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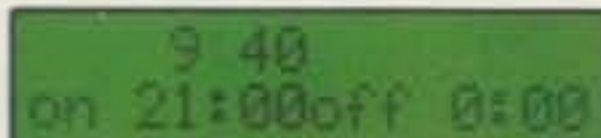
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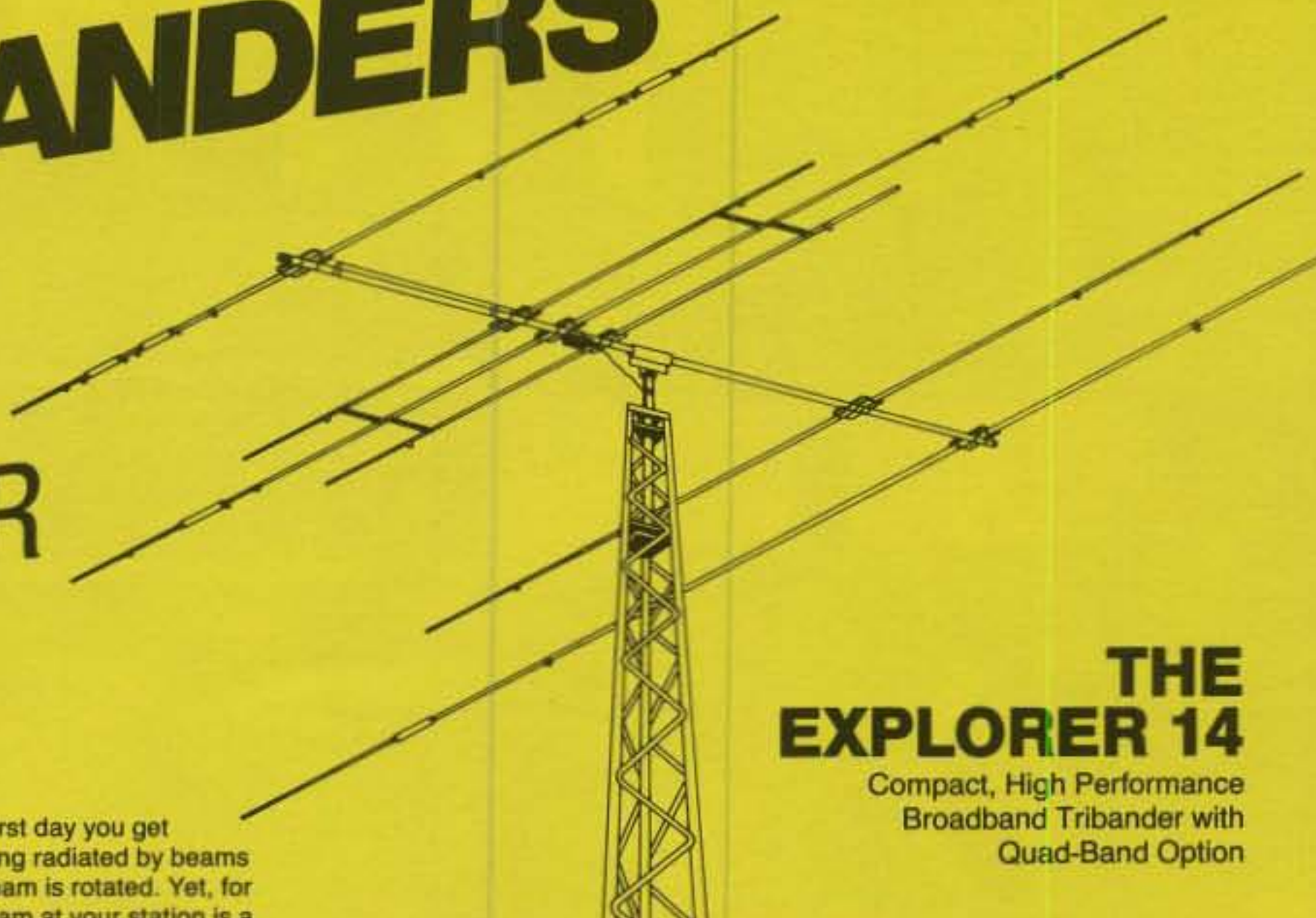
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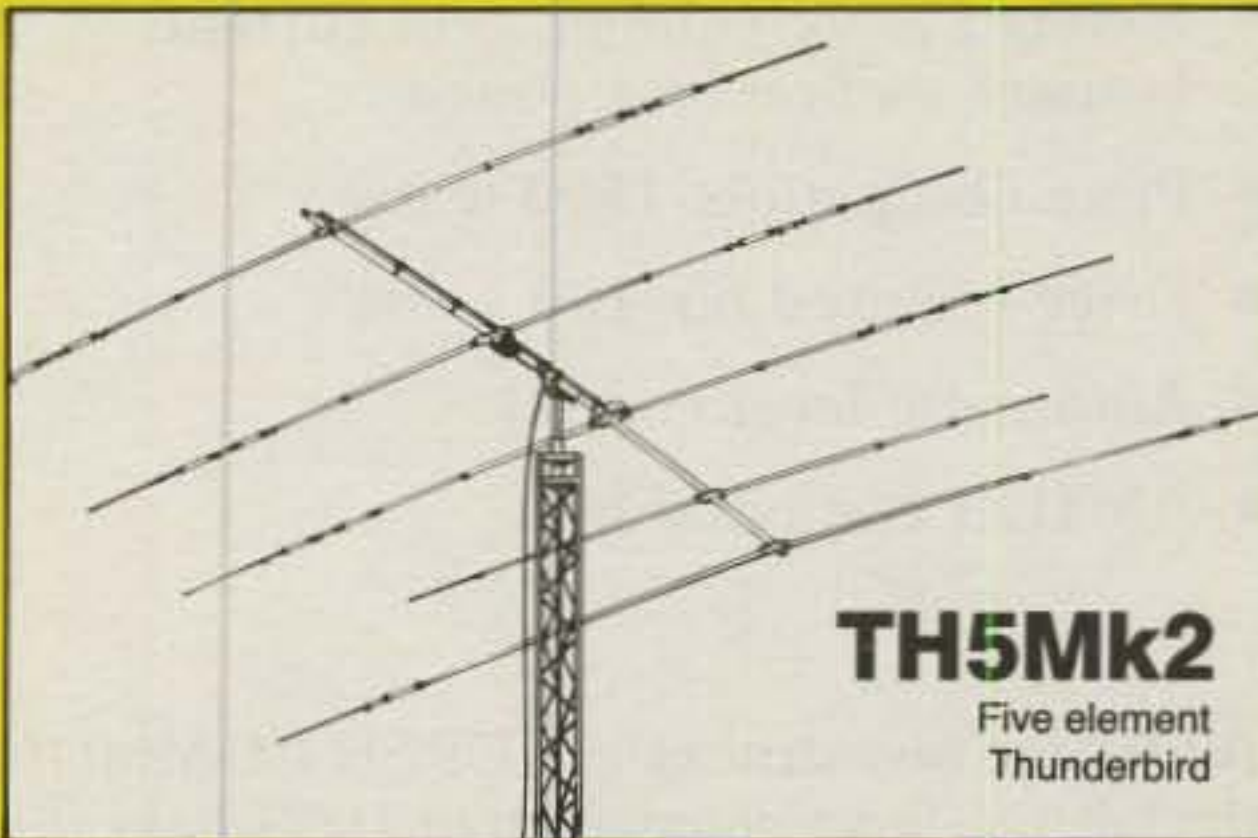
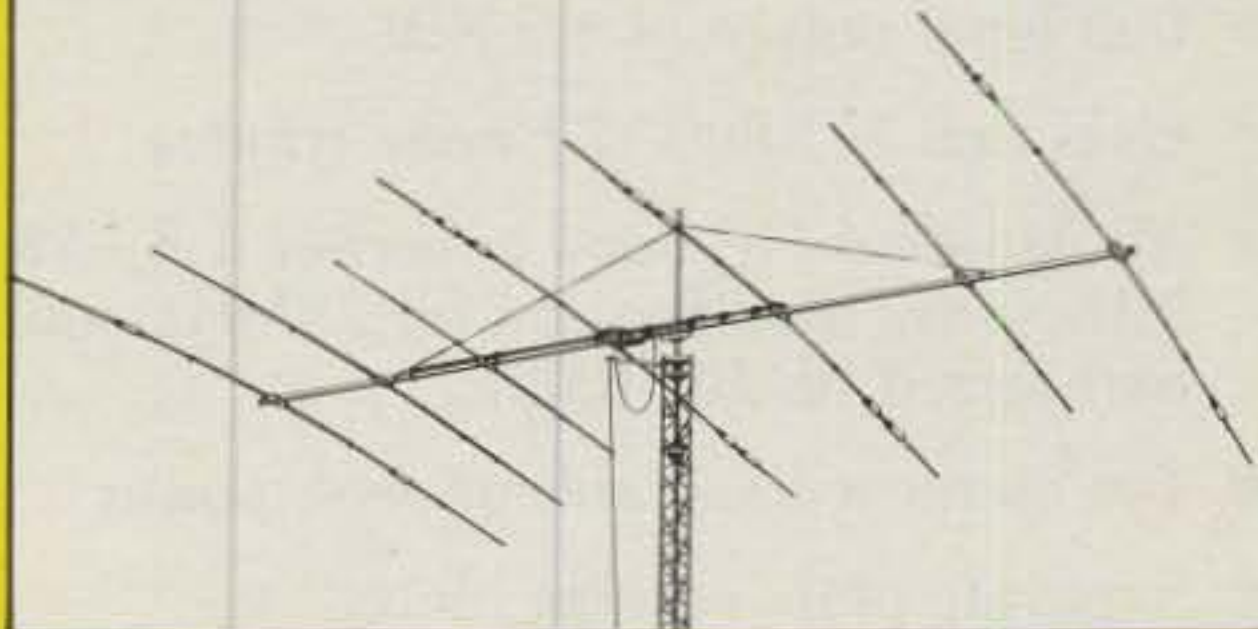
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# Zero Bias

## AN EDITORIAL

**T**he response to my past few editorials has been very gratifying. Many of you are now thinking about the problems that face amateur radio and our precarious future. Although suggestions abound, most still center on what someone else, some group, or the government can do to solve the problems. Apparently, we're still a long way from thinking in terms of I and me.

Extending the Novice privileges is a very good idea, deserving of our support, but in and of itself it means very little to a person who has nothing to which to relate *more* privileges, let alone existing privileges. It's still going to take more "hands on" teaching at the grass-roots level. Another extension suggested by several readers (for some future date) is 30 meters. Although it is a small piece of spectrum, it does offer a universal low-power requirement, world-wide coverage, and our all-time favorite, CW. It would provide a theoretically equal footing with all other amateurs who must use the same CW and power limitations.

I've had several suggestions of a "computer class" of license for those who are now involved with computers. Obviously, this idea was put forward with a no-code provision (the spark still lingers) and would involve the exchange of data (no talking or key-clicks to worry about). I seriously doubt that this would go a long way toward turning on someone to a DX pileup. If we altruistically wanted to enhance the state of the art in data transmission, we wouldn't need amateur radio for that. We simply could push for an extension of CB privileges to include data. Now that would really ruffle some feathers and wouldn't sit well with anyone.

There have been letters spelling out what the amateur radio magazines should do, what the amateur radio industry should do, what the ARRL should do, and what the FCC should do. Most are well intentioned. For the most part, people have begun to think beyond themselves and their own particular license and are now paying some attention to the great world out there. So, even though some ideas may be well intentioned, they are nevertheless a bit impractical and overgeneralized. The best sign of all, however, is that we are creating some movement towards the problem.

Now if we stop and think about it, a lot of the "should do" activity is being done and a lot of ideas are being tried out by the amateur radio magazines, the amateur radio industry, the ARRL, and the FCC. It's not enough, pure and simple. There's not enough time, money, and people to do the whole job. We can, with your help, get the wheels turning, create the interest, and explore all sorts of ways to stimulate growth in amateur radio. It's still up to you on an individual basis to determine for yourself just what you are willing to do for amateur radio. The volunteer examiner program showed a lot of skeptics (me included) that amateurs could gather and mobilize for the common

good. Can we take it one step further?

I hope that by now we can accept the idea that demographics play a slim role in amateur radio. There really isn't a typical amateur or typical amateur activity. We can draw new amateurs from just about any group you can think of. If you check your amateur friends, you'll find that they have many different occupations, educational and social backgrounds, and a variety of life experiences and interests. That's the crux of the problem. There's no one handle on anything that large or varied. It's also the infinite beauty of amateur radio in that it truly has something for everyone. So, if we spend our time and efforts looking for the ultimate panacea, we're bound to failure and disappointment. What we have to do is think beyond the "who" or "what" groups of people, young or old, who might want to become amateurs and concentrate on similarities that all amateurs face. The only thing positive that can be achieved by appealing to groups is that it's easier to identify a member of a group, but it still doesn't make the criteria for the group correct. I believe that for a long time that kind of thinking stifled our growth, as evidenced by the rising median age.

When those of us of the median age group were drawn to amateur radio, there was a great similarity of interests and personality traits that hasn't existed since the early to mid 1950s. The youth gap plainly says that young people now simply do not identify or have the same aspirations as we did at their age. The magic is still there, but the approach is totally different. For us, amateur radio was a way of life. For young people today it is at best a part of life—a small part among many parts. Our job is to enhance that part and make that part attractive and desirable. That's done by being there to help, providing a good example and a demonstration of the fun and enjoyment that can be had from amateur radio. That's being people oriented, a thing we all profess to be. If we bring ourselves to do what we say we do, then half the battle is already won. On the other hand, if we're strictly looking to recreate ourselves at age 15, then look in the mirror. It's too late.

We are getting more Novices via the volunteer program. If we can concentrate on keeping their interest alive, encouraging their use of the Novice bands, and just becoming active to any degree, then we have a foothold on the next generation. They will do the proselytizing to their age group. The extended privileges for Novices or any other working program is at best six months to a year away. Your participation is as near as tomorrow. You have a better, nearer-in shot at making it work for all of us, right here and now. Each one of you holds the future of amateur radio within your grasp. Don't choke it.

### Travels With CQ

The stalwart CQ travelers were at the

Southwest Division Convention in Long Beach, California this past August at a most impressive setting. The Convention was held on the *R.M.S. Queen Mary*, now a floating hotel. In all honesty I must say the organizers for this event need a bit more organizing themselves. The one magnificent bit of organization was the choice of location. That couldn't have been better. Initially our booth was situated right next to the ARRL booth. While we are friends and all of that, it just isn't right to have us next to each other. The committee refused to move us, and it was through the kindness of AEA that we were able to switch booth space with them. The *Queen Mary* is also adjacent to "The Spruce Goose," the legendary seaplane built and flown by Howard Hughes. The plane is housed in a separate domed museum. Both the ship and the plane are superb attractions and well worth visiting. Since there was no fleamarket at the convention, we loaded up on posters and souvenirs to bring back. Norm Koch, K6ZDL, our WPX Award Manager, was there and spent some time at the booth helping out. He also brought me an old panel meter to bring home. He knew there wasn't going to be a fleamarket, and he didn't want me to go home empty-handed. Bill Welch, W6DDB, our Novice Editor, was there with his wife, and I enjoyed meeting them for the first time. I've talked to Bill for years on the phone, and it was nice to finally meet him. His group at the Lockheed ARC does have a followup program for amateur radio students to help get them on the air, and operating the club station is part of the Novice course. Lew McCoy, W1ICP, was there with his wife, Martha, and I think Lew's talk on antennas (what else) was the largest attended forum of the weekend. With a lot of CQ staffers there, Dick and I got a rare chance to get out and see all of the exhibits and new equipment. With Christmas coming up, I know that I've enlarged my wish list to include a few of the goodies that I saw there.

The next month or so will find us in Houston, Virginia Beach, Chicago, and Louisville, KY for the big events there. Get out there and mingle.

### Silent Key

Several of you wrote in to find out what happened to our annual Christmas cover this year. Our covers were original paintings done by John Rogers, W2ADC, a world-noted watercolor artist. John was quite ill this past year and decided not to do the cover, as it wouldn't have been up to his high standards due to his health. We both hoped to see another cover in 1985, but that wasn't to be. John passed away in July. Of the 16 or so years I knew John, it was less than 8 that I knew he was a ham. The subject never came up. I grew to admire his talent and his wit and looked forward each year to his view of "CQville." We all will miss him.

73, Alan, K2EEK



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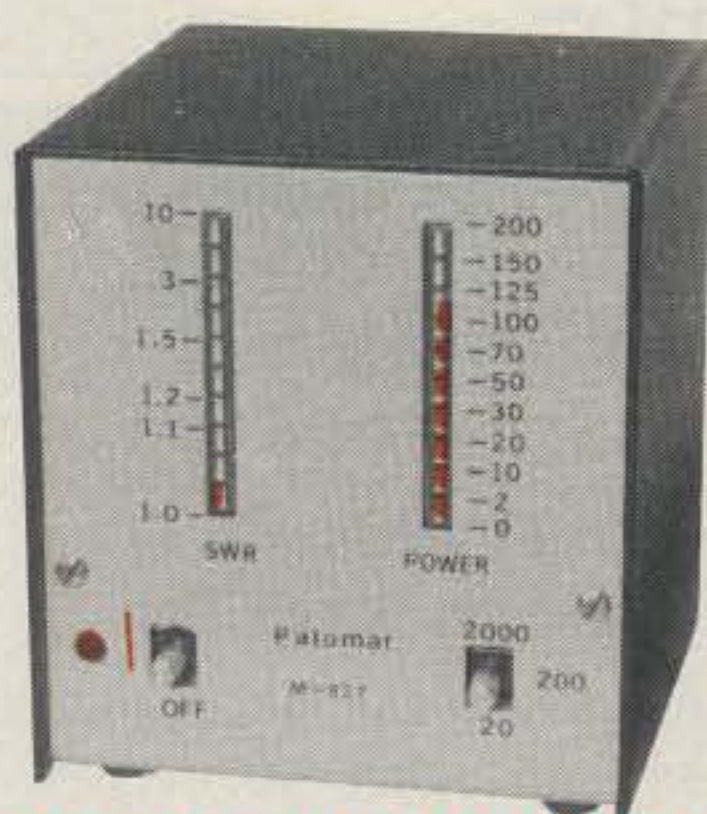
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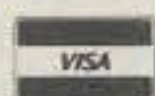
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## Our Readers Say:

### One Is Not Enough!

Editor, CQ:

Ten meters is open, and there are many signals on 10 FM, all on 29.6, it seems. Just one simplex frequency on 10 FM? My ARRL Repeater Directory says so, but one is not enough.

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See you on 29.61 FM simplex!

Bud Moist, AE7K  
Elko, NV

### Where Do We Find New Amateurs?

Editor, CQ:

I just read your interesting Zero Bias on the question of where do we find new amateurs? How do we attract the younger people?

Well, I'm not a young person, not in age anyway. But as an amateur I am. I took a Novice class sponsored by our local ARC. It was a good class and we all had fun learning our new language and basic theory and rules. It was a small class and we had 100% pass. We all thank our instructors.

Got my ticket 12/21/84, and it is now 2/11/85. Without taking my blood pressure I think it has only dropped a few points lower on the Novice bands than it was on 11 meters.

As we new operators learned, we get 50 kHz of the 40 and 80 meter bands and 100 kHz of 15 and 10 meters. Well, you don't have to hold a General license to realize that 10 and 15 meters are dead now. During the night 80 comes in and 40 dies. That leaves us younger people with 50 kHz to operate most of the time.

Now comes the point of this letter. The people in Canada use about 30 kHz of the 80 meter band for phone. The Novices are now cut to 20 or 30 kHz to work.

When younger people ask about "amateur radio" and I try to show them what it's all about, and I can't talk code 8 miles to a fellow Novice (KA8VQT) because of our fellow members of the CRRL on phone on the only band we have in the evening, I don't think we are going to attract many young operators.

I asked an Extra class license holder about the problem, and of course his answer was to study real hard and upgrade and you won't have a problem. I'm not so narrow-minded so as not to agree with him, but I do enjoy code, and right now if I

upgraded I probably wouldn't do as much code.

But your question was how to get younger people into ham radio. My suggestion is, don't let any new prospects hear our Novice bands. Thanks for hearing me out.

Jim Stone, KA8VQS  
Luzerne, MI

### A Unicorn Is The Answer

Editor, CQ:

This is just a brief note to congratulate you on the outstanding Editorial "Amateur Radio Needs a Unicorn," which appeared in the June issue of CQ. It is truly a masterpiece, and I think you have found the crux of the whole problem. Your Editorial should be required reading for ALL hams in the United States.

Pete Nissen, W4PTT  
Jacksonville, FL

### It Doesn't Have To Cost A Lot

Editor, CQ:

Just read your Editorial in the June issue of CQ. The thing that scares the kids away is the idea, actively promoted by all the magazines (who are supported by the manufacturers), that ham radio is and has to be a big money hobby.

If you want kids to come back, you have to let them know they can get on the air without the latest \$2300 rig, and show them how to do it.

Rodney W. Gray  
Belchertown, MA

### A Worthwhile Alternative

Editor, CQ:

Your editorial in the June issue raises several important points regarding the future of amateur radio. Amateur radio can be extremely rewarding to many older adults who are looking for an activity to become involved in. I raise this point because those trying to promote the field's growth sometimes forget its value for those involved in the Human Services either as a provider or recipient. Normally amateur radio is only considered in terms of its usefulness in a crises or emergency situation. However, it is a worthwhile alternate for people to consider who do not want to paint, jog, travel and/or spend a lot of time playing cards or bingo. Your readers' consideration would be appreciated in promoting this idea.

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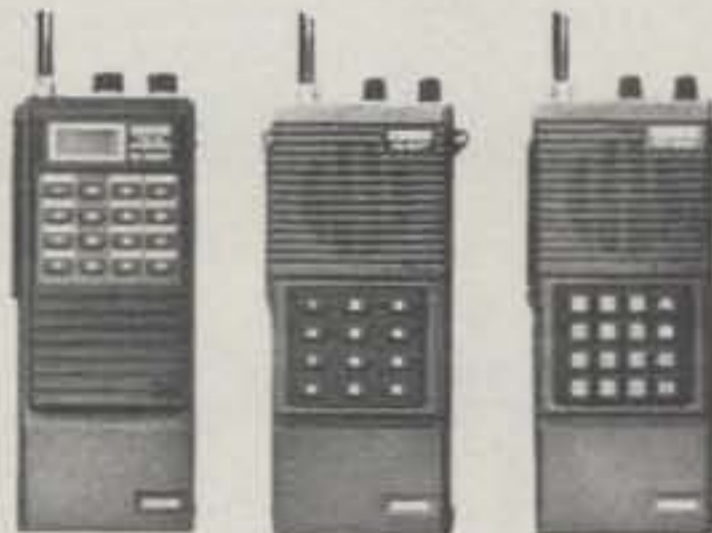


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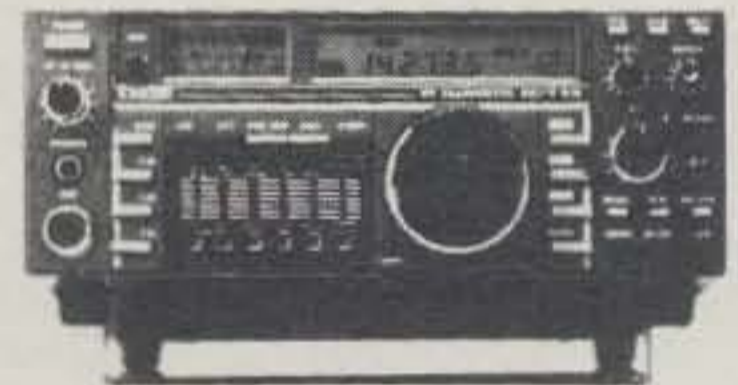
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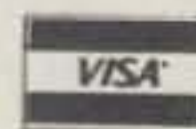


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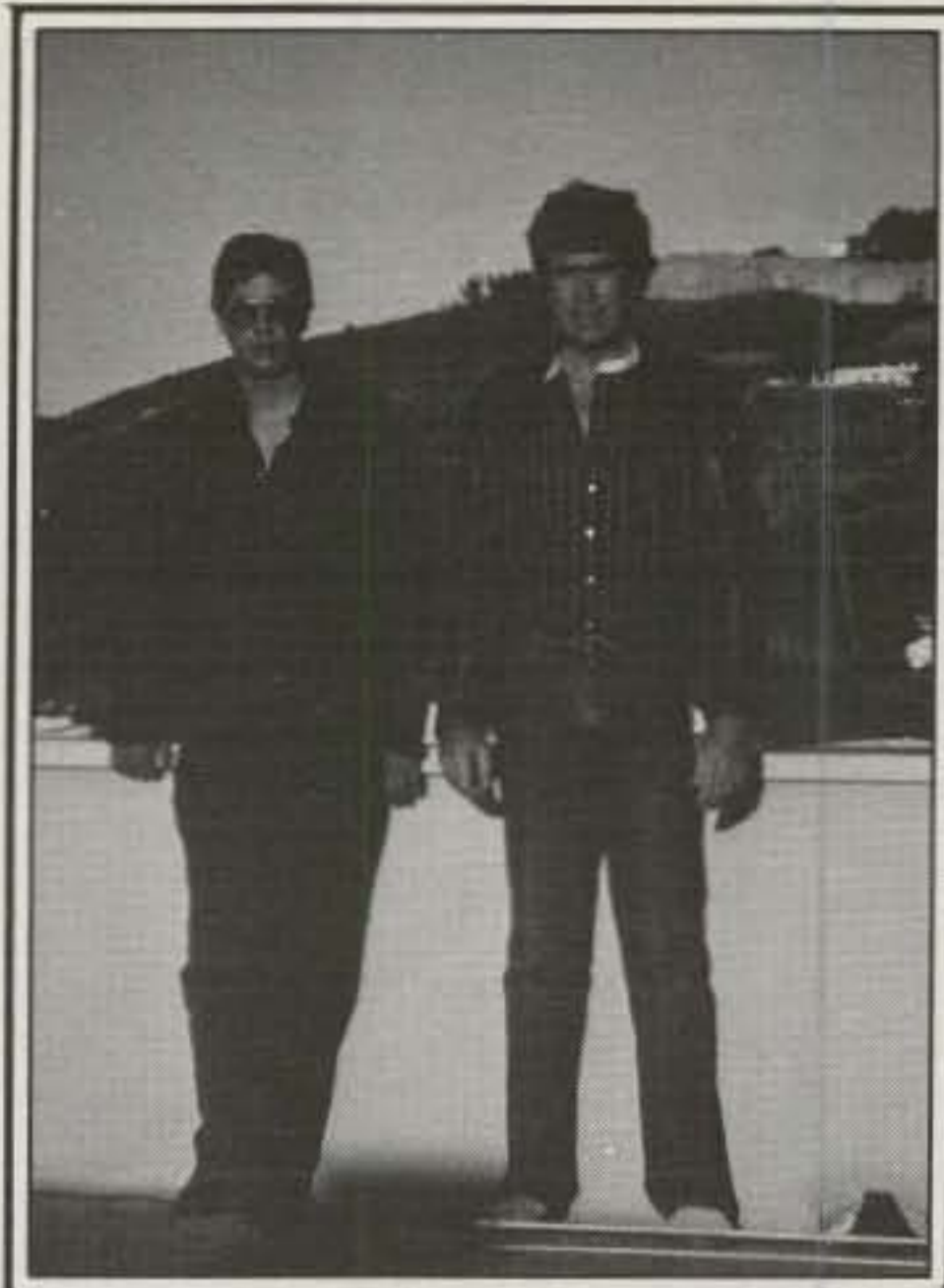
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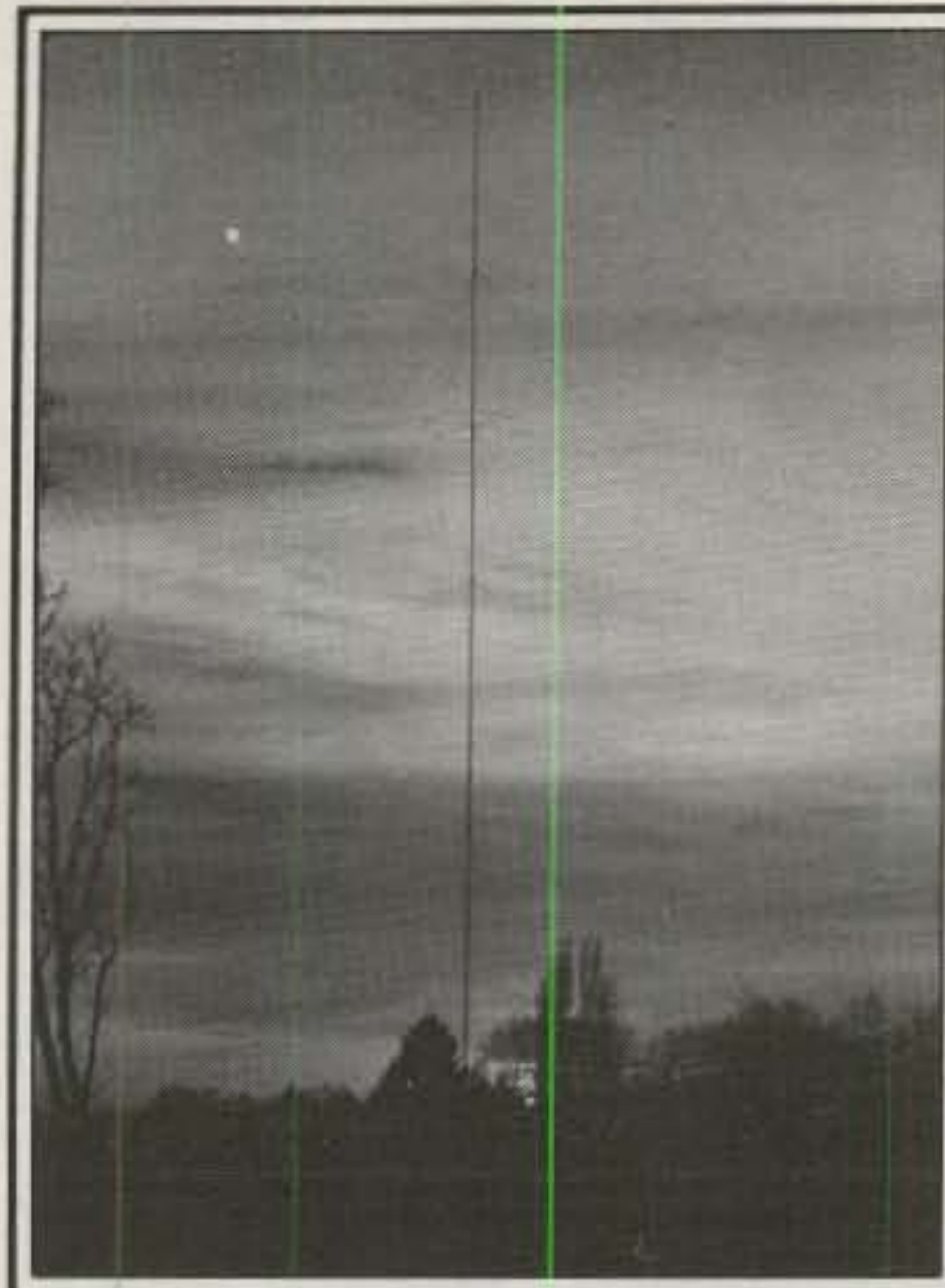
Ville, OH2MM, traveled halfway around the world to visit Phil, YB0ARA, and put his station to the test in the all-band category.



A fine single band 21 MHz effort was shown by KA2DIV/V2A.



Jim Neiger, N6TJ, is shown here next to host EA9KF just before the contest. Jim managed a fantastic 5 million plus to finish second to rival N6AA from 9Y4VT.



HB9AMO used this 85 foot vertical on 160 meters to amass 60K and a third-place finish. Lots of low-band activity at this time of the sun-spot cycle.

# 1984 CQ WORLD-WIDE DX CONTEST C.W. RESULTS

BY LARRY BROCKMAN\*, N6AR/4 AND BOB COX\*\*, K3EST,

It is the 47th hour of the CQ WW CW test, and our hero is just about exhausted. It has been a long contest this year. The receiver has hissed continuously on 28 MHz, and George is sure there is something wrong with it. Where were all those Europeans on 10? Surely 10 meters was worth more than 20 QSOs. And 80 meters—if George hears W3 blankety blank call CQ one more time he will scream. Does K6 ump de ump really think he can fool us into believing those imaginary JA calls George heard him "logging" on 40? With George's 5 over 5, he would have heard them for sure. And then there's the litany of DX stations just running contact after contact who failed to identify their call. George tried his best on that one, transmitting a well-placed di di dah dah di di in there often to wake up those turkeys. The nerve of that UK2 for telling George he had duped him 7 times on 20. Right now, George

was going to stop the daydreaming and get back to his CQing on 15. Got to get all those JAs he missed yesterday. This would be his best hour of the contest. But what's this? Oh, no. It's K6 ump de ump trying to take over George's frequency again. That guy would never learn; there he goes logging those imaginary calls, too. But George knows better, and another couple of cycles of the CQ machine and that K6 would be gone. Aw nuts, what's the use; George will move instead. So, up 5 kHz George goes and he strums out a CQ. "QRL, QRL . . ." resounds melodiously out of the receiver, so the dial spins again, and another CQ. "W3 blankety blank QRZ . . ."

Oh well, 40 is a better bet the last hour anyway. There are just 40 minutes left to go now, and George sets his mind to chasing multipliers. With a flash he is tuned up and ready to go. What's this? It's for real, SU11M on 40 CW. Boy, will he show that W3. George is going to scoop him on zone 34 on 40. So, George sets after his prey. George calls him long, and George calls him hard. Well-placed 4 by 4's; that will do it. "Lid, lid . . ." booms from the headphones, but our hero is sure they're talk-

ing about that lousy W3 who is in there now, too. "K6 ump de ump, K6 ump de ump de SU11M . . ." With this George has lost all vestige of the exhaustion we spoke of. George is now as single minded as a man can be. George is going to work that SU or else.

It is now 0005Z, and George is sure he will be next with the SU. Everyone has stopped calling, and it'll be clear on this next try. But the phone rings. It's Joe over at W3 blankety blank. "How was it? It was fantastic, the best CQ WW ever . . ." With that pearl, let us just check and find out how the Georges and Joes of the world did this year.

## The All Band Results

This year's new team competition seems to have generated interest and rivalry among some of the perennial entrants. The "Downhill Contesting Team" sent representatives to 5 continents, and ended up with 4 of the top 7 single operator scores in the world. Dick Norton, returning again to 9Y4VU, took the top spot with 5.6 million, with teammate Jim Neiger a close second with 5.0M from EA9KF. Jim

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managed an outstanding 160 meter effort on multipliers, but Dick made up for it with many more contacts (almost 200) and multipliers on 10 meters. Dave, N3RD/VP9, rounded out the top 3 with a fine 3.7 M. Marty Laine, OH2BH, posted a 4th place finish from CT1BCM, setting a new European Continental record, the only single operator all-band record set this year. In the USA category, Lew, N2LT, captured the lead with 2.2 M, and then WA8YVR at 1.9M and K1DG at 1.85 M. These were followed by 5 other W's within 200K of each other in a tough competition with many hours of poor conditions. The West Coast seemed to be particularly hard hit on conditions, with the best of the 6's and 7's managing to just break 1 M.

A contingent from Southern California traveled to French Guiana to join some of the locals for a super first-place effort in the world multi-single category (7.6M), a score that would have been second high in the World as a multi-multi. KD7P/KH2 provided much needed zone 27 activity in their 4.5 M second-place finish, a new Oceania record. EA3VY, 5H3BH, and HZ1AB in that order were in an incredible scramble for third, with only 100 K separating them out of 4 M. In the USA, it was Tom Taormina's new K5RC super station out of Texas that walked away with a 3.2 M first place, followed by K1ZZ and K1RX.

The boys at EA9CE radiated fine signals on all bands in their world high multi-multi effort with 9.2 M. Gene Walsh's N2AA multi-op machine took second honors from the USA with a fantastic 6.3M. Gene's 152 extra multipliers were no match for the extra 2800 W's and Europeans the EA9's logged. W3LPL and K6UA were second and third stateside, and fourth and sixth worldwide. YU1EXY, third worldwide, and JA9YBA, fifth worldwide, topped the multi-multi competition in Europe and Japan, respectively.

### Single Band Results

This was a disastrous year for the high bands as old sol continued the decline in the cycle. Virtually no 10 meter activity existed other than the all banders. But, out of the noise some of the faithful managed to pull as many as 280 contacts and 43 countries. 4M7QP took the USA high with just 15 K, followed by DJ6RX and W8WPC. Stateside, W8WPC's 8550 was tops, with Jay Carr, W6FAY, second at 5814.

Fifteen meters was also down somewhat (see some of the comments in QRM). Yet 9Y4W amassed 700 K to win for the world, with fellow South Americans PY5ZR and LU4FDM behind him. K2EK finished fourth worldwide with 277 K, enough for the USA lead. He was followed stateside by W4UM and W6YA.

Jorge, LU8DQ, lost in his bid to set a world 14 MHz single-band record to add to his existing 15 and 10 meter world records, but he managed to pile up 1 M points on 20, the only single band score to exceed 1 M this year. OH8OS took second place with 715 K, and set a new European record on the way. N5CR racked up 337 K to take USA honors, with N3RS and KM9D, both over 300 K, in close competition.

It was the low bands where the slack was taken up, particularly on 40 meters. Four Continental records and the USA mark were wiped out. In fact, 4 USA stations broke K0RF's old 1981 mark of 337 K, with Dave, N5JJ, taking the marbles with a phenomenal 424 K. N6RO, K5MR, and K6NA used the excellent JA and

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EA9KF	5,014,224	WA8YVR	1,928,259
N3RD/VP9	3,668,256	K1DG	1,850,453
CT1BCM	3,295,152	K1OX	1,843,428
4V2C	3,205,896	W1KM	1,741,922
ZL3GQ	2,756,467	W4RX	1,663,305
YB0ARA	2,663,424	K1EA	1,634,165
FM/W6SZN	2,581,176	N4WW	1,615,940
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DK3GI	608,612	N6RO	376,301
UP3BA/UF	573,648	K5MR	365,613
9Y4VU	546,735	K6NA	343,035
YU3EY	545,936	K1BW	314,360
TE1C	519,480	WT4A	254,898
3.5 MHz		3.5 MHz	
UP2NK/UF	283,362	W1FV	99,495
UZ9AWZ	250,614	AA6AA	92,133
UH8EAA	210,820	N4RJ	69,258
HA8KQX	210,240	N7DF/0	51,354
EA8RL	207,823	W9LT	37,051
I4EAT	160,540	W5RK	35,840
1.8 MHz		1.8 MHz	
LZ1KDP	78,088	K5UR	28,032
LZ2CJ	60,844	K1ZM	19,323
HB9AMO	60,680	N2SU	9,604
4X4NJ	48,114	W1CF	7,917
YV3AGT	47,679	N9NB	7,728
YV1OB	45,584	K6SE	7,500
Multi-Operator Single Transmitter		Multi-Operator Single Transmitter	
FY0GA	7,617,235	K5RC	3,221,384
KD7P/KH2	4,487,665	K1ZZ	2,773,744
EA3VY	4,053,000	K1RX	2,492,475
5H3BH	4,036,290	N4AR	2,445,534
HZ1AB	3,913,525	W3BGN	2,349,839
OK5R	3,656,054	W8UA	2,147,508
Multi-Operator Multi-Transmitter		Multi-Operator Multi-Transmitter	
EA9CE	9,170,984	N2AA	6,315,520
N2AA	6,315,520	W3LPL	4,646,621
YU1EXY	5,529,092	K6UA	4,217,924
W3LPL	4,646,621	W3GM	3,500,928
JA9YBA	4,470,165	W0AIH/9	1,723,711
K6UA	4,217,924	N4ZC	1,198,449





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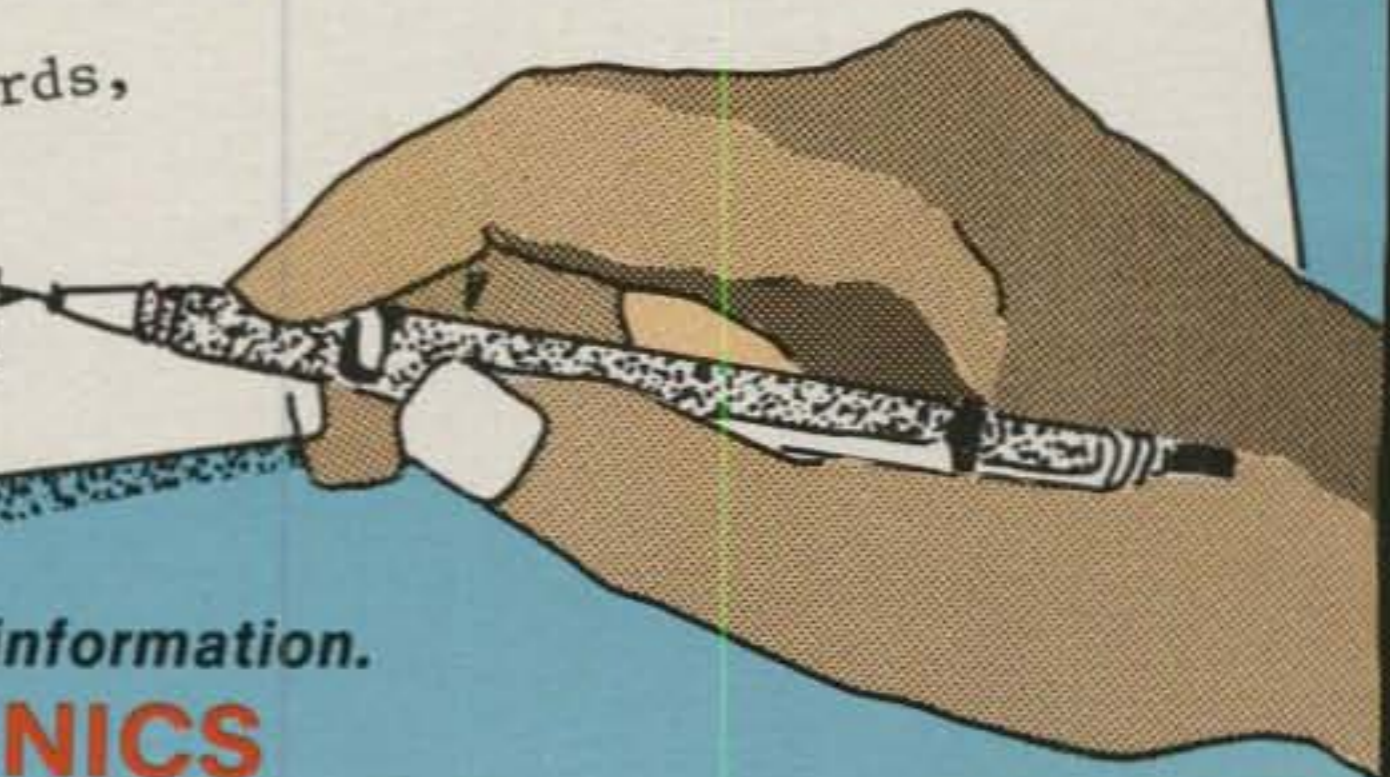
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Another 160 meter super effort from Charles, YV1OB, in his tent operating location.

European openings that lasted all through the night to finish above the old mark in that order. YX5A topped the pack worldwide with 696 K, a new South American mark. DK3GI and UP3BA/UF were next, each setting a new Continental mark for Europe and Asia. Randy, KH6XX set the fourth continental record with a 427 K score from Oceania.

In his first try outside of the home QTH, UP2NK managed to top the field on 80 worldwide with a fine 283K score, a new Asian record. He was trailed by Sam, UA9AN, from UZ9AWZ with 250 K, and UH8EAA with 210 K for a Russian and Asian sweep of the top 3. HA8KQX finished fourth by less than a 600 point margin, but managed to capture the new European record on 80. W1FV topped the competition on 80 in the States, with just under 100 K. He was closely pursued by Steve, AA6AA, at 92 K. Your Director, a long-term West Coast operator, is speechless over the thought of 60 countries in one weekend on 80 from California. Unless you have operated from W6 land, you'll never ever know how tough that is. Congratulations, Steve.

The low-band activity was phenomenal on 160, with many scores over 30 K this year, a score that would have seemed virtually impossible just a few years ago for all except the anointed. LZ1KDP set a new European standard with 78 K on the low band, with fellow countryman LZ2CJ second at 60 K. The rest of the top four included HB9AMO, narrowly edged out for second, and 4X4NJ. YV3AGT topped YV1OB for fifth place. K5UR was way out in front in the USA with a USA record high of 28 K. K1ZM was second at 19 K.

### Club and Team Contesting

The club competition was heated again this year, with Frankford Radio Club narrowly edging out arch rival Yankee Clipper Contest Club by 74 M compared to 71 M. The Southern California Contest Club was a distant third with 38 M. In the DX Club category, the Bavarian Contest Club put on a well-organized team effort, with most of the scores coming from the home front. Their 12 M put them on top, with the Kaunas Institute finishing second at 9M + . We would like to emphasize to all those interested in the club category that it is important that all logs from the clubs be clearly marked with the name of the club. Also, be sure your club sends a list of members and their claimed score. Inaccuracies in the club score total are most often caused by the absence of the right data.

As mentioned earlier, the team contest category seems to have encouraged some activity—particularly among the FOC crowd. However, the "Downhill Contesting Team," a

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<p><b>SINGLE OPERATOR, ALL BAND</b> World <b>EA9KF (Opr. Jim Neiger, N6TJ)</b> Donor: W2AB Memorial</p> <p><b>World QRPP</b> <b>Robert D. Epstein, K8IA</b> Donor: Gene Walsh, N2AA</p> <p><b>World—Most Contacts</b> <b>9Y4VT (Opr. Richard J. Norton, N6AA)</b> Donor: KV4AA Memorial (14270 KHz Group)</p> <p><b>USA</b> <b>Lewis Tompkins, N2LT</b> Donor: Frankford Radio Club</p> <p><b>Canada</b> <b>Reginald Brearily, VE2AYU</b> Donor: Canadian DX Association</p> <p><b>Europe</b> <b>CT1BCM (Opr. Martin Laine, OH2BH)</b> Donor: Ed Bissell, W3AU</p> <p><b>Africa</b> <b>Chris Burger, ZS6BCR</b> Donor: Gordon S. Marshall, W6RR</p> <p><b>Asia</b> <b>VS6TA (Opr. Paul Newberry, N4PN)</b> Donor: Japan CQ Magazine</p> <p><b>Japan</b> <b>Toshio Takahashi, JA1BWA</b> Donor: Japan Crazy Contesters Club</p> <p><b>Oceania</b> <b>Peter W. Watson, ZL3GQ</b> Donor: Maui Amateur Radio Club</p> <p><b>SINGLE OPERATOR, SINGLE BAND</b> World (14 MHz) <b>Jorge Bozzo, LU8DQ</b> Donor: W2JT Memorial (NJ DX Association)</p> <p>World—3.5 MHz <b>A.K. Krigzde, UP2NK/UF</b> Donor: Fred Capossela, K6SSS</p> <p>World—1.8 MHz <b>LZ1KDP (Opr. Goshu Vodenitcharov, LZ1ZF)</b> Donor: KP4ES Memorial (Chip Margelli, K7JA)</p> <p>USA (7 MHz) <b>David Busick, N5JJ</b> Donor: Northern Illinois DX Association</p> <p>Canada (7 MHz) <b>Yuri Blanarovich, XN3BMV</b> Donor: Canadian Amateur Radio Federation</p> <p>Caribbean/Central America <b>TE1C (Opr. Carlos Fonseca, T12CF)</b> Donor: DX Club of Puerto Rico</p> <p>Australian—14 MHz <b>Ditmar Kiesewetter, VK2APK</b> Donor: Jay Carr, W6FAY</p> <p>Japan—21 MHz <b>Kazunori Kuroki, JR6EZE</b> Donor: DX Family Foundation</p>	<p><b>MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER</b> World <b>FY0GA (Oprs. N6DX, N6ZV, N6VI, FM7CD, FY7AN, FY7CM, FY7YE)</b> Donor: Anthony Susen, W3AOH</p> <p><b>U.S.A.</b> <b>K5RC (Oprs. K5RC, NA5R, K5GN, KN5H, W5VAH, WA5ZVE, N5EA, K5GA)</b> Donor: Doug Zwiebel, KR2Q</p> <p><b>MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER</b> World <b>EA9CE (Oprs. EA9GJ, EA9HE, EA9HY, EA9IE, EA9JL, EA9JV, EA9KF, EA9KN, EA9KQ, EA9LD, EA9LZ, EA9MO, EA9PB)</b> Donor: Hazzard Reeves, K2GL</p> <p><b>U.S.A.</b> <b>W3LPL (Oprs. W3LPL, AI3M, KC8C, KF3P, KT3Y, N2FB, W3FG, WD4AXM)</b> Donor: Jim Rafferty, N6RJ</p> <p><b>Europe</b> <b>YU1EXY (YU1EA, YU1EW, YU1FW, YU1MSK, YU1PKC, YU1PDF, YU1RL, YU1RS, YU1UU, YU3IW)</b> Donor: OH DX Ring</p> <p><b>CONTEST EXPEDITIONS</b> <b>World Single Operator</b> <b>David Hawes, N3RD/VP9</b> Donor: Yankee Clipper Contest Club</p> <p><b>World Multi-Operator</b> <b>5H3BH (Oprs. SM0AJU, SM0DJZ)</b> Donor: Bill Schneider, K2TT</p> <p><b>SPECIAL SINGLE OPERATOR COMBINED SSB/CW</b> World—All Band <b>Doug Grant, K1DG</b> Donor: John Knight, W6YY</p> <p>World—Single Band <b>Franklin Brooker, 9Y4VU</b> Donor: Yuri Blanarovich, VE3BMV</p> <p><b>CLUB</b> World—SSB/CW <b>Frankford Radio Club</b> Donor: CQ Magazine</p> <p><b>SPECIAL CQ MAGAZINE PLAQUES</b> <b>9Y4VT (Opr. Richard Norton, N6AA)</b> <b>VE7WJ (Opr. John Kiesel, KE7V)</b> <b>N2AA (Oprs. N2AA, K2BQ, K2GL, K2NG, K2SS, K2TT, K2TW, K2UR, K3EST, K5NA, KC2X, KR2Q, KU2M, W2RQ)</b></p>

team consisting of N6AA, N6TJ, N6XX, OH2BH, and OH2MM, just creamed everyone by sending off all 5 members to great spots on 5 different continents. As 9Y4VT, EA9KF, XE2MX, CT1BCM, and YB0ARA, these guys bullied there way to 18 M points, far ahead of the crowd. The FOC submitted four entries, but only three of the teams qualified, with

Team A (G3FXB, G3MXJ, G4BUE, OZ1LO, and ZL3GQ) taking second place with 7.1 M.

