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- TM-201A/TM-401A accessories:**
- **TU-3** programmable two-frequency CTCSS encoder
 - **KPS-7A** fixed station power supply

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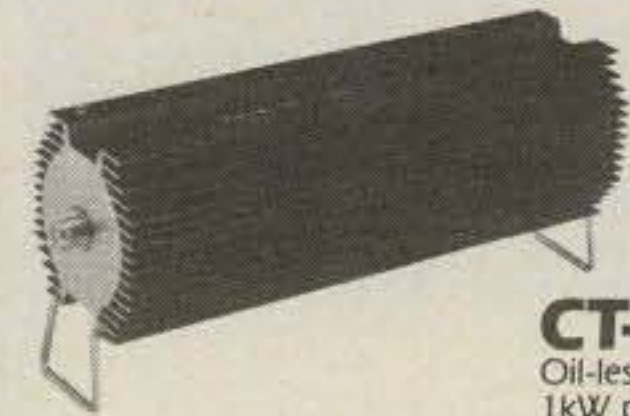
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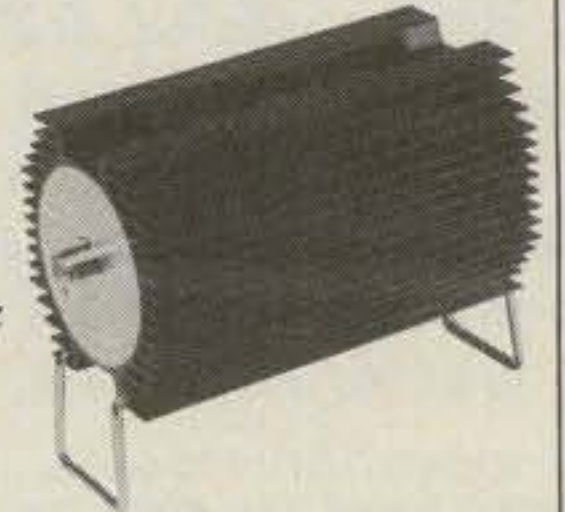
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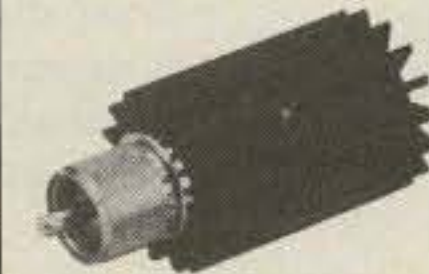
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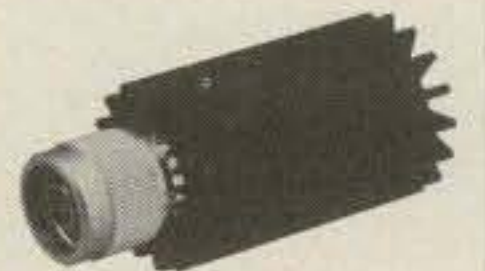
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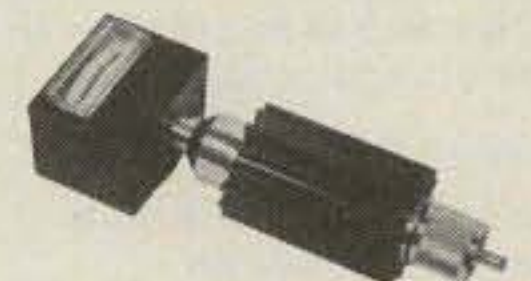
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The big news out of Washington is the change of command within the Private Radio Bureau, the FCC Bureau that has jurisdiction over amateur radio. James C. McKinney, who had been Bureau Chief since July of last year, moved up to Chief of the Mass Media Bureau. Stepping into the PRB head position is Robert S. Foosaner, the PRB's Deputy Chief.

Mr. Foosaner is a career FCC employee with some 15 years of experience with the Broadcast Bureau, Office of General Council, and the Office of Science and Technology. He is an attorney and a member of the District of Columbia Bar. Originally from New Jersey, he resides with his family in Brookeville, Maryland.

Although Mr. Foosaner is not an amateur, he is extremely well versed in amateur radio. He started with a tour with the General Council's office in which he reviewed the PRB's policy-making decisions with regard to amateur radio, became a member of the FCC Steering Committee for WARC-79 (serving as Chief of a policy task force), and was selected as a U.S. delegate to two international conferences, the most recent being the 1983 Mobile WARC in Geneva, Switzerland.

CQ congratulates Mr. Foosaner on his new position, and we wish him every success. As Chief of the Private Radio Bureau he will administer over all radio services excluding military, federal government, and broadcast services. It's a big job, but one that can be made a little bit easier with our help and support.

James C. McKinney has moved from the Private Radio Bureau to become the new Chief of the Mass Media Bureau. During his tenure with the PRB he was a prime mover for deregulation of amateur radio regs and for modernization of the amateur radio service. A graduate engineer, McKinney is known as a problem solver and management pro, so it would appear that one of his tasks will be to shape up the Mass Media Bureau. He comes to this new position with several years of broadcasting experience (on both sides of the microphone) and is now a Senior Broadcast Engineer of the Society of Broadcast Engineers.

We also offer Mr. McKinney our congratulations on his promotion, and we extend our best wishes for his success in this new job. I've had the pleasure of knowing and working with Jim McKinney for several years on behalf of amateur radio, and I have always found him hard working, dedicated, and on top of every situation, a man who does his homework. I know that he will bring these same fine qualities to his new position.

We at CQ and amateur radio in general look forward to a continued excellent relationship with the FCC and the PRB. We

welcome Mr. Foosaner and extend our help and cooperation to make both his job and amateur radio prosper and flourish.

What Price Fame?

As with everything else these days, the price of things continually rises. Due to cost increases by our suppliers, the price for the WPX Award of Excellence plaque will now be \$50.00. This still includes postage and handling.

We've had a bit of a delay in processing some of our other plaques due to the untimely death of Bernie Laight of Surrey Originals who had single handedly turned out CQ's plaques for about as long as I can remember. Bernie had helped in the design of our plaques and took a genuine interest in the winners and their achievements over the years, often going that extra bit to make sure the plaques were truly perfect and shipped properly all over the world. We will miss Bernie and offer our condolences to his wife, Pauline.

Gotcha!

There's a new book out by Electrolert, Inc. (they're the folks who make the radar detectors) called *Electrolert's Legal Index*. The four pound tome (which sells for \$35.00) includes a complete compilation of radar case law with all recent court decisions. The book is designed to help you or your attorney prepare a defense against a radar-backed ticket. This, of course, presumes that you weren't going 90 m.p.h. in a 25 m.p.h. zone. However, if you or someone you know seems to have been caught up in "electronic warfare," then this book apparently is for you. If you would like more information on the book write to Electrolert, Inc., 4949 South 25A, Tipp City, Ohio 45371 and ask for a brochure.

Travels With CQ

The summer months are usually slow with regard to travel, but several of the CQ staffers hit the trail and beat the drum on behalf of CQ. Karl Thurber, W8FX, our Antenna Editor, did us proud at the Montgomery, Alabama Hamfest in late August, and Lew McCoy, W1ICP, and his wife, Martha, graced the CQ booth at the annual Flagstaff, Arizona Hamfest. Bernie Welch, W8IMZ, managed to get to several Ohio shows, including Lima and Findley. Bernie also managed to come east to visit with Frank Anzalone, W1WY, and the both of them came down to the office for a day.

I'll be leaving for HAMCON 83 in Anaheim, California, in about two weeks, so the CQ Team will be on the road again.

Travels To CQ

We've had some interesting guests stop by the CQ offices this summer. Re-

cently Mike Lamb, N7ML, and George Buxton, N7EZJ, of AEA were in New York on business, and they came out for a visit. Before they left, I had Mike working on an article for our November RTTY Special issue. Another new writer for CQ came through New York, Bob Locher, W9KNI, of Bencher. Bob called to let us know he was in the city, and Dick and I drove in to have dinner with him. You can expect to see Bob's article on DX coming up this year.

A few weeks ago George Diehl, W2IHA, the ARRL Hudson Division Director, and his Vice Director, Steve Mendelsohn, WA2DHF (Steve already writes for CQ), trekked from New Jersey to Hicksville to pay a call on their constituents. We had an enjoyable lunch and spent the afternoon exchanging ideas and viewpoints on amateur radio. I think we all thought it was a productive meeting and a good way to sort out our common goals, which in effect are all for the betterment of amateur radio.

Most recently we had a visit from one of the most energetic people I know, Felix Koerner, DL1CU. Felix used to publish the German magazine *QRV* and the *Ham's Interpreter*, a very useful book of common phrases in several languages. Felix is retired now, and so he has more time for visiting family and friends, for amateur radio, and for sightseeing, all of which he does with great enthusiasm.

Next Month

Remember, November has become our annual RTTY Special issue. This year we have some truly great material from some of the most recognized experts in the field. We have articles on theory, dedicated RTTY, computer-generated RTTY, and most importantly, we have tried to have all of them tailored so that they can easily be understood and the information applied. RTTY is a fun mode that you can add to your existing station or personal computer (or both). Some of the exciting breakthroughs in technology can be found here today. Whether you want to operate on RTTY or just s.w.l. the amateur and commercial frequencies, it's all there waiting for you.

The Contest

I'd like to believe that NASA held up the STS-9 mission and the historic flight of Owen Garriott, W5LFL, just to herald the start of the 1983 CQ WW DX Contest on the following day, but some how I doubt it. While Owen may be extremely rare DX, he doesn't count as a multiplier, and 2 meters doesn't count in the DX Contest. Good luck to Owen and all of you contesters. There will be a lot of records broken this weekend. 73, Alan, K2EEK

The real beauty of the Collins KWM-380 is behind the panel, not on it.



At Collins, we know serious amateurs won't settle for less than professional performance. So we build every KWM-380 to commercial rather than amateur standards. For example, our PC boards are connected by ribbon cables with gold-plated pinfield connectors. The boards themselves are all glass epoxy, and virtually



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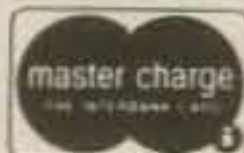


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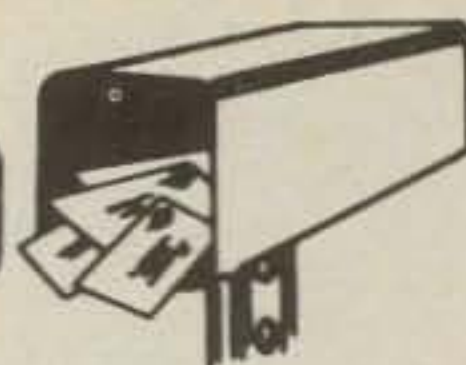
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Our Readers Say



Morse Is Everywhere!

Editor, CQ:

I just wanted to drop you a line to tell you and all other amateurs that Morse code can be found everywhere. I recently bought the rock group Missing Persons' new album "Spring Session M," and right there on the cover was the album's title written clearly in our "old friend" Morse code. I thought it was real neat and I've told all my ham buddies about it.

Last summer I heard a song on the radio which had Morse code in it. The word "stranger" was spelled out in Morse code several times. I think that any ham would find it very exciting to hear a song with our code in it. Unfortunately, I never found out who sang the song nor the title of it, but I'm sure that it must be called "Stranger." Maybe someone out there reading this has heard the song and can tell us the name of it and who sang it! Thank you in advance for printing this.

Robert Hanley Magro, KA2EGO
Milford, NJ

In Appreciation

Editor, CQ:

The Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association of Marquette County celebrated their 50th Anniversary by sponsoring the 35th Annual Upper Peninsula Hamfest. It was a fantastic success. Thanks to you and your active support.

We would like to acknowledge receipt of your donation, your publishing the announcement prior to the Hamfest, and for the interest you have demonstrated in the Radio Amateurs of Michigan's Upper Peninsula and surrounding area. We will continue to encourage our members to say "thanks" throughout the year by patronizing your magazine.

Stephen Paull, N4SP
President, Hiawatha ARA
Marquette County, MI

A School For DX Net Controls?

Editor, CQ:

I've just been listening to a very popular 20 meter DX net, and it has provided me with the best laugh I've had in weeks!

There is an unwritten rule among net controls that they must hear both signal

reports to verify a correct and good contact. Fine, when that's all that's going on on the net. However, in this case a fairly rare DX station came up on the net, spoke with the NCS to tell him that he couldn't stay, and asked for permission to make one call on a previously arranged schedule to pick up one of his last for WAS. Net naturally told him to go ahead, and he made his sked and even managed to hold a letter-perfect 5 minute ragchew there on the net frequency. After the two had signed, the net called the "W" operator and asked him to *repeat* the report so he could verify the contact! This after a perfect 5X9 ragchew. Maybe we need a school for DX net control stations!

Al Kaiser, N1API
Meriden, CT

You Don't Need A Degree In Engineering

Editor, CQ

Just thought I would drop you a line to let you know how much I enjoyed your June 1983 issue of CQ. I especially enjoyed your construction projects (you didn't need an engineering degree to build them). I have read CQ for several years now and your magazine is getting better with each issue. Keep up the good work and thanks for putting out the best ham magazine around.

Larry A. Hejduk, KA5QKU
DeQueen, AR

Resonance Detector Correction

Editor, CQ:

I recently built the resonance detector ("Build a Resonance Detector," CQ, August 1983 issue), and I have found an error in the schematic. The schematic shows a connection between pins 6 and 7 of the 741 op amp. This results in voltage from the supply being applied directly to the meter. This, in turn, results in the meter not zeroing with the null pot. Once this connection is removed, the unit works perfectly.

Mike McConnell, KA4ZEU
Lebanon, TN

PS: Please print more construction articles on QRP equipment. I build most of my own equipment. (I saw the articles in the June 1983 issue. I stole a VFO from one of them!)

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● **Garden State Mini-DXpedition**-The Garden State ARA (W2GSA) will hold their 4th annual mini-DXpedition on Treasure Island, located in Monmouth County, NJ, on Oct. 1-2 from 1600-1600 GMT on 3.910, 7.235, 14.235, 21.360, and 28.550. QSL to WA2SSH, Lou Eloe, 7 Carol Ave., Neptune, NJ 07753 (donation of \$1.00 appreciated).

● **KN5D From 12th Annual International Hot-Air Balloon Fiesta**-Special-event station KN5D will operate from Oct. 1-9 from Albuquerque, NM, for this event from 1400-1800 UTC daily. Frequencies will be 15-25 kHz above the low end of the General class phone bands. A special QSL will be available from KN5D, P.O. Box 997, Corrales, NM 87048.

● **Columbus Day Special Event** - On Oct. 8-9 W8TO will be on the air from Columbus, OH. Columbus hams are to work non-Columbus hams, and vice versa. Time and frequencies are: Oct. 8 1400-2400Z on 10 meters phone @ 28.6 MHz ± 10 kHz; Oct. 9 1400-2400Z on 15 meters phone @ 21.4 MHz ± 10 kHz. Certificates will be available for s.a.s.e. We suggest you contact the following for more complete information on scoring, etc., for the mini-contest to be held at the same time: Radio Station W8TO, Att. Special Event Coordinator, 280 East Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215.

● **KB3QV From Delmarva Folklife Festival** - The Peninsula Radio Operator's Society will operate from 1600-2100Z on both Oct. 8 and 9 using the call KB3QV. Frequencies will be 10-80 meters on the General class phone bands. QSL to PROS, KB3QV, P.O. Box 2315, Salisbury, MD 21801 (s.a.s.e.).

● **WD4KOW From Sunbelt Expo** - The Colquitt County Ham Radio Society will operate WD4KOW from the Sunbelt Expo near Moultrie, GA, on Oct. 11-13 from 0900-1700 EDST each day. Operation will be on the General portion of the h.f. bands and on repeater 146.19/79. Visiting hams are invited to visit the amateur booth at the expo to operate. A special QSL will be available for an s.a.s.e. QSL to CC Ham Radio Society, P.O. Box 813, Moultrie, GA 31768.

● **Minnesota QSO Party** - Sponsored by the Paul Bunyan Wireless Assoc., this event will take place from 1800Z Oct. 15 to 2300Z Oct. 16. Suggested frequencies are: c.w.—40 kHz up from low end; phone—3890, 7230, 14280, 21375, 28675; Novice—25 kHz up from low end of band. Points: 1 point for phone, 2 for c.w. For more information on scoring, etc., contact PBWA/KC0UJ, Steve Scott, 801 6th St., Staples, MN 56479. Logs must be mailed by Nov. 1, 1983.

● **Second Annual Mt. Sunflower, Kansas, DXpedition** - The Mt. Sunflower DXpedition will be undertaken by the Western Kansas DX Association from the highest point in the state of Kansas, at 4025.5 feet; Mt. Sunflower is located in Wallace County. K0EQH will be operational on Oct. 22 and 23 from 1800Z Saturday to 1800Z Sunday on s.s.b., c.w., RTTY, and f.m., 160 through 2 meters, 60 kHz up from the bottom of the respective h.f. bands. (There will also be operations on the Novice bands.) RTTY will be on 14095 kHz, and v.h.f. on 6 meter 50160 kHz, 2 meter 144210 kHz s.s.b., and 144520 kHz f.m. To set up skeds, contact the Western Kansas DX Association, P.O. Box 811, Garden City, KS 67846.

● **Suffolk County's W2DQ** - The Suffolk County Radio Club will operate W2DQ from 0000Z Oct. 28 to 2400Z Oct. 30 in celebration of Suffolk County's 300th birthday. Frequencies: phone—15 kHz up from lower 40-15 meter General class band edges; Novice 21.135. Special certificate for large s.a.s.e. to AC2P.

● **Special-Event Station From Belgium** - From Oct. 28 to Nov. 2 the OH6HC club shack will be located in the Town Hall of Knokke, Belgium. They have asked for a special call sign (probably OS1NOV), and an award will be available for contacts made. Frequencies: u.s.b. 14.141, 21.212, 28.282 kHz; c.w. 14.025,

21.025, 28.025 kHz. They want to contact all amateurs, and in particular veterans who held the Colours of Freedom in their region. For more information, contact Victor Claeys, ON4UM, Koningslaan 116, 8300 Knokke-Heist, Belgium.

● **Daytona Beach ARA K4BV** - In celebration of the centennial of the Ponce de Leon Lighthouse, the Daytona Beach (FL) ARA will operate K4BV on Oct. 29-30, 1400-2100Z. Frequencies: phone—7275, 14275, 21375; c.w. and Novice—7125-21125. For certificate send QSL and large s.a.s.e. to DBARA, P.O. Box 9852, Daytona Beach, FL 32020.

● **Navy Week Special-Event Station** - The Laurel, MD, ARC will operate K3LDE on board the *USF Constellation* from 1200-2200 UTC on Oct. 30. Frequency: 7225 with QSY to 14225 and 21400. For certificate send three first-class stamps to Box 259, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.

● **The following hamfests, etc., are slated for October:**

Oct. 1, **Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse Hamfest & Computer Display**, Syracuse, NY. Contact RAGS, Box 88, Liverpool, NY 13088.

Oct. 1, **De Vry Technical Institute ARC Fleamarket**, Woodbridge, NJ. Contact WB2JKU.

Oct. 1, **7th Annual Mid-Atlantic VHF Conference**, Warrington, PA. Contact Hamarama 83, P.O. Box 311, Southampton, PA, or call K3MXM (215) 635-4942.

Oct. 2, **CVARC 9th Annual Hamfest**, Cedar Rapids, IA. Contact CVARC Hamfest, P.O. Box 994, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406.

Oct. 2, **Yonkers, NY, Electronics Fair & Fleamarket**, Yonkers, NY. Contact Yonkers ARC, 53 Hayward St., Yonkers, NY 10704, or call (914) 969-1053.

Oct. 2, **32nd Annual Rock Hill Hamfest**, Rock Hill, SC. Contact YCARS, Box 4141 CRS, Rock Hill, SC 29730.

Oct. 2, **Rome, GA, Hamfest**, Rome, GA. Contact WD4PTE, 18 Poplar St., Rome, GA 30161, or call (404) 291-4658.

Oct. 8-9, **Tidewater Hamfest, Computer Convention, Electronic Fleamarket**, Virginia Beach, VA. Contact Jim Harrison, N4NV, 1234 Little Bay, Norfolk, VA 23503, or call (804) 587-1695.

Oct. 9, **Central Michigan ARC & Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Assoc. Ham Fair**, Grand Ledge, MI. Contact Rowena Elrod, KA8OBS, 111 Lancelot Place, Lansing, MI 48906, or call (517) 372-5462.

Oct. 9, **Lima Hamfest**, Lima, OH. Contact NOARC, Box 211, Lima, OH 45802.

Oct. 9, **22nd Annual Hoosier Hills Hamfest**, Lawrence County Fairgrounds, southwest of Bedford, IN. Contact KA9JTZ, Hoosier Hills Ham Club, Box 891, Bedford, IN 47421.

Oct. 15, **Irwin Area ARA Swap & Shop**, Circleville, VFD, off US Rt. 30, 3.5 miles west of PA Tpk., exit 7. Contact Rick Jackson, N3DAA, 39-D Lower Boone Dr., Turtle Creek, PA 15145, or call (412) 829-1953.

Oct. 22-23, **Hamfest Chattanooga**, Chattanooga, TN. Contact Hamfest Chattanooga, P.O. Box 3377, Chattanooga, TN 37404, or call N4DON (404) 820-2065.

Oct. 23, **Kalamazoo, MI, Hamfest & Electronic Fleamarket**, Kalamazoo, MI. Contact Ham 10 Club of Kalamazoo, KA8RUA, 2825 Lake St., Kalamazoo, MI 49001.

Oct. 23, **Columbia ARA 7th Annual Hamfest**, Howard County Fairgrounds west of Baltimore, MD. Contact Ed Wallace, K3EF, 9905 Carillon Dr., Ellicott City, MD 21043.

Oct. 23, **Red Rose Computerfest**, Guernsey Sales Pavilion east of Lancaster, PA. Contact The Computerfest Committee, P.O. Box 5029, Lancaster, PA 17601.

Oct. 29, **Tri-City ARC Auction**, Poquetanuck, CT. Call WA2RYV at 203-848-9670.

Oct. 30, **Heart of Ohio Ham Fiesta**, Marion, OH. Contact Paul Kilzer, W8GAX, 393 Pole Lane Rd., Marion, OH 43302, or call (614) 389-5573.

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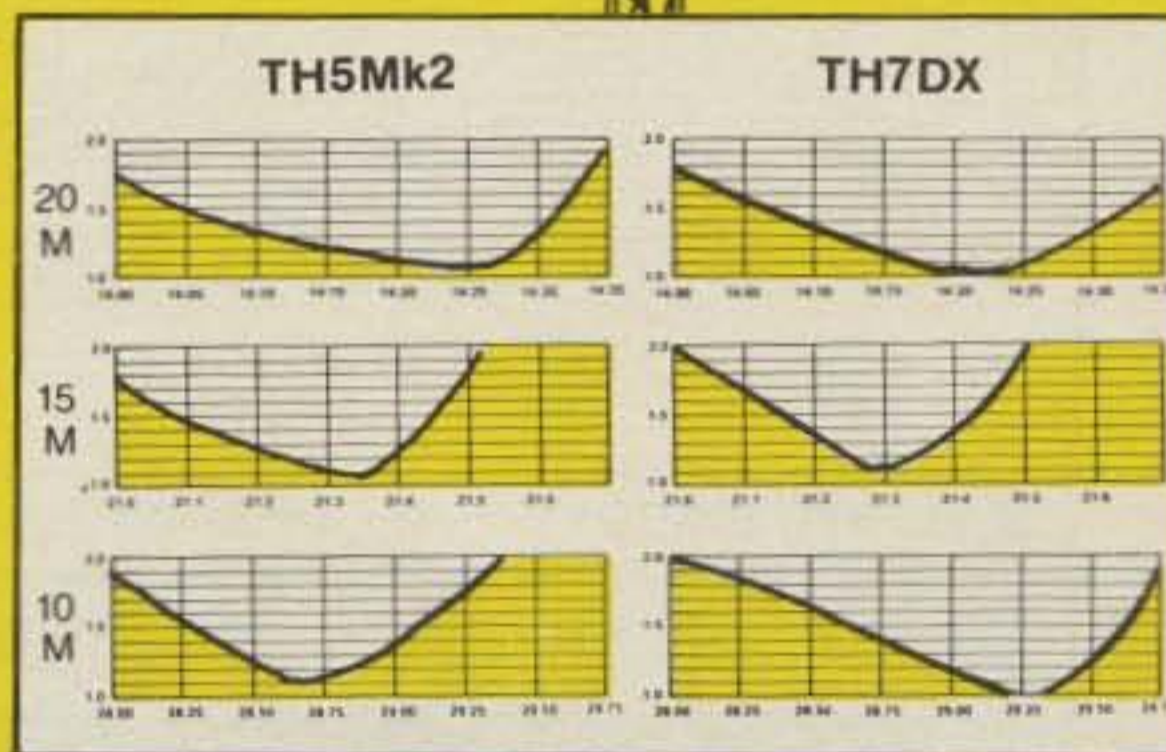
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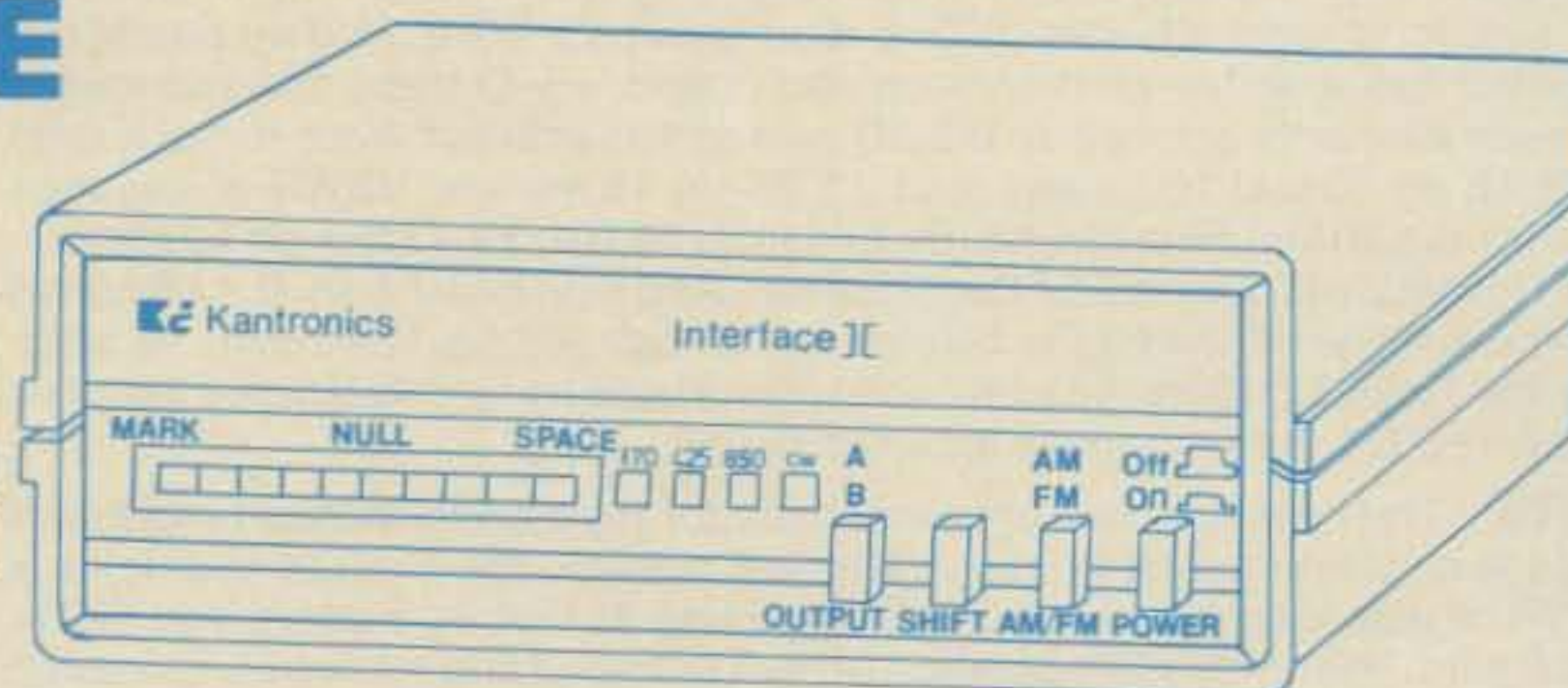
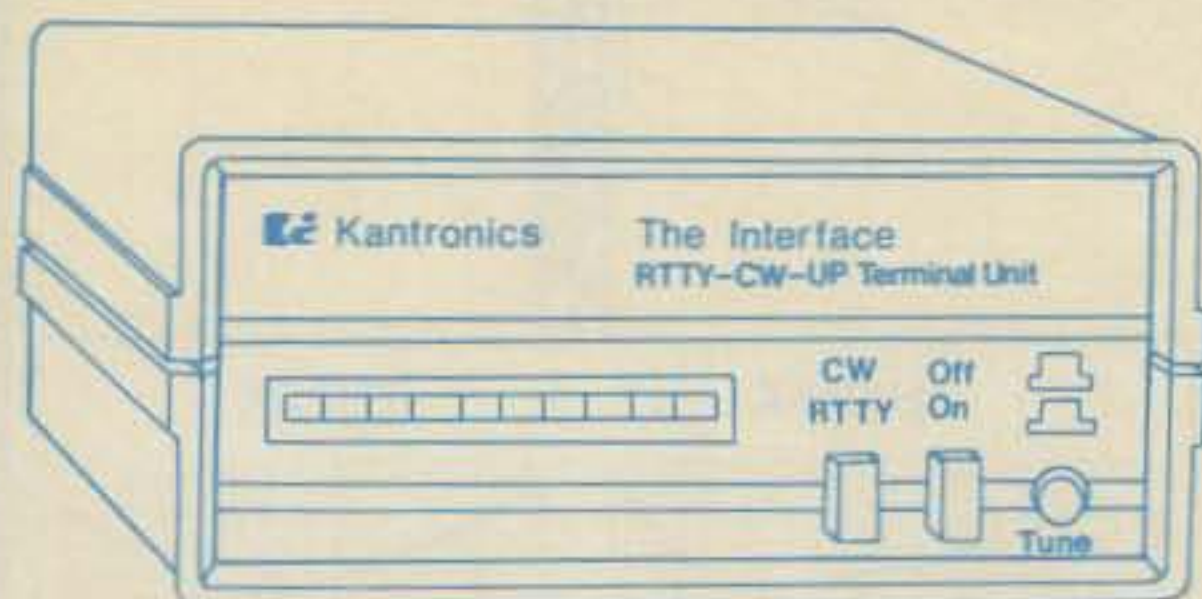
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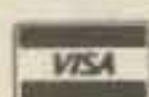
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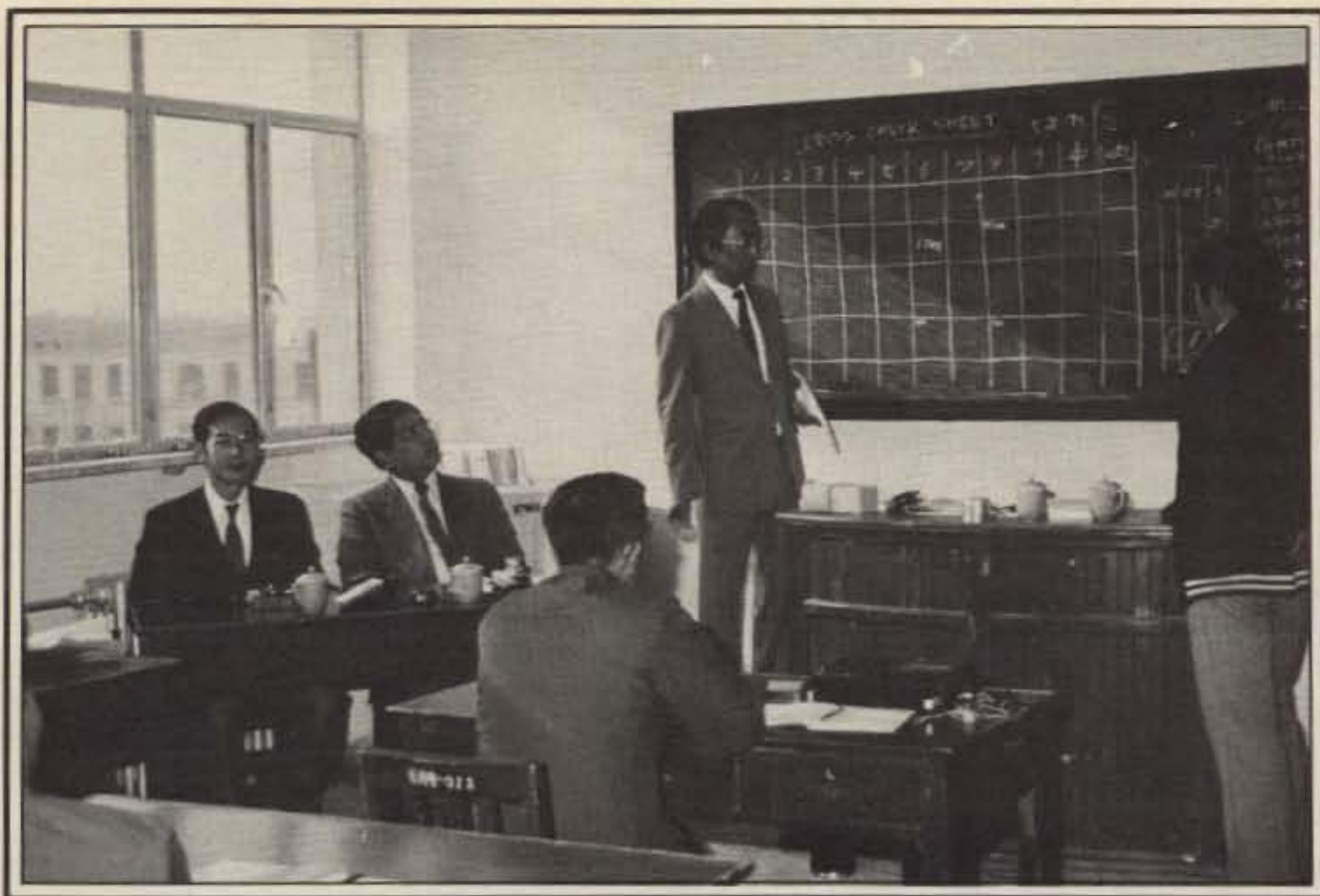
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1982 CQ WORLD-WIDE DX CONTEST C.W. RESULTS

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

It was early in the evening of the second day of the contest and the JA's were really pounding into California on 15. So, I hunted around for an open spot—no easy choice these days—and started a JA pile-up. What's that—"JA1KSO"! Quickly I checked my dupe sheet, and sure enough, Nob was a dupe. Well, a few "B4, B4's" will give him the message. But hold on; JA1KSO is calling again. Lucky me, there are a couple of other JA's in there. So, we'll give him one more "B4" and pick up one of the other JA's. On the edge of my mind I'm hearing JA1KSO say something else, but shucks, I've been up for 32 hours now and copying two guys at once is not that easy anymore. Oh well, if it's important he'll break in.

It is five months later now, and the place is the Visalia DX Convention. Kan, JA1BK, walks up to me. "Hello Larry," he says, and proceeds to tell me all about his trip to China during the C.W. section of the CQ World-Wide DX Contest. "Sure wish I could have worked you," I said. Then he tells me that he asked his good friend Nob, JA1KSO, to find me during the

second day of the contest on 15 and get me to go up on 21.130 to work him at BY1PK! Oh no. "Didn't you hear Nob?" he asks. Oh no, oh no!

Yes indeed, BY1PK was active in the CQ WW for a little while, and a host of W6's worked him. But listen to this next part. The BY operators were confused by the rules, and put the nix on any real serious operation in 1982. As shown in the photograph, however, our good friend Kan, JA1BK, kindly lectured the BY operators (ten of them) for over three hours on the details of the CQ contest rules and how to operate. You can count on one or more BY operations next year, honest! What great news that will be for all of us. Just in case, though, listen very carefully when you think a JA is calling you.

The All-Band Results

Well, the sunspots took their toll as evidenced by scores in general (see the club results). However, the spirit of competition just could not be suppressed. All told, 25 records fell this year, mostly all-band and low-band records.

In what has to be the clean sweep of his career, Dick Norton, N6AA, managed to capture the all-time single operator, all-band record at 9Y4VT with a whopping 6.9 million points—about 800K better

than his 2-year-old 6.1M mark. Although a lot of rhetoric has surfaced about what a difference the point rule makes for the North American competitor, that simply didn't matter this year. Guess what: 9Y4VT would have run away with it even without the advantage. Although 8P6J had 5049 QSOs, Dick amassed nearly the same (4927), but had a tremendous 73 multiplier advantage. Dick now holds both Phone and C.W. records, and he ran away with World high in both those categories this year. A most deserved congratulations, Dick.

Second in the all-band category was Glen, K6NA, with a fine 6.2M score from CN8CX, a new African continental record. A third member of the Southern California Contest Club, N6TJ, finished third at his 8P6J location with 4.6M. With incredible consistency, UF6CR finished fourth, only 300 points out of 4M above his own Asian record of last year.

The glory of the West coast operators ended with their expeditionary efforts, as nine out of the top ten stateside high scores this year were located East of the Mississippi River. Heading a close group of four was John, K1AR, at 2.7M, followed by W1KM (2.67M), N2LT (2.49M), and K1JX (2.42M). It was the bread and butter bands (15 and 20) where John built up a

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This year's super QTH award goes to all-time World-High C.W. record holder for Multi-Multi, P42E, located at the Coral Cliff Hotel (left). Wow! (Right) Here's the P42E crew. Kneeling, AA4S (Ron); left to right N6TU (Bud), WB6SHD (Rob), AA6RX (David), KC8C (Mike), WD4AXM (Dave), N4RV (Jack), K2BA (Bert), N4MM (John), WA2SPL (Joe), W8LRL (Wally), N8II (Jeff).

contact edge that proved too much for his challengers.

In the multi-single arena, the gang at NP4A rolled up a fantastic 11.65M to set new World and North American records, shattering the old 1980 mark of 9.7M by RG6G. The RG6G contingent, manned by the Lithuanian Contest Group, returned this year and came in a close second at 10.4M. NP4A's stateside 10 and 15 meter QSOs proved to be the difference. Tom Taormina's crew at K5RC took the top U.S.A. honors with 3.77M, a scant 20K higher than rival Steve, W3BGN.

The boys at P42E (formerly PJ2CC) returned to set a new World and South American record for multi-multi with 23.3M, amassing over 3300 contacts on 15M alone. A quick look at the photo of their cliffside QTH, and you'll know why they were so loud. Great teams at EW6V (14.7M) and OH0W (14.3M) grabbed second and third in a real horse race, setting new continental records on the way. Stateside, Gene Walsh and the N2AA crowd piled up 9.7M to run away from the others this year.

The Single-Band Results

Activity on the low bands picked up considerably this year. On 160 meters, Fernando, EA8AK, racked up a massive 75.6 K to set a new World and African standard. He was followed by EA9EU and YU3EF, both in the 30K region. The U.S.A. 160 meter winner was Scotty, AE6U, at 5600. Stateside 160 meter conditions were meager pickings at best, and that 5600 represents many hours of just listening to the receiver hiss. That's patience and endurance for you!

On 80 it was Inaki, EA2IA, with just under 200K (and a new European high mark). UL7LCZ took second place at 150K, a new Asian record. K1PT's 73.2K did the trick on 80 stateside.

The big single-band story this year was on 40 meters, where records were set on all continents except Africa. Only N2AA's

old 5A1TW African record (the oldest in our record book from way back in 1964) remains. Herb, KV4FZ, led the field with 536.6K for a new World and North American mark. Tom, N6BT, returned for a second shot in Saipan as AH0C and came in second despite the Woodpecker with a fine 404K (a new Oceania record). He was followed by Frank, 9Y4VU, at 400K (tops in South America). UB5JMR set the new mark for Europe with 398K, while JA5BJC's 288K is the new best for Asia. K1XM led a close field of three W1's with 213K for stateside high. On 20 meters, Yuri, VE3BMV, captured World high at 662K, while Tom, K1KI, was best in the States and fourth worldwide with 545K. Yuri was going after his own trophy—highest combined phone and C.W. single band. But Joel, KG6DX, and his 15 meter efforts on both phone and C.W. spoiled his plan.

Speaking of 15 and 10, they were considerably less lucrative this year and the scores showed it. World high 10 meter honors went to V3TV with 519K. That was about half of last year's winning score, and mostly the effects of propagation. N4WW's 395K was tops Stateside and third World-wide. Despite conditions, that was a new U.S.A. record, one of only two set this year.

On 15, W1RM, a perennial 15 meter enthusiast, established a new Stateside record with a great 483K score, while Daniel, CX7CO, took the World high with 771K.

Other Highlights

The QRP category seems to be gaining steam. This year Salius, UP2BIM, topped a field of 40 all-band entrants with just under 990K, a tremendous QRP feat. Our congratulations!

Beginning this year, we have added a table of high scores by zones. Those of you who are planning for next year will note the need for activity from nine of those zones. Indeed, some zone totals

were noticeably down this year due to lack of activity in zones 2, 10, 12, 22, 24, 26, 35, 36, and 40. A welcome addition was the great all-band effort by Walt, UV3GM, at JT0GM. Walt says he will be back in 1983 as well, excellent news for all of us.

In the club category, the YCCC has taken the club top honors from the NCCC with 20M to spare. Most improved this year was the Southern California Contest Club. Unable to muster the necessary three entrants in 1981 (only two were submitted), this year the SCCC wracked up nearly 70M. The FRC kept reasonably close to YCCC this year, but all club scores were down as a rule—sure signs of the declining sunspots.

Other Comments

Some of you may have noticed that your printed scores are lower than your high-claimed scores. That's not at all unusual. Typically, one third of all competitive scores are reduced for one reason or another. Dupes and busted calls are generally the reason. Duplicates are just inexcusable, and we ask all of you to use dupe (cross-check) sheets. It is best to do over your dupe sheets *after* the contest. We tax you three good contacts for every duplicate we find in the log. That's pretty stiff. Busted calls are a little easier to understand. They are a result of the fact that none of us is perfect. They can be avoided by taking more time and care to copy calls correctly in the first place, and by reviewing the log after the contest. One good technique for those of you who are really serious is to tape the contest and check doubtful calls after the fact. Sometimes the margin between victory and a second-place finish is just a few contacts or multipliers. Therefore, be sure to work on your accuracy; failure to do so could really be costly.

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Proper Credit

We all should be thankful to our hard working committee for the many hours of time they spent processing the results. New to the committee this year is Jan Perkins, N6AW. The veterans are N6CW (Terry Baxter), K6NA (Glenn Rattmann), N6SV (Reg Toumi), AD6C (Fred Morris), W7EJ (Jim Sullivan), K9DX (John Battin), N2AA (Gene Walsh), K2SS (Dave Donnelly), KR2Q (Doug Zwiebel), N3ED (Ed Moody), K2VV (John Yodis), and K1AR (John Dorr). Thanks to all of you for a job well done. By the way, these are also some excellent contacts for the contest community as a whole to communicate their feelings on the contest.

Well, the phone section of the contest for 1983 is just a few weeks off, so sharpen the pencils, check out the gear, and stand by for the best DX contest going. See you in the pileups!

73, Larry, N6AR, and Bob, K3EST



OH0W used this great gear for their highest ever MM effort on c.w. That's Marty Laine, OH2BH, on the right.



Walt, UV3GM (right), put the rarest of the zones (zone 23) on with a bang this year at JT0GM. On the left is station owner Dambi, JT1AG.

TOP SCORES

WORLD		USA	
Single Op All Band		Single Op All Band	
9Y4VT	6,929,450	K1AR	2,762,383
CN8CX	6,234,664	W1KM	2,668,030
8P6J	4,636,763	N2LT	2,494,710
UF6CR	4,613,680	K1JX	2,417,034
4M3BRF	4,232,956	K3LR	2,141,775
DK3GI	2,924,215	K9DX	2,100,372
K1AR	2,762,383	K4PQL/8	2,081,820
5Z4CS	2,703,085	N5AU	2,019,855
W1KM	2,668,030	N3RD	1,988,415
9K2DX	2,560,005	WA8YVR	1,962,849
Single Op Single Band 28 MHz		Single Op Single Band 28 MHz	
V3TV	519,048	N4WW	394,940
DJ4AX	400,147	K1ZZ	325,130
N4WW	394,940	K1RM	307,060
YU7ECD	340,360	N4ZC	295,320
K1ZZ	325,130	KT4W	261,030
SV0CT	311,738	WB4TDH	213,909
21 MHz		21 MHz	
CX7CO	771,776	W1RM	483,560
KG6DX	658,728	KR2N	459,249
W1RM	483,560	K1TO	417,628
KR2N	459,249	W0ZV	296,545
K1TO	417,628	K8CX	269,280
LZ2KTS	391,500	N4ZZ	248,372
14 MHz		14 MHz	
VE3BMV	662,454	K1KI	545,930
YU4GD	598,533	AE2A	316,336
CX7BY	562,650	N2PP	314,874
K1KI	545,930	N5CR	296,805
OH5TQ	484,824	KJ9D	292,352
YT3C	464,464	N4EA	286,982
7 MHz		7 MHz	
KV4FZ	536,616	K1XM	213,192
AH0C	404,457	K1UO	189,774
9Y4VU	400,851	K1NA	150,111
UB5JMR	397,578	K4CG	137,400
YV5ANT	322,844	W6AM	127,009
JA5BJC	287,850	K2EK	122,734
3.5 MHz		3.5 MHz	
EA2IA	199,872	K1PT	73,186
UL7LCZ	151,840	K0RF	40,079
UA9TS	133,725	WA4SVO	33,136
LZ2PP	106,088	K4PI	22,656
VY5OO	96,664	N7RM	13,889
YU4EJC	91,035	N4TZ	10,808
1.8 MHz		1.8 MHz	
EA8AK	75,768	AE6U	5,004
EA9EU	38,220	N4SU	3,600
YU3EF	34,860	N4IN	2,848
UA9SAX	30,615	K5GO	2,552
4X4NJ	27,850	K1MEM	2,430
DJ8WL	27,216	K6SE	2,376
Multi-Op Single Transmitter		Multi-Op Single Transmitter	
NP4A	11,648,565	K5RC	3,768,871
RG6G	10,394,658	W3BGN	3,748,580
UK9AAN	5,639,792	N4AR	3,266,068
UK2RDX	4,164,075	N4RJ	2,840,260
F3TV	3,997,892	N1AC	2,807,951
L8D/X	3,922,075	KA4S	2,748,675
Multi-Op Multi-Transmitter		Multi-Op Multi-Transmitter	
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EW6V	14,702,688	K1OX	7,682,416
OH0W	14,371,840	K2UA	6,066,906
N2AA	9,724,050	W3LPL	5,849,192
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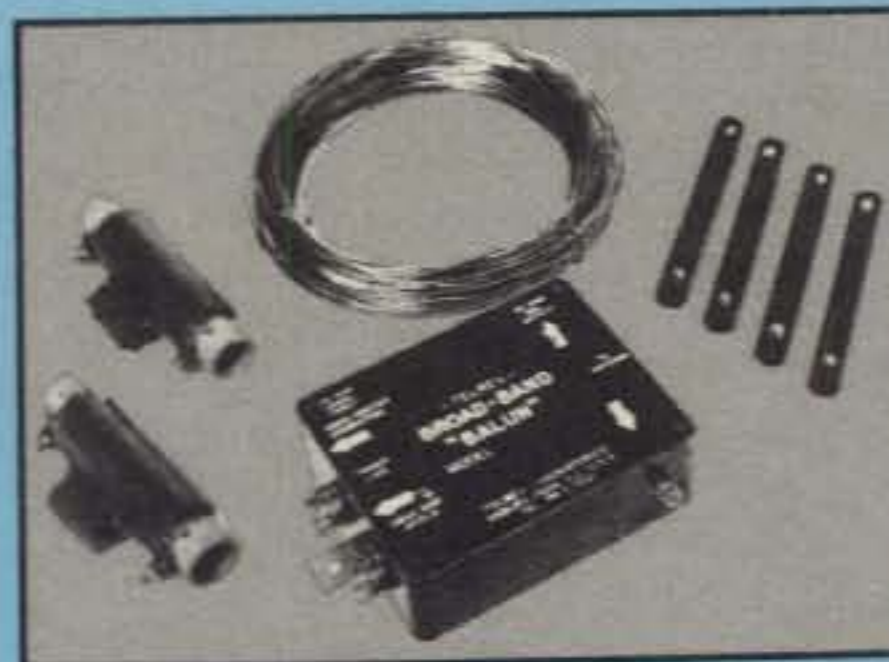
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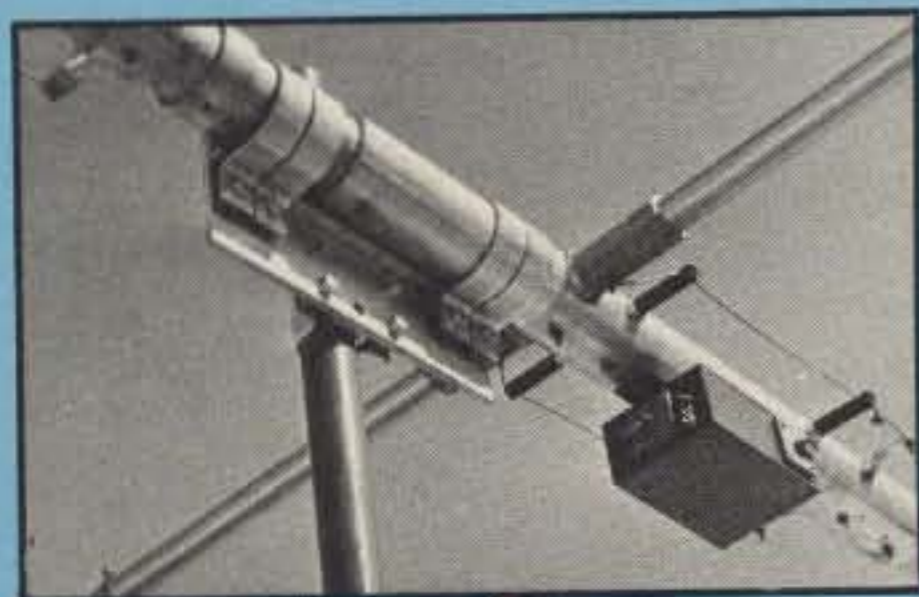
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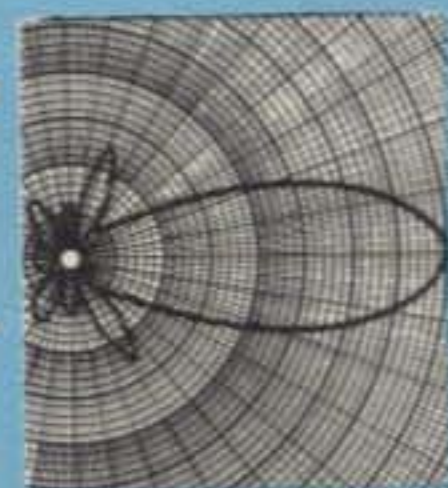
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20M646	20 Meter 6 element	(14 DBD)	1130.00	945.00
40M214	40 Meter 2 element	(5.6 DBD)	740.00	615.00
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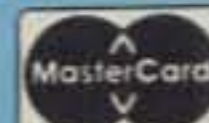


