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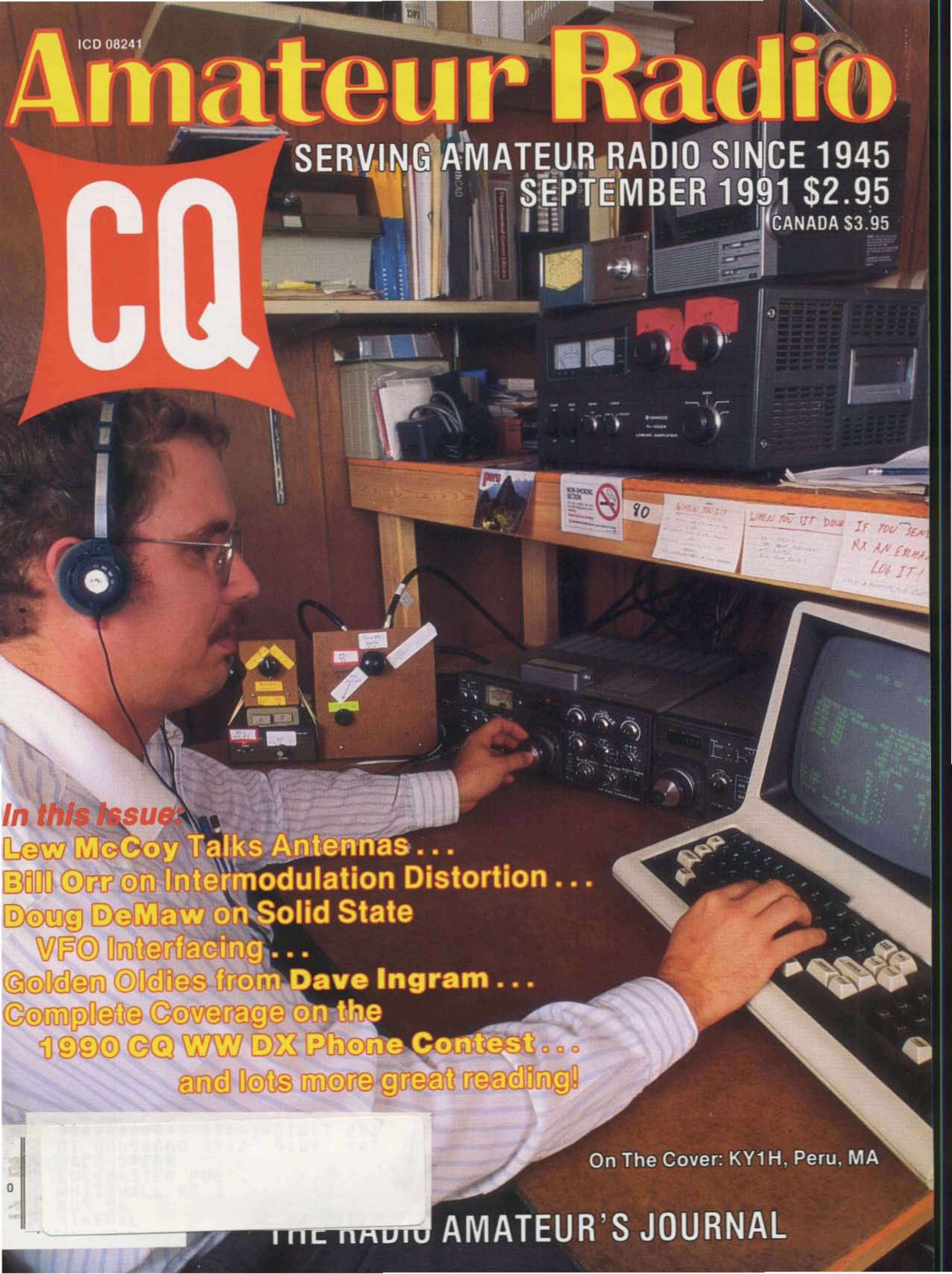
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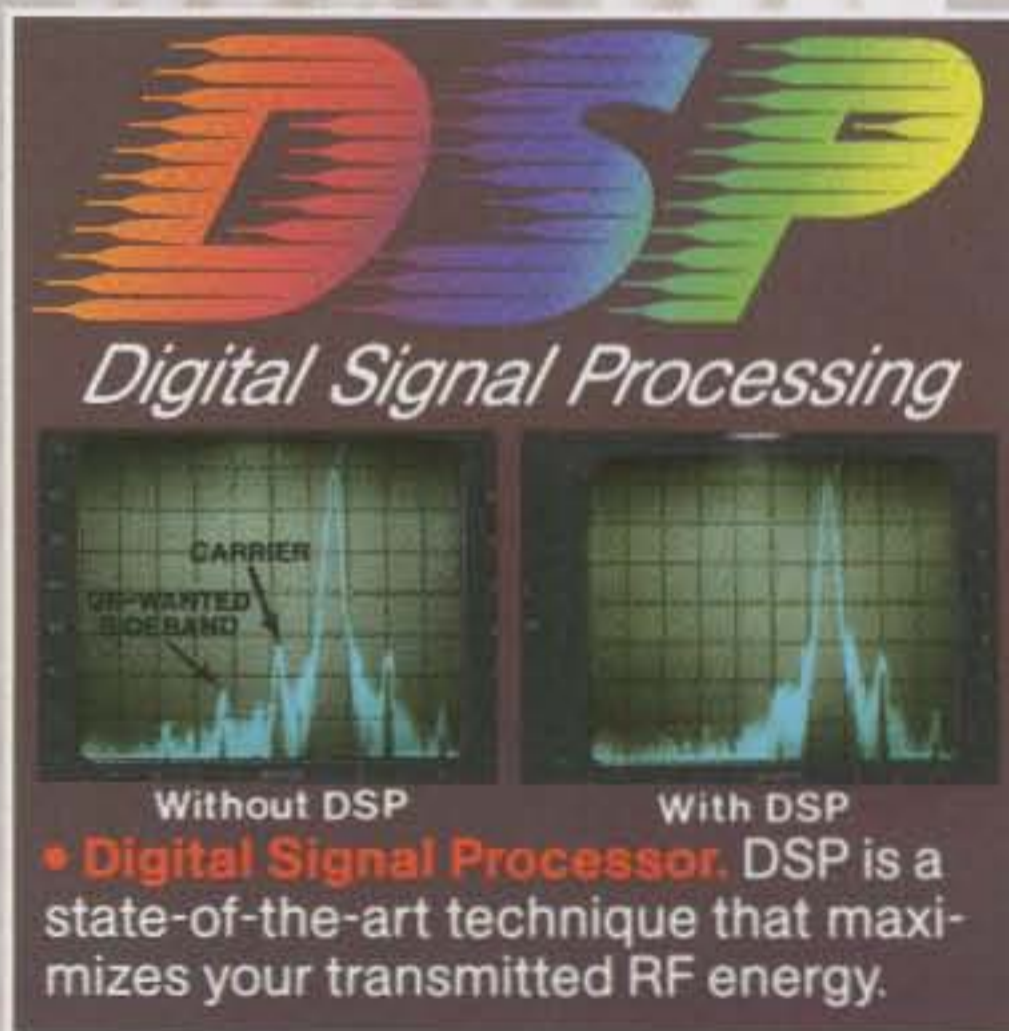
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- YG-455CN-1 250 Hz CW filter for 455 kHz IF*
- YK-88SN-1 1.8 kHz SSB filter for 8.83 MHz IF
- YG-455S-1 2.4 kHz SSB filter for 455 kHz IF*
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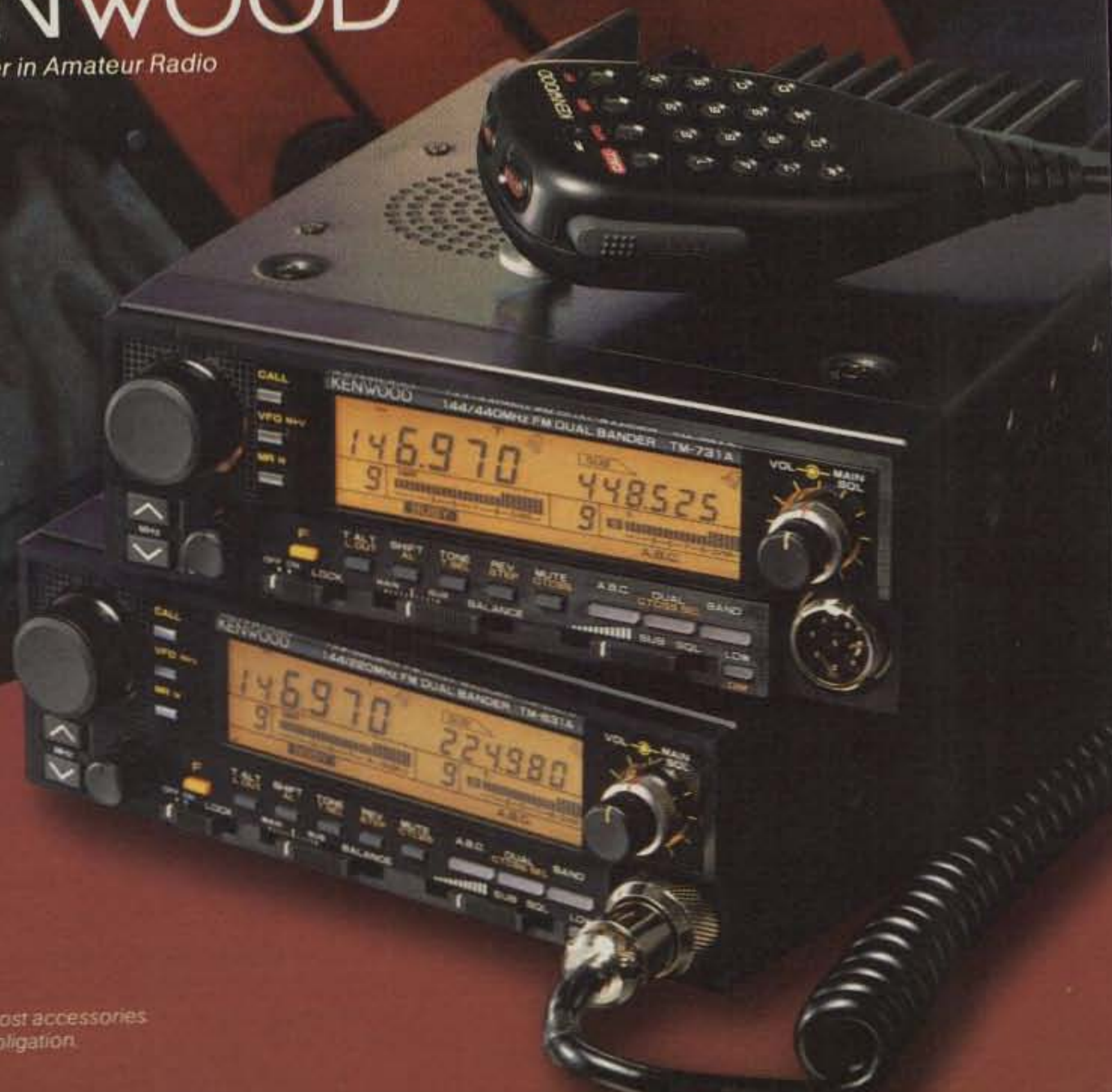
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ON THE COVER: Dave Robbins, KY1H, uses this setup at his Peru, Mass. QTH to while away an occasional weekend chasing a few multipliers. Dave's flash-up shows once again, that the elaborate station set-up is not an absolute necessity for having fun in a CQ DX contest. (Photo by Larry Mulvehill, WB2ZPI)



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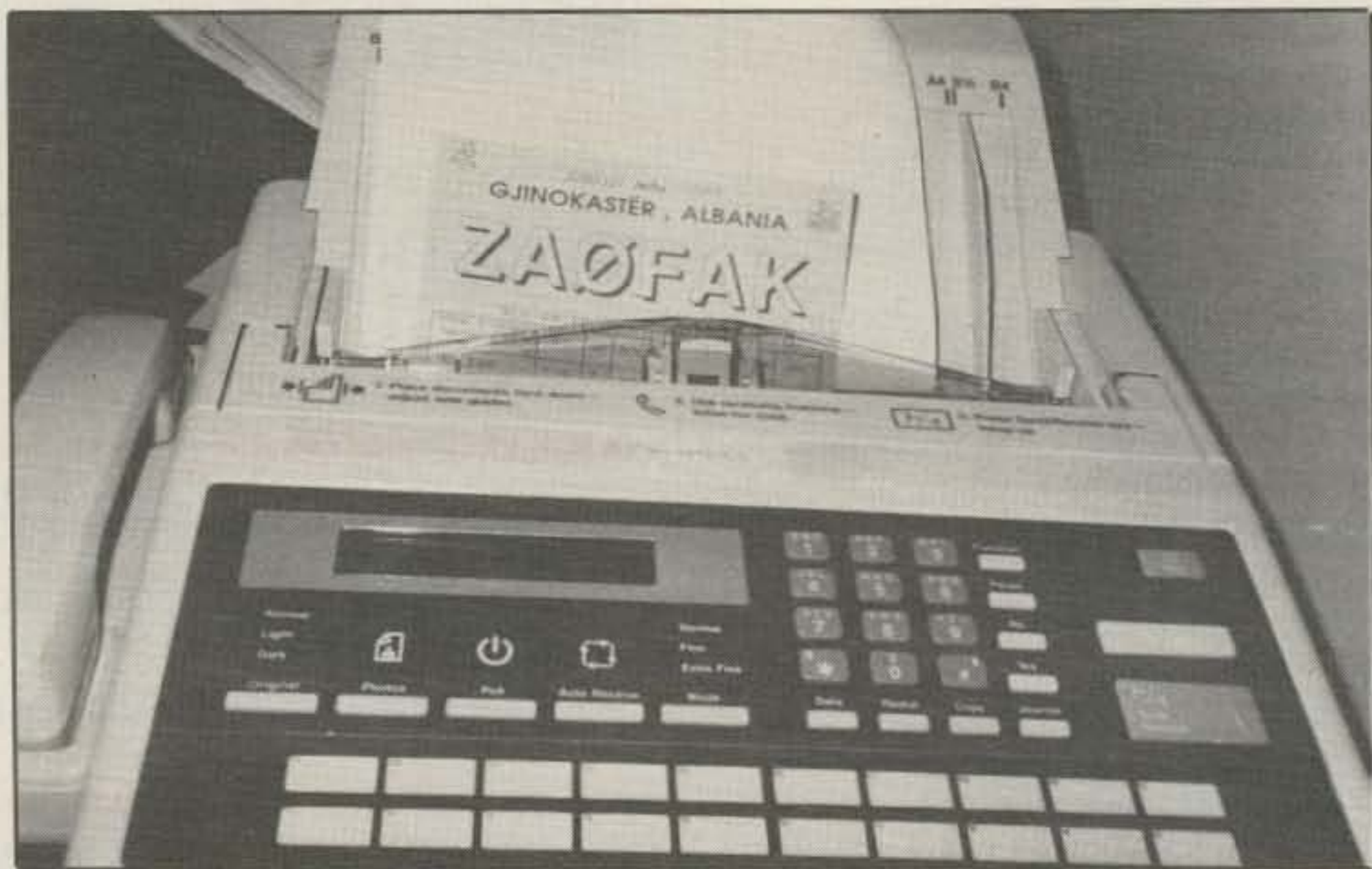
The other day I received a copy of a video tape from Jack Reed, WA7LNW, on the PJ9W operation during our 1990 CQ WW DX Contest. At first viewing it is a most imposing effort (as their score attests), and on some levels it is sort of depressing in that it's hard to imagine competing against it. If you get a chance to view the tape, you'll see what happens when determination, planning, unbounded imagination, and apparently unbounded funds co-mingle. Of course, let's not forget to mix in ability, talent, and expertise, too.

Basically, this contest effort represents everybody's fantasy whereby you design the perfect or perceived ultimate anything and then are able to use it or do it, and everything is wonderful. For the Finnish group, at least, there is no doubt that things were wonderful and came out pretty much as planned. At the moment I can't think of what they or any other group can do to top that score.

I think that it's safe to say that most of us will not attain scores of that magnitude nor undertake a DXpedition resembling a military operation. A lot of us will still go all out, no holds barred, for this event, even though we know we may run up against another PJ9W. Obviously, most of us know that we have only two chances to win—slim and none. However, the excitement and the rush exist in being part of the contest and not necessarily its winner. We all tend to be deadly serious in the quest for something, making most of us more competitive than we think we are. Even the most dedicated "couch potato" among us can become the hunter if the goal or prey is right. The chase for the world record, a certain number of countries, counties, prefixes, islands, or whatever can drive us wild, albeit seriously wild.

Speaking of serious, a great deal of the PJ9W videotape shows many of the Finnish team seriously hard at work assembling the antennas and the various stations. Some of the dialogue between the members was in Finnish, and it was hard at times to tell whether or not they were having a good time for all this effort. Maybe it's just me, but I have difficulty at times in "reading" the faces of Scandinavian people. As with other peoples it is easier to tell what's going on by their facial expressions alone. Well, one thing for sure is these people were serious about what they were doing. However, at the end, setting aside all the high-tech gear, the specialized antenna systems, the banks of computers, etc., the group huddled around a table while one member anxiously did a quick final total on a small handheld calculator and came up with the record-breaking score. Suddenly, as if by magic, they all had this wondrous expression of glee and happiness. There was the shouting and the joy that says in any language, this was worthwhile, this was worth all the pain, this was my moment.

Well, we all get that moment to some degree in achieving anything new. Some get it by edging up their score from a previous contest, others from a few new countries added to their total. Teams, clubs, and groups get it from working together towards some common goal and enjoy recounting the experiences, funny and otherwise, that took place during the short pe-



FAX QSLing (FSLs)—when you just can't wait for that new one.

riod. Whatever the reason, whether we would like to admit it or not, we tend to enjoy the high that comes with competing. It's called *fun*.

There is another side benefit to all of the contests on the air and all of the people who chase and collect whatever. It is that we provide the animus to those who dislike everything happening in amateur radio except for what *they* do in it. These people need their fun, too. Their enjoyment comes in complaining, exhorting, and letter writing (a form of QSLing). So, all of this doing and achieving has something in it for everyone.

I expect to hear a lot of you in this year's CQ World-Wide Contest trying to make a lot of people, including yourself, happy. Enjoy. That's what it's all about.

FSLs

Contests mean hundreds, if not thousands, of contacts. While some of us diligently QSL these contacts for various awards, it generally takes a long time for us to see the results of these contacts—the return QSL. If you're among the few amateurs who are bored and blase about QSLing or indifferent to either sending or receiving QSL cards, then skip the rest of this editorial and go on to the articles. If you're one of those amateurs who think that DXing or award chasing is a blatant conspiracy perpetrated by money-hungry, zillionaire QSL printers, then skip to the articles. If you're interested in utilizing the latest technology to enhance your amateur radio fun and expand your possibilities, then read on.

First I have to admit that this was done purely as an experiment to see if it could be done in real time, and was not something designed to drive the folks up in Newington to stock up on antacid tablets. The idea for the test came

from Michael Klein, KC3NE. It was used on a small scale in 1990, with further testing scheduled later in the year. I'll let KC3NE describe what's been going on:

"You've heard the adage 'Work 'em first, worry later.' Well, why worry? FAX manufacturers are now taking a hint from rig manufacturers and are getting into the DXpedition-for-promotions biz. That's why on the next big DXpedition (*unnamed so far—ed.*), FAX machines will go along. When the DX station gives his ID, the operator will also announce a FAX number. That way you can run out to the local Quickie Copy store that has a FAX machine (until you get your own), whip your QSL through the machine, and send your card directly to the DXpedition. Within minutes the DX operator will FAX back his card. No IRCs, no green stamps, no bureaus, no mess, no fuss. Just reach out and touch either CQ-DX or DXCC. It's the next best thing to being there."

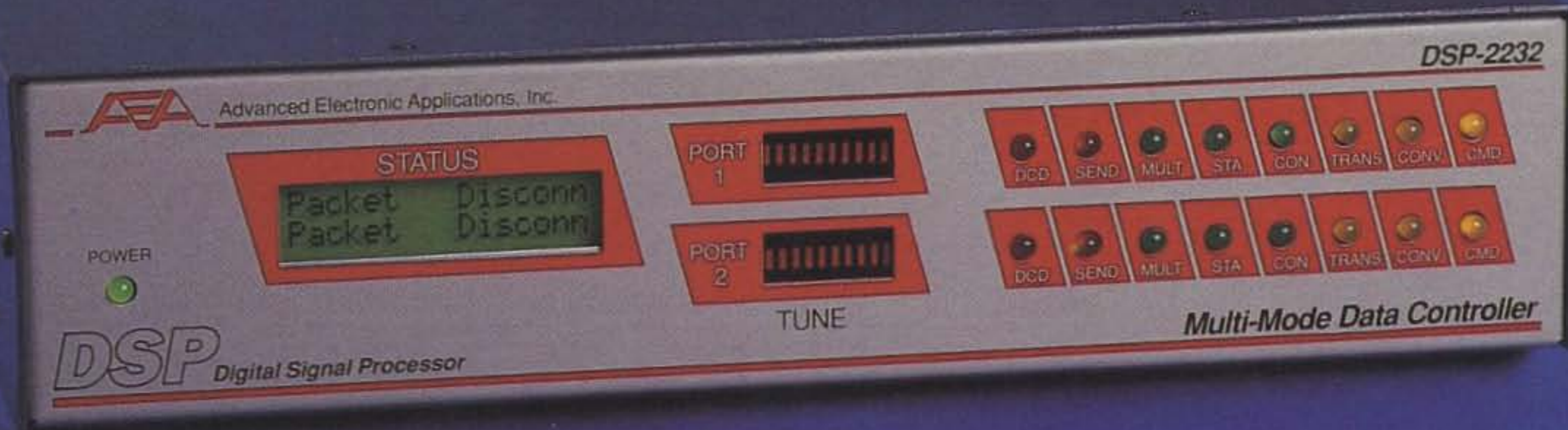
While strictly unauthorized at the moment, FSLs may be the wave of the future and the shape of things to come.

New World Record Set

If you check page 46, you'll read about a new world record for amateur radio communications—154 miles. To a lot of us communicating over 154 miles doesn't sound like DX or something that is hard to do. At the moment, however, none of our major amateur radio equipment manufacturers market gear for this frequency, and I doubt that they have any plans to do so in the immediate future. We're talking about laser communications here, and 154 miles is quite a bit of DX. The equipment may look strange and different, but it's still amateur radio and it's still exciting.

73, Alan, K2EEK

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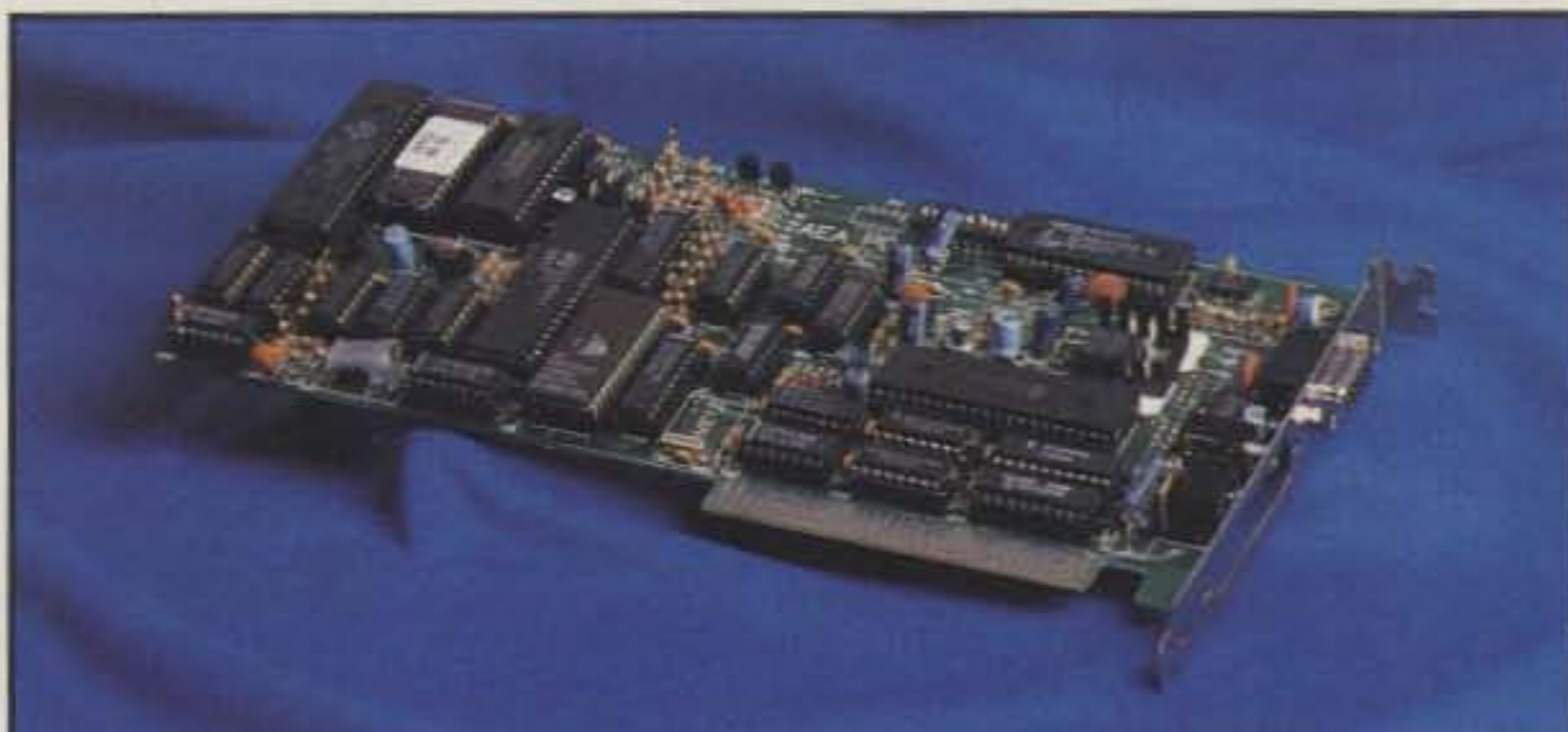
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- IF: 561.225, 58.075, 455KHz or 10.7MHz
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IF:	736.23, (352.23) (198.63) 45.0275, 455KHz
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Selectivity:	2.4KHz/-6db (SSB) 12KHz/-6db (NFM/AM)
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Power:	Input 13.8 V. DC 500mA
Antenna:	BNC
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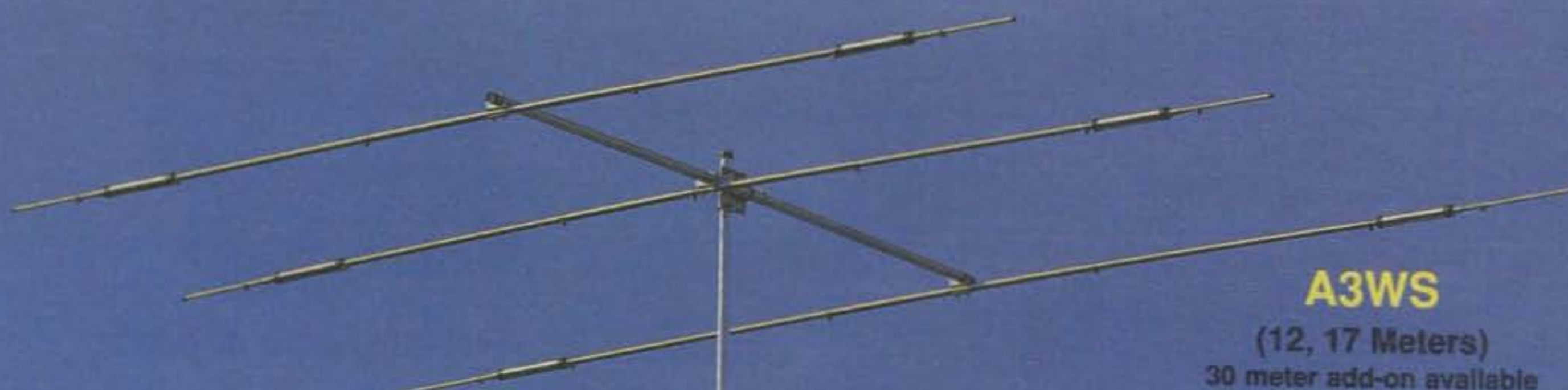
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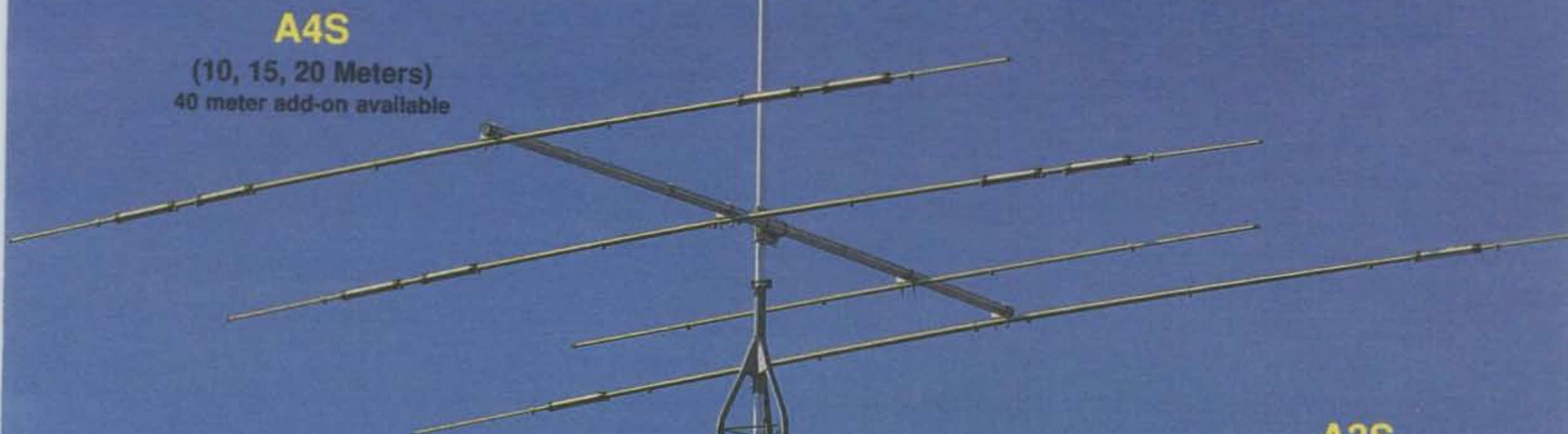
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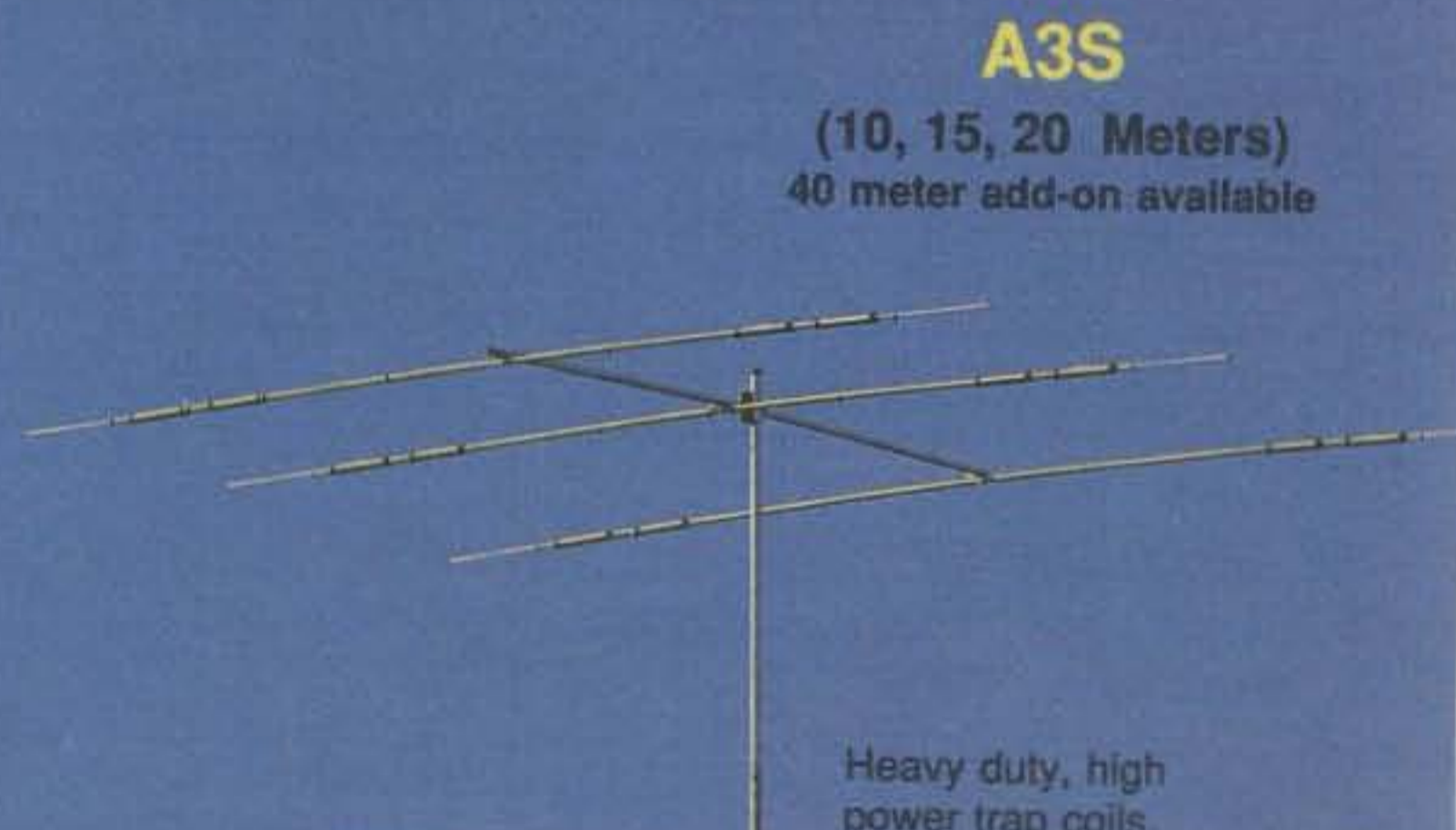
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KD3XN, from Fort Delaware, Pea Patch Island, Delaware; Tristate ARC; Sept. 27-29 (no times given); 10, 12, 15, 17, 20 meters. Ops: N3EMY, N3IGK, N3ISR, KD3XN. For QSL send SASE to op worked.

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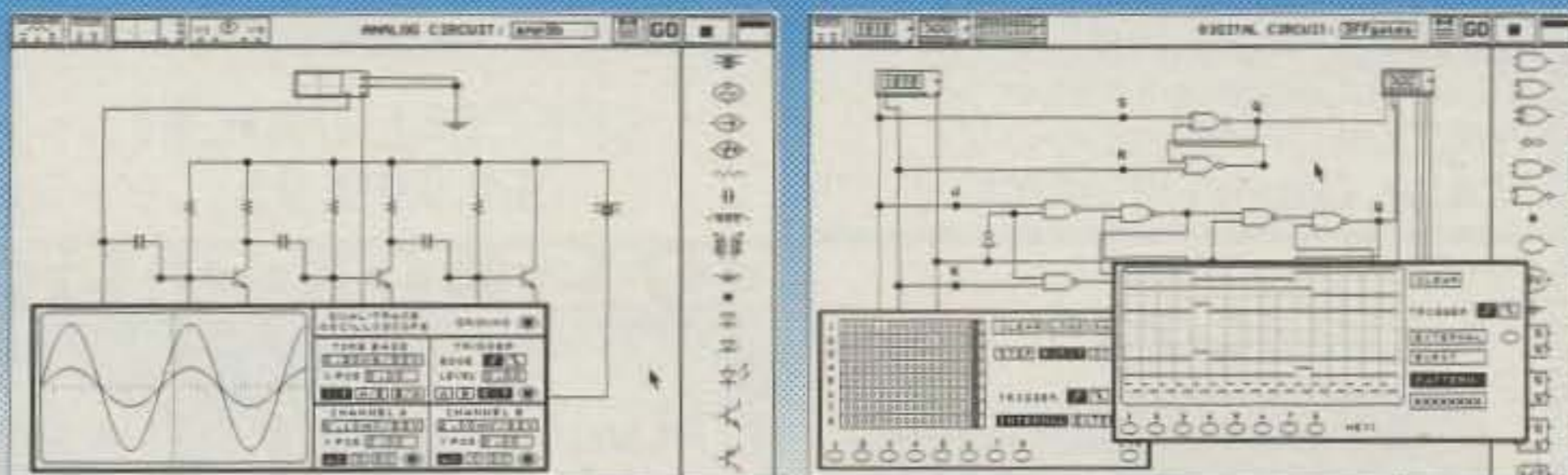
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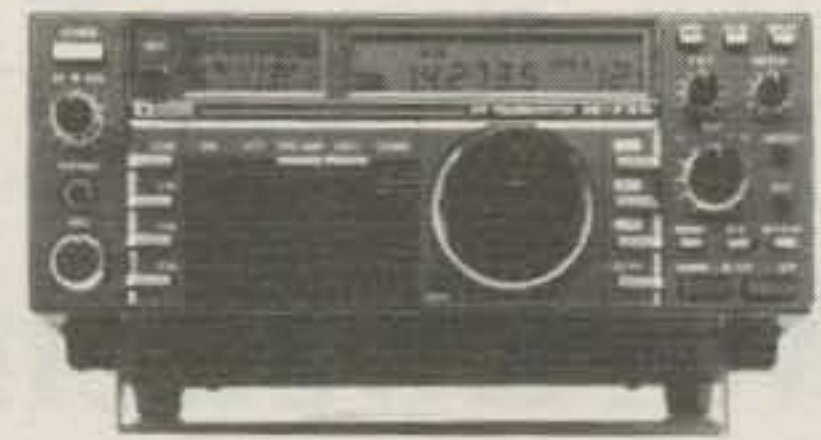
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Results of The 1990 CQ World-Wide DX SSB Contest

BY BOB COX*, K3EST/6, AND LARRY BROCKMAN**, N6AR/4

Looking back over the last year with dramatic change and turmoil in the world almost every day, it is hard to imagine what else lies around the corner. As I sit and write this article, the moon is eclipsing the sun in northern California. Everyone along its path has temporarily forgotten their troubles, and they are focused on a common event. Just like last year, we are all forgetting about our troubles and are joined in a worldwide engrossing event.

Here are a few comments that stand out: "Never had more fun in my whole life" . . . 9M6HF. "Ham radio is like golf. You don't have to be good at it to have fun . . . K16PG. "Anyone who doesn't work this contest is brain dead!" . . . N6VMS. Thanks for a once-in-a-lifetime contest. CQ WW is the best! . . . KR0Y. "Over 100 countries on one band in a contest for the first time" . . . N2UN. "This was my first contest 'without pencil'" . . . OH1BV. "Many hams, much QRM, big pleasure" . . . YO3DCO.

Everyone was hoping that cycle 22 would hold on long enough for the 1990 fall season. It looked like the cycle was declining slowly and that great conditions on the high bands would soon be put to bed for another 11 years. Contesters from Novices to old timers kept their fingers crossed. DXpeditions were heading out to the far corners of the world, the result of months of planning by American, Japanese, Finnish, French, German, Hungarian, and English hams. As the clock ticked toward 0000Z, anyone who tuned the bands could hear the encouraging number of stations from all over the world testing out their signals. "CQ, this is CN0A. Anyone copy?" The roar on the frequency was encouraging. CQ, this is it. This is the fun that novices and experts both share. Stay tuned for the results.

All-Band Results

If it's true as K16PG commented that ham radio is like golf, then this year's winner finished far under par. Martti Laine, OH2BH, operating from CT3BH, talked his way to a new world record that makes everyone take notice. Martti asked, "Where is the world's best location? Many people go too far out for fishing." Martti sure found the best fishing for the 1990 contest, reeling in over 7000 QSOs. Combining good multipliers on the low bands because of his proximity to Europe with high rates on the high bands, he broke his old record by 2 million points.

Over in the Pacific Ocean, Rich, N6KT, was also looking for that same special location. He traveled down to HC8A, where after a week of hard work rebuilding antennas, he finished

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The operators of PJ1B, new holders of the world multi-multi record. Left to right standing K2EK, W3HHG, N4RV, KB2XZ, NL7GP, WW2Y, K2SS, K3EST, W3BSY; kneeling N3ED, N7ZZ, WA3LRO.

second in a close race with FG5R operated by Jim, W7EJ.

Go west, young man. That is exactly what the USA top scorer did. Hitting the ground running after his fine finish in the Goodwill Games, Jeff, KR0Y, steered WM5G to the USA championship. Combining the best of JAs and Europe openings made for a Texas-sized score.

Before the European signals made it to Texas, they had to pass through K300's QTH. Rick caught enough of them to take second-place honors. As Yugoslavia tries to sort out its problems, our man in Slovenia, YT3AA, had no trouble in setting his sights on establishing a new European record. He did just that. Tine handed out YT90A enough times to walk away with 7 million points and the European crown. Second place goes to Steve, GW4BLE.

High-Band Results

"Very nice to work CQ WW like inside a mosquito cloud. Hi!Hi!" . . . L4D. Well, that about sums up the activity on 28 MHz this year. From 300 to 900, the band was humming. A new world record was established by ZP0Y operated by Luis, ZP5JCY. Putting 5400 QSOs in the log is not an easy task even for an all band entry. That is just what Luis did to end up on top of PQ5C and LS6T. In the US, NR5M from Texas ran away from the pack to take top 28 MHz honors. The scores on 10 reflect the widespread band opening from 1- to 7-land in the USA top six. Bill, W0ZV, from Colorado, finished second over Doug, K1DG, from New Hampshire. Except for 4N3AA, 28 MHz was a North/South American contest. He just edged out LZ1KOZ for the high European score.

Fifteen meters was greatly improved over the previous year. Three stations broke the 2 million point barrier. K4UEE operating from P40R set a new world record. He sure likes to set new records. Every year he seems to set another one. Frank, 9Y4VU, pushed the gasoline pedal down and finished second with a fine 2.2 million points. In the US it was a northeast competition for top honors. The spot goes to NG2X, who ran away from the pack. NB2P finished second with a fine effort. Reflecting the worldwide great conditions on 21 MHz, CQ4A operated by CT1BOP finished the test with 1.7 M points for a new European record. YU3PV operating from a mountain in Slovenia drew a second-place finish.

Looking at the results on 14 MHz does not show the hard work it takes to stick with the effort in spite of the continuous QRM. Sometimes the band was open to every continent at once. If you called CQ, a JA, SV, KP4, and ZS might call you at the same time! After the dust settled, the world winner was YV3A operated by YV5IVB. Not far behind was CQ Contest Hall of Famer, Al, G3FXB. He finished as top score in Europe. Second in Europe was the famous club station YU1EXY operated by YU6AR. Finishing first in the US but just missing the US record was John, W1RR. John finished ahead of another John, K2VV.

Low-Band Results

This was quite a year. Not only were the conditions on the high bands great, but the conditions on the low were also outstanding. Over 150 countries were available on 7 MHz if you could have worked them all. The single op who



Always a big signal by the boys from RT1U, the #1 UB-score. Left to right: UT4UZ, UA9CSS, UT5UGR, UV9CP, UT3UA; front UB5CGN.

put together the best combination of QSOs and countries was ZF2JR operated by N6RJ. Jim set a new world record. In his log you could see where he checked into daytime nets to work strings of Cubans and other Caribbean stations. Second place goes 4000 miles farther east to IK5BAF, who took the European title. Second in Europe goes to avid contester DL3OI. KV0Q was doing something right. It is not easy to win this band from the west, but that is just what he did. NQ2D and W2SC/1 finished second and third, respectively.

Wow! The scores on 3.7 went through the ceiling. HA8IE was not satisfied with just breaking the European record. He set a new all-time world record as well. GW4OFQ took both second in the world and Europe. In the States, Bob, W6RJ, continued to astound the competition by finishing third in the world and number one in the USA—quite an effort from the west coast. The long-path opening to Europe must have been good. Moving up to fourth in the world and second in the US was N2KK.

Taking advantage of good top-band conditions and looking into Europe, UG6GAW more than tripled the next highest score. Of course, it is not so easy to get multipliers and QSOs from Nova Scotia. That is where VE1ZZ took second place. Once again the US's outstanding 160 meter operator is Rick, K5UR. He sure appears as the first W in a lot of DX logs. He was followed by W2FCR. In Europe UT5DK took the top-band honors by beating OM6JDX.

Multi-Op Categories

In a year with so much activity from everywhere it was not surprising to see so many high-scoring multi-single scores. The top four teams were from four different continents. The Italian team of IQ4A out-distanced the rest with an outstanding score of 17 M. Finishing second was 8P9X, a bunch of great ops who every year go on their "fishing trip" to catch the big one—the CQ WW. A joint Hungarian and Turkish team made everyone happy with YM5KA. Finishing second in Europe was the familiar club call of LZ9A.

In the USA the team of K1AR set a new US record. They did not just set the record, they exploded the old record. Using K1EA to its highest efficiency, they racked up an unbelievable multiplier. Look at their band-by-band breakdown and compare that against the multi-multis!

The multi-multi category was unbelievably fought over. All the top six world scores have a special story to tell. They brought out the best in contesting with hard work. The two South American giants, PJ1B and PJ9W, fought it out in true contesting style. Both stations were erected just for the contest. All the antennas, cabling, and electrical supply had to be put up just before the test. And these were not just little stations. PJ9W erected a station which might have been the largest ham radio installation anywhere just for the two CQ WW test weekends! For example, 24 elements on 28 MHz was just the main antenna. PJ1B was not far behind with 8 elements on 14 through 10. All PJ9W's antennas as well as their towers were homebrew!

The team of KH0AM carried all their antennas and equipment to Saipan the week before the test. After setting up on the roof of a hotel, this all-Japanese team waited to see how they would do against the Southern California Contest Club's effort at 5W1.

Meanwhile in the States, N2RM was getting ready in a small room in eastern New Jersey to try to break W3LPL's record. N5AU and W3LPL both tried to assemble the best operators they could find to operate their well-planned stations. Out in the far northwest W7XR was taking up the tradition from the Seattle area trying to win or put a scare into the east coast boys.

As the contest approached, strategy at all the multi-multis was kept very secret. What was the advantage of each of the other's band setups? Who were the other teams' operators? What were their weaknesses? How can we take advantage of the team's weak points? ... and then the contest began. After the test was finished, the new world champion was PJ1B, setting a world record that may last until the next sunspot maximum. Their 57M+ points involved great skill in passing multipliers from band to band. If you look at their multipliers, you may wonder how such a large multiplier can happen. It doesn't happen just by looking for mults or calling CQ. It means that everyone operating must know at all times which mults are needed on another band and they must know to pass them at the right time.

Fifty miles away PJ9W settled for second place in the world with 51 M points. Setting a new Oceania record was KH0AM. Trying to get as many QSOs as possible, they were even working JAs on 10 meter FM! In the US N2RM apparently found their cramped QTH to their

liking by setting a new US record. Second place went to the boys from Texas. The number one score from Europe was IQ3A on a mountaintop in northern Italy.

QRP Results

Three stations topped a million points this year. Some of the operators could run stations at 60/hour for a while. The QRP category also had the lowest unique rate of anyone in the contest—less than 1%. It shows that when you call someone, you probably will have their call right. The number one score in the world this year goes to Doug, KR2Q. Operating from northern New Jersey, he operated almost the full 48 hours to edge out 4M1G. Number-three K5RX had the largest QRP multiplier in the world.

Assisted

This category continues to grow each year. Participation from Europe and Japan is growing. It appears as if the Yankee Clipper Contest Club packet system is very effective. Almost all the top ten scores are from that area. The winner of the world crown is Jeff, K1ZM, who was followed closely by K1TO. The top non-W score comes from Ulli, DJ2YA.

New Records

The following stations enter the All-Time Records list found in the October issue of CQ.

World. All Band: CT3BH (Opr. OH2BH); 28 MHz: ZP0Y (Opr. ZP5JCY); 21 MHz: P40R (Opr. K4UEE); 7 MHz: ZF2JR (Opr. N6RJ); 3.7 MHz: HA8IE; Multi-Multi: PJ1B.

North America. All Band: FG5R; 7 MHz: ZF2JR (Opr. N6RJ); Multi-Single: 8P9X.

Europe. All Band: YT90A (Opr. YT3AA); 21 MHz: CQ4A (Opr. CT1BOP); 7 MHz: IK5BAF; 3.7 MHz: HA8IE; Multi-Single: IQ4A.

Asia. 21 MHz: 7L1GVE; 7 MHz: JA8IXM; Multi-Single: YM5KA.

Africa. All Band: CT3BH (Opr. OH2BH); 14 MHz: EA9LZ.

South America. 28 MHz: ZP0Y (Opr. ZP5JCY); 21 MHz: P40R (Opr. K4UEE); Multi-Multi: PJ1B.

Oceania. All Band: YJ1A (Opr. OH1RY); Multi-Multi: KH0AM.

USA. Multi-Single: K1AR; Multi-Multi: N2RM.

Congratulations to these fine operators.

Comments

It should be remembered that the CQ WW multipliers are determined by the DXCC and WAE country lists. Last year after the SSB test the ARRL decided that East and West Germany count as one country, Germany. The new German country was credited before the SSB test! However, when the contest took place, there were two Germanys. When the contest begins the list is the list. I guess someday we will have to face the problem of a new country occurring during a CQ WW test.

Please take a careful look at the rules this year. After receiving letters and through conversations with hams from around the world, it has been decided to start a new low-power cat-



Where are all the young hams? They have a good foothold on Cyprus. All the operators at 5B30ES were 17 years old. Left to right: 5B4WN, 5B4XF, 5B4XN, 5B4WS.

TROPHY WINNERS AND DONORS

Single Operator, All Band World

CT3BH (Opr. Martti Laine, OH2BH)
Donor: Dave Rosen, K2GM
WA2RAU Memorial

U.S.A.

WM5G (Opr. Jeffrey Steinman, KR0Y)
Donor: Potomac Valley Radio Club
KC8C Memorial

Carib./C.A.

FG5R (Opr. Jim Sullivan, W7EJ)
Donor: Alex M. Kasevich, VP2MM

Europe

YT90A (Opr. Tine Brajnik, YT3AA)
Donor: Potomac Valley Radio Club
W4BVV Memorial

Africa

ZD8Z (Opr. Jim Neiger, N6TJ)
Donor: Gordon Marshall, W6RR

Asia

L.V. Welikanov, RL00
Donor: Japan CQ Publishing Company Ltd.

Oceania

YJ1A (Opr. Pekka Kolehmainen, OH1RY)
Donor: Northern California DX Club

South America

HC8A (Opr. Richard Smith, N6KT)
Donor: CQ Magazine

Japan

Akira Asai, JA8RWU
Donor: Japan Crazy Contesters

World—Single Operator Assisted

Jeffrey Briggs, K1ZM
Donor: Pavillion Software

World QRP

Doug Zwiebel, KR2Q
Donor: Milliwatt Books, W0RSP

SINGLE OPERATOR, SINGLE BAND

World—28 MHz

ZP8Y (Opr. Luis Kemper, ZP5JCY)
Donor: Joel Chalmers, KG6DX

World—21 MHz

P40R (Opr. Robert Allphin, K4UEE)
Donor: Peter R.D. Munroe, WB1DQC

World—14 MHz

YV3A (Opr. Pablo Alonso, YV5IVB)
Donor: North Jersey DX Assn.
K2HLB Memorial

World—7 MHz

ZF2JR (Opr. James Rafferty, N6RJ)
Donor: Fred Laun, K3ZO
K7ZZ Memorial

World—3.7 MHz

Ferenc Deim, HA8IE
Donor: Fred Capossela, K6SSS

U.S.A.—28 MHz

George A. De Montrond III, NR5M
Donor: Donald Thomas, N6DT

U.S.A.—21 MHz

Bradley Petersen, NG2X
Donor: Bill Gioia, K2EK

U.S.A.—14 MHz

John Kenny, W1RR
Donor: Southern California DX Club

U.S.A.—7 MHz

William Johnson, KV8Q
Donor: Stanley Cohen, WD8QDQ

U.S.A.—3.7 MHz

Robert Ferrero, W6RJ
Donor: Arnold Tamchin, W2HCW

Caribbean/Central America (21 MHz)

Franklin Brooker, 9Y4VU
Donor: Pedro Piza, Jr., NP4A
KP4ES Memorial

Europe—28 MHz Zone 14

DF0SSB (Opr. Hans-Joachim Burger, DF9ZP)
Donor: A.G. Anderson, GM3BCL

Japan—28 MHz

Tadao Katsuta, JH7DNO
Donor: Take Yokoyama, JL1BLW

Japan—21 MHz

Hiro Shiozawa, 7L1GVE
Donor: DX Family Foundation

MULTI-OPERATOR, SINGLE TRANSMITTER

World

IQ4A (I4AVG, I4EAT, I4EWH, I4IKW, I4IND, I4LCK, I4LEC, I4TJE, I4VEQ, IK4AUY, IK4CZF, IK4DCT, IK4EWK, IK4JSI, IK4NPD, IW4ANU)
Donor: Southern California DX Club
W6AM Memorial

U.S.A.

K1AR (K1AR, K1EA, KM3T, N2IC, N6BV)
Donor: Carolina DX Assn.

Europe

LZ9A (LZ2BE, LZ2CC, LZ2DF, LZ2ES, LZ2HE, LZ2II, LZ2PO, LZ2PS, LZ2TT, LZ2UA, LZ2UU, LZ2WM, LZ2XA, LZ2-E-41, LZ2-E-72)
Donor: Bob Cox, K3EST

MULTI-OPERATOR, MULTI-TRANSMITTER

World

PJ1B (WW2Y, N3ED, WA3LRO, K2EK, N7ZZ, K3EST, N4RV, KB2XZ, K2SS, KT3Y, W3HHG, K1KI, NL7GP, W3UM, PJ9EE, K2SB)
Donor: CQ Magazine
W1WY Memorial

U.S.A.

N2RM (N2RM, N4HY, WM2H, KZ2S, N2AA, K2TW, KQ2M, N2NT, K3UA, W2RQ)
Donor: K4VX/0 Operators

Europe

IQ3A (I3MAU, I3EVK, I3ON, I3JSS, I3QJZ, I3KVV, I3FIY, I3VHO, I3VJW, I3VRD, IK3HRZ, IW3FCG, IK2BHX, IK2NCJ, I1POR, K1RX, I6FLD, I6NOA, IK3NXF, IV3PRK, IV3YYK, IV3WMP, IV3ZCS, IV3TQE, IN3BYV)
Donor: Finnish Amateur Radio League

Japan

JL1ZCG (JO1BMV, JO1RUR, JF2IWL, JN3PYQ, JH0NZN, JH0SPE, JR0IRZ, JA9VDA, JS1INN, JQ1UXN, JI1UTP, JK3GRR, JP1OGL, JK1JEO, JR0JFM, JR5KDR)
Donor: Nippon Television Network Corp.

CONTEST EXPEDITIONS

World—Single Operator

V63DX (Opr. Shoji Igawa, JA7HMZ)
Donor: Stuart Meyer, W2GHK

World—Multi-Operator

YM5KA (HA0LC, HA0MM, HA0NNN, HA5PP, TA5B, TA5C)
Donor: The German CDXG & SDXG
(DJ3NG & DJ4EI Memorial)

CQ Special Recognition Trophy

PJ9W (OH6NU, OH6MW, OH6RM, OH6FT, OH6JW, OH5BM, OH6YF, OH6DO, OH2MM, OH5NZ, OH2BAD, OH6XY, OH3UU, OH2KK, OH1XX, OH6IG, OH3NJZ, OH1MA, OH3XA)
Donor: CQ Magazine

egory. This new category allows 100 watts out. It is hoped that this new category will encourage activity. Also note that we require a paper log from you. When you send us a disk, please don't forget to send a paper log. Most of the computer contest software forgot to include club affiliation on the cover sheet. Remember to add your club name if you want credit for your club. The new categories of assisted and low power have not yet been added to the cover sheet for this year. If you enter the assisted category, you can help us a lot by adding the word "assisted" next to your call. Please add

the letters "LP" next to your call for the low-power category.

It is with sadness that we report the passing of several famous contesters over the past year. One of our committee members, Homer, K7RA, always had a vision of what contesting could become, and his thoughtful comments and hard work will be missed by all of us. George, UA1DZ, became a Silent Key late last year. Besides being the RadioSport champion of the USSR, he was always very active in contests. Phil, K6ZM, was an inspiration to all the operators who passed through his station. We

will miss their signals on the air.

Our experts who scored and submitted the results you see on these pages are W9RE, N3ED, AD6C, K4XS, K6NA, W2RQ, K1DG, K2VV, N6AW, KR2Q, N2AA, W7EJ, K5NA, K5ZD, WA8YVR, and KE7V. A special thanks also goes to KB3MM, who helped develop software to read your disks, and I2UIY who helped with Italian data bases. Also DX members of the committee YT3AA and JE1CKA contributed information for the grading of the scores. Congratulations to all the winners.

73, Bob, K3EST/6, and Larry, N6AR/4

DX QRM

We enjoyed working many stations, especially with W's... *JA5EXW*. I was testing the K1EA log program for the first time in CQ WW. It was GREAT!... *OH1MDR*. Every contest should have Assisted category... *SM3SGP*. Lost my quad in storm. My first contest... *PY2NY*. Really good propagation on especially the South Pacific... *LP3F*. First contest, wonderful propagation... *YV5JDP*. Need a category for South America minus the Caribbean islands; it's so difficult to compete with them... *OA4ZV*. My last QSO in the test was my father, *WR9X*... *AL7KS*. Usually 40 meters goes to sleep; this time the operator went to sleep... *KL7U*. After 45 years off the air, it was a challenge to face the pile-ups from Antigua. Hope to return next year!... *V2/G6QQ*.

My first contest. Had a ball with my special prefix... *VO7TM* (Opr. *VO2TM*). My age is catching up. The new guys are taking over... *VO6AW* (Opr. *VO1AW*). The old Drake B-Line did it again, trouble-free... *XM31Y*. Still like CQ WW best of all... *VE3FJX*. Fun trying to get the last "thank you" with a Japanese operator; he won, 3 to 2... *VE3OMU*. WOW, 5W1JJ on 160... *VE3DO*. Good thing it rained; no noise the second night... *ZF2JR*. Rig problems again this year... *T12OB*. Enjoyed my first contest. (Check his score listing, a super job—ed.)... *XE2BEU*. My great pleasure to work on 40 meters with my special call... *6GOV* (Opr. *XE2GV*). Too many parties and weddings, but got on 160 for a while at least... *XE1VIC*. Operating table was 25 feet from mats where a karate meet was held. Couldn't tell the difference between the yells, howls, and grunts with the headphones off or on... *4U45UN*.

First CQ WW DX contest. Very happy and we hope next year to have more operators with more experience... *CE2GVM*. Only one word—fantastic!!... *CN0A*. Only our second contest and first with computer logging—very nice. We would really like to have the full reciprocity and full French calls, as we are residents of French Guiana. This call quite a mouthful for contesting... *FY/KD3FK*. Thanks, Pedro (my brother) for your fantastic antenna work... *CQ4A* (Opr. *CT1BOP*). Thanks a lot, guys! Next year I will be there again, with all my power... *CT1CLR*. Bad QRM, best band for me was 28 MHz. ARS since 1937. My age is 77 years old. Best 73... *CT1QF*. Thrilling contest. Considering the antennas I was highly surprised about the score. It takes a very long time to see the contest results... *DF1K/p*. Can't compete with *DF0SSB*... *DA2AA*.

What a great contest. Using club radio station I was hunted instead of the hunter... *DA2CF* (Opr. *VE2UJE*). To all of you Merry X-mas and specially a very healthy, happy, and peaceful New Year 1991 in prosperity... *DJ2UU*. My power and antenna were too poor to break through the pile-up around *KH0AM*, *KH2/N3EMA*, and *TY2FG*, who would have been new countries for me... *DJ3DE*. In spite of a hoarse voice after the contest I enjoyed my 40 meter single op so much... *DL3OI*. Three weeks before the contest started the new 6 over 6 quad was ready for new motivation... *DJ4PT*. Output 12 volts from car battery; antenna was mounted with magnet on the roof of my car... *DL6AM/M*. I had some visitors. Therefore, no more time to work, but very good conditions on 10 meters... *DJ6TK*.

Always a joy, but a lot of QRM. Best contest... *DL8PC*. Problems with my rotator—antenna mounted on a living tree... *DJ8UV/p*. Started a new rig in the middle of the test and it did well... *DF8WS*. We had an emergency-power engine which powered the battery. It was old army stuff and smoked like a broken oven, hi. We had too much beer, too much company, no drinking water, no electric power. Great hobby... *DL0SG*. Good conditions on 40, 80, and 160... *EA1CON*. Amazing, lots of new ones to me!! Ole!!... *EA1DCQ*. QSL 100%... *EA1IF*. This is my first contest. I've been licensed for 2 months... *EC2AUS*. Very happy to be in contest! Many zones and good participation... *EA3GCJ*. Please be here in the next contest, see ya... *EA3NY*. Computer problems... *EA4DX*.

Enjoyed the contest very much, fantastic propagation and activity... *F1HWB*. A great contest as usual... *F1JDG*. Many thanks for this contest... *FE1JND*. I am 16 years old and this is the second WW contest. Very fine... *FB1OMN*. Always a pleasure. I hope to be better than last year... *F2EE*. Big TVI troubles with my neighbor. Next year I'll have a new location and a new antenna... *F6FGZ*. Very happy to QSO three BY stations during the contest... *FE6FNA*. First try on mono-band—fun... *FF6KAW*. If I'm really 59, how come so many get my callsign wrong? An honest report conveys the need to take care in transmitting information. I'm sure there were lots of incomplete QSOs. Or is it ESP?... *G3JKY*. This is the first contest I've entered as single op. I even managed to get rid of the family for the weekend... *G3XSV*.

Lost delta loop on Saturday night in high winds, if found in USSR, I'm OK in Callbook!... *G4PKP*. Biggest thrill—having 78 QSOs on 15 in 1 hour. Best propagation ever... *G4XKR*. My first SSB contest since 1980. Made more QSOs during contest than on SSB during last 10 years... *GB0DX* (Opr. *G4BUE*). DX stations should give their callsign a little more often. I enjoyed the contest as always... *GJ3XZE*. Some stations use up to 10.5 Kc of band and call without listening. This gives QRP stations little hope. This Shetland Islands station was called by some 300–400 high-power bad-signal stations none of which were answered. Why not monitor this contest and disqualify any bad operators for bad use of equipment, etc.?... *GM0AVR*. K1EA should get a medal... *GM3BCL*. Condx quite good except to Asia. Wish some DX stns would send their calls more frequently... *GM3CFS*.

Antenna was "dipole of delight"... *GM4HQF*. Rotator damaged in gales... *GM4WEW*. My first-ever entry, but much reduced score due to serious laryngitis coming on 48 hours earlier... *GM4XTA*. My first-ever attempt at all band single op. Wait til next year when I get it all sorted out. Best fun I've had for weeks... *GM0ECO*. Sorry to have missed last year's. Thanks for great contest... *GM0DBW*. Had to wind down tower at 4 PM local time Sunday due to strong winds... *GW4BLE*. First CQ WW contest I have entered. Became ill near the end. Will try again next year... *GW4OFQ*. Nice to work US pile-up... *HB9CJG*. Great con-



Here is a voice everyone has worked, Tine, YT3AA, with his special call YT90A on his way to a new European record.

test—always look forward to CQ WW contests... *EI4DW*. Excellent condx. The CQ contests certainly bring the DX out of the woodwork. Really enjoyed myself... *EI9FK*.

First time in this contest. Old Atlas 210 still doing a fine job... *HB0DL4ZBC/P*. My first contest ever... *LA4PHA*. Nice to be in this test again! Nissed some multipliers because it didn't make it through the pile-up. I wish I had more power... *LA9DFA*. My best result in CQ WW contest—one month preparation, mental, physical, technical, hi... *LX9DX*. Very poor condx on 10. My time was too short. Better next year... *ON4ACB*. Wish I worked everything I've heard—enjoyed it!... *ON4APU*. My first participation in this contest. It was very nice. See you in 1991... *ON7RN*. Hope you will soon change points so we have same rules as for CQ WW RTTY Contest... *OY9JD*. It's not always easy with 100 watts and dipole on 40 meters. CU AGN next year... *OZ3ABE*. I worked my first zone 5 (*CY9CF*) on 160 meters... *OZ3SK*.

Many thanks for another FB DX contest. Very happy to work *4U45UN* and *CY9CF* for new countries... *OZ6PI*. Part time only, but I enjoyed participating... *OZ7AX*. First time I use K1EA log program. It's a great help. Condx the best ever... *OZ7HT*. Again FB! Worked DXCC within 30 hours... *PA3ELD*. I enjoyed the contest greatly despite a breakdown in the 21 mc dipole which resulted in no activity on that band... *PA0DOM*. I could only partly participate due to our national annual amateur meeting on Saturday... *PA0HML*. Condx good, JAs on 7 mc, fine test, hope better next year... *PA0KDM*. A lot of QRM on 15 and 40 meter bands but 10 was clean, so I worked some nice stations and new countries... *PA0MVW*. Contesting remains an enjoyable aspect of our hobby. Keep organizing them... *PA0YN*.

Nice contest. See you next year... *PA0ZH*. Thanks for the contest, CU AGN... *SK3AH*. My first big test ever... *SM3EDF*. Got my license only 6 months ago and it was very nice to work many new countries... *SM3TLG*. Good condx but there are many better QTHs for the contest... *SM0SAJU*. Sorry could only spend a few hours on the contest... *SM7TV*. Found the CW contest more rewarding as per QSOs with a beam up again instead of dipoles... *SM0BDS*. I propose two new classes: 160, 80, 40 and 20, 15, 10. This would make a station with only a tri-band Yagi more competitive... *TF1MM*. Still using a new prefix for each CQ contest. *3A90* prefix was used for first time... *3A90F* (Opr. *3A2LF*). First try in this category. Wish propagation had been better. Will be there next year... *HC0E*.

We must stay in same grace of school next year on account of this contest... *JA3YBF*. Wish we could QRV for 48 hours... *JA5ZBI*. Very enjoyable contest. Our low-band antenna is not so good... *JJ3YBB*. Thanks again for lots of fun. Did have a good time even if 10 meters goes dead at seven and 75 never opens to anywhere but lower 48... *KL7TG*. Very nice to work CQ WW like in a Field Day, of course inside a mosquito cloud Hi!Hi!... *L4D*. Need bigger antennas... *P40T*. Really missed out on mults on 10 meters... *V31K*. First try at multi-op contesting. Had great fun and will be back next year... *VE1AUE/1*. Good conditions for a change... *VE6AO*. New location, new callsign, new group of operators—and next year better score!... *VE6SV*. Loved tuning the 160 antenna at 3 AM with a flashlight in the rain... *VE7GFC*.

Amplifier died twice the first day, then dumped the keyboard and lost 150–200 QSOs from 0001–0800 on 28th... *VQ9CQ*. Our pet peeve: The *KL7* who refused to log us because "Sure your call is *VY2CA*, all *VY*'s are in zone 2, not zone 5!" Everyone loved Prince Edward Island's new prefix. Next year bigger antennas and more efficient use of our multiplier station... *VY2CA*. Kicking computer for lost Q's with six power outages during test... *XE2/N6IC*. First CQ WW with this special call. Problems on 80 and 160 meters with bad propagation and bad antennas. For next year better antennas and we will ask God for good propagation on 80 and 160... *ZW0JR*. It was very fine propagation on 10 meters and I got a new country (*TY2FG*)... *JO1DFG/B*. My first contest. Only 10 watts and antenna is homemade 4-element Yagi... *JK6ISK*.

If I had a big antenna and power... *JG1BPS*. What fun! I'm writing this in *HB9* before being QRV from *6W1* in CQ WW CW... *JA8RWU*. Biggest problem was

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TOP SCORES

WORLD Single Operator All Band		UNITED STATES Single Operator All Band		EUROPE Single Operator All Band	
CT3BH	14,892,102	WM5G	6,308,064	YT90A	7,120,204
HC8A	12,199,477	K3OO	5,706,990	GW4BLE	6,329,120
FG5R	12,192,368	K5ZD/3	4,922,856	ON4UN	5,494,159
9Y4H	10,908,869	N4RJ	4,683,448	CQ0N	5,432,952
KP2A	10,677,460	K1RU	4,664,400	LY3BA	5,001,768
YJ1A	9,516,731	K3ZO	4,561,608	IA8A	4,449,648
ZD8Z	8,852,625	W9RE	4,525,010	GM0ECO	4,254,678
P40V	8,627,385	K8PO/1	4,129,521	EA3NY	4,192,650
AH3C	7,999,209	W3BGN	3,959,928	OY9JD	3,963,984
YT90A	7,120,204	N2LT	3,892,876	DL8PC	3,944,192
28 MHz					
ZP0Y	2,961,295	NR5M	1,116,390	4N3AA	1,363,425
PO5C	2,658,240	W0ZV	975,175	LZ1KOZ	1,328,041
LS6T	2,648,018	K1DG	932,696	IR9R	1,325,835
FM5DN	1,805,089	KS1L	915,399	DF0SSB	1,256,266
CX8BBH	1,604,536	N7BG	913,674	IT9BLB	1,225,194
4N3AA	1,363,425	KM1C	912,560	IO0MNI	1,123,981
21 MHz					
P40R	2,719,336	NG2X	943,578	CQ4A	1,757,780
9Y4VU	2,231,037	NB2P	685,542	YU3PV	1,127,829
PR5T	2,096,680	K2SX/1	600,483	OM7DX	1,122,108
CQ4A	1,757,780	N6VV	502,366	OH1AD	1,086,534
N7DF/NH2	1,751,272	W5WMU	487,139	YT3M	1,035,045
CE3FIP	1,726,812	KD0ZR	381,312	OH0MAM	879,712
14 MHz					
YV3A	1,529,500	W1RR	1,028,020	G3FXB	1,423,450
G3FXB	1,423,450	K2VV	939,624	YU1EXY	1,229,680
EA9LZ	1,244,340	NB1H	902,275	F2EE	1,102,887
YU1EXY	1,229,680	WO0G	734,290	YT3M	1,035,045
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IK5BAF	687,040	NO2D	146,875	DL3OI	493,626
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HC1HC	492,833	K8MJZ	102,368	OZ1FTE	203,574
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HA8IE	361,343	W6RJ	105,343	HA8IE	361,343
GW4OFO	135,590	N2KK	102,390	GW4OFO	135,590
W6RJ	105,343	KZ3H	74,700	LY1BZG	91,368
N2KK	102,390	W2VP	63,597	SP5MXZ	90,300
YV1CP	96,640	AD1G	62,392	OH4BEN	56,643
LY1BZG	91,368	KE5FI	59,486	DL8QS	54,556
1.8 MHz					
UG6GAW	119,955	K5UR	14,152	UT5DK	26,880
VE1ZZ	31,974	W2FCR	4,719	OM6JDX	21,774
UT5DK	26,880	K5WXZ	1,914	UC2ABC	20,515
OM6JDX	21,774	K4TEA	1,856	SM5AOD	19,588
UC2ABC	20,515	K8CFU/4	1,300	OZ3SK	19,500
OZ3SK	19,500	W2VO	1,288	CT1AOZ	16,473
Multi-Operator Single Transmitter					
IQ4A	17,255,700	K1AR	11,193,606	IQ4A	17,255,700
8P9X	15,388,604	N3RS	7,752,168	LZ9A	13,224,200
YM5KA	15,056,664	KS9K	7,190,746	GU6UW	13,155,792
EA8AGD	14,796,344	K5NA/2	6,194,342	HG5A	12,400,080
CN0A	14,008,363	K0RF	6,124,248	OM5W	10,249,516
LZ9A	13,234,208	K1YR	6,066,750	HG1S	9,544,185
Multi-Operator Multi-Transmitter					
PJ1B	57,610,400	N2RM	18,146,246	IQ3A	25,214,252
PJ9W	51,388,610	N5AU	16,736,436	R6L	14,948,868
KH0AM	35,730,600	W3LPL	16,517,214	DA0BV	13,628,376
IQ3A	24,875,479	W7XR	12,232,124	ON7LR	10,398,388
5W1JJ	22,285,168	KY1H	11,468,292	YT2B	10,268,253
N2RM	18,146,246	K8CC	9,785,580	LY2ZO	9,544,185

splatter for nearby multi-multi club station ... *JA3LDH*. Dipole was built on Friday night and made the contest fun for me (but why couldn't I work zone 5?) ... *JR4PMX/1*. Many USA stations called me; thanks a lot! ... *JF1SEK*. Worked over 900 stations for the first time ... *JE7DOT*. Static level was very high on 80 meters ... *JE2LPC*. Never saw such good conditions before ... *7L1GVV/8*. I was called on TVI on second day so could not operate fully, hi ... *JA6COW*. I wanted to sleep at night but good conditions to Africa didn't permit ... *JA1YFG*. Very good conditions of 10 meters ... *JA8YBY*. I got two new countries, PJ and 9Y ... *JP1SRG*.

Tnx for my three new countries on 15 meters ... *SP4EEZ*. Good conditions, but not too much JAs calling me! ... *I2PJA*. First time over 3,000 QSO in test ... *4N3AA*. Very interesting DX stations active ... *IK0DWN*. It was nice contest, but I had strong problem with my neighbors for TVI! ... *YO6OBH*. It was big fun to work 1,000 W's on 10 meters ... *OE2VEL*. Unbelievable propagation! One new country (YS0YS) after trying many times in abt 4 hours ... *OH3MIG*. Big condition for USA. I see them next year ... *IT9HBT*. Got the missing zone on 10 meters at last ... *OE1TKW*. It was really enjoyable contest. Lot of good DX active on 20 meters ... *YT3T*. Tired? I slept my JA chances on Sunday morning ... *OH6NIO*. My first CQ WW DX SSB contest with home call ... *LZ3YY*.

Big fun. Many thanks to XM2ZP, WL7E, TF1MM, VK6HD, BY8AA, and KH6CF, the only stations worked from their zones ... *IT9GSF*. It was my first WW SSB contest ... *SV3AQR*. I think that more important is working new countries and bet better paper than last time and I get it ... *EA1DDU*. Yeahh!! BIG CONTEST ... *I3BQC*. First in single all band because I got married a month ago, so I could say one more time "I'm a single!" ... *IK2GSN*. Many stations on air. I'm happy to take part to yours tests ... *IK2IKW*. Finally worked BY's for first time, herd em last year but cudn't get my beam off stateside ... *SV0AB*. Had unexpected visit first few hours of contest by DL4NAC. It made my day! ... *YT90A (Opr. YT3AA)*. Best contest, but I lost my voice! Next year I will be on CW! ... *LZ1KOZ*. First night was excellent on 20 meters ... *YU1EXY*. No better contest then CQ WW DX. 73 for CQ magazine ... *SP5OAU*.

