

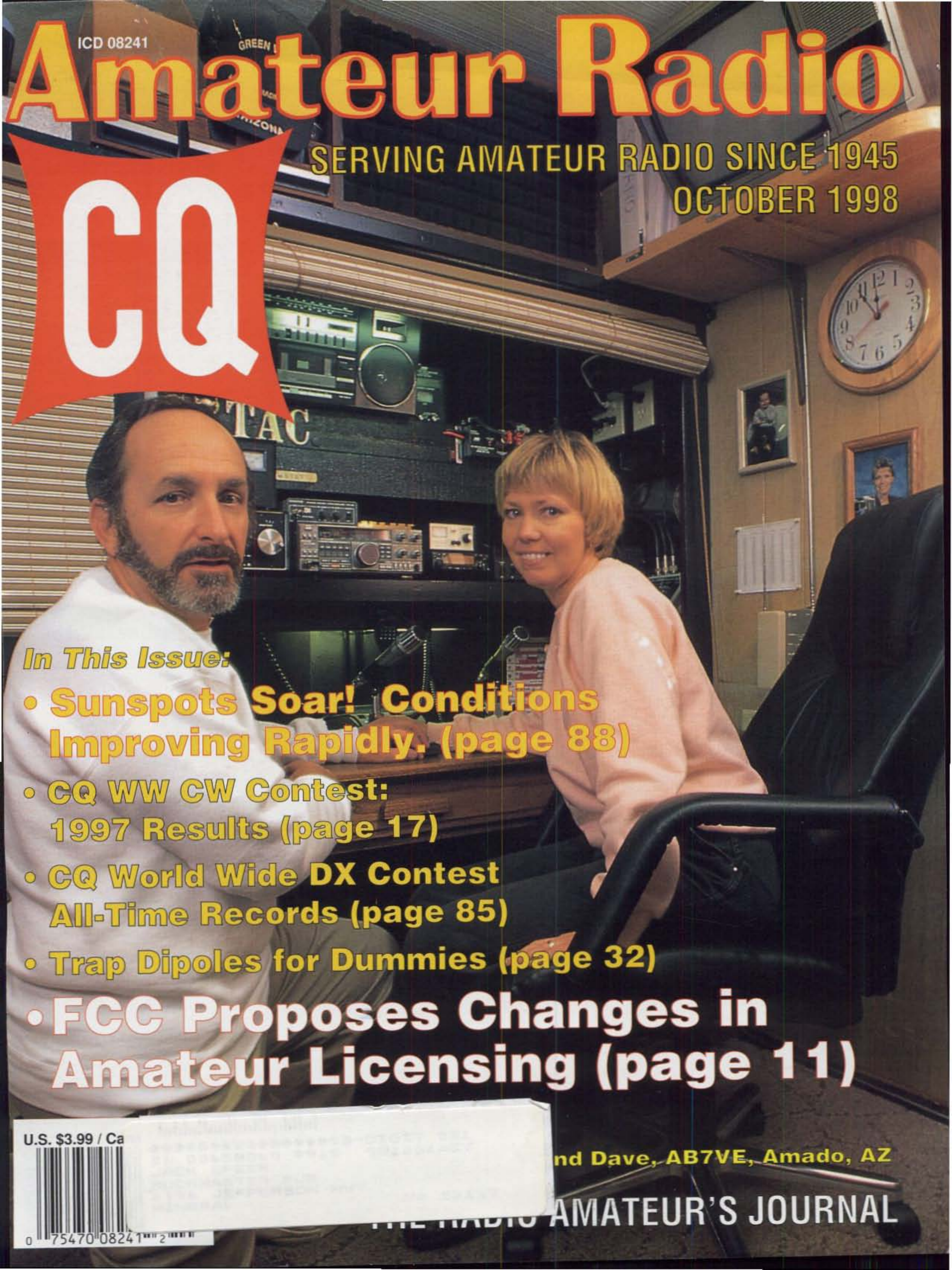
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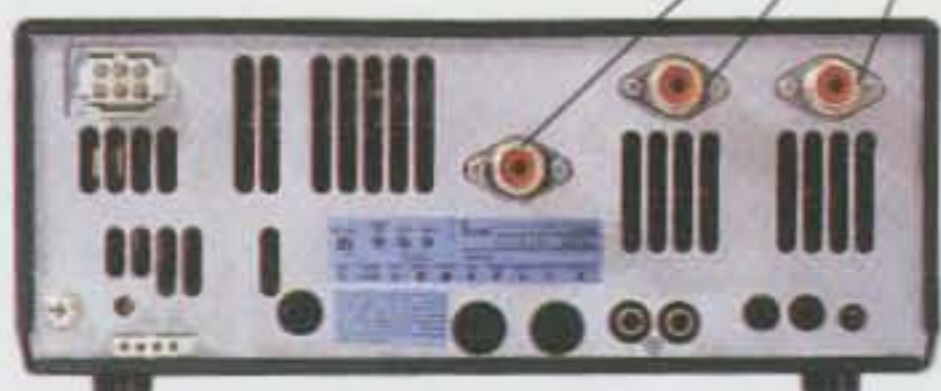
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# ZERO BIAS

## AN EDITORIAL

Our lead article this month concerns all of us. Normally, we would have started with the CQ WW DX CW results, but due to late-breaking news, we begin with Fred Maia's "Washington Readout" column.

While many of you might have heard about these proposed changes, a number of you might not have heard, or fully understood, what's really happening. The big difference with these proposed changes is that they come in the form of an NPRM, a Notice of Proposed Rule Making, and not in the form of an NOI, Notice of Inquiry. At this stage, now, the FCC is not especially gathering information for some future changes, but they are saying that there will be changes, and these changes will be sooner rather than later. Yes, there is time built in for comments and reply comments, and amateurs are urged to make their thoughts known. At the end of the column Fred explains the comment process and how we can participate in it.

It would be ideal, nice, civil, and respectful, if we as a group could keep our comments cogent, non-inflammatory, and non-emotional, and specifically address the issues of amateur radio today and in the future. It is obvious where the government wants to go with respect to all regulation (things that cost money) and that they wish to streamline (reduce costs and overhead) procedures. It's the thing we yell and scream for at election time and rail against when it hits home.

The weekend after this came out, we were at the Huntsville Hamfest. Naturally, this was the big topic of conversation. It was amazing how many paranoid plots were described to me and how many versions there were of what would constitute the "new" amateur radio after the dust settled. Anyone's guess is a fact to hang onto as long as it's said with a straight face and a modicum of sincerity. Amateur radio, as with politics, has no shortage of self-appointed *doyens* (and *doyennes*, to be politically correct) who all seem to have secret hidden sources of information. We seem to have an underlying anxiety with regard to losing any privileges for ourselves, although we'd gladly accept more privileges during this change. In the same way, we sort of resent anyone with a lesser license gaining privileges, since they didn't take the appropriate test.

Sometimes it's quite difficult to reconcile what the ultimate good for the hobby is (that usually involves some sort of irritating change) with what will keep the rest of us complacent. To me, the hobby has changed its nature and regulations continually since the summer of 1953, when I became KN2EEK. I've seen all sorts of changes in rules and regulations, license classes, privileges taken and given, the incentive licensing fiasco, marvelous developments in new



On the left, Harold Ort, N2RLL, Editor of CQ's sister publication, Popular Communications, congratulates Richard Paczkowski, KF4BIA, the 1998 Young Ham of the Year.

technology and modes, and an array of equipment and accessories I couldn't even begin to dream of in 1953. Nothing stays the same, and our memories of events are more selective than DSP.

One of the more pleasant aspects of the Huntsville Hamfest was the opportunity to meet Richard Paczkowski, Jr., KF4BIA, a sixteen-year-old amateur who was named "Young Ham of the Year" at this year's event. In four short years of being licensed, holding a license that many of you would not consider "real," Richard has compiled an extraordinary list of public-service accomplishments through perseverance, dedication, and an obvious willingness to serve. When you read about his organizational and leadership skills during the recent fires in Florida, when as Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Volusia County ARES he took over when the Emergency Coordinator became unavailable, what you and I would expect to see and meet is a much older person, seasoned with many years of experience and definitely holding a "real" license. Well, any older, more seasoned "real" license holder would and should be envious of this young man's record. He is what more of us should aspire to be.

Part of being named Young Ham of the Year is the recipient's being on the receiving end, instead of the giving end, for a change. It's a show of appreciation and recognition for helping to be a role model for young people and the rest of us. One of the major sponsors of the award, Yaesu, presented Richard with an FT-920, definitely to enhance his operating and amateur radio enjoyment. We at CQ also sponsor the winner with a week's stay at NASA Space Camp, which is located in Huntsville. When we checked with Richard prior to the ham-

fest about his ability to stay over for Space Camp, he decided that a better use for that particular gift would be to donate it to the Make-A-Wish Foundation to make some other young person happy. That story reached the Huntsville newspaper and local TV, and when the folks at Space Camp saw it, they made arrangements for Richard to be their guest for a week's stay. Richard's folks and the rest of us have many reasons to be extremely proud of this young man.

Now, if I can return to the FCC's NPRM for a moment, and if anyone is particularly interested in my prognostication, I'd like to offer an opinion. First, I'm one of the few who doesn't have numerous secret agents in Washington who feed me the latest of the latest of insider information. I guess what I hope to offer is common sense derived from what simply was presented. The document at first (and after several) readings appears to have been written hastily, containing errors, and authored by someone unfamiliar with amateur radio who probably was under a time constraint. Given that, I don't think it is or was any form of nefarious plot against us. What it looks like is a mix-up between a Notice of Inquiry and a Notice of Proposed Rule Making and appears as if the FCC is simply looking for useful, helpful information to make a decision.

At the moment, what looks like it makes the most sense is some form of the ARRL's proposal recently put forward. By anyone's definition, six classes of license is too many. My guess is that we could streamline that to three. I also see a reduction in the required code speeds to 5 wpm, and 8 or 10 wpm for the highest class. It simply is a slow phasing out process. Sure, some people will be unhappy and rant and rave about the good old days. Others will be happy because they get new opportunities. The concept of this change is not really an option or something that can be put off, or something to which, in effect, we can say no.

The hardest change that many of us, especially the bulk of ARRL members, have to deal with is the CW issue. It's not just here, it's worldwide, and it's happening now. For many of us, CW is very important as a mode and tradition, but it doesn't define us or describe what we do. When I thought about it at the hamfest, I thought about the young man, Richard, KF4BIA, and what we were honoring him for. Richard holds a Technician class license, and I don't really know if he ever aspires to have an Extra class license. What is evident and praiseworthy is that right now, today, he, more than any Top Gun CW Contest winner, exemplifies what amateur radio is and should be. We weren't there to laud Richard's code speed; we were there to praise his outstanding public service.

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**Pinellas Amateur Radio Emergency Services** is sponsoring a free open house on Thursday, October 1 at 7 PM at the Sunstar Building, Largo, Florida. The theme of the evening is "An Introduction to Amateur Radio." Included will be guest speakers, demonstrations, and a video presentation. For more information, call 727-531-8135, or check the web site at <www.fgcarc.org/openhouse>.

• The following Special Events will take place during October:

**K2BRK**, from 18th annual Apple Festival, Hilton, NY, grid square FN13; Brockport ARK; Oct. 3-4, General portion of HF bands and 2m and 70 cm. For postcard, QSL, or an 8.5 x 11 certificate send SASE to John D. Hysell, KF2XC, 381 Fiesta Rd., Rochester, NY 14626-3843. For details see the BARK web site at: <www.frontiernet.net/~n2tuk>.

**W2GLQ**, from Nutley ARS 50th anniversary, Nutley, NJ; 1400Z Oct. 17 to 2300Z Oct. 18 on 3.940, 7.240, 21.375, 28.500 kHz ±20 kHz. For certificate send SASE to NARS, c/o Nutley Red Cross Building, 165 Chestnut St., Nutley, NJ 07110.

**W2XRX**, from 60th anniversary of invention of xerography, Webster, NY; Xerox ARC; 0000-2400Z Oct. 24; SSB 7.240, 14.240, 21.250, 28.340 MHz; CW 25 kHz up from low end of corresponding General bands. For QSL or certificate send SASE and QSL to Xerox ARC, Bldg. 337 Wilson Research Center, 800 Phillips Rd., Webster, NY 14580 (or via the bureau). More info: <www.ggw.org/xarc>.

**NY3EC**, from the submarine *U.S.S. Requin*, Carnegie Science center, Pittsburgh, PA; 1400-2100Z Oct. 4. The station will operate vintage CW equipment in the 40 meter Novice band and Novice portions of the 10 and 15 meters, if conditions permit. Phone operation in the General segment of 20 and 10 meters. For certificate and QSL card, send QSL and an 8 1/2 x 11 SASE to Jack Buzon, KA3HPM, 47 Grubbs Road, Cheswick, PA 15024-9648.

**AC4RC**, from original radio room of battleship *USS North Carolina BB*, Wilmington, NC; Azalea Coast ARC; 10 AM to 3 PM EST Oct. 17. QSL to AC4RC, P.O. Box 4044, Wilmington, NC 28406. The club will also be hosting a JOTA Event from the Battleship Park Gazebo 10 AM to 3PM.

**K4HXZ**, from Devil's Courthouse, Brevard, NC; Transylvania County ARC; 1800-2359Z Halloween, Oct. 31; on 7.231, 14.295, 21.305, 28.335, and 145.52 MHz. Send large SASE to Fred Hatfield, W9MMZ, Rt. 1, Box 7, Brevard, NC 28712.

**K4OZK**, 25th Claybank Jamboree. Ozark, AL; 1600-2100Z Oct. 3, all bands. For certificate send SASE to Dale City Emergency Mgmt Sta., Box 817, Ozark, AL 36361.

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**K5WPH**, Sun City ARC (DM61) 40th Anniversary Certificate Contest; 0700 to 1900 MST, Oct. 10; on 28.440 and/or 14.270. For certificate send SASE to K5WPH, 3709 Wickham Ave., El Paso, TX 79904.

**K5ZRO**, from AMSAT International Convention, Vicksburg, MS; Vicksburg ARC; 1300-2200Z Oct. 17; General portion of 40, 20, 17, 15, 10 meters. For QSL only: Ed Magruder, N5QDE, 2485 Warrenton Rd., Vicksburg, MS 39180-7610.

**W9AA**, from 65th anniversary of Hamfesters Radio Club, Chicago, IL; 1800Z Oct. 3 to 2300Z Oct. 10; on 28.410-28.500, 21.310-21.360, 14.250-14.290, 7.200-7.260, 3.00-3.950, plus CW frequencies possible. WAHM awards: inside IL 10 contacts, outside IL 5 contacts, outside US 3 contacts. Contact Dorothy Truhlar, N9ALC, 1701 W 101st St., Chicago, IL 60643.

**W98ITU**, from Plentipot Meeting, Minneapolis, MN; Oct. 2 through Nov. 7; all HF bands, CW, Phone, and RTTY. For QSL send SASE to W98ITU, P.O. Box 131415, St. Paul, MN 55113. DX cards will be handled directly or through the W9 bureau.

**WØCXX/5, W5ROK**, from Collins Collectors Assn. annual convention, Dallas, TX; Collins ARCs of Richardson, TX and Cedar Rapids, IA; 1400Z Friday through 2000Z Sunday, Oct. 15-18; 40-10 meters. For QSL send QSL and SASE to Gene Duprey, K1GD, P.O. Box 940714, Plano, TX 75094-0714.

**WØFUN**, Nowhere, Illinois; 1400-2100Z Oct. 17 on 7.234 and 14.243 MHz. QSL with SASE to: Iowa Radiosport Society, P.O. Box 185, W. Burlington, IA 52655.

• The following hamfests, etc., are scheduled for October:

Oct. 3, **YCARS Hamfest**, Knights Stadium (baseball exit), Rock Hill, SC. Contact Pete Krenn, KC4ZAR, 803-366-5932; e-mail: <pete@cetlink.net>. (Exams)

Oct. 3, **Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse 42nd Hamfest**, Pompey Fire Department, Syracuse, NY. Contact Vivian Douglas, WA2PUU, 315-469-0590; or <www.pagesz.net/~rags>. (Exams)

Oct. 3, **1998 Mid-Atlantic States VHF Conference**, Hampton Inn, Warrington, PA. Contact John Sorter, KB3XG, 1214 N. Trooper Road, Norristown, PA 19403, e-mail: <johnkb3xg@aol.com>; or call 610-878-5674.

Oct. 4, **Annual HAMARAMA**, Bucks County Drive Inn, Warrington, PA. Contact Mark Schreiner, NK8Q, 662 Cafferty Rd., Ottsville, PA 18942, e-mail: <nk8q@amsat.org>; call 215-497-1414.

Oct. 4, **Hoosier Hills Hamfest**, Lawrence County 4-H Fairgrounds, Bedford, IN. Contact John Scheiwe, KB9LTI, RR 11 Box 1234, Bedford, IN 47421; or call 812-279-0050; e-mail: <jscheiwe@dmrct.net>; or <http://dmrct.net/~jscheiwe/hamfest.html>. (Exams)

Oct. 4, **Hall of Science ARC Hamfest**, New York Hall of Science parking lot, Flushing Meadow, Corona Park, Queens, NY. Contact Stephen Greenbaum, WB2KDG, 718-898-5599 (evenings only); e-mail: <WB2KDG@bigfoot.com>.