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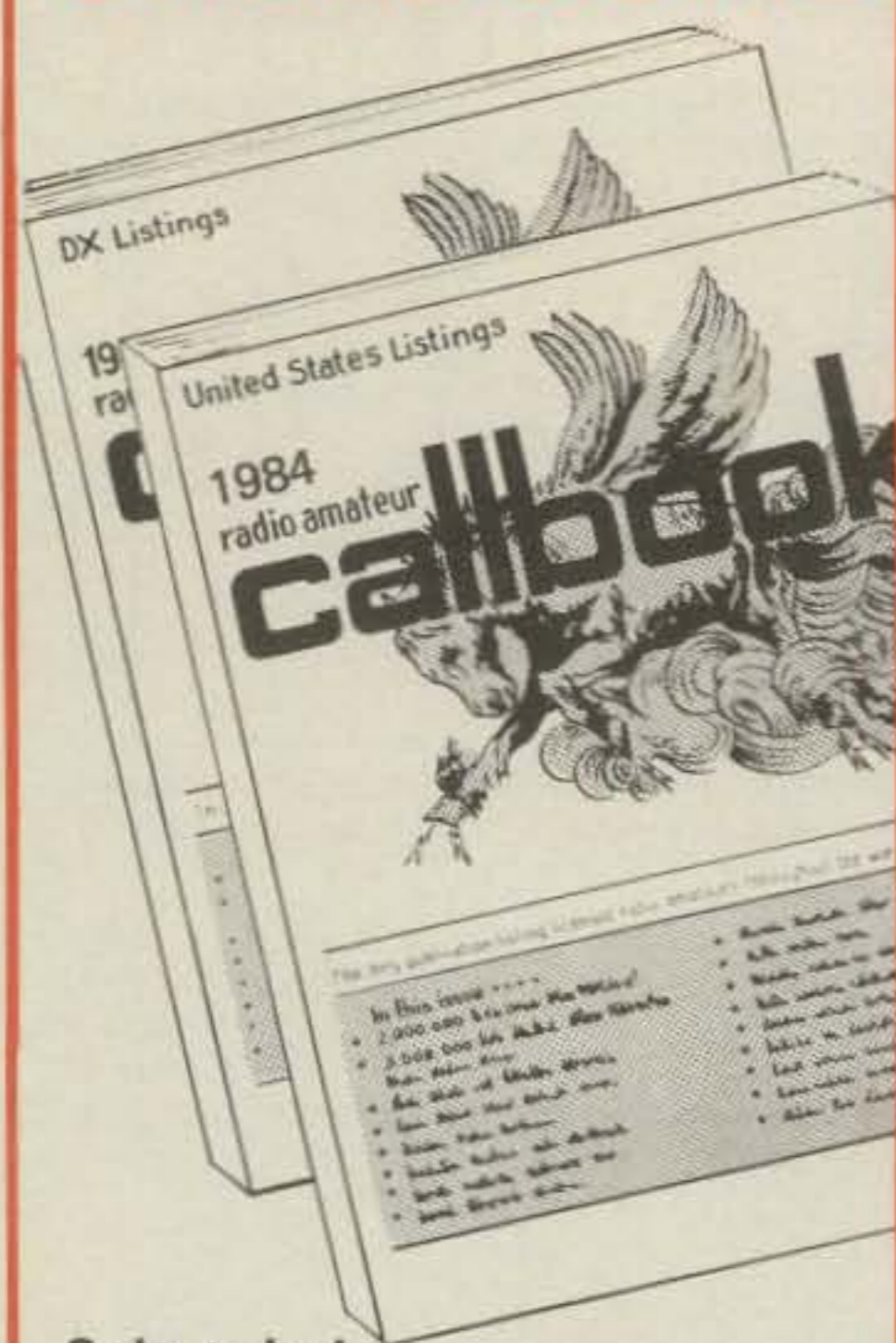
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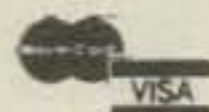
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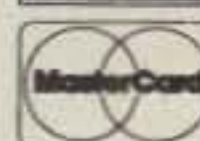
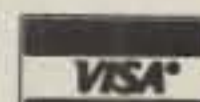
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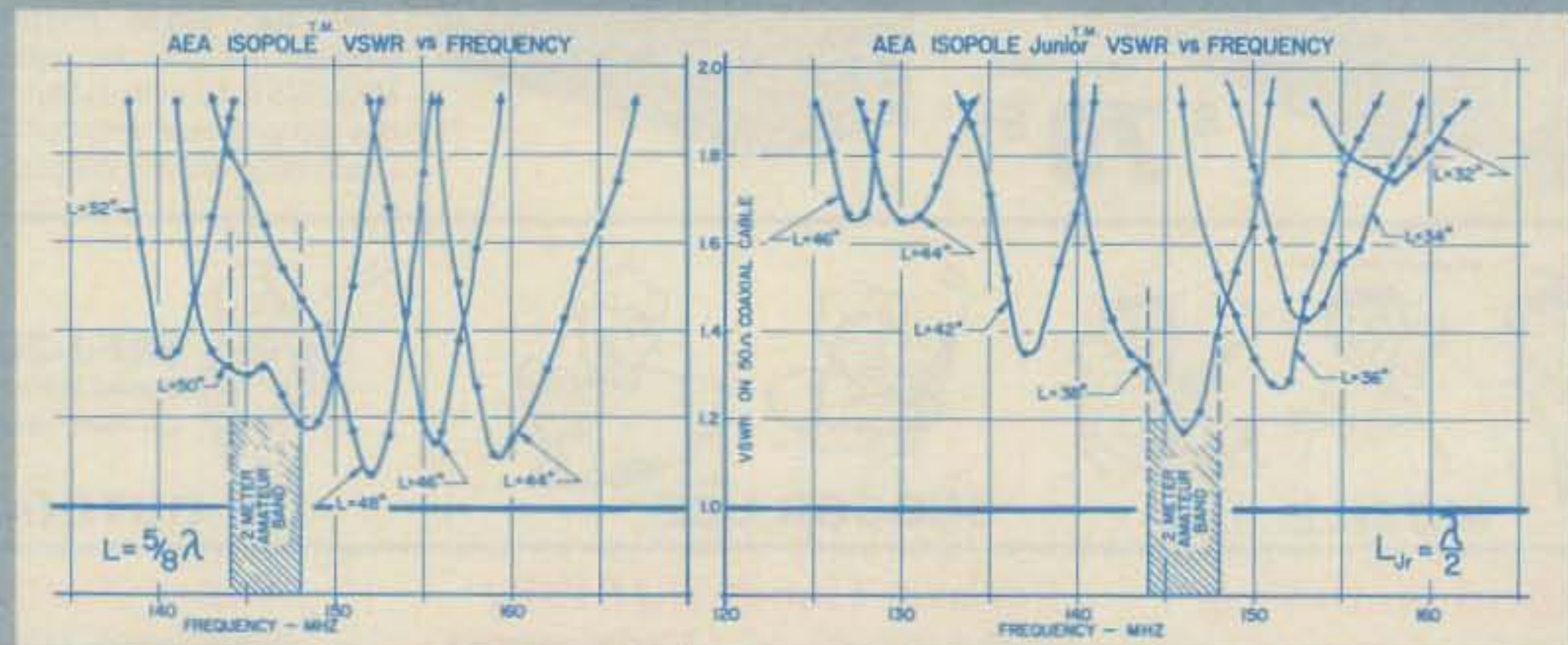
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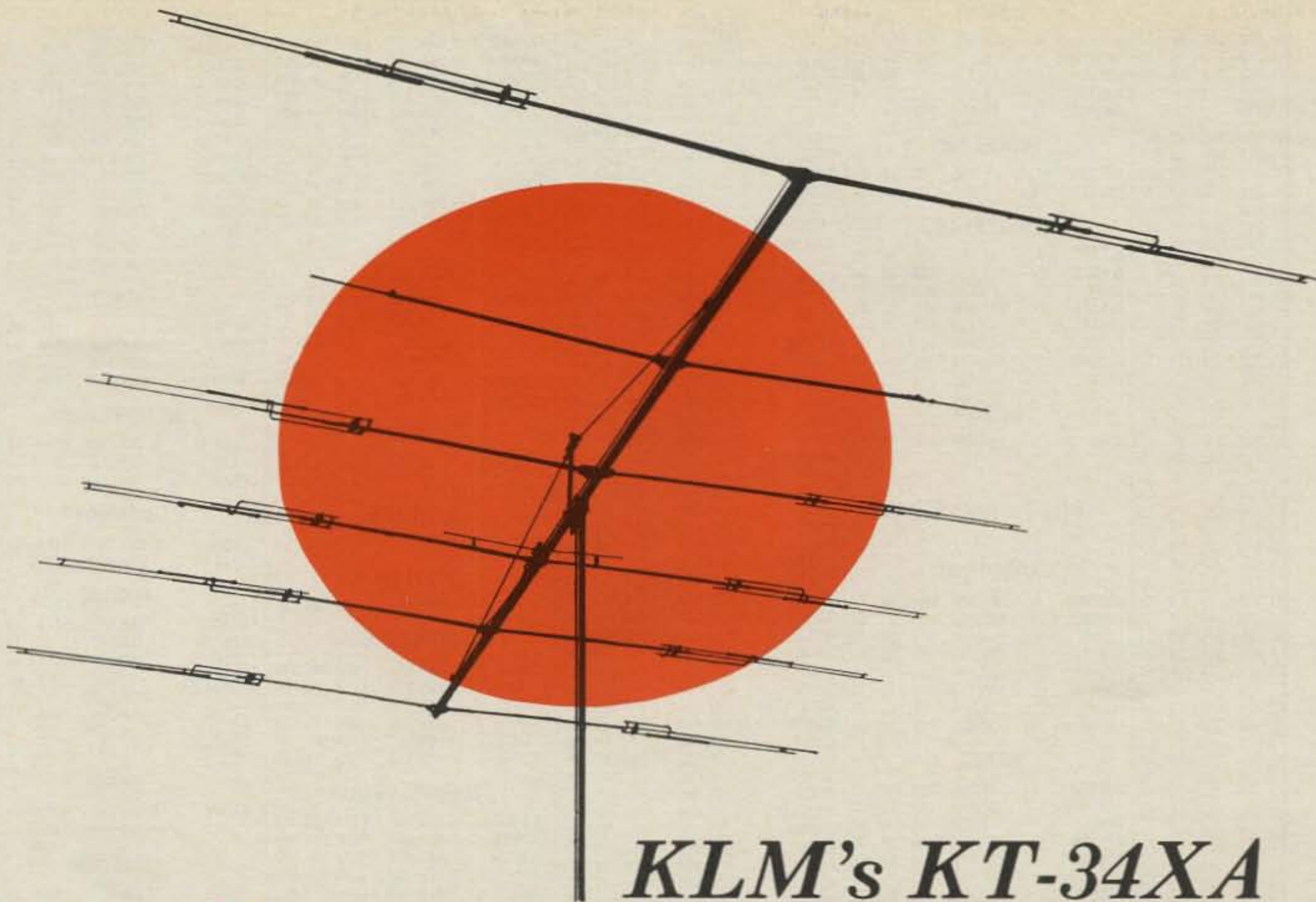
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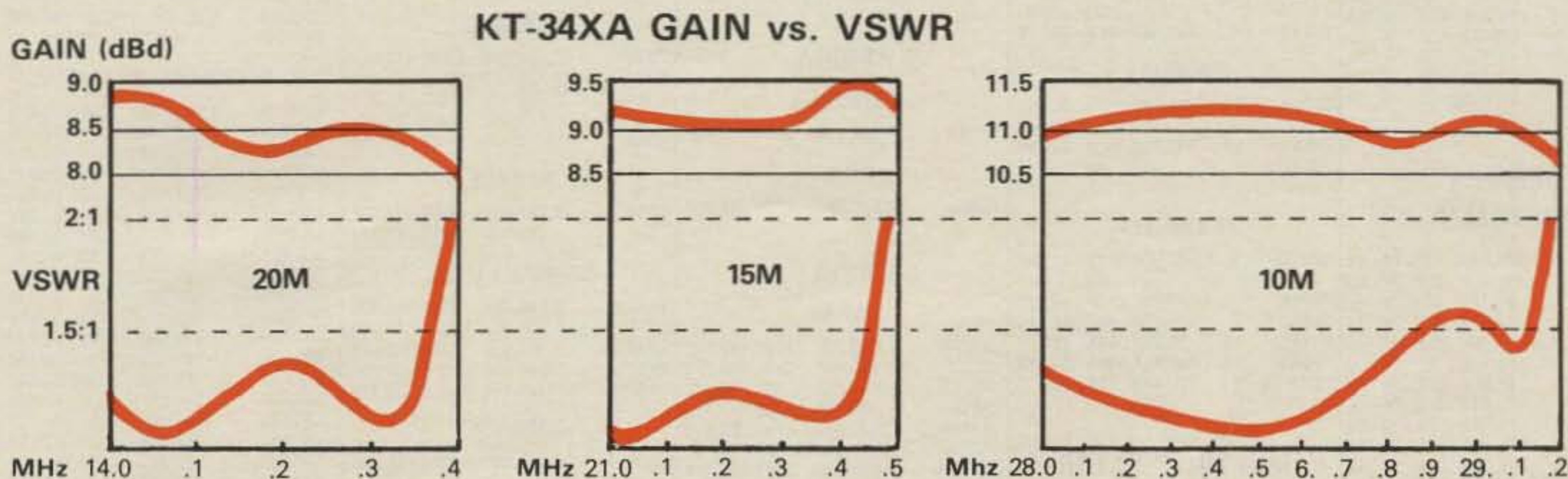


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This year's top USA Multi-Single crew was K5RC. Shown left to right are K5GA, K5GN, N5JJ, and KN5H. Not shown are K5RC, K5LZO, and NA5R.

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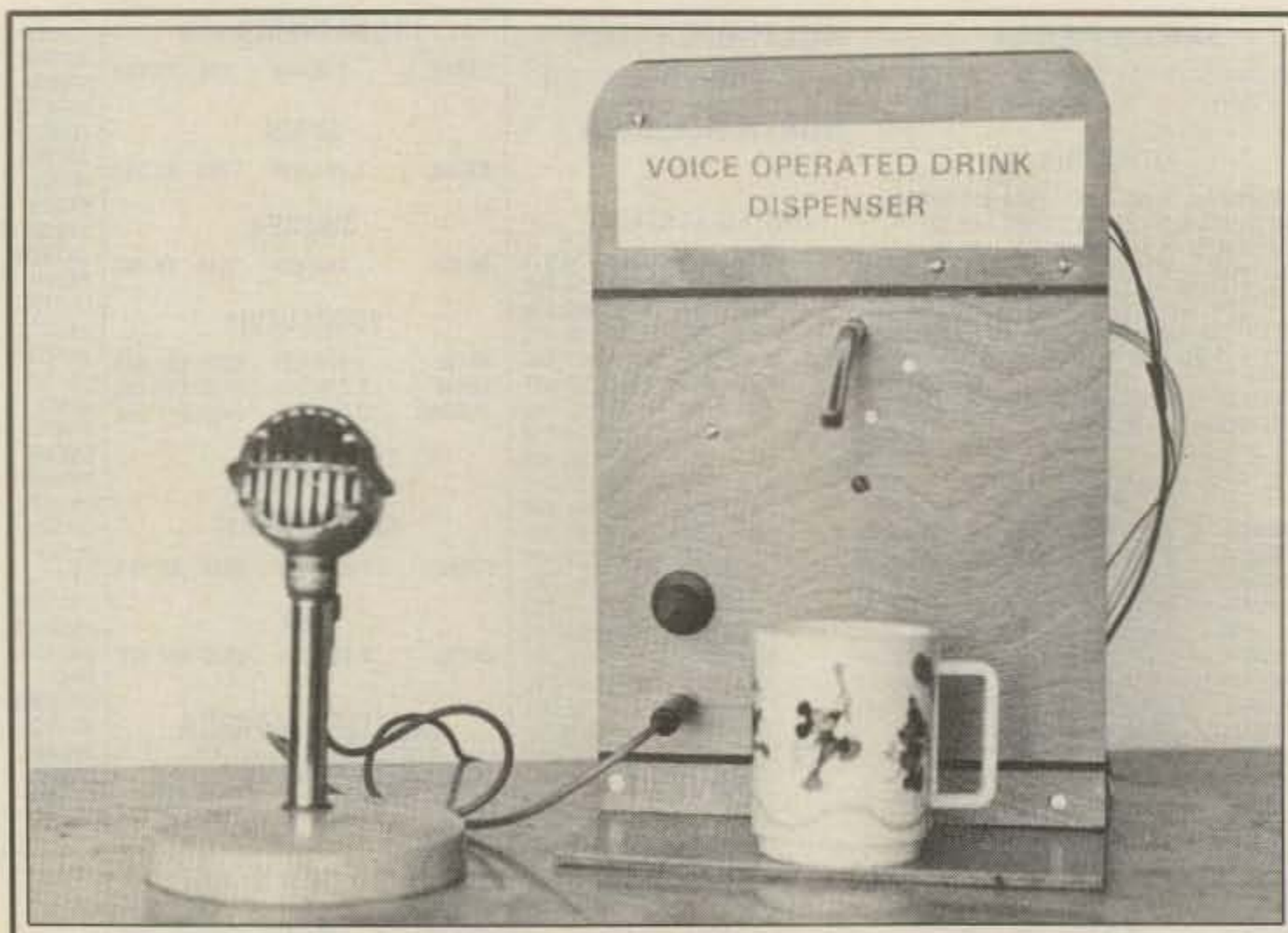
The Voice-Operated Drink Dispenser

BY PAUL M. DANZER*, N1II

While Neiman-Marcus probably won't be offering this item in their new Christmas catalog, it is a bit of luxury that can benefit the contester caught up in the throws of long hours of operating. As amateurs, we pride ourselves on our electronic wizardry and sophisticated hardware. Why not use some of that technology to make our contesting and everyday operating more pleasurable?

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The circuit shown in fig. 1 consists of a high-impedance (crystal) microphone



Front view of the voice-operated drink dispenser. The choice of cup is optional.

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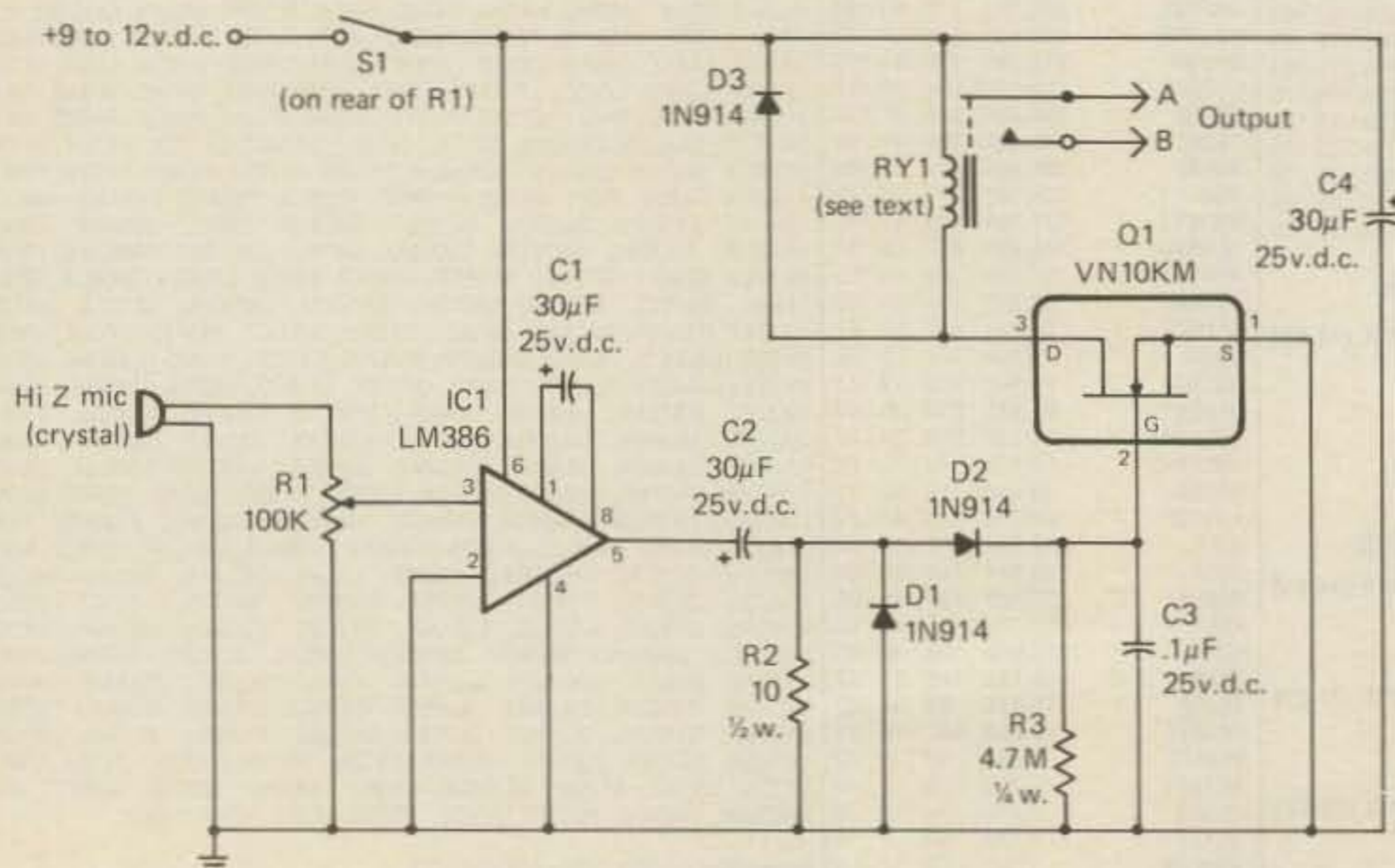
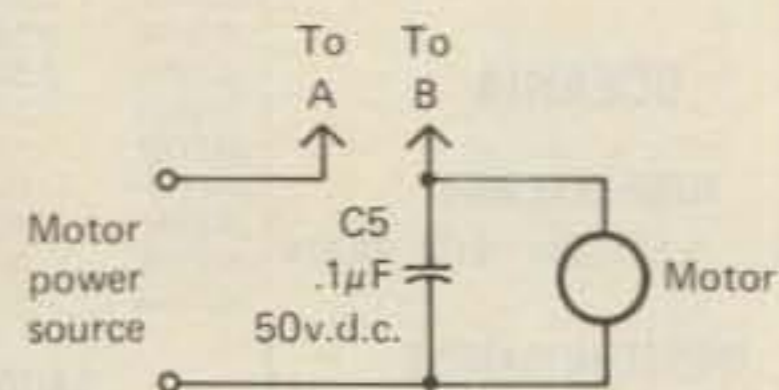


Fig. 1—Schematic diagram of the voice-operated drink dispenser.



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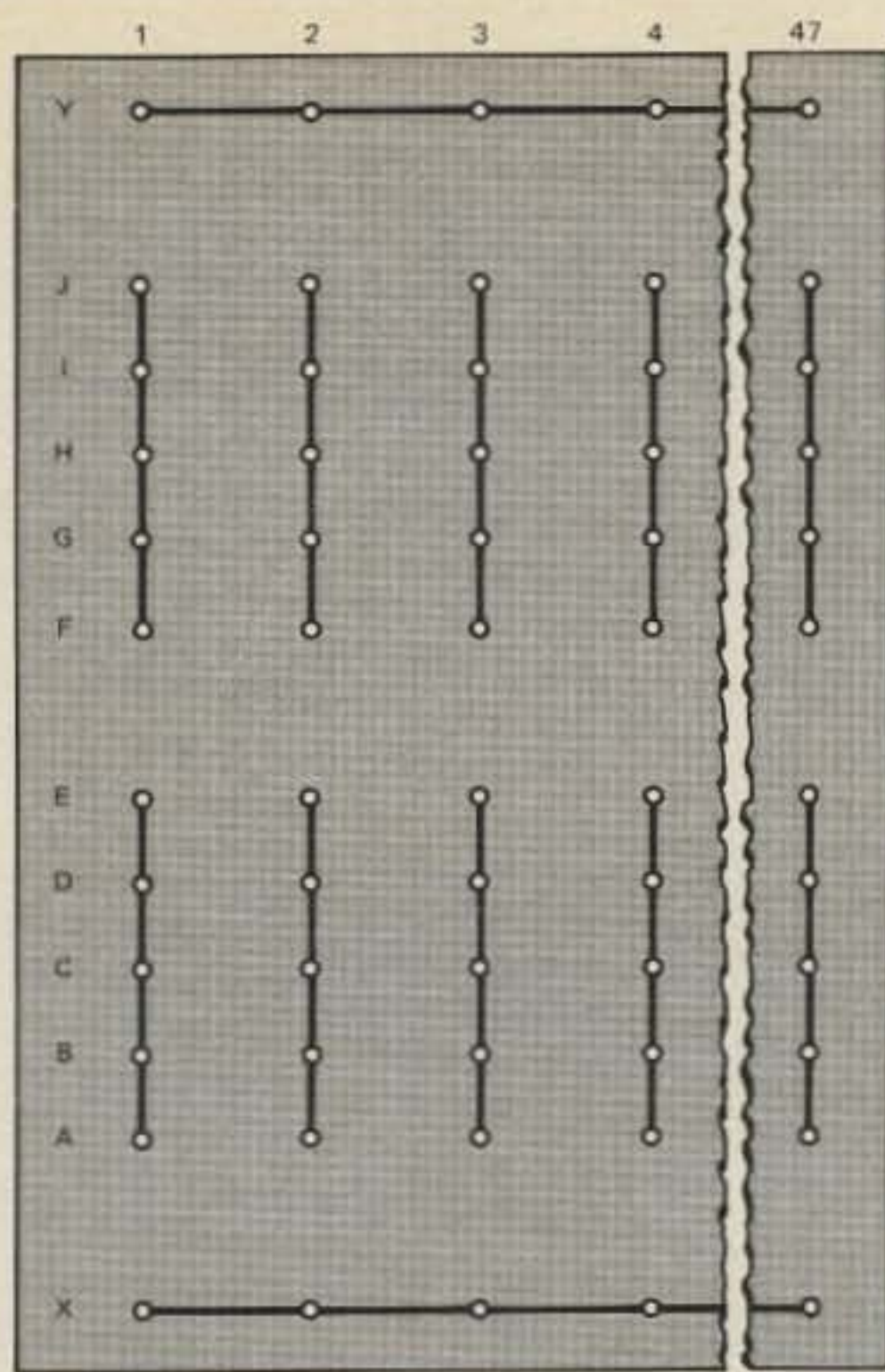


Fig. 2- A pictorial diagram of the Radio Shack experimenter's pc board.

driving an LM-386 audio amplifier integrated circuit. Potentiometer R1 is set so that only your voice near the mike, and not background noise, triggers the circuit. The audio amplifier output is rectified and filtered into d.c. by the combination of D1, D2, R3, and C3. R3 can be changed to a higher value if you want the system to stay on longer when you talk.

Q1 is a 1 watt power FET, used since it provides a high-input impedance and considerable current drive. When Q1 is turned on, it energizes sensitive relay RY1, which has a 500 ohm coil and requires 10-12 ma to close the contacts. The contacts are wired in series with a 12 volt d.c. pump which was purchased as a universal windshield-washer replacement pump. Capacitor C5 is optional and was added to reduce the electrical noise generated by the motor.

Two power sources are used. A stan-

- pc board: experimenter's pc board (276-170)
 9 volt battery connector (220-325)
 Insulated clips for lantern batteries (270-378)
 R1: 100K pot with switch (271-216)
 R2: 10Ω, 1/2 watt
 R3: 4.7 meg, 1/4 watt
 C1, C2, C3, C4: 30 μF, 25 v.d.c. (any value greater than 10 μF could be used)
 D1, D2, D3: IN914 (276-1620)
 IC1: LM-386 (276-1731)
 Q1: VN10KM, 1 watt FET, .5a I_o (276-2070)
 RY1: SPDT sensitive relay, 500Ω coil, 6-9 v.d.c., 10-12 ma (275-004)
 12 v.d.c. replacement windshield-washer pump (usually supplied with 12-18 inches of matching hose or tubing)
 C5: optional, .1 μF, 50 v.d.c.

Table 1- VODD parts list (all part numbers are Radio Shack stock numbers).

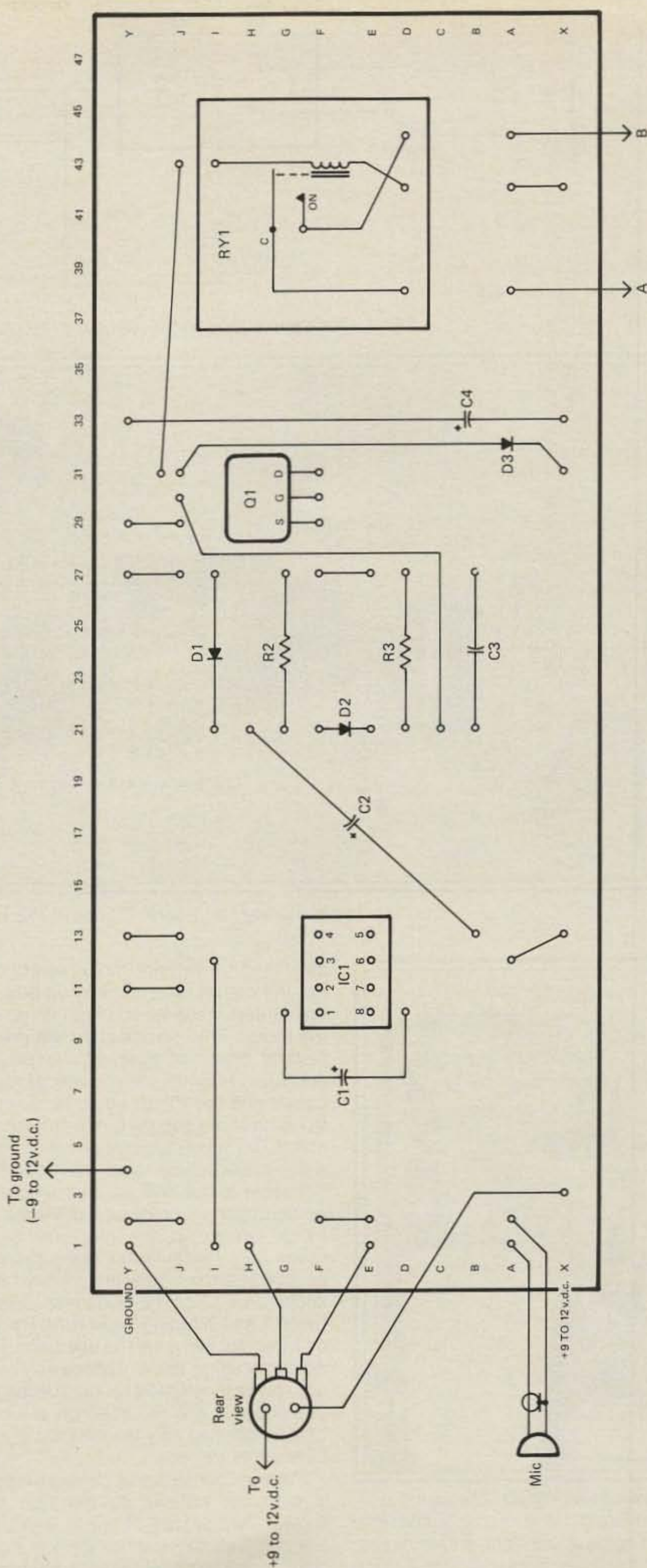


Fig. 3- Parts layout of the VODD.

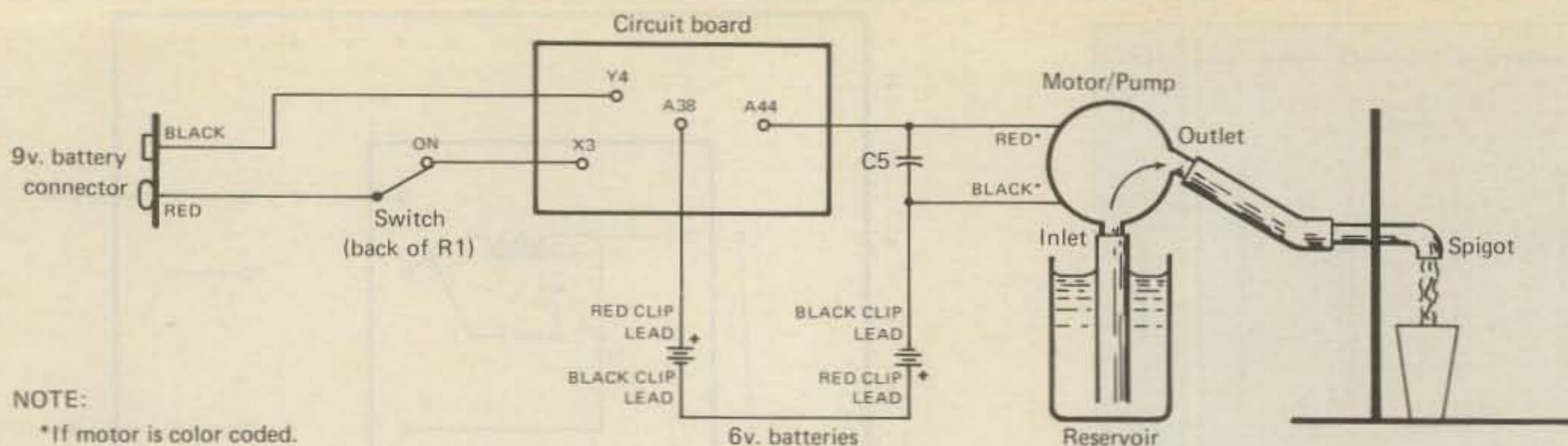
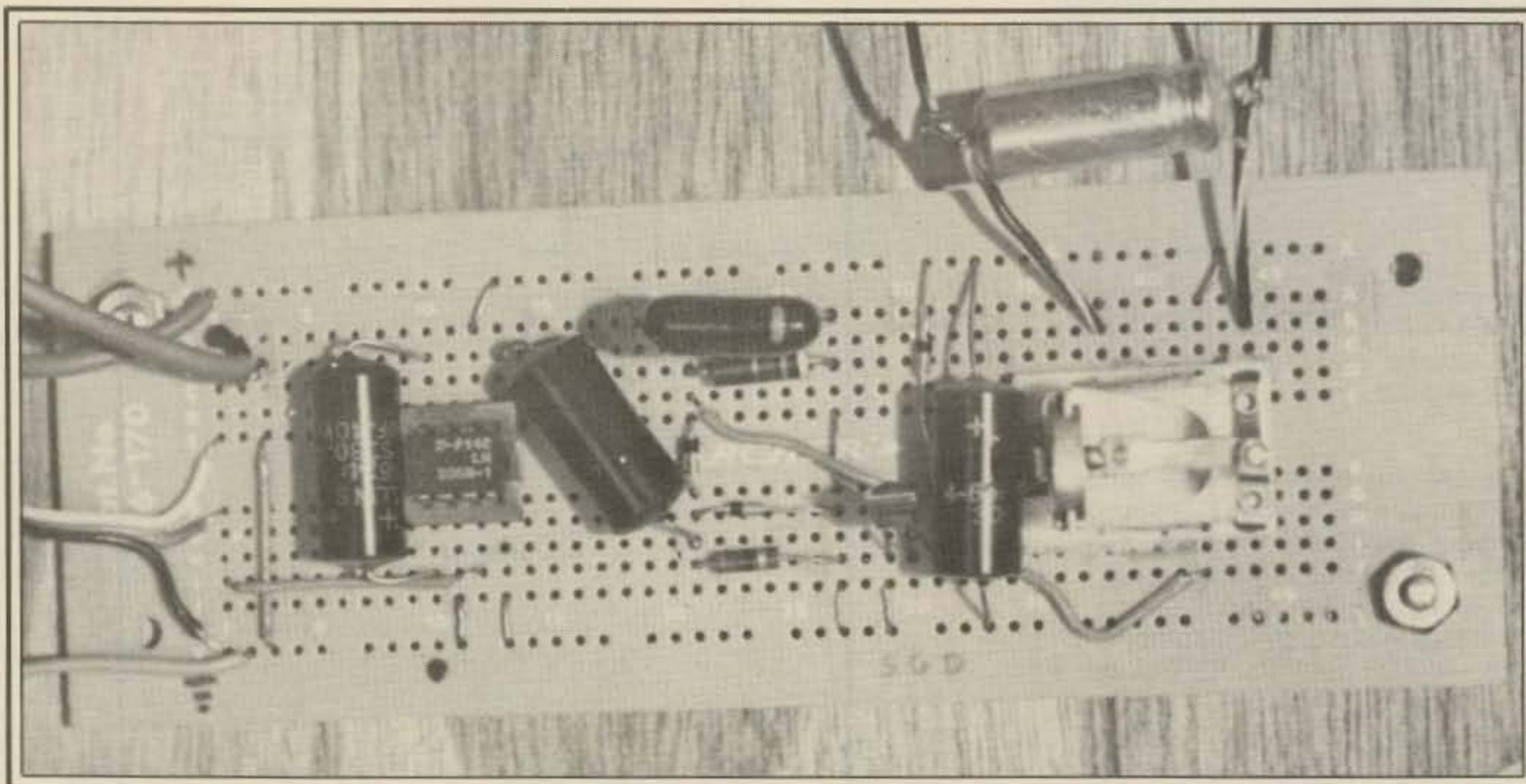
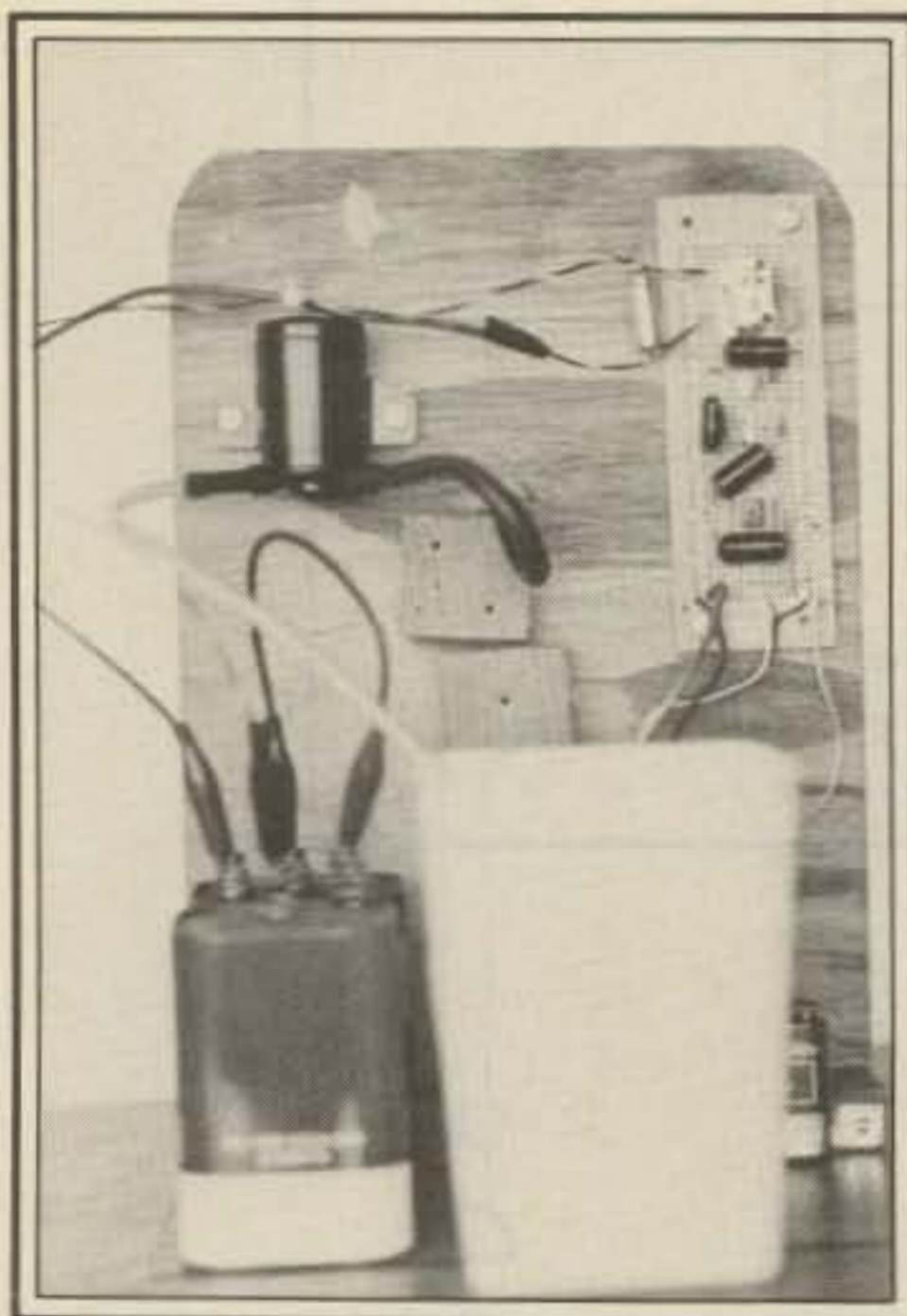


Fig. 4— The simple interconnections for the drink dispenser.



The completed pc board. Compare this with fig. 3.



Rear view of the VODD. The pump is in the upper left, batteries at the bottom left, pc board at the upper right, and drink reservoir at the lower right. Perhaps a drink cooling mod could be added.

standard 9 volt transistor-radio battery powers the circuit, and an isolated pair of 6 volt lantern cells wired in series powers the motor. This combination will provide several hours of operation, depending upon just how thirsty you are. Both the circuit and the motor could be powered from the same supply, but the motor generates so much electrical noise that it was simpler to use two battery sources.

Layout is not critical, and almost any construction technique can be used. The model shown in the illustrations was made on a Radio Shack experimenter's pc board, which has the matrix layout shown in fig. 2. The horizontal lines labeled X and Y provide power and ground distribution. Fig. 3 can be used as a guide to layout using this breadboard. The figure shows the printed wiring side, and the components are mounted on the blank side, which has only the letters and numbers on its surface.

Physical construction behind the panel is also not critical, as the rear view shows. Two pieces of scrap wall panel are screwed together to form the drink dispenser. The panel sections are braced by two short lengths of $\frac{3}{4}$ " \times $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wood

fastened with $\frac{3}{8}$ inch wood screws.

The beverage outlet was made by taking a piece of scrap-metal tubing and running the rubber hose from the pump outlet through the tubing. The rear of the tubing is held by a cable clamp screwed to the upper wood block. The windshield-washer pump shown has both an input and output hose connection. Other models on the market are designed to screw directly into the side of the fluid reservoir. These can be used by cutting a matching hole in the side of a half-gallon plastic milk container near the bottom and screwing in the pump using the washer supplied with the pump.

Fig. 4 is a pictorial of the electrical and mechanical interconnections. Many replacement washer pumps come complete with matching tubing. If yours does not you will need 12 to 18 inches of tubing to complete the project.

One note of simple sanitation is in order. You might want to run a few ounces of a soap solution followed by fresh water through the system before and after each use.

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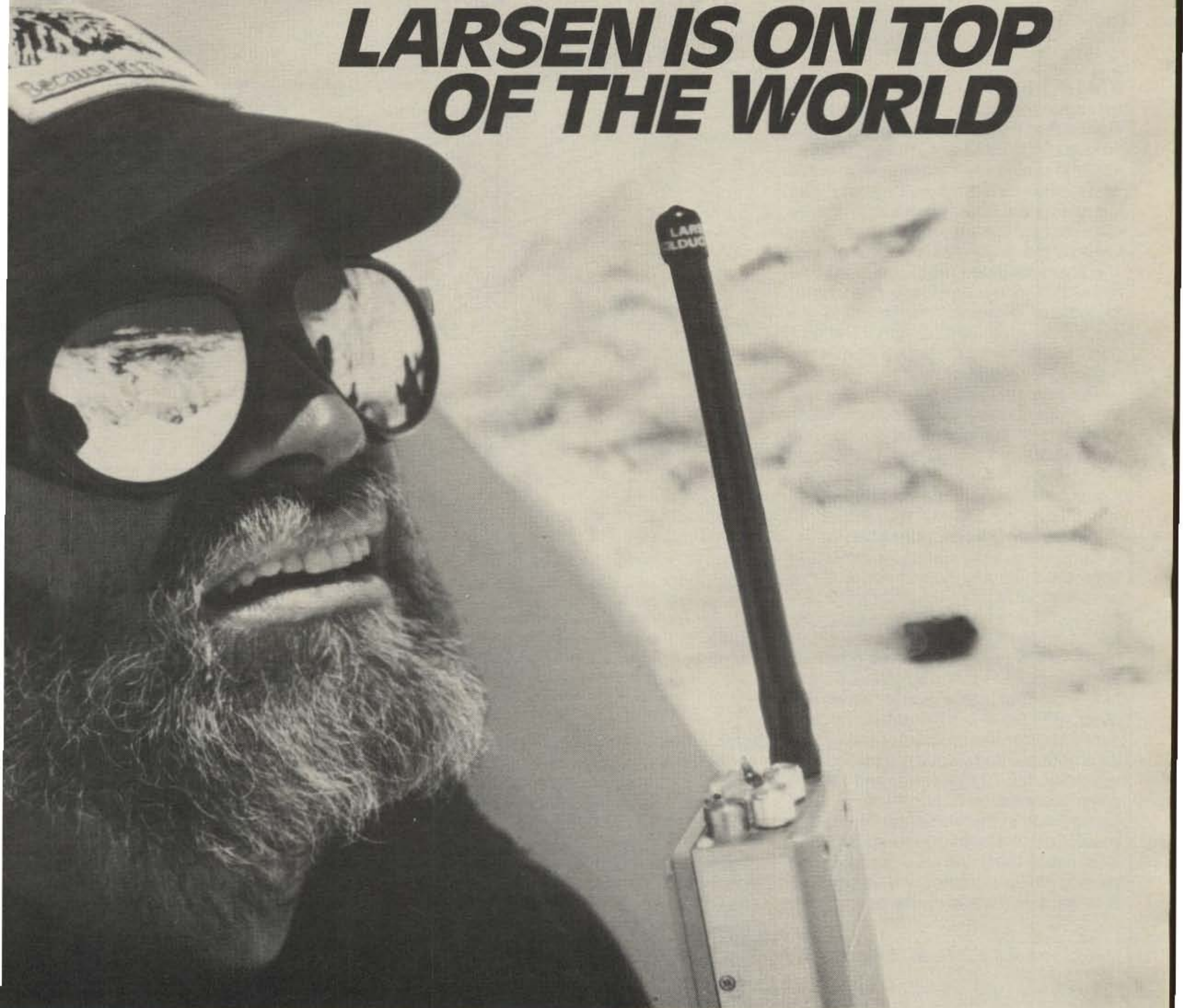
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The Quarter-Wave Sloper Antenna

The Development of a Triband Sloper Antenna

BY DICK PITZERUSE*, K2NY

Having read almost everything there is to read on the quarter-wave sloper, I concluded that these could be great antennas for 160, 80, and/or 40 meter DX work. For the uninitiated, the quarter-wave sloper, also called the half sloper, is an approximate quarter wavelength of wire run from near the top of one's tower down towards the ground at an angle of 45°. The top is insulated from its support and fed with 50 ohm coax, center conductor to radiator element, and shield to the electrically grounded support. (The support must be metal, or else a wire must be run from the top to ground.)

The thing that intrigued me most about this antenna was that the current maximum was at the top of the support, up high, where mom always said it should be. This coupled with predominant vertical polarization should make the half sloper ideal for DX on 160, 80, or 40 within the confines of a suburban lot.

Conflicting information seemed to abound concerning the half sloper. Some people reported the antennas very simple to tune with v.s.w.r.'s of 1:1 easily obtained, while others reported v.s.w.r.'s as high as 6:1 at resonance. Some observed the antennas needed to be as much as 15 to 20% longer than a quarter wave, and others needed to cut the antenna significantly shorter than a quarter wave. One local amateur had placed five of these antennas on his 70 foot tower and had excellent success on 75 and 40 meter s.s.b. (using traps in the elements). He had no problem tuning them to resonance. Other information that I had read indicated that placing multiple quarter-wave slopers on a single tower would cause tuning prob-

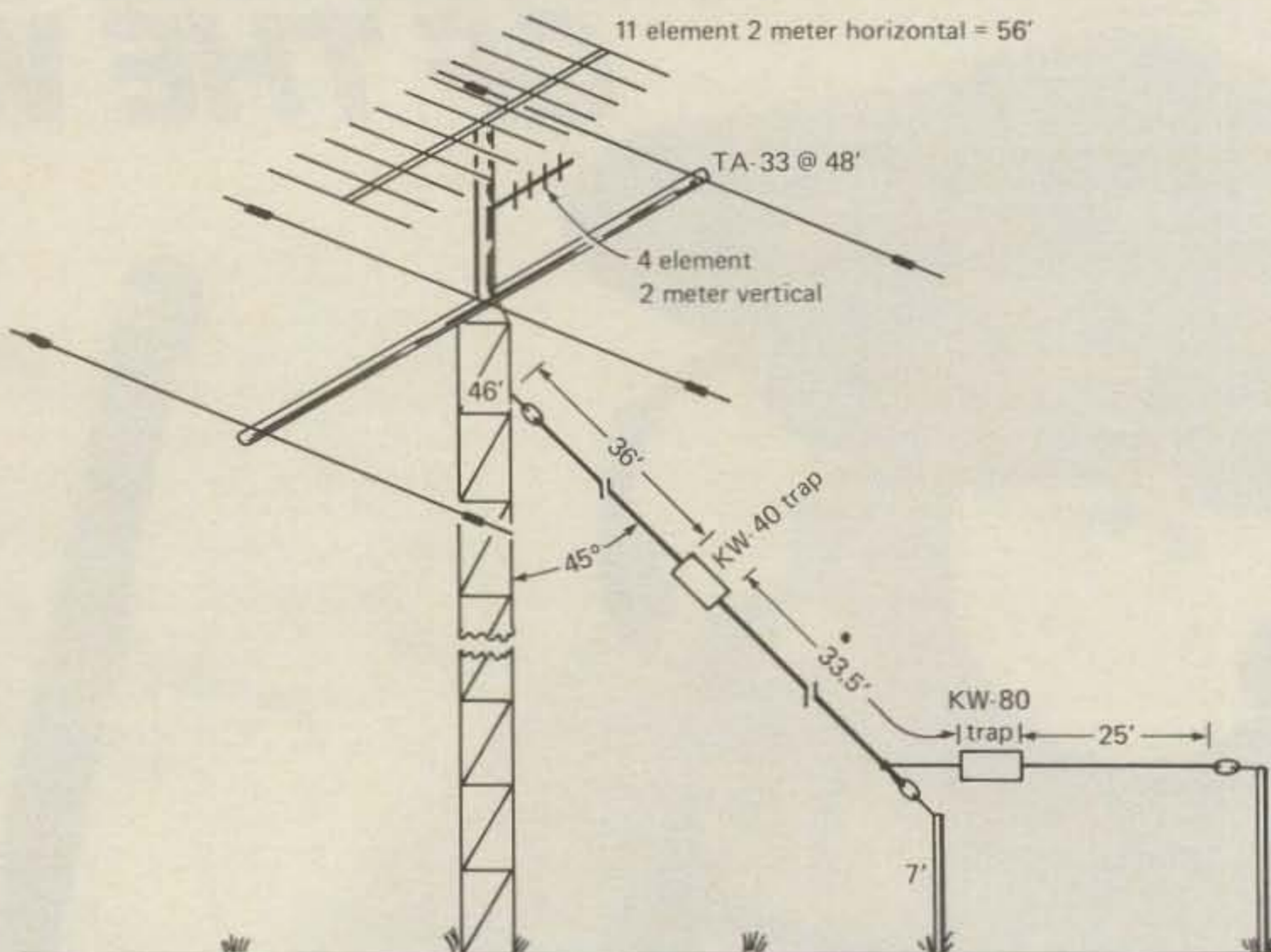


Fig. 1— The overall installation of the triband half sloper. The end of the sloper runs parallel to the ground in order to maintain an approximate 45° angle between the upper portion of the radiator (the part that does most of the radiating) and the tower. Final dimensions will vary slightly from installation to installation.

