better knowledge of QSL cards than is common to many experienced amateurs. The February 1983 column entitled "Callbooks" is directly associated with the exchange of QSL (confirmation) cards. Two of the many operating awards that can be earned on the Novice bands are the "Rag Chewers' Club Award" (March 1982 issue) and the "Australian Award" (December 1982).

Amateur radio is an international activity, and every amateur should be aware of what can and cannot be done legally when one works (contacts) foreign amateurs. The April 1981 column includes a list of countries with which we have "Third-Party (traffic) Agreements," a list of countries with whom we share "Reciprocal Operating Agreements," and an item about "International Communications." The "H.F. (high frequency) Radio Wave Propagation Predictions" item in the March and April 1980 issues can help you gain a better understanding of long-range (DX) radio communications. That item is supplemented by the "Novice Band DX Operating" article in the January 1981 column. The April 1982 issue of CQ tells about "Queen Mary Novice Band Operation," making it easier for those amateurs who want to contact this famous ship which is now a tourist attraction in Long Beach, California. "Low Power (QRP) Operation" is detailed in the May 1981 Novice column, whereas the January 1982 issue lists "Novice Band QRP Nets." Last, but not least, the November 1982 column tells "What To Do When You Hear a Radio Call for Help."

The four preceding groups of articles include answers to the majority of the questions I have received from readers. CQ is preparing to print my *Novice Bible*. It contains updated versions of previous Novice column articles, plus additional useful data.

Local amateurs and amateur radio clubs may be able to loan you the referenced CQ issues to enable you to read the specified articles and to make copies of the ones you find are most helpful. If this is the case, it is best to just borrow a few magazines at a time, return them promptly, and return them in good condition. Some licensing-course instructors



This is Lorne Morgan, VE5AGM, of Regina in Saskatchewan, Canada. He has been licensed since February 1983, and he has been the first Canadian contact for many American amateurs. Lorne operates on 40 meters, and he likes code operation very much. He holds the ARRL RCC (American Radio Relay League Rag Chewers' Club) certificate. His station includes a Yaesu FT-101 transceiver and a Hy-Gain 5-band vertical antenna.

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have informed me that they have run copies of the most useful Novice columns, and they use these copies as printed handouts which they discuss with their students. I do this in my courses, and I have learned that it is an effective way to present important information.

I hope that this highlighting of previous Novice column subjects proves to be of interest and value to many readers. Suggested topics for future Novice columns are welcome. Most of my Novice columns are based on printed materials I have prepared for the use of students in the licensing courses I instruct.

U.S. Air Force Code Practice

The October and November 1980 Novice columns provide a list of worldwide sources of on-the-air code transmissions that may be used for code receiving practice. The June 1981 and January 1982 Novice columns include additional infor-

mation on this subject. This item updates the USAF code practice data that was printed in the March 1982 Novice column. A good source of code practice is the U.S. Air Force weekly information bulletin and general data that are transmitted to USAF Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) members.

AIR is the USAF headquarters station in Washington, D.C., and it transmits the plain-language material by tape. Their Thursday transmission starts at 0100 UTC (Wednesday evening, local time). This 15 w.p.m. transmission is sent simultaneously on 6995.5 and 13,997.5 kHz. The Saturday AIR transmissions start at 2100 and end at 2230 UTC, with simultaneous emissions on 4876.5 and 14,527 kHz. The first Saturday run is sent at 12 w.p.m., and the other two runs are sent at 20 and 25 w.p.m. Each run is about 30 minutes long.

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matic key (bug) at 10 w.p.m. from this station. Tune-in is aided by a series of V's transmitted from 0240 to 0245 UTC. Their MARS material transmission starts at 0245 UTC Thursday (Wednesday evening, USA time) with simultaneous transmissions on 4876.5 and 11,621 kHz.

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If you live in the Eastern time zone, the 0100 UTC Thursday AIR transmission is at 9 p.m. EDST or 8 p.m. EST Wednesday evening. This example should help all readers convert the stated UTC times to their local times. Many code-practice sources change their transmission times when daylight savings starts and ends, but these USAF starting times do not change during the year.

Operators' Yearbook

Lee Roy Kent, NØEMN, is seeking black-and-white photographs of active amateurs for inclusion in the *Amateur Radio Operators' Yearbook* he plans to have available for purchase before Christmas. If you send a picture to him, include your name, callsign, and appropriate information. The closing date for input for this year's book is October 1st, so you have to act swiftly to be included. The mailing address is AROY, P.O. Box 257, Malden, MO 63863. The book is expected to sell at \$20 a copy. Lee Roy would appreciate your help in soliciting photographs.

Photographs Wanted

Photographs of Novices in their shacks provide introductions to a few of the newer amateurs. Photograph size is unimportant, but good definition, contrast, and subject matter are important. Color pictures can be used, but black-and-white photographs are preferred. Operating activities and achievements, plus a self-introduction, are needed with each picture. Send an s.a.s.e. if a picture must be returned. A free one-year CQ subscription or renewal is awarded to the amateur whose picture I select as the winner for the month. If you are a subscriber, enclose the mailing label (or copy) from your latest CQ issue. One award is made each month, no matter how many photographs are printed. DX amateurs who frequently work the American Novice bands are also urged to submit photographs. I have never received pictures from Novices in Connecticut, Hawaii, Louisiana, New Hampshire, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, or Vermont.

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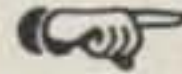
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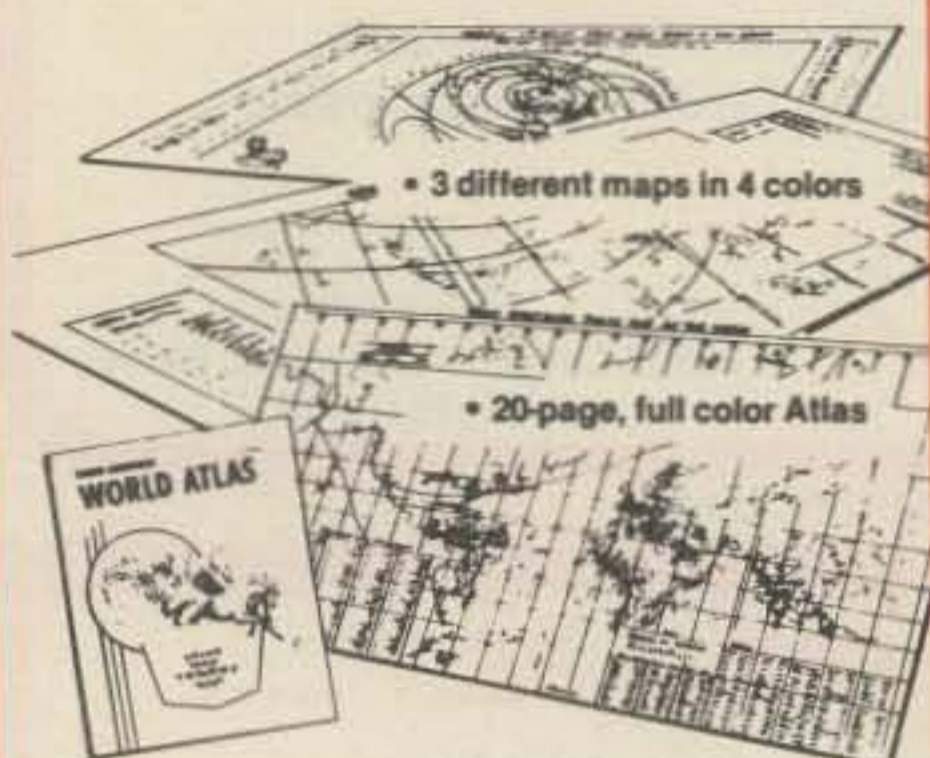
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THE SCIENCE OF PREDICTING RADIO CONDITIONS