Oct. 9-11, **1998 Region One USAF MARS Conference**, Lenox Inn, Reynoldsburg, OH. Con-

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Oct. 10, **Bergen ARA Fall Hamfest**, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ. Call Jim Joyce, K2ZO, 201-664-6725 (before 10PM). (Exams)

Oct. 10, **North Kitsap ARC Hamfest**, Pres-

ident's Hall, Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Bremerton, WA. Contact Susan Johnson, AB7MD, P.O. Box 1226, Poulsbo, WA 98370, packet <AB7MD@N7WE.#WWA.USA.NOAM>; e-mail: <sujohnso@linknet.kitsap.lib.wa.us>.

Oct. 10-11, **Egypt Temple ARA Hamfest & Computer Show**, Unit Building, Tampa, FL. Contact J. F. Strom, K9BSL, 813-822-9107, or write to: 233 34th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33704-2241.

Oct. 10-11, **38th Memfest & Computer Show**, 2585 N. Hollywood at I-240, Memphis, TN. Contact

Lee Bowers, KA4KVW, 901-867-3461, or Ben Troughton, KU4AW, 901-372-8031. (Exams)

Oct. 11, **Maysville Hamfest**, Community Center, Maysville, NC. Contact Jo Ann Taylor, WD4JYR, 252-393-2120. (No exams this year.)

Oct. 11, **LCDRA & CMARC HamFair**, Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason, MI. Contact Don Tillitson, WB8NUS, 517-321-2004, or LCDRA, P.O. Box 80106, Lansing, MI 48908. (Handicapped accessible.)

Oct. 11, **Lima Hamfest & Computer Show**, Allen County Fairgrounds, Lima, OH. Contact the info phone 419-647-6321 or 419-358-7376 (before 9PM).

Oct. 16-18, **16th AMSAT Space Symposium and Annual Meeting**, Vicksburg, MS. Contact their web site: <<http://pages.prodigy.com/DXHF93A>>. It is also accessible via the AMSAT www page.

Oct. 17, **Old Pueblo RC Swapmeet**, De Anza Drive-In Theater, Tucson, AZ. Contact George Lynch, KA1TY, P.O. Box 42601, Tucson, AZ 85733 (include e-mail address).

Oct. 17, **14th Annual Tri-Cities Hamfest**, Appalachian Fairgrounds, Gray, TN. Write to P.O. Box 3682 CRS, Johnson City, TN 37602.

Oct. 18, **RH Hill ARC Hamfest**, Sellersville Fire House, Sellersville, PA. Call Linda Erdman, 215-679-5764; web: <<http://www.rfhill.ampr.org>>. (Exams)

Oct. 18, **16th Annual Kalamazoo Hamfest**, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, Kalamazoo, MI. Send SASE to Gary Hazelton, N8GH, 75075 M-40, Lawton, MI 49065; web: <[www.net-link.net/wmat](http://www.net-link.net/wmat)>.

Oct. 18, **Tailgate Electronics, Computer & Amateur Radio Fleamarket**, Albany & Main St., Cambridge, MA. Call 617-253-3776. (Handicapped accessible.)

Oct. 18, **Foothills ARC Hamfest**, Hose Co. No. 1, Greensburg, PA. Homepage: <<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Acres/7896>>. (Handicapped/wheelchair accessible.)

Oct. 23-25, **Texoma Hamarama**, Texoma State Lodge, Kingston, OK. See the web page: <[www.qsl.net/kc5sig/hamarama/](http://www.qsl.net/kc5sig/hamarama/)>.

Oct. 24, **Southside ARC Octoberfest '98**, Grandview Middle School (East Junior High), Grandview, MO. Contact Donna Quick, KB0YJN, 816-537-7464, e-mail: <[kb0yjn@juno.com](mailto:kb0yjn@juno.com)>; or Mark Sevy, KB0VWD, 816-331-8948, e-mail: <[kb0vwd@juno.com](mailto:kb0vwd@juno.com)>. (Exams)

Oct. 24, **4th Annual Swap-Toberfest**, ARES Convention, Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, OR. Contact Bob Boswell, W7LOU, 503-623-2513; e-mail: <[w7lou@goldcom.com](mailto:w7lou@goldcom.com)>; to download flyer visit web: <<http://www.teleport.com/~n7ifj/swaptobe.html>>. (Handicapped accessible)

Oct. 24-25, **1998 Southwest International Hamfiesta**, Ysleta Independent School District's Cultural Arts Center, El Paso, TX. Contact Clay Emert, K5TRW, P.O. Box 971072, El Paso, TX, 79997 (915-859-5502; e-mail: <[cemert@dznet.com](mailto:cemert@dznet.com)>; web: <[www.hamfiesta@dznet.com](http://www.hamfiesta@dznet.com)>.

Oct. 25, **Boone-Clinton Co. ARC Hamfest**, Boone Co. Fairgrounds, Lebanon, IN. Contact K9DFK, Don Lecklitner, 765-249-2020. (Exams nearby 9-11AM.)

Oct. 25, **25th Annual Hamfiesta & Computer Show**, Marion County Fairgrounds Coliseum, Marion, OH. Contact Karen Eckard, N8KE, 614-499-3565; or Betty Krist, N5UDT, 740-387-3533 (after 5PM).

Oct. 31, **Halloween Hamfest**, Kirkwood Community Center, St. Louis, MO. Contact Steve Welton, WB0IUN, 314-638-4959; <[slw@partyline.net](mailto:slw@partyline.net)>. (Exams)

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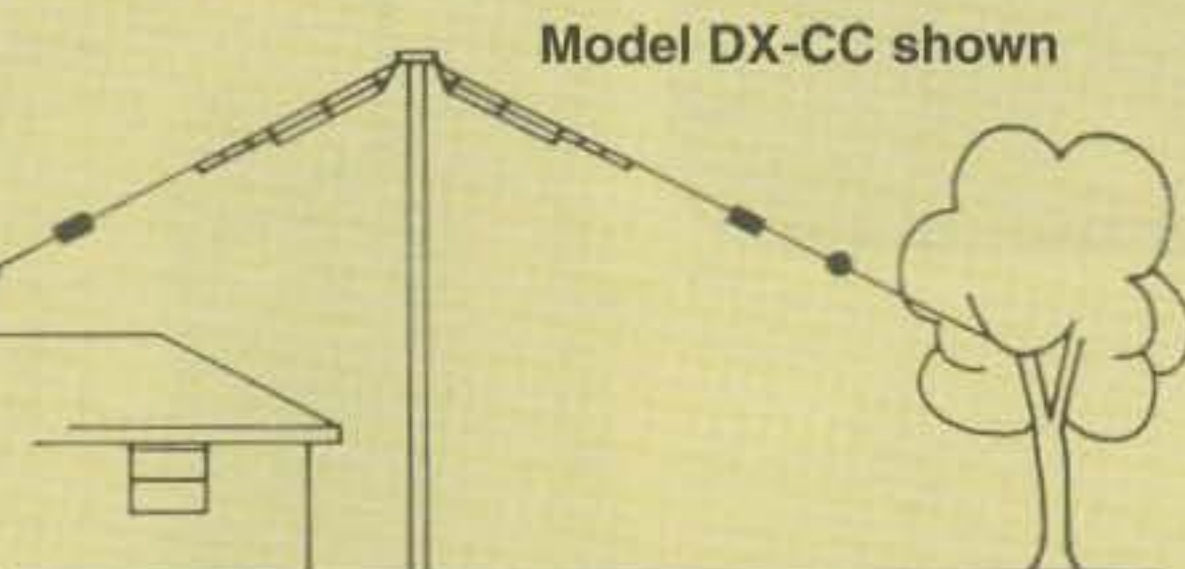
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# OUR READERS SAY

## Not A "Local"

Editor, CQ:

Concerning Jim White, K1EXE's opinion of Yankees not be called on the air ("Our Readers Say," June 1998 CQ), Jim, I think you are a bit confused. It's not that you are a "Yankee." It's more than likely the fact that you are not a "local." I moved to a sleepy little place (at the time) known as Gainesville (take it easy, guys/gals) from the Niceville/Ft. Walton area. The *only* reason I was *ever* called on the air was because my call was *mistaken* for that of a "local"!

Don't feel like it's because you're a "Yankee," Jim. We don't all hold it against you.

Matthew Stennett, WA4TKG-/7J6CAT/1 Tokyo (the only APRS station in Japan)

## Memorable Tour of Duty

Editor, CQ:

I would like to make a small correction to Bill O'Quin, WB4IBZ's letter ("Our Readers Say," p. 98, June 1998 CQ). He was not the only licensed ham on the ice during the 1959-60 wintering-over period.

I was at Williams field when Jules, K2KGJ, landed and watched as he was transported to "town" via dog sled.

I was chief operator of KC4USV during the long night, assisted by Chief Cary and Chief Cox, among others who operated the equipment for phone patches. Chief Cary and myself made a CW contact on 20 meters with a Russian station and received word of the birth of our resident Russian's child.

I enjoyed Bill's letter. I look for articles on the Antarctic, as that was my most memorable tour of duty.

Dick Bollinger, W4PYH  
Rosman, NC

## W2IYX Remembered

Editor, CQ:

I just wanted to thank Ted Cohen, N4XX, for his enlightening article on Harvey McCoy, W2IYX, in the June 1998 issue. Over the years Harvey had many more accomplishments to his credit, but I recognize that space was limited.

Jack M. Gutzeit, W2LZX  
(former President LIDXA)  
Flushing, NY

## July Cover Comment

Editor, CQ:

As always, your CQ cover pictures are quite interesting, and the July 1998 issue

is no exception. However, there was one aspect of the photograph that rather disturbed me. I do not think it was a good idea to show a shack with a KW linear amplifier (the modified Heath SB-220) sitting with the external cabinet removed and the internal high-voltage elements exposed to contact. This is a very dangerous, even lethal, situation that should not have been promulgated to the amateur community, especially the newer licensees who learn from the pictures and examples we show them.

Mike Baker, W8CM  
Van Alstyne, TX

## Among the Best in Its Field

Editor, CQ:

Congratulations on a job well done. I think that CQ is one of the best magazines in its field. As did many amateurs, I enjoyed the article about 160 meter propagation ("The 160 Meter Band," by Cary Oler and Ted Cohen, N4XX, March and April 1998 CQ), and also the article "A Five-Band Cubical Quad for Cycle 23" by Steve Root, KØSR, in the June issue.

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## WASHINGTON READOUT

REGULATORY NEWS IN THE WORLD OF AMATEUR RADIO

BY FREDERICK O. MAIA, W5YI

### *FCC Begins Proceeding to Change Amateur Service Rules*

**A**s part of their 1998 Biennial Review of unnecessary federal regulations, the FCC on August 10th released a 33-page Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) which looks toward eliminating unnecessary rules and streamlining the Amateur Service licensing process. The review is required by the Communications Act and is completed in even-numbered years. The FCC said they "... believe it is appropriate to review all of our regulations relating to administering wireless services, not just those pertaining to providers of telecommunications services, to determine which regulations can be streamlined or eliminated."

The NPRM not only proposes new Part 97 rules, it asks the public to comment on several questions relating to the Amateur Service licensing and enforcement. The FCC wants to:

1. Reduce the number of license classes from 6 to 4,
2. Permit additional amateur licensees to act as volunteer examiners, and
3. Eliminate Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) licenses.

In addition, the Commission wants public input on:

4. Ideas to improve the Amateur Service enforcement process, and
5. Possible changes to the telegraphy requirements and the written examinations.

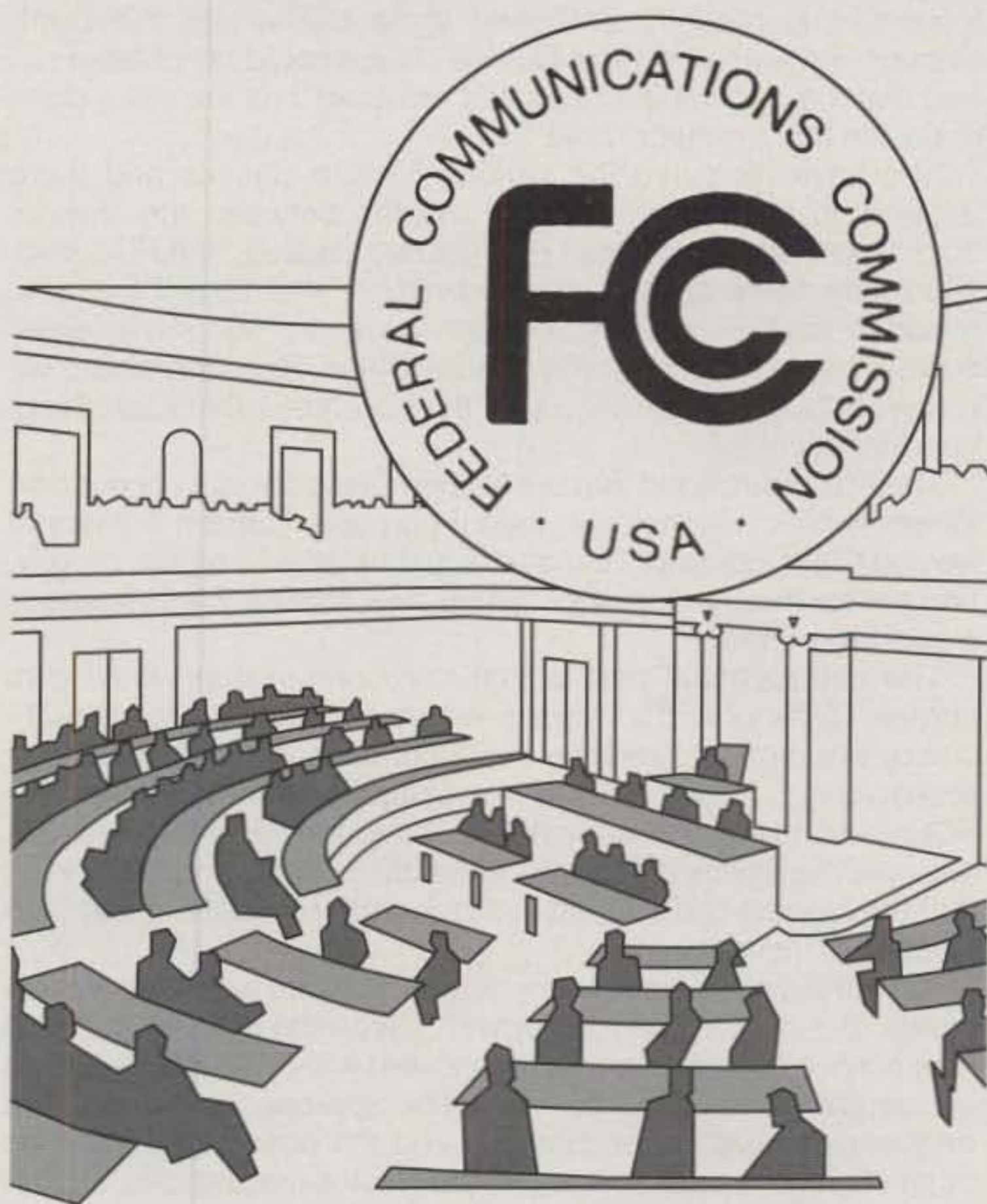
#### **Background**

There are currently six classes of amateur operator licenses. The higher the license class, the more expertise the licensee must demonstrate by examination and the greater the frequency privileges the amateur operator is authorized.

Novice Class licensees pass a slow-speed telegraphy examination and have limited frequency privileges. The Technician Class license holder may use any of 17 frequency bands above 50 MHz. Holders of the Technician Plus Class have additional privileges in four shortwave bands, between 3-30 MHz. The General Class carries privileges in all 27 amateur service bands.

The privileges of an Advanced Class license holder include 275 kHz of additional spectrum in the high-frequency (HF) bands. Amateur Extra Class licensees get even more HF frequencies—an additional 175 kHz. The license class is determined by the degree of skill and/or knowledge in operating a station that is demonstrated by the applicant during the examination.

The last major restructuring of the Amateur Radio Service Rules took place in 1989, when the FCC rules were complete-



ly rewritten to create a more meaningful and easy-to-use body of regulations. Since then, many new communication techniques have emerged, and the Commission believes this is an opportune time to add flexibility to the Amateur Radio Service Rules.

The NPRM also discusses three petitions for rulemaking filed by The American Radio Relay League, Inc. (ARRL). In RM-9148, the ARRL requests additional opportunities for VEs to prepare and administer examinations. In RM-9150, the ARRL proposes to create a private sector complaint procedure for resolving cases of malicious interference in the Amateur Service. In RM-9196, the ARRL wants changed the Morse code waiver procedures that lead to telegraphy examination credit for the handicapped.

#### **Number of License Classes**

There are six classes of operator licenses in the Amateur Radio Service: Novice, Technician, Technician Plus, General,

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Advanced, and Extra Class. VEs administer new examinations each time an amateur operator moves to a higher class, and the Commission must process the license transaction, modify the data base, and issue a license document. The VE system also must electronically process the new or upgraded application.

While the FCC believes there should be a number of license classes to encourage amateur operators to advance their skills, six classes of operator licenses may be too many and unnecessary.

"Reducing the number of classes of operator licenses would relieve the VEs from the tasks of preparing and administering unnecessary examinations. It would also ease the Commission's burden of providing oversight of the system and maintaining a data base of the current operator class for every amateur operator," the FCC wrote in the Notice.