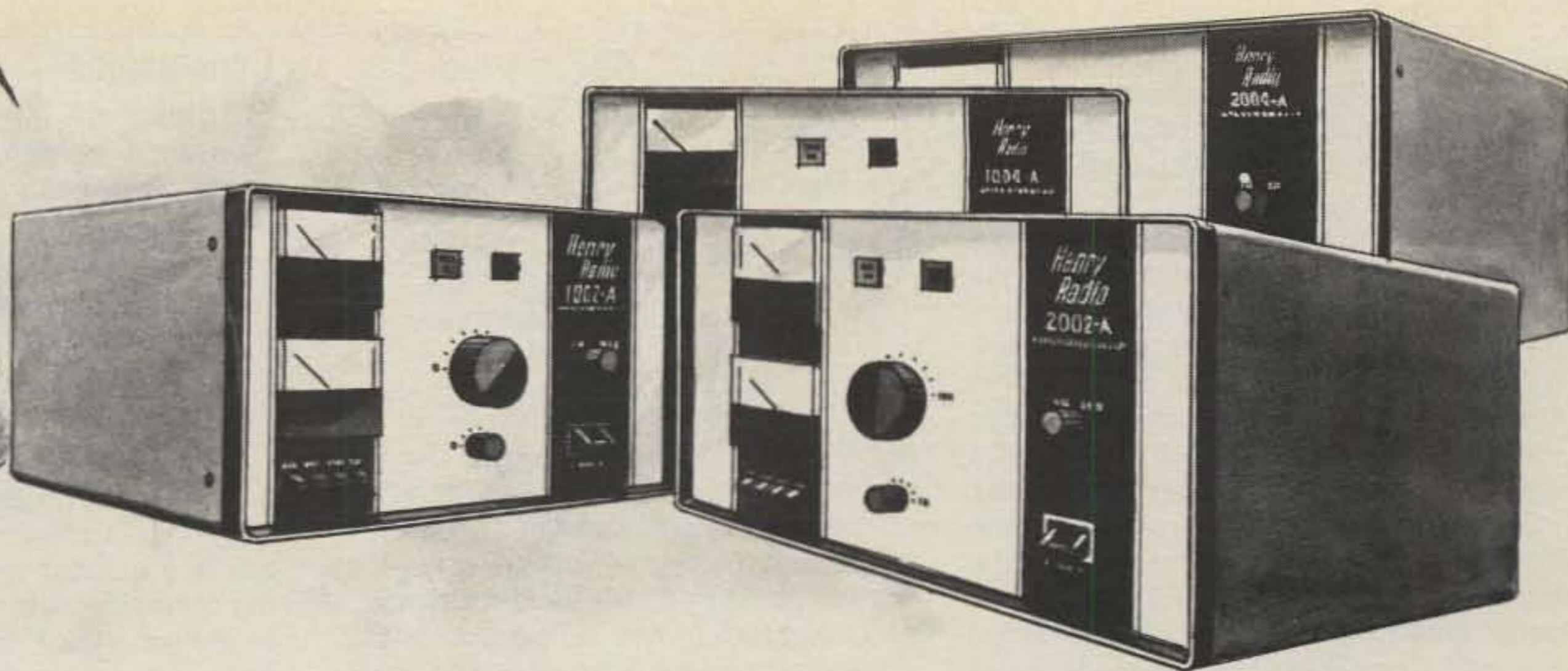
lems virtually impossible to overcome. It appeared that everyone who tried half slopers had the highest praise for them. However, an article by VE2CV¹ had nothing good to say about the antenna; the author had modeled it at 200 MHz, found it theoretically unsound, and did not recommend its installation, although he admittedly never tried a full-size one! Indeed, everything about the antenna seemed a paradox.

Undaunted and oblivious to consequence, I went ahead with the first half sloper. This would be for 40 meters, sloping towards the northeast with the top fastened at 46 feet on my tower. (My tower is 48 feet of Rohn 25G with 8 feet of

mast sticking out of the top. On the mast is a 3-element tribander just above the tower, a 4-element vertically polarized 2 meter beam 4 feet above that, and an 11-element horizontally polarized 2 meter beam at the top. Overall height above ground is 56 feet. The tower is guyed in three directions at 22 and 42 feet with wire insulated from the tower and broken up into non-resonant lengths.) The antenna needed to be 36 feet long to resonate at 7025 kHz, about 10% longer than a quarter wave. The best v.s.w.r. I could obtain was 2:1 at resonance. Adjusting the angle between the radiator and the tower had only a slight effect on the v.s.w.r. Measurements taken with an impedance

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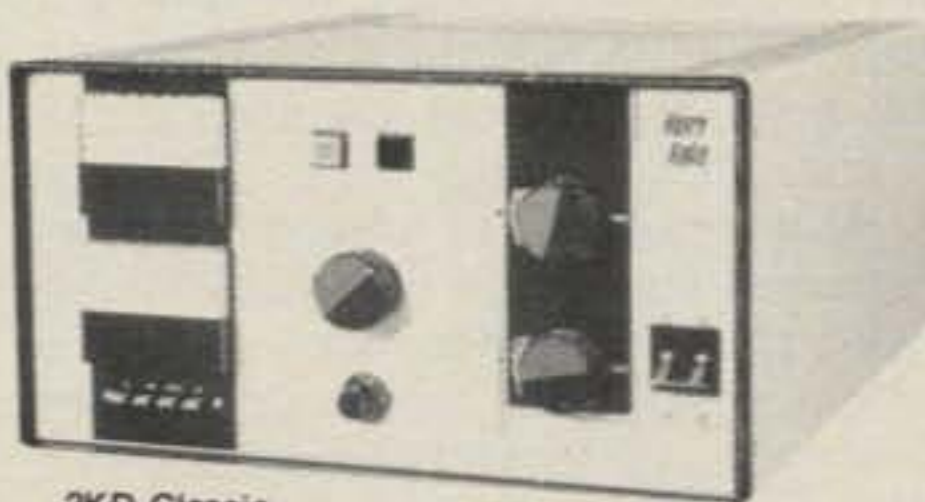
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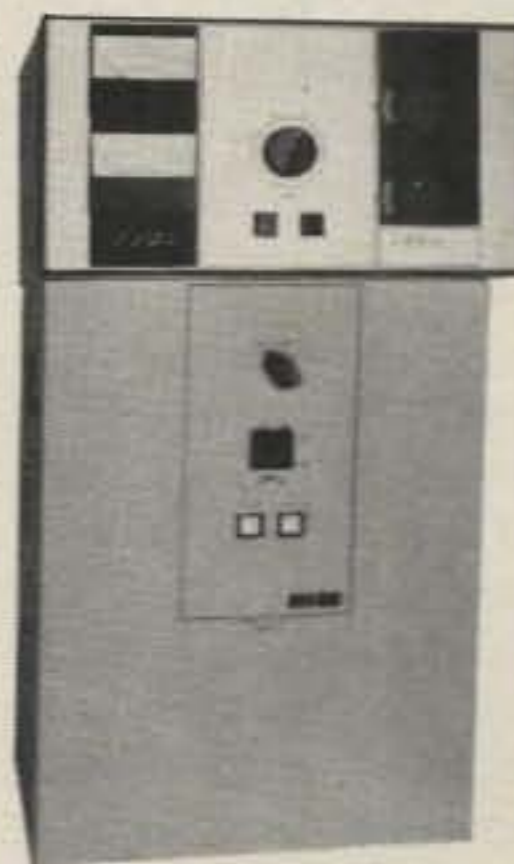
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bridge at the transmitter end of the feedline showed the antenna had a resistive component of about 27 ohms after factoring in the feedline length using a Smith Chart.

Although the v.s.w.r. did not bottom out as low as I would like to have seen it, the antenna seemed relatively broadband, as the v.s.w.r. did not rise to more than 3:1 at the top of the phone band. As my transmitter was able to deal with this v.s.w.r., I decided to leave it and install a second 40 meter half sloper to the west.

This sloper was hung from the same height as the first one. The v.s.w.r. bottomed out at 1.3:1 on 7020 kHz. At the same time it reduced the v.s.w.r. on the northeast sloper to 1.5:1 at resonance! Measurements with the impedance bridge showed feed impedances of 40 and 35 ohms on the west and northeast antennas respectively. The two antennas were obviously interacting. Using $\frac{1}{2}$ -wavelength feeders on each antenna and floating the unused feeder should effectively lengthen the unused antenna by about 5%, causing it to act as a reflector for the driven antenna. A front to back of about 10 dB was realized on some signals using this scheme.

It seemed like a good time to try an 80 meter version, so a third half sloper was put out to the north-northwest, this one carefully pruned for 3510 kHz. Again I found the antenna needed to be about 10% longer; 73 feet was required to bring it to resonance. The v.s.w.r. bottomed out at about 2:1. However, measurements with the impedance bridge indicated a feed resistance of 100 ohms, much higher than the two 40 meter units. I can only attribute this to the fact that all three units were hung from 46 feet on the tower—less than a quarter wave on 80, and greater than a quarter wave on 40. Although I have not tried it, I suspect an antenna hung at exactly a quarter wave would be very close to 50 ohms. The presence of this antenna had very little impact on the two 40 meter slopers.

By this time I was really rolling, so I decided to erect a fourth sloper for 160 meters. The antenna was strung out from the same 46 foot height to the south. It was resonant on 1810 kHz at a length of 105 feet, about 20% short! Minimum v.s.w.r. obtainable was 4:1, and the feed impedance at resonance was 200 ohms resistive. This seemed to confirm my suspicions of significantly increased feed resistances at lower heights. Furthermore, the deployment of this antenna changed the v.s.w.r. on the 80 half sloper to 2.7:1 at resonance. The 40 meter elements seemed virtually unaffected. Performance of the 40 and 80 meter antennas did not seem to suffer, and the 160 meter antenna worked better than anything else I had used on that band.

²ARRL Antenna Handbook, 14th edition, chapter 8, pp. 12-13.

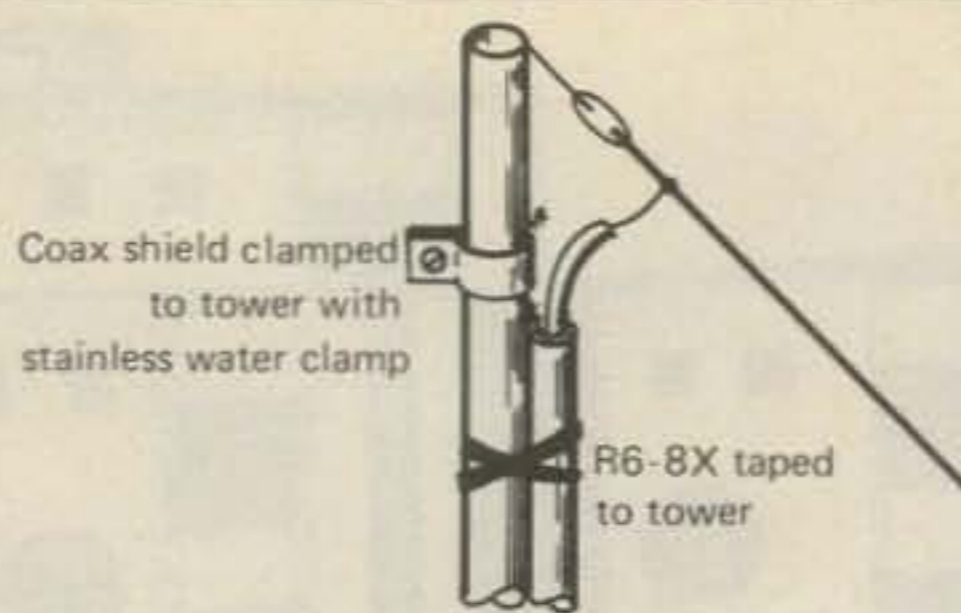


Fig. 2— Method of installing the half sloper to the tower. A stainless steel hose clamp is used to fasten the shield to the tower leg. Penetrox, or an equivalent compound, should be used to ensure a good electrical joint. Be sure to seal or tape the coax for a weather-tight seal.

Now I was beginning to receive the evil eye from my XYL as our yard was beginning to look more and more like the underside of a giant spider. It occurred to me that traps might be the answer. WA2QKU at Unadilla-Reyco here in town told me that traps resonant for 80 and 40 meters were available, but that stock traps were tuned for 3625 and 7150 kHz and operation at a kw was not recommended further than 100 kHz from the resonant frequency. However, specially wound units were available at a slight increase in price. I ordered one for 7050 kHz and another for 3550 kHz.

I removed the 160 and 80 meter slopers from the tower and simply installed the 40 meter trap at the end of the northeast sloper 36 feet from the feedpoint. I assumed an additional length of 36 feet would be required for the 80 meter section, and a length of 30 feet for the 160 meter end section. The v.s.w.r. was first checked on 40 meters and found to be just slightly changed. I then tuned the 80 meter section. The length worked out to be 33.5 feet for resonance at 3520 kHz. Finally, the 160 meter section was trimmed and a length of 25 feet was required for resonance at 1815 kHz. The v.s.w.r. bottoms out at 1.3:1 on 40, 1.5:1 on 80, and 1:1 on 160 meters. Bandwidth between the 2:1 v.s.w.r. points is 100 kHz on 40, 80 kHz on 80, and 30 kHz on 160 meters. Fig. 1 shows the final dimensions which were empirically determined for resonance at 1815, 3530, and 7030 kHz. I should point out that this determination was made with the western 40 meter sloper in place. I wanted to keep that antenna up because the front-to-back ratio that the two 40 meter slopers exhibited was very useful chasing Europeans when the midwest signals were coming through at the same time. Temporary removal of this sloper did have some impact on the bottoming out of the v.s.w.r. on all three bands, but not on the resonant frequency. Without the west sloper in place, the best v.s.w.r.'s which could be obtained were 1.3:1 on 160, 2.2:1 on 80, and 2:1 on 40 meters. That western sloper is obviously acting as some sort of tuning stub.

Conclusions

Throughout the course of the experimentation several things became clear to me. They include:

1. The length of the sloper will be longer than a quarter wave if the end does not remain near the ground for a significant portion of its length. For a single-band sloper a length of $260/F(\text{MHz})$ will give you a good point from which to start.

2. If the end of the antenna is low to the ground for a significant portion of its length, or if the antenna is substantially below a quarter wavelength in height at the feed point, start out long, but the antenna will more than likely have to be shortened by as much as 25% below a quarter wavelength.

3. Any wire, resonant or not, hanging from the tower supporting the sloper may impact upon the feed impedance of the sloper. With some experimentation this can be used to advantage if desired.

4. As long as your line losses are low (as they would be with reasonable lengths of foam dielectric RG-8U on frequencies up to 40 meters), v.s.w.r.'s as high as 3 or 4 to 1 are of no particular consequence if the antenna is resonant and the transmitter can be convinced to load. However, unless the transmitter can match a wide range of impedances by itself, before you start out you must resign yourself to the possible need for a tuner to match this antenna to the rig.

5. A good ground system, although desirable, does not seem to have anywhere near the effect it does for a base-fed vertical radiator. Going from a simple ground rod to 16 quarter-wave radials under the sloper had no effect on v.s.w.r. and no noticeable effect on performance. Such a radial system with a vertical has a significant impact on both.

6. Within reason, the higher the antenna is mounted with respect to a quarter wave the lower the feed impedance appears to be. Adjusting the angle of the wire with respect to the tower from 30 to 60 degrees seems to have only a slight effect on feed impedance.

7. The antenna appears omni-directional. Although in theory the antenna may be slightly directional in the direction of the slope, in practical operation this is not apparent.

8. At this point most antenna articles tell you how you will be the loudest thing on your side of the Rockies. I make no such claims, but the antenna does perform well. I have worked a lot of DX with it and it holds its own. Best of all, it just may provide you with a very respectable signal on yet another band on a small lot.

I wish to acknowledge the assistance of N2MF in the installation of the slopers, that of WA2QKU of Unadilla-Reyco in obtaining the traps, and that of W2SY and K2PZ in providing me with information concerning their prior experiences with similar antennas. □

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We conclude our review of the Yaesu FT-One this month by starting with bench checks, an in-depth look at what the unit actually does and did. The complexity and sophistication of current amateur radio equipment can be truly amazing when one stops to consider the physical size of the gear being described. It wasn't too long ago, for example, that to duplicate the functions (if possible) of the FT-One would in effect require a couple of 6 foot racks and many thousands of discrete components. —K2EEK

Some very early model FT-One's were reputed to have problems with synthesizer noise and miscellaneous audio problems. Of course, especially noise, if not held low enough, means that the full potential of the steep-skirted i.f. filters cannot be realized and that very weak signals will be masked. Therefore, one of the first checks made was for synthesizer noise output. As far as could be determined, synthesizer noise was greater than 100 dB down, which is certainly state of the art. Apparently, if there was ever a problem in this area (as well as others) Yaesu has taken care of it.

On the receive side, the FT-One deserves very high marks with one exception: The sensitivity below 1.8 MHz is very poor, making the receive capability on LW/MW usable for only local reception, unless possibly one has a mile-long Beverage antenna available for such reception. However, above 1.8 MHz receive performance glows. Throughout the range s.s.b. sensitivity was less than 0.5 microvolt and a.m. sensitivity was less than 2.0 microvolt (both for 10 dB S + N/N ratio) at s.s.b./a.m. bandwidths. The noise floor was in the order of -130 dB (s.s.b. bandwidth). The third-order intercept point plotted out as about +14 dBm. The



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characteristics were not measured. Operational results would indicate that they easily meet their specifications. I.f. and image rejection were exceptional, measuring out at -80 to -90 dB.

Rather than seek out any spurious responses on receive in the conventional manner, the FT-One was set up to "self-destruct." As will be covered later, the FT-One can be set up to frequency scan with the scanning action automatically halting when a signal is detected which exceeds a threshold level established by the setting of the r.f. gain control. In its most sensitive position setting, this translates to a signal of less than S1. Therefore, the FT-One was set up to scan 150 kHz to 30 MHz in a slow-scan mode, which took a total of 48 minutes! Not once did the FT-One stop on any spurious signal as it dutifully covered the entire range continuously in 100 Hz steps—an outstanding bit of performance.

On the transmit side, all the usual measurements for spurious radiation, carrier

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7.0 MHz	110 watts
8.0 MHz	110 watts
11 MHz	100 watts
16 MHz	107 watts
21 MHz	106 watts
27 MHz	100 watts
29 MHz	95 watts
29.9 MHz	95 watts

Typical power output for complex impedance loads

	X1 = 0	X1 = 25	Xc = 0	Xc = 25
R = 50	100	67	100	87
R = 100	92	94	92	100
R = 25	98	67	98	93

Table II— Power output measurements.

suppression, frequency stability, and sideband suppression showed the FT-One to be well within its specifications. The third-order IMD products measured on s.s.b. were better than claimed, usually varying from -36 to -39 dB below peak output. The harmonic radiation measured was significantly better than claimed at an almost uniform -70 dB from 160-10 meters. Power output measurements are shown in Table II. The transmitter was tested over the entire 1.8-30 MHz transmit range, and as can be seen, there is remarkably little variation from the nominal output of 100 watts. Table II also shows power output variation with the FT-One working into various reactive loads to simulate different s.w.r.'s. The various loads listed simulate both theoretical s.w.r.'s of up to 1:2 derived from resistive loads and "real world" s.w.r.'s up to 1:1.5 derived from resistive/reactive loads. As can be seen from the table, in the worst-case situation the power output reduced itself to 67 watts.

Operating Impressions

The FT-One is a very sophisticated transceiver with a wide range of tuning and selectivity possibilities. However, it is basically easy to learn to operate if one approaches the situation step by step.

The transceiver is completely "no-tune" except for the main frequency setting. Such setting can be done either via the main tuning knob or via keyboard entries. Taking the main tuning knob alternative first, one can depress various pushbuttons such that one full rotation of the knob spans either 2 kHz, 20 kHz, or 10 MHz. In the latter mode, the knob acts essentially as a bandswitch. The tuning is absolutely continuous between 150 kHz and 30 MHz on receive. There are no strange ambiguities as one tunes throughout the entire range. As one tunes from 4,000.0 MHz to 4,000.1 MHz, for instance, one will hear a slight mechanical click, since internal relays have selected a different low-pass filter but reception is

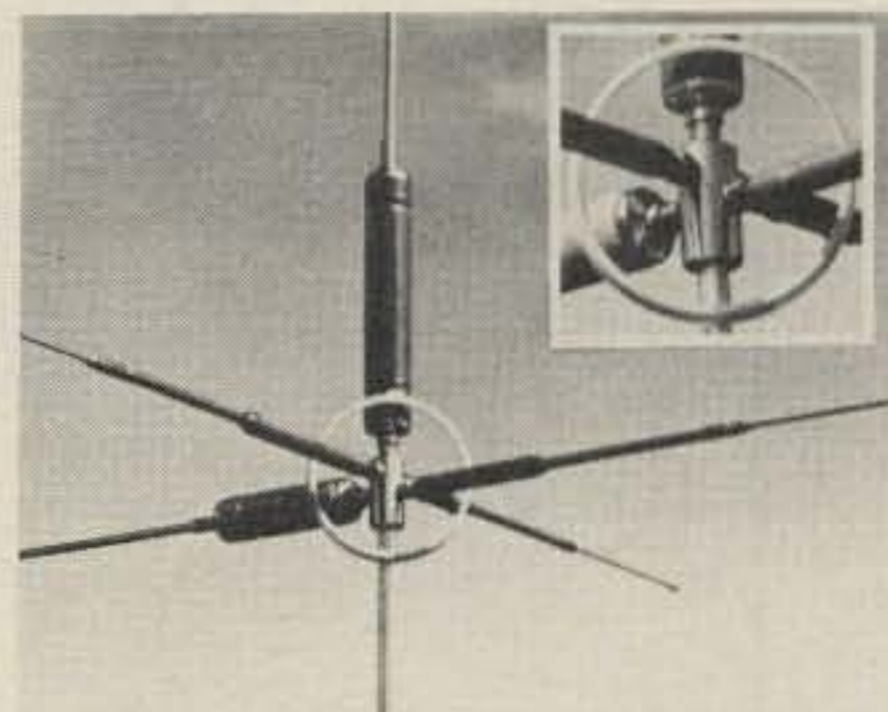


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The RIT function (clarify) has the rather wide range of ± 9.9 kHz. At first it was thought that such a wide range would produce tuning difficulties especially when using a narrow bandwidth c.w. i.f. filter. However, in reality that is not the case because of the variable main tuning rates which can be selected. In fact, the clarify function can be used as a short-term frequency memory, especially on c.w., since by manipulating the **CLAR** pushbutton, one can either recall the main frequency which is displayed or the offset frequency which one has tuned. One can also select to use the offset frequency for receive-only or transceive operation. The tuning "feel" of the main tuning knob is very smooth, although I would rate it a slight step below that on the FT-107. The analog scale coupled to the tuning knob shaft does not provide any absolute frequency readout, but nonetheless, there are some very useful relative tuning indications if one is tuning between two closely located stations (frequency-wise). For instance, if one uses the slowest tuning rate of 2 kHz per knob revolution, the approximate $\frac{1}{8}$ inch distance between markings on the analog scale represents a quite accurate 100 Hz! It can be a useful aid in deciding which filter options to select.

The filter options themselves are all quite wide-ranging. The FT-One tested included all the available options, and I couldn't find any reasonable QRM situation on s.s.b, c.w., or RTTY which could not be handled using the filter options plus the standard variable bandwidth/shift tuning. The versatility of the latter feature is best illustrated by fig. 6. Two concentric tuning controls are arranged with a skirt masking arrangement such that one can visually see what relative bandwidth has been set and whether the i.f. passband has been shifted higher or lower than the nominal i.f. frequency. The arrangement works very well indeed!

The a.f. peak/notch filter is essentially the same one used on the FT-107. The notch is so sharp, however, that one has to use the same tuning procedure as on the FT-107. That is, if one wants to notch out an interfering tone, one first peaks it and then sets the peak/notch switch to notch. Once one gets used to it, the filter proves to be quite helpful. The various other controls—a.g.c. selection, separate r.f. and a.f. gain controls, noise blanker threshold adjustment, etc.—provide all the flexibility one could need. The noise blanker is very effective against pulse interference such as that produced by the "woodpecker."

Overall, the receive performance of the FT-One can be rated as excellent. Even under the worst of weekend QRM conditions, I never found it necessary to use the r.f. attenuator to prevent overload. Signals appear to pop out of a quiet

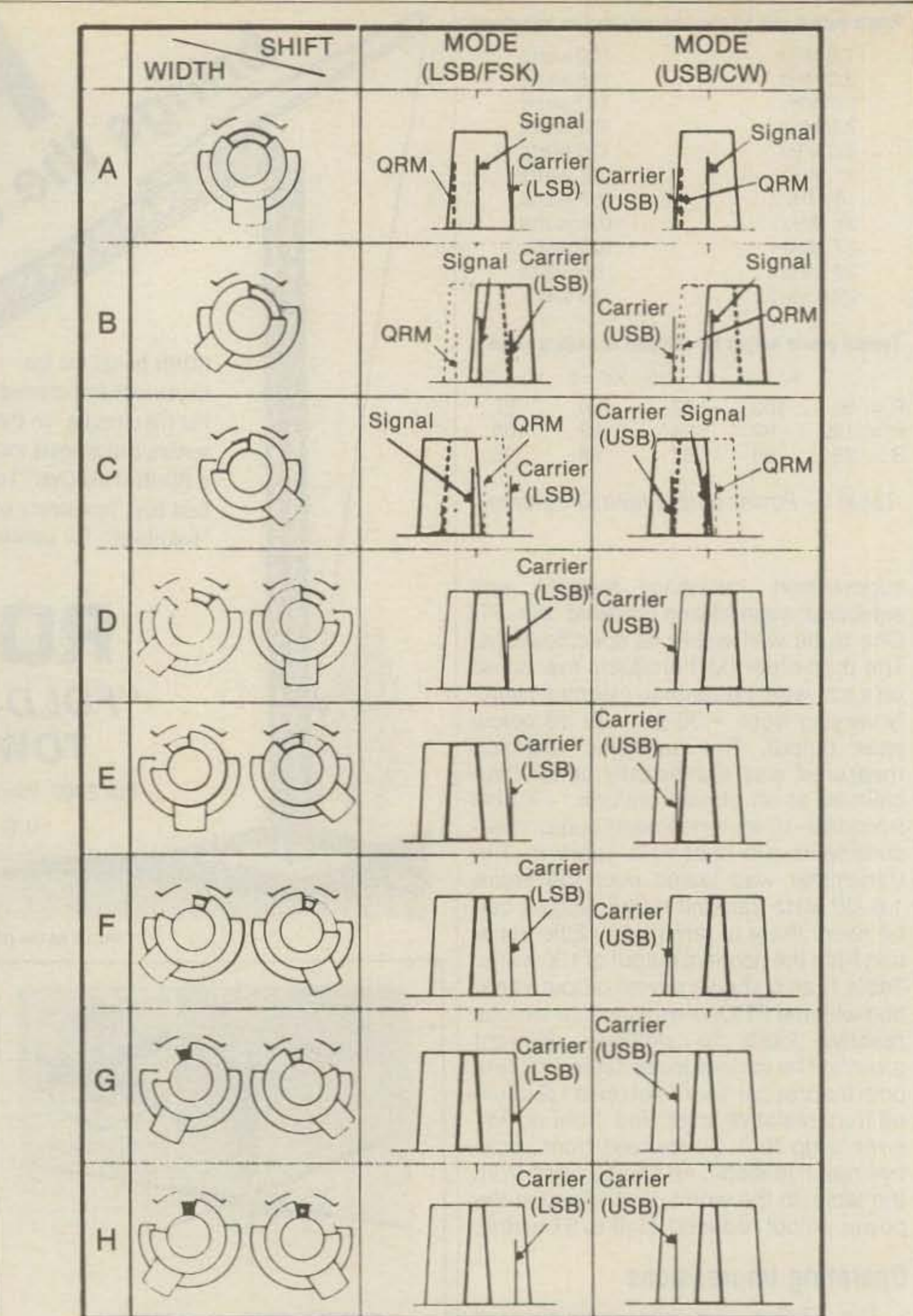


Fig. 6—All of the basic possibilities offered by the variable bandwidth, variable i.f. shift controls are illustrated by this diagram.

background. The S-meter action is very smooth with S9, representing 50 microvolts almost exactly throughout the 1.8–30 MHz range. The only thing that deters the receive performance from getting an absolute top rating is blower noise. The blower runs continuously, and although one tends to forget it when listening to a station, its noise is annoying when one is searching out a very weak station. An optional modification kit (Fan-One) converts the fan to a demand-type. This kit is now available and should cost less than \$10.

On the transmit side, the FT-One leaves nothing to be desired. There is, of course, no tuning. The dual metering system is very handy and does away with the

need for any external metering on, for example, an antenna tuner. One can use the multi-function meter to read reflected power in order to adjust a tuner, and the meter dedicated to read a.i.c. on transmit allows one to very accurately adjust the drive, microphone gain, and r.f. speech compressor controls. One can monitor the microphone signal via a sidetone circuit, but only before the speech-processing action. The processing is of the same excellent type previously used by Yaesu, so at least they didn't try to improve what already had been perfected.

The first station worked with the FT-One was an SKØ in the middle of a deep pileup. He gave an S9 report to the bare-

foot FT-One being used with a dipole and even commented on the good speech quality of the processor! Talk about wanting to shut down rather than try to follow that act. However, many other stations did indeed comment on the good modulation produced by the FT-One. The microphone used was one of the new Heil Sound HC-5 types. VOX operation is very smooth. The VOX time delay control is front-panel mounted but the other VOX controls have to be accessed under the top cover.

The FT-One does have true full break-in operation on c.w. which does operate very smoothly. Apparently, the start of a keyed character is buffered and stored for a very brief period of time to allow the transceiver to switch between receive and transmit. The keying waveform has rather sharp rise and fall times of about 1.5 milliseconds, which provides a slightly hard keying characteristic. In any case, at the speeds I could manage, there was absolutely no hint of the start of any transmitted character being lost. The FT-One does have a built-in sidetone oscillator which can be adjusted both as to volume and pitch. The optional built-in keyer, which is built around a Curtis 8044 IC as shown in fig. 7, is a very handy convenience item, and a front-panel control allows for continuous adjustment of the keying speed from roughly a few wpm to 30+ wpm.

The basic receive and transmit performance of the FT-One is remarkable enough, but the versatility of the transceiver really becomes evident when one exercises the frequency control possibilities. In essence, the FT-One incorporates the equivalent of 10 fully independent v.f.o.'s which can be set on any receive frequency from 150 kHz to 30 MHz and/or any transmit frequency from 1.8 to 30 MHz (in the case of a transceiver that has been modified for its full transmit range). The operation of the 10 v.f.o.'s is easy enough in practice, but a bit difficult to describe since one tends to associate the v.f.o. possibilities with "memory" channels rather than with true, independent v.f.o.'s. Perhaps the best way to visualize the v.f.o. scheme is to imagine 10 v.f.o. boxes, each with its own tuning knob, sitting on top of the FT-One and then a selector switch which can choose any v.f.o., and then further switching which determines if one selected v.f.o. will be used for receive and another selected v.f.o. used for transmit (or vice versa).

There are two v.f.o. selector switches labeled **VFO A** and **VFO B** and each switch has 10 positions. To provide a simple example, one has to imagine that a further switch is set to select **VFO A**. If the **VFO A** switch is set to "1," it will automatically store in **VFO "1"** memory whatever frequency is selected by the main tuning knob (remember that the main tuning knob can tune at any one of three fre-

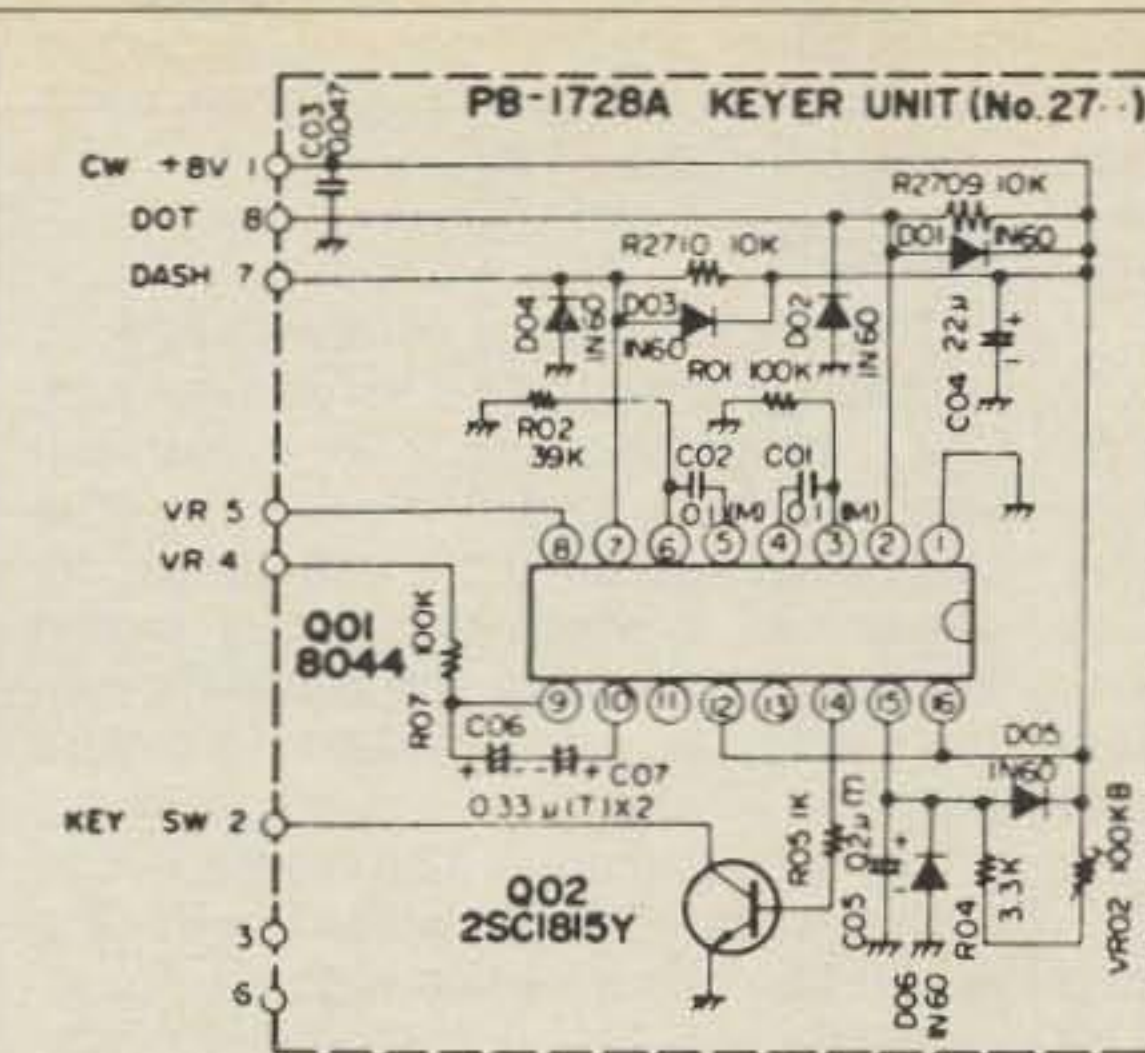


Fig. 7—The very neat, small optional keyer board available for the FT-One. The circuit is based on a Curtis 8044 Keyer IC.

quency rates). There is no need to press any sort of "memory" store switch. In a similar manner, if the **VFO A** switch is moved to any other v.f.o. number, that v.f.o. is set at the frequency last set by the main tuning knob when that particular v.f.o. number was last selected. The v.f.o. number selected is also displayed on a small digital "channel" readout. Therefore, one can set any of the 10 v.f.o.'s to any desired frequencies, and by a simple rotation of the **VFO A** knob one can scan each v.f.o. frequency. Frequencies set by the **VFO A** switch are also automatically duplicated by the **VFO B** selector switch. If one, for instance, sets the **VFO A** switch to "1" and "records" a frequency of 3.505 MHz, and "records" a frequency of 28.625 MHz with the **VFO A** switch set to "2," these frequencies will be duplicated in the **VFO B** switch positions "1" and "2." The fun starts when one realizes that the **VFO A** and/or **VFO B** switch can set the transceive frequency or independent receive/transmit or independent transmit/receive frequencies. Full crossband operation, even using break-in on c.w., is possible.

Why should the FT-One provide this capability? In reality, not many of us are likely to crossband from 80 to 10 meters. In reality, the FT-One provides an extremely good base for h.f. enthusiasts to get involved in v.h.f. operation with a fair minimum of additional equipment. The transverter provisions incorporated in the FT-One, f.m. modulation possibility, frequency scanning, crossband receive/transmit operation, etc., all point to an excellent basis for expansion into sophisticated base-station v.h.f. operation. The scanning capability, for instance, is a convenience feature on h.f., but really comes into its own when one wishes to quickly scan a v.h.f. band for activity.

The keyboard entry features of the FT-One deserve special mention. In essence, complete frequency control is possible via keyboard commands, and it is pure operating pleasure to use them. To switch to keyboard command a rotary selector switch is used. The **VFO A** and

VFO B switches are then disabled. One can set the transceiver on any desired frequency by keyboard entries for any one of the 10 v.f.o. channels. For instance, to set v.f.o. channel 1 on 14.206.5 MHz, one enters a key sequence of **1 MR 1 4 MHz 2 0 6 5 DIAL**. Subsequent changes do not require a full keyboard entry but just basic corrections. If the frequency were to be changed to 14.020.0 MHz, one would simply enter **0 2 0 0 DIAL**. To switch between memories, one enters the number of the memory (0 to 9) and depresses the **MR** button. The small, red digital display will indicate the memory channel (0-9) which has been recalled and the clarifier offset, if any, which had been chosen for that v.f.o. memory setting. The latter simply avoids confusion since it alerts the operator that the frequency displayed on the main display has to be modified by a frequency offset which was chosen. A transceive pushbutton (marked **TRCV**) allows one to command which memory v.f.o. will be used for receive and which one will be used for transmit or to choose transceive operation for each v.f.o. memory.

The scanning pushbuttons are divided into a group for fast up/down scan or slow up/down scan. Using fast scan one can cover about 2 MHz in about 10 seconds (100 kHz steps). Using slow scan one can cover about 100 kHz in 10 seconds (100 Hz steps). If one selects slow scan, one can also select an automatic mode whereby the scanning action will stop when a signal is encountered that exceeds a signal-level threshold established by the r.f. gain control. Translated a bit, all that means is that if automatic scan is selected and the r.f. gain run "open," scanning will stop at less than S1 level signals; if the r.f. gain is backed off about a third, scanning will stop when an S9 is encountered.

The flexibility provided by the 10 memory v.f.o.'s is a bit difficult to describe. One can, of course, use some memories for fixed frequencies of interest, other memories for split frequency operation within a band, other memories for trans-

ceive VFO A/B operation within a band, etc. About the only feature I could find lacking with the keyboard operation was a memory carry-forward frequency transfer. That is, if one were using v.f.o. memory 5, for instance, and found a station of interest on 21.030.0 MHz in QSO, it would be handy to have a button to press which would store 21.030.0 in both memory 5 and 6 and then use memory 6 to continue tuning. This would avoid having both to switch to memory 6 and enter the frequency information in memory 6. I suspect a few hours at the drawing board and a handful of IC's would provide the solution.

Memory frequencies can be retained when the transceiver is turned off by means of a small built-in power supply (back panel switched in or out). An optional RAM board provides for frequency retention if one lives in an area that has fre-

quent power interruptions or if one would like to retain memory frequencies while transporting the FT-One.

Manuals

The FT-One comes complete with an operating manual and a service manual. The operating manual is very clear and very well illustrated. There is very little that can be said about the operating manual except to suggest that one should take the time to read and digest its contents if one is to get maximum pleasure out of an FT-One.

The service manual also deserves high marks. Each PC board within the FT-One is carefully described as regards circuitry details, PC board component placements, voltage measurements, alignment instructions, transistor/IC lead identities, etc. In fact, I was about to hail the manual as some sort of standard until I

discovered that there was no harness wiring diagram in the manual! There was no way to trace the interconnections between the PC boards. A quick letter to Yaesu did produce the interconnection diagram with a note that later manuals had been corrected.

The service manual clearly describes how to modify the FT-One for 1.8 to 30 MHz continuous transmit as well as receive coverage. Nothing more is involved other than the placement of a few wire jumpers.


Accessories

There are not many accessories available for the FT-One simply because they are not needed. Nonetheless, as was mentioned before, I would recommend the keyer option for convenience and one or more of the c.w. bandwidth crystal filters if one is particularly interested in that mode. The f.m. option allows for 10 meter f.m. operation as well as v.h.f. f.m. operation. The RAM option would only be advisable when power outages are common or when one frequently has to move the transceiver.

Summary

The FT-One is a tremendously interesting, extremely high-performance transceiver with all sorts of advanced features. In fact, after many hours of using it and studying its circuitry, I'm still not sure that I haven't missed some feature related to its tremendous versatility. It is not inexpensive, but then again, one cannot imagine any transceiver being available in the near future which will incorporate any really significant advances over the FT-One except perhaps for a few more dB here or there of improved receive and/or transmit performance. For all practical intentions, however, the FT-One, like the Collins KWM-380, probably represents a plateau in transceiver development until the next generation of transceivers having no analog controls appears.

From a straight dollars and cents viewpoint, the only thing one might want to debate when considering the purchase of an FT-One is whether there is any possible advantage to going to an alternative separate amateur-band-only transceiver plus general-coverage receiver configuration. The latter approach provides a bit more operating flexibility, but station size and wiring complexity are increased, and the cost of good, optional c.w. filters for both the transceiver and general-coverage receiver can be expensive.

Hopefully, a follow-up article can be developed which will describe in greater detail practical operating experiences with the FT-One and which will expand on the tremendous versatility of the FT-One transceiver, particularly as regards its foundation as a full-featured h.f. transceiver which can be expanded for direct v.h.f. communications and/or v.h.f./u.h.f. satellite communications. 

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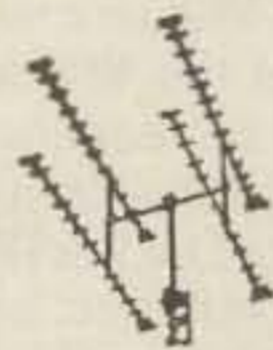
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“Hello, It’s OHØW From The Aland Islands” The Story Behind The 1982 CQ WW DX Phone Contest Multi-Multi Winners

BY MARTTI LAINE*, OH2BH

What you are about to read represents the biggest contest DXpedition effort ever that I can recall. Martti calls it magic throughout the story, but it really is amateur radio fantasy in its highest form. Sixty experienced DXers plus commercial and industrial cooperation made a dream possible. Although I am not privy to the economics involved, I can guess that it had to be a staggering amount. The urge to win coupled with an abundance of logistical support pushed OHØW over the top. The group certainly has style.

Considering the exuberance of the group and the pressures involved, it should be noted that OHØW complied with the rules of the contest to the letter.
—K2EEK

The local QRPer went up the hill to see his buddies, and it turned out that 60 of them were ready for action—60 highly experienced operators hailing from a small country. Sixty were invited, and none refused. Setting European records, both on s.s.b. and c.w., with a comfortable margin from the worst operating area in Europe was the target outlined for OHØW. It turned out to be the biggest multi-multi contest station in the history of amateur radio.

Assigning operators to their tasks was not a question of selecting the best. Giving each of them the most suitable assignment was the name of the game. It probably was disappointing to some of them, but they all agreed in the interest of maximizing the result. The magic lay in

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charging the most experienced operators (we call them “old hounds”) with chasing multipliers while letting the fresh guys do the pileups—just the opposite of what you see at most of the other multi-multi’s.

Publicity

Multi-multi’s run out of business in the CQ WW very quickly, at least in conditions of marginal propagation. The magic was getting the OHØW message across to each and every house in the world to wake people up to look for us. Mailing lists were prepared for continuous publicity for a two-month period prior to the contest season. Also, specially designed cards with frequency and sunrise data, etc., were sent out to prospective multipliers. Hey guys, come on and talk to us!

You’ll be in the vehicle of the winners. Are you the one we didn’t reach in the campaign?

The Location

We were fortunate enough to have a small island out in the Alands, OHØ, devoted just to DX. The problem was that everything had to be built up from scratch on that remote island which took two ferries to reach. The magic was that in a place afflicted with the world’s most annoying TVI problems, the islanders went fishing when the action was there. They didn’t complain. We rented all the houses inside a 500 meter radius and connected them together via intercomms, which required some 2 pounds of ferrite rods for filters.

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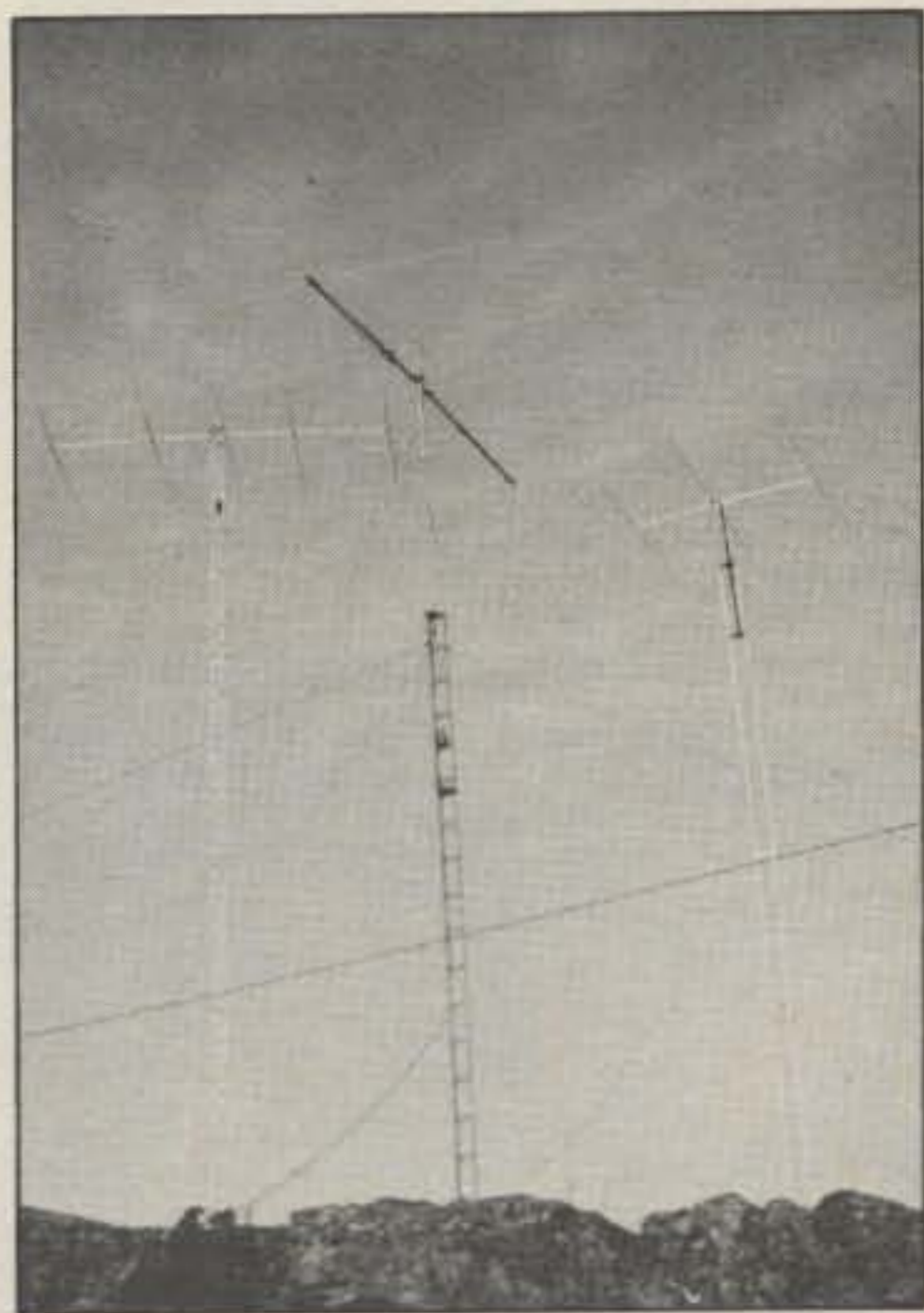
OH2BAZ and OH2BH, co-organizers of the OH0W effort. They managed to create everything except the propagation.



The tower group did a remarkable job, since they had to come all the way from the mainland and perform regardless of the weather. Left to right are OH2BAZ, OH2BGS, OH2BWB, OH3ZE.



The intercomm was very handy along the 2 meter network, and it was used for band-to-band communication. The 2 meter gear was used for continuous talking between the multiplier and pileup groups that were located far apart.



The antenna density was extremely high around the multiplier spotting area. These are the Hy-Gain 5-element mono-banders.

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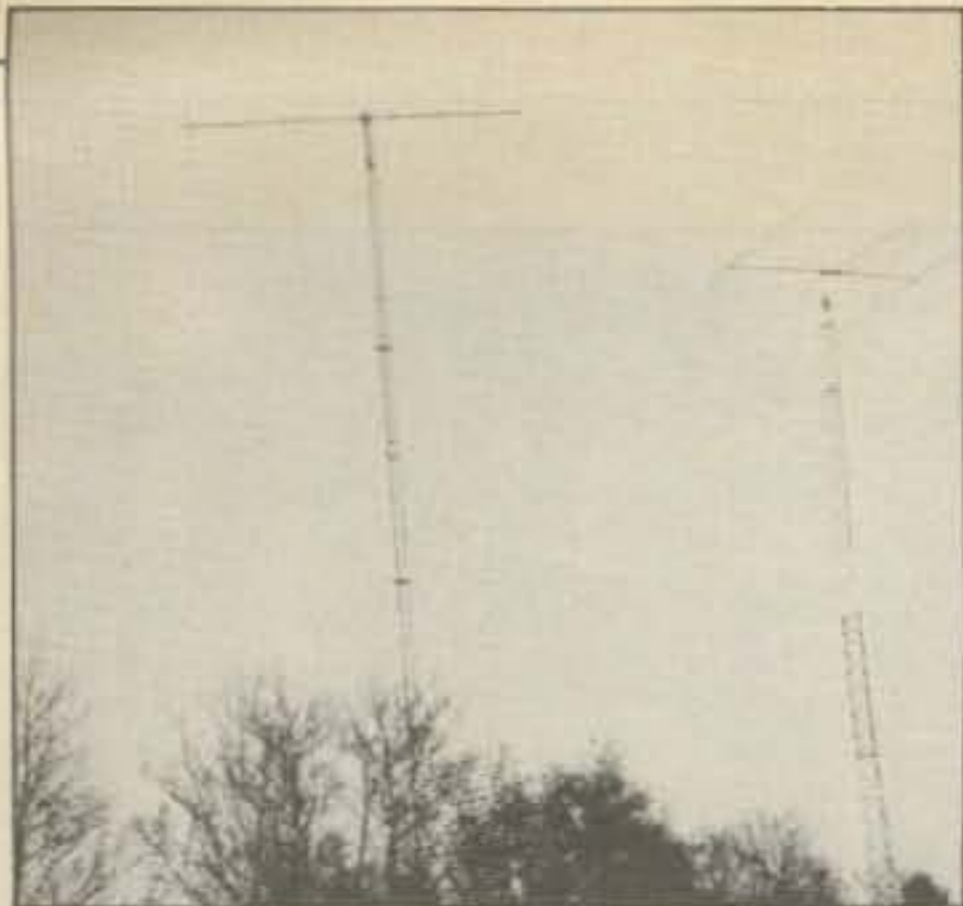
We ordered seven 100 foot towers from a local DX enterprise run by OH8QD, who promised to put them up at his expense and participate in the joint venture. KLM and HRO were very cooperative and gave us favorable terms on the 1,000

pounds of aluminum tubing loaded aboard an ocean freighter in July, some 6 months before the planned action.