The Royal Observatory of Belgium reports a monthly mean sunspot count of 100.2 for May 1983. This results in a smoothed sunspot number of 94.2 centered on November 1982, as the present cycle continues to decline. A smoothed sunspot number of approximately 73 is forecast for September 1983.

Daily measurements of sunspot data were begun in 1848 by the Swiss astronomer Rudolf Wolf. His method, which is still in use today, counts the total number of spots visible on the face of the sun using a high-powered telescope, and the number of groups into which they cluster. Each observer today computes a daily sunspot number by multiplying the number of groups seen by ten and then adding to this product the total count of individual spots. The number is then corrected to take into account the telescope used. The number observed on any particular day can vary considerably from observer to observer and in different parts of the world. To compensate for this, the official or international daily number is computed at the Royal Observatory of Belgium as a weighted average of measurements made from a world-wide network of cooperating observatories.

September Propagation

Propagation conditions are generally quite variable on the h.f. bands during September. This is usually a transitional month between typically summer and typically wintertime conditions. For this reason this month's column contains DX Propagation Charts for the one-month period September 15 to October 15, rather than the usual two-month span. This month's column also contains Short-Skip Propagation Charts for September and October.

During September and early October expect a noticeable increase in 10 meter DX openings during the daylight hours. A considerable improvement is also expected on 15 meters, with the band opening for DX shortly after sunrise, and remaining open to one area of the world or another until past sunset. It will probably be a toss-up between the 15 and 20 meter bands for DX honors during the daylight hours of September, with a slight edge in favor of 20 meters. Expect 20 meters to open for DX at sunrise and to remain open for a window of several hours, during which time it should be possible to work into most areas of the world. Condi-

LAST MINUTE FORECAST

Day-to-Day Conditions Expected for September 1983

Propagation Index	Expected Signal Quality			
	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)
Above Normal: 5, 17, 20	A	A	B	C
High Normal: 3-4, 6, 8, 10, 18, 21	A	B	C	C-D
Low Normal: 2, 7, 9, 11-12, 16, 19, 22, 24-26, 30	A-B	B-C	C-D	D-E
Below Normal: 1, 13, 15, 23, 27, 29	B-C	C-D	D-E	E
Disturbed: 14, 28	C-E	D-E	E	E

Where expected signal quality is: A—Excellent opening, exceptionally strong, steady signals greater than S9.

B—Good opening, moderately strong signals varying between S8 and S9, with little fading or noise.

C—Fair opening, signals between moderately strong and weak, varying between S3 and S6, 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, good-to-fair (B-C) on the 2nd, good (B) on the 3rd and 4th, excellent (A) on the 5th, etc.

tions should dip a bit during the high noon hours, with another peak in world-wide openings expected during the late afternoon and early evening.

Once the sun has set, look for improved DX conditions on 40, 80, and 160 meters. With increasing hours of darkness and decreasing static levels, openings should be more numerous on these bands, with stronger and quieter signals. Expect peak signals from a generally easterly direction at approximately midnight, and from the west at sunrise. Signals from other directions will generally remain strong during much of the nighttime period. While 40 meters is expected to be the best band for world-wide DX during this period, be sure to check 20 meters for some good DX openings during the hours of darkness. Openings should be possible towards the south and equatorial areas, towards the South Pacific, and to other areas as well.

For short-skip propagation during September and October, use 80 meters during the day for openings shorter than 250 miles, and either 80 or 160 meters at night over this range. For openings between 250 and 750 miles, try 40 meters during the day and 80 meters at night. For distances between 750 and 1300 miles,

the best bet should be 20 meters by day, 40 meters from sundown to midnight, and 80 meters from midnight to sunrise. For openings beyond 1300 miles, try either 5 or 20 meters during the day, and 40 meters during the hours of darkness. Check 10 meters for some fairly good openings beyond 1300 miles during the afternoon hours, particularly when conditions are High Normal or better.

Equinoctial Propagation

September 22nd will mark the fall, or autumnal, equinox. On this day the sun will cross the plane of the earth's equator as it appears to travel from northern to southern skies, and the hours of daylight and darkness are equal in length throughout the world. Sunrise should take place at approximately 6 a.m. local time and sunset at about 6 p.m. local time, no matter where you are.

For a period of approximately two weeks before to about two weeks after the autumnal equinox, the characteristics of the ionosphere are similar over large areas of the world in comparison to the widely different characteristics that are observed during the summer and winter seasons. For this reason, the equinoctial periods (a similar period called the spring equinox occurs on March 21st) are generally considered to be the best times for DX openings between the temperate regions of the northern and southern hemispheres.

Gray-line DX conditions also peak during equinoctial periods. These are long openings that occur during the sunrise and sunset periods as signals appear to follow the day-night terminator. Over the pole DX and long-path openings are expected to increase considerably during late September, and stations along the terminator should provide strong signal openings.

From mid-September through mid-October look for a considerable improvement in openings between the USA and South America, to the South Pacific area and Australasia, to southern Asia, and to southern Africa and Antarctica. The improvement should take place on all h.f. bands, but it will be most noticeable on 15 and 20 meters during the day and on 40 meters at night.

V.H.F. Ionospheric Openings

Although summertime sporadic-E ionization should fall off considerably during September, an occasional 6 meter short-skip opening may still be possible over distances ranging between approximately 1000 and 1300 miles. The best time to

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check is before noon and again during the early evening. The present sunspot cycle has declined to a level where F-2 layer DX openings on 6 meters are now very unlikely.

There is usually an increase in auroral activity during equinoctial periods, and some fairly frequent 6 and 2 meter auroral-type openings are likely to take place during September and early October. The best times for such openings should coincide with periods of radio storminess on the h.f. bands. Check the Last Minute Forecast appearing at the beginning of this column for those days during September that are expected to be in the Below Normal or Disturbed categories.