### Disaster Strike

It was bound to happen sooner or later. Unfortunately, it happened this year. As a volunteer group, the CQ Contest Committee is spread out over the country, and this neces-

sitates that we ship the logs twice—once from CQ to the Director in charge, who opens and sorts them and tabulates the high-claimed scores; and second, to each of the log checkers by the 13 categories. One of the boxes of contest logs was lost by the carrier in transit from the Director to the log checker. Specifically, the box of W4, W5, and W6 logs never got to their destination. After months of effort to trace and locate the shipment, we concluded that all was lost. Fortunately, as all logs are received by the Directors, the call, category, and score are recorded. Thus, we were able to construct the results for the entrants whose logs were missing on the basis of their high-claimed scores. After giving up on the carrier, every effort was made to collect the complete

line scores. We are indebted to the many stations who cooperated with us in our attempt to do this, and our apologies to those who didn't get the word. If your line score is not listed, please forgive us for the inconvenience.

### For The Record

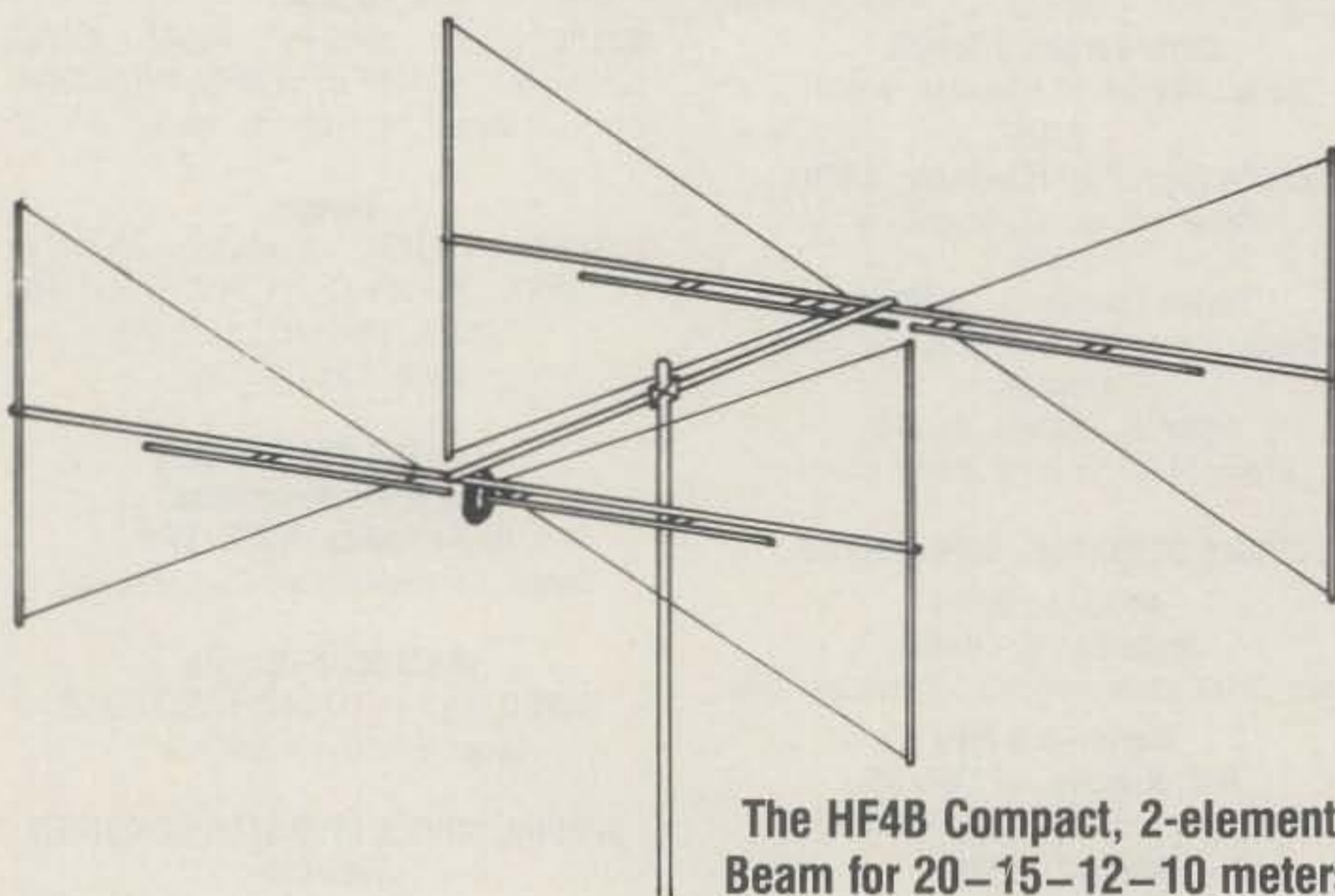
For several years now we have been harping on the duplicate issue. Nevertheless, we continue to see the problem. People who should know better still leave duplicates in their logs, and neglect to fill out and send in check sheets with their logs.

Perhaps they ask whether it is fair to disqualify an entrant who works hard all weekend during the contest just because he leaves "a few" duplicates in the log. Let us emphasize



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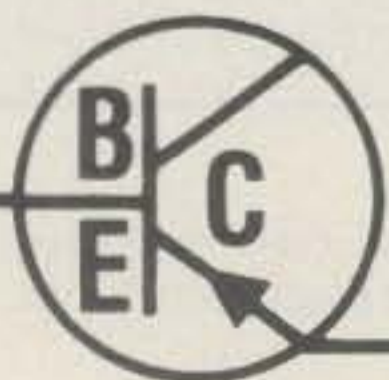


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the other side. Is it fair to award someone who edges out a competitor by less than the point value of those duplicates? Those who lost in a tight one need assurance that their hard work and effort are rewarded and not someone else's sloppiness. The CQ WW Committee has a duty to preserve the integrity of the contest accordingly. Yet, each of our committee members is inundated with several hundred logs in each category. Time and workload preclude us from dupe-checking each log thoroughly. So, when we find a log that has a duplicate, our only recourse is to come down hard, and that's what we do. For the first 1%, the penalty is 3 QSO's for every duplicate. Up to 3%, the penalty is 10 QSOs for every duplicate. Above 3%, it's goodbye.

It is amazing that anyone would spend the time planning, traveling, and operating in some of the remote locations and then refuse to spend a few hours checking the log afterward. That is part of the game, and if you don't play the whole game, you may not finish at all. Take the time to check your log. Even if you do it during the contest, check it again afterwards. If you hate it so much you just won't check it, then avail yourself of one of the computer checking services. In any event, if you're serious enough to want to compete and be considered for an award, then you must accept the responsibility for the checking and for meeting a submission deadline.

There's a rash of disqualifications this year. Some of them would have been super efforts even had they been checked, but, they weren't properly checked. What a shame.

### Thanks Due

Our thanks to all who helped in the assembly and processing of this year's results. Our committee members include Frank, W1WY; John, K9DX/6; Terry, N6CW; Rick, N6ND; Dave, K2SS; John, K1AR; Ed, N3ED; Fred, AD6C; Jan, N6AW; Glenn, K6NA; Jim, W7EJ; Gene, N2AA; John, K2VV; and Doug, KR2Q. Their work and dedication are appreciated by us all.

Our thanks as well to all who participated in expeditions. Their activity gave all of us additional multipliers and fun. The calls we can thank are N6XX, N6AA, N6TJ, N3RD, WA3LRO, N4KR, N4PN, W6SZN, KD7P, JE1JKL, K1CC, K3UOC, K2KTT, UP2BM, UP3BA, UP2NK, OH2MM, OH2BH, OH2BAZ, VE3DAP, KA2DIV, FY0GA, GJ0AAA, VP2VCW, HZ1AB, 5H3BH, W8ZF, and others who put time, money, and sweat into making the contest special for all of us.

It's about time for George to appear again for the 1985 Contest. Good luck with that SU, George, and 73 to all.

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### WORLD TOP SINGLE OPERATOR—ALL BAND

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
9Y4VT	133/8/16	533/20/57	981/23/62	1219/29/75	1186/24/71	233/20/35
EA9KF	155/9/43	539/14/55	825/19/68	1182/29/71	1096/24/72	38/14/20
N3RD/VP9	73/5/9	336/14/44	1064/21/61	1192/28/82	1188/24/76	44/5/6
CT1BCM	166/8/37	390/19/64	742/21/66	712/30/72	1043/27/72	65/18/33
4V2C	37/6/9	416/22/55	1000/30/68	1024/30/60	1192/24/57	44/5/6
ZL3GD	19/10/10	160/22/41	420/21/47	554/27/62	1176/28/68	250/16/27
YB8ARA	5/3/4	183/21/31	455/27/62	845/33/73	851/25/66	34/16/23
FM/W6SZN	12/4/5	480/15/47	1192/20/61	293/19/49	944/21/55	203/8/8
EA2IA	5/2/5	588/16/54	710/20/75	998/28/76	736/26/75	4/3/4
N2LT	19/5/11	107/18/49	413/32/87	683/34/92	468/24/77	13/6/9

### WORLD TOP MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER

FY0GA	148/13/41	420/18/57	1425/27/84	1303/35/84	1695/25/78	127/13/24
KD7P/KH2	61/11/11	428/24/34	895/32/60	619/35/81	1097/32/72	275/25/38
EA3VY	90/11/52	332/16/66	1354/24/81	1076/29/81	926/27/77	24/12/24
5H3BH	3/2/3	29/12/18	394/26/57	1279/33/90	1477/28/85	104/16/45
HZ1AB	107/9/32	319/10/38	1053/30/82	697/29/71	685/29/84	136/17/44
OK5R	151/8/50	701/23/77	880/31/97	813/35/98	460/34/89	34/12/32

### WORLD TOP MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

EA9CE	451/9/57	1065/16/61	1578/21/73	1679/32/78	1381/21/65	156/12/43
N2AA	140/17/48	295/23/77	1239/38/103	1126/37/122	591/28/89	97/14/24
YU1EXY	390/11/48	1020/23/73	1167/29/92	1424/35/104	600/33/98	100/15/35
W3LPL	57/11/28	223/21/70	932/36/108	748/36/109	704/27/100	60/17/26
JA9YBA	14/6/6	395/27/55	1117/33/88	1215/37/96	516/31/68	44/15/21
K6UA	134/11/16	396/24/48	923/34/93	900/37/104	508/28/68	126/17/28

### USA TOP SINGLE OPERATOR—ALL BAND

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
N2LT	19/5/11	107/18/49	413/32/87	683/34/92	468/24/77	13/6/9
W8BYVR	26/7/16	147/23/55	267/34/76	576/36/85	424/27/75	24/11/14
K1DG	24/9/15	137/20/54	372/31/81	424/31/83	444/23/74	28/13/17
K10X	15/6/7	94/16/51	410/33/78	447/32/87	440/26/86	22/11/14
W1KM	20/8/14	227/19/64	258/29/71	390/33/83	406/26/74	17/9/12
W4RX	39/9/20	107/17/43	346/32/78	334/35/89	398/27/78	31/15/22
K1EA	7/4/4	118/17/45	305/30/70	597/28/79	372/24/76	22/12/14
N4WW	20/8/13	99/15/46	365/31/67	378/35/83	430/26/77	31/12/17
W1RM	3/3/3	126/2/59	179/30/80	400/31/91	416/27/78	21/12/14
K3WW	9/6/7	118/20/52	281/31/78	423/31/85	355/22/66	15/11/12

### USA TOP MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER

K5RC	24/13/22	178/26/60	853/35/99	443/35/108	448/30/80	52/21/33
K1ZZ	29/9/18	145/17/53	413/31/88	641/33/102	540/27/87	27/13/18
K1RX	9/5/5	103/22/61	491/35/99	759/35/98	377/26/82	21/14/19
N4AR	33/12/26	109/22/62	439/37/110	604/36/98	383/28/79	23/15/21
W3BGN	43/14/30	113/19/58	355/35/92	649/34/95	408/27/84	26/14/21
W8UA	23/8/21	117/21/52	375/34/83	635/34/94	337/27/86	27/13/20

### USA TOP MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

N2AA	140/17/48	295/23/77	1239/38/103	1126/37/122	591/28/89	97/14/24
W3LPL	57/11/28	223/21/70	932/36/108	748/36/109	704/27/100	60/17/26
K6UA	134/11/16	396/24/48	923/34/93	900/37/104	508/28/68	126/17/28
W3GM	95/17/43	226/23/69	563/34/100	748/37/102	438/26/87	51/14/24
W8AIH/9	76/8/10	215/23/53	257/32/74	622/34/87	271/26/68	61/13/21
N4ZC	—	40/14/25	456/35/88	338/29/69	274/25/69	14/7/9

## DX QRM

This was my 43rd CQ Contest, and I really enjoyed staying on 40 for the first time. Nothing comparable to the mid 60's... UA9AN. 160 meters—wow!... FY0GA. Lost a pair of 930s, but still put zone 27 in a lot of logs via the incredible long paths on all bands... KD7P/KH2. Antenna was apartment dweller's special at 320 ft... W3HHB/KH6. With only 2 operators and 2 log keepers, a power failure, high power line noise and limited experience (our 2nd contest) we managed to survive the dogpiles and the weekend... VI3WI. The first CQ WW from a new location... YZ2CRU. This is our first multi-multi... JG1ZUY. Age 14—used no electronic or memory keyer, only "classical pump"... OH2BSS. Moved house just a few weeks prior to the contest; great to test performance of the new antenna in the premier operating event of the year... OH2BN. I am a schoolboy now in electronic middle school, age 19... SP4EEZ. Missed at least 50 QSOs and a couple of multipliers on 160 because of my CW... LZ2CJ. To the NH6J—rough copy and I think maybe I didn't make it, huh?... YU7AD. My company gave me two days off to prepare for the contest. On Monday everybody asked me what place I won... YU7AF.

Next year with a better antenna... OK1DMA. Very strong wind (about 140 km/hr.) partly destroyed my antennas... OK1AWC. WAC on 160 in 19 hours, 43 minutes YV1OB, W1RR, EA9CE, 4X4NJ, HB9AMO, and VK6HD... OK1DFF. Super 40; poor 10... OK5R. Much trouble with the antennas and electricity due to frost and a wind of over 160 km/hr!... OK1KSO. Our best score in this contest—many thanks for the contest... OK3KII. 40 and 80 were terrific... OZ8JYL. Our first time in the CQ WW and had a great time... G4OTU. Don't leave testing of new equipment and antennas until 4 hours before the contest... OH2BR. 22 years since my last contest... OH2AI. You'll never fall asleep if you drink the tea the chief operator gives you... DL0IU. A storm 2 days before the contest damaged our tribander, so little activity on the HF bands here... GU3HFN. N2AA was the loudest signal from North America on 80 and 40 all the time... G3VBL. Our 4th visit to the Channel Islands for the contest. The new club call helped to keep stations calling... GJ0AAA.

Enjoyed our 3 week trip to Malta with 18,000 QSOs CW only... 9H3DI. Very fine contest, but bad conditions on 10 and 15... PA3CEF. Too much trouble for 48 hours... YZ4Z. Excellent propagation, good activity... HA8KQX. Pileups on 40 were great... C53J. First all-band effort; will be back bigger and better next year... ZS6BCR. It would be nice to operate from the East Coast... VE7BS. No more Yagis. Couldn't get through to YB, DX1, etc. Back to loops in 1985... XN3BMV. Several power failures didn't help the QSO count... 9M2RT. Must be a long time since ZC4 was on in the contest judging by the ops who asked "4CZ?". Credit to the West Coast USA ops who got the call the first time... ZC4CZ. It was so hard to work Europe from this side of the World... NH6J/NH8. First serious effort for 8 years... ZL3GQ. 1.8 MHz from equatorial countries is hard... P29PR. After 25 years of CQ

WW DX contesting, this was my first DXpedition... UP2NKJUF. FY0GA was very strong in Asia on 160... UA9CBO. Thanks to CQ for this great contest... UA9AB. First time seriously from Europe as single op, modest station, and no conditions. Still, a record is a thrill!!... CT1BCM (OH2BH).

At whatever QTH I work the CQ WW, every year there is a storm that brings down the antenna (this year 40 M)... DL8MBS. The amplifier had to be turned off after 6 hours of operation because a neighbor's doorbell rang when I used it... DK3GI. Not good propagation on the upper bands, especially 28 MHz... EA2IA. Just wanted to look for DX stations, but got hooked... EA5CF. It is impossible for a little station to find a hole in the band for a call... ED1CI. After years of contesting on SSB, this was my first try at CW. All I can say is BEAUTIFUL... EA6GP. Very enjoyable contest, as always... EI4DW. East coast USA automatic keyers sure does raise the QRM level... EI3DP. Propagation fair, but no JAs... EI1DH. Despite the high winds on Saturday, my tower stayed up this year... G4BUE. 100 watts, 3 element Yagi, and 12 beers... F6AUS. The contest was great, but the logs are sure a lot of trouble... G3VMW. Most pleasant happening to find 15 open... G3ESF.

Very tiring on my first attempt ever... G4UOL. I realize I'll probably come in on the bottom with my entry, but who cares when I had so much fun... G3URA. California at 0957 on 40 (K6NA)!... G4IUF. Heard the first W break through Europe at 2332 on 3.5 MHz—finally worked him at 0153... GD5AVF. Last time I won the GM certificate was in 1957... GM8SQ. CW is a real pleasure for me; it's a kind of an art... HB9CWA. It was great fun working a pileup never possible from my home QTH at SP5EXA... JW0EQ. I like the everyone works everyone format... LA0EH. High speed Arctic flutter makes copy difficult... LA9ZV. TVI problems, a party, and a hangover... LA9GY. Highest multiplier I ever had... OZ1LO. Most expeditions only give their call signs every 5 minutes... OZ8AE. DX only heard during sun up/sun down passings... OZ8CT. Every year the biggest contest... PA0TA. Conditions poor on 160, but proud of my 58 countries... PA3BFM. Three more new ones added to QRPP DXCC... OK1KDR. Funny how little difference QRP or QRO really makes in a contest... PA3BUD.

## USA QRM

Greatest fun is meeting old friends—the camaraderie of a group contesting together... W3BGN. I survived another one... W4OO. JA's on 40 at 0430—the stack must work... K5RC. Single op keeps you busy... K3WW. Finally a chance to work the contest from the East Coast... N4WW (N6AR/4). I sure miss 28 MHz... K3LR. Take two aspirin and call me when the sunspots are back... K1AR. Power went out at 1306Z Saturday when a drunk driver knocked down a pole—it hurt me more than it hurt him... W1KM. Of all of the Friday nights of the year, why did my thrust bearing freeze up on this one... K1VR. Worked country number 100 on 160 M... W1WAI. Using a C-64 computer for

logging. Keyboard locked up and wiped out all the QSO information between 0400 and 1900Z on November 25 . . . W1OR. Strangest QRM problem—K1GQ's German Shepherd had 8 pups . . . K1DG. And I thought conditions were poor last year . . . W1HUE. WAC called me in 6 minutes . . . K2VV. Too bad the following stations on 80 M, all Q 5, couldn't hear the 6's calling them—UH8EAA, UR1RWX, ZL2JU, ZL1KVV, UP2NK/UF, YU1EXY, LZ1KAA, SK6JA, LA4PCI . . . AA6AA. Listening to 6's working JA's on 160, and can't even work the 6's . . . NA2Q.

With only 5 watts, this was a very long contest . . . AA2Z/1. Weird conditions—worked many Europeans long path . . . N3RS. My first Russian Roulette Contest—the wind blowing my free-wheeling beam . . . W1PL. Ten often open, but no activity . . . W7IR. Biggest thrill is pulling weak DX through loud W's calling CQ . . . W7FGT. Almost no Europeans heard on 21 MHz in Pacific Northwest . . . KE7C. If conditions get any worse, next year's log will fit on a postcard . . . KU7M. Or, it may come from Dr. DX . . . KO7G. In 1981 worked 162 USSR stations; in 1984 worked 23 of them . . . K7ZA. Can't wait till 1989 . . . K8NZ. Had several brief openings on 10 M to snag the countries I needed . . . W8WPC. Forty was really alive . . . W8UVZ. It was fun sharing the rig with my son, KA9QYA; his first contest . . . K9BQL. Wish more DX stations would work split on 80 . . . W9RN. Let's swap CW and SSB weekends every other year so the CW gang gets a shot at the usually better October propagation . . . W0WP. How about a low band category? . . . AB0X (ed.—the ARRL tried it). Like the new log forms . . . W0JU.

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**AG7M & KW7Q. AK1L & KA1FBY, KA1X, KC1X. DF8AFZ:** DL3ZI, DL2ZAE, DK1DO, DJ0GN, DL4FBZ, DL5FO. **DF8BV:** DJ10J, DL/LX11, DL7MAE, DL1MAJ & DL5MAE, DK2OY, DL4MAH, DL5M80. **DL3HAH:** DF4XG, DL1HBT, DL2HAA, DL2HCB, DL3HAH, DL3HBS. **DL8ER:** DK7FP, DJ2LA, DJ5GN, DF5EN, DL6EAD, DL5EBN, DL9XY. **DL8IU:** DK7AH, DK8AG, DL4AAA, DL4AAE. **DL8LR:** DJ7PT, DL8RE, DJ2GW, DJ3Z, DF4WV, DF4WY, DF4PA, DF4PB, DF4PM. **DL8WN:** DA1PG, DJ1MU, DJ2RH, DJ9CB, DJ8LC, DF5ZP, DK6ZG, DK8FK, DL1AD. **DX1A:** DU1RU, DU1TW, DJ1US/DU. **EA3VY & EA3LL, EA3KU, EA3AIR, EA3AVV, EA3DXD, EA3EEE, EA3FER. EA6URP:** EA6DO, EA6DI, EA6EJ, EA6FG. **ED7BB:** EA7TH, EA7CFW, EA7BU, EA7FFA, EA7EL, EA7CEC. **F3TV:** F6ARC, F6BEE, F9IE. **F6ENV & F6DUR, F6BGY, F6FYA & F6KEO, F6ERS, F6IGF & F5UB, F6IWW & F6BYJ, F6AWN, FY8GA:** FM7CD, FY7AN, FY7CM, FY7YE, N6DX, N6VI, N6ZV. **G4OTU & G4XFB, GJ8AAA:** G3SXW, G3TXF, G3VVG. **GU3HFN:** GU3MBS, GU4WRP. **HA1KRR:** Sandor, Jozsef, Zsolt, Janos, Jozsef, Janos. **HA2KMR:** Jozsef, Atilla, Gabor, Csaba, Janos, Laszlo. **HA3KNA:** HA3FTA, HA3OV, HA3OU, HA3NS, HA3NU. **HA5KDY:** Miklos, Artur, Bela. **HA6KNX:** Jozsef, Gyula, Zsolt, Nandor. **HA7KMP:** Tamas, Janos, Alexandros. **HA8KCK:** HA8EK, HA8DZ, HA8DT, HA8ES, Marko, Atilla. **HA8KVK:** Laszlo, Jozsef, Laszlo. **HA8KWG:** Kezelo, Sav, Ado. **HB9AJ:** HB9AQF, HB9COC, HB9COF, HB9BWN, HB9CRP, HB9CJR, HB9CBT, HB9OL, HB9BEL, HB9CTU, HB9CIO, HB9CJJ, HB9CYK, HB9CCT, HB9UH. **HB9BXQ & HB9AKW, HB9BRJ, HB9BUN, HB9CKM, HG1S:** Fyula, Otto, Laszlo, Tibor, Laszlo, Istvan. **HG5A:** Peter, Laszlo, Tamas, Peter, Sendir, Manozsan. **HG6N:** HA6ND, HA6NY, HA6ON, HA6NQ, HA6DQ, HA6NF. **HG6V:** Laszlo, Geza, Sandor, Peter, Jozsef, Zoltan. **HG7B:** HA7UX, HA5WA, HA7UG, HA7UO, HA7SH, HA7UL. **HG9R:** HA9PP, HA9PV, HA9RB, HA9RP, HA9RU, HA9RX. **HZ1AB:** G4WZI, K2XR, W7KJ, W7SE, WA8MOA.

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**K1XM & K1PR, KQ1F, N1RC, K1ZZ & K1TO, K3KG & K4BAI, K4FJ, N4KUJ, N4TX, W4NL, K5LZO & K2TNO, K5TU, KA5SBS, KESIV, NM5M, NM5RUS, K5RC & K5GA, K5GN, KN5H, N5EA, NA5R, W5VAH, WA5ZUE, K5RR & K5KJ, NR5K, K5RX & N5RZ, K6TQ & WA6TBO, K6ZM & AK6T, NB6L, K8RWL & K8FPC, K8SCM, K8UAA, K8VBU, KM8L, N8CIS, W8FI, K83MM & N3ARK, WB3FIZ, WB3LFQ, KC5DX & NN5E, KD7P/KH2 & K6GDX, KJ9W, KH6SP, AH6FS, WB3HVS, W3HHG/KH6 & KH6DD, KM1C & KB1T, W1PH, W2IQD, WB8BTH, KQ20 & K2BK, KR1R & KS1N, LX9BV: LX1WW, LX1JP. **LZ1KAA:** LZ1JW, Stoyanov, Ivanov. **LZ1KAP:** Glushkov, Tedfilov, Ganchev. **LZ1KBL:** Keremidhtchiev, Miladinov, Mimov. **LZ1KKI:** Vasilev, Rabadjiski. **LZ1KMC:** Kostov, Iliev, Ivanov. **LZ1KRB:** Kirov, Grudov, Nedialkov. **LZ1KRC:** Kostakiev, Pavlov. **LZ1KTM:** Hristov, Kirilow, Iwanov. **LZ2KCS:** Svetla, Toma. **LZ2KKK:** Kalajdziev, Georgiev, Diamandiev. **LZ2KTS:** LZ2HE, LZ2PO, LZ2CC, LZ2DF, LZ2UA, LZ2LZ, LZ2E41, LZ2A3102. **N2RM & WA2HGM, KB3TN, N4AR & K8CC, W8KIC, K4FU, N4TY, N4KG & KC4ZV, WZ4F, N6IC & KA6SKW, N6DZG, NY6Y, Sharon, N6VR & WA6FGV, NS6X, AC6T, N6MA, N6ADI, AC6I, N9WA & KA9SLM, WD9GYX, ND8E & KD8PZ, W8KEA, W8RSG.****

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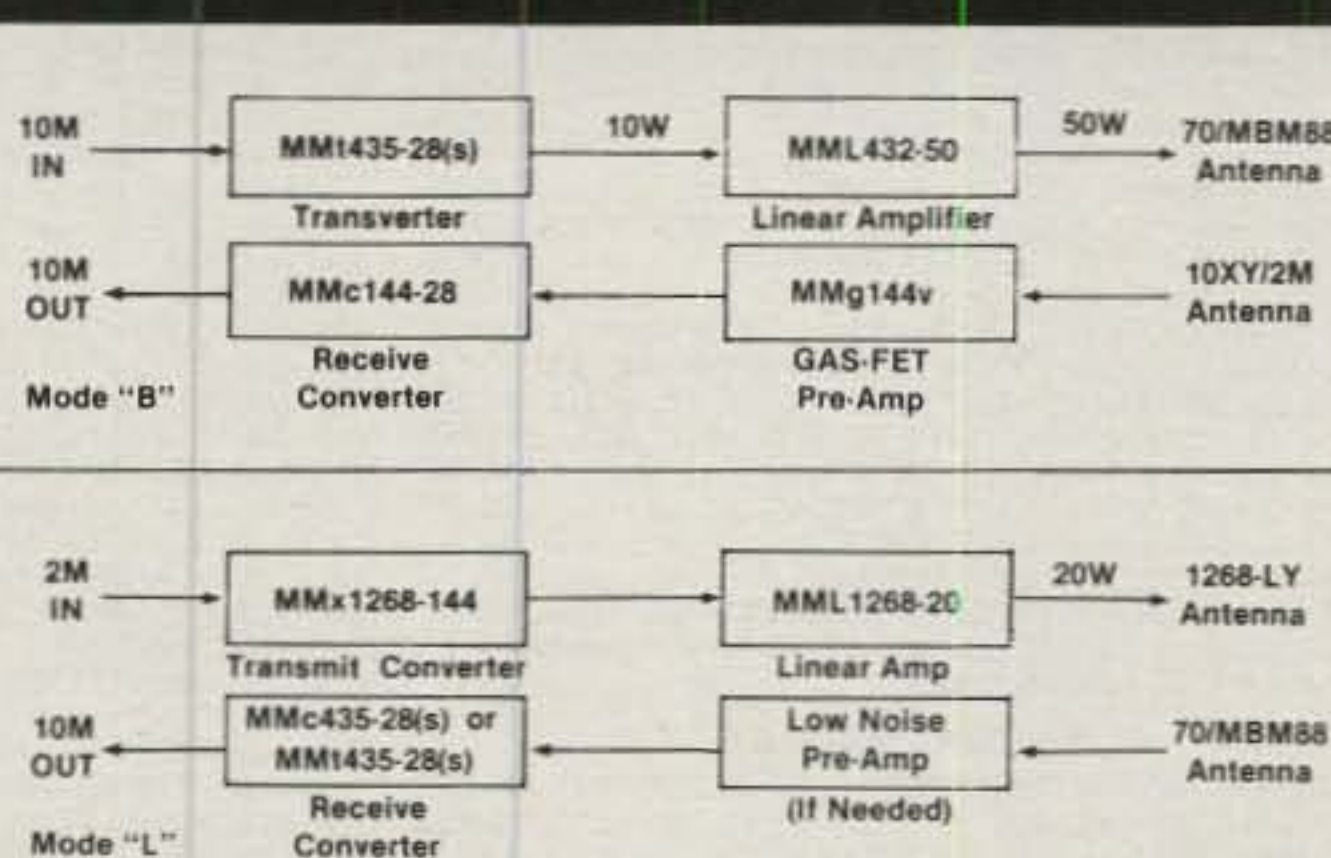
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**V9ADC:** WA2HZR, ZS6ME. **VE2CP & VE2BHC:** VE2BLX, VE2FKZ. **VE3S00:** VE3ADP, VE3CRD, VE3EOW, VE3GF, VE3K0Y. **V13WI:** VK2EFJ, VK3BPW, VK3CWB, VK3DWN, VK2KFO. **V02WL:** K3TM, V02AH. **W20W & KB2KW:** K12P, N2HR, NE2W, N6IN. **W2UI & N3KR:** W2XL & NA2N. **W38GN & N2BA:** WA2ZKY, N3RG. **W3NZ & K03H:** W3YFV & K3PPI. **W6BJH & net:** WA4JXI & WA4SV0. **WA4QQV & WA4QM0:** W66ZHT & K6HMA, N6HCS. **W8GWC & N8DCJ:** W8CZJ, W8JGU, WA8DXB, W8RCN. **W8NA & W8AR:** W8CY, WA8TKJ. **WA4JXI & WA4SV0:** WA4QQV & WA4QM0. **W86ZHT & K6HMA, N6HCS:** Y31ZL: Y31SL, Y31RL, Y25CL. **Y35L:** Y23DL, Y26IL, Y33VL, Y26BL. **Y43ZD:** Y43WD, Y25ID, Y57SD. **Y44ZD:** Y44ND, Y44JO. **Y67ZG:** Y21DG, Y25MG, Y67YG. **Y04KAY:** Y04SX, Y04DCY. **Y05KAY:** Y05BB0, Y05AFD, Y05BAT. **Y06KNY:** Y06ADW, Y06DBA. **YT3T:** YU380, YU2CBV, YU3EIJ, Bob, Rob. **YT5A:** YU5RU, YU5TU, YU5XNM, YU5XMA, YU5RA, YU5DX. **YU1EFG:** YU1HA, YU1DR, YU1PZM. **YU2CKL:** Antic, YU2JL, YU2RR, Senecic. **YU4E2C:** Mustafa, Nedim, Suad. **Y2ZCRT:** YZ20G, YZ2RD0, YU2MM, Tom. **Y24Z:** YU4WFT, YU4WIA, YU4ECI, YU4WNW, YU4WRW, Ljube, YU4WQR, YU4WIM, YU1FJK, YU4WAW, YU4WTF, YU4WTF, Mario. **4N2D:** YU2RO, YU2WM, YU2FK, YU2LHR, Darko. **4U1VIC:** K7AWD, OE1NJB, OE1ETA, NK4N, OE1JJB, OE1WOW, OE3KAB, OE1GLA, OE30LW. **5H3BH:** SM0AJU, SM0DJZ. **9H3DI:** DF8ZH, DL1RK, DL1ZQ, DF4ZL.

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Zone	Call	Score	Zone	Call	Score
1	KL7RA	783,863	21	RF6FR	823,004
2	No Entrant		22	No Entrant	
3	VE7WJ	1,389,025	23	No Entrant	
4	W8YVR	1,928,259	24	VS6TA	1,809,310
5	N3RD/VP9	3,668,256	25	JA1BWA	1,099,280
6	XE2MX	1,465,671	26	No Entrant	
7	HP1XKR	640,226	27	JD1AMA	2,392
8	4V2C	3,205,896	28	YB0ARA	2,663,424
9	9Y4VT	5,595,040	29	VK8XX	3,026
10	No Entrant		30	VK2BQQ	490,175
11	PY4OD	680,400	31	KH6ND	1,851,525
12	CE2BFR	47,740	32	ZL3GQ	2,756,467
13	LU8DQ	1,027,860	33	EA9KF	5,014,224
14	CT1BCM	3,295,152	34	No Entrant	
15	OK3CGP	1,957,666	35	C53J	812,352
16	UB5EC	1,271,400	36	No Entrant	
17	UM8MBA	755,326	37	J28EG	8,398
18	UA9ND	263,648	38	ZS6BCR	1,624,576
19	UA0LCZ	469,238	39	3B8DB	155,176
20	LZ1CW	357,294	40	JW0EQ	548,270

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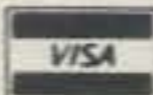
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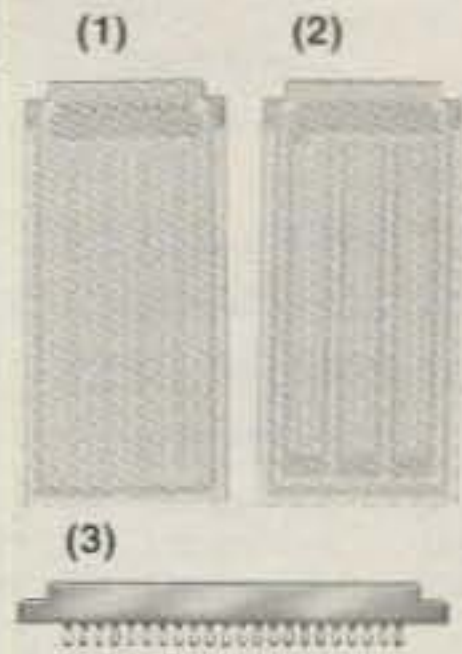
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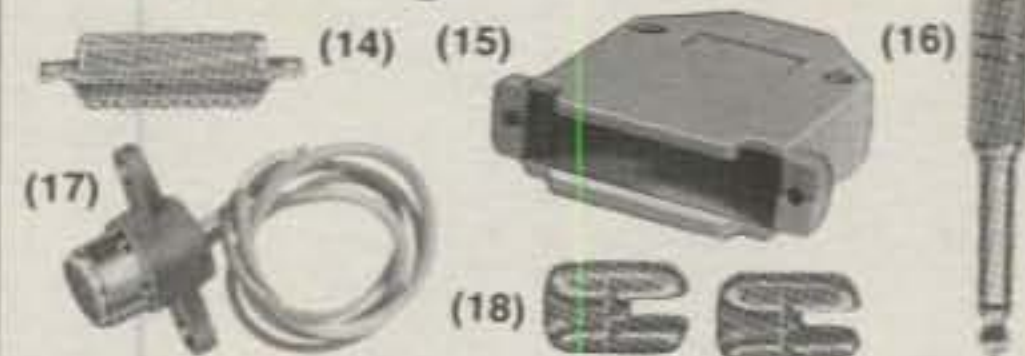
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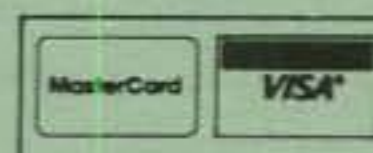
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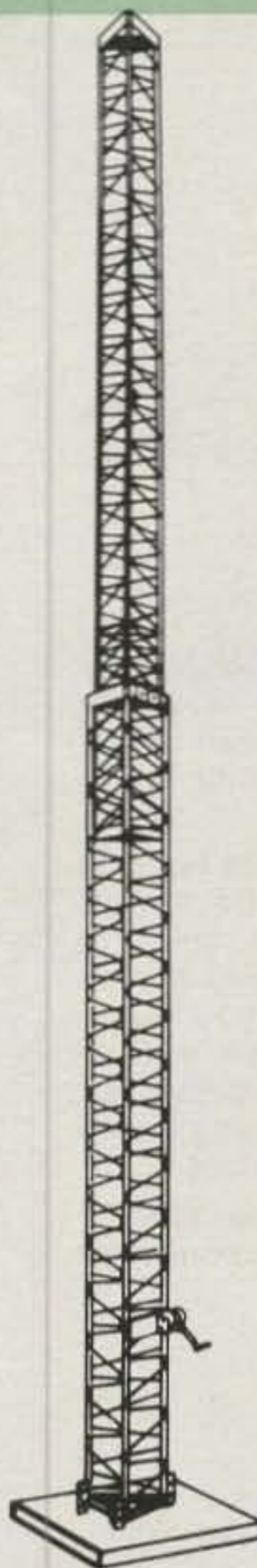
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**Here's a relatively simple conversion of a popular workhorse. W5QMA makes very good use of EIMAC's 3CX1200A7 in updating the Drake L4B into a great DXing machine.**

## **A Quick Conversion Of The Drake L4B For Use With A 3CX1200A7**

BY PETE WARREN\*, W5QMA

**T**his article deals with the conversion of a Drake L4B from a pair of 3-500Z's to one 3CX1200A7 at full legal limit and the exploration of other possible conversions. The power supply constructed for this article is intended to serve for any amplifier utilizing this tube or even a pair of them where such is legal and needed.

While I have designed and built many commercial high-power amplifiers over the past 10 years, it has been over 25 years since (at age 16) I last built an amateur amplifier. Some months ago I vowed that if I ever built another amateur amplifier, it would be solid-state. Then I saw tentative data on the 3CX1200A7 and knew I had to build an amplifier employing one. I called to order a tube and technical data immediately and waited impatiently. Meanwhile, a friend told me of an L4B minus power supply available at a somewhat reasonable sum, and I decided to try a conversion.

The technical data and the tube arrived and the project was on. Since Peter Dahl is in El Paso (my QTH), I discussed the power supply with him and settled on a hefty design that would allow experimentation (2800-5400 volts, 1.8 amp with a capacitor input and bridge rectifier circuit). I acquired two different filament transformers, one for the L4B conversion (7.5 volt 21 amp, a wire-for-wire replacement for the Drake), and one 7.5 volt 42 amp for future experimentation.



*The heart of the conversion is the EIMAC 3CX1200A7. You'll need the glass chimney, too. However, you can use one of the existing sockets in the L4B. (Photo courtesy of Varian/EIMAC)*

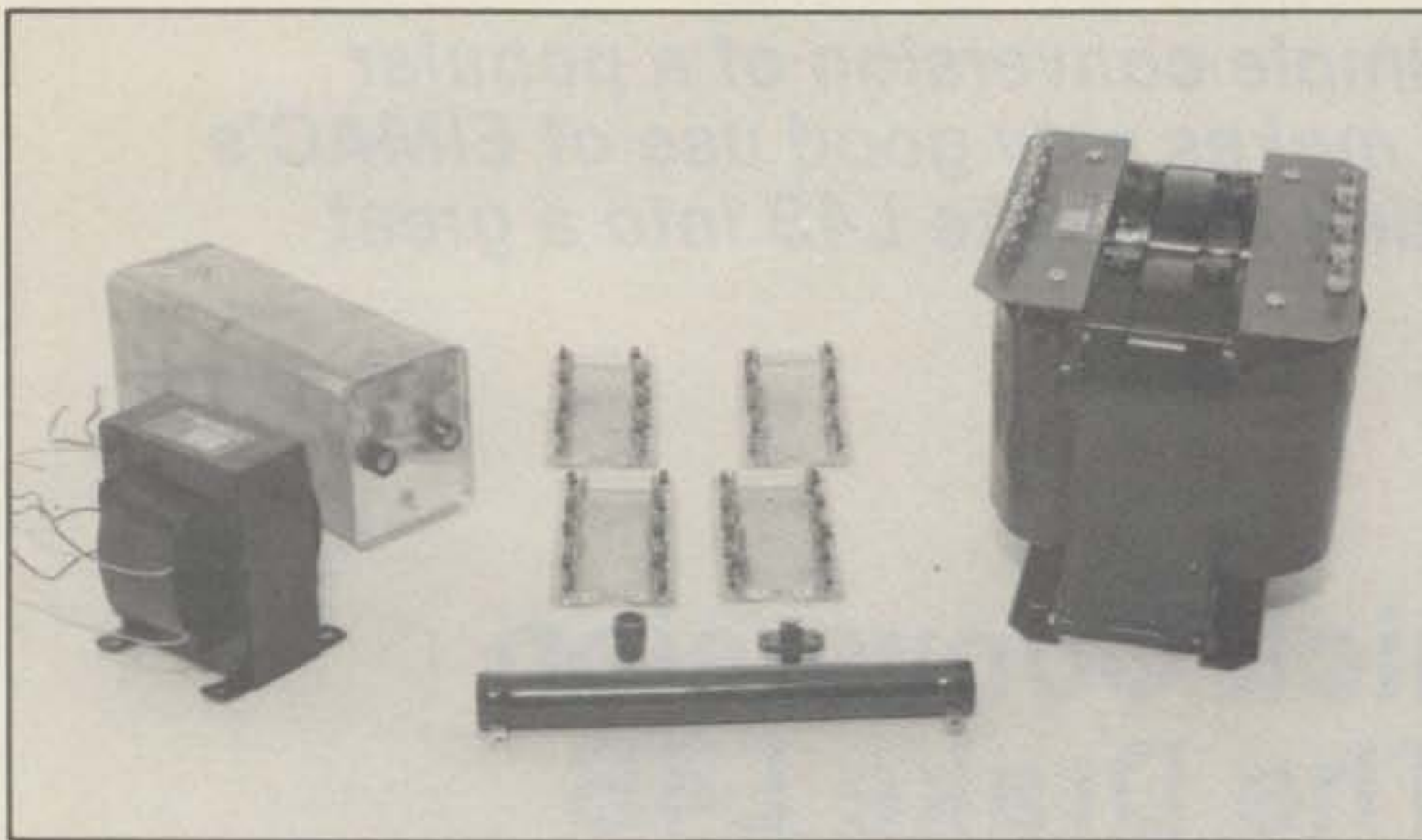
The 1200 is a beauty of a tube with proper care and feeding. Since the grid dissipation is rated at 50 watts, this means there is no real need for a grid trip circuit (compared to 3CX800A7 with 4 watts and other similar tubes). Tube warm-up time to full power operation is three seconds, so no time-delay circuits are required.<sup>1</sup> How simple can you get! The resonant load impedance of the 1200

(see Table I) is only slightly higher at 3 kv than the corresponding impedance of a pair of 3-500's and the L4B in particular. The tube is rated a power gain of 20 at 4 kv. You will require the SK-346 chimney and a 2 inch hose clamp.

### **Test Results**

The power supply was connected to the L4B with the simple modifications I

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Major power-supply components. Note the preassembled diode boards in the center. These components are available from Peter W. Dahl Co.

shall describe in detail later in this article, and testing was begun.

Band (in meters)	Plate Current (in amps)	Input Power (in watts)	Output Power (in watts)
80	.55	1925	1300
40	.68	2375	1450
20	.63	2205	1450
15	.74	2590	1700
10	.70	2450	1400

Table I— Amplifier characteristics when output is measured into a dummy load with 3500 volt plate voltage applied under load, CW.