This was my first contest "without pencil" ... *OH1BV*. Next year, new antennas, new score! ... *IK8DUI*. So many Finnish contesters in Curacao that OH had become rare? ... *OH1WZ*. It's hard to make two nights up in radio, but contest is contest! ... *IN3ZNR*. Many hams, much QRM, big pleasure ... *YO3DCO*. I didn't lose my voice this time!! ... *OH3OJ*. Worked KL7 20 minutes before the contest, none during. Fell out with XYL due to a newly acquired beard after 42 hours solid!! Best contest I've ever entered ... *ZC4BS*. Murphy struck with a sore throat the day before the contest ... *VU2NBT (Opr. AA4U)*. 10 meters + popular QTH + local evening/night hours = Awesome DX! ... *VQ9FM (Opr. NH6IJ)*. Thought all the Europeans were crocodiles until I discovered my antenna was stuck in the wrong direction a day after the contest. Will be back next year and the next and the next ... Never had more fun in my whole life ... *9M6HF*.

Thanks to Alex, 9V1XR. At his presence I could show him what contests are all about ... *9V1XR (Opr. SP5DDJ)*. Had a great time as usual, great cndx ... *VK3PU*. Listening to W's wrking JA's all Saturday and being able to wrk either ... *ZM1IM*. Tnx to all for a grand contest. Aloha till next year ... *KH6FKG*. I've followed this contest since 1988 and 1989 with my previous call, YC8RFF ... *YB8RB*. Frustrating is the only way I can describe my first time in the CQ WW from 4X. Newly installed G5RV would not load properly. Waited until it got light to put up my "miracle antenna"—a 31 foot random wire ... *AA4KD/4X*. Somebody recorded me while calling CQ and then played it back. When he stopped, people started calling!! ... *ZS6WPX*. Tnx v'y much to boys in Senegal ... *YU5AD/6W*.

Good time had. Missed a few hours at the start. Gained a few new zones and countries. Next year I will not have to look after my 2-year-old son ... *VK2PWS*. This is a great contest when I'm Stateside and a fantastic contest when I'm DX. Tnx for another super contest ... *HL9RY (Opr. KG5EG)*. It was great fun to wrk so mni stations in my first effort in the phone contest ... *VU2PTT*. Really enjoyed using 5 watts with some contacts, only possible via long path (with less QRM). Tnx for a very nice contest, can't wait till next year ... *DU1CHD/6*. Only could operate about 15 hrs, but I will be back! ... *CU3LF*. Just got the station set up at new in time for this GREAT contest. New call is *VK2KS*. CU next year ... *VK8XX/2*. A complete new team joined us, so the old rats made QSOs and the Novices searched for multipliers! That's why this is a great contest ... *ON6NL*.

We had a very good operation in the CQ WW. First major contest using our 2 element quad and it performed very well ... *OZ7HVI*. Stormy weather as usual, but great fun ... *G0KPW*. Best results ever ... *DL0WU*. No rain on Guernsey for six months, then we get five days of it ... *GU6UW*. First OK contest expedition to ITU HQ Geneva. It was big fun. We were tired but lucky ... *4U1ITU*. Where were all the JA's on 10 and 15? Why is it always necessary that it rains during a contest when you have to build your station? It is sure an experience and we will be there again next year ... *PI4COM*. K1EA's Contest Program performs VFB! Very nice conditions on 10 both days. This is our best score in 20 years ... *HB9CIP*. Gale-force winds forecast for Sunday, threatening a repeat of 1989, did not materialize ... *GW8GT*. At last, no aurora for 48 hrs ... *KL7RA*.

Nice pile-ups from the 140m high building in Vienna ... *4U1VIC*. Six hours of QRT appeared to be only handicap. Very glad to set new JA record at first try. We will be back next year ... *JL1ZCG*. Another VE record falls ... *VE7ZZZ*. Ambiente favoloso tra "vecchi" OMs ... *HB9AJM*. Much better way to spend election weekend than watching political TV! Really enjoyed 1990's CQ WW. Can't wait for 1991 and a big score ... *ZM2K*. You guys didn't print our soapbox last year, so we had to go back again! We set a new father-son record, breaking our last year's score. (Maybe we shouldn't print this again so you will go back and make a lot of people happy—ed.) ... *FS/KC1F*.

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Heard 35 zones on 75, missed 3 ... *W6RJ*. Very little time for contest this year due

to other commitments. Bands seem to be wide open! . . . *WW6O*. Is there a low score award? . . . *N6TPT*. Great to work XU8DX barefoot on 10 meters with antenna only 5 feet above roof! . . . *NE6I*. This was my second CQ WW DX Contest. I more than quadrupled my score from last year! Anyone who doesn't work this contest is brain dead! . . . *N6VMS*. Overall, the best-ever CQ WW phone conditions! . . . *N6AW*. Condx were very good, and so were the computers. (We all will miss Phil's call on the bands—ed.) . . . *K6ZM*. At 16 years old, I was more concerned with just having fun, than how many points I scored . . . *KC6FZU*. Op WA2MKM collapsed a folding chair while operating—didn't miss a beat! . . . *KQ2O*.

Nice to have 10 meters as biggest point getter . . . *N7RO*. This was the club's first contest. We all had fun watching the neon lights modulate to our voices . . . *W5KS*. First serious attempt for most of us. Great time. Looking forward to next year . . . *N7QQ*. Biggest thrill was working JT1CO barefoot on a vertical . . . *WA6SDM*. Very glad the woodpecker died! . . . *WC6H*. Europe tough from U.S.A. west coast with low power . . . *KB6RMN*. Thanks for a once-in-a-lifetime contest. CQ WW is the best! . . . *KR0Y*. Search and pounce is the only way to go with 100 watts into a vertical! . . . *KO9Y/5*. Because of similar calls, having NI4M and NR5M in the contest makes life interesting! . . . *NI5M*. Working D68GA on two bands cost lots of time, but was a great thrill . . . *W5QZ*. With a couple of exceptions, the efficiency of DX operators and courtesy of U.S. ops seemed better this year . . . *W5AE*.

Worked all continents in less than 21 hrs. It took 11 months to get WAC last year! . . . *W9CNF/4*. Over 100 countries on one band in a contest for the first time . . . *N2UN*. You know it's getting too easy when you start thinking about getting a faster printer because it takes 30 minutes to print the logs . . . *AB4RU*. Always have a backup rig—lost 16 hours of operation . . . *WB2ULI*. First contest with new stn design, new team. Wait til next year . . . *K1NG*. Five Soviet hams operated as members of our team . . . *W1AF*. Our first contest where nothing broke—the only way to fly . . . *W1BK*. Finally nothing broke, FB test . . . *K2OWE*. Great fun. First contest ever. Will be back . . . *KE2TW*. Murphy stayed away. The amplifier kept the shack warm . . . *WB2JTE*. One YL has about 40 dB gain. "The YL go ahead" . . . *K3YL*.

Let's all pay homage to K1EA . . . *K3NZ*. Biggest Plus: K1EA. Biggest Dud: 10 meter antennas at 100 feet . . . *W4PRO*. Pile-up after pile-up—WOW what a weekend! . . . *W4AQL*. This was our first attempt at CQ WW. We are hooked . . . *W9NQ*. Worked 7Z and XZ after looking for them for 10 years . . . *NO7F*. Too many relatives and interruptions. When JA's in we had a big reunion of family and friends . . . *K7ABV*. Still trying to build antenna system that works . . . *K9UWA*. Glad to meet JF1SEK, JR3NZC, and KH6BZF . . . *KA7FEF*. Great time. Next year will have antenna for low band . . . *N7MVX*. Just starting to work on 5BDXCC, and this looked like a way to do it . . . *WK7Z*. Conditions better than I had expected. Only thing missing was Eastern Europeans and Scandinavians . . . *W7FP*. One-and-a-half-hour power failure one hour into contest . . . *NN7L*.

My first entry into CQ WW. Couldn't get going on 10 meters calling CQ Contest when Stateside stations called for QSO for WAS . . . *W7CFL*. Down 3 dB in power and down 3 dB in antennas didn't prevent me from having a blast . . . *K7LXC*. Great conditions for the contest this year . . . *N7MPS*. Big problem with equipment this year—standby light in linear burned out . . . *WA7FAB*. My very first SSB contest . . . *K7JYE*. Band conditions good . . . *W7QN*. Seemed like fewer multipliers this year . . . *WG7A*. My 10-year-old son insisted on sending in this log—my first one . . . *KY7H*. Tried to break pile-up to TF for 30 minutes with no luck . . . *NW7Q*. Great fun. My first CQ WW and certainly not my last . . . *KE7UH*. Missed VQ9CQ AND D68GA Saturday only to wake up and work both on Sunday . . . *K7FD*.

Biggest thrill was working the TY station . . . *WB7VUB*. K1EA program crashed and ate my log . . . *K7LZJ*. My score was over a million for the first time—thanks to all the DX stations that were on . . . *K7WK*. The whole event was very exciting as my first contest; been in radio one month . . . *KA8UBK*. First DX contest. Can't wait till next one . . . *KB8HMA*. Don't know how the real contesters do it . . . *KD8EU*. Must be getting old. XYL said I looked like a zombie Sunday . . . *N9CIC*. Very happy to work BY4SZ with 42 minutes left in test for a new one . . . *WG8Y*. Realized I had a chance to meet my goal of 1 meg, given my modest station and fact that 98% of QSOs were hunt and pounce . . . *KC8FS*. My first contest. Can't wait till next year . . . *KF8IF*. Nothing broke . . . *N8EXS*.

Couldn't believe I worked BY1PK then turned around and worked a 5N . . . *KE8FO*. It's fun to work enough countries for DXCC in a few hours . . . *NC8V*. First time I ever kept score and submitted a log. Have to admit I had a blast . . . *KE8OQ*. My first contest. Was a lot of fun . . . *N8MMB*. Hate having to ask for a call . . . *WZ8T*. Good propagation. Sorry I couldn't work all 48 hours . . . *KE8NH*. I had hoped to work the whole period, but got sicker than a dog. Still had a great time . . . *N8KSO*. Enjoyed the contest and great conditions on 21 MHz . . . *KF8K*. Like to say thank you all for the fun and all the nice contacts. See you next year . . . *KA8VPL*. My first ever CQ WW and really enjoyed it, but next year I hope to have an amplifier so TF1DD in zone 40 will hear me . . . *NW8F*. Worked 9 new countries . . . *W8MKO*.

Erected 40 and 160 dipoles Saturday during test then had to repair wind damage on Sunday. This isn't good for single op . . . *K3ZJ/8*. Beat last year's score by 1.5 times . . . *WD8EOL*. Fun digging out contacts in mess of kws. At age 83 don't burn the midnight oil any more. (Always a pleasure to hear you.—ed.) . . . *W8YGR*. Had a ball this year with the good conditions. Looking forward to next year . . . *WA8NDE*. Working DXCC in less than 48 hours . . . *W19H*. First time I worked contest. Wished I had more time for it . . . *N9IHW*. You can't lose when your having that much fun. TNX for a great contest . . . *KA9WBX*. Had my best contest. Can't wait till next year . . . *KD9MF*. Last year without a computer . . . *KK9L*. First time I worked over 200 contacts. Worked 10 new countries . . . *KB9CRJ*.

Nothing broke for a change . . . *K9QVB*. Too many stations not identifying . . . *WU9D*. My first contest. Wish I had a filter for QRM from XYL . . . *N4XMV/9*. Multipliers from dawn until midnight—from one end of the band to the other . . . *N9AG*.



Jim, N6RJ, decided to try 40 meters from ZF2JR. He now owns the new world 40 meter SSB record.

Station that said I was loudest station on band, I was barefoot . . . *WD9DYR*. Used my new voicebox . . . *WD9GGY*. Ten meter contest are always terminated by the Chicago Bears football games . . . *K9MDO*. Had a good time. Wish I could spend more time at it . . . *N19C*. Too much machine operation . . . *W9GIL*. Beam went bad after 12 hours. Finished with dipole . . . *K9CLO*. Fortunately my neighbor waited til 15 minutes before end of test to tell me I had been wiping out his TV all weekend . . . *KK9L*. Low power and low antenna make for low score still had most fun in years . . . *N9RO*.

Thanks to KD8PQ and WS8Q for all the antenna help that made it possible . . . *W0CG*. The JA pile-up working the station in ND and one op asking if he was an expedition . . . *KA0ZPP*. More than doubling my country count . . . *KA0ZIA*. Never enjoyed a contest so much—thanks to band conditions and K1EA software . . . *W0YA*. Have been working CQ WW since 1976 and love it more each year . . . *WA0DCB*. Catching CE and HC on first call for two new ones . . . *N0LYK*. ST2SA called me. First CQ WW and should have done better . . . *K4VX/0* (Opr. *WX9E*). I'll be back next year for serious try . . . *KA0KHE*. Computers don't like special calls any more than humans do . . . *WB0YWO*. BY1QH and UJ8JQC and about 95 percent of all calls were from my CQ . . . *W0ACT*. Awesome contest . . . *KA3DRR/0*.

Best effort yet and still got two good night's sleep . . . *WK0F*. Really glad to hear a lot of stations on this year. Hope they continue . . . *K9BQL*. First contest . . . *N0HCH*. While running JA's 9L1US called me on 10 meters for a new one . . . *KA0ZFX*. Smoked linear and limited time equal low score . . . *KM0L*. Happiness is beating last year's score by 400 Q's and 146K . . . *KD0ZR*. I just couldn't find a frequency to call CQ! . . . *K1VR*. Got computer two days before the contest. Loved it! . . . *K3ND*. After years of meaningless 59 signal reports, decided to give out meaningless 57 signal reports. Fun screwing up all those computers that assume a 59 report! . . . *K8MR*. What a great way to learn the controls on a new radio . . . *K9OSH*. Used CT program and packet for the first time—WOW! . . . *KB8FJ*.

Would have broken million but some unwanted RF in the shack late Sunday morning wiped out about 100K . . . *KF2U*. Used CT and packet for first time & had a ball. Tnx to K1EA . . . *K13L/5*. This was my first contest attempt. Worked 28 new DX countries . . . *K15GX*. Ham radio is like golf—you don't have to be good to enjoy it . . . *K16PG*. Was going to multi-op with XYL but she got busy so ended up running single op with her call . . . *N0IDR/5* (Opr. *W0VX*). My first CQ WW . . . I'm hooked . . . *N4GVF*. PJ9W was everywhere . . . *N4XMX*. The CT software takes the drudgery out of keeping the log . . . *N6ST*. XYL didn't let me know of neighbor's TVI problem until after test—that's love . . . *N7IRR*. Operating this contest barefoot with a dipole is an experience in being ignored . . . *N7KZN*. My first try with packet. Lots more mults available . . . *N8BJQ*.

My biggest score and I even slept 8 hours a night and watched softball Sunday afternoon! . . . *NE9U*. Packet + Computer logging + Superb conditions = One great contest . . . *W2GD*. Hats off to the YCCC Packetcluster . . . *W2HG*. Too bad I had to paint the garage on Sunday . . . *WA4CTC*. Simply incredible! Nothing broke and the neighbors waited until after the contest to complain . . . *WB2K*. Power outage spoiled my Saturday AM run—reset the electronic alarm clock . . . *WE9R*. Doubled last year's score using CT for first time. Wow! Throw away the pencils . . . *WG2E*. What other hobby marries all of man's obsessions? Now I can play on the computer, contest, chase DX, and watch packet all at once! . . . *WK6V*. Working CY9CF on 40 meters with only 110 watts for a brand spanking "new one" . . . *WM2D*. This was my first contest . . . *WV9Q*.

STATION OPERATORS Multi-Op Single Transmitter

4D1P: DU1CEY, DU1DDP, DU1EGA, DU1EIB, DU1ELB, DU1ELI, DU1EUV, DU1FMG, DU1MSD, DU1NGE.
4N4U: YU4ENS, YU4NS, YU4RS-4000, YU4RS-4004, Dado, Danny. 4N7M: Al, Bob, Gaby, Zoran. 4U1ITU:
OK3JW, OK3LZ, OK3PC. 4U45UN: JA6TIT, K2GM, NA2K, W6ISQ. 4Z7M: 4X10M, 4X4YM, 4Z4KM,
4X6MI, 4X6UT, 4X6ZI. 5B38ES: 5B4WN, 5B4WS, 5B4XF, 5B4XN, Charalambides, Georgiou. 6D2X:

BAND-BY-BAND BREAKDOWN—TOP ALL BAND SCORES

Number groups indicate: QSO's/Zones/Countries on each band.

WORLD TOP SINGLE OPERATOR, ALL BAND

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
CT3BH	136/11/43	371/20/64	686/29/82	1877/38/115	2212/35/118	1895/33/109
HC8A	52/8/13	311/21/61	586/22/74	1180/33/99	1638/31/102	3120/28/111
FG5R	100/8/18	430/20/69	721/26/89	1055/31/99	1624/35/121	3076/34/114
9Y4H	183/11/26	426/23/70	852/26/83	1154/31/95	1060/30/73	2603/29/87
KP2A	145/11/28	394/15/60	570/23/75	1190/26/95	1086/33/102	3837/33/113
YJ1A	11/4/6	162/22/31	710/32/76	1385/36/96	1546/33/87	2601/33/85
ZD8Z	7/5/7	101/21/37	301/29/77	795/36/107	1316/33/124	2132/38/129
P48V	33/6/13	123/8/15	592/19/61	1968/28/85	1135/30/67	2651/29/92
AH3C	54/12/16	329/18/27	480/29/59	786/37/89	1305/32/82	2500/30/73
YT98A	84/8/36	128/13/54	516/30/82	880/31/99	1032/36/102	1603/36/103

USA TOP SINGLE OPERATOR, ALL BAND

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
WM5G	15/7/11	67/18/43	127/25/72	897/36/129	427/37/124	1733/36/134
K300	21/7/15	129/15/53	105/20/62	992/36/115	524/36/110	1333/34/118
K5ZD/3	20/8/13	73/14/42	179/22/78	656/35/119	753/34/121	988/33/120
N4RJ	18/7/16	77/15/52	80/17/59	540/36/106	508/36/115	1420/34/123
K1RU	13/7/7	100/13/48	116/20/62	552/36/108	730/33/106	1216/34/124
K3Z0	14/6/6	118/18/54	151/22/67	716/33/91	575/34/91	1258/36/110
W9RE	26/11/18	68/16/45	108/24/71	566/37/113	713/32/114	1002/35/119
K8PO/1	13/7/10	156/16/53	66/18/39	634/37/112	747/32/96	986/30/111
W38GN	25/9/18	108/14/52	106/20/54	569/30/91	632/36/106	967/31/106
N2LT	12/7/10	70/12/36	99/21/64	486/31/100	609/33/96	1117/33/116

WORLD TOP MULTI-OPERATOR, SINGLE TRANSMITTER

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
IQ4A	56/11/56	108/22/75	768/34/112	2188/39/166	1822/39/153	2311/38/155
8P9X	86/11/27	334/17/56	817/29/103	1544/34/122	2715/37/140	2230/37/135
YM5KA	75/8/34	144/15/63	744/27/92	1376/38/119	1509/37/114	3761/39/126
EABAGD	16/5/17	135/15/60	493/25/82	2062/35/127	1597/32/129	2901/35/130
CN8A	29/7/29	47/9/46	397/21/70	2111/36/122	2181/33/125	2369/33/116
6D2X	17/9/15	79/15/38	760/31/88	2179/35/120	1624/36/124	3510/34/122

USA TOP MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
K1AR	32/12/30	197/18/76	154/26/95	1370/39/167	1167/38/165	1517/37/170
N3RS	21/10/20	114/18/69	215/26/92	1204/39/158	766/37/144	1046/37/154
KS9K	27/12/25	63/26/60	168/31/97	653/38/152	1229/36/158	893/35/160
K5NA/2	28/13/25	121/18/70	122/24/85	1000/38/145	598/37/152	846/36/160
K0RF	23/11/21	76/25/60	318/27/79	460/38/126	791/36/130	1349/34/140
K1YR	16/8/15	70/16/56	107/26/78	733/37/146	807/36/144	1088/37/151

WORLD TOP MULTI-OPERATOR, MULTI-TRANSMITTER

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
PJ1B	531/19/50	1335/24/99	2104/31/117	4860/38/179	5395/38/176	5430/39/182
PJ9W	377/15/46	1275/22/88	2275/30/123	4925/37/159	5329/38/166	4959/37/149
KH8AM	4/3/4	679/27/54	1935/34/95	3501/39/142	5279/39/131	4911/37/139
IQ3A	305/10/55	936/24/85	1945/37/126	2937/39/166	2707/38/139	3010/38/151
5W1JJ	35/8/11	476/21/36	1203/31/76	2146/39/121	4158/37/132	3473/37/115
N2RM	80/13/26	531/19/82	466/24/95	2216/40/170	2082/39/172	1946/36/171

USA TOP MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
N2RM	80/13/26	531/19/82	466/24/95	2216/40/170	2082/39/172	1946/36/171
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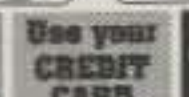
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SP1PBW: SP1AMU, SP1BZZ, SP1MVZ. SP3KVE: SP3UQA, SP3UQC, SP3UQD. SP3PLD: SP3IBM, SP3SBB, SP3ZAT: Club. SP4KTO: Club. SP9ZHR: Club. T3BF: OH6ZS, OH8NFR. TG0AA: TG9AJR, TG9CXM, TG9GI. TM0E: Club. TM5A: F6CWN, F6GWV, F6HMQ, F6IFR. UB4MWU: UB5MBM, RB5MRE, Club. UB4MXR: UB5MVK, UB4MLP, UB4MLD, UB5-059-61. UB4QWW: RB5QW, RB5QRQ, RB5QRW, RB1MM, UB0QO, UB5-064-866. UB4WWW: Samulyak, Panas. UB4WZA: UB5WCY, UB5WCX, UB5WGR, UY5XE, UB5WAD, UB5-4468-996, UB5-068-997. UB4XWK: Club. UB4IWI: Club. UC1WWF: UC2XW, UC2-006-27, UC2WY. UF7FWM: UF6FM, UF6AW, UF6FJD. UF7QWW: Pavluchenko, Leonovich, Kurski. UF7VWA: UB5IOK, RB5IJ, RB5II, UB5III, UF6FBZ, UB5-073-1151, UB5IKW, UB3IDV.

UL8LWA: UL7LEN, UL7LER, UL7-026-587, RL7LFW. U040XU: U0500C, U05-039-537. U08A: YL2KL, YL2GM, YL3GN, UQ2GID, UQ2GTW. UT4JWB: Wedensky, Visich, Belikov. UW2F: UA2FF, UA2FJ, UA2FM, UA2FX, UA2FZ. UZ1AWD: Timofeev, Onischenko, Doeszenkov. UZ1TWC: UA1TAN, UA1TFG, UA1-144-1068. UZ2FVN: Club. UZ3AWR: UV3AEV, UA3ABJ, UA3-170-1169. UZ3DZD: RA3DRA, UA3DNR, UA3-142-291. UZ3DYS: Titov, Muchin, Secal. UZ3DYU: Club. UZ3DZD: RV3DA, UA3-142-1896. UZ3GYM: UA3GMM, RV3GJ, RA3GDU, UA3GCH, RA3GAX, RA3GCJ. UZ3QYA: UA3-121-1644, UA3-121-2158. UZ4AYT: Club. UZ4HXX: UA4HVX, UA4HOX, Syamrikov. UZ4PWW: RA4PO, UA4-094-976, UA4-094-705, UA4PBZ. UZ6LWB: RA6LW, UV6LMK.

UZ6LWL: RW6LB, RA6LNG, UA6-150-1360, Levakin. UZ9FZD: Izergin, Arsenkov. UZ9QWA: UA9QA, UW9QA, UW9QR, UA9QG, UA9RQ. UZ9XVV: UA9-090-1053, UA9-090-1088. UZ0CXD: UA0CR, UA0CID, UA0-110-775. UZ0LWQ: Club. UZ0QWZ: UA0QFR, Orlov, Chikachev, Sherstukov. UZ0SXF: UW0SN, UA0-124-494, UA0-124-44. UZ0WWW: Golubev, Doronin, Chernopiliskiy. V31K: K5GA, W5ASP, WBSN. V638D: VE3RMM, VE3SMA. V73AZ: V73AS, V73AT, V73BN. VE1AUE/1 & VE1BAN, VE1JON. VE5FX & VE5GHX, VE5MX, VE5RJR, VE5SWR. VE6AD: VE6AMR, VE6BSA, VE6CG, VE6GLR, VE6KC, VE6KZ, VE6LB, VE6LP, VE6TFM, VE6UUG. VE6SV & VE6AKY, VE6BDS, VE6GAS, VE6VW. VE6GFC & VE7GFS. VK2BUV & JM1CAX, VK2FUL. VK3VT & VK3BMV, VK3CHR, VK3CRA, VKEMCV, VK3MZ, VK3MZ, VK3VR.

VP2V/N6LL & N6DLU. VP9AD & N8ET, W3MA. VQ9CQ & VQ9HW. VY2CA: VY2AC, VY2AZ, VY2BM, VY2DM, VY2RB, VY2UA, VY2VN, VY2ZV, Linda. WBCP & WY0J. W0RA & K5LVP, W0VNF. W1AF: K3UOC, K3IWS, K3ISY, K3IYW, K3APR, K3I01, N3I1R, N3I1W, W3I1Y, UA1ABR, UA1AIU, UA1ALZ, UA1CFL, UV1AA. W1BK & WA1UAR. W1FY: G4DZC, KA1USL, KA1UUD, N1BRM, N1DLW, N1HSE. W1GIH & NK1Z. W1K00 & K3IWH, K3I1R, N1HRD, N1HRP, N1IAG, NV1Y, W1CTM, WA1SVR, W2JJSJ, WE1E. W2HPF & K82SG. W2UI & N3KR. W3KWH: K3RYA, N3EQP. W3XU & N3FDL, NW3Y. W4AQL: K0DI, K4JAY, N4VMD, N9HZQ, WD4DWN. W4MYA & K4BAM, KA4GHY, K4DI, KX4S, N4LSP, W4DR, WA4PGM, WB4BVY, WK4Y, WU4G, VICKY. W4NC & K82FEX, K4WJA, K4HEN, KF4ZS, K4TB, KJ4IC, N1DRI, N4UGS, N4VHK, WA4IAM.

W4PRO & AA4NG, K4WYR, K0BR, N4PUV, N4RKO, WA4BRL, WA4OHX, W8HDD. W5WX: KA5VOZ, WA4NXI, W5EUC, W5BWR, W5C. W60AT & N6BT. W6QHS & K6GQM, W6XB, W6ZZ. W6YX: KA4OYF, KJ2B, KX6C, N5PEE, N6BDE, N6UOK, N6VYT, N6YWI, N8JUF, N9FZX, W2FRT, WA2HID, WA6AZP. W6/W1FEA & K2BA. W6/W9NQ & K16VC, W6BRXE. W7TSQ & AA7FT, N7JGS, N7LOX. W7ZR & AA7CM. W9EBN & K9MWU, KA9TBM, K9CQZ, N9FBB, N9GTL, WS9C. W9JZ & K9IMM, K9ASQ, N9CHN, N9IQG, N9GV, W9NOV, W9VX. WA4CUG & K2UFT, KA4GUM, K4EWC, KS4D, N4REE, N4VCY. WA6AHF & W6BSY. WA6IET & N6NMH, W2KVA, W6KFV, W6OUL. WA6ISP & N6AV, N6TLP. W82JTE & Johnny. W82CJU & KA3PCX. W82ULI & N2BOW. W83FIZ & KA3GK, K83MM, N3ARK, W83HHAZ, W83LFZ. W8BK & K8YSE, W8CZN, W8GMH, W8JGU, W8XD, W8BIN.

WD4Z & KE4QL, N4NSL. WD9INF & K88HAE, WA8ZZA. WE2K & K2BYR. WF2A & AA2AP, K1MEO, K2MFB, K2LDY, KE2DN, N2BLX, N2HR, N2KIV, NE2W, NK2H, NX90, W2GHH, WE2K, WS2U. WF3M &

Zone Leaders Single Operator

Zone	Call	Score	Zone	Call	Score
1	WL7E	3,048,430	21	RF6FO	1,058,050
2	XM2ZP	3,790,320	22	VU2NBT	404,995
3	WC6H	3,002,830	23	JT1CO	1,735,798
4	WM5G	6,308,064	24	VS6WV	762,550
5	K3OO	5,706,990	25	JA8RWU	3,869,760
6	XE2BEU	993,568	26	No entrant	
7	TI2YO	450,840	27	KG6DX	6,009,018
8	FG5R	12,192,368	28	YB2FRR	983,066
9	9Y4H	10,908,869	29	VK6ANC	83,990
10	HC8A	12,199,477	30	VK8XX/2	681,876
11	ZP0Y	2,961,295	31	AH3C	7,999,209
12	CE3BFZ	2,917,068	32	YJ1A	9,516,731
13	LU9DBK	1,702,008	33	CT3BH	14,892,102
14	GW4BLE	6,329,120	34	No entrant	
15	YT90A	7,120,204	35	TY2FG	551,078
16	RC2AZ	1,835,526	36	ZD8Z	8,852,625
17	RL00	3,900,480	37	5Z4BI	1,818,357
18	RA0BR	211,692	38	ZS6WPX	887,220
19	UA0QO	502,756	39	FT5XA	1,501,056
20	ZC4BS	2,537,447	40	TF1MM	1,949,184

WF3L. W09Z & WR9R. WS7V & K87ILC, KF7TF, W17R. WZ2B & AA2AG, AA2AY, K1JUL, KA2RDO, KA2YVU, N1ATN, N2KKB, N2KTJ, WZ2B. XE2/N6IC & NY6Y. XM1DX: K2NJ, NR2H, VE1DH, VE1DX, VE1GJ, VE1IW, VE1JCI, VE1PBM, VE1ZJ. XM3EJ: VE3EJ, VE3QZB, VE3XN. Y22YD & Y24YH. Y38I: DK9FE, Y21JI, Y23WI, Y27WI, Y31WI, Y54UI. YN5KA: HA0LC, HA0MM, HA0NNN, HA5PP, TA5B, TA5C. Y07KAJ: Y07CKP, Y07LBU. Y07KJS: Y07CEG, Y07ALG. YT2R: YT2FI, YT2GW, YU2DQ, YU2EU, YU2HO, YU2KM, YU2MM, YU2MP, YU2MY, YU2NJ, YU2OG. YT4T: YU4AV, YU4AY, Mirzo. YT5R: YU5FK, YU5GB, YU5GX, YU5JA, YU5PK, 4N5BFC.

YT7A: YU7BJ, YU7GO, YU7NW, YU7OA, Eddy, Ivan. YU2CFL: Denis Vincek, Ana Vincek. YU3AI & YT3OT, YU3BM, YU3EO. YZ4Z: 4N4AE, 4N4CX, 4N4EX, 4N4MX, YU4AX, YU4EX, YU4FF, YU4NW, YU4SA, YU4RW, YU4TB, YU4MI, YU4RO, YU4PZ, YU4NR, YU4BK, YZ4NCS, YZ4DMN, Cera, Dave, Amelica, Samir, Jasmin. ZWBJR: PP5JR, PP5WG.

Station Operators Multi-Operator Multi-Transmitter

4D3HSP: 4F3AAL, 4F3BAA, DU3MY, DU3CWF, DU3WPX, DU3CWM, DU3FBB, DU3FSK, Crisostomo. 4N4C: YU4MA, YU4ZC, 4N4DXZ, Suad, Cedo, Vucko, Bob, YU4KM. 4U1VIC: DL1SCQ, DL2SCQ, DL4NAC, DL6FAL, HS1ANV, DL4MFM, NK4N, DK7ZT, DK7ZH, DF58M. 5W1JJ: N6AA, N6ZZ, W6MKB, W6XD, W66OKK, 5W1AT, 5W1AU. D8BBV: DB6QS, DF2RG, DG6MGP, DH5MBB, DJ0IP, DJ10J, DK6WL, DL1MAY, DL1MFL, DL3MAA, DL4MEH, DL4MLF, DL5MAE, DL5RBK, DL5RBW, DL6RAI, DL7AV, DL7MAT, DL8RBR, LX1II, Y21RM. DF3QG & DJ1FC. DL0CS: DC0LR, DD7LO, DG7LAK, DF7RX, DF9LJ, DK7FW, DK20Y, DK9VW, DL1LAA, DL2LBP, DL2NBU, DL3LAB, DL4RJJ, DL6EFM, DL6LBB. EA1KI & EA1DOK, EA1DQB. FS/KC1F & N1AU. G82AA: G3GAF, G4TNN. HB9AJM & HB9AGC, HB9ALM, HB9FAA, HB9AIB, HB9CVN. IQ3A: I3MAU, I3EVK, I3ON, I3JSS, I3QJZ, I3KVW, I3FIY, I3VHO, I3VJW, I3VRD, IK3HRZ, IW3FCG, IK2BHX, IK2NCJ, I1POR, K1RX, I6FLD, I6NOA, IK3NFX, IV3PRK, IV3YYK, IV3WMP, IV3ZCS, IV3TQE, IN3BYV.

J37DX: W8KKF, W8BATS, K8CV, NY8E, W8BLOW, WA2ICE, KP2A, KJ4VH. JA1YXP: JJ1WYS, JM1BYR, JI7QPV/1, JE1BHJ, JI2KRR/1, JG1TNX, JG2QHQ, JL1SXX, Sakurai, Ogata. JA3YKC: JH4PAM, JG3MRT, JG3WDN, JG3CPF, JR5ARQ, JG6VTM, JF3VXV, JL3MCM, JL3HEY, 7K1CDS, JP3AIK, JM3FVL, JO3UGI, Ken. JA6YFL: JL6FBF, JE4VXZ, Shinokawa. JA7YRR: JA7FDY, JA7JUD, JA7LBY, JA7MQM, JA7OZV, JH7MEV, JH7VHZ, JR7LVA. JH8YCT: JR8XWU, JE8JZX, JE8URM, JG8QMN, JF7LGH, JM3GZO, JH8WAH. JL1ZCG: JO1BMV, JO1RUR, JF2IWL, JN3PYQ, JH0NZN, JH0SPE, JR0IRZ, JA9VDA, JS1INN, JQ1UXN, JI1UTP, JK3GRR, JP1OGL, JK1JEO, JR8JFM, JR5KDR. K6ZM & AK6T, K16YB, N6BL, NP4IW, W6MZO. KH0AM: JE1CKA, JL1BLW, JI1QPU, JR2GMC, JA9SSY, JR7OMD, JI3ERV, JH0KHR, JI2GUT, JR2IDV, JH4UTP, JR6PGB, JH7PKU, JA0DXG, JA0QNJ, JH0LFE, JH0USD. K8CC & AC8W, K5GO, K8DD, KU8E, KT8X, KE8OC, N8COA, NZ4K, W8UA, W8RRR, W88JP.

KL7RA & KL7TC, KL7XD, AL7AF, AL7CO, AL7HC, AL7KC, NL7V, NL7PH, AA6DX. KQ20 & WA2MKM, KB2HZ, K2BK. KY1H & WA1ZAM, KR1R, NJ1F, N2MG, KB1W, NT2X, N1BL, KM1P, KA1XN, NU1P, KA1CI, KA1RE. LA3BL & LA9ML. LY2ZO: LY2NK, LY2BFN, LY2BKZ, LY2BMX, LY2BOA, LY2BTD, LY3BN, LYR346, LYR728, LYR1751, LYR1853. N2RM & N4HY, WM2H, K2ZS, N2AA, K2TW, KQ2M, N2NT, K3UA, W2RQ. N5AU: W85VZL, KN6M, W5XZ, N5CR, KM5X, WN4KKN, NM5M, AA5B, K5TA, KS1G, N5TR, N5RZ, N5KEA, N5OAO. N6ND & N6CW, N6BU, N16W, KM6K, K6JYO, K9VV, W6YA, W86DRX, N6LRW. N6RO & N6IG, N6TIB, AD6E, K6TMB, WX6M, W6RGG. N7QO & N8AFW, N6NU, N6UU, KJ5QE, W6BCNR, WA2FIJ. N7RO & W7EKM, N7MMH, KC7GX, WA7ZWG, WB7CLU. N8JMN & K8AQM, K8BECG, K80PF, N8IVQ. NE3F & KS3F, W3AP, KY3N, N23G, NK3Z, NT3V. NF2L & KY2T, K2TCK, WY2X.

NQ4I & N4FD, K4HZ, W14R, K4BAI, W4FLB, K4HH, DF3CB. ON7LR: Club. PJ1B: WW2Y, N3ED, WA3LR0, K2EK, N7ZZ, K3EST, N4RV, K2XZ, K2SS, KT3Y, W3HHG, K1KI, NL7GP, W3UM, PJ9EE, K2SB. PJ9W: OH6NU, OH6MW, OH6RM, OH6FT, OH6JW, OH5BM, OH6YF, OH6DO, OH2MM, OH5NZ, OH2BAD, OH6XY, OH3UU, OH2KK, OH1XX, OH6IG, OH3NJZ, OH1MA, OH3XA. R6L: UA6LO, UA6LV, UB5ITW, UB5IBG, UA6-150-1104, UV6LPL, UA6-150-1060, UA6-150-1070. SK0UX: SM8BV, SM8GZT, SM8NZB, SM8MRQ, SM8AVK, SM8NEJ. VE3SWA: VE3MAH, VE3NQM. VE7ZZZ: VE6B8P, VE6EZ, VE6SF, VE6WP, VE7ARS, VE7AV, VE7CV, VE7DRS, VE7EME, VE7HBO, VE7KD, VE7NNN, VE7RBL, VE7RK, VE7SK, VE7SSS, VE7WGT, VE7XYL. W3KV & W3GU. W3LPL & W12T, ND3A, KC3EK, W3EKT, N3GB, W3IDT, KF3P, K3RA, K3RV, K3SO, NM3U, KA3UBJ, WD4AXM, KN5H, WA8MAZ, N8II, KD9J. W5KS: KF5DA, K65TO, N5PYD, KD5RO, N5NVQ, KB5YB, N5OQN, KB5OIP. W7XR & W7AWA, K7IDX, WS7I, NN7L, VE7NKI, K7RI, K7SS, W7TJ, N7UA, KE7V, WA6VEF, W7WA.

W8AII/9 & N9KAU, KA9PVY, KA9FOX, N8BSH, K8FVF, AC0W. W82YOF & K2TD, W82R, K3GYS. WD3V & N3LR, NT3F. W09I & Crew. YT2B: YU2NK, YU2VR, YU2NY, YT2LG, YT2NM, YT2IW, YT2JB, Pero, Sale, Ica, Zajo, Zvone, Braco, Alexandara, Sandra. ZF2MZ: K3IPK, W82P. ZX4V: PY4VD, PY4OY, PY4NL, PY4BHB, PY4BA, PU4WHO.

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3. K5RX	1,103,513	8. KD2TT	531,286
4. YU2TY	739,112	9. W5VGX	498,980
5. KN1M	606,816	10. K2WK	422,177

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K1RU	A	4,664,400	2727	143	455
K8PO/1		4,129,521	2602	140	421
W1WEP		3,434,291	2069	137	444
W1PH		3,323,895	2031	132	433
K1ST		2,574,000	1728	139	389
W1GD		2,297,350	1461	124	426
K8LT/1		2,191,140	1675	117	353
W1NG		1,689,120	1123	129	423
N1API		1,548,052	1162	109	357
KS9Z/1		1,264,224	1084	101	315
KQ1Y		1,190,280	1299	103	261
K1CLN		998,580	936	100	274
K5MA/1		885,870	1138	63	207
KA1HGY		771,907	975	67	214
K1TN		725,400	701	98	274
W1OP		707,544	769	95	222
KA1DWC		629,300	627	83	267
K1VSJ		616,383	645	83	250
KA1DWC		603,018	604	97	254
W1KRS		577,709	635	85	234
WE6G/1		522,636	633	72	219
W1FM		491,550	606	78	212
K1JKS		479,214	504	83	254
NY1L		463,404	583	66	210
W1U6		411,876	567	81	225
W1FJ		352,836	513	66	176
W1BIH		316,008	377	90	207
W1CB		314,534	361	81	238
NW1U		244,647	406	63	158
KC1SG		216,295	333	68	171
NU1E		201,596	345	55	147
N4XR/1		201,201	271	82	191
W1IHN		164,700	264	62	163
NF1J		162,162	312	44	138
W1MK		155,124	304	51	135
W1RM		133,397	258	52	129
KA1WR		122,265	250	42	129
WA1C		114,729	309	45	122
N1DJX		89,090	212	47	104
WA1LXP		86,394	214	48	106
W1AX		81,432	195	42	105
WC1D		78,590	200	47	98
KV1J		55,948	143	50	92
K1JBS		51,744	158	28	84
W1TSJ		44,004	139	34	80
WA1IE		21,725	100	20	59
WM1G		18,480	110	21	45
KA5GIS/1		14,833	61	33	58
K1FIR		14,161	98	10	39
W1FV		14,144	73	18	50
N1RC		13,932	67	32	49
WK1P		13,167	91	16	41
NA10		5,980	40	19	33
W1OPZ		4,165	41	11	24
K1DG	28	932,696	1739	35	149
KS1L		915,399	1647	37	156
KM1C		912,560	1781	38	149
NX1H		779,365	1594	35	138
K1VUT		633,368	1418	33	131
NX1P		382,298	812	34	132
W2AX/1		165,490	428	30	104
KA1RLI		121,968	338	28	98
KA1SSU		82,455	250	25	90
K1VWL		78,438	284	24	78
W1OPB		58,446	209	26	76
N1FWC		58,045	227	27	68
N1FHR		36,271	155	21	62
N1FUS		23,112	117	20	52
KA1UGO		16,140	108	14	46
KA1VMG		15,128	89	18	43
AA1M		12,566	75	14	47
N1GPY		8,601	68	17	30
KA1UKR		4,140	35	16	29
KA1RRX		2,220	26	8	22
KA1SVV		1,140	15	5	15
K2SX/1	21	600,483	1227	36	137
N8RA/1		376,200	906	34	118
K1DWQ		250,308	568	33	120
W1XN		150,027	405	32	97

KA1IOR		148,592	92	16	37
K1WNT		104,995	320	27	88
KA1GTR		52,689	217	24	67
W1RR	14	1,028,020	1804	39	157
NB1H		902,275	1650	38	155
NY1E		163,080	447	32	103
W2SC/1	7	130,625	368	28	97
KA1DZP		3,102	33	8	25
AD1G	3.7	62,392	288	18	70

N2LT	A	3,892,876	2393	137	422
K2DM		3,700,578	2258	132	442
KM2P		3,537,720	2233	145	413
K2PS		2,414,000	1704	123	377
K2PH		1,496,480	1131	116	354
N2WK		1,485,562	1190	108	334
WB2UEY		1,272,312	1039	106	325
KF2O		1,259,650	1048	104	323
N2VW		1,200,284	1051	100	304
WF2W		1,170,448	1070	104	279
WA2C		1,076,901	966	109	290
K2JLA		860,079	785	104	285
N2MR		765,808	738	101	267
KB2SE		718,680	743	92	247
WA2UDT		683,296	738	87	239
NW2J		676,800	744	86	234
K2FL		674,424	689	91	251
KB2WN		643,104	679	85	251
W2JGR		628,064	733	79	225
K2ZJ		570,505	617	94	241
KE2WK		551,286	773	69	180
N2BJX		365,160	680	58	146
K2UF		334,881	464	64	173
N2ZR		305,640	1132	82	188
KD2BW		295,929	420	65	186
WJ2O		294,998	419	72	181
NQ2O		287,028	429	68	170
W2TZ		268,840	402	64	171
K2BQW		238,320	572	72	121
K2ONP		212,184	306	77	175
N2CFD		208,075	366	61	142
N2KA		201,552	316	70	158
KS2M		199,916	332	56	156
KA2HSK		170,321	325	53	128
N2EIK		150,775	291	45	140
W2SDO		129,720	250	63	121
WM2Y		126,248	259	52	120
N2AGO		114,736	211	63	139
N2FF		112,944	250	39	117
WB2MRX		98,340	243	42	107
KB2DE		87,731	211	50	101
K2JF		79,316	187	15	38
N2DUB		77,103	381	71	172
AA2Z		76,254	197	46	96
WM2U		69,662	198	36	86
K2AJY		64,400	168	44	96
W5KI/2		57,528	147	55	98
WK2N		50,181	165	42	87
W2KHQ		48,910	136	42	92
WB2EAR		44,778	162	33	69
W2FR		40,068	125	40	86
W2HCA		39,078	133	38	79
N2RO		34,216	119	33	71
K1JUL/2		31,233	124	25	62
KB4VL/2		26,864	102	27	65
W2OKJ		25,564	231	39	97
KB2UW		25,284	102	40	58
K2MW		23,970	103	21	64
N2GST		22,422	82	39	62
KA2AQV		16,260	85	25	47
W2AOY		15,104	89	17	42
W2LU		12,142	80	26	52
AA2O		11,115	61	20	45
K2TCK		10,362	56	21	45
WY2Z		6,909	59	21	26
K2BMI		6,204	45	16	31
W2EBF/2		2,072	41	17	20
WY2E		1,701	26	21	24
N2KLO		672	15	11	10
K2ZI	28	327,408	653	34	118
K2MFY		305,788	663	34	129
KC6ETY/2		151,500	516	24	80
K2LE		111,544	272	34	112
N2BCF		77,010	269	25	77
N2AUV		68,338	252	23	71
KA2AWE		62,310	232	32	61
N2KKB		47,642	202	20	63
N2JTW		40,140	168	21	69
N2JQH		38,590	160	23	62
KB2IUA		36,225	171	18	57
N2LDU		25,205	141	20	51

K2PF		23,004	116	23	48
K2SWZ		22,032	112	22	50
N2JNZ		17,400	101	17	43
KM2X		13,224	83	16	41
KB2KXC		10,950	81	15	35
WF2B		4,095	42	14	25
K2SKO		561	17	5	6
NG2X	21	943,578	1806	38	140
NB2P	21	685,542	1261	38	149
WB2DND		133,280	336	33	103
KA2RGI		4,905	39	7	38
K2VW	14	939,624	1771	38	150
K2HFX	21	689,095	1372	38	149
K2MGA		247,940	624	32	108
KB2BF		147,500	1180	32	93
WA2UZI		122,580	319	33	102
NS2W		68,013	244	22	77
WA2ASQ		24,222	131	12	54
WV2B		3,955	40	11	24
NQ2D	7	146,875	447	28	97
WQ2M		130,161	352	28	101
W2VP	3.7	63,597	306	18	69
WA2WVL	1.8	26,480	130	20	60
W2FCR	1.8	4,719	83	12	27
W2VO		1,288	25	7	16
K300	A	5,706,990	3204	148	473
K5ZD/3	21	4,922,856	2669	146	493
K3ZD	21	4,561,608	2832	148	419
W3BGN	21	3,959,928	2407	140	427
K3ZJ		2,460,025	1833	122	353
N3BJ		2,158,927	1545	124	367
KE3Q		1,292,062	1030	111	335
W3UJ		997,893	986	91	260
KB3TS		817,235	807	91	274
K4JLD/3		669,960	675	100	260
K3II		566,004	651	83	220
K3TEJ		548,744	679	77	210
NC3C		523,692	503	97	276
K3FNW		518,502	587	81	228
N3IGV		509,292	605	82	219
AD3V		493,115	484	99	266
W3FJY		377,667	510	71	190
K3ZNV		369,200	497	70	190
WB3AVN		342,544	426</		

KG6AO	**	231,352	360	89	153	N7KJE	**	8,874	63	22	29	KF9P	**	269,115	428	62	171	K8GT	**	21,976	101	21	61	T12YO	21	450,840	1361	34	102
N6IBP	**	221,840	348	81	155	N7BG	28	913,674	1807	36	138	W9BCV	**	223,608	330	77	165	K80D	3.7	23,532	136	21	53	T16FLM	**	20,368	138	24	52
WA6SDM	**	182,405	338	67	124	K7QO	**	588,141	1321	36	123	KW9E	**	219,008	350	67	165	K8KX	**	19,125	105	21	54	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC					
NE6I	**	180,268	342	60	127	NX7K	**	569,328	1285	40	134	KB9BUM	**	190,684	365	56	137	H1BLUZ A 759,120 1343 69 171											
N6AN	**	137,268	293	61	103	NW7Q	**	354,672	898	32	112	WU9D	**	189,924	350	61	143	H18A ** 173,505 633 45 84 (Opr. JA5DQH)											
W6KXG	**	133,020	263	60	120	NB7N	**	303,778	807	32	107	K9DN	**	184,894	345	54	139	H150UD ** 37,230 229 29 44 (Opr. H13AMF)											
K6SG	**	125,493	250	71	106	W7FP	**	219,834	574	33	105	K9UQN	**	176,961	339	52	131	H13LR 28 41,272 333 20 36											
W6REC	**	123,200	411	53	101	W7AYY	**	143,010	469	28	77	KB9CRJ	**	166,428	295	64	143	H13LFE ** 22,747 221 14 29											
(Opr. KB6UNC)						KB7IRF	**	140,097	414	29	94	W9GCV	**	148,608	281	57	135	H18DMX 21 148,167 636 26 75 (Opr. JP1DMX)											
K6UO	**	113,367	240	73	86	KQ7I	**	129,108	425	29	77	NI9C	**	128,040	249	63	131	ANGUILLA											
W6EEN	**	100,989	244	48	99	WB7VUB	**	76,154	269	26	75	W9KVF	**	115,878	231	53	125	VP2E 1.8 6,936 143 6 18 (Opr. VP2EXX)											
WB6ZSO	**	91,512	216	65	99	KX7J	**	21,975	103	23	52	AJ9C	**	115,866	267	52	105	ANTIGUA											
WA6RNF	**	79,800	174	60	108	NQ7Q	**	12,834	77	20	42	WB9CXY	**	108,770	266	38	108	V2/G6QO A 193,875 734 45 80											
WA6UFY	**	69,138	184	58	80	W7TZO	**	6,327	63	16	21	KA9WBX	**	107,000	225	75	125	BARBADOS											
W6GSQ	**	66,882	162	61	96	W7UPF	21	189,040	569	28	108	W9RZW	**	90,628	237	41	98	BP6SH A 1,933,955 2483 93 242											
N6HE	**	48,160	166	45	67	K7LZJ	**	154,542	419	31	98	N9XX	**	70,091	185	43	90	BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS											
WA6FIT	**	42,228	146	39	63	KE7RT	**	34,432	186	20	44	W9NA	**	61,600	146	49	91	VP2V /N6LL A 2,256,520 3381 74 206											
KJ6UD	**	35,055	131	33	62	W7VIH	**	6,012	60	17	19	WA9GON	**	53,066	123	44	113	CANADA											
AA6EE	**	25,026	109	33	53	K7LR	14	315,068	708	36	130	WD9DYR	**	49,920	151	36	84	VE1CBF A 401,157 603 69 192											
W6OVO	**	24,650	103	36	49	WA7FAB	**	120,708	345	31	95	WD9FEN	**	25,927	137	33	78	XM1MQ ** 369,036 794 54 150											
WW6O	**	23,634	112	35	43	K7FD	**	101,964	330	32	84	KA9HDN	**	25,839	115	24	57	VE1TI ** 309,308 518 50 162											
N6BFN	**	22,496	109	32	44	W7LGG	**	48,706	176	27	71	WU9B	**	23,594	98	35	59	V01SO 28 130,872 610 22 62											
N6TDC	**	2,170	30	15	16	WW7Q	**	48,100	117	35	113	KB9OD	**	21,538	112	32	57	V06AW 21 4,725 50 9 26											
W6NV	28	877,389	1917	39	138	WK7Z	7	12,958	78	20	42	N9IUM	**	16,881	115	58	104	VE1CGF 14 76,145 274 29 68											
(Opr. WB6SHD)						K3ZJ/B	A	2,460,025	1833	122	353	AJ9U	**	11,661	60	44	25	V06SF ** 40,710 258 18 51											
W6PU	**	447,216	914	39	129	WB3KXX	/B	**	2,123,985	1359	139	416	W9CA	**	10,904	65	16	42	VE1ZZP A 3,790,320 3818 102 306										
W6UQF	**	268,826	674	32	107	KC8FS	**	1,000,416	884	99	309	N9AG	28	585,820	1221	34	136	VE2AYU ** 1,132,047 1210 87 270											
WA6ISP	**	252,044	592	33	115	N8ESB	**	988,000	883	110	290	K9MDO	**	501,858	1168	32	115	V07TM ** 585,980 1541 50 116											
WB6MBF	**	197,169	563	30	93	N8FEH	**	741,354	823	83	231	KK9L	**	449,280	1148	33	111	VE2TAE ** 142,232 320 60 124											
K6SJK	**	150,398	382	33	106	N8FEH	**	741,354	823	83	231	KC9AL	**	210,343	505	34	117	XM2GSX 28 206,584 601 29 95											
K6PJY	**	147,034	410	32	90	NC8V	**	726,024	806	85	227	K9JS	**	190,138	466	29	113	VE2MRP ** 86,655 300 24 85											
N6CDA	**	138,096	427	31	81	WD8EOL	**	457,478	564	75	212	KB9ABI	**	143,190	408	28	101	VE2QK ** 64,600 293 24 61											
A16Z	**	130,290	347	32	97	K18W	**	426,162	660	71	171	N9IHW	**	53,385	49	14	31	VE2EW A 41,728 279 17 47											
WA6FGV	**	99,130	302	30	85	K18W	**	426,162	660	71	171	N4XMV/9	**	51,975	234	24	53	/VK2DXI ** 25,680 294 13 27											
W6RCL	**	88,608	301	24	80	KC8KE	**	382,436	498	73	195	N9RO	**	50,400	221	23	57	XM2PJ 14 847,207 1869 39 140											
W6BIP	**	72,657	220	30	87	KA8D	**	361,299	518	81	168	K9PNG	**	12,768	81	18	39	VE2GVZ ** 31,806 227 20 42											
N6WLF	**	48,450	199	25	60	WA4ORG	/B	**	338,766	461	74	188	W9GIL	21	177,141	450	32	105	XM3IY A 4,802,364 3673 137 395										
WA7BNM	/6	40,204	189	22	54	K8CLA	**	316,416	412	67	189	W9ZRX	**	100,116	334	28	80	XM3AT ** 2,138,142 2063 87 280											
WB8PVN	/6	39,530	204	22	45	KE8KG	**	275,334	448	62	156	KJ9D	**	21,406	100	26	51	VE3DZ ** 758,542 899 92 255											
KB6RMN	**	35,968	193	20	44	K8OOL	**	235,176	340	73	173	W9LND	**	14,740	80	15	52	PJ7 /OH3VV A 741,576 1174 67 197											
W6MVV	**	18,966	118	22	36	W8UPH	**	208,075	364	58	147	K9CLO	14	176,808	460	32	103	PJ7 /WY2W ** 428,968 1142 50 122											
WX6M	**	18,836	106	24	44	WABRSA	**	164,358	286	62	145	W19H	**	116,640	287	33	111	PJ8CW 28 76,272 616 14 42											
WA6KXN	**	15,964	107	20	32	NW8F	**	144,255	311	47	116	W19H	**	116,640	287	33	111	TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS											
N6IFW	**	13,824	101	16	32	N8KSO	**	137,741	274	51	130	K9YNF	**	116,459	313	33	98	VP5T A 7,030,044 5940 120 356 (Opr. NM2Y)											
KB6GK	**	11,515	84	17	32	KE80Q	**	134,872	270	55	129	N9NIC	**	70,296	215	31	85	VP5JM 21 581,914 1821 33 94											
W6SVU	**	7,965	62	20	25	KF8DF	**	120,204	232	52	137	KD9ST	7	55,752	199	25	76	U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS											
KC6FZU	**	4,788	50	16	26	N8LM	**	109,251	224	60	123	W9CH	**	55,263	220	24	85	KP2A A 10,677,460 7222 141 473 (Opr. KW8N)											
KA6EZF	**	924	24	41	66	NS8D	**	108,576	237	63	145	KD9Q	**	12,508	75	19	40	VE3DZ 1.8 12,960 193 12 24											
N6TPT	**	864	22	8	8	WC8W	**	107,910	348	30	80	KE9U	3.7	4,972	49	15	29	VE3PN ** 12,168 262 11 13											
N6VV	21	502,366	1076	38	125	W8LNU	**	99,012	244	43	105	WBEJ	A	2,039,342	1544	129	353	VE4VY A 878,349 1055 97 242											
N6HR	**	279,260	889	36	111	W8URM	**	65,750	184	39	86	WBCG	**	2,014,830	1635	115	326	XM4AIY ** 212,316 638 51 105											
N6YKL	**	224,436	672	34	84	KE8FO	**	50,460	159	35	81	KBSCM	**	1,676,896	1427	107	309	VE4HQ ** 147,312 639 68 148											
WB6NFO	**	87,792	261	26	92	W8OK	**	50,127	126	53	94	WABPUJ	**	1,556,688	1174	134	358	VE4IA A 98,325 309 27 88											
WA6WPG	**	75,735	264	28	71	WB2VTN	/B	**	48,375	143	45	84	N0ZA	**	1,238,297	1125	120	271	VE5TQ A 586,524 1229 77 145										
N6HK	**	37,444	141	25	67	NE8T	**	44,196	133	41	75	K0KE	**	891,624	821	120	263	VE5SF ** 121,104 358 48 96											
WB6DFA	**	21,515	121	25	40	WR8R	**	43,911	146	40	78	W4ETO/0	**	814,576	759	112	280	VE6UO A 548,758 968 89 177											
W6PM	**	18,971	109	14	47	W8JRK	**	35,182	124	27	71	WK0F	**	749,634	864	83	226	XM6BMX ** 269,876 445 87 181											
K6SVL	14	285,576	652	37	126	N8MNB	**	34,768	125	39	67	W0RXL	**	536,239	610	93	226	VE6NAO ** 192,372 319 74 172											
N6TU	**	109,650	299	34	95	AF8C	**	19,980	79	32	58	W0MJN	**	530,658	678	74	205	VE6JY ** 155,495 256 81 146											
W6FRZ	**	80,645	222	32	95	W8YGR	**	8,436	41	37	39	KA8ZF	**	432,408	678	81	177	EABALY 28 624,861 1652 36 69											
W6OK	**	41,041	161	25	66	WBIDM	**	8,357	51	19	42	NK0N	**	383,736	501	75	196	EABAKN ** 92,782 673 16 30											
AA6TT	7	38,948	156	26	65	K8AZ	28	697,363	1413	34	139	W0YA	**	348,948	535	69	174	EABBBP 21 264,500 797 32 83											
K5KT/6	**	27,489	130	21	56	N8CXX	**	628,830	1281	35	135	KM0L	**	305,280	417	83	182	EABBBW ** 111,010 443 24 61											
W6RJ	3.7	105,343	450	32	69	N8MSF	**	292,699	927	30	91	KD0NB	**	251,304	413	71	151	CEUTA											
N2KK/6	**	102,390	358	33	72	N8AON/8	**	172,458	417	33	110	NS0B	**	244,530	378	67	167	EA9LZ 14 1,244,340 2685 32 123											
N6UC	**	5,198	47	17	29	K8BSW	**	97,112	283	29	93	WB0IEL	**	232,143	366	72	151	TR0D A 22,080 118 23 41											
K6MO	1.8	80	8	6	4	K8NRC	**	72,452	218	29	89	W3GRW/0	**	220,696	390	59	137	GUINEA-BISSAU											
NN7L	A	2,227,905	1917	129	276	KE8NH	**																						

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811A tubes resist premature failure in two ways.

First, they're constructed with widely spaced elements that minimize the chance of elements touching and causing a short — even if the plate gets hot enough to melt.

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The heart of the AL-811 power supply is



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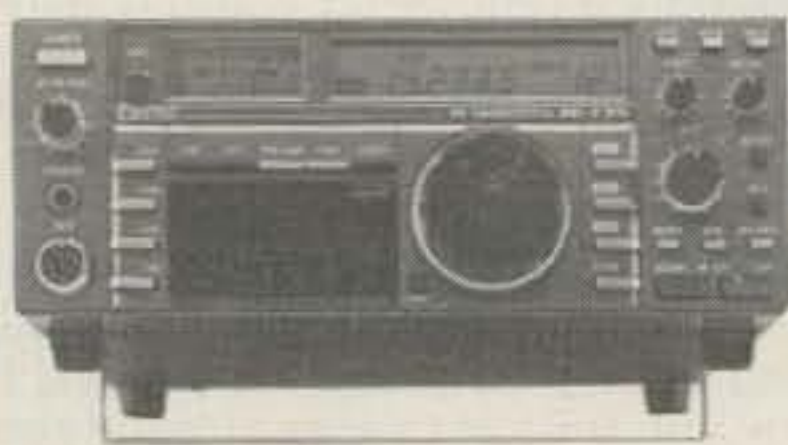
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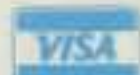


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KENYA				JA10XC	38,350	119	32	86	JA5EXW	28	581,856	1319	37	115	JORDAN																
5Z4BI	A	1,818,357	2832	64	155	JL1KUH	20,463	131	21	36	JA5POS	32,227	184	22	45	JY9SR	14	39,644	265	12	41	KOREA									
5Z4OU	21	382,750	1030	34	91	JA1XPU	10,716	89	19	28	JA5EO	15,704	106	18	34	HL9RY	A	1,342,884	1787	97	185	EUROPE									
KERGUELEN ISLAND				JG1TVK	9,936	67	21	33	JE5XYT	21	16,402	104	22	37	AALAND ISLANDS																
FT5XA	A	1,501,056	1771	84	204	JM1DOJ	3,420	37	15	21	JE6ZIH	A	3,745,987	3106	131	308	OH0MAM	21	879,712	2591	35	113	AUSTRIA								
MADEIRA ISLANDS				JS1MRM	2,970	45	13	17	JA6LDD	"	1,454,037	1684	103	196	OE6MBG	A	3,274,089	2637	122	415	OE6CLD	"	1,113,984	1211	93	291	OE5XXL				
CT3BH	A	14,892,102	7177	166	531	JJ1NUI	2,430	29	12	18	JA6COW	"	1,086,288	1142	103	233	/500				1,071,600	1286	100	280	(Opr. OE5KE)						
(Opr. OH2BH)				JG1TVC	952	25	7	10	JA6BWH	"	86,944	178	57	119	OE6WIG	"	959,280	1142	66	214	OE2BZL	"	908,694	1193	93	249	OE1WEU				
MALAWI				JS1HPX	702	15	7	11	JS6GIM	"	73,144	160	62	102	OE1CWL	"	65,505	238	50	115	OE5CWL	"	65,505	238	50	115	OE1TKW				
7Q7JA	28	86,130	276	30	80	JR1UJW	518	22	3	5	JH6FTJ	"	48,285	194	35	52	OE3HCS				23,084	85	42	74	OE						
(Opr. JL1IHE)				JA1LBZ	372	11	5	7	JF6JQM	"	47,066	172	33	68	/DL4NAC				4,559	56	16	31	OE1DH								
MOROCCO				JA1JLP	282	12	4	4	JF6KAC	"	5,763	40	17	34	OE2XEL				911,267	1922	37	145	(Opr. OE2VEL)								
CN8MC	A	241,200	660	29	105	JL1DRX	27	3	1	2	JH6AUS	28	342,357	918	36	103	OE6GND				167,195	570	28	91	AZORES						
(Opr. CN8MK)				JA1SKE	14	112,640	325	36	92	JH6ZHV	"	170,016	437	36	102	CU3LF				A	310,200	811	45	143	(Opr. K83RG)						
MAURITIUS				JA1VBW	"	40,859	157	31	60	JA6EFT	"	90,404	332	28	69	CU2AF				21	32,706	235	17	52	BALEARIC ISLANDS						
3B8DB	28	126,000	509	25	59	JR4PMX	"	"	"	JA6QDU	"	60,344	277	26	50	EA6ZS				A	49,067	198	42	97	EA6AAZ						
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA				/1	"	22,996	104	29	55	JA6PJ	"	51,282	181	33	66	EA6LA				"	110,682	601	26	60	EA6WY						
ZS6HO	A	295,040	620	49	111	JA1GO	8,064	49	22	42	JA6RXA	"	42,000	186	26	54	EA6ZZ				21	241,440	1060	30	90	BELGIUM					
ZS6WFX	28	887,220	1927	38	117	J11LAI	4,180	35	17	27	JA6GPO	"	9,891	57	22	41	ON4UN				A	5,494,159	4050	134	382	(Opr. DJ60T)					
SENEGAL				JR1WGW	"	3,102	53	9	12	JJ6MXXA	"	858	18	11	15	ON4ACB				"	438,669	826	68	143	ON7RN						
6W	/YU5AD	28	285,100	968	27	73	J01TLP	1,768	24	12	14	JK6UPO	21	13,936	110	21	31	ON5CZ				"	29,000	175	27	73	ON4ZD				
TANZANIA				JE1GZB	"	1,716	30	9	13	JJ6MYB	7	2,270	31	15	16	ON4APU				"	81,968	349	27	65	ON4ZT						
5H3RF	A	54	6	3	3	JP1RMK	"	1,675	25	12	13	JK6JTH	"	6,985	46	16	39	ON4XG				21	105,392	436	27	85	ON7CC				
ZAIRE				JK1AFI	7	6,909	49	18	29	JJ6MXA	"	858	18	11	15	ON5KL				14	63,648	300	26	78	BULGARIA						
9T5E	A	319,736	789	47	89	JK1GKG	"	2,968	41	13	15	JR7HOD	"	1,012	18	9	13	LZ1ZD				A	304,470	995	85	221	LZ3YY				
(Opr. WA9INK)				J11NJC	"	1,474	23	10	12	/6	"	858	28	4	7	LZ1KV				"	26,880	98	43	69	LZ6Z						
ZAMBIA				JA1IT	"	735	14	9	12	JJ6MYB	7	2,270	31	15	16	LZ2OR				"	7,424	40	26	38	LZ1KOZ						
9J2FR	28	778,950	2003	35	100	JA1DXR	3.7	5,704	48	19	27	JJ6MXA	"	858	18	11	15	LZ1M				"	13,524	105	18	28	LZ2ZY				
ASIA				JR2AGL	A	1,023,460	1282	101	191	JA70FU	A	1,009,304	1110	102	214	CORSICA				DL7HZ	A	1,886,785	2613	91	262	CZECHOSLOVAKIA					
HONG KONG				JA2ESR	"	561,661	263	100	163	JE7DOT	"	658,560	947	84	161	OM6RU				A	859,812	1050	104	307	OK1KKD						
VS6WV	28	762,550	2111	37	114	JG2MLI	"	105,000	310	46	79	JE7HFL	"	604,032	1081	64	128	OK2ABU				"	543,508	726	83	246	OK1BB				
VS6	/W4WET	"	49,364	114	24	48	JH2WHS	"	79,886	247	45	73	JH7NPF	"	419,796	862	62	107	OK1EP				"	373,516	712	79	207	OK3RRC			
VS6BG	3.7	15,540	170	16	26	JJ2EEN	"	68,086	211	40	78	JR7LVK	"	45,409	179	32	59	OM6KZ				"	232,566	511	67	182	OM2HI				
(Opr. KB7G)				JA2BEY	"	46,767	144	55	76	JA7ASD	"	12,992	76	25	33	OK3CDZ				"	138,400	454	49	124	OM3YCA						
INDIA				JH2HFD	"	34,270	119	43	72	JH7DNO	28	1,143,807	2647	36	111	OM6SWD				"	114,449	296	52	97	OK3CGT						
ATBT	A	369,736	627	59	167	JF2PTA	"	10,874	106	30	41	JR7BKB	"	252,519	708	33	90	OK1KT				"	82,915	220	55	106	OK1DQT				
VU2NBT	28	404,995	1382	28	79	JH2BCN	28	405,720	1116	36	90	JA7DOT	"	239,146	755	32	76	OM2PWR				"	82,170	256	50	115	OM2PWR				
VU2PTT	14	81,900	310	37	80	JH10AI/2	"	282,625	774	33	92	JH7KTI	"	141,456	453	31	81	OK1SBB				"	70,597	514	58	132	OK1SBB				
(Opr. AA4U)				JA2AXB	"	242,746	841	31	67	JR7CDL	"	120,700	415	28	72	OK1AXB				"	64,998	301	41	116	OK2PDT						
ISRAEL				J11HHX/2	"	224,576	663	31	85	JH7CJM	"	37,664	132	29	78	OK3CXZ				"	29,760	206	23	73	OK1CSU						
4X	/AA4KD	A	98,000	276	33	92	JE2IFM	"	106,392	359	33	71	JA7AXP	"	6,072	50	18	26	OK2PSZ				"	20,025	128	32	57	OM6BHQ			
4Z4UT	"	325,663	660	46	123	JA2DHL	"	77,865	303	26	61	JA7KM	"	2,346	36	6	17	OK1JST				"	19,788	132	27	75	OK1JST				
JAPAN				JA2IHS	"	43,890	211	23	47	JH7XGN	21	484,024	1250	35	101	OK1FHI				"	14,868	112	26	58	OK						
VF1SEK	A	2,907,024	2335	131	295	JR2IGV	"	4,437	55	14	15	JA7FR	"	398,607	983	35	106	/DL4NAC				"	13,300	120	20	50	OK1DQC				
JH1AEP	"	2,779,343	2253	141	286	JA2NQE	21	368,676	1013	33	93	JA7BEW	"	327,240	868	37	98	OK1DQC				"	13,145	140	18	37	OK2BBQ				
JA1XAF	"	2,260,940	1829	140	290	JA2BNN	"	206,424	760	29	65	JA7NVF	"	291,992	888	31	82	OK1DQC				"	5,530	81	18	54	OM1FRR				
JR1GSE	"	863,328	1105	99	177	JA2QOC	"	89,148	309	31	71	JH7LGJ	"	265,330	716	35	95	OK1ALW				28	1,003,591	2210	36	127	OK1ALW				
JA1PUK	"	675,880	841	96	181	JA2HKR	"	15,120	105	22	26	JA7ZWD	"	199,563	608	33	86	OK1ALW				"	375,968	1458	85	210	OK1ALW				
JH1DAG	"	585,964	785	93	170	JF2PXB	"	7,400	76	15	22	JA7CXT	"	5,547	56	18	25	OK1ALW				"	375,968	1458	85	210	OK1ALW				
JA1BUI	"	284,820	505	69	133	JA2MGG	"	6,804	57	16	26	JH7JXF	"	110	5	5	5	OK1ALW				"	375,968	1458	85	210	OK1ALW				
JA1LZR	"	254,800	430	67	141	JA2OG	14	63,911	282	27	52	JR7QHV	"	75	5	2	3	OK1ALW				"	375,968	1458	85	210	OK1ALW				
JH1UUT	"	249,482	545	58	100	JG2TSL	"	8,917	135	28	53	JA7SGV	14	594,528	1187	39	137	OK1ALW				"	375,968	1458	85	210	OK1ALW				
JA1IFB	"	206,400	345	80	135	JA2EJ	"	3,920	37	14	26	J47QXJ	"	122,515	410	31	76	OK1ALW				"	375,968	1458	85	210	OK1ALW				
JP1SRG	"	179,892	375	62	109	JI2DYK	"	1,442	41	4	10	JA7UJ	"	97,110	290	33	84	OK1ALW				"	375,968	1458	85	210	OK1ALW				
JL1MWI	"	120																													

OM6ADS	**	565,692	1464	36	105
OM2PAY	**	560,880	1486	35	109
OK3CFA	**	539,968	1391	37	106
OK3CAP	**	231,424	744	31	97
OK1VAM	**	206,886	642	33	90
OK1XW	**	142,830	435	34	104
OK3PO	**	43,659	196	24	57
OK2PAX	**	19,323	127	21	36
OK1DHJ	**	12,508	92	17	36
OK3CEL	**	7,752	92	13	25
OM7DX	21	1,122,108	3067	37	157
		(Opr. OK3DX)			
OM1DIG	**	238,572	721	34	107
OK2PMA	**	151,032	553	29	95
OK3YK	**	101,964	503	30	86
OK3IA	**	14,558	109	16	42
OK2BPK	**	1,825	27	11	14
OK1FPG	14	7,954	107	10	31
OK1JRW	**	7,310	139	10	33
OK3THU	**	3,850	68	11	24
OK2PEL	**	3,750	99	9	21
OK2PPM	**	2,790	62	7	24
OK1MKI	**	2,542	76	7	24
OK3YCL	3.7	13,552	309	6	38
OK1UQA	**	2,040	22	5	17
OM6JDX	1.8	21,774	382	9	48
		(Opr. OK1JDX)			

DENMARK

OZ3ABE	A	239,465	629	63	172
OZ6PI	**	80,475	308	44	141
OZ1ASP	**	56,682	240	39	95
OZ1FNX	**	55,860	190	43	71
OZ7DX	**	50,699	225	31	90
OZ7AX	**	43,044	233	35	67
OZ6ABL	**	23,808	114	30	63
OZ8ND	**	9,945	80	23	28
OZ8T	**	2,024	32	10	12
OZ4ABH	**	2,144	29	14	18
OZ5EV	28	319,992	873	33	101
OZ1KWC	**	300,265	1039	34	81
OZ1INN	**	122,969	590	23	54
OZ1ACB	**	82,618	340	29	72
OZ8AE	**	39,995	167	29	66
OZ9HN	**	11,550	115	16	19
OZ8UW	**	6,579	63	18	33
OZ4VW	**	4,128	65	13	11
OZ1LTB	21	216,370	810	29	81
OZ3ACZ	**	50,778	254	25	66
OZ7HT	14	514,794	1613	33	114
OZ1LRT	**	71,820	361	28	77
OZ6EI	**	1,134	24	8	19
OZ4MD	7	204,753	755	30	101
OZ1FTE	**	203,574	785	31	100
OZ3SK	1.8	19,500	300	10	50

ENGLAND

G4XKR	A	334,884	595	66	170
G0KTN	**	154,959	415	49	108
G5LP	**	83,584	461	29	99
G4MZJ	**	33,352	181	27	61
G3JKY	**	21,406	203	26	51
G4NXG/M	**	11,501	73	21	32
G0LX	28	54,815	246	25	70
G3TXF	21	218,790	622	36	117
G3XSV	**	108,288	532	26	70
G3FXB	14	1,423,450	3242	38	137
G4CNY	**	1,029,908	2402	38	140
G80DX	7	392,160	1484	28	92
		(Opr. G4BUE)			
G4PKP	3.7	40,870	513	13	54

FAROE ISLANDS

OY9JD	A	3,963,984	2845	140	474
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FEDERAL REP. OF GERMANY