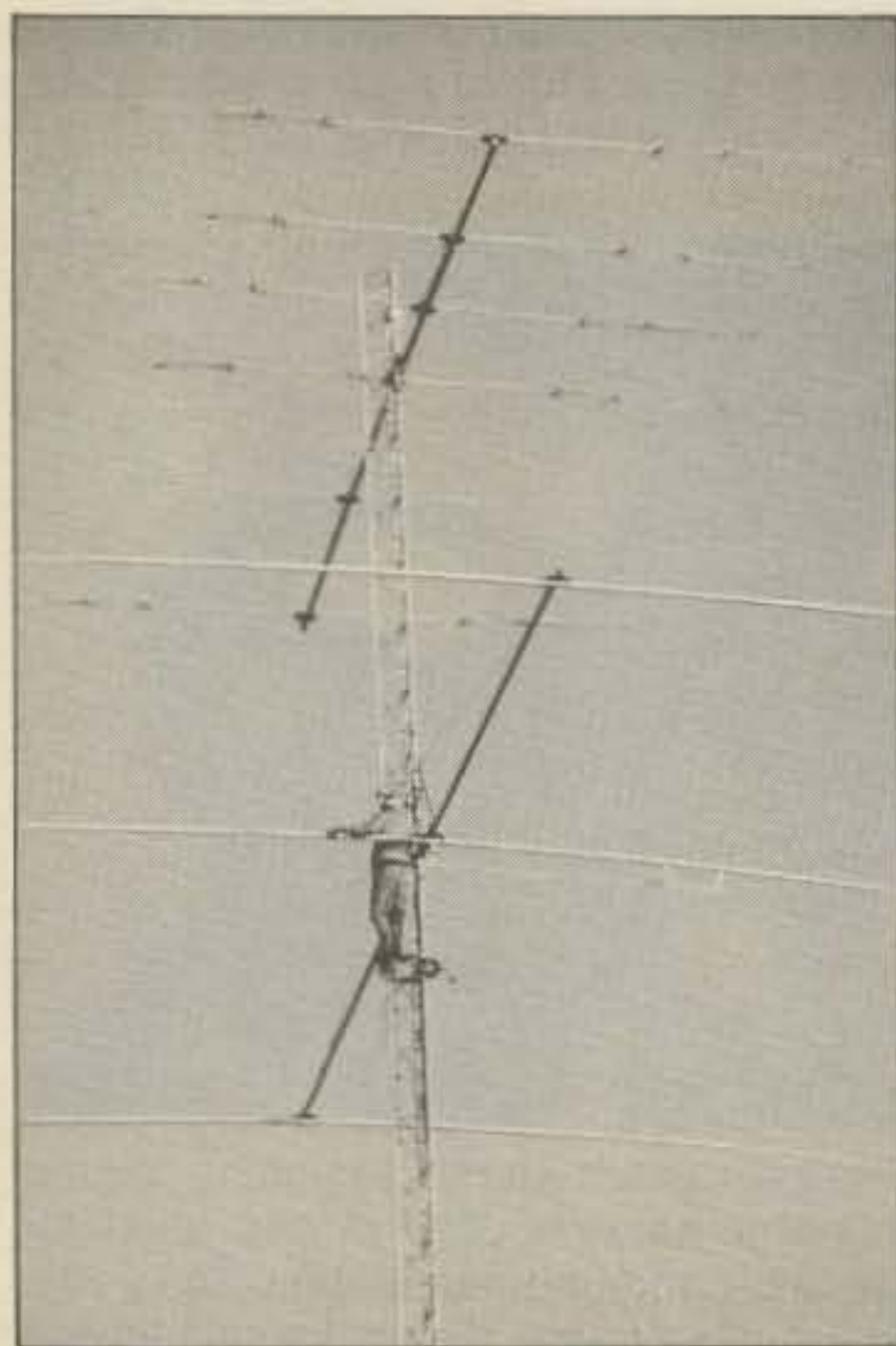
A locally made 7 MHz beam treated us to a myriad of problems, and right after the contest we found it entangled and married to the tower. The Aland Islands are located on the same latitude as Anchorage, Alaska, so there is no better environment for serious antenna testing.



Here is the rotator construction at OH0W. It was the only way to secure the massive beams at the stormy ocean location. From left OH3ZE, OH6DX, OH2BAZ, and Olli.



This is a KLM Bigsticker at 120 feet with a spotting beam in the foreground.



The 40 meter beam at 100 feet and another KT34XA 20 feet above it used for general monitoring purposes.

The low-band guys just went wild with their multiple loop designs and wires. It turned out that the 10 meter station was operating inside one of the most effective 80 meter loops, and we have every reason to hope that the reproductive powers of the 10 meter operators were not adversely affected. The 160 meter band is quite poor here. A vertical was mounted on the little island out in the sea and it performed rather nicely. The top section was lost four times, calling for a bit of boating in the rough sea.

The Gear

We all mistrust radios that we are not familiar with. The question was, should everyone take his own gear to the island? This would have resulted in the biggest fleamarket in the Aland archipelago. Our approach was to select one type of gear most suited to our needs and give all key people a chance to become familiar with it. We opted for the Yaesu FT-102 because of its good receiver characteris-

tics, clean output, and high drive power. Therefore, all the runners were cast in the same mold, which also ensured changeability in case of failure.

We also checked out all the new radios on the market for our choice of multiplier pick-up gear, using their ability to cope with strong same-band signals as a criterion. Nothing was found to be even remotely as good as the old Drake R4C. Thus, everybody had to go back to their garage to polish up the old Twins. The search ended with 12 Drake C-Lines and a lot of dim dial lights. Henry 3KA's were chosen as PA's for their cleanness and reliability. What was the magic? Not a single rig failure was reported. The gear emergency channel remained silent on the 2 meter network throughout the whole exercise.

The Targets

MBO—Managing By Objectives (i.e., establishing clear-cut and achievable targets and working on them)—was used right here. QSO and multiplier targets were spelled out with new European records in mind, and a reasonable margin was built in. Special bonus and glory incentives were used to pay off extraordinary performance. The main concern was not to let any valuable multipliers slip through the pileups on any band. The magic was that we worked our way to the targets, with hardly any margin, though. The s.s.b. tally climbed to 20 million and c.w. to 15 million.

The Backup Guys

The amount of food you need for 60 guys is incredible. We didn't go for multi-course menus, but the chow was luxur-

ious. Both OH2BTX and OH2CX did a truly remarkable job. The Multiplier Center provided an up-to-the-minute multiplier listing every hour, covering all bands, and relayed the data right to the stations. The amount of mileage they did walking from house to house was quite a strain on their legs. Shining or coaching they came. They ran their copying machine dry, but what the heck, they continued by hand. We'll never forget OH2BVI, who was managing the service. There were also a multitude of other backup functions all performed by DX types with 300-plus country totals; they were working night and day and made no QSO's. That was backup magic!

Be Safe—Get a Helicopter

Honestly, messing around on a remote rocky island coated with thin ice at night is pretty dangerous. There was no hospital or other medical care in the vicinity and no access to the mainland except



The Henry 3KA's are not exactly portable. They were certainly worthy of that carrying effort, since they were reliable work horses on very shaky power outlets. From left OH2BEN, OH5KS, OH2BQS.

It was time to hang loose prior to starting the contest. Here the band representatives share the happiness. From left 15/OH6UM, 160/OH2BM, 80/OH1XX, 10/OH6JW, 20/OH3YI, and 40/OH2BU.





In spite of delivering the multiplier listing to the stations, the multiplier group also kept the master scoreboard updated at the central facilities. From left OH2BEN and OH2BVI.



Producing the dupe-free logs and 30,000 QSL's was a lot of work. Olli, OH2BBM/OH0XX, computer expert at DEC, managed that activity, and the QSL's were on their way shortly after the operation.



Youngest and oldest operators teamed up for 80 meter multipliers and daylight activity. From left OH1NM, and OH7JR at the good age of 16.

once a day. We took our hats off to one of the leading commercial banks in Finland when we saw our helicopter landing at the contest site. The bank provided the chopper, pilot, and gas so we could feel comfortable and commute to the mainland for missing hardware.

Did we do it only for safety's sake? Hah. Market Reef, OJ0, was situated only 60 minutes' flying distance from our island. That meant six multipliers. We enlisted OH3JR, a well-known sea bird, and on Saturday we waved goodbye to safety; off they went to give us the multipliers.



These are the operating panels for satellite telephones—one for going out and another for incoming calls. In front, OH2BNP, professional in this field, and OH2BH managing the exciting exercise.

But to protect the pilot and spare you a laugh, I'm not going to tell you how it ended up. However, we didn't see them anymore, and we didn't work OJ0 for multiplier points.

Automatic Dialing Worldwide

Calling by phone from a remote island is no magic. However, we didn't have a phone. Northern Europe boasts the world's most advanced mobile telephone system with direct dialing worldwide. They will put you through to any country in the world without delay. The magic was that we failed to reach the mainland base stations in Finland from the DX site. It was a happy day when a group from MOBIRA, Finnish manufacturers of radio telephones, arrived on the island and installed an elaborate system, providing us with a true communications link to the world outside. We really got a kick out of waking up our friends around the world and zeroing them in on OH0W. We certainly owe our apologies to many, many people, including TF3YH, VS6DO, HS1SD, TI2CF, OA40S, KH6XX, ST2SA, VO2CW, and others whom we roused from their beauty sleep. Hey guys, that's where the world is going. You'd better be unlisted!

The Conditions

Here we had real contest magic. There were no conditions for us at all. The only choice was to fire up the 3KA's into the KLM Big Stickers and holler into the ether nonstop. You simply had to make your own propagation. Thank God we got replies—no pileups, but enough to meet the target. We knew we were late—at least two years—but we also understood that a lot of magic would be seen around the fireworks.

Murphy's Account

Nothing much to report here. I will only mention one thing, and it's very educational. The language spoken in OH0 is different from what you hear on the mainland. Even though we spent three weeks on the island prior to the contest, we hadn't bothered to read the local newspapers in that odd language. Pity, because they carried an announcement of repair

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Ten meter multipliers were in the hands of OH2QV (left) and OH2BCV better known as OH3UU. They are the co-contest managers for the Finnish League and the administrative body behind the high contest activity out of Finland.

work on the island's power plant scheduled for Sunday morning just at sunrise. Fortunately, power was cut off for only 30 minutes, but those were very long minutes. We estimate that we lost 200,000 points right there. We physically moved a repairman out of his cozy bed and had him fix the island fuses. It was no fun, as there was no juice on the entire island. "Didn't you read about it?", he said. "I didn't bother to tell you because you seemed to have generators all over the place," he added. Surely we had, but they would hardly have been able to run the exciters, not to mention the 3KA's.

No Booze

There were absolutely no physiological problems other than the fact that 60 ladies were probably going mad on the mainland. Beer and related drinks were banned for all operators. We knew there would be enough champagne reserved for Monday morning if we made the target.

The Outcome

Why do we do these things? Good question. We are certainly amateurs and, more specifically, Finns inhabiting a small country. We wanted to prove something, I guess. It is like ski-jumping where one can jump into the world's headlines although coming from a small country. We call it an ego trip, as do you. Winning the world from the north of Europe, that's what OH0W was all about. It was 30,000 QSO's over 3 weekends and 5BDXCC in just 96 hours.

Winning the world is no easy task. Was it really worth all that effort? Yes, for at the very least we have all the stories of magic to tell.

OH2BU (also OH7RF) was responsible for the high 40 meter multiplier count. He is one of the most active OH DXers and was always around for odd openings and impossible QSO's.



OH6DX in front and OH2BBM were responsible for the high 2138 QSO count on 40 meter c.w. OH6DX sat down on Friday and only rested on Monday after the contest. It was a world-record performance on 40 meters.



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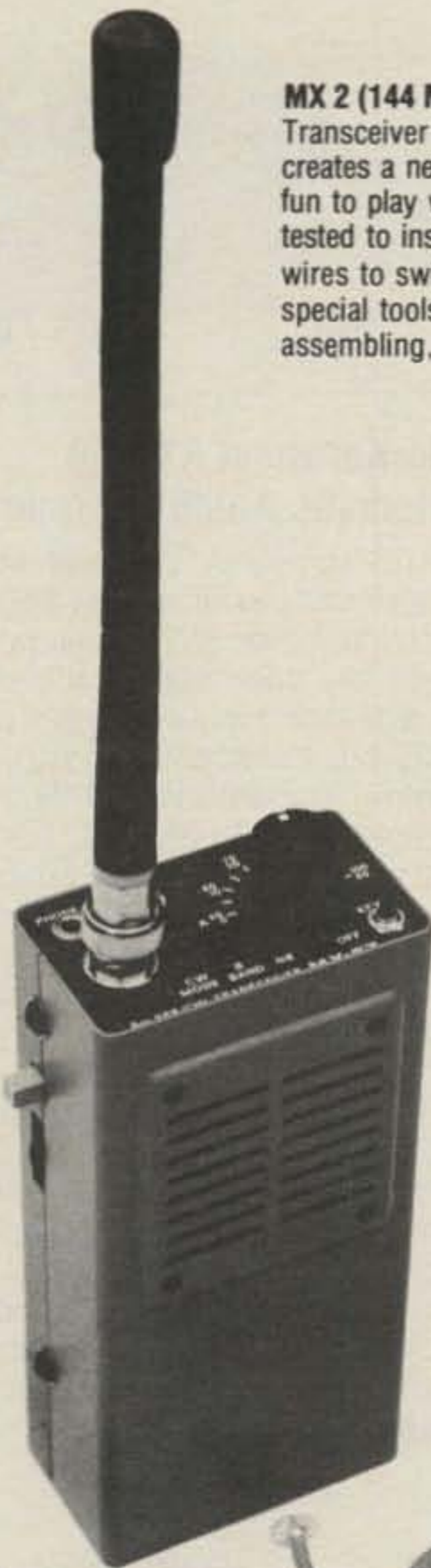
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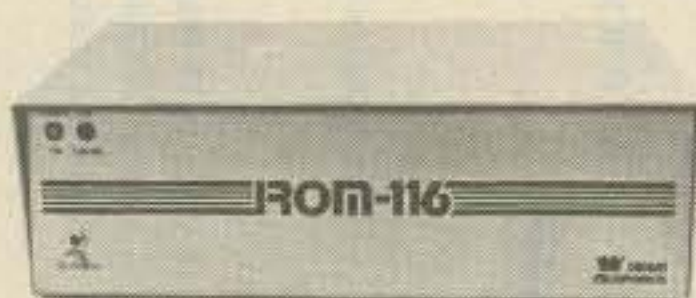
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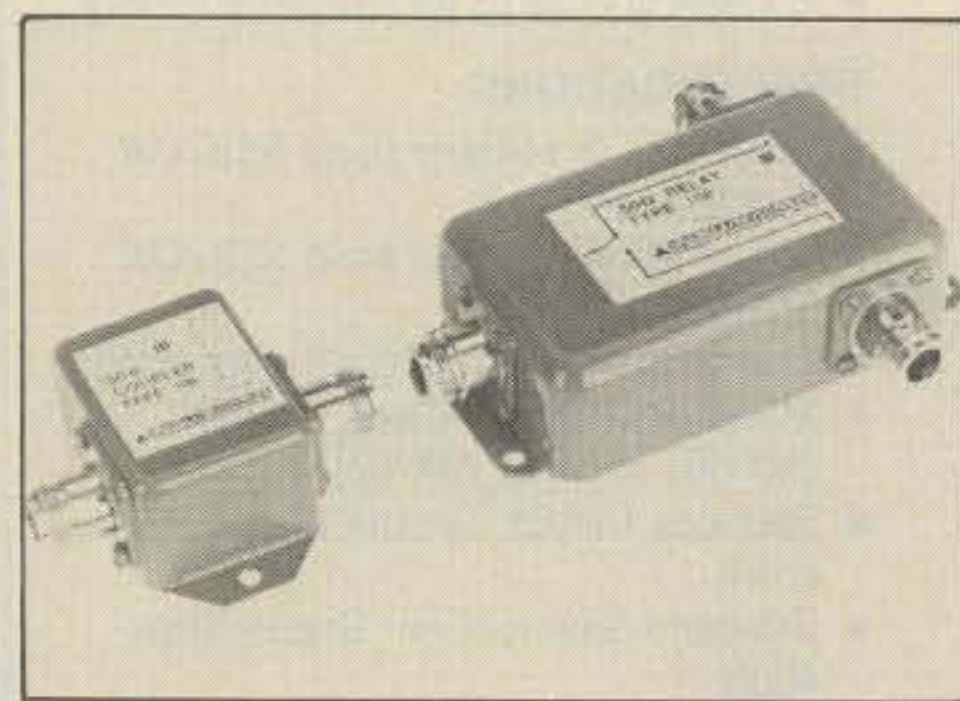
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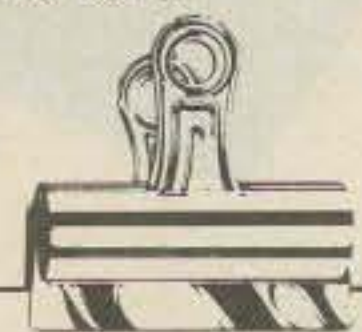
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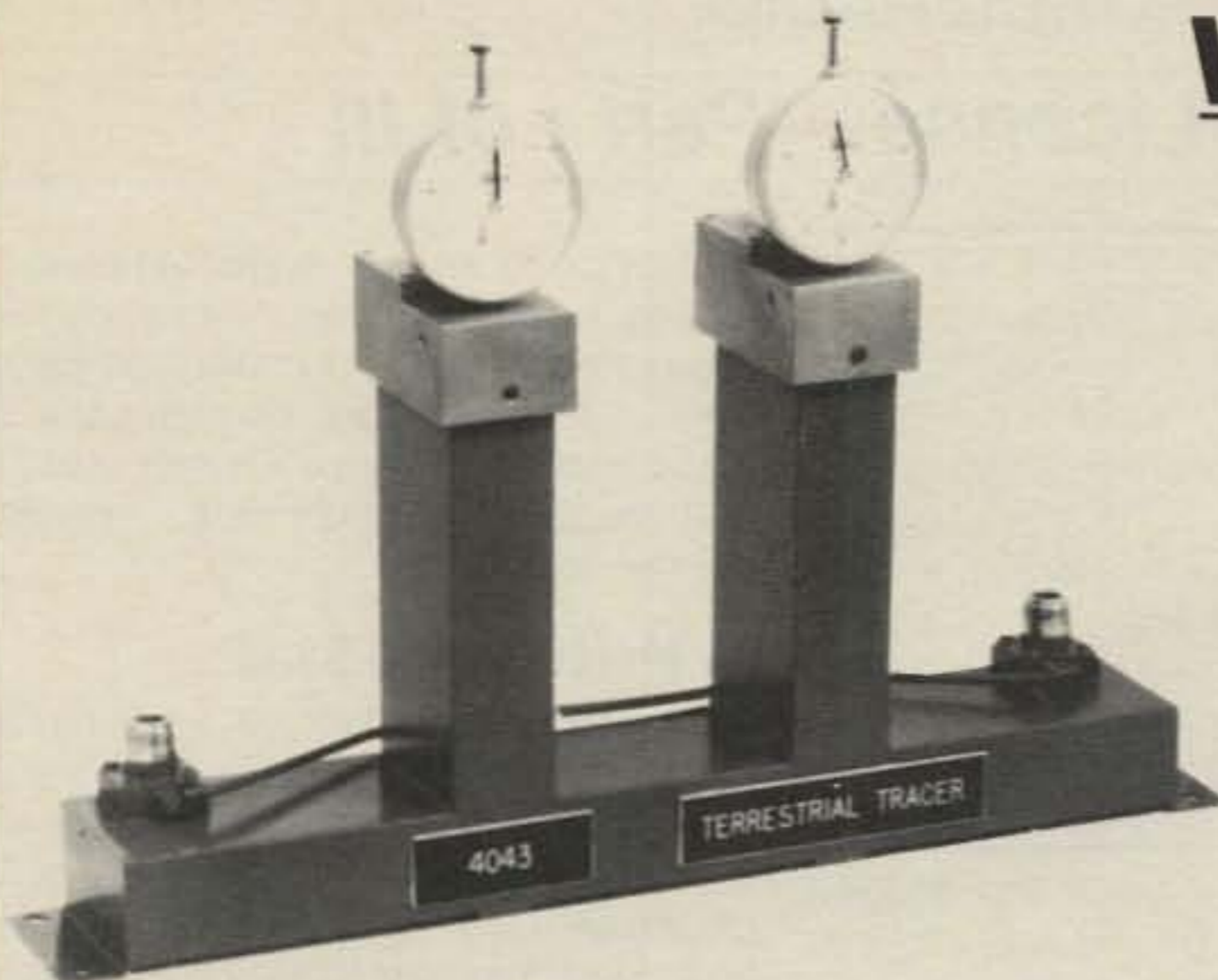


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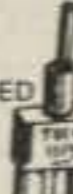
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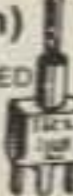
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History of the Novice License—Part I of III

This article chronicles the history of the American Novice license from its 1 July 1951 inception to the present time. Major changes are summarized to provide you with a better understanding of the Novice license. Headings have been included to help you locate desired information.

Current Status

Novice privileges have improved a lot since this license class was established. Problems still exist and improvements are still needed, but today's Novices are given better opportunities to upgrade in license than their predecessors enjoyed.

Purposes of the Novice License

The major purposes of the Novice license are to provide a reasonably easy entry into amateur radio and to enable Novices to increase code proficiency to pass the 13 words per minute General/Advanced code test requirement. This license has fulfilled these major purposes during the past 32-plus years. In addition, Novices have learned how to use equipment, antennas, and station accessories to obtain good communications results. They learn operating procedures, including the use of Q-signals (international system of asking questions and making statements), the RST (radiotelegraph signal reporting) system, Phillip's Code (a phonetic abbreviation system used to minimize radiotelegraph sending time and effort), calling sequences, and contact ending signals. Most Novices earn a few operating awards, and some become avid contest or DX (long-range communications) operators. All of these things are done on four bands (frequency segments) that attract the most patient experienced amateurs. Mistakes are expected and tolerated in the Novice bands because Novices are inexperienced operators. Mistakes are corrected by experienced amateurs, and improvement suggestions are usually offered in a genuinely friendly manner. Anyone who misses the Novice operating experience loses out on a very enjoyable part of amateur radio.

Many higher class licensees will volunteer the comment that they greatly enjoyed Novice band contacts, and a lot of them still work the Novice bands to help new operators, as they themselves were previously aided. My students are not



Bill Hobbs, KB4BAS, lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a 67-year-old retired laboratory worker, and he has been licensed since June 1982. His son-in-law is Fred Treasure, KA5NJY, of Silver City, New Mexico. Fred got Bill interested in amateur radio, and Bill really enjoys it. Bill is an active member of the Oak Ridge Amateur Radio Club and he worked in their most recent hamfest. He has also helped instruct their Novice classes. His station includes a Hallicrafters SX-140 receiver, Hallicrafters HT-37 transmitter, and a three-band ladder-line dipole in a Vee configuration.

pushed to upgrade in a hurry, but they are strongly urged to operate as much as possible. I want our Novices to make at least 300 contacts before upgrading in license class. It takes about that many contacts to acquire reasonable operating proficiency. I do not teach licensing courses to just produce licensees; I run courses to produce good operators.

2 Meter Novice Band

Novices were allowed to make voice and code transmissions on this band until their voice privileges were dropped 22 November 1968. Beginning operators find it easier to use voice than code; consequently, during the 17 years Novices were allowed to use voice transmissions, many of them failed to get enough on-the-air code experience to increase their code speed to the 13 wpm General/Advanced requirement. Many of these people picked up the Technician licenses when their Novice licenses expired. However, their on-the-air code operating opportunities were practically nonexistent then, since Technicians had no operating privileges in the high-frequency (h.f., 3–30 MHz) range.

Two meters ceased to be an active Novice band (145–147 MHz) when Novice voice privileges were eliminated in 1968. The 22 November 1972 elimination

of Novice 2 meter code (A1 and A2 modes, code and modulated code) privileges had almost no impact on Novice operation. Proposals occasionally are made to permit Novice 2 meter voice operation, but their prospects of passage are not bright.

10 Meter Novice Band

The 28.1–28.2 MHz Novice band was established 22 November 1972. I am one of several people who proposed this Novice band many years before it came into existence. This band is superb for daytime long-distance (DX) contacts during peak sunspot activity years. However, we are on the downslope of the present 11.2 year sunspot cycle, and the usefulness of this band will continue to decline until the 1987 low point has been passed. Nevertheless, this band offers long-distance communications on many days. Ten meters is just useful for ground-wave contacts when the band is closed each night, and that limits one to a maximum range of about 20 miles.

Ten meter antennas are small and light compared to equivalent antennas for use on the other Novice bands; they are also less expensive and do not require heavy-duty rotators or towers. Both 10 and 15 meter directional antennas (Yagi-Uda or quad, usually) are light enough to be mounted atop an inexpensive push-up, telescoping, TV-type mast and to be turned with a light-duty rotator. Reception and transmission capabilities of receivers, transmitters, and transceivers are usually lowest on 10 meters; this is especially true in regard to most pre-1970 amateur equipment. A directional antenna is a requirement for consistently good 10 meter operating results. If a Novice has a good setup for operating on 10 meters, she/he should operate exclusively on this band whenever it is open.

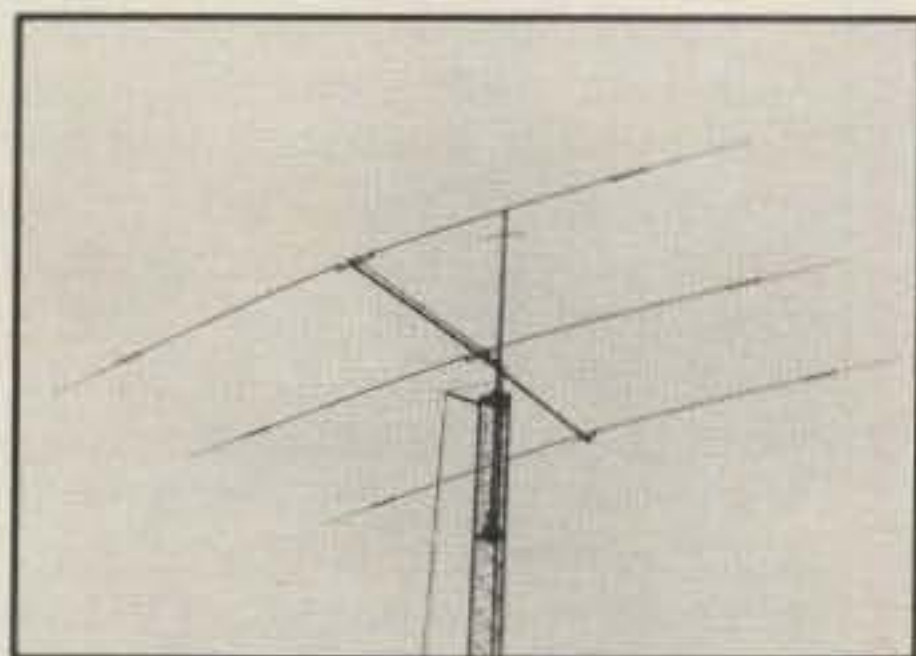
15 Meter Novice Band

The 21.1–21.25 MHz Novice band was established 28 March 1953 when the 26.96–27.23 MHz 11 meter Novice band was eliminated. As of 22 November 1972 this Novice band was shortened to 21.1–21.2 MHz. Fifty kHz was chopped off the top end of the original 15 meter Novice band to eliminate any possibility of low-level Novice code activity interfering with relatively heavy voice operation in this spectrum by foreign (DX) amateurs. This band has served as the primary Novice gateway to worldwide (DX) contacts during the past 30 years.

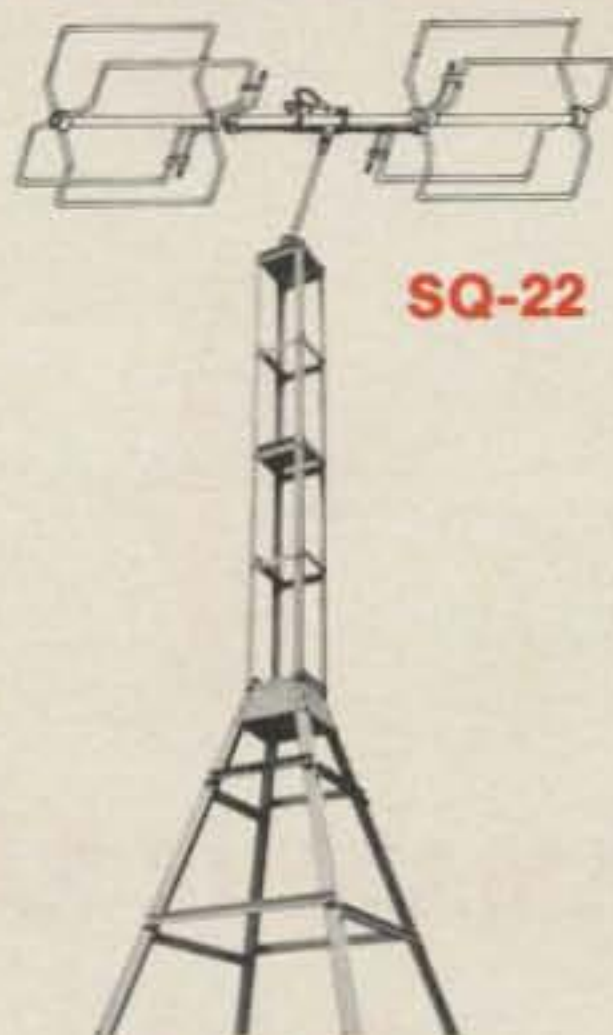
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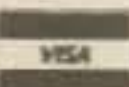
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20 Meter Novice Band

Novices need a 20 meter band to provide long-range communication opportunities when the 10 and 15 meter bands are closed to everything but ground-wave (short range) communications. The exclusive domain of foreign (DX) amateur voice operation has long been 14.1-14.2 MHz. The 22 May 1983 expansion of American voice privileges made 14.15-14.20 MHz available to U.S. amateurs. I have often submitted proposals to have 14.1-14.15 MHz established as a Novice band, and I know this change is long overdue.

The total frequency spectrum in the amateur 80-10 meter bands is 3350 kHz. Novices and Technicians comprise about one-third of the entire American amateur radio operator population, but they just have access to 300 kHz in these high-frequency (3-30 MHz) bands. It is reasonable to assume that one-third of the American operators deserve more than 9 percent of the amateur radio h.f. spectrum. Furthermore, Novices and Technicians need 20 meter spectrum to have long-distance communication opportunities during prime evening operating times. The 15 meter Novice band dies (closes) soon after 10 meters closes. When the 10 and 15 meter bands are closed, the next band to open up for DX contact opportunities is the 40 meter band. However, American Novices have to contend with powerful international shortwave broadcast stations when this band is open, since 7.0-7.1 MHz is the entire 40 meter amateur band in the other two ITU (International Telecommunications Union) regions of the world. In just ITU Region II, which is North, Central, and South America, 7.1-7.3 MHz is exclusively for amateur use. In other words, the possibilities of having satisfactory long-range contacts on the 40 meter Novice band are poor. Note that it is impossible for Novices to contact foreign amateurs in ITU Regions I and III, since those amateurs are not allowed to operate in the 7100 to 7150 kHz American Novice band.

The 14.1-14.15 MHz spectrum should become a Novice band as soon as possible to help keep operating interest high, which reduces the dropout rate. This frequency segment has always been legally available for code operation by American amateurs; it will be nice to have

the FCC make this spectrum available to active code operators—Novices and Technicians.

30 Meter Novice Band

Sections of the 10.1 to 10.15 MHz amateur band became available 28 October 1982, with a 250 watt power limitation. It should be made available to American Novices and Technicians as an additional Novice band. The 30 meter band provides coast-to-coast communication opportunities in the daytime, and it opens up to long-range use after 15 meters closes. I have proposed that the entire 30 meter band be established as another Novice band.

40 Meter Novice Band

When the Novice license was established, there was no 40 meter Novice band. The first 40 meter Novice band was established as 7175–7200 kHz on 20 February 1953. The 40 meter Novice band was expanded to 7150–7200 kHz on 22 June 1955. It was shifted down 50 kHz to 7100–7150 kHz on 22 November 1972. This is the most congested Novice band, but it can be used for contacts day and night. One can reach the nearest one-sixth of the country almost every day, and coast-to-coast contacts are possible most evenings. Unfortunately for American amateurs, 7100–7300 kHz is the international shortwave broadcast 41 meter band in all parts of the world except the Americas.

When the 40 meter Novice band is open to long-range communications, extremely powerful broadcast stations boom in every 5 kHz throughout the band; they can be heard on 7105, 7110, 7115 (etc.) kHz. This band is most useful in the late afternoon and early evening hours. When working distant stations on this band at other times of the day, it is advisable to keep information exchanges brief. The 40 meter Novice band should be expanded an additional 25 kHz to become 7075–7150 kHz; this would permit DX contacts with amateurs in all parts of the world, without having to work through the strong interference created by international broadcast stations.

80 Meter Novice Band

This is the only Novice band that has remained unchanged since 1951. The 3700–3750 kHz spectrum is subject to a lot of storm-related interference during the summer, particularly during the evening hours.

The major reason why most new Novices do not operate on 80 meters is the fact that a lot of space is needed to erect a full-size 80 meter antenna, and many of us do not have enough room to do this. To make this point clear, please be advised that a simple full-length copper-wire dipole cut for resonance at the center of this 3700–3750 kHz Novice band is 125 feet 5 inches long.



George Furtado, VE7EIK, lives in Penticon, British Columbia. He has been an amateur since July 1982, and he often works American Novices in the 15 meter band. His high-frequency (3–30 MHz) station includes an ICOM 720A transceiver, Datong Morse keyboard, and an inverted Vee antenna used on 10–40 meters. He uses a Kenwood TR-9130 transceiver with a TET beam on 2 meters. George is 25 years old and he works for Atco Industries building mobile homes. He has already contacted amateurs on all continents and in 65 countries.

When band conditions are good in the early morning and late evening, foreign voice-operation interference is common at the high end of this band. Despite these problems, the 80 meter Novice band is better than the 40 meter Novice band as far as interference is concerned; there are far less operators on 80 meters and long, complete contacts are normal for the fewer Novices who operate in this band. Communication range hits a low of about 50 miles at noon, but it stretches out to where it is coast-to-coast late at night and early in the morning.

If you can get an 80 meter antenna up at your station, it is advisable to do so. This band is much less subject to man-made interference, and it provides better

on-the-air code practice contacts than one usually can get on 40 meters. The low-frequency end of this band should be moved down 25 kHz to make this band 3675–3750 kHz. This additional frequency spectrum would further reduce interference and should attract more Novices and Technicians to 80 meters.

Part I Summary

This concludes the first part of this three-part article. The second part covers frequency control, logging, station identification, licensing, and license availability. Each segment of this article contains information that is of interest, but the entire article should be read to derive maximum benefit from it.

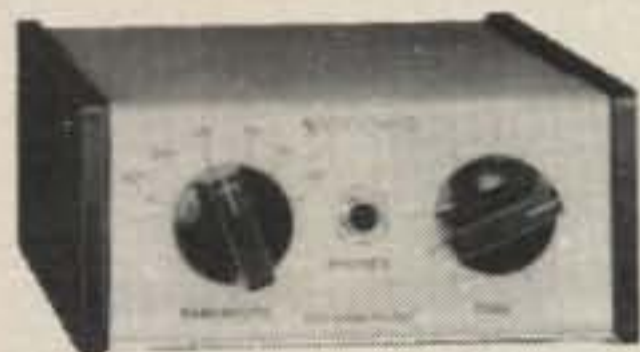
Photographs Wanted

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 issue of CQ. One award is made each month, no matter how many photographs are printed.

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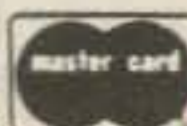
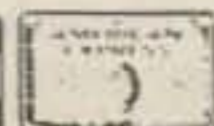
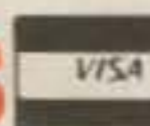
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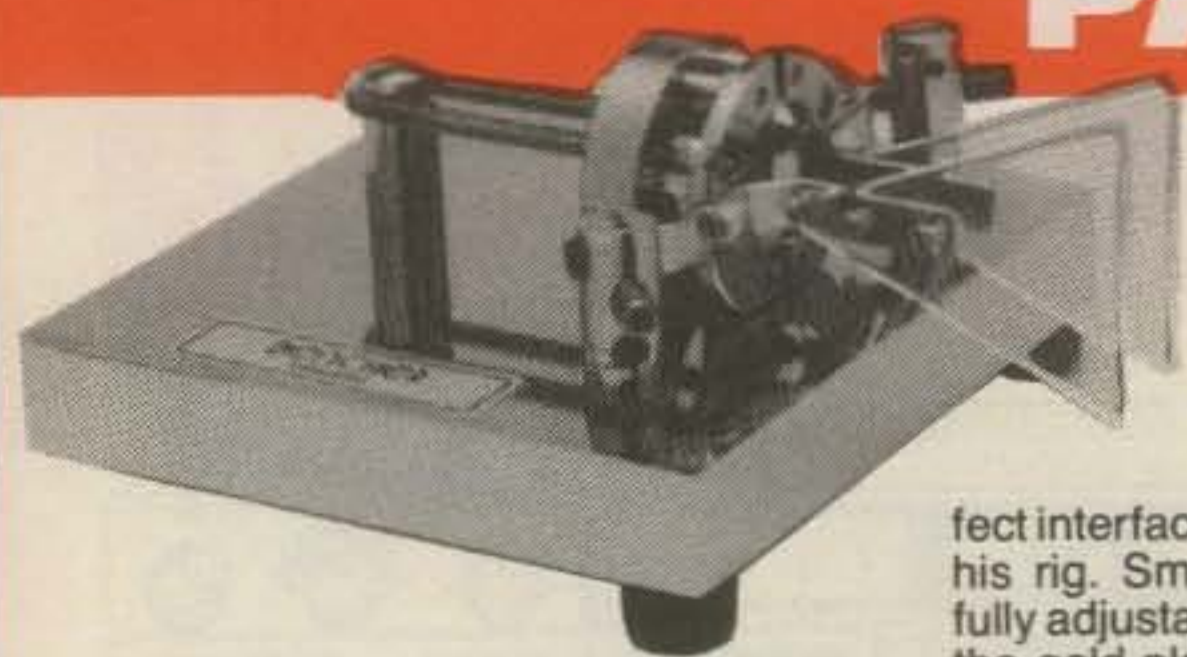


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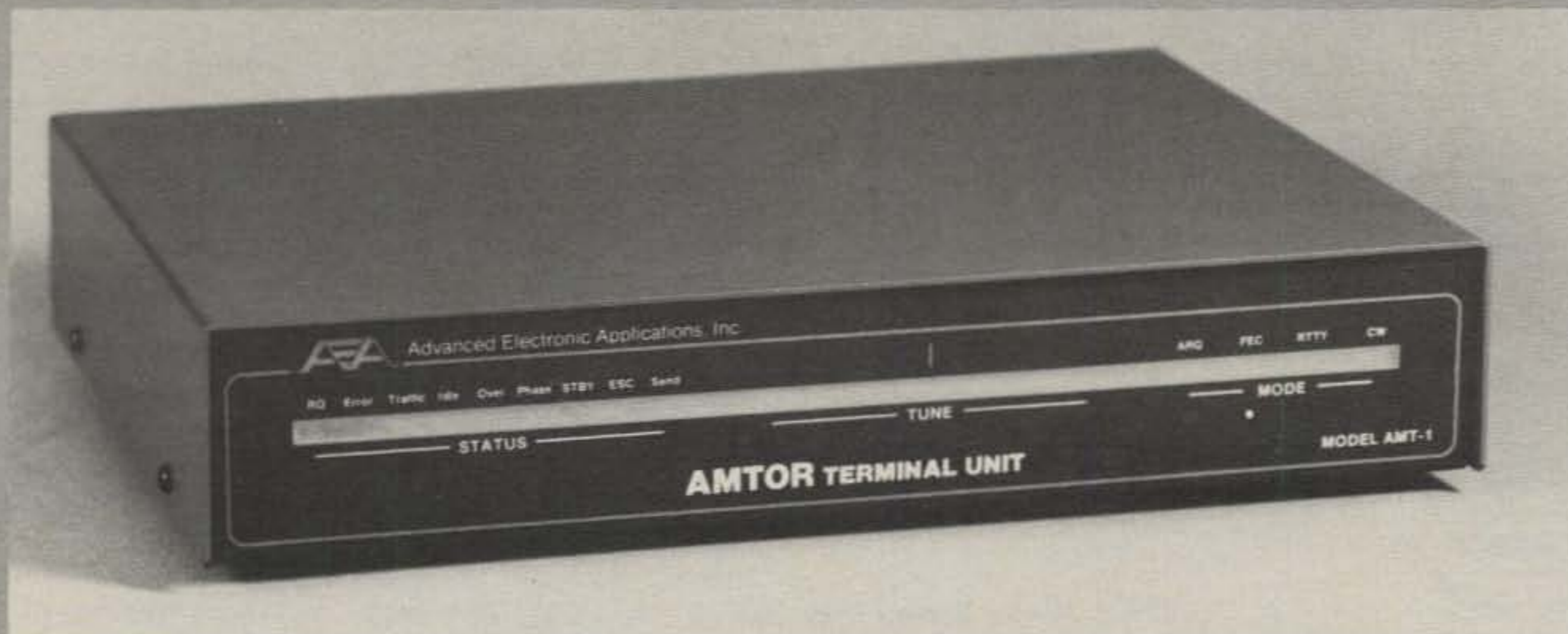


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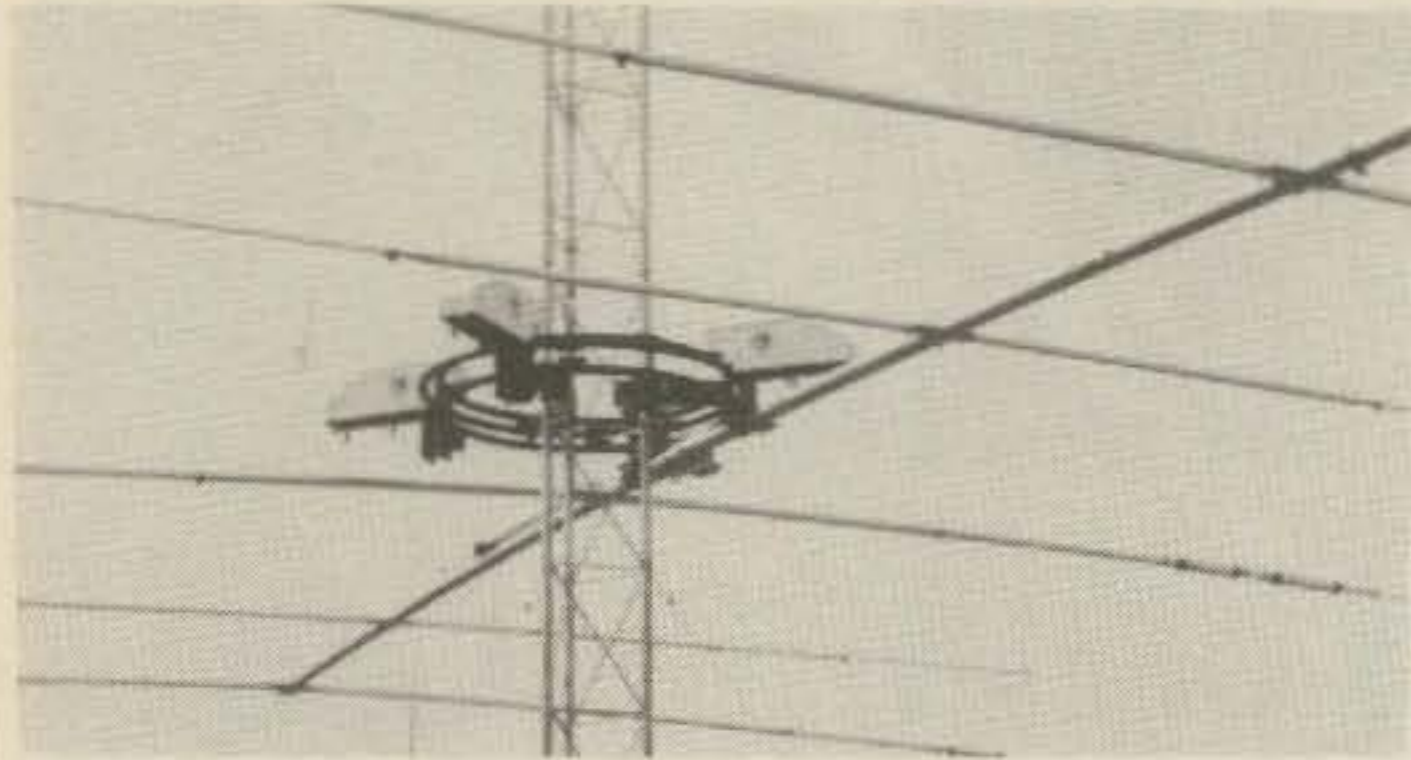
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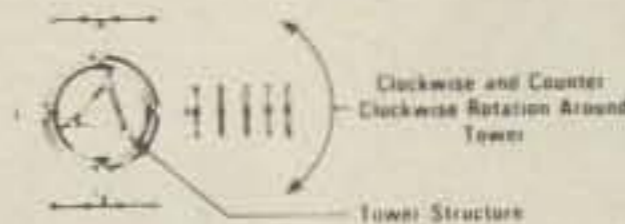
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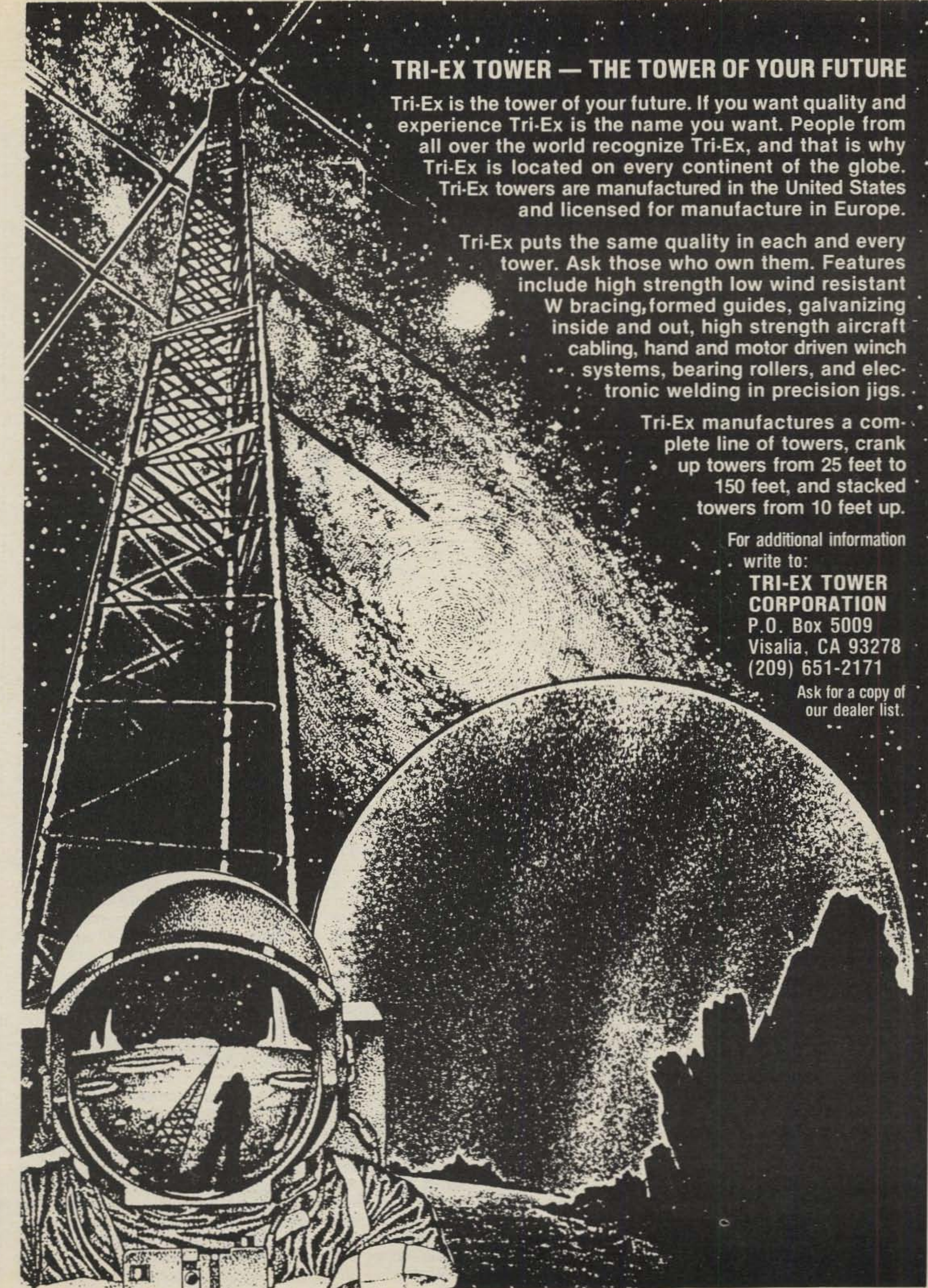
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A LOOK AT THE WORLD AROUND US

Highlighting: New Frequencies and New Capabilities

As you've probably noticed, this column has covered a large number of subjects during recent months. One of the reasons for instigating this new format involved our desire to share with you some unique areas of amateur radio enjoyment. Another reason was inspired by this year, 1983, being designated World Communications Year. Originally proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in late 1981, the basic WCY objectives center around all countries expanding international communications, and inspiring each to analyze their policies on communications developments. This recognition of significant contributions to communications technology and international friendship by radio amateurs is reflected in several ways: opening of the new 30 meter band, expansion of 20 meter phone privileges, authorization to use AMTOR data/teletype concepts, and the birth of an exciting new era in OSCAR satellite activities. Our chance to reflect and extend our heritage has never been so opportune and so enjoyable! Yes, we've been trying to entice you to learn more about amateur radio—to try 30 meters, RTTY, OSCAR, or some of our other challenging areas—and this month's column will be no exception. Don't just read our words and yawn. Get cracking on some new band or mode! Join the fun and renew your interest in our exciting amateur world!