In 1997, an ARRL committee recommended that the number of license classes be reduced from six to five, and more recently, the ARRL Directors voted for only four classes. No Code International recently proposed three classes to the Commission. All agree that the Novice class should be phased out and that the Technician class has replaced it as the entry class of choice into amateur radio.

"We have reviewed the various license classes and there appears to be an unnecessary overlap between the Novice, Technician, and Technician Plus license classes," the FCC said. "Currently, there are very few individuals who take the examination for the Novice Class operator license. In 1997, we received only 961 applications for the Novice Class. By comparison, we received 21,416 applications for the no-code Technician Class operator license."

The FCC concluded that the Novice Class operator license no longer serves a significant, useful purpose. Current holders of Novice Class operator licenses would be able to retain, modify, and renew them indefinitely but no new Novice Class licenses would be granted.

The controversial part is that the Commission would give Novice Class operators with 5 words-per-minute Morse proficiency examination credit for the telegraphy requirement for any license class, including those which require 13 and 20 wpm. The FCC wants to know how the Amateur community feels about this and how the Novice bands should be used. Basically, this means that the highest code speed in the Amateur Service would be 5 words per minute.

"Currently, other class licensees can operate within the Novice bands, but only at reduced power. Given the small number of new Novice licenses now being issued, if we were to discontinue licensing new Novices, would it be appropriate to delete the frequency limitations on Novices and the power limitations on other classes of operators using the Novice frequencies, so that Novices would continue to be limited to 200 watts output power but could operate using the Morse code anywhere within the 80, 40, 15, and 10 meter bands?" the FCC asked.

The only difference between the Technician and Technician Plus Classes is that a Technician Plus operator has passed a five words-per-minute (wpm) telegraphy examination, while a Technician Class operator has not. Both Technician and Technician Plus Class licensees predominantly use FM voice and digital packet technologies on the amateur VHF and UHF bands. Therefore, the FCC also proposed that the Technician Plus Class also be phased out.

"Holders of an FCC-issued Technician Class operator license granted before March 21, 1987, have previously passed the written examination required to qualify for a General Class operator license. Other Technician Plus Class operators could qualify for a General Class operator license by passing written examination Element 3(B) which consists of thirty questions on the additional privileges of a General Class operator license and the 13 or 20 wpm telegraphy examination." The Commission said they wanted comments on this proposal.

## Tech Plus Privileges Not Phased Out in the Rules

On the surface, it appears that the 5 words-per-minute code examination would no longer be needed or available since it is not a criterion for any of the four remaining classes (Technician, General, Advanced, and Extra) of operator license. However, that is not correct.

The appendix to the NPRM shows the new rules. But Section §97.503 (a) is not proposed to be changed! That rule provides for three telegraphy examinations—5, 13, and 20 wpm.

Furthermore, Sec. §97.505 (a)(6) still provides for element credit (and the issuance of a CSCE) when an examinee passes an examination element. Section §97.301(e) is revised to continue Novice and Technician Plus operating privileges to Novices and Technician Class operators "... who have received credit for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance with the international requirements."

While the FCC envisions that the Technician Plus Class would no longer exist, existing Novice HF privileges accorded Novice and Tech Plus operators—and Technician Class operators with a CSCE for Element 1A (5 wpm code)—will continue (i.e., 80 meters—3.675–3.725 MHz; 40 meters—7.10–7.15 MHz; 15 meters—21.10–21.20 MHz, and 10 meters—28.10–28.50 MHz). In effect, a Technician holding a CSCE for 5 wpm more or less becomes a fifth class.

No new Novice or Technician Plus Class licenses would be issued (as per new Sec. §97.17(e). "Application for renewal of a Technician Plus Class operator/station license will be processed as an application for renewal of a Technician Class operator/station license" (as per new §97.21(a)(3)). Currently held Novice licenses will be able to be renewed indefinitely.

While Novice Class operators would still be limited to 200 watts PEP transmitter power when operating on the HF bands (25 watts on 1.25 meters and 5 watts on 23 cm), other operator license classes are not so restricted (except in the 30 meter band). This is a change from the previous rules, which required all HF operators to observe the 200 watt Novice power levels.

The FCC also proposed in the NPRM to fold the Element 2 (Novice) question pools into the Element 3A pool. Passing Element 3A to qualify for the Technician license would require that 48 of 65 questions be answered correctly (see new §97.503(b)(1)).

## Greater VE Opportunities

Currently, an Advanced Class operator cannot prepare or administer a telegraphy examination for an examinee for a General Class license. Only an Amateur Extra Class licensee can administer that examination. The ARRL requested in RM-9148 that the Amateur Radio Service rules be amended to permit Advanced Class operators who are VEs to prepare and administer examinations for a General Class operator license.

The FCC agreed with the ARRL that this was legal under the Communications Act and would help fulfill the need for more volunteer examiners. The FCC not only proposed to authorize Advanced Class operators to conduct examinations for the General Class, but proposed to permit General Class operators to administer examinations for the Technician Class as well.

"In all cases, examiners will be administering only elements which they themselves have received credit for. These proposals will benefit potential amateur service licensees by having additional volunteer examiners available for the examinations," the FCC said. "We seek comment on these proposals."

## RACES Station Licenses

The Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) is a radio service using amateur stations for civil defense communications during periods of local, regional, or national civil emergencies. No new RACES station licenses have been granted since July

14, 1980, when they were discontinued to conserve Commission manpower and resources. At the time of that action, there were 611 RACES licenses. Currently, there are only 249 RACES licenses. The Commission is now proposing to phase out RACES station licenses by simply not renewing them.

"By eliminating the RACES licenses, the Commission is taking a step which not only will conserve the Commission's financial resources, but will also eliminate licensing duplication. It should be emphasized that the same emergency communications that are now transmitted by RACES stations can continue to be transmitted by primary, club, or military recreation stations."

"Our rules permit two types of stations to operate as part of RACES: (1) a licensed RACES station, and (2) any amateur station that has been properly registered with a civil defense organization (see Part 97.407). Thus, to engage in RACES communications, it is not necessary to have a RACES license with a separate and distinct call sign. We invite comments on this proposal."

### Privatization of Certain Enforcement Procedures

The Communications Act provides for an Amateur Auxiliary which is composed of amateur operators who are recruited and trained by the Commission for the purpose of detecting, on a voluntary and uncompensated basis, improper radio transmissions. Advisory notices are issued by Auxiliary "Official Observer" members to persons who apparently have violated the Amateur Services Rules. Information concerning the violation is then conveyed to the Commission.

In rulemaking petition RM-9150, the ARRL stated that amateur operators in the Amateur Auxiliary could be used to a greater advantage. The ARRL suggested rule changes that would establish a private sector complaint procedure, permitting the volunteers to bring complaints of malicious interference directly to the Chief Administrative Law Judge (CALJ).

Upon receiving the complaint, the CALJ would determine whether the evidence submitted establishes a bona fide instance of malicious interference. If no such case is made, the information submitted would be returned to the volunteer observer and no further action would be taken. If the case appears legitimate, however, the matter would be assigned to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) for further action after an Order to Show Cause has been issued. The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau would be made a party and have responsibility for prosecuting the case. The League believes that the procedure it advocates would improve and increase the quantity and quality of enforcement of the amateur rules and also expedite the handling of malicious interference cases.

The FCC said that while it "... applauds the ARRL for its creative thinking about ways to improve the Commission's enforcement processes" its proposal is not legal under the law governing the role of administrative law judges. "Specifically, the assignment of duties to ALJs must be consistent with their duties and responsibilities as they relate to conducting formal hearing proceedings."

The Commission did say, however, that they do seek comment "... consistent with the ARRL's underlying concerns, on other ideas for improving our enforcement processes as they relate to amateur radio. One possibility, for example, would be to encourage or require persons bringing complaints of interference to the Commission to include a draft order to show cause to initiate a revocation or cease and desist hearing proceeding. We also request additional comments and suggestions on how we could better utilize the services of the Amateur Auxiliary, consistent with its statutory basis."

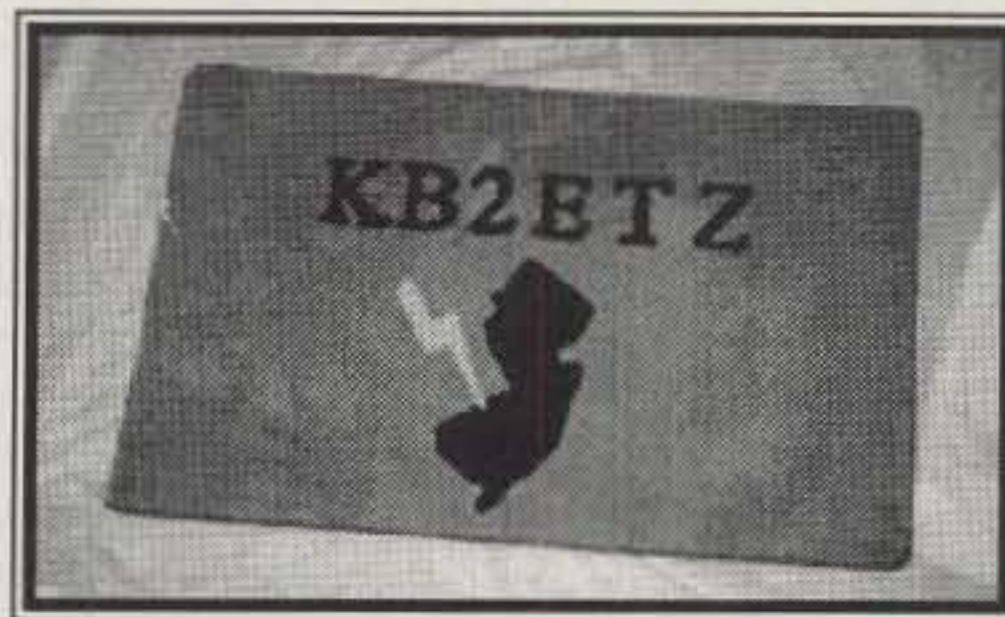
### Telegraphy Examination Requirements

Currently, three different Morse code speed examinations are

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administered by a team of three VEs to amateur operator applicants. Five words per minute is required for the Novice and Technician Plus license, 13 wpm for the General and Advanced Class, and 20 wpm for the Amateur Extra Class ticket. In a telegraphy examination, it is the VEs who determine the applicant's level of skill.

In the early days of amateur radio, radiotelegraphy was the primary communication mode of all radio operators, including amateurs. Today, radiotelegraphy is just one facet of many diverse modes of radio communication that require a technologically literate radio operator. Believing that telegraphers would be in less demand than electronics and communications experts, in 1990 the FCC established a codeless Technician Class operator license to attract technically inclined persons. Thus an entry level opportunity was created for otherwise qualified persons who found that telegraphy was a barrier to entering the amateur service.

The international Radio Regulations that apply to the Amateur Radio Service require that all amateurs licensed to operate below 30 MHz demonstrate their ability "to send correctly by hand and to receive correctly by ear, texts in Morse code signals." The Radio Regulations do not specify any particular speed.

The 1995 World Radio communications Conference (WRC-95) resolved that Article S25, which includes the international amateur code requirement, be considered at the 1999 WRC. Subsequently, this consideration was delayed to the WRC scheduled to be held in 2001.

In preparation for consideration of the code requirement at a future WRC, the ARRL surveyed amateur licensees, both members and non-members, to determine their attitudes on the Morse code requirement. Based in part on these survey results, an ARRL committee proposed to reduce the General Class code speed requirement from 13 to 10 wpm, and for all code examinations to specify one out of five minutes of copy.

The FCC said, "In view of changes in the technologies that amateurs use to communicate generally, and views with regard to the Morse code requirement specifically, we seek comment on all aspects of the Morse code standards used in our examinations. Do the three levels of 5, 13, and 20 wpm remain relevant to today's communications practices? Should we continue to have three different levels, or should these be reduced to one or two—and, if so, what should be the required speeds?"

"Were we to reduce the required Morse code elements, should we add elements to the written examination to ensure a working knowledge of the newer digital technologies which, in part, are replacing the Morse code? Or, should we consider specifying the method of examining for Morse code proficiency, such as requiring fill-in-the-blank or copying one out of five minutes sent, instead of allowing VEs to determine how to test for code speed? We request comment on these and any other issues related to our code speed requirements."

### Telegraphy Waivers for The Handicapped

In RM-9196, the ARRL requested a change in the amateur rules which allow telegraphy examination credit for the higher telegraphy speeds to applicants with a certified disability. The ARRL wanted the disabled applicant to be required to attempt the higher speed telegraphy examination before examination credit is awarded as authorized by a doctor's certification. The League also wanted Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (VECs) to be required to request and review medical information about the applicant's disability from the certifying physician.

The Commission commented that "... these issues only remain relevant if we retain the higher telegraphy speeds requirement, since if the requirement were eliminated, a person with a disability would not have to apply for examination credit. We tentatively conclude that, if we do maintain the requirement, neither of these proposals is an appropriate means to address potential abuses of the physician certification requirement. We

believe that these proposals place an unfair burden on examinees with disabilities, and raise serious privacy and confidentiality concerns. We seek comment on ARRL's proposal and our tentative conclusion."

### Written Examinations

A written examination is administered to each applicant for an amateur operator license in order to demonstrate to the Commission that the applicant possesses the operational and technical qualifications required to perform properly the duties of an amateur service operator.

The written examination for each license class currently specifies ten general "subelements" (topics) and the number of questions for each topic that must be asked in an examination. A uniform national database of multiple-choice questions and answers is approved by the National Conference of VECs and is periodically updated on a regular basis so that all publishers and applicants have access to current materials. This is accomplished on a purely voluntary basis, without formal Commission involvement.

Determining the components of written examinations was carried over into the VE System from that used when the Commission handled the amateur examination program. Since the written examinations now have been prepared and administered under the VE System for over a decade, the FCC seeks comment on whether to permit additional VE and VEC flexibility in determining the make up of the written exams and the advantages and disadvantages to providing such flexibility.

In short, the FCC wants to know whether the ten general topics set forth in the rules adequately cover the information needed to become an amateur licensee. For example, does the current list of topics adequately cover current technology and contemporary amateur operating practices?

If you think some topics should be added or deleted, the FCC wants to know why. In addition, should the required number of questions from each general topic continue to be established by rule? "For those commenters who suggest altering the number of questions, we ask that they discuss alternative numbers or percentages and the reasons therefore."

The Commission said they were particularly interested in the views of VEs and VECs regarding any changes they would recommend, either individually or collectively, in the written examination requirements on the amateur community generally, as well as on the amateur examination process specifically, including how, if at all, they will affect the integrity of the examination and licensing process.

"For instance, we seek specific comment from VEs and VECs regarding how modifications to the written examination requirements would affect their ability to conduct examinations in an effective, efficient, and expeditious manner."

### Comment Dates

Interested parties may file comments on or before **December 1, 1998** and reply comments on or before **January 15, 1999**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed.

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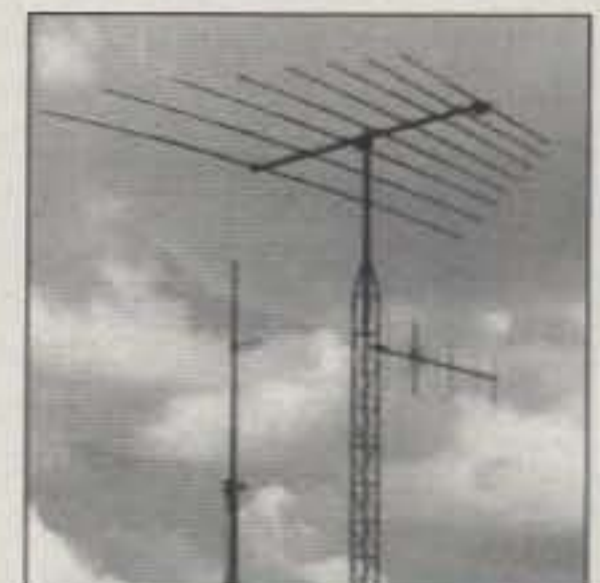
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# Results of the 1997 CQ World-Wide DX CW Contest

BY BOB COX\*, K3EST

The day finally arrived for the running of the CQ WW CW. Tens of thousands of amateurs from all over the planet were tuned into the annual CW fun festival. What DXpeditions would show up? Would the sun cooperate? Would the new rig and antenna work okay? It was going to be an exciting, fun time for all. The sun cooperated with a vengeance. The SFI was 116 (A and K = 0) until 15Z on the 29th, and after 15Z it only dropped to 112 with the K rising to 2 by the end of the contest. The bands were hopping. Ten meters presented a long-path gift at dawn from the USA east coast into zones 24 and 25.

This year's results were a high-water mark for CW logs. Over 3,250 logs were received from entrants—a big increase over 1996. It is very gratifying to see that CW is easily holding its own against SSB.

## Single Operator High Power

José, CT1BOH, had traveled to P4 before. Sometimes he had bad luck by catching the flu just before the contest, but this time at P40E he did everything right. His rival at EA8EA operated by OH2MM was no newcomer. OH2MM had won more All Band world CW titles in the last ten years than anyone else. When the contest ended they had made 12,969 QSOs between them with only a difference of 23 QSOs to the QSO leader (OH2MM)! José's multiplier strategy was right on the money, and he took his 59 mult advantage to the bank to collect the world title. Congratulations, José!