On SSB with 3600 volts under load, all bands yielded 1500+ PEP. The input to the L4B was monitored for SWR and found to be less than 1.4 to 1 on all bands. Playing with the input impedance and the out-

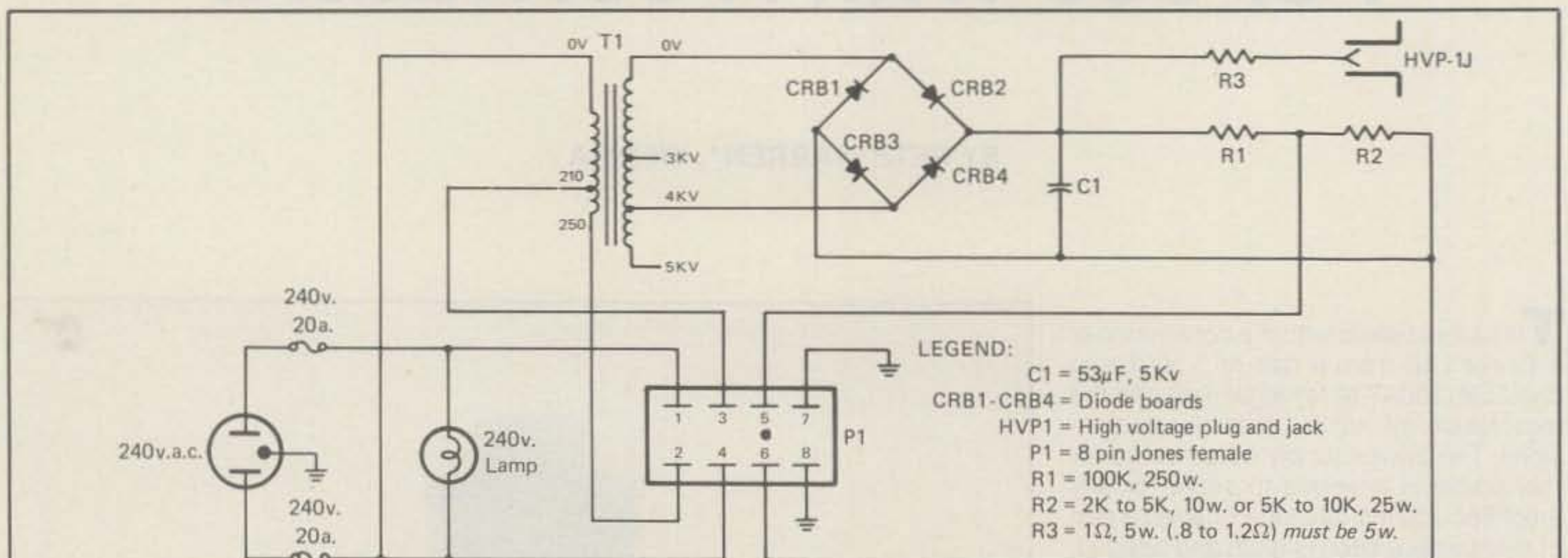


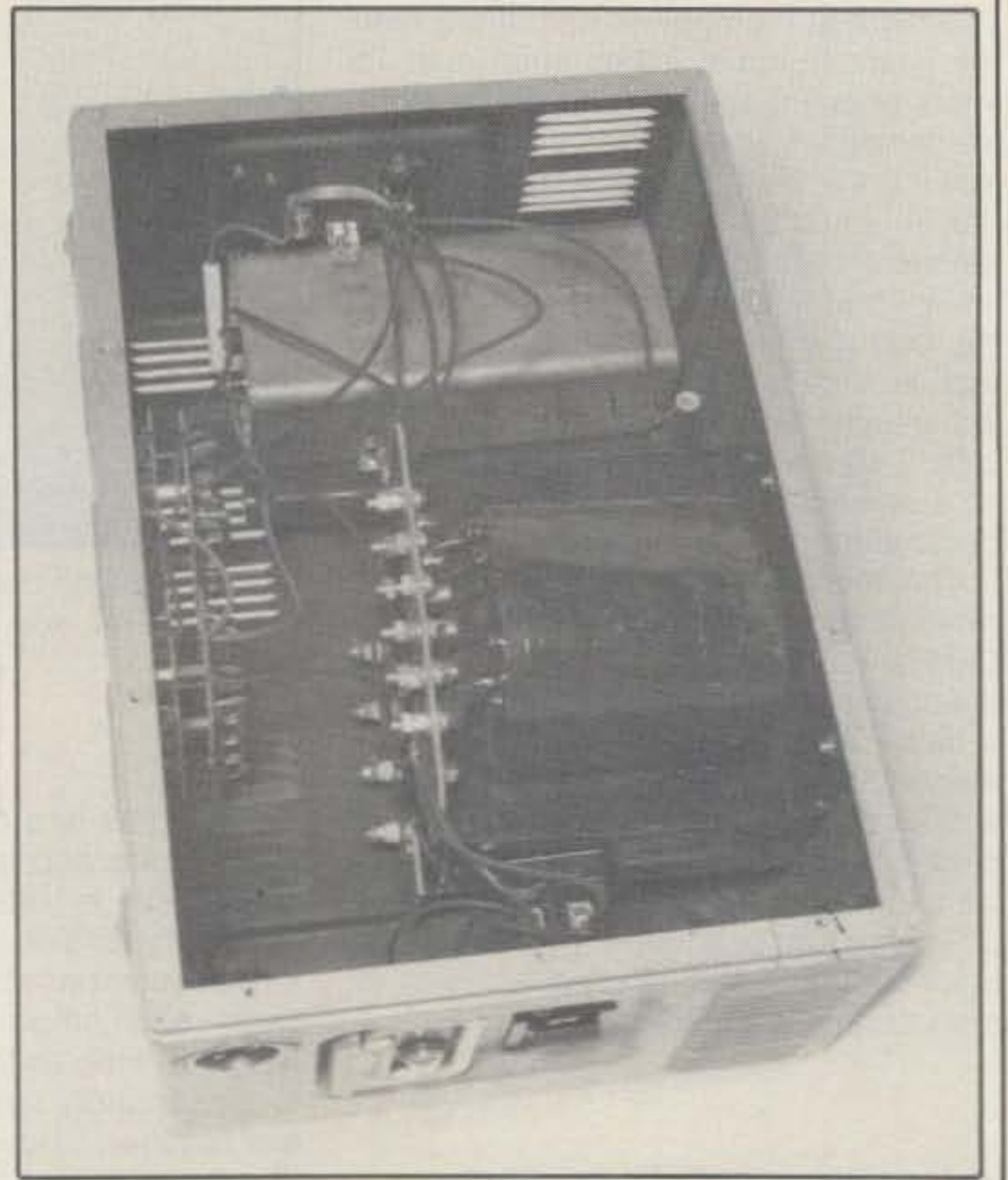
Fig. 1— Schematic diagram for the 3CX1200A7 high-voltage power supply. This same supply can be used for other amplifier projects and so was built as a separate unit.

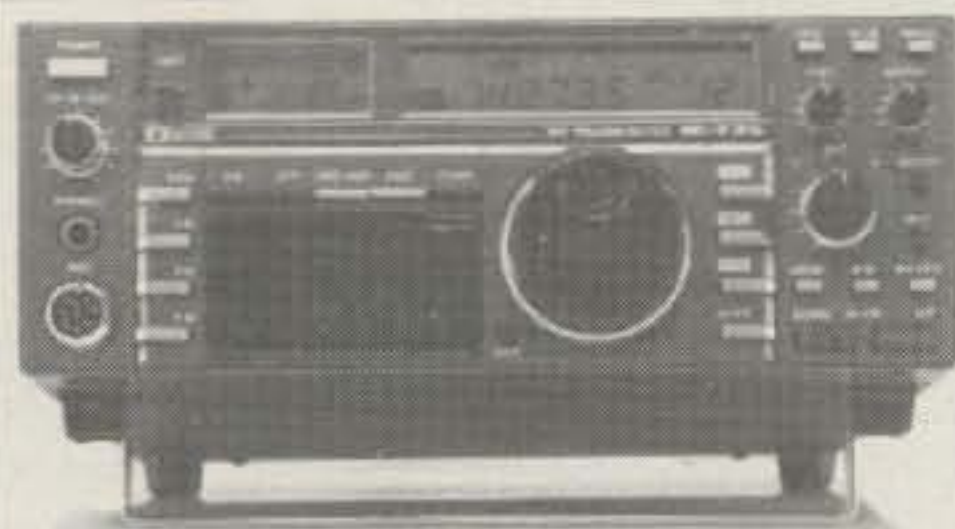
### Parts List

The following parts are available from Pete W. Dahl Co. Inc.

	Price
C-1: 53 uf 5 kv	\$ 75.00 ea
CRBL-CRB4: 10 kv at 3 amps rectifier boards	20.00
HVP-1: Millen HV connectors (plug and jack)	5.60
HVT-1: 210 to 250 volt tapped primary 3 kv, 4 kv, 5 kv secondary, 1.8 amp Hypersil	265.00
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R-1: 100K 250 watt bleeder resistor	17.50
T-1: L4B filament replacement transformer 7.5 VCT's at 21 amps	45.00

The completed power supply weighs 85 pounds. Note the collapsible handles at each end. The 20 amp, 2-pole, 250 volt breaker; neon power indicator; and 250 volt twist-lock male receptacle are visible at the lower-end handle recess. HVP-1J and P-1J are in the handle recess at the opposite end.





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put impedance will no doubt yield the anticipated 1870 single tone useful output power (Table II). However, we achieved our goal of 1500 PEP out on all bands, and we will play with impedance in a subsequent article.

### Building The Power Supply

A friend and I started building the power supply at 10 a.m. and finished at 9 p.m. the same day. This included drawing the schematic (see fig. 1) and handling our normal work load, emergencies, and an employee party. We figure it took four man hours actual assembly time.

I chose a new surplus vented electronic carrying case with fold-down handles to build this power supply. Ventilation is required, since the heat generated by the bleeder resistor, rectifier, and transformer dissipation can add up. The resistor itself can dissipate up to 250 watts. The power supply, however, does run quite cool under normal use. I chose to use a 20 amp 2-pole breaker, rather than the switch and fuses shown in fig. 1. The finished supply measures 9" x 15" x 20" as I assembled it, but any similar size will do. The HV transformer may be smaller if a ICCS current of .8 amp is specified, and the overall size of the supply may be reduced slightly with no ill effects to output performance. All of the power-supply components are available from Peter Dahl. The no-load HV will drop approxi-

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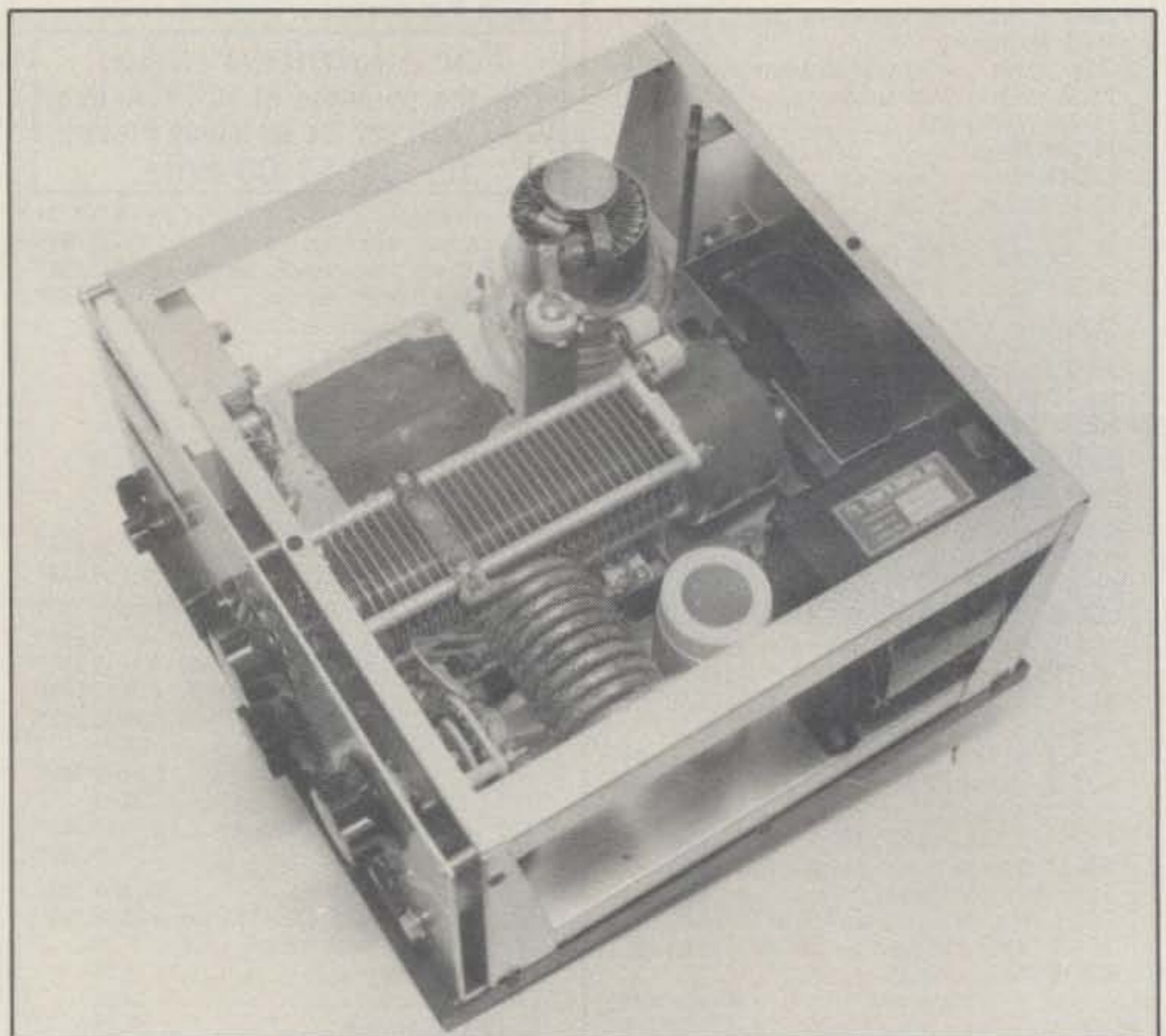
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Single-Tone Plate Current	800	800	800	800	mA dc
Two-Tone Plate Current	540	560	570	565	mA dc
Single-Tone Plate Current <sup>3</sup>	255	250	275	250	mA dc
Two-Tone Grid Current <sup>3</sup>	140	130	140	112	mA dc
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3rd Order	-37	-35	-30	-33	dB
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<sup>1</sup> Positive cathode bias may be provided by zener diode

<sup>2</sup> The intermodulation distortion products are referenced against one tone of a two equal tone signal

<sup>3</sup> Approximate values

Table II—Manufacturer specifications for the 3CX1200A7.



An interior view of the converted L4B amplifier. Note the 2 inch hose-clamp plate connector and the front tube socket hole-cover. The new filament transformer can be seen in the lower right-hand corner.

mately 10% under full load. With the heavy-duty diode array supplied by Dahl, no extra surge protection was needed.

Stand-by cut-off bias is supplied by R2, and any close value (see fig. 1) may be used. R3 is a surge protector for the supply and will blow like a fuse if a short is encountered externally to the supply, so it must be 5 watts and mounted, so that if it blows, the leads to it do not short out. (After writing this article, one of the 500 pF 5 kv

capacitors in the L4B shorted under a no-load voltage of only 3950 volts. R3 works!)

### Converting The L4B

This is the simple part.

1. Replace the existing filament transformer with Dahl's new 7.5 volt 21 amp transformer, wire for wire. It mounts in the same space. Be certain the L4B is jumpered for 230 volt operation (see fig. 2).

2. Prepare a cover plate out of plastic,

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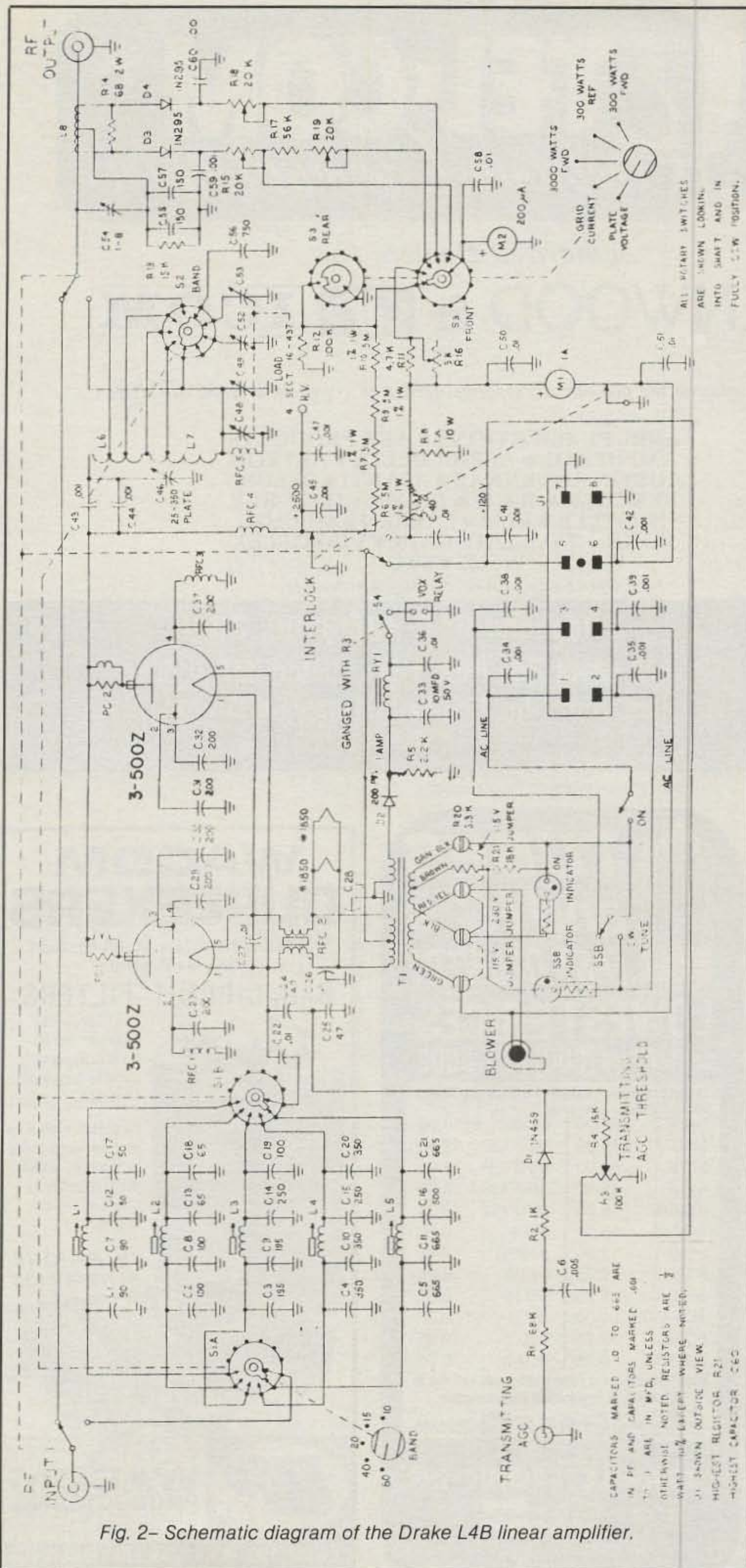


Fig. 2- Schematic diagram of the Drake L4B linear amplifier.

bakelite, or plexiglass for the front tube socket hole.

3. Remove the 3-500's if they are still there. Save the plate leads. Remove the chimney clamps on the front socket hole only!

4. Install the cover plate on the front tube socket hole using single- or double-sided tape under the cover to seal it, and bolt it in place of the front chimney clamps.

5. Install the 3CX1200A7 and its new chimney in the rear socket.

6. Install one of the two plate leads using a 2 inch hose clamp for the plate cap.

7. As you increase the output beyond the original criteria set for the L4B, the cooling fan may not be able to cool the additional heat of the tube. A bigger blower or a supplemental fan should be considered for this use. The cooler the tube runs, the longer the tube's life.

This completes the conversion. The Heath SB220 or any other amplifier using two 3-500's should be almost as simple.

### Testing

Hook up the power supply with the high-voltage tap on 3 kv to start testing and assure normal operation with the CW-SSB switch in the CW position. This should give 2800 volts or so with no load. Be certain of low VSWR to avoid arcing (1.5:1 or less). Now try the SSB mode.

Remove the 230 volt AC source from the power supply. Wait 20 seconds or more. Even if a recommended shorting switch is installed, short across filter capacitor C-1 with an insulated screwdriver to be safe. Change the HV power tap to 4 kv.

Retune the amplifier in the CW mode (3600 volts no-load, 3200 volts loaded). If all parameters scan as normal, try the SSB mode (4000 volts no-load, 3500-3600 volts loaded). You should achieve outputs similar to the ones in Table I.

### Footnotes

**CAUTION:** You are dealing with extremely high voltages which can be lethal. Use the utmost care and have a healthy respect for these voltages. High-voltage conditions may exist for 20 seconds after the primary is removed.

A tube of this power capacity has a high value of inrush filament current—typically ten times the normal amount. In this case, inrush current on a cold filament is on the order of 200 amps. The Dahl filament transformer will allow this to flow for a second or two. However, this causes quite a heavy stress on the tube's filament and over a period of time is not to be recommended. It is suggested that a time-delay relay be added to the filament circuit which will short out a series resistor after a few seconds. The resistor should allow about 70% of the filament voltage to be applied during the inrush period, which is about 2 seconds. Then full voltage can be applied. This will pay off in increased tube life.

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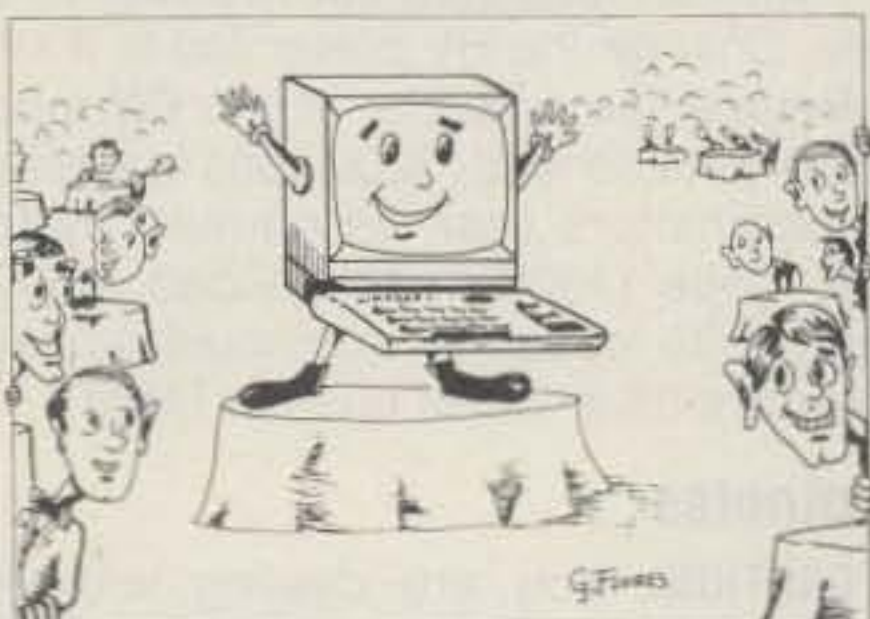
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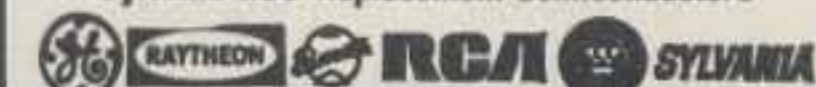
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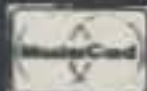
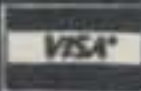
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- \*New UHF model 3004 1500 watts output at 440 MHz.
- \*New VHF model 3002 1500 watts output at 144 MHz.
- \*New HF 5K Classic, 3.5 to 30 MHz (not for sale to U.S. amateurs)

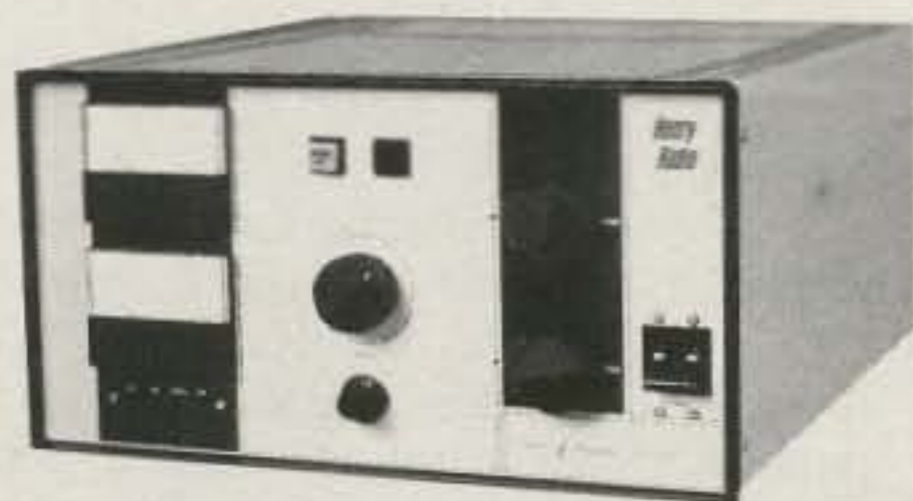
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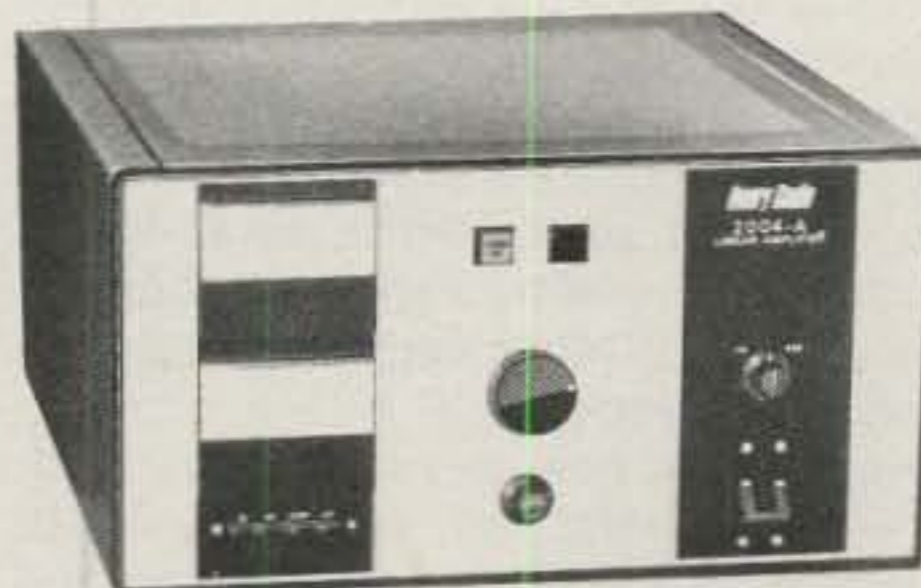
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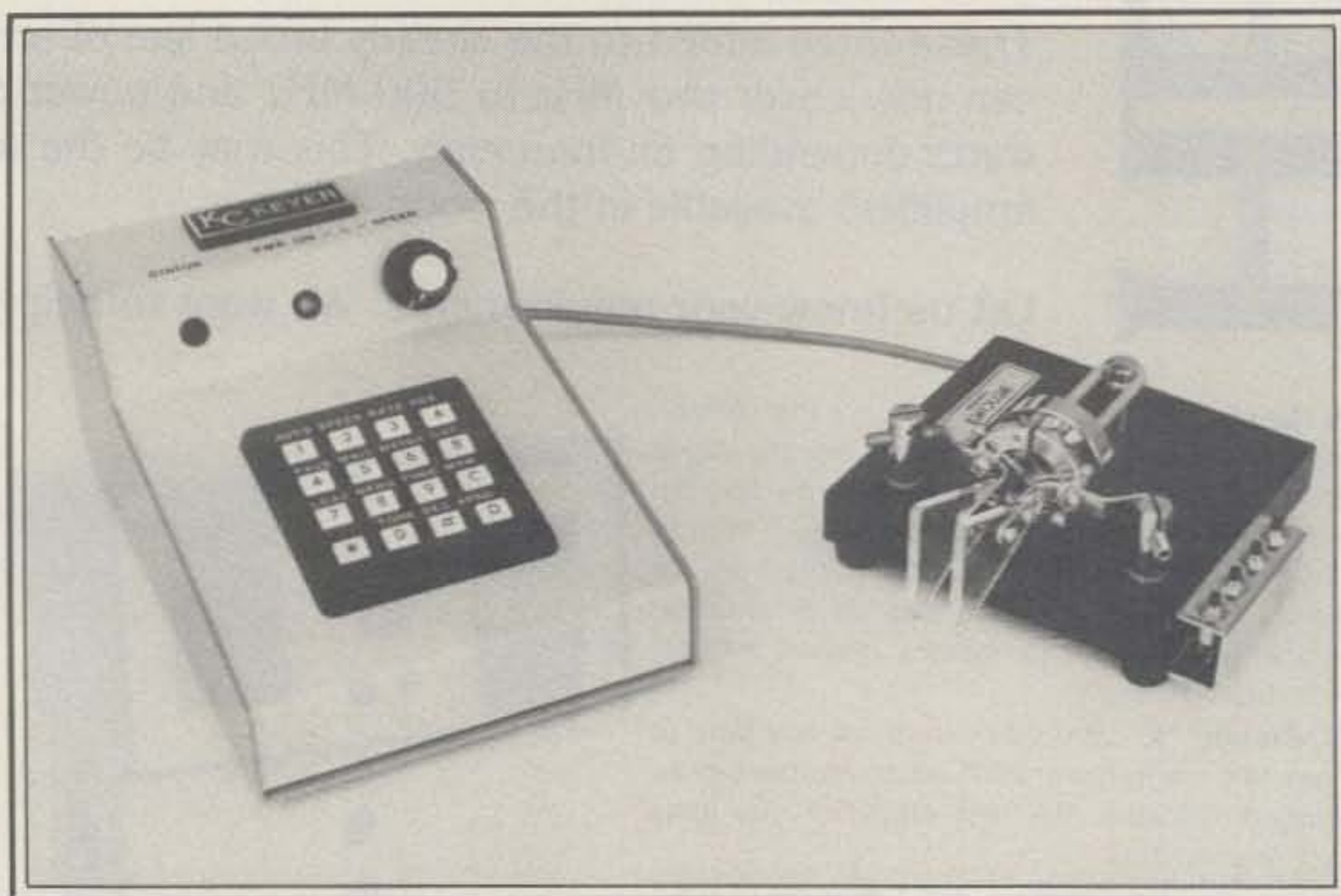
## The Kansas City Keyer Model KC-1

The serious operator is always on the lookout for new equipment, methods, and technologies to gain any edge, however fine, on the competition. For many years, one important element of the successful contest operator's station has been a good programmable memory keyer. However, the advent of microprocessor technology in Morse code memory keyers seemed to arrive at virtually the same time that development of new features in such keyers ceased. Of course, the first generation of microprocessor memory keyers certainly brought valuable new features to the dedicated operator, especially contest operators, but other aspects left something to be desired.

Highly desirable keyer options, such as variable weighting, variable monitor tone control, switchable dot memory and dash memory, and switchable auto-spacing are all standard features of microprocessor keyers, and keyboard control of these features is acceptable to most operators. On the other hand, digital control of transmission speed is satisfactory to very few, as most operators find that they simply cannot accurately judge speed, especially in responding to another station. Most, if not all, operators prefer a variable-speed pot control.

The KC-1 Kansas City Keyer from Lance Johnson solves this problem neatly—indeed, elegantly—giving the operator a continuously variable-speed control pot, while retaining all the desirable design features of other microprocessor controlled keyers, and adding some significant new features of its own.

For a contest keyer to be useful, it must do one thing better than the competition: it must give the operator more time with his hands and mind while he is operating. Time is of the essence to the winning contest station. Time to log. Time to dupe. Time to munch on a sandwich, time to gulp a mouthful of cold coffee. Time to



The complete Kansas City Keyer package. The keyer is on the left, with the Bencher keyer and pushbutton controller on the right.

change log pages, time to turn the antenna. All of this time, of course, is while the station and operator continue to transmit, racking up the QSO's, with the programmed memory keyer giving the operator the time and the hands for all the above-referenced necessary chores.

The KC-1 gives the operator more of that hands-free time, along with a host of other features designed to give the serious contest operator an extra edge. The features that the KC-1 offers are almost too numerous to mention. Consider, for example, the option of a programmed message that has a pause built in to allow manual insertion of information during the transmission of a memory message such as another station's call, and then, automatic resumption of the message when you are finished with the manual entry. Consider not only an automatic serial-number generator, but the ability to ask the keyer the current number without transmitting, or the ability to repeat the number or to subtract one digit from the number. Consider the ability to end a

memory program with a timed pause, then have an automatic start of another message.

Not only are these features standard in the KC-1, but there are more. Imagine a totally closed loop of messages. The keyer calls "QRZ TEST DE W9KNI K," then pauses. I hear a station respond, and log the call, then key it into the waiting keyer, "ZA1AB." Perfectly timed, the memory picks up where I leave off, sending "5NN04 BK," and I log my report. To indicate confirmation after I copy his exchange, I touch the paddle, "T" and release the paddle. Again, almost magically, the KC-1 keyer senses that I am finished with the manual entry and picks up and restarts the sequence "U QRZ TEST DE W9KNI K" and keeps going. *Notice:* to achieve that QSO, I fingered, kneed, or footed NO switches. I sent two groups—one the other station's call, the other a simple "T," which the keyer followed with the "U" to finish the "TU," then automatically called up the "QRZ" routine. The rest of the time was spent logging,

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duping, drinking cold coffee . . . Hey. Wait a minute. A ZA? A ZA? Hey! That's an all-time new one!

I should be so lucky.

But that's not all! The operator can elect to program the actual wpm sending speed during a memory transmission so that messages are sent at specific speeds, or he can choose to have messages sent at whatever speed for which the keyer is set. As earlier referenced, the operator does have available a speed control knob, but the keyer also allows keyboard entered and programmed speeds. Obviously, this can be very useful. For example, you could program the "QRZ" response sequence to read "QRZ TEST DE W9KNI W9KNI AR" with the "QRZ TEST" portion of the message sent at 40 wpm, and the "DE W9KNI W9KNI AR" portion at 25 wpm. This would be exceptionally valuable in a Sweepstakes exchange.

The KC-1 even offers the ability to generate "sloppy" CQ messages, suggesting hand-sent CQ's by a tired operator, rather than the perfection of the usual programmed keyer. Such a CQ might well be desirable in the later hours of a contest in trying to snag stations not seriously dedicated to the contest. Some of these stations are reluctant to respond to a contest-machine-type CQ, but might be more likely to respond to the more comfortable "sloppy" call sent by a tired brother amateur, and give him a QSO. And some of those callers can be the extra multipliers that the competition won't snag. The "sloppy" calls are generated by purposely varying the timing between each "CQ" and by varying the number of "CQ's" in a sequence.

But, although the KC-1 is certainly a superb contest keyer, it is also a fine keyer for ordinary QSO's. Using the keyer with simple manual paddle entry, it is a friendly, easy-to-use keyer, one with which any operator should have little problem. The iambic timing of the keyer is identical to the Curtis-type "B" timing, the same as the WB4VVF designed ACCU-Keyer or the MFJ Grandmaster. The speed control pot lacks the full range of a typical keyer, but none the less covers typically a 3:1 range. However, the range of speeds can be easily changed.

When the keyer is turned on, the speed is initialized at 20 wpm at the low end of the speed range, with a high end of about 60 wpm. At any time if the operator wishes to change the speed range, he keys in the desired speed, and that speed will become the keyer speed at the point where the pot is set, with higher or lower speeds immediately available by turning the pot in the appropriate direction. So, if the operator sets the pot at mid-scale and programs the keyboard entry for 15 words per minute, he will find a speed of about 10 words per minute at the left end of the pot scale and about 30 words per minute at the high end.

Another nice aspect of the keyer is the cleverly designed optional pushbutton strip designed to fit on the side of the Bencher paddle for activation of different memory messages. Although much was made above of the ability of the keyer to run closed-loop messages, allowing strings of QSO's without use of pushbuttons, the keyer also features a total of 16 addressable memories, all callable from the keypad mounted on the front of the keyer. Four of the sixteen messages can be called by remote switching, for which the pushbutton strip is invaluable.

The KC-1 keyer is one product that will require the user to study the manual to have any hope of beginning to extract all the capabilities that this fine product offers. The manual is well written, however, and learning the full functions of the keyer is not difficult. Programming the various functions described above becomes easy, thanks to the instruction manual walking the new user through the various sequences, and clever contest-

ers will undoubtedly discover additional tricks that the flexibility of the KC-1 will allow.

The KC-1 includes enough memory for about 1500 characters, battery back-up protected in case of power failure. It is housed in an attractive slope paneled cabinet, designed to make its use under fire as simple as possible. It includes dual-polarity keying, and a standard wall-plug power supply. The unit is covered by a 90-day warranty.

Although the KC-1 offers a complex level of capabilities, it is also a fine, easily used, friendly keyer for casual operating in between contests. Although its capabilities and price put it into a class where it is not for everyone, any amateur seriously interested in contests must give it careful consideration.

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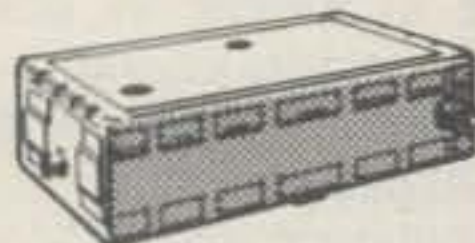
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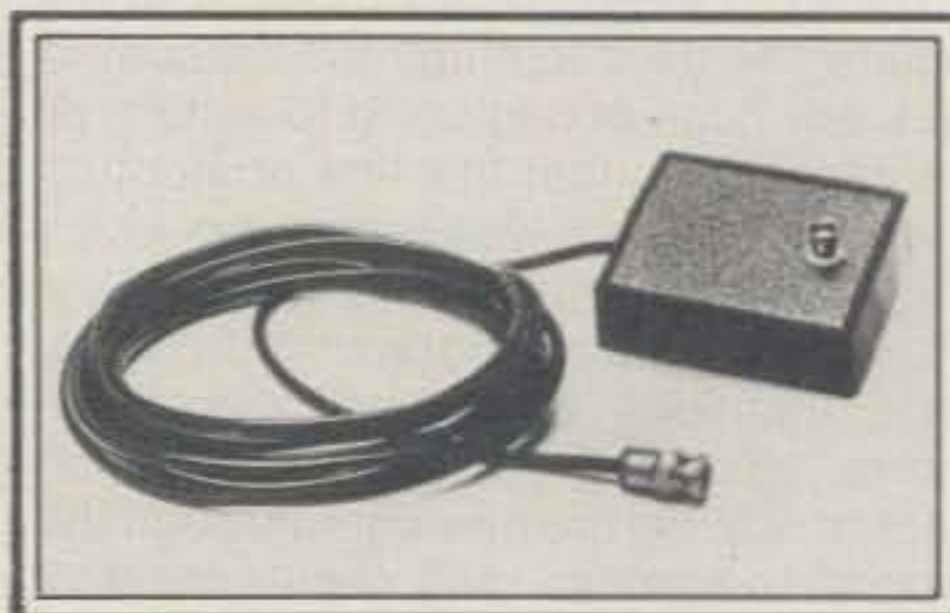


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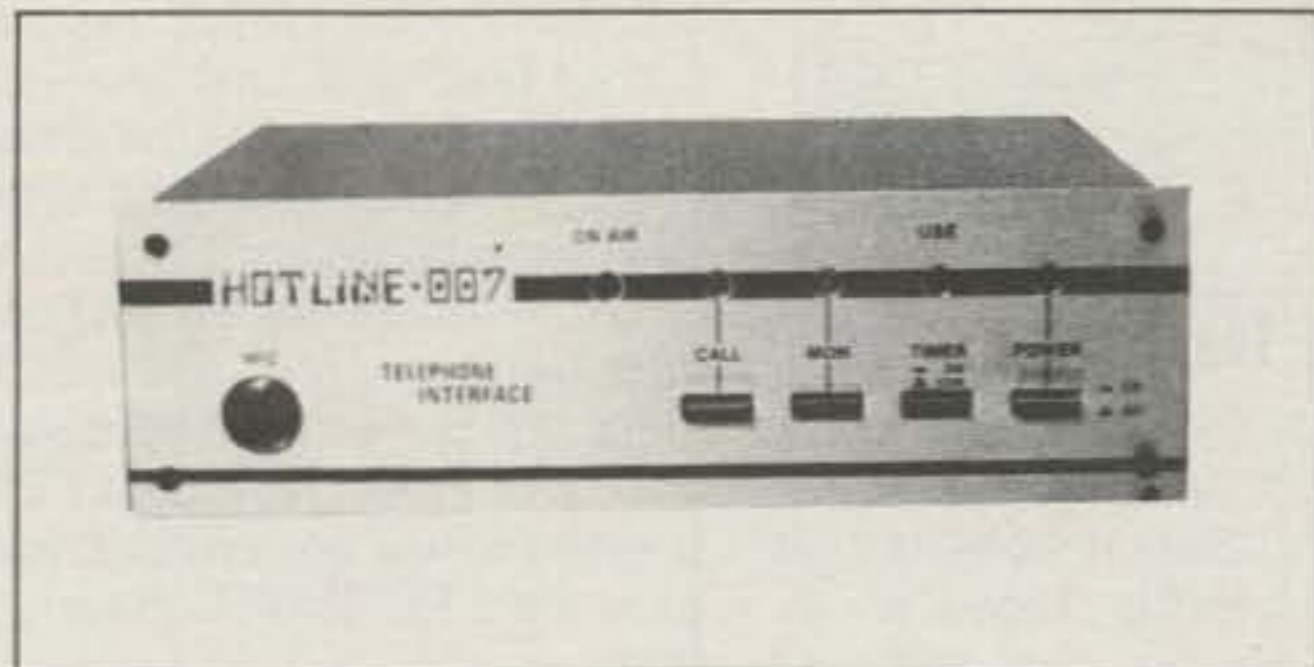
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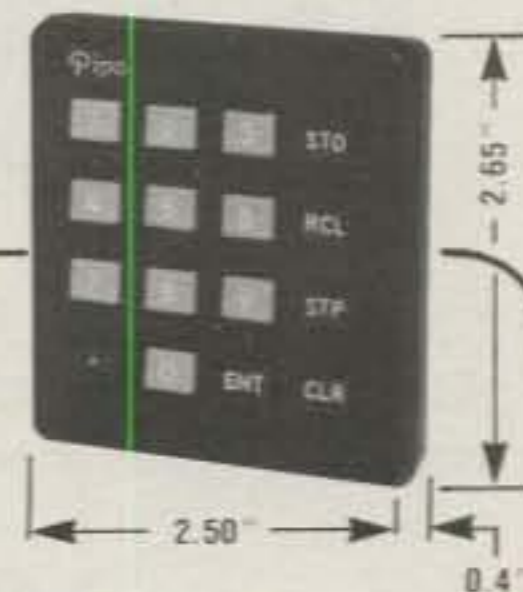


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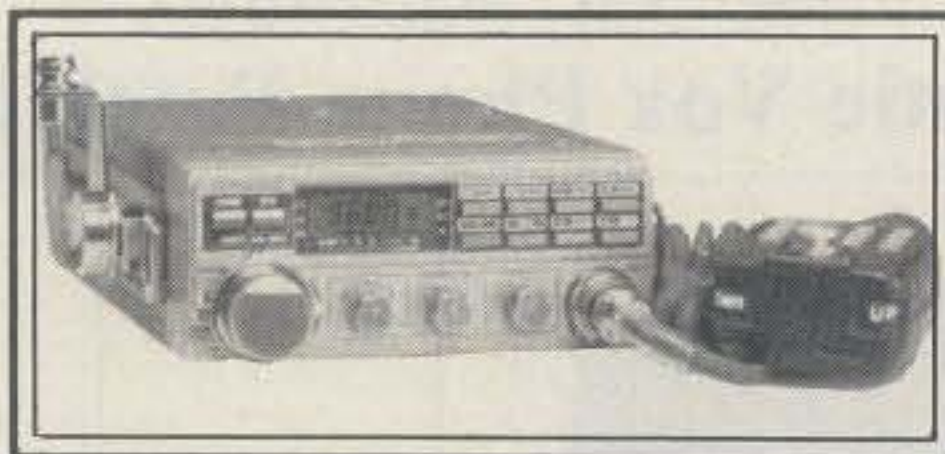
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## Radio Amateur Callbook Publications

Radio Amateur Callbook is presenting three new publications for 1986. The *North American Callbook*, the *International Callbook*, and the *Callbook Supplement* will provide current QSL information for over 880,000 radio amateurs throughout the world. Published on December 1, 1985, the new *1986 North American Callbook* lists the licensed amateurs in all countries in North America plus those in Hawaii and U.S. possessions. Also featured are international postal information, world-wide QSL bureaus, census of radio amateurs around the world, and more. Also published on December 1st, the *International Callbook* lists the calls, names, and address information for licensed amateurs in all countries outside North America. All the traditional *Callbook* "extras" are included. The *1986 Callbook Supplement* is a new concept in *Callbook* updates. To be published June 1, 1986, the new supplement will list the combined activity in both the *North American Callbook* and the *International Callbook* for the preceding 6 months. One supplement will give new licenses, address changes, and "then and now" call changes from countries around the world.

For more information, contact Radio Amateur Callbook, Inc., 925 Sherwood Drive, Box 247, Lake Bluff, IL 60044, or

circle number 104 on the reader service card.



### Kenwood TR-50 Transceiver

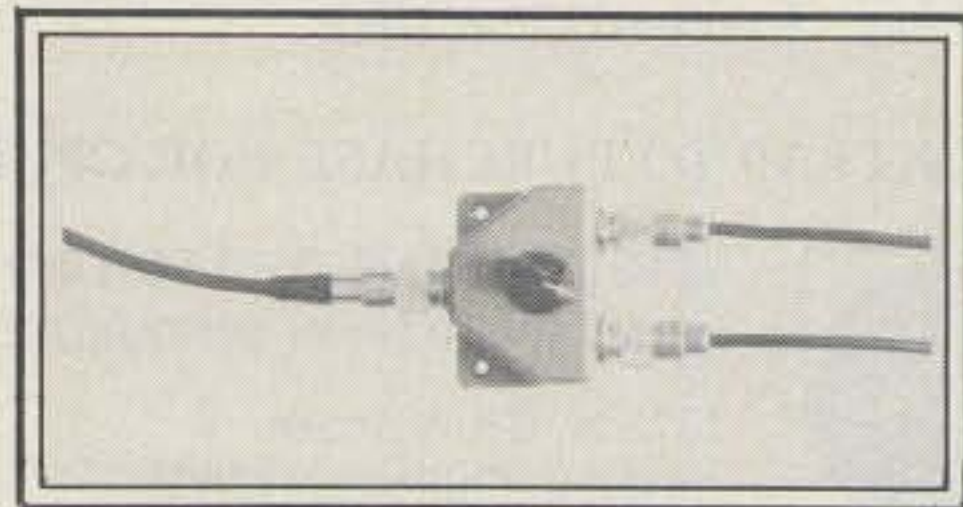
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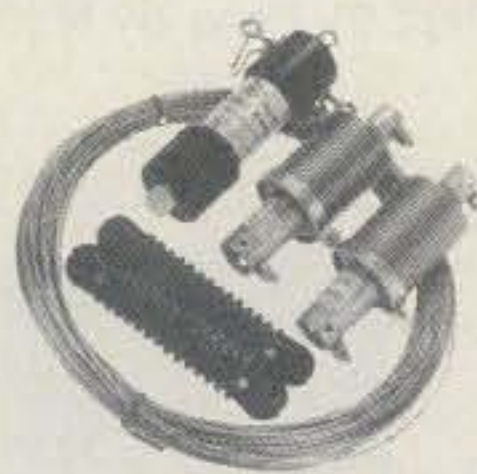
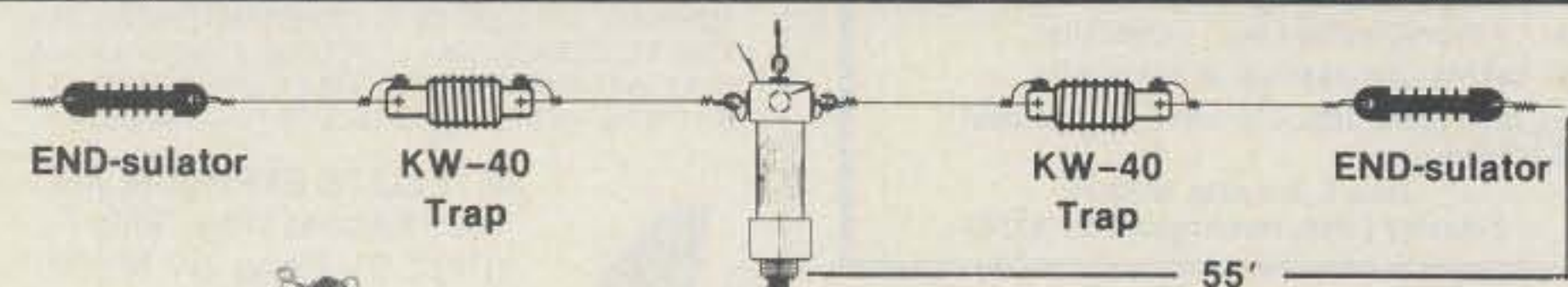
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In the records listed below, boldface listings denote world records. Number groups after calls are: year of operation, total score, contacts, zones, and countries. All-band and Multi-Operator records include a band-by-band breakdown of the world leader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

## Single Operator/Single Band WORLD RECORD HOLDERS

1.8	UP2BBT/U6V('83)	203,416	1,490	8	39
3.5	YV3AZC('84)	351,324	1,238	26	82
7.0	EA8AK('84)	776,700	1,736	35	115
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	EA8AK('84)	776,700	1,736	35	115
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	UP2BBT/U6V('83)	203,416	1,490	8	39
3.5	UW9AF('83)	222,192	554	19	53
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	LZ2CJ('84)	107,818	1,319	13	61
3.5	YT3A('82) (Opr. YU3DM)	154,972	806	28	84
7.0	IO3MAU('83)	355,000	1,447	31	94
14	I5NPH('80)	1,062,936	2,429	37	134
21	LZ2KTS('83) (Opr. LZ2CC)	1,368,897	2,821	39	152
28	9H1EL('81)	1,355,760	3,662	36	132

### NORTH AMERICA

1.8	KV4FZ('76)	37,584	380	11	37
3.5	NE4G/6Y5('84)	278,520	1,221	27	83
7.0	XN3BMV('84)	546,615	1,882	31	104
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	VK6HD('83)	5,363	62	11	20
3.5	KH6XX('82)	161,622	773	27	46
7.0	T32AF('84) (Opr. KH6UR)	677,844	2,045	34	80
14	ZM1BIL('83)	1,334,232	2,635	38	136
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	YV2IF('84)	18,291	172	14	25
3.5	YV3AZC('84)	351,324	1,238	26	82
7.0	9Y4VU('84)	700,488	1,718	28	110
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

## Single Operator/All Band

AF	EA8AK('81)	9,974,811	5,506	152	457
AS	EX6F('84)	6,362,000	4,648	113	387
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

## Multi-Operator/Single Xmtr.

AF	ED9CM('83)	10,157,160	5,148	152	511
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

## 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	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

## 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

## 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
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### Amateur Operators Participate in Emergency Communications Test

The National Communications System (NCS) has released the results of its latest Emergency Communications Test involving volunteer communications systems. Conducted on 21 and 23 March 1985, and dubbed *Night Tango IX*, the exercise was intended to evaluate the ability of volunteer operators in the Amateur service, in the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS; Air Force, Army, and Navy/Marine Corps), and the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) to provide critical communications resources during a national emergency.