The 30 Meter Band

Almost a year's time has passed since the first 1979 WARC-acquired h.f. band, 30 meters, was opened to use by U.S. amateurs. Activity thus far has been quite outstanding, with this 10.1 MHz range boasting some unique communications capabilities. If you haven't yet joined the 30 meter excitement, we invite you to cut those WARC band-protecting diodes (or modify your older rig with a few new capacitors and another crystal), string up a simple antenna, and join the fun. There's a good possibility that 30 meters could become your favorite h.f. band, especially if you enjoy truly meaningful communications rather than mere signal reports and QTH exchanges. All of the popular contests and awards programs (DXCC, WAS, WPX, etc.) exclude 30 meter operations. This "low key" profile produces a

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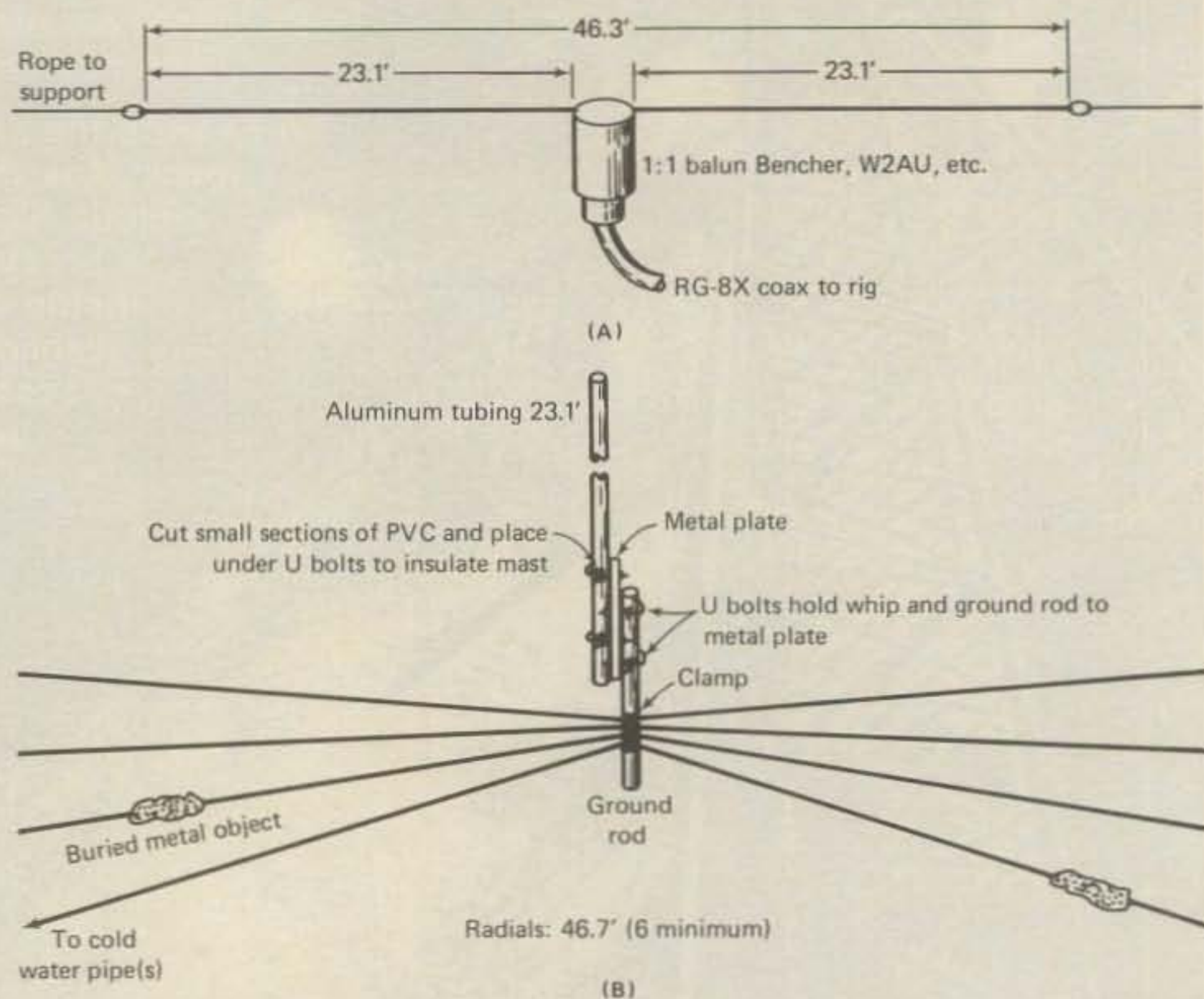


Fig. 1—General dimensions for popular 30 meter radiators. Note use of balun and dipole and half-wave radials on vertical for improved performance.

relaxed and gentlemanly air which could easily become a haven for pileup-weary DXers or amateurs seeking genuine ham radio enjoyment.

As this column is being written, 30 meters is still divided into two segments: 10.100 to 10.109 and 10.115 to 10.150 MHz. U.S. amateurs must still avoid transmitting in the range of 10.110 to 10.115 MHz. Power limitation on 30 meters is 250 watts, and the operating modes are c.w. and RTTY: a "barefoot rig" haven!

If you like experimenting with various antenna designs and ideas, you'll love 30 meters. Since most of the gang runs roughly the same power, antenna performance generally "speaks for itself." Dipoles, inverted Vee's, verticals, and ground planes give good results on 30 meters. Some typical dimensions are shown in fig. 1. I strongly suggest adding a center balun to dipoles; their improved performance is definitely worth the cost. Both homebrew and commercially manufactured verticals need a fairly clear "horizon view" plus an effective ground system (the more radials, the better!). There is also a theoretical 3 dB improvement available by using $\frac{1}{2}$ - rather than $\frac{1}{4}$ -wavelength radials. Remember also

to use every asset at your disposal. Connect some radials to cold-water pipes and old metal objects (maybe buried a few inches), along with discarded TV antennas lying on the ground, etc.

Specialized antennas for 30 meters can take a variety of styles, ranging from phased vertical arrays to Vee beams and mini rhombics. The quickest and easiest way to plan one of these arrays is to find an appealing design in an antenna book or magazine and scale dimensions for 30 meters. The vast amount of man-made noises heard while tuning 10.1 MHz around cities also indicates beverage antennas would be useful for improved reception.

Doug, WA4YMV, reports his 8JK array originally cut for 40 meters performs like a champ on 10.1 MHz (see fig. 2). Both transmitted and received signals are consistently 3 to 5 dB higher than his dipole at the same height.

Being one to enjoy the unusual, we personally rigged a 30 meter c.w. mobile set-up with an Icom 730, our QRP 30 transceiver (see June 1983 CQ magazine for details) and a new Hustler RM30 resonator. The results were so encouraging that we then assembled a knock-down rotary dipole consisting of two 54 inch lengths of

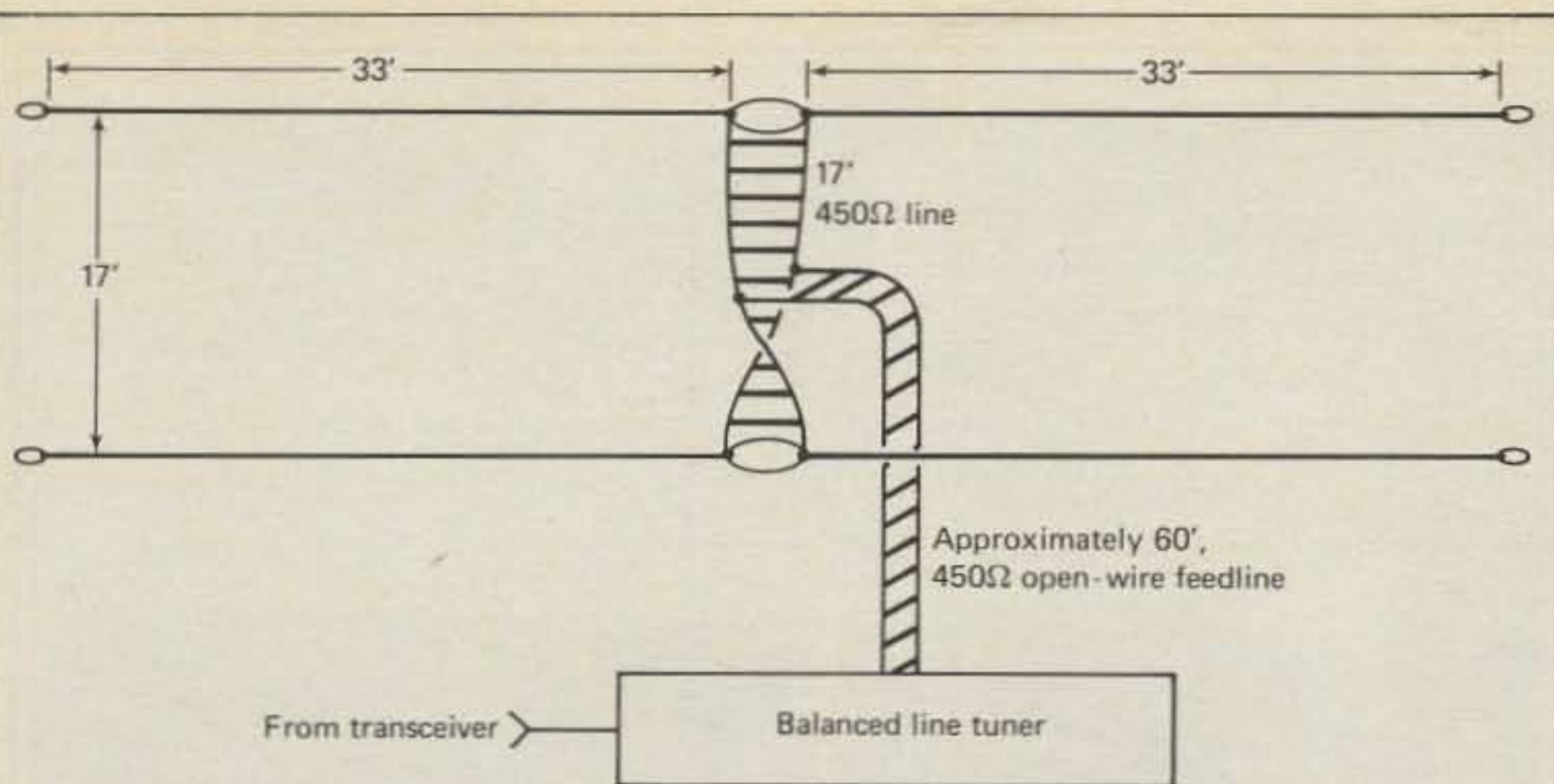


Fig. 2— The 8JK array of Doug, WA4YMV. This configuration works like a champ on 30 meters. The middle phasing section is made of 17 feet of 450 ohm open-wire feedline crossed one-half turn and fed in the middle with similar open wire. Radiation is bidirectional broadside to the array.

aluminum tubing fitted with short sections of screw stock and mounted an RM30 resonator on each end (see photo and fig. 3). This "single element rotary" was tuned to a 1.1: to 1 s.w.r. by alternately adjusting tip rods. The antenna was used exclusively during an extended weekend's operation from the Gulf Coast, and performance equalled a full-size dipole. If you would like to expand this mini-antenna idea, try adding a second element approximately 12 feet "in front" of the driven element to create a Yagi beam. A reflector might perform best, but unwieldy appearances lead us toward a director. This "4 percent shorter" element should resonate around 10.520 MHz ($468/F \text{ [MHz]} = \text{half wavelength of antenna}$; $468/10.1 = 46.33 \text{ ft.}$ electrical length; 4 percent shorter = 44.48 ft.; reinserting that length, we find director frequency: $468/44.48 \text{ ft.} = 10.52 \text{ MHz}$). The director's RM30's should be capable of tuning to this frequency. However, a capacitor can be added between "sides" if problems arise. The end result will be a 14 foot by 12 foot 30 meter beam which can be knocked down for rapid transportation.

30 Meter Gear

If you own one of the late-model transceivers which include WARC band reception, you're in luck. Transmitter enabling

usually involves merely cutting a diode or jumper lead. See our 30 meter article in February 1983 CQ for full details.

Converting older transceivers to 30 meters may be a simple or complex matter, depending on the particular unit. If the rig is straightforward in design and you're willing to sacrifice 40 meter operation, few entanglements should be encountered. Trace the rig's block diagram to determine how 7.0 to 7.4 or 7.5 MHz is "front-end mixed" with the v.f.o. signal to produce an i.f. signal. Next calculate the v.f.o.'s new tuning range for heterodyning "front-end" 30 meter signals, and add a new crystal for that coverage. The receiver's "front end" can then be modified for maximum 30 meter sensitivity by replacing the 40 meter input coil's capacitor with another approximately one-third its value (experiment for best results/sensitivity, and then retune the coil's slug). Extreme cases may also require removing a few turns from the 40 meter coil. This "front-end" conversion should result in 10.0 to 10.4 or 10.5 MHz signals being downconverted to the rig's i.f.; from that point, subsequent receiver stages will function as usual. If the same v.f.o. scheme is used for transmit, you're in luck; otherwise, another new crystal may be necessary. Again, you should check the unit's block diagram and its schematic to determine how the transmit

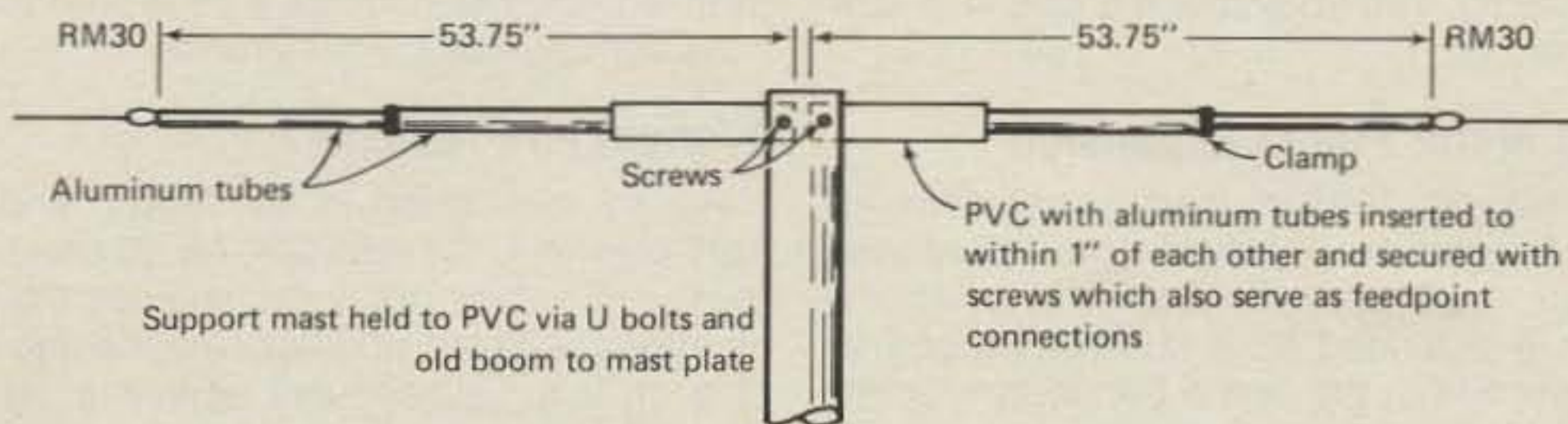
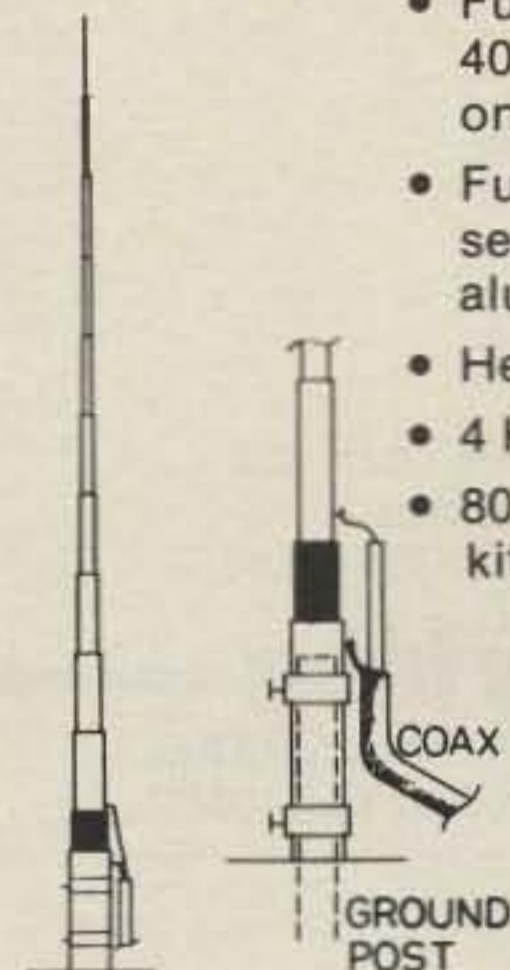


Fig. 3— General outline for a 30 meter rotatable mini-dipole using two Hustler RM30 resonators and short lengths of aluminum tubing. The antenna's performance equals or surpasses full-size dipoles. Rotation capability is an extra benefit.

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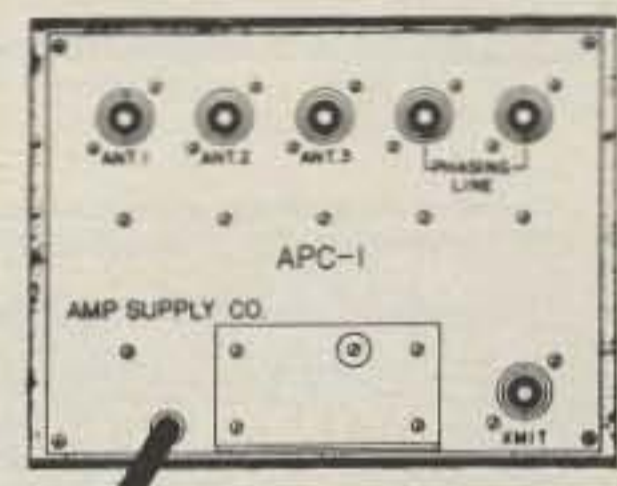
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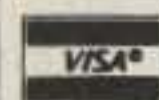
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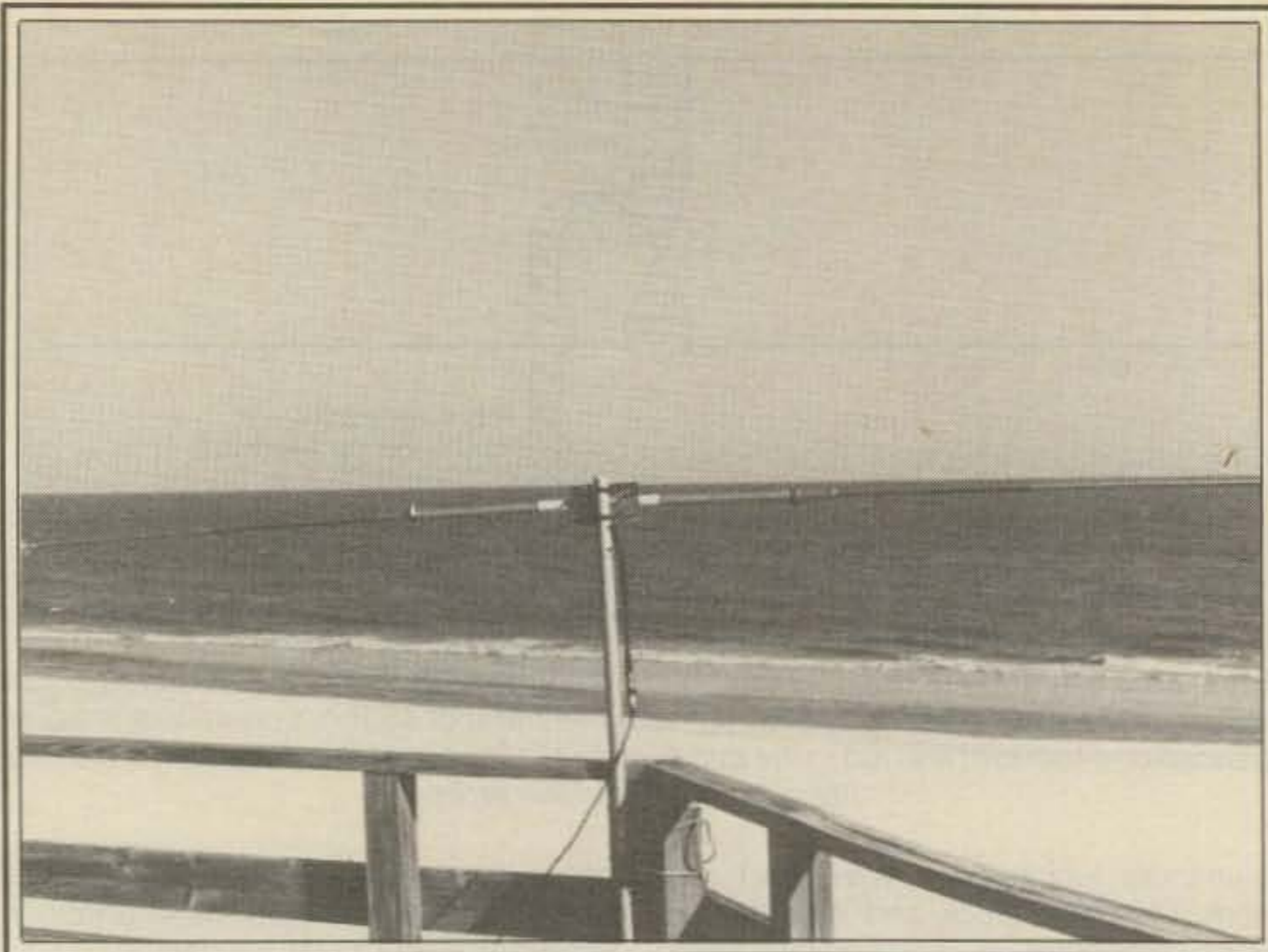
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The 30 meter Hustler rotary dipole in use from a beach cottage on the Gulf Coast. The antenna performed like its full-size counterpart at a height of 50 or 60 feet, yet it was only lashed to a sun deck.

mixer signal is obtained. Many tube rigs include large-value tank capacitance, allowing direct tune-up on 10.1 MHz from their 40 meter coils. If resonance can't be achieved, however, move the final's tap approximately one-third the number of turns between 40 and 20 meter points. "Tweak" all remaining coils, and you should be ready for 30 meter action.

As an easy but effective way to get rolling on 30 meters, consider reactivating an older receiver and transmitter (this can also become an exciting and nostalgic venture). General-coverage units such as the SX99, SX100, HQ100, HRO60, etc., tune 30 meters with fairly good sensitivity (a nice, low frequency). Most older transmitters such as Heath's DX35 or DX40, Johnson's Challenger, etc., are easily converted from 40 to 30 meters. The driver and final stages boast a wide tuning range, permitting direct tune-up after installation of a 10.104 MHz crystal. If tuning problems arise, simply move 40 meter coil taps a couple of turns. Place a 100 to 250 pFd variable capacitor in series with one crystal pin for frequency warping, and you have a 5 or 6 kHz tunable rig.

20 Meter Phone Expansion

May 22, 1983 marked the beginning of a new era for 20 meter phone enthusiasts. S.s.b. allocations for U.S. amateurs were extended 50 kHz, allowing operations within the prime DX portion of the band. This spectrum thus is now separated as follows: 14.150-14.175 MHz—amateur Extra class only; 14.175-14.225 MHz—Extra and Advanced class licenses; and 14.225-14.350 MHz—General

class and above licensees (all classes can finally join the SSTV activity around 14.230 MHz). This particular band "addition," within itself, may be one of the most exciting moves for which we could ask. As this column is being written, only slightly before that spectrum is opened, I only hope I'm not premature in expectations and visions. If we handle these frequencies with the same respect and humbleness we've shown 30 meters, great! If we turn this into more "stomping ground" for pure muscle flexers, we stand a chance of losing that allocation. Living the golden rule will return enjoyment for all.

Most triband beams are sufficiently broadbanded to allow at least 150 kHz coverage on 20 meters with a low s.w.r. If your array is resonant between 14.200 and 14.225 kHz, you should thus be "sitting good" for the new frequencies (assuming you have an Advanced or Extra class license); otherwise, you may want to shorten driven element tips 1/2 inch each. There is an extra 3 to 6 dB worth of operating gain in this less-crowded spectrum, so now may also be a good time to consider upgrading your license.

Overlooked Problems?

As we mentioned in the March and April columns, the new OSCAR 10 satellite will introduce many exciting communications horizons and become the flagship craft for subsequent satellites. As years pass, greater amounts of serious amateur communications will depend on these satellites. H.f. communications will become secondary activities.

73, Dave, K4TWJ

NEWS OF COMMUNICATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

*Ere the darkness falls around me,
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Though it is now late summer and the new contest season is at hand, for the DXer the present time is always the difficult time; the eternal questions which have always nagged the thoughtful DXer are still with us. Last week one of the local QRPers was up the hill to seek the answers to some of the Eternal Enigmas. His was a question often heard, his a faith that may waver but never dims.

He quickly got going. "It's this idea about calling 'CQ DX,' he told us. "At the last club meeting there were some who were not in agreement with the idea, one even saying that while it may not be proper for a newer DXer to call 'CQ DX,' it certainly should not apply to a fellow who has been around the track a couple of times—maybe something like 25 years or so. This fellow said that anyone who has been licensed for 25 or more years must be considered a true-blue DXer, and it is okay for him to call 'CQ DX.' What do you think of that?"

Son of a gun! What could we say? Certainly one comes up against fine distinctions, these perhaps a bit difficult for some to appreciate, but they are easily understood by someone who has been licensed for a quarter of a century. Sometimes such beliefs, while perfectly logical to those expounding upon them, might be difficult to accept by others. But one must remember that DXers operate in many dimensions, and sometimes one's own dimensions are larger than those of other DXers. We had to know more and urged the QRP type to continue.

"Well," he continued, "a bunch of us were standing around talking about the DX we needed and how long we had been needing it. Some wondered if they would ever hear some of the needed countries such as Albania, and Bouvet, places like S2-Bangladesh and XZ and such. When we got to talking about calling 'CQ DX' and how it is hardly worth the trouble when you are up around the 300 country mark, one fellow noted that if no one on the DX bands called 'CQ DX' and a really rare one was on the air, it would be a case of everyone listening and no one calling, not even the rare XZ type. Of course another fellow jumped right in to argue that he had been licensed for 25 years and



DXers are always turning up where the action is. Here are some well-known OH amateurs at the installation of the NCDXF 10 meter beacon at Helsinki University. From the left: Axel Tigerstedt, OH5NW; Kauko Rahko, OH2PZ; Arto Harjula, OH6GJ; and Martti Laine, OH2BH. DXers will recognize the calls, and every DXer knows Martti Laine personally, as they say. But surprisingly, Martti seems to know every DXer going. Listen sometime and note his recall of names.

was a true-blue DXer, and he had never found the bands open without someone calling, and especially someone calling 'CQ DX.' But it was a possibility, and we soon found others in the group had been thinking along the same lines."

This was becoming interesting, and the QRPer was getting all our attention. Obviously this was appreciated, and he needed little urging to continue. "After awhile with all the arguments about whether or not a really true-blue DXer ever calls 'CQ DX,' this one fellow got to looking so smug and smiling so broadly that before long he had almost everyone's attention as they waited for him to speak. We should have known that he was waiting for the moment." The QRPer paused to work his shoulders a bit, and it was apparent that all of this was a heavy burden. Apparently he had run into something that he did not fully understand—maybe even something he could not believe.

"This fellow," the QRPer continued, "asked the group whether we had ever considered that calling directional CQ's might be okay when calling just 'CQ DX' might not be. That sure got everybody's attention." It was also starting to get our attention.

"It turned out that in the last couple of months this fellow had had a lot of success calling directional CQ's. As he explained, he needed Bangladesh, and late one evening he fired up the rig, ran a handful of dots and dashes through the keyer, and called 'CQ Bangladesh.' Said he had hardly called it more than four times, when back came a good signal and

a good fist, and the fellow signed S21AAA, just like that. He said he was in downtown Dacca. So this fellow at the meeting said he got a QSO for a new one, and the S21 said his QSL manager was in all the bulletins or would be in another month or so. That was it! The worst part of it all is that this fellow just has over a hundred countries and has only been in the club for a couple of months. What do you think of that?"

What could we say? After all, it might just have been true. But we thought that maybe we'd like a bit more information, a bit more background to fill in the dark corners. "Was that the only time the fellow said he tried this routine?" we asked, and the QRPer shook his head.

"Heck no!" This fellow said that once a week or so he calls a directional CQ for a country he needs. He says it works better than 50 percent of the time. He just had to tell us about another one he got that way, this one a CE0X on San Felix. Says he wound up the rig one late evening when he had come in from a trip out of town, aimed the beam south, and called 'CQ San Felix.' Nothing happened for awhile, but after a bit he realized that there was a weak signal down in the mud and his call sign was being sent. When he copied the station it was signing CE0XXX and said it was in a penal colony on San Felix. The operator said he had put together a little c.w. rig in his cell and was using the bedsprings as a directional antenna. Said that it loaded up better at high tide than at low tide, but he had to be careful that the authorities did not catch him, so he operated only late at night. He promised to QSL when he got out and back to the mainland, but he had been on San Felix ever since Allende was overthrown, and it might be another month or two before he got his cards from the printers." The QRPer was now leaning close to hold our attention. "Remember," he emphasized by waving a pointing finger at us, "that this fellow was calling 'CQ DX,' only he was telling what he wanted to work. What do you think of that?"

What could we say? One learns the futility of arguing with success. If it works, it has to be good! And although we still had some doubts, there is always difficulty in trying to refute fact with your own version of fancy. Certainly there was no obvious crevice in the assured armor of this QRPer. He had heard the truth and was a believer. But there was still a faint echo of something that did not ring just right.

We thought of other days in other times, as we seem to do more and more when confronted with a puzzling DX matter, possibly even one of the Eternal Enigmas. We thought of one recently returned

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from foreign strands and with whom we had discussed the activities of Slim. This one had laughed at our puzzlement over one peculiar callsign.

"Why that one you are talking about was Jerry stationed in—, and he will be there for another year or more. They don't allow foreign licenses to operate in that country, so Jerry just gets on the air and signs any call that sounds right, or maybe even something that someone needs. You call it and he'll answer it. And he always promises to QSL. Jerry says it makes them happy to work him and they live in anticipation of the expected QSL. According to his thinking, he's just bringing some sunshine into the drab lives of needy DXers. He says it's a noble effort."

Maybe this is just something that many have suspected but seldom confirmed. We recalled the time when a young amateur in Texas heard an unusual call and worked 1Z4NG for a new one. This one even offered his services as QSL manager, and the offer quickly was accepted over the air. Part of the reasoning behind the offer was that it would assure a quick QSL as well as more information to verify the DXCC status of the country. A month or so later a bundle came in the mail containing printed QSL cards, log sheets, but nothing else. This came from a European APO address. So the young Texan sent out the QSLs and that was it. He never again heard from the station, never learned from where the cards came. Even after a couple of decades there are still



Dr. Vince Thompson, K5VT, was recently voted a life membership in the Southern California DX Club for his DX activities. While at UCLA's medical school, Dr. Thompson was sent to many African nations to teach surgical procedures. Each stop was a chance to put the country on the air; each time it was a good operation, often from a rare and needed country.

some clutching their 1Z4NG QSL and hoping that some fine day the good word will come. It probably never will, but we still had the QRP type on our hands.

"Anything else said there that was interesting?" we asked, and realized that we hardly had to. This one had been saving something for a big impact.

"Well," the QRPPer continued with his always original opening, "this fellow who calls the directional CQ's says that he's on to something big. He says that it will really shake up things when it breaks and he is on the inside. Says it all came from him calling 'CQ DX' late in the evenings." Though we still had a good measure of skepticism, we were hardly ready to argue or even drop the subject at this point. Hardly a DXer lives who is not ready to listen to the inside track of some earth-shaking information. This was one we had to hear out.

"Well," the QRPPer said, "this directional CQ fellow says that he was talking with a fellow who is close to that Whitebread around the world yacht race. The story is that when running across the Southern Ocean from New Zealand to Cape Horn one of the yachts got north of the usual track and came across an island that was not on their chart. But in fact, it was one that has been on and off the charts for a number of years. This time with satellite navigation they nailed it down. When this one breaks there will be a lot of shaking going on. An awful lot of shaking."

We admitted it. This one had us hooked, and we were turning into believers. Quickly we ran through a number of alternatives, and the startling possibility came.

"Maria? . . ." we started to say, and there was a quick motion of a finger to his lips to quiet us.

"Careful," he said, "this one should not get out. Maybe I should not have even hinted to you. But it is shaping up, and before long there are going to be a lot of sur-

prises. Maybe the island isn't where they thought it was, but it is there, and someone must have seen it a hundred years or so back. It's just in an area where ships seldom travel. It's not high, and even 10 miles off you can't see it. But just you wait!"

Wait! How can one wait when something such as this is ready to blow things open. Ever since we found Maria on a *National Geographic* map years back we have wondered. Now there may be something to it. And now we are the ones seeking advice from the QRPPer. Each day we call, and each day he advises: "It's coming. Just be a believer!"

Of course we believe, but with some reservations. We even talked to the Old Timer about it, naturally first swearing him to secrecy. DXers are always known to keep close the inside information. What we expected was not what we got.

"All this comes from a fellow who calls 'CQ DX,'" he said, "and who recently has worked Burma, San Felix, and a couple of others." We had to admit that all of it was true. "But this one might be legit," we said, "there might be something to it, don't you think?"

Sometimes the Old Timer is a bit difficult to convince even when things are just about obvious. "If you believe that you'll believe anything," he told us and would not talk further. Of course the Old

The WAZ Program

10 Meter Phone

250 DJ8NK/A 252 JH1BSE
251 JF1SEK 253 W8NDJ

15 Meter Phone

170 EA1RT

20 Meter Phone

460 N4KG 464 I2TZK
461 W6TGI 465 KB8MR
462 JA4CPY/1 466 AB1U
463 W1WLW

15 Meter C.W.

90 K1JA 92 DK8CM
91 JA1BN

40 Meter C.W.

43 JA1BN 44 N4KE

All Band WAZ

S.S.B.

2712 KD7FW 2719 E18EK
2713 W7OAX 2720 WB3LSY
2714 KC0CU 2721 KB8MR
2715 N2AMS 2722 DL4GAD
2716 W0LSD 2723 JA3UCO
2717 KC0UJ 2724 VK2AYK
2718 WB5ROW 2725 AB1U

C.W. and Phone

5610 LZ1XZ 5613 K0UKO
5611 NY4H 5614 KR9U
5612 JA3WHG

Applications and reprints of the latest rules may be obtained by sending a self addressed stamped envelope (37 cents) size 4 1/2 x 9 1/2 to the WAZ Manager, Leo Haijsman, W4KA, 1044 S.E. 43 Street, Cape Coral, Florida 33904. Applicants forwarding QSL cards either direct to the WAZ manager or to a check point should include sufficient postage for safe return of their QSL cards. The processing fee for all C.Q. awards is \$4.00 for subscribers and \$10 for non-subscribers. In order to qualify for the subscriber rate, please enclose your latest CQ mailing label with your application.

Timer is right for he is never known to be wrong—as far as we know. But just supposing . . . Ah Maria! We listen for your call every dawn, every midnight.

Malpelo

The last operation from Malpelo was by the Liga Colombiana de Radioaficionados in March 1977; the time before that was in 1969. If you are looking for HKØ Malpelo, this is the month to be alert.

No matter how you approach Malpelo, it comes right up out of the Pacific. On most sides there are sheer cliffs dropping into the ocean, one end of the island being a peak. The landing site is not much more than a steeply sloping shelf alongside the sea. Usually the first thing done on landing is to rig an A-frame to reach out over the water and lift the gear and supplies ashore. Rowing up and daintily stepping ashore is hardly recommended with the constant surge of the ocean against the rocky shores.

Located at 3°59'N and 81°34'W, previous efforts have been full-fledged logistical exercises with the Colombian Navy giving the essential support to the efforts. Four operating positions are planned with study being giving to airlifting or mountaineering one or two operating stations to the top of the island's pinnacle so that the Deserving DXers blocked from HKØTU in previous efforts have a chance to work Malpelo.

Early on those reported as going on the effort were HK3TF, HK3RQ, HK3BAU, HK1QQ, and HKØBKX. QSLs will be handled by HK3DDD, Edilberto Rojas M., Apto 25827, Bogota, Colombia (s.a.s.e. or s.a.e./IRC needed).

Plans are to work 10 through 80 and probably 160, both s.s.b. and c.w. For c.w. look for them 5 kHz above the lower band edge on 80 and 40 meters, 25 kHz up on 160, 20, 15, 10 meters. On s.s.b. look around 1825, 3795, 7085, 14185, 21295, 28595 kHz. Generally they will operate close to these frequencies, but they may shift one way or another. If you've worked them on every band and every mode listed above, you might try listening at 146.460 MHz where they'll be trying some experiments (possibly some satellite work).

They will plan to operate for five days. The above should give you just about everything you need to line them up. Everything, that is, but the dates. At the time this was written, the dates had not come through. But just listen; you'll know when they are around, possibly well before they even sight the island. There will be a lot of noise, that's for sure. Malpelo has been well up in the needed lists for a number of years; for some deserving W6's and W7's, it has been there forever. This year may be different, hopefully.

Space Shuttle #9

This is the one that will carry a 2 meter station to be operated by Owen Garriott,

W5LFL. A waiver to allow an Advanced Class licensee to operate where the FCC regulations specify Extra country has been given. The shuttle was due to be launched in late September.

Uplink should be in the 144.910–145.970 MHz area with 20 kHz increments. Downlink will be 145.510–145.770 MHz, also with 20 kHz increments. The operating time may be limited, or even nonexistent, the first couple of days into the flight, possibly only one hour a day during W5LFL's free time. Some have estimated that 500 QSOs a day would be a good figure to expect. Some others with baser thoughts have wondered how many of the QSOs will be duplicates to test propagation and similar scientific aspirations.

The ARRL will handle the QSLs and s.w.l. reports. This space communication effort by amateurs will undoubtedly draw a lot of attention from the media.

Mod of Clyde

GB2MOD will be on the air from October 8–14 just about continuously as they celebrate the National Mod of Scotland at Motherwell in the Clyde Valley. Work GB2MOD and you can QSL via the GM Bureau or to the Mid Lanark ARS, Wrangholm Hall, New Stevenson, Motherwell, Scotland. They promise a card printed both in English and Gaelic. Look for the special station on c.w. about 7 kHz up; 75 it will be 3.57 MHz. On s.s.b. try 28.51, 21.31, 14.21, 7.06, 3.67 MHz. As they say in downtown Motherwell, "Cued Mile Failte," or a hundred thousand welcomes, to the Deserving.

Belize

A large group of amateurs from the Western Reaches will be again with V3DX, V3CQ, and possibly even a few more calls during the great CQ WW DX Phone Test October 29–30. The group is going loaded for points, lots of points, and several of the operators have operated previously in contests from Belize. Included in the eager crew will be AK6A, N6ADI, WA6VNR, W6SID, K7CI, W7MAP, KA7EST, WD5JEA, and possibly even K9ZO. While the V3DX and V3CQ calls are set, the group is looking to come up with some surprises in call signs and prefixes. This will be one to listen for to get the whole story.

Frequencies will cover everything from 6 through 160, the 6 meter frequency being coordinated on the 10 meter frequency. You can look for the Belize action at or about 28505 kHz, 21305 kHz, 14205 kHz, 7205 kHz, and 3805 kHz. If you are looking for other bands or frequencies, just listen; they'll be there.

Actually the group will gather in the V3 area starting about October 23, and they will be there until November 2. Last time out they ran up over 15,000 QSOs in 10 days of operating. There will be c.w. operating as well as phone before and after

the contest, and they will even listen if you want to rack up Belize on a number of bands. How? Simply phone 011-501-0262071. Before you rush to the telephone, that is the number for the operating position in Belize, and direct dialing will cost just under \$2.00 per minute for first minute and just under \$1.00 for each additional minute if you call between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Higher rates are set from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. When you read this there should still be time to write Ski Brozowsky, N6ADI, Box 379, Ojai, CA 93023 and outline your good intentions.

Last year the '82 effort was from Ambergris Cay 35 miles off the eastern Yucatan peninsula in the Caribbean. At one point they worked JA's almost exclusively for 10 hours running on 20 meters. This may not sound notable, but to the JA's it was, as the Caribbean is usually a difficult place for them to work.

New England DXCC Dinner

The 31st gathering of the Southern New England DX and Scrod Bitten Society will be on November 5th this year. Jim

5 Band WAZ

Standings as of July 1, 1983

All 200 zones worked:

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

The top 10 contenders for 5 Band WAZ:

1. N4KG, 199	6. W8UVZ, 198
2. JA3EMU, 199	7. LA9GV, 198
3. N4WW, 199	8. K4CEB, 198
4. W1NG, 199	9. K1MEM, 197
5. F6DZU, 199	10. K7UR, 196

223 Stations have attained the 150 zone level

CQ DX Awards Program

S.S.B.

1260	WB3DWH	1263	WA0DCQ
1261	VK6PY	1264	YU1OXW
1262	J8UUA		

C.W.

587	VK6PY	588	N8MC
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S.S.B. Endorsements

310	I3LLD/310	275	WD9IIX/292
300	K5OVC/309	275	K1VHS/287
300	4Z4DX/307	275	W6NLG/283
300	AA6AA/304	275	K9TI/280
275	YU1DZ/299	250	WB3DWH/257
275	WA0DCQ/296	200	VE2ANE/218
275	K9IW/296	28 MHz	WA0DCQ

C.W. Endorsements

300	AA6AA/303	250	K9TI/254
275	K9IW/279	200	K1VHS/249
275	N8MC/277	200	15BDE/223
250	WD9IIX/274		

Total number of active countries is 315. The basic award fee for subscribers to CQ is \$4. For non-subscribers, it is \$10. In order to qualify for the reduced subscriber rate, please enclose your latest CQ mailing label with your application. Endorsement stickers are \$1.00. Updates not involving the issuance of a sticker are made free when an s.a.s.e. is enclosed for confirmation of total. Rules and application forms for the CQ DX Awards Program may be obtained by sending a business size, No. 10 envelope, self-addressed and stamped, to CQ DX Awards Manager, Billy Williams, N4UF, Box 9673, Jacksonville, FL 32208 U.S.A. DX stations must include extra postage for air-mail reply. Please make all checks payable to the awards manager.

Dionne, K1MEM, is handling all the advance sales. The group will hear K8CW report on the recent Heard Island effort. WB4ZNH and XYL, Martha, will report on their Africa efforts, and W3AZD will be there from the ARRL DXCC desk. Always an enjoyable affair with a lot of old-time DXers showing regularly, drop a line to Jim Dionne, 31 DeMarco Road, Sudbury, MA 01776 if you are going to be in the area. You may have worked Jim from some of his DX spots; he has operated as VP2EAF, VP2EEM in Anguilla, K1MEM/PJ6 St. Maarten, and F0KK.

Saba

A year back we advertised that Mike Manafo, K3UOC, would be operating from three of the Dutch islands in the lower Caribbean. Mike says that as a result of the information he found DXers following him from island to island and band to band. Mike will again be in the Lesser Antilles next month for the November CQ WW C.W. Test. This will be over the last weekend next month, November 26-27. He will be at Saba possibly signing K3UOC/PJ6, but also hoping for a special contest call for which he made application some months back. Mike finds Saba a delightful spot—few tourists, no sandy beaches, but tremendous scenery and friendly and hospitable natives. We may have a bit more information next month on the c.w. planning for Saba, but Mike surely will be there for the CQ WW C.W. Test.

Anguilla

Some years back, maybe even a couple of decades or so, Anguilla was a diffi-

cult one to work. It was somewhat of a surprise to find DXers with high totals for DXCC thirsting for an Anguilla QSL. But times change, and what once was difficult becomes a bit easier, and vice versa.

The Anguilla Contest Club will be in the Leeward Islands next month, planning a long stay on Anguilla from November 21 to December 14. They will be signing VP2E and possibly a few more variations. This will be the fourth year of Anguilla effort by the group. Over 46,000 QSOs have been made by the group since 1980. This may explain why Anguilla is not as rare as it once was. In 1980 the group operated multi-operator single transmitter in the CQ WPX S.S.B. Test. They operated in the CQ 160 meter S.S.B. Test in 1981 and 1982, the ARRL S.S.B. DX Test in 1981 and 1982, and the ARRL DX C.W. Test in 1982.

In the CQ World-Wide C.W. DX Test this year they will have several single-operator single-band efforts signing VP2E and some other calls which they hope to acquire prior to the test. They will be full kw stations to monobander Yagis on 40 through 10 meters and verticals on 80 and 160. The plan is to operate around 20 to 30 kHz above the lower band edge.

Jeff Maass, K8ND, will be working 40 meters with the VP2E call using two 2-element Yagis at 46 and 60 feet. For those looking for the twilight paths, Jeff notes that on Anguilla sunrise is at about 0950Z and sunset at 2110Z. Should anyone be looking for an Anguilla contact on 160 or 80/75 meters, Jeff says to write to him before November 20 at 4410 Norwell Drive, Columbus, OH 43220. Elsewhere in the QSL column you will find listings for the QSL route for VP2E and a handful of other VP2E's who were out in 1980/81/82 efforts. Note that contact with a station signing VP2E prior to 1979 does not go with this group, but rather should go to K2FJ. VP2E 1979 QSLs go to WA4MAV.

Guantanamo Bay

KG4DX is being heard from Guantanamo Bay and is looking to be active on 160 to 10 meters. This is Garry Murphy, whose home call is KF4S. His XYL, Kathy, KG4KM, will also be heard, she being a nurse at the naval hospital there.

Occasionally Garry may be found on the W7PHO family hour. He is looking to be active during his stay there, often working the Deserving DX types in Europe and the Far East. At times he also checks into the Pacific Caribbean Net and the Maritime Mobile Net.

QSLs go to WB2CPV, Bill Crews, 5561 Gable Lane, Jacksonville, FL 32211. Bill would like an s.a.s.e. to speed up things. KG4DX is using a Kenwood 820, an IC-740, an SB-200 into a KLM KT34XA linear, all going to a beam on a 50 foot tower. If you need more information, drop a line to WB2CPV, who maintains a weekly schedule with the KG4 operation.

Slim in the Antilles

N8II, Jeff Hartley, says that PJ8II and PJ0II are none other than the ubiquitous Slim being heard a bit back on 20 and 15 c.w. Jeff notes that at the time of his writing the only valid PJ8 calls are PJ8UQ and PJ8YL. Also, there is little chance of any PJ8 calls being issued in the foreseeable future. Visiting U.S. DX types will sign their home calls PJ. During contests special P4- calls may be issued. No PJ0 has been active for years.

In this instance Slim gives N8II as the QSL route. 'Tis not so, says Jeff, not for PJ0II, PJ8II, nor any other station. Some swinging of beams and other methods indicate that the Slim operation is far from Dutch territory.

Since first showing in 1968, Slim has surfaced in many rare spots, seldom on any mode but c.w., and usually from a spot where no operation has been for a long time or a spot where an up-coming operation is nearing. He always sounds good, is very accommodating, and definitely follows the DX scene through the various DX bulletins. After you've worked Slim a couple of times, you will learn the marks of a Slim operation. Unfortunately, there is nothing like experience to speed education. On the other hand, there are some so afraid of working Slim and possibly losing some self-esteem that they'll not work a strange or unusual callsign. This is only sliding off the other side of the chair. Always work them; you can worry later. You will learn to expect to worry, and you will be delighted when you find that you need not have. Work 'em now, worry later! Every DXer eventually learns just that.

Bouvet

With it turning towards winter in the northern hemisphere, it is blooming spring in the southern hemisphere, and DXers may be looking for some action as the snow melts. There has been a report that Norway will be sending an expedition south to visit some of its antarctic areas or sub-antarctic areas, and these include Bouvet and Peter I islands.

All this may come starting next month, but a more likely possibility might be a month or so later, as spring does not come on with a rush in those climes. All of that may warm the DXer's interest. However, early reports are that no amateur operations are planned. Don't give up hope yet. Something always turns up. Maybe even 3Y-Bouvet.

Pribilof Islands

Turning in the other direction, the Alaska DX Assn. planned to visit the Pribilofs in late September, making a visit there as winter is close at hand in the Arctic. There has been activity before from these islands in the Bering Sea, but DXCC country status has not been given. The main reason is a feeling that the islands are

The WPX HONOR ROLL

The WPX Honor Roll is based on the current confirmed prefixes which are submitted by separate application in strict conformance with CQ master prefix list. Scores are based on the current prefix total regardless of an operator's all-time count. Honor Roll must be up-dated annually by addition to, or to confirm present total. If no up-date, file will be placed into "inactive" until next up-date. Lifetime Honor Roll fee \$2.00, with no fees required for up-dates.

MIXED

2400	YU2DX	1649	N2AC	1287	SM3EVR	1005	WB8ZRL	800	YU2CQ
2361	YU4HA	1604	N9AF	1263	N6AW	995	LA7JO	783	JA9FAI
2311	F9RM	1538	YU7AW	1204	DA2DC	987	EA9IE	768	EA1JO
2201	K6JG	1520	I6SF	1204	K8LJG	975	KC8CC	757	A18M
2173	W2NC	1520	4Z4DX	1204	JH1VRQ	958	YU2CBK	747	VE2FOU
2136	K2VV	1488	SM7TV	1189	W8RSW	942	KA3A	732	N2AIF
2121	K6XP	1481	W8CNL	1180	W7CB	937	N4IB	722	K7CU
2075	VE3GCO	1451	I2PHN	1164	N6JM	928	NO8T	718	W6OUL
1978	N4MM	1415	K6ZDL	1108	DJ2UU	859	WD9IIC	697	KC8JH
1869	W4BQY	1422	K6DT	1100	KL7AF	852	W0JIE	695	KJ7N
1866	YU7BCD	1379	N6FX	1026	N3ED	846	YU1DZ	690	WD4RAF
1738	N6JV	1364	K9BG	1023	K2QF	825	W6YMH	658	K8HF
1726	N4NO	1347	W0SFU	1014	NN4Q	822	G3ZRH	656	K9TI
1703	W7LLC	1339	KF2O	1013	W8ILC	817	N8BJQ	651	OE1KJW
1690	PA0SNG	1312	IN3ANE	1011	I2MQP	814	G4FAM	635	VE2PD
1685	K5UR								

S.S.B.

2227	F9RM	1506	OZ5EV	1158	PY3BXW	1005	G4CHP	746	W3GXX
2148	I0ZV	1458	W0YDB	1107	KF2O	997	ZP5RS	732	VK6YL
1970	I0AMU	1446	PA0SNG	1099	I6NOA	973	WB8ZRL	702	I0SGF
1901	K6JG	1441	K5UR	1098	F2MO	945	N2AC	670	JH5FOD
1888	K6XP	1399	I0MBX	1091	VE1YX	933	KC8CC	665	DK4AP
1865	K2POA	1391	W9DWQ	1089	W2CC	924	WB6GFJ	649	OE8MOK
1812	K2VV	1369	CT1UA	1070	CT1FL	922	TG4NX	646	KB2DE
1781	N4MM	1301	WA4QMQ	1034	JH1VRQ	903	KL7AF	638	I1POR
1757	ZL3NS	1300	WD8MGQ	1033	KC4OV	846	AC2J	616	WN5MBS
1687	N6CW	1294	YU7AW	1032	N6FX	842	WA2FKF	615	VE2PD
1642	I4ZSQ	1289	N2SS	1029	W6YMV	832	K8LJG	612	YB0ACL
1568	I8YRK	1271	I6ZJC	1029	WA4QIB	805	W8ILC	607	KC8YM
1557	I8KVB	1247	N4NO	1028	W2NC	771	N3ED	604	W8RSW
1530	KB9AAA	1243	W4BQY	1027	WF4V	768	W6LOC	603	KB0C
1510	YU7BCD	1238	I2PHN	1009	I2MQP	750	N4IB		

C.W.