Being at the western tip of Europe doesn't hurt, but you also need an expert behind the key. That expert is Andrew, G1ØNWG, who pushed G1ØKOW to top honors in Europe and very nearly a new European record. Second-place Europe was more of a struggle. The difference between second and sixth place was only 100K. Dave, G4BUO, pulled out all the stops in taking second place over DL6FBL.

Here in the US, it was an awed contest community after the contest ended. John, K1AR, had keyed himself to about a 3 million point lead over the second-place station! "Wow!" is all anybody could say. Operating from the ideal station and QTH of K1EA, John did more than everything right on his way to shattering the old US record by almost 2 million points. And conditions aren't even good yet. John also broke into the world top ten box (rare for the US) as number 7. Last year's number two reprised his role. Greg, W1KM, put his fabulous low band QTH to real advantage.

## Single Operator Low Power

Traveling back to 3V8BB, Hrane, YT1AD, had



YC6PUP is an enthusiastic contester.

one thing in mind: to try to set a new Low Power All Band record. The record had been set the previous year at the same station by Uli, DL2HBX. When the dust settled, Hrane had the new world record in hand. Not so far behind was Joe, AA3B, who took VP2EEB to new heights to claim a new North American Low Power record. In Europe, Tine, S50A, put aside

his amp and from his countryside shack keyed his way to top honors. He was followed closely by his good friend Franc, S59AA. You can read more about their scores in *CQ Contest* magazine.

Stateside a new USA record was set by Brooke, N2BA. Not far behind was KN4T. This category continues to grow. It is very popular



E22AAA made a lot of people happy. Shown here as E2ØHHK (left) and E2ØACU.

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The shack of Multi-Multi NQ4I. Left to right are NQ4I, KS4Q, W1RR, and N4CM. K2UFT and K4OGG were also part of the team.

because it allows city dwellers as well as those living in restricted areas to participate.

## QRP

The QRP category continues to provide a challenge for the dedicated. Running less than 5 watts can bring forth skills you did not know that you had. What is surprising is given the right conditions, 5 watts can be quite okay to attract an answer. The world top slot went to perennial QRP'er Henry, AA2U. His score reflects a

careful strategy of maximizing his chances. The YU presence on QRP is well known, and YT7TY took second place and number one in Europe.

## Assisted

The secret to having a big Assisted score is to not be hypnotized by the packet screen. The second secret is to go somewhere where you can make lots of QSOs. Ranko, YT6A, left Europe and traveled to the sunny Caribbean,

where he guest operated at FM5DN. He set a new North American record along the way to the top world Assisted score. In the USA another guest operator, Malcolm, K1G, traveled over to Rhode Island and keyed K1NG to a new USA Assisted record. Meanwhile, over in Europe, Georgio, I2VXJ, activated his special call, IR2W, and outdistanced his German competitors led by DL2MEH.

## Multi-Single

North America was well represented among the top six world multi-singles with four representatives. The leader of the pack was ZF1A. With four ops—including WRTC 1996 Champion K1TO, W5ASP, K0MK, and K9LA—they used their shortened callsign to advantage. Second place went to NW Cyprus, where a Russian team set up shop as P3A. Once again the men from Bologna put on quite a show. IQ4A, operating from their cave QTH, finished just ahead of OT7T. Each year the rivalry in Europe for Multi-Single is fierce. Obeying the distance rule and having no off-site personalized help and still winning must be quite satisfying to the top scorers. In the US, the crew of N2NU far outdistanced the competition to take top USA honors and to fall just short of the USA Multi-Single record. Second place went to the crew of K1ZZ. Dave's gang always does very well. It is interesting to note that two blackholers, W9JA and

## TEAM CONTESTING

1. **Neiger's Tigers Team #1: 43,205,232.** By HC8N (N5KO), FS5PL (W2GD), P40E (CT1BOH), 9Y4H (K6NA), ZD8Z (N6TJ).
2. **Contest Club Finland Team #1: 25,790,930.** By 8R1K (OH0XX), CT3BX (OH1EH), DX1A (OH2PM), EA8EA (OH2MM), OH6WZ.
3. **Team Nippon: 15,562,742.** By 3DA5A (JM1CAX), 9M6NA (JE1JKL), JH5FXP, V8EA (JO1RUR), YN6WW (JA6WFM).
4. **Yugoslavian Contest Team #1: 15,020,393.** By YU7AV, 3V8BB (YT1AD), YT1AD, 4N9BW, YT7A.
5. **Neiger's Tigers Team #2: 14,516,099.** By YB1AQS, RK0FWL (N6AA), VK6BAT (N6ZZ), 5X1Z (SM7PKK), CT1ELP.
6. **Desert Warriors Team: 13,993,941.** By 9K9K, HZ1AB (SM0CXU), 7Z5OO (K3UOC), A45ZN, A45XR.
7. **Contest Club Finland Team #1: 7,440,216.** By OF1HS, OH6NIO, OH6RX, ZB2X (OH2KI).
8. **Neiger's Tigers Team #3: 6,847,918.** By N6BV/1, W2VJN/7, W7WHY, K6AW.
9. **Tennessee Contest Gladiators #1: 6,315,247.** By K4RO, WW4RR (N4ZZ), W4PA, W9WI, WO4O.
10. **Lithuanian Team—Not High Power: 2,470,531.** By LY2BM, LY2CX, LY2FE, LY2FN, LY3BA.
11. **Russian Woodpeckers: 1,978,703.** By UA1OMS, UA1OZ, UA1OMZ, UA1OMX, RW1ON.
12. **Yugoslavian Contest Low Band Team: 1,390,994.** By YU7AU, YT1BB, YU7NU, YU7CB, YU1KR.
13. **Team Northern Lights: 1,328,187.** By OH6MRA, OH8BQT, OF8LAE.
14. **Great White North DX eh?: 1,296,599.** By VE6JY (VE6WQ), VE1JF, VE6BMX, XM7A (VE7SV).
15. **Yugoslavian Single Band Team: 1,067,455.** By YT0T (4N1DXX), YU1AR, YZ1AU, YU1EA.
16. **Tennessee Contest Gladiators #2: 41,836.** By N4KN, NT4L, W4OGG.



Wes, SP4EEZ (SP4Z), up the tower with his brother placing the homebrew 6-element Yagi on the mast.

## CW TROPHY WINNERS AND DONORS

**Single Operator  
All Band  
World  
P48E**  
(Opr. Jose Carlos Cardoso Nunes, CT1BOH)  
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**World Low Power  
3V8BB (Opr. Hranislav Milosevic, YT1AD)**  
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**Single Operator, Single Band  
World—28 MHz  
CX5X (Opr. Jorge Diez Furest, CX6VM)**  
Donor: Joel Chalmers, KG6DX

**World—21 MHz  
ZD8Z (Opr. James Neiger, N6TJ)**  
Donor: Don Busick, K5AAD—N5JJ Memorial

**World—14 MHz  
P4ØJ (Opr. Robert Brockman, WX4G)**  
Donor: North Jersey DX Association  
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**World—7 MHz  
C4A (Opr. Ivo Pezer, 9A3A)**  
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VE6JY (Opr. Joel Weiner, VE6WQ)**  
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**Europe—28 MHz  
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Donor: John Pryor, K4OGG

**Europe—21 MHz  
US1E (Opr. UT7EZ)**  
Donor: Robert Naumann, N5NJ

**Europe—14 MHz  
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**Japan—14 MHz  
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Donor: Mitsuhiro Nishimura, JA7WME

**Multi-Operator, Single Transmitter  
World  
ZF1A (Oprs. K1TO, W5ASP, K9LA, K9MK)**  
Donor: Anthony Susen, W3AOH

**U.S.A.  
N2NU (Oprs. N2NU, K2WI, WW2Y,  
W2REH, N2NC, N2NL)**  
Donor: Douglas Zwiebel, KR2Q

**Canada  
VE3EJ (Oprs. VE3EJ, HA8FW, VE2ZP, VA3RU,  
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WP3A, NP3J, KP4RF, KP3P, NP3HM)**  
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**Africa  
5A2A (Oprs. DJ7IK, DL1GGT, DL2EBX,  
DL3KDV, DL8OBC)**  
Donor: CQ Magazine

**Asia  
P3A (Oprs. RA9JX, RA9JR, RVØAR, UN7FZ,  
UA9MA, UN7FK, UA9YAB, RU3AA, UA9NN,  
UA9LAC)**  
Donor: Steve Merchant, K6AW

**Europe  
IQ4A (Oprs. I4VEQ, I4IND, I4EAT, I4IKW, I4TJE,  
I4LCK, IK4EWK, IK4CZF, IK4XQH, IK4DCT,  
IK4MGP, IK4QJH, IK2NCJ, IK2JUB,  
IK2MRZ, IW4ANU)**  
Donor: Friends of K3AO—K3AO Memorial

**Oceania  
AH2R (Oprs. JF1SQC, JK3GAD, JR7OMD)**  
Donor: Junichi Tanaka, JH4RHF

**South America  
ZP9B (Oprs. PY2TI, PY5BI)**  
Donor: Tyler Stewart, K3MM

**Multi-Operator, Multi-Transmitter  
World  
5V7A (Oprs. G3SXW, G3ZEM, G4FAM, GM3YTS,  
K5VT, K7PN, KC7V, N7BG, N7MB, W6RGG)**  
Donor: Doug Zwiebel, KR2Q—K2GL Memorial

**World—SSB/CW Combined  
KH7R: 30,186,719**  
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**U.S.A.  
KC1XX (Oprs. KC1XX, AD1C, K1ZM, K1DG,  
K1EA, K1GQ, KC1F, N2IC, KM3T,  
DL7ALM, Christine)**  
Donor: Bob Ferrero, W6RJ—N6RJ Memorial

**Europe  
OH2HE (Oprs. OH2HE, OH1JT, OH2BTI, OH2BVI,  
OH2BZY, OH2IW, OH2JA, OH2JTE,  
OH2XX, OH6CT, OH6DD, OH6EI,  
OH7BX, OH7JR, OH8KXK)**  
Donor: Finnish Amateur Radio League

**Japan  
JH7PKU (Oprs. JH7PKU, JA9SSY, JH7DXZ,  
JH7FQK, JO1BMV)**  
Donor: Ryoza Goto, JH3JYS

**Contest Expeditions  
World Single Operator  
V8EA (Opr. Hajime Kato, JO1RUR)**  
Donor: Yankee Clipper Contest Club

**World Multi-Single  
5A2A (Oprs. DJ7IK, DL1GGT, DL2EBX,  
DL3KDV, DL8OBC)**  
Donor: CQ Magazine

**World Multi-Multi  
6Y4A (Oprs. K2KW, N6BT, N6TV, KE7X,  
AG9A, W9QA, W4SO, JE3MAS, JI3ERV)**  
Donor: Bill Schneider, K2TT

**Special-Single Operator Award  
World SSB/CW Combined  
P4ØW/FS5PL (Opr. John Crovelli, W2GD)**  
Donor: Hrane Milosevic, YT1AD

**World All Band: Under 21 years old  
Marcus Ilvonen, OF3KCB**  
Donor: Chuck Shin, W7MAP

**Club  
World SSB/CW  
Frankford Radio Club: 366,666,652**  
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**Non-USA SSB/CW  
Rhein-Ruhr DX Association: 117,415,172**  
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NØNI, made the top Multi-Single US box. Congratulations to them for their excellent efforts.

## Multi-Multi

The work and planning necessary to produce a chance to finish in the top scores in this category are staggering. The dedication of hundreds of contesters to build bigger and better stations is good evidence that the art of station design is alive and well. On the pages of *CQ Contest* magazine you have read about 5V7A and 6Y4A. It is no coincidence that their results are outstanding. 5V7A, the Voodoo guys, put together another winning effort from their hotel setup in Togo. Second place went to 6Y4A. Their operation was extremely well thought out. Using verticals for the most part, their signals were really outstanding. Third place went to EA8ZS with a crew from mainland Spain.

It is rare for a US Multi-Multi to break into the world top six box. But that is exactly what KC1XX pulled off. Matt assembled a stellar crew to drain all the bands dry. Not that far behind was Tim, K3LR, with an international team. Third place went to Frank, W3LPL.

In Europe, the crown traveled to the north and landed on the head of OH2HE. Their efforts to build up a championship station have really

paid off. Just over 100K behind was DFØHQ, the famous quad station. Their antennas sure do work!

## Team Contesting

It was another year of continued growth with more teams than ever participating. This year 15 teams sent in lists before the contest. Averaging over 8.5 million points each, Neiger's Tigers Team #1 took top honors. The new Contest Club Finland gathered operators from all over the world to take second place, with Team Nippon third. Of the 15 members of the three top teams, 13 were DXpeditions for the contest! We all appreciate the dedication of these contesters.

As was mentioned in the SSB results, if this category gets much bigger, there could be various categories of teams: All Band, Single Band, Low Power, or Assisted. To form a team, just check out the rules in the September *CQ*. Congratulations to all the teams!

## Clubs

Just how many points can a club make in a contest? Stay tuned. With the conditions improving, one-half billion is possible! This year the top three USA and top two DX clubs totaled

1.01 billion points! This represents months of planning, DXpeditions, getting everyone on the air, and finally making sure that logs are submitted on time. It's a big job. As the James Bond theme song says, "Nobody does it better," and once again the Frankford Radio Club took top club world honors with a staggering 360 million points. Getting closer and closer each year is the Yankee Clipper Contest Club, who came in second in the world.

Over in Europe the friendly rivalry between the two German goliaths ended up with the Rhein-Ruhr DX Association edging out the Bavarian Contest Club. The new kids on the block, Contest Club Finland, finished a very close third.

## New Records, Special Mention

**WORLD:** 21 MHz ZD8Z (N6TJ), LA 3V8BB (YT1AD), L21 VP5EA (WD5N), Q21 HK3/SM5CCT, A14 DL4NAC.

**AFRICA:** 21 MHz ZD8Z (N6TJ), 14 MHz CT3BX (OH1EH), 1.8 MHz CT3/OH1MA, LA 3V8BB (YT1AD), L21 7X2RO (OM3CGN).

**ASIA:** 14 MHz 9K2GS (T97M), L14 RA9AA, Q3.5 UAØQGQ, A3.5 JH1BBT.

**EUROPE:** L21 UA4LL, A21 DF9ZP, A14 DL4NAC.

**NORTH AMERICA:** LA VP2EEB, L21



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## ZONE LEADERS SINGLE OPERATOR

Zone	Call	Score	Zone	Call	Score
1	KL7AC	940,470	21	A45XR	6,440,715
2	No Entry		22	VU2NGB	133,172
3	W6AX	3,024,213	23	JT1BH	620,928
4	W9RE	3,491,945	24	BY4SZ	457,974
5	K1AR	7,681,280	25	JH4UYB	3,787,542
6	XE2DV	393,432	26	3W5FM	180,432
7	YN6WW	1,041,084	27	DX1S	4,292,160
8	8P9Z	9,097,132	28	V8EA	4,886,280
9	P4ØE	12,668,701	29	VK6BAT	5,034,769
10	HC8N	10,475,365	30	VK2AYD	1,311,771
11	ZPØZ	2,433,340	31	KH6TO	1,399,828
12	CE3IDY	54,810	32	FK8HC	764,218
13	AY1I	1,838,852	33	EA8EA	11,794,880
14	GIØKOW	6,089,722	34	No Entry	
15	4N9BW	3,892,152	35	6V1C	1,905,360
16	UT6Q	3,229,591	36	ZD8Z	2,357,967
17	UA9CDC	1,648,512	37	5X1Z	3,425,360
18	RZ9UA	2,303,818	38	3DA5A	4,946,766
19	RKØFWL	2,018,632	39	3B8/F6HMJ	173,664
20	JY9QJ	3,201,878	40	OX/OZ8AE	399,555