During the test four NCS representatives prepared messages from simulated senior government officials, and used the five volunteer radio systems to pass these messages. Of interest to the NCS were things such as message timeliness, message accuracy, NCS/Volunteer interfaces, and system reliability. In all, each NCS representative sent the other three representatives a message on each of the two exercise days; thus, a total of 24 messages were to be sent through the volunteer system. Because all locations did not have participating volunteers, however, only 84 transmissions of the 24 messages were attempted. Of these, 77 were received, for a total transmission reception rate of 92%. Army MARS scored the lowest in this area, with only 60% of the transmitted messages received, while amateurs received 90% of the messages. Air Force MARS and the CAP received all of the messages.

According to the NCS report, the average receipt time for the 77 transmissions was 1 hour and 45 minutes. The average time for messages sent through amateur volunteers was over two hours, but was not as bad as that observed for Air Force MARS (over three hours). The CAP and Navy/Marine Corps MARS had the best showing, with average receipt times of under one hour.

While it is tempting to compare the results obtained for this exercise with the results of other *Night Tango* exercises, the data for each exercise must be used

with caution. The number of variables in each exercise, including propagation effects and the availability of operators, can make it difficult to draw meaningful comparisons. Regardless, the report stated that all participating volunteers displayed a high degree of enthusiasm and that the operating procedures used in the volunteer systems continue to improve. The latter is particularly important, concluded the NCS, since such improvements will further enhance the ability of these systems to support national security and emergency preparedness requirements.

#### FCC Seeks League Assistance On Gauging Problems With Anti-Pilferage Devices

According to Jeffrey Young, Enforcement Division, Field Operations Bureau, FCC, the Commission recently asked the League's Amateur Auxiliary (i.e., the Official Observers) to assist in the collection of data on so-called "anti-pilferage devices." These low-power communication devices currently operate on 2, 4.5, and 8.2 MHz, and are used in retail stores across the country to catch shoplifters. Under General Docket 85-129, however, the Commission proposes to permit these devices to be used on any frequency between 1.6 and 10 MHz, with signal levels of up to 100  $\mu$ V/m at 30 m. As such, the potential for interference to amateur receivers is one of the issues being investigated.

In calling upon the Amateur Auxiliary, the FCC's intent was to identify amateurs living near anti-pilferage devices, and to obtain answers to the following four questions:

1. Approximate distance to the low-power transmitter?
2. Signal strength (or signal-to-noise) reading for the received signal?
3. Gain of the receiving antenna at 2, 4.5, or 8.2 MHz?
4. How objectionable would the signals be if they were found in an amateur band?

Data from the Amateur Auxiliary were to have been in the Commission's hands by the end of August, though the cutoff

date may have extended to ensure that sufficient data were available for analysis.

At this time, no studies have been made on the interference anti-pilferage systems might experience as a result of amateur transmissions. Regardless, the League, in its comments on the docket, requested that the anti-pilferage devices be prohibited from operating in the 160, 80, and 40 meter amateur bands, and that use of these devices be restricted to commercial, business, or industrial environments.

#### The "Paper Tiger" Has Teeth

In this era of "unregulation," the Commission has often been referred to as a "paper tiger." But according to Richard Smith, Chief, Field Operations Bureau (FOB), FCC, amateurs and manufacturers alike are finding out that the so-called "paper tiger" has sharp teeth.

One example of the Commission's continued enforcement efforts is the recent seizure of \$1 million in computer inventory that had been scheduled to be sold by auction at the Seequa Computer Corporation in Odenton, MD. The seizure capped a ten-month investigation into the marketing by Seequa of systems that did not meet FCC regulations for incidental radiation. Seequa was first issued a citation in October 1984 for marketing its Chameleon model without having followed FCC certification rules, said Richard Engelman, Chief, Investigations and Inspections Branch, Enforcement Division, FOB. And while the company did eventually receive a Grant of Equipment Authorization from the FCC, the models seized did not comply with the requirements of that grant.

A search warrant allowing the seizure of the equipment was issued as the result of a request through the U.S. Attorney's office in Baltimore. Personnel from the FCC Baltimore District Office, the FCC Laboratory, and the FCC's FOB headquarters participated in the search and seizure.

#### Engelman Named To FOB Post

Richard B. Engelman has been named Chief, Investigations and Inspections

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(I&I) Branch, Enforcement Division, FOB, FCC. Engelman, who received his B.S.E.E. from the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, IN, joined the Commission in 1977, and participated extensively in regulatory matters pertaining to national and international broadcasting. Prior to his being named Chief of the I&I Branch, he was assigned to the FOB's Engineering Division, where he conducted technical studies that were used to determine the type of equipment needed by the Bureau's field activities to adequately enforce the Commission's rules and regulations.

Engelman holds an Amateur Extra class license as well as a private pilots license, and he lives in Alexandria, VA.

### AMRAD Assists Hearing Impaired In Using Computers

You would think that the availability of inexpensive home computers would be a boon to the hearing impaired. But it just isn't so! The reason is that a large installed base of telecommunications devices for the deaf (TDDs) already exists, and these devices use Baudot code. Computers, on the other hand, communicate using ASCII. Thus, those who switched from TDDs to computers risked being cut off from the majority of hearing-impaired persons who "talked with their fingers."

All that is changing, however, and one of the organizations responsible for the change is the Amateur Radio Research and Development Corporation (AMRAD). According to the "AMRAD Newsletter," members of the corporation, under a federal grant, have adapted several popular home computers to function as TDDs. In each case, the software and design data were made available to the public. Additionally, AMRAD has programmed one of the world's first "bilingual" bulletin boards. Known as HEX, for Handicapped Educational Exchange, the bulletin board accepts calls from either TDDs or computers. The corporation's bulletin board is now in its second generation of development, and serves as a clearing house for information on the use of computers to aid the disabled.

For more information on HEX and on AMRAD's activities in the area of TDD/computer compatibility, contact Richard Barth, W3HWN, c/o AMRAD, P.O. Drawer 6148, McLean, VA 22106-6148.

### NABER Creates Professional Organization For Radio Technicians

The National Association of Business and Educational Radio (NABER) has announced the establishment of the Association of Communications Technicians (ACT). A section of NABER, ACT has been developed to provide services that are specifically tailored to today's technician. Through ACT, technicians will be kept informed about technical information important to their profession and will

receive the direct benefits of membership designed to assist them in doing their job and advancing their careers.

The new association will have two levels of membership, general and senior. All communications technicians are eligible for general membership, while only NABER-certified technicians are eligible for senior membership. General members will receive, among other things, a year's subscription to *Business Radio*; a new quarterly technical newsletter, "TechTalk"; and discounts on various publications. Senior members of ACT receive all of the general member benefits plus life insurance, discounts on other forms of insurance, and other benefits.

For more information, write to NABER-ACT, P.O. Box 19164, Washington, DC 20036, or call the NABER Technician Services Office at (202) 833-3956.

### Cable TV Interests Continue To Push for Scrambling; Home Satellite Terminal Users Push for "Viewers' Rights"

In what could soon become a head-to-head confrontation before the U.S. Congress, cable television (CATV) interests are pushing the satellite transmission companies to scramble their signals at the same time that viewers are defending their "rights" to receive such signals. According to "CATACABLE," a monthly newsletter of the Cable Television Association, the marketing of small earth terminals for home use has shifted from rural markets to cable markets, where the main sales pitch is that you can "get something for free" by buying a home earth terminal instead of paying the cable

operator. The association apparently had no problem with the use of home earth terminals in rural markets, where the availability of television signals was limited, but finds the use of these terminals in areas served by its member operators a threat to the continued viability of their CATV systems. Scrambling, says Association President Carl Schmauder, would secure the signals, and would ensure that those who benefit from the services pay for them.

Meanwhile, a move is underway in the House of Representatives to block pay-television programmers from encoding their satellite signals. This ban would be imposed until such time that prices, terms, and conditions are established for marketing satellite signals to those with home earth terminals. According to *The Westlink Report*, however, pay programmers (such as HBO and Showtime) may be making contingency plans to terminate their satellite operators, and to switch instead to terrestrial microwave systems for signal distribution.

Further to the matter of marketing satellite signals, HBO has announced prices for direct home reception of its HBO and Cinemax satellite services (\$12.95 per month for each service, or \$19.95 per month for both), with the initial price of home decoders quoted at \$399. According to "CATACABLE," this has already resulted in a significant slowdown in home earth terminal sales.

Suffice it to say that the last chapter in the use of home earth terminals is yet to be written. Stay tuned for details.

Your Washington Editor thanks Steve Thompson, N4TX, for his contributions to this month's column.



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NU4Y	5,467
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14 MHz	
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A17B	1,247,290
N1CQ	1,089,900
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W5FO	854,104
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N5RZ	1,754,664

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JA1ZLO	107,334
E11DP	80,029
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YU7BJ	714,560
JH1AEP	709,198
7 MHz	
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OH6EI	1,122,590
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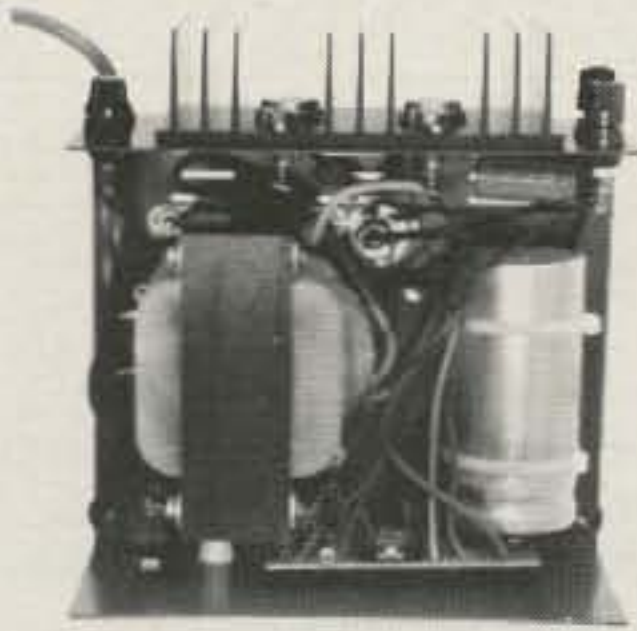
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## INFO ON AMATEUR RADIO LICENSING

### The Test Session

**T**he hardest decision that volunteer examiners make is deciding to hold their very first amateur radio operator examination session. While it is true that there is a big difference between assisting at a test and being the Contact VE, it really is quite a simple process. The mechanics are pretty much the same no matter with which VEC a volunteer examiner is accredited. Here are the steps.

#### Lining Up the VE's

You must have a minimum of three *accredited* volunteer examiners to hold an examination session. Our VEC program only accredits Extra class amateurs. Some VEC programs accredit Advanced class amateurs to administer certain lower class examinations. At this writing, the FCC only allows Extra class amateurs to administer *any* of the Morse code examinations above the Novice level.

Many VE's set up an organized testing group complete with a team name. Since we divide "expense recoupment" (test fees) with our volunteer examiners, many of our VE teams establish bank accounts in the name of their test team to make handling of the funds easier.

We recommend a minimum of four VE's (and preferably more) on a testing team to provide at least one alternate in the event of emergencies, sickness, or other unforeseen events that might preclude a VE from being in attendance. You also should consider the use of "assistants" to help during the session. These assistants or "helpers" need not be accredited VE's and can hold any class license. There is certainly plenty to do if anyone wants to get involved in amateur radio operator testing.

VE's from other VEC programs are eligible to participate in a test session, but they must be approved by the VEC coordinating the examination. This usually only involves sending a signed statement or application along with a copy of the VE's amateur radio operator license.

It is contrary to FCC rules to use VE's from other VEC programs without prior VEC accreditation. Allow time—at least two *additional* weeks—before your scheduled test session to get more VE's accredited, since this is a separate process.

#### Scheduling the Session

Once you have the required number of volunteer examiners, the next step is to determine when and where you want to hold the examinations. Most of the examinations that we coordinate seem to be held in public locations, such as a meeting room in a municipal, school, or industry facility. To the best of our knowledge, no one has paid for a testing locations thus far. Many testing sessions are also held in conjunction with hamfests, club meetings, and amateur radio operator training classes.

You will also want to make a decision on whether you want to schedule just one test session or hold examinations on a repetitive basis. Cities with populations exceeding 100,000 ideally should have monthly exams available. Quarterly examinations in smaller cities should be adequate.

One of the advantages of the new volunteer program is that tests are now usually administered during the evening or weekends. The FCC, of course, gave them during regular business hours. Contrary to what you may have heard, there really is *not* a shortage of amateur exams—only VE's to come forward and administer them. The good news is that at this point it appears that volunteers will administer *double* the number of amateur tests in 1985 as the FCC did in 1984, their last year of testing!

A word about holding upgrade tests at amateur gatherings. The only fee you charge an applicant is the *one* test fee, usually \$4.00 and *no more*! The amount of the test fee is determined by the VEC. A test candidate cannot be required to pay an additional admission charge to the amateur gathering, nor can an applicant be charged more than one test fee regardless of the number of examinations administered. An applicant who upgrades at a hamfest from Novice to Extra class pays only one fee and *cannot* be required to pay the admission charge to the hamfest.

It is also required that the VE team make a public announcement of the upcoming amateur examinations. This can be in any form, including a club newsletter release, announcement on a local repeater, and even a posted notice at the local amateur radio equipment supplier.

Once you have determined the test site and date, then you must decide whether you want to require applicants to

submit their applications (FCC Form 610) in advance or at the test session. Be aware that some VEC's require advance registration, or no walk-ins. As a general rule, we advocate paying the test fee at the examination session and allowing walk-in candidates. Some VEC's require that the test-fee check be made out to them. Since we split these fees with our VE's, we recommend that the fees be made payable to the testing team, who in turn reissues a check to us for the VEC share.

#### Retaking Failed Examinations

The FCC still has a rule, at this writing, that requires a 30-day wait before retaking a failed examination. The FCC has, however, empowered VEC's to grant waivers of this rule for *any* good reason. Such a reason might be that it has been only 27 days since the last examination session in a candidate's area. A letter from the applicant requesting a waiver of the "30 day rule" must be attached to the application and sent to the VEC. This letter must explain the reason for requesting the waiver. Granting of the waiver is at the discretion of the VEC. If approved, the "request for waiver letter" will eventually be forwarded to the FCC's licensing facility in Gettysburg along with the applicant's application.

#### VEC Advised of the Test Session

It is now time to write and advise the VEC that you need test session instructions and materials. The VEC will want to know when you have scheduled the test session and certain other information. We require notification *only* of the date and city and state in which the examination will be held, plus the name, address, and telephone number of the "contact" VE with whom we will be working. Allow the VEC time to get you the needed test materials. We recommend 30 days advance notice, although we can act on less if need be. While we can even handle test notifications by telephone, we prefer that it be done in writing.

The Contact VE whom we deal with is the volunteer examiner who operates as liaison between the testing team and the VEC. Other VEC organizations may require additional information such as the names of the accredited VEs, the exact test location, session sponsors, various test parameters, and on and on. We try to

keep it as simple and streamlined as possible. Some VECs don't. If we can get along without additional pieces of paper, we do.

### VEC Acts on VE Request

The VEC will forward the Contact VE the needed session forms and tests. Different VEC's have different systems for handling this. Our system is to simply forward what we call a preassembled "session packet" to the Contact VE. This packet contains three different copies of each test to be administered, plus the needed forms (there are only two) and an instruction booklet. This booklet is only 16 typewritten pages long and is updated about once every 60 days to conform to recent changes in the VEC program and FCC rules. It tells the VE team everything they have to know to conduct the session.

Additional copies of the written tests to be administered are photocopied or printed by the VE as needed from the "masters" that we forward. We also send along a Novice examination in the event it is needed. The Novice examination is not really part of the new volunteer examination program, but we frequently find that VE's need it to administer as a prerequisite to giving higher-class examinations. While an applicant need not pass the 5 or 13 wpm Morse code test if he can pass 20 words per minute, *all* written tests must be administered and passed in order.

Some VEC's provide a quantity of FCC Form 610 applications. Others do not. We send along one "610" with instructions that the VE's may photocopy or print it for use at their session, or they should order additional copies from the local FCC field office.

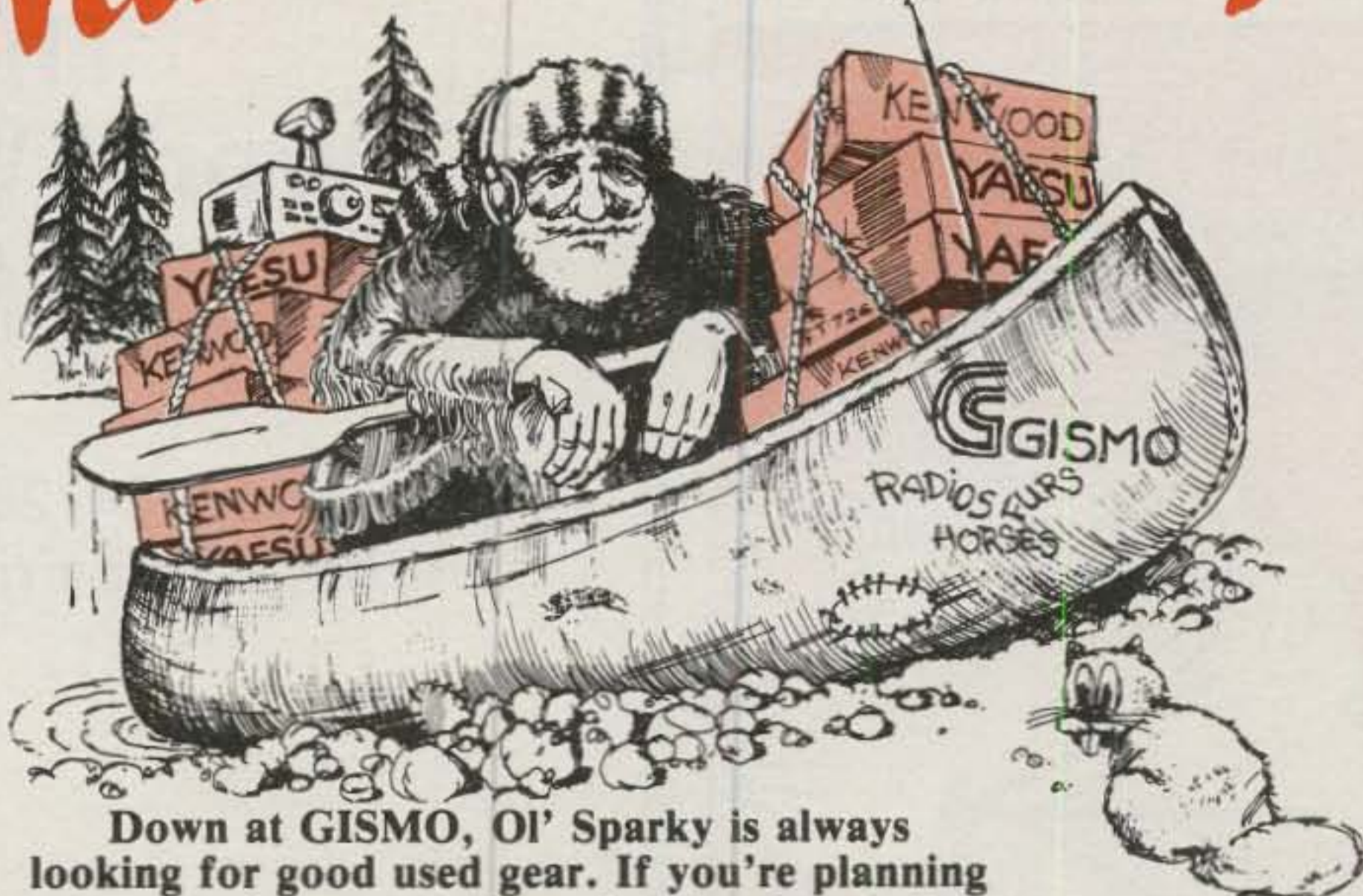
### The Morse Code Test

Actually, according to the rules this is the responsibility of the VE team, not the VEC. Every VEC has code test tapes available, however. Many VE's can generate their own 5, 13, or 20 word per minute code test using their personal computers. We have a 13 wpm and a 20 wpm test tape available (at a cost of \$2.50 plus 50¢ postage each) that contains 10 different QSO type tests that run for 5 minutes each. The VE simply asks 10 multiple-choice or fill-in-the-blank questions about the QSO or requires the applicant to copy for one minute solid. The format of the code test is at the option of the volunteer examiner. No sending test is required, but the VE can require one if he feels it important. As you can see, we give our VE's a lot of latitude.

### Administering the Test

Now that you have the test session lined up and the test materials on the way, you are ready for the big day! Next month we cover *How to administer the test*, what to send the VEC, and what he does with it.

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This year's rules are essentially the same as last year's. To preserve order, and to facilitate more off-continent QSO's, it is strongly recommended that DX stations work W/VE split-frequency, and announce their preferred listening spot.

**Classes:** Both single operator and multi-operator.

**Exchange:** RS(T) and QTH. State for U.S. and province for Canada. DX may use a standard prefix or a two- or three-letter country abbreviation. It helps the scorers on some handwritten logs.

**Scoring:** Contacts with stations in your own country, 2 points. Contacts with other countries in your continent, 5 points. Contacts with other continents, 10 points. (KH6 and KL7 are considered countries and not states.) This means U.S. and Caribbean contacts are 5 points for each other. Alaska and all North American Caribbean contacts are 5 points for W/VE.

**Multiplier:** Each U.S. state (maximum 48), VE province (maximum 13), DX country, and Maritime Mobile Region. U.S. and Canada do not also count as multipliers for anyone. Possible Canadian multipliers are VO1, VO2, VE1 (N.S.), VE1 (N.B.), VE1 (P.E.I.), VE2, VE3, VE4, VE5, VE6, VE7, VE8 (NWT), and VY (Yuk).

**Final Score:** Total QSO points times the sum of the multipliers.

**Penalties:** Three additional contacts may be deleted from the score for each unmarked duplicate or false contact removed from the log. A second multiplier may be removed for each one lost by the above action. An error in the state, province, or prefix may result in loss of that contact.

**Disqualification:** If the claimed score decreases by more than 2% as a result of removing duplicate or invalid contacts, you may be disqualified. Other causes are violation of contest rules, unsportsmanlike conduct, or violation of your country's amateur radio regulations. Disqualified stations or operators may be barred from future CQ contests for up to three years.

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Sample log and summary sheets may be obtained from CQ by sending a large s.a.s.e. with sufficient postage to cover your request. It is not necessary to use the official forms. You can make up your own, 40 contacts to the page, time in GMT, and columns for exchange sent and received, multiplier, and QSO points. Indicate the multiplier only the first time it is worked, and number them sequentially.

Include a summary sheet with your entry showing the scoring and other essential information, and a signed declaration that all rules and regulations have been observed. Mailing deadline for CW entries is February 28th, and March 31st for the SSB section.

Logs can be sent directly to the 160 Contest Director, Don McClenon, N4IN, 3075 Florida Avenue, Melbourne, FL 32904 USA. They can also be sent to CQ 160 Meter Contest, 76 North Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801 USA. (Please indicate CW or SSB on the envelope.)



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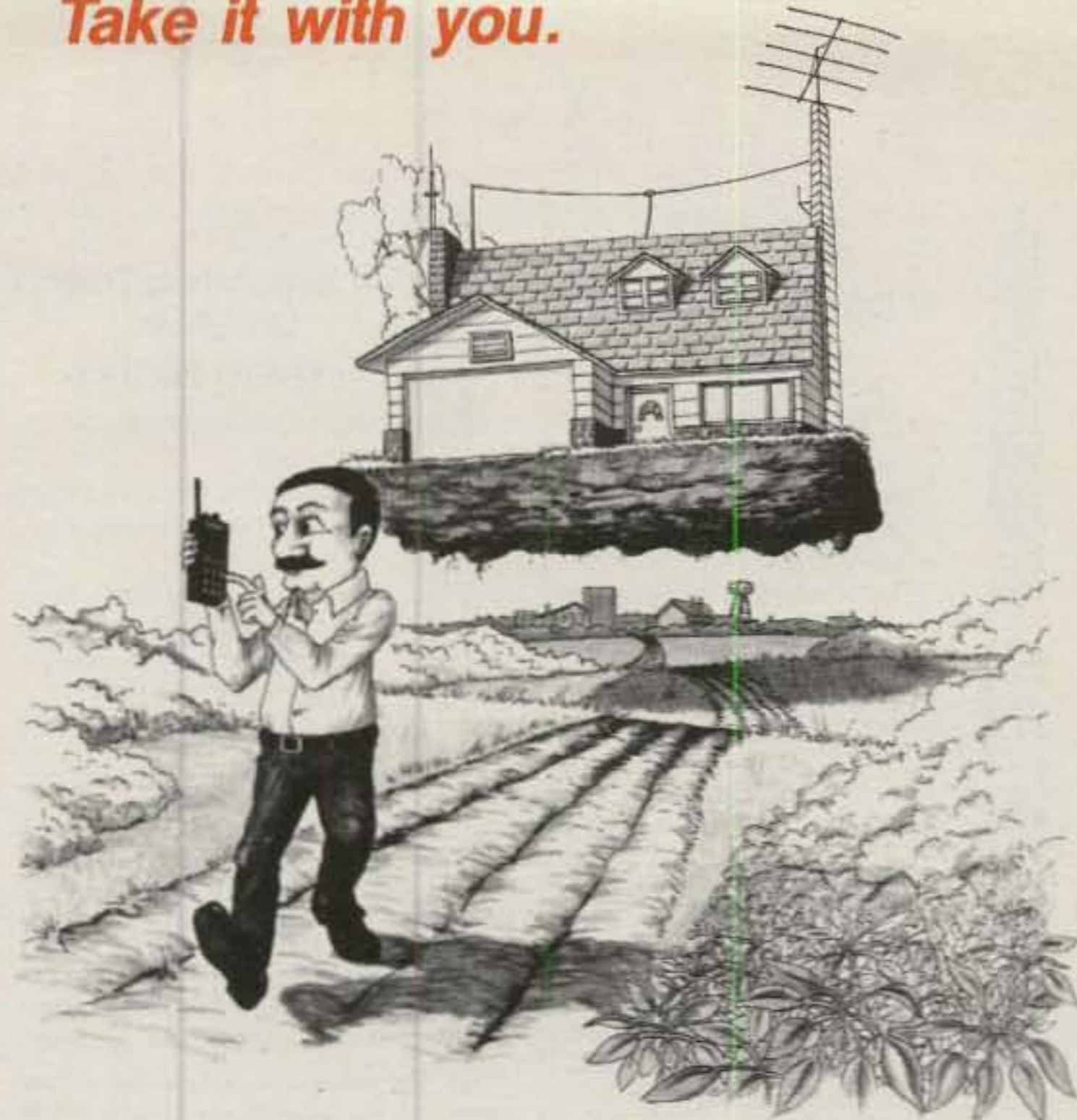
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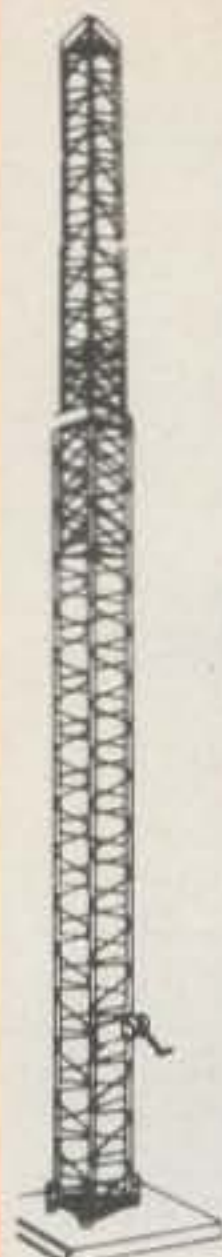
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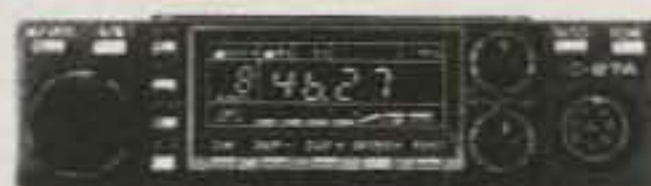
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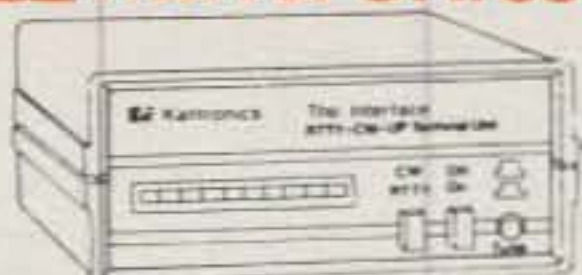


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**T**he Story of the Month as told by Leo is:  
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**All Counties #209, 1-2-79**

"I was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on December 26, 1900. As a freshman at Technical High School, I was a member of Tech High Wireless Club. The club consisted of six students with one professor in charge. In the Wireless Room they had a huge spark gap arrangement mounted on a large marble slab. That big thing had nearly scared the wits out of me. Instructions consisted of making tuning coils out of rolling pin bases, loose couplers, and condensers out of waxed paper and tin foil.

"I had a wire on the roof of my home that served as an antenna. I had a buzzer test consisting of a cat whisker with a Galena crystal. I tried many times without success to get the high noon time click as sent out from NAA in Washington, D.C. The first World War came and my interest in wireless came to a halt.

"In 1930 I moved to Miami, Florida, my home until just a few years ago. In 1938 I found the girl of my dreams, Velma, and we promptly got married. Then in 1942 came World War II. I served three years in the United States Navy Reserve doing duty mostly on Patrol Craft. Since I was from a warm part of the country, the Navy decided to send me to the Aleutians to join my ship and to cool off. After a year and a half on duty in those frigid waters off the coast of Alaska, my ship was moved to Honolulu and we had a chance to thaw out for the rest of the war.

"After the war I returned to Miami and continued my pre-war job as a special agent for Prudential Insurance Company. In 1948 I became a proud father of our only daughter, Nancy. She was certainly worth waiting for! In 1950 I changed jobs to real estate and had my own office in Miami.

"In the early part of 1970 a friend of mine convinced me that I should give ham radio a whirl. He built me an HW16 and helped me learn amateur radio. I was first licensed as WN4PGI. At that time the FCC regulations required that holders of Novice class licenses be rock bound, so I had about 15 crystals for operation on 15 meters. In September 1970, after retirement, Velma and I took a Mediterranean cruise on the Swedish American Liner Gripsholm. Being a guest and a bold Novice, I managed to find my way to the radio



S. Leo McGranaghan, WB4AIL, USA-CA  
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room. It was there that they showed me a book put out by CQ magazine showing the many counties they had worked. In their time off all the radio officers used to work amateurs. That did it! I was hooked! I decided to become a County Hunter, and when I returned home I sent for the book and began county hunting. I had hundreds of QSL cards from previous contacts, although many of them did not contain the county. I then got the Postal Directory and from it was able to determine the counties. I was having fun! One day someone said that I should join MARAC (Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club). I did join and was given No. R-514. The monthly bulletins were over my head, and I suppose that they wondered why a Novice was joining MARAC.

"Back in those days a Novice license was issued for only two years. If the license was permitted to expire, the licensee could apply again for a license only after a year of waiting. After waiting that miserable year off the air I was finally given a new call, WN4DMA. I continued to pound brass and work only CW. As my second two-year period came to a close I decided I must upgrade. A summer of study prepared me for the General class exam. I passed and was given my present call, WB4AIL. I was able to complete my first 500 counties all endorsed CW on 15 meters. For the next three years after my upgrade I spent every day from band opening to band closing collecting counties on 20 meters. I added 30 pounds to my frame and completed the balance of 3075 counties. I was given USA-CA All Counties #209, dated January 2, 1979.

"In June of 1979 I repaid the favor extended me on the liner Gripsholm and introduced my nephew, John, KA2CNG, to

county hunting after he upgraded his license to General class. I personally supervised the first 20 counties he worked to make sure he was on the right track.

"I want to express my thanks to each and everyone who helped me along the way. Space will not permit me to mention all the individuals who so graciously gave their time to help. To all of you I say, "Thanks!" I have attended three annual County Hunter conventions where it has been my pleasure to meet old friends. The last convention I attended was in Charleston, West Virginia. My nephew drove me there, and it was my first experience seeing how the operation runs from inside a car.

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"In 1982, after 52 years in Miami, Florida, Velma and I moved to Greensboro, North Carolina to be near our daughter and her family. We enjoy the four seasons there. Just recently we celebrated our 46th wedding anniversary and my 84th birthday. I hope I will be able to attend my 4th Annual County Hunters Convention one of these years.—73, Leo, WB4AIL"



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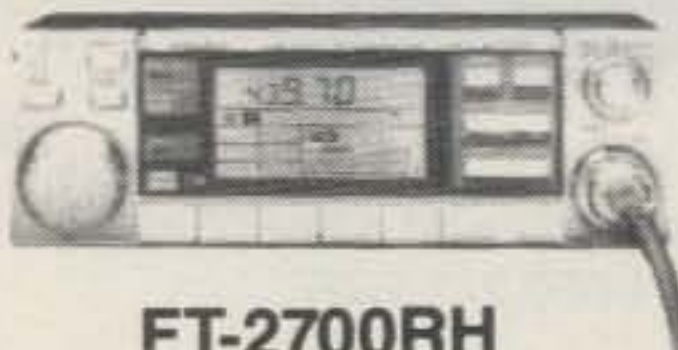
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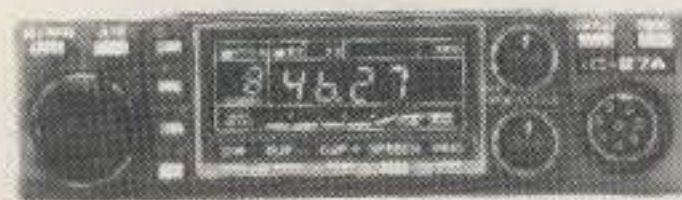
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Lorraine Bachmann, WDX9DCJ, continued to listen well and qualified for the following additional awards: USA-CA 1500 #716, USA-CA 2000 #642, USA-CA 2500 #586, USA-CA 3000 #524, and All Counties #494. All awards are endorsed SSB, Mixed Bands. Lorraine is the first SWL in Wisconsin and the third SWL to win USA-CA All Counties.

Yasu-Tada Nimomiya, JH8GWW, added a gold seal to his certificate for USA-CA 1000 #880, 6-7-85, Mixed. Yasu's first 500 counties were all 10 meter SSB; his second 500 were all 20 meter SSB.

Robert D. Lee, W5OBT, continued to be heard with his fine signal from New Mexico, and now has USA-CA 1000 #881, Mixed, 6-14-85.

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### Notes

Once more the season changes and summer holidays are a pleasant memory. Now we look forward to winter again in northern Illinois. I hope things are going well where you are.

73, Dorothy, WB9RCY

## "HOW TO" FOR THE NEWCOMER TO AMATEUR RADIO

### Novice Licensing Data—Part IV

**T**his article covers all of the material one must know to pass an FCC Novice written examination (FCC element two). All parts should be studied prior to attempting to pass the test. The first part of this article provides the overall introduction to this instruction material, plus complete coverage of electrical principles. Parts II and III appeared in the last two issues of *CQ*; they provided in-depth coverage of circuit components, practical circuits, signals and emissions, and operating procedures. Previous issues of *CQ* are usually available at \$2.25 each; requests can be sent to *CQ*, 76 North Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801. If you know someone who is interested in becoming an amateur radio operator, you should bring this article to his or her attention.

#### Amateur Radio Practices

**2D-1.1 How can an amateur radio station be protected against being operated by unauthorized persons?** Lock the radio shack and/or the equipment input power switch. Hide equipment input power switch. Have station input on a separate line which is disabled when station is not to be used. Post a sign prohibiting unauthorized operation. Do not leave the station ready to be operated as soon as power is turned on. The automatic final RF amplifier power reduction protective feature built into modern transceivers provides an easy way to eliminate unauthorized full-power output; simply switch to an antenna that is incompatible with the band selected at the transceiver. (The March 1985 Novice column covers the use of electric power in fixed stations. That article includes suggestions that can be followed to minimize the possibility of unauthorized station use.)

**2D-2.1 Why should all antenna and rotor cables be grounded when an amateur radio station is not in use?** Such grounding protects station equipment from possible lightning and/or static discharge damage. Such electrical discharges should go directly to a suitable ground, without going to station equipment. The input coil of the receiver provides the discharge path in any station that does not have a separate grounding system. This is because the receiver is connected to the antenna system whenever the station is not in transmit mode.

**2D-2.2 How can an antenna system be protected from damage due to a nearby lightning strike?** The tower, plus all other nonradiating parts of the antenna system, should be connected to a good electrical ground. Whenever the station is not in use, the antenna system's radiating parts should also be grounded. The National Electric Code provides electrical wiring and grounding information that applies to amateur radio stations. This book should be available in every public library. It is essential reading for all amateurs. Article 810 is of particular importance to amateurs. (The September through



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November 1978 Novice columns cover amateur radio station grounding in detail. The November 1977 through March 1978 Novice columns include general grounding information within this article about amateur radio station installation tips. The April 1983 Novice column covers electric shock information that amateurs should know.)

**2D-2.3 How can amateur radio station equipment be protected from damage due to lightning striking the electrical wiring in the building?** Input power plugs can be disconnected from AC wall receptacles before a storm arrives. If a separate AC input power circuit breaker is used to feed the amateur radio station equipment, it can be pulled (opened) prior to the arrival of the storm. Most of the modern amateur radio equipment has surge protection built in to minimize the possibility of such damage.

**2D-3.1. For proper protection from lightning strikes, what pieces of equipment should be grounded in an amateur radio station?** All items in metal enclosures should be grounded to a common point, and that point should be connected to a satisfactory station ground. All ground leads should be at least ten-gauge wire, with ground cable preferred for use in this application.

**2D-3.2. What is a convenient indoor grounding point for an amateur radio station?** A cold-water pipe is the answer required in the test. However, I have helped install more than 1000 stations, and I have yet to find a cold-water pipe that provides a suitable ground. This answer would only be true if copper piping was used throughout the building.

**2D-3.3. To protect against electrical shock hazards, the chassis of each piece of equipment in an amateur radio station should be connected to what?** Each chassis should be connected to the common ground point, which is usually the chassis ground stud of the transmitter/transceiver. That common ground point is, in turn, at-

tached to an effective station ground via the shortest possible length of ground braid, or large diameter wire.

**2D-4.1. When working on an antenna mounted on a tower, a person doing the climbing should always wear what type of safety equipment?** A safety belt.

**2D-4.2. For safety purposes, how high should all portions of a horizontal wire antenna be located?** It should be located as high as it can be installed. It should be at least at a height where tall people cannot touch it. Secondly, it should be located where it cannot come in contact with power lines, if either the power lines or the antenna (and feedline) fall. Neither the antenna, nor its feedline, should be in close proximity or in line with either AC power or telephone lines.

**2D-4.3. What type of safety equipment should a person on the ground wear while assisting another person on an antenna tower?** A safety helmet (hard hat), and possibly an eye shield.

**2D-5.1. What is a likely indication that radio frequency interference to a receiver is caused by front-end overload?** The resultant RF interference would exist over a wide frequency range. In the case of television interference (TVI), it would distort reception on several channels.

**2D-5.2. When radio frequency interference occurs to a receiver regardless of frequency, while an amateur radio station is transmitting, what is likely the problem?** Receiver front-end overload is the most common cause of this problem. Another cause of this difficulty could be the TV receiver using a processing frequency (such as a local oscillator or intermediate frequency) that is the same (or close to) the amateur transmitting frequency.

**2D-5.3. What type of filter should be installed on a television receiver's tuner input as the first step in preventing overload from an amateur radio station's signal?** A high-pass filter should be installed at the tuner of the TV receiver to block lower frequency (3-30 MHz) amateur emissions, while passing the higher frequency TV signals.

**2D-5.4. What is meant by receiver overload?** Receiver overload is a condition wherein an extremely strong signal swamps the front end of a receiver, distorting reception over a wide range of frequencies.

**2D-6.1. What is meant by harmonic radiation?** A harmonic frequency is any fundamental frequency multiplied by a whole number (such as 2, 3, 4, etc.). Every transmitter radiates unintended harmonics along with the desired fundamental frequency, but such harmonic (multiple) frequencies must be at a much lower power level than the fundamental. Harmonic radiation is a very low level emission that occurs inadvertently at integral multiples of the fundamental frequency.

**2D-6.2. Why is harmonic radiation by an amateur radio station undesirable?** The harmonics may interfere with other radio services, since they may not fall within an amateur radio band. Also, any power transmitted on harmonic frequencies is power that is subtracted from the fundamental (intended) frequency output. A



typical example of harmonic interference is amateur 10 meter (28–29.7 MHz) operation causing second harmonic interference to TV channel 2 (54–60 MHz).

**2D-6.3. A multi-band antenna connected to an improperly tuned transmitter may radiate what type of interference?** Harmonic interference. As an example, if the antenna is resonant at 7, 14, 21, and 28 MHz, a 7 MHz fundamental (intended) output emission could be accompanied by second, third, and fourth harmonic (14, 21, and 28 MHz) which the multiband antenna would accept and radiate.

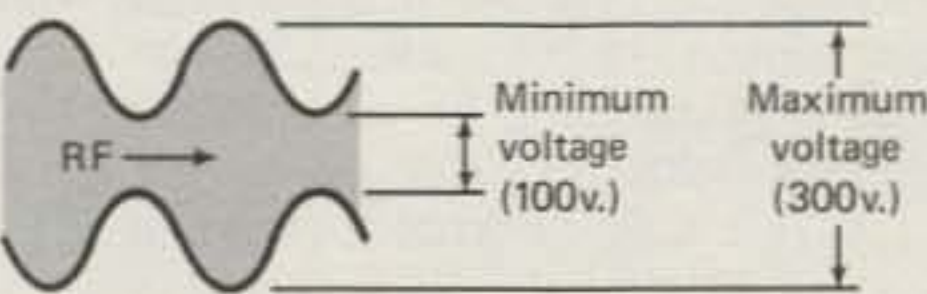
**2D-6.4. What is the purpose of properly shielding a transmitter?** Proper shielding prevents various processing frequencies from being radiated by the transmitter. Shielding also protects transmitter circuits from nearby electromagnetic energy which could otherwise degrade transmitter output.

**2D-6.5. When interference is observed on only one or two channels of a TV receiver while an amateur radio station is transmitting, what is the likely problem?** The most likely cause of such interference is harmonic radiation from an amateur radio transmitter. A low-pass filter could be installed between the amateur's transmitter and antenna system to alleviate (minimize) such a problem.

**2D-6.6. What type of filter should be installed on an amateur radio transmitter as the first step in reducing harmonic radiation?** A low-pass filter which passes the amateur HF (3–30 MHz) signals with very little attenuation (loss) while offering high rejection to TV VHF (30–300 MHz) and UHF (300–3000 MHz) signals.

**2D-7.1. Why is it important to have the impedance of a transmitter final-amplifier circuit match the impedance of the antenna or feedline?** Matched impedances provide maximum undistorted power transfer from the transmitter into the antenna. Matched impedances also provide maximum signal transfer between the antenna and the receiver. Impedances should be matched between the transceiver and the feedline, as well as between the feedline and the antenna. Matched impedances minimize the standing-wave ratio (SWR) that would otherwise exist. A high SWR condition reduces power transferred from the transmitter to the antenna, and from the antenna to the receiver.

**2D-7.2. What is the term for the measurement of the impedance match between a transmitter final amplifier circuit and the antenna or feedline?** Standing-wave ratio (SWR). This is simply the ratio between the high and low voltage points that exist along a feedline that is not perfectly matched to the antenna and/or transmitter/transceiver. An SWR of 3 to 1 (3:1) represents the following waveshape being present along the transmission line.

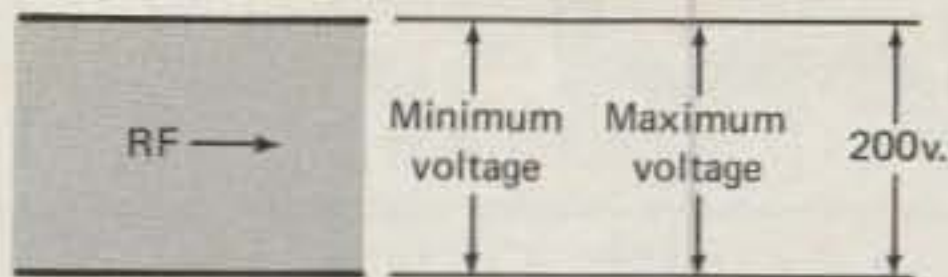


$$SWR = \frac{E_{\max}}{E_{\min}} \text{ or } \frac{I_{\max}}{I_{\min}}$$

In this example,

$$SWR = \frac{E_{\max}}{E_{\min}} = \frac{300}{100} = 3 (3:1)$$

If impedances were perfectly matched in this example, both the maximum and minimum voltage would be 200 volts, and the SWR would be 1:1.



$$SWR = \frac{E_{\max}}{E_{\min}} = \frac{200}{200} = 1 (1:1)$$

An SWR of 3:1, or better (lower), is considered to indicate that satisfactory impedance matches exist between the transceiver and feedline, and between the feedline and antenna. Most of the modern transceivers are designed to automatically reduce RF final amplifier input power if the antenna system causes the SWR to exceed 3:1.

**2D-7.3. What station accessory is used to measure RF power being reflected back down the feedline from the transmitter to the antenna?** This question is asked incorrectly. It is the power that is not accepted by the antenna (due to impedance mismatch) that is reflected back down the feedline from the antenna to the transmitter. The device used to measure reflected power is the reflectometer, which is commonly called the standing-wave-ratio (SWR) bridge. The SWR bridge reads forward and reflected voltages; it automatically displays the SWR as determined by the following formula.

$$SWR = \frac{E_{\text{fwd}} + E_{\text{ref}}}{E_{\text{fwd}} - E_{\text{ref}}}$$

where:

$E_{\text{fwd}}$  is forward voltage

$E_{\text{ref}}$  is reflected/reverse voltage

The operator simply adjusts the SWR bridge to show a full-scale reading in the forward direction. The SWR bridge is then switched to show reflected (reverse) voltage, and the SWR is read off the meter scale.