1959	W8RSW	1562	K6XP	1373	N4MM	1105	N6FX	787	DJ1YH
1948	W2NC	1509	N4NO	1344	WA1JMP	1101	YU3NP	719	KA3A
1776	W8KPL	1508	YU7BCD	1323	K5UR	1045	JE1JKL	695	AG5C
1700	N6JV	1488	W9DWQ	1295	W9FD	925	N4YB	656	VE2FOU
1674	WA2ZHR	1485	VK4SS	1281	I6SF	876	K8LJG	644	EA1JO
1656	ON4QX	1472	N2AC	1245	VO1AW	861	YU7SF	616	W8ILC
1630	K6JG	1447	G2GM	1197	K6ZDL	848	KL7AF	612	G4FAM
1621	K2VV	1432	W3ARK	1195	VE7CNE	801	N3ED	605	N2AIF
1621	DL1QT	1401	W4BQY	1182	YU7AW	798	KF2O		

part of the Aleutian chain, thus not meeting the 500 mile separation requirement. The Alaskan group is said to be considering filing a new request for DXCC status, the basis of this being that the Pribilofs are not part of the Aleutian chain, but are a separate group only needing 250 miles separation from the mainland.

While the argument might rage, any canny Dyer will work them in the meantime. Work everything! Sooner or later it may be worth something, and at the minimum it is a pleasant memory of DX gained, whether it counts or not.

Jersey

GJ6UW will be on the air from the island of Jersey during the CQ WW DX Test the last weekend of October. The operation will be by the Cambridge University Wireless Society, and early on those who will be heard include G3XTT, GJ3YHU, G3ZAY, G4BUO, and G4FAM. The group will arrive on Jersey the Monday preceding the test (October 24) and will quickly be heard on the air, one day of the pre-test operating being devoted to c.w. work.

The contest site will be at the TV station on the northwest tip of the island, a 500 foot power perched on top of a 400 foot cliff. Sloping dipoles will be used on 160,

80, and 40, and no antenna will be less than 100 feet above ground. There will also be two tribander beams.

All bands including the new amateur bands will be used, especially 10 MHz. QSLs for GJ6UW go to POB 146, Cambridge, England. QSLs for any of the other calls go to their callbook addresses. It might be noted that G3XTT and G3ZAY are Don Field and Martin Atherton respectively, these two now putting out the *DX News Sheet*.

Some Relative DX Items

ZL3AFH, who may be remembered for his action in the North Cooks as ZK1WL, will be out again soon on another assignment and should be heard before long signing ZL3AFH/K from the weather station in the Kermedecs. He was due there in September but may not get on the air right away.

In July 1A0KM made a brief appearance from the country of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. Operation was not as long as some may have desired, but mention has been made of more operating this month and November. Possible action will be at 3D2 Fiji, T31 Central Kiribati, and KH5 Jarvis during October. Jarvis is another one that at times has

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Frank Turek, DL7FT, and Bahri, DJ0UJ, have been working on an ZA Albania effort and hope that the moment is near. Last year Frank thought he had things lined up but it did not work. This year he and Bahri are trying again. Bahri is an Albanian living in Germany. Frank put ZA2RPS on the air in the early seventies.

been questioned for DXCC status. The status of 1S1CK by DU1CK in the Spratlys has ebbed and flowed, and the IARU Director of Region III was reported a month or so back urging DXCC credit. If it does get the seal of approval, DU1CK may return for another go-around later this year. One question being pondered was whether the island from which operation took place was actually part of the Spratlys. The operation took place from Pantana Cay.

DL7FT and DJ0UJ are looking for some financial help to put ZA on the air. Frank tried in 1982, arriving with rig under his arm, but things just did not jell. DJ0UJ, Bahri, is an Albanian living in Germany. Both DL7FT and DJ0UJ have been at the California International DX meetings. Frank says it will only take a couple of hundred dollars to mount a ZA effort. He did it in 1970 with ZA2RPS and thinks that conditions are favorable now for another try to this always difficult one. ZK2PJM or ZK2PM may currently be heard from Niue and should be there for a couple of years. Should you run into a ZK9 prefix, this has been authorized for Niue until the end of this year.

Dave Patton, KJ9W, and N7DZE will be heard in the CQ WW DX Tests this month and next signing KJ9W/DU2. Actually they intend to do a lot of operating before, after, and in between DX tests and are planning some activities elsewhere such as KH2. They are contemplating some DXpeditions to CR9, VS6, VQ9, 9V1, and KC6. They also will work any of the KH1-0's along the way. Most action will be 75% c.w. and 25% phone. QSLs for all the efforts go to K9XR.

A large number of TA pirates disappeared from the scene this last April, a wireless law in Turkey passed in 1937 forbidding amateur activity. However, back in April there was a new wireless law passed, and in 1984 regular licensing and callsign allocations will be in effect. All this information is from TA1UA, Dr. Unal

Akbal, Secretary-General of the Turkish Amateur Radio Society.

We are looking for photos of DXers, needing more faces than pictures of rigs and towers. We also would like information on planned operations three months in advance, as that is our deadline. As more than one DXpeditioner has found to his everlasting joy, it pays to advertise, and you can avoid the futility of going to Kampuchea and having to call "CQ DX" because no one knows you are there.

Check Frank Anzalone's column for late information on the CQ WW DX Test this month for s.s.b., next month for c.w. W1WY has been covering the contest scene for so long that some suspect he invented contests, mostly to bring joy to the Deserving!

73, Cass, WA6AUD

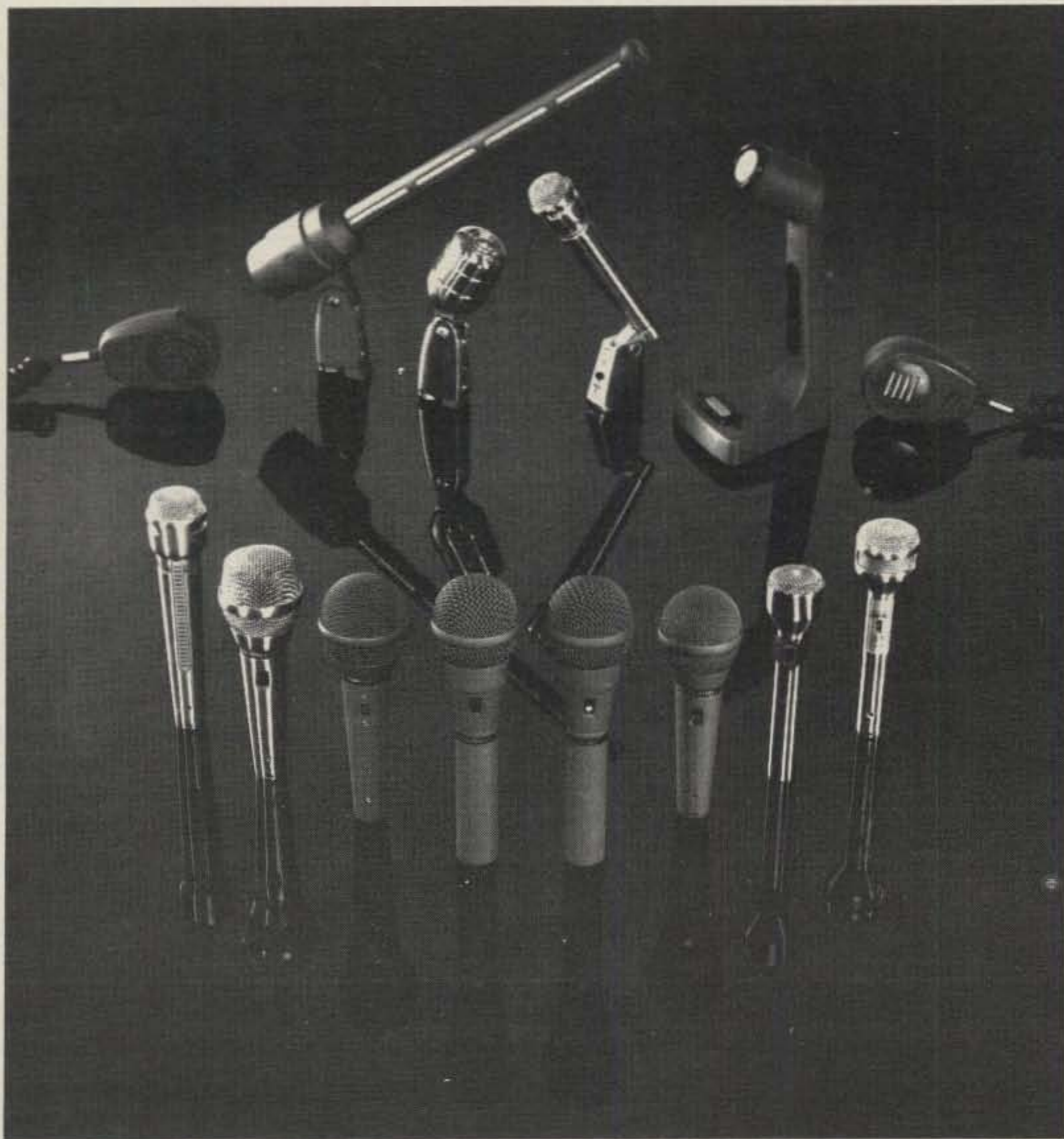
QSL Information

While most DXers quickly learn what is meant by an s.a.s.e., sometimes overlooked is the fact that a self-addressed envelope can ensure a needed QSL. There are times when a QSL Manager cannot correctly decipher the handwriting of an applicant, and the self-addressed envelope avoids this pitfall. While most everyone can read or make a rough guess at his own handwriting, try it on someone else and you will realize that unfortunate things can happen.

Down in the Great Smokies not too far from Knoxville there is a dedicated DXer who wants to help the QSL flow by volunteering as a QSL Manager. John Dolan, WC4M, Rt. 13, Box 65A, Greenville, TN 37743, says he is ready. Drop him a line if you need help.

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Goldwater Rejects No-Code License

In addition to the multitude of negative comments reaching the Commission on the proposal to create a so-called "no-code" amateur license (Docket 83-28), it has been learned that Senator Barry Goldwater has added his support to the effort to kill the measure. In a personal letter to FCC Chairman Mark Fowler, Goldwater told the Chairman that he agrees completely with the ARRL's comments in the matter, and that he recommends against the creation of a no-code license.

It also seems likely that the National Communications System (NCS) and the Air Force will file Reply Comments with the Commission in the matter of a no-code license. In both cases, the comments will advise against its creation. The NCS is expected to cite concerns relative to future discipline in the amateur service; the Air Force, on the other hand, will focus on the fact that it once again requires Morse code capabilities on the part of its radio operators. Regardless of the FCC's action on a no-code license, the Air Force will, in all probability, require amateurs who participate in Air Force MARS to have demonstrated Morse code skills.

FCC Clarifies Prohibition Against Business Communications in Amateur Service

According to James McKinney, then Chief, Private Radio Bureau (McKinney is now Chief of the Mass Media Bureau), the Commission, on 29 June 1983, moved to amend Part 97 of the rules to clarify the prohibition against business communications by amateurs. "Business communications" are defined to mean communications intended to further the regular business or commercial affairs of any party, individual, or organization, whether for profit or not, whether charitable or non-charitable, and whether government or non-government.

While the International Radio Regulations and various sections of Part 97 clearly establish the personal and non-pecuniary nature of the Amateur service, noted McKinney, there was no explicit prohibition on business communications (save for Section 97.114, which applies only to third-party traffic).

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In amending the rules, the Commission added a new section (97.110) which explicitly prohibits amateurs from transmitting business communications. A new section (97.111) was also added to make clearer the fact that international communications must be confined to personal remarks or technical discussions relating to tests. Finally, the definition of the term "business communications" was moved from Section 97.114 to Section 97.3.

These changes, commented McKinney, make it clear that the prohibition against business communications by amateurs applies to both third-party and non-third-party communications.

AFCEA Ham Radio Luncheon Bigger and Better Than Ever

The Ham Radio Luncheon held as part of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) 37th Annual Convention in Washington, DC, was, according to everyone present, "the biggest and best ever!"

Attended by 170 amateurs and their friends, the luncheon drew together people from the government, military, and commercial sectors for over three hours of good food, an enjoyable exchange of views and opinions, and a drawing for door prizes that placed gifts in the hands of over 30 attendees.

Following an excellent hot lunch prepared by the Sheraton Washington's professional staff, representatives from the FCC, the ARRL, and *CQ* reviewed a number of items which are currently of interest to the U.S. amateur community. Speaking to issues such as the "no-code" license, the Voluntary Examination Program, radio frequency interference (r.f.i.), and deregulation of the Amateur service were:

- Mr. James McKinney, then Chief, Private Radio Bureau;
- Mr. Richard Smith, Chief, Field Operations Bureau;
- Dr. Michael Marcus, Chief, Technical Analysis Division, Office of Science and Technology; and
- Mr. Ed Minkle, Managing Director of the Commission.

Following the FCC's comments, Messrs. Vic Clark (W4KFC, President, ARRL), Alan Dorhoffer (K2EEK, Editor of *CQ* magazine), and Perry Williams (W1UED, Washington Area Coordinator, ARRL) briefly discussed some of the na-

tional and international activities in which they are involved.

Prior to the drawing for prizes, Stu Meyer (W2GHK/Forever) presented checks from the Quarter Century Wireless Association to AMSAT and to the Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR), and from the Radio Club of America to FAR, to assist these organizations in furthering their technical and educational programs.

Door prizes, which included an ICOM handheld transceiver and two EIMAC 8874 tubes, were contributed by the following merchants, corporations, and organizations: *CQ* magazine, ICOM America, the American Radio Relay League, The Comm Center (Laurel, MD), The Electronic Equipment Bank (Vienna, VA), Varian/EIMAC Division, and Ventana Sciences, Inc.

Finally, your Editor takes this opportunity to thank Col. "Bud" Deem and his AFCEA convention staff (Pat Bomkamp, Barbara Dorsey, and Fran Sanchez) for making all of the arrangements for this year's Ham Radio Luncheon. See you at next year's luncheon!

FCC Adopts New Procedure For Novice Class Exams

On 29 June 1983, the Commission adopted new procedures for the giving of Novice class examinations. According to John Johnston, Chief, Personal Radio Branch, Special Services Division, PRB, the new procedure eliminates the mail-back procedure in certifying applicants for the Novice class operator license. Now, the examiner who administers the telegraphy examination (Element 1 [A]) to applicants will create written examinations from Commission-prepared questions, administer and grade these tests, and send the applications of applicants who passed the examinations to the FCC for issuance of licenses. The new procedure, in short, permits the entire Novice examination to be taken in one sitting.

As before, the examiner must be 18 years old, must hold a General class or higher class license, and must not be related to the applicant. In addition, the new regulations require that there be no employer-employee or employee-employee relationship between the applicant and the examiner.

Johnston estimates that the new procedure will eliminate eight weeks of processing time for Novice class licenses.

The Commission-prepared list of questions from which the examiners will make up their tests is available from FCC field offices (request PR Bulletin 1035A).

Judge Affirms Suspension of Amateur's Technician Operator License

FCC Administrative Law Judge Edward J. Kuhlmann has affirmed the Private Radio Bureau's suspension of the amateur Technician class operator license of Roberto A. Pietri, Catano, P.R., for 180 days. As noted by Raymond Kowalski, Chief, Special Services Division, PRB, Pietri, KP4BKC, violated the Commission's rules by fraudulently altering his license to indicate he had General rather than technician class operator privileges. In addition, Pietri had submitted the altered license for renewal. While the renewal was granted, the PRB, nevertheless, suspended the license for 180 days.

Pietri stated that in his view, vandals may have altered his license. The judge, however, said that Pietri had the license under his control and that he sent it to the Commission in its altered condition without any explanation.

Commission Cracks Down On Computer R.F.I. Problems

In a move to strengthen adherence to the FCC's regulations on incidental r.f. emissions from computers, the commission recently fined Commodore Business Machines \$4,000 for willful and repeated violations of these regulations. Commodore, which manufactures the VIC-20 and VIC-64 personal computers, incurred the fine when FCC investigators found a Commodore P500 computer and an 8023 printer which did not display the required FCC certification label. It is interesting to note that Commodore had been warned in 1982 that its printer must display the required approval sticker, but the company failed to take corrective action. The fines follow on the heels of last year's \$2,000 levy against Coleco, which had failed to certify one of its computer games before putting the device on the market.

The move by the Commission to strengthen compliance with its r.f.i. regulations stems from a recent survey by FCC investigators which showed that 30 percent of the microcomputer equipment on dealers' shelves today do not meet emission standards. Regulations requiring such compliance went into effect over a year ago.

Although not widely known, both dealers and manufacturers are required to comply with the FCC r.f.i. guidelines. Failure to do so can result in fines, imprisonment, and inventory seizure.

Oscar 10 in Orbit

The Amateur Radio Satellite Corporation (AMSAT) has proudly announced that the latest Oscar, AO-10, was successful-

ly launched into orbit on the morning of 16 June 1983. As highlighted in "Amateur Satellite Report," the Phase IIIB satellite lifted off from Kourou, French Guiana, aboard an Ariane launch vehicle, and with all systems "GO," it became the most advanced amateur spacecraft ever to be placed in orbit. The successful launch came almost three years after the tragic end to the Phase IIIA satellite when that bird's Ariane launch vehicle failed on launch.

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The Mode L General Beacon operates on 436.020 MHz, with the Engineering Beacon on 436.040 MHz. For this mode, the uplink band is 1269.050-1269.850 MHz, and the downlink frequencies are in the range 436.950-436.150 MHz.

For more information on AO-10 and on how you can participate in amateur space activities, contact "Amateur Satellite Report," AMSAT's Newsletter for the Amateur Space Program, 221 Long Swamp Road, Wolcott, CT 06716.

The staff of CQ joins your Washington Editor in congratulating AMSAT President Tom Clark, W3IWI, and the entire AMSAT team responsible for this crowning achievement!

Plans For 1984 Olympic Games Move Ahead

"The Westlink Report," an amateur radio newsletter, has noted that the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee has made the following appointments:

- Overall Frequency Coordinator: Fried Heyn, WA6WZO, ARRL Southwest Division Vice Director;

- Assistant to the Overall Frequency Coordinator: Karl Pagel, N6BVU, of the Southern California Two Meter Area Spectrum Management Association; and

- Olympic Village Station Coordinator: Irv Emig, W6GC.

All amateur radio volunteers, says "Westlink," will operate under the direct supervision of Olympics '84 Amateur Radio Coordinator Tom Rothwell, K6ZT.

If you would like to participate in Olympic-related amateur radio activities, contact Mr. Tom Rothwell, K6ZT, 3621 Fenley Drive, Los Alamitos, CA 90720.

Cablevision of Chicago Fined \$15,000 For Violating Commission Rules

The FCC has fined Cablevision of Chicago \$15,000 for its knowing unauthorized use of aeronautical frequencies in violation of the Commission's rules. The action stems from Cablevision's use of

the frequency bands 108-136 MHz and 225-400 MHz without prior FCC authorization. According to Richard Smith, Chief, Field Operations Bureau, these frequency bands are used for air navigation, and for communications in the aeronautical and marine emergency radio services. Prior to permitting cable systems to use the bands, therefore, the Commission must ensure that cable operations do not pose the possibility of interference to safety-of-life radio services.

Cablevision had notified the Commission that it proposed to use the bands in question in August 1980—eight months after it actually had begun to use the bands! And despite the fact that the FCC advised Cablevision that operation of these frequencies would conflict with aeronautical use in parts of Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin, Cablevision proceeded to operate in violation of the rules for 2½ years.

The Commission pointed out that when a cable system such as Cablevision not only violates a rule designed to preserve the life and safety of the public, but also repeatedly misleads the Commission as to the system's unauthorized use of aeronautical frequencies, that cable system prolongs the attendant dangers to the public. Said the Commission: "Such conduct demonstrates a disregard not just for the Commission's rules but for the stated and evident concern for the public safety underlying these rules."

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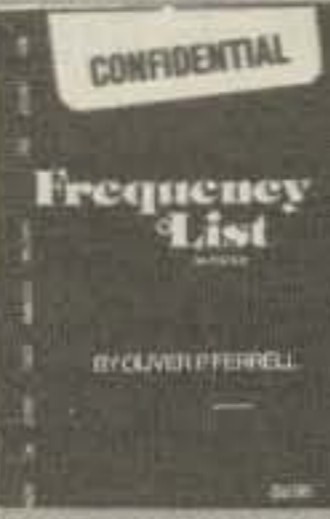
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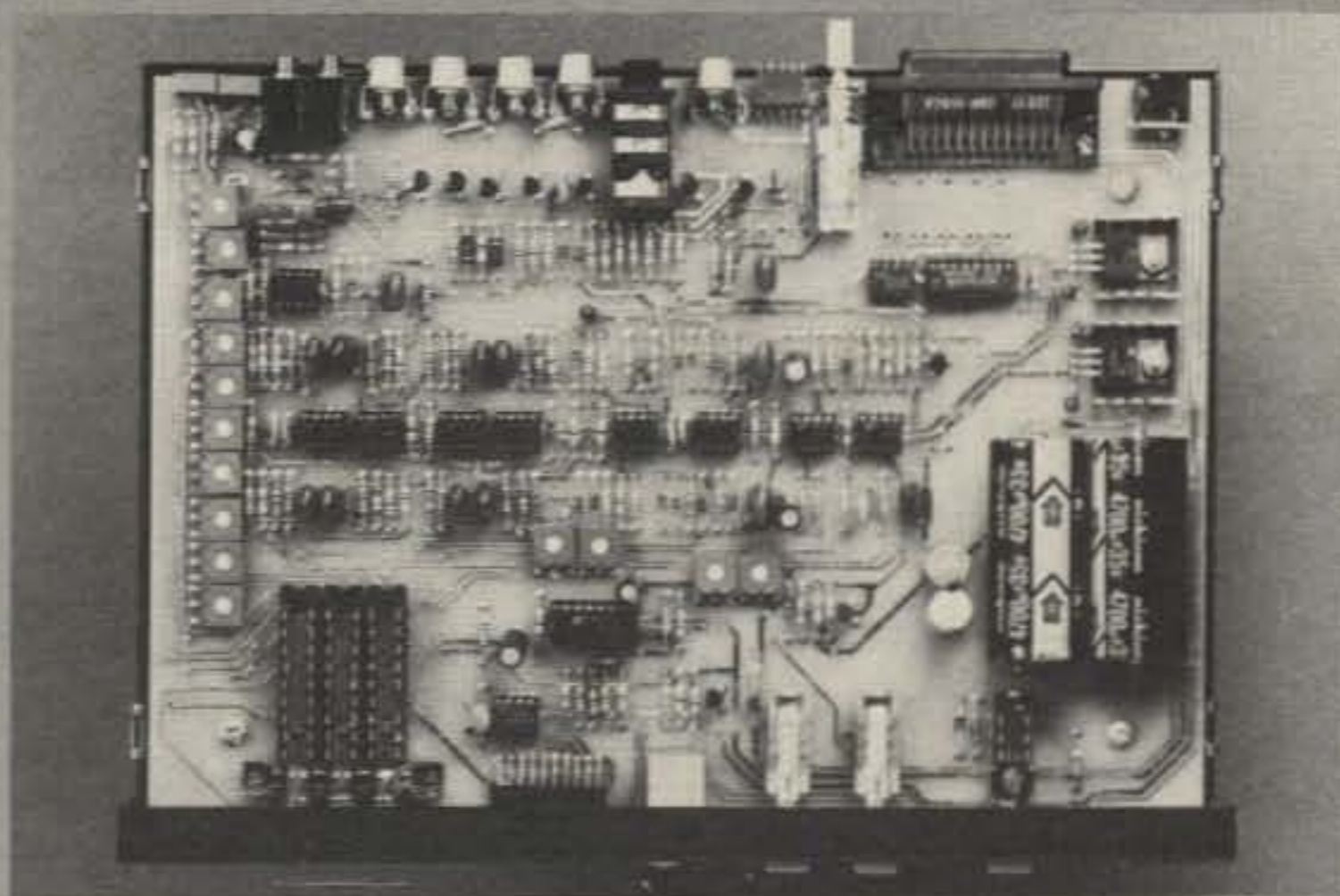
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CQ World-Wide DX Contest All-Time Phone Records

BY FREDERICK CAPOSSELA, K6SSS

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

Single Operator/Single Band WORLD RECORD HOLDERS

1.8	KV4FZ('76)	37,584	380	11	37
3.5	KV4FZ('75)	275,319	1,297	23	80
7.0	YV3BRF('82)	528,193	1,403	31	96
14	VP2KAA('81)	2,011,185	4,186	37	150
21	AH0AB('82) (Opr. JA3DOC)	1,923,840	4,509	36	108
28	YV2AMM('82)	1,839,004	3,700	37	130

AFRICA

1.8	EA8AK('82)	34,220	201	12	46
3.5	CT3BZ('79)	235,113	772	22	87
7.0	EA8CR('74)	253,528	639	31	103
14	CR6WW('74)	1,058,446	2,152	35	132
21	EL2AV('81)	1,404,936	3,087	35	117
28	OH2MM/CT3('79)	1,827,150	4,068	37	113

ASIA

1.8	4X4NJ('82)	6,417	77	6	25
3.5	VE3MR/4X('71)	197,106	742	22	69
7.0	4Z4DX('81)	241,368	721	26	87
14	N2BZQ/4X('82)	1,142,964	2,347	36	135
21	4S7AAG('81) (Opr. OH2BCP)	918,925	2,897	38	137
28	4X0U('80) (Opr. 4X4UH)	1,187,200	2,555	37	123

EUROPE

1.8	YU3EF('82)	27,956	383	12	46
3.5	YT3A('82) (Opr. YU3DM)	154,972	806	28	84
7.0	I6NOA('81)	292,152	1,042	35	113
14	I5NPH('80)	1,062,936	2,429	37	134
21	YU3TU('81) (Opr. YU3ZV)	1,312,793	2,644	40	141
28	9H1EL('81)	1,355,760	3,662	36	132

NORTH AMERICA

1.8	KV4FZ('76)	37,584	380	11	37
3.5	KV4FZ('75)	275,319	1,297	23	80
7.0	VP2KAE('81)	432,942	1,600	27	91
14	VP2KAA('81)	2,011,185	4,186	37	150
21	VP2KAC('81)	1,783,500	3,941	37	137
28	KV4FZ('79)	1,482,525	4,079	39	126

OCEANIA

1.8	KH6CC('79)	2,975	63	9	8
3.5	KH6XX('82)	161,622	773	27	46
7.0	ZL1BIL('81)	443,646	1,245	33	90
14	KG6DX('81)	923,510	1,909	39	128
21	AH0AB('82) (Opr. JA3DOC)	1,923,840	4,509	36	108
28	AH0B('82) (Opr. JA2VUP)	1,788,430	4,173	36	109

SOUTH AMERICA

1.8	HK4EB('76)	3,672	34	4	9
3.5	4M3AZC('82)	203,280	780	21	67
7.0	YV3BRF('82)	528,193	1,403	31	96
14	FY7AK('76) (Opr. F5QQ)	1,415,329	2,950	36	127
21	CX4CR('82)	1,602,120	3,519	36	120
28	YV2AMM('82)	1,839,004	3,700	37	130

Club record: Frankford Radio Club ('79) 173,821,640

Single Operator/All Band

AF	EA8AK('81)	9,974,811	5,506	152	457
AS	UF6CR('82)	5,898,240	4,466	109	371
EU	YU3EY('82)	4,913,574	3,170	136	455
NA	HI8PGG('81) (Opr. N1GL)	9,009,721	7,190	131	392
O	KH6XX('81)	5,713,434	4,912	131	262
SA	9Y4VT('82) (Opr. N6AA)	11,954,696	7,082	146	422
QRP	TG9GI('82)	1,035,693	1,747	75	192

WORLD RECORD

Station	Band	Contacts	Zones	Countries
	1.8	39	7	9
9Y4VT	3.5	404	17	57
(1982)	7.0	748	25	78
11,954,696	14.0	1,620	32	89
	21.0	1,476	34	96
	28.0	2,795	31	93
Total		7,082	146	422

Multi-Operator/Single Xmtr.

AF	CN8CX('82)	9,958,425	5,816	126	449
AS	RG6G('82)	12,276,352	6,012	156	558
EU	I4RYC('80)	9,918,368	5,997	139	453
NA	NP4A('82)	14,953,818	8,772	174	585
O	KC6ZR('80)	7,605,360	6,197	137	283
SA	9Y4W('82)	16,775,034	8,097	158	540

WORLD RECORD

Station	Band	Contacts	Zones	Countries
	1.8	124	8	25
9Y4W	3.5	296	17	59
(1982)	7.0	594	27	86
16,775,034	14.0	1,953	35	127
	21.0	2,104	35	121
	28.0	3,026	36	122
Total		8,097	158	540

Multi-Operator/Multi-Xmtr.

AF	EA8CR('77)	21,351,898	10,290	153	544
AS	EW6V('82)	18,746,136	10,100	142	544
EU	OH0W('82)	19,030,501	10,773	188	729
NA	VP2KC('79)	37,770,012	17,767	175	677
O	KH6XX('79)	21,990,252	10,989	184	494
SA	P41C('81)	41,957,244	17,718	173	625

WORLD RECORD

Station	Band	Contacts	Zones	Countries
	1.8	261	9	21
P41C	3.5	861	22	69
(1981)	7.0	1,752	30	98
41,957,244	14.0	4,837	38	156
	21.0	5,790	39	143
	28.0	4,813	35	138
Total		17,718	173	625

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

Single Operator/Single Band

WORLD RECORD HOLDERS

1.8	EA8AK('82)	75,768	385	15	51
3.5	CT3/OH1TV('77)	223,364	1,066	19	57
7.0	KV4FZ('82)	536,616	1,800	28	88
14	VP2KAA('80) (Opr. N4PN)	1,244,782	3,111	37	117
21	LU8DQ('81)	1,359,711	2,993	37	116
28	LU8DQ('79)	1,033,399	2,775	34	93

AFRICA

1.8	EA8AK('82)	75,768	385	15	51
3.5	CT3/OH1TV('77)	223,364	1,066	19	57
7.0	5A1TW('64) (Opr. N2AA)	227,814	918	22	64
14	CR6IK('74)	925,386	2,021	38	116
21	TJ1AW('70)	549,888	1,447	35	93
28	FR0MM('79)	978,012	2,590	36	90

ASIA

1.8	4X4NJ('82)	27,850	208	11	39
3.5	UL7LCZ('82)	151,840	822	17	56
7.0	JA5BJC('82)	287,850	890	33	81
14	UA9ADQ('81)	447,874	1,412	34	88
21	4Z4NUT('80)	519,831	1,500	34	83
28	4X4UH('80)	554,645	1,772	32	83

EUROPE

1.8	DJ8WL('82)	27,216	389	13	50
3.5	EA2IA('82)	199,872	1,253	23	73
7.0	UB5JMR('82)	397,578	1,608	30	99
14	OH8SR('81)	672,600	2,151	34	86
21	YU3ZV('81)	732,096	1,957	37	107
28	DK3GI('79)	592,848	1,584	31	101

NORTH AMERICA

1.8	KV4FZ('76)	42,800	390	13	37
3.5	KV4FZ('75)	190,082	789	24	77
7.0	KV4FZ('82)	536,616	1,800	28	88
14	VP2KAA('80) (Opr. N4PN)	1,244,782	3,111	37	117
21	VP2KAC('80) (Opr. N4RJ)	1,075,407	2,955	36	105
28	KV4FZ('79)	653,072	2,384	32	87

OCEANIA

1.8	VR3AH('78)	20,310	238	12	18
3.5	VR3AH('76)	178,560	956	24	40
7.0	AH0C('82) (Opr. N6BT)	404,457	1,468	31	62
14	KG6DX('81)	525,420	1,289	37	102
21	KH6XX('78) (Opr. K7SS)	816,102	2,311	38	81
28	KG6DX('80)	801,876	2,367	35	79

SOUTH AMERICA

1.8	YV1OB('81)	25,806	258	11	23
3.5	N4JI/HC1('77)	77,748	463	21	36
7.0	9Y4VU('82)	400,851	1,361	24	75
14	PJ9CC('80) (Opr. K4BAI)	1,209,022	2,914	34	105
21	LU8DQ('81)	1,359,711	2,993	37	116
28	LU8DQ('79)	1,033,399	2,775	34	93

Single Operator/All Band

AF	CN8CX('82) (Opr. K6NA)	6,234,664	4,354	121	358
AS	UF6CR('82)	4,613,680	3,982	92	312
EU	EA2IA('81)	3,057,204	3,078	110	318
NA	KP4RF('78) (Opr. N6CJ)	4,908,186	3,797	135	379
O	N6BT/AH0('81)	4,241,746	4,083	121	228
SA	9Y4VT('82) (Opr. N6AA)	6,929,450	4,927	131	342
QRP	UP2BIM('82)	899,932	1,351	83	279

WORLD RECORD

Station	Band	Contacts	Zones	Countries
	1.8	109	9	13
9Y4VT	3.5	499	19	50
(1982)	7.0	784	20	59
6,929,450	14.0	1,098	29	72
	21.0	1,068	28	76
	28.0	1,368	25	72
Total		4,927	131	342

Multi-Operator/Single Xmtr.

AF	EA9EU('80)	5,077,696	3,884	116	326
AS	RG6G('82)	10,394,658	5,355	166	511
EU	YU3EY('81)	7,674,190	4,051	150	345
NA	NP4A('82)	11,648,565	6,881	168	515
O	5W1AZ('76)	2,534,416	3,043	108	176
SA	P41E('81)	8,059,296	5,055	148	388

WORLD RECORD

Station	Band	Contacts	Zones	Countries
	1.8	172	15	35
NP4A	3.5	589	23	73
(1982)	7.0	1,342	28	92
10,394,658	14.0	1,270	36	108
	21.0	1,547	34	106
	28.0	1,961	32	101
Total		6,881	168	515

Multi-Operator/Multi-Xmtr.

AF	EA8CR('78)	17,734,970	9,799	142	463
AS	EW6V('82)	14,702,688	8,001	159	504
EU	OH0W('82)	14,371,840	9,515	184	618
NA	NP4A('80)	17,627,820	10,846	171	487
O	ZK2RU('81)	5,191,542	4,646	123	256
SA	P42E('82)	23,295,408	12,315	161	475

WORLD RECORD

Station	Band	Contacts	Zones	Countries
	1.8	390	12	28
P42E	3.5	1,083	22	60
(1982)	7.0	1,995	29	81
23,295,408	14.0	2,965	36	112
	21.0	3,351	32	103
	28.0	2,531	30	91
Total		12,315	161	475

CQ World-Wide DX Contest All-Time U.S.A. Records

BY FREDERICK CAPOSSELA, K6SSS

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

PHONE

Single Operator/Single Band

1.8	W8LRL('82)	16,191	154	18	54
3.5	W1CF('78) (Opr. K8UR)	114,227	435	23	80
7.0	K0GU('82)	195,624	587	32	82
14	K1KI('82)	695,453	1,287	39	148
21	N7DD('81)	923,945	1,998	36	121
28	N7DD('80)	754,536	1,730	36	113

Single Operator/All Band

Station	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	5	2	3
K1AR	3.5	55	13	33
(1981)	7.0	80	20	50
3,554,880	14.0	487	35	111
	21.0	590	34	107
	28.0	977	36	116
	Total	2,194	140	420

QRP WB2ULI('81) 505,997 560 93 218

Multi-Operator/Single Xmtr.

Station	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	23	11	20
W4QAW	3.5	105	21	65
(1982)	7.0	197	28	80
4,455,190	14.0	438	38	135
	21.0	1,001	37	122
	28.0	394	32	129
	Total	2,158	167	551

Multi-Operator/Multi-Xmtr.

Station	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	109	8	16
N2AA	3.5	406	24	79
(1979)	7.0	366	28	84
13,299,750	14.0	1,646	40	152
	21.0	2,198	40	144
	28.0	1,354	36	120
	Total	6,079	176	595

CW

Single Operator/Single Band

1.8	K1PBW('76)	22,626	157	15	39
3.5	W1ZM('81) (Opr. K1ZM)	151,497	610	22	71
7.0	K0RF('81)	337,280	949	31	93
14	N7UA('80)	626,400	1,634	34	101
21	W1RM('82)	483,560	1,196	33	107
28	N4WW('82)	394,940	1,064	33	97

Single Operator/All Band

Station	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	8	7	8
K1GQ	3.5	208	18	61
(1981)	7.0	425	24	76
3,276,768	14.0	576	32	85
	21.0	428	31	80
	28.0	473	26	80
	Total	2,111	138	390

QRP AC2U('81) 591,856 728 84 200

Multi-Operator/Single Xmtr.

Station	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	17	9	16
N4AR	3.5	67	16	62
(1981)	7.0	461	28	92
4,564,350	14.0	755	34	110
	21.0	499	33	101
	28.0	686	32	97
	Total	2,485	152	478

Multi-Operator/Multi-Xmtr.

Station	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	72	14	27
W2PV	3.5	427	18	70
(1981)	7.0	1,101	30	103
10,431,729	14.0	1,389	35	118
	21.0	1,228	35	103
	28.0	1,050	34	106
	Total	5,267	166	527

Club record: Frankford Radio Club ('79) 173,821,640



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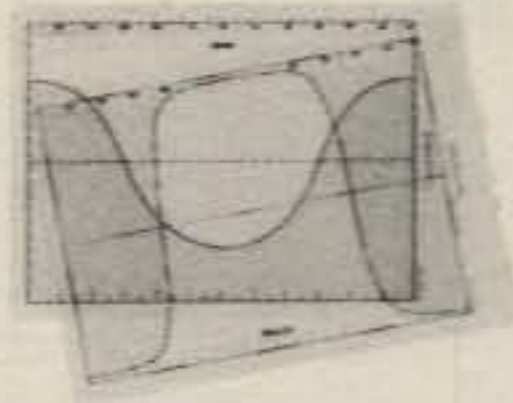
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It's DX time again! The 1983 World-Wide DX Contest will be held on the following dates:

Phone Section: 0000 GMT Sat. Oct. 29 to
2400 GMT Sun. Oct. 30

C.W. Section: 0000 GMT Sat. Nov. 26 to
2400 GMT Sun. Nov. 27

For the 33rd consecutive year, this month's propagation column will be devoted to a special comprehensive forecast for use during the Contest sections, both Phone and C.W.

Conditions Look Good

The Royal Observatory of Belgium, the world's official keeper of sunspot numbers, reports a monthly mean sunspot number of 91 for June 1983. This results in a 12-month running smoothed sunspot number of 94 centered on December 1982. For the 1983 Contest period, a smoothed sunspot number of 73 is forecast for October, dropping to 72 for November. This would be the lowest level of solar activity for any CQ World-Wide DX Contest held since 1977.

Despite decreasing solar activity, the level expected during the 1983 Contest still should be high enough to ensure generally good DX conditions on all of the amateur h.f. bands, barring the development of a sudden radio storm.

Compared to last year's Contest, when solar activity was in the 95-96 range, expect somewhat shorter periods for daytime openings this year on 10 and 15 meters, and shorter periods for nighttime openings on 20 meters. Otherwise, conditions during the 1983 Contest should follow closely those observed last year.

Band-By-Band Conditions

The following is a band-by-band summary of DX propagation conditions expected from mid-October through mid-December and centered on the 1983 Contest period.

10 Meters: Good, solid openings are expected to just about every corner of the world during the daylight hours, and the band may remain open to southern and tropical regions into the early evening. Openings towards Europe and in a generally easterly direction should peak an hour or two before noon, while those towards South America and Africa are expected to peak during the *early afternoon* hours. Optimum conditions towards the Far East, Australasia, Southeast Asia, etc., are forecast for the late afternoon and early evening hours.

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LAST MINUTE FORECAST

Day-to-Day Conditions Expected for October 1983

Propagation Index	Expected Signal Quality			
	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)
Above Normal: 3, 12, 21, 27	A	A	B	C
High Normal: 2, 4, 11, 13-14, 20, 26, 29-30	A	B	C	C-D
Low Normal: 1, 5-6, 10, 15-17, 19, 22, 28, 31	A-B	B-C	C-D	D-E
Below Normal: 7, 9, 18, 23, 25	B-C	C-D	D-E	E
Disturbed: 8, 24	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 S6 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 good-to-fair (B-C) on Oct. 1st, good (B) on the 2nd, excellent (A) on the 3rd, good (B) on the 4th, etc. Good conditions (B) are expected for the Contest period Oct. 29-30.

15 Meters: Excellent DX propagation conditions are expected from shortly after sunrise through the early evening hours. Look for a peak on 15 meters towards a particular geographical area about an hour or so after the peak has occurred to the same geographical area on 10 meters. Openings are expected to all areas of the world, and exceptionally strong signals should be possible most of the time. *Fifteen* meters should be the best DX band during the daytime hours.

20 Meters: Expect good-to-excellent openings almost around the clock. DX conditions should peak an hour or two after sunrise, and again during the late afternoon and early evenings hours. It should be possible to work into most areas of the world between sunrise and sunset. Excellent openings are expected to many southern and tropical areas well into the hours of darkness, and when conditions are High Normal, or better, the band should remain open for DX during most of the night. Expect exceptionally strong signal levels during peak periods, with openings possible in almost all directions. Look for *long-path* openings for about an hour or so after sunrise and again for an hour or so before local sunset. If you plan to operate on a *single* band during the Contest, this should be it!

40 Meters: DX openings towards Europe and the east should first be possible during the late afternoon hours and should steadily improve towards evening. Good openings are forecast to all areas of the world during the hours of darkness. Expect a peak in signals from an easterly direction about midnight, and from a westerly direction just after sunrise. Excellent conditions towards the south should exist throughout most of the nighttime period. *Forty* meters should be the best DX band during the night, but when conditions are High Normal, or better, it may be nip and tuck with 20 meters for this honor.

80 Meters: Good DX openings are forecast to most areas of the world during the hours of darkness and into the sunrise period. For openings towards Europe and the east, peak conditions, often with very strong signals, are expected around midnight. For openings in a westerly direction, check for a peak just before sunrise. The band should remain open most of the night towards the north and south. Propagation on this band is similar to that expected on 40 meters, except signals will be a bit weaker, noise levels will be somewhat higher, and the period for band openings in a particular direction will be a bit shorter.

160 Meters: Considerably decreased static levels and longer hours of darkness in the Northern Hemisphere should welcome back DX openings in this band during the hours of darkness and into the sunrise period. Because of relatively high signal absorption and the lower power levels used in this band, openings will often be weak and noisy, but some fairly good ones should be possible. Best bets are for openings towards Europe and towards the Caribbean and Latin America from the eastern half of the country, and towards the Far East, Australasia, the South Pacific, and Latin America from the western half of the country. DX openings to other areas of the world may also be possible. The best propagation aid for this band (and for 40 and 80 meters as well) is a set of sunrise and sunset tables, since DX signals tend to peak when it is *local sunrise* at the *easternmost* point of a path.

Contest Work Charts

The DX Propagation Charts on the following pages show the times when each amateur band from 10 through 160 meters is expected to open from each time zone area in the continental USA to the major DX areas of the world. The information contained in the charts, while useful during the Contest period in their present

Time EST	Optimum Band Meters	Areas To Which Band Is Expected To Be Open
00-02	40	Most of Europe, Eastern Mediterranean, and Middle East. Most of Central and South America. A few African areas and possibly Antarctica.
02-04	20	Some South Pacific, New Zealand, and Australasia. A few Far East and Asian areas. Some South America and Antarctica.
04-06	40	South Pacific, New Zealand, Australasia. Many South American areas. A few Far Eastern and Asian areas. Possibly Antarctica.
06-08	20	Most of Europe. South Pacific, New Zealand, and Australasia. Most of Central and South America. A few African areas. Some Far East and Asian areas.
08-10	15	All of Europe, Eastern Mediterranean, and Middle East. Some of Africa. Most of Central and South America. South Pacific, New Zealand, and Australasia. A few Asian areas.
10-12	10	Most of Europe and Africa. Most of Central and South America. A few Asian areas, New Zealand, South Pacific, and Australasia.
12-14	15	Some of Europe and most of Africa. Most of Central and South America. A few areas of South Pacific, New Zealand, and Australasia.
14-16	15	Most of Africa, and Central and South America. Some of South Pacific, New Zealand, and Australasia. A few Asian areas.
16-18	20	Most of Europe, Eastern Mediterranean, and the Middle East. All of Africa, and Central and South America. A few Australasian areas.
18-20	15	Lots of South Pacific, New Zealand, and Australasia. Some of Far East and Asia. Most of Central and South America. Possibly Antarctica.
20-22	20	Most of Africa, Far East, South Pacific, New Zealand, Australasia, Central and South America. A few European areas and Middle East. Some Antarctica.
22-00	20	Lots of Far East, South Pacific, New Zealand, Australasia, Central and South America. A few African and Asian areas. Antarctica.

Table I- Sample multi-band work plan for Eastern USA QTH.

Time PST	Areas To Which Openings Should Be Possible
00-03	South Pacific, New Zealand, Australasia, Antarctica.
03-06	About the same as previous period, with some South Americans as well. Good time to catch some sleep.
06-09	All of Europe, Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East, Far East and Asia, South Pacific, New Zealand, Australasia, and northern and central South America.
09-12	Some European, Far East and northern South Americans, as well as some South Pacific, New Zealand and Australasians.
12-15	Most of Europe, Eastern Mediterranean, and Middle East. Most of Africa. Northern and Central South America and a sprinkling from the Far East.
15-18	All of Africa, all of South America, and some European and a few Far Eastern.
18-21	Most of Africa. All of South America, South Pacific, and New Zealand. Most of the Far East and Asia. A few Europeans.
21-00	Most of the South Pacific, New Zealand, and Australasia. Antarctica and most of deep South America. A few Europeans.

Table II- Sample single-band operating plan 20 meters, western USA QTH.

format, can easily be reorganized into more convenient formats to meet specific operational work plans or schedules. Experience gained during previous Contests has shown that specifically tailored schedules derived from the charts can be extremely useful in piling up contacts and points with a minimum of wasted time.

Table I is an example of one of several types of plans that can be devised. It is a multi-band operational work plan, which shows the times and bands when propagation conditions are expected to be optimum to various areas of the world for each two-hour period throughout the day. An Eastern QTH has been chosen for this example, but similar plans can be devised for Central and Western locations.

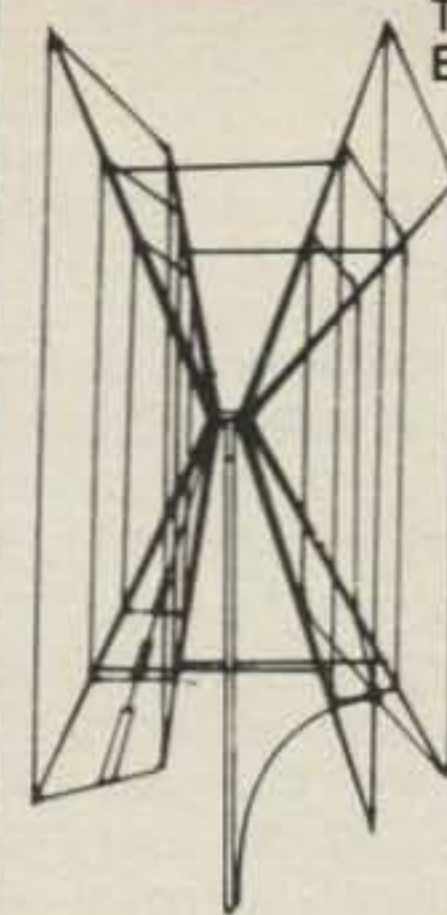
Table II is another sample work chart for single-band operation, in this case 20 meters. The chart is intended for the PST

zone, but similar charts can be devised for other bands and for other time zones.

Radio Storm

If Mother Nature should play a trick and produce a radio storm during the Contest periods, expect conditions to drop to Below Normal or Disturbed to many areas of the world, depending upon the storm's severity. The storm's influence will generally extend outwards from the polar regions, the more severe the storm becomes. Under storm conditions expect considerably fewer openings on 10, 15, and 20 meters, with weaker signals, increased fading, flutter fading, and higher noise levels. Paths passing through the polar regions and the upper latitudes are often more adversely affected than signals coming from mid and lower latitudes.

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	K	A	90-130	130+
Quiet	0-2	0-7	Above/High Normal	Above Normal
Unsettled	2-3	7-15	High/Low Normal	High Normal
Active	3-4	15-30	Low/Below Normal	Low Normal
Minor Storm	4-5	30-50	Below Normal/Disturbed	Below Normal
Major Storm	5+	50+	Disturbed	Disturbed

Table III—Relationship between geomagnetic conditions and solar flux. For example, solar flux is 100 and A-index is 6, expect Above or High Normal conditions, etc.

Conditions on 40, 80, and 160 meters are likely to become erratic as well. During certain types of storms, conditions may actually improve at times for openings on all bands towards southern and tropical areas, and on 40, 80, and 160 meters during the hours of darkness.

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

A Last-Minute Forecast made at press time for the Phone section of the Contest appears at the beginning of this column. A similar forecast for the C.W. section will appear in next month's column. For updated geomagnetic and solar data during the Contest period, check the National Bureau of Standards Radio Station WWV broadcasts at 18 minutes past each hour. These broadcasts (transmitted simultaneously on 2.5, 5.0, 10.0, 15.0, and 20.0 MHz) contain the latest available geomagnetic K-figure and the level of 10.7 cm solar flux. They also contain a short-term forecast of geomagnetic and solar conditions given in subjective terms. Table III can be used to convert the geomagnetic and solar data given on the WWV broadcasts into expected h.f. ionospheric conditions. The hourly forecasts broadcast on WWV, along with the latest solar flux and geomagnetic indices, also may be obtained by telephoning 303-497-3235 at any time. This is a service provided by the NOAA Space Environment Services Center, but the call is not toll-free. Direct inquiries to the duty forecaster at the Center can also be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 303-497-3171 (collect calls will not be accepted).

V.H.F. Ionospheric Propagation

The present solar cycle has dropped to a point where the world-wide 6 meter openings of the past several years will no longer be possible. Solar activity is still high enough, however, for an occasional 6 meter DX opening still to be possible during October. The best chances are for openings towards South America, southern Africa, and the South Pacific areas. Generally speaking, openings from the eastern half of the US towards the east and south should peak before noon. The best time to look for 6 meter openings towards the Caribbean and Central and

South America from all areas of the USA should be from an hour or two before noon through the early afternoon hours. In the western half of the country look for openings towards the South Pacific during the late afternoon hours. Don't be disappointed if 6 meter DX openings are few and far between during October.

Trans-continental and 6 meter openings over shorter distances are also expected during October and the fall and winter months. Check for such openings during the early afternoon hours.

Orionoids, a major meteor shower, is expected to begin around October 21st and to last for about two days. Expect as many as 25 meteors an hour to enter the earth's atmosphere during the peak of this shower. This should make possible some fairly good meteor-type ionospheric openings on the v.h.f. bands.

There is usually a seasonal increase in auroral activity during October. This should result in an increased number of auroral-scatter-type openings on the v.h.f. bands. There are also increased chances for short-skip sporadic-E propagation during periods of auroral activity, particularly on 10 and 6 meters. Check the Last-Minute Forecast appearing at the beginning of this column for the days that are expected to be Below Normal or Disturbed. These are the days upon which auroral activity is most likely to occur during the month.

C.W. Contest Forecast

This month's DX Propagation Charts are valid for both the Phone and C.W. sections of the 1983 Contest. *Be sure to keep them handy for use during next month's C.W. section as well.* Short-Skip Propagation Charts for use during October appeared in last month's column.

More radio amateur activity in more areas of the world takes place during the CQ World-Wide DX Contest than at any other time. For this reason, the Contest offers an excellent opportunity to verify the accuracy or inaccuracy of the CQ Contest predictions and forecasts. Reports received from participants in previous Contests have contributed significantly to improving these predictions during the past 32 years. Comments or observations concerning this year's Contest would be appreciated, and should be sent directly to me, W3ASK. Good luck in the 1983 Contest!

73, George, W3ASK

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. An * indicates the best time to listen for 160 meter openings.