Trans-equatorial (TE) scatter conditions usually improve during the equinoctial periods. Some 6 meter openings, and perhaps 2 meter as well, may be possible by the TE propagation mode between the southern tier states and deep South America. The best time to check for TE openings is between 8 and 11 p.m. local time. Openings, if they occur at all, usually last for a few minutes, with generally weak signals and heavy flutter fading.

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

CQ DX Contest Special 1983

This year's CQ World-Wide DX Contest will be held on the following dates:

October 29-30, Phone Section
November 26-27, C.W. Section

Next month's propagation column will be devoted entirely to a special, comprehensive forecast which will focus on both sections of the contest.

73, George, W3ASK

HOW TO USE THE SHORT-SKIP CHARTS

1. In the Short-Skip Chart, the predicted times of openings can be found under the appropriate distance column of a particular Meter band (10 through 160 Meters) as shown in the left hand column of the Chart. For the Alaska and Hawaii Charts the predicted times of openings are found under the appropriate Meter band column (10 through 40 Meters) for a particular geographical region of the continental USA as shown in the left hand column of the Charts. An * indicates the best time to listen for 80 meter openings.

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

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

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

3. Times shown in the Charts are in the 24-hour system, where 00 is midnight; 12 is noon; 01 is 1 A.M.; 13 is 1 P.M. etc. On the Short-Skip Chart appropriate daylight time is used at the path midpoint. For example, on a circuit between Maine and Florida, the time shown would be EDT; on a circuit between N.Y. and Texas, the time at the midpoint would be CDT, etc. Times shown in the Hawaii Chart are 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.

CQ Short-Skip Propagation Chart September & October 1983 Local Daylight Savings Time At Path Mid-Point (24-Hour Time)

Band (Meters)	Distance Between Stations (Miles)			
	50-250	250-750	750-1300	1300-2300
10	Nil	10-21 (0-1)	08-10 (1) 10-13 (1-2) 13-15 (1-3) 15-16 (1-2) 16-21 (0-1)	08-10 (1) 10-13 (2) 13-15 (3) 15-16 (2-3) 16-17 (1-2) 17-19 (1) 19-21 (1-0)
15	Nil	08-10 (0-1) 10-15 (0-2) 15-21 (0-1)	08-09 (1) 09-10 (1-2) 10-15 (2-4) 15-17 (1-4) 17-18 (1-3) 18-20 (1-2) 20-21 (1) 21-08 (0-1)	08-09(1) 09-10 (2-3) 10-11 (4-3) 11-17 (4) 17-18 (3) 18-19 (2-3) 19-20 (2) 20-21 (1) 21-08 (1-0)
20	12-14 (0-1) 14-16 (0-2) 16-22 (0-1)	08-09 (0-1) 09-10 (0-2) 10-11 (0-3) 11-12 (0-4) 12-14 (1-4) 14-16 (2-4) 16-18 (1-4) 18-19 (1-3) 19-22 (1-2) 22-08 (0-1)	06-08 (1-2) 08-09 (1-3) 09-10 (2-4) 10-11 (3-4) 11-18 (4) 18-19 (3-4) 19-22 (2-3) 22-00 (1-2) 00-06 (1)	06-08 (2) 08-09 (3) 09-14 (4-2) 14-16 (4-3) 16-19 (4) 19-21 (3-4) 21-22 (3) 22-23 (2-3) 23-00 (2) 00-06 (1)
40	08-10 (1-3) 10-12 (2-4) 12-18 (3-4) 18-19 (2-3) 19-21 (1-2) 21-06 (0-1) 06-08 (0-2)	08-10 (3-4) 10-12 (4-3) 12-16 (4-2) 16-18 (4-3) 18-19 (3-4) 19-21 (2-4) 21-23 (1-4) 23-03 (1-3) 03-06 (1-2) 06-08 (2-3)	08-10 (4-2) 10-12 (3-1) 12-16 (2-1) 16-18 (3-2) 18-19 (4-2) 19-20 (4-3) 20-23 (4) 23-03 (3-4) 03-06 (2-3) 06-08 (3-4)	08-10 (2-1) 10-16 (1-0) 16-18 (2-1) 18-19 (2) 19-20 (3) 20-21 (4-3) 21-03 (4) 03-05 (3-4) 05-06 (3) 06-08 (4-3)
80	07-09 (3-4) 09-12 (4) 12-19 (4-3) 19-23 (4) 23-05 (3-4) 05-07 (2-3)	07-09 (4-2) 09-12 (4-1) 12-17 (3-1) 17-19 (3-2) 19-21 (4-3) 21-05 (4) 05-06 (3-4) 06-07 (3)	07-09 (2-1) 09-17 (1-0) 17-19 (2-1) 19-21 (3-2) 21-22 (4-3) 22-04 (4) 04-06 (4-3) 06-07 (3-2)	07-09 (1) 09-17 (0) 17-19 (1) 19-21 (2) 21-22 (3-2) 22-04 (4-3) 04-06 (3-2) 06-07 (2-1)
160	17-19 (1-0) 19-21 (2-1) 21-06 (4) 06-08 (3-2) 08-10 (2-1) 10-12 (1-0)	18-20 (1-0) 20-21 (1) 21-03 (4-3) 03-06 (3-2) 06-08 (2-1) 08-10 (1-0)	20-21 (1-0) 21-23 (3-1) 23-03 (3) 03-06 (2-1) 06-08 (1)	21-23 (1-0) 23-03 (3-2) 03-06 (1) 06-08 (1-0)

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September & October, 1983 Openings Given GMT

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

HAWAII

September & October 1983 Openings Given in Hawaiian Standard Time

	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
Eastern States	08-10 (1) 10-13 (2) 13-14 (1)	07-11 (1) 11-12 (2) 12-14 (3) 14-15 (2) 15-16 (1)	11-13 (1) 13-14 (2) 14-18 (3) 18-20 (2) 20-04 (1) 04-07 (2) 07-08 (1)	18-20 (1) 20-22 (2) 22-00 (3) 00-02 (2) 02-03 (1) 10-21 (1)* 21-00 (2)* 00-01 (1)*

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Western States	08-09 (1) 09-10 (2) 10-15 (3) 15-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	07-09 (1) 09-10 (2) 10-13 (3) 13-15 (4) 15-16 (3) 16-17 (2) 17-19 (1)	10-12 (2) 12-14 (3) 14-18 (4) 18-20 (3) 20-00 (2) 00-05 (1) 05-06 (2) 06-10 (3)	18-19 (1) 19-20 (2) 20-02 (4) 02-04 (3) 04-05 (2) 05-06 (1) 19-20 (1)* 20-22 (2)* 22-02 (3)* 02-04 (2)* 04-05 (1)*

South Pacific & Zealand	09-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	09-14 (1) 14-18 (2) 18-20 (3) 20-21 (2) 21-22 (1)	08-10 (3) 10-12 (2) 12-20 (1) 20-23 (2) 23-03 (3) 03-07 (1)	01-02 (1) 02-03 (2) 03-06 (3) 06-08 (2) 08-09 (1) 03-05 (1)* 05-07 (2)* 07-08 (1)*
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See explanation in "How To Use Short-Skip Charts" in box at the beginning of this column.