**2D-7.4. What station accessory is often used to measure voltage standing-wave ratio?** A voltage standing-wave ratio (VSWR) bridge, which is commonly called an SWR meter, and is occasionally called a reflectometer.

**2D-7.5. Where should an SWR bridge be connected to indicate the impedance match of a transmitter and an antenna?** The only true reading occurs when the SWR meter is connected between the far end of the feedline and the input to the antenna. However, it is usually extremely difficult to adjust or read the SWR meter when it is attached to the antenna; consequently, it is usually installed in the radio shack, between the transceiver and the feedline. This latter installation configuration provides easy access to the SWR bridge, but the resultant readings are less accurate than the readings that would be available with the SWR bridge connected to the antenna (at the far end of the transmission line). This situation is due to the fact that the SWR bridge is not comparing the true forward and reflected voltages of the antenna when it is installed in one's radio shack. The shack-installed VSWR bridge sees a forward voltage that is higher than the voltage that will actually be applied to the input terminals of the antenna. This situation exists because there will be signal attenuation (loss) as the transmitter output travels along the feedline to the antenna. Similarly, the SWR bridge in one's radio shack reads a lower reflected voltage than exists at the antenna terminals; this is due to the reflected signal being attenuated (reduced) as it travels along the feedline from the antenna back towards the transmitter/transceiver and through the SWR

bridge. Consequently, the SWR bridge in the shack sees a higher forward voltage and a lower reflected voltage than those which exist at the antenna terminals. If the feedline is very bad, the shack-installed VSWR bridge could indicate a reasonable SWR despite a terribly bad mismatch condition existing between the feedline and the antenna. An apparent SWR improvement with time is usually due to feedline deterioration and increased signal attenuation (loss).

**2D-7.6. Coaxial feedlines are designed to be operated with what kind of standing-wave ratio?** A low standing-wave ratio (SWR). However, most types of coaxial cables are designed to withstand reasonably high standing-wave ratios. High SWR's produce high maximum voltages between the center (go) line and the return (shield) of the coaxial cable. An excessively high voltage can puncture (short circuit) the insulation between the conductors of a coaxial cable. (*The August 1983 Novice column provides information about military radio frequency transmission lines. It is a useful article for new amateurs to read.*)

**2D-7.7. If the SWR bridge reading is higher at 3700 kHz than at 3750 kHz, what does this indicate about the antenna?** It usually indicates that the antenna is closer to being resonant at 3750 kHz than at 3700 kHz. The SWR is generally lowest (minimum/best) when the frequency of the input signal matches the resonant frequency of the antenna.

**2D-7.8. If the SWR bridge reading is lower at 3700 kHz than at 3750 kHz, what does this indicate about the antenna?** It usually indicates the antenna is closer to being resonant at 3700 kHz than at 3750 kHz. However, the impedance of a dipole changes in relationship to its height above electrical ground. (*The May through July 1983 Novice columns cover dipole antennas in detail. Since the dipole is the first antenna most new amateurs erect, this previous article is worthwhile reading.*)

**2D-8.1. What kind of SWR meter reading may indicate poor electrical contact between parts of an antenna system?** A high SWR reading could indicate an unsatisfactory condition requiring correction. The problem could be poor connections between the transceiver and SWR bridge, the SWR bridge and the feedline, or the feedline and antenna. A high VSWR reading could also be due to an antenna problem. Poor contacts in an antenna system usually produce SWR readings far greater than 3:1, which is generally recognized as the acceptable (maximum) SWR limit.

**2D-8.2. High SWR reading measured from a half-wave dipole antenna being fed by coaxial cable can be lowered by doing what to the antenna?** The test answer to this question is to lengthen or shorten the antenna to lower the SWR. This is a silly answer. If a dipole has been cut to the correct length, and it has been assembled properly, its length should not be varied. The input impedance varies in accordance with the antenna's height over electrical ground. Consequently, it should help to raise or lower the antenna. If you can change it both directions, raise it to a height where the resultant SWR is minimum.

## Part IV Summary

This completes the fourth part of this series. We have covered six of the nine subelements (subjects) contained in the FCC element two (Novice) syllabus. The next few Novice columns will cover the rules and regulations. Seven of the 20 questions in each Novice written examination are on rules and regulations, which is 35 percent of the exam.

# Contest Calendar

a monthly feature by  
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## NEWS/VIEWS OF ON-THE-AIR COMPETITION

As mentioned in last month's column, there have been a few changes and additions to the trophy and plaque awards in our 1985 World-Wide DX Contest. The most notable change is the sponsorship of the World All-Band Phone award, which Bill Leonard, W2SKE, has been donating for almost 30 years. Bill has turned over the sponsorship of this award to Dave Rosen, K2GM, who will continue it as a memorial for his father, the late, well-remembered "Doc" Rosen, WA2RAU.

Our grateful thanks to Bill, who along with the late Larry LeKashman (W2IOP at the time) started the trophy awards list which now numbers over 60.

The late Don Wallace, W6AM, and "Buzz" Reeves, K2GL, are also long-time donors. Don's award is being continued as a memorial by the Southern California DX Club, of which Don was a member.

The Carib./C.A. awards vacated by Jim Neiger, N6TJ, have been picked up by Alex Kasevich, VP2MM, on phone, and Peter Munroe, WB1DQC, on CW.

The Carolina DX Association and the Southern New England DX Club have picked up the USA Multi-Single Phone and the European Single-Band CW awards terminated by K8NA and the G2LB memorial.

An added new one is the South American All-Band CW Memorial sponsored by the Venezuela DX Club.

I am sure that you will note that many of these awards are memorials. Can you think of a more appropriate way to perpetuate the call of a deceased club member? The North Jersey DX Association has been doing this for years for two of their "Silent Keys," K2HLB and W2JT.

Questions regarding future sponsorship of awards in any CQ contest can be addressed to me, and I will make sure they are forwarded to the respective contest directors. We are especially looking for donors of awards in our 160 Meter Contest coming up in January and February 1986. However, we must hear from you as soon as possible, as time is running out.

Deadline for the January issue is October 15th and November 15th for February. Sending your announcements to my home address will give additional time.

Have you checked the expiration date of your license lately?

73 for this time, Frank, W1WY

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### Calendar of Events

- \* Oct. 5-6 California QSO Party
- Oct. 5-6 Ibero-American SSB Contest
- Oct. 5-6 ARRL CW QSO Party
- Oct. 5-6 VK/ZL/Oceania SSB Contest
- Oct. 5-7 Kansas State QSO Party
- \* Oct. 6-7 Illinois QSO Party
- Oct. 12-13 VK/ZL/Oceania CW Contest
- Oct. 12-13 Pennsylvania QSO Party
- Oct. 12-13 ARCI QRP CW Contest
- Oct. 12-13 ARRL Phone QSO Party
- Oct. 13 RSGB 21/28 MHz Phone
- Oct. 16-17 YLRL Anniv. CW Party
- Oct. 19-20 Boy Scouts Jamboree
- Oct. 19-21 Rhode Island QSO Party
- Oct. 20 RSGB 21 MHz CW Contest
- Oct. 26-27 CQ WW DX Phone Contest**
- Oct. 30-31 YLRL Anniv. SSB Party
- Nov. 2-3 IPA Radio Club Contest
- Nov. 2-4 ARRL CW Sweepstakes
- Nov. 9-10 European RTTY Contest
- Nov. 9-10 Silver Jubilee "Electril"
- Nov. 16-18 ARRL Phone Sweepstakes
- Nov. 23-24 CQ WW DX CW Contest**
- Dec. 7-9 ARRL 160 Meter Contest
- Dec. 14-15 ARRL 10 Meter Contest

\* Covered last month.

### Ibero-American SSB DX Contest

2000Z Sat. to 2000Z Sun., Oct. 5-6

Organized by the URE of the "Valles Oriental" section, this contest commemorates the "Hispanidad," which is celebrated on October 12th.

Single operator only, on all 6 bands, 10 to 160 meters.

**Exchange:** RS plus a QSO number starting with 001.

**Points:** Between Ibero-American stations 3 points per QSO, non-Ibero stations 1 point. A station may be worked once on each band for QSO and multiplier credit.

**Multiplier:** Each Ibero-American station worked on each band: CE, CO, CP, CR, CT, CX, C3, C9, DU, EA, HC, HI, HK, HP, HT, KP4, LU, OA, PY, TG, TI, XE, YS, YV, ZP, 3C, and DXCC Dependences.

**Score:** Total QSO points times the Ibero-American multiplier from each band.

**Awards:** A plaque will be issued to the champion outside the Ibero-American area, and to the high scores in each continent and DXCC countries. A minimum of 4 hours and 75 QSO's must be worked to be eligible for the awards.

There is an SWL section with the same scoring conditions. A special plaque will be awarded to the winner who has participated 5 or more years.

All entries must be postmarked no later than November 30th and go to: Dele-

gacion Comarcal URE Valles Oriental, P.O. Box 262, Granollers (Barcelona), Spain.

### Kansas State QSO Party

0100Z to 0700Z Sat., Oct. 5  
1300Z Sat. to 0700Z Sun., Oct. 5-6  
1300Z Sun. to 0100Z Mon., Oct. 6-7

This is the fourth annual QSO Party sponsored by the Boeing Employees' ARS of Wichita, Kansas.

The same station may be worked on each band and each mode, for contact points, and more than once if they are additional multipliers. Kansas can work in-state stations for QSO and multiplier credit.

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

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

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

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

**Awards:** Certificates to the top-scoring station, both single and multi-operator, in each state, VE province, DX country, and Kansas county. Work five club members and you will be eligible for the worked five Kansas Bears Award.

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

Mailing deadline for all entries is November 12th to: Boeing Employees' A.R.S., c/o Mike Thornton, WA0TAH, P.O. Box 16534, Wichita, KS 67216.

### ARRL QSO Party

C.W.: Oct. 5-6 Phone: Oct. 12-13  
1800Z Saturday to 0600Z Sunday

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 CW 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.

### VK/ZL/Oceania DX Contest

SSB: Oct. 5-6 CW: Oct. 12-13  
1000Z Saturday to 1000Z Sunday

There have been some small modifications in the rules of this year's old-time contest. This year it commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Wireless Institute of Australia and the 50th year of the VK/ZL contest.

Following rules are for stations other than VK/ZL. Oceania stations can work anyone. The rest of the world work VK, ZL, and Oceania stations only. The same station may be contacted on each band for QSO and multiplier credit (no WARC bands).

**Exchange:** RS(T) plus a three-figure QSO number starting with 001.

**Scoring:** Same for everybody, 2 points per QSO.

**Multiplier:** Each VK/ZL and Oceania prefix worked on each band.

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

**Awards:** This year there will be awards to the top scorers in each continent. These will be in the form of leather-bound log books, and medallions to the top scorers in countries that submit 10 or more entries. Certificate awards will be made at the discretion of the contest manager.

There is an SWL section. Only VK, ZL, or Oceania stations are reported. Call of station being worked and RS(T) being sent and received must be reported. Scoring same as above, but SSB and CW scores are combined for final score.

Include a summary sheet showing the scoring, use separate log sheets for each band, and include the usual signed declaration that all rules and regulations have been observed.

This year they go to: W.I.A. VK/ZL/O Contest Manager, 1 Noorabil Court, Greensborough, Vic. 3088, Australia. All entries must be received no later than January 31, 1986.

### ARCI QRP CW Contest

1200Z Sat. to 2400Z Sun., Oct. 12-13

This is the fall edition and 24th anniversary

of the QRP Amateur Radio Club International. This year's activity will be found on CW only. Participants may operate the full 24 hours.

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

**Scoring:** Contacts with members, 5 points. Non-members, 2 points if in same continent, 4 points if in a different continent. The same station may be worked on each band for QSO and multiplier credit.

There is a power output bonus: 4 to 5 watts— $\times 2$ ; 3 to 4 watts— $\times 4$ ; 2 to 3 watts— $\times 6$ ; 1 to 2 watts— $\times 8$ ; less than 1 watt— $\times 10$ ; over 5 watts check log only.

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

**Multiplier:** Each state, VE province, and DX country worked on each band.

**Final Score:** Total QSO points from all bands  $\times$  (states + provinces + countries)  $\times$  power bonus  $\times$  power type if any.

**Frequencies:** 1810, 3560, 7040, 14060, 21060, 28060, 50360. Novice—3710, 7110, 21110, 28110.

**Awards:** Certificates to the highest scorers in each state, province, and DX country with two or more entries. All entries will be considered for the Triple Crown QRP Award. In addition, Adrian Weiss, WØRSP, is sponsoring a special *Milliwatt* certificate to be awarded to the top-scoring station in the less than 1 watt category, providing there are two or more entries in that category.

Use a separate log sheet for each band. Include a summary sheet showing the scoring, equipment description, and other essential information. Include a large SASE for a copy of the results. It is suggested you send a large SASE to KA5NLY for official log forms.

Logs must be received by November 13th and go to: QRP ARCI Chairman, Gene Smith, KA5NLY, P.O. Box 55010, Little Rock, AR 72225.

### Pennsylvania QSO Party

1600-0500Z Sat.-Sun., Oct. 12-13  
1300-2200Z Sun., Oct. 13

This is the 28th annual party sponsored by the Nittany A.R.C. of State College, Pennsylvania. The same station may be worked on each band and mode for QSO points. PA stations may also work other PA stations for QSO and multiplier credit. Mobiles may be worked in each county change.

**Exchange:** RS(T), three-digit QSO number, and QTH. County for PA, ARRL section for others.

**Scoring:** One point for SSB contacts, 1.5 points for CW, 2 points for CW on 80 and 160.

PA stations multiply total by ARRL sec-

tions + PA counties + 1 DX country worked. Others use PA counties for their multiplier (maximum of 67).

Mobiles add 500 bonus points for each county operated from, minimum of 10 QSOs. Mobiles on county lines give one QSO number but get credit for two multipliers.

**Frequencies:** CW—1810 and 40 kHz up from bottom edge of each CW band. SSB—1850, 3980, 7280, 14280, 21380, 28580. Novice—10 up from bottom of each Novice band. Mobile—5 kHz below listed frequencies. Try 160 at 0300Z.

**Awards:** Will be made in five classes—single operator, multi-single, multi-multi, mobile, and QRP (maximum 5 watts). Certificates to winners in each county, each section, and club (minimum of 3 members and 20 QSOs). Plaques to top scorers in both eastern and western PA, out-of-state, both multi's, mobile, western USA, and QRP (*quite a selection—ed.*)

Include a summary sheet with your entry showing the scoring, a check list of counties or sections worked, and a dupe sheet if you make 100 or more contacts. There is a severe penalty of 100 points deducted for each dupe that has not been removed.

Official log forms are recommended and are available from W3HDH. For a copy of the results send 50¢ (no SASE).

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

### YLRL Anniversary Party

C.W.: Oct. 16-17 Phone: Oct. 30-31  
1800Z-1800Z Wed.-Thurs.

This is the 46th annual party run by the YL Radio League. It is open to all YL's around the world, and activity is between YL's only on all bands, 3.5 through 28 MHz. Phone and CW are separate contests and require separate logs and awards.

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

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

**Multiplier:** Is figured 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 CW, 300 watts PEP on SSB.

**Final Score:** Total QSO points from all bands times the 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.

**Frequencies:** CW—3555, 7055, 14055,

21195, 28195. SSB—3955, 7255, 14295, 21395, 28595. (Plus or minus 15 kHz.)

**Awards:** Gold cups to the top scorers in each contest. A plaque to the highest combined phone/CW score, and the Corcoran and Hagen memorial plaques. Certificates to the first, second, and third place overall winners and in each U.S. and VE call area and DX country. Only YLRL members are eligible for the cup and plaques.

Logs must be received no later than December 10, and this year go to: Marty Silver, NY4H, 3118 Eton Road, Raleigh, NC 27608.

### RSGB 21/28 MHz Phone Contest

0700 to 1900 GMT Sunday, Oct. 13

It's the world working the British Isles on 21 and 28 MHz.

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 SWL.

**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 SWL 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 SWL winner in each country. The first, second, and third overall winners will also receive certificates of merit.

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 3rd. This year they go to: RSGB HF Contests Committee, c/o M. Harrington, 123 Clensham Lane, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2ND, England.

### RSGB 21 MHz CW Contest

0700 to 1900 GMT Sunday, Oct. 20

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 SWL 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.)

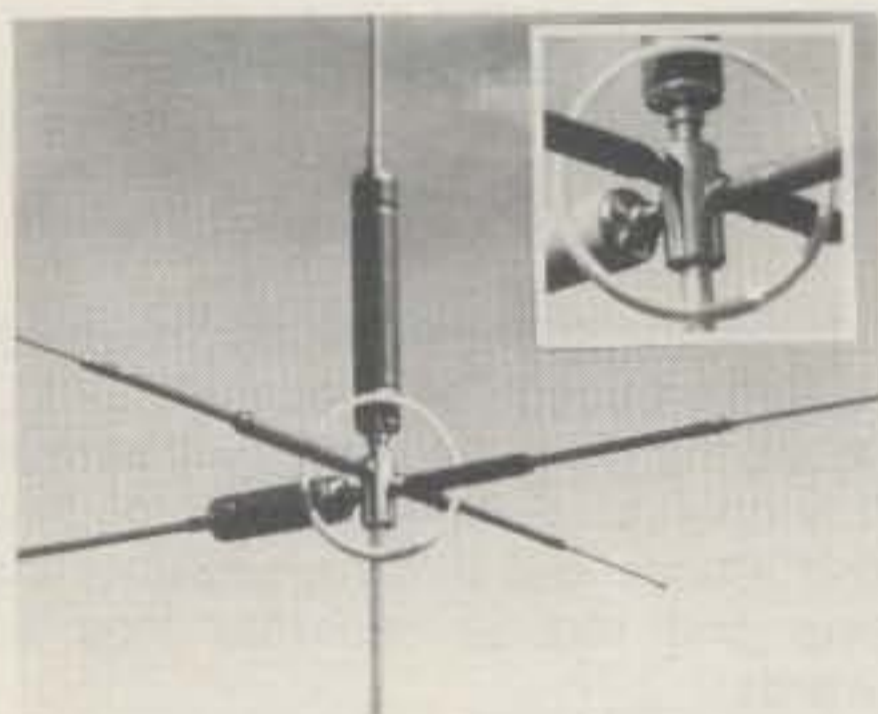
Unmarked duplicate contacts for which credit has been taken will be penalized ten times the points claimed. Logs containing more than five unmarked duplicates will be disqualified.

Only British Isles stations are to be logged by overseas SWL'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 three leading stations in each overseas country, both transmitting and SWL.

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 must be received by December 31st. This year they go to: RSGB HF Contests Comm., c/o J. Bazley, G3HCT, "Brooklands" Ullenhall, Solihull, Warks. B95 5NW, England.



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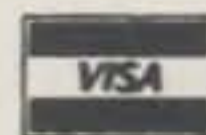
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1300Z Sun. to 0100Z Mon., Oct. 20-21

This one is again being sponsored by the East Bay AWA (WA1YPN). The same station may be worked on each band and each mode. RI stations may contact other RI stations for QSO points.

**Exchange:** RS(T) and QTH. City or town for RI; state, province, or DX country for others.

**Scoring:** Phone QSOs are worth 2 points, CW 3 points, and Novice/Tech. 5 points.

RI stations multiply total QSO points by the number of states, VE provinces, and DX countries worked. Others by the different RI cities and towns worked for their final score (39 cities and towns).

**Frequencies:** CW—1810, 3550, 3710, 7050, 7110, 14060, 21050, 21110, 28050, 28110. Phone—3900, 7250, 14300, 21360, 28600, 50110, 144.2 and 146.52. (Use of FM simplex is encouraged. No repeaters.)

**Awards:** Certificates to the top-scoring single operator station in each RI county, and each state, province, and country. The top-scoring Novice/Tech. in RI and out of state will also be rewarded, as will the winning RI multi-operator station.

Include a summary sheet with your entry showing the scoring and other essential information, and an SASE for a copy of the results.

Mailing deadline is November 30th to: East Bay AWA Inc., P.O. Box 392, Warren, RI 02885.

## Scouts Jamboree On The Air

Starts: 0001 Local Time Sat., Oct. 19  
Ends: 2359 Local Time Sun., Oct. 20

This is the 28th 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. 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: Jamboree on the Air, 1325 Walnut Hill, Irving, TX 75062; 22¢ postage for 10 cards, 17¢ for each additional 8.

**Suggested Frequencies:** Phone—3940, 7290, 14290, 21360, 28990. CW—3590, 7030, 14070, 21140, 28190. Also Novice bands, SSTV, and RTTY.

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tional details. Stateside participants send reports to Harry A. Harchar, W2GND, 216 Maxwell Ave., Hightstown, NJ 08520.

## CQ World-Wide DX Contest

Phone: Oct. 26-27 CW: Nov. 23-24  
0000Z Saturday to 2400Z Sunday

Complete rules were published in last month's issue and are the same as those used last year. There have been a few changes and additions in the sponsors of the more than 60 trophies and plaques that will be awarded in the 1985 contest. The Team Contesting category has been retained and will be given another year trial.

You are again reminded to study the disqualification clause. Penalties have been clearly defined for taking credit for duplicate contacts. You may not only risk a deduction in your score, but also possible disqualification, especially if you were cited in last year's contest.

There are other items that might lead to being disqualified—sportmanship and regulation violations. Reading the comments in the phone results last month (USA QRM item) would indicate that there are areas for improvement. The Contest Committee is cognizant of the fact and will be watching those areas in this year's contest.

*Note:* The double asterisk (\*\*) at the bottom of the rules page should read "Except the Gordon Marshall, W6RR African Award."

Repeating the deadline, all entries must be postmarked NO LATER than December 1, 1985 for the phone section and January 15, 1986 for the CW section. An extension may be given if requested in writing.

Again this year all logs must be sent directly to: CQ World-Wide DX Contest, 76 North Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801 U.S.A. Be sure to indicate Phone or CW on the envelope.

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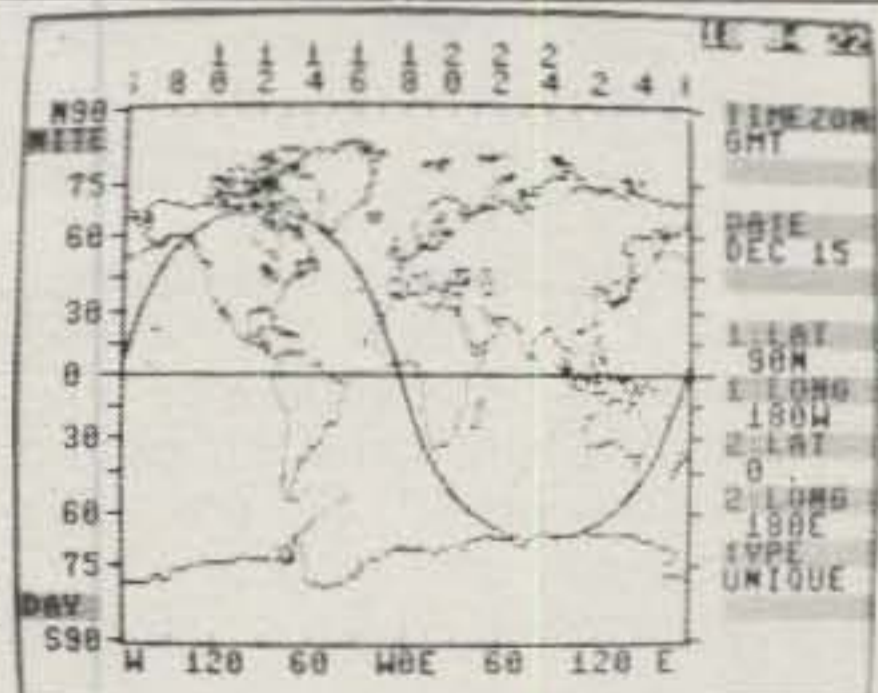
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## THE SCIENCE OF PREDICTING RADIO CONDITIONS

### Contest Special

The 1985 CQ World-Wide DX Contest will be held on the following dates:

October 26-27—Phone Section

November 23-24—CW Section

Continuing with the practice of the past 35 years, this month's propagation column is devoted to special forecasts for the contest periods, both phone and CW.

#### Rapidly Decreasing Solar Activity

The present cycle continues to decline rapidly towards its eventual end. The *Royal Observatory of Belgium*, the world's official record keeper of sunspot data, reports a mean sunspot number of 24 for June 1985. This results in a smoothed sunspot number of 21 centered on December 1984. This is a drop of four numbers in a one-month period. A smoothed sunspot number on the order of 14 is forecast for October 1985. This corresponds to a 10.7 cm solar flux level of approximately 80.

The level of solar activity expected during October is the lowest to be forecast for a CQ World-Wide DX Contest since 1964, although activity during the 1976 contest period was almost as low. By comparison, in 1979, when the present cycle was enjoying peak activity, the level during the contest period was between 158 and 162. During last year's contest period the cycle stood at the 29 mark in October and at 25 in November.

Statistically, this means that general DX contest conditions, particularly on the 10, 15, and 20 meter bands, are expected to be at their poorest level in 21 years. But don't despair. The ionosphere, although weaker, is not going to disappear. There should still be plenty of world-wide DX to be worked, but it's going to require more skill and patience to do it. While conditions are expected to worsen considerably on 10 and 15 meters, 20 meters should continue to be a world-wide DX band during the daylight hours, and nighttime DX openings on 40, 80, and 160 meters may actually improve a bit when compared to previous years of higher solar activity.

While the expected decline in solar activity and the corresponding degradation of HF propagation conditions can rightfully be greeted with jeers, moans, and

#### LAST MINUTE FORECAST

Day-to-Day Conditions Expected for October 1985

Propagation Index . . . . .	Expected Signal Quality			
	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)
Above Normal: 4, 9, 31	A	A	B	C
High Normal: 5, 8, 15, 21-22	A	B	C	C-D
Low Normal: 3, 6-7, 10, 13-14, 16-17, 20, 23, 25-26, 29-30	A-B	B-C	C-D	D-E
Below Normal: 2, 11-12, 18-19, 24, 27-28	B-C	C-D	D-E	E
Disturbed: None	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 poor to nil (D-E) on the 1st, fair to poor (C-D) on the 2nd, good to fair (B-C) on the 3rd, excellent (A) on the 4th, etc. Above normal conditions are expected for the WDX Contest on the 26th, dropping to below normal on the 27th.

groans by DXers, it is part of the amateur radio challenge, and it is what makes amateur radio so interesting. If you plan to participate in the 1985 DX contest, the DX propagation charts and other information appearing in this month's column are designed to help you stay "sharp," and to make use of the ionosphere for piling up as many contest points as possible, despite the decline in solar activity.

#### General Conditions, Band By Band

The following is a band-by-band summary of DX propagation conditions normally expected from mid-October through mid-December, and entered on the contest periods.

**10 Meters:** With the bottom of the present sunspot cycle slowly approaching, very few DX openings are expected on this band. During High or Above Normal conditions look for some openings towards Africa before noon, towards Central and South America from a few hours before until a few hours after noon,

and towards the South Pacific during the afternoon.

**15 Meters:** Although DX conditions are not expected to be as good as last year, 15 meters should be a fairly good band during most of daylight hours. When conditions are Normal, the band should open to many areas of the world from shortly after sunrise through the late afternoon. Signals from Europe and Africa should peak an hour or two before noon, while signals from Central and South America, the Far East, and the South Pacific should peak during the late afternoon. During Below Normal or Disturbed conditions, 15 meter openings will be spotty and of very short duration, if possible at all.

**20 Meters:** This is again expected to be the "backbone" band during the contest. During Normal conditions good DX openings are expected to almost every corner of the world sometime between sunrise and the early evening hours. Conditions should peak for a few hours after sunrise and again during the late afternoon and early evening. During these peak periods, 20 meters should be the optimum band for DX, with openings usually characterized by strong signal levels. When conditions are Below Normal, 20 meter openings should be fewer in number, of shorter duration, and with weaker signal levels. In general, however, the band should hold up for some DX openings during all but Disturbed conditions.

**40 Meters:** The band is expected to open during the late afternoon hours, and remain open for DX to one area of the world or another until shortly after sunrise. Look for openings to Europe and Africa from an hour or so before sundown to about midnight in the MST and PST time zones, and to at least 2 a.m. in the CST and EST zones. Good openings towards Central and South America should be possible throughout most of the hours of darkness. Openings towards the South Pacific and the Far East are expected to peak during a two-hour period before sunrise. During most of the hours of darkness, 40 meters should normally be the optimum band for DX propagation. When conditions are Below Normal or Disturbed, openings will be spotty and considerably fewer in number.

**80 Meters:** DX propagation conditions are generally at their best on this band during periods of low solar activity. Some fairly good 80 meter DX openings are expected to several areas of the world dur-

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ing the hours of darkness and the sunrise period. When propagation conditions are Normal, signal levels should be strong on many openings. Even during Below Normal or Disturbed periods there is a fairly good chance that some DX openings may be possible during the hours of darkness. Expect conditions normally to peak around midnight for openings towards Europe and Africa, after midnight and before sunrise for openings towards Central and South America, and just before sunrise for openings towards the South Pacific and the Far East.

**160 Meters:** With longer hours of darkness, DX conditions on this band should improve. While DX conditions may not be as good on 40 and 80 meters, look for openings to many areas of the world during the hours of darkness and the sunrise period. Because of power limitations in force on this band in many areas of the world, signals are likely to be weak and noisy, especially on phone. The best time for 160 meter DX is when a path is in complete darkness. Within this period conditions often peak just as the sun begins to rise at the *easterly* point on the path. The best forecaster for 160 meter DX (and 40 and 80 meters, as well) is a set of sunrise and sunset tables. For example, if the sun is expected to rise at 0700 GMT in western Europe, then this would be the best time to look for 160 meter openings between western Europe and the USA, plus or minus a half hour. Conditions on 80 meters can often also serve as an indicator for 160 meter openings. The band will often open at the same 80 meters seems to peak on a particular path. With these tips and some patience, it should be possible to work many DX areas of the world on 160 meters during the contest.

### Contest Work Plans

The DX Propagation Charts on the following pages show the times when each amateur band from 10 through 160 meters is expected to open for DX from the United States to the major areas of the world. Instructions for the proper use of these charts are given elsewhere in this column.

The information contained in the charts can easily be reorganized into more convenient types of operational work plans, or schedules, which can serve as valuable propagation guides during the contest. Experience gained during previous contests has shown that such plans 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 shows, for each three-hour period throughout the day, the areas of the world to which 20 meter propagation conditions are expected to be optimum. Only those openings shown in the charts with a propagation index of (2) or higher were used in compiling this plan.

Time PST	Areas to which openings should be optimum
00-03	No openings expected with a propagation index of (2) or higher. Some (1) openings should be possible to South America, South Pacific, New Zealand, and Australasia, but this means conditions should be High Normal or better. This is a good time to catch up on some sleep.
03-06	About the same as the previous block.
06-09	Should open in just about every direction: Europe, North Africa, Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East, most of Asia and the Far East, Pacific Islands, New Zealand, Australasia, the Caribbean, Central America, and most of South America. This is the period in which to rack up points.
09-12	About the same as previous period, but signals getting weaker and openings falling off.
12-15	Western and southern Europe, most of Africa, most of the Caribbean, Central America, and the northern countries of South America.
15-18	All of the Caribbean, Central America and South America, most of Africa, the Pacific Islands and New Zealand, the Far East.
18-21	Another peak period, and a good time in which to increase scores. Most of Asia including the Far East; the Pacific Islands, New Zealand, and Australasia; Caribbean, Central and South America, but falling off; Antarctica.
21-00	South Pacific, New Zealand and Australasia, much of South America, Antarctica. A propagation index (1) opening to Europe and Africa.

Table I—Sample 20 meter operating schedule for a Western USA QTH.

A western USA QTH has been chosen for this example, but similar plans can be devised for other locations, for other bands or for multi-band operation, and for other time spans.

### Radio Storms

The forecasts discussed in this column are based on *normal* propagation conditions expected with a sunspot level of approximately 14. If actual conditions during the contest turn out to be *above normal*, DX openings on 10, 15, and 20 meters are likely to be somewhat better than shown in the charts. On the other hand, if a radio storm should develop, with accompanying below normal or disturbed HF propagation conditions, fewer openings will take place on these bands. During radio storms, propagation conditions on 40, 80, and 160 meters generally also become erratic, with poorer openings during certain types of storms and improved openings during other types.

If a radio storm should develop during the contest, circuits passing through or near polar regions will probably become weak, fade considerably, or may even black out entirely, depending upon the severity and duration of the storm. During certain storms, while east-west propagation may become poorer, north-south openings may improve.

If a storm should occur, concentrate on working the higher frequency bands and the paths to the northeast, north, and northwest during the daylight hours, and the lower bands and the paths to the east, south, and west during the evening and early morning hours.

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 CW section will appear in next month's column. For up-

dated 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 A and K-figures 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 II can be used to convert the geomagnetic and solar data given on the WWV broadcasts into expected HF 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 each day, 7 days a week by calling 303-497-3171 (collect calls will not be accepted).

For example, a solar flux of 82 and an A-index of 9 should result in High Normal conditions, while a solar flux of 77 and a K index of 2.5 would indicate Low Normal conditions.

### Do-It-Yourself Forecasting

Besides the WWV transmissions of solar flux and geomagnetic data, there are now available several aids, including software for home computers, which can be used for forecasting conditions and band openings during the 1985 contest.

I personally use the MUFLOT program on my grandson's Commodore-64 computer for determining band openings. While not as accurate as the more powerful computer programs such as



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Unsettled	2-3	7-15	Low Normal	High Normal
Active	3-4	15-27	Low Normal-Below Normal	Low Normal
Minor Storm	4-5	27-48	Below Normal-Disturbed	Below Normal-Disturbed
Major Storm	5+	48+	Disturbed	Disturbed

Table II- This table can be used to convert the geomagnetic and solar data given on the WWV broadcasts into expected HF ionospheric conditions.

**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 daylight time is used, not GMT. To convert to GMT, add to the times shown in the appropriate chart 7 hours in PDT Zone, 6 hours in MDT Zone, 5 hours in CDT Zone, and 4 hours in EDT Zone. For example, 14 hours in Washington, D.C. is 18 GMT. When it is 20 hours in Los Angeles, it is 03 GMT, etc.

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

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Eastern Mediterranean & Middle East	08-10 (1)	08-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-12 (1)	06-10 (1) 10-12 (2) 12-15 (3) 15-16 (2) 16-18 (1)	18-20 (1) 20-00 (2) 00-02 (1) 20-22 (1)* 22-00 (2)* 00-01 (1)*
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Caribbean, Central America & Northern Countries of South America	08-09 (1) 09-13 (2) 13-15 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-09 (2) 09-14 (3) 14-15 (4) 15-16 (3) 16-17 (2) 17-18 (1)	00-06 (1) 06-07 (2) 07-09 (4) 09-11 (3) 11-15 (2) 15-16 (3) 16-18 (4) 18-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-22 (1) 22-00 (2)	18-19 (1) 19-21 (3) 21-03 (4) 03-05 (3) 05-06 (2) 06-07 (1) 19-21 (1)* 21-01 (2)* 01-04 (3)* 04-05 (2)* 05-06 (1)*
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Another propagation aid that I use is the *DX Edge*, which is available from Xantek, Inc., P.O. Box 834, Madison Sq. Station, New York, NY 10159. It is a slide-rule-type device which allows you to determine quickly and easily those areas of

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If you do not already have a copy of the *Shortwave Propagation Handbook* by myself and Theodore J. Cohen, N4XX,

then you might want to get one to read before the contest begins. The book continues to be the most popular text for plain, every-day use and understanding of HF radio propagation. It contains propagation information and charts, and guides you through do-it-yourself prediction and forecasting methods. Copies are still available from the CQ Book Shop, 76 North Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801 for \$8.95 postpaid (plus \$2.00 shipping and handling).

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## VHF Ionospheric Openings

While the CQ DX Contest does not include the VHF bands, some interesting ionospheric activity is likely to occur on these bands during October.

Some fairly good meteor-scatter-type openings should be possible on the VHF bands around October 20th, when the two-day *Orionids* meteor shower is expected to begin. This should be a major shower, with a maximum hourly rate of at least 25 meteors.

Auroral activity usually increases during October, and some corresponding auroral-scatter-type and sporadic-E VHF openings can be expected during periods of such activity. The best days to check are those which are expected to be either Below Normal or Disturbed on the HF bands. See the Last Minute Forecast at the beginning of this column for the days in October that are forecast to be in these categories.

## CW Contest Forecast

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

Experience from the past 34 contest years has shown that DX contests are excellent periods in which to test the accuracy of prediction and forecast methods used in this column. Contests generate a large amount of activity in every corner of the world and on all HF bands. Previous results and observations have helped considerably in improving the accuracy of this column. Comments concerning the 1985 contest and the accuracy of these forecasts and predictions would be appreciated, and should be sent directly to W3ASK at P.O. Box 1714, Silver Spring, MD 20902. *Good luck in the contest!*

73, George, W3ASK

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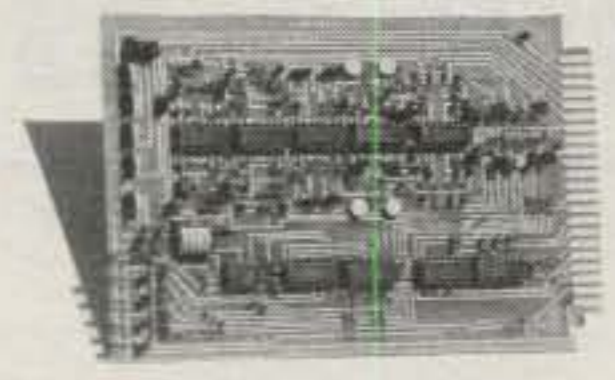
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## A LOOK AT THE SHACK FROM BOTH ENDS OF THE COAX

### Reader Report

This month columnist W8FX opens the mailbag again for some more interesting comments on the popular G5RV antenna. He also looks at a very practical antenna accessory, as well as some new and useful hamshack software. Stay with us.

—K2EEK

Last month we wrapped up the six-part Notebook series. In the final article of the series we examined the "bottom line" of antenna performance parameters, primarily from the standpoint of the parameters themselves, but we also considered a number of measurement aspects. In addition, we took a look at several antenna-related products, and noted some especially interesting hamshack reading material.

In this month's Antennas column we'll focus on publicly answering some of our reader mail. We will begin by sampling some of the many letters we received regarding our treatment of the G5RV antenna in the March '85 column, and our call for comments on this increasingly popular antenna's performance. We'll then highlight a number of other mailbag items from readers concerning both previous columns and news items of interest. We'll also take a look at a most useful antenna measurement accessory, the antenna noise bridge (ANB), and then in particular W8URR's Tennatest bridge. Closing out the column for the month, we'll take our customary look at what's new in the world of software for the hamshack. Let's kick off this time with a review of letters received on the G5RV antenna.

#### The G5RV: They Like It!

We have discussed the G5RV antenna several times in the column, most recently being our coverage in the March issue. To review, the G5RV design was proposed by Louis Varney, G5RV, several years back, and it's coming back "in" as a very simple, inexpensive, and easy-to-install multiband dipole. Essentially, the G5RV is a 102 foot wire dipole fed in the center with a specific length of twinlead or openwire line.

Several versions of the 80-10 meter G5RV have been developed, both of which use the same length of flattop. One version (the one I'm partial to) uses a 33

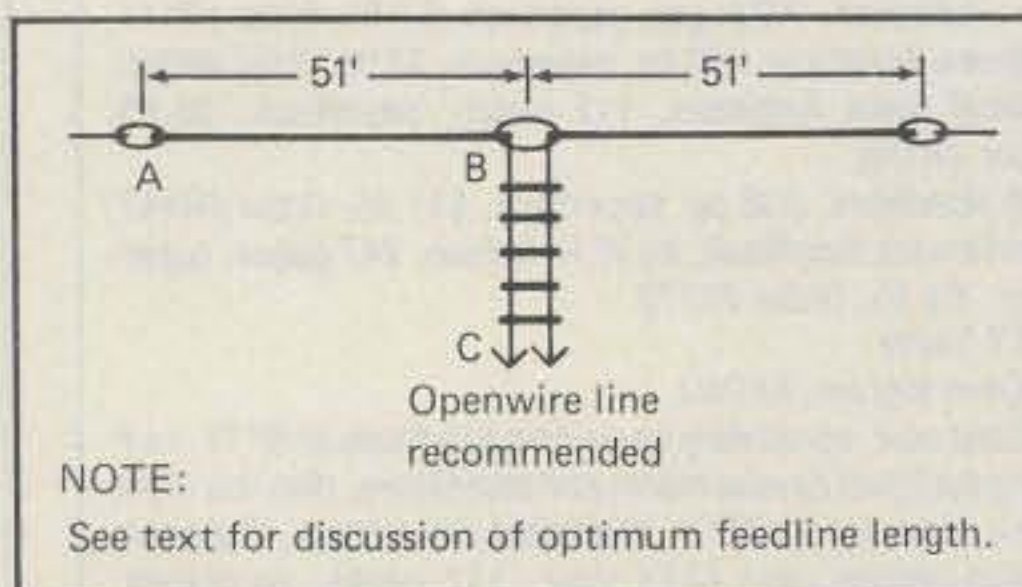


Fig. 1—The G5RV antenna. This sketch shows the G5RV as fed with openwire line. As pointed out by Fred Bonavita, W5QJM, in the text of this month's column, the trick to obtaining even performance across all bands lies in optimizing the feedline length. The idea is to avoid antenna currents on the transmission line by varying its length in relation to the band(s) and one side of the antenna. See Fred's letter, which shows the importance of the dimension AB + BC.

foot length of openwire line (or about 29 feet of twinlead) connected directly to a transmatch. A second version uses the same 33 or 29-foot length of balanced transmission line, but this is connected, in turn, to a 68 foot or longer section of coax. The coax, on which the SWR may run rather high, is also routed through a transmatch, required to reduce the line's end impedance to a reasonable-enough value to make the transmitter happy. This configuration was shown as fig. 3 on page 64 of the March issue.

In that issue, we asked if we had any G5RV users in the CQ audience. As I found out, we certainly do have some G5RVers out there, and we received a half-dozen letters in just a few days after the issue hit the newsstands. The performance verdict was almost unanimous: this antenna works, and it works well.

Typical of the letters received in praise of the antenna's performance was that from Mike Schrowang, KC9YN. Excerpting from Mike's letter:

"I am a user of the G5RV antenna and am very pleased with the results. It is very easy to assemble, and I recommend it to hams who might be plagued with space problems, but want multiband performance . . . it also makes a good Novice antenna which can be built by anyone with little or no experience. I haven't used it for 160 meters because I'm using a centered halfwave dipole [on that band], but I have worked stations on the 'top band' that have done what you suggested [tying

the feeder wires together and operating the antenna against ground as a random-length, top-loaded vertical—ed.].

"My antenna uses the 102 foot flattop, and I use good-quality 300 ohm twinlead with a length of 29.5 feet. I look forward to hearing more on the G5RV in your articles, and I'm sure you will get lots of mail on it."

How true! While we received numerous letters on the G5RV, probably the most enlightening letter was received from Fred Bonavita, W5QJM, who has experimented a good deal with G5RV. It's instructive to reprint most of Fred's letter:

"You bet there are some G5RV users and lovers out here in radioland. I have been using a G5RV in modified form for many years, and would not return to any other type of wire antenna. My experimenting with the G5RV and the work of others has brought me to the modified form of that antenna, and your readers might be interested in the findings.

"First off, openwire line is the best for feeders. It is available from Kilo-Tec at about \$15 per 100 feet—compare that with the price of coax. This is 450 ohm line with spreaders spaced every 6 inches for better performance. If 450 ohm openwire line is not desired, the next best is 450 ohm ribbon line (available from Texas Towers, Kilo-Tec, and others at about the same price). This comes with 'windows' cut in it to ease the strain on the line in high winds, but long runs can flap around vigorously. The balanced line to avoid, however, is 300 ohm TV-type twinlead. This stuff will change impedance when it gets wet, and it is to be avoided for permanent installations, if possible."

Fred continues: "While I agree with the 51 foot length for the legs of the G5RV antenna, I disagree with the lengths of the feeders given in the March column. It's important to avoid resonances in the feedline.

"I had trouble getting a G5RV to load properly using virtually the same dimensions given in your March column and combining the balanced and coax line. Once I used Myers' formula for the correct ratio between the feedlines and one side of the flattop [Robert M. Myers, W1XT, *Practical Antennas for the Radio Amateur*, SCELBI Publications, 1979, p. 39], it played like an accordion. I also did away with the coax."

For those who don't have W1XT's book, Fred explains that "... the secret is

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avoiding antenna currents on the transmission line by varying its length in relation to the band(s) and one side of the antenna. I cut the feeder so that its length, plus the 51 feet [of flattop], would not be an even multiple of 16 feet for 80, 40, 20, or 10 meters, and would not be an even multiple of 22 feet for 15 meters."

Looking at fig. 1, drawn from Fred's sketch, with dimension AB = 51: "... If we make BC = 45, then AB + BC = 96. When divided by 16, this gives us an answer of 6.0, a no-no. Dividing that by 22 is 4.36, which is slightly more acceptable. Change the feeder length, BC, to, say, 53. We now have 51 + 53 = 104. That divided by 16 equals 6.5, a good answer. That figure (104) divided by 22 equals 4.73, which is okay, but not an optimum number for 15 meter operation."

Fred summarizes: "The idea here is to try to get a combination of AB and BC which, when divided by 16 and 22, will produce an answer as close as possible to a 'point-5' response (such as 5.5, 8.4, 3.6, etc.), and as far as possible from a 'point-0' response (such as 7.0, 4.1, 6.9, etc.). This may require some pruning, but it's not difficult. [Note that] all feedline measurements must be made from the output of the antenna tuner to the center feedpoint 'B' of the antenna. The G5RV can be hung either as a flattop or as an inverted Vee antenna, and it plays well in either configuration."

We thank Fred for his detailed explanation of the interplay of the flattop and the feedline. Alternately, when constructing multiband dipoles, consider retuning the line for antenna currents by selecting a feeder length which, when combined with one-half of the flattop length, does not equal an integral multiple of a half-wavelength. Line lengths of about 27, 40, 58, 76, 96, 110, or 140 feet should do the trick over 3.5–29.7 MHz. Note that the line's velocity factor doesn't play a part in establishing these resonances.

Anthony M. DeFazio, N2EVN, uses the alternate G5RV version that makes use of a length of coax to make the final run to the hamshack. He found happiness with a length of openwire of exactly 35 feet, or if using twinlead, 29.6 feet, as opposed to the lengths we specified (33 and 29 feet, respectively). While N2EVN doesn't specify the exact length of coax he used in his installation, he advises that (1) the coax run should not be less than 68 feet; and (2) the cable should not be routed directly underneath the antenna, but rather run off at a right angle, then into the hamshack. He indicates that with his G5RV sized to the specifications listed above, the SWR on all bands, 10 through 80, was down to 1:1—certainly no mean feat, particularly if this includes 30 meters!