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

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

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

4. Times shown in the Charts are in the 24-hour system, where 00 is midnight; 12 is noon; 01 is 1 A.M.; 13 is 1 P.M., etc. Appropriate standard time is used, not GMT. To convert to GMT, add to the times shown in the appropriate chart 8 hours in PST Zone, 7 hours in MST Zone, 6 hours in CST Zone, and 5 hours in EST Zone. For example, 13 hours in Washington, D.C. is 18 GMT. When it is 20 hours in Los Angeles, it is 04 GMT, etc.

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

October 15 - December 15, 1983 Time Zone: EST (24-Hour Time) EASTERN USA TO:

	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
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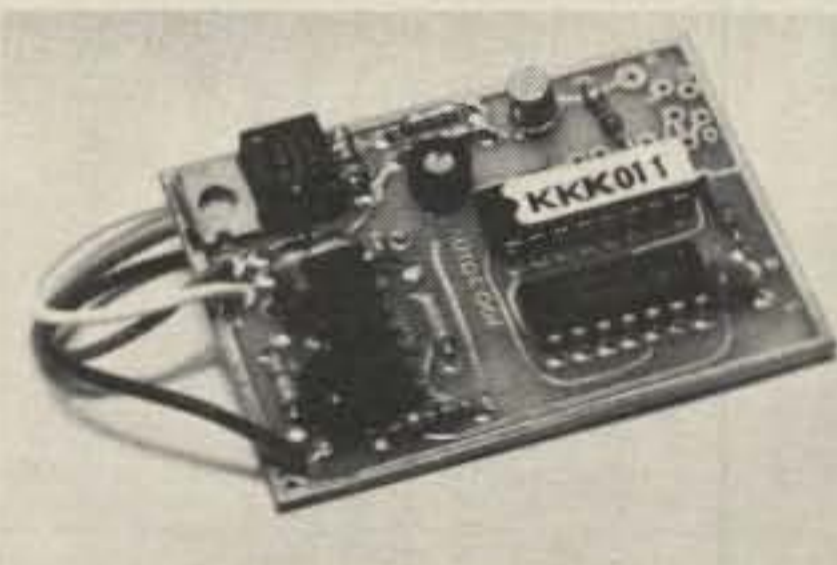
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Bill, KM4W, with his plaque and award for All Counties #392.



KM4W on a county line in Tennessee. Lincoln County was #3075 for N8BLO.

Special Honor Roll All Counties

#426 James W. Lucht, K7XN 6-11-83.
#427 Grady Lewis, W5QLD 6-18-83.



CT4NH at his station near Lisbon. Luis has just received USA-CA #1849.

The story of the month for October as told by Bill is:

William E. (Bill) Bell, KM4W All Counties #392 7-31-82

"I have always been interested in radio communication, but never really found the time for it until we moved to our present location, Manchester, Tennessee (Coffee County). There are quite a few hams in this area due to the Air Force project, Wind Tunnel, which employs several electrical and electronic engineers. Also, there is an active radio club which maintains two repeaters. So it is natural that some of my friends are hams. I found my 'Elmer' in Jim, WB4ZMC. He helped me prepare for my Novice ticket, and in January 1977 I was on the air as WD4DAI.

"I decided immediately that I didn't want to wind up with a Technician ticket, so I studied hard, and with the help of Will, W4LHJ (another Elmer) I received my General ticket in August of 1977. Will kept prodding me into studying for the Advanced ticket, and I upgraded in February 1978. My Extra Class came a little harder. No problem with the code, because I learned that in the Navy during WW II, but the theory, that was something else. My friend Will kept after me to study until I finally made it and upgraded in May of 1979. I am a journeyman machinist working for a contractor with the United States Air Force at Arnold Air Force Station, Tennessee, and I do not have an extensive electronic background.

"After getting my Extra Class ticket, I looked around for a particular interest in amateur radio. I had worked WAS, had worked over 100 countries with only 92 confirmed, and belonged to the 10/10 international net.

"In March 1980 while recuperating from surgery, I had my ham radio to help



Bill, KM4W, operating his mobile station.

pass the time. One day I stumbled across 14.336, heard the County Hunters Net, started working mobiles, and was bitten by the 'bug.' I thought this was something I would enjoy. I did not return to work for three months, so those three months were spent collecting counties. After going back to work, my county hunting slowed down considerably, since I could only work contacts at night and on weekends. With a lot of help from all the mobilers and net controls and everyone calling me when they knew I needed a county, I finished up on July 28, 1982 at 0230 a.m. local time.

"There are so many people who helped me get the USA-CA Award that I can't begin to thank them all. However, I would like to thank Jim, WB5YDH, who gave me my last one for the 'Whole Ball of Wax,' which was Limestone, Alabama. I also worked Jim in 154 other counties across the United States. My special thanks goes to my XYL, 'Jimmie,' who did not really understand why it was so important for me to work all counties. After I explained to her that it is a small number of hams who finally work them all, I think maybe she does understand after all.

"Again, thanks to all! I think you are a very special kind of people. See you on 14.336."

Awards Issued

James W. Lucht, K7XN, completed them all and added USA-CA 3000 #455 and All Counties #426 Mixed to his collection.

Grady Lewis, W5QLD, waited until he had finished working all the counties and then claimed USA-CA 500 through All Counties #427 Mixed.

Dr. Richard Tornatore, KA2K, was issued USA-CA 3000 #457 Mixed.

Paul Edmonds, W8RYP, received USA-CA 500 through USA-CA 2000 All C.W.

Alfredo Pauker, CP6EL, obtained USA-CA 1000 #781. Alfredo also has USA-CA 500 #1459, the first USA-CA award issued to a station in Bolivia.

Eddie Scholes, G4KHG, qualified for USA-CA 500 through 1000 Mixed.

USA-CA 500 certificates went to:
Rev. Richard F. Johnson, WD4ONZ, #1844, All C.W.

Paul Edmonds, W8RYP, #1845, All C.W.
Orebro Sendareamatorer (Radio Club of Orebro), SK4BX, #1846 Mixed.

James Brownlee, KA5IAT, #1847 Mixed.
Grady Lewis, W5QLD, #1848 Mixed.

Luis Sutil Teixeira, CT4NH, #1849 All S.S.B.

Eddie Scholes, G4KHG, #1850 Mixed.

Awards

LOK 35th Anniversary Award—Poland. This award is available to any radio amateur or s.w.l. who can prove contacts with 5 club stations between the dates of 1 January 1979 and 31 December 1983. The stations contacted must have three letters in the suffix and the first letter must be "K" (for example, SP5KMB, SP7KTE, SP8KDF).

Send log extract and 5 IRCs to: Stu-

333 South Lincoln Ave., Mundelein, IL 60060

dents Radio Club, SP7KTE, P.O. Box 19, 25-950 Kielce 10, Poland.

"VDXA" Virgilian DX Award. The Virgilian DX Group of Mantova, Italy, issues the VDXA Virgilian DX Award. The award is available to all radio amateurs and s.w.l.'s. The award is obtainable for QSOs made beginning from September 1982 in every band and mode allowed as follows.

HF/S.S.B.: 7 contacts with Virgilian DX Group Members, of which at least 3 contacts must be with 3 life members of the group. Virgilian DX Group's life members are the following: I2CXI, I2KKL, I2KUW, I2YJO, I2UGT. These stations will operate from Mantova, Italy. Contacts with the same member will be allowed only once on each band.

HF/C.W.: The same regulations as for HF/S.S.B.

VHF: 6 contacts with Virgilian DX Group members. No contact with VDXG's life members is required. Contacts on repeaters are not allowed.

S.W.L.: 7 QSO/HRDs of Virgilian DX Group Members, of which at least 3 HRDs with life members of the same group.

Everyone will receive the Virgilian Award "VDXA" and automatically will become a member of the group and receive a characteristic number (the same as the award). Send the following: log extracts reporting contacts, date, band, mode, GMT; \$5.00 U.S., or 15 IRCs; complete and clear address. Award requests should be addressed to: Virgilian DX Group, Award Manager, P.O. Box 184, 46100 Mantova MN, Italy.

Region Parisienne Award. This award is available to licensed amateurs and s.w.l.'s. Contacts dating from 1 January 1970 may be used. There are three classes as follows:

Class 1—Worked or heard 5 stations in each of the 7 Parisian region departments; postcodes beginning with 77, 78, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95. Total 35 stations.

Class 2—Work only 3 stations in each department. Total 21 stations.

Class 3—Work only 1 station in each department. Total 7 stations.

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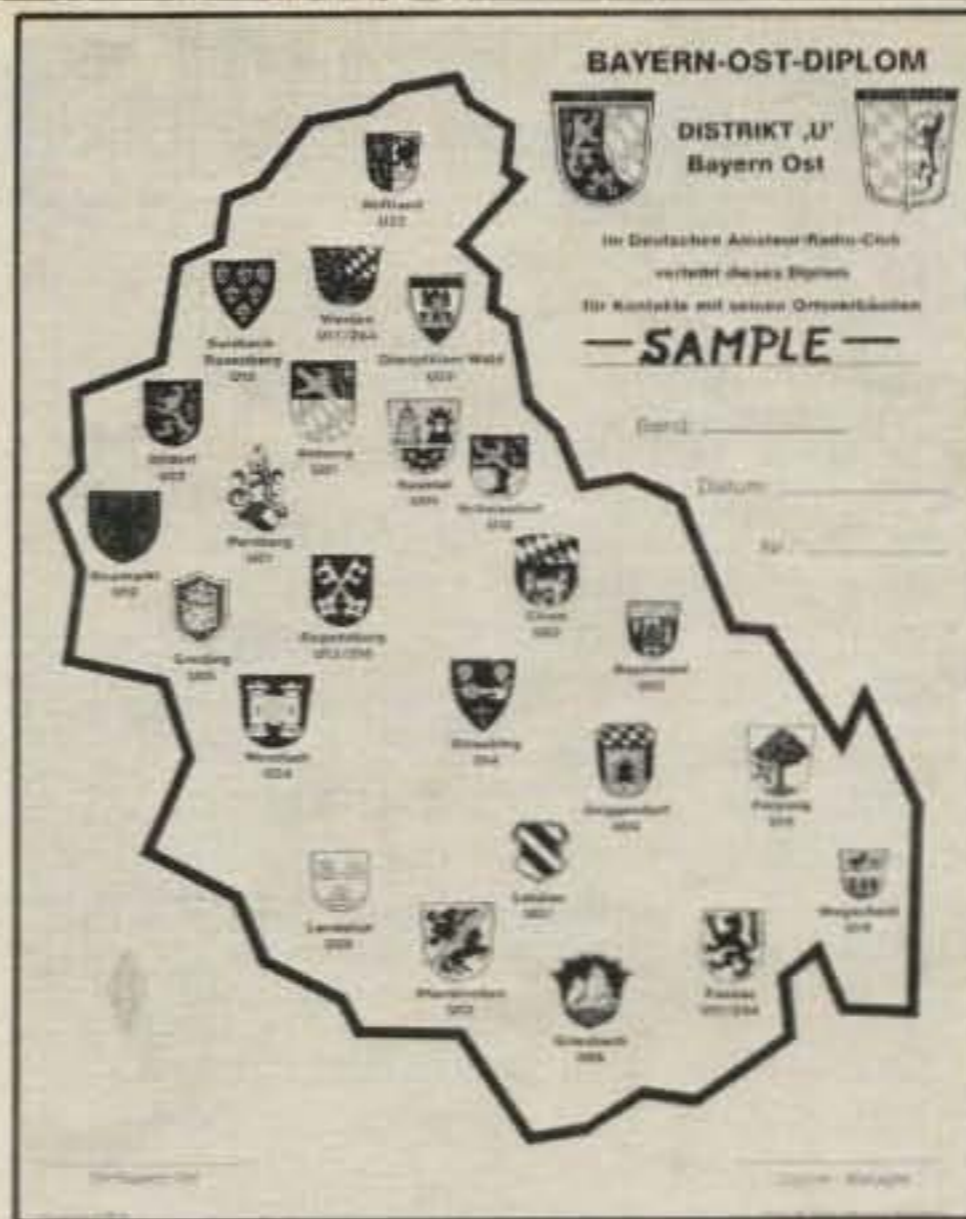
Bayern-Ost-Diplom (BOD). The "BOD" is available to all licensed radio amateurs and s.w.l.'s who can prove contacts with stations in East Bavaria, DOK district "U" in the DARC. (DOK's are, for example, U 01, U 02, U 03 . . .). You may use every "U"-DOK once for the award. All contacts on or after September 1, 1973 count for this award. Contacts are counted as follows:

1 point: every amateur radio station in the district "U."

2 points: every club station.

3 points: every X (YL).

4 points: every c.w. contact.



Bayern-Ost-Diplom.

5 points: every UHF/SHF contact.

Shortwave: The diploma is available for German stations, who need at least 30 points; Europeans need 15 points and DX stations need 5 points.

HF/UHF/SHF: The diploma is available for radio amateurs in the district "U" itself, who need 30 points; other Germans need 20 points, and stations outside DL need 10 points.

The diploma is printed on heavy parchment in four colors. Please send only GCR list and DM 5.-, or \$3.00 U.S., or 10 IRC's to the Diploma Manager, Ernst Nosner, DJ5VH, DIG 787, Spitalgasse 35, D-8458 Sulzbach-Rosenberg, West Germany. (Information and sample award for the "Bayern-Ost-Diplom" were sent by Wolfgang Wessely, DJ3TF.)



Grupo Morse Paranaense Award.

GMPR Award. The GMPR (Grupo Morse Paranaense) Award is issued by the GMPR Group of CW for all licensed amateurs who have worked 6 different members of the Group (mode: c.w. only) and have valid QSO's after 30 July 1982.

Logs: Call, date, time, band, and RST.

S.W.L.: Same rules.

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				G4KHG	1850
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NJDXA Silver Jubilee Award Winner Announced. Ed, W2MIG, of the North Jersey DX Association, has sent word that the winner of the NJDXA Silver Jubilee Award is Jay O'Brien, W6GO (FO0JO), while on his French Polynesian DXpedition. Congratulations, Jay!

Notes

Ed Hopper, W2GT, has asked me to convey his thanks to everyone for all the kind letters, notes, and phone calls. He greatly appreciates them.

The new *County Hunters Handbook*, eleventh edition, and the new *County Hunters Directory*, eighth edition, are now available. Send an s.a.s.e. to B & B Shop, 1348 Pinewood Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125 for further information.

A revised county outline map book is completed and is available through the Mobile QSL Bureau, P.O. Box 146, Lakeside, CA 92040. Send an s.a.s.e. for details.

73, Dorothy, WB9RCY

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NEWS/VIEWS OF ON-THE-AIR COMPETITION

Last month I indicated that there probably would be no Can-Am contest this September because the Canadian DX Association has announced in their publication *Long Skip* that they were not sponsoring the contest this year. However, a later communication from VE3BMV, much too late to make the September issue, indicated that there would be a contest on Sept. 17-18 Phone, and Sept. 24-25 C.W. The Ontario Contest Club is continuing the sponsorship, and rules are the same as last year's. If you did get involved on these very busy weekends, you can send your entries to the Contest Chairman, VE3BMV, Box 65, Don Mills, Ontario, Canada M3C 2R6.

Another activity that did not make the September issue was the fall edition of the Classic Radio Exchange on Sept. 25-26. Those of you who took your old, classic equipment out of storage and participated in these events in the past know what it's all about. Logs still go to Stu Stephens, K8SJ, 1407 Hollywood Road, Sandusky, OH 44870. (Sorry Yuri and Stu. Watch those deadlines!—ed.)

Each October the Cayman Islands have a celebration known as "Pirates Week." This year the event will also be celebrated by amateur radio. Special calls have been authorized: ZF1 becomes ZF10, and ZF2 will be ZF20. The radio portion of the celebration runs from 0500Z Oct. 22nd to 0500Z Oct. 30th. All bands will be activated, both c.w. and s.s.b., so there should be no problem picking up Cayman country multipliers. The event is open to residents and non-residents, and many visitors are expected there for the contest weekend.

For those of you not contest minded, your efforts will be rewarded with an attractive Pirates Week Certificate. Work five ZF10's or ZF20's and send your five QSL's with three IRC's to: Pirates Week, P.O. Box 1029, Grand Caymans, B.W.I.

A group from the 8th District is planning a full-scale operation from the island of Anguilla on all bands, 160 through 6 meters, from Nov. 21 to Dec. 14. A big multi-operation is planned for the WW C.W. weekend. Check the DX Column for more details.

Again reminding you, the deadline for material for the January issue is October 15th and November 15th for the February issue. All communications should be sent to my home address.

73 for this time, Frank, W1WY

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Calendar of Events

* Oct. 1-2	California QSO Party
* Oct. 1-2	Oregon QSO Party
Oct. 1-2	VK/ZL/Oceania Phone Contest
Oct. 8-9	VK/ZL/Oceania C.W. Contest
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 Ph. Contest
Oct. 16	RSGB 21 MHz C.W. Contest
Oct. 15-16	Maryland/DC QSO Party
Oct. 15-16	Boy Scout Jamboree
† Oct. 15-16	East Germany Y2 Contest
Oct. 22-23	Pennsylvania QSO Party
Oct. 22-23	ARCI ARP QSO Party
Oct. 22-23	CLARA AC/DC Contest
Oct. 22-23	YLRL Anniv. CW Party
Oct. 29-30	CQ WW DX Phone Contest
Nov. 5-6	YLRL Anniv. Phone Party
Nov. 5-6	ARRL C.W. Sweepstakes
Nov. 6	Czechoslovakian Contest
Nov. 12-13	DARC WAE RTTY Contest
Nov. 19-20	ARRL Phone Sweepstakes
Nov. 26-27	CQ WW DX C.W. Contest
Dec. 3-7	ARRL 160 Meter Contest
Dec. 10-11	ARRL 10 Meter Contest

* Covered last month.

† Not official.

VK/ZL DX Contest

Phone: Oct. 1-2 C.W.: Oct. 8-9
1000 GMT Saturday to 1000 GMT Sunday

Stations in the rest of the world will be concentrating on working the VK's and ZL's. No mention was made of other Oceania areas this year. The following rules apply to areas other than VK/ZL.

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

Scoring: Two points for each VK/ZL contact. Single-band score—QSO points multiplied by total number of VK/ZL call areas worked on that band. All-band score—total QSO points from all bands multiplied by sum of VK/ZL call areas worked on all bands.

Awards: Attractive color certificates to the top scorers, both phone and c.w., in each country and each call area of Japan, U.S.A., and U.S.S.R. Additional awards if returns warrant.

Logs: Date/time in GMT, the station worked, number sent/received, band and QSO points. Underline each new VK/ZL call area worked on each band. Use a separate sheet for each band. Include a summary sheet showing the scoring, name and address in block letters, and a signed declaration that all rules and regulations have been observed.

S.W.L. Section: Log VK and ZL stations only. Include call of station being worked

and RS(T) and serial number of VK/ZL station being logged. Log and scoring are the same as indicated for transmitting stations. Phone and c.w. scores are combined for the final score.

Logs must be in the hands of the committee by January 31, 1984. This year they go to: WIA VK/ZL Contest Mgr., Greg Williams, VK3BGW, 1 Noorabil Court, Greensborough, Victoria 3088, Australia.

GARTG SSTV Contest

0600 to 0600 UTC, Sat.-Sun., Oct. 8-9

This is the fourth world-wide SSTV contest sponsored by the German Amateur Radio Teleprinter Group.

Use all bands, 3.5 through 28 MHz, in that portion of the band reserved for SSTV. A 6-hour off time must be taken at any time during the contest.

Exchange: Call sign, RST, message number (001, etc.). GARTG members will also include their membership number. Exchange must be made exclusively in the SSTV mode.

Scoring: Contacts on 80, 40, and 20 meters, 1 point; on 15 meters, 2 points; and on 10 meters, 5 points. Add 50 bonus points for each contact with a GARTG member station. Same station may be worked on each band.

Multiplier: Each country (WAE and ARRL list) and each call area in JA, PY, VE/VO, VK, W/K worked on each band.

Final Score: QSO points \times countries \times continents plus bonus points.

There is also an s.w.l. division with the same scoring as outlined above. S.w.l. logs must contain both the report sent and received by the station logged.

Awards: Free one-year subscription to "RTTY," official organ of the GARTG, to the three top scorers.

Use a separate log sheet for each band and a summary sheet showing the scoring, etc. All entries must be received by December 10th and go to Contest Manager, Wolfgang Punjer, DL8VX, P.O. Box 90 11 30, D-2100 Hamburg 90, Fed. Rep. of Germany.

Scouts Jamboree On The Air

Starts: 0001 Local Time Sat., Oct. 15
Ends: 2359 Local Time Sun., Oct. 16

This is the 26th annual Jamboree sponsored by the World Bureau of Scouts. Activity is world wide and includes not only Scout units, but Girl Scouts and Guides, too. This is not a contest, but an opportunity for Scouts or anyone interested in Scouting to get together on the air and exchange greetings. Amateurs can invite

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

No specific exchange, no scoring, and no logs are required. However, participating post-card-size certificates issued by the World Scout Bureau are available from the JOTA Coordinator, W2GND/K2BSA. They may be requested before the JOTA weekend for distribution and included with your QSL's of JOTA contacts. Send a large s.a.s.e. to W2GND; 20¢ postage for 8 cards, 17¢ for each additional 8.

Suggested Frequencies: Phone—3940, 7240, 14290, 21360, 28990. C.W.—3590, 7030, 14070, 21140, 28190. Also Novice bands, SSTV, and RTTY.

I suggest you write to W2GND for additional details. Stateside participants send reports to Harry A. Harchar, W2GND, 216 Maxwell Ave., Hightstown, NJ 08520.

ARRL QSO Party

C.W.: Oct. 8-9 Phone: Oct. 9-10
C.W.: 1800Z Saturday to 0600Z Sunday
Phone: 1800Z Sunday to 0600Z Monday

This event is similar to the annual Open CD Party, which has been phased out, and it is open to all ARRL members. Operate a maximum of 10 hours out of the 12-hour period. Off times must be at least 30 minutes and must be clearly indicated in the log.

Exchange: Your "status" and ARRL section (MBR member, ORS official relay station, etc.).

Scoring: Total QSO's from all bands times number of ARRL sections worked (maximum of 74). Phone and c.w. are separate and require separate logs. A dupe sheet is also required if you make more than 200 contacts.

Referring you to a current issue of QST for more details is academic, since all members of course receive QST. Anyway, be sure to get your entry to the ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111 within a month of the above dates.

RSGB 21/28 MHz Phone Contest

0700 to 1900 GMT Sunday, Oct. 9

It's the world working the British Isles on 21 and 28 MHz. There has been a slight change in this year's rules; multi-operator has been added, and awards are to the winners in each overseas country.

The same station may be worked on each band for QSO and multiplier credit. There are a total of 42 prefixes available on each band. Following are the rules for areas other than the British Isles.

Sections: Single operator and multi-operator, both bands only, and s.w.l.

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

Scoring: Each contact with a B.I. station is worth 3 points. Multiply total QSO points from each band by the sum of B.I. prefixes worked on each band (maximum

of 42 per band). The GB prefix does not count for QSO or multiplier.

Unmarked duplicate contacts will be penalized 10 times the points claimed. Logs containing more than 5 unmarked duplicates will be disqualified.

There is also an s.w.l. section. Only B.I. stations are to be logged. Scoring is the same as indicated above. The same call sign may appear once only in every three contacts, except when the logged station is a new multiplier.

Awards: Overseas stations will be awarded certificates to the leading station in each country and the leading station in the multi-operator section, and to the s.w.l. winner in each country.

Separate log sheets are required for each band. Include a summary sheet showing the scoring, prefixes worked, and a signed declaration that rules and regulations have been observed. Logs must be received by December 1st. This year they go to: RSGB HF Contest Committee, c/o P. Miles, P.O. Box 73, Lichfield, Staffs, England.

RSGB 21 MHz CW Contest

0700 to 1900 GMT Sunday, Oct. 16

Like the 21/28 MHz Phone Contest, the activity in this one is between the British Isles and the rest of the world. Competition is limited to single operator stations only. There is a separate QRP section in

which power input must not exceed 10 watts, and there is also an s.w.l. section.

The following rules are for areas other than the British Isles.

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

Scoring: Each contact with a B.I. station is worth three points. Multiply total QSO points by the number of B.I. prefixes worked (G2, G3, GD3, etc.). A maximum of 42 is possible. (GB does not count for QSO or multiplier.)

Unmarked duplicate contacts for which credit has been taken will be penalized ten times the points claimed. Logs containing more than five unmarked duplicates will be disqualified.

Only British Isles stations are to be logged by overseas s.w.l.'s. The same call may be reported only once in every three contacts, unless the logged station is a new multiplier. Scoring is the same as above.

Awards: Certificates to the leading station in each overseas country, in each section, both transmitting and s.w.l.

Include a summary sheet with a list of prefixes worked, station description, the usual signed declaration, and your name and address in block letters. Logs from overseas must be received by December 31st and go to: RSGB HF Contests Committee, c/o D. S. Booty, G3KKQ, 139 Petersfield Avenue, Staines, Middlesex, TW18 1DH England.

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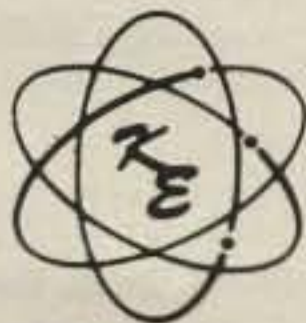
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Maryland/D.C. QSO Party

1800Z Sat. to 2100Z Sun., Oct. 15-16

This year's party is again being sponsored by the Columbia A.R.A. of Maryland. The same station may be worked on each band and mode for QSO credit, and MD/DC stations can work other in-state stations.

Exchange: QSO no., RS(T), and QTH. County for MD/DC; state, province, or country for others. (Baltimore and Wash. are independent cities.)

Scoring: MD/DC stations multiply total QSO's by sum of MD counties, states, provinces, and DX countries worked. Others multiply total MD/DC QSO's by MD counties and independent cities worked (maximum of 25).

Multiply your final score by 1.5 if you run 200 watts or less.

Frequencies: C.W.—60 kHz up from low end of band. Phone—3950, 7250, 14290, 21390, 28590. Novice—3720, 7120, 21120, 28120.

Awards: Certificates to winners in each category.

Dupe sheets are required for entries with over 200 contacts. Maintain a continuous log for phone and c.w., and indicate which category on your entry—phone, c.w., or mixed mode—you are entering.

Mailing deadline is November 30th to Columbia A.R.A., Att: Robert K. Nauman, WA3VUQ, 4017 Font Hill Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

WA-Y2 DX Contest

Starts: 1500Z Sat., October 15

Ends: 1500Z Sun., October 16

This activity is usually held the third full weekend of October each year to commemorate the anniversary of the founding of the German Democratic Republic. All bands can be used, 3.5 through 28 MHz, both phone and c.w. However, the first 10 and last 25 kHz of all bands are to be kept free of contest operation. The same station may be worked once on each band and each mode for QSO and multiplier credit. There are three classes: single operator, multi-operator, and s.w.l.

Exchange: RS(T) plus a 3-figure QSO number starting with 001. The Y2 stations will also include 2 figures identifying their district (Kreiskenner).

Scoring: Each Y2-Y9 contacted is worth 3 points.

Multiplier: Number of different districts worked on each band (maximum of 15 per band). A district is identified by the last letter in the call, A through O, not by the number in the call.

Final Score: Sum of QSO points multiplied by sum of different districts worked on each band.

S.W.I.'s get one point for each Y2-Y9 reported, including the RS(T), district, and call of station being worked. Rest of scoring same as above.

1983 Contest Results U.S.A. and Canada

Dutch "PACC"		BARTG RTTY	
*K1KI	5,934	W3FV	243,212
KA1CY	3,400	W2IUC	225,792
W1END	1,944	KB2VO	195,506
W1FJ	1,250	K4AGC	158,796
KA1UE	1,113	W3FIZ	154,100
K1GZM	620	WB3HAZ	141,858
W1WY	204	K0JH	126,852
*WA2UDT	558	K6WZ	119,048
KM2X	198	WD5ELJ	118,320
K2SX	176	W6JOX	101,332
WB2TKO	132	VE2AXO	87,710
*W3ARK	1,890	KB9DM	62,968
*W4VQ	3,922	WB4UBD	60,104
K4FPF	275	WB3IGR	56,160
W4KO	275	VE8CM	55,020
N4MM	200	N7AKQ	50,928
KF4GL	54	VE7VP	47,740
*KN6O	40	W2KHQ	45,954
*N6ZX7	77	WA6WGL	38,760
*WD8MGQ	560	WA3ZKZ	37,590
K8PYD	518	W3AOH	27,360
*W9OA	893	W7CBY	16,586
W9QWM	160	K2TY	8,736
*W0KZV	288	W8TCO	720
*VO1AW	3,708		
*VE3JPP	1,612		
VE3FGL	900		
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Awards: Certificates to the top-scoring stations in each section of each country.

Use a separate log sheet for each band and include a summary sheet showing the scoring, a list of districts worked, the usual signed declaration that all rules and regulations were observed, and your name and address in block letters.

Entries must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the contest. They go to Y2 Contest Bureau, RKDDR, Hosemannstr. 14, DDR 1055 Berlin, German Democratic Republic.

Pennsylvania QSO Party

1600-0500Z Sat.-Sun., Oct. 22-23

1300-2200Z Sun., Oct. 23

This is the 26th annual party sponsored by the Nittany A.R.C. of State College, PA. The same station may be worked on each band and mode for QSO points. Penn. stations may also work other Penn. stations for QSO and multiplier credit. Mobiles may be worked in each county change.

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

Scoring: One point for s.s.b. contacts, 1.5 points for c.w., 2 points for c.w. on 80 and 160.

Penn. stations multiply total by ARRL sections + Penn. counties + 1 DX country worked. Others use Penn. counties for their multiplier (maximum of 67).

Penn. mobiles calculate their total score from each county and add totals for their final score. Stations on county lines will give out one number, but the two counties count as separate multipliers.

Frequencies: C.W.—40 kHz up from bottom of each c.w. band. S.S.B.—3980, 7280, 14280, 21380, 28580. Novice—10 kHz from bottom of each Novice band.

Awards: Certificates to section winners and to each Penn. county (minimum of 20 QSO's). Plaques to winners in both eastern and western Penn., out-of-state and mobile stations, and multi-operator entry (also top club).

Include a summary sheet with your entry showing the scoring, check list of counties or sections worked, and any interesting comments. A dupe sheet is required if you make 100 or more contacts. Also, enclose 37¢ in stamps for a copy of the results.

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

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ARCI QRP Contest

Starts: 1200Z Sat., October 22
Ends: 2400Z Sun., October 23

This is the fall edition and 22nd anniversary of the QRP Amateur Radio Club International. The contest is open to members and non-members. Participants may operate a maximum of 24 hours.

Exchange: RS(T) and state, province, or country. Members will include their number; non-members their power output.

Scoring: Contacts with a member count 5 points, with a non-member 2 points, with stations other than W/VE 4 points.

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

There is a power multiplier for c.w. Use appropriate p.e.p. power for s.s.b.

4 to 5 watts output— $\times 2$.

3 to 4 watts output— $\times 4$.

2 to 3 watts output— $\times 6$.

1 to 2 watts output— $\times 8$.

Less than 1 watt— $\times 10$.

The following bonus multipliers are also available: $\times 2$ is using solar or wind power, $\times 1.5$ for battery power. Must be used for duration of contest.

Final Score: Total per band score. QSO points \times (states + provinces + countries) \times power multiplier \times bonus multiplier if any. Add totals from each band worked for final score.

Frequencies: 1810, 3560, 7040, 14060, 21060, 28060, 50360. Novice—3710, 7110, 21110, 28110. VHF/UHF contacts must be made direct.

Awards: Certificates to the highest scoring stations in each state, province, and country.

Use a separate log sheet for each band. Include a summary sheet showing the scoring, equipment description, and other essential information, and a large s.a.s.e. for copy of the results.

Logs must be received by November 20th and go to William Dickerson, WA2JOC, 230 Mill St., Monroe, MI 48161.

YLRL Anniversary Party

C.W.: Oct. 22-23 Phone: Nov. 5-6
1800 to 1800 GMT Sat./Sun.

This is the 44th annual party run by the YL Radio League, and it is open to all YL's around the world. All bands may be used. Phone and c.w. are separate contests and require separate logs.

Exchange: QSO no., RS(T), and ARRL section. DX stations indicate country.

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

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

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

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

Awards: Only YLRL members are eligible for the Cup and the Corcoran and Hager Awards. Non-members will receive certificates.

Logs must be postmarked no later than November 14 and received by December 15th. This year they go to: Rose Ellen Bills, N2RE, 17 Craig Place, Pennsville, NJ 08070.

CLARA AC/DC Contest

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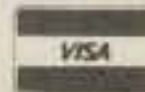
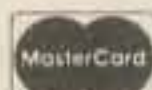


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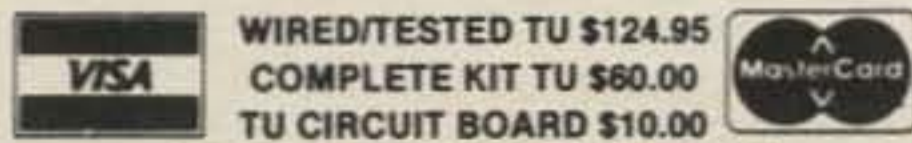
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More Random Headings: Part VI

Last month, author Thurber presented a variety of antenna topics. This month, he continues this series with a look at two interesting antennas, one v.h.f. and the other h.f., catches up on reader mail, and highlights personal computer topics.

Last month in the Antennas column we discussed several topics. These included a simple antenna for the new 30 meter band; a modification of a computer program for radiated power level determination; and a new product, the Ameritron RCS-8 coaxial switch. This time we will catch up on reader mail and will examine two new antenna products, the Butternut 2MCV-5 Super Trombone v.h.f. collinear vertical and the W2BN "BN Cage." We will also highlight some personal computer related topics of interest, including a sample listing of amateur radio, antenna, and electronics software sources. Let's first unzip the mailbag.

Opening the Mailbag

We open on an historical theme with a note received from longstanding, prolific electronics author Carl C. Drumeller, W5JJ, of Warr Acres, Oklahoma. OM W5JJ gently takes us to task for an oversight in Part IV of the Antenna Accessories for the Hamshack series, which appeared in the Antennas column for March 1983. He writes:

"On page 76 of March CQ you say the first reference in amateur radio magazines of use of the grid dip meter was in CQ, in May 1947. Please take a look at page 41 of the July 1928 issue of QST."

"I've followed and admired your series in CQ, a magazine that's recovering some of its old excellence. Looking through old amateur radio magazines and very old books on early wireless impresses one as to what very few truly new ideas have been introduced in the past 50 (or so) years!"

Thanks to an outstanding local library, we were in fact able to peruse the July 1928 issue of QST, which, incidentally, also contained classic articles by Hiram Percy Maxim and Ross Hull. We found the article by A.E. Teachman "A Resonance Testing Method." This article described the problem of determining whether or not the condition of resonance was satisfied in the single-dial, multiple-ganged, tuning-control broad-

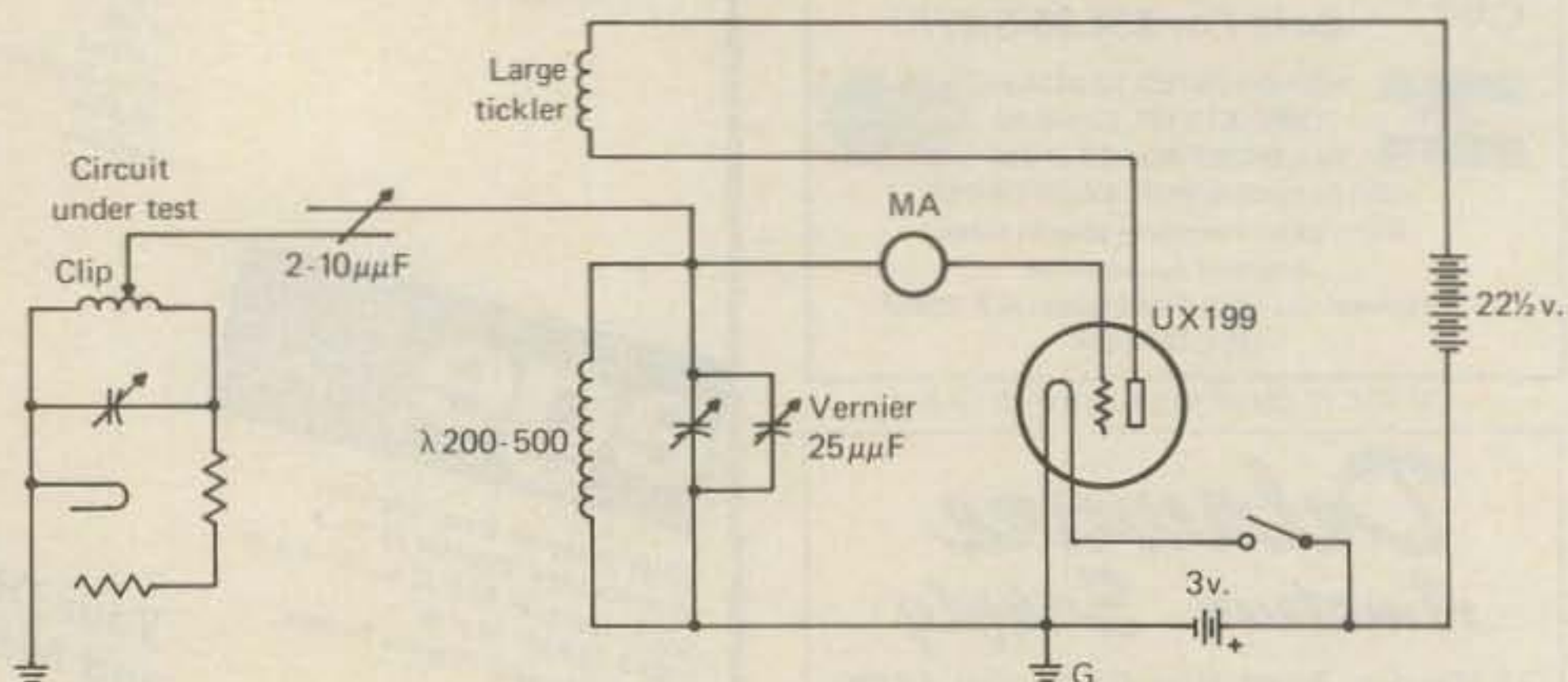


Fig. 1— Shown here is an early version of the grid dip meter. The oscillator depicted above was described as a "grid meter driver." It covered the frequency range of 200 to 550 meters. (From QST, July 1928.)

cast receivers of the day. The apparatus described was called a "grid meter driver." The device had a range of 200 to 550 meters, was battery operated, and made use of a UX199 vacuum tube (fig. 1). The application of this instrument was not unlike that of the grid dip meter of present popularity.

We stand corrected, although we would not be surprised to find an even earlier reference if one took the time and trouble to research even further the instrument and its antecedents in history. Perhaps one will discover that grid dip meters have actually been in existence almost as long as there were tubes containing grids!

Incidentally, we make an effort to answer all reader mail. We do ask that questions be as specific and discrete as possible. For obvious reasons, it is not practical for us to offer comprehensive technical advice or to present complex designs for antenna systems. Writing to our home QTH, rather than to the magazine, will help speed your reply. S.a.s.e.'s or IRCs are much appreciated, as we, not CQ, foot the bill for postage.

Computer Lines

The dramatically increasing range of applications for the personal computer in the home and hamshack will undoubtedly have a considerable impact on amateur radio. This impact is already being felt, notably in the use of personal computers such as the TRS-80, Apple, various Commodores, TI-99/4As, and others being harnessed to RTTY and c.w. hardware and software, with a growing use of computers in SSTV and station control. Other uses for the hamshack computer include

various cataloging and recordkeeping activities, traffic handling, DXing, awards tracking, beam pointing, satellite tracking, Morse practice, electronic formula computation, antenna design, and the like.

We are on the lookout for information on various homebrew computer programs, particularly those relating to antenna formulation and design, beam heading, and related areas that might be suitable for mention, or if short and in the public domain, possible listing in the Antennas column. Although your column editor settled on the Commodore computer line (VIC-20 and Commodore 64), we recognize that there are many ardent enthusiasts for other brands of computers, so we'll give equal mention to all comers in the column.

For example, if you have developed an interesting distance calculating program and wish to share it freely with others, and if it is short, you might send it in for possible listing in the column. Or if it is a long one, you might offer to place the program on cassette or disk and supply it to other hams for copying costs and postage. Either way, you should let us know exactly which computer the program runs on and any special configuration used that might limit the program's application. Also, if you have developed a whiz-bang program, whether it be for antennas or another useful amateur radio application, and have the inclination to work it up into a full-fledged article, by all means do so. In this case, send your program article directly to the Editor at CQ in New York, rather than to me.

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Fig. 2— Amateur software sources. Our apologies to any ham software source we did not include. This is a sampling only, and represents the type of list that is likely obsolete as soon as it is printed. However, we hope it will be useful to you.

tronics software sources which I have come across. The list shown in fig. 2 is by no means complete, and no recommendations can be offered. But it may be worthwhile to follow up on those sources of interest for the price of a couple of postage stamps.

In addition to the firms listed, there is at least one magazine devoted to the interface between computers and amateur radio. Not unexpectedly, it is dubbed *Computers and Amateur Radio*, and it is associated with the Kantronics organization. The magazine attempts to bridge the gap between general computer interests and specific amateur radio applications. A one-year subscription (six issues) is \$6. The magazine's address is 1202 E. 23rd St., Lawrence, KS 66044.

Computer Trader caters to sources of computer and ham equipment, supplies, and software. A permanent subscription is offered for \$10 by Computer Trader, Chet Lambert, W4WDR, 1704 Sam Drive, Birmingham, AL 35235. *Nuts and Volts* is a similar publication. A one-year subscription costs \$7 from *Nuts and Volts Magazine*, P.O. Box 1111, Placentia, CA 92670.

The Butternut 2MVC-5 Super Trombone

The world of commercially produced gain-type verticals for 2 meters has largely been dominated by makers such as Cushcraft and AEA in recent years, with

offerings such as the Ringo Ranger series and the AEA Isopoles. Another up and comer is the Butternut 2MVC-5 Super Trombone, an omnidirectional antenna that provides gain in the vertical plane through phasing of the antenna sections. It is designed to fill the gap between the smaller Trombone and commercial stacked dipole arrays.

Butternut came up with the original Trombone design about five years ago in a search for a product that would hold its own against the Ringo Ranger and other comparable gain-type verticals. The feed chosen was originally a series feed, but this was later dropped in favor of a gamma assembly for the twin advantages of d.c. grounding and ease of s.w.r. adjustment. The result was the 2MVC Trombone and later the 2MVC-5 Super Trombone, which we highlight this month.

From a technical standpoint, a look at the Trombone design (fig. 3) shows that it is a version of the basic coaxial antenna. The Trombone relies on half-wave, in-phase radiating elements, with end-to-end separation of about one-half wavelength, for its collinear gain. A basic assumption inherent in the design is that there is no significant radiation from the Trombone sections themselves, and also that the discrete half-wave radiating sections plus the quarter-wave ground plane at the base produce about the same gain as a greater number of half-wave in-phase sections compressed into the same vertical space.



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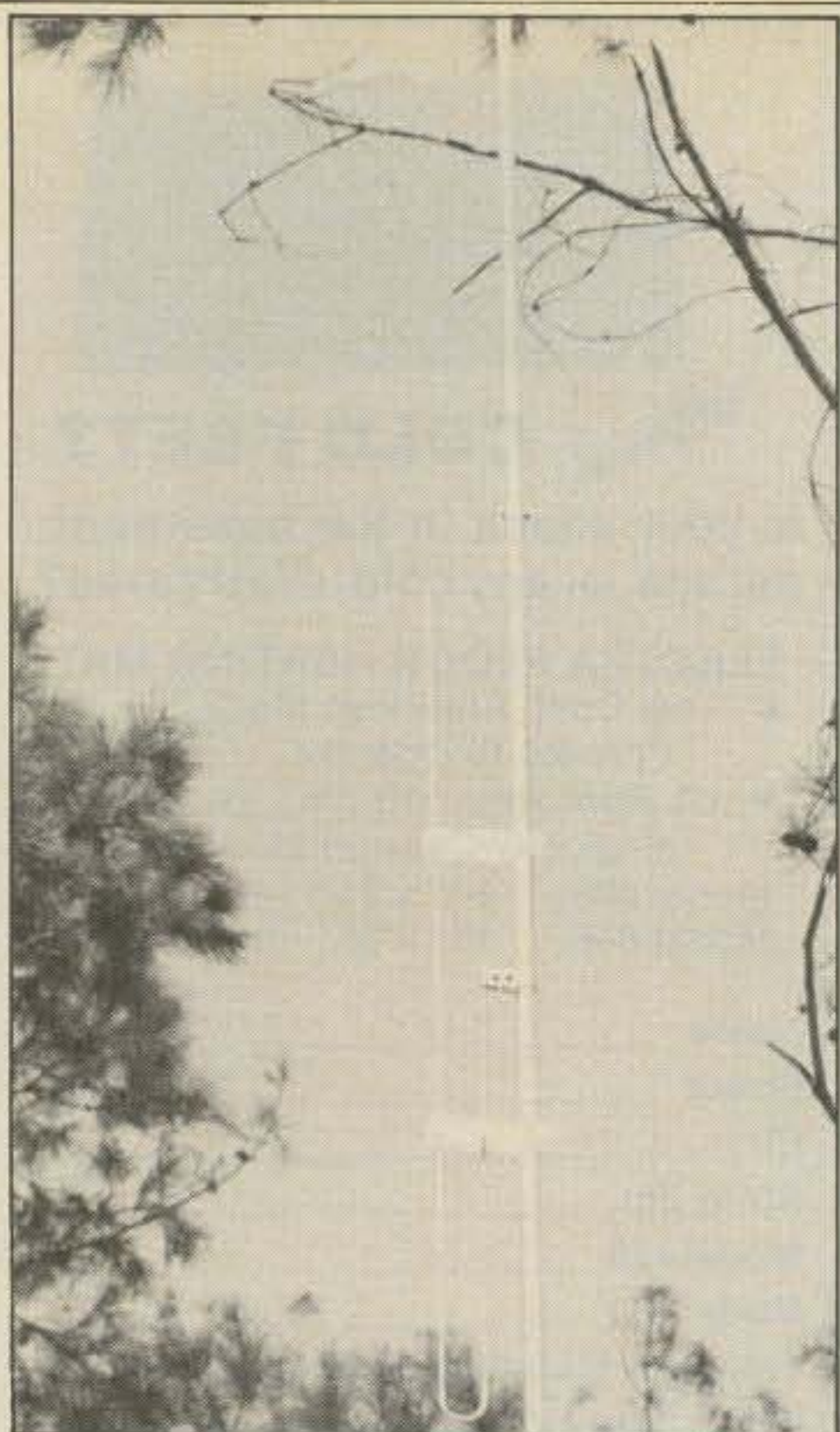
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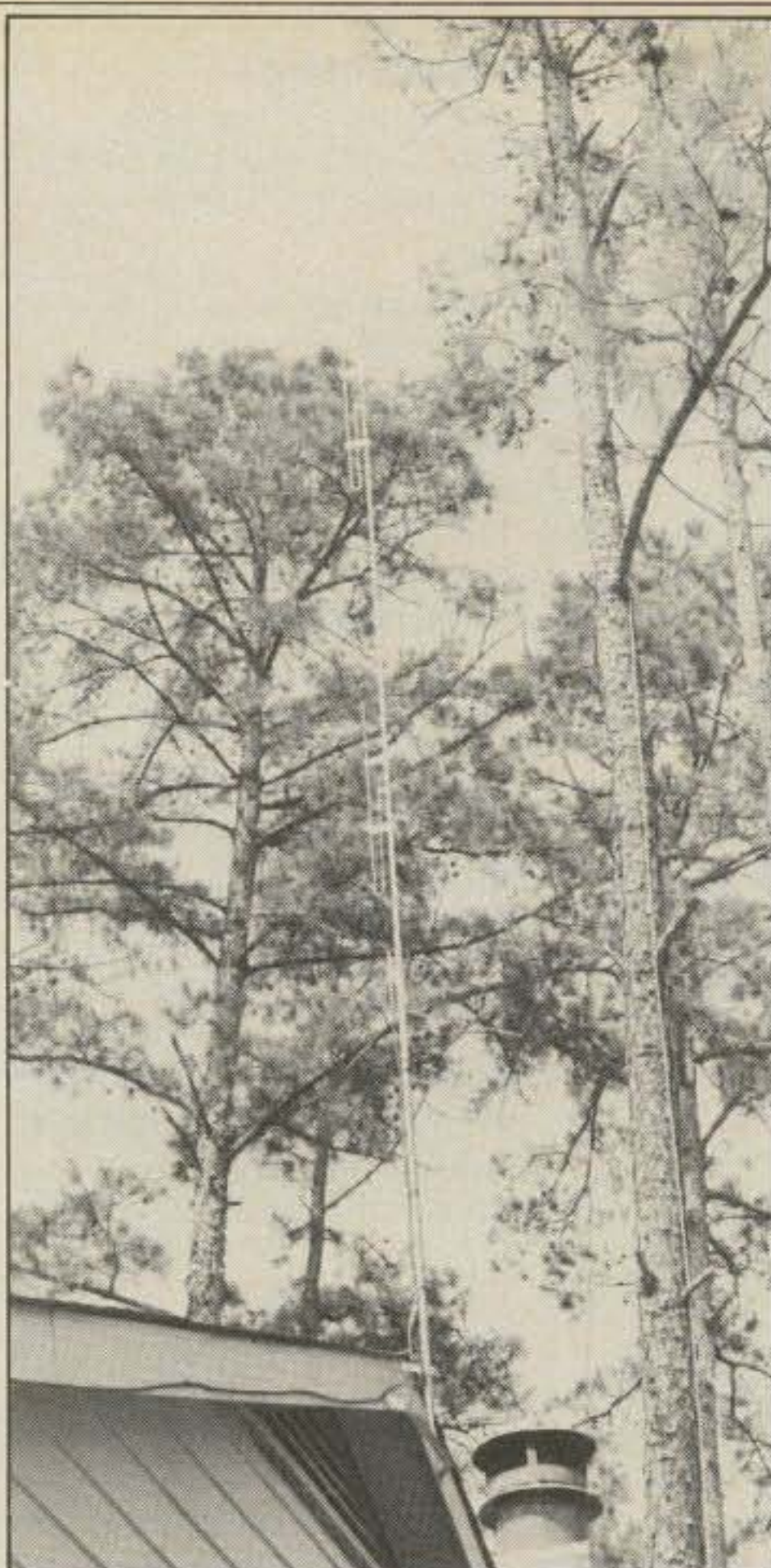
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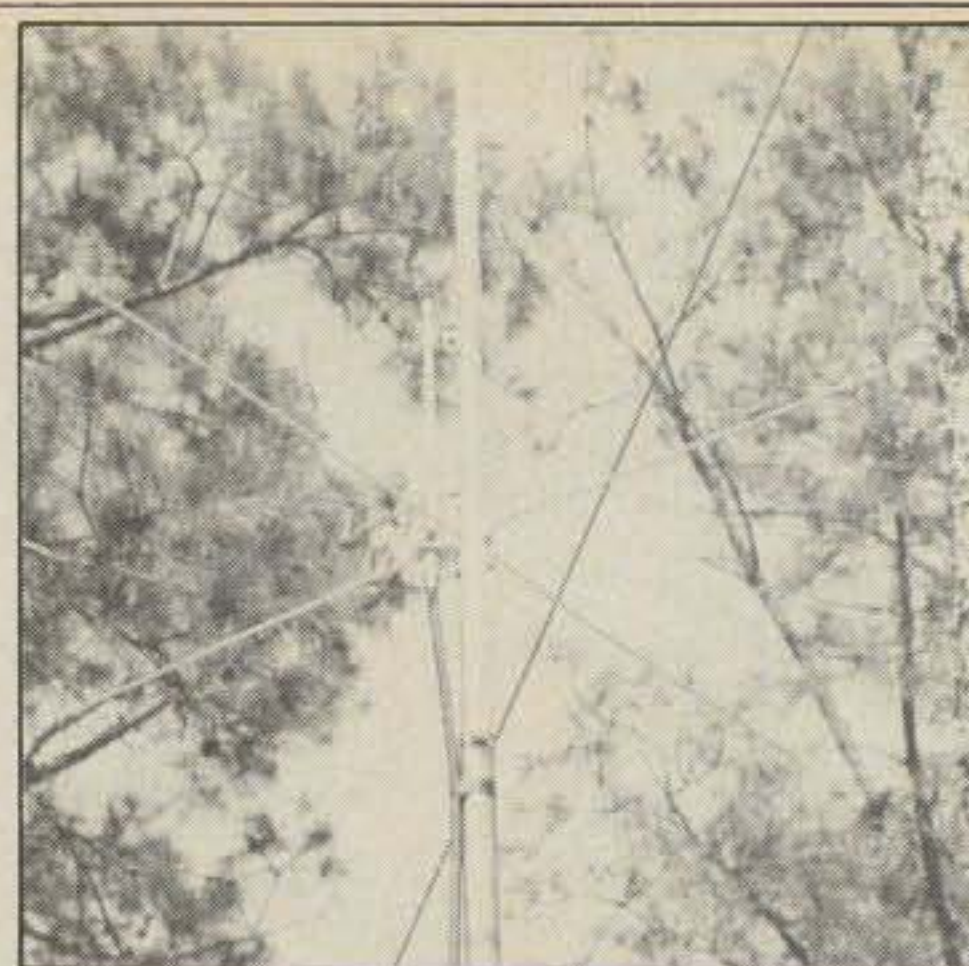
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One of the two "trombone" sections of the Butternut 2MCV-5 "Super Trombone" 2 meter gain antenna, as shown in the author's installation. Note that the section does not require that the antenna radiating element be broken by an insulator, which would reduce overall strength of the antenna.