DL8PC	A	3,944,192	3049	126	373
DK2XX	**	2,828,540	2254	123	383
DF1IK/P	**	1,280,268	1345	104	292
DL3LU	**	1,233,960	1150	118	337
DJ5FT	**	1,000,991	1030	109	310
DJ8UW/P	**	532,008	924	84	240
DJ5AV/A	**	393,221	654	72	199
DK5WQ	**	387,247	600	87	256
DL5ZBA	**	308,465	704	57	134
DL80BL	**	274,188	557	64	155
DK8KC	**	218,772	469	58	148
DJ2UU	**	217,560	442	66	156
DK3YD	**	200,932	498	48	143
DL5XB	**	178,620	389	67	128
DL11AD	**	162,806	310	57	146
DF2KD	**	143,178	464	46	101
DL8SDC	**	143,040	412	48	101
DL2BAY	**	103,161	257	50	87
DF3IS	**	94,248	350	43	89
DL7YS	**	79,517	249	46	85
DL8AAE	**	67,640	255	46	106
DL8NB	**	57,645	164	52	83
DL9NCR	**	38,533	127	43	70
DL2GBB	**	30,392	126	42	74
DL20BN	**	16,200	115	24	57
DK9IP	**	13,694	82	30	52
DL4YBP	**	8,415	51	23	32
DL9VDQ	**	3,478	31	21	26
DL3YDY	**	630	28	10	11
DF8SS8	28	1,256,266	2463	39	148
		(Opr. DF9ZP)			
DF8WS	**	666,995	1830	37	96

DA2CF	**	653,430	1773	34	104
		(Opr. VE2UJE)			
DL2DBH	**	239,775	689	34	105
DL1EK	**	183,875	564	30	95
DJ9ZB	**	148,590	449	31	99
DJ6GK	**	116,850	298	35	115
DL9SN	**	111,780	308	32	106
DK5IC	**	109,648	371	29	83
DL3BCQ	**	102,626	430	26	71
DL6SG	**	54,352	279	27	52
DL4FJ	**	46,410	230	22	56
DA2AA	**	28,644	180	23	54
		(Opr. K7VAV)			
DJ6TK	**	26,312	130	24	64
DL3ME	**	15,416	117	17	30
DL6AM/M	**	9,214	105	12	22
DK3LM	**	3,861	51	13	26
DJ4WS	21	64,989	302	22	65
DJ4PT	14	1,288,617	2713	37	150
DK5OY	**	212,316	575	39	117
DL2SBY	**	72,100	486	25	78
DJ3GE	**	33,654	161	24	55
DJ0BX/P	**	31,326	283	17	52
DL6BCR	**	25,280	245	18	46
DL8QS	3.7	54,556	446	21	71

FINLAND

OH2PM	A	2,122,406	1740	130	403
OH30J	**	1,801,632	2176	104	288
OH1BV	**	705,168	1017	94	260
OH8LQ	**	552,096	1192	60	156
OH6NEV	**	548,208	598	106	317
OH1TD	**	386,474	746	65	177
OH2LP	**	288,344	613	69	202
OH4MCV	**	225,780	485	64	149
OH6OS	**	170,403	343	65	172
OH6SU	**	167,200	334	64	145
OH7MOF	**	144,396	399	57	134
OH7NW	**	121,923	380	54	153
OH2MO	**	112,428	342	50	112
OH2BLF	**	108,108	215	66	168
OH3AD	**	74,936	388	42	94
		(Opr. OH3HY)			
OH5TE	**	64,845	233	39	92
OH6QP	**	57,156	239	38	94
OH6YLS	**	43,608	258	31	107
		(Opr. OH6CD)			
OH3JR	**	35,754	115	46	72
OH6VR	**	34,848	90	63	79
OH6ZJ	**	31,878	190	34	92
OH2LU	**	29,148	127	31	53
OH200	**	26,712	118	48	78
OH8MCE	**	23,980	105	42	67
OH2BYS	**	20,979	71	41	70
OH3NHF	**	19,747	87	34	57
OH2VZ	**	11,210	68	25	34
OH2RL	**	10,296	73	29	59
OH7JL	28	349,962	1021	34	112
OH6AT	**	206,555	792	31	78
		(Opr. OH6MJM)			
OH2MPO	**	140,360	566	29	92
OH3MMH	**	123,760	506	30	82
OH3WD	**	120,414	313	34	107
OH3MIG	**	94,068	369	26	82
OH3MFP	**	92,748	296	31	87
OH1MHX	**	72,400	309	24	76
OH6MPJ	**	54,008	304	23	63
OH2MKX	**	42,596	217	25	67
OH2BPA	**	31,570	212	20	62
OH5PA	**	31,209	123	27	76
OH5LAQ	**	27,279	219	20	43
OH6RC	**	26,000	158	21	59
OH2MDC	**	15,180	111	21	39
OH50D	**	11,660	142	12	32
OH6MIL	**	5,355	61	13	38
OH1MTT	**	4,896	65	13	23
OH1AD	21	1,086,354	2454	37	134
		(Opr. OH1WZ)			
OH2BAH	**	866,640	2207	34	123
		(Opr. OH2PO)			
OH8SR	**	833,760	2161	36	124
OH7MA	**	774,177	1974	36	115
OH6NIO	**	538,580	1552	33	107
OH2BCD	**	78,866	335	25	69
OH2BNT	**	53,406	320	23	63
OH7MKR	**	38,556	204	22	59
OH5RZ	**	9,460	119	13	30
OH6UP	**	7,100	76	16	34
OH1MCX	14	265,173	934	36	121
OH2BVF	7	126,464	580	23	81
OH4BEN	3.7	56,643	563	17	62
OH7UE	**	52,720	415	20	60
OH1KF/2	1.8	5,282	141	5	33

FRANCE

F6A0J	A	2,022,272	1704	113	335
HX8U	**	1,830,080	2569	90	254
		(Opr. F6DZU)			
F8WE	**	541,150	1202	76	198
F6EXQ	**	407,700	656	80	222
F3VX	**	295,032	613	66	162
F1HWB	**	159,030	399	53	137
F9LX	**	142,528	288	71	201
FD10PW	**	112,161	331	41	68
F2RO	**	101,728	299	47	89
TM2A	**	67,167	201	55	98
		(Opr. FE6HAC)			
F6FHA	**	40,848	161	38	73
FE6DRP	**	32,240	259	23	57

TOP TEN SINGLE OP ASSISTED					
All Band					
1. K1ZM/2	4,405,350	6. WB2K	2,805,712		
2. K1TO	4,088,154	7. W2GD	2,744,946		
3. AG1C	3,700,400	8. K1VR	2,625,952		
4. K3WW	3,580,653	9. K1CC	2,392,590		
5. K8MR	2,853,600	10. K4JPD	2,332,934		

FE1JND	**	4,747	63	19	28
F5JY	28	416,070	1189	32	102
FD1LFY	**	265,776	904	29	83
F1JDG	**	79,566	418	23	66
FB10MN	**	5,220	59	14	22
F6AXD	**	1,815	26	13	20
FB1PQG	**	783	31	5	4
FU1X	21	787,314	2168	37	114
		(Opr. F6GMB)			
FF6KBF	**	725,712	1840	35	121
FF6KAW	**	432,790	1590	31	82
F6FJE	**	67,773	353	22	65
F6FGZ	**	8,507	111	14	33
F2EE	14	1,102,887	2842	39	138
FE6FNA	**	59,421	425	23	

WESTERN SOMOA		URUGUAY		W9NQ/6		JATYAA		DL80H	
5W1JD	A 11,907 79 32 31	CX88BH	28 1,604,536 3230 37 130	AG6D	1,414,776 1112 124 342	4,908,800	3285 145 375	4,654,188	2866 142 515
SOUTH AMERICA		CX6BZ	21 94,094 365 25 66	AG6D	1,272,180 1086 130 325	4,172,720	3347 131 299	DL8WH	3,024,868 2366 128 378
ARGENTINA		VENEZUELA		NF6S	1,248,148 1061 123 295	4,114,816	2667 149 395	DL1DAS	2,782,695 2491 114 321
LU9DBK	A 1,702,008 2179 78 186	YV5GMN	A 463,392 580 89 199	W60AT	1,134,480 947 124 311	3,451,014	3033 130 297	DF0RR	2,716,968 2395 119 355
LR2D	" 222,880 533 52 96	4M5F	" 199,467 637 40 90	WA6IET	1,124,024 990 126 298	2,252,104	1997 121 273	DK0IN	2,631,435 2363 122 343
(Opr. LU1YU)		YV5CLK	" 129,008 272 58 118	WA6AHF	969,025 811 121 294	2,188,750	1837 129 297	DK0XK	2,535,610 2197 123 395
LU7MAO	" 30,495 105 33 74	4M5Y	28 803,845 2401 31 85	KE6WL	956,449 913 112 265	1,991,608	1707 126 286	DL0TD	2,444,683 2298 116 345
LS6T	28 2,648,018 4440 39 163	YV3A	" 677,264 2066 29 83	K6BR	724,632 820 112 215	1,746,176	1690 116 293	DA0FDX	2,145,869 2446 102 271
(Opr. LU6ETB)		YW6W	" 291,382 1076 23 68	W6YX	721,088 876 101 203	1,428,800	1547 111 209	DF0PK	1,188,618 1459 96 301
LU4MEE	" 1,089,288 2987 33 90	YV6DNP	" 247,104 822 30 74	AA6TD	678,500 538 134 326	1,023,252	1261 97 187	DL0JU	1,103,356 1265 96 262
LU9FDG	" 883,272 1990 33 116	4M5T	21 1,065,694 2198 37 126	WA6ISP	252,044 592 33 115	370,640	598 79 147	DF0RN	568,512 900 82 247
LP3F	" 806,036 1771 37 117	4M3BC	" 293,384 951 26 78	K6SSS	2,108 22 14 20	155,210	335 58 112	DL0ER	461,338 743 67 184
(Opr. LU6FAZ)		4M5KWS	" 26,000 241 18 32	NK7U	3,550,130 2347 144 401	150,980	785 69 113	DA1RF	362,278 776 69 160
L2Q	" 418,560 1508 34 62	YV3A	14 1,529,500 2947 35 140	W7ZR	1,386,512 1172 124 325	136,498	350 56 83	FINLAND	
(Opr. LU2QC)		4M5VP	" 288,672 1022 22 74	W7TSQ	1,314,800 1300 122 258	112,008	254 68 88	OH4YC	3,854,025 3141 135 390
LS1H	" 394,758 1069 32 94	YV1EQW	" 33,908 405 11 17	NO7F	863,753 947 109 232	68,226	194 65 72	OH2BR	1,674,844 2166 116 317
(Opr. LU1HM)		4M3X	7 622,251 1521 33 114	WS7V	485,030 609 90 197	9,240	81 18 28	OG7NTM	1,244,490 1589 101 289
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ARUBA		K1AR	11,193,606 4437 170 703	AC8N	98,739 240 47 112	2,899,554	3192 113 244	F6BGC	2,934,502 2356 112 391
P48V	A 8,627,385 6440 120 333	K1YR	6,066,750 2821 160 590	AA9A	2,229,210 1437 143 415	2,445,933	2989 114 229	FF1PBT	960,058 1157 100 274
P48R	21 2,719,336 4972 37 147	K1NG	5,803,684 2651 163 610	K9UWA	1,924,032 1294 147 381	1,896,630	2452 107 224	FF6RSM	678,640 1055 91 249
(Opr. K4UEE)		AA1K	5,293,096 2668 159 559	W09Z	1,159,600 933 121 325	1,333,420	2108 97 193	TM0E	637,160 2617 79 217
BOLIVIA		KA1GG	5,269,363 2716 146 525	W9JZ	1,005,311 808 119 330	755,712	1586 92 154	FF6KTF	351,288 658 71 167
CP1FF	A 90,489 245 49 90	KB1H	4,138,416 2112 148 548	W9UVI	995,820 856 110 310	BY3CC	71,804 873 58 58	FF1LPW	312,512 550 74 183
CP5AK	" 20,520 103 18 39	W1AF	3,490,830 1998 141 489	NJ9C	935,445 833 114 299	TURKEY		GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REP.	
BRAZIL		W1GIH	2,722,820 1765 134 411	W9EBN	515,145 602 85 220	15,056,664	7609 164 548	Y38I	4,903,254 3869 127 404
PPSIA	A 265,930 506 68 135	N1TZ	1,664,327 1152 128 383	K9MA	449,224 636 65 176	U.S.S.R.		Y22YD	2,077,914 2240 111 335
PY3HLM	" 132,132 344 47 96	W1BK	1,481,722 1027 124 393	NJ9Z	167,200 306 74 146	ASIATIC RUSSIA		GU6UW	13,155,792 6997 167 587
PY2NY	" 9,268 75 23 29	W1KOO	1,039,308 1088 87 250	KB9ECC	35,030 122 36 77	5,399,016	3544 157 431	HUNGARY	
PP5WG	" 32 4 4 4	KA1X	819,549 778 92 277	K0RF	6,124,248 3017 171 556	2,356,584	1868 118 329	H65A	12,400,080 6811 158 568
PQ5C	28 2,658,240 4611 39 156	K1SSN	695,565 710 110 267	K0CS	2,877,462 1838 142 432	565,488	901 76 176	HG1S	9,544,185 6441 143 472
PY2ETR	" 104,940 387 26 73	W1FY	386,370 507 72 198	KR0B	2,810,760 1720 145 445	203,100	1202 56 94	HG6N	6,994,220 4904 131 449
PR5T	21 2,096,680 3858 39 145	KC1XX	91,635 229 43 106	KZ0C	2,468,268 1738 134 372	159,873	368 60 131	HABKCK	2,210,208 2228 113 349
(Opr. N5FA)		K5NA/2	6,194,342 2715 166 637	W0CP	1,897,967 1364 135 388	97,584	350 45 107	IRELAND	
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CHILE		WF2A	3,294,400 2027 138 442	K0GLX	716,688 777 93 243	8,243,453	4428 150 517	I4GAD	4,482,372 3896 111 315
CE3BFZ	A 2,917,068 2731 112 251	NJ2L	2,508,550 1606 131 419	K0GAS	654,126 730 99 219	1,480,734	1639 73 233	IC8SDL	1,634,255 2169 93 278
CE5BYU	" 1,748,769 2232 90 179	N2SS	1,832,250 1254 122 403	K0KQ	563,332 631 101 240	63,002	241 28 81	IK1LBO	1,557,657 2177 89 190
CE4MWK	" 618,600 1028 71 139	K20WE	1,320,948 939 116 370	W0RA	185,400 531 50 100	KAZAKH		I.T.U.—GENEVA	
CE4ETZ	28 136,538 599 23 54	WZ2B	1,160,492 936 114 332	K0BJ	129,325 263 63 112	8,947,440	4454 168 552	4U1ITU	7,662,743 5226 146 503
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CE3AEZ	" 24,764 205 17 24	NS2K	1,000,500 956 90 285	BARBADOS		U.S.S.R.		HUNGARY	
CE3FIP	21 1,726,812 3294 38 139	W2UI	458,122 533 85 216	8P9X	15,388,604 7726 165 583	ASIATIC RUSSIA		H65A	12,400,080 6811 158 568
CE6EZ	14 1,005,620 2217 36 118	WE2T	252,704 406 58 154	BERMUDA		5,399,016	3544 157 431	HG1S	9,544,185 6441 143 472
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COLOMBIA		KE2UZ	30,660 187 20 40	BELIZE		565,488	901 76 176	HABKCK	2,210,208 2228 113 349
HK7MQC	A 56,932 128 55 117	N3RS	7,752,168 3366 167 637	V31K	8,282,335 6146 131 434	203,100	1202 56 94	IRELAND	
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HK3MAH	" 8,976 71 25 41	NN3Q	3,341,018 1736 149 525	11,159,888	6497 160 552	97,584	350 45 107	ITALY	
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ECUADOR		K3IVO	953,520 843 109 302	VE1AUE/1	466,084 882 64 154	AUSTRIA		LIECHTENSTEIN	
HD1T	21 1,486,188 3113 33 129	N3HW	459,131 548 73 220	GUATEMALA		837,162	1263 87 246	H88	3,821,081 118 445
HC1HC	7 492,833 1407 31 90	WF3M	404,184 544 69 195	2,250,417	3082 64 183	356,128	607 68 180	/HB9AON	3,821,081 118 445
GALAPAGOS ISLANDS		WB3CJU	58,377 671 20 67	MEXICO		BALEARIC ISLANDS		NETHERLANDS	
HC8A	A 12,276,477 5887 143 460	W3KWH	6,084 57 14 25	13,380,687	8169 160 507	4,892,976	4052 121 407	PI4COM	3,578,286 2690 130 424
(Opr. N6KT)		W4MYA	5,269,550 2550 161 576	612A	2,040,194 3697 88 174	EAGARM	827,966 1820 61 153	PI9IRC	2,884,860 3371 86 255
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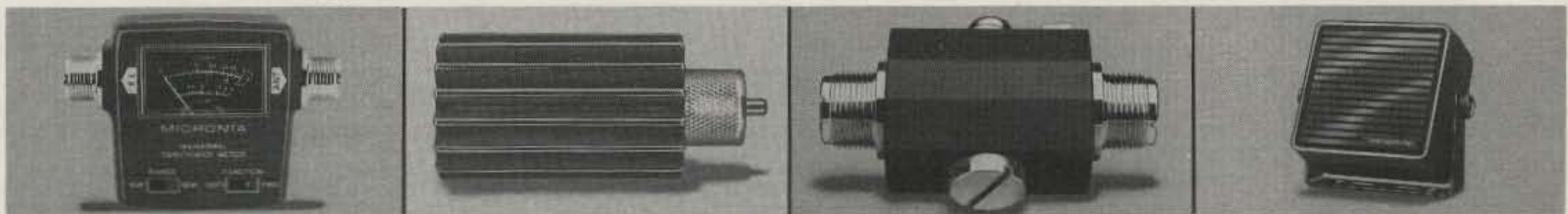
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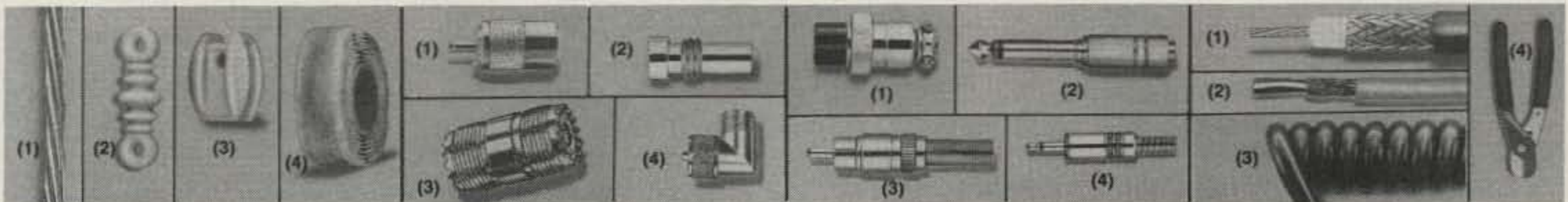


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RZ6AXO	1,042,797	117 274	W3LPL	16,517,214	6577 179 703	NETHERLAND ANTILLES			N3BNA	719,946	668 111 312	NF9S	429,286	535 73 213
UZ4HXX	1,030,264	1418 100 256	W7XR	12,232,124	5627 185 603	WESTERN SOMOA			KD3CN	715,884	731 80 273	WD9GIG	406,363	398 96 287
UZ3GYM	894,219	1327 91 256	KY1H	11,468,292	5058 175 674	SOUTH AMERICA			N3NA	597,498	593 102 261	KB9AIT	393,056	437 104 242
UZ1TWC	712,347	1074 89 278	K8CC	9,785,580	4671 180 625	BRAZIL			K3RL	593,580	566 105 285	KE9I	357,161	492 88 171
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KALININGRADSK			N8JMN	1,818,592	1192 130 414	NETHERLAND ANTILLES			KX3D	123,200	203 66 154	WBRLX	1,331,304	1087 125 317
UW2F	9,296,331	5579 151 530	WB2YOF	1,568,196	1208 115 326	NETHERLAND ANTILLES			K4JPD	2,332,934	1597 146 405	NT0H	1,024,320	952 101 287
UZ2FWN	208	17 4 9	W3KV	1,448,160	1223 124 296	NETHERLAND ANTILLES			KB4SRE	1,167,276	943 118 326	WBOSK	710,040	693 113 275
LATVIA			K6ZM	1,347,236	1053 131 326	NETHERLAND ANTILLES			WA4CTC	815,652	719 117 300	WB8ZRL	230,972	290 93 199
RQ9W	8,893,779	5207 161 583	N7RO	1,312,664	1105 116 312	NETHERLAND ANTILLES			K8UNP/4	663,705	721 86 257	/0	66,000	151 57 108
UQ0A	5,209,225	3973 147 448	W5KS	777,285	929 110 235	NETHERLAND ANTILLES			KM4EX	573,144	622 92 242	KB0ZKG	203,832	501 34 115
LITHUANIA			ALASKA			NETHERLAND ANTILLES			K0LUZ/4	514,386	504 97 272	CANADA		
LY2WW	4,453,610	3158 144 466	KL7RA	17,130,631	11386 157 466	NETHERLAND ANTILLES			KD40M	182,880	274 74 166	VE3VET	531,810	657 83 228
LY1BXT	170,798	590 44 114	CANADA			NETHERLAND ANTILLES			WA4WTG	138,250	291 55 120	ASIA		
MOLDAVIA			VE7ZZZ	11,908,764	8913 153 435	NETHERLAND ANTILLES			N4XMX	121,584	222 67 137	JAPAN		
UO40XU	107,520	309 53 139	VE3SWA	115,395	315 47 110	NETHERLAND ANTILLES			W4TMN	114,444	225 51 136	JH6AXY	46,336	132 50 78
UKRAINE			CAYMAN ISLANDS			NETHERLAND ANTILLES			WA4KIL	58,826	162 46 88	JJ1HTT	34,689	128 41 52
RT1U	6,636,312	4747 164 568	ZF2MZ	11,680,167	8162 138 441	NETHERLAND ANTILLES			W4LVM	40,608	146 39 69	JH1DWM	990,234	1948 37 137
UB4WZA	3,768,992	2751 138 470	FRENCH SAINT MARTIN			NETHERLAND ANTILLES			KB4SSS	40,414	133 37 84	JA5EXW	581,856	1319 37 115
RB4IWM	2,064,951	2271 109 340	FS/KC1F	9,042,370	7388 123 392	NETHERLAND ANTILLES			K4KUZ	23,028	77 45 69	JABVHI	97,152	369 26 66
UB4QWW	1,991,250	2296 115 335	GRENADA			NETHERLAND ANTILLES			KI4TZ	154,808	370 33 115	JH8VPO	12,931	76 33 34
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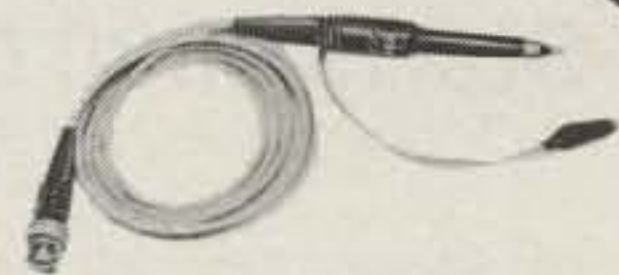
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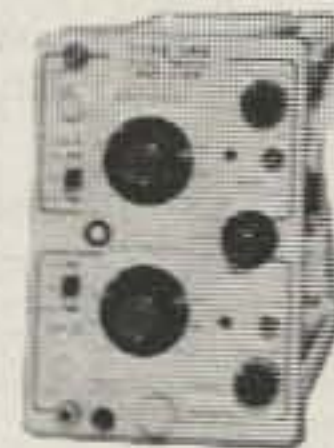


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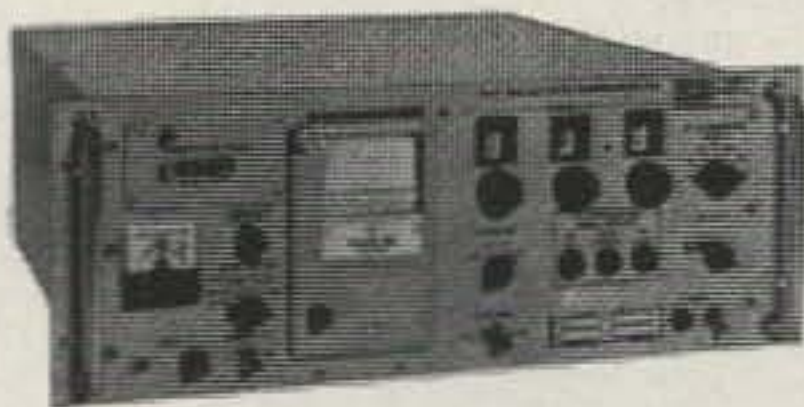
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I. OBJECTIVE: For amateurs around the world to contact other amateurs in as many zones and countries as possible.

II. BANDS: All bands, 1.8 through 28 MHz, except for WARC bands.

III. TYPE OF COMPETITION:

1. Single Operator (single band and all band).

a. Single Operator. Single operator stations are those at which one person performs all of the operating, logging, and spotting functions. **Only one signal is allowed at any one time.** The use of DX spotting nets or any other form of DX alerting assistance places the station in the Single Operated Assisted category.

b. **Low Power.** Same as 1(a) except that the output power shall not exceed 100 watts.

c. QRPp. Power must not exceed 5 watts output. Stations in this category will be competing only with other QRPp stations for awards.

d. Single Operator Assisted. Single operator stations are those at which one person performs all of the operating and logging functions. The use of DX spotting nets or any other form of DX alerting assistance *is* allowed. The operator can change bands at any time.

2. Multi-Operator (all band operation only).

a. Single Transmitter, only one transmitter and one band permitted during the same time period (defined as 10 minutes). *Exception: One—and only one—other band may be used during the same time period if—and only if—the station worked is a new multiplier. Logs found in violation of the ten-minute rule will be automatically reclassified as multi-multi to reflect their actual status.*

b. Multi-Transmitter (no limit to transmitters **but only one signal and running station allowed per band**).

c. *All transmitters must be located within a 500 meter diameter or within the property limits of the station licensee's address, whichever is greater. All antennas must be physically connected by wires to the transmitters and receivers.*

3. Team Contesting. A team consists of any five radio amateurs operating in the single operator category. A person can be on only one team per mode. Competing on a team will not prevent any team member from submitting his personal score for a radio club. A team score will be the sum of all the team member scores. SSB and CW teams are totally separate. That is, a member of an SSB team can be on a totally different CW team. A list of a team's members must be received at CQ Headquarters by the time the contest begins. Mail or FAX the list to CQ, Att: Team Contest, 76 North Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801 U.S.A.; FAX 516-681-2926. Awards will be given to the top teams on each mode.

IV. NUMBER EXCHANGE: Phone: RS report plus zone (i.e., 5705). C.W.: RST report plus zone (i.e., 57905).

A station in a zone or country different than that indicated by its call sign is required to sign portable.

V. MULTIPLIER: Two types of multiplier will be used.

1. A multiplier of one (1) for each different zone contacted on each band.

2. A multiplier of one (1) for each different country contacted on each band.

Stations are permitted to contact their own country and zone

for multiplier credit. The CQ Zone Map, DXCC country list, WAE country list, and WAC boundaries are standards.

VI. POINTS: 1. Contacts between stations on different continents are worth three (3) points.

2. Contacts between stations on the same continent but different countries, one (1) point. *Exception:* For North American stations *only*, contacts between stations within the North American boundaries count two (2) points.

3. Contacts between stations in the same country are permitted for zone or country multiplier credit but have zero (0) point value.

VII. SCORING: All stations: the final score is the result of the total QSO points multiplied by the sum of your zone and country multiplier.

Example: 1000 QSO points × 100 multiplier (30 Zones + 70 Countries) = 100,000 (final score).

VIII. AWARDS: First place certificates will be awarded in each category listed under Sec. III in every participating country and in each call area of the United States, Canada, European Russia, Asiatic USSR, Czechoslovakia, and Japan.

All scores will be published. To be eligible for an award, a Single Operator station must show a minimum of 12 hours of operation. Multi-operator stations must operate a minimum of 24 hours. A single-band log is eligible for a single-band award *only*. If a log contains more than one band it will be judged as an all-band entry, unless specified otherwise.

In countries or sections where the returns justify, 2nd and 3rd place awards will be made.

All certificates and plaques will be issued to the licensee of the station used.

IX. TROPHIES & PLAQUES (Donors)

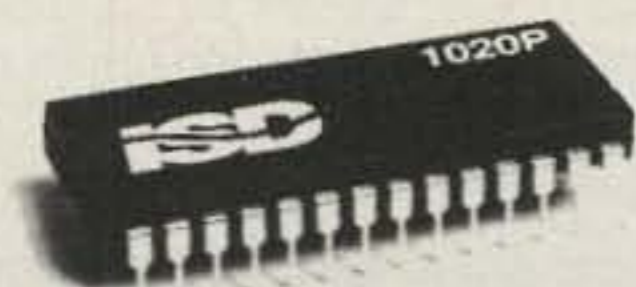
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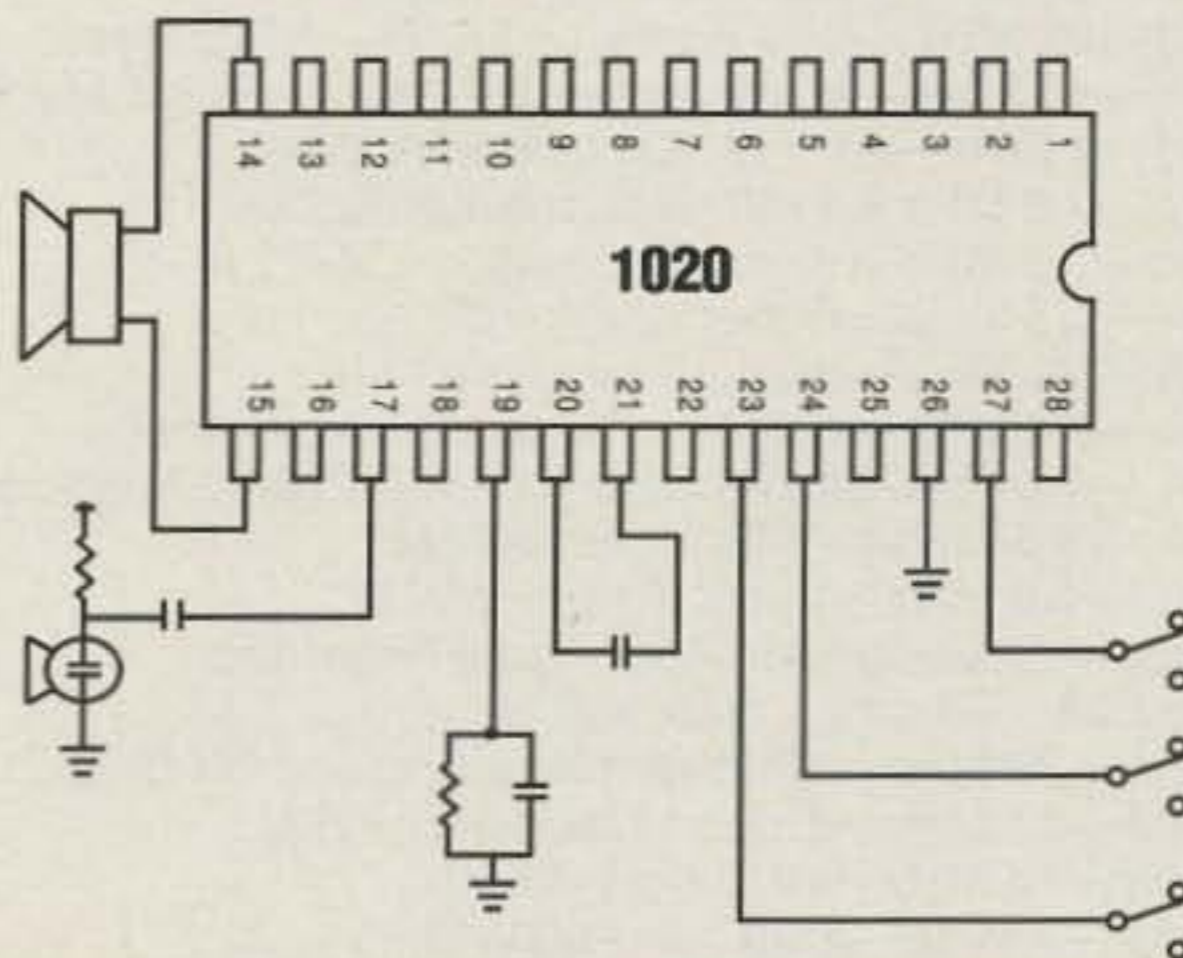
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X. CLUB COMPETITION:

1. The club must be a local group and not a national organization.

2. Participation is limited to members operating within a local geographic area defined as within a 275 km radius from center of club area (except for DXpeditions especially organized for operation in the contest; club contributions of DXpedition scores are percentaged to the number of club members on the DXpedition).

3. To be listed, a minimum of 3 logs must be received from a club and an officer of the club must submit a list of participating members and their scores, both on phone and c.w.

XI. LOG INSTRUCTIONS:

1. All times must be in GMT.

2. All sent and received exchanges are to be logged.

3. Indicate zone and country multiplier only the FIRST TIME it is worked on each band.

4. Logs must be checked for duplicate contacts, correct QSO points and multipliers. Submitted logs must have duplicate contacts clearly shown.

5. IBM-compatible disks (MS-DOS compatible, ASCII file, or K1EA CT.Bin file) are encouraged. Disks **must** be accompanied by a paper log.

6. Use a separate sheet for each band.

7. Each entry must be accompanied by a summary sheet showing all scoring information, category of competition, contestant's name and address in BLOCK LETTERS, and a signed declaration that all contest rules and regulations for amateur radio in the country of operation have been observed.

8. Sample log and summary sheets and zone maps are available from CQ. A *large* self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage or IRC's must accompany your request.

If official forms are not available, make up your own 80 contacts to the page on 8½" × 11" paper.

9. All entrants are required to submit cross-check sheets for each band on which 200 or more QSOs were made. All other entrants are encouraged to submit cross-check sheets.

10. Duplicate contacts and broken calls penalty: up to 1%—three (3) additional contacts removed; 1% to 3%—ten (10) additional contacts removed; over 3% is grounds for possible disqualification. **Exception: If your paper log is accompanied by a disk (MS-DOS compatible; an ASCII file; or K1EA CT.Bin file), the penalty will be reduced to 2 and 5, respectively.**

11. QRPP and low power stations must indicate same on their summary sheets and state the actual maximum power output used, with a signed declaration.

XII. DISQUALIFICATION: Violation of amateur radio regulations in the country of the contestant, or the rules of the contest; unsportsmanlike conduct; taking credit for excessive duplicate contacts; unverifiable QSOs; or unverifiable multipliers will be deemed sufficient cause for disqualification. (Incorrectly logged calls will be counted as unverifiable contacts.)

An entrant whose log is deemed by the Committee to contain a large number of discrepancies may be disqualified from eligibility for an award, both as a participant operator or station, for one year. If an operator is disqualified a second time within 5 years, he will be ineligible for any CQ contest awards for 3 years.

The use of nonamateur means such as telephones, telegrams, etc., to elicit contacts or multipliers **during** a contest is unsportsmanlike and the entry is subject to disqualification.

Actions and decisions of the CQ Contest Committee are official and final.

XIII. DEADLINE: All entries must be postmarked NO LATER than December 1, 1991 for the Phone section and January 15, 1992 for the CW section. An extension may be given if requested. Indicate phone or CW on the envelope.

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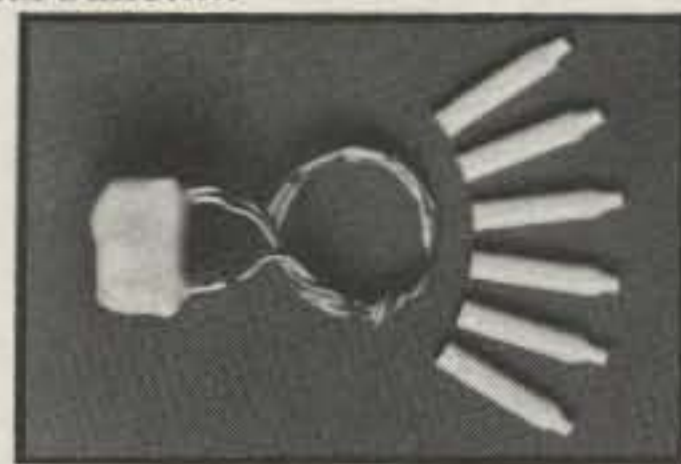
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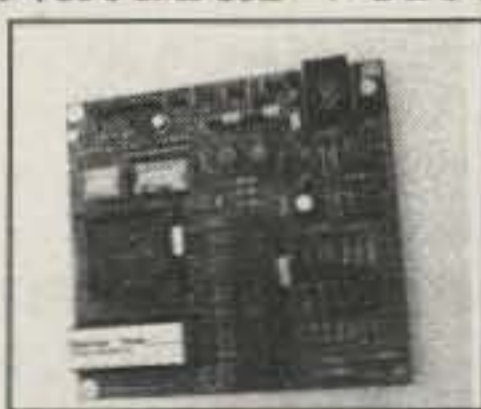
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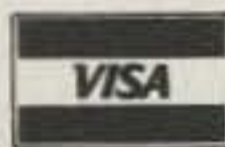
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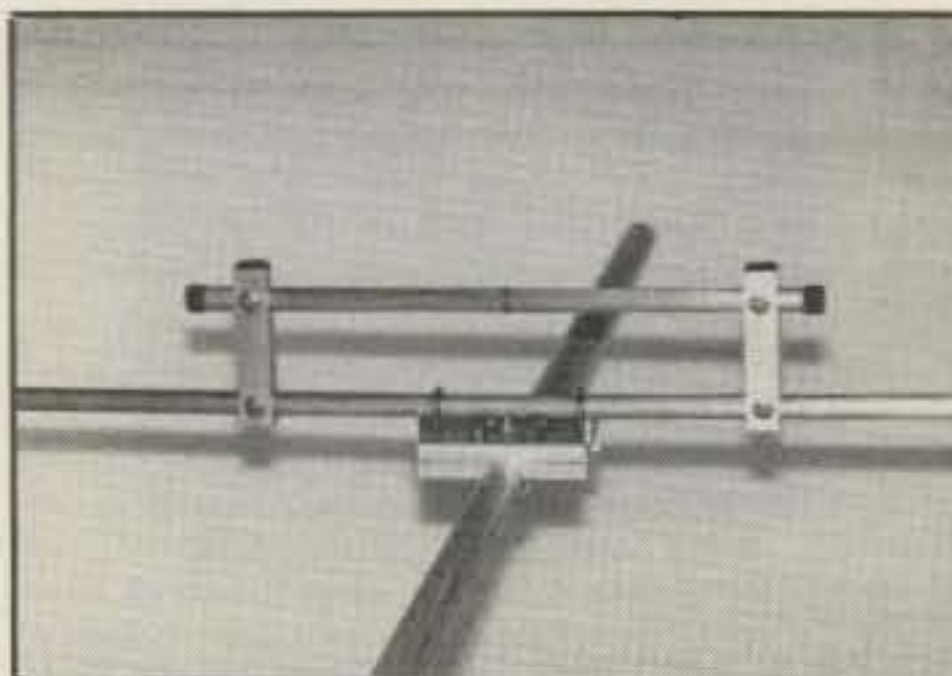
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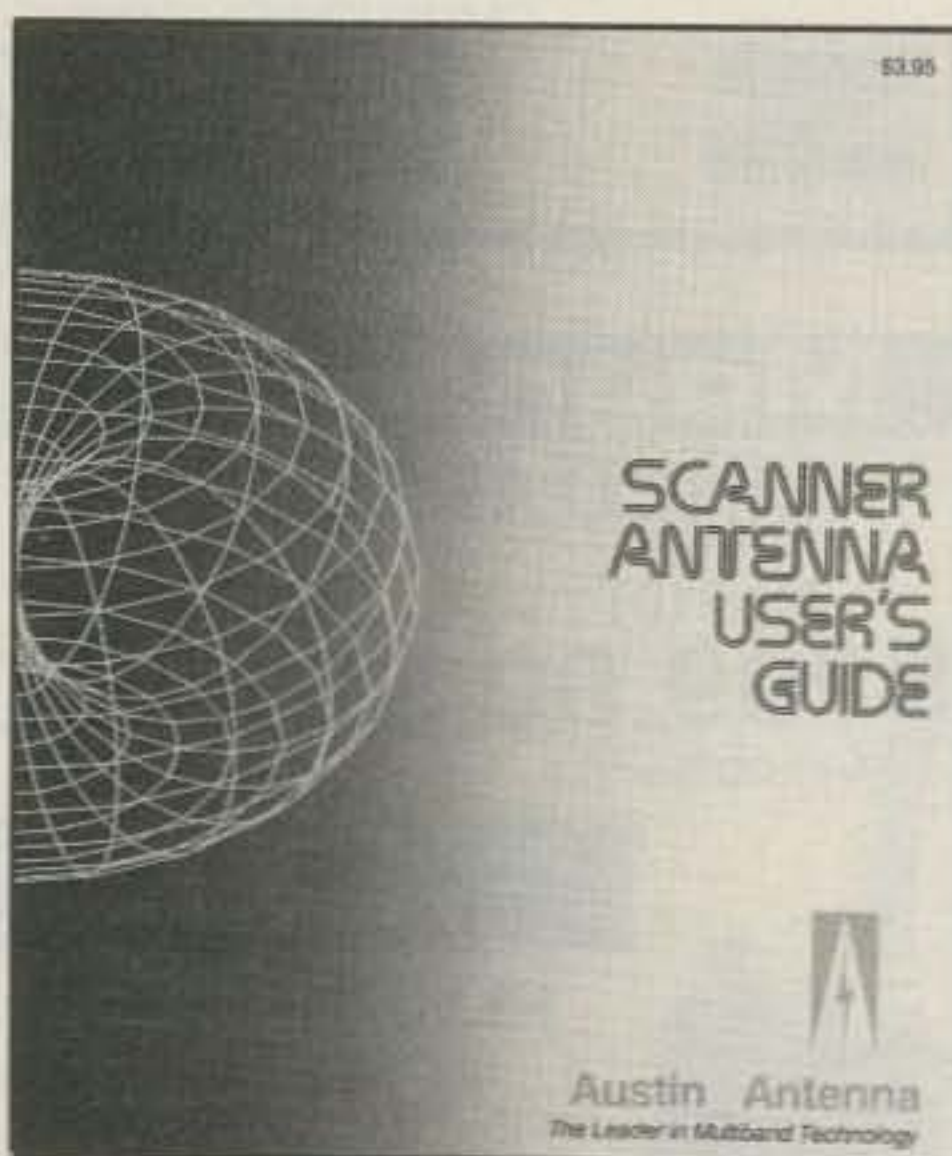
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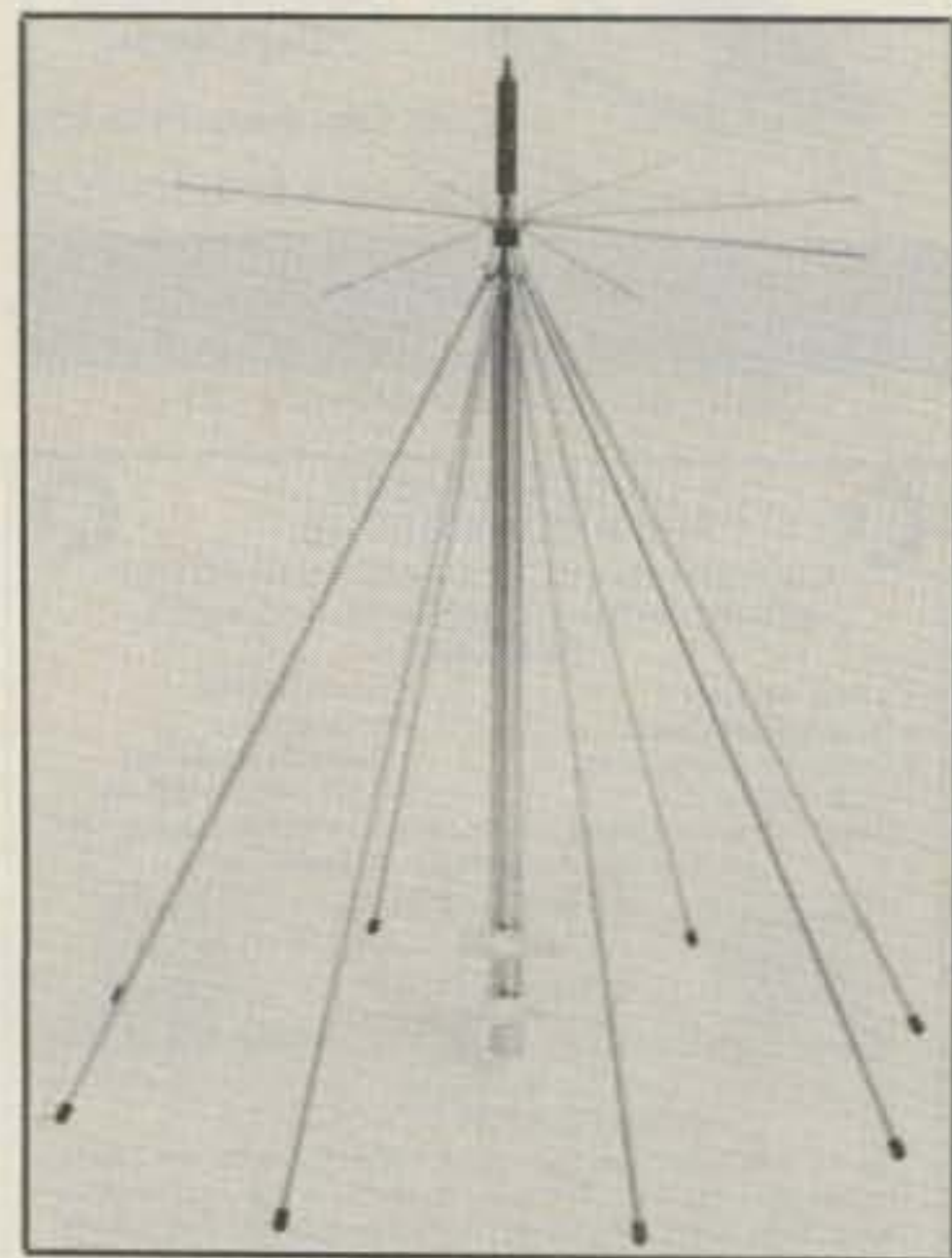
The firm's current line includes monobanders for 20, 15, 10, and 6 meters, plus the 144, 220, and 432 MHz VHF bands. For more information, contact Ham-Pro Antennas, div. of Kopps Corp., 6199-C Warehouse Way, Sacramento, CA 95826 (1-800-879-7569), or circle number 105 on the reader service card.



Austin Antenna Scanner Antenna Guide

The "Scanner Antenna User's Guide," available from Austin Antenna, gives the broadband receiver and scanner user valuable information about what to look for and know about antennas for these devices. Included is material on resonance, electromagnetic field, impedance, and gain, with separate sections devoted to scanner/receiver antennas and multiband antennas. Austin's own line of antennas is also covered.

The nine-page booklet is available for \$1.00 from Austin Antenna, 10 Main St., Gonic, NH 03839 (603-335-6339).



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Suggested retail of the DA-301 is \$99.50. For more information, contact ACE Communications, 10707 East 106th St., Indianapolis, IN 46256 (317-842-7115), or circle number 104 on the reader service card.

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Some of us know about antennas. Some of us think we know about antennas. Most of us would like to learn more about antennas.

Let's Talk Antennas—Part I

BY LEW McCOY*, W1ICP

Probably nothing is more important to the successful operation of an amateur radio station than having the correct (and best possible) antenna. You can build or buy the most expensive receiving and transmitting equipment, but such equipment will be severely restricted without a good antenna system. On the other hand, a good-performing antenna system need not be expensive.

What you really need to know is how to tell a good system from a bad system, either before constructing a homebuilt one or buying a commercially built one. There are basic criteria governing all antennas. In this discussion let's start by going over some of these criteria.

Antenna Efficiency

Antenna efficiency is simply explained as getting the most radiation of your signal out of your antenna for what you put into it. I don't mean the power that comes out of your rig, but what actually goes into the antenna itself. This is best illustrated by an example that is shown with a common half-wavelength long dipole (fig. 1[B]). The impedance of a halfwave dipole in free space is approximately 70 ohms. Of this 70 ohms, usually 68 ohms is the radiation resistance, while 2 to 3 ohms are ohmic resistance. Let's assume we have 70 watts reaching the feedpoint of this dipole antenna. Of this 70 watts almost all of the power is radiated. We lose a small amount because of ohmic losses, but this is usually on the order of about 2 to 3 watts (the actual resistance of the wire and nearby objects) The rest of the power is radiated, meaning an antenna efficiency of over 90 percent.

Always keep one point about antennas in mind: The smaller an antenna is for a given frequency, the poorer the efficiency (and the lower the radiation resistance, which also means poorer efficiency). For example, an 80 meter mobile whip is a very inefficient antenna. Using

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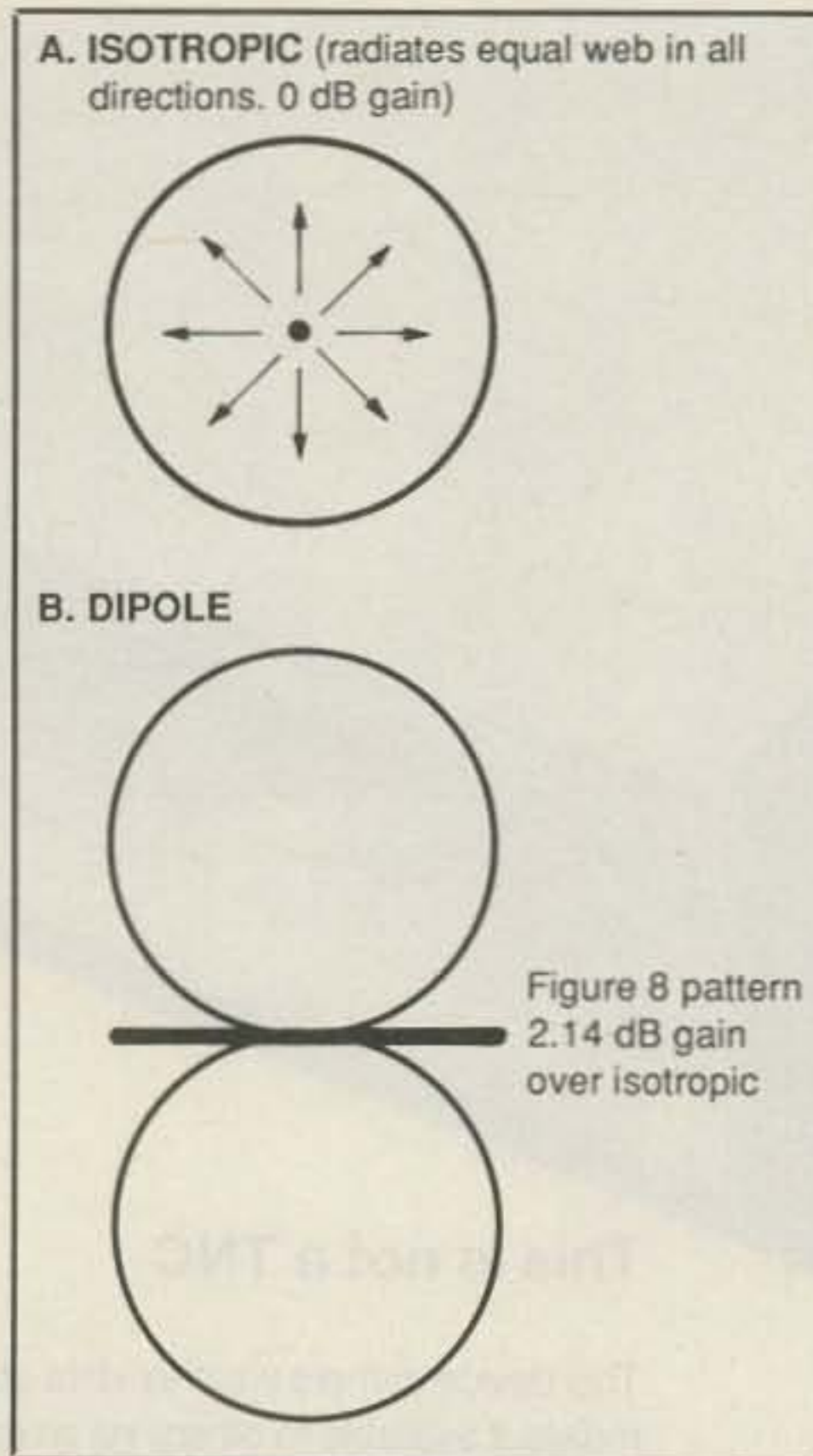


Fig. 1—(A) An isotropic radiator. Visualize it as a ball with radiation emanating equally in all directions. (B) represents a half-wavelength dipole antenna.

our 70 watt example, only a very few watts will be radiated, and the majority of the power will be dissipated as heat in the ohmic losses, most likely in the frame and metal parts of the automobile. The amateurs who really do a good job on 80, if questioned closely, will admit to doing considerable grounding work on their vehicles.

Years ago I recall one amateur who reported into our Missouri phone net—and he always had one of the loudest signals. But the kicker is he was usually running mobile. He was always secretive about his methods, but through the use of some good old mountain "moon," a bunch of us got him thoroughly relaxed at an Ozark Mountain hamfest. He told us that he had

carefully welded metal straps, grounding all parts of the frame together, connecting to the motor block, etc. He did this to reduce the ratio of ground losses to radiation efficiency. His signal more than proved to me that he knew what he was doing.

Gain

One of the criteria for measuring the worth of an antenna is the amount of gain the antenna will produce. Let me make one point clear. When we speak of antenna gain, we are not saying that the antenna will act as an amplifier. Simply, it is possible to shape the radiated signal so that more power is aimed or directed more in certain directions than in others. The terms that apply to directional antennas are forward gain, front-to-side rejection, and front-to-back rejection.

All antenna gain figures (or losses) are rated by decibels, or dB. Without going into a long discussion about decibels, it is simpler to keep a few facts about them in mind. A power increase of 3 dB means a power increase by a factor of two. In other words, if your signal increases by three decibels, it is twice as powerful. With 10 dB, an easy to remember number, the power factor is 10 times. If you had a beam antenna that had 10 dB gain in a given direction, it would be equivalent to increasing your power 10 times in that direction. The importance of gain figures when considering the building or purchase of an antenna can quickly be seen. Fig. 2 illustrates this beam pattern.

Every antenna will have certain patterns of radiation, putting more signal in some directions rather than others. By using certain types of antennas, it is possible to form these patterns, aiming more radio energy in some directions than in others. In order to measure gain, we need to set down a standard, meaning what is important to you, the reader, in being able to interpret the references used by the manufacturers of antennas.

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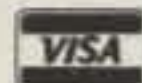
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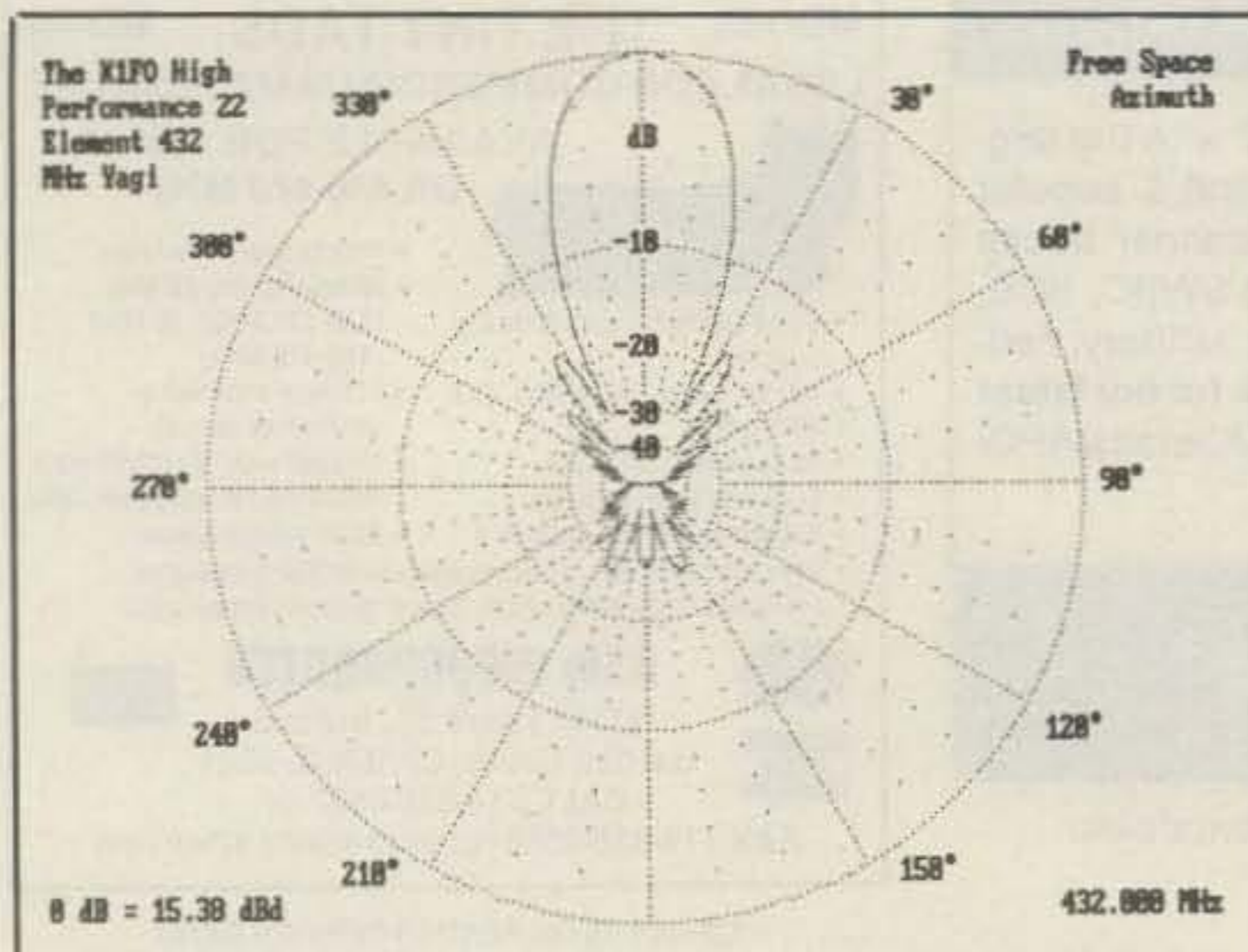


Fig. 2— This is a computer-derived pattern of a very high gain UHF beam. It is the horizontal pattern as viewed from above the antenna. Note how narrow beamwidth is. (Plot courtesy of K6STI [MN]).

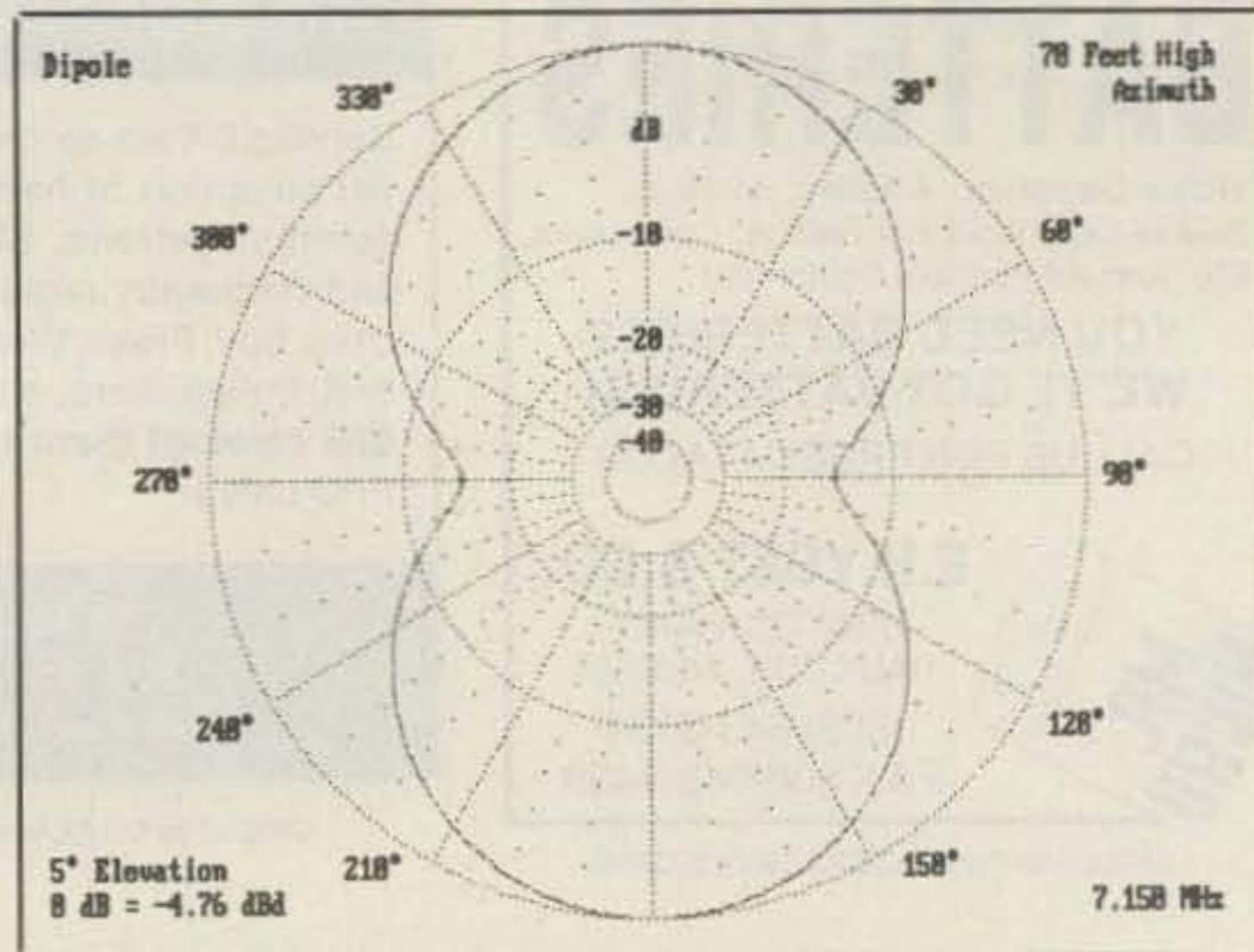


Fig. 3— This is the computer-derived pattern of a half-wavelength dipole as viewed from above the antenna (horizontal radiation). Note the two major lobes in both directions from the plane of the antenna. There is no radiation off the antenna ends.

strictly a theoretical one), and the other is a half-wavelength dipole (more on this in a moment). The theoretical antenna—the one which doesn't actually exist—is called an "isotropic" radiator. In theory it is an antenna that radiates equally well in all directions. Think of a ball of light, such as the sun, radiating equally well in *all* directions (even the sun doesn't actually do that!). (See fig. 1[A].) This type of antenna is called an *isotropic* radiator and has what is known as unity gain. For engineering purposes, the isotropic radiator is excellent for comparing other types of antennas. One other point here: As we have stated, gain is listed in decibels, and an isotropic radiator could be said to have zero decibel gain.

Next, for gain rating, is a half-wavelength dipole, which is an antenna that has two conductors of equal length. This is our other comparison antenna (see fig. 1 [B]). The dipole has a figure-8 pattern, with the two lobes broadside to the plane of the dipole. The dipole has a gain of 2.14 dB over an isotropic radiator. This gain is in two directions (figure-8 pattern) broadside to the antenna. Fig. 3 shows the computer pattern for the two main lobes.

Let's digress for a moment. When we shape the radiation pattern of an antenna, and we can do this in several ways, we can increase the gain of the transmitted or received signal to a certain degree. For example, as you can see, the pattern of the dipole is a figure-8. Actually, what we are showing is a cross-sectional view of the dipole. The isotropic at (A) is a round ball of radiation from its source at the center of the ball. On the other hand, a dipole has two primary circles of radiation—the figure-8 pattern, with the dipole at the center of the figure-8. Visualize two balls, of the same size, side by side. Our

dipole would be at the point where the two balls meet. If we viewed these from above, we would have the figure-8. What the drawing shows is a section through these two balls. With the dipole we have actually shaped the pattern of signal, giving us two major lobes of energy, with little or no radiation off the ends of the dipole. One point that is a little difficult to illustrate is the actual dipole pattern for various heights above ground. We maintain a semblance of the figure-8 for all heights, but the actual radiation pattern changes in the sense that there is more radiation in certain vertical planes. This depends, however, on the height above real ground.

When antenna measurements are made or advertised by some antenna manufacturers, the gain is listed two ways—by dBi (dB gain over an isotropic) or dBd (gain over a dipole). The savvy purchaser would rightfully ask, "What is the difference?" Simple. The gain of a dipole over an isotropic is 2.14 dB. In this present world of big numbers, manufacturers compete against each other. Let's show you an example. A normal monoband three-element beam has a real-world gain of about 7 dB compared to a half-wave dipole. However, because there is no hard-and-fast standard, some manufacturers choose to compare their antennas to an isotropic and state that their three-element beam has a gain of 9.2 dB (the normal 7 dB plus the 2.14 of the isotropic). Don't misunderstand. The manufacturers are honest. It is just that you should understand the rating system. When you buy an antenna, you should question the gain figures as to exactly what they mean.

Usually, it is customary to base gain measurements using a half-wavelength dipole as a standard. Among antenna en-

gineers and written discussions about antennas, the usual criteria is to compare gain against a dipole.

Many readers will be operating VHF and UHF. The preceding discussion primarily concerned the lower bands, 160 through 10 meters. You will still find the same general measurement standards at VHF/UHF, but with a slight change, particularly when dealing with vertically polarized antennas (verticals) used to operate through repeaters and so on. For VHF verticals the common standard of comparison among manufacturers here seems to be a one-quarter wavelength vertical. (Although I am not positive about this point.) The gain, or rather the loss, as measured from a half-wavelength dipole is -1.8 dB. The point I want to make here is that when reading gain figures, make sure you understand what those measurements actually mean. It is not unusual to see half-wavelength vertical antennas with gain ratings of 2 dB (of course, they are being compared to a quarter-wavelength antenna). From my above discussion it is obvious that a dipole cannot have a gain *over* a dipole. One other point that needs mentioning: The VHF and UHF gain for vertical antennas is usually meant as *omnidirectional* gain. We normally assume "omni" means in all directions, but actually the gain, while equal *around* the antenna, has a pattern that is *squashed*, or flattened, by the antenna to provide the gain. For example, a $\frac{1}{2}$ -wavelength long vertical has more low-angle gain than a quarter-wave dipole.

Beamwidth

Beamwidth (not to be confused with bandwidth) is another commonly quoted

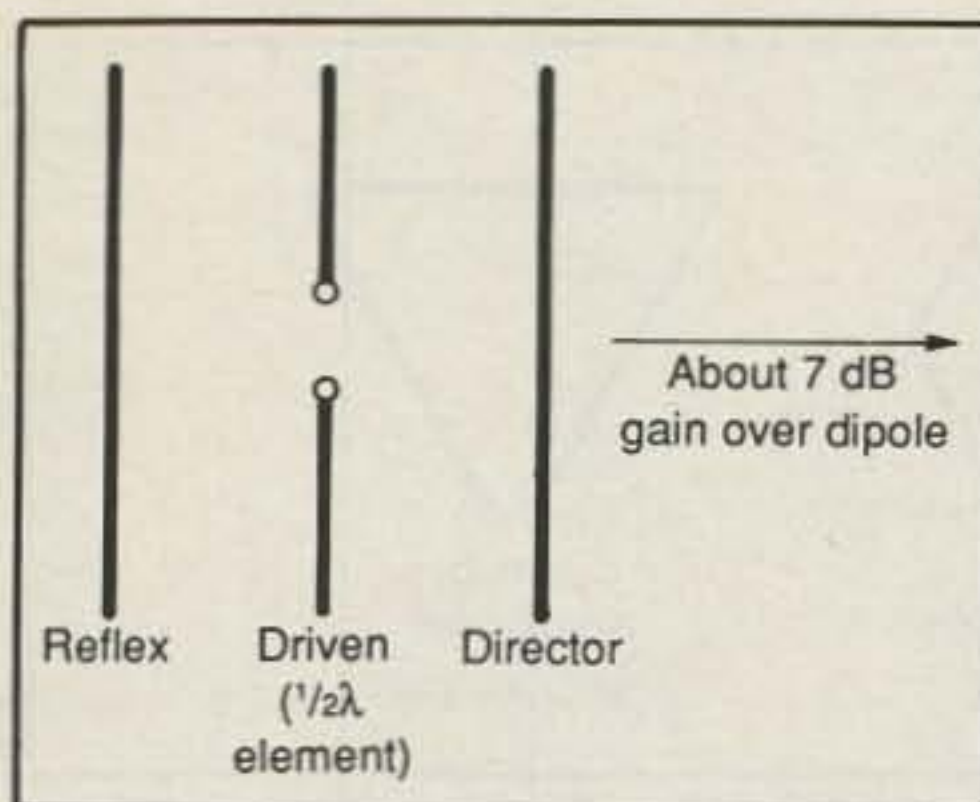


Fig. 4— This is the basic Yagi antenna in which the rear element (reflector) and the front element (director) are parasitically excited. Such an antenna provides on the order of 7 dB gain as compared to a dipole.

statistic when it comes to rating antennas. However, it is a figure a little more difficult to understand. The beamwidth of a directive antenna is the width, given in degrees, of the major radiation lobe between the two directions at which the relative radiated power is equal to one half its value at the peak of the lobe. These are referred to as half-power points. Another way to understand this is to assume we have a beam antenna with a major lobe of power. Let's also assume the maximum power we can measure is 100 milliwatts. As we go out from the center of this lobe, continuing our measurements, we reach a point of 50 milliwatts of power, or a "half power point," and we then do this on the opposite side of center until we reach 50 milliwatts. The angular distance, in degrees, provides us with the beamwidth of the antenna. This is a useful figure in amateur radio where rotatable beam antennas are used.

What all this mumbo jumbo means in simple language is how close we have to aim the beam in order to work or hear a given area. From practical experience, you will find that there is considerable leeway in aiming a normal three-element beam, and it turns out that it just is not too critical. However, with multi-element VHF/UHF arrays, it is a different story. The beamwidth is critical, so be aware (see fig. 3).

Bandwidth and SWR

One of the more important statistics with which we have to deal in understanding antennas is that of bandwidth ("band" not "beam") and SWR (standing-wave ratio). First, let's look at modern-day transmitters and receivers (transceivers) to understand why this is important.

Modern transceivers are designed to work into fixed loads or impedances. Very little leeway is allowed, because excessive mismatch between the load (the

combination of the antenna and its feed line is the load) and the transceiver can cause destruction of the final amplifier transistors. Nearly all modern transceivers are designed to work into 50 ohm loads. We normally use 50 ohm impedance coaxial feed lines, but in order for a feed line to present a 50 ohm load to the transceiver, the line *must be matched* into a 50 ohm impedance antenna—and very few antennas work out to be exactly 50 ohms. This in turn means the antenna must be matched to 50 ohms with a matching device. This is another question the purchaser of an antenna must ask: How

does the antenna attain a 50 ohm match and what is its bandwidth?

Just about every antenna maker will provide standing-wave ratio curves. However, for bandwidth information you may have to work that out for yourself. The usual method is to look at the SWR curve for a given band and figure at what frequencies the SWR drops below 2 to 1. Let's for example say your beam goes to 2 to 1 SWR at 14.2 MHz and stays below 2 to 1 up to 14.3 MHz. That means the useful bandwidth would be 2 to 1 for 100 kHz. (Most transceivers will handle a 2 to 1 mismatch without shutting down.)

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There are certain points that should be mentioned here which we probably have to call "the facts of life." In going through nearly all of the manuals that come with modern transceivers, the instructions point out that if the mismatch exceeds 1.5 to 1, the user is quite likely to be unable to load the transmitter to full power. Most of the manufacturers of such equipment suggest the use of a Transmatch or tuning network to permit proper loading.

One other point that should be made clear to you, the neophyte purchaser, is that all modern transceivers are designed this way. There are no exceptions. It is true that some of these units have optional built-in matching networks called Transmatches or antenna tuners, but these cost extra, so just be aware that the situation exists. And almost without exception, there are no antennas designed today that will exactly match or appear to be 50 ohms on all amateur frequencies.

Standing-Wave Ratio (SWR)

The commonly used feed line these days is 50 ohm coaxial cable. The 50 ohm figure is called the characteristic impedance of the line, and it is determined by the size of the conductors used in the construction of the line, the spacing between these conductors, and the composition of the dielectric material used to insulate the conductors. For any given coaxial line, the impedance is a fixed value, and nothing we can do will change that impedance.