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

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

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

HOW TO USE THE DX PROPAGATION CHARTS

1. Use Chart appropriate to your transmitter location. The Eastern USA Chart can be used in the 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, KP4, KG4 and KV4 areas in the USA and adjacent call areas; in Canada; the Central USA Chart in the 5, 9 and 0 areas; the Western USA Chart in the 6 and 7 areas, and with somewhat less accuracy in the KH6 and KL7 areas.
2. The predicted times of openings are found under the appropriate meter band column (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 Propagation column for the actual *dates* on which an opening with specific propagation index is likely to occur, and the signal which that can be expected.
4. Time shown in the Charts are in the 24-hour system, where 00 is midnight; 12 is noon; 01 is 1 A.M., 13 is 1 P.M., etc. Appropriate *daylight* time is used *not* GMT. To convert to GMT, add to the times shown in the appropriate chart 7 hours in PDT Zone, 6 hours in MDT Zone, 5 hours in CDT Zone, and 4 hours in EDT Zone. For example, 14 hours in Washington, D.C. is 18 GMT. When it is 20 hours in Los Angeles, it is 03 GMT, etc.
5. The charts are based upon a transmitter power of 250 watts c.w., or 1 kw, p.e.p. on sideband, into a dipole antenna a quarter-wavelength above ground on 160 and 80 meters, and a half-wave above ground on 40 and 20 meters, and a wavelength above ground on 15 and 10 meters. For each 10 db gain above these reference levels, the *propagation index* will increase by one level; for each 10 db loss, it will lower by one level.
6. Propagation data, contained in the Charts has been prepared from basic data published by the Institute For Telecommunication Sciences of the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Boulder, Colorado, 80302.

September 15-October 15, 1983 Time Zone: EDT (24-Hour Time) EASTERN USA TO:

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

Final Report and Order of "No-Code" Not Expected Before January 1984

According to James McKinney, Chief, Private Radio Bureau (PRB), the Commission's decision on a proposed no-code class of amateur license won't be known until early 1984. Said McKinney: "This is a matter of great significance to both the Commission and the Amateur service. Accordingly, there will be 'no rush to judgement.'"

McKinney also noted that a considerable amount of material had been received as a result of the Commission's no-code proceeding. "As expected, the majority of the comments that we've received," he said, "oppose the creation of a no-code license. However, numbers alone don't make a case. The material must be evaluated, and the suggestions made must be given deliberate consideration, before any action is taken in this matter."

ARRL Tells FCC It Will Not Coordinate Volunteer Examination Program Unless Changes Are Made

In a move that stunned Washington observers, the League, after months of work to convince the Commission that its plan for the Volunteer Examination Program was preferred, has now told the FCC that unless changes are implemented to compensate examination coordinators, it would not participate as such a coordinator! Further, the League proposed extensive changes to the rules that would guide the volunteer testing program.

When PL 97/259 was signed into law last year, it provided that the government "may accept and employ the voluntary and uncompensated services . . ." of amateurs in the administration of its license examinations. Shortly thereafter, the League submitted a petition (which was subsequently turned into RM-4229 by the FCC) which stressed the importance of using non-profit educational organizations for coordination of the program. Nothing was said about fees in the League's filing, and for all intents and purposes, it was the League's proposal that formed the basis for the Commission's

Notice of Proposed Rule Making which was released on 20 January 1983.

It should be noted, however, that questions regarding the funding of the program were raised by a number of organizations (including *CQ* magazine, the Capitol Hill Amateur Radio Society [CHARS], and the *W5YI Report*). In particular, CHARS, under the direction of its president, David Siddall, K3ZJ, filed several comprehensive responses to the Commission's Notice in which it outlined a plan which "would insure the integrity and uniformity of the examination process while eliminating the (addition of another) bureaucratic layer."

As we go to press, the Commission is reviewing the Reply Comments to the proposed Rule-Making proceeding.

ARRL and NCS Sign Memorandum of Understanding

In June the ARRL and the National Communications System (NCS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Signing for the ARRL was League President Victor C. Clark, W4KFC, while NCS Deputy Manager John Grimes signed for the government.

The MOU provides for the following: "The NCS recognize that the ARRL is the principal organization serving more than 400,000 U.S. radio amateurs, and because of its organized emergency communications, training and resources, can be of valuable assistance in providing critical communications and restoration of government circuits during emergencies and disasters when normal lines of communication are disrupted."

In turn: "The ARRL recognizes that NCS is responsible for coordinating restoration of Federal government communications carried over the commercial carrier networks. The ARRL recognizes that because more than 95% of the Federal government's communications are provided by commercial carriers, there is a national requirement to assist in the transmission of critical messages and in the restoration of government communications."

The mission of the NCS (a confederation of federal agencies and departments) is to ensure that critical telecommunications needs of the Federal government can be met in any emer-

gency. At the same time, the NCS is charged with achieving the most effective and economical fulfillment of the government's day-to-day communications requirements.

Commission To Initiate Dialogue with Amateurs on Net Operations

For years the battle between those who participate in nets and those who object to such activities has raged throughout the spectrum. Most recently the conflict has involved a number of h.f. nets, with alleged interference to WCARS among the problems that are now being addressed. Because of ongoing questions involving net operations, Ray Kowalski, Chief, Special Services Division, PRB, intends to open a dialogue between the Commission and the amateur community regarding the "rights and obligations" of nets. The matter, which will probably be released for comment later this year, will seek suggestions as to how the Commission can either clarify or amend Part 97 of its Rules and Regulations in order to specify the status of amateur nets on a formal basis (there currently is little mention of net activities in the Rules).

Issues to be addressed include, but are not limited to, the right of a net to "hold" a frequency for a specified period of time; the question of whether a band of frequencies around the net control frequency should be available for handling traffic; and the question as to whether domestic phone patching is a valid net function (the latter may appear to some as being an organized attempt to escape long-distance toll charges).

Kowalski stated that neither he nor others in the Commission have preconceived positions in this matter, and that the inquiry into net operations is meant as a sincere effort to take our views into consideration during the Commission's deliberations.

FCC To Issue Order On Business Use of Amateur Radio

The use of amateur frequencies for business-related matters is of increasing concern to the FCC. As such, it is likely that by the time this issue goes to press, the Commission will have issued an Or-

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der that defines better the permissible uses of amateur radio. The Order may actually represent a rearrangement of the Rules and Regulations which currently govern our service.