## TOP SCORES IN VERY ACTIVE ZONES

ZONE 3		ZONE 15	
W6AX	3,024,213	OZ1IOC	1,492,960
K6LA	1,908,393	DF4SA	1,430,208
W2VJN/7	1,466,328	MJØAWR	1,246,780
K6ZM	1,442,928	DK5PD	1,215,812
*XØ7X	1,112,756	DL4MCF	1,204,347
N6TU	1,050,226		
N7TT	1,032,300		
N6RV	987,374		
W7SE	769,652		
*W6JTI	763,889		
ZONE 4		ZONE 16	
W9RE	3,491,945	4N9BW	3,892,152
K5GN	3,180,156	S51BO	3,660,589
K5YA	2,704,156	SP4Z	3,212,452
W4PA	2,596,374	YU7AV	2,250,885
KØEU	2,421,384	OH6RX	2,087,940
K5NA	2,157,300	*S5ØA	2,037,464
K4AB	2,011,386	OH6WZ	1,998,308
WBØØ	1,871,540	LY3AV	1,983,780
K9MA	1,739,814	*S59AA	1,924,320
K9WIE	1,588,090	*HA1CW	1,896,450
ZONE 5		ZONE 25	
K1AR	7,681,280	RN6BY	3,410,337
W1KM	5,416,800	UT6Q	3,229,591
K3ZO	5,212,498	UT4UZ	2,821,250
KQ2M/1	4,940,795	US1U	1,839,816
W4AN	4,818,683	UA6LTI	1,539,522
N6BV/1	4,733,088	UX1UA	1,062,480
W3BGN	3,897,680	UX4CW	919,125
K1RU	3,548,171	UY1HY	904,791
W1WEF	3,245,946	UA1OMS	872,088
WC4E	2,962,872	EM8I	867,588
ZONE 14		ZONE 25	
GIØKOW	6,089,722	JH4UYB	3,787,542
G4BUO	4,136,175	JH5FXP	3,647,600
DL6FBL	4,088,526	JH7WKQ	2,429,616
GØIVZ	3,270,960	JA8RWU	2,307,312
OZ1LO	2,565,871	JH7XGN	2,127,034
		JHØFUW	2,052,501
		JS3CTQ	1,754,976
		JF3CCN	1,125,237
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<b>Single Operator All Band</b>	
P40E	12,668,701
EA8EA	11,794,880
HC8N	10,475,365
8P9Z	9,097,132
9Y4H	9,063,469
FS5PL	8,639,730
K1AR	7,681,280
A45XR	6,440,715
8R1K	6,244,185
GI0KOW	6,089,722
<b>28 MHz</b>	
CX5X	863,418
CX5BW	733,720
CX9BAG	527,975
KH8/N5OLS	399,872
PY2XB	397,026
9X0A	367,875
<b>21 MHz</b>	
ZD8Z	2,357,967
ZP5XF	1,926,056
AY1I	1,838,852
FM5DP	1,045,050
9Y4VU	763,224
JA5DQH	575,952
<b>14 MHz</b>	
P40J	1,548,792
P40R	1,545,248
CT3BX	1,461,397
5X1T	1,243,315
9K2GS	1,242,439
5B4AGC	1,139,160
<b>7 MHz</b>	
C4A	1,289,310
9M6NA	1,041,012
9A5Y	890,841
OK1RF	850,402
OH0MAM	763,506
JA5THU	726,033
<b>3.5 MHz</b>	
GW3YDX	508,388
SN3A	489,402
TK5EP	364,650
SM4HCM	362,098
LY6K	314,557
W1MK	297,476
<b>1.8 MHz</b>	
VE3BMV/1	170,400
TH1C	158,842
TK5NN	149,940
CT3/OH1MA	144,760
UA2FJ	134,128
GW7J	122,364
<b>Low Power All Band</b>	
3V8BB	6,615,489
VP2EEB	5,444,340
WP2Z	3,678,426
UA0JQ	2,479,092
N2BA	2,169,720
KN4T	2,059,051
S50A	2,037,464
S59AA	1,924,320
FG5EY	1,750,012
K1VUT	1,656,348
<b>28 MHz</b>	
AZ9W	685,170
LU9AUY	631,359
LW4DYI	552,288
LU2DPW	335,875
PU2RUX	316,479
LU3WEU	311,745

<b>21 MHz</b>	
VP5EA	802,560
PU2MHB	508,896
7X2RO	382,044
LW9ETY	335,219
UA4LL	309,907
UA4POL	294,460
<b>14 MHz</b>	
VK2APK	521,254
RA9AA	340,950
LU4FM	338,883
HA8RH	309,694
S58AL	297,024
JA7XBG	295,659
<b>7 MHz</b>	
5B4/EU1AA	434,248
PA3AAV	328,017
T95A	234,496
OM5AW	192,194
VP5EA	188,595
CO2JD	143,699
<b>3.5 MHz</b>	
IK4WVG	156,840
YU7CB	129,375
4L5O	122,375
YU1KR	112,765
HA8EU	107,278
YP2R	95,510
<b>1.8 MHz</b>	
HA8BE	60,553
OM3OM	44,557
UU4JMG	37,347
HA0EQ	29,898
YU1RA	34,488
OK1JOC	26,260
<b>QRP All Band</b>	
AA2U	839,272
YT7TY	769,923
DL6RDR	726,396
LY3BA	617,100
WA2HZR	612,968
K3PH	507,540
K1RC	476,640
LY2FE	393,499
N7IR	386,450
DL3KVR	348,150
<b>Assisted All Band</b>	
FM5DN	7,215,779
K1NG	6,168,504
K3WW	5,585,568
K3MM	4,521,866
K2TW	3,961,313
K2NG	3,895,115
N3AD	3,340,500
K1AM	3,141,040
K3NZ	2,929,379
W2XX	2,867,193
<b>Multi-Operator Single Transmitter</b>	
ZF1A	11,971,520
P3A	11,755,121
KP3Z	10,135,725
5A2A	9,614,220
N2NU	9,139,372
6D2X	8,881,075
<b>Multi-Operator Multi-Transmitter</b>	
5V7A	31,971,148
6Y4A	29,752,404
EA8ZS	21,915,001
J39A	19,336,338
VE3EJ	18,437,120
KC1XX	16,680,192

## USA

<b>All Band</b>	
K1AR	7,681,280
W1KM	5,416,800
K3ZO	5,212,498
N2NT	5,207,938
N2LT	5,054,070
KQ2M/1	4,940,795
W4AN	4,818,683
N6BV/1	4,733,088
W3BGN	3,897,680
K1RU	3,548,171
<b>28 MHz</b>	
W4YV	152,750
W4XJ	98,672
KZ5MM	80,569
NT6TT	54,400
W3NO	48,384
K0KE	47,380
<b>21 MHz</b>	
N4CT	471,520
K9IG	441,524
K4ZA	435,587
WW4RR	393,000
W6YA	366,324
W6NL	335,064
<b>14 MHz</b>	
W8UN	722,520
K8DX	556,160
W9IW	550,605
K9BG	414,024
N4PN	370,662
N7BZ	343,305
<b>7 MHz</b>	
N7DD	488,160
W5UN	424,855
NX7K	375,914
K9DX	330,750
N2PP	326,808
W7GG	326,120
<b>3.5 MHz</b>	
W1MK	297,476
WB9Z	99,232
K5NU	89,568
W8RT	81,918
W1UK	78,176
K0RF	65,439
<b>1.8 MHz</b>	
W8LRL	20,999
K2XA	14,559
K8MK	12,408
W2VO	11,868
N6SS/7	10,058
K1VW	9,570
<b>Low Power All Band</b>	
N2BA	2,169,720
KN4T	2,059,051
K1VUT	1,656,348
WA1LNP	1,639,602
WA1S	1,622,464
KM1X	1,468,138
NA2U	1,341,649
W2TZ	1,145,388
WO4O	1,057,920
N8AA	949,172
<b>28 MHz</b>	
K4WA	37,149
AI2C/4	36,576
W3EP/1	31,824
W5ZO	23,489
K9OM	14,012
N6EE	9,733

## 21 MHz

WB4TDH	237,020
WA1FCN	193,294
K2MFY	125,608
K2ACW/4	121,240
K5MU	117,602
K9RN/M	94,637
<b>14 MHz</b>	
N4MO	241,251
K1NO	200,610
K7ZA	162,833
W8UMR	64,513
W0ETT	57,039
WA2ASQ	34,679
<b>7 MHz</b>	
N2TN	84,924
W0AH	75,537
KJ0B	40,923
N4OT	32,969
K4LDR	30,030
W3CP	28,282
<b>3.5 MHz</b>	
W4HM	6,120
KB3AFT	168
<b>1.8 MHz</b>	
KG7D	4,375
W4WS	828
<b>QRP All Band</b>	
AA2U	839,272
WA2HZR	612,968
K3PH	507,540
K1RC	476,640
N7IR	386,450
N1TM	329,199
KG5U	187,935
W6YJ	183,975
N9CIQ	166,782
KV8S	138,067
<b>Assisted All Band</b>	
K1NG	6,168,504
K3WW	5,585,568
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K2NG	3,895,115
N3AD	3,340,500
K1AM	3,141,040
K3NZ	2,929,379
W2XX	2,867,193
<b>Multi-Operator Single Transmitter</b>	
N2NU	9,139,372
K1ZZ	6,751,382
K8AZ	6,473,736
W4WA	4,548,258
W9JA	4,469,888
N0NI	4,459,806
<b>Multi-Operator Multi-Transmitter</b>	
KC1XX	16,680,192
K3LR	15,430,912
W3LPL	14,586,038
K1KI	14,480,136
N3RS	11,837,336
W1MD	9,982,868

## EUROPE

<b>All Band</b>	
GI0KOW	6,089,722
G4BUO	4,136,175
DL6FBL	4,088,526
4N9BW	3,892,152
S51BO	3,660,589
G0IVZ	3,270,960
UT6Q	3,126,126
RN6BY	2,885,145
UT4UZ	2,821,250
SP4Z	2,717,734
<b>28 MHz</b>	
ZB2X	291,896
S53X	173,505
DK5QN	100,993
IR4D	97,626
EA2IA	92,153
OK1XW	48,888
<b>21 MHz</b>	
US1E	506,527
CT1FJK	462,834
S50R	373,920
OM3PC	354,354
S54AA	329,586
OT7L	297,640
<b>14 MHz</b>	
IR4T	744,040
YT7A	672,324
M7Z	551,418
YU1ZZ	494,649
F5PGP	493,334
S53M	464,725
<b>7 MHz</b>	
9A5Y	890,841
OK1RF	850,402
OH0MAM	763,506
S52AW	741,650
S50C	716,096
TK/DF9LJ	563,030
<b>3.5 MHz</b>	
GW3YDX	508,388
SN3A	489,402
TK5EP	364,650
SM4HCM	362,098
LY6K	314,557
SP7GIQ	284,445
<b>1.8 MHz</b>	
TK5NN	149,940
UA2FJ	134,128
GW7J	122,364
S50U	106,215
SP5GRM	104,562
OY9JD	99,166
<b>Low Power All Band</b>	
S50A	2,037,464
S59AA	1,924,320
HA1CW	1,604,397
Z31JA	1,416,850
DL2OBF	1,326,214
S57DX	1,297,642
S51F	1,284,780
S57J	1,193,914
GD4UOL	1,058,742
S58MC	966,231
<b>28 MHz</b>	
CU2/	172,161
G3WVG	172,161
SP9W	56,931
CT1AOZ	47,073
S52OT	43,296
S51W	34,335
S50Q	32,805

## 21 MHz

UA4LL	309,907
UA4POL	294,460
CT1BQH	293,624
HA3MQ	228,245
OK1FKM	173,100
Z38G	155,550
<b>14 MHz</b>	
HA8RH	309,694
S58AL	297,024
U5WF	277,277
ES2RJ	273,812
RZ3FA	270,206
OK2PAY	252,770
<b>7 MHz</b>	
PA3AAV	328,017
T95A	234,496
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UT1FA	130,243
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LY2FE	393,499
DL3KVR	348,150
OE2S	341,715
YU1LM	333,450
YU1EA	292,050
YU1KN	258,896
I1BAY	177,840
<b>Assisted All Band</b>	
IR2W	2,384,280
DL2MEH	2,283,147
DJ2YA	2,228,666
DL7ON	1,738,352
S58A	1,635,400
DF4RD	1,473,395
DL7MAE	1,207,584
DK9IP	1,166,592
IK5TSS	882,534
GW3JXN	873,964
<b>Multi-Operator Single Transmitter</b>	
IQ4A	8,660,429
OT7T	8,468,264
TM2Y	8,186,880
HG1S	7,642,128
OM8A	6,967,919
RU1A	6,942,530
<b>Multi-Operator Multi-Transmitter</b>	
OH2HE	12,140,675
DF0HQ	12,036,354
EA6IB	10,580,839
SL3ZV	10,498,326
TF3IRA	10,358,889
HG6N	10,295,646





KG7XC during the contest. (Photo by W7IVB)

VP5EA (WD5N), L3.5 XM7A (VE7SV); Q14 K300, AA FM5DN (YT6A).

**USA:** ALL K1AR, LA N2BA, Q14 K300, AA KING (K11G).

**OCEANIA:** 7 MHz 9M6NA (JE1JKL), 1.8 MHz KH6CC, L14 VK2APK, Q21 KH6/W1VT, Q3.5 YC2OK.

**SOUTH AMERICA:** 21 ZP5XF (LU2BRG), L28 AZ9W (LU5UL), Q21 HK3/SM5CCT, A21 LU7EAR.

Several battles that bear special mention took place during the contest. Out in the western USA, it took a real effort to nail down first on 21 MHz in W6. Jim, W6YA, just edged out Dave, W6NL (ex-W6QHS), with K6AW (at N6RO) and N6MU not far behind. On 7 MHz in W7 four stations finished with over 1000 QSOs, with Larry, N7DD, leading the way. Over in Yugoslavia a similar rivalry occurred. YU7NU took first place over YT1BB and YT7AA.

If you really want to check out where heat was generated look at second place in the All Band High Power of W4. Seven stations led by Jeff, WC4E, broke the 2 million point barrier. They turned off their amps and went low power with a vengeance. In the first call area USA the battle was terrific for third place. Take a look at their scores. K1VUT was ahead at the bell over WA1LNP, WA1S, and KM1X.

The friendly 14 MHz rivalry between Bob, WX4G (P40J) and Bob, K4UEE (P40R) was a virtual dead heat. Congratulations to both fine operators. For top Multi-Multi honors above 60 degrees latitude the competition was tough, and when the aurora cleared up KL7Y had just edged out the fine Finnish station OH2HE. The new NA Low Power record belongs to VP2EEB (AA3B). Joe's log was very accurate. What a good job.

A real special mention must be made of KH7R, who had the highest combined SSB/CW Multi-Multi total in the contest. We all know that their effort was remarkable. They stuck with it and the trophy is theirs.

The long-anticipated DXpedition of a German team to activate 5A2A came off right on schedule. I imagine they were a new country and zone for thousands of the deserving. It took a lot of planning to bring about their effort. On SSB 5A1A submitted a log, and now there was the Multi-Single effort of 5A2A. Let's hope more chances occur for 5A activity.

Two Russian Multi-Op groups headed to warmer parts of Asia. The P3A group was mentioned earlier. The Multi-Single effort of 8Q7DV sure handed out a lot of the elusive zone 22 multipliers.

Special mention must be made of three new



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	100FT/UP	500FT	1000FT
"FLEXIBLE" 9913 STRD BC CNTR FOIL + 95% BRAID 2.7dB @ 400MHz NC/DB/UV JKT	.58/FT	.56/FT	.54/FT
LMR 400 SOLID CCA CNTR FOIL + BRAID 2.7dB @ 450MHz WP/UV JKT	.59/FT	.57/FT	.55/FT
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LMR 600 (OD.590") SOLID CCA CNTR FOIL + BRAID 1.72dB @ 450 MHz WP/UV JKT	1.25/FT	1.22/FT	1.20/FT
LDF4-50A 1/2" "ANDREW" HELIAX™ 1.51dB @ 450MHz	.25FT/UP		2.10/FT

## COAX (50 OHM "HF" GROUP)

	100FT/UP	500FT	1000FT
RG213/U STRD BC MIL-SPEC NC/DB/UV JACKET 1.2 dB/2500WATTS @ 30MHz	.36/FT	.34/FT	.32/FT
RG8/U STRD BC FOAM 95% BRAID UV RESISTANT JKT 0.9dB/1350WATTS @ 30MHz	.32/FT	.30/FT	.28/FT
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RG11/U SOLID BC (VP-78%) 95% BRAID NC/DB/UV JKT 1.1dB/800WATTS	.40/100FT/UP	.38/500FT	.36/1000FT
RG11A/U STRD BC (VP-66%) 95% BRAID NC/DB/UV JKT 1.3dB/1000WATTS	.42/100FT/UP	.40/500FT	.38/1000FT
RG6/U CATV FOAM 18GA CCB FOIL + 60% ALUM BRAID	.14/100FT/UP	.12/500FT	.10/1000FT

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100FT RG213/U MIL-SPEC BURIAL JKT 1.5dB @ 50MHz	49.95/EA
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QRP'er HB9XY puts another QSO in the log.

QSO records set in the contest. Jim, ZD8Z (N6TJ), made 4589 QSO on 21 MHz only! This is a new all-time single QSO total for any single band in the CQ WW CW. The Multi-Multi station 5V7A had a 20 meter QSO total of 4506 for a new 14 MHz QSO record, and the Multi-Multi 6Y4A had a 7 MHz QSO total of 3724 for a new Single Band record.

### Comments

With all the modern tools available to validate the scores and allow the winners to really cel-

ebate their win, there might be a tendency to lose focus about what contesting is about. You enter a contest to have fun! The buzz of the bands coming to life is a siren's song that can't be resisted. The new ones you might work, finding that your signal *can* work a lot of people, and your personal motivation to do well are just the tip of the iceberg. Each contest is a learning experience about propagation, your own skills, and the skills of others. The UBN's that the CQ WW Contest Committee released about last year's contest were received with enthusi-

asm. Each entrant can privately review his log and other data in his/her directory on the CQ WW web site. What a great opportunity to have fun and increase your operating skills at the same time.

Please send us your log in electronic format. The easiest way to do this is to send your CW log to <cw@cqww.com> and your SSB log to <ssb@cqww.com>. Your log will help validate the winners, and you get something back, too. You can check the CQ WW home page at <http://www.cqww.com>. There you will find the latest rules and other interesting information, including directions on how to submit an e-mail log entry.

### The Distance Rule

One of the unsettling parts of this job is the rumors each year we receive about some Multi-Op station that is operating in violation of the distance rule (Rule III). The rule states, "All transmitters and receivers must be located within a 500 meter diameter circle or within the property limits of the station licensee's address, whichever is greater." Some teams decide that they cannot win if they must be confined to only 500 meters. We have heard many reasons to justify this type of thinking: "We cannot afford it." "We are in a city and can't find 500 meters." "We find it easier to reduce interference if we locate stations 30 km apart; after all isn't everyone doing it?"