Phil Dendinger, N6FNT, indicated good success with a "half-size" G5RV. Wrote Phil: "I live in a condo and use a half-size version—25 feet, 6 inches of #12 wire on each side of the dipole, and

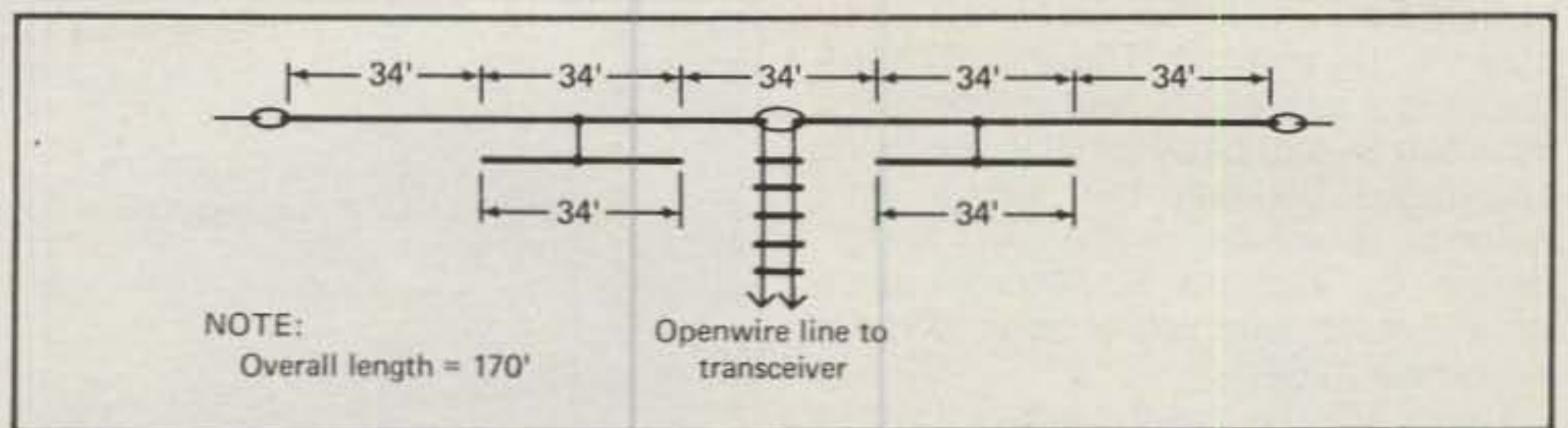


Fig. 2—The W4HIR/KT5X back-to-back J-stub antenna. The interesting multiband HF antenna above was submitted by Carey Brown, W4HIR, on behalf of Fred Maas, KT5X. Back-to-back J-stub arrangement gives a very good account on 15, 20, 40, and 80 meters. Overall antenna length is 170 feet. See text for details. The two stub sections can be held off from the flattop using several homemade spreaders 3 to 4 inches in length, fabricated from plastic plexiglass sheet material.

14 feet, 9 inches of 300 twinlead into 75 ohm coax [coax length not specified]. I run the coax into a Cubic ST-3B antenna tuner and use a Kenwood TS-130S barefoot. I can tune up on 10, 15, and 20 easily, and on 40 [with limited success]."

Phil indicated that he had the antenna outside at first, on top of a one-story garage, bent into a Vee-shape. He later moved the antenna indoors, placing it in the attic, bending it into a "W-shaped" affair, where it still works fine. Clearly, the G5RV antenna is alive and well, as Phil's shack is now graced by a new DXCC award, and he has achieved WAS on 10 meters.

Ken Tinsley, KB6EE, also wrote to describe a similar half-size design. Ken's dimensions were 25 feet, 6 inches for each leg of the flattop, and 17 feet, 6 inches of twinlead, plus 36 feet of coax.

Although Ken didn't state, presumably the antenna is used on 40 meters and up.

As we leave the G5RV, at least temporarily, it's interesting to note the almost unanimous opinion of CQ readers that the G5RV is an excellent multiband antenna, but the method of feeding and the specific feedline lengths recommended by various users are at considerable variance. This variance is natural with any experimental, compromise multiband antenna, however, and so we're open for more reports on the G5RV!

### Into the Mailbox

Carey Brown, W4HIR, submitted the interesting antenna design, shown in fig. 2, that is being used by friend KT5X. No particular name is given to the array by the contributor, though it might be dubbed a "Back-to-Back J-Stub," for the two

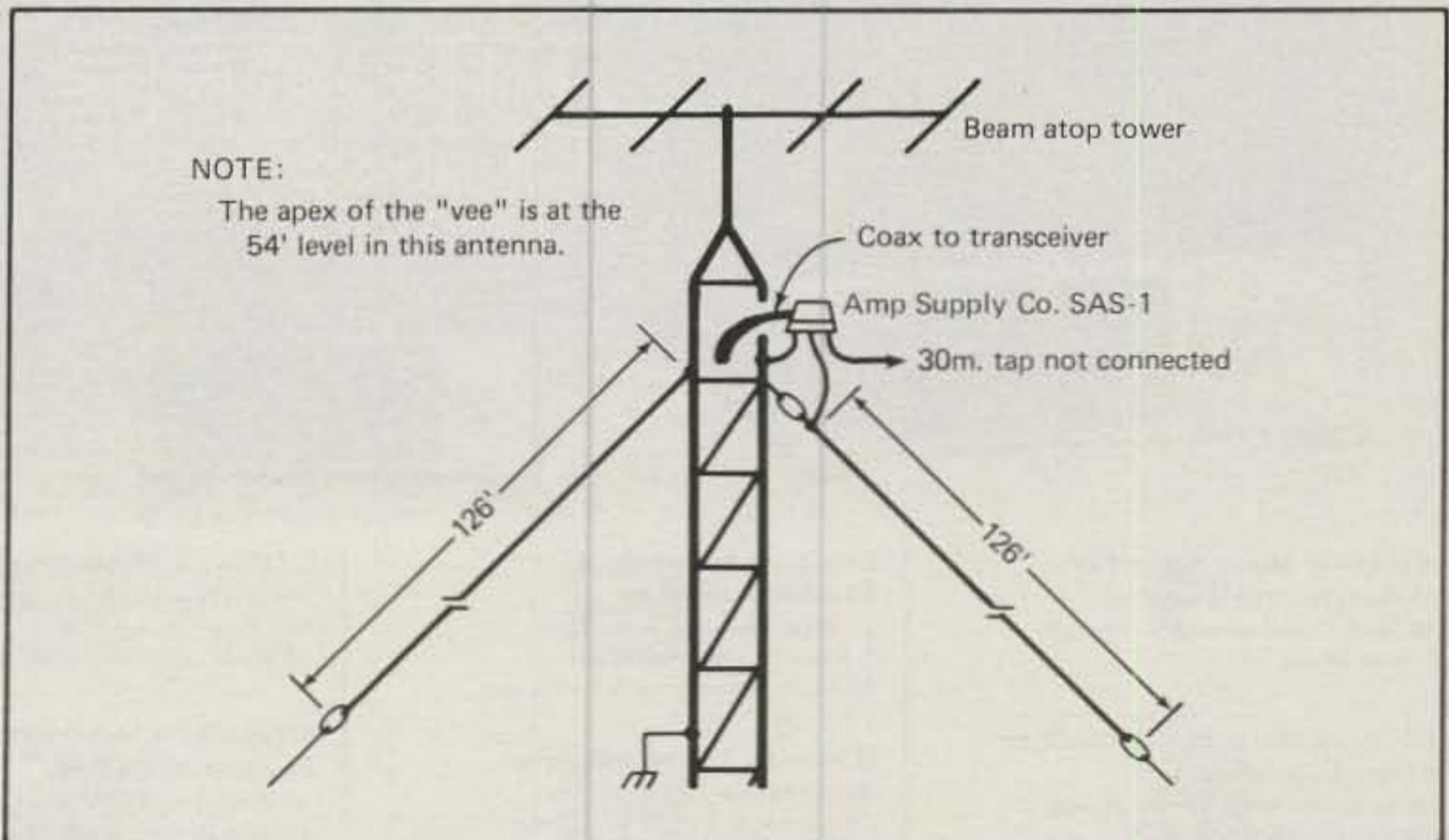
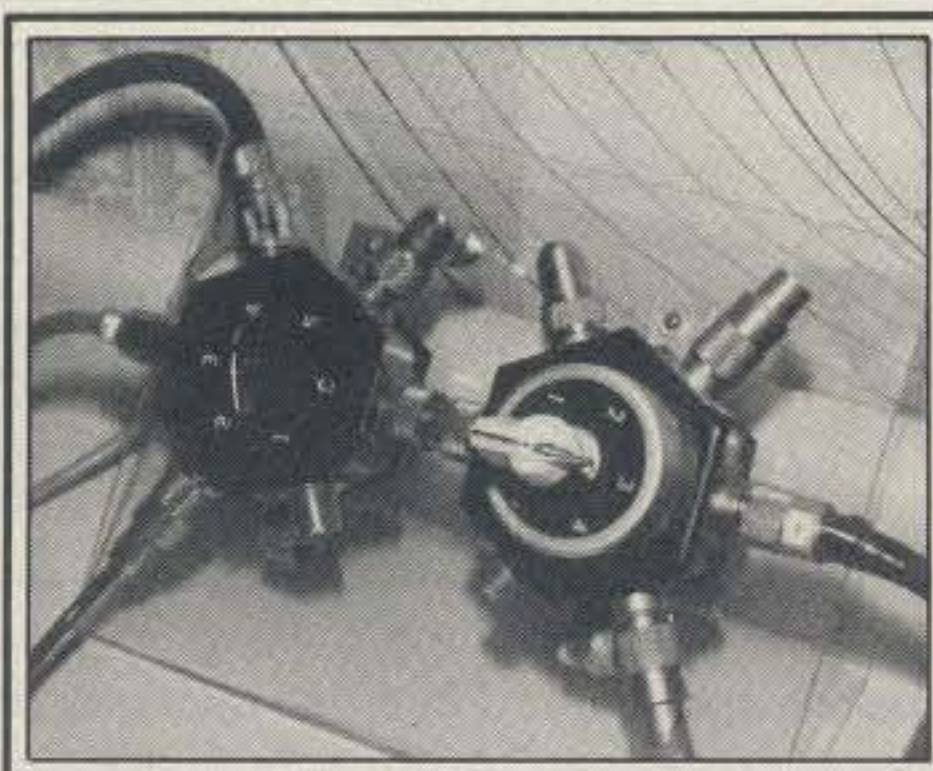


Fig. 3—W1OR piggyback inverted Vee. Gordon Orelli, W1OR, used an Amp Supply Co. SAS-1 matching network (balun) and 252 feet of wire to create a good-performing 160 meter inverted Vee. In his somewhat unorthodox arrangement, the SAS-1 terminal marked "tower/ground" is connected to one of the 126 foot wires and the tower. The other SAS-1 terminal marked "160/80/40 Mtr." is connected to the other 126 foot wire. Since W1OR doesn't use the 30 meter capability of the SAS-1 matcher, the terminal marked "30 Mtr." is not used. Gordon actually modified Amp Supply's SA-4 Sloper antenna system for 160 meter single-band operation in the design he submitted to us. The system as supplied by Amp Supply Co. is designed for 160, 80, 40, and 30 meter operation as a top-fed sloper.

back-to-back J-type radiators which characterize the antenna. The W4HIR/KT5X design is a total of 170 feet in length and uses two 34 foot back-to-back J-sections suspended beneath the flattop. This antenna is similar to the "JF Array" design by Richard R. Schellenbach, W1JF, which was published in QST for November 1982.

Carey advises that the antenna works on 80-15 meters. The characteristics, however, are markedly different from band to band. On 80 meters the antenna functions as a "long dipole," while on 40 it's an extended double Zepp with 3.5 dB gain broadside. On 20 the back-to-back J-stubs make it a three-element collinear with about 6 dB bidirectional gain broadside. On 15 there is about 5 dB gain bidirectionally off the ends. As the feedpoint impedance is high, it's best fed with open-wire line of 300-600 ohms impedance, using a wide-range antenna tuner to work into coax within the shack.

W1OR, Gordon Orelli, described a simple "piggyback" 160 meter tower-supported antenna to us a few months ago. The antenna is an inverted Vee with the apex at the 54 foot point on his tower. It's fairly simple: he uses an Amp Supply Co. SAS-1 matching network atop the tower, and feeds it with 50 ohm coax. One side of the network is connected to the tower and to one of the 126 foot lengths of wire, while the other side connects to the other 126 foot wire. Details are shown in fig. 3.



*If neatness counts, then Alex, YV5IMF, receives an "A" for this interconnection assembly that allows him to connect up to five rigs to up to five antennas, with the unused antennas and rigs being automatically grounded. (See text.)*

Gordon's Vee is a single-band affair; he reports that he had no problem in achieving 160 meter resonance. SWR is fairly flat at 1.5:1 across the band. (The SAS-1 and a trap 160/80/40/30 meter sloper antenna kit, the SA-4—which Gordon modified, since he didn't need to use the other bands—is available from Amp Supply Company, 208 Snow Ave., P.O. Box 147, Raleigh, NC 27602.)

Alex Statzewitch, YV5IMF, sent us a photo of a simple but very neat RF switching assembly that enables him to easily and quickly connect two or more rigs to two or more antennas. He uses two

heavy-duty, five-position coaxial switches mounted back-to-back. These are of the grounding type so that the antennas and rigs which are not in use are grounded. In addition to the safety advantages, Alex points out that grounding the unused antennas helps prevent transmitted RF received by the unused antennas from leaking into the standby rigs, to possibly damage "front end" circuitry.

Back in the January 1984 column we described a modified Windom flattop postulated by Bob Grove, WA4PYQ. Bob's design was 134 feet long, fed 44 feet off of one end by a 48.5 foot matching section of 300 ohm twinlead which is at that point connected to a 4:1 balun and coax for the final run into the hamshack. Bob reported good results, with SWRs no higher than 3:1, on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters.

Rob Wanderer, KT2D, confirms the antenna's performance on 160 and 80 meters, though with high SWR, and adds that it works for him on 30 meters as well, even though mounted quite low. Writes Rob:

"All and all I'm satisfied, but I hope to raise it up come springtime. Presently, the apex is about 17 feet up, and the end of the 44 foot leg is 7.5 feet up and runs pretty much in the clear. The end of the 90 foot leg is up about 8 feet, but runs through trees.

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ters. On 40, 20, 15, and 10, received signal levels are noticeably and consistently poorer on the dipole than on my 14AVQ vertical. Contrary to your article [which indicted that a tuner might not be required—ed.], but perhaps due to the low height and trees, an antenna tuner is required. However, the uncorrected SWR is fairly constant across the bands. For 160, it's 4:1, for 80 it's 3:1.

"The 30 meter band is a different story. Uncorrected SWR is over 10:1, and the best adjustment I can make is 2.5:1 [with the tuner]. Changing the RG-213 cable length between the balun and tuner changes the SWR to a best case of 3:1."

Rob concluded that more experimentation is needed to achieve better performance on 30 meters, though performance on 160 and 80 was good.

In past columns, and most recently in the January 1985 column, we presented some unusual wire antenna designs submitted by Cliff Francis, W0MBP. Cliff is a dedicated antenna experimenter and tinkerer who frequently sends us reports of his experimentation with "broadside curtains," multiple Windoms, and other complicated and often controversial designs.

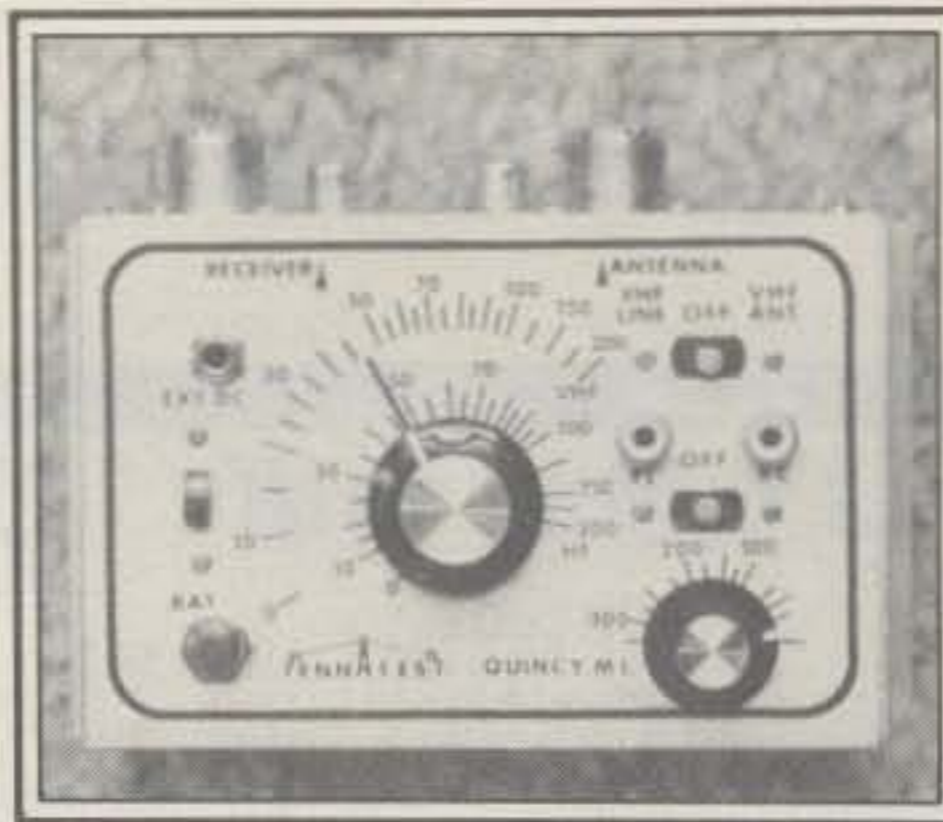
A few months ago Cliff sent us a set of six rather complex designs for a "Combined Effect Antenna," longwires that will resonate on a large number of frequencies between 3 and 30 MHz. These single-wire antennas make use of a number of vertical wire elements suspended from the horizontal flattop. Cliff has found that by carefully choosing the length and arrangement of the vertical elements, multiple resonances are possessed by these dual-polarized antennas, especially useful for MARS work as well as out-of-band shortwave listening.

Cliff's several designs were too numerous to describe in detail and diagram in this month's column, so we suggest that readers who are interested in this type of multi-resonant wire antenna trade notes by corresponding directly with Cliff. Write to him at 325 S. 3rd St., Silsbee, TX 77656. I'm sure that Cliff would appreciate your enclosing an SASE with your letter.

## Product Peek

This month we take a look at the antenna noise bridge (ANB), in particular F. Gordon Adams, W8URR's Tennatest. First, let's review some basic facts about the ANB, one of the most useful and popular hamshack instruments.

The ANB is a self-contained package that is useful in adjusting an antenna system to resonance by using a receiver alone; no transmitter energy need be fed to the antenna in order to make measurements on it. The ANB can also be used for a variety of other impedance-measuring and related chores, as we shall see. The ANB can be homebrewed from popular



Shown here is W8URR's Tennatest noise bridge. The unit has a number of useful capabilities, including determination of resonant frequency, VSWR at resonance, resistive impedance, inductive reactance, and capacitive reactance. The VHF model is shown here, and an HF model is also available. (Photo courtesy W8URR)

Handbook or magazine article designs, or commercial units by MFJ, Radiokit, Palomar Engineers, W8URR, or others may be purchased.

The ANB is, in fact, an updated version of earlier instruments, known variously as the Antennascope (described in *CQ* by the late Wilfred Scherer, W2AEF, in 1950), antenna bridge, impedance bridge, antenna null detector, or Z-bridge. The big difference between the ANB and its predecessors is that it includes a built-in broadband noise source. As a result, it doesn't have to be driven by an external signal, such as that from a grid-dip oscillator or transmitter. When the ANB is used with a reliable and stable communications receiver that can tune to the desired frequency, both the antenna resonant frequency and the impedance at resonance can be measured with confidence.

The ANB is an excellent supplement to the SWR bridge, and it allows you to learn a good deal more about your antenna system than does the SWR bridge alone. The ANB is actually a more useful instrument, in that it allows you to determine capacitive and inductive reactance, among other things, and it tells you "which way to go" in adjusting the antenna.

Modern ANBs contain a broadband noise generator and an RF impedance bridge. The known leg of the bridge has a calibrated variable resistor and a calibrated variable capacitor, controlled by a front-panel knob or knobs. The antenna or circuit to be measured is connected to the unknown leg of the bridge, while a receiver, used as a detector, is used to determine frequency.

W8URR's Tennatest ANB, available in both an HF and a VHF version, is designed to simply and easily accomplish most antenna measurements. These include determination of resonant frequency, SWR at resonance, resistive im-

pedance, capacitive and inductive reactance, and electrical feedline length. According to Gordon, the Tennatest unit has a very sharp "noise null," and thus is capable of excellent measurement accuracy. For example, electrical feedline length may be determined with 2 kHz, and accurate determination of feedline velocity factor is possible. Interestingly, the HF model boasts an impedance range of 20 to 300 ohms, and the VHF model features a range of 10 to 200 ohms, but both ranges may be expanded by a factor of four (from 80 to 1200 ohms, and from 40 to 800 ohms, respectively) using a small 4:1 TV-type balun transformer.

The device consists of a noise-generating diode, followed by a wideband, three-stage transistor amplifier, which is transformer coupled to the calibrated bridge circuit. Power is supplied by a 9 volt transistor radio battery or by an external power supply. Connection is made by inserting the noise bridge between the antenna, or other series-resonant circuit, and the receiver. The receiver, which must be able to be tuned to the resonant frequency in order to determine the "null" or decrease in noise, indicates the null point, and the impedance is shown on the bridge's calibrated dial.

As of this writing, the 1-40 MHz HF model is priced at \$39, while the VHF model is priced at \$68. Gordon obviously takes pride in his product, as his advertising literature boasts that if you don't feel that the Tennatest outperforms others, it may be returned for a full refund of the purchase price, shipping, and \$5 for your trouble! Contact Tennatest, F. Gordon Adams, W8URR, 1025 Wildwood Road, Quincy, MI 49082.

## Software Notes

This month we have room to cover just three computer software offerings, but they are all interesting and useful ones. Let's begin with AMSAT.

The Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT) can help you and your computer to "come aboard" the amateur space program. Naturally, whatever antennas you choose to use to "work" one of the OSCAR or other amateur satellites, you must accurately point them toward the satellite, rotating them in both azimuth and elevation. To determine where to point your antennas, you can use a graphical plotting aid, or you can use your personal computer with software available from the AMSAT Software Exchange, Box 27, Washington, DC 20044.

The primary programs offered by AMSAT are versions of the W3IWI orbit prediction program, which tells you just about everything you need to know for determining when to listen and exactly how to position your antennas. Various versions of the program are available to support a wide variety of popular computers. These include the several Radio Shacks and Apples, IBM-PC, TI 99/4, North Star,



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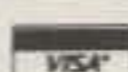
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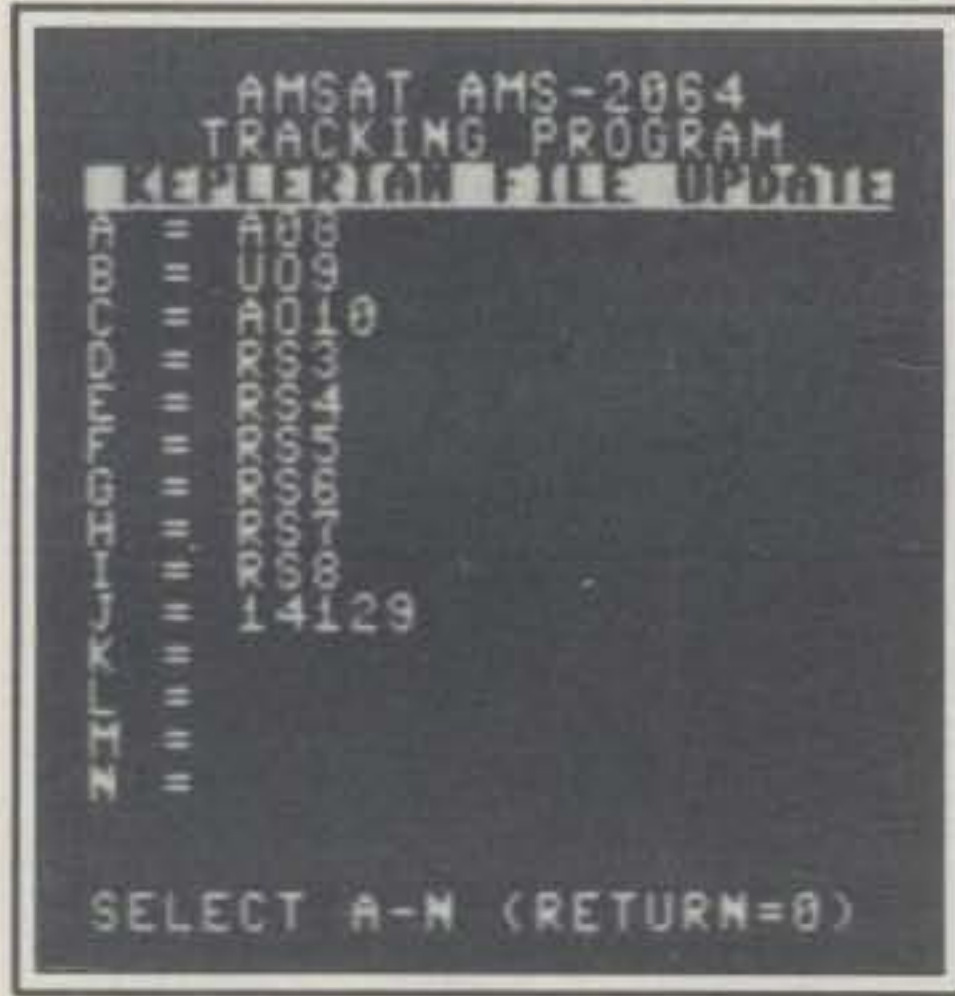
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AMS-2064 Keplerian file menu. The program, based on the W3IWI orbit prediction program, is available for a dozen or more personal and home computers, and allows the user to make accurate orbital predictions for two-way amateur communications. (W8FX photo)

Timex Sinclairs, Atari, Vic-20, Commodore 64, and others. Other programs, such as the KORZ antenna positioning software for the Apple-II, and Quiktrak for the Commodore 64 and Vic-20, are offered as well. Most, though not all, of the programs are available on either disk or tape and cost between \$10 and \$20. Con-

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Partial tracking screen printout derived from the AMSAT AMS-2064 orbital prediction program. (W8FX photo)

tact the AMSAT Software Exchange for more details and their current "program availability notice." (While you're doing this, you might also inquire as to AMSAT membership, certainly worthwhile to help support the amateur space effort and to keep on top of the action.)

Amateurs who are into serious circuit design should be interested in two Commodore 64 offerings from Nth Digit Solutions, 3243 Arlington Avenue No. 195, Riverside, CA 92506. Two electronic program packages are offered. The first is the Circuit Analysis Package, costing \$34.95, which includes two powerful programs to analyze the frequency and phase response of practically any circuit configuration. The General Circuit Analysis Program analyzes the amplitude and phase response of a wide variety of cir-

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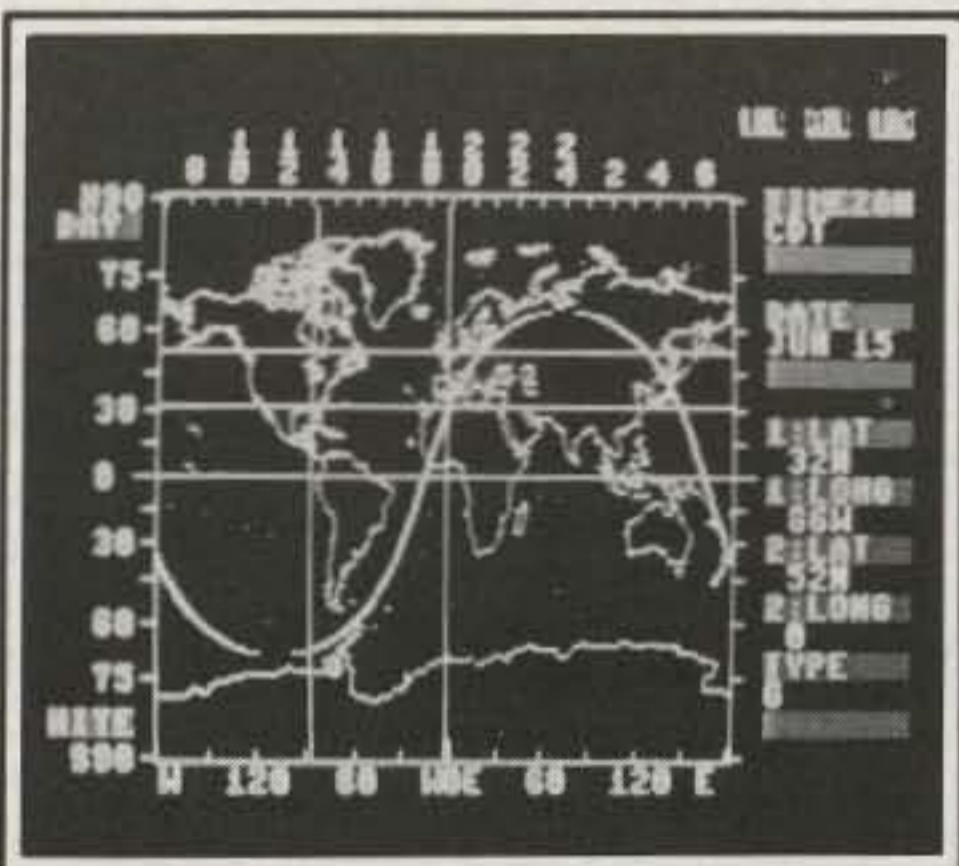
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RAAM? 165.624
ECCE? 2.882E-04
ARGP? 165.1355
M.A.? 194.9991
M.M.? 15.2250202
DRAG? 3.859E-05
FREQ? 145.825

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Keplerian file data for the U09 (AMSAT Oscar 9) satellite as displayed by the AMSAT AMS-2064 program for the Vic-20 and Commodore 64. (W8FX photo)



The next few months in your Antennas and Accessories column promise to be packed with interesting material, so stay with us. For example, in an upcoming column we will describe the new Xantek Computerized DX EDGE sunset/sunrise and grayline calculation program for the Commodore 64. (W8FX photo)

types, "L" and "T" attenuators, Ohm's Law, resonance, resistor values, decibels, rectangular-polar conversion, and the like. Both program packages are available only on disk for the Commodore 64. Contact the manufacturer, Nth Digit Solutions, for additional details.

A letter from Milt Webb, WA4FNG, of dataLOG Software, advised us of his line of software for Tandy/Radio Shack Color Computer (CoCo) owners. Milt states that "... there is a lot of software available for the Commodore, Apple, and even for the IBM-PC, and our goal is to make just as much available for CoCo owners."

Milt included a copy of his catalog, which described a number of offerings. These include a comprehensive logging program that can handle up to 1550 QSOs with a two-disk-drive system, a DXCC database, a WAS database, and a disk utility program that is given as a bonus free with every purchase. According to Milt, several new programs are in the works and should be available by the time this column appears. The new pro-

grams include an inexpensive Morse keyboard program and COCOMUF, an MUF (Maximum Usable Frequency) prediction routine.

For more information on this line of CoCo software, contact Milt Webb, WA4FNG, at dataLOG Software, P.O. Box 10531, Jacksonville, FL 32247.

### Wrapping It Up

Okay, gang, that's all the space we're allowed to use this time. To review, in this

month's Antennas column we have provided some followup on the popular G5RV multiband antenna, caught up with some reader mail on a variety of topics, and examined the Tennatest antenna noise bridge. We also highlighted three software offerings of interest to the serious hamshack computerist.

Next time we get together we'll feature several more Antennas topics of timely interest. See you then.

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*I want to be a DXer,  
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One should never doubt the lure of DXing. It is not necessary to search far for proof of this. When did you last come across a DXer who did not repetitively turn the conversation back to DXing no matter how it might have been headed? A couple of months back the lure brought a Local up the hill to seek the exotic delights of DX. He was not the first.

DX always is fascinating, possibly even more so to those whose lives up to now have been blighted by being trapped into rag-chewing, local nets, and old crony nets, and whose yearly highlight has been the outing for Field Day. But one should not confuse the ability to expand one's horizons with the opportunity to work the far places. This Local had come looking for opportunity.

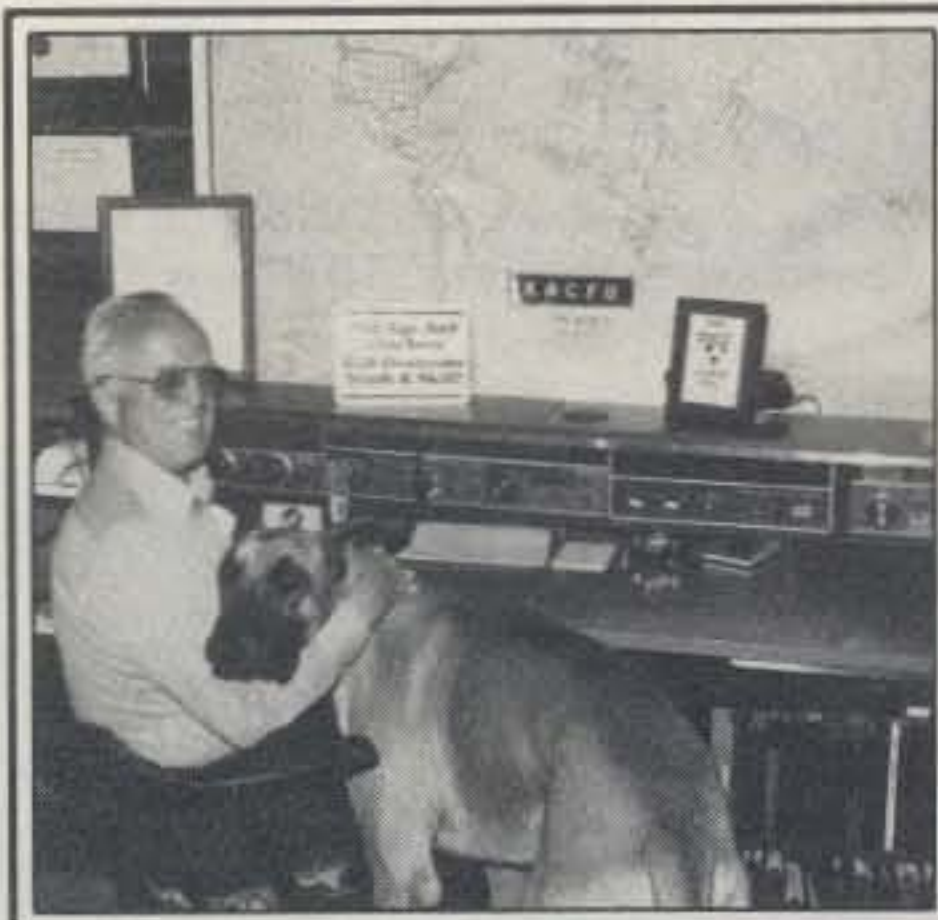
"Tell me about DXing," he commanded, and we told him. Naturally we told him about the morning paths to the Far East and the Indian Ocean, the night paths to South Africa, and the strong signals always out of the vast Pacific. We expounded on the local yachts which head out from the Golden Gate, hook a left turn, and are soon heard on 14,313 kHz from Nuka Hiva, Moorea, Bora Bora, or Viti Levu. This Local was interested.

We continued, telling him about the great DX Tests—the WPX and the CQ WW DX Tests in which you can work DX around the world and around the clock 24 hours a day just by swinging the beam. When we finished, there were lights shining in the eyes of the Local. He had heard the word; he had taken the lure. He just had to know more.

"The first thing in DXing you have to learn," we gravely advised the Local, "is that the difference between a rag-chewer and a DXer is a tower and a beam. Some may still think that high power is the DXer's key to success. Forget it! A tall tower with a big beam does it all!"

This message was getting through. It was easy to note the thought processes at work as the Local thought of where he might locate a tower on his property, of if it might be necessary to find a new QTH to ensure a good shot in all directions. We were sure that before long he would be thinking of those places in this county where you can fire out over the Pacific in one direction and across or up or down the bay in the other direction.

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*Here is Arch Doty, K8CFU, once the scourge of the lower Michigan peninsula, but now living high in the mountains in North Carolina. Arch says he did everything with low power, even attaining the DXCC Honor Roll. We believe him. With that dog who would argue?*

One learns but one lesson at a time, and it was the primary tenet of DXing that we were expounding. "Big beams and high towers work DX," we repeatedly emphasized. It was not long before the Local was repeating the axiom word for word. Off he went, but we were sure we would hear from him again.

A couple of months or so later the Local was back. "Say," he said with an opening always remarkable for its originality, "you should see the beam I put up since I was last here. Eighty feet above the ridge at our new QTH, separate mono-banders for 10, 15, and 20. And I have a clear shot in all directions. Of course, the XYL is still complaining that on top of the ridge between the ocean and the bay the wind never stops blowing. I keep telling her that she will get used to it. Do you think she will?"

Of course she would! Every XYL, though she may not be interested in amateur radio or DXing, always takes pride in the accomplishments of the lord of the manor. How often have you heard that strong note of feeling in an XYL's voice when you inquire about a fellow DXer. "Oh, he's been down in the shack all week listening for Malpelo." If it is not Malpelo, it probably will be the Maldives or Maria Theresa. And when the QSLs come through, which member of the family takes the greatest joy? You can hear the ringing overtones when the question is asked, "Here's your QSL, and where the heck is Juan da Nova?" But it was not because he was bursting with joy that the Local came. He had more questions.

"I got the tower up and the antennas

tuned for the DX portions of the bands," the Local told us, "but I don't seem to be working much. Sometimes I hear some DX. Occasionally I will work something, but it does seem that things are not what I expected. I thought that the beam would be making a bigger difference. What do you think?"

What did we think? Just as all DXers think. That some new gear would make a big difference. "Head down to HRO," we advised the Local, "and talk things over with W6RJ. Bob Ferrero will have some good ideas on what you might need. Bob is a big DXer himself, and you will recognize him from his picture in the HRO advertisements in CQ. And be sure to let me know how things go." We were sure that he would. We were also sure that when next he heard of the Local he would be winning all the local club DX tests and probably would even be named the club's DXer of Year at the big Christmas party where no gift is over 75 cents. We could hardly believe that the Local could miss.

It was a surprise to see him again in a month or so. Possibly he could not miss, but apparently he was not making many hits. He still had some problems, and there were still questions unanswered. There were still hopes unfulfilled.

"You know the suggestion you gave me about looking at some new gear," he said, and we nodded our heads at the words. "Well, I got one of those rigs with all the digital readouts, the kind that all real DXers have, and this one allows me to QSY from band to band without retuning. It covers the WARC bands, and has the UP conversion and the PLL circuit to keep the frequency stable. It has two VFOs and low front-end noise. It has LDC readout, VDC final, QSK CW automatic offset, a 500 Hz CW filter, tunable memories, and a speech processor. It even has things that as yet I don't understand. But it does not have DX. What am I doing wrong?"

Real DXers seldom do anything wrong. Some just do things better than others. So we ran through a checklist with the Local. Everything seemed to be in order. "What are you using for a linear?" we finally asked, and the Local shrugged.

"Somehow I got the idea that with a high tower, a new rig, and some nice-looking accessories that I saw at the radio store, I would not have to have a linear. My signal reports are good. At times there are comments on how good the signal is, but that comes only after I have managed to get through. If they can read me so well, then what is the trouble in getting through to them? I thought it would be easier. What am I doing wrong?"

## The WPX Program

### Mixed

1169	K7NN	1172	KA2MBC
1170	I2QMU	1173	YU3BQ
1171	YC0DNK	1174	KA1SR

### S.S.B.

1746	LA7JO	1749	I6GAS
1747	G4UNH	1750	W6OUL
1748	TF5BW	1751	CT1BY

### CW

2327	OK3RRC	2328	W6OUL
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### Endorsements

Mixed: 450 K7NN, I2QMU, VE7EIG, YU3BQ, KA1SR, 500 K7NN, I2QMU, VE7EIG, YU3BQ, KA1SR, 550 K7NN, I2QMU, YU3BQ, 600 K7NN, I2QMU, YU3BQ, 650 K7NN, I2QMU, YU3BQ, 700 K7NN, I2QMU, YU3BQ, 750 K7NN, I2QMU, YU3BQ, 800 K7NN, I0AOF, 850 K7NN, 900 OE1KJW, K9ZO, K7NN, 3A2LF, 950 JA4ESR, K9ZO, K7NN, 1000 JA4ESR, K9ZO, K7NN, 1050 K9ZO, K7NN, N2AC, K2POF, 1100 K9ZO, K7NN, 1150 K7NN, 1200 K7NN, 1250 K7NN, 1300 K7NN, 1350 K7NN, 1400 K7NN, 1450 K7NN, 1500 K7NN, WA4QMQ, 1550 K7NN.

S.S.B.: 350 LA7JO, DL8ZAW, I6GAS, KE6KT, W6OUL, CT1BY, 400 LA7JO, I6GAS, W6OUL, CT1BWY, 450 OE1KJW, LA7JO, I6GAS, W6OUL, CT1BWY, 500 LA7JO, I6GAS, W6OUL, CT1BWY, 550 LA7JO, I6GAS, W6OUL, CT1BY, 600 I2EOW, LA7JO, I2TZK, I6GAS, W6OUL, CT1BWY, 650 LA7JO, I2TZK, I6GAS, W6OUL, CT1BWY, 700 LA7JO, W6OUL, CT1BWY, 750 LA7JO, W7KWI, 800 LA7JO, WO4L, DK5WQ, 850 LA7JO, 900 LA7JO, 950 LA7JO, 1000 LA7JO, 1050 LA7JO, 1100 LA7JO, 1150 LA7JO, 1750 9H4G.

C.W.: 350 W6OUL, 400 KY9P, W6OUL, 450 W6OUL, 500 W6OUL, 550 W6OUL, PA3DBG, 600 W6OUL, 650 OK3CFF, W6OUL, 700 JA7FFN/1, W6OUL, 750 W6OUL, 800 W6OUL, 900 DJ1YH, 1400 WA4QMQ.

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15 meters:	I3ZKD, DK5WQ.
20 meters:	I3ZKD.
40 meters:	JA4ESR, I3ZKD, W6OUL.
80 meters:	I3ZKD, OE9SLH, W6OUL.

Asia:	I3ZKD, PA3DBG.
Africa:	I3ZKD.
No. America:	JA2KVD, I3ZKD, OK3BT.
So. America:	I3ZKD, WA4OIB.
Europe:	I3ZKD, DL8ZAW, TF5BW.
Oceania:	I3ZKD.

**Award of Excellence Holders:** K6JG, N4MM, W4CRW, K5UR, K6XP, K2VV, VE3GCO, DL1MD, DJ7CX, DL3RK, WB4SIJ, DL7AA, ON4QX, YU2DX, OK3EA, OK1MP, N4NO, ZL3GQ, W4BQY, I0JX, WA1JMP, K0JN, K4IE, KF2O, W8CNL, W1JR, F9RM, W5UR, CT1FL, W8RSW, WA4QMQ, W8ILC, VE7DP, K9BG, W1BWS, G4BUE, N3ED, LU3YZ/W4, NN4Q, KA3A, VE7WJ, VE7IG, N2AC, W9NUF, N4NX, SM0DJZ, DK5AD, WD9IC, W3ARK, LA7JO.

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Actually, there was nothing that we could think of off-hand that he was doing wrong. Everything he had done to this point seemed to be straightforward and right. Everything was in accord with almost every DX book ever written. We had to explain that DX stations tend to respond to the strongest signal heard.

"Of course they can hear you easily when you are out in the clear," we counseled, "but when there is a pile-up, it is natural that they'll respond to the signal that stands above the tumult and shouting. They work the signals they can read easily. And, unless you have an extremely exotic callsign that the station under the pile-up might need, they simply just

work the loudest and most legible. You will even find that if the exotic DX callsign is not loud, it will be lost in a pile-up." We paused to let all of this sink in. Then we added, "Maybe you'd better try thinking about a linear."

This time the Local had moved before we did. "I've been looking at some," he was quick to advise us, "and from what I've been able to find, they all seem to be about the same. But I was talking with a fellow downstate a couple of weeks ago, and he told me that he had a friend nearby who had something called a 4K that had never been used off 20 meters and that this friend might let it go at a good price. He also said that if I would give him a call on the landline, he would tell me how to get one of those 5K rigs that the advertisements say are not intended for U.S. amateurs. What do you think?"

Son of a gun! We hardly knew what to think. Over the years we have looked at a lot of stations of DXers, but we could not recall ever seeing one of those rigs on line in those shacks. There were instances we remembered when we had wondered about the oversized cable that snaked out of the shack and into the garage, but when we asked one time, we were assured that it was but for the air-conditioning unit, this being one which drew a lot of amps. "Of course you know," we cautioned, "that those rigs are illegal for the W/Ks to run. Maybe yes in some other countries, but not the U.S." That might have been the right explanation.

## The WAZ Program

### 15 Meter Phone

221	DK5AD	222	JM1GAW
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### 20 Meter Phone

537	KE4YD	539	K8DFC
538	KD9CN	540	JA4NNG

### 40 Meter Phone

31	JH1XYR	32	A-71AD
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### 80 Meter Phone

31	EA8XS
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### 20 Meter CW

230	VK1DH
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2963	EA1AWW	2965	CT1BWY

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5889	ZS1PS	5893	OE6WK
5890	KM9Y	5894	G4CJY

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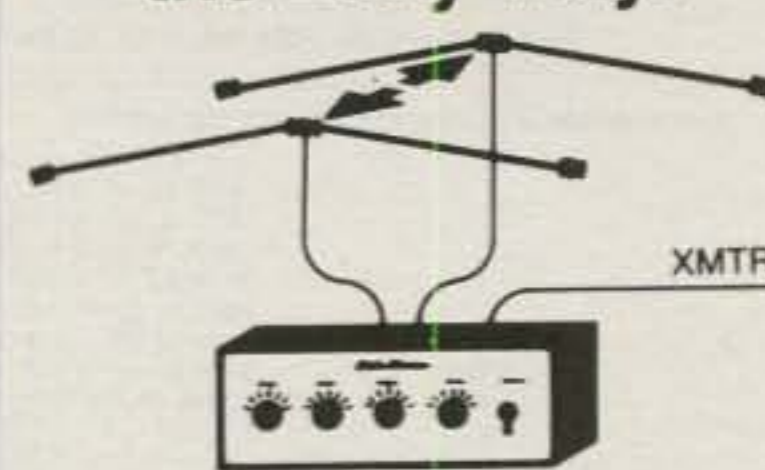
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tion, but it was not one the Local understood.

"Hold it!" he said, and he started with more questions. We finally had to tell him that that was another story, one for which we would not have enough time that day to even start exploring. For a half-century there have been those who have tried to understand, but as yet are not sure just what happened. They know, but they don't know. We had no intention of getting into that pot.

"Well," the Local finally asked, "what do you think I should do?" and we gave him the best advice that any DXer could get. "Look over all of them," we said, and we did not see the Local for another couple of months. But he finally did return. We had thought that the whole spectrum of DXing had been covered save, possibly, for list operations and DX Nets. We were sure that by now the Local would be winging it in DX circles. What we thought was not what we got.

When we saw him again we could not mistake the sad overtone in his voice. We thought possibly he had missed Bouvet, but we had not heard of that being on . . . yet.

"Look," the Local said, and there was hurt in his voice. "Since I first started talking to you months back I've done everything you suggested, but I'm still not working DX. What's wrong?"

"Such as?" we countered, and the Local was into his routine. "I try working the bands when I get home from work," he said. "Everything is dead. Where did I ever get the idea that 20 would be open all night long? The noise is terrible and the conditions are bad. And all I am hearing are the W4s and W5s. This is not what I expected DX to be, or what I was told!"

We had to think this over, and the thought finally started getting through to us that perhaps this one had never heard about the sunspot cycle. So we had to explain all of this—how the sunspots go up and the sunspots go down. And so does DX. When they are up, the DX is unbelievable. When they are down . . . well, most DXers would rather forget those years. But we had to explain that when the sunspots are down, DX is terrible and sometimes even worse than that.

We were relieved to see that the Local did not immediately panic. "Okay," he finally said, "maybe I won't work the Indian Ocean for a year or so, but I'll work all the short-skip, and when the next cycle is here, I'll be ready and primed. I'll know all about DXing. That should work, shouldn't it?"

Of course it should. When one is patient, it is easy to learn the lesson that all things come to him who waits—long enough. And if one upgrades the station when the cycle is down, DX will come like iron filings to a magnet when the cycle is up. All you have to do is wait . . . and wait.

And that was the way things went. But finally the Local got around to specifics.

## 5 Band WAZ Standings as of July 1, 1985

### All 200 zones worked:

1. ON4UN	35. ON5NT	69. DL4YAH
2. K4MQG	36. OH6JW	70. LA7ZO
3. SM4CAN	37. OK1AWZ	71. W9ZR
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"This sunspot cycle. When did you say we would reach the bottom?"

We hadn't and did not want to, but there was no dodging. "Some are saying that we will bottom about June 1987. Others say that it won't be until March 1988. But it's coming. It always has."

After awhile the Local shrugged. "Now I can better understand why it takes so long to get on the Honor Roll," he said. "You can't work DX all the time because DX is not here all the time, right?"