Once the Commission issues its Order on amateur-related business communications, it will tackle the question as to how PACSAT can be implemented. PACSAT is a computer-based, packet-switching satellite being developed by the Volunteers in Technical Assistance (VITA), a Washington, D.C. based organization dedicated to helping people in developing countries (see *May 1983 CQ for an in-depth interview with VITA officials—ed.*). The satellite, which will operate in a low-earth orbit, is intended to store and forward messages to and from VITA personnel around the world.

It was originally intended to operate PACSAT in an amateur band, which some view as being in conflict with the stated purpose of the Amateur Satellite service. However, the possibility exists that the FCC may permit PACSAT to be operated in this way on a temporary basis for the purpose of "demonstrating concept feasibility."

Details on PACSAT's operation will be published here as they become available.

Electronics Industry Begins Effort To Bring Products Into Voluntary Compliance with PL 97-259

Last year congress passed a bill (known as the "Goldwater Bill"), which the President signed into law, that gives the FCC the right to set r.f.i. susceptibility standards for electronic home-entertainment equipment. The new law, PL 97-259, sent tremors through the electronics industry, for now it was no longer possible to delay in responding to the r.f.i. complaints that have plagued the consumer, the amateur, and the Commission for decades.

Moving quickly to develop voluntary r.f.i. standards, lest the Commission move to impose its own requirements, the Electronics Industries Association has set up a Susceptibility Task Force to address the problem. In addition, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), through Ad Hoc Committee C-63, is looking into the matter. This Committee will concentrate first on the susceptibility of television sets to interference from r.f. sources operated in the band 3-30 MHz. Representatives from the ARRL RFI Task Group as well as members of the ARRL's technical staff will participate in the deliberations of C-63.

Also monitoring the industry's activities is Frank Rose, Chief, Technical Standards Branch, Office of Science and Technology, FCC. Says Rose, "The Commission has pointed out the urgency of responding to the need for r.f.i. standards, and will assist the electronics industry to the extent possible." Further, Rose stated that he hopes Commission

intervention is not required in this matter, but that he "would not hesitate to move" if progress was not forthcoming within a reasonable period of time.

FCC Raises Concerns Relative To Broadcaster's Use of Amateur Frequencies

Many amateurs took pride in the fact that a CBS newscast from the site of the Coalinga, California, earthquake earlier this year was relayed through an amateur repeater. Personnel within the Commission, however, are wondering whether it's wise for amateurs to permit others to use their frequencies in this way.

"It's unusual for users in one radio service to promote the use of its frequencies by users in another service," said John Johnston, Chief, Personal Radio Branch, Special Services Division, PRB.

What has some in Washington concerned is the fact that broadcasters already have a number of communication options available to them, and their use of amateur facilities and frequencies could weaken the arguments we use at national and international radio conferences to secure our frequency allocations.

Alleged Susceptibility of Pacemaker To R.F.I. Traced To Undiagnosed Case of Epilepsy

In May we printed a story in which a 10-year-old's pacemaker was alleged to have been susceptible to radiation from CB radios, police radios, and microwave ovens.

Further investigation into the problem by the IEEE's Committee on Man and Radiation (COMAR) indicates that the report was erroneous. According to Dr. John M. Osepchuk, who is a member of COMAR, the boy was found to have epilepsy, and doctors now believe that his previous episodes of dizziness and fainting were, in fact, the result of his having a mild form (*petit mal*) of the disorder. The boy is now taking medication, and hasn't had a seizure since early February.

CCIR Study Group 8E Discusses Issues of Importance to Amateur Services

At its May meeting CCIR Study Group 8E addressed several issues and documents of interest and importance to the Amateur services. Included were reviews of certain Radio Regulations applicable to both the Amateur and Amateur-Satellite services, and of a Report on the Technical Feasibility of Frequency Sharing by the Amateur-Satellite Service. This work was part of an ongoing effort to prepare for an Interim Meeting of Study Group 8 in Geneva early next year.

The CCIR (the abbreviation comes from the French name for the International Radio Consultative Committee) is the technical arm of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU). Through its

deliberations, the CCIR provides the technical bases for the International Rules and Regulations which govern telecommunication operations worldwide.

If you are interested in participating in CCIR Study Group 8E, contact Mr. Frank L. Rose, W3OWU, Convenor, Ad Hoc 8E, Federal Communications Commission, Office of Science and Technology, 2025 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20554; phone (202) 653-6288.

Plans Call For Astronaut Garriott To Work 500 Amateurs

At a meeting earlier this year at the Johnson Space Center, Houston, representatives from NASA, the ARRL, and AMSAT put forth plans for Dr. Owen Garriott's "Ham in Space" mission this fall. The mission is to be part of Shuttle flight STS-9.

According to *Amateur Satellite Report* (AMSAT's Newsletter for the Amateur Space Program), current plans call for Astronaut Garriott, W5LFL, to operate up to one hour per day using a 2 meter HT and a special antenna. The operation will take place between 145 and 146 MHz using a sophisticated, time-synchronized format. Because of limitations on Garriott's amateur operations, and because no operation is scheduled during the first three or four days of the Shuttle's mission, it is expected that only 500 amateurs will be able to communicate with him. However, s.w.l. cards will be sent to all who report reception. The ARRL will act as Garriott's QSL manager.

Monitor W1AW bulletins for late-breaking details of this historic operation.

Operators of Uncoordinated Repeaters the Subject of Commission Concern

According to *The ARRL Letter* (a newsletter for members only) and the FCC, the Commission will back repeater coordinators in disputes with operators of uncoordinated repeaters. In a letter to Steve Mendelsohn, WA2DHF, President of the Tri-State Amateur Repeater Council (New York City), James C. McKinney, Chief, PRB, indicated that "the Commission is persuaded by . . . observation that . . . national frequency planning and coordination by amateur radio operators themselves can result in the best spectrum utilization appropriate to the service."

Continuing his comments, McKinney noted that amateurs who persist in operating an uncoordinated repeater that causes interference to the operations of coordinated repeaters may be cited for not observing "good amateur practices." He also cautioned that such operators may be cited for deliberate and malicious interference.

In addressing disputes involving coordinated and uncoordinated repeaters, the FCC apparently intends to take into

consideration documents such as nationally promulgated bandplans, and coordination records and correspondence. In the absence of any official documentation, the FCC, it appears, would draw information on coordination from the ARRL Repeater Directory.

U.S. Pushes Forward with Participation in WCY

As readers of *CQ* know, the United Nations has designated 1983 as World Communications Year, with the ITU being the principal agency responsible for the observance. The purpose of the WCY is to focus attention on communications and on helping the lesser-developed countries develop their communications infrastructures.

The U.S. formally entered the program last December in ceremonies held at the White House. Representing U.S. amateurs at these ceremonies was ARRL President Victor C. Clark, W4KFC. In the months that followed, an eight-member Board of Directors for the U.S. Council has been seated, a staff has been assembled, and a U.S. WCY office has been opened at 1835 K St., NW, in Washington, D.C. To date, membership in the Council stands at 108, with most of the members drawn from companies, associations, and universities.