It sure makes life easier and the score bigger if 20 meters is in one city and 40 meters is in another! The multi can then even run two signals on each band. Many of these Multi-Op teams are driven by wrong information or past bad habits. The truth is that most Multi-Op entries obey the distance rule. Through their skill they have overcome station interference

## BAND-BY-BAND BREAKDOWN—TOP ALL BAND SCORES

Number groups indicate: QSOs/Zones/Countries on each band

### WORLD TOP SINGLE OPERATOR, ALL BAND

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
P40E	352/16/32	778/23/79	1476/30/98	1085/30/98	1706/34/107	1076/28/76
EA8EA	112/14/44	751/22/67	1237/35/92	1473/35/92	1736/34/93	1187/27/94
HC8N	398/16/38	480/16/60	1122/28/84	878/30/84	2002/32/101	1312/26/71
9Y4H	239/13/35	396/21/66	1598/31/94	704/30/83	1355/31/87	999/30/78
FS5PL	283/11/29	726/18/71	1072/26/83	1111/33/91	1639/33/92	1341/28/78
K1AR	50/12/38	400/20/79	1238/32/105	1063/38/118	982/32/106	314/24/76
A45XR	174/7/37	354/19/60	718/27/74	779/33/97	1254/32/97	810/28/78
8R1K	97/9/17	304/13/50	1074/22/73	1031/32/89	1145/26/84	755/29/77
GI0KOW	350/14/62	824/18/75	1267/31/104	1056/30/90	942/29/94	470/19/53

### USA TOP SINGLE OPERATOR, ALL BAND

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
K1AR	50/12/38	400/20/79	1238/32/105	1063/38/118	982/32/106	314/24/76
W1KM	65/16/50	529/23/79	726/26/89	910/32/98	748/30/90	195/19/58
K3ZO	34/11/23	303/18/68	808/32/100	875/34/105	786/29/94	314/21/64
N2NT	49/14/29	201/17/62	1105/32/101	742/33/92	947/27/98	212/22/62
N2LT	28/11/20	238/14/62	669/34/107	804/36/107	904/29/94	335/24/77
KQ2M/1	47/13/37	246/19/69	1052/32/109	757/32/98	646/26/102	248/23/69
W4AN	32/10/20	76/19/53	839/30/95	763/35/109	1110/27/95	186/24/70
N6BV/1	44/13/33	204/13/59	815/23/86	835/34/102	863/24/91	252/21/65
W3BGN	54/13/39	150/17/58	596/30/95	704/32/91	642/24/91	281/24/73

### WORLD MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
ZF1A	121/16/44	568/20/76	2332/30/103	1397/38/130	2139/32/109	489/28/78
P3A	367/11/56	1223/21/89	1600/33/108	1152/35/116	1815/36/123	311/28/77
KP3Z	158/17/59	618/23/93	1780/28/102	945/37/126	1666/32/106	1015/31/91
5A2A	294/13/53	769/17/78	1530/29/95	760/33/103	1726/38/109	381/28/64
N2NU	51/17/58	198/23/91	1202/35/128	1072/38/132	1015/34/129	304/31/105
6D2X	255/14/30	517/22/70	2000/33/108	1136/37/108	1786/33/111	435/28/72

### USA MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
N2NU	51/17/58	198/23/91	1202/35/128	1072/38/132	1015/34/129	304/31/105
K1ZZ	59/15/49	162/22/81	898/34/119	935/37/130	730/30/122	261/29/105
K8AZ	33/18/38	117/24/81	926/35/125	826/37/138	773/35/121	257/29/93
W4WA	22/14/29	107/21/69	656/34/114	512/38/121	902/33/119	134/28/82
W9JA	32/17/36	94/24/83	589/36/114	561/38/126	687/33/118	211/28/90
N0NI	59/15/30	92/21/75	777/36/109	708/38/122	632/33/117	87/26/80

### WORLD MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
5V7A	326/19/56	683/26/74	2805/38/120	4506/39/145	3725/38/136	1556/30/115
6Y4A	886/22/66	1908/28/95	3724/33/125	3719/40/148	3032/35/127	1501/29/88
EA8ZS	320/13/61	1066/22/81	2122/33/115	2738/37/138	2834/39/138	1068/31/101
J39A	395/14/49	1274/24/93	2381/31/109	3570/36/131	2371/33/113	1512/31/74
VE3EJ	671/17/55	1074/27/98	2382/36/132	2335/40/146	1894/34/124	820/30/93
KC1XX	175/20/75	672/26/100	1937/37/136	2011/39/141	1643/35/135	708/30/114

### USA MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
KC1XX	175/20/75	672/26/100	1937/37/136	2011/39/141	1643/35/135	708/30/114
K3LR	141/22/64	520/30/102	1778/38/136	1768/40/149	1654/36/135	643/33/111
W3LPL	175/20/64	625/29/97	1550/36/134	2028/40/144	1526/33/129	641/31/109
K1KI	137/19/61	491/24/85	1555/38/129	2151/40/152	1531/34/129	415/30/105
N3RS	76/16/48	357/21/84	1484/36/128	1692/39/140	1458/34/133	495/39/102
W1MD	90/18/50	424/23/88	805/34/120	1734/38/139	1398/34/124	353/29/101



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and other problems inherent in placing up to six stations in a confined area. Most Multi-Op entries are from well-populated areas of Europe and the US. If violations of the distance rule occur, others can see it or hear it. Competition is tough especially for the top positions. It makes it mean more if you place well and have obeyed the rules.

### Thanks

Thanks to the CQ WW log checkers who validated the winners and provided insight into many contesting topics. The 1998 crew includes: K1DG, K3UA, K3ZO, K6NA, KR2Q, N2AA, N2NC, N3ED, N5TJ, N3RA, N6ZZ, N8BJQ, N9RV, W3ZZ, and W7EJ. Our DX advisors were very helpful in offering advice, providing information, and sorting out potential problems. They are CT1BOH, DL6RAI, EA3DU, F6BEE, G3SXW, HSØ/G4UAV, I2UIY, JE1CKA, OH2KI, OH2MM, OK2FD, ON6TT, PY5EG, S50A, SM3SGP, UA9BA, and VE3EJ.

A special thanks to Dick, N6AA, who again spent countless hours to make the CQ WW database the best in contesting. The CQ WW uses the software developed by Tree, N6TR, to create the database. John, K2MM, created the entire WWW log entry information. His robot worked smoothly in acknowledging receipt of a log. He also created the search engines utilized by committee members to aid in log checking. Tack, JE1CKA, has created the appearance and non-log data on < cqww.com >. Translations of the rules into Spanish, Japanese, German, and French were done by EA3DU, JE1CKA, DL6RAI, and F6BEE, respectively. Larry, N6TW, was invaluable in retrieving and processing data from e-mail submissions. Thanks to John, K1AR, for his advice and hard work to make the CQ WW so successful.

Congratulations to all the winners! Try to get a fellow contesteer on for a local, friendly competition. To participate and have fun is what contesting is all about!

73 and CU in '98!

Bob, K3EST

### DX QRM

Goose bumps to listen to KH8 on 28 MHz! . . . IV3TQE. Because of TVI, I used 20W on 20m during the evening and I made a QSO with KL7RA with only 20W! We can only do this during the CQ WW Contest . . . F5PHW. At 2130Z, the bands 7-28 MHz were very open for DX . . . LU3DSI. A big thanks to WA7UVJ and W7KJI for tcvr. It is my second life. I have no left foot and with this tcvr I worked many stations . . . UA4PA. Thoroughly enjoyed the contest! The improved sunspot condx helped. However, I had to shut down twice due to lightning and thunderstorms overhead! Bloody amazing! We have not seen rain for months . . . VK8AV. I could work 6 continents on 3 bands with a simple dipole. Better condx are coming . . . JL7PVR/1. My operation is devoted to my beloved son, Zvonimir, who passed away Nov. 17, 1997 . . . YU1BO. Got the tower and beam up 48 hrs before the test. One hr before the test the Galah's decided it was the best perch in VK . . . VK2AYD.

My antenna is a fishing rod whip only up 3 meters . . . JA1MXY. This was the best contest I have ever taken part in! I have never heard 15 meters so open to the USA . . . GØVQR. Thanks again to KH7R and KL7Y for precious multipliers . . . CT1FJK. I used this contest for hunting DX and meeting old friends . . . OH2KQ. Finding marvelous conditions on 15 . . . G3ESF. A great contest, lots of fun, and my code speed went up. Was sorry to see the contest end . . . VE2SKA. Many operators are very professional in automatic sending (very high speed from computer) but have difficulty receiving! . . . SP3FIM. My proficiency in CW is somewhat limited so I cannot be absolutely sure that all contacts are 100% correct. When answering me the speed of my counterpart was sometimes so high that I could have misheard their message . . . SM5PEY.

My first time in CW mode . . . EA7FR. Enjoyable though tiring. Next year must make a more serious effort to work more zone and country multipliers . . . GØWHO. First time QRV in a CW contest, but not the last one . . . PAØIJM. This is my second attempt at a major international contest, and I must say I gained a lot from the experience. I'll

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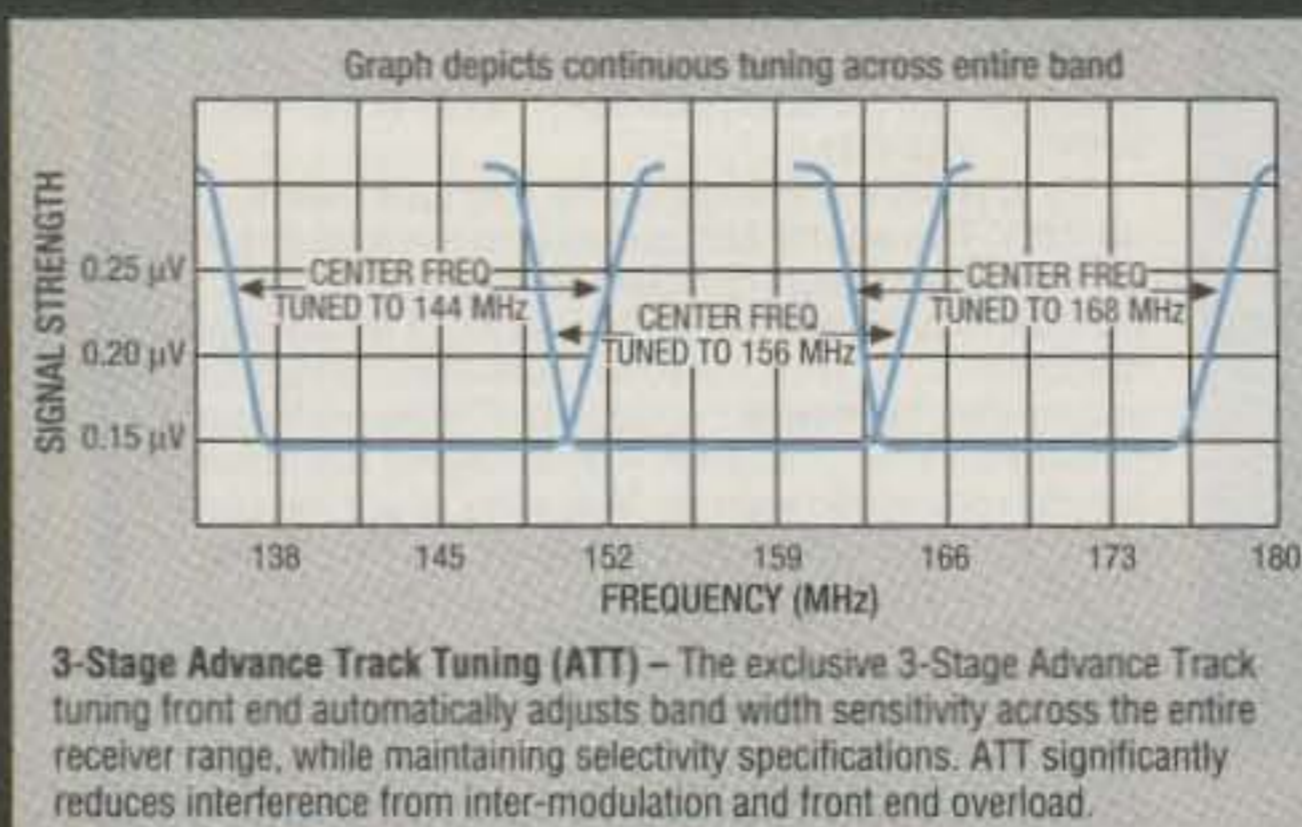
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A lot of us tend to build things from articles or handbooks and really give little thought as to how the device actually works. VE3ERP takes us on the hunt for the elusive Trap Troll to find (not the meaning of life) out how they actually work and how to design our own.

## Trap Dipoles for Dummies

### The Secrets of Trap Dipole Design Revealed In Plain Language!

BY GEORGE MURPHY\*, VE3ERP

I am a real dummy when it comes to understanding antenna theory. However, that didn't stop me from trying to find a trap dipole design to cover both my favorite traditional HF phone band and one of the newer WARC bands. I couldn't find a design in any of the handbooks in my library, nor in any other place, that gave a complete description of how to design any trap dipole.

After much browsing, I finally did find an excellent not too technical paper<sup>1</sup> I could understand. This started me on a trail of fascinating clues, culminating in a HAM-CALC (version 36 or later)<sup>2</sup> computer program. Early in my Sherlock Holmesing I discovered why the handbooks are somewhat vague and cagey about trap dipoles: The design process is neither simple nor straightforward, involving some nasty forays into the wilds of Iterative Algebra and beyond. For those of us who would rather not get involved in mathematical explanations, I offer the following findings about the trap dipole.

#### What It Is

A typical trap dipole is shown in fig. 1(A). It is a combination of fig. 1(B), a simple 1/2-wave dipole, and fig. 1(C), a short off-center loaded dipole which has no capacitors, only inductors. If you are not familiar with short off-center loaded dipoles, just picture two mobile whips (the kind with a loading coil somewhere near the middle) assembled base-to-base horizontally, with the

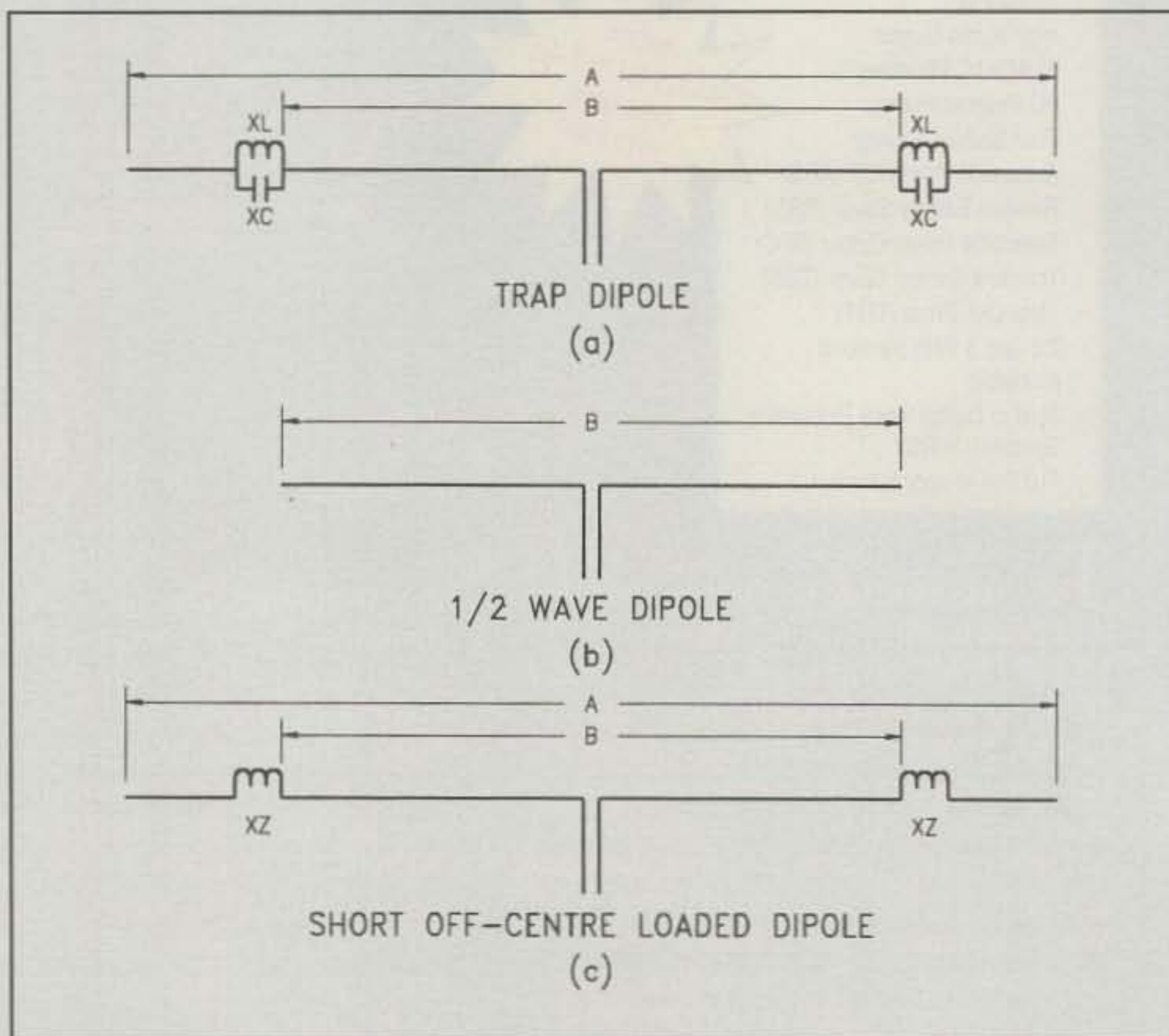


Fig. 1— The evolution of a trap dipole.

center conductor of a coaxial line feeding one and the braid feeding the other.