He was satisfied when we acknowledged that he was understanding. But we were happy he had not gotten into the area of discussion about some DX countries that have not been heard for a quarter century or so. Right then we did not want him to get discouraged. He would learn that after a cycle or two, the big total DXers are the DXers that hang in there, if you start young enough. But persevere. Even if it isn't the top of the cycle,

there will always be some DX available. Sometimes more than others.

## Sri Lanka

Vincent Paul Perera, 4S7PVR, writes from downtown Mount Lavinia that there are accommodations available, and during the last year a number of visiting DXers have passed through the area. These have included ON5OS, SM2EJE, DL7NH, and WB4ATV. Paul even notes that Wayne Warden, W9GW, has a license sitting at the bureau should he be able to double-back to 4S7-land.

At the local overnight stop, maybe a bit longer at times, six received call signs while in Sri Lanka. Some months back there were some political problems in the northern tip of the island, but Paul notes that that was a somewhat local problem and little affected the southern part around Colombo.

Should you be looking for late information on operating from 4S7-land, drop a line to 4S7PVR at 84 Templars Road, Mount Lavinia, Sri Lanka, and he will be able to advise on accommodations, licenses, and most anything else you need.

## U.N. 40th Anniversary

The 4U1UN at United Nations Headquarters in New York is offering an award for working two of the U.N. amateur radio stations during the 40th anniversary year of the signing of the U.N. charter in San Francisco in 1945. The stations to look for are 4U1UN at the New York headquarters, 4U1ITU at the ITU headquarters in Geneva, and 4U1VIC at the Vienna International Center in Austria. The date of the signing was 24 October 1945. Any contact during the calendar year 1985 counts for the award.

Send list of stations worked including date, time, mode, report, and band to: U.N. Staff Recreation Council, Amateur Radio Club, Room DC1-0724, Box 20, New York, NY 10017. They ask for \$5.00 or 15 IRCs, this

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1426	G4XZX	1428	TF5BW

### C.W.

642	KM9Y
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310	DL9OH/316	300	SM4CTT/307
310	K6YRA/315	300	WA4WTG/306
310	N4JF/316	275	XE1OX/299
310	XE1AE/315	275	XE1OW/292
310	N2SS/312	250	KM9Y/258
300	9H4G/309	3.5/7 MHz	9H4G

### C.W. Endorsements

310	K4CEB/316	200	KM9Y/245
310	N4PN/315		

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.

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MRF433	12.5W	12.00	30.00
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MRF449,IA	30W	12.50	30.00
MRF450,IA	50W	14.00	31.00
MRF453,IA	60W	15.00	35.00
MRF454,IA	80W	16.00	36.00
MRF455,IA	60W	12.00	28.00
MRF458	80W	20.00	46.00
MRF460	60W	18.00	42.00
MRF464*	80W	25.00	60.00
MRF466*	40W	18.75	48.00
MRF475	12W	3.00	9.00
MRF476	3W	2.75	8.00
MRF477	40W	11.00	25.00
MRF479	15W	10.00	23.00
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	Rating	Frequency		
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In Vienna 4U1VIC is still living well on Wagramer Strasse while waiting for country status. During the year it was visited by a number of DXers. Some of the guest operations at the club station included K7ZR, W9WGQ, K6AYA, WD9GSD, and WB6DXU. W8ZFV was in Vienna on a contract for UNIDO. The 4U1VIC club is putting out a newsletter, and you can look for them in the CQ WW Test later this month. Remember, 4U1VIC may be a DXCC counter one of these days. Maybe even sooner. And while we are working that side of the street, 4U1VIC asks that Austrian stamps not be sent with QSLs. They do have to take these downtown to mail, and 7 schillings, the amount usually sent, is not sufficient for airmail service. Send two IRCs and you will get your QSL with U.N. Vienna stamps. By this time there is a good possibility that a third party traffic agreement will be signed for the U.N. outpost.

Also, in the case of guest operators, do not QSL to their home QTH unless that is specifically requested. The name or handle of the operator on the QSL will facilitate handling.



Recently named Honorary President of SARL, the Finnish Amateur Radio League, Armas Valste, OH2NB, has long been a top OH-DX type. Armas served as president of SRAL back in the sixties, combining this with a long service in amateur athletics. Over the years he put in a long term as Head Coach of the Finnish track and field organization and also served as General Manager. In his youth he held a number of championships in the high jump and shotput. Armas has also signed CT1BCM in recent years.

### Armas Valste, OH2NB

The 80th birthday of Armas Valste was also the day he received his 5BDXCC award. Should you wonder why it took such a top DXer so long, it really did not. Armas worked this one from CT1BCM in Portugal.

Long a member of the DXCC Honor Roll, Armas was elected Honorary President of the Finnish Radio Society earlier this year, this continuing a record of amateur services. Back in 1968 he was the President of SRAL.

Amateur radio is not the only field in which OH2NB has excelled. In his youth he participated in track and field events, winning six Finnish championships in the shotput and four in the high jump. In those days he often competed against Urho Kekkonen, who later was president of the Republic of Finland. In 1936 Armas became head coach of the Finnish

Sport Federation, and was its general manager from 1963 to 1968.

Currently living in Albufeira in southern Portugal, at least during the winters, Armas continues to be active on the air and is usually found operating CW, a mode he has long championed.

### Forty Meters

In response to a petition from Puerto Rico's amateurs, the FCC some months back issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making to allow phone in the 40 meter band down to 7075 kHz by amateurs outside the continental U.S., or the lower 48, as sometimes noted.

This came following the action of the FCC in 1984 to allow such operations to General and higher class licensees in the Pacific, including Hawaii and Alaska. In their petition the Puerto Rican amateurs point out that Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands were the only noncontinental U.S. areas not allowed this privilege.

Comments on this matter were due about mid-year, and possibly by this time something will be surfacing on this matter.

Working the same area, it might be noted that recently the FCC eliminated the need for third class radiotelephone licenses for maritime or aviation VHF in U.S. territory. The FCC noted that such licenses were issued to anyone who applied, and were relatively meaningless. Licenses in such operations will still be required for the medium- or high-frequency bands. They will also be needed when outside the U.S.

### Montserrat

Ed Radio, AJ6V, will be in Montserrat for the CQ WW CW Test next month. Ed will be operating in the single-operator, all-band category. In 1983 Ed also operated from Montserrat and was twelfth world overall in the DX test. He will be signing VP2MEV again. Only the 1985 or later Callbook has his correct address.

### Thailand

John Knight, W6YY, passes along the information that though the Thailand Minister of Communications lifted the ban on amateur communications early this year, the Thai Posts, Telegraph and Telephones Department made their own decision to withhold any operating authority pending examination of all would-be amateurs.

In the past all licenses in Thailand have been informally issued by the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST). One of the problems with implementing all of the above is that some RAST members are worried if new calls will be assigned and their old call signs lost. The examinations for HS licenses were expected to have taken place during this summer, and HS stations will be showing under the new license procedures early this fall.

### Saint Martin/FS7

The St. Martin Radio Club wants to again bring to the attention of those planning a visit to any of the French Antilles that the power limitation is 100 watts. If you are planning a trip to FM/FG/FS with some possible amateur operation, figure to leave your linear at home. The problem is not helped when some have difficulty in getting a copy of the local PTT regulations. Also, some French-licensed DX stations express concern when checking contest results, as the 100 watts from the French Antilles often shows in the scores.



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2740	YU2DX	1754	YU1DZ	1338	SM6DHU	1126	YU4YA	858	K7CU
2484	K6JG	1699	SM7TV	1338	WA8YTM	1095	KA3A	856	DF6EX
2480	W2NC	1689	I2PHN	1335	N6JM	1070	YU2CQ	851	JH8NYK
2305	K2VV	1677	I8YRK	1330	YU7KV	1048	WD9IC	841	10AOF
2277	K6XP	1660	YU7AW	1300	N5TV	1040	N4IB	837	VE2FOU
2237	VE3GCO	1648	W8CNL	1268	IS0LYN	1012	N8BJQ	829	VE5ADA
2179	N4MM	1603	I6SF	1251	I2MQP	999	KS7T	827	PY1DFF
2126	W4BQY	1589	I3ZKO	1250	N4NX	994	YU2CBK	801	YU1OHF
2082	W9DWQ	1577	K9BG	1249	KL7AF	980	K2POF	800	KO2Q
1951	YU7BCD	1572	W0SFU	1240	N6AW	952	W6YMH	752	JH4UVU
1905	N6CW	1536	W1NG	1238	LA7JO	947	WD4RAF	745	KX1A
1905	N9AF	1501	KF2O	1226	W7CB	933	N2AIF	739	NE6I
1892	YU2TW	1491	WA1JMP	1196	YU7AJD	914	A18S	722	K8HF
1889	N6JV	1482	IN3ANE	1190	DK5AD	913	A16Z	630	W14K
1875	N4UU	1467	K6ZDL	1187	EA9IE	910	YU1SZ	611	JO1BMV
1837	K5UR	1464	EA2IA	1172	WB8ZRL	905	W0JIE	605	W9PWW
1815	PA0SNG	1396	W9NUF	1164	CT1LN	904	W3GXK	600	N3KR
1801	YU7BPO	1391	PY4OD						

### S.S.B.

2710	F9RM	1558	K5UR	1167	W1NG	1000	WB8ZRL	792	Z21GJ
2273	I0ZV	1557	PA0SNG	1147	W2NC	994	KL7AF	787	W2XQ
2082	K6JG	1556	YU7BCD	1136	ZP5RS	993	H18GB	761	WB6SRK
2029	I0AMU	1527	N4NO	1131	W2CC	954	KC8YM	755	W04L
2022	J6XP	1503	W9DWQ	1103	W3ARK	948	XE1XF	736	K3IXD
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1739	CT1UA	1340	VE1YX	1081	XE1OX	895	WA2FKF	661	K8ZZO
1690	I4ZSQ	1325	WA4QMO	1080	TG9GI	868	PY4OD	655	EA8AKN
1690	OZ5EV	1310	CT4NH	1062	W9NUF	858	VE2PD	649	KK5P
1677	HB9AAA	1292	WF4V	1048	I8KCI	850	N4IB	649	IK5ACO
1658	W0YDB	1269	I6NOA	1044	AC2J	845	WA0DCQ	621	AG2K
1649	I2PHN	1249	KF2O	1033	N2AC	838	W0ULU	617	W14K
1633	I8YRK	1230	I2MQP	1029	EA2IA	810	CT1BY	610	VO1AW
1618	I0MBX	1223	PY3BXW	1028	JH1VRQ	810	I0SGF	600	W7KWI
1605	I8KDB	1197	CT1FL	1013	N4NX	801	CT4UW	600	KC2FC
1600	WD8MGO	1176	WA4OIB	1008	I1HAG				

### C.W.

2239	W2NC	1553	N4UU	1244	N4YB	999	KF2O	755	N4NX
1863	N6JV	1532	VE7CNE	1184	W4WJ	995	KA7T	748	N2AIF
1850	WA2HZR	1507	N2AC	1182	K6ZDL	990	W9NUF	723	YU2CQ
1834	K2VV	1475	N4MM	1180	PY1APS	970	IT9VDO	708	YK1AO
1809	K8KPL	1442	K5UR	1163	N6FX	963	K8LJG	700	VE2FOU
1796	K6JG	1435	ON4QX	1148	EA2IA	897	KL7AF	655	SM5DAC
1785	N4NO	1401	YU7SF	1133	JE1JKL	888	DJ1YH	645	PA3CKO
1739	W3ARK	1383	VO1AW	1133	I2DMK	874	K2POF	633	W2XQ
1680	K6XP	1355	I6SF	1123	I1YRL	827	NN4Q	616	VE1CK
1657	W9DWQ	1305	LZ1XL	1111	PY4OD	813	JH1VRQ	605	LA7JO
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Note that the above refers to the French Antilles. It is possible that in Sint Maarten, this being across the street on the same island as St. Martin, you will encounter Dutch regulations. What to do? When in doubt, or planning a trip where you are not firm on the regulations, ask Naoki Akiyama, N1CIX, in downtown Newington. Nao has the answers to most everything on international questions. He might even tell you where to look for JAs in the CQ WW Test this month. Nao does work as the liaison with sister societies of the ARRL, among the other duties he handles. If you are traveling and plan to operate, don't leave home without Naoki's help.

### Father Moran

Many DXers had a chance to visit with Father Moran, 9N1MM, when he was touring the states last year. Frank Nagy, N8BIB, passes along the note that Father Moran always has a continuing need for books for his St. Xaviers School at Godavari, just south of Kathmandu.

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Father Marshall Moran, 9N1MM, stands in the Library at St. Xavier's School at Godavari, a few miles outside Kathmandu. Long the best hope for DXers needing Nepal, Father Moran traveled in the states last year visiting the Deserving.

9N1MM's school, and for years the possibility of working Nepal has usually depended on Father Moran being on the air. If you are interested in disposing of surplus books, drop a line to Frank Nagy, 24315 Waltz Road, New Boston, MI 48164, and he will advise how to ship. There is a weight limit of 11 pounds per parcel in case you want to know.

### Sunspots

DXers always like to talk about things they do not have but need. These include high towers, high QTHs, and high DXCC totals. Lately they have been talking about low sunspot numbers, and the cry is often heard in the land, "When will it end?"

Soon, but not yet. The April sunspot numbers are compiled by the good A. Koeckelbergh of the Sunspot Index Data Center in Brussels showed the mean for the month as 16.1. The best day had 31 spots, and there were 14 days when the count was 10 or less. Seven days had zero sunspot counts.

We are nearing the bottom, but often the bottom is hard to tell until you are a bit beyond it. Boulder, the home of WWV, is looking for a bottom about June 1987. Our own in-house N4XX is looking for the bottom in the spring of 1988.

The present Cycle 21 started up in June 1976 and reached a peak 41 months later in December 1979. The 12-month running average at the peak was 164.5. The curve flattens when it is nearing bottom, and the current cycle appears to be flattening. When the new cycle starts, it goes up fast, DX improves, and happy DXers are capering everywhere. Right now the dying Cycle 20 seems to be feeling for bottom. There it bounces along for a year or so, perhaps even a bit more. The Great Days of DXing are coming. Be Prepared! But not just yet.

### WPX

Norm Koch, K6ZDL, long a toiler in the WPX vineyard, passes along some pertinent notes on the WPX program. Norm has been handling that chore for a number of years now, working to bring order out of confusion, and in recent years he has converted much of the WPX records to computer listings.

Norm recently noted that on the WPX Honor Roll both the CW and the SSB modes have been computerized, all the way down to those with 1000 counters. He is working on the mixed mode and will have this lined out sometime in the future.

The computer is coming up with some items that need attention—things like poor record-keeping, duplications scattered through a station's file, as well as the same prefix being claimed five or six times. As the files are put into the computer, these aberrations are being flagged and corrected.

An audit of the WPX Honor Roll some months back raised some questions, and eventually two stations (not W/Ks) were dropped from the listings for failure to comply with the rules. The audit also extended to reviews utilizing some overseas checkpoints where there was some feeling that the Honor Roll was being sandbagged.

Want to check your WPX listings? Norm will furnish you with a printout of your file for \$2.00, or 10 IRCs, plus a business-size envelope with at least 39¢ U.S. postage affixed. Write directly to K6ZDL.

### A Multitude of DX Notes

Father Dave Reddy, CE0AE, passed away

on June 7th. For a good many years Father Dave was the reliable source for an Easter Island contact. His arrival there ended a long scarcity that had existed since the USAF station on the island was disbanded. Father Dave was a member of The Order of Franciscan Minors.

There seems always to be a DXer needing VR6-Pitcairn Island. A month or so back AT&T made it a bit easier for the deserving DXer. They began serving Pitcairn with telephone service. Calls are routed to Pitcairn via New Zealand and highseas radio transmissions. It cost \$11.83 for the first three minutes and individuals in the U.S. will have to make reservations to place a call.

There is but one telephone on the island. Guess who has it? For a clue, name someone on the island whose name you know, well. Right! VR6TC, Tom Christian.

The Radio Club de Chile wants to clear up the CE0AA QSLing, and Rogelio Gomez Fernandez, CE3GF, advises that cards sent to Box 700 in Santiago were caught up a couple of months back. Some QSLs received were put aside because the card did not match up with the logs, these to be run through after the backlog was cleared in an effort to reconcile the card with a log entry. Rogelio asks that anyone with any queries write directly to the Radio Club de Chile, Box 700, Santiago, Chile, and outline the problem. Some have noted cards coming back via unexpected routes. However, if you still do not have the needed CE0AA QSL, write direct. The club wants to get all the problems straightened out.

Jim Smith, VK9NS, has been reported as mentioning that another scientific group might be on Heard around the turn into 1986. In June 5X5 cards from 5X5GK for activity after August 28, 1984. The DXCC desk was also looking with approval on 5X5BD and 5X5WR.

If Zone 2 for WAZ has been heart-break hill for you, note that VE3JKC/VE2 is on the air and will be there until 1987. He is at Harrington Harbor in the southern entrance to the Strait of Belle Island, about 50°30'N, 59°25'W, more or less. As long as we are in the Canadian circuit, VX6 was used to mark the centennial of Lethbridge in Alberta for two weeks in July. VA1 was used for the bicentennial of Sydney in Nova Scotia, also in July. The Heard Island DX Assn. has an official report of their 1983 Heard effort. It covers both the mountaineering and amateur action. Good reports from those who have read it. Ten dollars to the HIDXA, Box 90, Norfolk Island 2899, Australia will put it in your hands. A month or so back we saw a photo from this trip used in advertising for scuba gear.

Robert Shelton, N2EDF, made a 40-minute videotape, edited and suitable for presentation, while on the Navassa effort a few months back. If you would like to make a copy of the 6Y5NR/KP1 effort, write to N2EDF at 11 North Clarke Street, Ogdensburg, NJ 07439. Five dollars will cover expenses. Write if you want more details.

You will be hearing the CH-prefix in Canada for a month starting on October 16th to mark the 100th anniversary of Louis Riel. A political activist in western Canada, among other things, he led the second Riel Rebellion in 1884, was convicted of treason in 1885, and was executed at Regina. Eber Diehl, W7AMM, has the logs for his operations in Iran as EP2EJ from 1971 to 1977, and if you need an EP2EJ QSL, all you have to do is ask with an SASE. Write to W7AMM at P.O. Box 2026, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636.

The Wireless Institute of Australia amateurs have been using the alternate VI-prefix and will use it until the end of the year. This is to mark the 75th anniversary of the WIA, the world's first and oldest national radio society, they proudly proclaim. This will be used throughout Australia. Once before it was used briefly locally in VK3. Also, a VK75A callsign is authorized for use throughout Australia. This is VK75A . . . period.

If you are making long-range plans, the 1986 great International DX Convention will be back at the Holiday Inn in Visalia, April 19-20th. The Southern California DX Club will be host this year, and they have already signed a contract for all the rooms in the hotel. Everything! Nothing but DX knee deep.

SU1ER says that the Egyptian Amateur Radio Society might be found most Fridays and Saturdays at 14175 kHz or 14275 kHz from 1700-2100Z. JH1RNZ got married and headed for Fiji on a DXpedition along with the bride. JAs report that 3D2RN was not heard during daytime hours, but 160 through 20 was busy with pile-ups every night. Seems that there is a story under all of that somewhere. 8J1XPO is on from the Tsukuba Science Exposition. QSL via JARL.

In June the ARRL filed a petition for more Novice privileges to meet their goal of 600K licensees in the U.S. by 1990. After "massaging" by the staff, the proposal includes expansion of the 28 MHz Novice/Tech band to allow CW and data communications at 28.1-28.3 MHz and CW and SSB from 28.3-28.5 MHz; Novice privileges on 220 MHz; Novice privileges in the 1240 MHz band; and a couple of other ideas. The word is that there is much inactivity among Novices—" . . . tens of thousands" have never used their licenses to make a single contact. The July statement said, ". . . while Morse code is, and probably always will be, an integral part of Amateur Radio, it is not the only mode that is appropriate for a beginner to use."

Remember, the season for DXing starts later this month—the great CQ World-Wide Phone DX Test the last weekend of the month. Don't worry about the sunspot cycle. Just check WWV and jump in. Low bands might be even deeper. 73, Cass, WA6AUD

## DX Ten Years Back

LA1SH/BY was heard out of China. There was some skepticism, but eventually it appeared he had been in Darien, but aboard a merchant vessel tied up at the dock. EP2SN was on frequently trying to fill out a WAS. W3ACE, once a U.S. ambassador, visited the top man for radio affairs in Baghdad while on a visit. Discussing the amateur operating situation, the official expressed the view that perhaps some amateur radio activity would be possible, also some good p.r. Hank immediately applied for a YL-license. It was immediately rejected. W6KNH was off on a trip with stops at BV, 9V1, 9M2, 9N1, VU, 4S7, 5Z4, ZE, and PY and planned to operate as possible at each stop. The Colvins were preparing to head out on DXpeditions again after a long lay-off. Sable and St. Paul Islands showed for new DXCC countries for the Deserving. Tuvalu was also due up as a true-blue counter within a few months. EA8CR was headed for Equatorial Guinea for the CQ WW CW Test, and CR9AJ was active from Macao. And how about the sunspot cycle of Cycle 20—headed for the bottom and just about there.

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### Understanding Modern Amateur Gear—Part III

**A**s you'll recall, last month's column featured the first part of our inside look at modern SSB gear. We discussed introductory thoughts on understanding circuit designs and home servicing, plus various means of recognizing your own electronic capabilities or limitations. This month we conclude the mini course with some detailed ideas and proven techniques for analyzing, cross-comparing, and troubleshooting HF transceivers. Our upcoming information is useful for both amateurs interested in self-maintaining their rigs and not-so-technical individuals desiring the best possible insight when purchasing new gear. That ability to study block diagrams and schematics when comparing future rigs has definite benefits over impulsive purchases guided by attractive front panels. Possibly we could compare this to the proverb of beauty being only skin deep, a fact which most of us recognize, and one that also describes amateur gear. Front-panel glamour is nice, but it can also be deceiving.

Personally, I prefer a rig that is stout-hearted enough to take some abuse, yet simple enough so that I can understand its "innards." I don't like a feeling of helplessness if a unit breaks down. If that means buying basic design-type gear in your particular situation, so be it. A confident attitude often results in maximum enjoyment—of autos, amateur gear, or even home appliances. Agree?

Since we obviously can't delve into all of a transceiver's technical aspects in this brief discussion, we've elected to zero in primarily on RF and IF concepts at this time. Techniques of microprocessor control and digital frequency selections are subjects within themselves, some of which have been covered in previous articles. If creditable interest is reported in these areas of 1, 2, 4, 8 band selection with related binary counts being decoded on various boards for "picking up" filters, etc., plus divide-by-N tunings, we'll elaborate on such aspects in a future column. Meanwhile, let's direct our attention to understanding some of those mystifying innards in our modern transceivers.

#### Relating Block Diagrams, Schematics, and PC Boards

A brief glimpse inside any modern transceiver gives factual proof that a

step-by-step approach is the most logical means of understanding and/or servicing these fully packed units. Lacking that insight, a unit can merely be visualized as an amazing and mysteriously functioning product of modern technology. Unraveling those vague areas begins by reading a manual's theory of operation section while following explanations on its related block diagram. Some amateurs use various colored pens for tracing receive, transmit, common oscillators, and power-supplying paths, and for including associated frequencies/bandwidths of circuits within a unit. We heartily endorse that helpful idea.

The previous exercise can provide both basic familiarization with a unit's circuitry and an indication of one's technical limitations. You can then reconsider your own understanding of concepts such as signal frequency conversion (incoming RF to IF, for example), demodulation or product detection (acquiring AF from an IF signal), balance modulators (audio and RF carrier are superimposed, carrier is nulled, leaving double sideband only signal), crystal filters (their narrow bandwidth will pass only one of those sidebands), etc. Assuming you still feel technically competent, actual signal paths within various transceiver "blocks" can now be traced on the unit's schematic diagram. If a signal path or area becomes overly complex, you can refer back to the block diagram, note components (Q6's output goes through noise blanker gate, moves from RF to IF pc board, goes through filter YK88S, and continues through Q1, Q2, and Q3 before reaching the SSB/CW detector, for example), then return to the schematic itself (there's YK88S and Q1, Q2, Q3; now where's the circuit run interconnecting those sections and continuing to D21 through D24?). After you become familiar with a unit's block diagram and schematic, relating associated circuitry to internal pc boards is a fairly easy matter. Large objects such as filters, IF cans, IC's, or variable resistors are used for reference, while resistor and transistor numbers (Q1, R34, etc.) aid cross comparisons.

The previously outline technique of block diagram to schematic correlations can be exemplified with the aid of figs. 1 and 2 (an ideal time to try your illuminated magnifier and colored pens). A TS-430 was picked at random for this particular study only because its schematics evenly fit our page size (no, I do not own a TS-430).

Since the IF board handles a variety of operations, only that section will be considered at this time (note dotted lines of separate boards on the rig's block diagram). Let's begin where the 8.830 MHz receive signal enters the IF board (left top area of fig. 2). That signal moves through YK88S to the bottom gate of Q1, off its drain (top wire), through L2 to bottom gate of Q2, through C26 to Q3, on to L4, and into detector D21 through D24. Looking at both the block diagram and the schematic, an 8.8315 MHz carrier/oscillator signal from the rig's "control unit" enters the IF board's left side and connects to both the SSB/CW detector (via a variable resistor across L4's secondary) and the transmitter's balance modulator (via pin 3 of IC7). Returning to the SSB/CW detector and subtracting 8.8315 MHz oscillator from 8.8300 MHz IF gives 1500 Hz, an audio frequency midway of the IF/filter bandpass. That audio signal progresses through IC1 to Q46 (notch switched off), off that emitter, off the board to the AF gain control, then back in and on to pin 1 of IC5, out via pin 4, and again off the board to the speaker. Notice how every detail is visible on the schematic and how the block diagram helps when you become lost. I've pointed out the AGC and squelch sections in the schematic. Now it's your turn to trace their wirings/actions.

Moving to the transmitter's section, audio from the mike input enters the schematic's left bottom area and proceeds to the base of Q34. That audio proceeds to the input of IC6 (pin 1), out on its pin 3, off the IF board to the mike gain control, back in and to the base of Q38, and on to one input (pin 1) of the balance modulator, IC7. Since an 8.8315 MHz signal is also fed to the other input of IC7 (pin 2), a double-sideband suppressed carrier signal appears at its output (pin 7). If you carefully follow that wire (and our marks), it treks back through filter YK88S (drop one sideband), back "way around" the board to Q41's bottom input gate, and out to Q15 on the RF board. We now invite you to review our presented methods of circuit tracing and apply the concepts to your own amateur transceiver. Remember to refer back to block diagrams as necessary and note "sign posts" items when relating schematics to actual pc boards, and you'll realize maximum insight on your rig's overall operation.

#### Troubleshooting Amateur Gear

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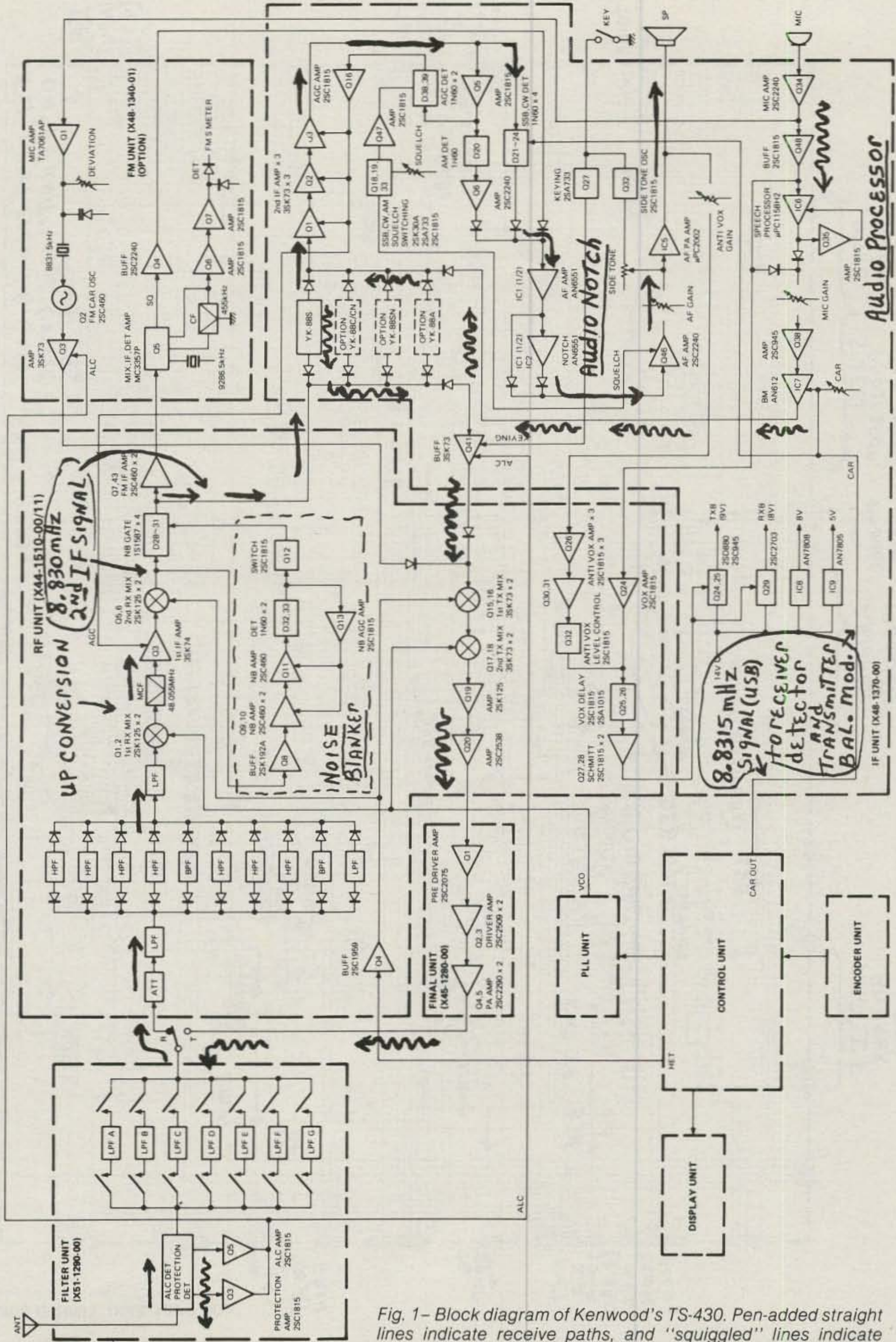


Fig. 1—Block diagram of Kenwood's TS-430. Pen-added straight lines indicate receive paths, and "squiggled" lines indicate transmit paths. This block diagram relates to next-figure schematic. Discussion in text.

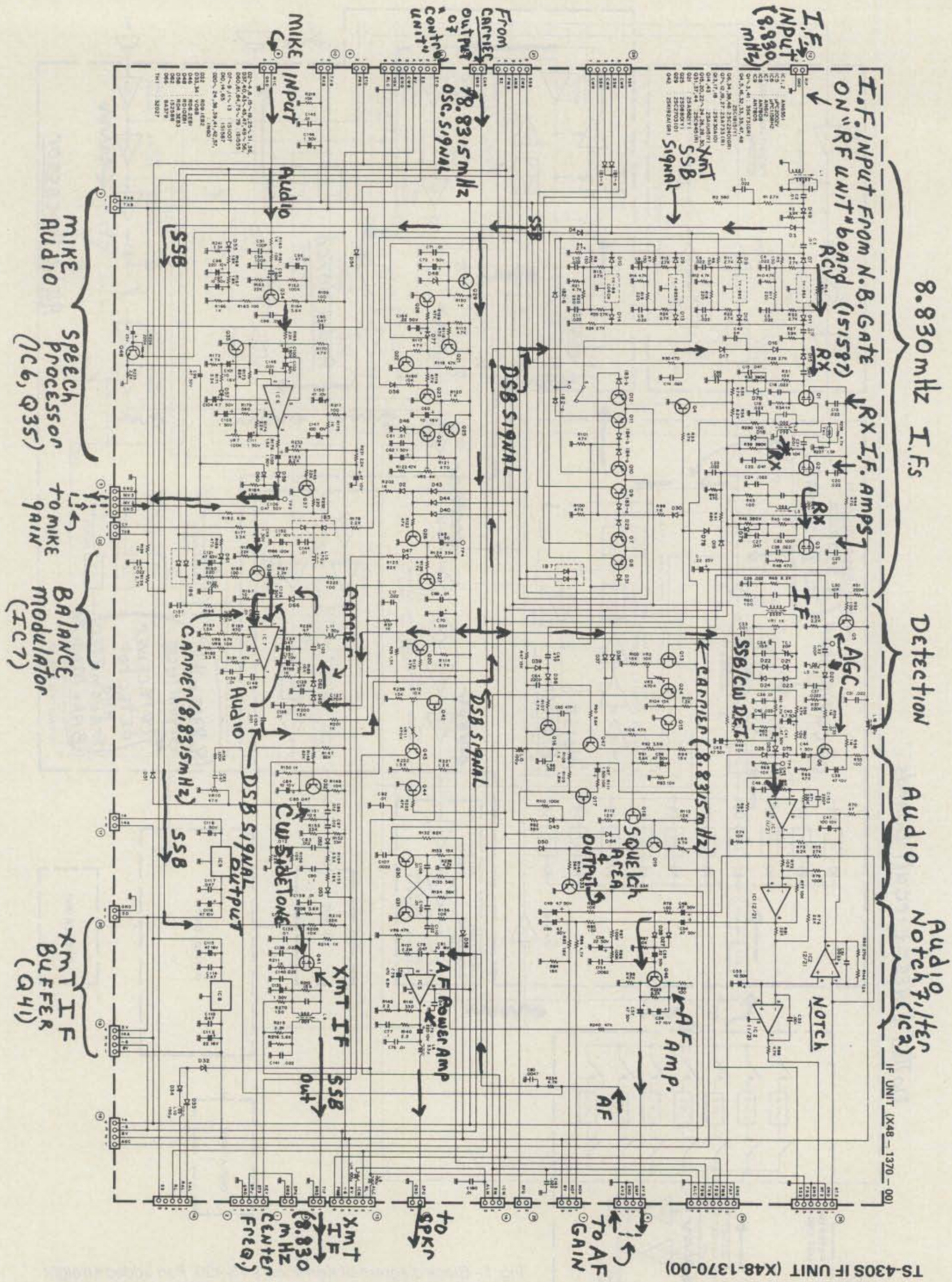


Fig. 2- Circuit diagram of main pc board and IF section in Kenwood's TS-430. Discussion of functions and signals in text.

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understood that serious electronic troubleshooting is a time-perfected skill. Likewise, we must also realize that every technician has his own style of analyzing/repairing equipment and changing such success-proven methods isn't always logical advice. In other words, I can outline some well-founded ideas and pointers, but complementing hands-on experience/skill must be acquired on a personal basis.

As a reassuring beginning, remember that a kaput transceiver is usually stifled by a single problem rather than "mass burnout." Replacing a few defective components usually restores smooth operation to that favorite rig. The keynote to that restoration involves mentally dividing the rig into stages (RF, IF, demodulator, AF, etc.), then pursuing a straight-line path for locating "where the signal stops" and uncovering the defective stage. Separate components are then checked/replaced within that stage, and the rig returns to operation.

The sophisticated nature of today's transceivers can be advantageously used for determining internal areas or stages with problems. We merely study the rig's block diagram, use "common reasoning," and let the unit itself describe its ailing section. Assume, for example, a rig transmits perfectly (full output, good quality audio, etc.), but receive sensitivity is very low (no S-meter readings, low audio, etc.). First, a double check here. Is the antenna in known good shape? Are front-panel switches set correctly? Does another (preferably similar) transceiver perform better when connected to the same antenna cable? Remember our previous note: Don't Assume Anything! Check everything fully (this step is the most often overlooked). Next consider block-diagram facts. What receiver stages are not used for processing (IF level) transmit signals? This step can narrow troubles to receiver RF and IF stages and support sections. Depending on a unit's design, the RF attenuator and noise blanker can be used for further narrowing the search to "before" or "after" their connected sections. Beyond this point one might consider clip-lead connecting the antenna to various stage inputs "up to" the first mixer and noting receiver performance (a sudden burst of signals obviously indicates you've "crossed" the defunct stage). Assuming the problem still exists, the defective area has been narrowed to a minimum number of stages, and IF signal injections are logical continuing steps. Assuming a local friend has an identical model rig, "cross connecting" stages may prove ideal here. Capacitors are used for blocking DC while passing RF signals (a .01 mFd is fine), and a known-good IF signal is injected from the working transceiver to that same point on the ailing rig. If one carefully respects frequencies, levels, and wirings, this technique is quite

useful. Whatever method or concept you adopt, remember that both transmit and receive signals follow a series path through a transceiver, and you should follow a similar "straight ahead"/stage-by-stage pursuit for locating malfunctions. Think logically, maintain patience and perseverance, and keep alert to your own technical limitations.

### Conclusion

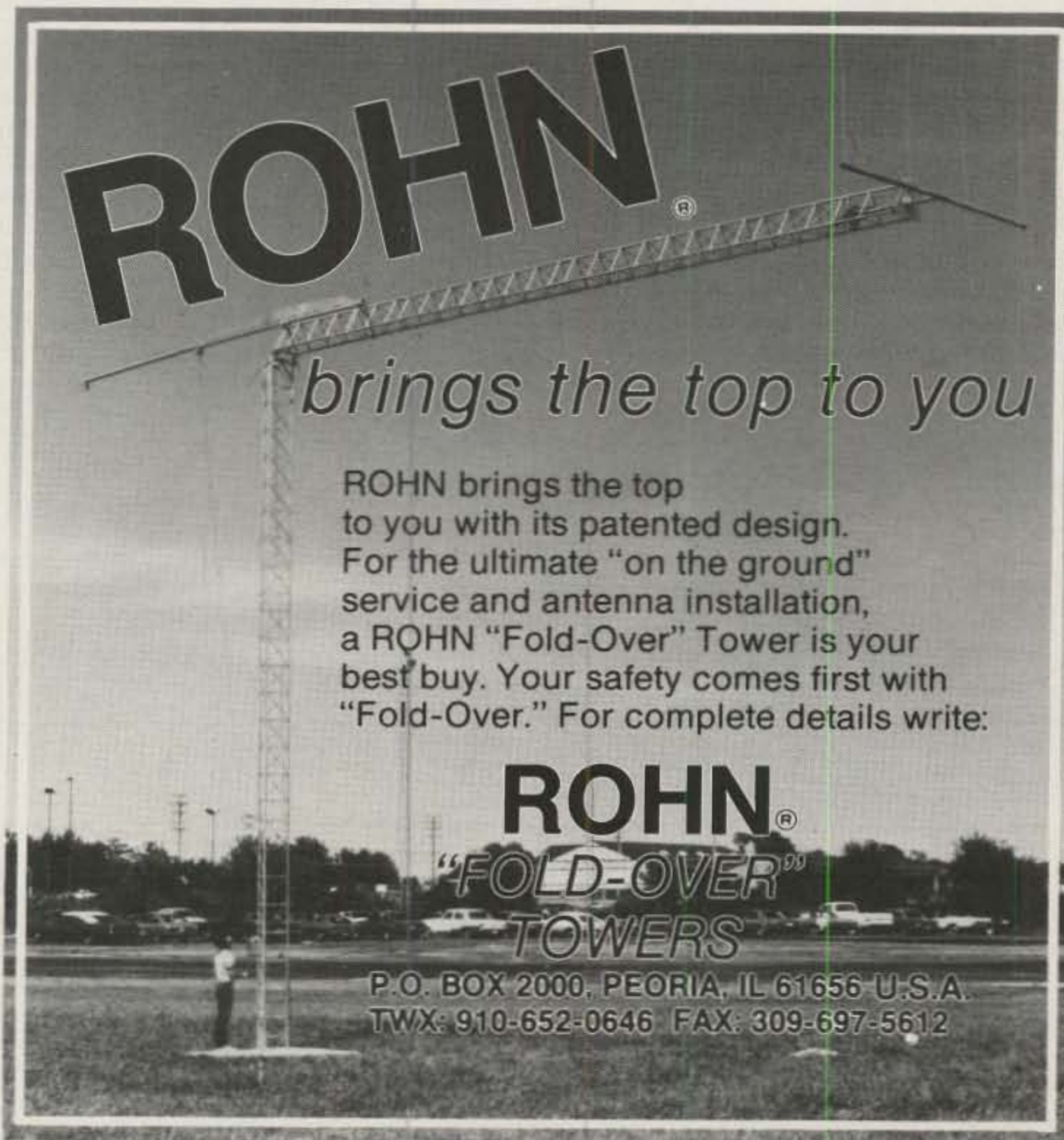
Although the ideas and techniques discussed in our two-column feature were general in nature, their concepts can be applied to almost any transceiver or any type of equipment problem. If you understood my explanations, you can also visualize ways of expanding on those ideas. If you didn't understand my explanations, you know to avoid delving that deep into home repairs. Reread that last sentence. It made an important point. Incidentally, the information presented in this two-part article is comparable to a rather expensive mini-course in amateur radio electronics. Maybe you should reread the whole thing another time for maximum benefit. Chances are good you'll find something useful that you missed previously.

There are both advantages and disadvantages to home-servicing amateur gear, and that situation should be recog-

nized before delving inside modern units. Assuming such servicings are within one's range of technical abilities, possible consequences of cross-country shipping entanglements and delays are minimized. Original equipment owners also exhibit the most tender and meticulous care of their prized possession. On the other hand, trained service technicians are usually familiar with various equipment idiosyncracies or common problems and can usually perform repairs (especially those of a heavy technical/serious nature), while we "operators" are still involved in studying schematics and board layouts.

You know, the fact that we're licensed *amateurs* doesn't necessarily mean that we understand the full internal designs of our equipment. The more we know about our units, however, the greater merit we reflect to both ourselves and our society overall. How can we be expected to know or understand how a rig functions, or generally how to keep it functioning, if we are not shown, right? This column/series has been a departure from the usual "enjoy it and forget how it works" attitude that's occasionally noticed in today's world. Your thoughts and opinions on this special column feature will thus be appreciated, closely evaluated, and used for considering similar future columns.

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## PRINCIPLES, PRACTICES, AND PROJECTS FOR THE VHFER

### A Tale of Two Preamps

As reported in this column for August, I purchased two new GaAsFET preamps at the Dayton Hamvention and intended to run them through their paces, both on the air and in the lab, and report the results. True to my promise, I have used these products on the air and spent some time making performance measurements on them in a local RF/microwave lab, and can now report my findings.

I'll break up my preamp report into two columns, with this one focusing on the laboratory evaluation of the Microwave Components of Michigan MGF1202 preamplifier for 144 MHz and a "surprise" evaluation of the Advanced Receiver Research (ARR) Model P432VDG preamplifier for 432 MHz. I say "surprise," because I hadn't intended to review this unit. I don't own the review sample. Pete, KT2B, gave it to me when he heard that I had some lab time coming up. The ARR unit, like the MCM unit, was new and unused, straight from the factory.

MCM is operated by Norm Alred, WA8EJU, whom I found selling preamps and other interesting components at the Dayton Hamvention. I don't know if this is his full-time occupation or just an avocation. In any case, he builds a nice-looking preamp in an anodized aluminum "Eddystone" type case with type N input/output connectors and a simple feedthrough capacitor for application of DC power. ARR is operated by Jay Rusgrove, W1VD, and I know that this is indeed a full-time busi-

ness. ARR offers a broad range of VHF/UHF microwave RF products, but is most famous—at least in amateur circles—for its GaAsFET preamplifiers, which are offered in frequency ranges from 50 through 432 MHz. The ARR preamps are very tiny, built in anodized aluminum, RF-tight cases using BNC input/output connectors.

I tested each preamp for gain/bandwidth characteristics, nominal gain, DC current drain, noise figure, and 1 dB compression point. I did not have the facility to test the third-order IMD performance, and although I could have measured the input and output impedance of each preamp, I neglected to do so. The preamps were tested "as received" from their respective factories with no field tuning; all tests were performed with "pure" 50 ohm sources and terminations. Recorded data was taken with DC input voltage of 12.0 volts, but I did run the power supply down to 0 VDC to monitor the point at which preamp performance degraded.

The MCM preamp DC connection was a bit annoying in that there is no factory-provided ground terminal. Normally, this wouldn't bother me. I'd simply assume the DC return was through the coaxial cable shields. But with GaAsFET devices being notorious as they are for sensitivity to static transients, I'd recommend anyone using such a preamp have a direct, soldered ground return to the power supply. To prevent potential problems, I clipped a ground lead to the case of the MCM preamp before commencing any tests. The ARR preamp has a ground terminal provided.

When I met Norm Alred at Dayton and discussed his preamps with him, he made a distinct point of mentioning that his preamp has narrower bandwidth than other popular GaAsFET preamp designs on the market. This should, he said, help to reduce the overload from out-of-band sources. He also pointed out that his preamp has two bias adjustments to allow for better field optimization of performance (noise figure versus gain). These two bias adjustments are variable resistors in both the drain lead and the source of the MGF1202. In measuring the gain/bandwidth performance of the preamp, I did not find the circuit to be particularly narrow-band: the 3 dB points are 45 MHz apart, resulting in a 31.2% bandwidth. See the gain:bandwidth plot for the whole story. The MCM preamp appears to have a bit of a high-pass characteristic, with a steep skirt on the low-frequency side of center and a much more shallow skirt on the high side.

Advanced Receiver Research makes no claim for the bandwidth of their product, but the 432 MHz model evaluated is actually quite narrowband, with 3 dB points separated 82 MHz, or a 19% bandwidth. Again, no field adjustments were made. These products were tested as received. The ARR P432VDG had its response centered on 408.3 MHz rather than 432 MHz, but the gain at 432 was only -1.2 dB from that peak. Presumably, the folks at ARR adjust for minimum noise figure and don't scrutinize each preamp for gain centered on the frequency of interest. No harm done, as the ARR preamp offered 16.8 dB gain—enough to

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Fig. 1—The Gain:Bandwidth plot for the Microwave Components of Michigan 2 meter GaAsFET preamp.