The first meeting of the full Council was held in mid-May to review the WCY 83 Program Plan and a list of Program Initiatives. Among the 75 attendees were President Clark and Perry Williams, W1UED, Washington Area Coordinator for the League. One of the documents submitted to the Council by the ARRL, and distributed at the meeting, was a proposal to create a worldwide amateur radio tie-in for Olympians to their home nations and families. Material was also distributed describing communications projects for third-world countries.

FCC Review Board Denies Petition

Earlier this year, Administrative Law Judge Thomas B. Fitzpatrick revoked the license of Henry C. Armstrong, III, for radio station WA6CGI and suspended his Advanced Class Operator license for the remainder of its term. The actions were taken as a result of Armstrong's continued interference with the on-the-air operations of a repeater owned by a local DX club. Armstrong appealed the decision in a "petition for reconsideration," a move opposed by James McKinney, Chief, PRB.

In his petition, Armstrong maintained that he is being victimized by the DX club, that testimony presented against him by club members was inaccurate and biased, that his logs would substantiate his testimony, and that he could prove his interfering computer-based system exists and is a viable communications concept.

The FCC Review Board denied Armstrong's petition. They said "... Arm-

strong's substantive arguments ... are essentially rehashes of his exceptions, or new and conclusory snipes at the record evidence. We need not grant reconsideration merely to reargue matters previously considered and resolved."

The revocation and the suspension affirmed by the Board became effective on 22 June 1983.

FCC and ARRL Move To Test R.F.I. Filters

In a move sure to be welcomed by amateurs everywhere, the FCC and the ARRL are now working on a joint project to test the effectiveness of the more popular high-pass, low-pass, and line filters available today. According to *The ARRL*

Letter, "FCC's Chief of the Regional Services Division, Joyce Davila, is in charge of the project."