The Butternut 2MCV-5 as installed on the peak of author's home. Total antenna length is 185.5 inches, or 4.71 meters.



Close-up view of the Butternut 2MCV-5 antenna's ground plane and gamma match. Although adjustable by the user, the gamma match is factory preset and normally needs no adjustment; it did not in the author's installation.

ware set provided, which was actually for a previous version of the antenna. Butternut caught the error and shipped the correct hardware set almost immediately, without even being asked to do so, so construction and installation were not delayed.

All materials furnished were of high quality, and the hardware was of the stainless steel type. The antenna is sturdy, so it should stand up well in use, especially since the main part of the five-element antenna consists of telescoping aluminum tubing which is unbroken by insulators. The continuous-length design does not require the usual "sheath" of fiberglass to provide structural rigidity and to protect the various interconnections. I mounted the antenna on a short length of 1 inch O.D. mast, the length of which is not critical and does not have any significant effect on antenna performance.

The gamma match at the base of the antenna provides a d.c. ground. It is factory preset for a reasonably low s.w.r. over the 146 to 148 MHz range, so normally no adjustment is required. Adjustment was not required in the author's installation, where an approximate 1.1:1 s.w.r. was encountered over nearly the entire 2 meter band. However, if the lowest possible s.w.r. at some particular frequency is required, adjustment can be made by slightly loosening the outer portion of the gamma clamp so that the small capped tube is free to slide along the insulated wire coming from the SO-239 connector. The amount of overlap between this tube and the wire determines the amount of capacitance in the gamma circuit. By varying the overlap in small increments, a low s.w.r. should be attained. If further adjustment is required, the position of the gamma clamp along the larger tube can be changed. Actually, it is usually not worthwhile to make adjustments unless the s.w.r. is above, say, 1.5 to 1, since line losses from the lower s.w.r.'s are not much greater than losses in the

As with regular coaxial designs, the structure's height could be increased by adding additional Trombone and half-wave radiating sections for a further increase in gain. However, the Super Trombone's overall length of 185.5 inches, with its two Trombone sections, probably represents something close to the point of diminishing returns, where further addition of Trombone and half-wave radiating sections would extract a heavy price in terms of more massive construction and overall cost, not to mention increased susceptibility to storm damage and other possible mechanical problems. Interestingly, Don Newcomb, W0DN, Butternut's President, believes that it probably would be feasible to add another Trombone and its associated half-wave radiating section to produce a "2MCV-7" (consisting of three Trombone sections and four radiators), but on the other hand, a "2MCV-9" might not yield significantly better performance.

This past winter your column editor obtained one of the Super Trombones to replace another 2 meter antenna that had become damaged when hit by a tree-limb propelled by strong winter winds. I found that the 4 pound Butternut antenna was quite easy to install per the detailed two-page instructions supplied; the instructions included a large sketch showing all parts and dimensions. The only problem encountered was a mismatch in the hard-



"Bottoms-up" photo of the lower trombone section and the ground-plane radial assembly. The antenna is gamma matched for 50 ohm coaxial cable.

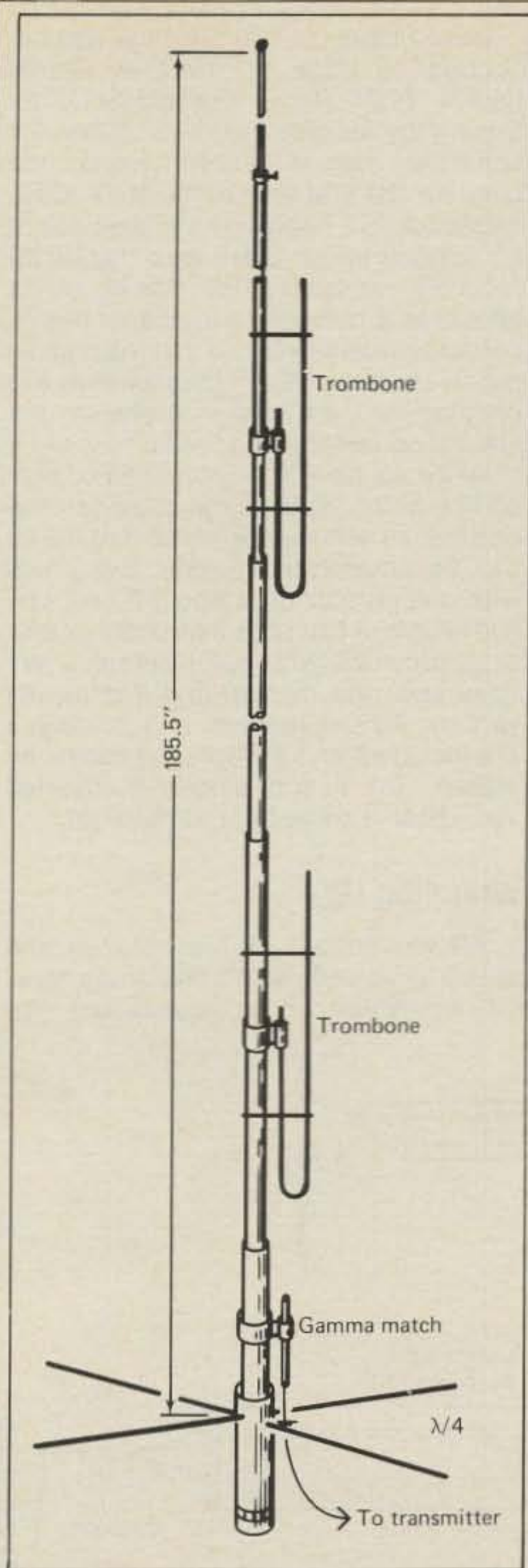


Fig. 3—The Butternut 2MVCV-5 v.h.f. collinear is shown here (not to scale). The 2 meter antenna consists of three half-wave radiating sections, two "Trombones," and a quarter-wave ground radial assembly. See the accompanying text for details. Also see the April 1983 issue of CQ for John J. Schultz's comprehensive review of the earlier 2MVCV collinear.

same line when perfectly matched. Still, RG-8/U or similar low-loss cable should be used. I used the relatively new low-loss RG-8X small diameter coax, which is easy to handle.

How did the antenna work? Quite well, to be sure. While a 5 dB gain figure over a quarter-wave antenna is specified by the manufacturer, no attempt was made to measure actual gain; Butternut does not "pitch" gain as a primary selling point. Also, although the Butternut unit does not



A close competitor to the Butternut Trombone is AEA's IsoPole, shown here in the author's installation. Line decoupling is a major design feature of the AEA vertical. (W8FX photo)

make a point of advertising line decoupling, no untoward effects of "r.f. on the feedline" were noticed. I expect that line coupling problems should not be a concern in most hamshacks.

Something to consider in certain installations is the overall length of the 2MVCV-5, which at 185.5 inches is substantial—certainly not a short antenna when considering that the band is 2 meters. Thus, it may not be the antenna to install where extremely high winds are encountered, or where the antenna is subjected to possible "hits" from nearby tree limbs and branches. Nevertheless, the wind survival of the antenna is rated at 90 mph by the manufacturer.

The WJCP Cage

Not long ago an interesting "reinvention" came to our attention: the "BN Cage," offered in a 1980s-style version by David C. Johnson, W2BN, of West Jersey Communications Products. His antenna, shown in fig. 4, is a modification of the old cage of the early years in radio (fig. 5). This was a classic antenna which was quite popular for its great bandwidth, but was normally designed for use with open-wire feeders and required an antenna tuner for proper operation. The antenna was formed by several parallel conductors spaced around the edge of a frame or circle hub and connected together at their ends.

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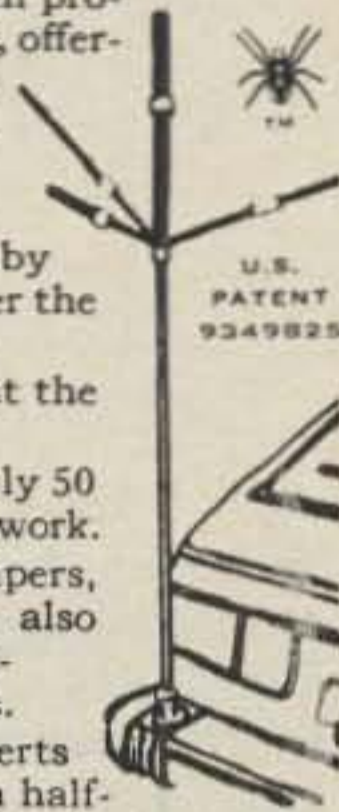
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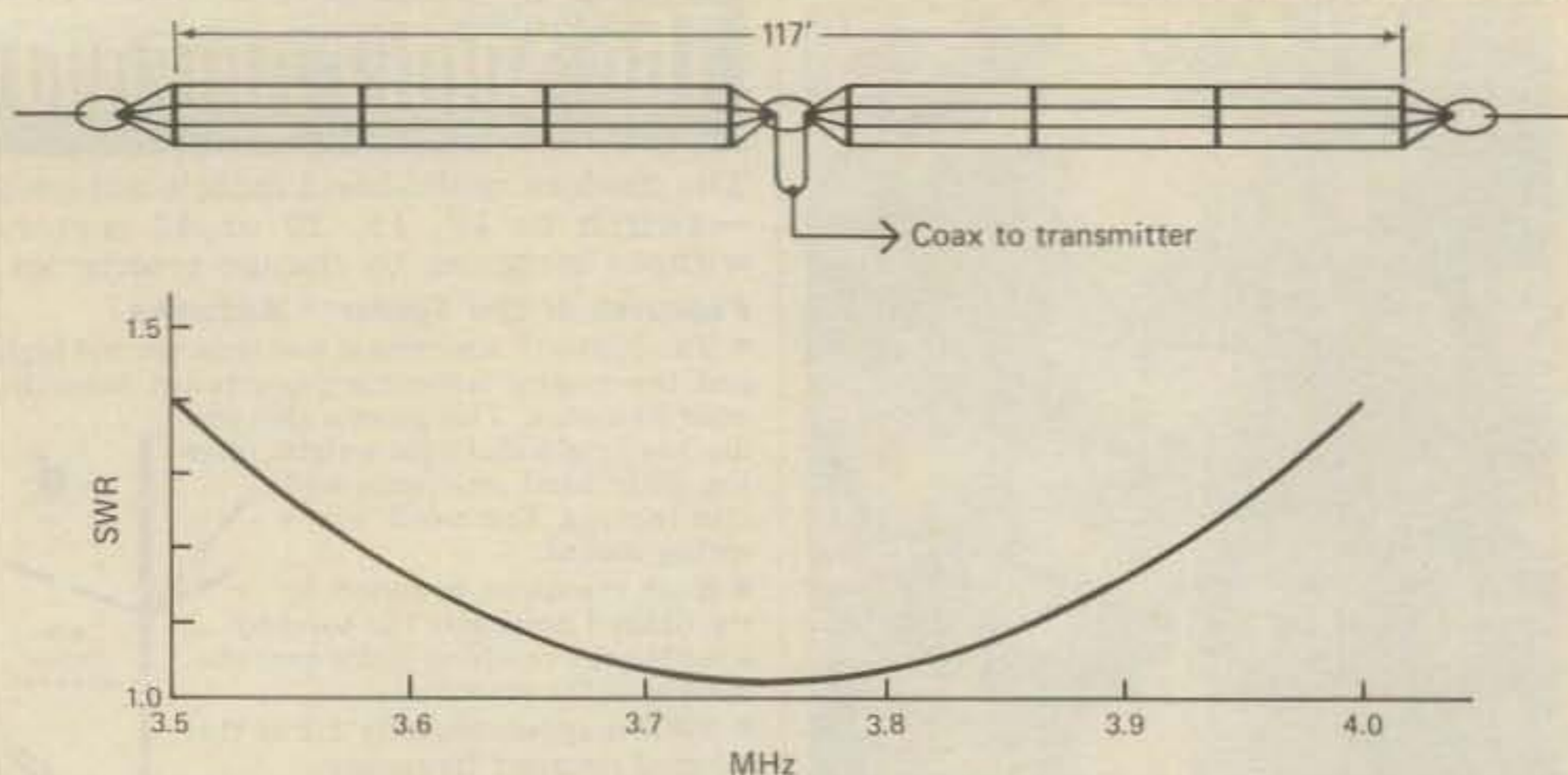


Fig. 4— The sketch shows the WJCP BN Cage, which makes use of six wires in each dipole leg (for clarity only four are illustrated), and eight molded spreaders to provide proper separation for the wires. The 80 meter version (Model 8075) uses nearly 800 feet of #14 coated wire and is approximately 117 feet in overall length, somewhat shorter than a conventional half-wave dipole. The manufacturer recommends installation at a height of at least 36 feet and spacing of at least 10 feet from other antennas. Typical s.w.r. figures are claimed to be 1.4:1 or less over the entire 3.5 to 4.0 MHz band, as indicated in the figure. (From WJCP product literature, ©1982 WJCP.)

According to Dave, W2BN, his objective was to come up with a good broadband antenna for 160, 80, or 40 meters that would solve the perennial problem of effectively covering an entire h.f. band (160, 80, or 40) with a low s.w.r. (say, under 1.5:1), and that would require no balun or antenna tuner. What resulted was the coax-fed "BN Cage," a refinement of the classic cage mentioned above. The W2BN version is designed for 50 to 75 ohm direct coax feed and is at least 10% shorter than a standard dipole. Three standard models are available: one for 80/30/10 meters (making use of well-known odd harmonic relationships for three-band operation), one for 40/15 meters, and one for 160 meters only. Government, MARS, and special frequencies are available on request.

From a technical standpoint, the rate of change of reactance with frequency for a center-fed horizontal halfwave dipole is much greater than the rate of change of resistance with frequency. For this reason, any practical means that will reduce the reactance variation rate will increase the inherent bandwidth of the antenna. The use of large-diameter conductors or a cage of small conductors will provide increased bandwidth. The cage configuration is a very practical means of dipole broadbanding that has been adapted by W2BN in his design. As indicated, the overall length of the antenna is shortened somewhat as the diameter is increased, owing primarily to end effects.

The big advantage of the cage, of course, is that the use of multiple wires for each element of the dipole simulates a very thick effective conductor size, thus broadening the antenna's bandwidth. The effect noticed is very similar to that of vertical antennas made of large-diameter aluminum tubing or pipe, where band-

width is markedly increased over that of a single, thin-diameter conductor. It is more pronounced than in the folded dipole antenna, which is actually an elementary cage.

Wrapping Up

We've run out of available column space this month, so it's time to lay down the typewriter, er, wordprocessor. We

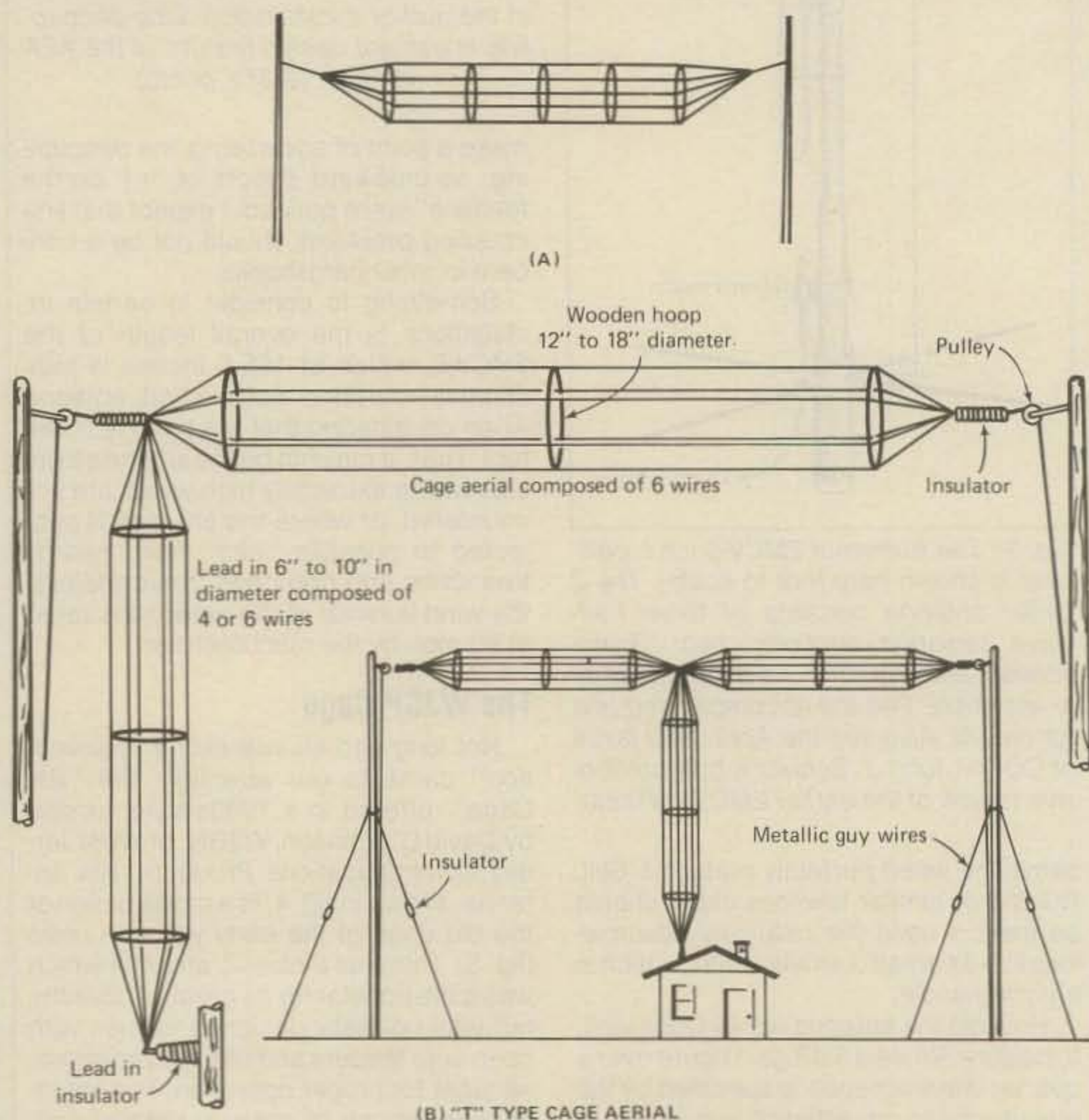


Fig. 5— The sketch (A) above represents the basic cage of classic design. Cages were usually configured as inverted L and T types, as shown in the lower sketch from Gernsback's 1927 Radio Encyclopedia.

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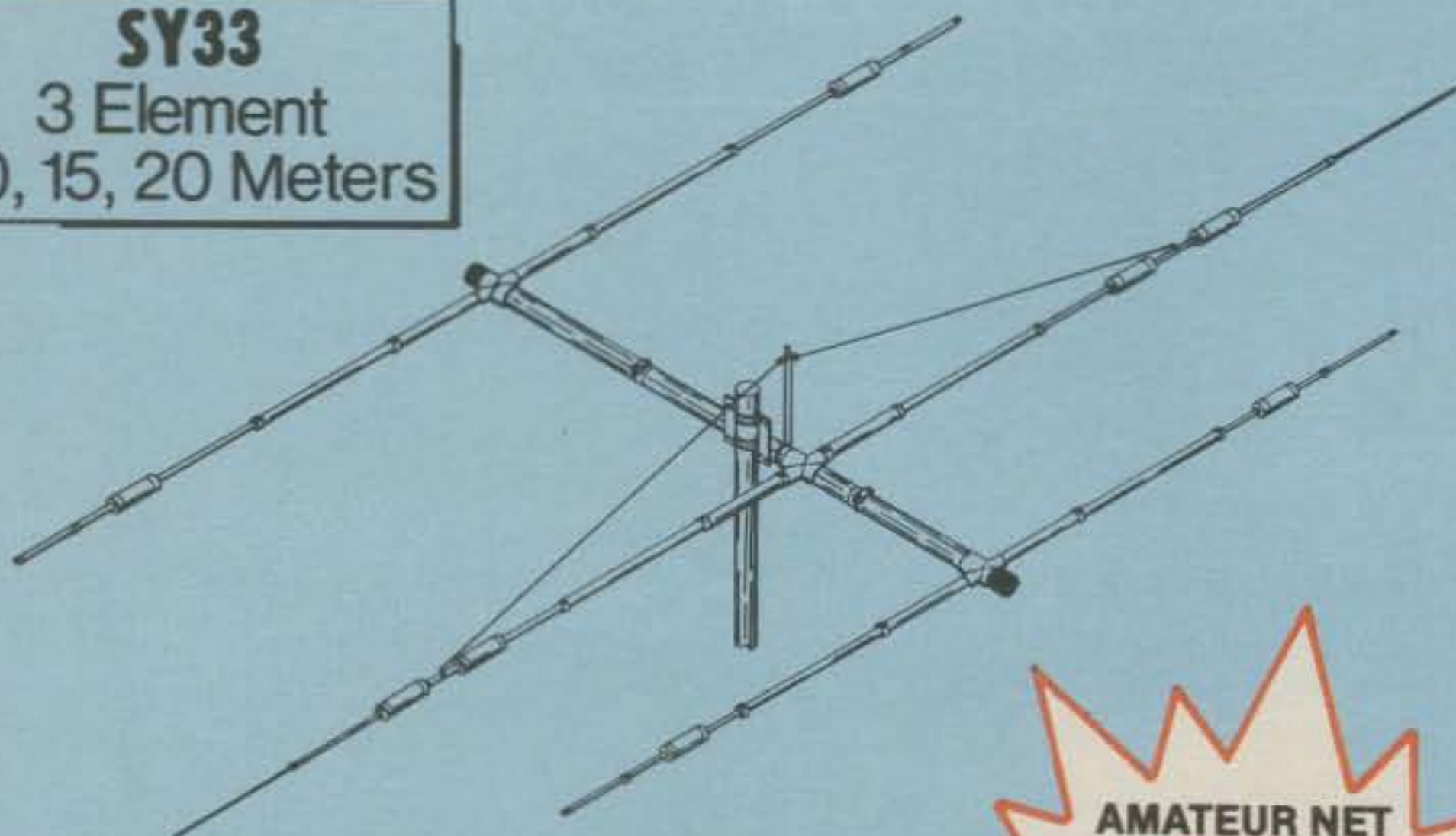
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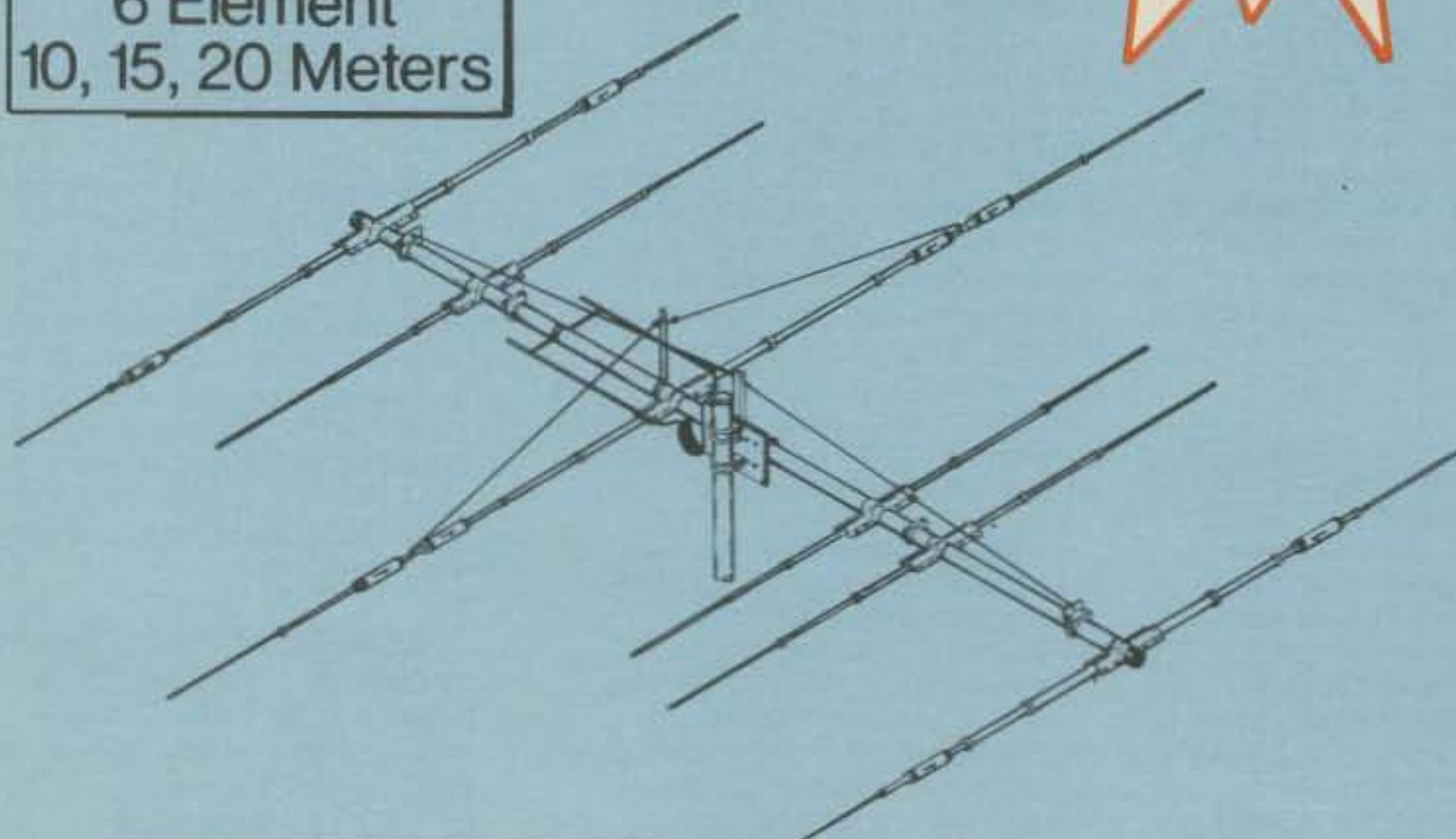
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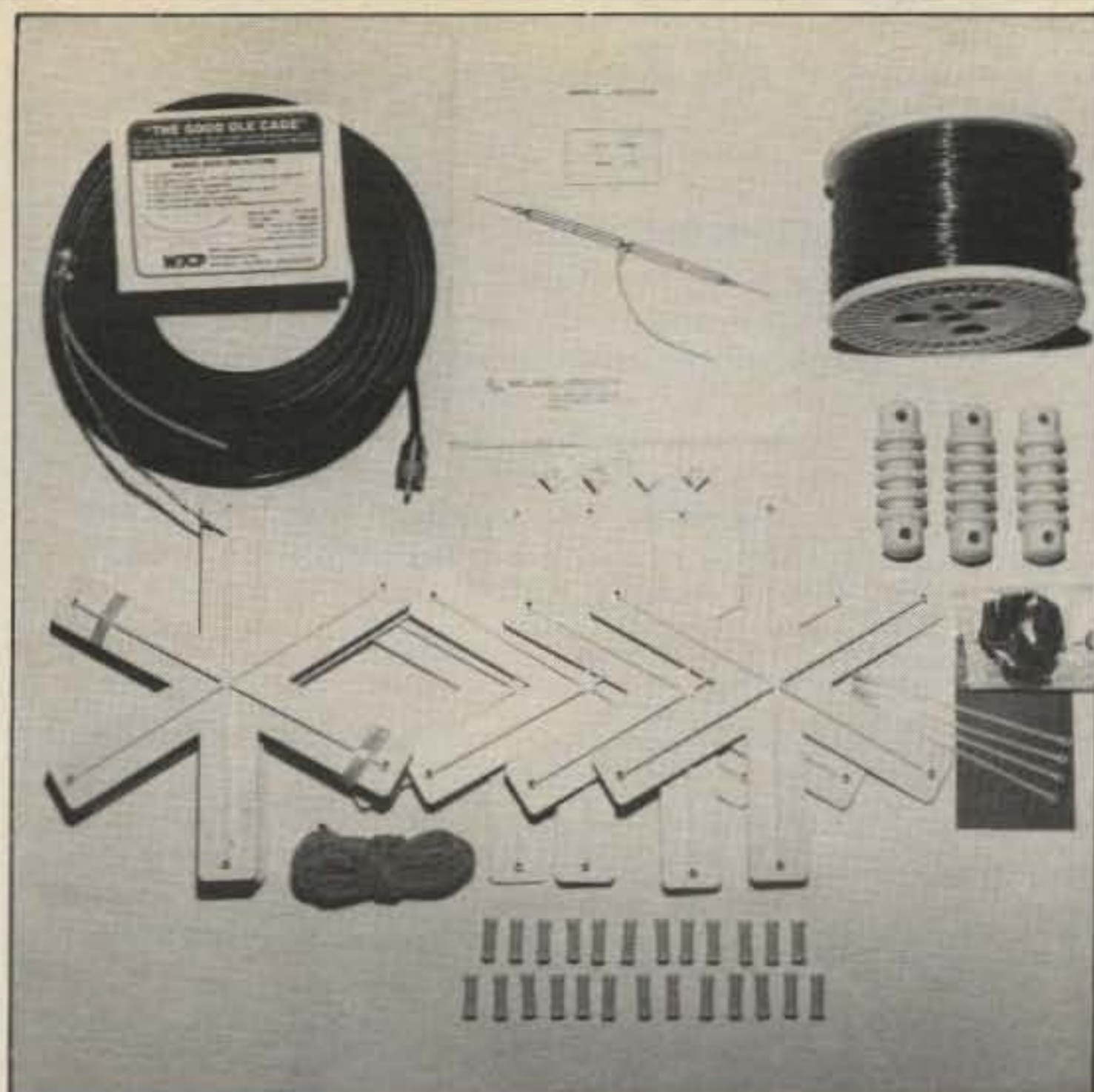
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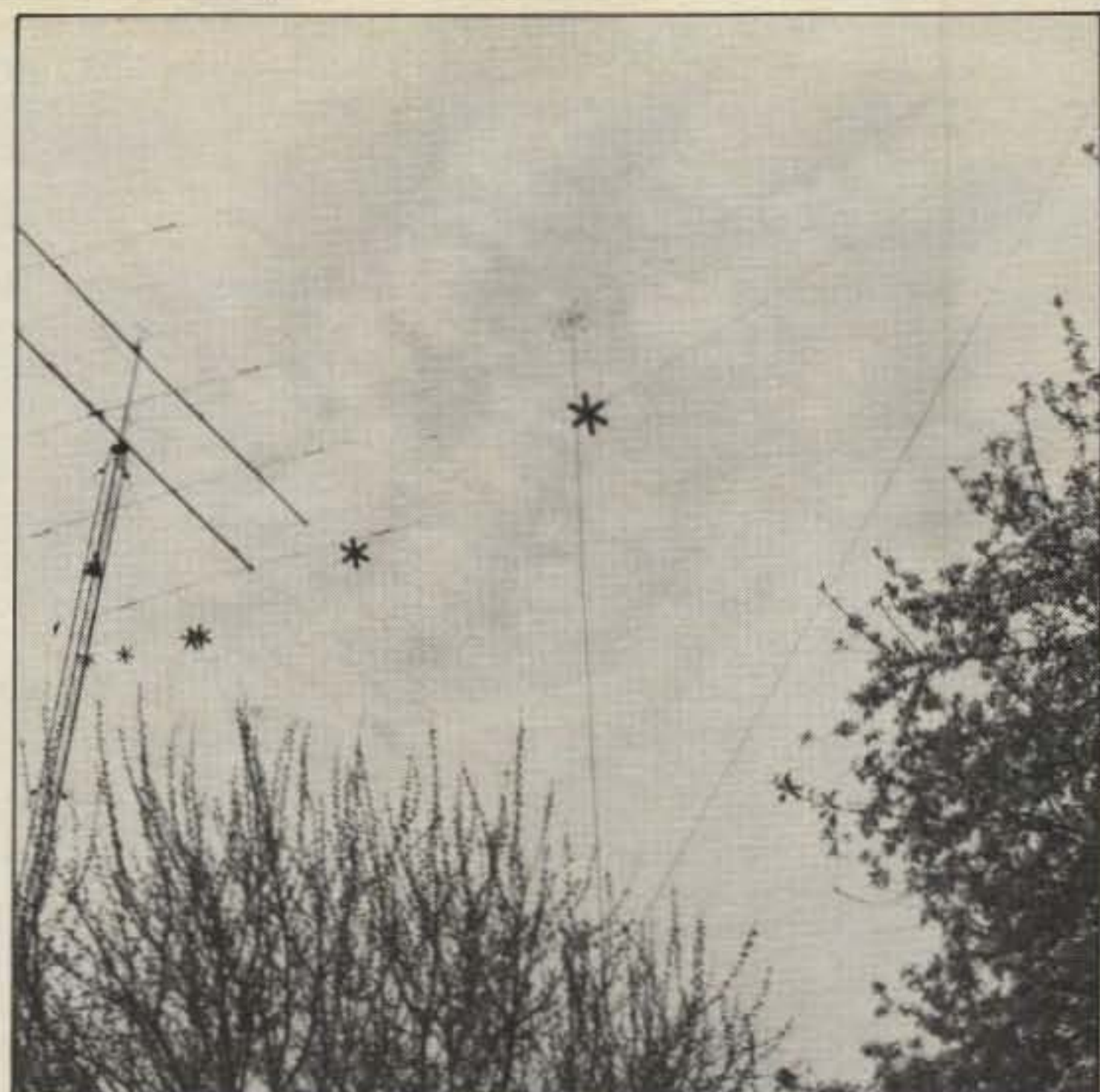
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Cage antennas in place. Note the special spreaders used. The antennas are designed to cover a certain band, or harmonically related bands, with a very low s.w.r. across the entire band. (Photo courtesy W2BN)

have caught up on some reader mail and examined two new antenna products: a commercial v.h.f. collinear and a modern-day version of the classic h.f. cage. We've also highlighted some personal computer and amateur radio software sources. Next month, we will examine several additional antenna topics of timely interest. See you then.

73, Karl, W8FX

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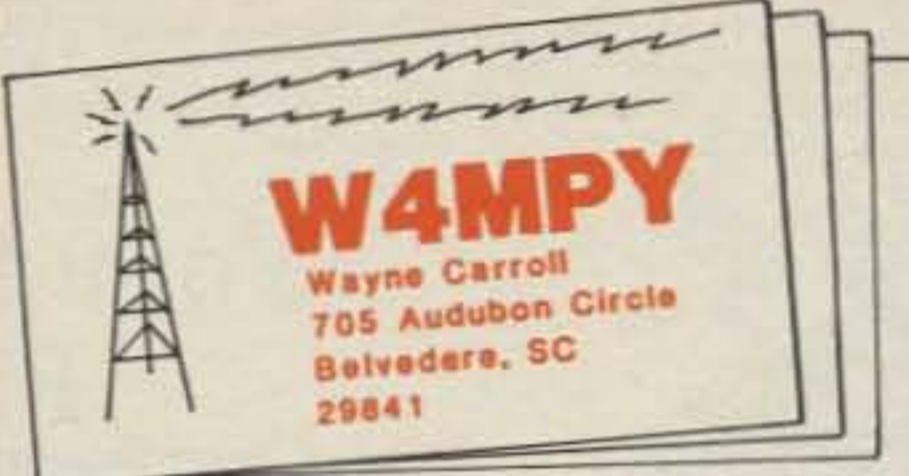
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July Column Correction

In the July Antennas column on page 72 we made an error in the first formula of the text. We omitted parentheses, thereby changing the entire meaning of the formula. It should have appeared as follows:

$$\% \text{ Reflected power} = \frac{P_r}{P_t} = \left(\frac{SWR - 1}{SWR + 1} \right)^2$$



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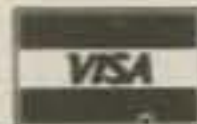
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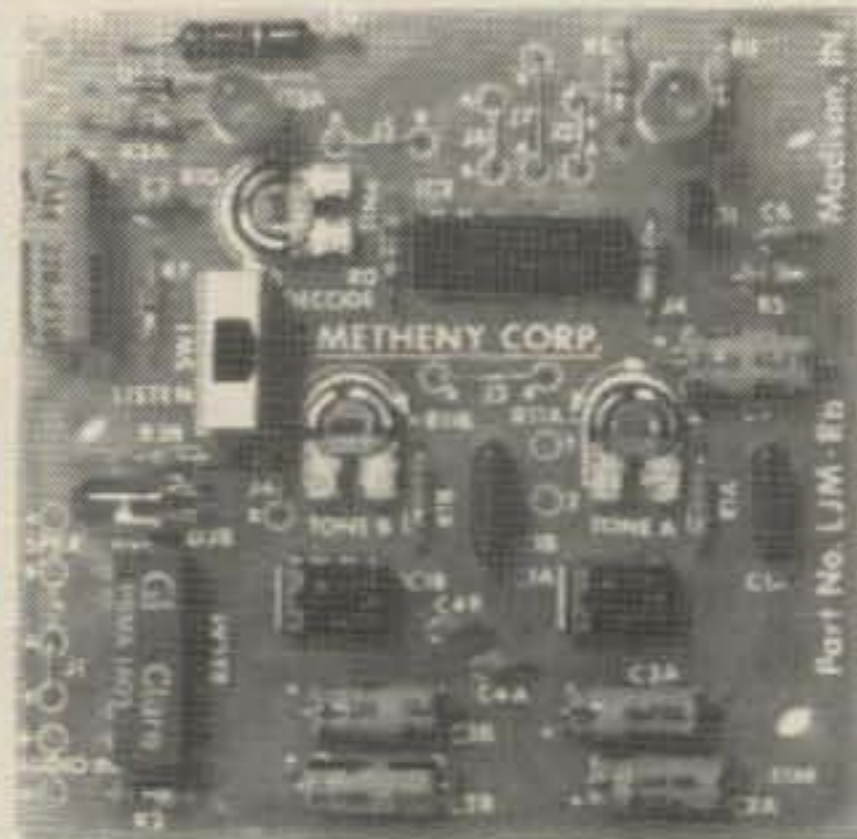
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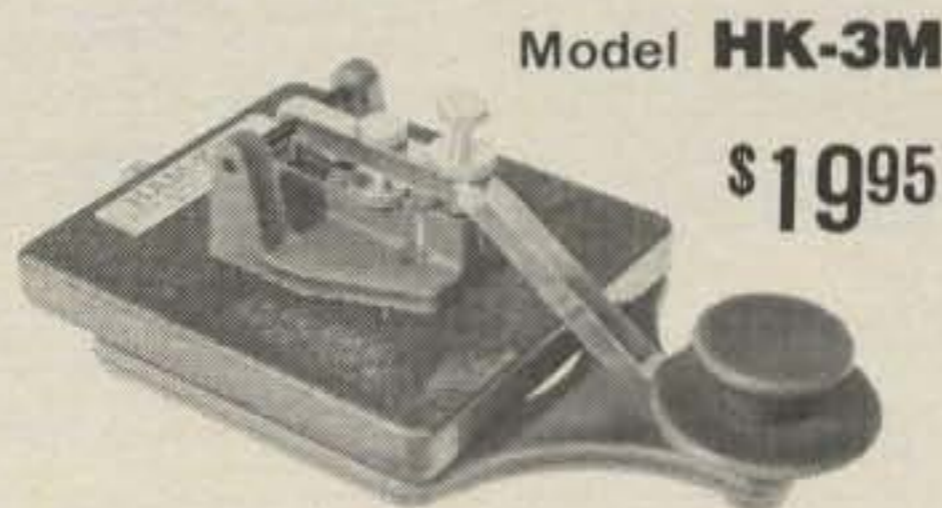
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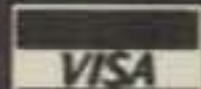
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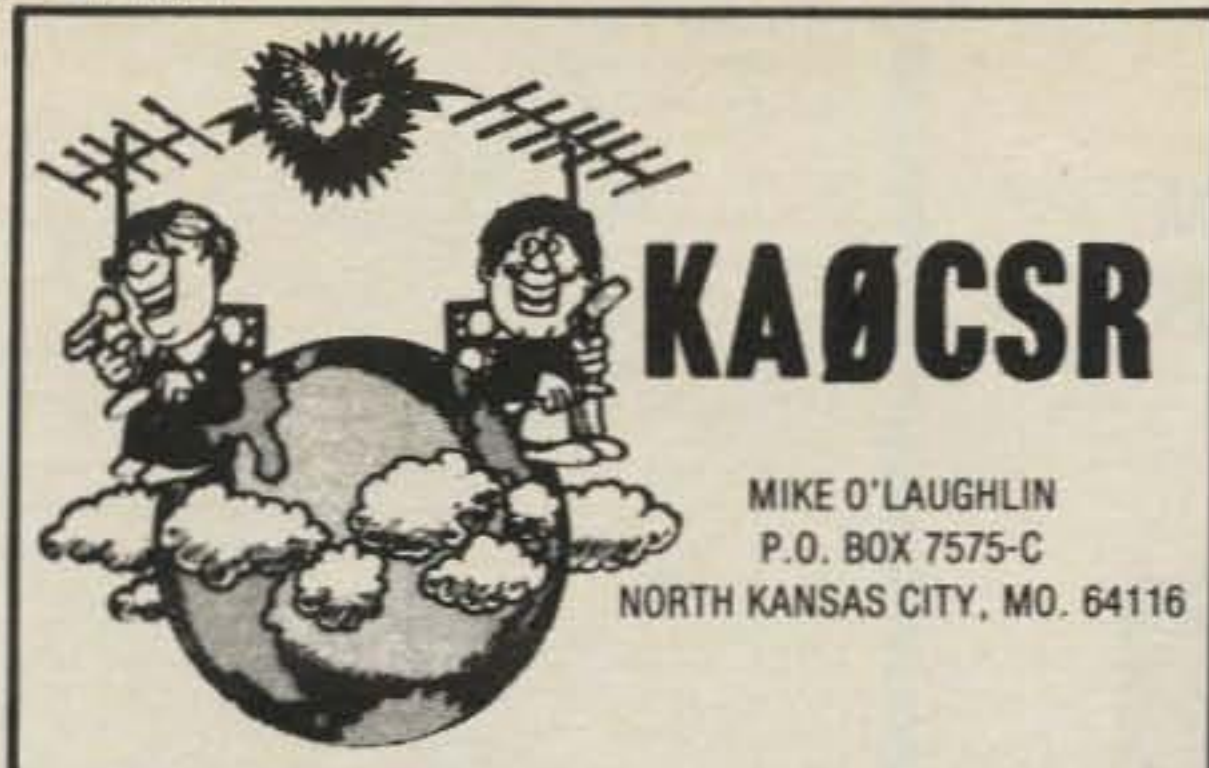
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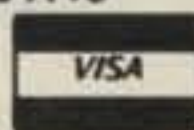
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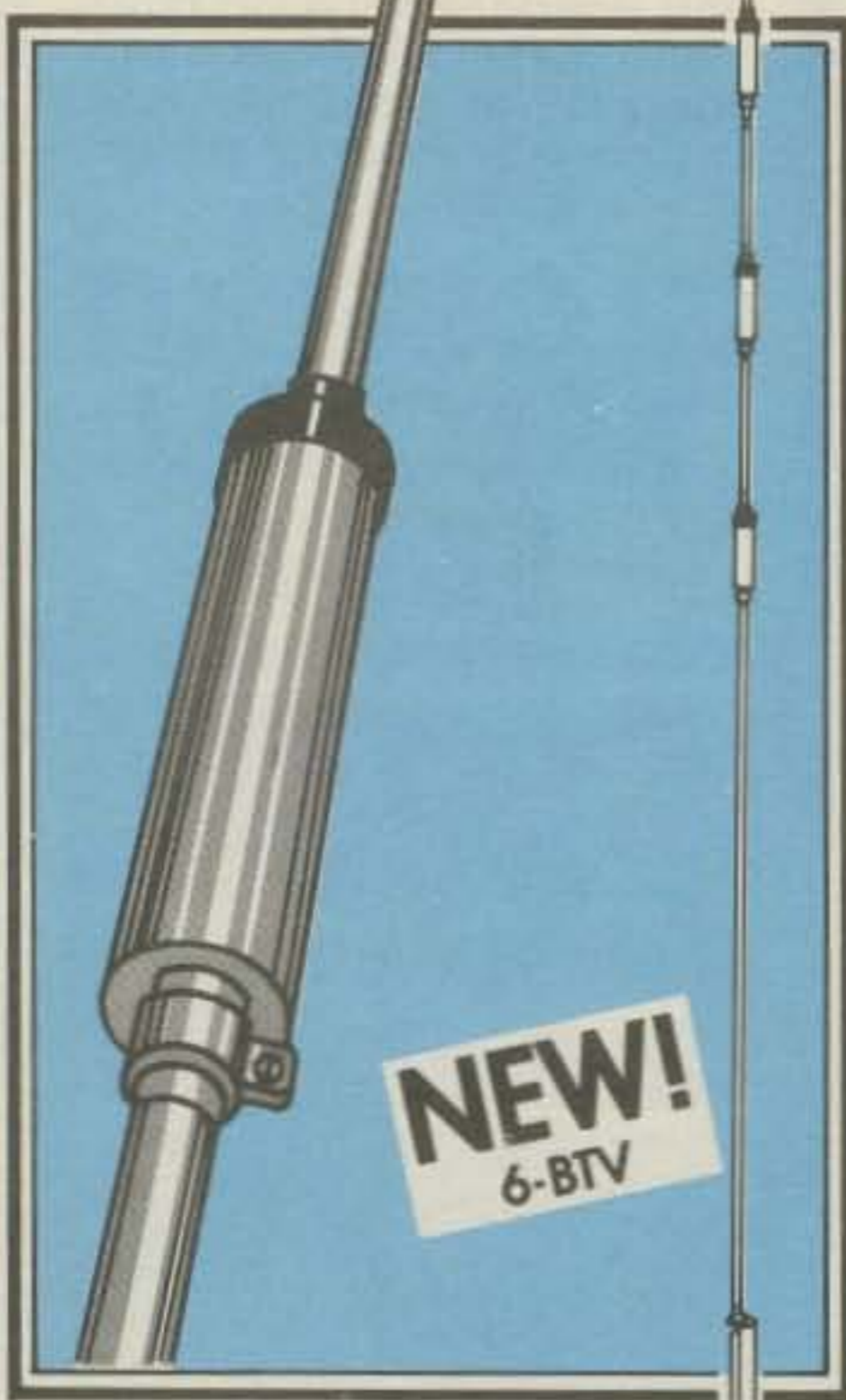
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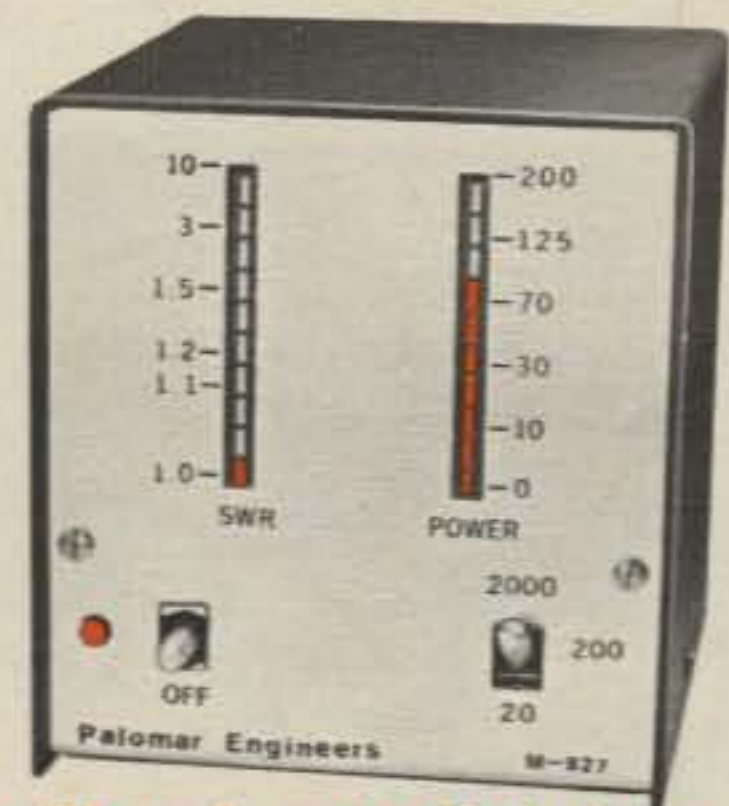
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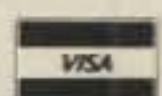
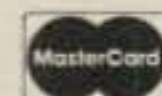


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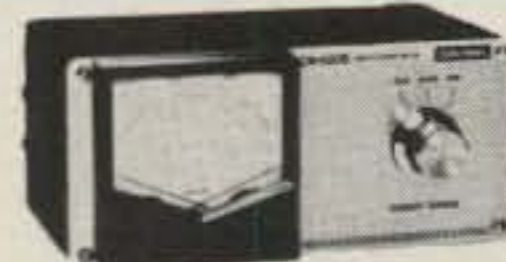
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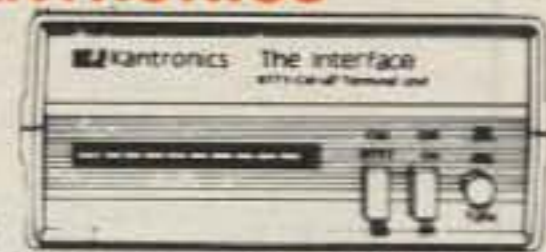


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