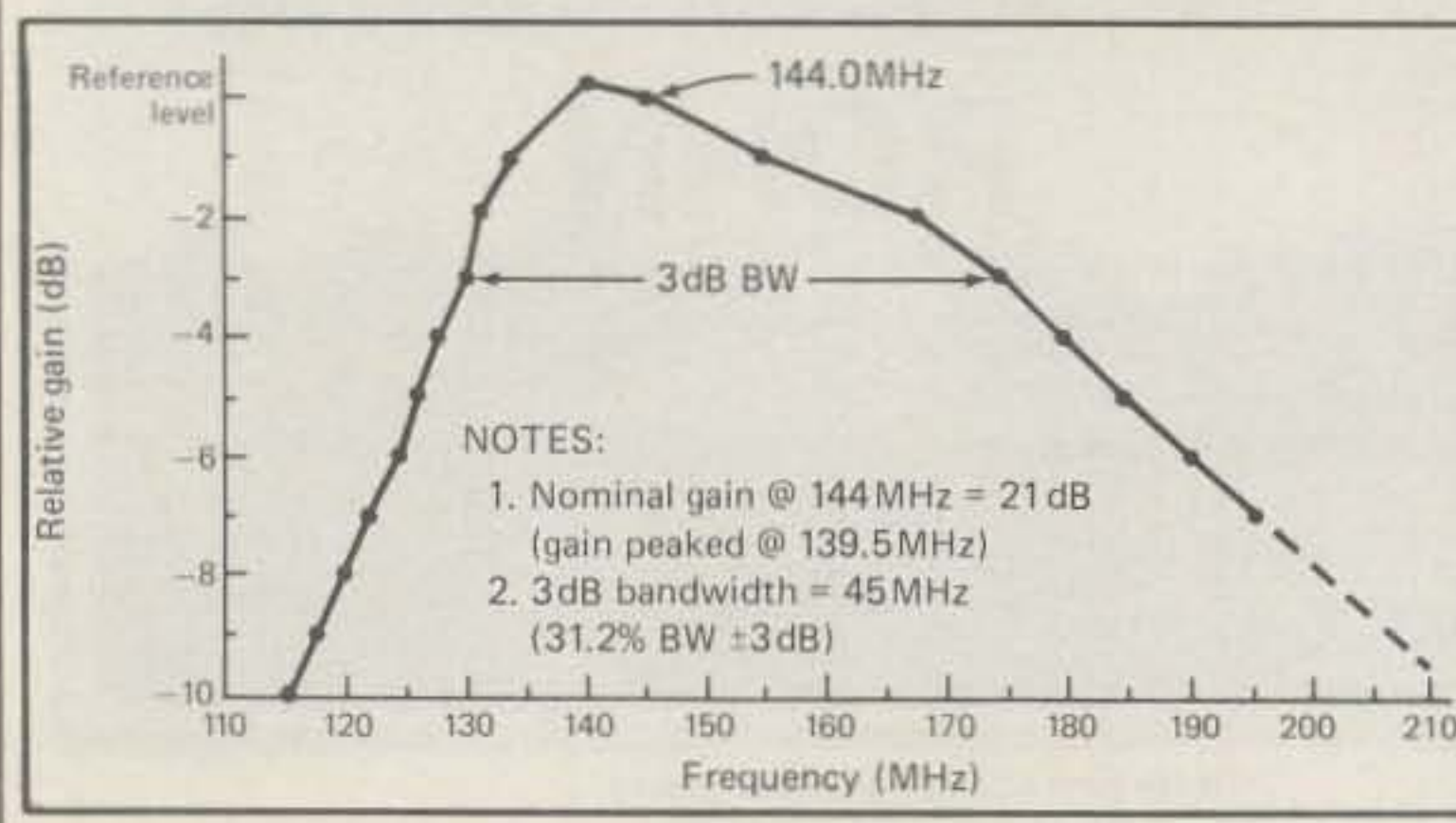
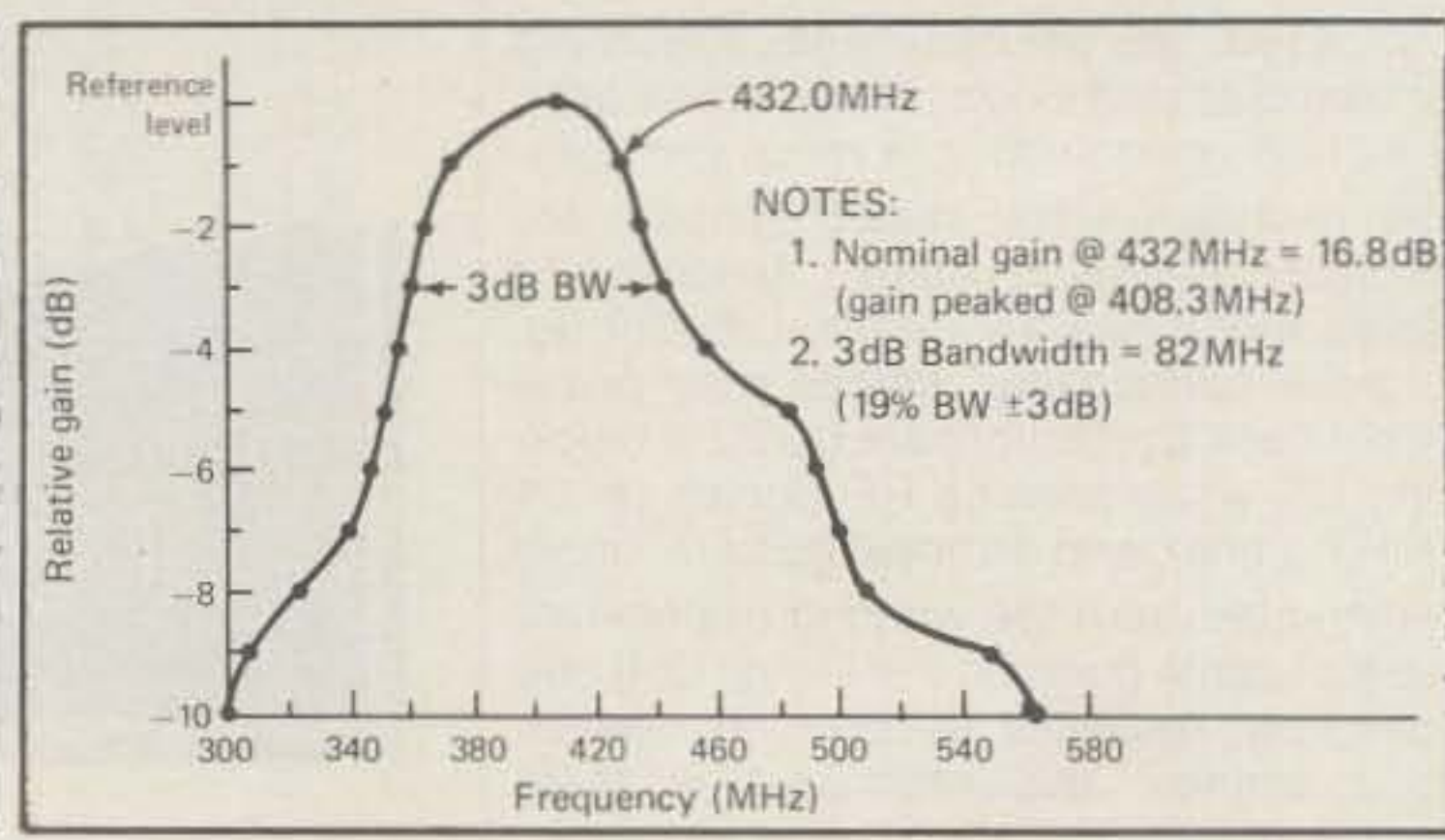
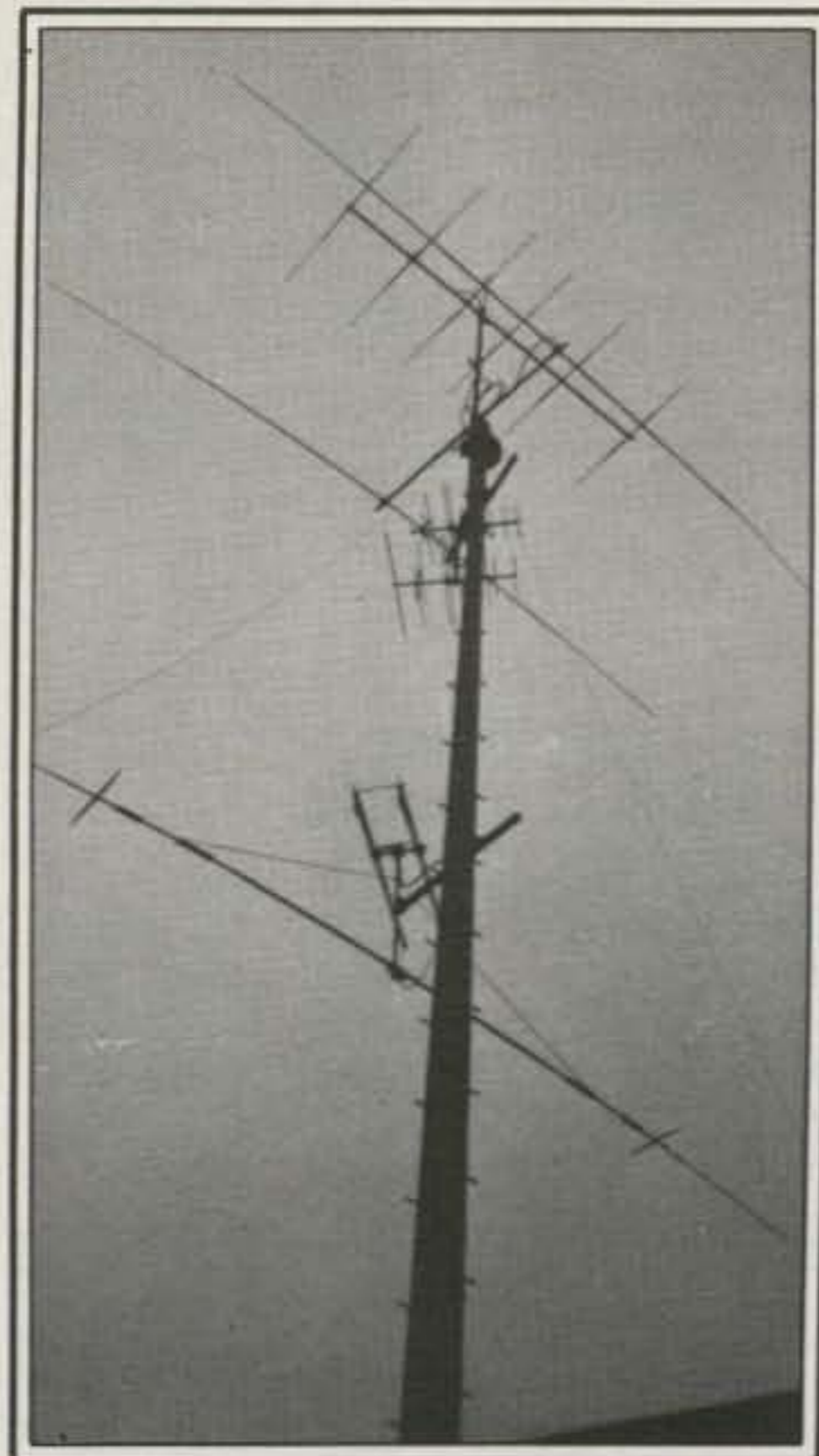


Fig. 2—The Gain:Bandwidth plot for the Advanced Receiver Research (ARR) Model P432VDG preamp.





Impressive antenna farm at JE1RXJ. Takeshi is equipped for operation from 3.5 through 432 MHz, but is mainly active on 6 meters. VHF antennas include 6 elements for 50 MHz at 80 feet and 15/15 elements at 52 feet for 70 cm. JE1RXJ intended to operate the new CQ WW VHF WPX Contest in July.

override the noise in most systems—at 432 MHz. The MCM preamp had its gain centered at 139.5 MHz, with the gain at 144.0 MHz, only  $-0.5$  dB from peak. The MCM product offered just about 21 dB gain, surely enough to override the noise in even a poor receiving system.

The noise figure of each preamp was measured using a tried-and-true Hewlett-Packard model 340 automatic noise-figure meter and then verified by calculation using an MDS measurement in a precise 1 kHz bandwidth. In each case I achieved nearly perfect corroboration between NF measurement and calculation. The MCM preamp, claimed to achieve 0.38 dB NF at 144 MHz, measured nearly exactly that figure; the ARR preamp, stated to offer  $<0.5$  dB NF, measured 0.65 dB. Rather than groan about the 432 MHz device not meeting its spec, I'll assume that the losses in my measurement system might account for the 0.15 dB difference.

The 1 dB compression point is a valuable figure of merit for any amplifier. By the time an amplifier's output compresses 1 dB with respect to the input signal, it is notably nonlinear and invariably produces considerable harmonic distortion. The MCM product does not have a claimed 1 dB compression point figure, while the ARR preamp has a published

+ 12 dBm (about 17 milliwatts!) 1 dB compression point. I made this measurement on each preamp using a Boonton Electronics Model 102F signal generator, Model 42A microwatt meter, and Hewlett-Packard 8554/141T spectrum analyzer. According to my measurements, the MCM preamp exhibited a + 8 dBm compression point, and the ARR preamp showed a + 7 dBm compression point. Harmonic distortion from both preamps was terrible at these levels, with the second harmonic (288 MHz for the MCM product and 864 MHz for the ARR) rising faster than the third. A 10 dB degradation

in the second harmonic occurred at  $-20$  dBm input (+ 1 dBm output) with the MCM product, and similar degradation occurred at  $-26$  dBm input ( $-9$  dBm output) with the ARR unit. A 10 dB degradation in the third harmonic occurred at  $-16$  dBm input (+ 4.5 dBm output) with the MCM, and  $-20$  dBm input ( $-3$  dBm output) with the ARR products. Whether this increase in harmonic distortion from the preamplifiers actually has any noticeable affect on system performance depends largely on the stages that follow. It is undesirable for the mixer to be saturated by in-band signals, as spurious mixing

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DC current drain of both preamps is very low—10–15 mA. Apparently, both the MCM and ARR products have internal voltage regulators which allow a wide range of DC input voltage. I applied voltages from 15 VDC to nearly 0 volts to see where these internal regulators ceased performing their function. The MCM preamp showed no change in performance during the 1 dB compression test down to a voltage of 7 VDC. The ARR preamp showed no change down to 5 VDC. Below these "lower limit" voltages, the preamp outputs fell dramatically and harmonic distortion produced became intolerable.

The MCM 144 MHz preamp showed signs of instability during laboratory testing. It oscillated, producing a wide spectrum of signals from about 150 MHz to higher than 1.2 GHz, when its input port was left unterminated. In fairness to MCM, their instruction sheet does recommend a coaxial relay switching scheme which always terminates the preamp input with a 50 ohm pure impedance (see this column for August, page 66, fig. 1 for details). Also, I don't know that this oscillation harms anything. The ARR preamp seemed unconditionally stable and did not oscillate with its input unterminated.

The Microwave Components of Michigan product is available from the manufacturer in kit or wired form. Their address is 11216 Cape Cod, Taylor, MI 48180. The Advanced Receiver Research product is available from the manufacturer only in wired and tested form. Their address is Box 1242, Burlington, CT 06013.

In a future column I'll review the SSB Electronics DX1296S GaAsFET preamp for 23 cm and my brand-new ARR 50 MHz high-performance receiving converter, Model R50VDA with its accompanying P50VDG GaAsFET preamp for 6 meters.

## Fun From Fair

I'm always astonished when I come across a fellow amateur who isn't familiar with Fair Radio Sales, the veritable mecca of homebrewers and experimenters everywhere. Fair Radio has been in business nearly 40 years, specializing in government and commercial electronic surplus and offering what I've always considered excellent and honest service. Not being associated with the company, I'm really not sure who runs the show. It is obvious that they have amateurs on staff, since frequent references to amateur radio applications and publications appear throughout their catalogs.

As a homebrewer, I've used Fair Radio as a major source for all kinds of electronic parts, from power transformers to panel meters. But they also sell complete radio sets, assemblies, and subassemblies of every conceivable variety, including much that would interest VHF/UHF enthusiasts eager to conquer new frontiers.



*Ivars Lauzums, KC2PX, of Belle Mead, NJ. It was from Ivars' QTH that club group NV6O/2 operated the first CQ WW VHF WPX Contest July 20–22, 1985. Photos of the contest operation itself will follow in the November column.*

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## Rebel With a Cause: Rich Whiten, WB2OTK

I'm pleased for this opportunity to introduce Rich Whiten, WB2OTK, of Piedmont, SC to our readers. Having known Rich since 1970, the year he was first licensed, I know he is very dedicated to furthering the causes of amateur radio and VHF/UHF in particular.



*Rich Whiten, WB2OTK, sitting comfortably in his well-equipped VHF shack. Rich has worked all 50 states on 6 meters, plus 38 states on 2 meters, in just 2 years from his QTH in northwest South Carolina. He's also worked 24 states on 70 cm, using just 10 watts output power, since September 1984!*

Rich has operated the VHF bands for 15 years, first from Poughkeepsie, NY, then from Jacksonville, FL, and now from his South Carolina QTH in a rare grid square EM84. He's long been a 6 meter enthusiast. I remember the days when Rich installed a pair of stacked 6-element, 24 foot long Yagis on a tower mounted to the roof of his house near Poughkeepsie. As if that wasn't tempting fate enough, he followed with a 4-bay array of 16-element, 21 foot long Yagis for 2 meters (64 elements total) on that same roof tower! From a rather poor radio location apparently several hundred feet below average terrain, Rich proceeded to work all kinds of DX on 50 and 144 MHz, proving that dedication is probably the most important ingredient for success.

In the mid-1970s, I would stop by Rich's QTH in New York to see what new tomfoolery was engaging him, and we would spend an hour or so playing tennis,



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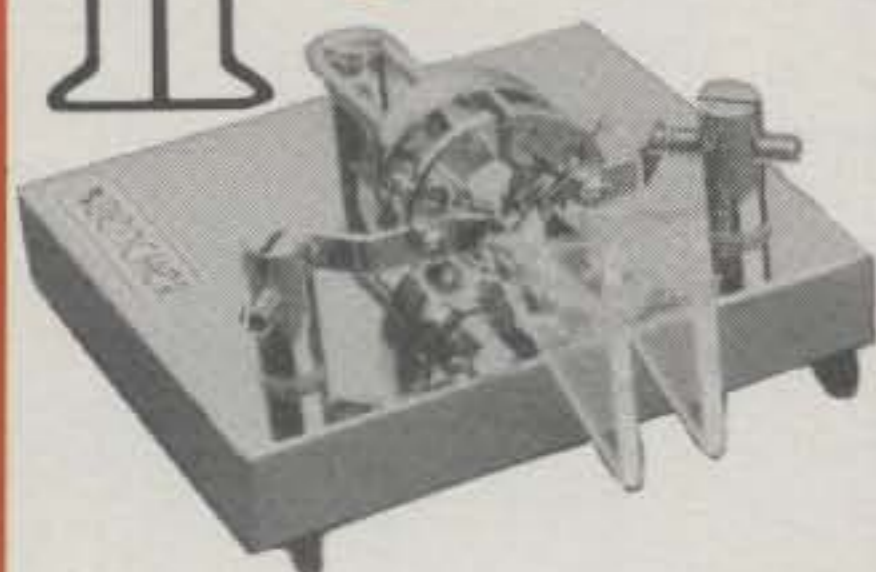
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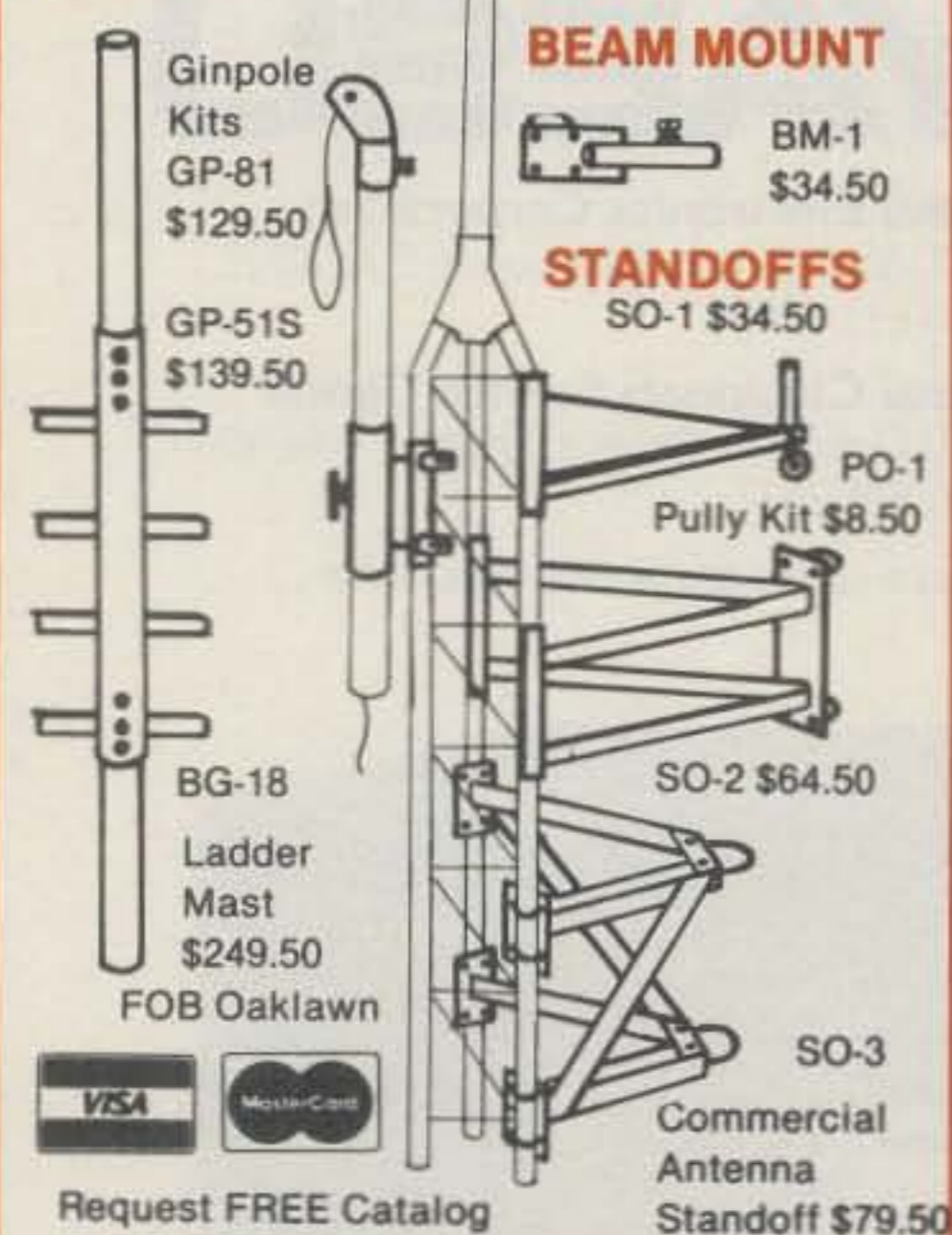
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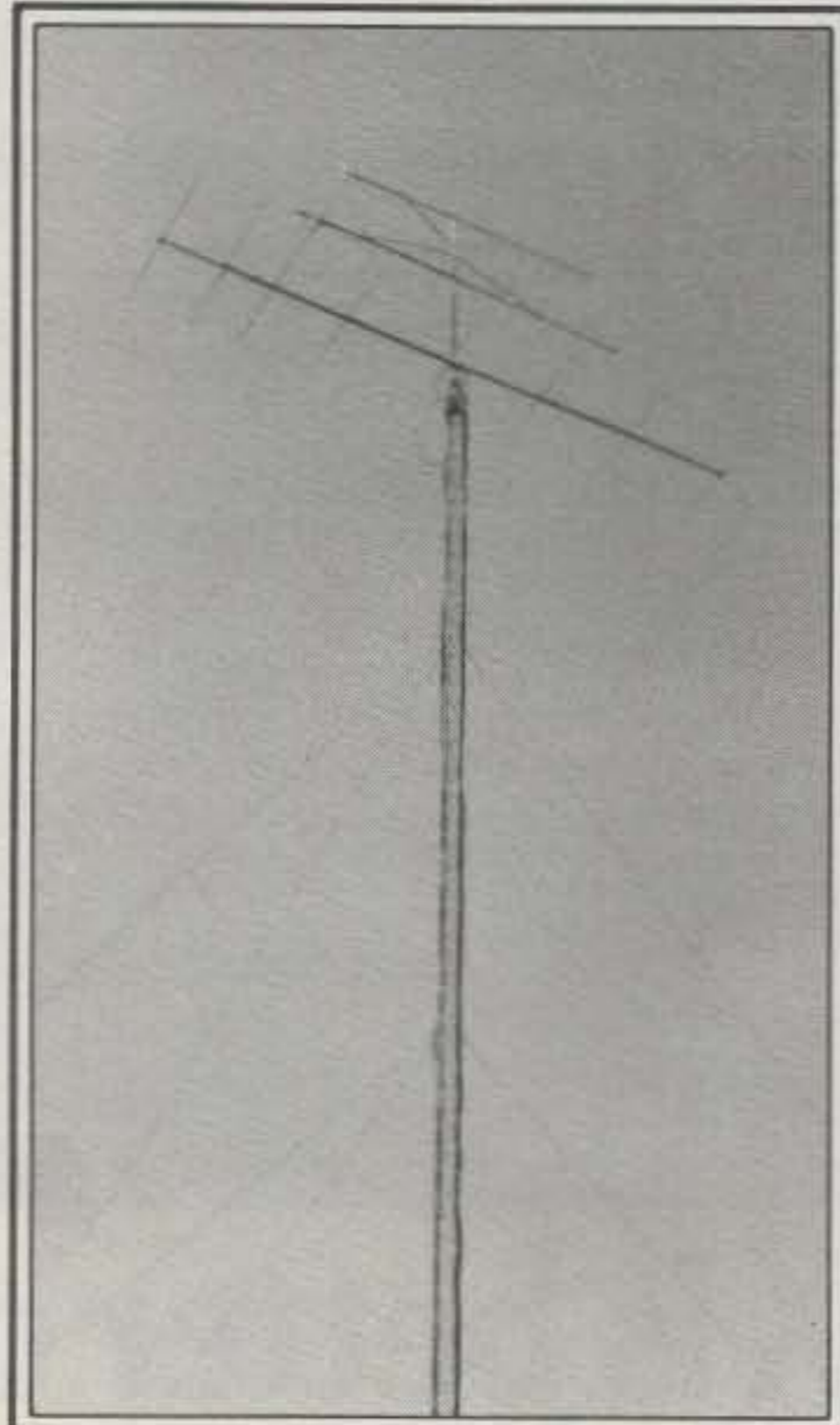
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The 100 foot tower and VHF antennas at WB2OTK, Piedmont, SC. Rich has installed 8 elements (on a 37 foot boom!) for 6 meters at 100 feet, plus a 19-element "Boomer" for 2 meters at 115 feet and a 24-element "Boomer" for 70 cm at 125 feet. He had also planned to install 4 stacked 5-element beams at 20, 40, 60, and 80 feet, aligned northeast and fed in phase (16 dBd total gain) for 6 meter work in the CQ VHF WPX Contest. That should produce quite a signal.



Six and 2 meter amplifiers at WB2OTK/4. The lower unit is an 8877 and accompanying power supply for 144 MHz, and the unit sitting atop the rack cabinet is a 4-1000A for 50 MHz. Both run the legal power limit.

a game at which Rich excels and at which I'd usually be trounced. Then Rich moved to Florida, where he probably progressed even further with his tennis skills and where he began an exciting new career chasing (and working) more VHF E-skip than we Northerners are accustomed to hearing. Tiring of Jacksonville, the Whitens relocated once more, this time to the Greenville, SC area. In just two years, WB2OTK has worked 50 states on 6 meters and 38 states on 2 meters from his SC location. As if this weren't impressive enough, he's also worked 24 states on 70 cm as of this writing (mid-July) since September 1984, just 9 months ago. And all 70 cm work has been done with just 10 watts output!

All this success doesn't come without some work, and Rich has poured a good deal of effort into his antenna system: 8 elements at 100 feet for 50 MHz, 19 elements at 115 feet for 144 MHz, and 24 elements at 125 feet for 432 MHz, all fed with 7/8 inch hardline. Whiten has also spent a lot of time constructing high-powered amplifiers for the 50 and 144 MHz bands, where he runs the legal power limit. The station equipment at WB2OTK includes a Drake TR-6 transceiver for 6 meters, with any of 3 different legal-limit amplifiers (a 4-1000A, 8877 or pair of 4-400A's). The TR-6 drives a Drake TC-2 transverter and an 8877 amplifier for 144 MHz. The 432 MHz setup is a Drake TR-5 transceiver with a Microwave Modules MMT432/28S transverter. The 2 meter and 70 cm receiving converters are preceded by GaAsFET preamplifiers, and Rich intends to have a power amplifier for 432 by the time this reaches print.

To supplement his 6 meter antenna farm, Rich intends to install a 24-element array of four 6-element beams at 20, 40, 60, and 80 feet above ground, fed in phase and fixed toward the northeast. Although his home sits at a ground elevation of about 950 feet above sea level, Rich says this is not particularly high for the area. Sassafras Mountain, the highest point in South Carolina, is just 30 miles away, while Mt. Mitchell, North Carolina, the highest peak east of the Mississippi at 6684 feet, is just 75 miles to the north of Rich's location. Despite these obstacles, WB2OTK does very well on the VHF/UHF bands, having worked 31 states on 2 meters within 6 1/2 weeks of moving into his new home in Piedmont. Rich worked DX such as New Mexico (KA5EBL, some 1260 miles to the west) in his first few weeks on 144 MHz, and was busy working Minnesota on 432 MHz when I called him on the telephone the evening of July 8 to advise him that 2 meters was open! Some guys have all the luck.

WB2OTK was recently the subject of some unfortunate publicity regarding numerous TVI complaints against him received by the FCC's Atlanta field office. The TVI was apparently the result of Rich



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### The First Annual CQ WW VHF WPX Contest

This is being written only a few days after our first CQ VHF WPX Contest, and I have not as yet received comments from participants, other than the few heard on the air during the contest. I had reported in the July column that I'd personally be active with a multi-op group in northern New Jersey, using the call K2XR. Well,

this turned out to be half true. I was active from New Jersey, but we decided to use the call NV6O/2, a much "rarer" prefix than K2! Eric, NV6O, is a new member of our S.C.O.R.E. contest club, and he is a permanent NJ resident. Using his call seemed only proper for a prefix contest, and I'm glad we had the opportunity to be "rare" in a VHF contest. We set up a multi-multi QRO (high power) station at the QTH of KC2PX in Belle Mead, NJ and made 672 QSO's with (preliminary count) 217 prefix multipliers for a total score of about 170K points.

The WPX Contest was a lot of fun for us. We had some terrific tropo on 2 meters Friday night and made numerous contacts with Ohio, Kentucky, North Carolina, and South Carolina, all areas more than 400 miles distant. Saturday offered excellent E-skip on 6 meters, allowing us to work nearly all the 48 continental states during the 4-hour opening. We had good meteor scatter Saturday morning,

making a dozen m.s. QSO's in one hour on 50 MHz. Ironically (but not surprisingly), our first scatter contact was with WB2OTK/4 in South Carolina. The weather was very hot and humid here in the northeast, and we took advantage of KC2PX's in-ground swimming pool to cool off when activities slowed down.

We were disappointed with activity on 220 MHz (what else is new?), where we made a measly 16 QSO's during the contest period. Of course, some of this poor performance was our own fault. During the Friday evening activity hour, our 220 MHz receiving converter wasn't connected (pilot error). At NV6O/2, we made 257 QSO's on 6 meters, 331 QSO's on 2 meters, 54 QSO's on 432, and 14 QSO's on 1296, in addition to the 220 total reported. I was very happy to hear NA1L—a good prefix—on the air, operated by W1XX of the ARRL. K1TR, AA2Z/1, and a few others were expending great effort to work up good totals from New England. WS4F in Georgia and W5HUQ in Florida were very active on 6 meters and had good totals when last heard. KQ3R in Pennsylvania was doing a wonderful job on all five bands: this is Tom Waldrin, proprietor of the VHF Shop, a CQ advertiser.

I heard some complaints during the contest: too long a contest period; not enough promotion; not enough activity; date too close to the ARRL contests; and so forth. These are good inputs, and I hope some of these comments are reported in writing from participants. A brand-new contest can't be perfect, and we didn't expect it to be. But we were gratified at the activity levels, especially considering the intense heat of the weekend, and look forward to making constructive changes in the contest. If you have not yet made known your comments re the VHF WPX contest, please write to us and tell us what you think.

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

Oct. 4–6, **1985, ARRL National Convention**, Louisville, KY. Contact the Greater Louisville Hamfest Assn., P.O. Box 34444, Louisville, KY 40232 (502-368-6657).

Oct. 5, **9th Annual Mid-Atlantic VHF Conference**, Warrington, PA. Contact Hamarama 85, P.O. Box 311, Southampton, PA 18966, or call Lee A. Cohen, K3MXM, at 215-635-4942.

Oct. 5, **RAGS Hamfest**, New York State Fairgrounds, east of Thruway Exit 39. Contact Viv Douglas, WA2PUU, P.O. Box 88, Liverpool, NY 13088.

Oct. 5, **CQ Radio Club of Torrington, Fleamarket**, Watertown, CT. Contact Donald D. Taylor, KA1GKJ, P.O. Box 455, Watertown, CT 06795.

Oct 5–6, **Mississippi Coast ARA Hamfest**, Biloxi, MS. Contact Mississippi Coast ARA, P.O. Box 1785, Gulfport, MS 39501.

Oct 6, **Yonkers Electronics Fair and Fleamarket**, Yonkers, NY. Contact Yonkers ARC 914-969-1053.

Oct. 6, **Computer Central Show and Swap Meet**, Des Plaines, IL. Contact Computer Central, 1506 Central Ave., Deerfield, IL 60015.

Oct. 6, **Springfield Hamfest and Computer Expo**, Springfield, OH. Contact Independent Radio Assn., 513-322-8236.

Oct. 6, **Southeast Iowa Hamfest**, West Liberty, IA. Contact Tom Kramer, KE0Y, 905 Leroy St., Muscatine, IA 52761 (319-264-3259).

Oct. 13, **Lima, Ohio Hamfest**, Lima, OH. Contact NOARC, Box 211, Lima, OH 45802.

Oct. 13, **Ham Fair 85**, Lansing, MI. Contact Rowena Elrod, KA8OBS, 111 Lancelot Place, Lansing, MI 48906 (517-482-9650).

Oct. 19, **Tri-Cities Hamfest**, Gray, TN. Contact Tri-Cities Hamfest, P.O. Box 3682 CRS, Johnson City, TN 37601.

Oct. 19, **SPARC Swapmeet and Packet Exhibit**, Lee County Fairgrounds, Opelika/Auburn, AL. Contact Ray at 205-745-2838.

Oct. 19, **Austin ARC Fall Swapfest**, Manchaca, TX. Contact Jim Strohm, KA5UXC, 1743 Cricket Hollow Dr., Austin, TX 78758 (512-837-5423)—SASE.

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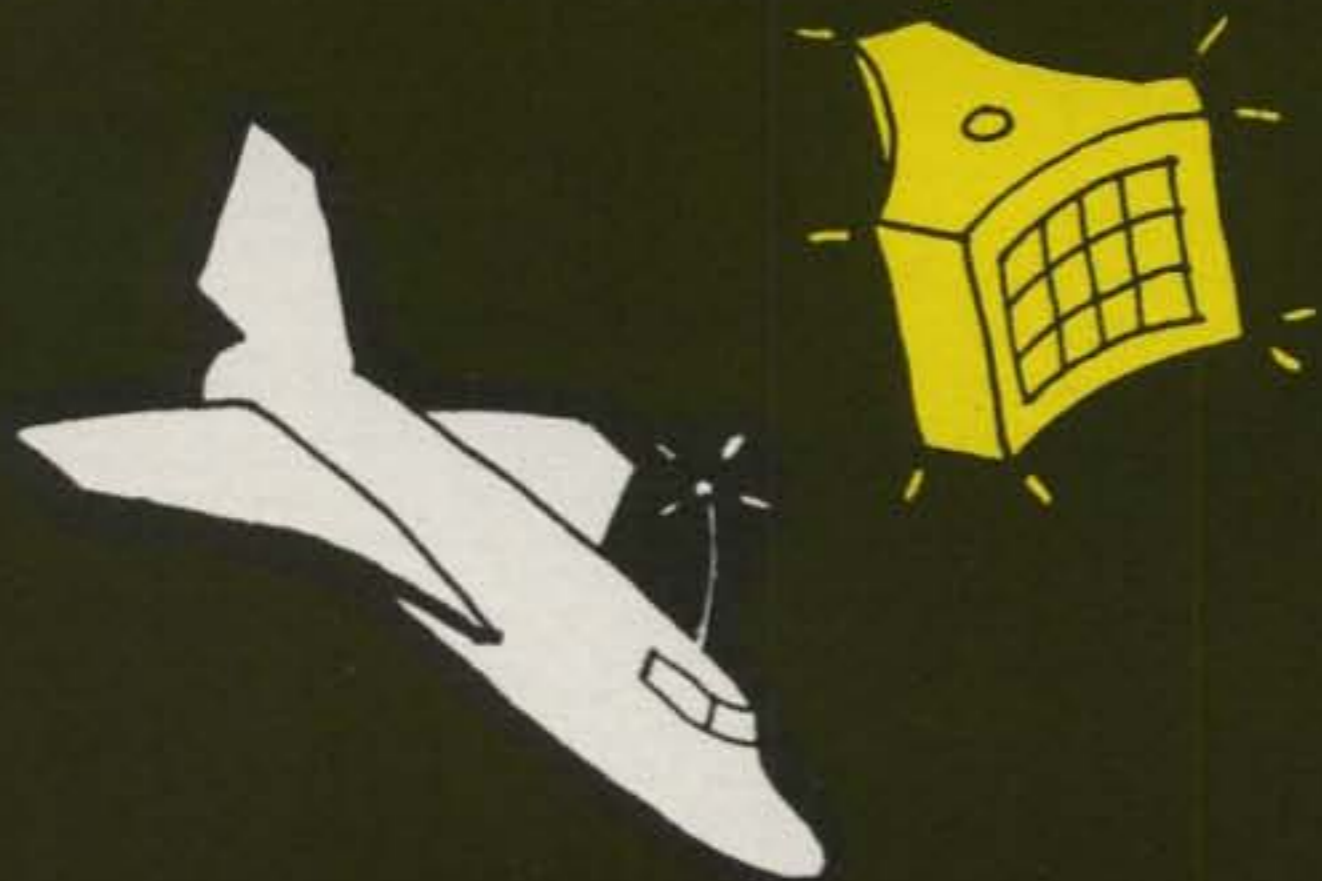
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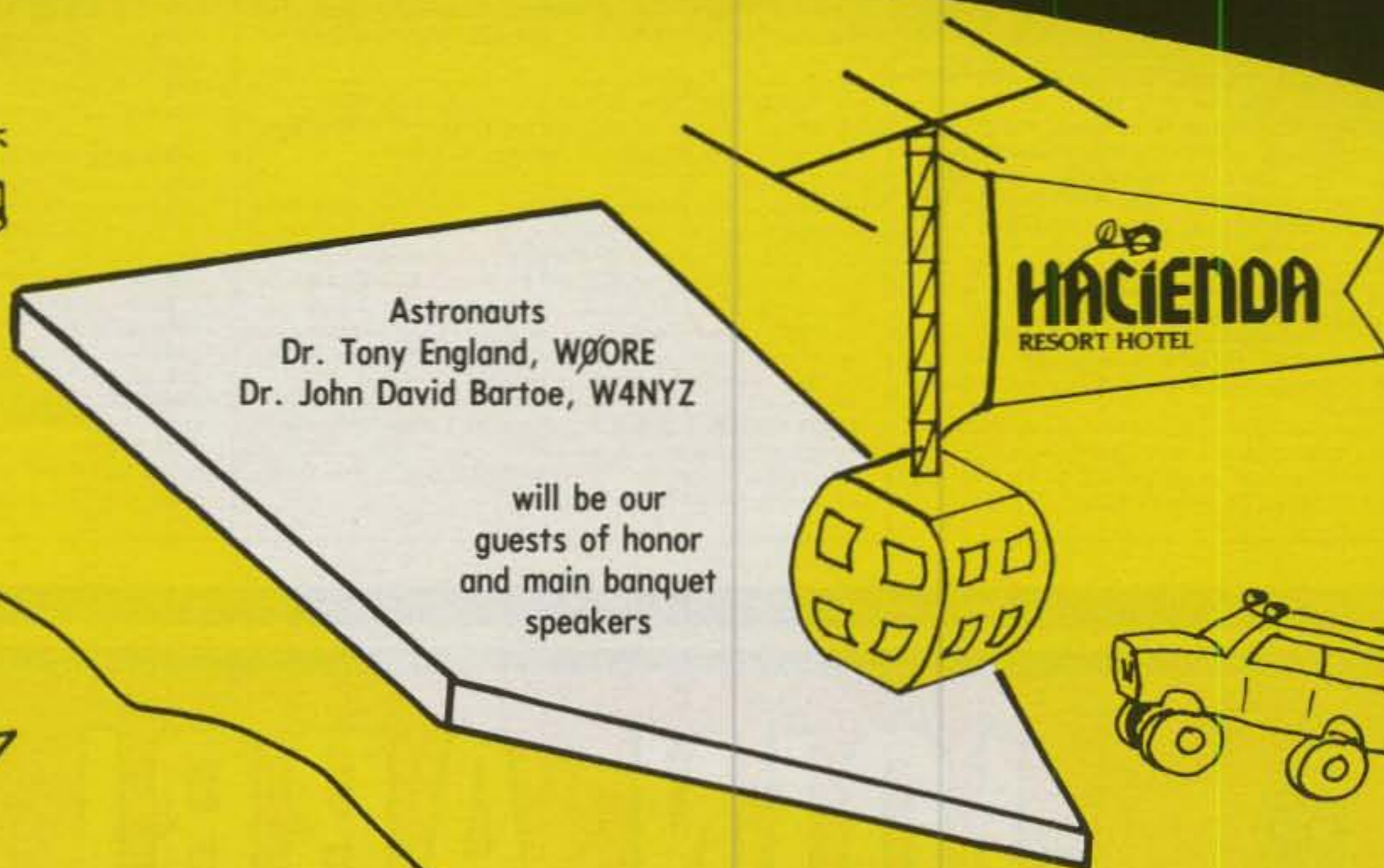
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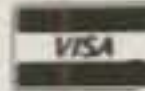
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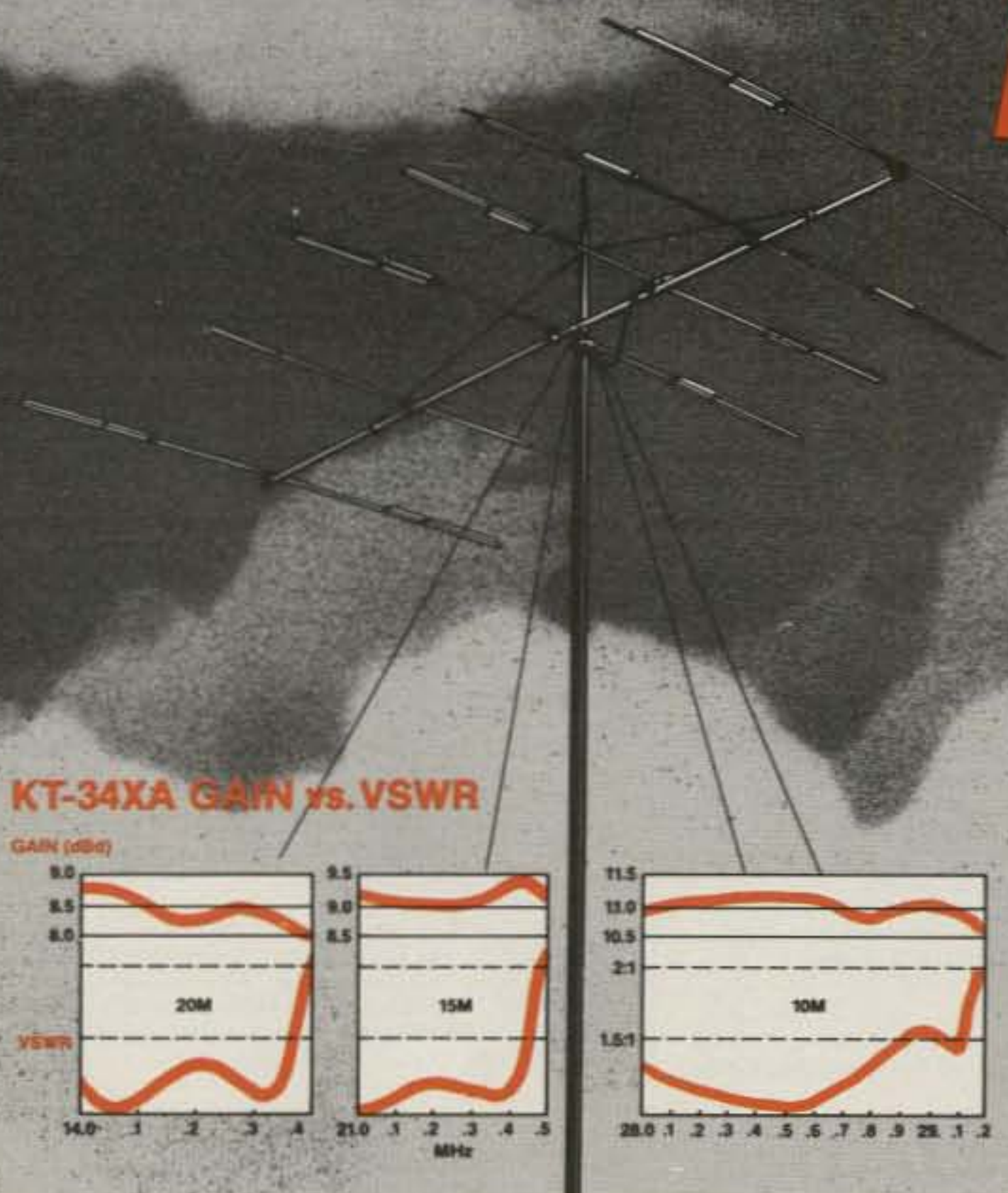
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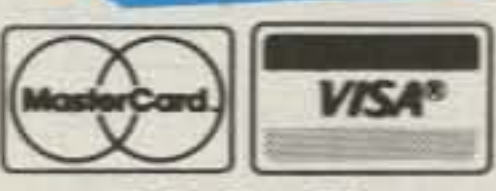
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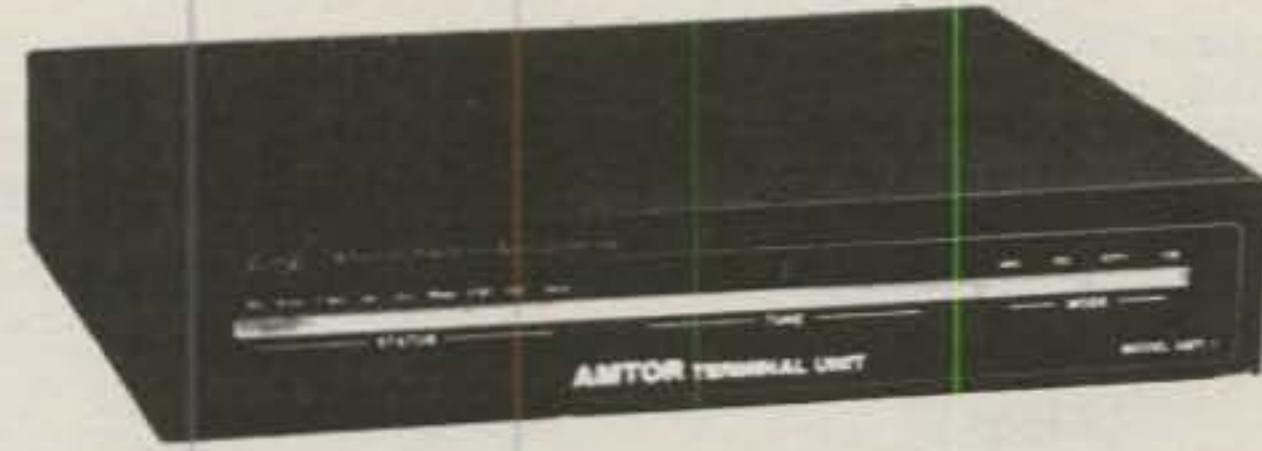
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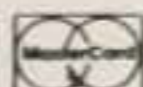
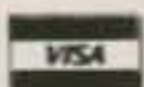
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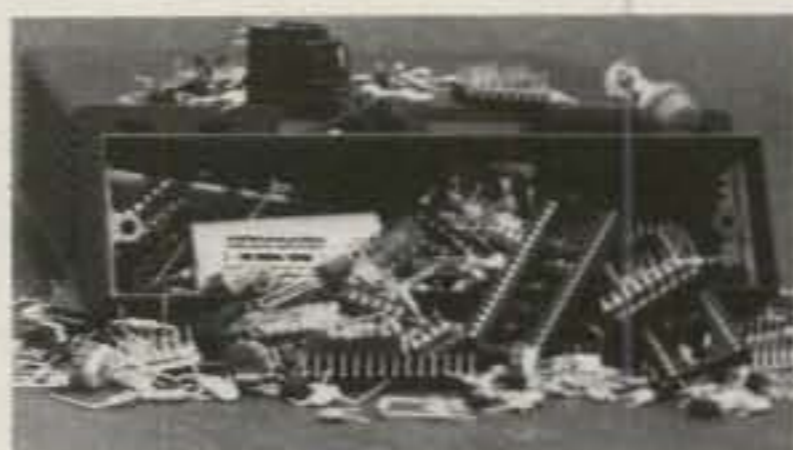
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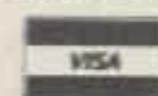
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SSB Narrow (Hygrade Crystal)	FL-44A	455	2.4
<b>OPTIONAL FILTERS</b>			
CW Narrow	FL-52A	455	0.500
CW Narrow	FL-53A	455	0.250
SSB Wide	FL-70	9011.5	2.8
CW Narrow	FL-32	9010.6	0.500
CW Narrow	FL-63	9010.6	0.250
AM	FL-33	9010.0	6.0

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