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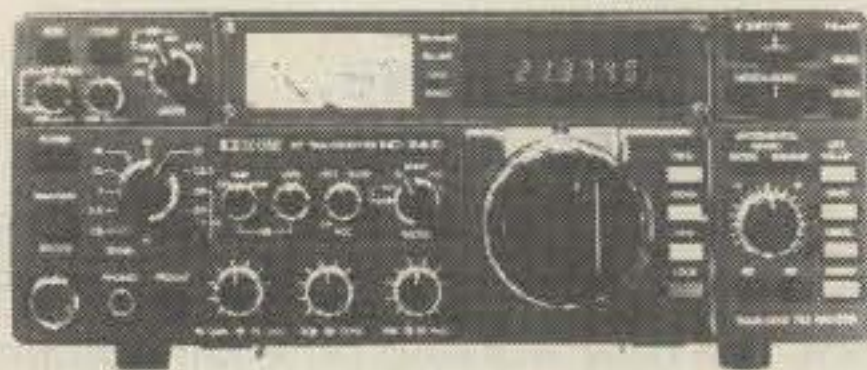
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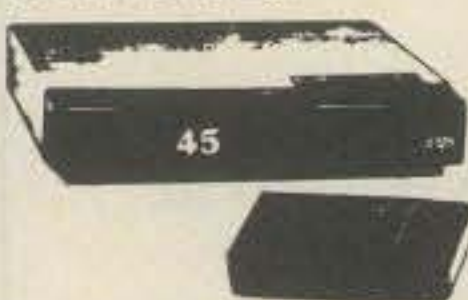
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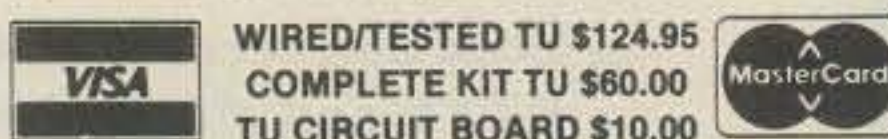
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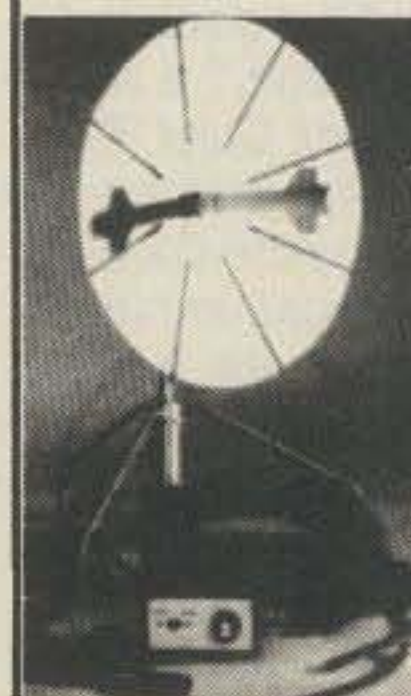
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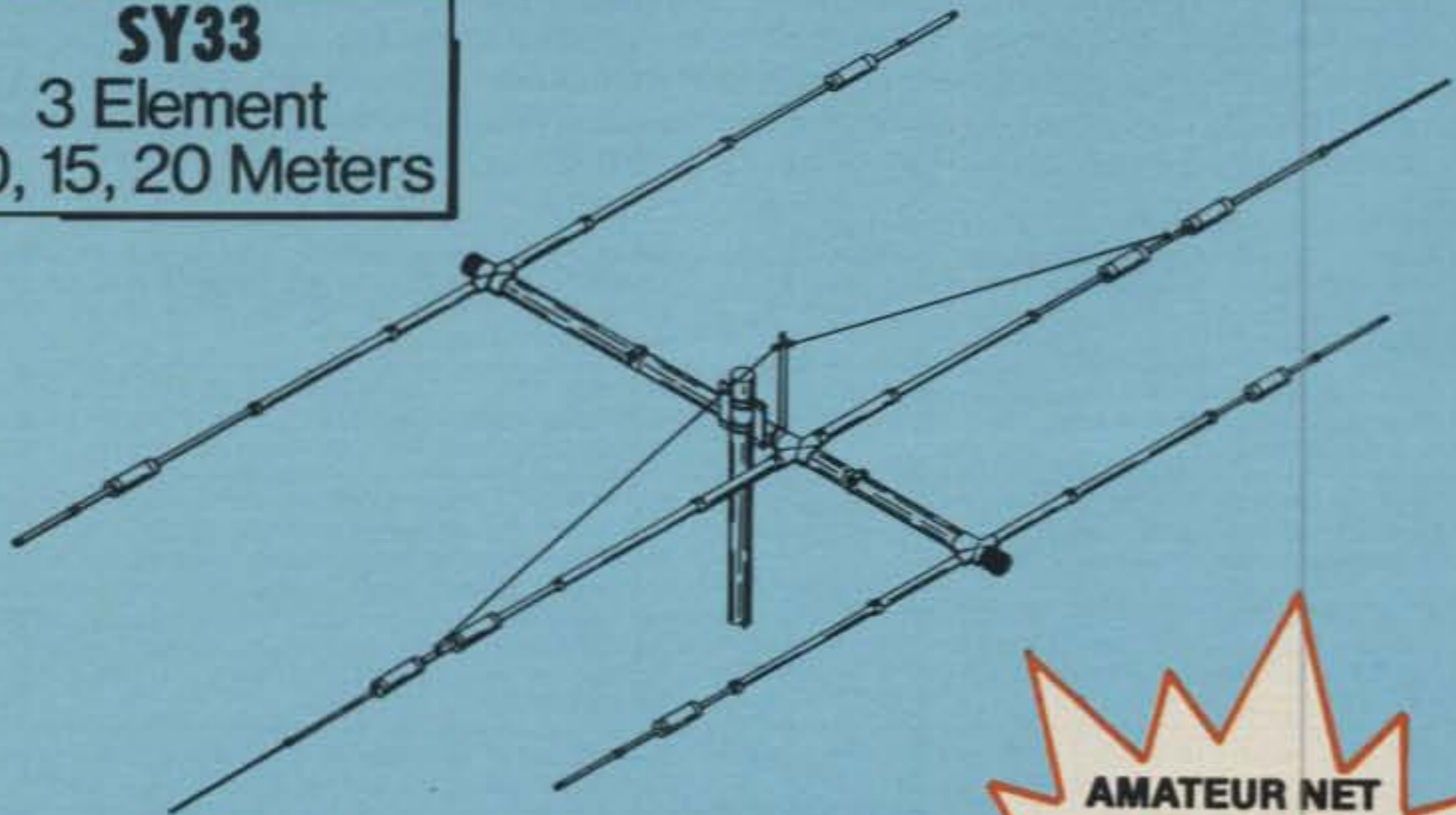
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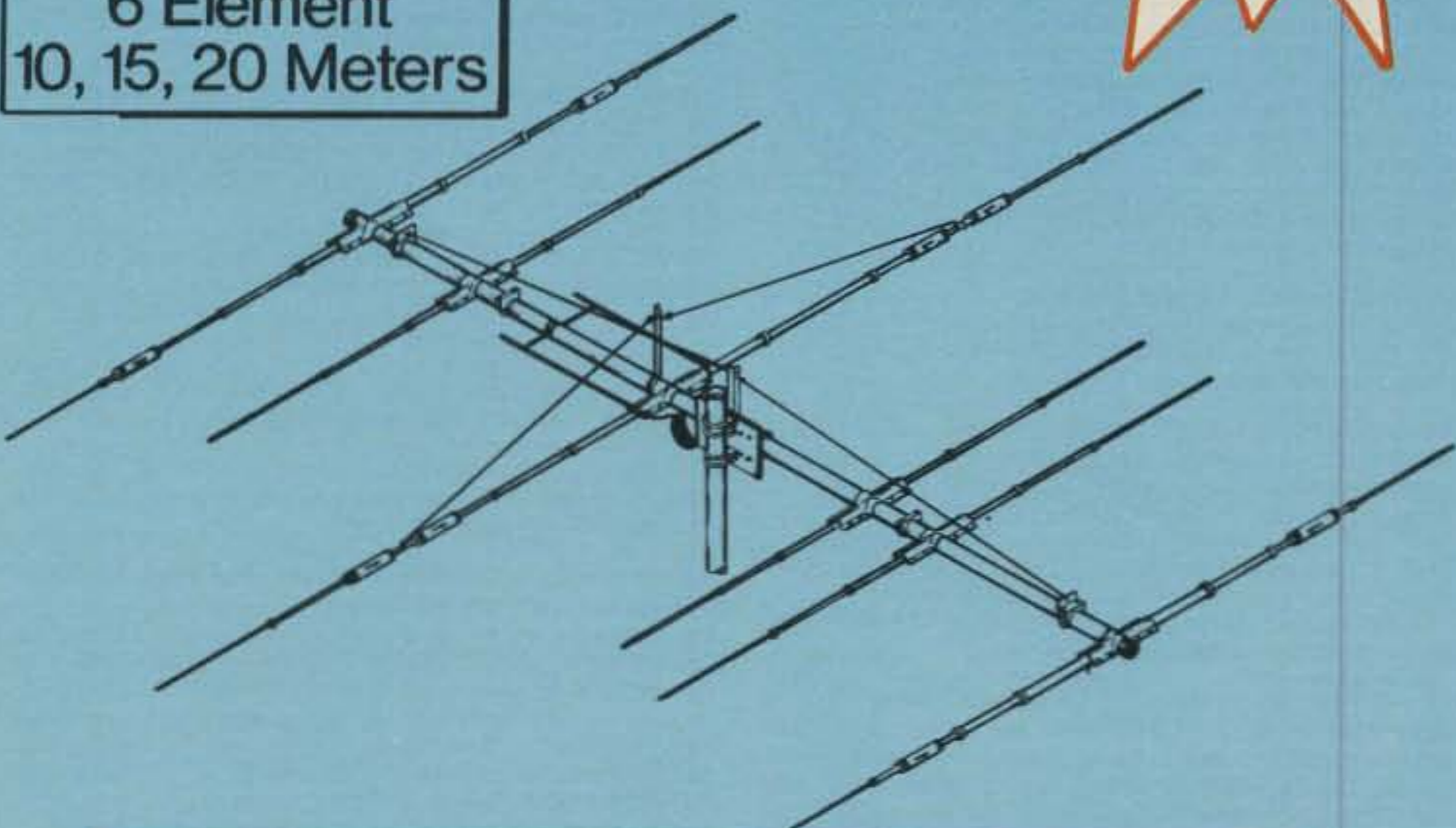
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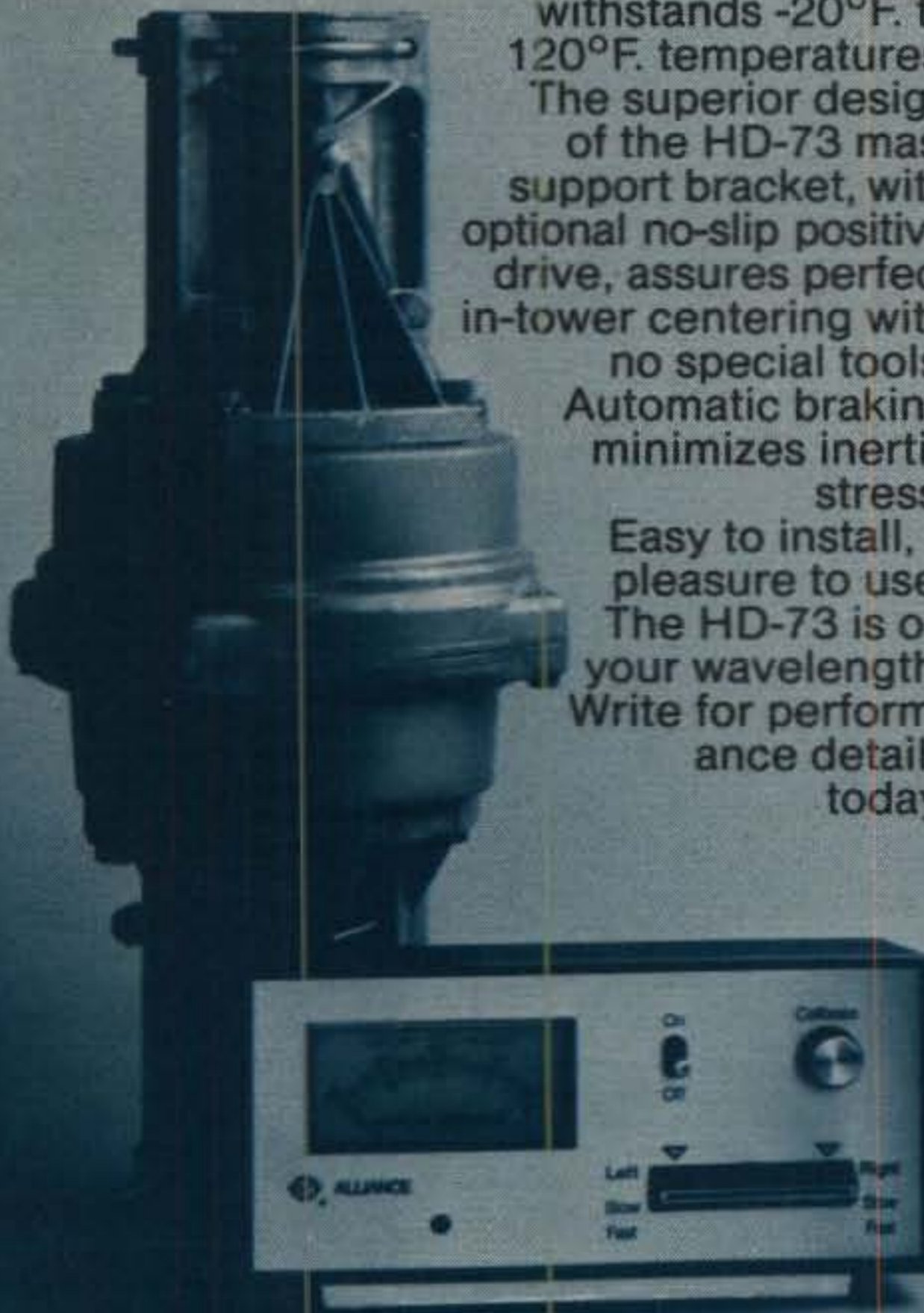
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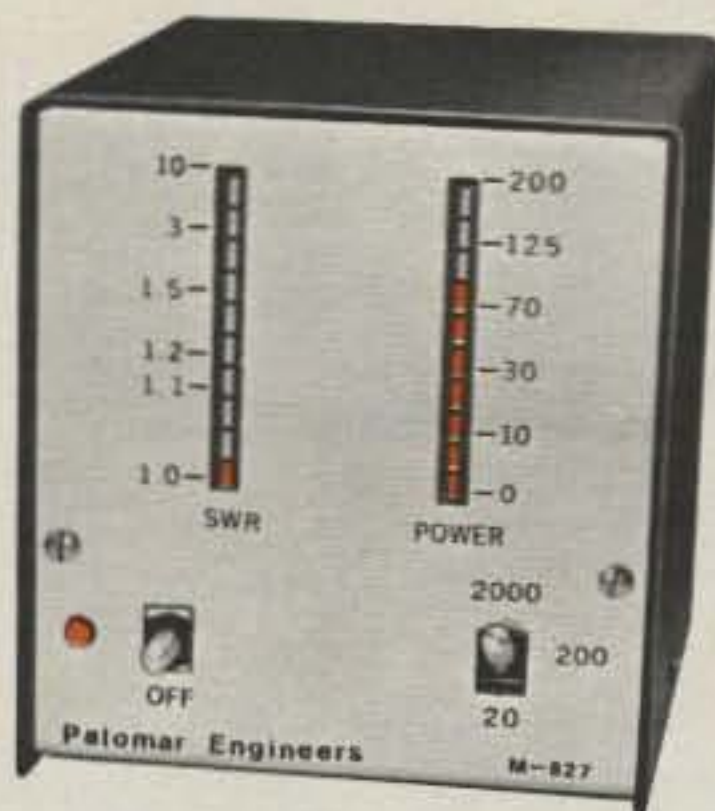
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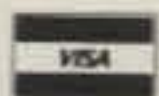
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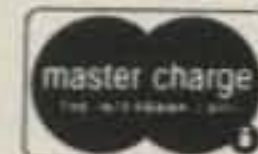