#### How It Works

Each trap in fig. 1(a) consists of an inductor and a capacitor in parallel. The reactances (XL and XC, respectively) of each

component vary with frequency; when the frequency is the resonant frequency of the dipole, then XL is equal to XC. This creates an extremely high impedance which prevents RF from travelling past the trap. At other frequencies the reactances of the trap components combine to form a single reactive component. At frequencies

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HIGHER FREQ.		LOWER FREQ.			TRAP											
MHz	B FEET	MHz	A FEET	Xz ohms	L				C pF							
					uH	FORM DIA.	No. OF TURNS	LENGTH								
28.837 (10m)	16.23	24.940	17.87	1263	2.03	1.050 in.	13	2.15 in.	15							
		21.224	20.17	591												
		18.118	23.04	382												
		14.174	29.01	238												
		10.125	41.02	147												
		7.148	59.52	97												
		3.742	118.53	49												
		1.897	240.10	24												
24.940 (12m)	18.77	21.224	20.94	1094	2.26	1.050 in.	14	2.26 in.	18							
		18.118	23.65	545												
		14.174	29.34	298												
		10.125	40.98	172												
		7.148	59.21	111												
		3.742	117.93	54												
		1.897	239.43	27												
		21.224 (15m)	22.05	18.118						24.52	1118	2.81	1.315 in.	13	2.30 in.	20
14.174	29.74			452												
10.125	40.69			232												
7.148	58.36			142												
3.742	116.54			68												
1.897	237.81			34												
18.118 (17m)	25.83			14.174	30.71	738	3.22	1.315 in.	14	2.34 in.	24					
				10.125	41.05	297										
		7.148	58.14	171												
		3.742	115.70	79												
		1.897	236.71	39												
		14.174 (20m)	33.02	10.125	42.23	546						4.20	1.315 in.	17	2.72 in.	30
7.148	57.97			253												
3.742	113.82			106												
1.897	234.10			51												
10.125 (30m)	46.22	7.148	57.97	515	5.75	1.660 in.	16	2.59 in.	43							
		3.742	112.15	156												
		1.897	230.60	71												
7.148 (40m)	65.47	3.742	112.11	259	8.00	1.660 in.	21	3.39 in.	62							
		1.897	226.60	103												
3.742 (80m)	125.07	1.897	220.85	264	16.45	2.375 in.	23	3.74 in.	110							

Fig. 2— Design considerations for building your own trap dipole antenna. Values are based on #12 AWG wire construction with trap reactances near 375 ohms. Coil form sizes are schedule 40 black plastic pipe.



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above the trap's resonant frequency the trap behaves as a capacitor, and below the resonant frequency the trap behaves as an inductor. Therefore, in fig.1(C) the single inductance XZ is actually the trap behaving as an inductor. What it all boils down to is this: When you have a dual-band trap antenna, you are running a 1/2-wave dipole at the higher frequency and an off-center loaded dipole at the lower frequency.

## How To Make It Work

Let me lead you down the garden path for a few steps:

1. Decide what size wire you want to use for your antenna.
2. Determine center frequencies of two selected bands of interest. Depending on how fiddly you want to be, these may be

the center of an entire band, or the center of any particular part of a band.

3. Determine length B of the 1/2-wave dipole, fig.1(B), for the higher of the two selected frequencies.

4. Determine values of the trap components. Any values of inductor L and capacitor C will work as long as their reactances are equal at the frequency of the higher of the two bands selected. Equal but relatively low reactances will produce high Q but very narrow bandwidth traps. Equal but relatively high reactances will produce more acceptable bandwidth, but at the expense of reduced Q. Reactances in the range of 300–450 ohms are recommended. Decide on a reactance (375 ohms is a good place to start) and calculate the values of C and L at the resonant frequency of the 1/2-wave dipole, fig.1(B).

5. Select a standard-value capacitor as

near as possible to the optimum value determined in step 4.

6. Find or design the trap inductor.

7. Find reactance of each trap component at the lower of the two selected frequencies using the values of L and C determined in step 4.

8. Find net reactance XZ, fig.1(C), of the trap at the lower of the two selected frequencies.

9. Calculate length A, fig.1(C), for the lower of the two selected frequencies, from known factors B (step 3), XZ (step 8), and the diameter of the wire (step 1) to be used.

## Final Comments

Since this article is primarily about design, I won't get into component selection or construction details. You can find this information in almost any amateur radio handbook.

Bench test the traps for resonance at the selected higher frequency before assembling the antenna and, if necessary, alter the coil turn spacing to adjust the frequency. As with most antennas, be prepared to do some pruning to achieve minimum SWR in your particular site environment. Antenna height, feedline factors, soil conditions, surrounding trees and buildings, and many other local conditions all affect performance. Prune only the wire lengths, as any further changes to the traps may upset the apple cart and you may have to start all over again.

If you want to design a trap dipole, you have a choice of three ways to do it:

- a. The EASY way.
- b. The HARD way.
- c. The BEST way.

If you choose a, the easy way, then select one from fig. 2. It has already been designed for you. If you choose b, you can track down the same sources I had to find and do all the calculations by hand. Or, if you choose c, you can use your computer to design a trap dipole in the length of time it takes to make two keystrokes and enter four numbers—about 12 seconds. The 36 antennas listed in fig. 2 were designed (including the coils) in less than 10 minutes.

Now if only I could figure out how to program my VCR. . . .

## Footnotes

1. *The ARRL Antenna Book*, 14th edition, pages 8–3 to 8–5.

2. HAMCALC is FREE software containing more than 200 programs (including trap dipole design) of interest to radio amateurs and professionals. To obtain it on an MS-DOS/Windows 3 1/2 inch diskette send USA\$5 (to cover costs of materials and airmail anywhere in the world) to the author, George Murphy, VE3ERP, at the address shown at the beginning of this article. ■

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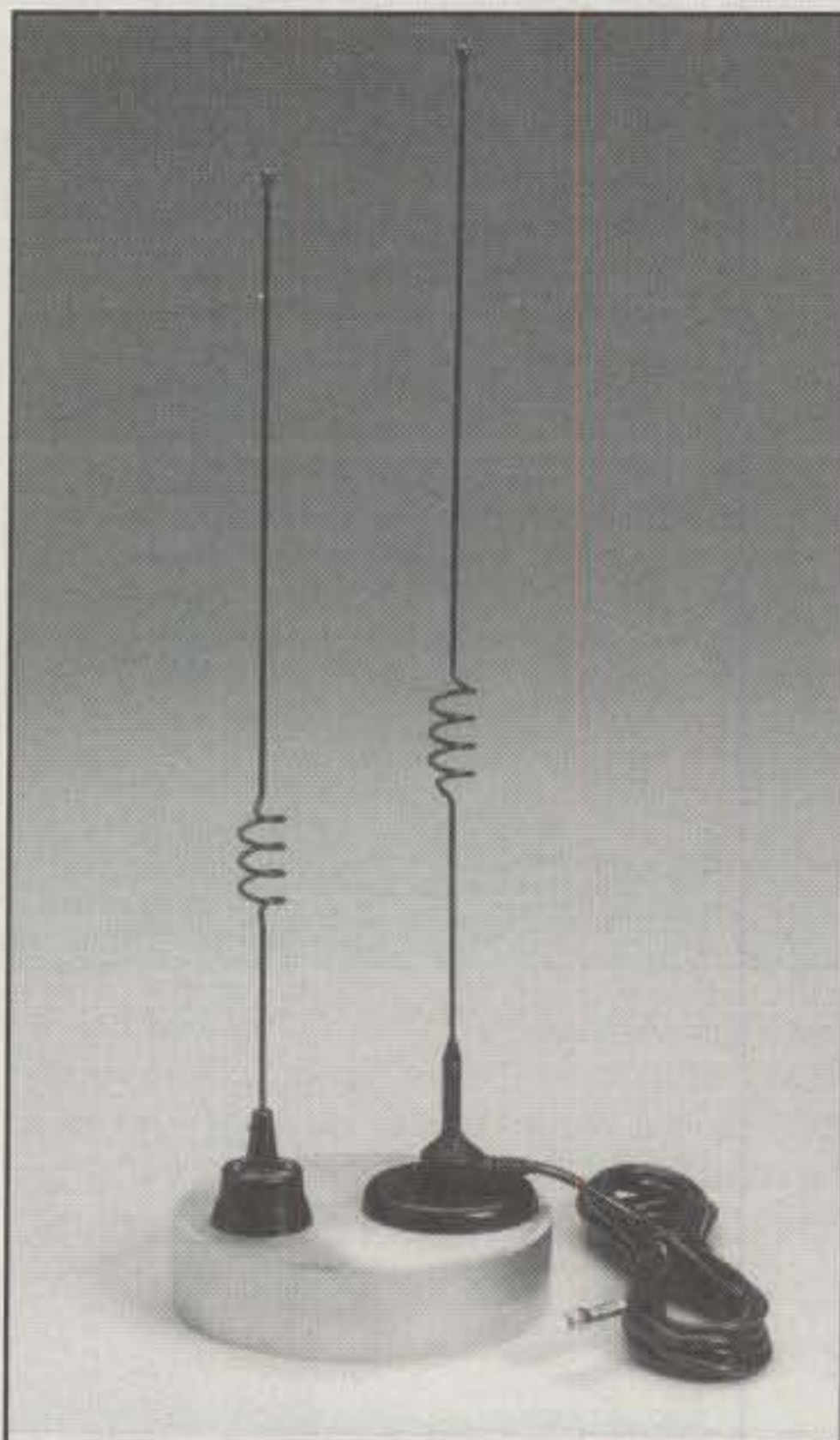
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# The Alinco DJ-C5 FM Dualband Micro Talkie

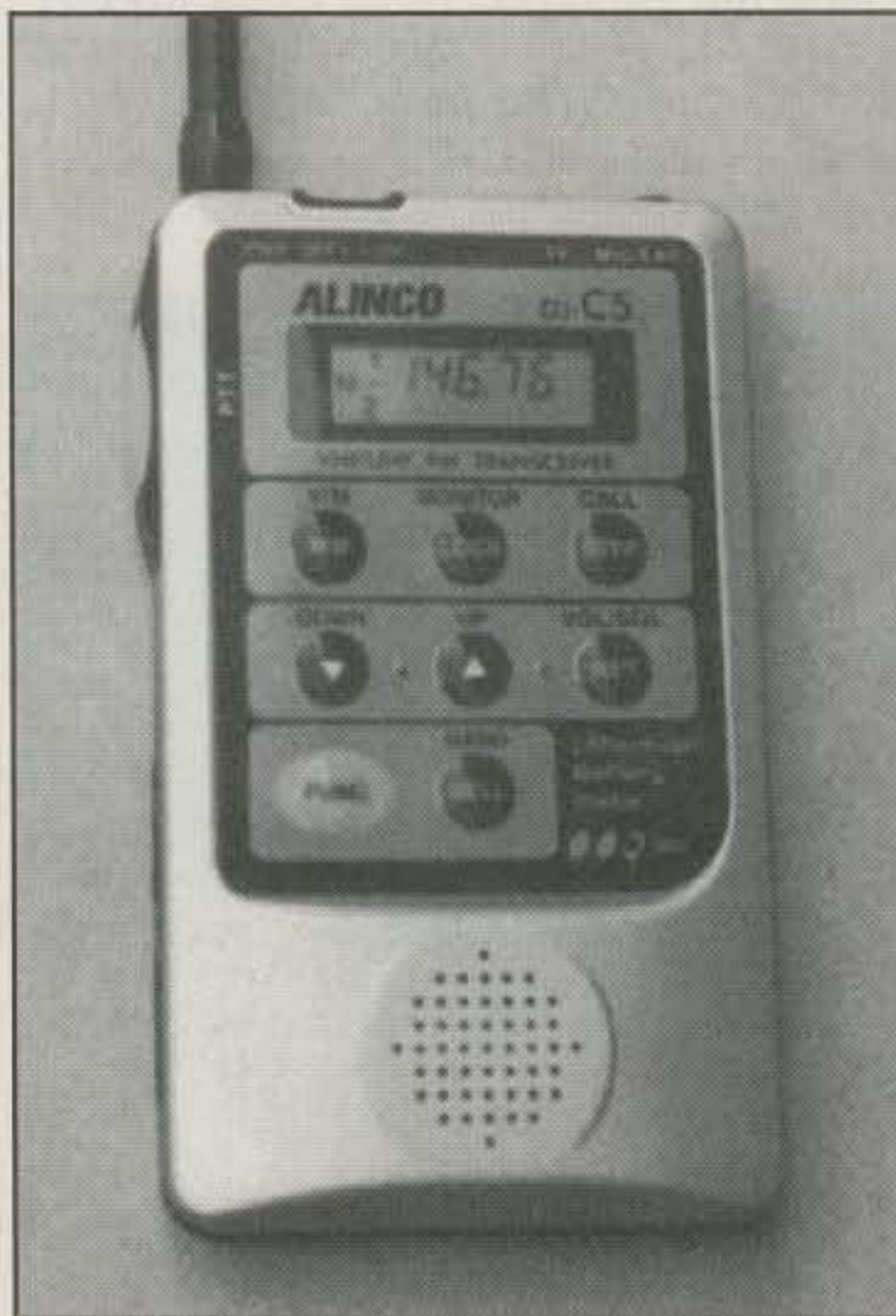
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Today's world of FM handheld transceivers is thriving with fancy-featured do-everything rigs, and they are all terrific for on-the-spot hamming. In my opinion, however, Alinco's new DJ-C5 stands apart from the crowd in one very special and always appreciated aspect: its incredibly small size. This modern marvel of technology is only the height and width of a regular charge card—and only three or four charge cards thick! Larger handhelds may offer more output power for countryside and fringe area use, but for “carry it anywhere” convenience and emergency preparedness around the city, Alinco's DJ-C5 is tops. Speaking of fringe area operations, incidentally, the DJ-C5's shirt-pocket dimensions make it an ideal candidate for remote accessing and crossband repeating through a fancy dualband mobile rig such as Alinco's popular DR-605. We are jumping ahead of the basic DJ-C5 review, however, so let's drop back a notch or two and start with the pertinent details.

## Overview

At first glance, the silver case and exceptionally thin nature of this little transceiver give it the appearance of being a pocket calculator. However, closer investigation reveals a thin screw on/off mini duckie antenna, small front-mounted speaker, and side PTT switch. It is an FM talkie—and an impressive featured one to boot!

The DJ-C5 transceives from 144.0 to 147.995 and 420.0 to 449.995 MHz with 300 milliwatts output. It also receives NOAA weather stations in the 162 MHz range, marine and public services in the 156 to 162 MHz range, and aircraft in the 119 to 121 MHz range. Additional receiver coverage (380.0 to 472.995 MHz) plus MARS/CAP operation is also possible by cutting a small looped red wire right beneath the little rig's rear cover. Frequency selection is via up/down pushbuttons on the tiny talkie's front panel. In fact, all adjustments and operating parameters



*Alinco's new DJ-C5 dual-band FM talkie looks similar to a Star Trek communicator—and it works like a champ! The tiny rig measures only 3.75"H×2.25"W×.3"D, has a 4.25 inch tall mini duckie antenna, and goes anywhere!*

are selected or set by these pushbuttons—volume, squelch, repeater offsets, CTCSS tones, memories, etc. Changing the volume or squelch setting, for example, simply involves pressing the “VOL/SQL” button once for volume or twice for squelch, then pressing the “up” or the “down” button. Simultaneously, level adjustments are confirmed by indications such as SQL 0 through 4 in the rig's readout.

The more you operate the DJ-C5, the more you realize that although it is very small, it has many of the frills found in full-size and full-featured handheld transceivers. VFO tuning steps are selectable, for example, plus there is an easy-access fast/1 MHz tuning rate for wide QSYs. Selected frequencies (in or out of amateur

VHF or UHF bands), repeater offsets (regular or odd splits), and CTCSS tones can be stored “mix and match style” in any of the DJ-C5's 50 memories. The memories, in turn, can be displayed by number and frequency as usual or by channel number for operating security/privacy (channel 1–50, for example).

Additional “big rig” features in the DJ-C5 include both CTCSS encoding and decoding, call channels for both 2 meters and 70cm, a bell/alert feature, battery save mode, and automatic power-off function. As you probably know, a CTCSS encoder superimposes a subaudible tone on a rig's transmitted signal for accessing tone-restricted repeaters. Another often-overlooked application is limiting access to your crossband repeating mobile transceiver by requiring a “secret” CTCSS tone from your handheld transceiver. In that case, your mobile rig must be equipped with a CTCSS decoder. Why then is a CTCSS decoder included in Alinco's DJ-C5, and what is its purpose or benefit? Simply explained, the decoder adds personal paging capabilities to the little rig. When the decoder is activated, the DJ-C5 can silently monitor any frequency—busy or quiet—hour after hour. When a signal with a CTCSS tone matching that of the decoder appears on frequency, the transceiver's squelch opens so you can hear the calling station. CTCSS paging is quite useful when coordinating public events or amateur radio family activities on “direct” frequencies (repeaters often have filters to remove subaudible or CTCSS tones). By assigning different tones to various group members, each person can be independently paged without disturbing others. This arrangement is quite useful and must be experienced firsthand to be fully appreciated.