The impedance of an antenna will depend on many, many factors, including the type of antenna, its size, its height above conducting ground, its proximity to nearby objects, and so on. When the feed line is attached to the feed point of the antenna, the two impedances—that of the

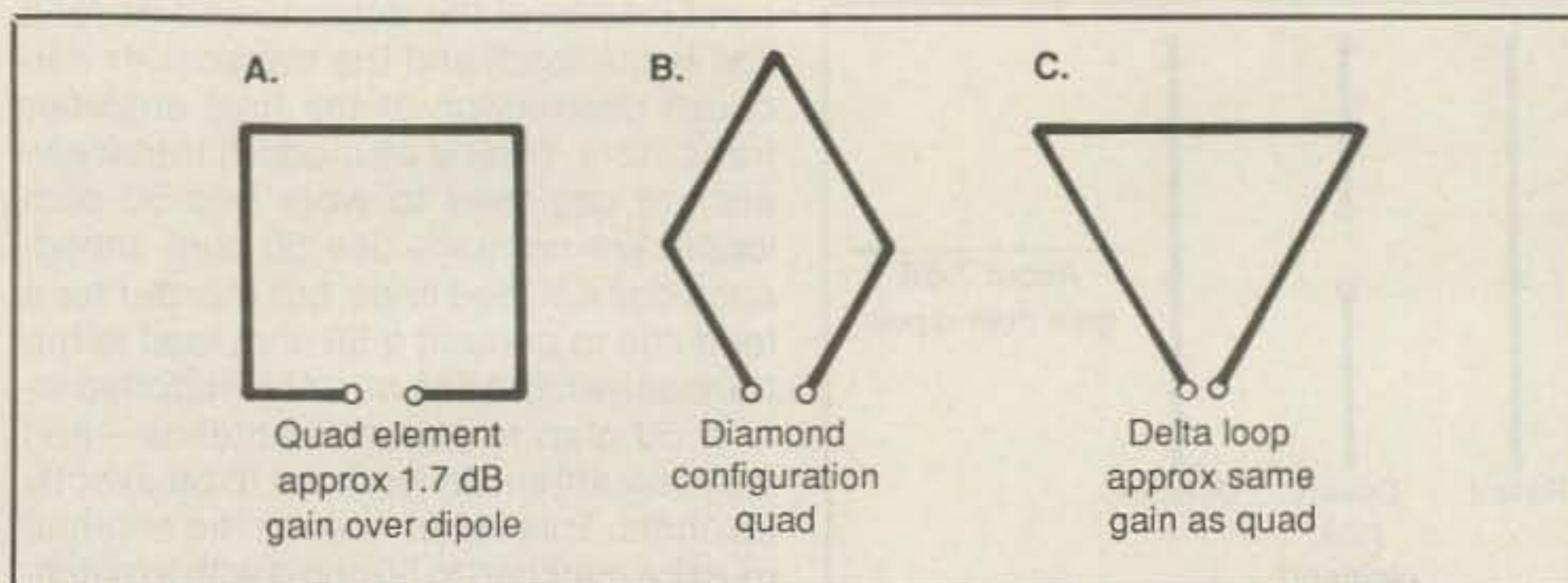


Fig. 5—(A) and (B) are the typical configurations for the Quad antenna invented by Clarence Moore, W9HCF. Keep in mind that these are full-wavelength antennas. Because of this and other factors, they exhibit more gain than a half-wavelength dipole. The Delta Loop antenna at (C) is another very popular antenna.

line and that of the antenna—are joined. When power is fed to the line, a ratio of maximum voltage (or current) to minimum voltage is set up. This is called the standing-wave ratio (SWR). When both the antenna impedance is 50 ohms and the feed line is 50 ohms, the ratio is 1 to 1 (the ideal condition). However, with any antenna, the impedance will change as the frequency is changed. This means the SWR will increase. For example, if the impedance of the antenna goes to 100 ohms, the SWR becomes 2 to 1 (100 divided by 50), and so on.

It isn't easy to put hard-and-fast figures on antennas for the prospective purchaser. As pointed out earlier, modern equipment does not allow much leeway when dealing with mismatches. The circuits built in to protect the final-amplifier transistors from burning out due to operating under less than ideal conditions are fairly stringent in limits. In other words, the final-amplifier stage must see a 50

ohm load or matched condition. If, for example, the transceiver sees a 100 ohm load (SWR of 2 to 1), the amplifier will tend to shut itself off.

This leads us, as purchasers, to look for antennas that have reasonable bandwidth. The word "reasonable" is meaningless unless we put a limit on what we can expect. This, in turn, leads us to the discussion of actual antennas. There are many, many different types of antennas available. The prospective purchaser should really decide what his or her goal is going to be and proceed from there. We will attempt to cover the field as much as possible to assist you.

Beam Antennas

Earlier we discussed "shaping" the signal that radiates from an antenna to obtain gain. Many years ago a scientist named Dr. Yagi discovered the concept of applying power to one element, a dipole antenna (see fig. 4), and then adding another element behind or in front of the driven element. This had the effect of shaping the radiated signal, providing gain in one direction and rejecting signals in the opposite direction (this last being called the "front-to-back ratio"). Yagi's design used the concept of "parasitically" exciting all but the driven element, the one with the feed line attached. There are many types of beam antennas available for the buyer. Let's first discuss only monoband beams—antennas designed for single-band use.

Regardless of what you may read in advertising, there are hard-and-fast gain figures that can be applied to monoband beams. These figures have been accumulated over the years, and they are the work of many antenna engineers and laboratories, and what is of importance, they all agree about gain within a fraction of a decibel. Keep in mind that we are only discussing monoband beams. Later we will go into multiband systems.

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Many amateurs mistakenly assume that if a 3-element beam produces 7 dB gain, then by doubling the size to 6 elements they will get twice the gain, or 14 dB gain. Not so. Generally speaking, if we double the size of the antenna, we will gain 3 dB (that's not bad, though, because 3 dB doubles our power again!) There is no hedging on this rule. Doubling the size of the array or beam increases the gain by 3 dB (or doubles the power).

You must realize that there are limits in obtaining gain in this manner. Antenna sizes can become very unwieldy very quickly. Also, on VHF and UHF, where beams are physically small, some rather high gain figures can be obtained, but at some point, the signal losses in the phasing and harnessing lines become prohibitive.

Yagi antennas are the most common of the beams, but there are others the buyer may wish to consider. Another very popular antenna is the Quad or Delta Loop beam. Fig. 5 shows some of the configurations of these antennas.

The Quad or Delta Loop differs in several ways from a Yagi-type beam. In the first place, the driven element of the Quad or Delta is a full wavelength in size as opposed to the Yagi, which is a half wavelength. It is almost axiomatic in antenna theory that the larger an antenna is the better it is. The Quad and Delta Loop have a larger effective aperture (some

amateurs call it "capture area") and hence, more gain. A single Quad or Delta element will have about 2 dB gain over a dipole. When a Quad or Delta reflector element is added, the gain of the two elements will be on the order of 7 dB, about the same as a 3-element Yagi. I know I will get arguments from some antenna people but note that I used the word "about."

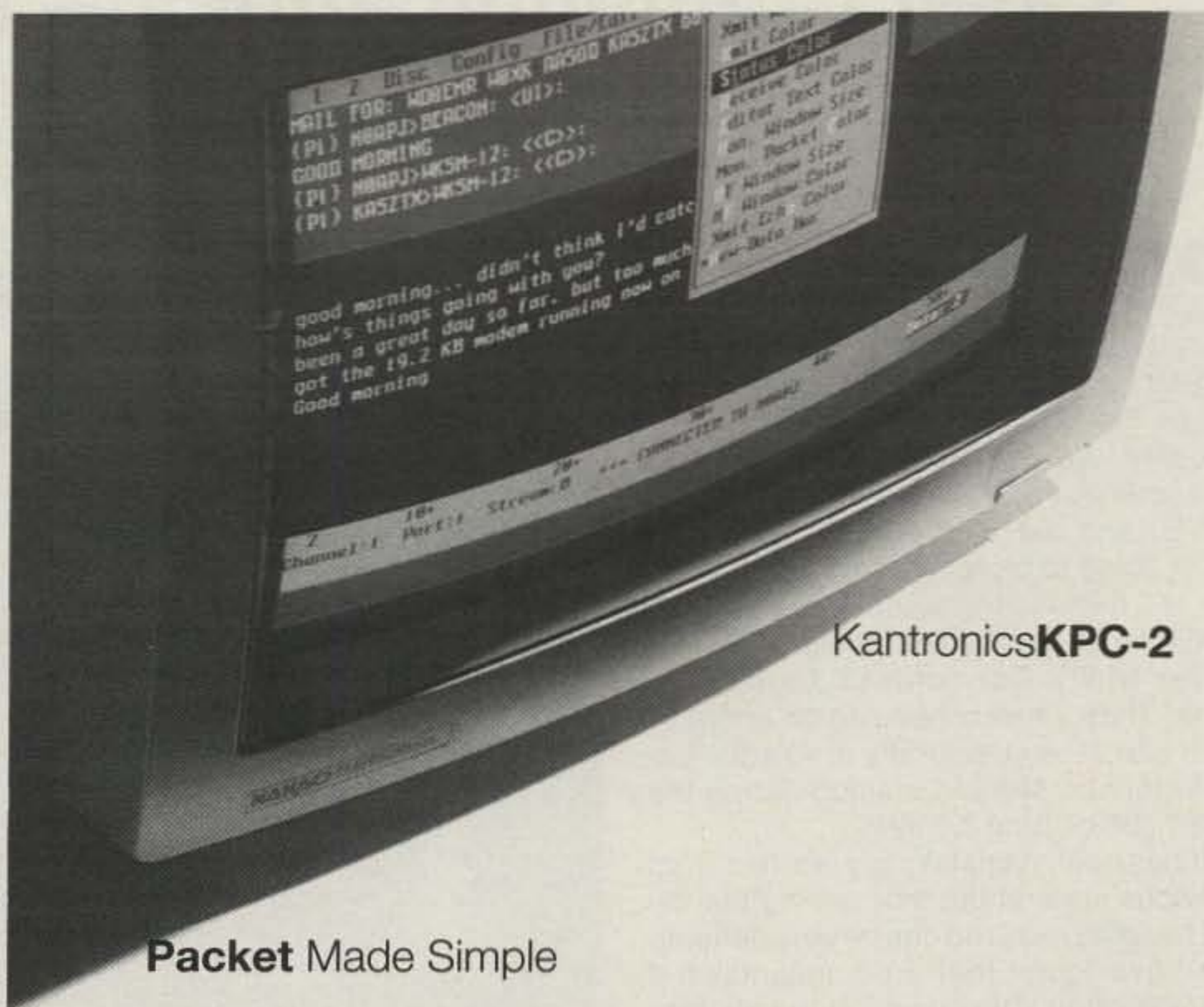
Additionally, Yagi elements are what are known as high Q elements, and are more critical as to spacing and coupling between each other as opposed to the low Q of Quad or Delta elements. Using lower Q elements provides a greater bandwidth. Also, if you are subjected to

rain or snow static, the effect is much less pronounced on the Quad and Delta.

One last point worth mentioning: Many times it is desired to put more power into a lower beam angle from the antenna. This effect can be achieved by stacking two separate Yagis. However, the effect of stacking already exists in a Quad, and even more so in a Delta loop.

The above discussion does not mean that Yagis are better or worse performers than Quads or Deltas. Each have their features and advocates. In Part II, I will discuss multiband beams and wire antennas.

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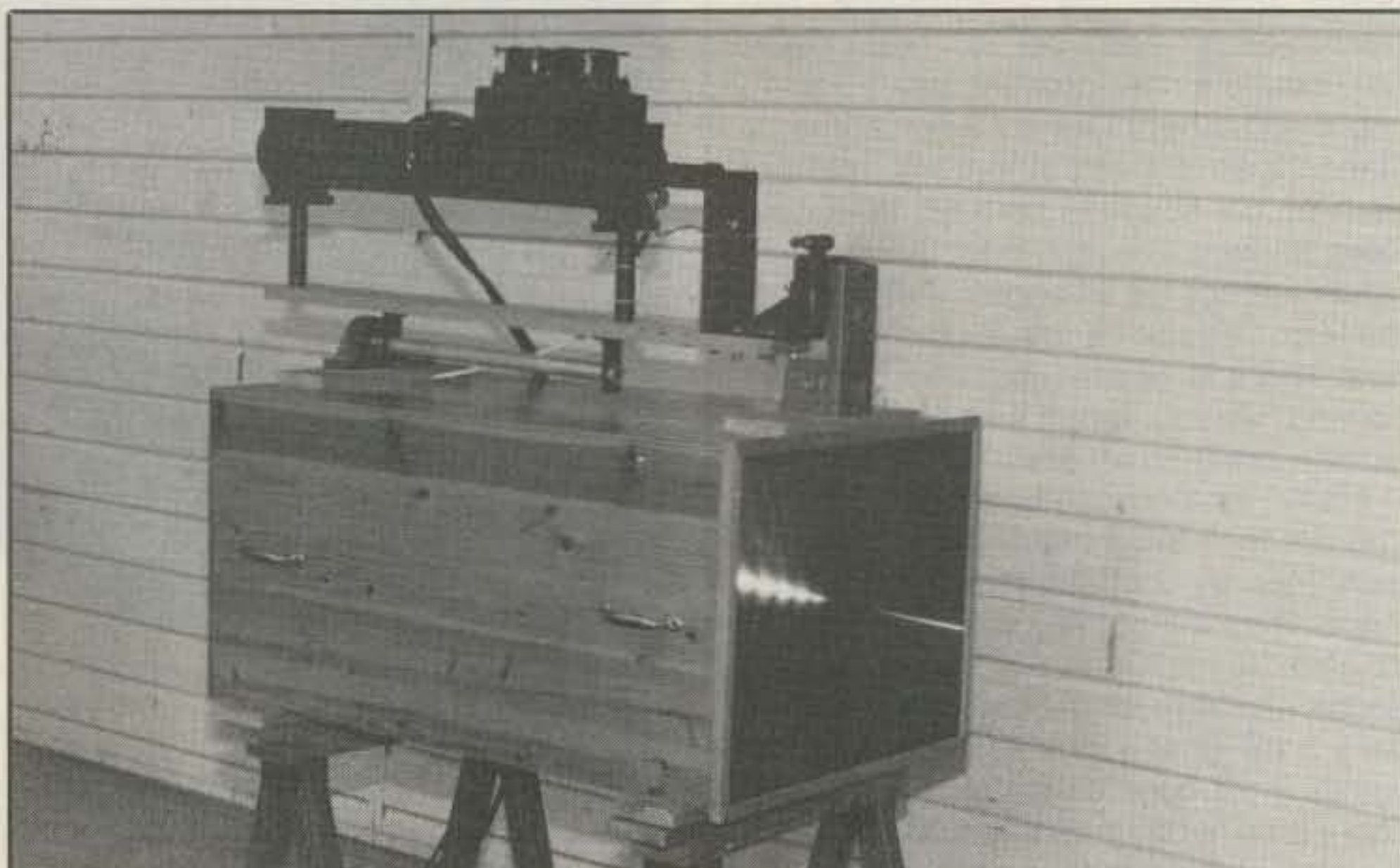
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BY TERRY WILKINSON*, WA7LYI

On June 7, 1991 at 1700 hours local time myself, Terry Wilkinson, WA7LYI; Gary Judd, WB7SLY; and Bruce Ellefritz, N7PMO, arrived at Towers Mountain (elevation 7625), located 50 miles north of Phoenix. We were scheduled to set up laser communications with David Chase, KY7B, and Jim Vogler, WA7CJO, who were going to be located on a mountain top 150 miles to the south. Dave and Jim would be located on Mount Lemmon (elevation 9157), just north of Tucson Arizona. They were scheduled to arrive at their site at the University of Arizona observatory on Mount Lemmon during the afternoon of June 8, 1991.

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that at the 50 miles plus distances the strobe was apparently too fast, and due to changing conditions in the atmosphere it could only be seen once in a while, and at the longer distances it could not be seen at all. We have tried several times to use a large mirror during the daytime to signal the other group our exact location (also known as "heliograph"), but just bringing the mirror along seems to bring bad luck in every form, and we have never been able to even try. From our 56 mile and 95 mile laser shots we also knew that mountains can look remarkably similar from 50 miles or more away, and from various angles it is difficult to tell which is the tallest part of a mountain, especially if it is somewhere in a continuous range of mountains. I know those guys are on the very top of the mountain range, but which top is that?

We knew that in this case the mountains involved would not be visible because of the distance involved (150 miles). Located just south of Phoenix is a mountain used by 75% of the FM broadcast and television stations in the area. It is appropriately named South Mountain, and it is covered with very large towers that have lots of red lights that are visible for many miles. This mountain has been used in some way for almost every laser shot that we have ever done. David Chase, KY7B, has VUCC #1 for laser from this location.

Using the VK3UM Moonbounce program and topographical maps of each location, I calculated the bearing from Towers Mountain to both South Mountain and Mount Lemmon. I knew from previous laser shots that the lights on the towers on South Mountain would be visible from our location, and with the aid of a theodolite I was able to point our laser the calculated azimuth angle east of the towers on South Mountain. I later estimated this to be within one-half degree of the true bearing. We set up most of the laser equipment and waited for the second group to arrive the next day at their site. Our theodolite was set up about 30 feet behind and slightly above our laser, which allowed it to look directly down the beam with a minimum of parallax error.

Dave, KY7B, and Jim, WA7CJO, called on the radio as they were leaving Phoenix and heading for Tucson. It normally takes about two hours to drive to Tucson and another hour to drive up the mountain. The road to the top of Mount Lemmon is paved all the way and winds up the south side of the mountain. This meant that we would not hear from them again until they were on top. Six hours later we still had not heard a word from the guys, and as we watched the sun go down behind the trees, another chance to try the sun/mirror slipped away. I was so aggravated at that point that I would have smashed the mirror I brought, but that would have

meant seven years of bad luck instead of the two-day variety we were used to from previous laser shots.

We knew from our previous operation at this observatory site that they do not allow vehicle lights, flashlights, or anything that even looks like a light after dark when the telescopes become operational. Setting up in total darkness was beginning to be a reality for Dave and Jim. That is if we ever heard from them again. Finally, with the sun already down and about 10 minutes of light left, the radio came alive with angry voices. Yes, they were on top of the mountain. No, they had not been kidnapped and held for ransom. As it turned out they had been waiting at the bottom of the mountain for hours. It seems that there was a forest fire on the lower part of Mount Lemmon, and the forest service was not letting anyone on the road up the mountain for at least five to six hours.

The first time we did a laser shot from Mount Lemmon, two members of our crew decided to play bumper cars at the bottom of the mountain. They ran into each other and wound up totally destroying one of the cars. The second encounter on Mount Lemmon, Jim Vogler and myself drove up the mountain in a driving thunderstorm, complete with lightning and hail. This time we were going to have the leftover smoke from the forest fire to shoot through. Just perfect for a laser shot. The words "Mount Lemmon" have taken on a whole new meaning for us.

Dave and Jim hurriedly unpacked and set up all of their gear with everything pointed our way, only to discover that they had forgotten which way was which. They had to move everything 30 feet or so, and then point to our "new" direction. After all was set up, we aimed our new 1,000,000 candlepower light and 400 watts of incandescent lights their way, and yes, they could see our lights in the darkness. After only five minutes of aiming, we could see their laser pointed at us! The beam was much higher in the sky than we had expected, but almost exactly on in azimuth. This process usually takes much longer, and it took several hours at the 95 mile laser shot. We quickly ran back and forth across the top of the mountain and determined that their beam was around 250 feet across, much wider than we had thought it would be. We speculated that the beam was being scattered by the atmosphere and all of the floating debris in it. The beam was also not nearly as strong as in our previous laser contacts partially due to the distance involved.

We observed that the beam was fading completely in and out at a fairly rapid rate. The beam was visible with the naked eye, but not by much. We had the guys move the micrometers on their laser back and forth in both azimuth and elevation, trying to peak up the signal, and we discovered

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several things. The micrometer adjustments to the beam were not nearly as critical as we had thought they would be. Our micrometers read out in .001 of an inch, and on our 95 mile shot it took about one-third of a turn to sweep all the way across the other station. This time the beam was visible for almost two full turns of the micrometer. The bad news was that there was not really any peak where it was the strongest.

We then set up our laser, and after a few minutes of adjustments they could also see our laser—just barely. After several minutes of laser adjustment and discussions, conditions worsened and the lasers were no longer visible with the naked eye. At this point the great sensitivity of the 18 inch square fresnell lense and the photo-multiplier tube was fully appreciated. Our receivers were still able to detect the modulated beam when it was there, even though it was not visible with the naked eye. Due to the rapid fading in and out, the CW was impossible to copy. The beam would practically disappear several times in a second. We waited for conditions to change, and it didn't take long.

The wind picked up, and Dave and Jim were advised by the nearby astronomers that there was a storm front moving in from nearby Mexico, along with high winds and possible lightning. They were also advised of the obvious—that this mountaintop was not the ideal place to be during a lightning storm. It is typical on these long-distance laser shots to have to

wait until 2 or 3 AM for the air turbulence to subside and the winds to die down. This time it didn't look like we were going to get the chance.

Dave and I tried fast CW, very slow CW, and everything else we could think of, but the CW was just not readable with all the rapid fading. At times the air would be still momentarily, and the signal would actually get loud for about a second or so. Like it or not, we decided to wait an hour or more to see if conditions would improve, knowing that the guys on Mount Lemmon might have to abandon ship at any time.

On every previous laser shot we have done, even at 95 miles, the laser beam has always been at least plainly visible, if not bright. A speaker was always placed on top of the laser, and anyone who could copy Morse code could tell what was being said from 50 feet away. The rapid fading and poor conditions were very frustrating.

As midnight local time approached, weather conditions slowly got worse. Over the next hour or so we watched the stars slowly disappear from the southern sky as the clouds moved in. At about this time the observatory stopped operations and closed their domes due to the threatening weather. The weather conditions on the Mount Lemmon end amazingly did not get any worse. Unexpectedly, a slight wind appeared at our location from the north, and as we waited things started slowly to clear off. Finally, at about 2:30 AM local time things improved enough to attempt a contact. We had been attempting to send CW one way or the other every 30 minutes or so for the previous 5 hours just to test the conditions. Dave and I decided to attempt a moonbounce-style contact (both sets of calls, signal reports "o"s that full calls had been copied, and "r"s that everything preceding had been copied), so on went the earphones. Finally at 2:50 AM local time on June 8 the contact was completed. Conditions had improved just enough. According to the VK3UM moonbounce program, the distance covered was 153.97 miles. However, we had sweated blood on this one.

The seemingly insurmountable problems we encountered, and the bad luck that seems to follow us around like a black cloud, should not serve to deter other experimenters from attempting to break new ground. We encourage others to experiment and to pioneer new ideas.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Mr. Bill Lewis, and Mr. Steve Rinella of U.S. Forest Service, for allowing us permission to use both of the forest service sites. We would also like to thank Mr. John Ratje of the University of Arizona observatory group for allowing us to use the first-rate facilities at the observatory on Mount Lemmon. The assistance of people such as these makes the difficult task at hand that much easier.

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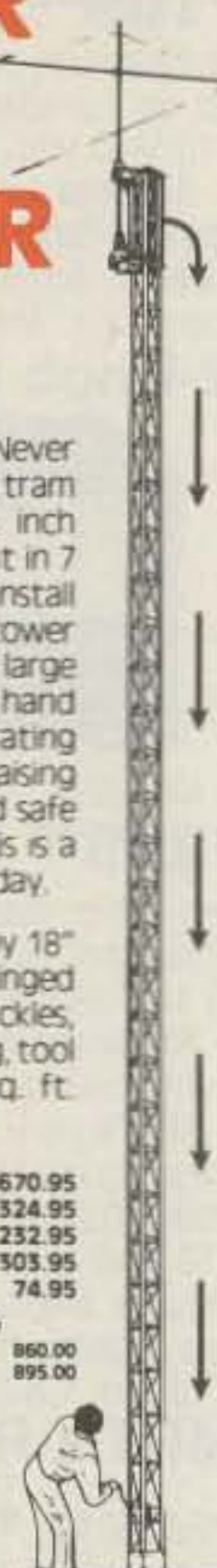
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Using Solid-State VFOs To Drive Vacuum-Tube Transmitters

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My June 1991 CQ article concerning stable VFO design stimulated an unexpected reader response. Notable among the questions asked was "How can I interface a semiconductor-type VFO to the input of my older, tube-type transmitter?" It is a technique that I have taken for granted in recent years, not realizing that the less-experienced amateur might need guidance toward doing the job effectively. It seems that a number of amateurs are using old AM CW transmitters that either lack a VFO or contain one that is quite unstable. Certainly, a stable out-board solid-state VFO is capable of solving their problems. This article provides tips for using a solid-state VFO with a tube style of rig.

Some Limitations

It is important to understand that transmitter amplifiers have a low input and output impedance characteristic. Conversely, most vacuum tubes exhibit high input and output impedances (grounded-grid amplifiers being the exception). Although a semiconductor amplifier can produce significant output power, the voltage developed across, say, a 50 ohm load is relatively small. For example, a 1 watt transistor amplifier can produce an RMS voltage of 7 across 50 ohms. That same watt of power will provide 31.6 RMS volts across a 1000 ohm load. A vacuum-tube grid requires a fairly large voltage swing in order to excite the tube properly—30 to 50 volts is typical for a small triode or pentode. Fortunately, power is not needed in large measure to drive the grid

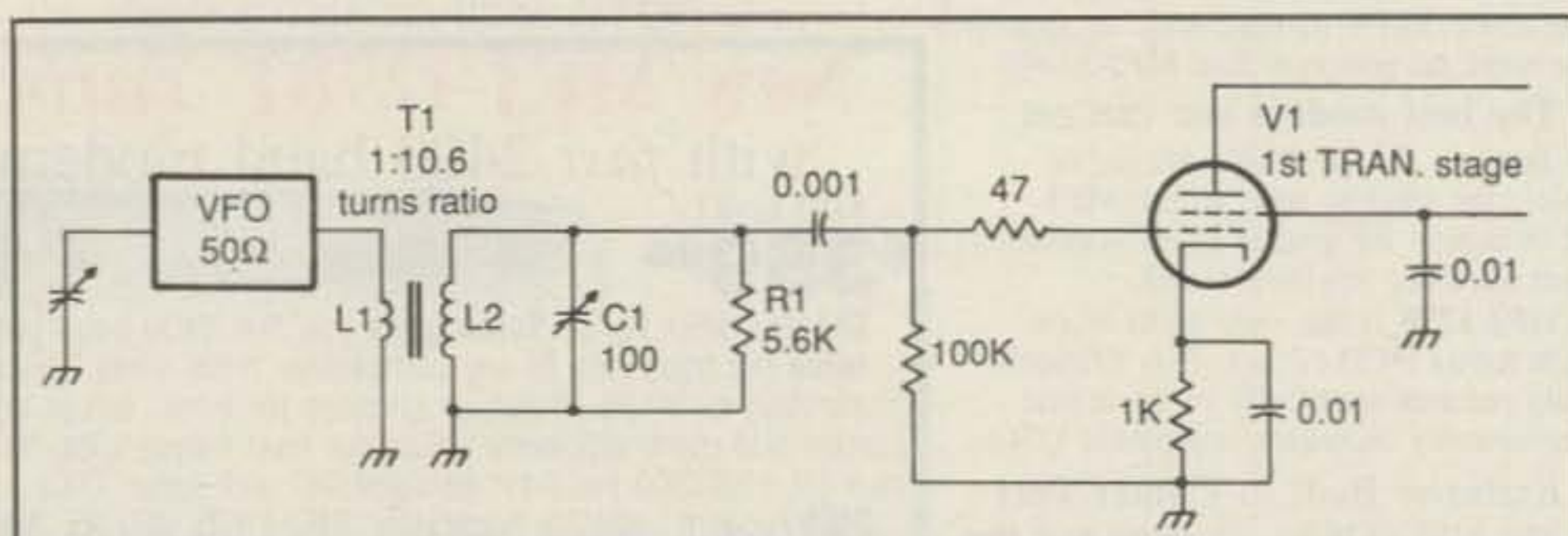
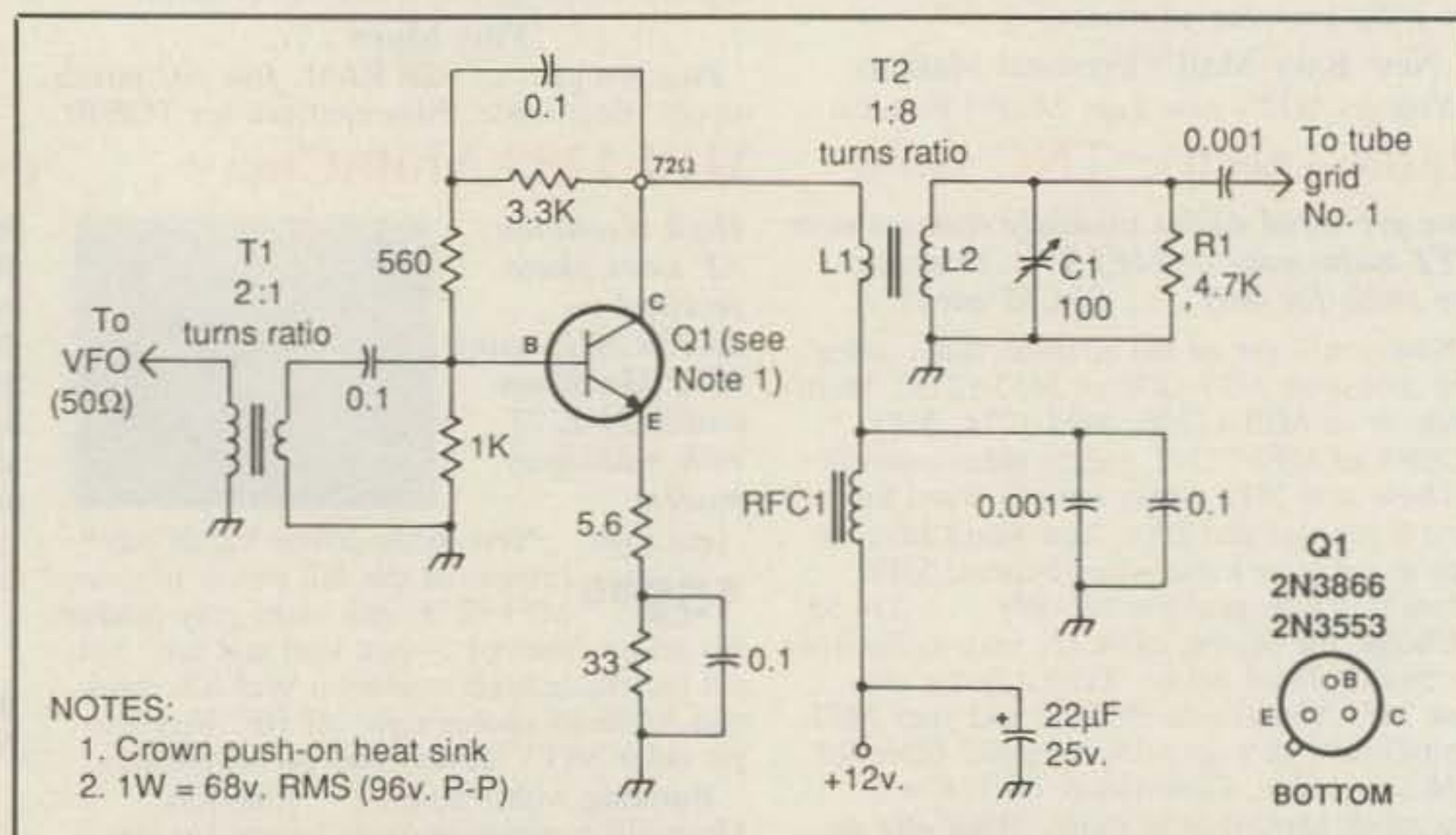


Fig. 1—A method for connecting a LO-Z solid-state VFO to a transmitter input stage that uses a tube. T1 is tuned to the operating frequency by C1. R1 provides a load for the VFO and broadens the response of the C1/L2 tuned circuit. A T1 step-up ratio is required to ensure ample voltage swing at the V1 grid.



NOTES:

1. Crown push-on heat sink
2. 1W = 68v. RMS (96v. P-P)

Fig. 2—A solid-state VFO amplifier that can produce up to 1 watt of output with 75 mw or greater driving power. C1 and L2 are tuned to the operating frequency. T1 has 12 primary turns of no. 26 enameled wire on an Amidon Associates FT-50-43 ferrite toroid. The secondary has 6 turns of no. 26 enameled wire. R1 is a 1 watt carbon resistor. RFC1 has 8 turns of no. 26 enameled wire on an Amidon FT-23-43 ferrite toroid. T2 is wound for the operating frequency.

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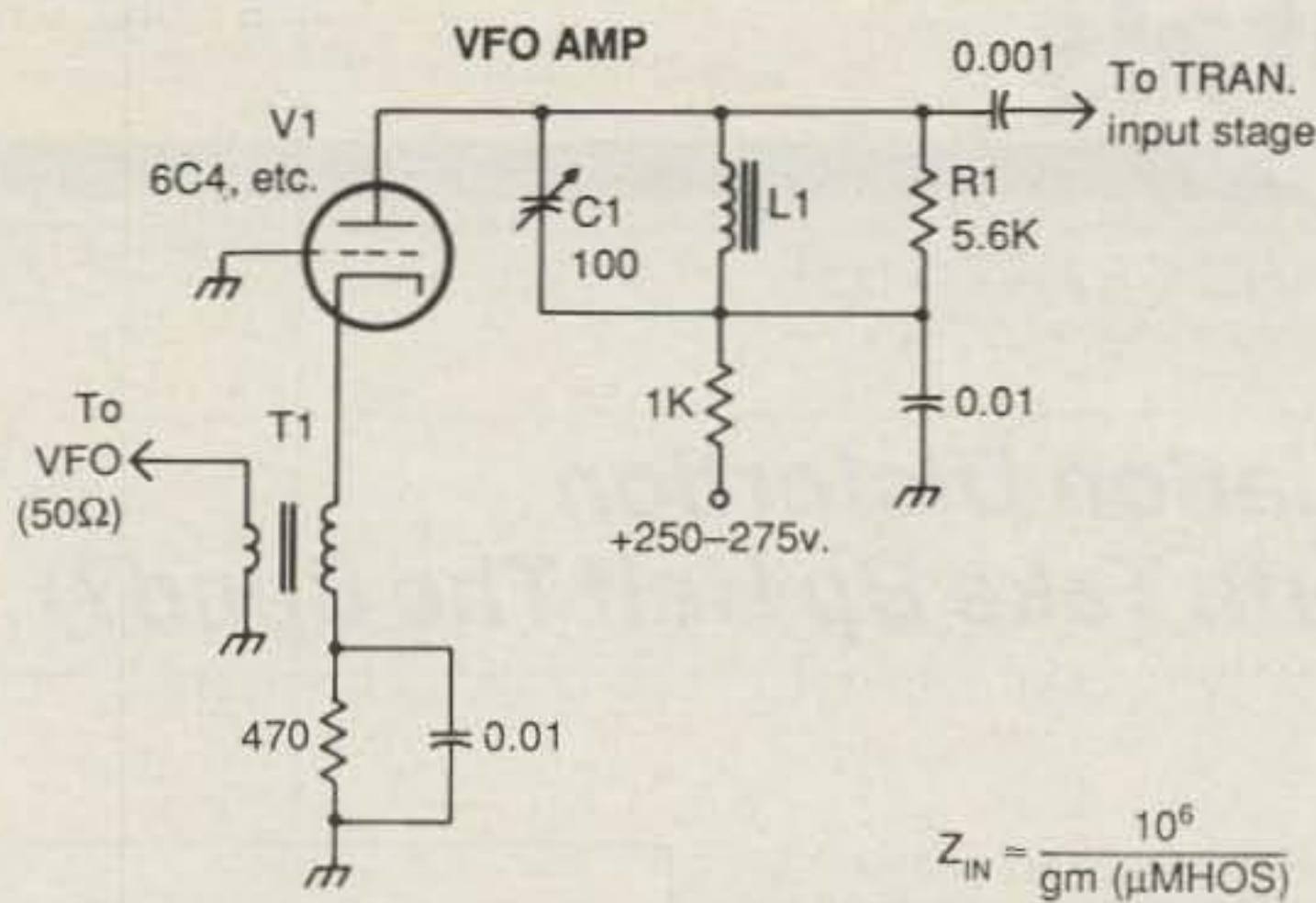


Fig. 3—A grounded-grid tube amplifier for boosting the VFO output power. The turns ratio of T1 is based on the equation, once the gm in μmhos for V1 is determined from a tube manual. C1 tunes L1 to the operating frequency.

of a low-level tube amplifier. Therefore, with correct interfacing methods we can use a solid-state VFO to provide an operating frequency for a tube transmitter or receiver.

Maximum power transfer cannot occur in any electrical circuit unless unlike impedances are matched by some means. The most common approach to this requirement is the employment of a tuned or untuned matching transformer, although capacitive voltage dividers are also suitable in some circuits. An untuned, broadband transformer at the output of a solid-state amplifier is seldom practical in terms of spectral purity. This is because semiconductor amplifiers generate high levels of harmonic current by means of envelope distortion and non-linear parametric action in the transistor junction.

Transistors are much worse than vacuum tubes in this regard. It is not unusual to find the second and third harmonics at the transistor collector (untuned output network) only 10 to 15 dB down from the peak output of the desired frequency. Harmonic filters are almost mandatory at the output of transistor amplifiers. Therefore, if you use a broadband matching transformer between a solid-state amplifier and a tube grid, a harmonic filter should be included in the line. Alternatively, you may use a tuned (narrow band) matching transformer to interface your solid-state VFO to your tube rig. This will minimize the transfer of unwanted harmonic currents.

Practical Matching Methods

Fig. 1 shows one method of connecting a solid-state VFO to a vacuum tube. If V1 is arranged as a crystal oscillator, you will need to remove the feedback capacitors and use the stage as an amplifier. If not, V1 may self-oscillate when the VFO is

connected to it. L1 is a low-Z link that couples the VFO to the C1/L2 tuned circuit, which is peaked at the desired operating frequency. L2 may be a slug-tuned inductor and C1 can be a fixed-value capacitor. R1 lowers the Q of L2 and establishes a 5.6K ohm load for the VFO. R1 broadens the tuned-circuit response to lessen the need to retune it when QSYing from one end of the band to the other. I described a VFO with sufficient output power to permit you to use the fig. 1 circuit (see June 1991 CQ). This circuit needs an amplifier after it, such as the circuits shown in figs. 2 and 3.

Fig. 2 shows a class A linear amplifier that is suitable for elevating the VFO output power to 1 watt. A 2N3866, 2N1553, or MPS-U02 may be used for Q1. Any high ft NPN transistor that is similar to those listed will work in this circuit. Alternately, you may use four 2N2222As or 2N4400s in parallel for Q1.

T1 in fig. 2 is a 4:1 broadband transformer that matches a 50 ohm VFO to Q1. The impedance ratio should be increased to 10:1 for VFOs that have a 500 ohm output impedance. This calls for a 7:1 turns ratio. C1 and L2 form a tuned circuit for the operating frequency. R1 broadens the frequency response of the tuned circuit and provides a workable load for Q1. An impedance step-up of 1:8 is required for T2, owing to the Q1 collector impedance of 72 ohms.

You may wish to consider the fig. 3 circuit if you're disposed to using tubes as amplifiers. This grounded-grid amplifier may be used between the solid-state VFO and the input stage of your tube-type transmitter. The equation in the diagram, based on the transconductance of the tube used, provides a close approximation of the input impedance of the V1 cathode. A broadband matching transformer (T1) is used at the amplifier input, whereas a tuned circuit (C1/L1) is utilized

at the amplifier output port.

You will need to develop your own tuned-circuit values. The C-to-L ratio of the tuned circuits is not critical provided you adhere to the impedance ratios specified. C1 in the tuned circuits can be a 100 or 150 pF variable capacitor for the bands from 1.8 to 7 MHz. Use a 50 or 75 pF variable from 10 MHz through the 10 meter band.

VFO Isolation Is Important

Your solid-state VFO should be contained in its own shielded box. Keep this unit outboard from the tube transmitter because the heat within the transmitter cabinet will surely cause long-term drift. A shielded enclosure for the VFO is important in the interest of preventing stray RF from entering the VFO circuit. Stray RF currents can disrupt VFO performance, which may result in frequency jumping and drift. I suggest also that you use shielded cable for the +12 volt power leads that connect to the VFO. Likewise for the on-off control lead for the VFO.

In Summary

The information I have provided here is anything but profound. These tips should, however, head you down the road of success when you mate your solid-state VFO to your tube rig.



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Intermodulation Distortion (Or Why Does Big Mouth Take Up Half The Band?)

You have all heard Big Mouth, I'm sure. He's got a loud signal with plenty of speech processing. You can hear kids yelling in the background, the sound of passing cars, and other miscellaneous loud noises. When he stops speaking (if he ever does), your S-meter hangs at about half signal strength, buoyed up by the background racket, which sounds like a wind tunnel. Big Mouth is happy. He has lots of processing and he knows his signal is LOUD.

Well . . . perhaps. The "all-knobs-to-the-right" syndrome will probably never be eliminated from the amateur bands. More audio, more processing, that's the way to a big signal! Let the listener beware!

This may be an ego trip for Big Mouth, but he is a headache to the other unfortunate occupants of the band. His signal is unpleasant to listen to. In addition to the raspy, noisy audio, Big Mouth has splatter ("buckshot") on his signal that spreads out on both sides, making life miserable for amateurs operating near his frequency.

Big Mouth doesn't know (or doesn't care) that all SSB transmitters have an overload point. Operating beyond this point won't make the signal louder or more readable. It just takes up more space on the dial and actually wastes useful power in the splatter!

Observing The Transmitter With A Spectrum Analyzer

Transmitter overload by Big Mouth produces intermodulation distortion (IMD). This noxious form of distortion is created whenever a complex signal (such as the voice, which is composed of many audio tones) overloads an amplifier or mixer stage of a transmitter. A CW signal, on the other hand, is a single-frequency entity and does not create IMD (fig. 1). This is a representation of an unkeyed CW signal viewed in the frequency domain. The X-axis represents frequency; the Y-axis represents signal amplitude. The signal is constant at 14.2 MHz.

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To display the frequency domain requires a device that can discriminate between frequencies while measuring the power level at each one. The spectrum analyzer is one instrument that will accomplish this. Simply, it is a receiver coupled to an oscilloscope. A block diagram of a basic analyzer is shown in fig. 2. It consists of a highly selective (narrow passband) receiver which is electronically tuned in frequency by means of a sawtooth voltage applied to the horizontal deflection plates of the cathode ray tube. A plot of frequency versus amplitude is displayed. The screen of the analyzer is calibrated to provide meaningful information. In this case, the vertical plot (Y-axis) represents watts output of the transmitter and the horizontal plot (X-axis) represents frequency in kHz. The picture is of a 100 watt CW signal viewed over a span of 10 kHz.

In real life the analyzer picture of a CW carrier is a bit more complex than the idealized representation of fig. 1. Photo A shows the CW signal of a popular 100 watt transceiver, as seen on a spectrum analyzer. Each horizontal division repre-

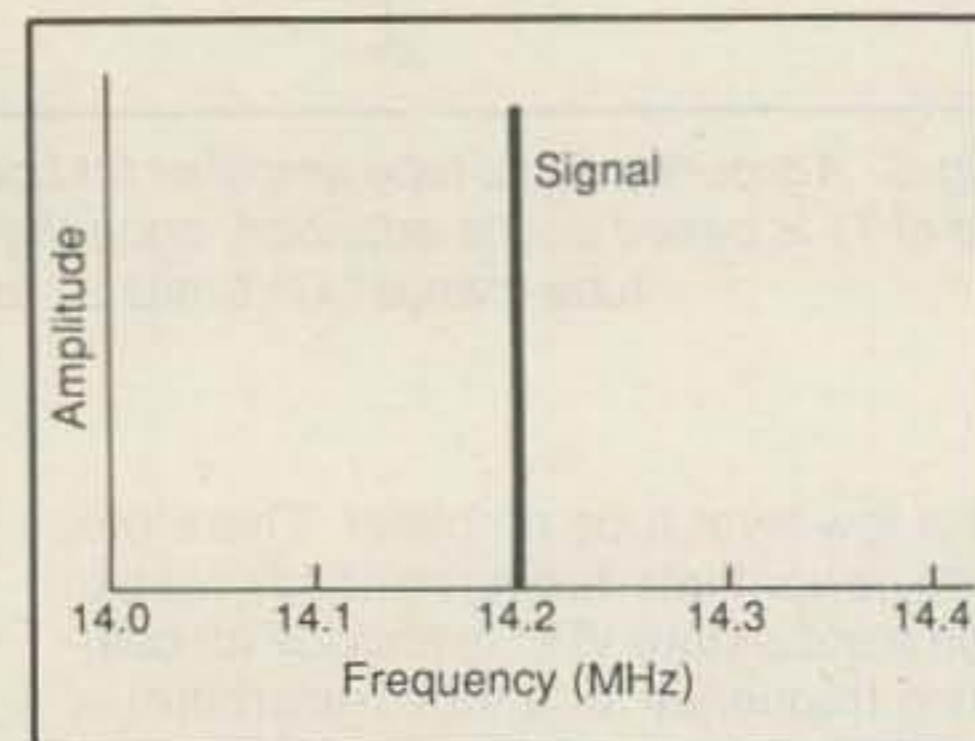


Fig. 1—An unkeyed CW signal viewed in the frequency domain. The X-axis represents frequency; the Y-axis is amplitude (signal strength). The signal is constant at 14.2 MHz.

sents 1 kHz, so the picture displays 10 kHz (left to right) centered on 14.2 MHz. The vertical divisions represent amplitude.

The picture tells us a lot about this signal. Note that close in to the carrier, at the base of the plot, the trace widens out before it drops into the background noise.

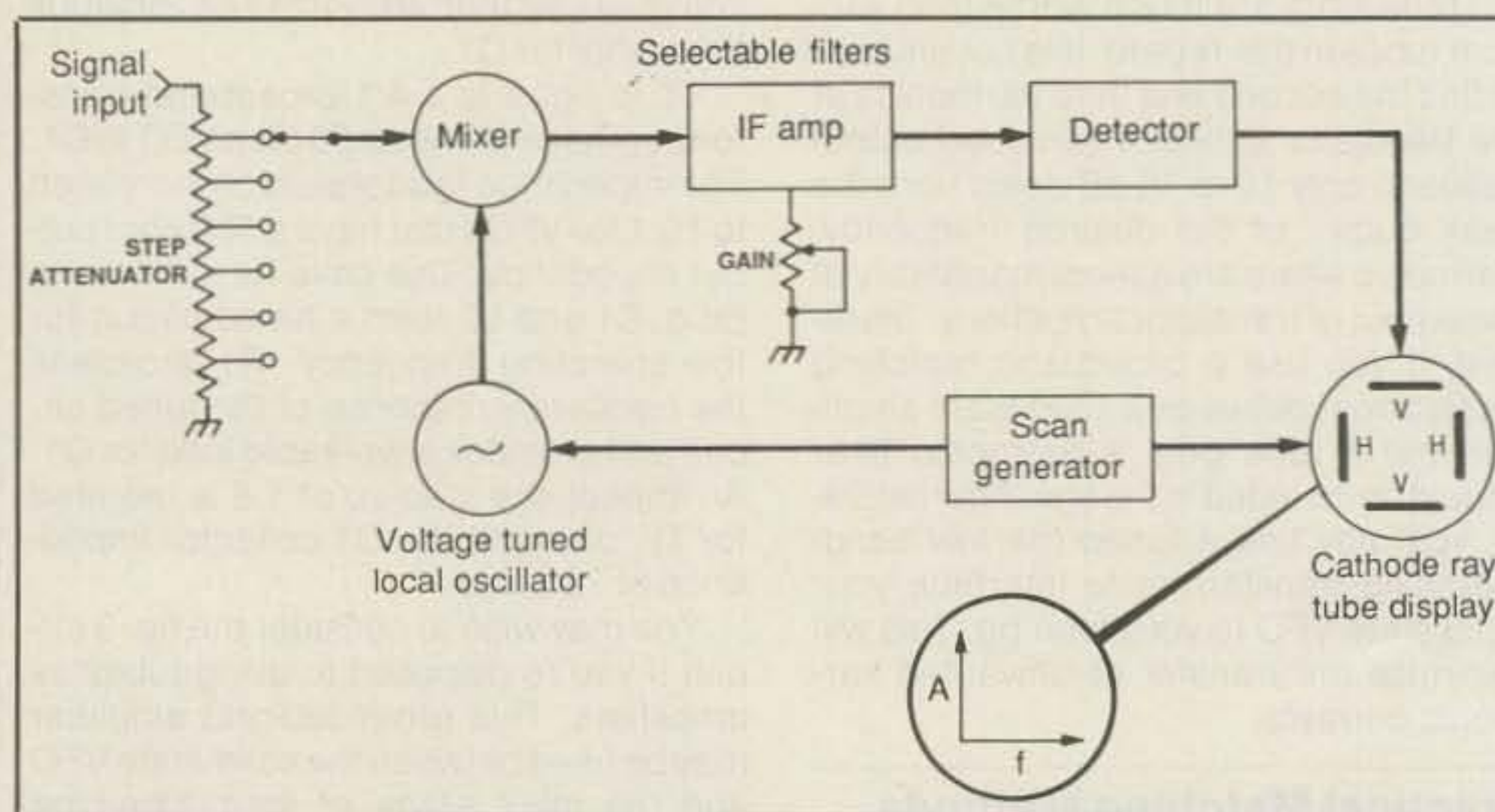


Fig. 2—Block diagram of a simple spectrum analyzer. It is a highly selective receiver coupled to an oscilloscope. The input signal is attenuated to the proper level and mixed to an intermediate frequency. The IF amplifier has adjustable gain and a selection of narrow-band filters. The receiver's local oscillator is electronically swept in frequency by a sawtooth control wave created in the scan generator. Output of the detector is applied to the vertical deflection plates of a cathode-ray tube while the sweep signal is applied to the horizontal plates. A frequency vs. amplitude plot is displayed.

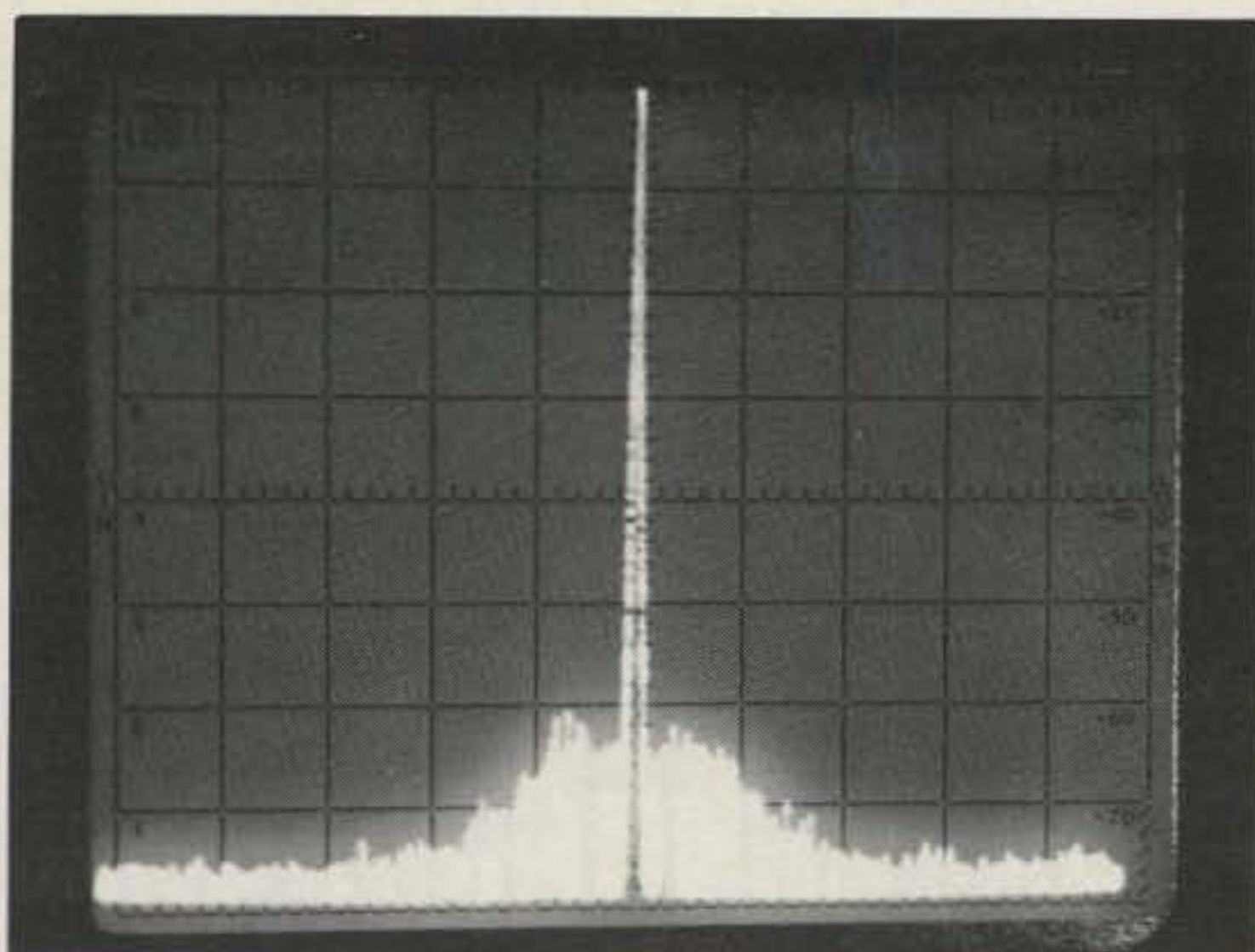


Photo A—An analyzer picture of the signal represented in fig. 1. Each horizontal division represents one kiloHertz; the vertical divisions represent signal amplitude. Notice the broadening of the signal at the base. This represents "white noise" generated by the transmitter. It can be heard as a hiss on each side of the signal, dropping into the background noise about 2 kHz each side of the signal.

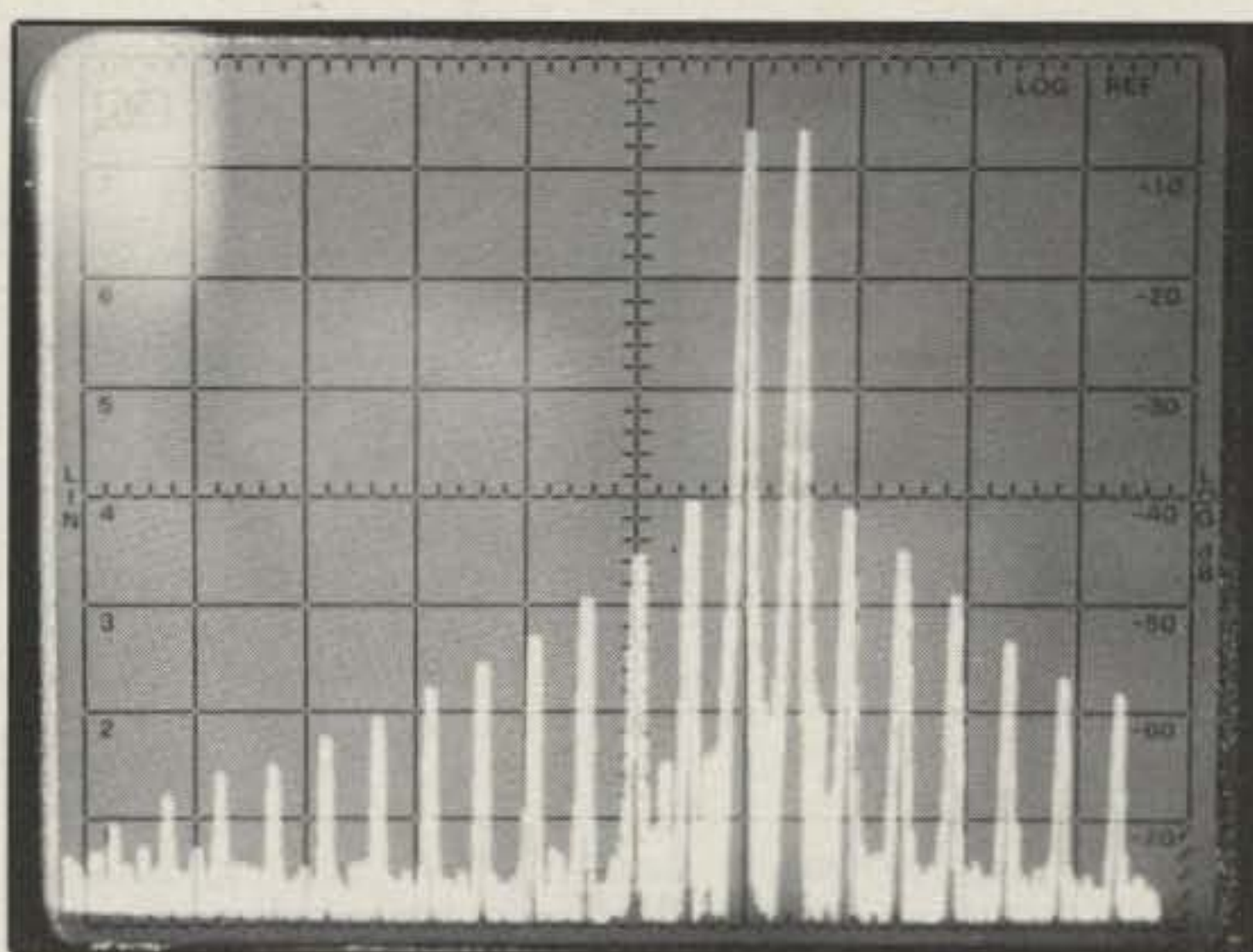


Photo B—A representation of a modern transceiver incorporating RF feedback. The third-order products are down 34 dB below the two tones, and the higher order products are reduced accordingly. Nearby amateurs would still notice close-in hash from intermodulation distortion. Commercial exciters (costing ten times as much) can better this condition by 20 to 40 dB across the passband.

This broadening represents "white noise" on the signal. The noise is generated in the mixing and amplifying circuits of the transceiver. It is the job of the designer of the equipment to reduce this noxious product to a minimum. In this case, the noise drops into the background about 2 kHz from the carrier. This is a rather "clean" signal. Nearby operators can hear the white noise as a rushing sound close to the carrier that follows the transmitter keying. Older transceivers often have white-noise sidebands that spread out over the whole band, driving nearby amateurs crazy.

To make matters worse, some receivers generate white noise when overloaded. This makes it risky to accuse a nearby amateur of clogging you up with white

noise, when it may be your receiver that is generating the problem!

Viewing an SSB Signal

The spectrum analyzer is a valuable tool for examining an SSB signal. The amount of intermodulation distortion can clearly be seen on the screen of the analyzer as spurious signals. A perfect SSB signal does not exist; all transmitters have some degree of IMD. The goal is to hold IMD to the lowest possible level.

In a nutshell, this is how a transmitter is tested for IMD. Let's look at some of the details. Fig. 3 shows a simplified block diagram of a test setup for analyzing an SSB signal. The industry-standard audio test signal is composed of two equal am-

plitude tones. (One tone is insufficient to produce IMD. More than two tones result in so many intermodulation products that analysis is confusing. I'll spare you the ugly mathematics that relate the intermodulation products to the audio tones.)

Any two audio tones that pass through the filter system of the transmitter are satisfactory; many experimenters use 700 Hz and 1900 Hz. In any event, the tones should not be harmonically related.

Two-tone audio generators are not complicated, and several small transistorized models have been shown in various publications and handbooks. The requirements of the generator are that the tones are isolated from each other (the generators do not "see" each other) and that they have very low distortion products.

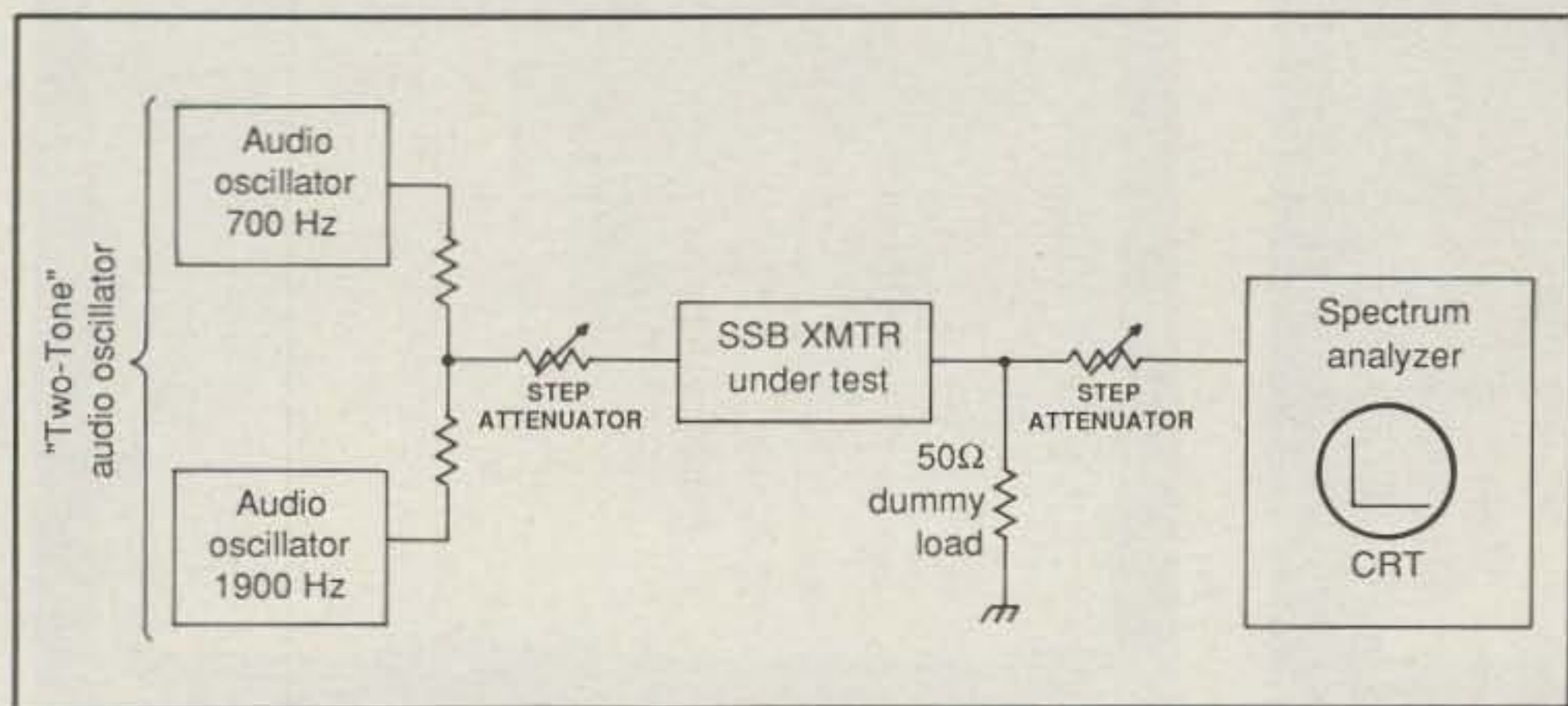


Fig. 3—Diagram of the test setup for analyzing an SSB signal. Two standard audio tones are injected into the transmitter via the mic jack. Level of the tones is set to provide the desired transmitter power output. The transmitter is operated into a dummy load and a small sample is injected into the analyzer. If the transmitter is perfect, the analyzer will show a true representation of the two tones in the frequency domain.

Analyzer Presentation

The easiest test signal is to say "hello, test" into the microphone. But since individual voices vary and it is not easy to maintain a constant audio level and view the voice in a meaningful way on the analyzer, the standard two-tone test signal is employed. If there is no IMD in the transmitter, the output signal is a replica of the two tones, raised to the carrier frequency of the transmitter (fig. 4). This is a representation of a commercial SSB transmitter, driven by a two-tone RF signal; the tones are separated by 2 kHz. The test signal is created by using a combination of 3000 Hz and 5000 Hz audio tones introduced into the microphone jack of the transmitter. The transmitter suppressed carrier frequency is 14,200 kHz. Upper

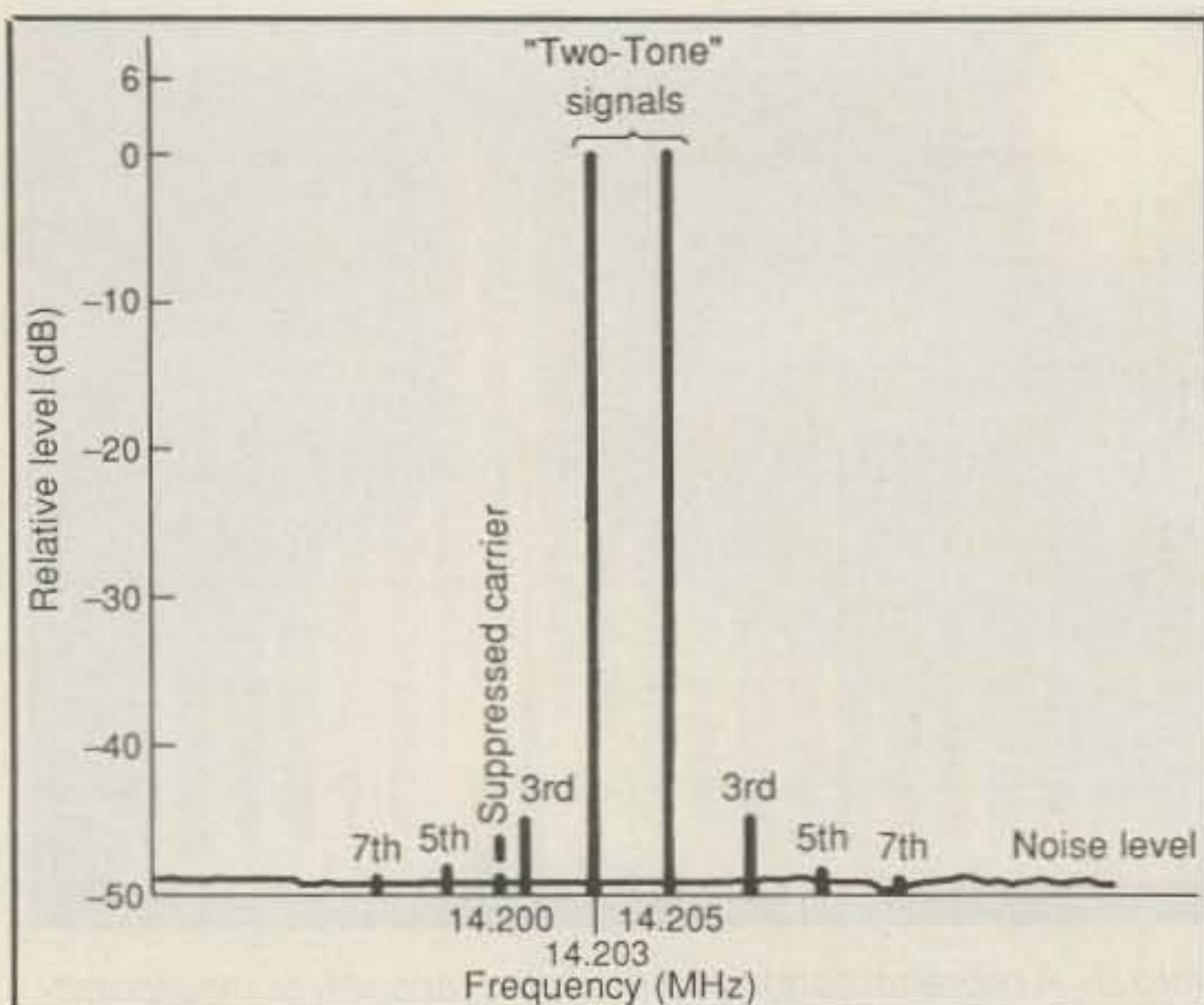


Fig. 4—An analyzer presentation of a transmitter driven by a two-tone signal. The two tones are shown as separate RF signals (upper sideband). The suppressed carrier (down 45 dB from the level of the tones) is shown, plus the intermodulation products (spurious signals) of the tones. The unwanted products are caused by transmitter nonlinearity and fall symmetrically each side of the test signals. The third-order products are suppressed 45 dB below the test tones, and the fifth-order products are "down" 48 dB. The seventh-order products are so weak they are almost in the background noise. Higher order products (ninth, eleventh, etc.) cannot be observed in this test.

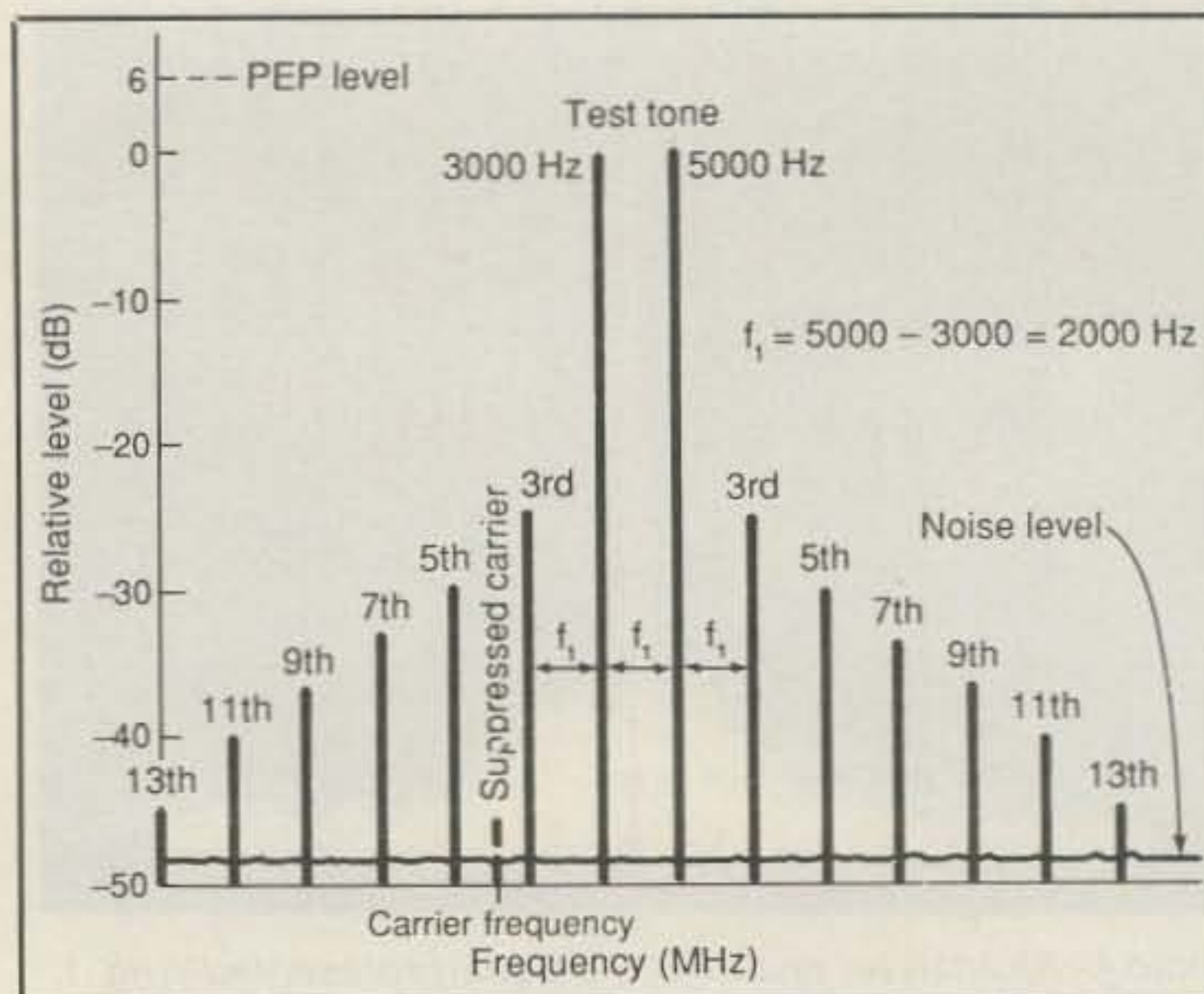


Fig. 5—A representation of a typical 100 watt SSB signal (USB). The two test tones are 2000 Hz apart, so the spurious odd-order products are also 2000 Hz (2 kHz) apart. The thirteenth-order products are down only 45 dB from the two tones. They are about 12 kHz away from the tones. If the received signal of this transmitter is 20 dB over S-9, the thirteenth-order products could easily be heard by nearby amateurs, and the signal would have "splatter" over a 28 to 30 kHz range! This example is representative of many of the transmitters on the air today.

sideband is used, and the resulting RF signals are at 14,203 kHz and 14,205 kHz. The separation between the RF signals is 2 kHz, just as in the case of the audio signals.

In real life the analyzer picture may be complicated. If the transmitter has IMD, is out of adjustment (too much drive or too little loading), undesired signals

(spurious products) are generated which are within the transmitter passband or very near to the transmitted signal. A representation of a two-tone test signal showing transmitter IMD is shown in fig. 5. A number of spurious frequency pairs are visible. The pairs adjacent to the test signal are called third-order distortion products; the next outer pair are fifth-order

products spaced equally outside the third-order pair; the next pair are seventh-order; and so on. They are so-named because of their mathematical relationship to each other. Many of the spurious products are so small in amplitude they may be ignored in amateur practice. A photo of a well-behaved, 100 watt transmitter is shown in photo B. The third-order prod-

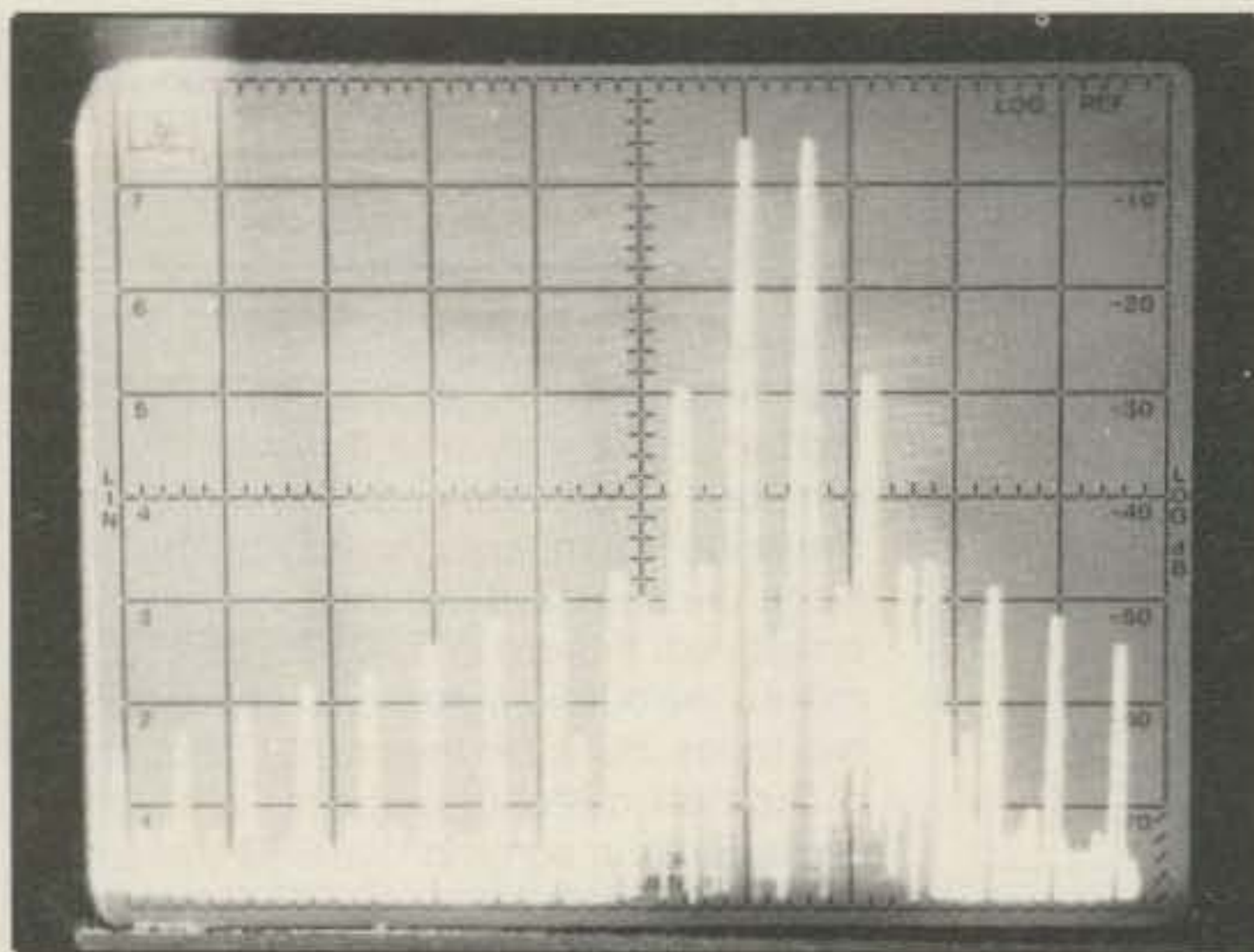


Photo C—Spectrum analyzer photo of 100 watt transmitter operating with speech compression. Close-in intermodulation products rise. Other mixing products, close to the two-tone signal, can be seen. These are caused by the compression, and when voice is transmitted it tends to be harsh and raspy.