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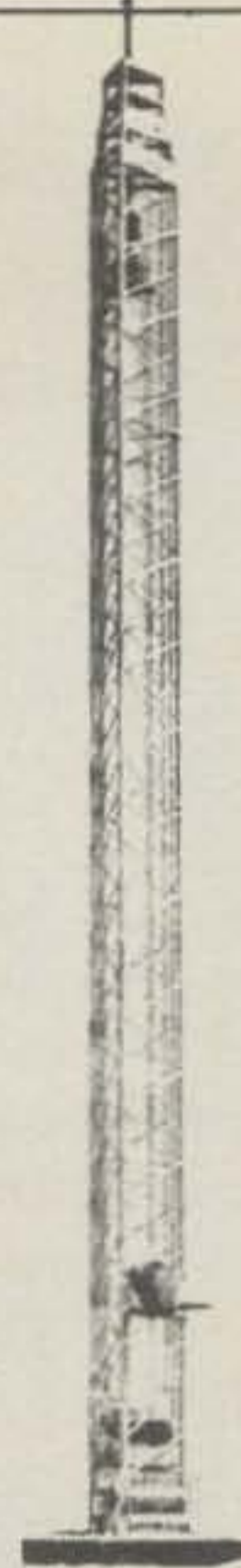
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H8X48	48 ft	10 sq ft	303	BXB7	369	26	395
H8X56	56 ft	10 sq ft	385	BXB8	449	30	479
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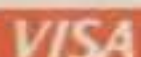
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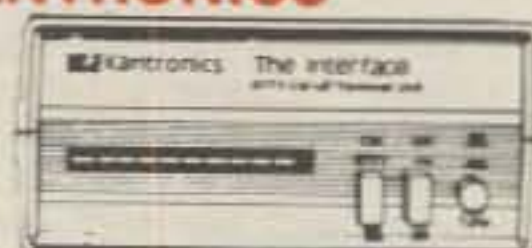


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SPECIFICATIONS

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Power Input: (1.8-25 MHz) (28-29.9 MHz)	
SSB, CW	240W DC 160W DC
AM	80W DC 80W DC
FM	160W DC

RECEIVER

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