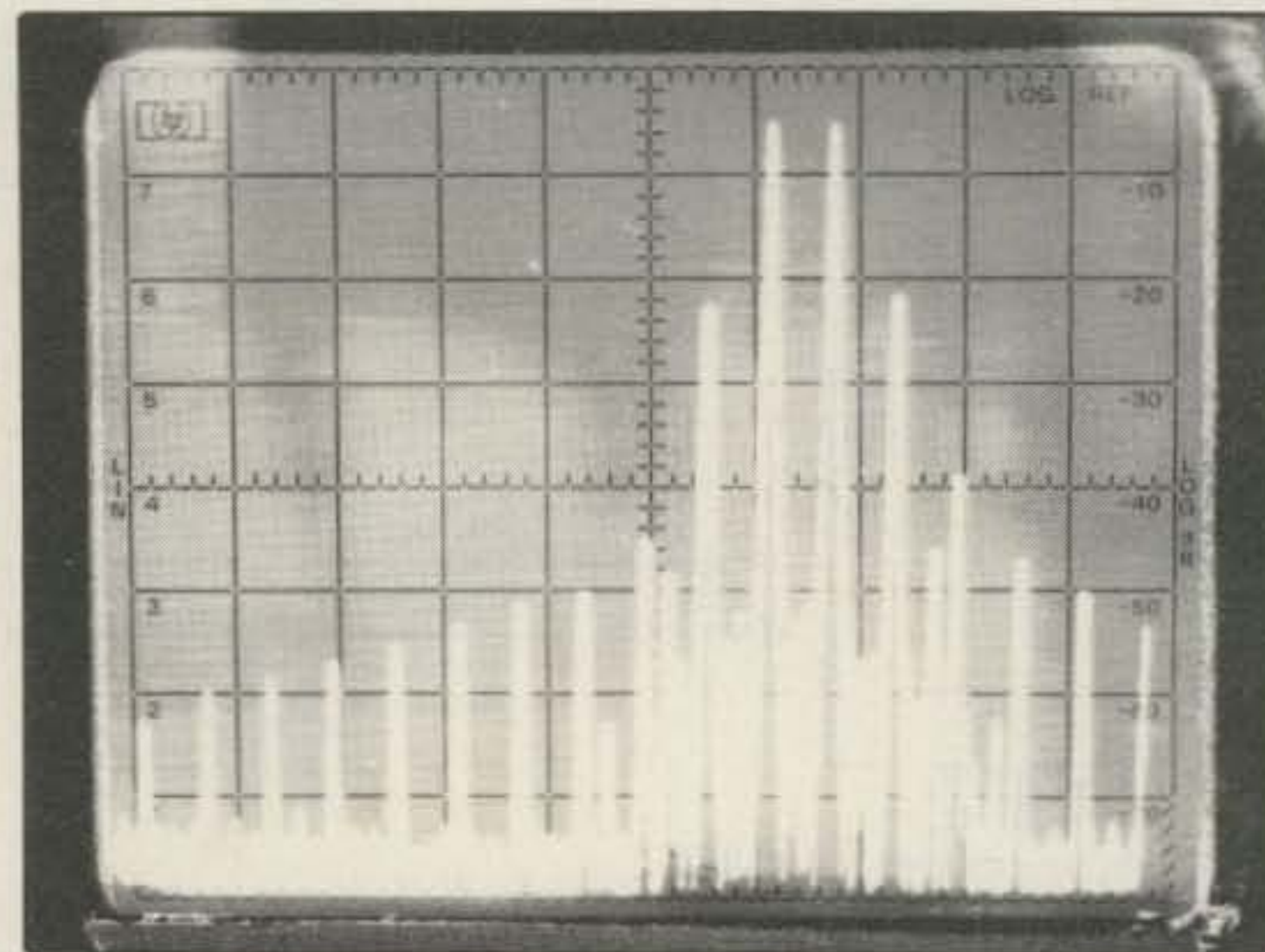


Photo D—A high level of compression boosts close-in intermodulation products and increases spurious products. Too much audio gain, too much compression combine to distort the voice and broaden the signal. (All photos courtesy of W6GNX and taken on a Hewlett-Packard 141-T analyzer.)

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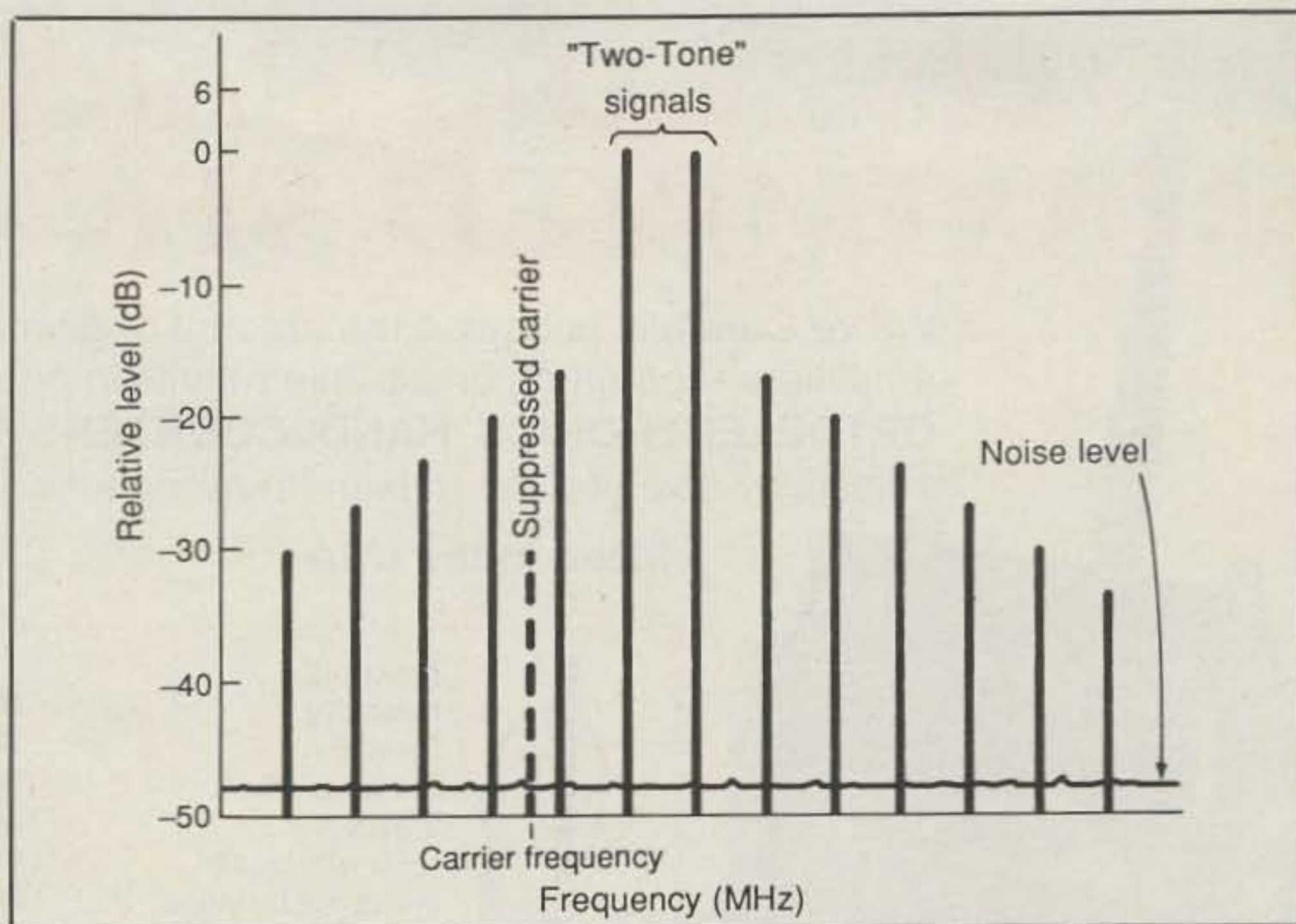


Fig. 6—An older transmitter using sweep tubes with no RF feedback. Intermodulation products are high and carrier suppression is poor. Improperly loaded, or over-driven, this transmitter can disrupt nearby frequencies for miles around.

ucts (those nearest to the two-tone test signal) are reduced 34 dB below the tones. The fifth-order products are down 40 dB. The higher order products drop off gradually until they drop into the noise at about 68 dB below the level of the two tones.

(In passing it should be noted that as the transmitter power is divided between the two tones, the PEP level is 6 dB above that of the tones. The top of the screen, therefore, represents the PEP level.) Older transceivers, especially those using sweep tubes and no RF feedback, present a bleak picture (fig. 6). This represents a transmitter with a pair of 6LQ6s in the amplifier. Note the high level of IMD products! A well-trained ear does not need a spectrum analyzer to pick out one of these transmitters, especially when it is being driven hard, with a lot of speech processing!

Regardless of the type of transceiver, by using a spectrum analyzer the operator can adjust the transmitter for best IMD performance, holding the two tones at constant amplitude and checking the amplitude of the odd-order products. (In some cases, the adjustment is merely turning down the audio gain or processing control!)

Photo C shows a transmitter operating with a small amount of speech compression. Power output is held at 100 watts PEP. Note that the third-order IMD products have risen 10 dB, as compared to those in photo B. Other mixing products close to the two tones have also risen, and the result is that the observer notices distortion in the transmitted signal. If a

voice were used instead of the test signal, it would sound raspy.

Photo D shows a high level of compression. Third-order products are only about 16 dB below the two tones. A voice signal would sound "rough" with this amount of speech processing. Note that the higher order products have risen by about 6 dB, as compared to no compression. No doubt local amateurs will notice the difference in terms of close-in splatter. Even a modern transceiver, as good as it is, cannot withstand the effects of overdriving. Too much audio gain, combined with excessive processing, produces the results shown in fig. 6. This is a picture of why Big Mouth sounds so bad!

The cure is simple. If Big Mouth turns down his gain, his transceiver is not overloaded. If he turns down his processing, the higher-order intermodulation products quickly drop to tolerable levels. The problem is to convince him to do these simple cures!

Checking for IMD With Your Receiver

It is nice to have a spectrum analyzer, and this subject will be discussed later. However, if you have a modern transceiver, you can investigate the IMD of a received signal by just flipping sidebands, watching your S-meter, and simultaneously listening to the distortion products falling in the opposite sideband.

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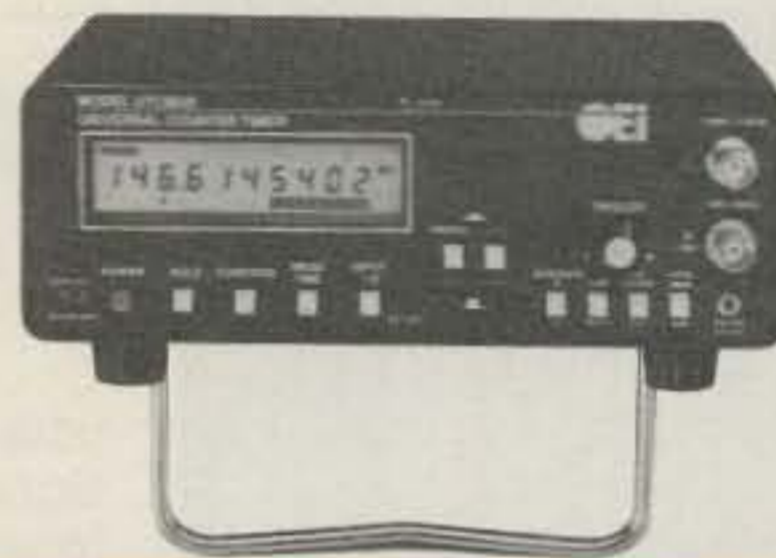


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cessing. I have a similar transceiver. Our signals on 40 meters usually run about 40 dB over S9 at each other's station. When I switch sidebands on my TS-950SD, the signal of W6GNX drops into the background noise. I have to listen very carefully to hear faint, low-frequency noises that indicate low-level IMD falling into his unwanted sideband.

On the other hand, about the same distance away in a different direction is Big Mouth, operating an old sweep-tube-type transceiver with "all knobs to the right." Listening to his opposite sideband on the TS-950S reveals plenty of "garbage," down only about two S-units from the meter reading on his operating sideband! Splatter extends out nearly 30 kHz on both sides of his signal. Lucky for me, he is moving away in a few weeks. I feel sorry for the amateurs near his new QTH!

Observations on IMD

Rough rules of performance can be outlined as far as IMD goes. These rules are based upon countless observations on various SSB transmitters. Older rigs using sweep tubes (6LQ6, etc.) have IMD third-order figures in the -21 to -26 dB range (measured from PEP). That's not very good, judged by today's standards. Other rigs using 6146-type tubes exhibit IMD ranges falling between -24 and -28 dB below PEP. The famous Collins S-line (which incorporates RF feedback) can better these figures by about 4 to 6 dB. That's very good for a tube-type exciter.

Solid-state rigs seem to run from -34 dB to -40 dB third-order products, depending upon the amount of RF feedback used and the voltage applied to the amplifier stages. That's good performance for equipment falling in the price that amateurs can afford!

Of course, when Big Mouth operates any of these rigs, all bets are off!

Your Very Own Spectrum Analyzer—Why Not?

It is comforting and very instructive to own a spectrum analyzer. You'll learn a lot about your transmitter if you have an analyzer. The stumbling block is the price. A good commercial analyzer, new, costs well over \$15K. Sometimes a used or surplus one can be picked up for around \$4K. In the case of such a complex device, my suggestion is to test it out thoroughly before you buy it. Alignment and repair can be a problem!

The best buy for the amateur with a lean purse is a surplus military spectrum analyzer. One such instrument that has been available for a few hundred dollars is the Navy TS-1379A/U analyzer. Also available on the surplus market is the

Navy SG-376A/U two-tone generator. The former is an upgraded, solid-state version of the older Panoramic SB-12 analyzer, long an industry standard. While not equal to a Hewlett-Packard 141-T analyzer, the Navy instrument will do a good job for amateur gear. IMD measurements made with the TS-1379A/U compare favorably with a more expensive instrument, within the limitations of the Navy analyzer.

A lot of TS-1379A/U's were floating around a few years ago. Tucker Surplus Store and Fair Radio Sales still have them from time to time. If you are lucky, you can find one in a fleamarket for a lot less than the going surplus price. Buying one is money well spent. Make sure you get a manual and the cathode ray tube (CRT) is operational. The TS-1379A/U has built-in test oscillators that allow you to check it out in a few moments. Along with the two-tone generator, the analyzer will allow you to check out Big Mouth's rig, if he will let you do it!

Thanks to "Tiff," W6GNX, for the use of his HP-141T analyzer and camera for the IMD tests and photos used in this article.

The Dead-Band Quiz

Well! No wonder I don't hear readers of this column on the air! They are all glued to the boob-tube, watching old black-and-white movies! I was bombarded with replies to my June quiz about the movie *Key Largo* starring Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, and Edward G. Robinson (plus other great stars) and the events aboard the *Santana*.

Thanks to Joe, 4Z4JW, who correctly identified *The Third Man* movie, but whose reply must have traveled very slowly by camel from Israel to California! And thanks to Peter Marsh for his discussion of telephone interference!

A New Dead-Band Quiz

Obviously, I have been too easy on my readers. How about this one? These are the ending lines of the book. For obvious reasons, I have left the name of the hero blank:

" ——— missed the dawn. He boarded a TWA 747 that left Dulles on time, at 7:05 A.M. The sky was overcast, and when the aircraft burst through the cloud layer into sunlight, ——— did something he had never done before. For the first time in his life ——— fell asleep on an airplane."

What is the book (recently made into a movie) and what is the name of the hero?

Good luck, and "until the next time, when, possibly you may tune again, keep the Old Maestro always in your dreams" (Who said that?)

73, Bill, W6SAI

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Viva la SouthNet!

At the SouthNet Packet Conference in June I witnessed the results of the new No-Code license. As a matter of fact, most of the No-Coders I met were in a test session *upgrading* to a higher class license.

The SouthNet Packet Conference was well received by the digital community, as there were several hundred more in attendance this year than last year. AEA, PacComm, MFJ, Alinco, and other companies that are into the digital swing were also there. The SouthNet was a good conference this year with speakers and demonstrations in almost every field of digital communications.

There was an especially good session with the Georgia Radio Amateur Packet Enthusiast Society (GRAPES) presented by Dennis Barrow, WB4GQX, and Doug Drye, KD4NC. The 56 kB network they have worked with for the last five years is beginning to grow in the southeast. It is moving toward becoming a trunking sys-

tem which can be fed from the 9600 kB backbones and users.

I hope to have more about SouthNet later, if and when I receive the photos of the SouthNet Packet Conference. The photographer who took pictures must have forgotten me, as I've not received the pictures that were to be in this month's installment of the "Packet User's Notebook." I hope to have some photos of the 1991 SouthNet later.

It's Really Happening

We are witnessing the beginning of a new era in amateur radio. This event is occurring, for the most part, in the digital medium of our hobby. The No-Code license is allowing more and more computer-minded persons to enter the ranks of amateur radio. As a direct result of this new entry-level license, we digital longtime users can be the tutors of the new amateur.

There is a lot to look forward to, inasmuch as the manufacturers are taking note of the sudden increase in the number of digital practitioners. If they govern

themselves accordingly, however late, the OEMs will surely be compensated for the efforts they direct toward the digital community.

It's Time To Look At The Basics

The last time we saw an upsurge in our ranks was when FM repeaters became popular. Before that, it was the advent of single-sideband technology that created renewed interest. The first time I can recall a sudden increase in the ranks of amateur radio was in the early 1950s when the Novice license was born.

From a recent on-the-air study I conducted, and from some of the letters I've received recently, I'm fully convinced that we need to revisit some of the basic elements of our packet hobby.

There are many newcomers to packet radio who are attempting to "roll their own" packet stations. Through no fault of theirs, the new packeteer will wire the new Terminal Node Controllers (TNCs) to the computer, and by following the con-

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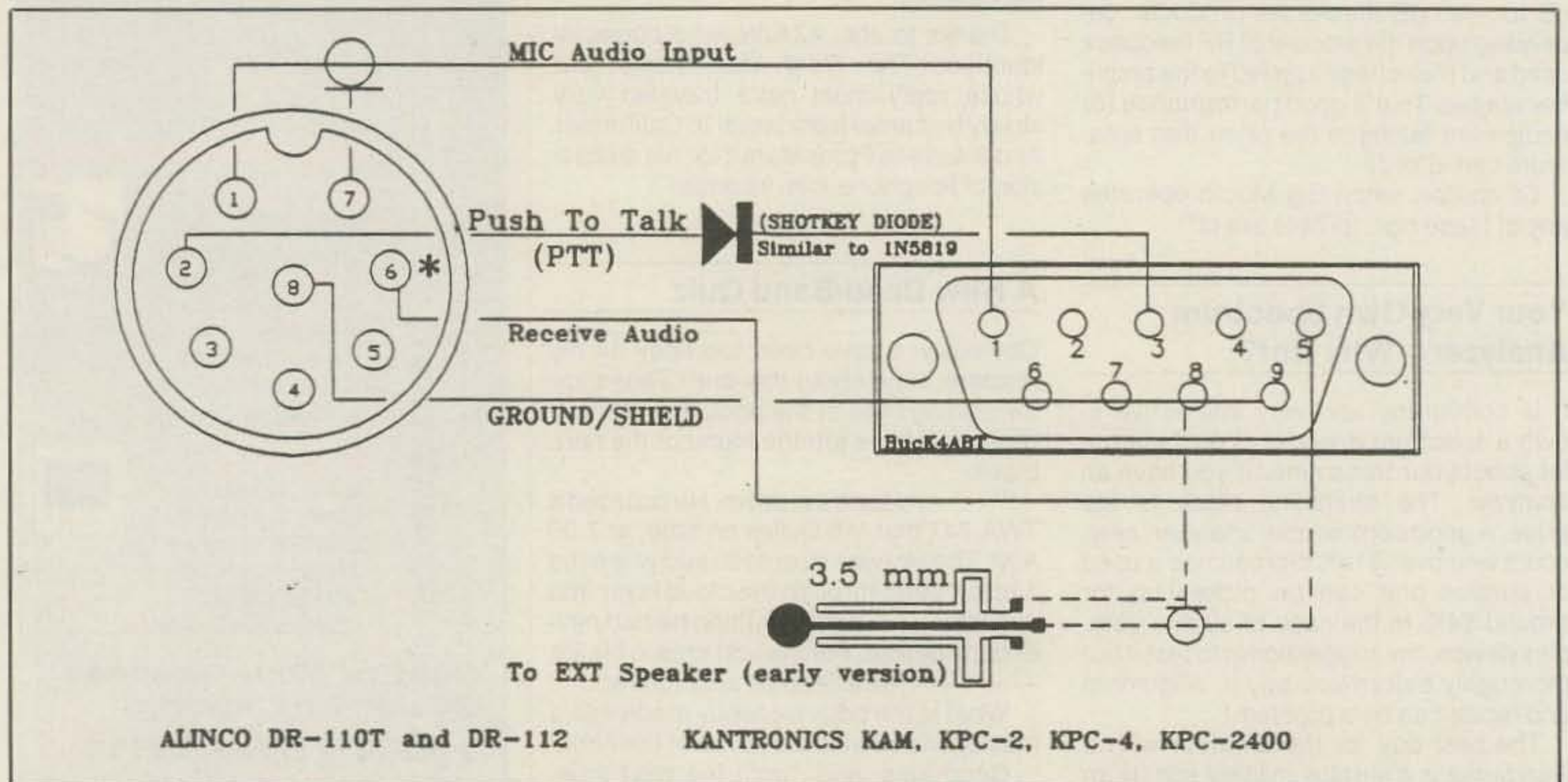


Fig. 1- For the Notebook: Alinco DR-110T and DR-112 to Kantronics KAM, KPC-2, KPC-4, KPC-2400. Later versions of the Alinco Data Radio (DR) series may have receive audio present at pin 6 of the mic connector. Check the DR-110T owner's manual for this feature. The Alinco DR-110T and DR-112 use true FM techniques.

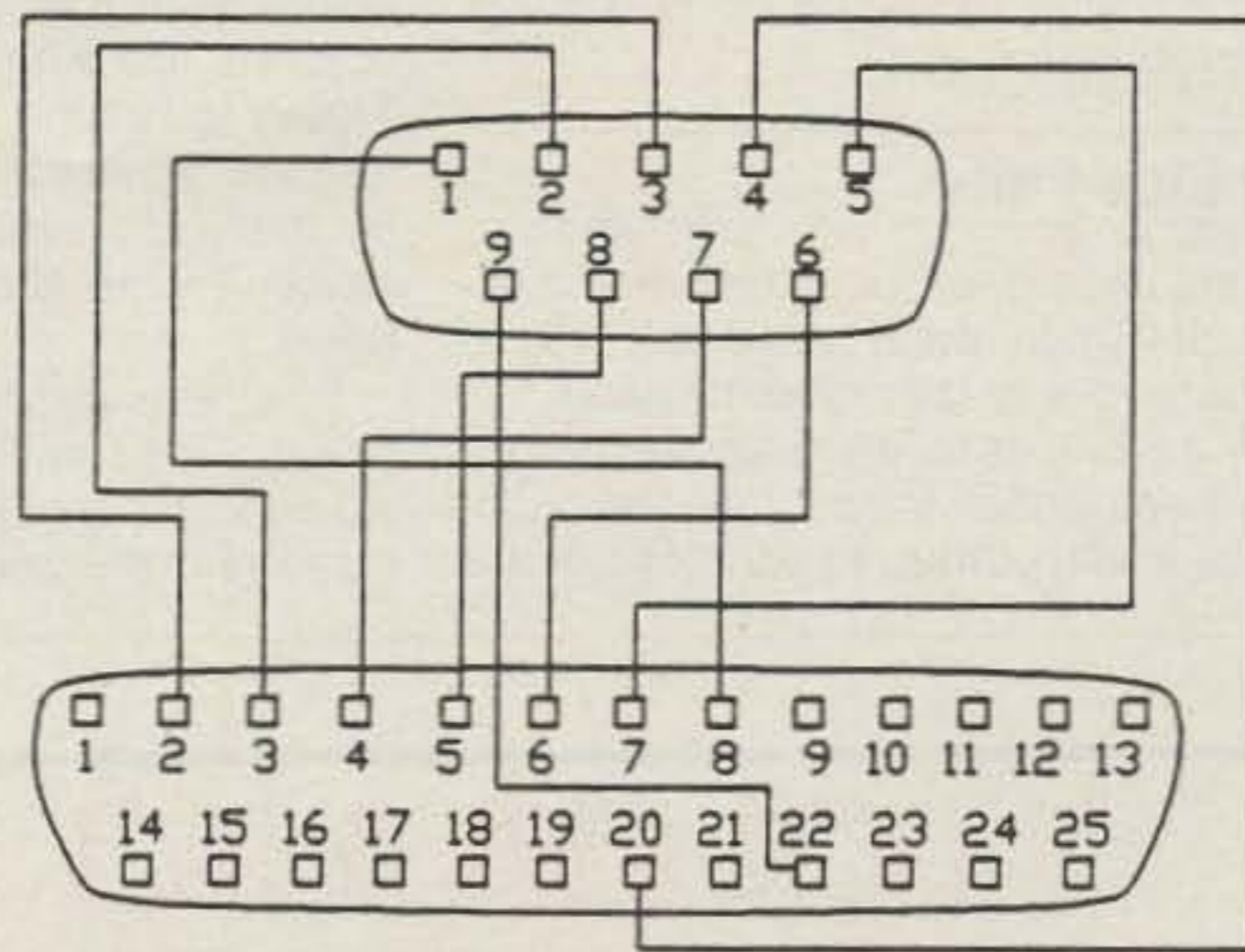
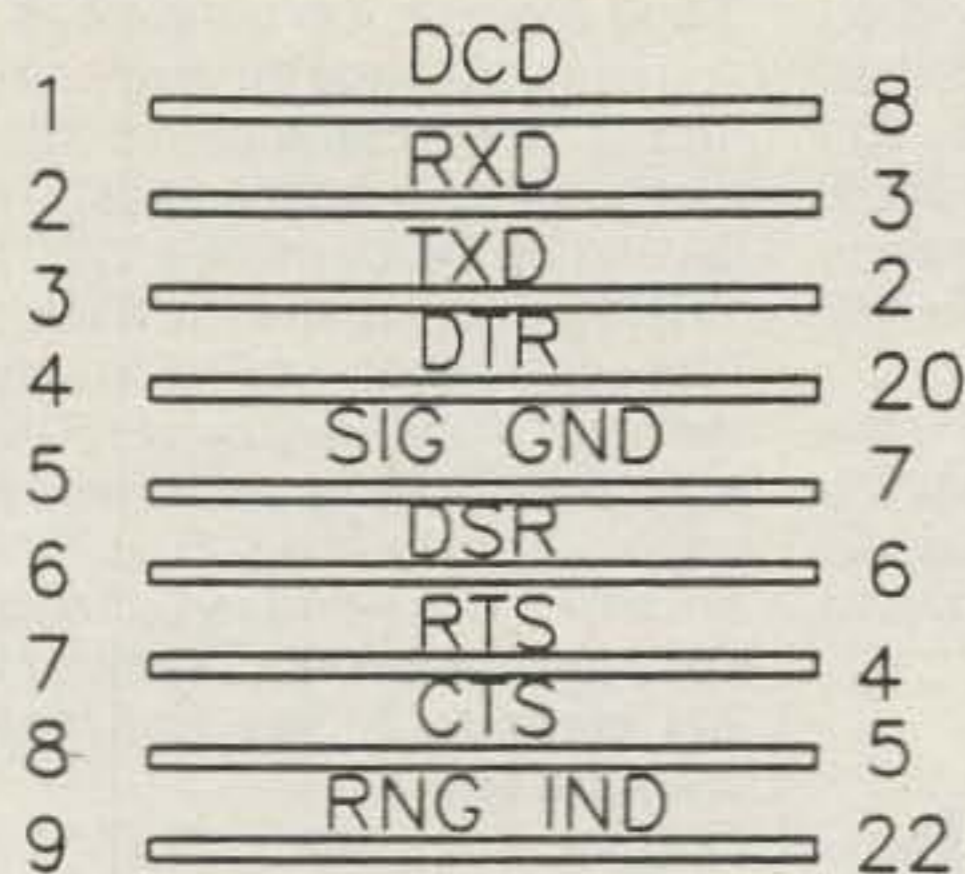


Fig. 2- For the Notebook: DB25 to DB9 adapter used to interface late-model PC to earlier DB25 type ports.

necting scheme in the TNC manual, he or she will next make the connections to the transceiver input connector.

In a rush to put the new packet station on the air, the new packeteer often fails to check the amount of transmit audio (AFSK) from the TNC to the transceiver. With some TNCs this level may be too low, but with others it may be too high.

Since the majority of packet operations begin on VHF, the controller is inputted to an FM transceiver.

More Is Not Always "Better"

The reason this problem exists in the first place is because most transceiver manufacturers have not considered the fact that many of their new models are being used for data communications.

The next generation of test equipment needed in the ham shack is an item called a "deviation meter." There are lots of manufacturers of deviation meters. However, the cost of the product is restrictive, and too, it is often manufactured as an integral part of a larger piece of test equipment that supports a combined deviation meter, tone generator, frequency meter/counter, and power meter. All this is rolled into one very expensive master station test monitor.

So often I hear this remark, but in the form of a complaint: "I can print the other station, but I can't connect to it."

Here comes the scenario. The new packeteer has everything connected as specified in the manual and is now printing packets from other packet stations. As the streams of data flow across the screen, this same new packeteer wishes to connect to a station or BBS that has been spotted on the frequency. The incoming signal is good, and the print is perfect.

Now comes the moment of truth. The new packeteer has the manual handy and the connect routine down to perfection.

Why shouldn't it be perfect? He or she has read the book and watched friend Steve down the street do it a hundred or more times.

The connect request is typed in and the <enter> key is pressed:

C K4ABT <enter>

After about 40 seconds and ten tries (default RETry) the screen deposits the following:

**Retry Exceeded
*** DISCONNECTED >**

The important TNC parameters are checked again to be sure they are correct: **TXDelay** is 35, **DWait** is 16, **FRack** is 4, and since the computer-to-TNC connection is using hardware hand-shaking, **XFLow** and **FLOW** are set to **OFF**. Everything seems to be set correctly.

A quick telephone call to a nearby packeteer, and we are on the way to finding the problem. The nearby packeteer listens on the same frequency while the new packeteer tries the connect in the same order as before. This time the nearby packeteer notices the audio is louder than other stations in the area. There is also some "hash" or maybe it is distortion present in the transmitted audio from the new station. The problem has been identified, but the cure is not a simple one!

The problem lies with the fact that too much deviation, and possibly too much speech amplification, is taking place inside the transceiver. Yes, the two are different, yet they both can cause a common problem. Too much of either speech amplification or deviation can cause the above problem.

Lyle Johnson, WA7GXD, recently made a suggestion in the "Packet Status Register" that a standard should be set so that audio voltage to an amateur FM trans-

ceiver audio input would be set for 2 volts peak-to-peak input using a 2 kHz tone. The result would be three kHz of transmitter deviation. The idea is a good one, but... Good luck, Lyle. I hope you are successful with the manufacturer "listening posts."

As a matter of interest, I spoke with Heather Johnson, N7DZU, and she tells me that Lyle and some others at TAPR are working on an inexpensive deviation me-

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ter to help alleviate some of our packet audio problems.

If All Else Fails

If you are unable to locate the proud owner of a deviation meter, then look next to the local two-way radio service shop.

It is advisable to have knowledge of which component inside the TNC controls the audio output. In addition, locate

where both the mic gain and deviation controls are within the FM transceiver. This is to reduce the time spent looking for them while at the two-way radio shop. By minimizing the time, you are saving money (some shops charge by the half hour).

In either case, tell the person doing the setup of the TNC and transceiver that you would like to have a clean transmit audio signal with the deviation running between

3 and 3½ kHz. *Do not exceed 4 kHz*, or you have defeated the purpose of all your efforts. The reference modulating tone can be taken from the (most) TNC (in the CAL mode), or by using a 2200 Hz tone.

If the latter is used, the audio should be rechecked when the TNC is connected to the input of the transceiver. The TNC level more than likely will have to be adjusted to match the level of the 2.2 kHz reference tone that was used in lieu of the TNC CAL tone(s). **Do not readjust the internal controls of the transceiver after they are set!**

There are some VHF FM transceiver kits on the market that are being assembled by new amateurs. Even an old-timer would have fun with one of these new boxes. From those I've heard on the FM voice repeaters lately, they leave something to be desired.

A new ham near here had just finished one of these jewels and was trying to get someone to talk to him. In desperation he gave a CQ on the frequency. I was able to understand enough of his words to give him a call and get my telephone number through to him so we could get together on the land-line. The audio was so muffled that it was almost unintelligible.

Soon we were talking on the telephone. I asked what kind of radio he was using. His reply in a proud voice was "It's a kit that I just built." As it turns out, there were two of these new amateurs. Both had received their licenses the same week, both had ordered identical transceiver kits, and both radios were exhibiting the same symptom.

It took all of 20 minutes of testing to administer a short-term cure. We had the first of these unshielded (seems the kit is sold without a cabinet) VHF rigs sounding better. The problem was resolved by turning down the transceiver internal "mic gain" control.

The next day Bob took the transceiver to a shop in Nashville. The technician set the deviation control to the correct level by using a deviation meter. Bob has a much better sounding signal than the first time he went on the air. He is even happier now with his kit-built transceiver (and you did a good solder job, too, Bob).

Finally, if the transceiver you are using for packet operation doubles as the voice transceiver, then it would be wise to have the microphone handy when you are setting the deviation. The voice level can be optimized with the level settings of the TNC. In my case, the radios I use are dedicated to packet and operate exclusively in a data environment.

If I must choose, then I make sure the level control is set to favor data. Voice operation is secondary. If the audio is tailored for data, then in most cases voice operation will sound better, too.

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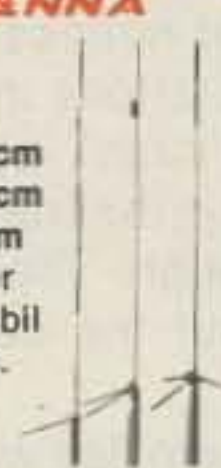
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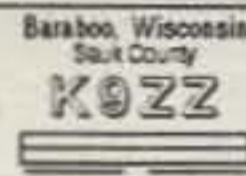
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This month I want to thank all of you who have expressed support for this column. I really appreciate all the material you have supplied for it. I have news coming from everywhere. I want to thank Harry Schools, KA3B, who supplied me with most of his recently published newsletters. I also want to thank John Carter, K0IFL, for sending me copies of his recent issues of his terrestrial and EME newsletters. Now let's get to the news.

Let's start this month's column right off with some exciting news about a new world record! On June 8 at around 3 AM local time Dave Chase, KY7B, and Terry Wilkinson, WA7LYI, set a new laser record of just under 154 miles. With this record, they broke their old one of 95 miles. Dave was operating from Mount Lemmon (DM42ok) at an elevation of 9157 feet. Jim Volger, WA7CJO, assisted him. Terry was operating from Towers Mountain (DM34tf) at an elevation of 7625 feet. Gary Judd, WB7SLY, and Bruce Ellefritz, N7PMO, assisted him. They operated on 442 nanometers (or around 668 kGHz), in the deep blue (visible) light range. They used about fifteen mW, employing HeCd (helium-cadmium) lasers. The QSO took over 5 hours to complete because clouds and heat and smoke from a forest fire kept blocking the path. Their mode of transmission was CW and they used EME protocol to complete the contact. More fascinating information can be found in their article in this issue.

Dave says that they will try to beat this record this month, hopefully doubling it. Terry says that after the record is established they will try to bounce the laser off cloud formations. Can the moon be that far away? You will read the results of their tests in this column.

As mentioned in the sidebar last month, on June 4 the ARRL petitioned the FCC for 216-220 MHz for use by the Amateur Radio Service on a secondary basis. According to ARRL Official Bulletin No. 22: "Operation would be limited to fixed, point-to-point circuits, and would be coordinated so as to avoid interference to primary occupants including maritime mobile. Attached to the petition were engineering studies showing that limited ama-

teur use of the band was compatible with present and other proposed users, and with television broadcasting in the adjacent band. This access to 216 to 220 MHz is sought as a partial substitute for the band 220 to 222 MHz, recently reallocated to land mobile."

In an interview I had with Perry Williams, W1UED, of the League, he advised me that the petition requested the maximum power output of 50 watts and prohibition of repeater operations. He also stated that the ARRL has filed comments on the TV answer-back petition that requests a half megaHertz around 218 MHz. He feels the engineering studies supplied with the ARRL petition would show that the new amateur service would be compatible with the existing services and the proposed new answer-back service. He further stated that the primary purpose of the petition is to establish high-speed point-to-point packet communications.

If this petition is successful, various coordinating concerns can develop a national band plan that will move some of the packet operations to the new band. This accord could release spectrum between 222 and 225 MHz for nationally coordinated weak signal work. Stay tuned.

Regarding the old 220 to 222 MHz amateur band, there may be a bit of poetic justice brewing over it. According to a report aired on "Newline" (an amateur radio news service transmitted on repeaters across the country), UPS may never get the use of 220 to 222 MHz. The report indicated that over 50,000 applications have been received to date. The report also stated that there were an additional 50,000 applications "in the works." Since there has been such a volumn of interested applicants, the FCC is considering awarding the spectrum by lottery. If that happens, UPS's chances of receiving a license will be as equal as all other applicants.

The other item I mentioned in the sidebar was the reports of very good openings on VHF due to tropo scatter, aurora, and sporadic-E. DXpedition organizers contacted by me said that they enjoyed very good openings before, during, and shortly after the ARRL VHF QSO Party. Upon my return from Ham-Comm in Arlington, Texas on Sunday evening, June 9, I had a QSO with local W5NZS on 50.250

MHz. After we signed, I had a pile-up. Conditions were so wild and crazy that Randy, K5ZD, operating from K1TR, begged me to drive back down to EM14. I almost complied!. I found out later that the band had been hot for at least two hours earlier. If I had been mobiling from Arlington, well . . . George Jacobs is planning full coverage of the Sun's activity in his November "Propagation" column.

The excellent propagation showed up in most of the June DXpedition reports I received. Among the ones I obtained are: WA4VCC and company to VP9, N6CW to XE2, the joint N6XQ and N6CA trip to XE2, KB4CRT to 6Y5, and KA3B to FS.

WA4VCC and company to VP9. Using the call WA4VCC/VP9, AA4SC, K4MQG, AA4R, and WA4VCC and their wives operated for several days surrounding the VHF QSO Party in early June. Ted reported that they made over 650 QSOs, including four on 2 meter tropo scatter (contacting W4ZD, K4CKS, K4HJE, and WB4TWX). They also made several contacts on OSCAR, making many satellite users happy.

N6CW to XE2. Terry and Ann Baxter left San Diego and headed south through thirteen grid squares for a fishing trip in Baja also on days surrounding the VHF QSO Party. Upon completion of his trip, Terry had made 427 QSOs on 6 and 3 tropo QSOs on 2. He was successful in making contacts from DL36, DL37, DL38, DL39, DL45, DL46, and DM10, with most of his activity coming from DL36 and DL45.

Upon my return from choir practice, I heard Terry booming in from DL45. I helped him work the last one of three VE3's, whose first hops were landing on EM15. Terry reported some confusion over his callsign, XE2N6CW. He stated that the license form showed the callsign "XE2-N6CW" and that it was simpler to say "XE2N6CW" than "XE2 hyphen N6CW." He further said that since there was no fraction bar printed on the license, "XE2/N6CW" was not correct. Wow! I expect that clears up the confusion, at least for Don Search.

N6XQ and N6CA to XE2. While Terry and Ann were on the road through Baja, N6XQ and N6CA also headed south through Baja. Their combined efforts netted about 275 QSOs, with six on 144 MHz, two on 432 MHz, three on 1296 MHz, and

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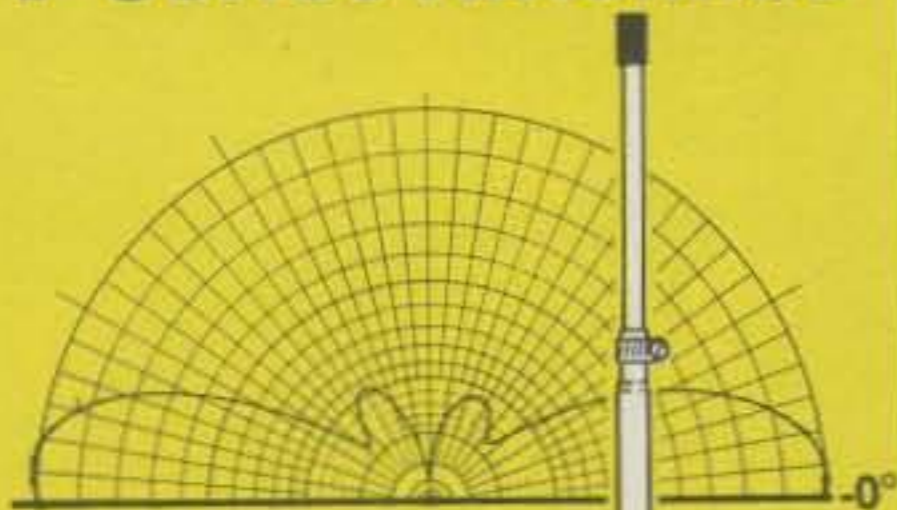

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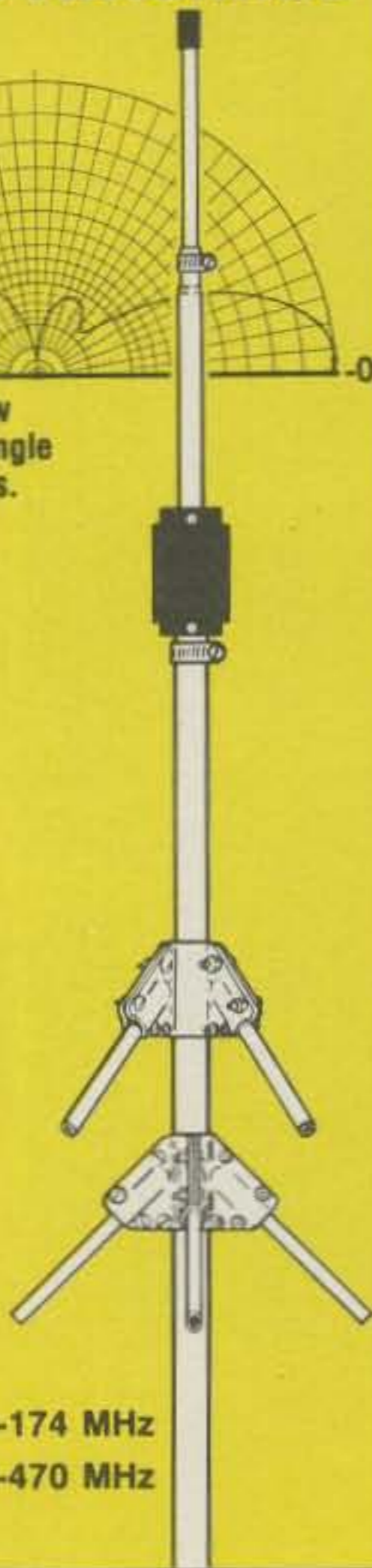
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the remaining on 50 MHz. Jack reported an unusual opening on tropo to Phoenix from DL28, a path over a couple of mountain ranges. Jack left his van in La Paz and planned to fly down to retrieve it during July. While down there Jack planned to put XE2HWB/B on the air from XE2HWB's QTH in DL44. The beacon should be running around 3 watts, using a dipole and operating on either 50.005 MHz or 50.054 MHz. If you didn't work Jack on the way down, maybe you got him on his return trip.

KB4CRT to 6Y5. John headed to Jamaica for several days surrounding the VHF QSO Party. He took an ICOM 575A with a brick and a three-element portable beam for 6 meters. He operated the 575 barefoot with a dipole on 10 meters. He made a total of 64 QSOs on 6 and made quite a few happy operating on 10 when 6 was dead.

KA3B to FS. Harry's report from French Saint Martin was not quite as exciting. He made a total of 26 QSOs, all on 6 meters. Well, word has it that at least Harry had fun at the nude beach! Maybe that's what kept his QSO count down.

At least one report on aurora came to my attention. Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ, reported openings during several days in June. He remarked that while the openings were not particularly intense, they were regular. He recounted at least one opening into EM13, working WB5LUA.

Earlier, I mentioned my returning from Ham-Comm. "What is Ham-Comm?" you ask. Well, it is just the southwest's biggest amateur radio convention. It was at the Arlington, Texas Convention Center, and dealers came from *everywhere*. The fleamarket was overflowing, and there were seminars for *everyone*. The featured speaker (and banquet speaker) was Linda Godwin, N5RAX, a mission specialist on the "Atlantis," the shuttle recently flown for mission STS-37. That flight was unique because it contained an "all ham" crew.

Linda gave an excellent slide presentation, and told of the experience of being DX in space and working the pile-ups. She said there are several other astronauts studying for their amateur licenses. She also stated that as the crew of this mission get separately put on future missions, the door will open for more amateur radio activity on coming flights.

Among the seminars for *everyone* was one for the microwave enthusiasts. The North Texas Microwave Society presented a three-part seminar. The first part, presented by Kent Britian, WA5VJB, concerned building a cheap Doppler radar. He demonstrated a Gunn diode operating around 10.525 GHz, showing the reflectivity of many items, including glass and fiberglass. He spoke of the relative ease of getting the parts needed (used grocery store and department store door openers and burglar alarms). He said there were many ways to make sure the radar was

working properly.

He admitted that one of his checks including turning it on at an 18-wheeler somewhere on I-35 in Kansas. He said that the results were a bit spectacular, watching the trucker trying to make a quick slowdown. (Kent wanted me to say something about 18 skid marks on the pavement. I just can't do that, Kent, not in this column.) Kent has prepared a very informative paper on homebrewing a Doppler radar that he will be happy to mail to you for a large SASE sent to Kent Britian, 1626 Vineyard, Grand Prairie, TX 75052.

Following his presentation, Kent fielded questions from the audience. Among the subjects addressed was DXing on 10 GHz. Kent stated that one should throw out all one has learned about 10 GHz being limited to line of sight. He stated that with 25 to 50 watts on CW or SSB, one can regularly complete QSOs of greater than 150 miles. Hum, sounds like 40 meters!

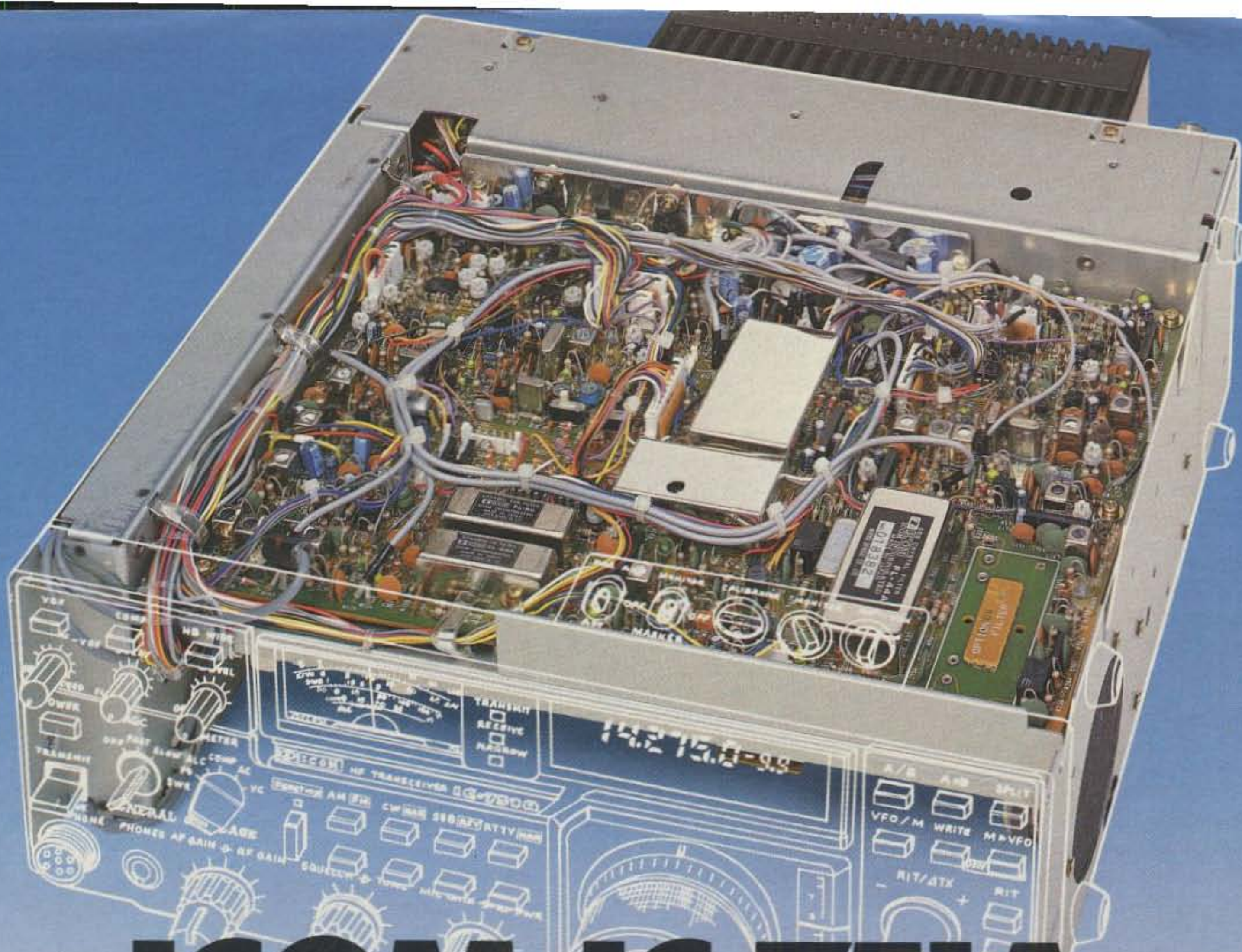
Frank Perkins, WB5IPM, presented the second part of the seminar. He discussed several sources of public-domain software that apply to microwave work. He will send you a list if you send him an SASE to Frank Perkins, 2010 Arborcrest, Arlington, TX 76012.

Robert Skegg, W5/G3ZGO, conducted the final portion of the program. He had a very interesting slide show documenting early work on 10 GHz in Great Britain. Specifically, he walked us through the adventures of being the first in the UK to make a QSO more than 150 km in distance.

The seminar was standing room only and repeated the following day for the enthusiasts who weren't able to make the first one.

While we are on the subject of microwave, I want to mention the annual Microwave Update Conference held October 17-20 at the La Quinta Inn in Arlington, Texas. Registration fee is \$35.00 paid before September 20 and \$40.00 if paid after the 20th. The fee includes an ARRL published \$12.00 Conference Proceedings. Mail your checks to Al Ward, 2375 Forest Grove Estates Rd., Allen, TX 75002 and make them payable to North Texas Microwave Society. Several programs are planned, from construction to contesting. Among those scheduled to speak are: Keith Pugh, W5IU (AMSAT); Jim Volger, WA7CJO, of the Bedlam Microwave Society in Arizona (10 GHz EME); Barry Malowanchuk, VE4MA (PA's for 3456 MHz); Dave Meier, N4MW (EME and Beacons); Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, QST editor (ARRL and WARC 92); and many others. I should be there Saturday until after the banquet. I hope to see you there.

A couple of new beams have come to my attention. Joe Reiser, W1JR, of Cushcraft, introduced two new beams for 144 MHz at Dayton. The most popular was the new boomer, the 17B2. This 17-element, 31 foot long antenna replaces the 4218XL.



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Joe had it measured during the antenna gain measurement tests conducted at Dayton. It came in an impressive second place. It measured 14.0 dBd and lost by only 0.15 dB to a homebrew modified K1FO 19-element, 35 foot boomer presented by W8ULC. The other new one is the 13B2, a 13-element beam designed to replace the 215WB.

Among some of the improvements the 17B2 has are: tapering in spacing and length, single element reflector (as Joe says, "Let Trignons be bygones."), a T-match balanced feed with a weather-proof built-in balun, an "N" connector, and new, stronger boom mounts. Joe told me in an interview that both antennas were designed close enough to their predecessors that they can be used with them in stacked arrays. I hope to have a review of one or both of these antennas in a future issue.

While we are on the subject of antennas, I recently bought an HF quad from Lightning Bolt antennas based on the review done by Lew McCoy (see CQ, August 1990, page 64). I have since found out from the owner, Mike Duddy, WB3ECM, that he will supply a kit for the 2-element triband quad which will also make it usable as a 3-element quad on 50 MHz. He will supply the parts for the new driven element and the wire clamps to add the director and reflector to the existing driven element and reflector, respectively, for

around \$60, plus shipping to your QTH. His Lightning Bolt quad ad is in the classified section of this issue. I must say that my quad (up only 33 feet) is quite a performer, and I am looking forward to modifying it for 6 meters.

Current Contests

The ARRL September VHF QSO Party will be the weekend of September 14-16. It has a different emphasis than the June QSO Party because of the type of propagation found during this time of year. Six meters takes on a new light because much of the sporadic-E has gone away. Weather-affected propagation on the higher frequencies is generally the rule as we get into the early fall.

There is one other factor to consider for this particular contest weekend. It is something that will kill good propagation every time. It is such a strong influence that all other negative components combined will not match the problems this obstacle produces. This dilemma is none other than a good nationally televised college football game on Saturday and a good nationally televised pro game on Sunday. When these two forces combine, there is no need to check for the band opening because there is no one there to work. If you can stay away from football, check John Dorr's column for a summary of the rules and send an SASE

with two units of first-class postage to the ARRL for logs and entry forms.

The second half of the ARRL 10 GHz Cumulative Contest is September 21-22. Check with the ARRL for full rules for this fun little contest.

Finally, if you think you have troubles, consider the plight of Louis Anciaux, KG6UH/DU1. You may remember Louis from his former call, WB6NMT, and his former company, Lunar Electronics. He wrote to Harry Schools, KA3B, that he has to contend with broadband white noise with a signal strength of S9 on 6 meters from a solid-state television transmitter located 15 miles from him. If that is not enough, recently a telephone extender device showed up on 50.1 MHz that with an amplifier and an antenna is 50 dB over at Louis's QTH. On one opening to Australia the VK's were copying it S9!

As I say in my section manager's column, "That's not all the news, but that's all the room for all the news." Next month I will have a survey for you to consider. I want to know what changes in rules you might want to see in the CQ WW VHF WPX Contest. I also want to see if there is interest in a VHF WPX or VHF county award program. Additionally, I hope to have an interview with a well-known Central American VHF enthusiast in the can and to give a report on my possible trip to TI6 (EK80). See you on those shorter wavelengths. 73, Joe, N6CL

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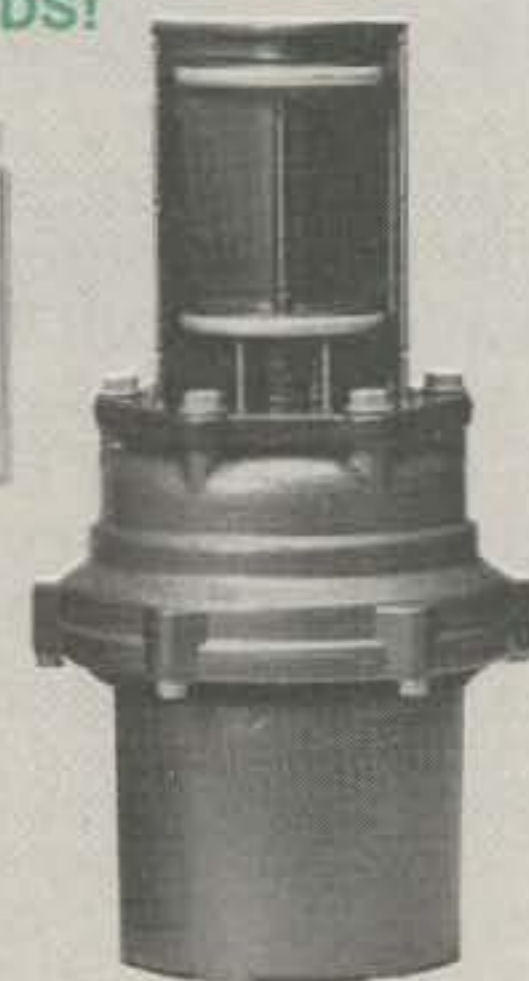
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"I started county hunting on April 9, 1982 with a contact with WB7ESS in Thomas County, Kansas, and finished All Counties with N0COL in Marlboro, South Carolina on May 14, 1989. A remarkable thing was that the first and last contacts were made with a time difference of only about one hour—0328 versus 0424 hours.

"Looking through the earlier logs, I see several calls that were active at the end of my quest for number 3076. I would say there were many times I became frustrated when net control said, 'I hear a weak one,' and no one tried to help net control. However, I realize that stateside QRM is a factor, having operated both mobile and fixed station in the USA myself.

"On my first visit to a county hunter's convention in 1984 I met a lot of people I had talked with on the net. A major problem developed as a certain well-known ham offered to take me to the airport, but they had to travel some miles off the interstate. At the junction they asked if I was going to stop over enroute west, to which I replied that I did not have time. This brought the rejoinder that they couldn't make the airport and I'd have to walk. The outcome was that I did not walk to the airport, and I did stop over enroute west.

"Another frustration was receiving requests for county confirmations when I had not been in the county, or had not run the county. One or two of these requests were from bootleggers, I am sure. However, I think the biggest thrill to come out of all the long hours of listening was to hear the response when I made that last contact with N0COL. The final cream on the cake came at the convention in Abilene, Texas when my USA-CA All Counties award was announced by Don, WA0LKL, at the banquet.

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"More thrills were to come on this trip as I motored to South Carolina with N0EYK, the designated driver, and K7AYC, the 'garbage man.' We went into Moorehouse County, Louisiana just at dark, but three people never saw the county line marker. Traveling those back country roads I was sure we were going to end up in a cotton field or rice field. The road got so narrow that two vehicles couldn't pass, so we decided we must be in the county and ran it for AK8A's last in Louisiana. While we were running the county, two dogs came by to inspect our vehicle and then wandered down the road to keep watch. Where the dogs came from we never knew, as there seemed to be no houses anywhere near. After several miles on our return to the interstate highway we found the county line marker.

"The next thing to happen occurred at a rest area on the Alabama/Mississippi border where the driver and I visited the rest rooms while the designated 'garbage man' disposed of the refuse. The two former arrived back at the vehicle before the 'garbage man,' and the driver took off. Enough said on that one, but we did have a good laugh about it. Then we were enroute through Alabama from Pensicola, Florida, where we had a visit with Hud, KB4FU, when we worked N9DEH who was traveling north through Georgia. We eventually had an eyeball QSO at a truck stop in Atlanta. It was then on to South Carolina and the QTH/Mobile QSL Bureau of N0CKN and N0COL to end a wonderful trip. Thanks, Kathleen and Roger.

"As seemed the custom at the Mobile QSL Bureau, a DO was held, attended by the locals, where we met more voices and were able to say a personal thank you. After nearly a week with Gwen and Jerry, I flew to Chicago and went to visit with Paula, N8EMV, and Steve, AK8A. Another party was the order of the day, once again meeting many I had talked with in the quest for county #3076. It was then a flying visit to San Francisco and Los Angeles and on to Hawaii, where I put out the county of Hawaii on the net. Thus, after a grand trip, convention, and parties, I returned home with fond memories of five weeks of joy.

"Since returning home I have pursued second time around and the Master County Hunters Award (aka Bingo). To all the many who helped the first time around, and to name any would be unjust to those not named, a big thank you. A special thank you goes to Gwen, N0COL, who is

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Lee Mortimer, W3RWJ, also did it all in one big step claiming USA-CA All Counties #711, USA-CA 3000 #740, USA-CA 2500 #822, USA-CA 2000 #895, USA-CA 1500 #986, USA-CA 1000 #1180, and USA-CA 500 #2525, All SSB, dated 5-23-91.

Ray E. Skrabut, WA2CNJ, took another step in building his good record by claiming USA-CA 2500 #821, All 20M SSB, dated 5-16-91.

Ronald D. Fitch, W7KSK, got off to a good start in his quest, receiving USA-CA 1500 #985, USA-CA 1000 #1176, and USA-CA 500 #2521, Mixed, dated 5-11-91.

Roger W. Parks, N4SMH, updated his good record by claiming USA-CA 1500 #987, and USA-CA 1000 #1181, All SSB, dated 5-25-91.

Barney Quinn, WK3Z, received USA-CA 1000 #1177, Mixed, dated 5-12-91

Hugh G. Stocks, AA6MQ, filed his application for USA-CA 1000 #1178, and USA-CA 500 #2522, All SSB, dated 5-14-91.

Linda Stocks, AA6MR, claimed USA-CA 1000 #1179, and USA-CA 500 #2523, Mixed, dated, 5-14-91.

USA-CA 500 certificates went to:

Richard L. Sine, KB3WN, USA-CA 500 #2517, Mixed, 5-4-91.

Robert B. Miller, W4USW, USA-CA 500 #2518, Mixed, 5-4-91.

Gene Schneider, WM9H, USA-CA 500 #2519, Mixed, 5-11-91.

Nicholas S. Mironov, RT4UA, USA-CA #2520, Mixed, 5-11-91.

Ronald D. Fitch, W7KSK, USA-CA 500 #2521, Mixed, 5-11-91.

Hugh G. Stocks, AA6MQ, USA-CA 500 #2522, All SSB, 5-14-91.

Linda Stocks, AA6MR, USA-CA 500 #2523, Mixed, 5-14-91.

Ralph E. Hicks, KA1FUE, USA-CA 500 #2524, All 10M SSB, 5-18-91.

Lee Mortimer, W3RWJ, USA-CA 500 #2525, All SSB, 5-23-91.



John, ZL2BCX, USA-CA All Counties #629, generates his good signal with this neat installation in New Zealand.

Awards Available

West Siberia Collector's Club Awards.

The West Siberia Collector's Club, founded by Igor V. Suprunov, UA9MFW, the club president, is described as "the club for everybody who's collecting anything." The club offers a series of thirteen awards



Symbol of the West Siberia Collector's Club. Igor V. Suprunov, UA9MFW, is the president/founder.

(wall plaques) as described below. All contacts have to be confirmed with QSLs to qualify for the awards. The fee for each plaque is \$10, or 18 IRCs. Send verified applications (no QSLs), requests for further information, etc., to Igor V. Suprunov, WSCC, P.O. Box 3360, Omsk, 644020, USSR. The club advises packaging and sealing applications very carefully.

Callsigns of radio amateurs/WSCC members are as follows: UZ9MWA (WSCC #5), UA9MJA (19); UB5TFB (52); UA9MJC (27), UV6LEC (47); A61AD (34); RA9UHE (51), DL8JE (56), N7KRE (62); UA9MKF (35); UA9MKG (31); DL2BCH (54); UZ9MWJ (48), UL8IWJ (42), UB4JFJ (44); UA9MIK (38); UA9MJM (21), UA9MCM (41); UA9MHN (39); UA9MKO (26), PY1UFO (36); UA9MKQ (25), UL7VBQ (33); UA9NS (10), RA9MAS (18), WF2S (60); VE6RGT (43), G2FRT (56); UA9MBV (6), UA9MRV (9); UA9MFW (1), UA9MLW (3), UA9AMW (28); UA9MGX (13), UA9MEX (22), UA9MJX (29), UB5YDX (46), G0DBX (57); UA9MIY (2); UZ9MZZ (40); SWLs UA9-146-20 (1), UA9-146-33 (9), UA9-146-376 (20), UA9-146-1980 (24), UA9-146-121 (29), UA9-146-4 (30), UA9-130-1246 (32), UL7-030-16 (33), UF6-012-454 (37), UA0-103-46 (53), NL-10260 (58).

The club also publishes a bi-monthly bulletin called the "WSCC Round Table," which is very popular in Russian programs.

Hepard Pryze. This wall plaque is 110 x 180 mm. Three classes are offered in different colored versions.

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Enter in your application the points and the local time for each QSO. At the end of the application, show the number of contacts with different continents (two, three, or four—in accordance with the bands used).

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Each QSO with Antarctica and Antarctic territories is valid for two points.

Each QSO with Arctic drift bases, planes, ships, etc., ice prospecting machines, and bases is valid for three points.

Each QSO with Arctic and Antarctic ski expeditions is valid for four points.

Ice Crown Top. This eight-angle wall plaque (110 x 180 mm maximum dimensions) is for individual licensed hams only—no SWLs or club stations. Earn 25 points in accordance with the rules for the Ice Crown award.

Corsair. A wall plaque 110 x 180 mm. Make 5 confirmed QSOs (SWLs) with naval amateur radio stations (/MM). Two or more QSOs with one ARS may be used for the award if the station operated from different water basins—e.g., UA9NN/MM Black Sea; UA9NN/MM Mediterranean Sea, etc.

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Mid:1W Low:0.1W

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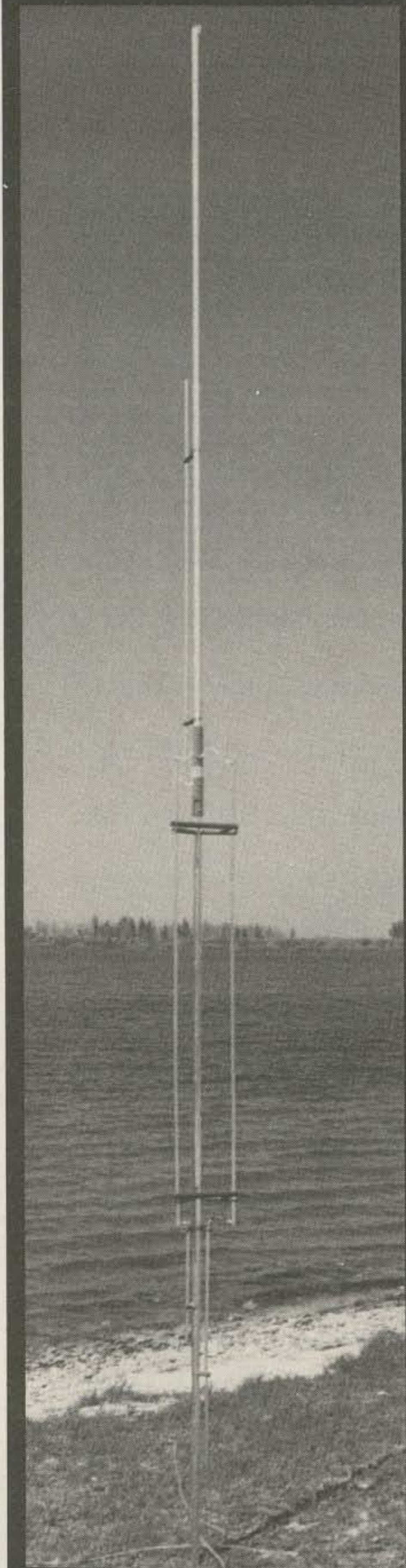
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EME QSOs are valid for 50 points.

QSOs with amateur radio stations aboard spaceships are valid for 75 points.

QSOs with expeditions to anomalous zones (the expedition has to do some kind of UFO research or observation); also QSOs with special call signs devoted to any events of UFO-problem research, amateur radio stations of UFO exhibitions, scientific congresses, and conferences about this subject.

QSOs with amateur radio operators who are heads of UFO research amateur societies (clubs) are valid for 100 points.

Note: If you are interested in any kind of UFO research and observation by radio amateurs (or are a member of such a society already), WSCC asks that you contact Igor V. Suprunov, UA9MFW, WSCC president/founder and head of the family UFO Research Group. The group consists of UA9MFW (contact valid for 100 points in accordance with the UFO Award rules); UA9NS, father; UA9MLW, wife; and UA9MRV, younger brother with whom QSOs are valid for 25 points each. The group has plans to found an international amateur radio UFO Observation Society.

The following seven colorful plaques and special awards make up the "V" Program Awards. All of V-Program plaques are 110 × 110 mm with different colored backgrounds ranging from simple one-color designs to more complex multi-color and/or repetitive print designs of the WSCC symbol. A complete set of the seven plaques is designed to be assembled into a composite 440 × 440 mm in the shape of the letter V.

WSCC Plaque. Qualification for this award requires 25 confirmed contacts (SWLs) with different stations in western Siberia ("U" Oblast numbers: 099 (UA9Y), 100 (UA9Z), 130 (UA9U), 145 (UA9O), 146 (UA9M,N), 158 (UA9H), 161 (UA9L), 162 (UA9J), 163 (UA9K). The last letters of the call signs must be such so as to make up the phrase "WEST SIBERIA COLLECTORS CLUB" (example—UA9NW, UZ9YWE, UZ9OWS, UZ9MWT, etc.).

WSCC SSB. Receive 10 QSL cards from any WSCC members (cards from WSCC-SWL members are also valid) for SSB contacts. The same station may be used on two or more bands.

WSCC CW. The rules for WSCC SSB are applicable, but with CW contacts.

WSCC 100. Earn 100 points for QSOs (SWLs) with WSCC members in accord-

ance with the following rules:

Each QSL (also cards from SWLs) is valid for one point.

Each oblast of Russia where a WSCC member is located is valid for one point as a *multiplier*.

Each DXCC territory (except Russia) of a WSCC member's QTH is valid for two points as a multiplier.

Example: 10 QSLs from WSCC members, 8 of them located in different Russian oblasts and the QTH of one in the Ukraine; therefore, $10 \times (8 + 2) = 10 \times 10 = 100$.

WSCC 200. Earn 200 points for QSOs with licensed amateur members of WSCC in accordance with the following:

On the 160 meter band—160 points;
On the 80 meter band—80 points, etc. (HF bands only).

Two or more QSOs with the same station on different bands are valid.

WSCC SWL. Receive 30 QSL cards from West Siberia SWLs. SWL calls in Russia include the oblast number—e.g., UA9-146-020 is in oblast #146, Omsk, Western Siberia, the three digits following UA9 being the oblast number. See the rules for WSCC Plaque for the West Siberia oblast numbers.

A QSL from an SWL-WSCC member, from any possible DXCC territory, is valid for 10 QSLs.

The rules for SWLs are: 30 QSLs from West Siberian amateurs; QSL from West Siberian amateur/WSCC member is valid for 10 QSLs.

WSCC CM (Contest Meet). Receive 3 CFM QSOs (SWLs) with WSCC members in any contest(s) during a one-year period. Include in your application the contest(s) name(s) and the control numbers received from the WSCC members.

"V" Program Award. WSCC will send this award to all-seven-plaque owners as a special memorial souvenir. It is free.

73, Dorothy, WB9RCY

The USA-CA Award

The Story of County Hunting, Pt. II

By Arnie Bachmann, K9DCJ

This second installment will record happenings during the 1970s. I will mention a few names and calls and hope I will be pardoned for leaving many calls out of this article. It is unintentional. I will also include some of the rules that are not well known, but are, however, essential to the proper completion of the USA-CA Program.

The dates I show persons receiving credit for their county steps are as of the date the announcement was made in the Awards column, so the actual dates can be as much as three months earlier.

The first mini convention I have record of was at Jackson, Mississippi on March 8 and 9, 1969. On July 4, 1969, another get-together was held at Mountain Home,

Arkansas. Another group assembled at Omaha, Nebraska in November 1969 at the Holiday Inn. On November 14-16, 1969 a group called the "East Coast Chapter of the Independent County Hunters met at the Holiday Inn at Fayetteville. On July 3-5, 1970 the Independent County Hunter Networks Convention was held at Knoxville, Tennessee. Another Independent County Hunters group gathered on October 17 and 18, 1970 at the Holiday Inn in West Memphis, Arkansas.

There were some smaller meetings of County Hunters, one being at the home of Win, WA2QNW, on November 25, 1970. A County Hunter Picnic was held March 23, 1971 and hosted by Jerry, W2KXL. The Valley Forge mini was held July 13, 1974, and another was held in Mystic, Connecticut on October 18 and 19, 1974.

This is probably the appropriate place to note the changes in the total number of counties for the All Counties award. On January 1, 1963 Princess Anne County, Virginia was taken into the City of Virginia Beach, which is now Isle of Wight County, Virginia. The City of South Norfolk and Norfolk County, Virginia merged to form the Independent City of Chesapeake. Then the awards column stated that Princess Anne and Norfolk will count for Nansemond County, Virginia. In September 1969 the County of Ormsby, Nevada was taken into Carson City, Nevada. Carson City is now an Independent City.

The many county changes caused much confusion, but Ed Hopper, W2GT, who was then USA-CA Custodian, assured all applicants that they would get the plaque and award regardless of the number of counties.

As of July 1972 the County of Nansemond, Virginia became the Independent City Nansemond and was then absorbed into Isle of Wight County. In January 1974 Nansemond was absorbed by the Independent City of Suffolk. At that time Suffolk became the fourth largest city in area in the United States, 430 square miles.

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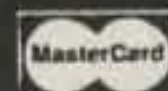
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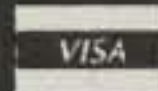


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Sept. 1, **Central Indiana Hamfest/Computerfair**, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN. Contact Central Indiana Hamfest, c/o Leo Doyle, KE9TS, P.O. Box 20158, Indianapolis, IN 46220 (317-251-9833).

Sept. 7, **Welland County ARC Ham Radio & Computer Fleamarket**, Bethel Community Centre, Port Colborne, Ontario, Canada. Contact Dave Green, VE3EOQ, 416-788-9926.

Sept. 7, **Washburn Radio Club 'Fest 1991**, Whiting Fieldhouse, Washburn University, Topeka, KS. Contact Washburn Radio Club, c/o Rob Nall, WV0S, 2612 SW Arrowhead Rd., Topeka, KS 66614 (913-272-3559 evenings). (Exams.)

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Sept. 7, **Radio Assn. of Erie Hamfest**, Rainbow Gardens, Erie, PA. Contact Eric, N3HUM, 814-474-2120. (VE exams 8 AM; handicapped accessible.)

Sept. 7, **W3PIE Uniontown ARC Gabfest**, club location, Old Pittsburgh Road, Uniontown, PA. Contact John T. Cermak, WB3DOD, P.O. Box 433, Republic, PA 15475 (412-246-2870).

Sept. 8, **Ozarks ARS Club Congress and Swapfest**, Monett City Park, Monett, MO. Contact Ozarks ARS, P.O. Box 327, Aurora, MO 65605 (417-678-3375).

Sept. 8, **South Eastern Mass. ARA Hamfest & Fleamarket**, club grounds, Donald Street, South Dartmouth, MA. Contact Michael Enos, P.O. Box 9064, North Dartmouth, MA 02747. (VE exams.)

Sept. 8, **Findlay Hamfest**, Hancock County Fairgrounds, East Sandusky at Fishlock, Findlay, OH. Contact Findlay Radio Club, Box 587, Findlay, OH 45840.

Sept. 8, **Shawnee ARA Hamfest**, Southeastern Illinois College, east of Harrisburg, IL. Contact Bill Lockin, W9KAC, RR 2 Box 332, Benton, IL 62812. (Exams 9 AM.)

Sept. 8, **Butler County ARA Hamfest**, Butler County Farm Show Grounds, Roe Airport, Butler, PA. Contact WA3BVQ, RD 5 Box 8815, Slippery Rock, PA 16057.

Sept. 15, **Contoocook Valley RC Fall Fleamarket**, Contoocook, NH. Contact WA1WOK, 603-746-5090.

Sept. 15, **Twenty Over Nine RC Hamfest**, Mahoning County JVS, Canfield, OH. Contact Ron Stoddard, 42 S. Whitney Ave., Youngstown, OH 44509.

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Sept. 15, **Hall of Science Hamfest**, Hall of Science parking lot, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, NY. Contact Steve Greenbaum, WB2KDG, 718-898-5599 evenings.

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Sept. 20-22, **1991 ARRL Dakota Division Convention**, Watertown Ramkota Inn, Watertown, SD. Contact Jerry Hegg, KZ0E, 605-886-6929 days, 605-886-7151 evenings.

Sept. 21, **Rhode Island Amateur FM Repeater Service Auction and Fleamarket**, VFW Post 6342, Forestdale, RI. Contact Rick Fairweather, K1KYI, P.O. Box 591, Harrisville, RI 02830 (401-567-0232 7-8 PM).

Sept. 21, **Fall Foliage Hamfest & Fleamarket**, National Guard Armory, Berlin, VT. Contact Gregg Carbin, N1HHX, 14 Vine St., Barre, VT 05641 (802-479-5216). (VE exams 1 PM.)

Sept. 21, **Fort Venango Mike & Key Club Ham Auctionfest**, Venango County 4-H Fairgrounds, between Polk and Franklin, PA. Contact Jim Clinefelter, N3BAT, 814-437-1781.

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Sept. 21-22, **Radio Expo 91**, Evanston, IL. Contact Radio Expo, Box 1532, Evanston, IL 60204 (262-6773).

Sept. 21-22, **Anchorage ARC Hamfest & Electronic Fleamarket**, Anchorage, AK. Contact Anchorage ARC, P.O. Box 101987, Anchorage, AK 99510-1987.

Sept. 21-22, **Peoria Superfest 91 & Computer Show**, Exposition Gardens, Peoria, IL. Contact Peoria Area ARC, P.O. Box 3508, Peoria, IL 61612-3508 (309-685-6698). (VE exams Sunday 10 AM.)

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This month we'll begin with a deep scoop into the W8FX mailbag. Let's get started.

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X-Beam Notes de W4RNL. L.B. Cebik, W4RNL, corresponded with us on several occasions regarding X-beams and the work of antenna experimenters such as W2EEY, VK2ABQ/G3ONC, and W9PNE. In W4RNL's view, if the X-beam's basic design actually is a feasible one with good performance, it could represent a good compromise for amateurs with limited space and resources. Its compact design and light weight are pluses, as are its reasonable match to coax, forward gain, and directivity.

To briefly review, descriptions of the X-beam have appeared in the *ARRL Antenna Compendium*, Vol. 1, the 1991 *ARRL Handbook*, and other publications. The antenna design is basically that of a two-element Yagi. Performance is broadband, yielding 5 to 6 dBd gain, and exhibiting a 15 to 18 dB front-to-back (F/B) ratio. The antenna consists of four arms and four wire loading "tails." Since there is no boom, the X-beam usually is mounted horizontally much like a cubical quad lying on its side.

W4RNL decided to model the X-beam designs of Brice Anderson, W9PNE, which appeared in the *Compendium*, using the ELNEC V2.03 antenna analysis and modeling software. W4RNL examined several designs, including X-beams optimized for the best direct match to 50 ohm coax, maximum F/B ratio, and maximum gain. Here's a brief summary of what he tentatively found based on computer analysis:

1. W9PNE's dimensions (as shown in the *ARRL Antenna Compendium*, Vol. 1, p. 65) are well-chosen and result in an excellent compromise between antenna performance (gain and F/B ratio) and direct match to 50 ohm coax.

2. Regardless of the method used for obtaining match, ratio, or gain, the impedance figures are comparable within all three groups. Best match occurs with a resistive component in the high 30 ohm area, while best F/B models have an impedance in the mid-20s and best gain models have an impedance in the low teens.

3. Using the best match to 50 ohm coax as a criterion for design is fine, but it isn't the only route: best match antennas have lower gain and F/B ratios than the other groups.

4. The maximum gain models may not be the best ones for amateur use due to the very low feedpoint impedances and the loss of a good deal of the F/B ratio.

5. The maximum F/B ratio models may be

the easiest ones to tune up. Since their impedances are all in the mid-20s, a quarter-wave matching section will provide a good match so that if one trims the wire loading "tails" for lowest SWR at the center frequency, good gain and F/B ratio should result.

6. If amateurs want to build a successful X-beam, they should change the usual tune-up procedure of pruning wires shorter. The best procedure would be to start with the wire tails slightly short and systematically lengthen them, keeping a 6 inch difference in director and driven element tail lengths.

7. It's best to avoid models that require inductive loading of either the director or driven

element, given the losses associated with inductors. However, capacitively loaded models have good possibilities.

8. Descriptions of the X-beam pattern vary from that roughly of a Yagi to that of a cardioid microphone; the patterns transition as one moves from best match to maximum gain. The X-beam minor lobes are always there so that even maximum F/B ratio models have quartering rear lobes that can receive considerable QRM.

Bearing in mind that this analysis is tentative, and that further modeling (not to mention on-the-air testing) is necessary, W4RNL concludes that "the X-beam can be a very effective

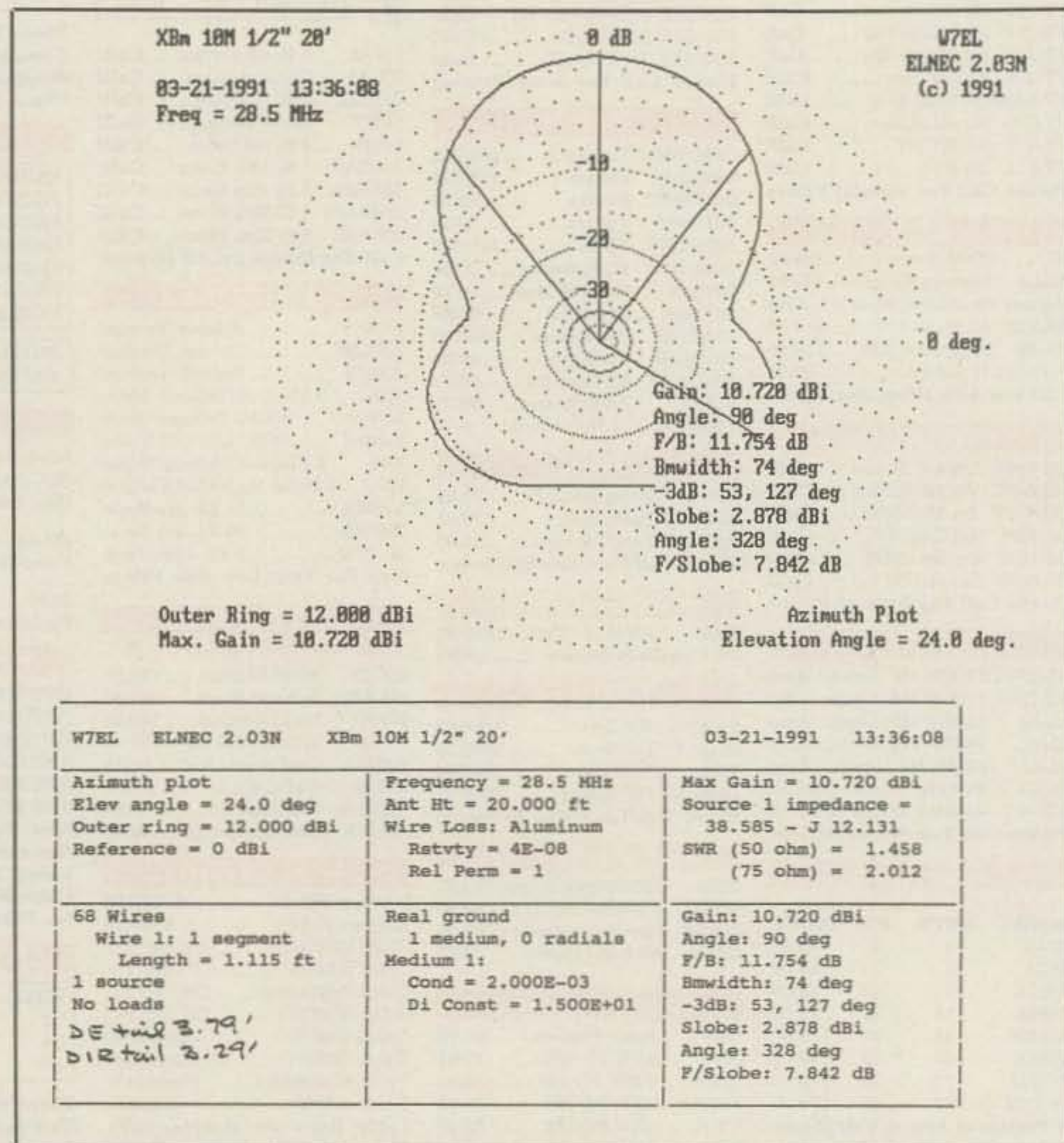


Fig. 1—Shown here is the result L.B. Cebik, W4RNL, obtained when he modeled the basic W9PNE X-Beam on 10 meters at a modeling height of 20 feet using the ELNEC V2.03 antenna analysis and modeling program. This is but one of the models W4RNL tried among various configurations that sought either best direct match to 50 ohm coax, maximum F/B ratio, or maximum gain. Note that the gain figures here are in dBi and thus are referenced to an isotropic source: a dipole with the constants W4RNL used shows an 8 dBi "gain."

tive two-element beam that is light, simple, cheap, and relatively easy to build and maintain. However, all claims for better than two-element Yagi performance (except, possibly, for F/B ratio) seem unwarranted. But a two-element beam is still a very useful antenna."

Fig. 1 shows W4RNL's ELNEC modeling of the basic W9PNE X-beam at 20 feet.

A Matter of History. Dan Umberger, W8ZCQ, wrote that while it doesn't make a heck of a lot of difference, back in the October 1990 column I referenced a center-fed antenna with open-wire feeders as a "Zepp." In reality, he notes, if the antenna is fed in the center with open-wire feeders, it's properly a center-fed Hertz.

Dan flipped open the 1937 *ARRL Handbook*, which (on p. 306) states "Probably the most popular type of Hertz antenna with tuned feeders is the Zeppelin or 'Zepp' antenna, so called because of its early use on Zeppelin airships. The Zepp is a Hertz antenna with one wire of the tuned feed line connected to one end of the antenna. The other feed wire is left floating. The antenna is therefore voltage-fed from the transmission line. . . ."

Another antenna that's been wrongly named, in his view, is the Delta Loop, which he indicates is not truly a recently developed antenna. Dan states that its proper name is the Bellini-Tosi, which is described in some detail in Elmer E. Bucher's book, *Practical Wireless Telegraphy*, third revised edition, 1918.

Thanks for the good-natured needling, Dan. At least it lets us know that someone is actually reading what we write!

Some Thoughts on End-Fed Antennas. The comments made by Harry K. Wolf, W6NKT, in last October's column about the relatively limited frequency coverage of most antennas prompted one reader to write to us about his experiences with end-fed antennas. After a lifetime of working with and relying on centerfed wire antennas for HF work, reader George Brennert, W2CUA, told us that his move to a new QTH made it virtually impossible to properly install a centerfed antenna. He would have to make a 135 foot, end-fed single-wire work.

After considerable experimentation and some serious bouts with TVI and some grounding problems, here's some of what he learned from his particular situation (I don't necessarily endorse all of the "lessons learned" in all situations, but nevertheless recognize that they were right for George):

1. An end-fed singlewire can be one of the best and least costly antennas for multiband use.
2. You don't have to run the antenna in an absolutely straight line. While you shouldn't bend the flattop back on itself, George feels that some bends fill in the gaps in the radiation pattern to some extent.
3. Terminate the antenna outside of the hamshack and run a short length of coax from the antenna tuner to it to keep RF outside the shack as much as possible.
4. Ground the coax shield at the antenna end of the run.
5. Use one radial per band, but don't let the radials touch the ground, since you want them to act as counterpoises.

George also found that he had to experiment with his equipment grounding setup and ended up using a rather complicated "capacitive grounding system" involving his rig, tuner, and power supply. Theory to the wind, George

now finds that he can operate effectively from his new QTH with good results and minimal TVI—and of course that's what counts most to him.

More on Attic Antennas. Larry V. East, W1HUE/7, didn't think that my recounting of a 20-year-old experience trying to run a full KW into a dipole in the close environment of a townhouse (*CQ*, September 1990) was smart. In fact, he's surprised that I didn't end up making more than a neighbor's bedroom light glow.

Larry asserts that from his own experience, with some care and a reasonable power level (100 watts or less), an attic dipole can be very effective. He's used dipoles mounted in attics for several years—most recently a three-band (10/15/20 meter) trap dipole in a Connecticut townhouse. He found that if he limited the output power to about 50 watts, he caused no problems to any of his neighbors' telephones, TVs, or other electronic devices and appliances. However, he did experience some problems with RF entering the power wiring to his own living unit. This required the simple RFI suppression technique of installing line filters on his TV, VCR, and hi-fi amplifier, plus filters in the speaker leads of the amplifier. As far as he knows, none of his neighbors had any idea that an amateur lived in the same building after three years of operation in which he snagged over 150 countries (110 countries running 5 watts or less) and made good showings in several DX contests running QRP.

Potpourri de K6URI. Mike Zane, K6URI, wrote to tell us that following up on previous correspondence, he decided to install a 130 foot multiband centerfed dipole using open-wire ladderline, a Radio Works current-type balun, and a 6 foot length of RG-213 to an MT-3000A antenna tuner. On-the-air results were quite good.

He found the centerfed antenna easy to tune up on all bands with low SWR on the link between the antenna tuner and the transmitter. The only band on which he could not get an acceptable match was 30 meters. Mike also made use of a Palomar Engineers "Tuner-Tuner"™ to establish initial antenna tuner control settings prior to fine tuning.

Changing the subject, Mike also pointed to the good results he'd obtained with some amateur radio software orders he placed with Ham-Soft (P.O. Box 2525, Morgan City, LA 70381), which features IBM PC public-domain and shareware software. Mike's particularly enthused with HYPERLOG, a very fast and easy to use general-purpose logger that has extensive configuration options and outstanding context sensitive help.

New Aussie Antenna. Jerry L. Bartachek, KD0CA, sent us a "skreed" (photocopy of an advertisement) for the Black C.T.W. (Continuous Traveling Wave) 1.8–30 MHz HF antennas that Peter Barretto, VK6PB, forwarded to him. Jerry rightfully wonders what the theory of operation is for the broadband Inverted Vee and vertical kits, and the "black box" matching unit. So do I!

Despite the unusual claims made in the Black ad, Jerry says that VK6PB has one of the antennas set up in the vertical mode and likes its performance, using it with good results on the lower HF bands. Jerry maintains a weekly AMTOR sked with Peter, who has tried the Black vertical over the path. Jerry says it's usually down about two or three S-units from Peter's three-element triband Yagi.

Have any of our readers had firsthand experience with the Black C.T.W., either the Inverted Vee or vertical? If so, let us know more of the antenna's technical details and its on-the-air performance. We're curious.

Name that Antenna. E. Grant Kundert, Jr., KB0HRG, wrote to tell us that he had purchased a "third hand" three-element beam and is trying to identify it as to band (11 or 10 meters) and manufacturer.

From the measurements that Grant supplied, it appears to be an 11 meter CB model. When he received it, the longest element was the driven element, but when he reassembled it he made it the reflector. Unfortunately, there was no way to identify the antenna's manufacturer as far as either of us could tell.

Often 11 meter CB Yagis appear on the market locally. There's nothing inherently wrong in buying an 11 meter CB antenna, as it usually can be shortened slightly for operation on any part of the 10 meter band. Knowing the manufacturer or even possessing the original assembly and instruction manual isn't all that important, since most Yagis are sufficiently standardized such that you can find a similar design with dimensional information by searching through standard references such as the *ARRL Antenna Book* and the *ARRL Handbook*. It's a good idea to double-check the antenna's dimensions and matching network anyway, since many CB users are nontechnical and may have improperly assembled the antenna—as Grant found with the one that he purchased.

Thanks for Writing! That's all the room we have this time for sharing correspondence. But thanks to the others who recently wrote to us, including Gary L. Bayer, KF8BW; Alain Bourassa, VE2MTV; Charlie Wenzel; Joseph Midler; and Roger E. Bessmer. Keep those letters coming, and please include an SASE or IRCs if you desire a personal reply.

Software Topix

IONSOUND Update. In the July and December 1990 columns we described IONSOUND™, a comprehensive and sophisticated HF ionospheric propagation prediction and "RF link quality assessment" program for the IBM PC and compatibles. To review, the program is a state-of-the-art software tool for predicting MF/HF/VHF (1.8–54 MHz) ionospheric propagation to any part of the world. The menu-driven program is supplied with a detailed operating manual on disk and support is provided for CGA, EGA, VGA, and Hercules graphics. Separate versions of the program are intended for coprocessor and non-coprocessor equipped PCs.

Recently the program's author, Jacob Handwerker, W1FM, sent me a copy of the latest version (V3.19, likely higher by now) and a summary of recent changes to the program. Some of the main program changes include support for the Hercules graphics adapter; improved color selection capability; use of predefined locations for latitude and longitude selection; ability of the user to independently set the height of the E- and F-layers in the program; addition of a Curtain array choice to the Yagi, dipole, vertical, and log-periodic/rhombic selections; and an upgraded frequency selection menu. Other IONSOUND improvements include additions to the tabular summary output to incorporate Maximum Critical

***** TRANSMIT LOCATION SELECTION MENU *****

TO INPUT AN ARBITRARY TRANSMIT LOCATION	0
TO SELECT: ALASKA	1
TO SELECT: AUSTRALIA	2
TO SELECT: CENTRAL ASIA	3
TO SELECT: EAST COAST (USA)	4
TO SELECT: EASTERN EUROPE	5
TO SELECT: HAWAII	6
TO SELECT: JAPAN	7
TO SELECT: MIDWEST (USA)	8
TO SELECT: PUERTO RICO	9
TO SELECT: SOUTH AMERICA	10
TO SELECT: SOUTH PACIFIC	11
TO SELECT: SOUTHERN AFRICA	12
TO SELECT: WEST COAST (USA)	13
TO SELECT: WESTERN EUROPE	14

ENTER TRANSMITTER SELECTION 0-14 <0>

Fig. 2- IONSOUND transmit location selection menu. The selection of latitudes and longitudes has been augmented by including predefined locations corresponding to those shown in QST's "How's DX" column. These selections make it easy to compute IONSOUND predictions for comparison with MUF predictions derived from IONCAP. A total of 14 choices are independently available for the transmitter location, in addition to selection of any arbitrary location. A similar menu is available to facilitate receiver location selection.

Fig. 3- IONSOUND transmit and receive antenna selection menu. These selections represent typical antenna/gain combinations that you can use to predict propagation performance; you may input your own gain if you like. This menu now includes the selection of a Curtain array; this antenna choice is useful for shortwave broadcast predictions and for military applications. In addition to the Curtain array, the Yagi selection now produces a more realistic vertical elevation pattern corresponding to operation over ground instead of free space.

ENTER THE LETTER CODE FOR THE FOLLOWING TRANSMIT ANTENNA OR GAIN

1) 10 DB GAIN YAGI-UDA ARRAY (OVER GROUND):	Y
2) 2.15 DB GAIN VERTICAL MONOPOLE (OVER GROUND):	V
3) 5.2 DB GAIN HORIZONTAL OR VERTICAL DIPOLE (HT=1/2 WAVE):	D
4) 7 TO 12 DB VAR. GAIN (1.8-30 MHZ) LOG PERIODIC & RHOMBIC:	L
5) 23 TO 28 DB VARIABLE GAIN (1.8-30 MHZ) CURTAIN ARRAY:	C
6) -40 TO +40 DB: CHOOSE YOUR OWN ISOTROPIC GAIN:	G

ENTER CHOICE <DEFAULT = 0 DB ISOTROPIC>

Vertical Frequency (MCFV) and Maximum Critical Oblique Frequency (MCFO) calculations; and considerable expansion of the program's main menu functions, among others.

IONSOUND is priced at \$29.95 plus \$3 shipping and handling (\$5 outside North America). For more information, contact Jacob Handwerker, W1FM, 17 Pine Knoll Road, Lexington, MA 02173.

Fig. 2 shows the IONSOUND Transmit Location Selection Menu, while fig. 3 depicts the IONSOUND Transmit and Receive Antenna Selection Menu.

CwDrill. Christian Aymon, HB9DBC, sent us a copy of his CwDrill program for the IBM PC, which he wrote in Turbo Pascal. CwDrill is different from many code practice programs in that first it is highly interactive, and second the required paddle (which controls the program) is directly connected to the serial port of the PC (you must make up the connecting cable).

The program's menu-oriented style makes CwDrill quite user friendly. Main menu choices include the Skill Drill, the main CwDrill exercise that also contains several sub-menus; keying practice; copying practice; setting of default parameters; color selection; and language (French, English, or German). A very convenient feature is that if several different individuals use the program, each can have his or her own configuration file.

The program is available on 3.5 inch diskette for U.S. \$20 from Christian Aymon, HB9DBC, Aymon & Co., 1376 Goumoens-la-ville, Switzerland.

SCORPIO. Ashton ITC has introduced a new product called Shortwave Computer Operated Radio Plus I/O, abbreviated SCORPIO. The new product is designed to integrate some of the most common tasks for which a computer is used by SWLs and radio monitors. Among other features, SCORPIO allows the user to selectively scan many Kenwood, ICOM, and Ten-Tec receivers based on a flexible database search while simultaneously printing and capturing data from an optionally connect standalone all-mode terminal unit.

Some of the many SCORPIO features include the combining of radio control, logging, and terminal functions in a single program; intelligent log scanning by type, location, ID, mode, and frequency; automatic insertion of frequency, mode, time, and date into the log database; an AutoLog function to build a database automatically from received signal "hits"; sophisticated log search capabilities; print or capture of digital data (RTTY, SITOR, packet, CW, etc.); log-based scanning using specified search criteria; and sorting of logs by various criteria. Other features include mouse compatibility; ASCII import and export capability; selective loading of the radio's memory; ability to run other programs while SCORPIO is in memory; and the capability to control the radio and change tuning unit modes with simple key presses or mouse clicks.

A very interesting feature is the ability of the program to make use of optional database libraries. Ashton ITC makes several of these available separately for about \$20. One very useful database library they offer is the English Language Shortwave Broadcast Library. It includes over 1900 entries encompassing all known English-language shortwave broadcasts and enables sorting, printing, searching, and scanning with SCORPIO.

SCORPIO is available directly from the manufacturer and is priced at \$89.95. (A related amateur radio oriented product is Aries-2, the Amateur Radio Integrated Entry System, that we described in the January 1991 column. It's available at the same price.)

For more information, contact Ashton ITC, P.O. Box 830, Dandridge, TN 37725.

PROCOMM PLUS 2.0. Probably most of our readers are familiar with PROCOMM, which has been widely distributed for several years as an inexpensive shareware communications terminal program as well as a slick, commercial product called PROCOMM PLUS. My own introduction to PROCOMM came from working with early shareware versions to communicate with landline bulletin-board systems (BBSes). Eventually I received an evaluation

copy of PROCOMM PLUS, which I discussed in the September 1989 issue.

While new versions of competing communications programs such as Telix and Mirror III have given PROCOMM and PROCOMM PLUS a run for their money, the inherently intuitive nature of the programs makes it quite simple to get almost any task done. Their easy-to-use nature has reportedly made them the best-selling communications terminal software in the world, and many amateurs use them for packet work as well as for landline communications.

Frankly, after recently reviewing a copy of Mirror III V2.0, which offered many new features that clearly rivaled those of the older PROCOMM PLUS 1.1B, I wondered if PROCOMM PLUS was in need of a tweak-up. It may have been; the new version arrived with many improvements that restored my confidence in PROCOMM.

What's new? Some of the new and/or improved features include additional internal protocols, such as raw ASCII for transparent ASCII transfers and almost everybody's favorite, ZMODEM; new terminal emulations, bringing the number of emulations handled to 33; and the addition of nearly 100 new commands to the ASPECT script language, the scripts of which are now compiled for faster execution.

Other major improvements include an enhanced dialing directory that lets you sort your directory entries in five different ways and jot notes about an entry in an associated text file; 132-column support; toggling between different video modes; an enhanced host mode that lets you add your own custom screens, menus, and file listings; full mouse support; and a filename clipboard that lets you "cut" filenames directly from a BBS listing or directory and then paste the filenames to the remote computer for downloading. In addition, the old keyboard macros have been replaced with so-called "Meta keys" that not only send text strings, but can also run external programs and ASPECT scripts with a single keystroke.

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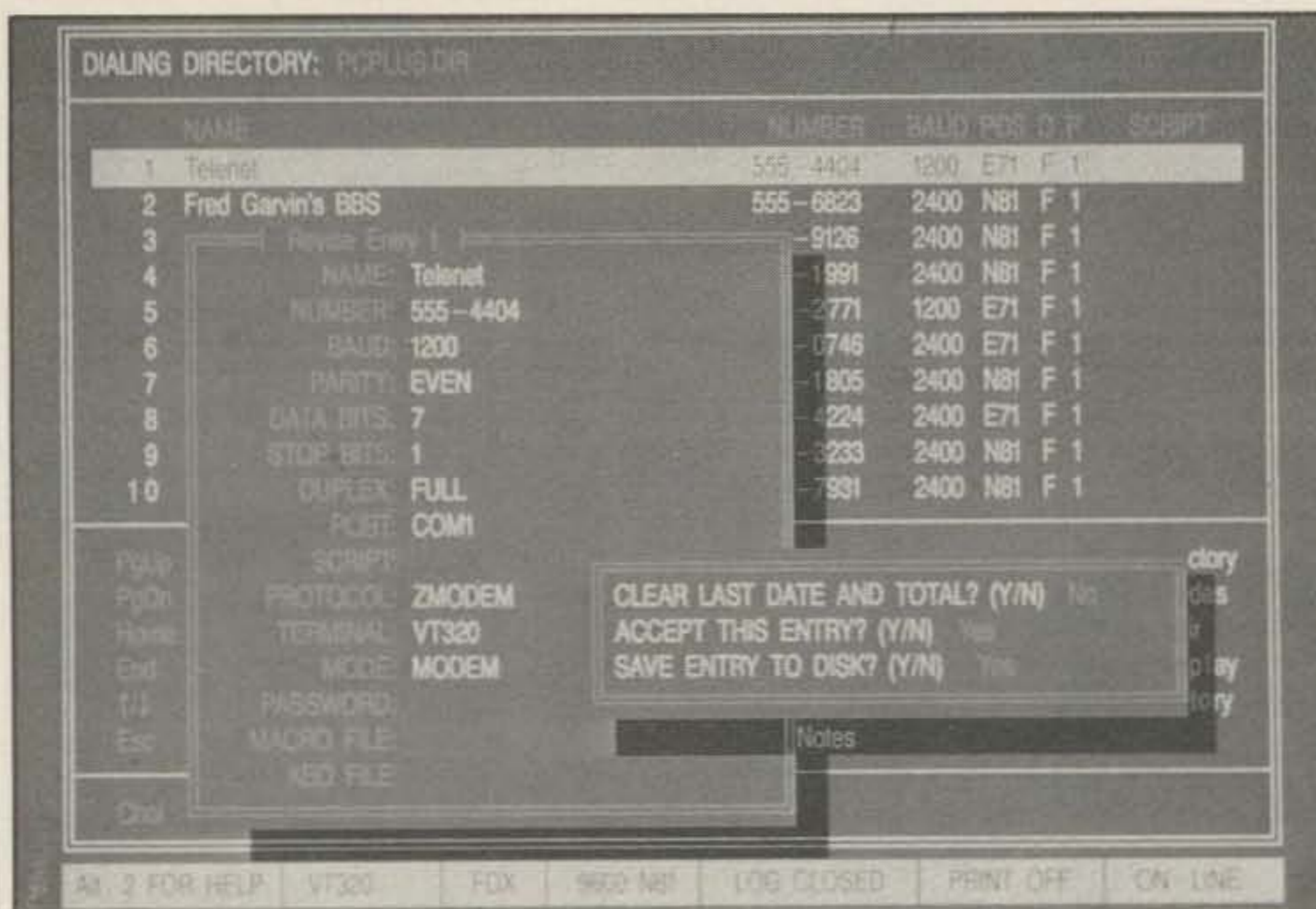
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ty to toggle between different video modes on my VGA display was welcomed, as was the handy filename clipboard that makes downloading of multiple files a snap. I also liked the fact that the ZMODEM protocol finally was incorporated into the program as an internal protocol. This meant that you no longer had to set up batch files to call up ZMODEM as an external protocol, though the program still lets you work with three user-defined external protocols. On the negative side, while the new compiled scripts run like greased lightning, testing and debugging them is a little more involved since you need to test run the compiled version but must edit the uncompiled version.

Thus, an option to run uncompiled scripts would be useful.

Fortunately, PROCOMM PLUS 2.0 is still reasonably priced, now listing for \$119 retail, though PROCOMM PLUS owners can upgrade for only \$39. For more information, contact DataStorm Technologies, Inc., 3212 Lemone Blvd., P.O. Box 1471, Columbia, MO 65205.

CheckIt Update. In the August 1990 column we examined CheckIt®, billed as an all-in-one diagnostic program that helps provide "quality assurance" for your PC. As we noted at that time, the menu-driven program produces on-screen and printed reports of your exact hardware configuration and the system

resources it's using. You can also use it to test the system's hardware and display standard "benchmarks" which measure key aspects of your system's performance and power. As such, it's a useful tool to quickly determine a system's configuration, implement hardware and software upgrades, and troubleshoot problems.

Recently, I received a copy of the new release, CheckIt 3.0. It builds upon the testing and reporting capabilities introduced in V2.1. Some of the new features include support for DOS 4.0 and the 80486 processor; a new memory map that's handy to discover hidden memory conflicts; an expanded "RAM Error Dialog" that helps identify the exact location of a bad chip, memory bank, or problem RAM board; a series of floppy drive mechanics tests to check out drive alignment and mechanical functions; and a "Customizable Tools Menu" that lets you set up and execute DOS programs from within CheckIt as though they were part of the program. Other new features include a virus detection utility (from another manufacturer) that's capable of identifying over 200 different kinds of PC viruses; improved benchmark comparison graphics that display the PC's performance against a standard PC-XT; and an expanded test summary report.

I found the new release to be outstanding, particularly the Customizable Tools Menu that let me run some of my favorite diagnostic-related utility programs without leaving CheckIt. Although the program is relatively expensive at \$149, upgrades to V3.0 are reasonably priced at \$25.

For more information, contact TouchStone Software Corporation, 2130 Main St., Suite 250, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

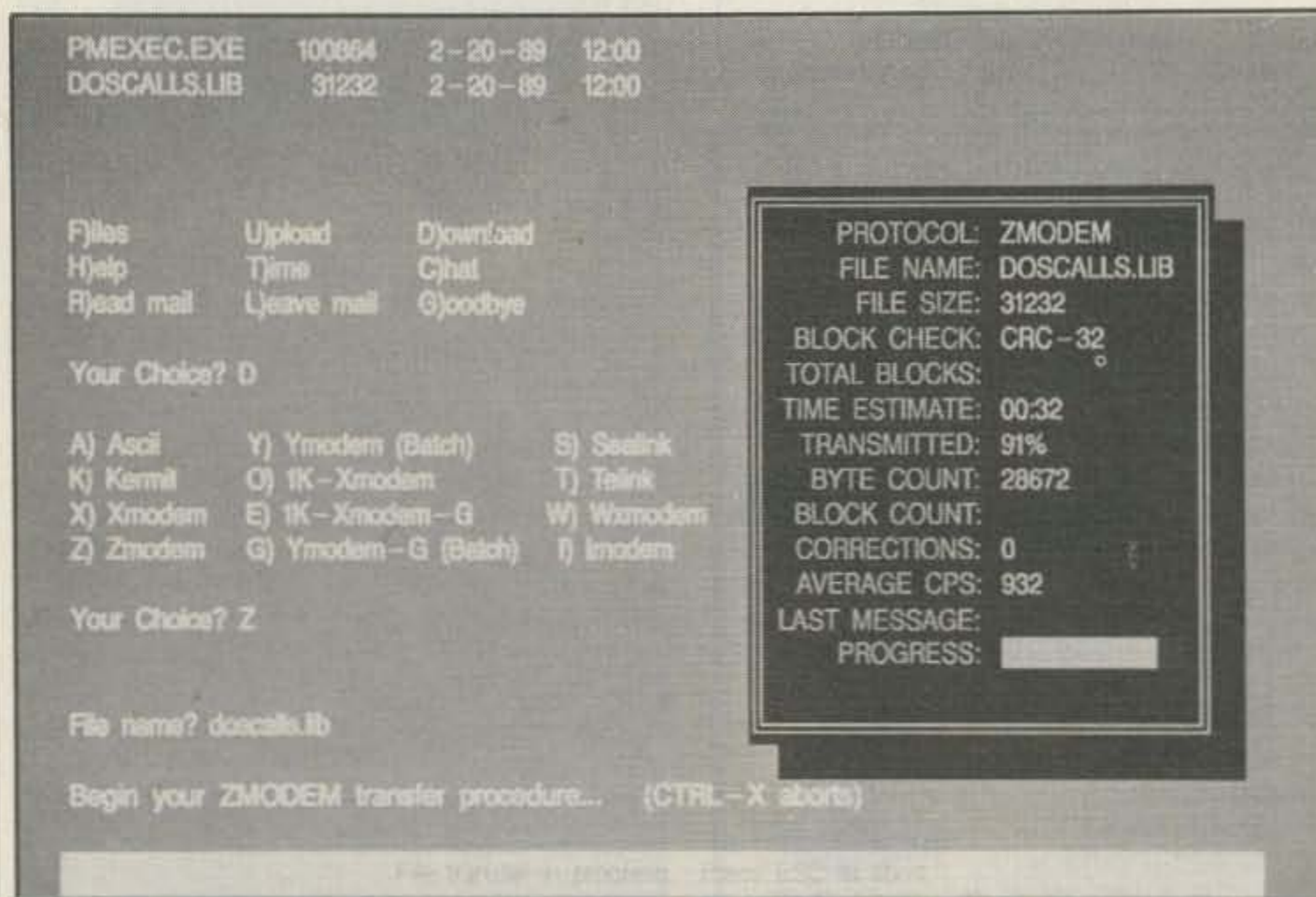
Short Bursts

On Joining a Computer User Group. My first computer was an 8K Commodore PET, purchased around 1979, which for some reason didn't "turn me on" to computers. My second computer, as anyone who followed the column from 1982 on knows, was the little Commodore VIC-20 color computer with its mighty 5K RAM, purchased in mid-1982. The Vic was followed a few months later by the then-amazing Commodore 64. But I'll never forget the lonely feeling of trying to get these machines (and their "master") up to speed, especially when there were few if any local dealers and almost no experienced users around who could answer simple questions. In the early days of personal computing the term "user group" was in few users' vocabularies, including my own.

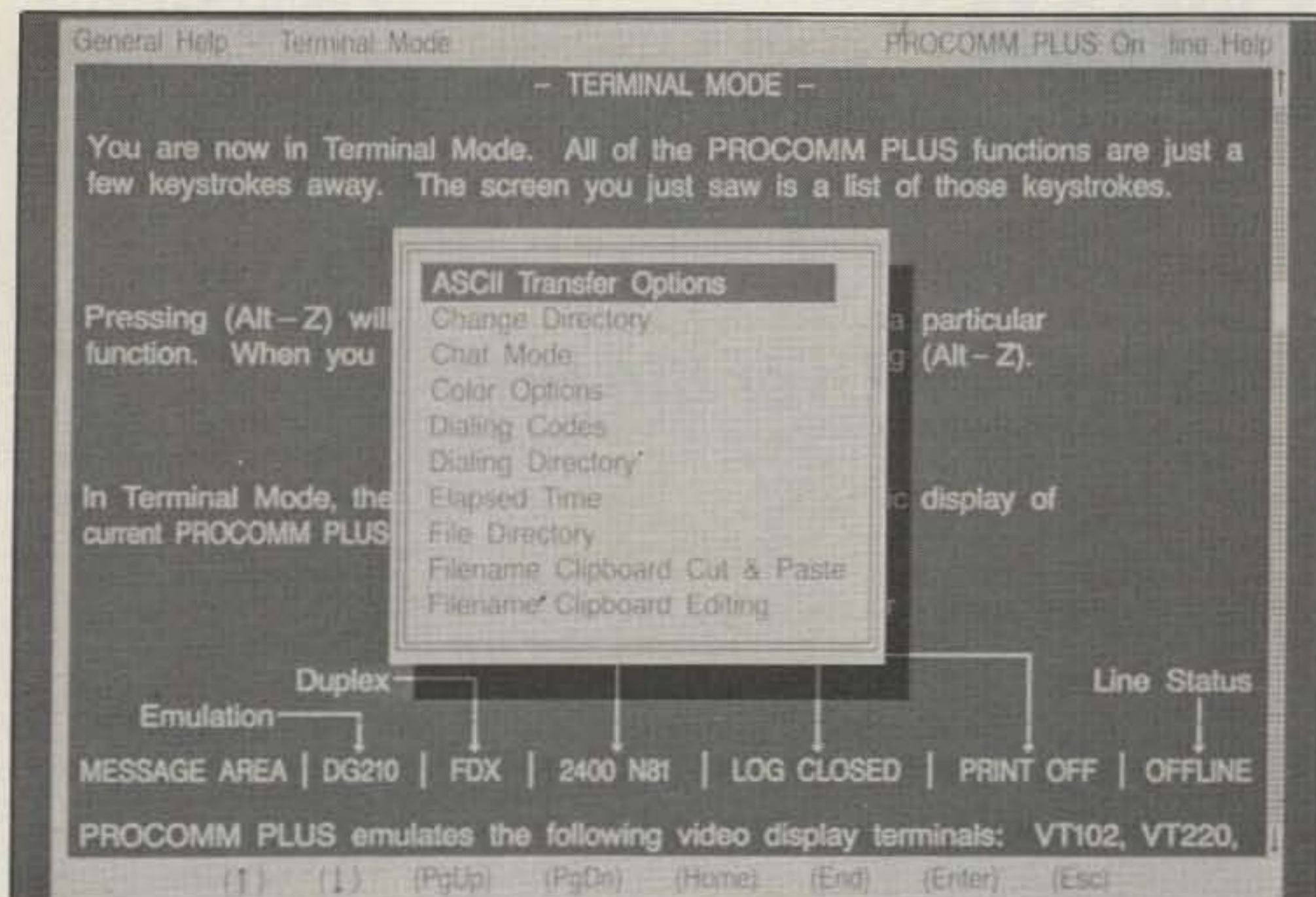
Many people, radio amateurs included, know very little about computers when they first purchase one. Worse, they're often frustrated with the computer's documentation, which frequently is poorly written, but which they must understand before they can actually do something productive with their PC.

While the only real way to become proficient on a PC is to actually use the computer, user groups help users to better understand their systems and to improve their ability to use them by sharing knowledge and learning from one another.

All user group members were beginners at one time and have faced much the same problems and questions as the new user. User group meetings are opportunities to meet oth-



PROCOMM PLUS has a number of features that help simplify and automate the downloading and uploading of software. Here PROCOMM PLUS displays a window that lets you monitor the status and progress of the file transfer. (Photo courtesy DataStorm Technologies, Inc.)



Context sensitive help is available from almost anywhere in PROCOMM PLUS. The help facility always "knows what you're doing" and can display help for the current task. Here a pop-up menu of some of the available help topics is displayed. (Photo courtesy DataStorm Technologies, Inc.)



First published in late 1988 and now into V3.0, CheckIt is a software utility that's billed as an all-in-one PC diagnostic package. It reports on your PC's exact configuration, runs diagnostic tests, and measures performance using standard benchmarks. CheckIt can be operated by people with nontechnical backgrounds. (Photo courtesy TouchStone Software Corporation)

ers with the same type hardware and software. There are user groups for most computers and operating systems. The user group often can provide answers which could take hours to find in the computer's documentation or in other books, if at all.

In addition to answering your questions, user groups can provide several other benefits. These include obtaining reduced prices in group purchases; finding information on where the best hardware and software buys are; tutorial classes at low or no cost; discounts from vendors; firsthand reports and reviews on hardware and software; and good access to shareware and public-domain software if the user group has a software library. Also, special interest groups (SIGs) provide users with an opportunity to meet with others who have similar, specialized computing interests.

The special programs often featured at user group meetings are usually of general interest and benefit all members. Most user groups publish a newsletter which typically contains helpful information, ideas, tips, and advice from local members and from other user groups. At the bottom line, a user group is an excellent way for you to help realize the potential of your machine. (Adapted from a flyer published by the Huntsville PC User Group, Inc.)

CQ 1991 Antenna Buyer's Guide. I can't claim any hand in its production this year, but the CQ 1991 Antenna Buyer's Guide nevertheless is a winner. The 128-page directory, edited by Pete O'Dell, WB2D, is chock full of specs and prices on hundreds of amateur radio antennas, rotators, and accessories. HF, VHF, and UHF base, mobile, and portable antennas are all covered. In addition, there are three very good feature articles between its covers—articles on using "invisible antennas" for tough operating locations, choosing the right antenna for DX, and successfully applying for

antenna tower building permits. The 1991 Guide is available for \$4.95 from the CQ Bookstore in Greenville, NH (phone 1-800-457-7373).

A Note to Shareware Authors. If you're a writer of amateur radio shareware software and want me to take a look at your offering via the column, great. Bear in mind that it usually takes quite some time to work a review or even a brief mention into the column. Also, there's no need to update me on every minor software revision: wait until there is a *major* rewrite of the software. Above all, please include a *printed* copy of the documentation, complete instructions on how prospective users can obtain the software, and its price, including upgrades.

Also, if you can send along good, reproduci-

ble screen dumps of key program menus and other screens, please do so. These are helpful in explaining and illustrating your program for readers. And, if you have a logger or other type of database program, including a small sample database speeds review. Thanks!

Wrapping It Up

That's all for this time, guys and gals. Next time more Antennas and Accessories topics of current interest. See you then.

Overheard: Carried to an extreme, Murphy's Law would have it that if a series of events can possibly get fouled up, the foul-up will occur in the worst possible sequence!

73, Karl, W8FX

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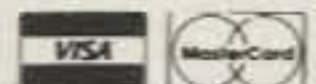
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CIRCLE 64 ON READER SERVICE CARD

NEWS/VIEWS OF ON-THE-AIR COMPETITION

When Are Contesters Over the Hill?

As my 35th birthday has come and gone, a recurring question comes to mind: When do contesters officially go "over the hill"? When pondering this topic, I always end up feeling amazed at some competitors' staying power. In practice there are two classes of experienced operators: the true old-timers and those who simply look the part (usually from years of operating every small contest known to man).

Contesters get a peek at the age of their fellow compatriots at least twice a year by operating in the All Asian SSB/CW Contest. You may recall the 59(9)XX exchange, where "XX" is your current age. I'm always amused by the casual participant trying to help a UA9 by sending 599001 four or five times in a row. Always wondered how they were able to send so fast at such a young age. While tuning the bands (because you certainly can't run anyone in that contest from my part of the world!), I enjoy matching ages to operating style/ability. For example, at 75, ole HZ1HZ is really hanging in there! Wouldn't it be nice if we were so lucky to have similar resiliency at his age! Another angle is to listen to some of our "ole acquaintances" and gasp "is he really that old?"

The other end of the spectrum is the youth. Aren't you astonished when you hear one of the USSR club stations being used by an incredibly fast operator sending 59916?

So I wonder, is there anything to the opinion that contesters slow down as their age advances? The optimist says that changes in our operating abilities come from the time/physical pressures caused by increased family and business commitments as we enter our 30s and 40s. A more realistic view is that we've probably lost the edge off our hearing caused by years of receivers blasting signals through our headphones. Nevertheless, some of the finest operators in the world are not in their 20s, but rather are 50 years old and up! Next time you feel like you're slowing down, take a look at

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Calendar of Events

Aug. 24-25	Empire State QSO Party
Sept. 1	Bulgarian DX Contest
Sept. 4-5	YLRL Howdy Days
Sept. 7	North American CW Sprint
Sept. 14	North American SSB Sprint
Sept. 14-15	Worked All Europe SSB
Sept. 14-15	All Asian SSB Contest
Sept. 14-15	Scandinavian CW Contest
Sept. 14-16	ARRL VHF QSO Party
Sept. 21-22	Washington State QSO Party
Sept. 21-22	Scandinavian SSB Contest
Sept. 27-29	Europe for QRP Weekend
Sept. 28-29	CQ WW RTTY Contest
Sept. 28-29	Idaho State QSO Party
Oct. 5-6	VK/ZL/Oceania CW DX
Oct. 5-6	California QSO Party
Oct. 5-13	Wyoming QSO Roundup
Oct. 12-13	VK/ZL/Oceania SSB DX
Oct. 12-13	Discovery of The New World
Oct. 13-14	Illinois QSO Party
Oct. 19-20	Worked All Germany Contest
Oct. 26-27	CQ WW SSB DX Contest
Nov. 2-4	ARRL CW Sweepstakes
Nov. 9-10	WAEDC RTTY DX Contest
Nov. 16-18	ARRL SSB Sweepstakes
Nov. 23-24	CQ WW DX CW Contest

Table 1. Like me, you have a long way to go before you are over the hill!

Contest Survey

This month I am probing into the contesters' mind by investigating many of the questions that we are facing in today's modern age of contest operating. I hope you find the results to be as enlightening as I expect them to be! (See the survey in this column.)

Closing Comments

I thoroughly enjoy seeing the results from the surveys run in this column. Please try to take a few minutes and send me your thoughts.

It's hard to believe that another CQ WW is upon us. Best of luck to everyone participating!

As always, the deadline for the December issue is October 1st.

73, John, K1AR

Bulgarian DX Contest

0000Z to 2400Z Sunday, Sept. 1

The Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs holds this activity the first Sunday in September each year. It's on CW only, all five bands, 10-80 meters, using the IARU Region 1 band plan.

Classes: "A"—Single operator, all band. "B"—Single operator, single band. "C"—Multi-operator, all band, single transmitter. "D"—SWL.

Exchange: RST and ITU Zone.

Points: QSOs with LZ stations, 6 points. With other stations in the same continent, 1 point. In other continents, 3 points.

SWLs must show calls of both stations heard. Score 3 points if both exchange numbers are copied; 1 point if only 1 is copied.

Multiplier: Total ITU Zones worked on each band.

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

Awards: Classes "A" and "C"—cups and medals to the three top world scorers and medals to the three continental leaders in each continent. Class "B"—medals to the top three scorers on each band in the world. Class "D"—medals to top three.

Logs: Use a separate sheet for each band, a summary sheet showing the scoring, and the usual signed declaration.

Mailing deadline is 30 days after the end of the contest to: Central Radio Club, P.O. Box 830, 100 Sofia, Bulgaria.

Logs may also include applications for the many BFRA awards: NRB, W-100-LZ, 5 Bands LZ, W-28-Z, Black Sea, and Sofia awards.

YLRL "Howdy Days"

1400Z Wed. to 1359Z Thurs., Sept. 4-5

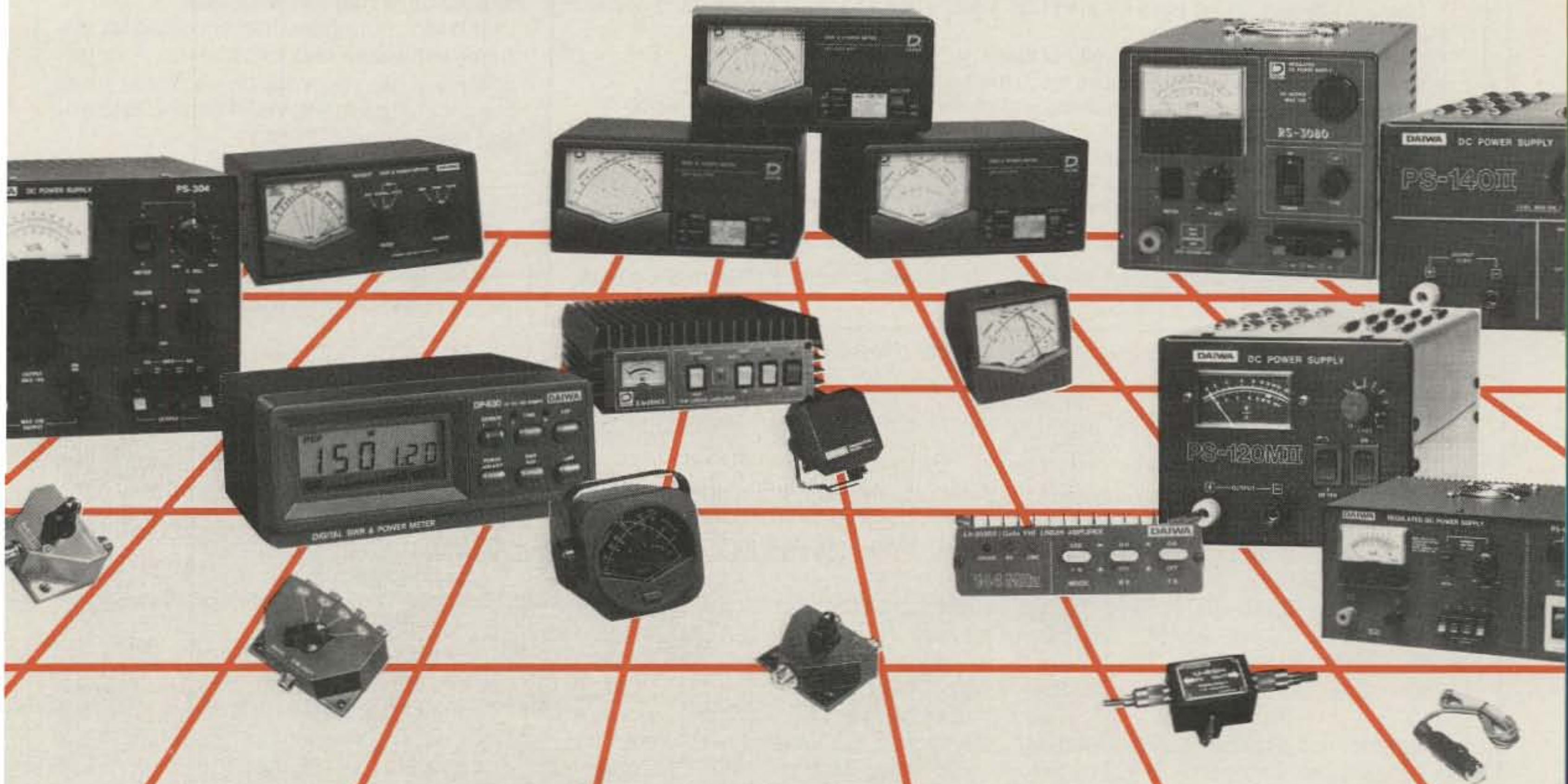
This event is sponsored by the YLRL and is open to all women operators worldwide. All bands and modes are allowed and a station may be worked once on each band/mode for credit.

Exchange: YLRL or non-YLRL member.

Points: Two points for member sta-



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The Over-The-Hill Contester

- You find yourself checking into nets during the contest rather than firing up 2 kHz below them.
- You find yourself receiving unsolicited RTTY QSL cards.
- You need to take a sleep break on Friday nights, too!
- The objects on your operating desk begin moving before the contest starts (not afterwards, as it was in the old days).
- You are well on your way to Worked All Counties.
- You find yourself asking DX stations during the contest about their IOTA (Islands on the Air) number.
- You have begun collecting 10-10 numbers.
- You fall into a state of total confusion when more than one station is calling you during a run.
- You find yourself running around and calling people during Saturday morning on 15 meters from W3LPL.
- You have begun answering your incoming bureau SWL cards.
- You discover that you need to take an off-time during the North American Sprint; even when you're operating, you can't figure it out anyway!
- The appeal of fighting for the band edge has left you because you have to keep looking up the frequency in your *ARRL Handbook*.
- You read the Section Manager's reports ahead of the DX Contest results in October *QST*.
- You have a compelling desire to alphabetize your QSL card collection.
- You attend your local contest club meeting and the new contesters don't know who you are.
- You are ready to report your final score on 80 meters after the contest, but can't remember the correct frequency.
- You find yourself asking guys for their QSL information and filling out the card before moving on to the next guy.
- You've lost K1EA's home telephone number.
- You even have trouble copying guys on 10 meters through the QRN.
- Your contest exchanges include phrases such as "when last heard" or "X-ray Baker, make your call."
- You start the contest late and can't remember whether it's the SSB or CW weekend. Worse, even after tuning the bands, you still can't tell!
- The pace of Field Day operating has worn you out before sunset.
- Novices QSY in the middle of your QSOs rather than taking the time to try and work you during the Novice Roundup.
- You fight with your operating team to get the 1296 MHz position at a K1TR/3 VHF Contest multi-multi.

Table 1—Knowing when you're an "over-the-hill contester."

tions and one point for non-members. There are no multipliers. Logs must indicate date, time, band, callsigns worked, and operating breaks.

Bands: CW—3540–3570, 7040–7070, 14040–14070, 21120–21150, 28180–28210. SSB—3940–3970, 7240–7270, 14250–14280, 21380–21410, 28380–21410.

Awards: Top-scoring YLRL member will receive her choice of a YLRL pin, charm, or stationery. Non-YLRL members will receive a one-year membership in the YLRL.

The usual contest disqualification criteria apply. Logs must be sent by October 6, 1990 to: Dana Tramba, NØFYQ, RR 1, Box 213, Peck, KS 67120.

North American "Sprint"

CW: Sept. 7 SSB: Sept. 14
Sunday 0000Z to 0359Z (Sat. night)

This is the fall edition of the "Sprint" run by the National Contest Journal. As

the name implies, it's a shorty, only four hours long.

North Americans will be contacting other North American stations as well as stations in other countries, single operator only. North American boundaries are as defined by the rules used in the CQ WW DX Contest.

Exchange: Call, QSO no., name, and QTH (state, Canadian area, or country).

Scoring: Multiply total QSOs by the sum of states, Canadian areas, and other North American countries worked for your final score. (U.S. and VE not countries; KH6 not a state.) There are eight Canadian multipliers: VE1/VO1/VO2, VE2-VE7, VY1/VE8. Non-North American countries do not count as a multiplier.

Frequencies: Three bands only: 80, 40, and 20 meters. CW—3540, 7040, 14040. SSB—3850, 7225, 14250. (Plus or minus QRM.)

Awards: A trophy to the highest scoring entrant. Certificates to the top scorer in each U.S. call area, Canada, and other North American country. Also to the ten top scores, to each member of the win-

ning team, and the highest scoring entrant on each team.

Team competition is limited to a maximum of 10 operators as a single unit. Pre-contest registration is required for each team before the start of the contest—with WN4KKN for CW and K7GM for SSB.

There are other detailed rules, a special QSY rule, disqualifying penalties, etc. I suggest you write to WN4KKN or K7GM if you do not have a copy of the NCJ.

Entries must be received no later than 30 days after the end of each "Sprint." The CW go to: Trey Garlough, WN4KKN, 331 Walnut, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. The SSB go to: Rick Niswander, K7GM, 2906 Cortez Court, College Station, TX 77840.

ARRL VHF QSO Party

1800Z Sat. to 0300Z Mon., Sept. 14–16

All bands 50 MHz and up can be used for this one. The August issue of *QST* should have had all the details.

It is recommended that you send for official summary and log sheets. A large SASE will get you a supply. Address your request to the ARRL VHF Party, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.

Washington State Salmon Run

1200Z Sat., Sep. 21–0700Z Sun., Sep. 22
1200–2400Z Sun., Sept. 22

This state QSO party has reappeared under the sponsorship of the Western Washington DX Club and is open to amateurs worldwide on SSB and CW.

Classes: Single or Multi operator, Single Transmitter. Also, entrants may operate QRP or low power (100 watts or less) on SSB, CW, or mixed mode.

Exchange: RS(T) and QTH (State/Province/DXCC Country or Washington State county).

Scoring: Count 2 points for SSB and 3 points for CW. QSOs with CW Novice/Technicians are worth 6 points. The multipliers are Washington counties (maximum 39) or States/Provinces/DXCC Countries for Washington state stations. Credit multipliers only once per mode regardless of band. Stations can be worked on multiple bands.

Scoring: Final score is total QSO points times multiplier. Low-power stations multiply score by 2 and QRP by 3.

Frequencies: CW—1805, 3560, 7045, 14060, 21060, 28060. SSB—1815, 3925, 7260, 14280, 21380, 28380. Novices—3700, 7125, 21150, 28160.

Awards: The highest scores in each DX country and US call area will receive a package of Pacific Northwest smoked salmon. Certificates will be available for other category winners. A participation

Contesting Survey: Inside the Mind of Today's Contester

Your Callsign (optional):

Contesting Experience (years):

1. In a few words, what is the single most important issue facing contesting today (e.g., lack of new blood, ethics, etc.)?

2. Do you think the sport of contesting will continue to improve over time, or have we seen the best?

YES NO

3. What is the age of the youngest and oldest contester that you personally know? (Approximate answer is acceptable.)

Youngest: _____ Oldest: _____

4. As you have grown older, what has changed about your ability to operate?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

5. Are experienced contesters doing anything about bringing more youth into contesting?

YES NO

6. Is contesting an asset or a liability for amateur radio?

Asset Liability

7. Has the integration of technology into contesting gone too far?

YES NO

8. Do you feel the competitive nature of contesters is germane to other areas of life (e.g., career, other hobbies, relationships)?

YES NO

9. In one sentence, what has been your most memorable contest experience (e.g., participating in the last multi-multi operation at W2PV)?

10. What other hobbies do you enjoy outside of contesting/amateur radio?

a. _____

b. _____

11. What percentage of your vacation/holiday time do you use for contesting and related activities (e.g., antenna work, DXpeditions, etc.)?

less than 10%

25-50%

greater than 90%

10-25%

50-90%

12. Do you use some form of computer support while operating?

YES NO

13. Given the right set of circumstances (e.g., best station, access to good operators to learn from, QTH), can most anyone eventually win the Single Operator category in a major DX contest?

YES NO

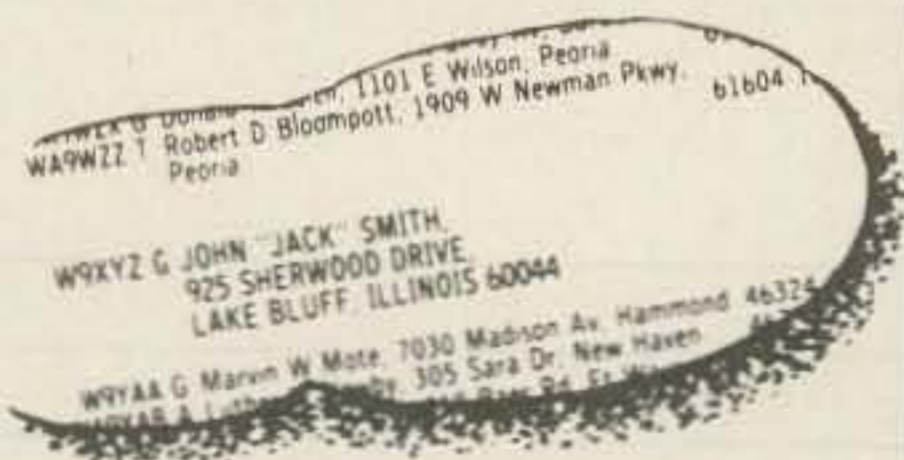
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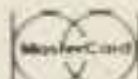
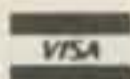
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The mailing deadline for logs is October 21st. Logs can be sent to: Western Washington DX Club, W7FR, Box 224, Mercer Island, WA 98040.

Scandinavian Contest

C.W.: Sept. 21-22 Phone: Sept. 28-29
1500Z Saturday to 1800Z Sunday

It's the world working the Scandinavians in this the 32nd Scandinavian Activity Contest (SAC). The same station may be worked on each band for QSO and multiplier credit.

The prefixes used in Scandinavia are: LA, LB, LG, LJ (Norway); JW (Svalbard & Bear Is.); JX (Jan Mayen); OF, OG, OH, OI (Finland); OH0 (Aland Is.); OH0M (Market Reef); OX (Greenland); OY (Faroe Is.); OZ (Denmark); SJ, SK, SL, SM (Sweden); TF (Iceland).

Bands: 3.5, 7, 14, 21, 28 MHz according to IARU band plans; 3560/3600, 3650/3700, 14060/14125, and 14300/14350 kHz should be kept free of contest activity.

Classes: Single operator and multi-operator single transmitter, all band only. Multi-operator must remain on the same band for at least 10 minutes. Also QRP single operator (maximum of 10 watts output) and SWL (only SAC stations may be logged).

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

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

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

Final Score: The sum of QSO points from all bands times the sum of the multiplier from each band. Scoring for SWL's same as above.

Awards: Certificates to the winning station in each class, both CW and phone, in each country and each U.S.A. call area. QRP stations will be listed in one common list. The non-SAC SWL winner will be awarded. Plaques to the top-scoring station in each continent.

The usual disqualification criteria will be observed. Include a summary sheet and a dupe sheet for logs with more than 200 QSOs, and a signed declaration. Logs may also be submitted on MS-DOS formatted diskettes. Mailing deadline is October 31st and this year logs go to Harri Mantila, OH6YF, PL 30, Teuva, SF-64701 Finland.

Europe for QRP Weekend

1600Z Fri., Sep. 27-2359Z Sun., Sep. 29

This QRP extravaganza is jointly sponsored by the G and OK National QRP

clubs and is designed to promote low-power contesting.

Classes: Single operator, CW only.

Exchange: RST, power output, and operator name. The full exchange must be copied for a valid QSO.

Scoring: Europeans count 1 point for each QSO within Europe. QSOs outside Europe are worth 3 points. Asiatic USSR stations credit 1 point within their area and 3 points outside of Asiatic USSR. Final score is total number of QSO points. There are no multipliers.

Frequencies: 3560, 7030, 14060, 21060, and 28060 kHz.

Awards: Merit certificates will be issued to the top four scoring stations from each continent.

The mailing deadline for logs is October 30th. Logs should be sent to: P. Doudera, OK1CZ, Ul baterie 1, 16200 Praha, 6, Czechoslovakia.

CQ WW RTTY Contest

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

This is the fifth annual RTTY Contest organized by CQ, and from the response to last year's contest, it has become one of the major RTTY competitions.

Bands: All five bands, 10 through 80 meters.

Classes: Single operator, single and all band, and single-op assisted all band only. Multi-operator, single transmitter, all band only.

Keep in mind that single operators are limited to 30 hours out of the 48-hour contest period. Off times may not be less than 3 hours in length. Multi-operator stations can operate the full 48 hours.

Exchange: RST, state or VE area, and CQ zone for stations within the 48 continental U.S. states and 13 Canadian areas. All others send RST and CQ zone.

Points: One for contacts within own country. Two for contacts outside own country but same continent. Three for contacts outside own continent.

Multiplier: One for each state (48) and VE area (13). One for each DX country (ARRL and WAE list). One for each CQ zone (40). All of the above on each band.

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

Awards: Plaques to the first-place winners in each of the operator classes. Certificates to second and third place. And certificates to the first-place finisher in each DX country.

Complete and detailed rules were published in the August issue of CQ and should be reviewed for more detailed information.

The standard CQ log and summary sheets are recommended. It will make you scoring much easier. Sample forms are available from CQ. Include a large SASE (or IRC) with your request.

All entries must be postmarked no later than December 1st. An extension may be given upon a written request.

Logs go to: CQ RTTY Contest, ATT: Roy Gould KT1N, P.O. Box DX, Stow, MA 01775 USA. Requests for log forms go to: CQ Magazine, 76 N. Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801.

Idaho State QSO Party

1800Z Sat. to 1759Z Sun., Sept. 28-29

The Idaho State QSO Party, sponsored by the Eagle Rock Amateur Radio Club, is an excellent operating event designed to promote activity from this rare state. Non-Idaho stations work Idaho operators. Idaho stations may work anyone. Stations may be worked once per band/mode and mobiles/portables that change counties may be worked again for QSO credit.

Exchange: RS(T) and QTH (County for ID stations, State/Province/DXCC country for others).

Frequencies: SSB—3875, 7230, 14280, 21325, 28400 kHz. CW—1810, 3550, 7050, 7125, 14050, 21150, 28050, 28350 kHz.

Scoring: Each Idaho county is a multiplier (44 total). Score 2 points for a CW QSO, 1 point for SSB, and 5 points for any Novice/Technician contact regardless of mode. Final score is total QSO points times multiplier.

Awards: Certificates will be awarded to the high scorer from Idaho, U.S. State, and DXCC Country. In addition there will be a plaque to the overall high scorer. Logs are to be postmarked by October 26, 1991 and should be sent to: Doug Jensen, N7JAM, Eagle Rock Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 2415, Idaho Falls, ID 83402. If you want the final results, include an SASE with your entry.

California QSO Party

1600Z Sat. to 2200Z Sun., Oct. 5-6

This year's party is again being sponsored by the Northern California Contest Club. All efforts are being made to activate all CA counties and make this the most successful of all state parties.

Operating time is limited to 24 out of the 30-hour contest period for single operator stations. Multi-operators may use the full 30 hours. Off times must be at least 15 minutes and clearly indicated in the log.

The same station may be worked on each band and mode, and CA stations may contact other in-state stations for QSO and multiplier credit. CA mobiles may be worked in each county change.

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

Scoring: Two points for phone contacts; 3 points on CW.

Multiplier: CA stations use states (50) and VE call areas (8). VO/VE1-7 and VY1/VE8. Out-of-state use CA counties (maximum of 58).

Final Score: Total QSO points times the sum of the multiplier.

Frequencies: 160 meters through 2 meters, except WARC bands. CW—1805 and 40 kHz up from band edge. Phone—1815, 3850, 7230, 14250, 21300, 28450. Novice—10 kHz up from edge of Novice bands and 28450.

Try CW on the half hours, 147.54 at 2000, 0000, 0400Z, 160 at 0500Z, and 80 at 0300 and 0700Z.

Awards: Certificates to the highest scoring single operator in each state, province, and country. Also each CA county and stations scoring 100 or more QSOs.

Trophies galore. Single operator, top three out-of-state, and CA top three. Also CA county expedition, and a special award for the CA and out-of-state stations making the most CW QSOs. Multi-single and multi-multi winners in CA and county expedition. The CA mobile team making the most QSOs. And the top scorer outside the United States and Canada, high-scoring low-power entry (less than 200 watts). A Special Award of a personalized bottle of California wine goes to the top 20 single operators in CA and 20 out of state. And to the top-scoring Novice/Tech entry, both in CA and out of state.

Include a summary sheet showing the scoring, etc., a dupe sheet if you make more than 200 QSOs, and a large SASE for a copy of the results.

Mailing deadline is November 15th and entries go to: NCCC c/o Gary Caldwell, WA6VEF, Box 8014-56, Blaine, WA 98230.

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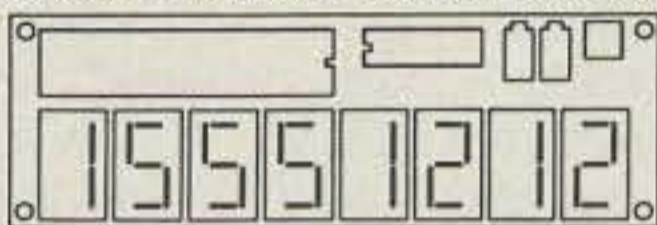
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REGULATORY HAPPENINGS FROM THE WORLD OF AMATEUR RADIO

Amateur Radio Interest Is At A Fever Pitch!

People from all over want to know what it takes to become an amateur radio operator now that the FCC has eliminated the Morse code requirement at the entry level. We have been getting a steady stream of inquiring letters on the subject from readers. This month we will respond to those letters by giving you an overview of the Amateur Service and how you may participate. It is really quite easy.

In a nutshell, amateur radio is a hobby—a leisure-time recreational activity for people interested in electronics and communication. You don't need any previous experience or knowledge to become a ham. Although some beginners attend amateur radio classes conducted by local radio clubs, most teach themselves through self-study. Due to modern equipment and technology, the qualifications needed to become an amateur radio operator are a lot less than they used to be. No longer do you need to know the Morse code or how to build your gear. There are certain things you *must* know, however.

Amateur radio exists in virtually every country of the world. It is the oldest service administered by the Federal Communications Commission, an independent government agency. The earliest radio pioneers were, of course, amateurs, since practical applications of wireless transmissions had yet to be discovered.

Wireline telegraph systems were the primary long-distance communications means in the late 1800s. Global cooperation eventually became a necessity to facilitate exchange of telegraph messages between different nations. The age of radio is considered to have begun about the turn of the century when Marconi discharged spark signals which were received across the English Channel, and later between England and Newfoundland. In 1906 the International Telegraph Union added radio to its responsibilities to help alleviate wireless interference.

As a result of the 1912 London World Radio Conference, the United States took steps to assume control of all radio transmissions. New laws regulated wireless radio and provided for government licensing of all stations. Amateurs no

longer would be able to operate on radio wavelengths shorter than 200 meters.

Fifteen years later the nations of the world agreed on its first frequency allocations, including those of the Amateur Radio Service. Since it was known that radio signals also radiated somewhat on multiples of the transmitting frequency, the Amateur Service was assigned bands which were multiples of the 160 meter band. This ensured that all superfluous signals would fall in the higher frequency amateur bands and not interfere with other radio services.

The Federal Communications Commission was created in 1934, when President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Communications Act into law. This law regulated all wire and radio telecommunications. The amateur rules are spelled out in Part 97, Title 47, Code of Federal Regulations. Title 47 CFR covers telecommunications (available from W5YI for \$2.95).

While today's CBER is only allowed one low-power transmission mode (AM-sideband is a form of amplitude modulation) on one band, amateurs enjoy many bands. In fact, 27 different frequency bands are allocated to the Amateur Service internationally beginning at 160 meters. This makes it possible for amateur radio operators to communicate with their counterparts located in all corners of the world, because different frequency bands have distinctive radio propagation characteristics (distance ranges).

Over two-million operators throughout the world exchange messages by voice, teleprinting, telegraphy, packet, facsimile, and television. Amateur radio is just that. The transmission of business communications is strictly prohibited and is cause for license revocation.

Operator License Required

In areas where the Amateur Service is regulated by the FCC, a government issued license or permit is required in order to be the control operator of an amateur station. These areas include our many island possessions throughout the world. You don't even have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for an FCC-issued license.

Our government also recognizes the amateur license of many other nations and will issue a reciprocal operating permit to amateurs licensed in other coun-

tries. This allows foreign amateurs to operate their radios while visiting the United States or its possessions.

A special 1952 U.S./Canada treaty arrangement gives visiting amateurs the right to operate in the neighboring country without applying for a reciprocal permit. You simply identify your station with your assigned callsign and add the geographical suffix of the region in which you are transmitting. For example, I would use W5YI/VE2 while visiting Montreal. I would sign W5YI/VE3 in Toronto.

Frequency Sharing

All amateurs of a specific license class share the same bands, and it is very important that we take steps to preclude interference with other stations. Listen before you transmit. It is up to the amateur community to make the most effective use of our frequencies. Unlike other radio services, no frequency is assigned for the exclusive use of any amateur station. Amateurs and amateur organizations coordinate certain frequencies that are used for repeater operation to reduce co-channel interference.

It is also important that you read the Part 97 Rules summarizing the frequency-sharing requirements. There are certain geographical radio quiet zones in the United States where you may not operate on certain frequencies. This is to protect certain areas and radio services—such as along the Canadian border or at certain radio astronomy and military installations—from radio interference.

Be aware that all amateur spectrum above 144 MHz is shared with other services in our hemisphere. Other radio services (such as international shortwave broadcasting) in other parts of the world also share our amateur radio bands. Sometimes the U.S. Amateur Service has a primary right of access; sometimes it is secondary. A secondary radio service must not disrupt a primary user.

Amateur Equipment

Another feature unique to the Amateur Service is that licensed amateurs may design, construct, modify, and repair all of their equipment, because the FCC's equipment approval program generally

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does not apply to amateur station transmitters. There are special regulations that apply to amplifiers that might be used to boost signals in the 11 meter Citizen's Band.

Only licensed amateurs may build or modify a single external RF power amplifier that will be used on frequencies below 144 MHz. The FCC does not permit the commercial manufacture or distribution of any amplifier capable of amplifying a CB signal. The law says amateurs may sell such an amplifier only to another licensed amateur or to an equipment dealer who must further sell it to a licensed amateur.

Qualifying For A License

An examination must be passed to qualify for an amateur radio operator license. The degree of skill and knowledge in operating an amateur station the examinee can demonstrate to volunteer examiners (VEs) determine the class of operator license for which the examinee is qualified. This is known as the incentive system of amateur radio licensing.

There are two examination systems. The less formal Novice testing program requires two General class or higher level volunteer examiners. The more formal VEC System requires three VEs who must hold Advanced or amateur Extra licenses.

Although a person may initially qualify for any of the five grades of operator class, either the Technician or the Novice operator class is the ideal way to become involved quickly in amateur radio. After gaining more skill and knowledge, the licensee can advance to a higher class of operator license.

Codeless Technician Class

The requirement for the new Codeless Technician class license is a 55-question written examination consisting of Elements 2 and 3A. There is no Morse code requirement. Element 2 contains 30 multiple-choice questions. You must correctly answer 22 to pass. Element 3A requires answering 19 out of 25 questions. The questions cover FCC regulations, operating procedures, safety, and basic communications.

All questions are systematically selected by the VE from a pool of about 700 possible questions. These questions are all publicly known and widely published. If you do not pass both examinations needed to get your license, you get a credit slip (good for one year) for the test element passed. That means you will only have to retake the test element you failed.

The operating privileges of the new No-Code Technician class include all modes in the 6 meter and shorter wavelength amateur bands. This includes the popular 2 meter band, the amateur's social party

line, and digital packet radio (automatic computer-to-computer) communications.

By using a radio modem (called a terminal node controller) you can send and receive messages directly at your computer using the free radio waves as your message highway rather than the expensive telephone lines. There are now more than 100,000 packet stations operating on the amateur airwaves!

The code-free amateur radio class has only been in existence since this past spring and has really revitalized amateur radio! Newcomers by the thousands are entering amateur radio at the Codeless Technician level. If you need study material for this new license class, it may be obtained from us, The W5YI Group.

The *Ham Radio No-Code Handbook* is \$9.95 plus \$2.00 shipping, and the *No-Code Ham Radio Education Package*, complete with IBM-compatible computer-aided instruction software, is \$29.95 postpaid. (VISA and MasterCard: 1-800-669-9594 toll-free. We will even tell you the location of the nearest test session. Mail orders go to P.O. Box 565101, Dallas, TX 75356.)

New Codeless Technicians are normally assigned a Group "C" callsign. (Prefix letter "N" followed by a regional designator and three suffix letters. For example: N1AAA is a Group "C" callsign.) When all Group "C" callsigns are assigned, the FCC then allocates Group "D" calls; two prefix letters beginning with "K," a regional designator and three suffix letters. (KB1AAA is an example of a Group "D" callsign.) Your callsign must be transmitted periodically to identify your transmissions.

Additionally, a Codeless Technician operator license plus a Certificate of Suc-

cessful Completion of Examination (CSCE) for passing a telegraphy examination (usually 5 words-per-minute) authorizes additional voice privileges in the 10 meter band and telegraphy in the 10, 15, 40, and 80 meter bands. A Codeless Technician who passes a Morse code test is known as a "Tech Plus" operator (for Technician plus code).

Novice Class

The Novice class is the entry level for persons, especially youngsters, who do not have the knowledge to pass the more difficult 25 question Element 3(A), but who can pass an elementary 30-question Element 2 and a Morse code examination.

Novice operating privileges include all mode types in segments of the 23 centimeter (1270-1295 MHz) and 1.25 meter (222.10-223.91 MHz band). Also included are teleprinting and voice emission privileges in a segment of the 10 meter band and code authority in the 10, 15, 40, and 80 meter bands. The station is assigned a Group callsign.

Other License Classes

The next step up the amateur radio license ladder is the General class operator. For the Technician class license holder the requirements are passing a 13 words-per-minute telegraphy examination, Element 1(B), and a 25-question written examination, Element 3(B). Examination credit is given for the General class written element when the applicant holds a Technician class operator license issued before March 21, 1987.

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Then comes the Advanced class. Another written examination, Element 4(A), is required. This license authorizes additional frequency privileges in the 75, 40, 20, and 15 meter bands. The station is eligible for a Group "B" callsign (two prefix letters, one regional designator, and two suffix letters).

The final step is Amateur Extra class operator. Only 10% of all amateur operators hold this class. Another written examination, Element 4(B), and 20 words-per-minute telegraphy skill, Element 1(C), are required. This license authorizes additional frequency privileges in the 80, 75, 40, 20, and 15 meter bands. This station is eligible for a shorter Group "A" callsign.

Volunteer Examiners

VEs are senior-level amateur operators in the community who volunteer their services. They provide information in the form of a public announcement as to

when and where examination sessions are held. A testing fee is usually charged (currently \$5.25) to reimburse examiners for costs associated with preparing, processing, and administering examinations.

Study aids are available from Amateur Service suppliers. The W5YI Group also distributes a complete line of low-cost study material for all amateur license classes. (VISA or MasterCard call toll free 1-800-669-W5YI [9594] if you need study material for any license class.)

Disabled Applicants

Volunteer Examiners are required to use special accommodative procedures to assist severely handicapped examinees. They administer the examination at a place convenient and comfortable for the examinee (even bedside).

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and interpret what was sent. Also, the VEs may substitute a sending test for a receiving test where the examinee's particular handicap precludes a receiving test.

Amateurs who cannot pass a 13 or 20 words-per-minute telegraphy examination because of physician-certified handicaps are excused from those examinations. To receive examination credit, the handicapped individual must already have qualified for a Novice class operator license by proving to the volunteer examiners that the applicant knows the required 43 Morse code characters at a speed of at least 5 words-per-minute. International law does not permit waivers of all Morse code tests.

The physician should execute a certification only when the nature of the individual's handicap is so severe as to prevent the passing of a 13 or 20 words-per-minute telegraphy examination. The certifying physician must be either an M.D. or a D.O. and be licensed to practice in the United States or its territories.

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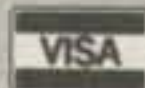
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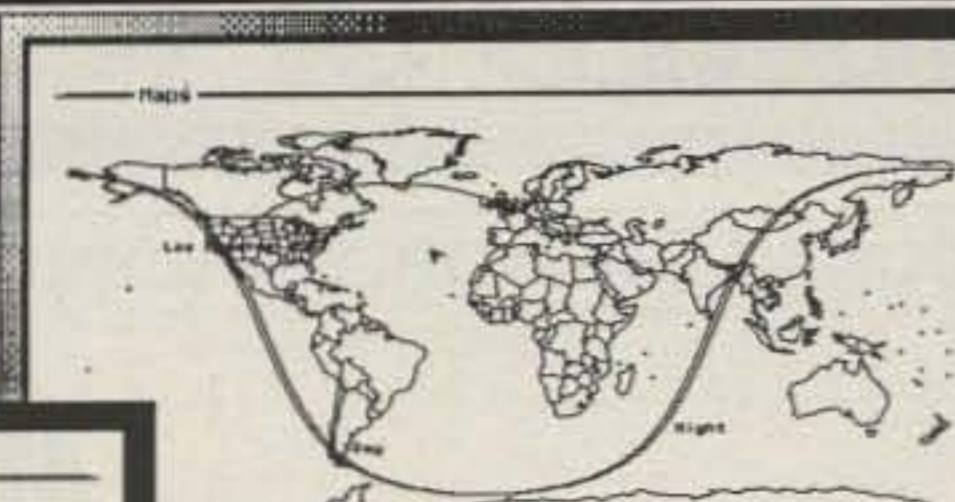
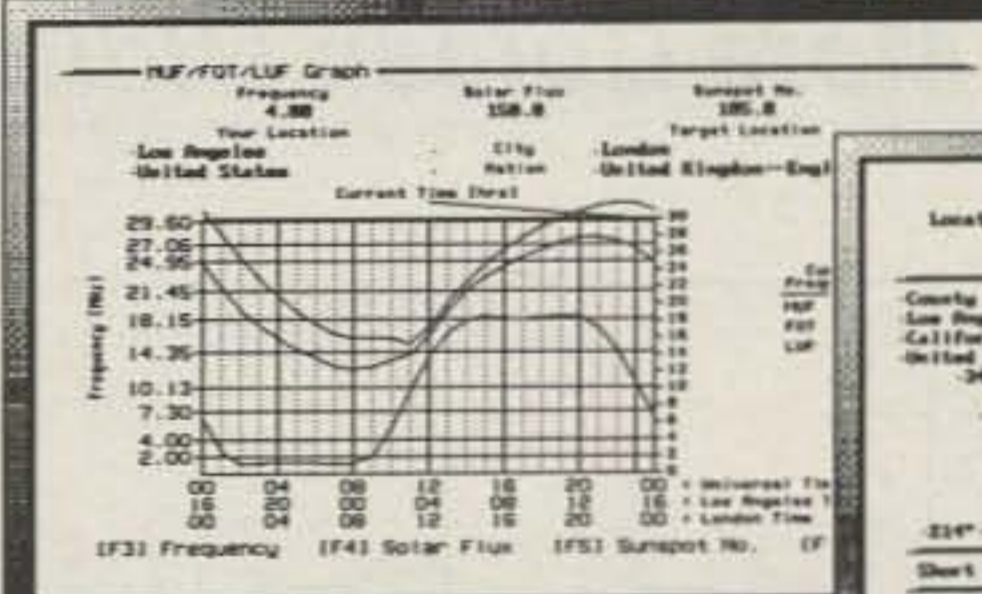
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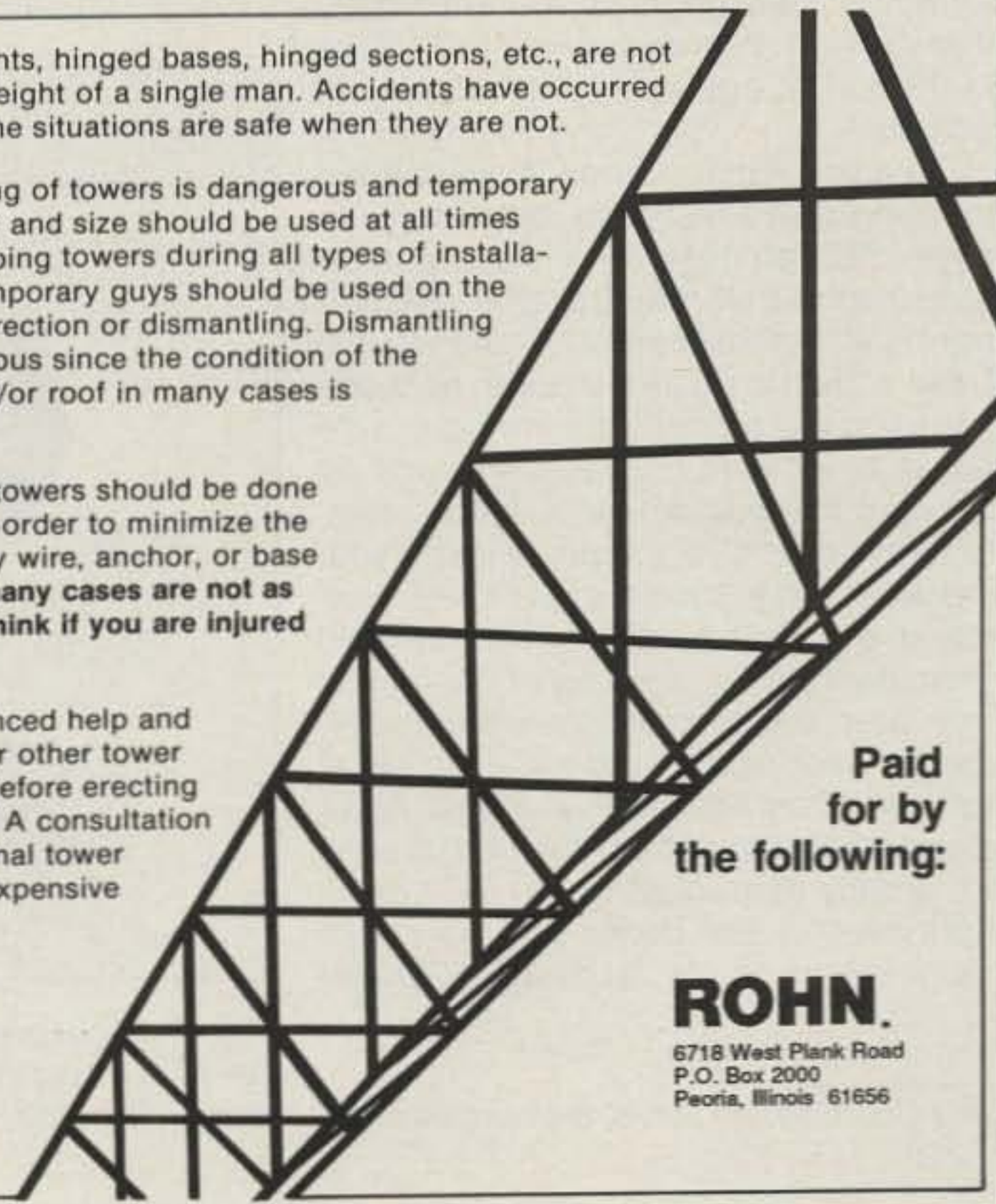
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More Golden Oldies!

Heads up, gang. Your requests for more views of old-time rigs and easy-to-build transmitters have been heard and honored. We are taking another ride on the nostalgia special again this month. Our route is classic QRP, and it promises to be fun all the way! In fact, we are even bringing back a very popular name and transmitter many of us remember from our budding Novice days of the '50s: Don Stoner, W6TNS, and his "Space Spanner." Our slant on QRP, incidentally, is well founded. The simple designs of QRP units make great weekend projects, they produce minimum interference and maximum enjoyment, and they continuously prove the operator rather than the rig makes the difference.

Looking back through your letters and my off-the-air notes, I see many of you asked for details on a stand-alone one-tube transmitter and neat solid-state rig (built on a wood frame, no less!). Our "Transformerless Wonder" and "Semiconductor Space Spanner" answer those requests beautifully, plus we are also including a classic Hartley with a good "twist" for first-time builders—crystal control. All of our featured rigs work like champs on today's bands, and they are perfect for reliving those romantic days of yesteryear. Fire up your old HQ-100 or SX-99, and let's get rolling with some real radio fun!

Once again this column is overloaded and moving at a fast pace, but before we move into high gear, here is an interesting question that may become reality if there is sufficient interest. Would you like to see a classic rig (like those in past columns and this month's column) available today? In kit form or preassembled? As you read this column, note which transmitters and receivers appeal most to you, and what they should cost. Drop your note to me, I will pass it on to interested "manufacturers," and report the results here later. Incidentally, thanks to everyone for your immediate acceptance of my new book *Keys, Keys, Keys!* All of your kind words on the photos and stories are greatly appreciated, and *CQ's* book store reports the books are going like crazy. Now that's exciting! Thanks!

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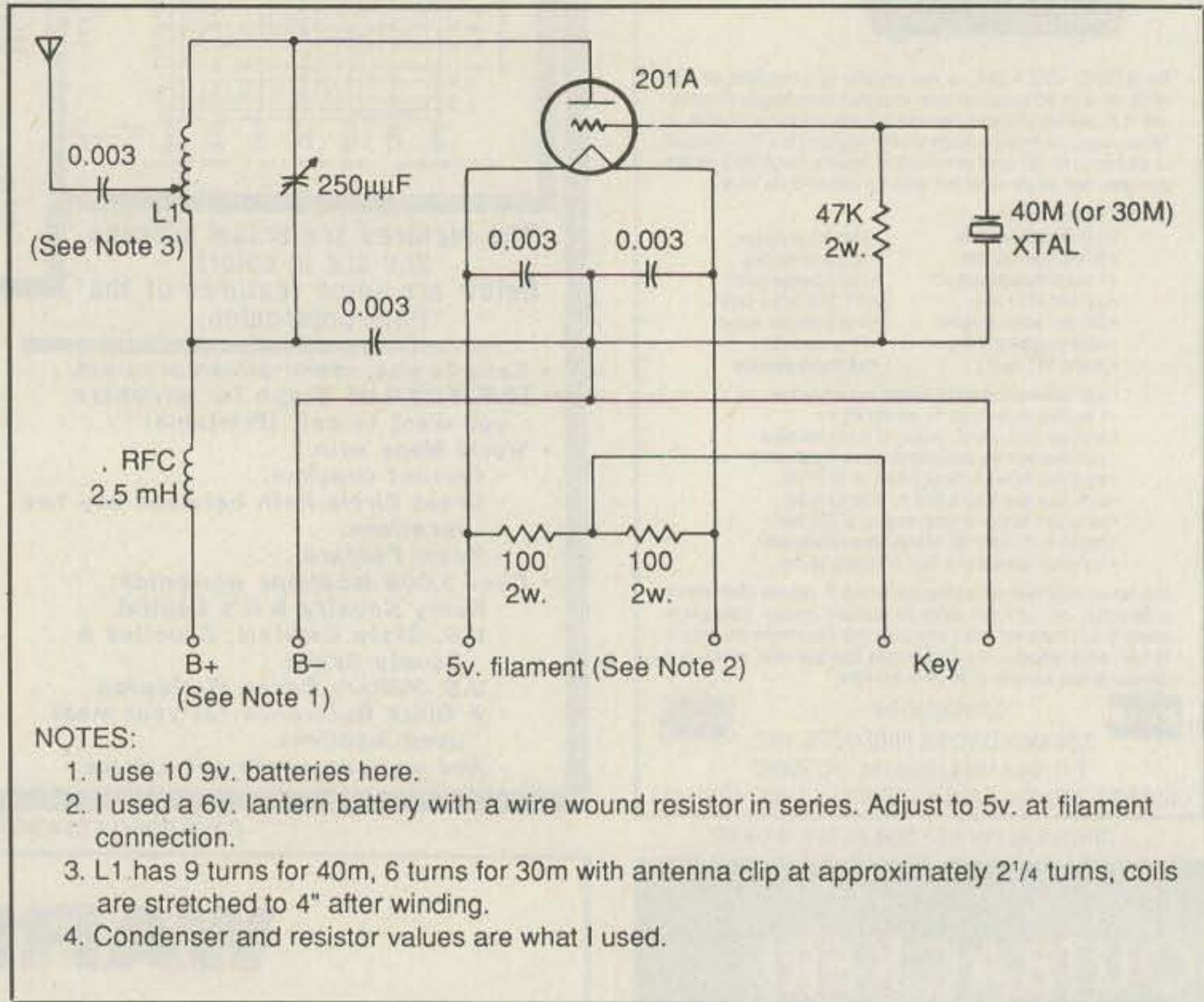


Fig. 1—Schematic diagram of the beautiful Crystal Hartley transmitter. (Details in text.)



Fig. 2—Front view of W8WVM's Crystal Hartley transmitter. Copper tank coil sits on beehive insulators, clip connects to antenna terminal on rear, tuning condenser is hidden by large dial, and crystal is in the right back corner. This beautiful gem runs 2 watts on 30 or 40 meters.

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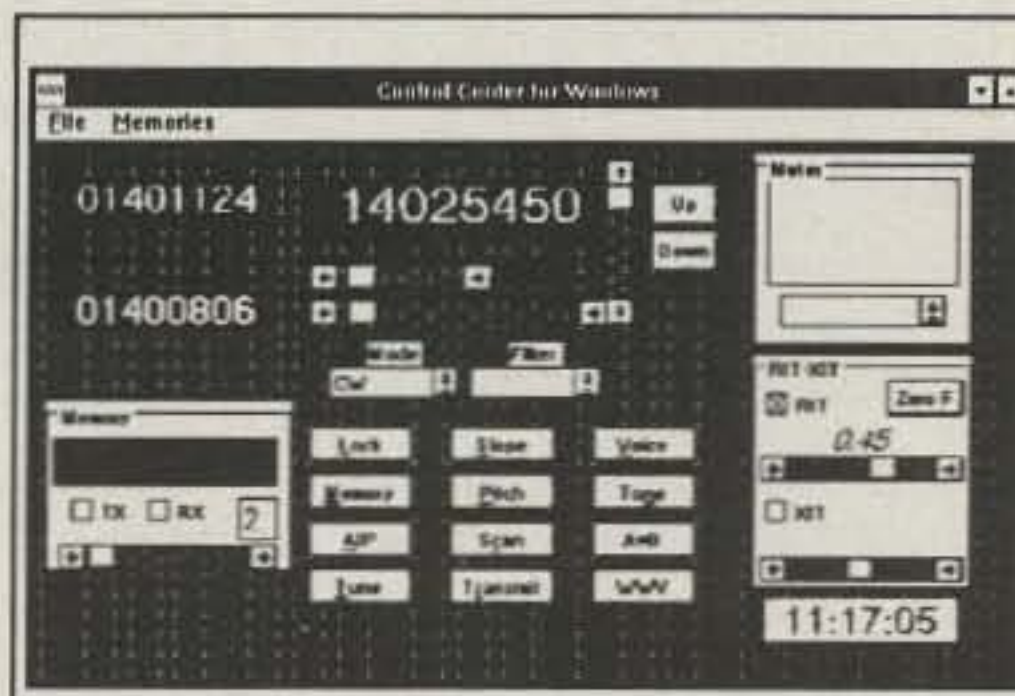
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Fig. 3—Arnold Sayre's homebrewed batteries for Crystal Hartley and other rigs. Standard 1.5 and 9 volt batteries are mounted in cases with slip-off covers made with photocopies of original-era items.

That's enough soapboxing for this month, so let's get to the rigs!

The Crystal Hartley

Our first transmitter is compliments of Arnold Sayre, W8WVM (Route 7, Box 14, Buckhannon, WV 26201), and it is an improved/crystal-stabilized version of our classic Hartley featured in past columns. The schematic diagram is shown in fig. 1, and Arnold's completed rig is shown in fig. 2. Needless to say, W8WVM's workmanship is impeccable. The oak base has a fantastic glaze, the coil and wiring sparkle, and every component shines like new. Imagine using this little gem on the air today! We know you can't wait to build your own copy of this critter, so here are the details.

The plate coil (L1) is ¼ inch copper tubing wound with an inside diameter of 3 inches. Each end is flattened and drilled for mounting on the beehive insulators. A 9-turn coil is used for 40 meter operation, and a 6-turn coil is used for 30 meters. Both coils are stretched to 4 inches in length after winding, and alligator-clip-tapped at 2¼ turns from the "cold end" for the antenna (vary the tap position until you get maximum output into your long-wire or Windom antenna).

The plate tuning condenser should be a transmitting type. Any value between 150 and 250 mmFd should work fine. Arnold used .003 mFd bypass condensers in his version; I used .005 mFd, so there is also good leeway in this area. We heartily

recommend old-style FT243 crystals (readily available today from JAN Crystals at 1-800-JAN-XTAL) because they can withstand some of this circuit's feedback abuse, and you can disassemble them for "home grinding." Surely you remember running quartz slabs in figure-8 patterns through a mix of Ajax and water to raise their frequency or rubbing them with pencil lead to lower their frequency (see July 1991 CQ for a refresher).

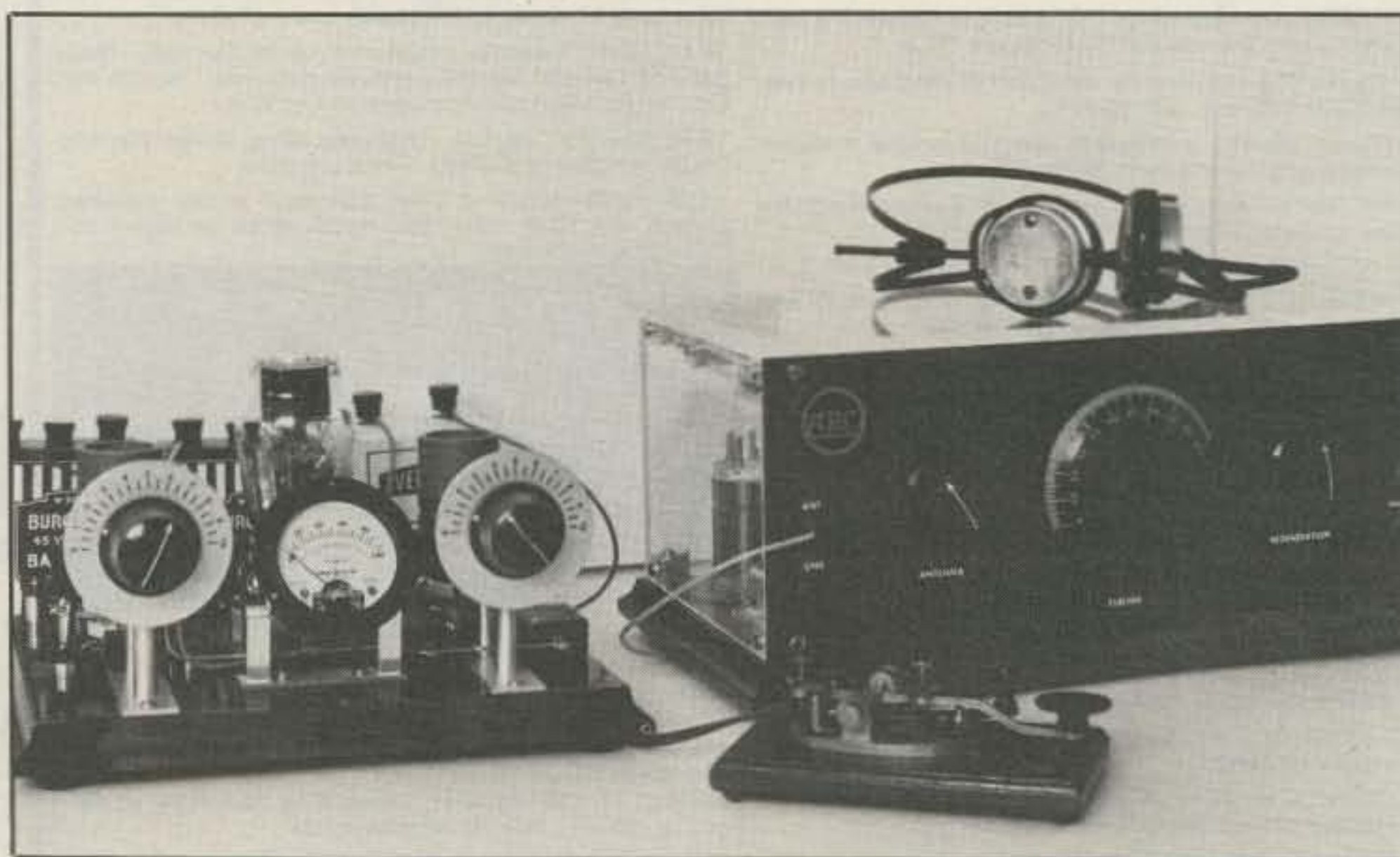


Fig. 4—This complete 1930s-style station was built by W8WVM in 1990. The Globe Trotter receiver on the right was featured in our February 1990 CQ column, and the Tri-Tetter transmitter on the left was highlighted in our March 1989 column. Now this is a real ham rig!

A genuine Radiotron UX201A tube is used in the little delight. These beautiful round-dome tubes are a mite scarce (and expensive), but such is the difference between classics and old junk. A more economical 45 tube can be substituted (its pin connections are the same, but filament voltage is only 2.5 volts), but hold the plate voltage below 150 volts. Otherwise, high grid current can fracture the crystal.

Total battery power is heavily recommended for this transmitter, or its CW note may sound like a buzz saw cutting through a pine knot. Use pure DC for best results! Fig. 3 shows how W8WVM accomplished this homebrewed battery trick. Five regular 9 volt batteries are mounted in each plastic case. Their "wrap-around covers" are poster board with Burgess and Eveready logos cut from old catalogs and glued in place. Press-on letters are included on the "A" battery, and old-style screw terminals are mounted on the tops. Completed covers are sprayed with plastic to retain the new look. Since the covers slide off, battery replacement is easy.

Before proceeding to our next transmitter, I must share some more views of W8WVM's creative genius. Fig. 4 shows Arnold's 1930-style station consisting of our Tri-Tetter transmitter (featured in March 1989 CQ) and Globe Trotter receiver (highlighted in February 1990 CQ). They are complemented with American Bell headphones and J-38 key, and Arnold says the setup works as good as it looks. If this complete setup was available in full kit form today, homebrewing would hit an all-time high! The Tri-Tetter runs 5 watts and uses plug-in coils for 40 and 30 meters. Arnold added an antenna

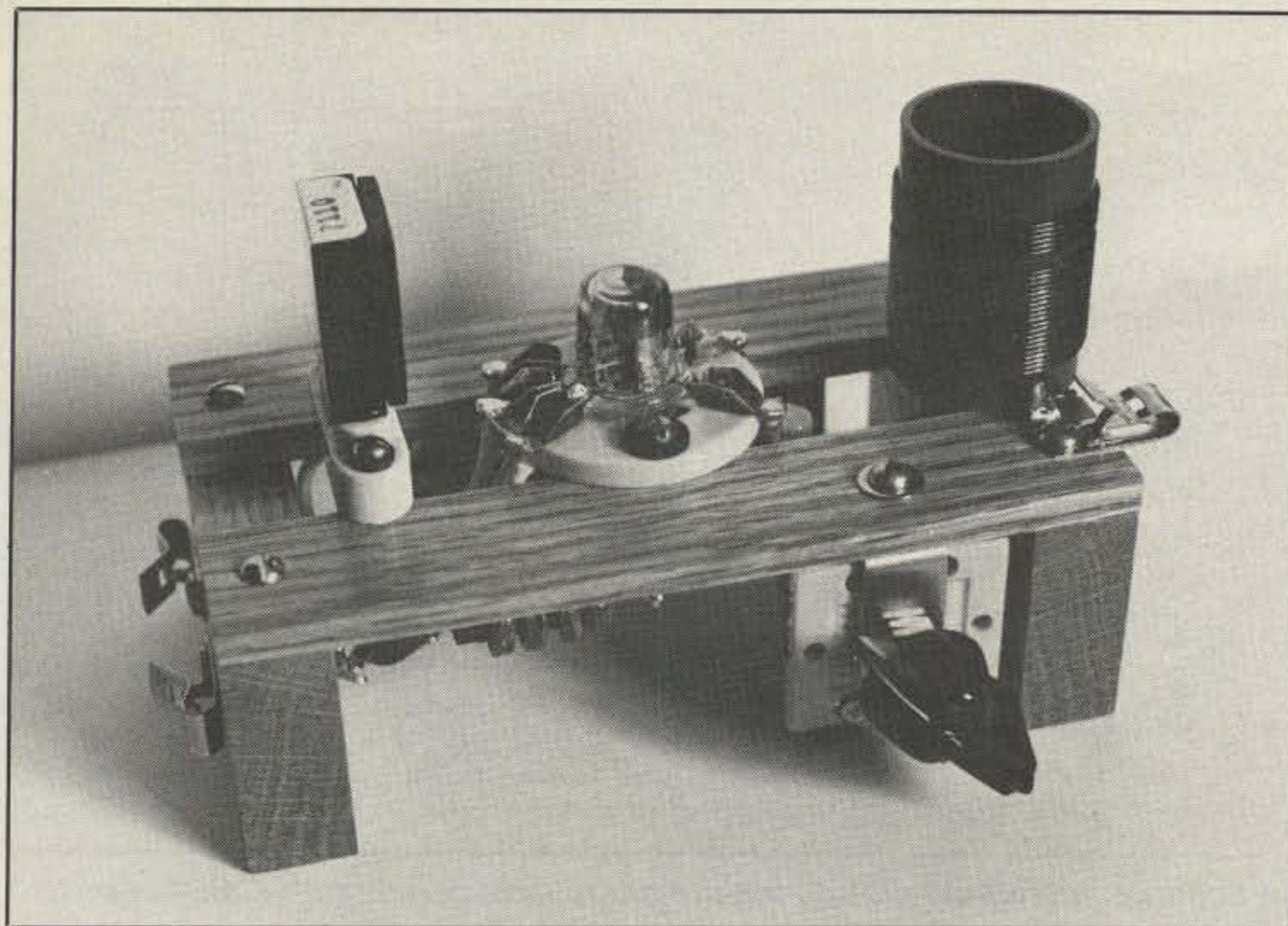


Fig. 5- W8WVM's 'Lil Buddy is a masterpiece that makes our original unit look sick!

current meter and loading condenser (365 mmFd in series with one antenna coil lead) to balance the layout. The homebrew dial plates are made with press-on numbers on aluminum sheets. Very nice!

Next is W8WVM's version of my 'Lil Buddy transmitter highlighted in March 1990 CQ (fig. 5). This 500 milliwatt type uses a 955 acorn tube obtained from Fair Radio. It is built on an oak frame finished in clear lacquer, and makes my original version look sick. Arnold sent me an oak frame so I could rebuild my version to look like his version of my version (say

what?), but I am now hooked on the W6TNS "Space Spanner" and will probably use it for that rig. Then again, a well-built 'Lil Buddy is a neat 30 meter QRP rig. Moving right along . . .

The Transformerless Wonder

Okay, stout-hearted spendthrifts. Fig. 6 shows the perfect mate for your AC/DC S-38 receiver—the infamous Transformerless Wonder! Underwriters Laboratories would have a field day with this little 3 watt transmitter, so **do not** (I repeat, **do not**) assemble it on a metal chassis.

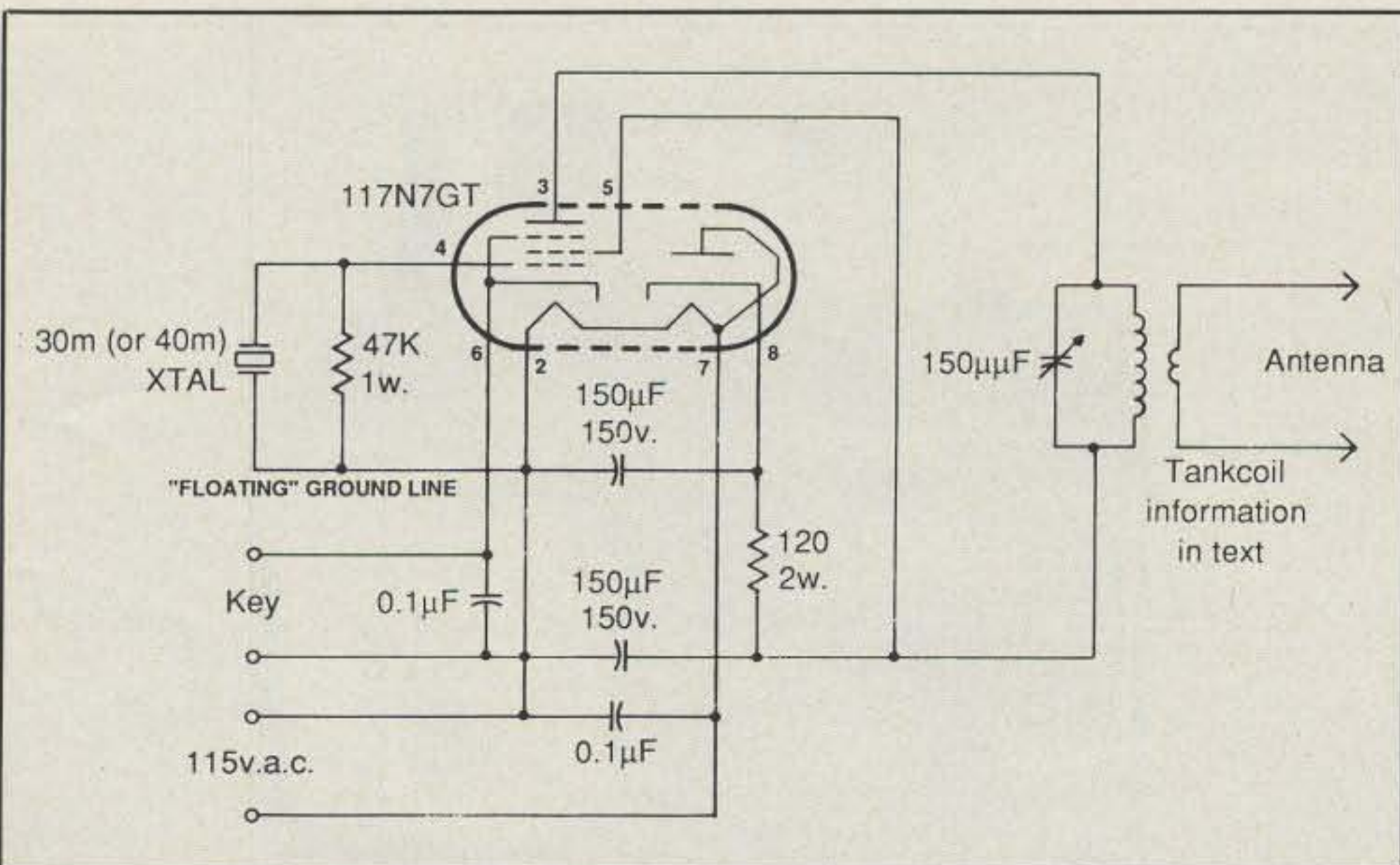


Fig. 6- Schematic diagram of the "Transformerless Wonder." Transmitter can be built on the same wood frame used for our Ruskin Special in March 1990 CQ.

Why? One side of a regular 115 volt AC line is at ground potential, and the other side is "hot" (115 volts between it and ground). Unless you assemble this little treasure on a wooden frame and use a floating ground, you stand a 50-50 chance of being zapped big-time! Never fear, as Dave has the ideal solution. Assemble this gem on the same 3" x 3" x 10" wooden frame used for our "John Ruskin Special" described in March 1990 CQ. Make sure all AC wiring and B-leads are well insulated (including the key; notice one side connects to ground/115 volts AC), and enjoy a self-contained plug in-and-use transmitter that fits anywhere!

The key component in this transmitter is a 117N7GT dual-section tube. One section is the power supply's rectifier, the other section is the transmitter's power pentode, and the filament operates directly from 115 volts AC. You want this gem to have a good CW note, so do not skimp on filter capacitors; 150 to 250 mFd is a good choice. Tape them together and mount them between terminal strips screwed to the wood frame. Another terminal strip can serve as AC-cord connection points. Wrap it with tape to avoid exposure, and then simply plug the AC cord into an outlet to "switch on" the transmitter.

A slight amount of tinkering may be required for optimizing the plate coil, so several construction options are open to fit your available parts. If you have an old-time 1 1/4 or 1 1/2 inch plug-in coil form, use number 18 or 22 enameled wire and wind 20 turns for 80 meters, 15 turns for 40 meters, or 12 turns for 30 meters. Space the turns to occupy 1 1/2 inches on the form. The antenna pickup coil is 6 turns of similar wire, close wound, above or below the plate coil. After you get the transmitter perking, remove plate turns one at a time and retest until you get maximum output. If you do not have coil forms available, the regular bell wire and sucker-stick form/mount concept I used in the John Ruskin Special (see March 1990 CQ) works fine in this rig. That form's diameter is roughly 2 inches. A 10-turn plate coil and 5-turn antenna coil are used for 30 meters. Use our previous coil-form notes and your ingenuity to scale coils for other bands.

Tune-up of this transmitter is similar to the previously discussed Crystal Hartley. Simply tune the plate condenser for maximum output. If desired, a 100 or 365 mmFd variable can be series-connected with either antenna-coil lead. Loading then follows the usual pi-net procedure. You can also connect a VOM across key terminals for "dipping" and checking input power. Approximately 35 ma at resonance/dip is maximum loading.

Drop me a note when you get your 117N7 rig going. I would like to be your first 30 meter contact.

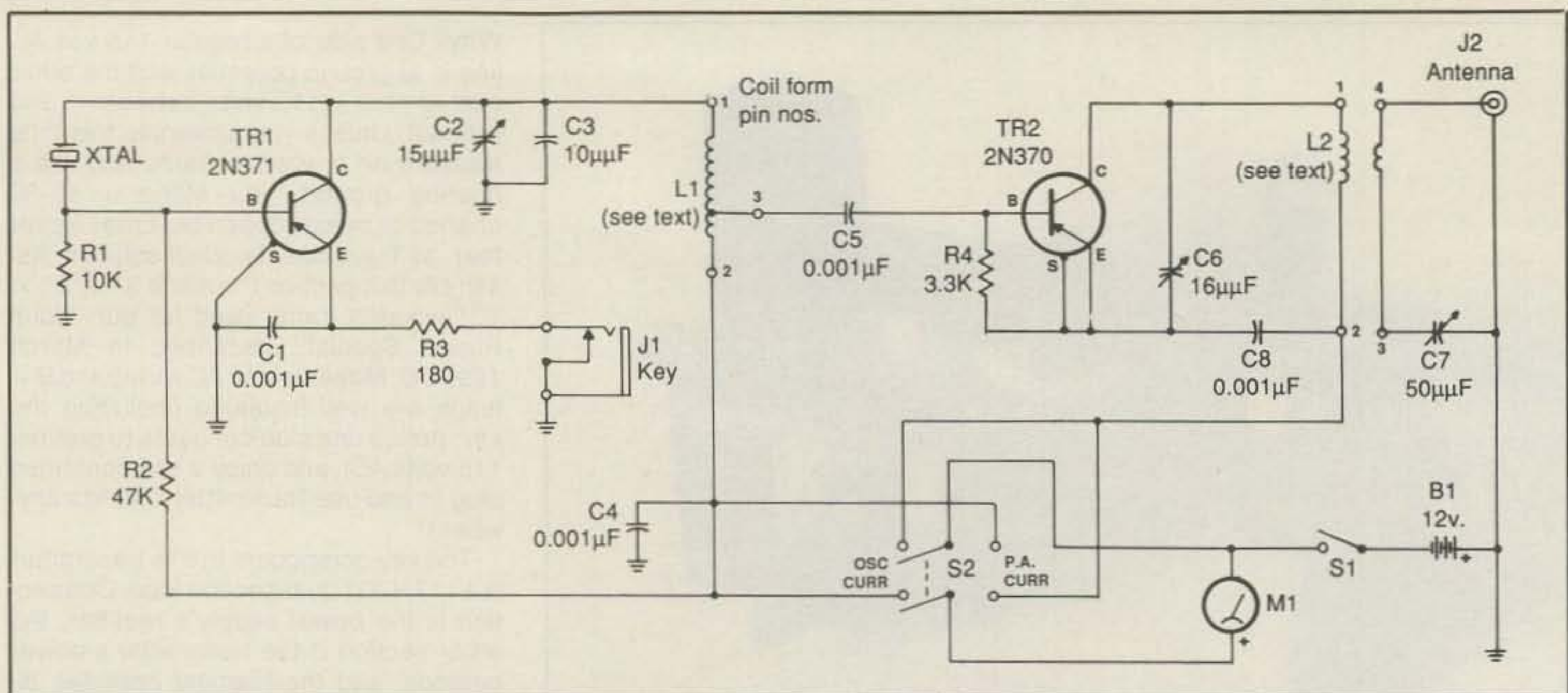


Fig. 7—Schematic of the Semiconductor Space Scanner. W6TNS classic was one of the first home brewed solid-state transmitters

The Semiconductor Space Spanner

If you were a budding Novice during the 1950s, you probably remember reading Don Stoner's description of his new-style

solid-state transmitter in *Popular Electronics* magazine. This heart throb used a pair of PNP transistors to run 90 milliwatts on 15 meters, and W6TNS worked all continents with it. The schematic diagram of this little classic is shown in fig. 7, and its original-era (aged!) photo is in fig. 8. Don's original version was built on a 3" x 6" x 4" chassis. Alternately, you can sacrifice some of its sex appeal and build it on a 'Lil Buddy wood frame (see March 1990 CQ). Mount the three tuning condensers vertically, put the meter and crystal socket on the front with angle bracket supports, and wire the transistors right by their leads.

Look at the SSS diagram, ignore the

fancy meter switching (S2), and you will see this circuit is actually simple. A basic Pierce oscillator, current-limited by a 180 ohm resistor, is emitter-keyed. Its collector is tuned by a 10–25 pFd capacitor. (C2 and C3 could have been one capacitor. Evidently Don did not have a 25 pFd on hand.) Oscillator output couples through C5 to Q2's base (R4 is reverse bias—evidently class C). Q2's collector is tuned with C6, and C7 adjusts antenna loading. The meter switch simply reads Q1 current (bottom pole) while completing Q2's circuit (top pole), or Q2's current while completing Q1's circuit. Clever!

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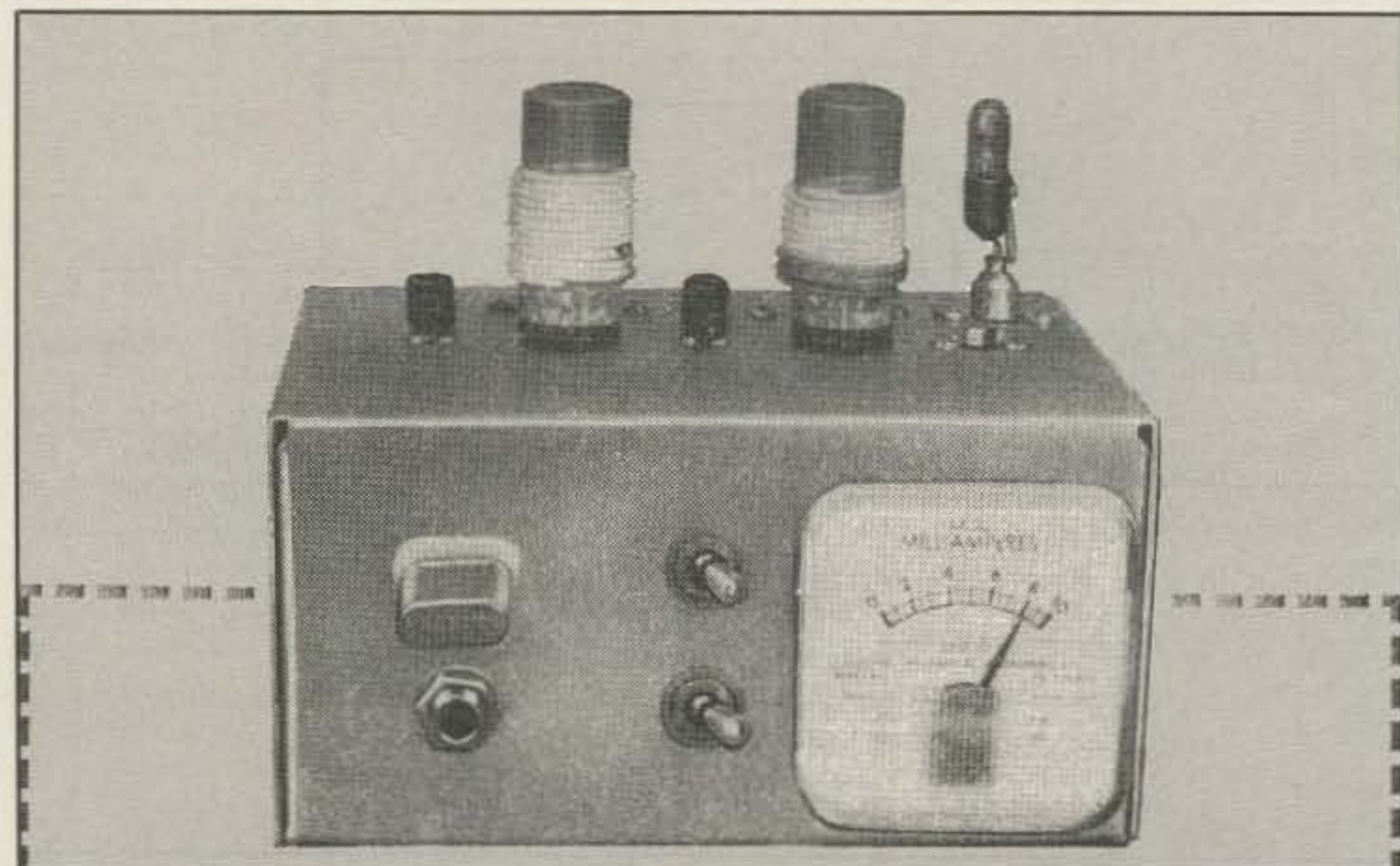


Fig. 8—Original-era (and yellowed with age!) picture of the Semiconductor Space Scanner. Truly '50s nostalgia at its best!

original 2N371 and 2N370 transistors is not easy today, as nearly all modern transmitters use NPNs. A good alternative for both is the 2N3906, or you can reverse the battery and use 2N2222, 2N3904, or 2N3866 transistors (our substitutes work for both stages).

All coils for the SSS are wound using number 20 plastic-covered hookup wire. The forms are 5/8 inch diameter by 1 1/2 inch tall (use pill bottles glued to miniature tube plugs mating with similar sockets on the chassis). L1 and L2 are both 15 turns for 15 meters. Tap L1 at 3 3/4 turns from the bottom. For 10 or 12 meters L1 is 11 turns tapped 2 3/4 turns from the bottom, and L2 is 10 turns. For 17 meters L1 is 17 turns tapped at 4 turns, and L2 is 17 turns. Antenna coil L3 is wound in the same direction and over the bottom of L2. Wind 5 turns for 17 meters, 4 3/4 turns for 15, and 3 3/4 turns for 12/10 meters. Use an overtone crystal cut for one third your desired frequency in this rig (example: 7.020 MHz for 21.060 operation, 6.025 for 18.075, etc.). They are available from Jan Crystals.

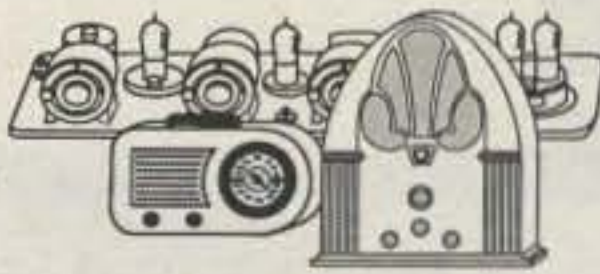
Tune-up follows classic tube rig procedures. Connect your dipole or beam and adjust C2 for maximum power amplifier current, and then adjust C6 for a dip in power amplifier collector current. Increase coupling with C7, and repeat until Q2 collector current is 8 or 9 ma. Alternately, all three capacitors can be tuned for maximum output as measured on a field strength meter or your receiver's S meter. Don had good luck with this gem during the '50s because "high power" signals were usually 100 watts. Today folks run 1000 watts. That's why I suggest WARC band operation: The "usual" power of 100 watts on 17 and 12 meters gives you a maximum ratio.

So how is W6TNS today? Don is alive and well, semi-retired, and he recently founded NARA, The National Amateur Radio Association (16541 Redmond Way, Suite 232, Redmond, WA 98052). This group's objective is to expose the "outside world" to amateur radio and usher curious onlookers into our great hobby. Don is doing this in the same "hand-holding manner" many of us recall from the '50s. Stoner is a fascinating individual, and I thoroughly enjoyed collaborating with him on reactivating the SSS. I am sure he would be delighted to hear from you when you get your own SSS on the air.

Once again we've overflowed available space. Until next time, I look forward to seeing you on 30 or 17 meters around dawn or dusk, or on 20 SSB some Sunday afternoon. I also still have some Wild Woody WARC keys to give to deserving friends. Finally, please remember to include an SASE with your letters and be patient for replies.

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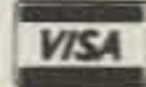
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Novice Century Club Award

CQ's Novice Century Club Award Program is intended to provide Novices with an additional incentive to operate and to exchange QSL cards. Contacts may all be on one band, or they may be on any combination of our U.S.A. Novice bands. Similarly, one mode or any combination of modes may be used. Contacts do not have to be just with other Novices. Contacts with all classes of domestic (U.S.A.) and foreign (DX) amateurs also count towards qualifying for this award.

After collecting the QSL cards which prove 100 Novice band contacts, request a Novice Century Club Award application from CQ Magazine, 76 North Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801. The back side of this application has spaces in which the callsigns should be listed in sequence. It is best to use the sequence system used in the *Callbook*; arrange listing by callsign districts (one through zero) and with suffixes shown alphabetically for each district. Have two Technician or higher class licensees check your list against your received cards. If they agree that the list is correct, have both amateurs fill in the verification portion of your application and sign it. Mail your completed application to the Novice Century Club Award Manager, using the address shown above. There is no fee for this award.

Your numbered certificate will be mailed to you soon after your application is received. It is a nice 8½ by 11 inch award that is suitable for framing (see fig. 1). You may decide to hang your award in your shack, as others have done.

The Novice Century Club Award is only available to U.S.A. Novices.

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Rag Chewers' Club Award

The starting date of the RCC is not readily available, but it appears to be in the late 1920s or the early 1930s. The RCC is intended to encourage longer contacts between amateurs to promote friendship and understanding. On-the-air conversations are referred to as "rag chewing," which provided the name for this award. An applicant just has to report the details of a contact which continued for at least 30 minutes. A business-size (#10) SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) must be sent to the ARRL (American Radio Relay League) with the applicant's contact report and RCC request. The ARRL's address is 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111. The RCC award has been issued during each of the last few years. About 90% of these awards go to domestic (U.S.A.) amateurs. The RCC award is issued by "The Old Sock," and this person's identity remains a closely guarded secret.

If you want to nominate someone else to receive the RCC certificate, send information to that person to make her/him aware of the availability of this award, plus its requirements. Do not submit a nomination to the ARRL on behalf of someone else. The applicant must submit her/his own request. RCC membership is open to all amateur radio licensees as a free service of the ARRL; you do not have to be a League member to obtain an RCC award. (See fig. 2.)

The TAD Award

The Ten American Districts (TAD) Award requires a lot more time and effort to earn than an RCC award. However, it is attainable to those who are just getting started on the air. It requires the applicant to provide proof (QSL cards or a verified list) of two-way contacts with other amateurs in each of the ten U.S.A. callsign districts (one through zero). This award was initiated during 1973, and more than 4300 TAD certificates have been issued. These awards have been sent to amateurs in all 50 states, plus amateurs in about 250 ARRL DXCC credit countries. It was initially believed that just U.S.A. Novices would be interested in acquiring TAD certificates, but most of them have been issued to DX (foreign) amateurs and Gen-



Here are Diane, KB2KLV, and Thomas, KB2KRN, Pataki of Jamaica, New York. Their parents are Eva, WA2BAV, and George, WB2AQC. Diane is 18 years old and is a student at Barnard College of Columbia University. She frequently uses Spanish during contacts. Thomas is a 13-year-old high school student. Diane recently upgraded to Advanced and Thomas upgraded to Technician.

eral or higher U.S.A. licensees requesting special endorsements (code, voice, RTTY, packet, single band, YL, QRP, etc.).

The TAD award is available to every amateur. You may submit QSL cards as proof of contacts, or you can send a list of contacts (verified by two unrelated amateurs) in lieu of cards. The list system is preferred. The cards are submitted, and they are returned to the applicant with the TAD certificate. Awards are issued the 19th day of each month. If a list (only) is used, each TAD award costs a domestic or foreign applicant \$2.00 or \$3.00, respectively. If cards are submitted, these

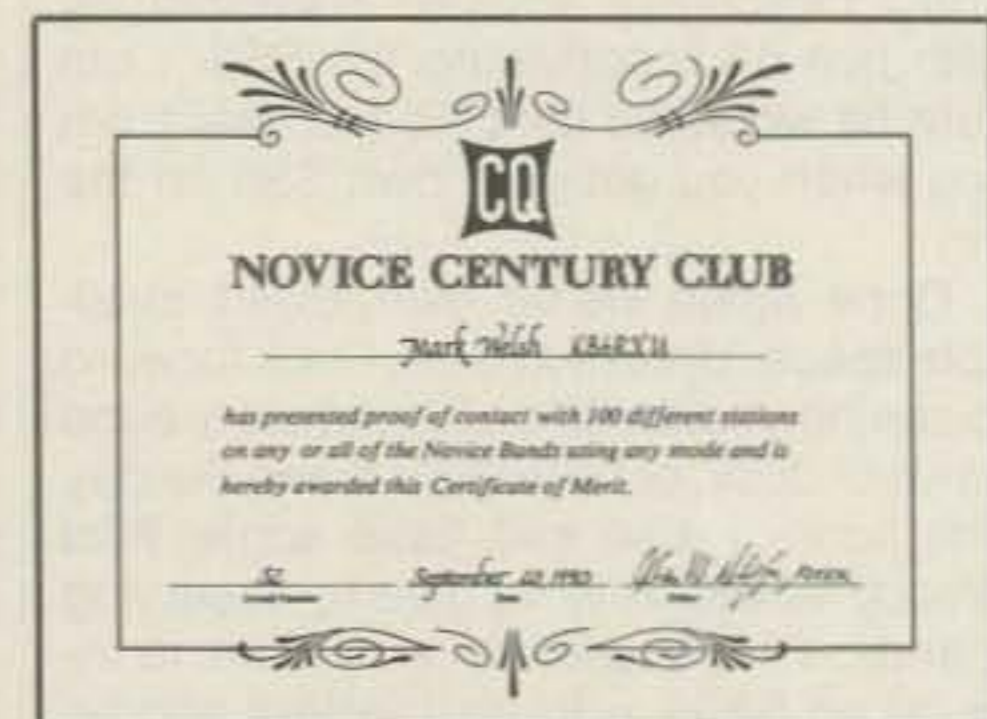


Fig. 1- The Novice Century Club award available from CQ magazine.

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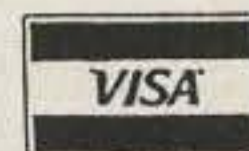
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Earning a TAD award is an achievement of which one should be proud. It is not easy to contact an amateur in each of the 50 states, and it can be very hard getting cards from all 50 states, as is required to obtain a Worked All States (WAS) award.

The TAD award is available from Bill Welsh, W6DDB, 45527 Third Street East, Lancaster, CA 93535-1802. Checks, cash, U.S.A. postage stamps, and International Reply Coupons (50 cents each) are accepted in payment. (See fig. 3.)

Worked Novice Zones

The world is divided into 40 zones, in regard to the CQ Awards Program. The Worked All Zones (WAZ) award requires proof of contacts with all 40 zones. However, Novices and Technicians just require proof of contacts with amateurs in 25 of the 40 zones to earn the Worked Novice Zones (WNZ) award. The WNZ is only available to U.S. Novices and Technicians. All contacts must be made prior to having received authorization to use General (or higher) operating privileges. However, applications may be submitted after you have upgraded. This award is issued for Mixed, CW only, and SSB only modes of operation. In addition, it can be endorsed for a single band. The WNZ can later be used as credit for 25 zones when applying for the 40-zone WAZ award. (See fig. 4.)

The processing fee is \$5.00. All QSL cards must show a contact date of January 1, 1952 or later. CQ form 1479 (or a facsimile of it) must be used when applying for this award. QSL return postage must also be provided. Checks should be made payable to the WAZ Award Manager. Applications should be mailed to the WAZ Award Manager, Jim Dionne, K1MEM, 31 De Marco Road, Sudbury, MA 01776. The July 1991 CQ details the rules which apply to the CQ Awards Program. These include the CQ DX Awards Program and Honor Roll, RTTY WAZ, Satellite WAZ, Single-Band WAZ, USA-CA (American counties) Award Program, VPX (verified prefixes), WARC Bands WAZ, WNZ, WPNX, WPX Award of Excellence, WPX Awards Program and Honor Roll, 5-Band WAZ, and 160 Meter WAZ.

WPX Award

This award is available to Novices (only) for contacting amateurs who have a total of 100 different amateur radio callsign prefixes. An application may be submitted after you have upgraded, but all contacts must have been made in the U.S. Novice bands prior to receiving higher operating privileges. The 100 prefixes used to obtain a WPX Award may later be

used when applying for the WPX Award. Applications should be sent to the WPX Award Manager Norm Koch, K6ZDL, 880 CR 13, Clovis, NM 88101. Details and an application form will be mailed to those who request them and who supply a self-addressed 4 by 9 inch envelope with double postage attached.

Each different letter(s) and number prefix combination counts toward earning this award. As examples, AB, AC, AD (etc.) count separately, and W5, W6, and W7 count separately. Licensees are likely to qualify for this award within their first few hundred contacts. (See fig. 5.)

Summary

New amateurs need to be informed of such awards. It is up to experienced amateurs to pass along such information to amateurs who are relatively new to operating. This is particularly true in regard to experienced amateurs who operate in the Novice/Technician bands. You can make their operating experiences much more pleasant by letting them know about such simple operating awards.

1991 California QSO Party

Introduction. This year's CQP will be held during the first full weekend of October. It starts at 1600 UTC 5 October, and it ends at 2200 UTC 6 October. The CQP is open to all amateurs, including Novices. Sixteen Novices submitted contest logs for last year's CQP.

Awards. A certificate is issued to the highest scoring single-operator entry in each California county, each state, each province, each country, and each station which makes at least 100 CQP contacts. Trophies are awarded to the top three out-of-state single operators, the top three California single operators, the top three multi-single and multi-multi California entries, plus the highest scoring single-operator and multi-operator California county DXpedition entries. The top 20 California single operators, and the top 20 non-California single operators, will each receive a personalized bottle of Northern California Contest Club Private Reserve California Wine. If one is not an adult, a nonalcoholic personalized award is substituted in lieu of a bottle of wine. Special trophies are awarded to the California and non-California amateurs who make the most code contacts, the single-operator (or team) with the most CQP contacts, the highest scoring low-power (200 watts or less) California and non-California Novice or Technician entries, the top DX (excluding Canada) scorer, and the top-scoring California club (15 entries minimum, with Northern and Southern California Contest Clubs ineligible).

Deadline. Logs and summary sheets must be submitted by 15 November 1991

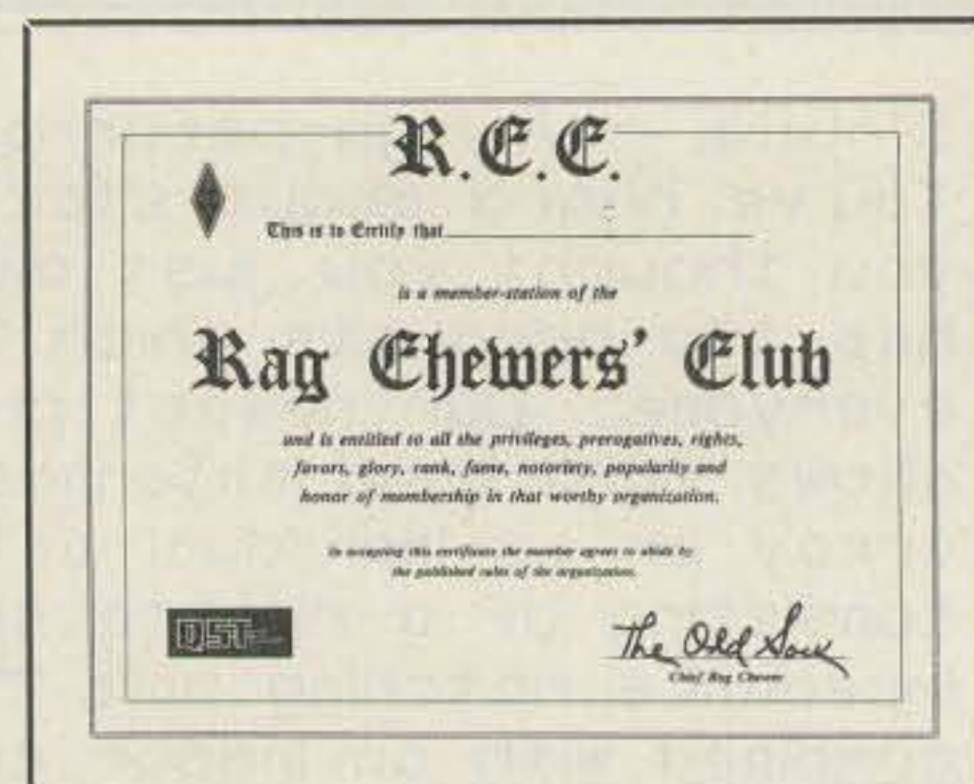


Fig. 2- The Rag Chewers' Club award available from the ARRL.

to Gary Caldwell, WA6VEF, P.O. Box 8014-56, Blaine, WA 98230. Entries showing more than 200 CQP contacts must be submitted in duplicate.

Exchanges. California stations send QSO numbers and counties. All others give QSO numbers and states/provinces/countries.

Frequencies. The Novice/Technician CQP code segment frequencies are 3685, 7110, 21100, and 28110 kHz. Their 10 meter voice frequency is 28450 kHz. One-sixty through 2 meters are used, excluding the WARC bands. CQP code frequencies (for General and above licensees) are 1805, 3540, 7040, 14040, 21040, and 28040 kHz, plus 50.04 and 144.04 MHz. The General (and above) CQP voice frequencies are 1815, 3850, 7230, 14250, 21300, and 28450 kHz. Try to make code contacts on the half hour. Try 147.54 MHz at 2000, 0000, and 0400 UTC. Try 160 meters at 0500 UTC. Try 80/75 meters at 0300 and 0700 UTC.

Material Available. If you want a CQP log, summary sheet, counties abbreviations list, and contest record, send your SASE and request to WA6VEF. If you want to receive CQP contest results, send a 9 by 12 inch SASE (or \$1.00) to WA6VEF.

Multipliers. California amateurs have

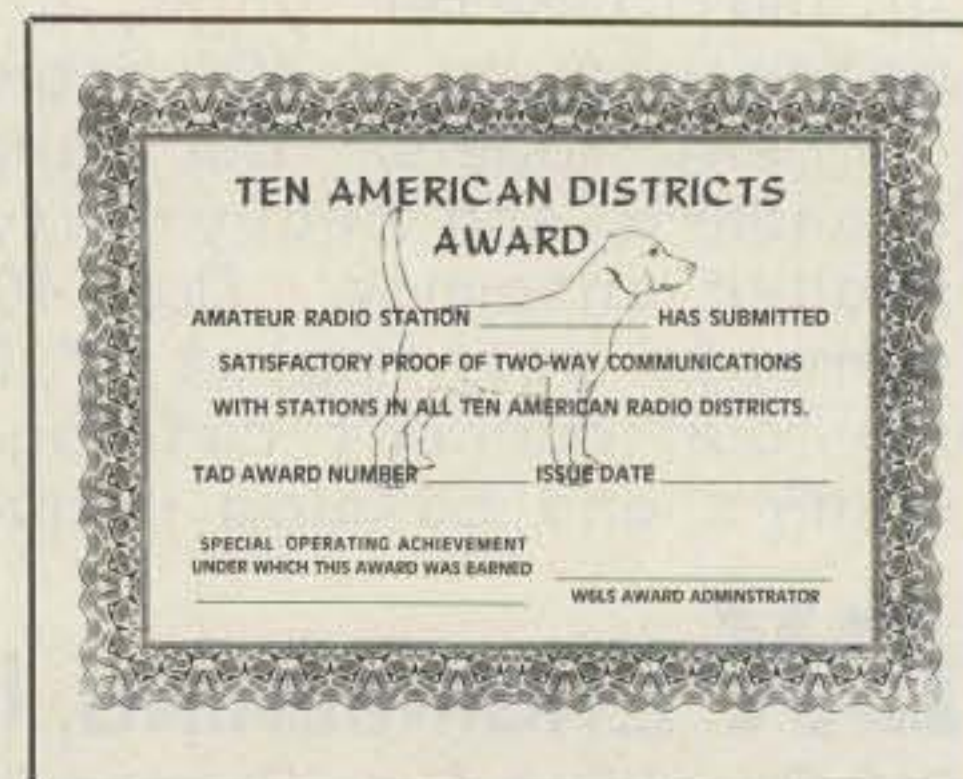


Fig. 3- The Ten American Districts award available from W6DDB.



Fig. 4- The Worked Novice Zones (WNZ) award available from CQ magazine.

U.S.A. states, VO/VE1-7, and VY1/VE8 as multipliers, giving a possible maximum of 58. Non-California amateurs have a possible maximum of 58, the number of California counties. If a California station is located on a county line, credit may be claimed for any/all counties given in exchanges.

Points. Each completed code contact is worth 3 points. Each completed voice contact is worth 2 points.

Rules. Single-operator stations may not be operated more than 24 hours during this contest, and off times (15 minutes minimum) must be clearly marked in logs. Multi-operator stations may be operated the full 30 hours of the contest period. The same stations may be worked one time on voice and another time on code on the same band. The same stations may also be worked on more than one band. All CQP contacts must be simplex. Both single-operator and multi-operator stations are only allowed one transmitted signal. Except for on 160 meters, all code contacts must be made in the normal code segments of the bands.

Score. Simply multiply the number of QSO points (code and voice) times the number of multipliers (58 maximum).

Summary. This contest provides opportunities to work many California coun-

ties which are normally difficult to contact. All amateurs are invited to participate. This writer (W6DDB) will again operate in the CQP, primarily on the Novice CQP frequencies.

Printed Aids

This column often contains my offer of a complete set of the material I have written which I distribute to licensing course students. Individuals are welcome to take advantage of that offer, and instructors are invited to duplicate items for distribution to their students. This standard set of printed material remains available at \$15 prepaid. For a short time a much more complete set of printed material is being offered at \$18 prepaid. The price difference covers the additional postage that is required to mail this heavier package. This larger set includes one of each item I give to students; it is not just the material which I have written.

10 Meter Band

My March 1991 CQ column suggested a switch in operating activities for Novices and Technicians who have been using SSB voice on the 10 meter band. That band promptly went bad, much to my sorrow. If you were turned off as the band dropped off, I hope you will read my referenced column and get active again on the air. Back issues are available from CQ magazine; I do not have them. If you prefer, you can send \$1.00 and a self-addressed envelope to my California address to get a copy of my March article. That will cover reprint and mail costs. I hope this change in band conditions does not cause you to reduce your operating time. Try other bands and other modes. Also, do not abandon 10 meters too quickly. Listen below and above the Novice segment. If you hear activity in those portions of 10, you can make contacts in the Novice segment.

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Fig. 5- The WPNX award available from CQ magazine.

NEWS OF COMMUNICATION AROUND THE WORLD

Penguin Islands: A New DXCC Country

The DXCC countries list increased by one in May, when the Penguin Islands were added to the list. The Penguin Islands are a group of 13 tiny islands lying just off the coast of Namibia V5. The islands are owned by the Republic of South Africa ZS.

The Penguin Island story dates back a couple of years. Bill Shipp, KC1AG, and Ian Sutherland, ZS1IS/ZS9A, were researching the status of Walvis Bay ZS1 for an ultimately successful New Country application for that South African enclave. In the process of their research, the two found references to the Penguin Islands. Shipp traveled to Walvis Bay in August 1989 for an operation as ZS1IS, while the application for new country status for Walvis was pending before the DX Advisory Committee (DXAC). While in Walvis, he gathered additional information about the Penguins, including interviews with local fishermen and officials. He also obtained detailed maps of the islands, which clearly showed that the islands belonged to South Africa.

Shipp also discovered that Hans Hannappel, DK9KX, was seeking similar information about the status of the Penguins. The two decided to pool their information and efforts, and jointly submit an application for new country status for the Penguins, a fine example of international cooperation.

Soon after the new country application was presented to the DXAC, DK9KX and five other amateurs staged the first-ever amateur operation from Seal Island. The July 1990 operation of DK9KX/ZS1, DL8CM/ZS1, and ZS9A/1 gave DXers their first chance to work this potential New One.

Meanwhile, the new-country application ran into some problems in the DXAC. The initial application provided evidence that the islands were possessions of South Africa, but the DXAC also wanted some indication from Namibia acknowledging this contention. Since it is nearly impossible to obtain an official document stating that the country has no legal claim on a disputed territory, this requirement appeared to be a major stumbling block. The applicants were up to the task, however. They applied for an amateur radio license for the Penguin Islands from Nami-

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The Penguin Islands Group of South Africa	7	7.00	59(9)
That these islands have been overlooked by DXers is surprising. This islands are, however, "real DX," and their appearance on the DXCC Countries List should provide challenges to DXers for generations to come. All are difficult to reach and operating conditions on them are extremely harsh. Those who have approached the islands from downwind also report that most can be smelted from many miles away.	14	7.00	59(9)
Our special thanks go to KC1AG for his logistics and writing the application for separate DXCC Country, DK 9 KD, DL 8 KAD and K 2 EWB, Fritzel Antennas Company, LIMA Electronics Köln, European DX Foundation, OP: DF 9 KH, DK 9 KX, DL 8 CM, V 51 DM, ZS 9 A, ZS 9 B	21	7.00	59(9)
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The QSL card from the first operation for the Penguin Islands, the newest DXCC country.

bia. The Namibian authorities stated that they could not grant such a license, as the Penguins were South African territory! This was as close to an official admission of South African sovereignty as Namibia was likely to grant.

Another problem arose when some members of the DXAC wanted to review large-scale maps of the region. The application for separate country status for the Penguins was based on "separation by another DXCC country," Point 3(a) in the DXCC country criteria. The DXCC country of Namibia lies between the Penguins and the rest of South Africa. However, some DXAC members wondered if there might be other islands, rocks, etc., that were also under South African control along the Namibian coast, close enough to both the Penguins and to South Africa to negate the required 75-mile separation required in Point 3(a). The vote on new country status for the Penguins was delayed while the large maps were sent to the US and circulated among the DXAC members.

Meanwhile, Martti Laine, OH2BH, and three other amateurs made the second DXpedition to the Penguins in November 1990. The four DXers made 32,000 QSOs as ZS9Z/1.

Finally, in May 1991 the DXAC voted to recommend that the Penguin Islands be added to the DXCC countries list by a vote of 9 for, 5 against, and two abstentions. (Under DXAC rules abstentions count as negative votes in new-country applications, so the official vote was 9 to 7 in favor, the slimmest possible margin of approval.) Soon thereafter the ARRL Headquarters' Awards Committee voted unanimously to accept that DXAC recommendation, and the Penguins became

the 323rd current DXCC country. Cards from the two Penguin Island operations can be sent for DXCC credit after September 1, 1991.

Although some of the Penguin Islands lie within easy reach of the city of Luderitz on the Namibian coast, the islands are as isolated as some DXCC countries hundreds of miles from the nearest land. The reason for this isolation is that the southern Namibian coast is one of the world's best gem-quality diamond-mining areas. Access to this region is very tightly controlled to eliminate diamond theft and smuggling. Anyone straying even a few meters off the road to Luderitz is subject to being shot on sight!

Penguin Island DXpeditioners need Namibian permission to pass through the restricted diamond area, and South African permission to land on the Penguins, which are now nature preserves. Potential DXpeditioners should also note that the extensive guano deposits on the Penguin Islands can often be smelled for miles downwind. The corrosive salt spray, very high winds, a difficult landing, and steep rocks make any Penguin Island operation a significant undertaking.

With the addition of the Penguin Islands to the DXCC list, the DXAC has now accepted 8 of the past 20 petitions for new countries over the past five years: Aruba P4, Western Sahara S0, Malyj Vyotskij Island 4J1FS, Rotuma 3D, Conway Reef 3D, Banaba T33, Walvis Bay ZS9, and Penguins ZS1. There are at least three more such applications under DXAC review at this time: Pratus Island BV, Holy House HV0HH, and Jarvis Island KH5J. An update on Pratus: The latest National Geographic Society map of China, dated July 1991, contains the following notation—"Since 1949 the Chinese Nationalists have administered Taiwan, a province of China, and the islands of Quemoy, Matsu, and **Pratus**" (emphasis added). This should boost the chances that Pratus is a separate DXCC country. More on the Jarvis Island petition in a later column.

Short Notes From All Over

Prefix Changes. The Australian Department of Telecommunications has agreed to issue VK9 callsigns that reflect the DXCC country of the operation. Licenses

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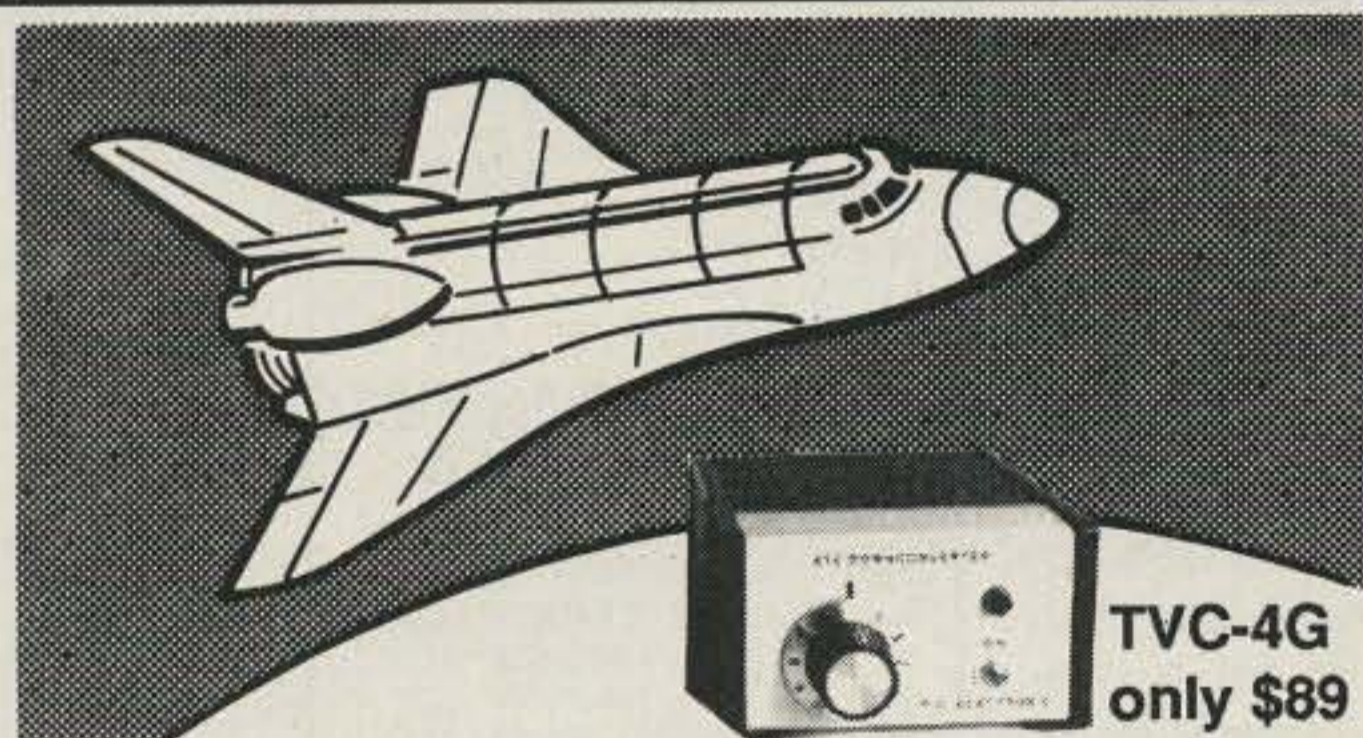
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2243 HL5BUV 2246 DL9MFH
2244 YC3OSE

CW

2694 WB8NYV 2696 JT4BR
2695 AA6WJ

WPNX

264 N2CKD

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SSB: 350 AA6AG, YC3OSE. 400 AA6AG, YC3OSE, WB4UHN. 450 AA6AG, YC3OSE, WB4UHN. 500 W9LCR. YC3OSE, WB4UHN. 550 YC3OSE. 600 YC3OSE. 650 YC3OSE. 700 YC3OSE. 750 YC3OSE. 800 JH6WMJ, YC3OSE, KB8DAE. 850 YC3OSE. 900 KU@A, YC3OSE. 950 KU@A, YC3OSE. 1000 NE8Q, HP6AYV. 1050 NE8Q, KP6AYV. 1050 HP6AYV, K5GOE. 1100 JR4NUN, K5GOE. 1150 JR4NUN.

CW: 350 JG2IGY. 450 W8EAO. 650 DE@DAQ. 700 DE@DAQ. 750 DE@DAQ. 900 W9IAL. 950 W9IAL.

10 Meters: DE@DAQ, N7JXS
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Complete rules and application forms may be obtained by sending a business-size, self-addressed, stamped envelope (foreign stations send extra postage if air-mail desired) to: "CQ WPX Awards," 880, CR13, Clovis, NM 88101-9511 USA.



The station of the International Amateur Radio Club in Geneva, 4U1ITU, is often operated by visiting amateurs. Here Luc, I1YRL (left), and Mino, I1BAF, check out the equipment.

for Christmas Island operations will begin with VK9X, Cocos (Keeling) operations with VK9C, Mellish Reef with VK9M, Norfolk Island with VK9N, and Willis Island with VK9W. Limited licenses will add the letter Z between the 9 and the first letter of the suffix, Novice licensees will add an N there, and combined licensees will insert a K. Thus, an Australian Novice operating from Willis Island would use a call-sign beginning with VK9NW.

Sri Lanka has started to use the **4S6** prefix for their Novices. Sri Lanka Novices can be found on CW in the following frequency ranges: 3500-3600, 21125-21200, and 28000-28500 kHz. (Thanks, Paddy, 4S7PB.)

And the Republic of South Africa has begun to issue **ZS3** prefixes to amateurs in Cape Province. Note that these stations count for South Africa, *not* Namibia, which now uses the V5 prefix.

South Sandwich. The team that had to cancel out of their planned Antarctic operation last year is trying again this year. The group is shooting for a December 6th landing on South Thulie Island, in the South Sandwich Group, for a two-week stay. They plan an all-band operation on SSB, CW, and RTTY. The eight operators will not announce their call sign nor planned transmitting frequencies until the operation begins, to discourage pirate operations.

The operators say they will visit some of the SSB DX nets during the last few days of the DXpedition to give some of the lower powered stations an additional chance at a South Sandwich contact.

They promise to QSL all cards received, including those which arrive via the bureau. However, they ask that DXers do not duplicate QSL requests via the bureau that have already been sent direct. Also, they ask that DXers be reasonable about overloading their self-addressed, stamped envelopes. "Twelve QSOs per one envelope, or 10 QSOs on a

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392 N4VTN 395 K9IW
393 KB4SA 396 IBSAT

15 Meter SSB

379 WA8YTM 383 WA2VJL
380 NT5C 384 IBSAT
381 YC3OSE 385 4X4JO
382 JH6WMJ 386 W@IJN

20 Meter SSB

845 WBAXI 847 WO2T
846 K7AZG 848 WO6R

40 Meter SSB

71 YC5ODQ

10 Meter CW

113 OH3YI 114 JA7FS

15 Meter CW

207 OH3YI 209 AB1U
208 K@DEQ

20 Meter CW

400 OH3YI

40 Meter CW

140 OH3YI 142 K3NW
141 DJ7RD 143 LZ1GC

80 Meter CW

30 OH3YI 31 DJ7RD

12 Meter Mixed

3 VE1YX

17 Meter Mixed

4 VE1YX

RTTY WAZ

64 K2PEQ 65 SP3SUN

20 Meter RTTY

37 K2ENT

WNZ

36-10M SSB KC6EYZ
6-10M Mixed KC6EYZ
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3760 K@DEQ 3769 LU8DY
3761 WB2JZK 3770 K2ENT
3762 WA9GON 3771 F1LIW
3763 NK3U 3772 N7KPX
3764 5Z4BH 3773 K9YNF
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The Far East Broadcasting Co.'s mini-Field Day from Saipan. From left to right are Clare, VE6CK, Bob, KH0AF, Hugh, KB6QE, Russ, W8BOZ, David, KB4TXM, and Mike, WH0AAP. In the background is one of the 100,000 watt transmitters for KFBS. Now that's QRO!

single card, is too much," they say. They also caution against making too many "insurance contacts" per band. QSL SSB contacts to AA6BB, and CW and RTTY contacts to KA6V.

The organizers have managed to find a ship for half the cost of last year's vessel. However, the new ship will still cost \$50,000 to charter. The group seeks contributions from DXers to make the trip a reality. Send your contributions to Jerry Branson, AA6BB, 93787 Dorsey Lane, Junction City, OR 97448.

Saipan Mini-Field Day. Some of the amateurs on Saipan in the Marianas Island gathered at the KFBS shortwave broadcasting station on March 2nd for a mini Field Day. After the Far East Broadcasting Co.'s 100,000 watt station completed its daily broadcast to Russia, China, and Mongolia, the amateurs connected their Kenwood TS-530 to the regular station antenna. This antenna is a curtain array 260 feet high and 150 feet wide! Although their signal was not as strong as KFBS's, they got out very well, working stations around the world. Among the operators and technicians who work for KFBS are chief engineer Bob Springer, KH0AF, Mike Adams, WH0AAP, Hugh Franklin, KB6QE, David Creel, KB4TXM, and Clare Palsky, VE6CK.

Turks and Caicos Amateur Licensees. The Turks and Caicos Amateur Radio Society provides the following requirements for obtaining a VP5 reciprocal operating license: Send a copy of your current license and home address, the dates you will be visiting the islands, your proposed address in the islands, and a certified check or money order for US\$21

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September Events

DX Gatherings. The Northern Illinois DX Association (NIDXA) holds its annual W9DXCC convention and banquet on Saturday, September 7. The convention includes DXpedition and technical talks during the day and a banquet in the evening. One of the highlights of the convention is the awarding of the DX Hog of the Year award to a Chicago-area DXer. In past years the convention has been held at the Holiday Inn in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. For details about this year's convention contact the NIDXA at Box 519, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

The 1991 SEANET convention will be held in Chiang Mai in northern Thailand on November 8-11. The Radio Society of Thailand will host the event this year. For more information, contact the Society at GPO Box 2008, Bangkok 10501, Thailand, or ask on the SEANET on 14320 kHz at 1200Z.

Saint Pierre & Miquelon. FP5DK and **FP5/ZF2PV** will be operating from this French island near the Canadian province of Newfoundland for one year. QSL both of these operators to Don Simonsen, K7AEJ, P.O. Box 1622, Vancouver, WA 98668. (The 1991 *Callbook* address for K7AEJ is incorrect.) Also during the first week in September, the special callsign **FP9SPM** will be active, operated by

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720 Stations have attained the 150 zone level as of May 31, 1991.

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members of the St. Pierre and Miquelon radio club and their guests. The group intends a multi-national team to make a big effort with this first use of the FP9 callsign.

Madagascar. Alain, **5R8AL**, plans to return to Madagascar for about two weeks around mid-September. Alain is the only active 5R8 amateur whose QSL cards are acceptable for DXCC. QSL Alain's contacts via F6HUJ.

French Indian Ocean Islands. The islands of Tromelin, Glorioso, Europe, and Juan da Nova are French possessions around Madagascar. All are wildlife refuges, and access to the islands is tightly controlled from Reunion Island. The only reliable amateur operation from these islands is the occasional visit by a DXer from Reunion to service the weather stations on each island. Jacques, FR5ZU, will visit Glorioso this month and be active as **FR5ZU/G**. Next month he'll be on from Tromelin, the rarest of these islands, as **FR5ZU/T**, and then from Juan da Nova as **FR5ZU/J** in November. He prefers list operations. QSL direct to his home call, adding the words "via France" after Reunion Island.

Belgium Liberation Special Event Station. ON4USA/p will be active from the World War II American military cemetery of Henri-Chapelle in east Belgium

CQ DX Honor Roll

The CQ DX Honor Roll recognizes those DXers who have submitted proof of confirmation with 275 or more ACTIVE countries for the mode indicated. The ARRL DXCC Countries List is used as the country standard. Honor Roll listing is automatic when submitting application or endorsement for 275 or more countries. Deleted countries do not count and are dropped from listing as they occur. Total countries are now 322. To remain on the CQ DX Honor Roll, annual updates are required. Honor Roll updates may be made at any time, in any number. Updates indicating "no change" will be accepted to meet the annual requirement. All updates must be accompanied by an SASE for confirmation. The fee for endorsement involving the issuance of a sticker is \$1.00.

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QSL Notes

Bill Crews, WB2CPV, reports that he has returned all logs and cards for **KG4DX** (1982-3) to the operator, who is Garry Murphy, KF4S. Anyone still needing a

KG4DX card should QSL direct to Garry.

Duncan Kreamer, W1GAY, says he is **not** QSL manager for **9N1NFO**; try WB4NFO. Duncan does handle cards for **9N38, 9N1AW, VP5VAD, and ZF2QA.**

QSL the December 1990 operation of **6Y5/KE2SP** direct to Charles Herbst, KE2SP, Box 7, Palm Bay, FL 32906.

QSL **VU2UR** contacts **after January 1, 1991 only** to Alex Abramov, UA1NDR, Box 225, Petrozavodsk, Karelia 185034, USSR.

W. K. Ginder, **G3NAS**, reports that the *Callbook* still has his address wrong, despite repeated attempts to correct same. His correct address is: The White House,



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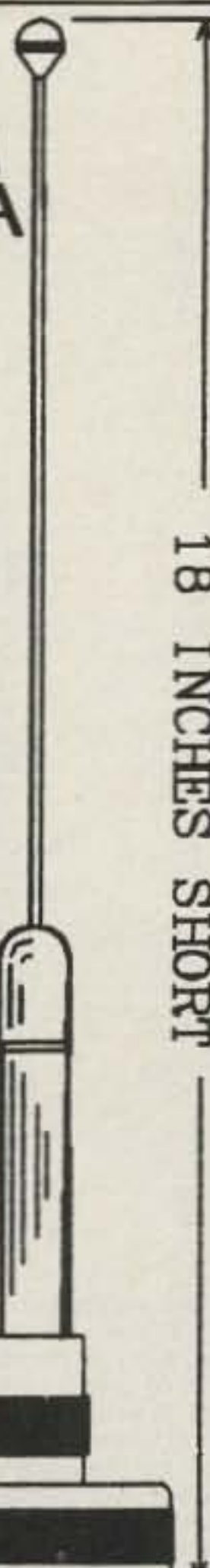
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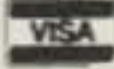
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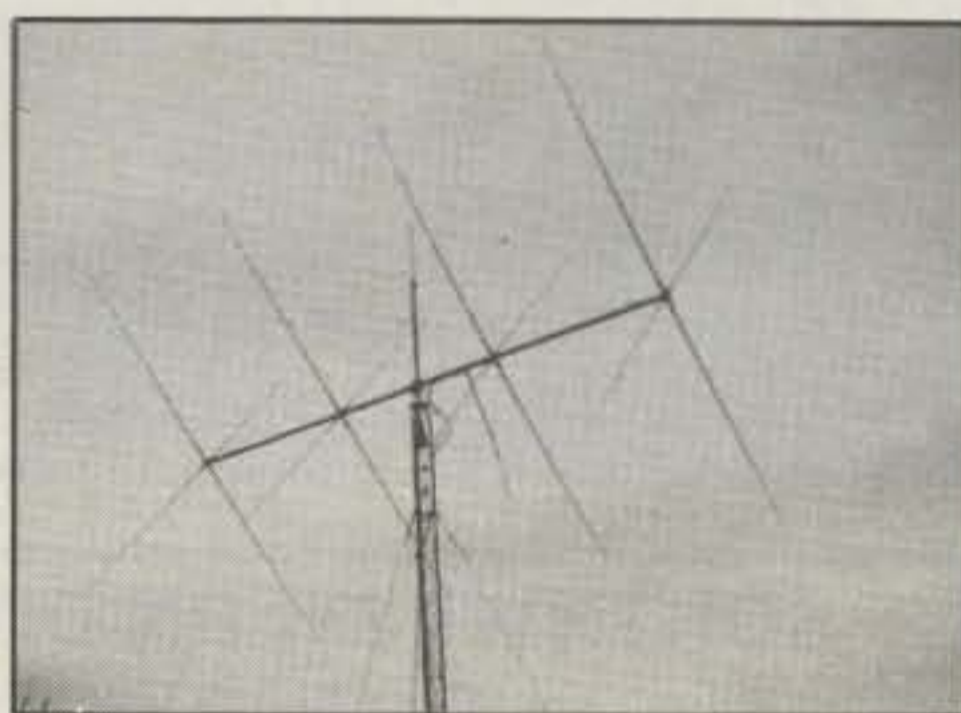
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G0IAS, QSL manager for 7Q7LA, reports that the 7Q7LA QSL card is oversized, and he requests a European-sized airmail return envelope. Some sources of



Dan McLean, WA4JTI, recently received the first Worked All Zones CW award. Dan used this 15-year-old 4-element Cubex quad to earn this award. He broke down last year and replaced the old feed-line and loops.

these envelopes are: William Plum, 12 Glenn Road, Flemington, NJ 08822; Bob Schenck, N200, Box 345, Tuckerton, NJ 08087; and DX QSL Associates, 434 Blair Road NW, Vienna, VA 22180.

Tom Gregory's African QSLs

In what has to be a record price for QSLing, Tom Gregory, N4NW, now asks for \$10 per station to QSL his 9Q5NW, TN4NW, and TL8TG operations. He explains that his QSL manager, KC4NC, lost his computer and QSL blanks when lightning destroyed his home. Tom maintains backup copies of these logs, but doesn't have enough room on the hard drive of his computer to access them readily. Thus, to QSL one of these stations, he must copy all operating software onto backup

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disks, load the logs, find the QSO, erase the hard drive, and copy all operating software back. So DXers can get a letter confirming their QSO (all blank QSL cards were lost in the fire) by sending \$10 to Tom at 14 Shallow Creek Lane, Stafford, VA 22554. (Or maybe some DXer with ample hard drive space could offer to handle the few remaining QSL requests for Tom.—ed.)

Corrections & Amplifications

N4NX is the QSL manager for the 1979 operation of FR7ZL/T only. He cannot help with other dates.

NQ9E handles HA0DU cards from Steve's mobile county-hunting QSOs only. QSL all other HA0DU QSOs direct to Steve at Box 16, Debrecen H4003, Hungary.

QSL the club station A47RS direct to ROARS Hq., Box 981, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, and not via KD2OM.

JH1GZV, new QSL manager for BV2A/BV2B, says he can handle only Japanese QSOs with the following stations: AD1S/KH5, VK0HI, VK0CW, VU4APR, VU4NRO, VU7APR, and VU7NRO. Hiro

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 SN5JP to SP5PBE
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0552G	25-40	400	55	15/0.6	HPA
0552RH	25-40	400	55	-/-	Repeater HPA

Model	Pin (W)	Pout (W)	Ic (A)	Gain/NF (dB)	Type
144 MHz					
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1409R	2	150	24	-/-	Repeater
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1410R	10	160	24	-/-	Repeater
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1412R	25-45	160	19	-/-	Repeater
1450G	10	400	54	15/0.6	HPA
1450RH	10	400	54	-/-	Repeater HPA
1452G	25	400	50	15/0.6	HPA
1452RH	25	400	50	-/-	Repeater HPA
1454G	50-100	400	45	15/0.6	HPA
1454RH	50-100	400	45	-/-	Repeater HPA

Model	Pin (W)	Pout (W)	Ic (A)	Gain/NF (dB)	Type
220 MHz					
2210G	10	130	20	12/0.7	Standard
2210R	10	130	19	-/-	Repeater
2212G	30	130	16	12/0.7	Standard
2212R	30	130	15	-/-	Repeater
2250G	10	220	42	14/0.7	HPA
2250RH	10	280	45	-/-	Repeater HPA
2252G	25	220	36	14/0.7	HPA
2252RH	25	280	40	-/-	Repeater HPA

Model	Pin (W)	Pout (W)	Ic (A)	Gain/NF (dB)	Type
440 MHz					
4410G	10	100	19	10/1.1	Standard
4410R	10	100	18	-/-	Repeater
4412G	20-30	100	19	10/1.1	Standard
4412R	20-30	100	18	-/-	Repeater
4450G	10	175	34	12/1.1	HPA
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W5MUA says he has had very good luck sending cards and US\$1 to Vlad, UW9OW, for USSR QSLs. (See February 1991 *The DX Magazine*.) W5MUA is now QSL manager for the University of Simferopol club station, **UB4JWO**. And Igor Kovalyov, UW6HWP, offers help with USSR cards. Write to him at Box 123, Stavropol 355042, USSR. "Guarantee of confirmation is 80%," he says.

73, Chod, VP2ML

THE SCIENCE OF PREDICTING RADIO CONDITIONS

Sunspot Cycle Stalled

For five months in a row the smoothed sunspot count has held practically steady at 142.

The Royal Observatory of Belgium, the world's official keeper of sunspot records, reports a monthly mean sunspot number of 121 for May 1991. A high reading of 163 was recorded on May 27th, with a low reading of 86 reported for May 2nd. This results in a 12-month running smoothed sunspot number, upon which the cycle is based, of 142, centered on November 1990. This is the same level recorded (within a count of 1) since July 1990.

A smoothed sunspot number in the upper 120s is forecast for September 1991.

The Algonquin Radio Observatory, Ottawa, Canada, reports a 10.7 cm solar flux level of 190 for May 1991. The smoothed value for November 1991 remains unchanged near the 200 level.

CQ DX Contest Special 1991

The 1991 contest weekends will mark the 40th consecutive CQ DX Contest for which this column has contained special propagation forecasts. This year's contest weekends are:

October 26-27—Phone Section
November 23-24—CW Section

In the tradition of the past 40 years there will appear in next month's Propagation column a special, comprehensive forecast which will focus on both sections of the contest. Besides the latest updated propagation predictions to all areas of the world, the column will also contain pointers for scoring as many points as possible. Don't fail to read next month's column if you are planning to participate in the 1991 CQ DX World-Wide Contest.

A Hearty Thank You!

I want to personally thank the many readers of this column who took the time to drop me a note on the occasion of my 40th anniversary with CQ. It was very heart warming to learn what good use has been made of this column over the

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LAST MINUTE FORECAST

Day-to-Day Conditions Expected for September 1991

Propagation Index	Expected Signal Quality			
	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)
Above Normal: 4, 6, 16, 20-21	A	A	B	C
High Normal: 5, 7, 10, 17-19, 27	A	B	C	C-D
Low Normal: 1, 8-9, 12-13, 15, 25-26, 28	B	C	D	D-E
Below Normal: 3, 11, 14, 22, 24, 30	C	C-D	D-E	E
Disturbed: 2, 23, 29	C-D	D	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 S0 and S3, and with considerable fading and noise.
E—No opening expected.
3 dB per S-Unit.

HOW TO USE THIS FORECAST

1. Find propagation index associated with particular band opening from Propagation Charts appearing on the following pages.
2. With the propagation index, use the above table to find the expected signal quality associated with the band opening for any day of the month. For example, an opening shown in the charts with a propagation index of 3 will be good-to-fair (B-C) on September 1st; poor (D) on the 2nd; fair-to-poor (C-D) on the 3rd; excellent (A) on the 4th; good (B) on the 5th, etc.

years. I was especially gratified to hear of several "second-generation" readers to this column—that is, parents who have read the column almost from the beginning, and their children, who began reading it when their interest in amateur radio developed.

Two letters in particular had very special interest for me since they reunited me with friends I have been out of touch with for nearly 50 years!

September Conditions

September is generally a month of change for HF radio propagation conditions. On some days conditions may seem much the same as during the summer months; on other days the first signs of wintertime conditions should be noticeable. For this reason this month's col-

Bulletin

This past June was one of the worst months for shortwave propagation in the history of radio! Violent solar flares, originating on the sun's surface, spewed high levels of electromagnetic energy into the earth's atmosphere almost on a daily basis. Intense solar flares of relatively long duration, which saturated measuring devices in terrestrial laboratories and aboard scientific satellites, took place on June 5, 9, 10, and 11. These caused widespread auroral displays, and an almost complete blackout of long-distance shortwave propagation.

Propagation conditions were rated very poor on June 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 24. Poor conditions were observed on June 7, 14, 17, 18, 21, 23, 25, and 26. This didn't leave many days during June for the usually expected good summertime openings.

I'll have more to say about this in a future column.

umn contains both Short-Skip and DX Propagation Charts. The DX Charts are valid for the period from mid-September through mid-October; the Short-Skip Charts are valid for the entire months of September and October.

During September expect a considerable increase in the number of DX openings during the daylight hours on 10, 12, 15, 17, and 20 meters. Of the five bands, conditions on 15 meters should be best most of the time, with 12, 17, and 20 meters not far behind. Improved nighttime DX propagation conditions are forecast for 30, 40, 80, and 160 meters as a result of the increasing hours of darkness and a seasonal decline in static levels. Nighttime conditions on 30 and 40 meters should be optimum with conditions on 80 meters somewhat weaker and noisier. While improved DX conditions are expected on 160 meters, signals will continue to be relatively weak and noisy.

With decreasing hours of daylight, September should see a decline in post-

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HOW TO USE THE SHORT-SKIP CHARTS

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

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

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

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

3. Times shown in the Charts are in the 24-hour system, where 00 is midnight; 12 is noon; 01 is 1 A.M.; 13 is 1 P.M. etc. On the Short-Skip Chart appropriate daylight time is used at the path midpoint. For example, on a circuit between Maine and Florida, the time shown would be EDT; on a circuit between N.Y. and Texas, the time at the midpoint would be CDT, etc. Times shown in the Hawaii Chart are HST. To convert to daylight time in other USA time zones, add 3 hours in the PDT zone; 4 hours in the MDT zone; 5 hours in the CDT zone, and 6 hours in the EDT zone. Add 10 hours to convert from HST to GMT. For example, when it is 12 noon in Honolulu, it is 15 or 3 P.M. in Los Angeles; 18 or 6 P.M. in Washington, D.C.; and 22 GMT. Time shown in the Alaska Chart is given in GMT. To convert to daylight time in other areas of the USA subtract 7 hours in the PDT zone; 6 hours in the MDT zone, 5 hours in the CDT zone and 4 hours in the EDT zone. For example, at 20 GMT it is 16 or 4 P.M. in N.Y.C.

4. The Short-Skip Chart is based upon a transmitted power of 75 watts c.w. or 300 watts p.e.p. on sideband; the Alaska and Hawaii Charts are based upon a transmitter power of 250 watts c.w. or 1 kw p.e.p. on sideband. A dipole antenna a quarter-wavelength above ground is assumed for 160 and 80 meters, a half-wave length above ground on 40 and 20 meters, and a wavelength above ground on 15 and 10 meters. For each 10 db gain above these reference levels, the propagation index will increase by one level for each 10dB loss, it will lower by one level.

5. Propagation data contained in the Charts has been prepared from basic data published by the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Boulder, Colorado, 80302.

CQ Short-Skip Propagation Chart September & October 1991 Local Daylight Time At Path Mid-Point (24-Hour Time)

Band Meters	Distance Between Stations (Miles)			
	50-250	250-750	750-1300	1300-2300
10	NIL	10-19 (0-1)	08-10 (1) 10-12 (1-2) 12-14 (1-3) 14-15 (1-4) 15-17 (1-3) 17-19 (1-2) 19-22 (0-1)	08-09 (1-2) 09-10 (1-3) 10-12 (2-4) 12-14 (3-4) 14-15 (4) 15-17 (3) 17-19 (2) 19-20 (1-2) 20-22 (1)
15	NIL	08-10 (0-1) 10-14 (0-2) 14-15 (0-3) 15-17 (0-2) 17-21 (0-1)	08-10 (1-2) 10-14 (2-4) 14-15 (3-4) 15-17 (2-4) 17-20 (3) 17-20 (1-3) 20-22 (2-3) 22-23 (1-2) 22-08 (0-1) 01-08 (1-0)	08-09 (2) 09-10 (2-3) 10-17 (4) 17-20 (3) 20-22 (2-3) 22-23 (1-2) 23-01 (1) 01-08 (1-0)
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HAWAII September & October 1991 Openings Given In Hawaiian Standard Time

To:	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
Eastern USA	06-08 (1) 08-12 (2) 12-14 (3) 14-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	05-06 (1) 06-08 (2) 08-12 (1) 12-16 (2) 16-18 (3) 18-20 (2) 20-22 (1)	11-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-18 (3) 18-21 (4) 21-00 (3) 00-04 (2) 04-06 (3) 06-07 (2) 07-08 (1)	18-20 (1) 20-23 (2) 23-00 (3) 00-01 (2) 01-02 (1) 20-22 (1)* 22-00 (2)* 00-01 (1)*
Central USA	06-08 (1) 08-11 (2) 11-14 (4) 14-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	05-06 (1) 06-08 (2) 08-10 (1) 10-12 (2) 12-14 (3) 14-16 (4) 16-18 (3) 18-20 (2) 20-22 (1)	09-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-18 (3) 18-22 (4) 22-00 (3) 00-04 (2) 04-06 (3) 06-09 (2)	18-20 (1) 20-22 (2) 22-01 (3) 01-03 (2) 03-04 (1) 21-22 (1)* 22-00 (2)* 00-02 (1)*
Western USA	07-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-14 (4) 14-16 (3) 16-18 (2) 18-19 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-14 (3) 14-17 (4) 17-19 (3) 19-22 (2) 22-00 (1)	10-15 (2) 15-17 (3) 17-19 (4) 19-00 (3) 00-02 (2) 02-04 (1) 04-06 (2) 06-08 (4) 08-10 (3)	18-19 (1) 19-20 (2) 20-02 (4) 02-04 (3) 04-05 (2) 05-06 (1) 21-22 (1)* 22-23 (2)* 23-02 (3)* 02-03 (2)* 03-04 (1)*

ALASKA September & October 1991 Openings Given In GMT

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

#See explanation in "How To Use Short-Skip Charts" at the beginning of this column.

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

*Indicates best time for 80 meter openings. Openings on 160 meters are also likely to occur during those times when 80 meter openings are shown with a propagation index of (2) or higher. For 12 meter openings interpolate between 10 and 15 meter openings. For 17 meter openings interpolate between 15 and 20 meter openings. For 30 meter openings interpolate between 40 and 20 meter openings.

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

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

6. Propagation data contained in the Charts has been prepared from basic data published by the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences of the U.S. Dept of Commerce, Boulder, Colorado, 80302.

September-October 15, 1991 Time Zone: EDT (24-Hour Time) EASTERN USA TO:

	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
Western & Central Europe & North Africa	08-10 (1) 10-11 (2) 11-13 (3) 13-15 (2) 15-16 (1) 09-11 (1)*	08-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-14 (4) 14-15 (3) 15-17 (2) 17-19 (1)	02-04 (1) 04-06 (2) 06-10 (3) 10-12 (2) 12-15 (3) 15-17 (4) 17-21 (3) 21-02 (2)	18-19 (1) 19-21 (2) 21-23 (3) 23-02 (4) 02-03 (3) 03-04 (2) 04-05 (1) 20-22 (1)* 22-01 (2)* 01-04 (1)*
Northern Europe & European USSR	09-10 (1) 10-13 (2) 13-14 (1)	08-09 (1) 09-10 (2) 10-13 (3) 13-14 (2) 14-16 (1)	03-06 (1) 06-08 (2) 08-11 (3) 11-13 (2) 13-17 (3) 17-19 (2) 19-21 (1)	18-20 (1) 20-04 (2) 04-06 (1) 21-04 (1)*
Eastern Mediterranean & Middle East	09-10 (1) 10-12 (2) 12-14 (1)	08-09 (1) 09-12 (2) 12-14 (3) 14-16 (2) 16-18 (1)	07-09 (2) 09-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-21 (3) 21-23 (2) 23-01 (3) 01-03 (2) 03-07 (1)	19-21 (1) 21-00 (2) 00-01 (1) 22-00 (1)*
Western Africa	09-12 (1) 12-14 (2) 14-16 (4) 16-17 (3) 17-18 (2) 18-19 (1) 09-12 (1)*	07-09 (1) 09-13 (2) 13-15 (3) 15-17 (4) 17-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-22 (1)	05-08 (2) 08-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-21 (4) 21-00 (3) 00-03 (2) 03-05 (1)	20-23 (1) 23-02 (2) 02-04 (1) 00-03 (1)*
Eastern & Central Africa	10-12 (1) 12-14 (2) 14-16 (3) 16-17 (2) 17-18 (1) 09-11 (1)*	08-10 (1) 10-13 (2) 13-14 (3) 14-16 (4) 16-18 (3) 18-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	12-14 (1) 14-17 (2) 17-22 (3) 22-02 (2) 02-03 (1)	20-02 (1) 00-01 (1)*
Southern Africa	09-11 (1) 11-12 (2) 12-13 (3) 13-14 (2) 14-15 (1) 10-12 (1)*	08-11 (1) 11-12 (2) 12-13 (3) 13-15 (4) 15-16 (3) 16-17 (2) 17-18 (1)	06-08 (2) 08-15 (1) 15-16 (2) 16-19 (3) 19-00 (2) 00-03 (3) 03-04 (2) 04-06 (1)	19-22 (1) 22-00 (2) 00-02 (1) 23-01 (1)*
Central & South Asia	09-11 (1) 19-22 (1)	08-09 (1) 09-12 (2) 12-13 (1) 20-22 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-10 (2) 10-12 (1) 17-19 (1) 19-22 (2) 22-01 (1)	05-07 (1) 20-23 (1)

South East Asia	11-14 (1) 18-21 (1)	08-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-13 (1) 13-15 (2) 15-19 (1) 19-21 (2) 21-22 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-10 (2) 10-12 (1) 15-18 (1) 20-21 (1) 21-00 (2) 00-02 (1)	06-08 (1)
Far East	09-11 (1) 18-20 (1)	08-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-13 (1) 16-18 (1) 18-20 (2) 20-22 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-10 (3) 10-12 (2) 12-14 (1) 18-20 (1) 20-22 (2) 22-00 (1) 00-03 (2) 03-04 (1)	05-08 (1) 18-19 (1) 05-07 (1)*
South Pacific & New Zealand	09-14 (1) 14-15 (2) 15-16 (3) 16-18 (4) 18-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-22 (1) 16-18 (1)*	08-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-14 (1) 14-17 (2) 17-18 (3) 18-20 (4) 20-21 (3) 21-22 (2) 22-00 (1)	12-20 (1) 20-22 (2) 22-00 (3) 00-02 (4) 02-04 (3) 04-08 (2) 08-10 (3) 10-12 (2)	01-02 (1) 02-03 (2) 03-06 (3) 06-08 (2) 08-09 (1) 13-05 (1)* 05-07 (2)* 07-08 (1)*
Australasia	10-12 (1) 14-16 (2) 17-18 (3) 18-19 (2) 19-21 (1) 17-19 (1)*	08-09 (1) 09-10 (2) 10-12 (3) 12-14 (2) 14-17 (1) 17-18 (2) 18-20 (4) 20-21 (2) 21-23 (1)	07-09 (2) 09-11 (3) 11-13 (2) 13-16 (1) 16-18 (2) 18-21 (1) 04-05 (1) 04-05 (1) 23-02 (3) 02-04 (2) 04-07 (1)	02-04 (1) 04-06 (2) 06-07 (3) 07-08 (2) 08-09 (1) 04-05 (1)* 05-06 (2)* 06-07 (1)*
Caribbean, Central America & Northern Countries of South America	08-09 (1) 09-10 (2) 10-17 (4) 17-18 (3) 18-19 (2) 19-20 (1) 09-12 (1)*	06-07 (1) 07-08 (2) 08-11 (4) 11-13 (3) 13-18 (4) 18-20 (3) 20-21 (2) 21-22 (1)	03-05 (2) 05-07 (3) 07-10 (4) 10-14 (2) 14-16 (3) 16-23 (4) 23-03 (3)	19-20 (1) 20-21 (2) 21-04 (4) 04-06 (3) 06-07 (2) 07-08 (1) 21-23 (1)* 23-04 (2)* 04-06 (1)*
Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil, Chile, Argentina & Uruguay	08-09 (1) 09-12 (2) 12-14 (1) 14-15 (2) 15-16 (3) 16-18 (4) 18-19 (2) 19-20 (1) 09-16 (1)*	07-08 (1) 08-09 (2) 09-11 (3) 11-15 (2) 15-16 (3) 16-20 (4) 20-22 (3) 22-23 (2) 23-00 (1)	11-16 (1) 16-17 (2) 17-20 (3) 20-01 (4) 01-04 (3) 04-06 (2) 06-08 (3) 08-11 (2)	21-00 (1) 00-05 (2) 05-07 (1) 01-06 (1)*
McMurdo Sound, Antarctica	16-19 (1)	12-15 (1) 15-18 (2) 18-21 (3) 21-22 (2) 22-23 (1)	16-18 (1) 18-22 (2) 22-01 (3) 01-04 (2) 04-08 (1) 08-10 (2) 10-11 (1)	23-01 (1) 01-05 (2) 05-07 (1) 05-07 (1)*

Central & South Asia	09-11 (1) 19-21 (1)	09-11 (1) 18-19 (1) 19-21 (2) 21-22 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-10 (2) 10-12 (1) 17-19 (1) 19-22 (2) 22-01 (1)	06-08 (1) 19-21 (1)
South East Asia	10-12 (1) 12-13 (2) 13-15 (1) 17-18 (1) 18-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	09-11 (1) 11-13 (2) 13-15 (1) 18-19 (1) 19-20 (2) 20-22 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-09 (2) 09-10 (3) 10-11 (2) 11-13 (1) 16-20 (1) 20-23 (2) 23-02 (1)	05-09 (1)
Far East	15-17 (1) 17-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	10-16 (1) 16-18 (2) 18-21 (3) 21-22 (2) 22-23 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-10 (3) 10-12 (2) 12-16 (1) 16-19 (2) 19-21 (1) 21-23 (2) 23-00 (3) 00-01 (2) 01-03 (1)	03-05 (1) 05-08 (2) 08-09 (1) 06-08 (1)
South Pacific & New Zealand	11-13 (1) 13-14 (2) 14-15 (3) 15-18 (4) 18-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-22 (1) 11-14 (1)* 16-18 (1)*	08-09 (1) 09-15 (2) 15-17 (3) 17-20 (4) 20-21 (3) 21-22 (2) 22-00 (1)	04-08 (2) 08-11 (3) 11-13 (2) 13-18 (1) 18-20 (2) 20-22 (3) 22-02 (4) 02-04 (3)	00-01 (1) 01-06 (3) 11-13 (2) 06-08 (4) 08-09 (2) 09-10 (1) 02-04 (1)* 04-07 (2)* 07-08 (1)*
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Caribbean, Central America & Northern Countries of South America	08-09 (1) 09-10 (2) 10-12 (3) 12-16 (4) 16-17 (3) 17-18 (2) 18-19 (1) 09-12 (1)*	07-08 (1) 08-09 (2) 09-11 (4) 11-14 (3) 14-18 (4) 18-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	07-10 (4) 10-12 (3) 12-14 (2) 14-16 (3) 16-23 (4) 23-03 (3) 03-05 (2) 05-07 (3)	19-20 (1) 20-21 (2) 21-22 (3) 22-05 (4) 05-06 (3) 06-07 (2) 07-08 (1) 20-23 (1)* 23-05 (2)* 05-07 (1)*
Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil, Chile, Argentina & Uruguay	08-09 (1) 09-13 (2) 13-15 (3) 15-17 (4) 17-18 (3) 18-19 (2) 19-20 (1) 09-15 (1)*	06-07 (1) 07-08 (2) 08-11 (3) 11-15 (2) 15-16 (3) 16-19 (4) 19-21 (3) 21-22 (2) 22-23 (1)	10-16 (1) 16-17 (2) 17-18 (3) 18-00 (4) 00-03 (3) 03-05 (2) 05-07 (3) 07-10 (2)	21-00 (1) 00-04 (2) 04-06 (1) 01-05 (1)*
McMurdo Sound, Antarctica	15-19 (1)	11-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-21 (3) 21-22 (2) 22-23 (1)	16-17 (1) 17-20 (2) 20-03 (3) 03-05 (2) 05-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-10 (1)	23-01 (1) 01-05 (2) 05-07 (1) 04-06 (1)*

Time Zones: CDT & MDT (24-Hour Time) CENTRAL USA TO:

	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
Western & Southern Europe & North Africa	09-11 (1) 11-13 (2) 13-14 (1) 10-11 (1)*	08-10 (1) 10-12 (2) 12-14 (3) 14-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-10 (2) 10-13 (1) 13-14 (2) 14-16 (4) 16-18 (3) 18-23 (2) 23-03 (1)	18-20 (1) 20-23 (2) 23-01 (3) 01-02 (2) 02-03 (1) 21-23 (1)* 23-01 (2)* 01-02 (1)*
Northern & Central Europe & European USSR	09-13 (1)	08-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-12 (3) 12-13 (2) 13-15 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-10 (2) 10-12 (1) 12-13 (2) 13-17 (3) 17-19 (2) 19-21 (1) 23-04 (1)	20-23 (1) 23-01 (2) 01-02 (1) 22-01 (1)
Eastern Mediterranean & Middle East	10-13 (1)	08-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-13 (3) 13-14 (2) 14-16 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-20 (3) 20-22 (2) 22-00 (3) 00-01 (2) 01-02 (1)	20-23 (1) 21-23 (1)*
Western Africa	10-12 (1) 12-14 (2) 14-16 (3) 16-17 (2) 17-18 (1) 09-11 (1)*	07-10 (1) 10-13 (2) 13-15 (3) 15-17 (4) 17-18 (3) 18-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	05-08 (2) 08-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-19 (3) 19-21 (4) 21-23 (3) 23-02 (2) 02-05 (1)	20-23 (1) 23-01 (2) 01-02 (1) 23-01 (1)*
Eastern & Central Africa	11-13 (1) 13-14 (2) 16-17 (1) 09-11 (1)*	09-10 (1) 10-13 (2) 13-17 (3) 17-18 (2) 18-19 (1)	13-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-20 (3) 20-23 (2) 23-00 (1) 07-09 (1)	21-00 (1)
Southern Africa	09-11 (1) 11-12 (2) 12-13 (3) 13-14 (2) 13-15 (1) 10-13 (1)*	07-09 (1) 09-12 (2) 12-13 (3) 13-15 (4) 15-16 (3) 16-17 (2) 17-18 (1)	06-08 (2) 08-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-19 (3) 19-22 (2) 22-01 (3) 01-05 (1)	20-21 (1) 21-23 (2) 23-01 (1) 21-23 (1)*

Time Zone: PDT (24-Hour Time) WESTERN USA TO:

	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
Western & Southern Europe & North Africa	09-12 (1)	08-09 (1) 09-10 (2) 10-12 (3) 12-13 (2) 13-15 (1) 22-00 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-10 (2) 10-12 (1) 12-14 (2) 14-17 (3) 17-19 (2) 19-21 (1) 23-01 (1)	20-21 (1) 21-23 (2) 23-00 (1) 21-23 (1)*
Central & Northern Europe & European USSR	09-11 (1)	08-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-13 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-12 (1) 12-17 (2) 17-18 (1) 21-23 (1)	20-21 (1) 21-22 (2) 22-23 (1)* 21-22 (1)*
Eastern Mediterranean & Middle East	09-11 (1)	08-09 (1) 09-10 (2) 10-11 (3) 11-12 (2) 12-13 (1) 20-22 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-14 (1) 14-16 (3) 16-20 (1) 20-23 (2) 23-01 (1)	20-23 (1)
Western & Central Africa	09-11 (1) 11-12 (2) 12-14 (3) 14-15 (2) 15-17 (1)	08-10 (1) 10-13 (2) 13-15 (3) 15-17 (4) 17-18 (3) 18-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	01-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-14 (1) 14-15 (2) 15-16 (3) 16-20 (4) 20-23 (3) 23-01 (2)	21-00 (1)
Eastern Africa	11-13 (1) 13-15 (2) 15-16 (1)	09-13 (1) 13-14 (2) 14-16 (3) 16-17 (2) 17-18 (1)	07-09 (1) 12-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-19 (3) 19-21 (2) 21-23 (1)	20-23 (1)

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sunset openings on 15, 17, and 20 meters. Fairly good conditions, however, should continue, with 15 and 17 meters remaining open through the early evening hours on many days, and 20 meters available for DX through midnight, and on many days throughout the entire period of darkness.

The fall, or *autumnal, equinox* will occur on September 22 as the sun crosses the plane of the equator on its apparent travel from northern to southern skies. On this day the hours of daylight and darkness are equal in length throughout the world. The effects of the equinox are felt on HF propagation conditions from about mid-September through October. During this period, the characteristics of the ionosphere are similar over large areas of the world, and this is usually the best season for DX openings between the temperate regions of both the northern and southern hemispheres. A similar period occurs during the spring equinox, which is centered on March 21. Look for an improvement in conditions between the U.S.A. and South America, to the South Pacific area and Australasia, to southern Asia, and to southern Africa and Antarctica. This improvement should be noticeable on all bands 10 through 160 meters. The best times to look for equinoctial-type openings should be the twilight periods around local sunrise and sunset, but they will occur at other times as well. Many of these inter-hemispheric openings may follow either the *long* or the *short* great circle path, so be sure to check both directions. The expected improvement in equinoctial propagation is reflected in the DX Propagation Charts appearing in this month's column.

VHF Ionospheric Openings

Solar activity remains high enough to support some F-2 layer DX openings from the U.S. to many areas of the world on the 6 meter band. During September and early October it may be possible to take advantage of equinoctial propagation for 6 meter DX openings between the U.S. and the temperate areas of the southern hemisphere. The best times for such openings are during the daylight hours, and they are shown with a ** in the DX Propagation Charts.

Conditions are expected to improve during September for trans-equatorial (TE) type openings on 6 meters. The best time to look for such openings is between 8 and 11 PM local standard time. TE openings favor locations in the southern tier states, and they generally extend across the magnetic equator into the temperate areas of South America. While F-2 layer openings on 6 meters are often steady and strong, TE openings are usually characterized by very weak signals and strong flutter fading.

Although summertime sporadic-E ionization should fall off considerably during September, an occasional 6 meter short-skip opening may still be possible over distances ranging between approximately 1000 and 1300 miles. Best time to check for these short-skip conditions is before noon and again during the early evening.

While no major meteor showers are expected during September, some minor activity may be possible on September 1, 21, and 29. Check for meteor-type ionospheric openings on both 6 and 2 meters on these days.

Southern Africa	09-10 (1) 10-12 (2) 12-14 (1)	07-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-14 (3) 14-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	01-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-10 (1) 12-16 (2) 16-20 (3) 20-01 (2)	19-22 (1)
Central & South Asia	09-11 (1) 17-19 (1)	08-11 (1) 16-17 (1) 17-18 (2) 18-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-01 (1)	02-08 (2) 08-10 (3) 10-12 (2) 12-17 (1) 17-21 (2) 21-02 (1)	06-08 (1) 19-21 (1)
Southeast Asia	09-10 (1) 10-11 (2) 11-12 (2) 16-17 (1) 17-18 (2) 18-19 (1) 15-17 (1)*	07-10 (1) 10-13 (2) 13-16 (1) 16-18 (2) 18-19 (3) 19-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	03-07 (2) 07-09 (3) 09-12 (2) 12-13 (1) 21-22 (1) 22-01 (2) 01-03 (3)	01-03 (1) 03-06 (2) 06-08 (1)
Far East	15-16 (1) 16-17 (2) 17-18 (3) 18-19 (2) 19-20 (1) 14-16 (1)*	09-11 (1) 14-15 (1) 15-18 (2) 18-19 (3) 19-20 (4) 20-21 (2) 21-22 (1)	04-07 (2) 07-10 (4) 10-13 (3) 13-15 (2) 15-20 (1) 20-22 (2) 22-00 (3) 00-02 (4) 02-04 (3)	01-03 (1) 03-07 (2) 07-08 (3) 08-09 (1) 03-05 (1)* 05-07 (2)* 07-08 (1)*
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**Indicates best times to listen for F-2 layer openings on 6 meters.

For 12 meter openings interpolate between 10 and 15 meter openings.

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Auroral activity tends to increase during the equinoctial period, so some auroral-type ionospheric openings are likely on both 6 and 2 meters during September. The best possibilities for such openings should coincide with periods of expected radio storminess. Check the Last Minute Forecast at the beginning of this column for those days during September that are expected to be Below Normal or Disturbed.

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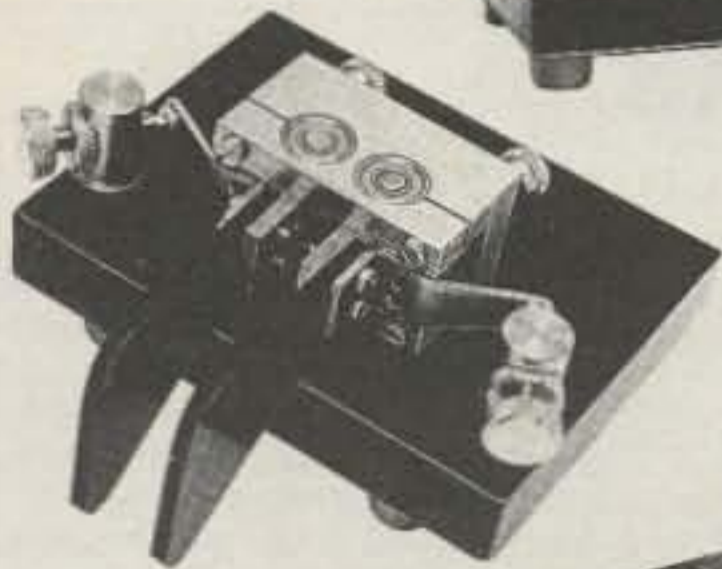
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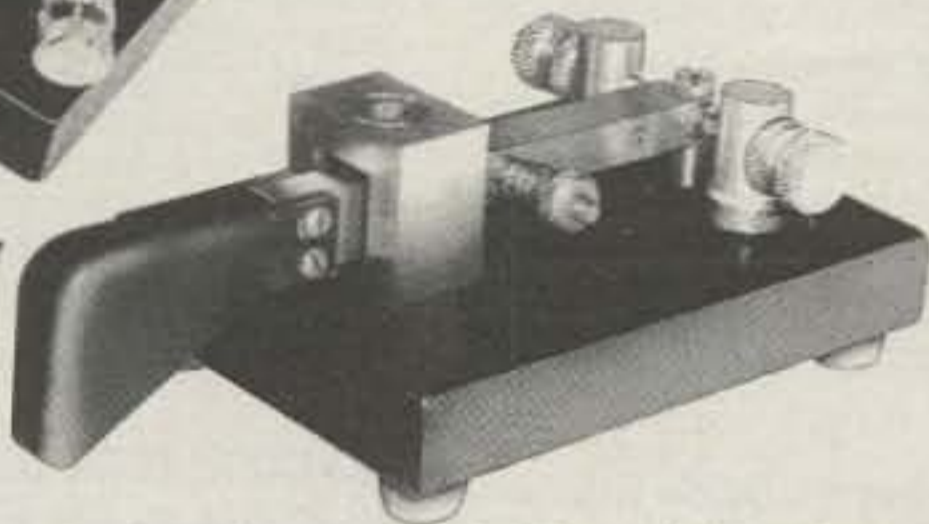
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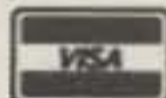
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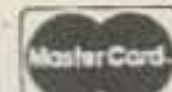
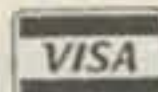
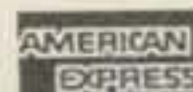
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KC7V	3,169,956
W5KFT	2,448,258
WE5I	2,417,877
W0CG	2,416,553
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K5TSQ	2,263,476
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K6HNZ	1,420,800
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KB1WH	1,127,280
WB2EAR	1,055,884
WW6O	1,033,728
KA4RRU	1,000,269

28 MHz

NX1H	3,032,393
KS3F	2,767,580
WE3C	2,144,956
N4ZZ	2,068,320
AA5BL	1,799,148
K7QQ	1,180,470
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N8AA	649,979
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WN4KKN/6	4,285,122
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W7CB	1,300,023
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KV0Q	1,082,250
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3.7 MHz

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OY9JD	3,234,530
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4N2V	4,006,926
VA8A	3,811,893
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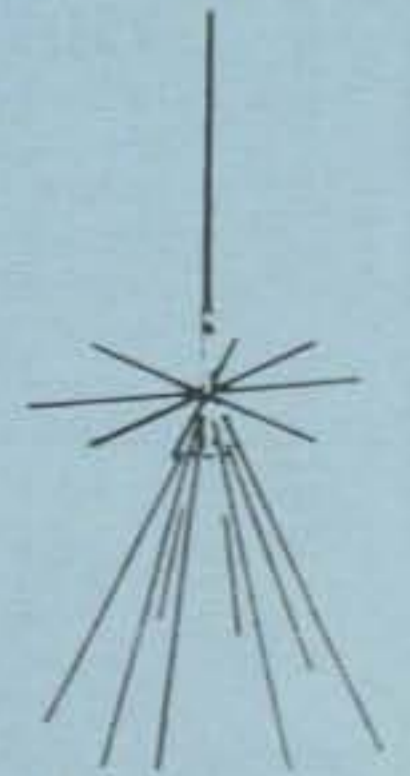
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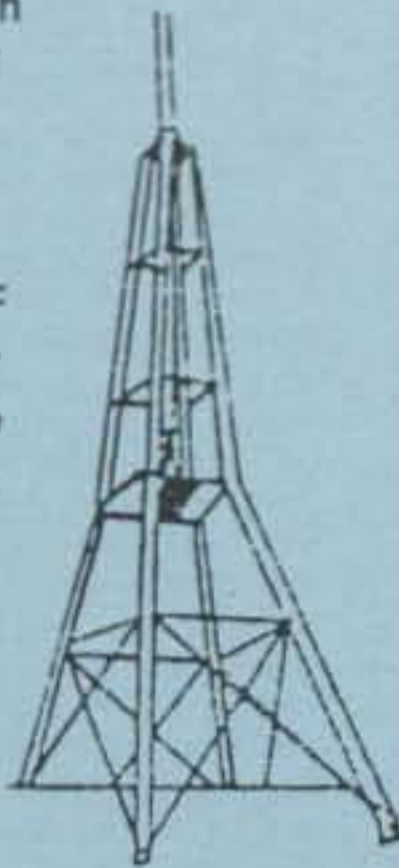
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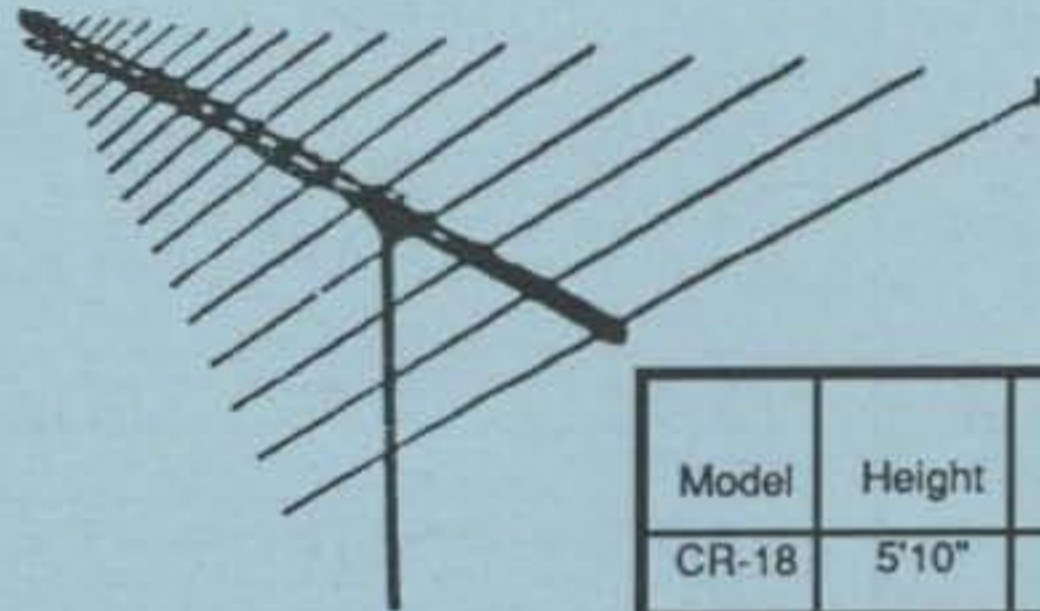
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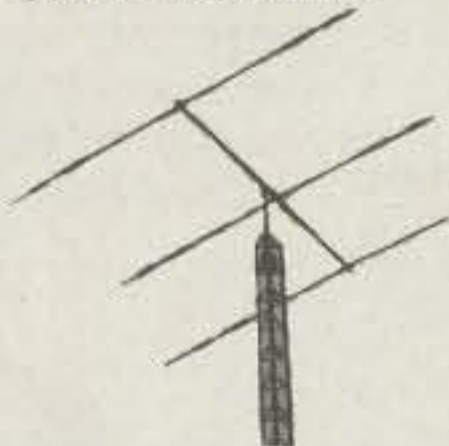
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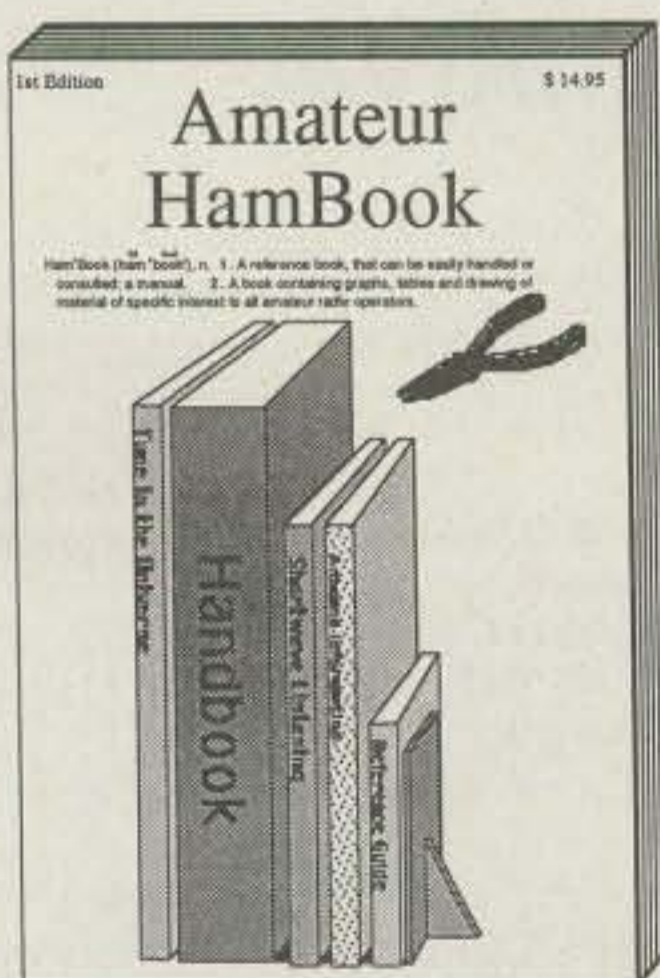
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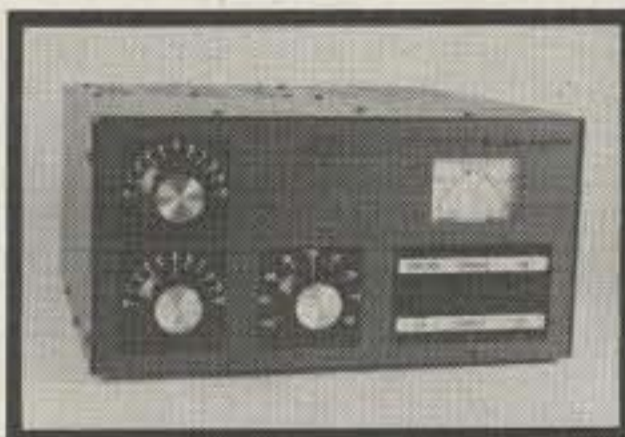
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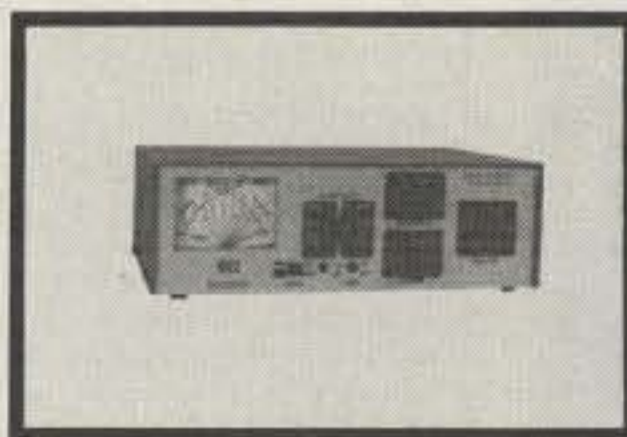
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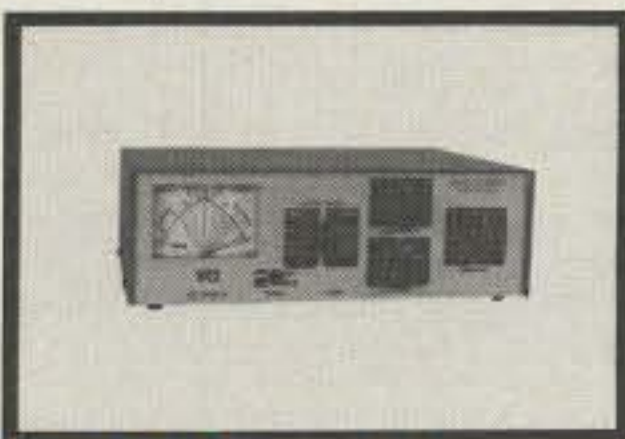
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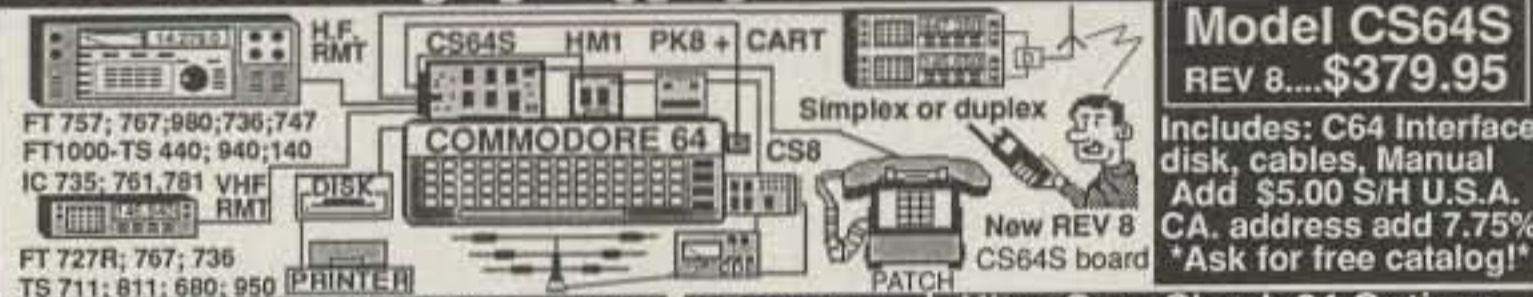
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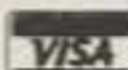
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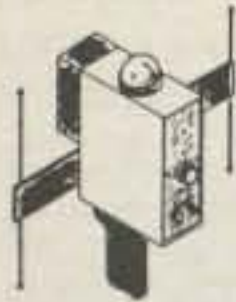


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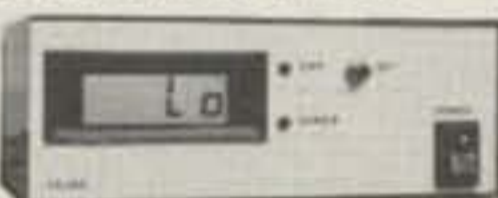
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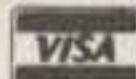
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Sept. 22, **Champaign/Logan ARC Hamfest & Computer Show**, Fairgrounds, Urbana, OH. Contact KC8NM, 513-355-5352.

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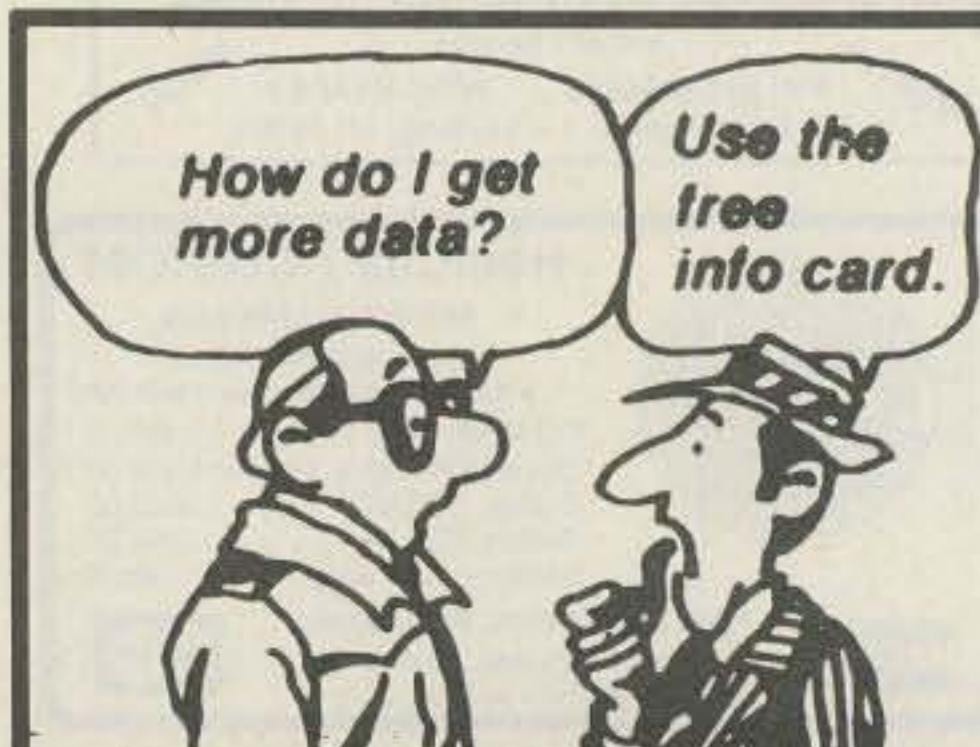
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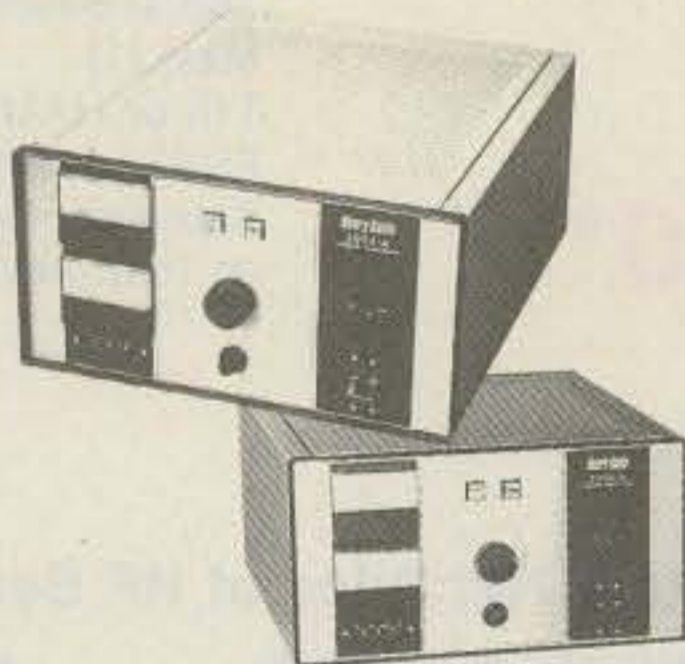
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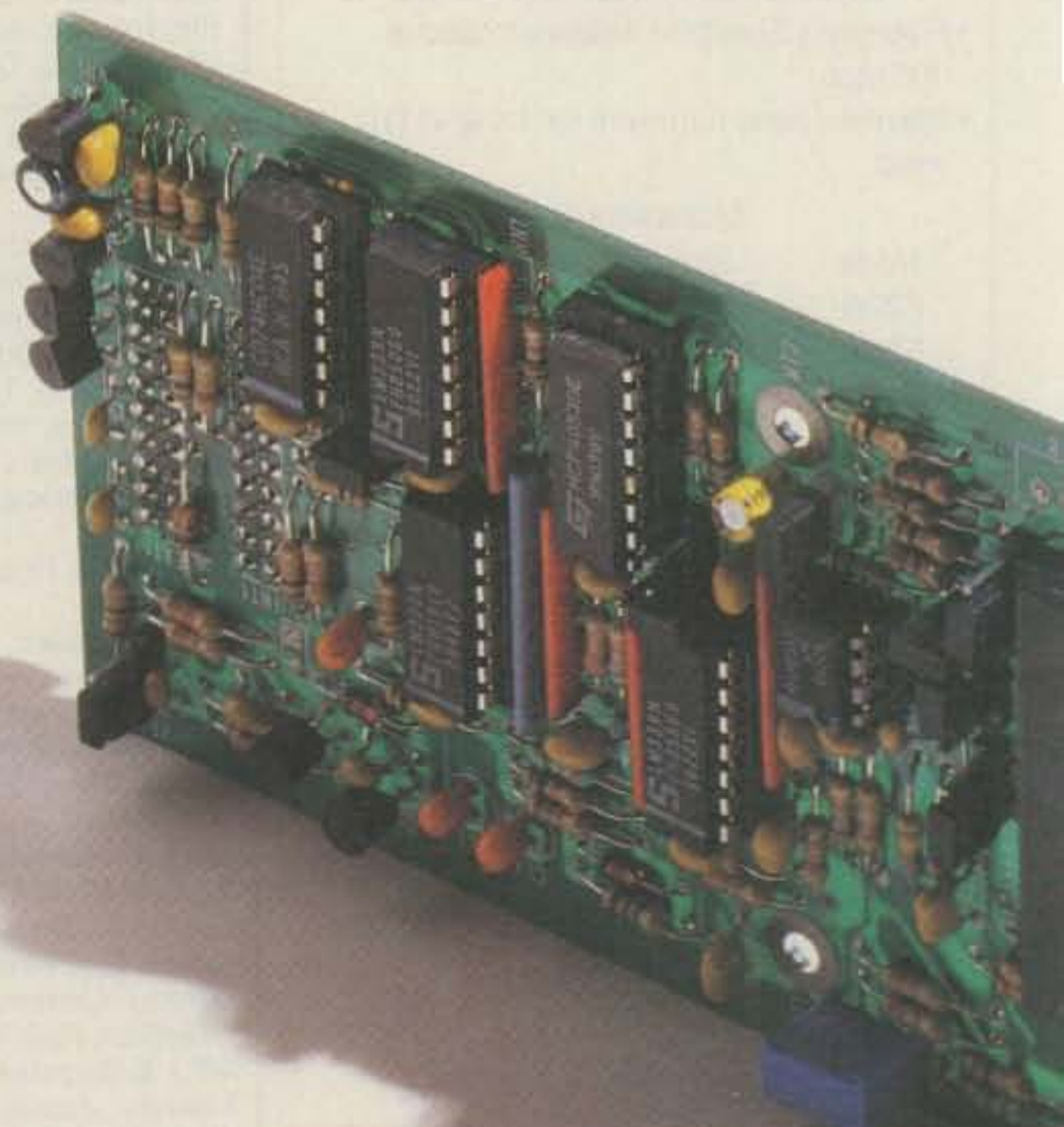
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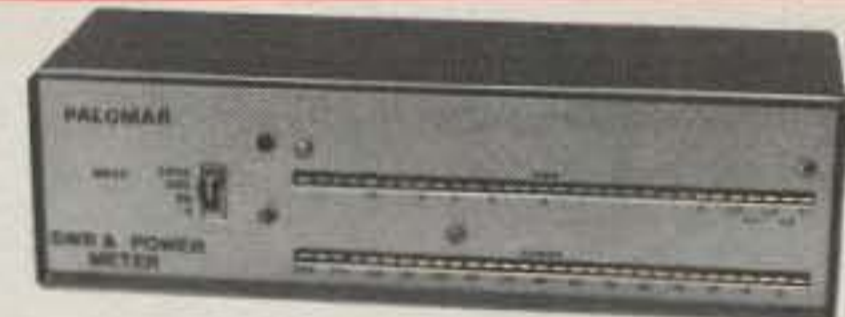
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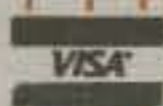
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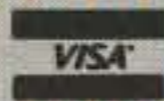
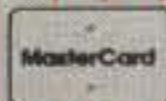
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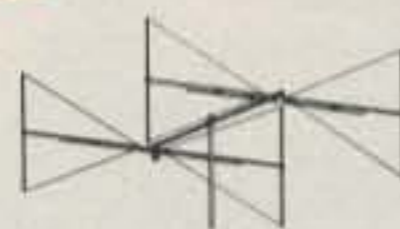
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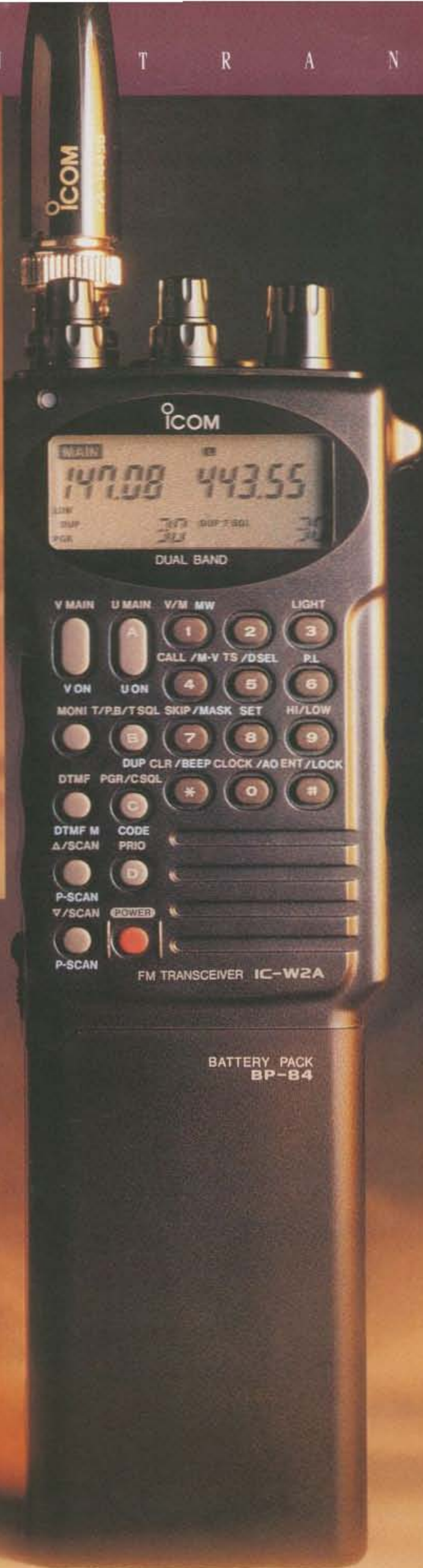
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