The DJ-C5's bell feature is another neat asset worthy of quick mention. Simply explained, it allows the rig to monitor any selected frequency for any call (no CTCSS tone required). When a call is detected, an alerting electronic bell rings twice and the rig's LCD readout changes to blinking the word “BELL” rather than

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 M + 000.00 50  
 00 BUSY LOCK F 25

↑ A closer look at the DJ-C5's LCD readout gives a hint of the radio's many special features and functions. AM appears when tuning aircraft band, T indicates CTCSS encoding, blinks when CTCSS decoding, frequency decimal blinks when scanning, etc.

The DJ-C5 is supplied with a deluxe two hour desktop charger that senses/monitors battery voltage and automatically switches off when fully charged. Rather than standing vertically, the rig lies flat in the charger. →



indicating the operating frequency. "BELL" continues blinking until reset, thus informing you of missed activity. The DJ-C5's battery save mode and auto off function are especially useful for "extended monitoring" enthusiasts. They shift the rig into "sleep" mode during quiet times, then switch the talkie off after 60 minutes of inactivity. Nice!

### Scanning and Monitoring

A dedicated "SCAN" button may not be apparent on the front panel, but this popular feature is also included in the DJ-C5. Band or memory scanning is initiated by holding the Up or Down button depressed a couple of seconds. Scanning pauses on a busy frequency and resumes in 5 seconds unless you cancel it by pressing the PTT switch. Scanning NOAA weather channels and other continuously active frequencies is not too desirable, so any memory can be programmed with "scan skip" as desired. This "keep it simple" concept results in a very operator-friendly, convenient to use micro-transceiver. Yes, and assuming you clipped the little looped red wire mentioned earlier, some out-of-band activities can prove interesting monitoring. In addition to previously mentioned services, there are railroads in the 159 to 161 MHz range, border patrols and rangers in the 408 to 417 MHz range, U.S. Customs and ATF agencies in the 165 to 168 MHz region, and FRS plus GMRS in the 462.5 to 468 MHz region. Fun scanning galore!

### The Lithium Ion Battery

A major limitation with any personal or handheld FM transceiver is battery size and weight (as Captain Kirk would say,

"We need those dilithium crystals for power, Scottie."). Alinco could not journey to Kronos 5 for the crystals, so they installed the next-best choice in the DJ-C5: a trim 3.8 volt/600 ma lithium-ion battery. This battery can be recharged 500 times or more, it is not prone to developing a memory like nickel cadmiums, and it actually likes frequent top-ups for emergency preparedness. When used in a low-current rig such as the DJ-C5, a 600 maH lithium-ion battery yields approximately twice the operating time of usual talkies and battery packs.

### On The Air

The Alinco's DJ-C5 is a delightful-to-use mini-rig, and its output power of 300 milliwatts is quite sufficient for working through neighborhood repeaters or communicating around hamfest sites. Even if left switched off much of the time or used only for occasional monitoring, just carrying a DJ-C5 adds an extra measure of security and emergency preparedness to any outing. That fact is particularly noticeable (and appreciated!) when transacting business in a bank, riding an elevator, or traveling by commercial airlines—times when larger handhelds are less accessible or inconvenient to carry. Considered from that "real life" viewpoint, I am convinced a talkie in the pocket is worth two in the car (or briefcase).

Operation-wise, the DJ-C5 is a cinch to use, and audio on both transmit and receive is crisp and clean. Some distortion or "rattle" from the thin internal speaker is noticeable at high volume, but that is natural; this gem is a personal transceiver of the smallest size, not a PA system.

If I need room-filling volume and 5 watts of power, I can drag out a big talkie. If I need or want maximum portability and totally inconspicuous appearance, a DJ-C5 is the answer. Doesn't that make sense?

Personally, I see this "QRP side" of VHF/UHF FM activities as the wave of the future, and it is all one actually needs to access modern high-performance repeaters. Gearing up with a mini rig now just puts one at the forefront of evolution. If the DJ-C5 operated full duplex, transmitting on one band while simultaneously receiving on the other band (it doesn't), it could even be used for working AO-27 when the high-power guys are not looking. Hmmm, with some fast button pushing, a homebrew gain antenna, and a bit of luck, it might work! Do I like the DJ-C5? You bet! Would I recommend it to FM devotees? Absolutely!

### Conclusion

All aspects considered, Alinco's DJ-C5 is, in my opinion, a winner. Getting both bands and extended receive coverage is the special topping. Alinco's DJ-C5 is supplied with mini duckie antenna, clear vinyl carry case, rechargeable lithium-ion battery, and desktop two hour quick charger. The DJ-C5 is priced at \$249.00. Accessories include an EME-16 tie-pin-type speaker microphone, EME-17 telephone operator's type speaker microphone, EME-47 regular speaker microphone, and an EDC-36 car charge cable.

For more information and dealer details, contact Alinco US, 438 Amapola Avenue, Suite 130, Torrance, CA 90501 (telephone 310-618-8616; on the web: <<http://www.alinco.com>>). ■

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A LOOK AT THE WORLD AROUND US

## More Vintage Tubes and Classic Rigs

Unbelievable but true! In today's world of deluxe-feature and super-elaborate gear, interest in classic rigs, keys, and vacuum tubes is growing like never before. Indeed, famous model equipment from big-time names such as Collins, Drake, Johnson, and Hammarlund is presently emptying wallets and filling basements in record number. Are we missing something here? Not at all. We are still buying and using modern gear as usual. We are just including a touch of romance and nostalgia with genuine "glow in the dark" transmitters and receivers added to our daily activities. Yes, and the

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good news is amateurs with limited funds and/or space for a large radio collection can also join the action. How? By home-brewing and occasionally using classic gear with collectible tubes and authentic-era parts. Not only will such equipment warm your heart and shack, it also has a rich and unique on-the-air sound that stands apart from the all-too-common solid-state crowd. Need I say more?

Bearing the previous thoughts in mind, this month's column features two easy-to-assemble treats from yesteryear—and two more delights will be spotlighted next month. We aim to please—everyone! If building vintage gear does not capture your fancy, maybe we can inspire you to

start a unique vacuum-tube collection. Like keys, tubes require minimum wall or windowsill space for display, and each one is a true "hold in your hand" piece of history from our glamorous past. Drag out some of your old-time favorite tubes tonight, study their inner beauty (applying low filament voltage helps), and start compiling your own special "want list" of collectible tubes.

Need more inspiration? Check out the few always-popular tubes shown in fig. 1. The tallest "bottle" is a 211A—the famous "50 watter" triode often pulled from big-time audio amplifiers and used in high-power Hartley and TNT transmitters of the 1930s. Amateurs fortunate enough to



Fig. 1—Starting your own mini-collection of classic vacuum tubes is easy, fun, and most heartwarming. Further, special tubes in a well-planned collection can occasionally be used in past-era gear for an extra treat. Tubes shown here are a tall 211A "50 watter," famous Taylor T-20, RCA 245, Western Electric 311B, Eimac 3ST, and a tiny 956 "acorn tube." (Details in text.)

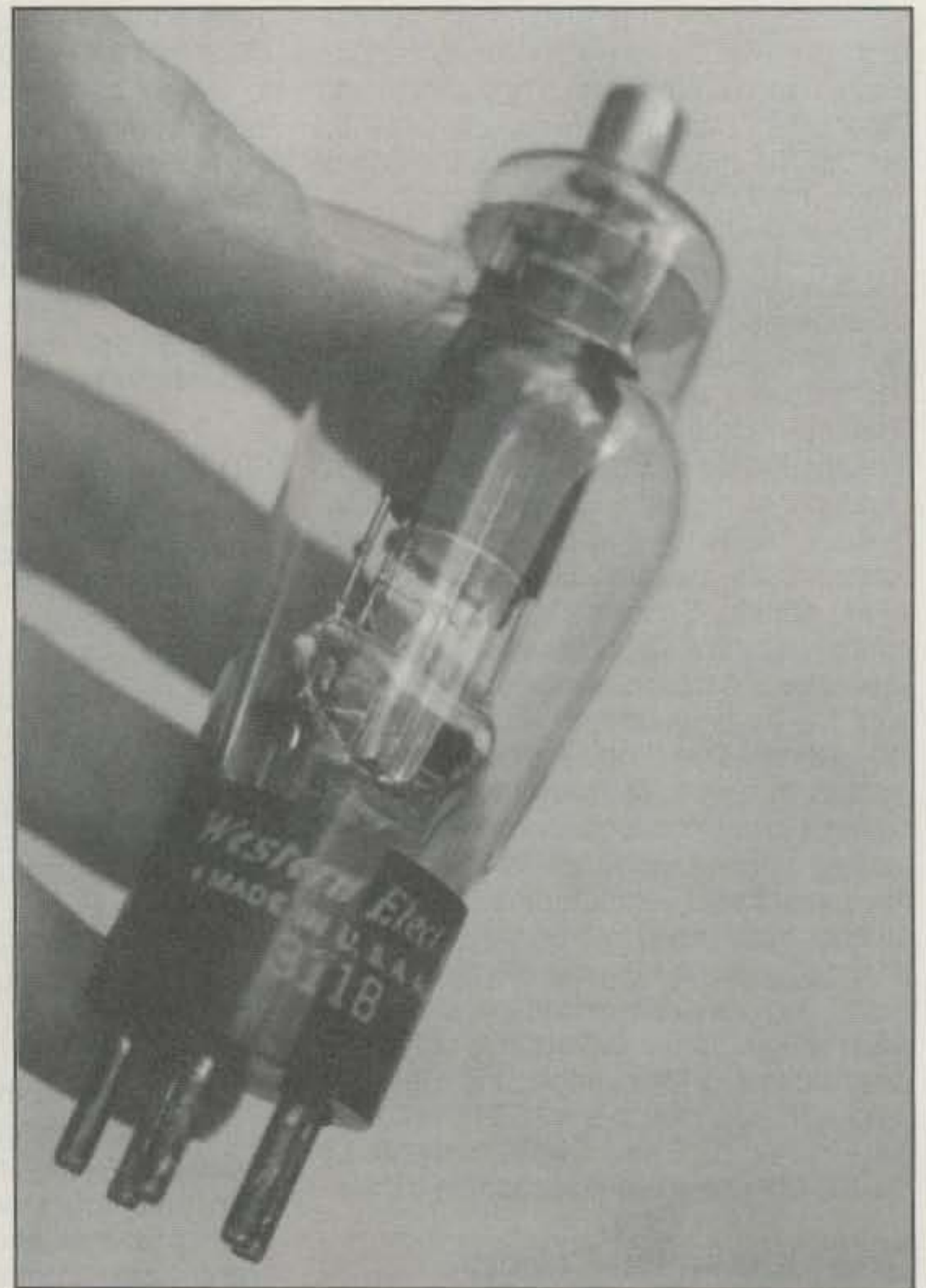


Fig. 2—Close-up view of the Western Electric 311B tube. Top cap is a control grid rather than plate connection. Base is the old 5-pin style.



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## Western Electric 311A Vacuum Tube

### CLASSIFICATION

The 311A vacuum tube is a low power, suppressor-grid pentode having an indirectly heated cathode which permits operation of the heater element directly on alternating current.

It is intended for use as an audio, carrier or radio-frequency power amplifier where power outputs of approximately 2.0 watts are required and where the plate voltage is not in excess of 180 volts.

### BASE, SOCKET AND MOUNTING

This vacuum tube employs a standard small five-pin thrust base suitable for use in a Western Electric 141A or similar type socket. The control-grid terminal is located at the top of the bulb.

The tube may be mounted in any position.

### HEATER RATING

Heater Voltage	10.0 volts, ac or dc
Nominal Heater Current	0.64 ampere

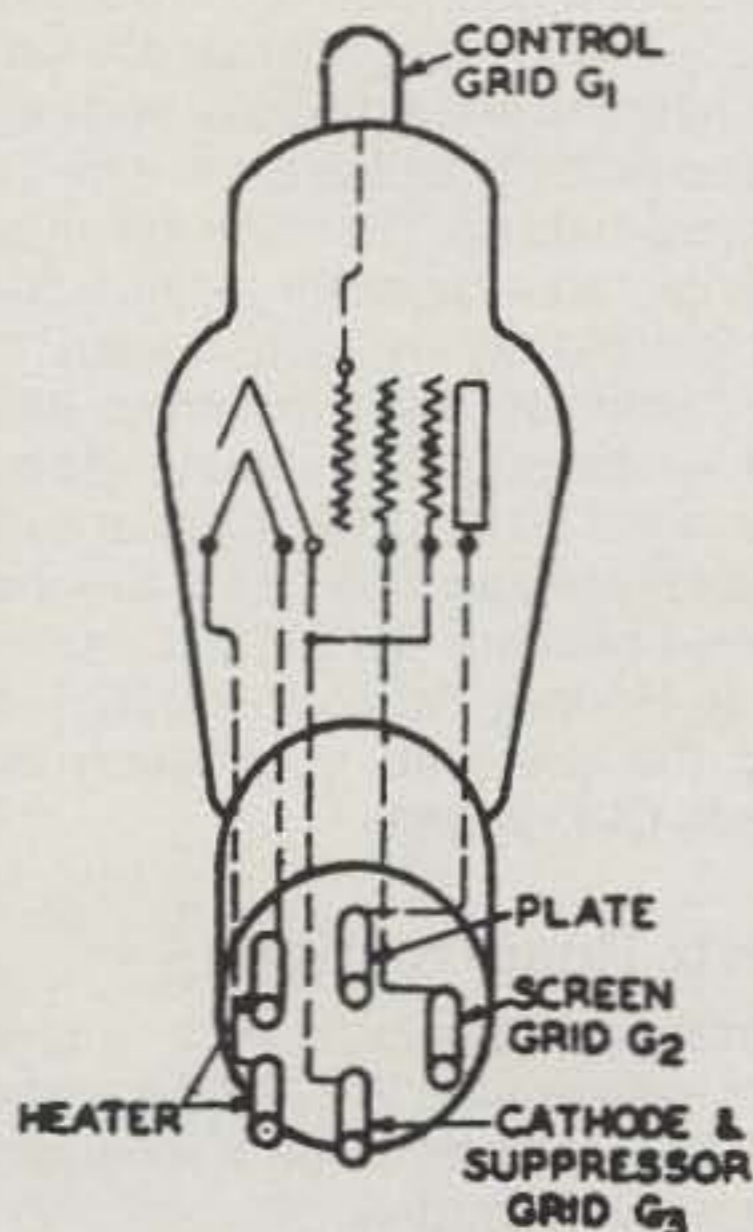
The heater element is designed to operate on a voltage basis and it should be operated as near the rated voltage as practicable. Operation at a higher voltage will definitely reduce the life of the tube.

### OPERATING CONDITIONS

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180 (max.)	150 (max.)	- 18	32

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1940s. This tube is similar to a "20 watt 210," quite attractive and exceptionally rugged. The tall, slender, white-based tube is an Eimac 35T. It has an inner plate structure that looks like a miniature 3-500Z, and it's a beauty. We will take a closer look at this tube next month, as it will be featured in a homebrew transmitter.

Finally, the top-capped WE-311B in fig. 1 is the star of this month's homebrew transmitter. More details straight ahead. Read on!

### WE-311B Tele-Mitter

While discussing classic rigs with Rodney Schrock, KD3OR, a few months ago, he described a neat one-tube transmitter he built and used in a recent AWA contest and classic radio exchange. The more we talked about this vintage transmitter, the more I realized details of the little tyke would appeal to column readers—especially those with telephone company-related backgrounds. Rod felt likewise and agreed to share pertinent details with us. The "inside story" thus follows.

The heart of this transmitter is a classic WE-311B tube made by Western Electric during eras past. As you probably know, Western Electric was the major supplier of components used by various telephone companies. The 311 tube was utilized mainly as a power amplifier in frequency division multiplex telephone systems (fig. 2). It is electrically similar to a 6V6 or 6F6, except it has a 10 volt filament, which is quite common with Western Electric tubes. Since telephone systems must operate 24 hours a day with minimum maintenance and many longlines relay stations are located in areas of limited access, Western Electric tubes were especially known for their high quality and long life. Even a routine maintenance "pull-out" is a sought item. Lucky hunters finding a WE-311A or B might also seek out a WE-274A which is equivalent to a 5Z3 or a WE-274B which is comparable to a 5U4 for rectifier use in a power supply. First class for sure!

The WE-311 was produced in two versions—A and B. To the best of my knowledge, the only difference is the WE-311A has a maximum plate rating of 180 volts at 32 ma, while the WE-311B has a maximum rating of 250 volts at 40 ma. Both versions have 10 volt/640 ma filaments and identical base pinouts (fig. 3). A creditable number of WE-311A and B tubes were produced, but few seem to have been incorporated in homebrew projects, possibly because Western Electric maintained a rather stiff reign on distribution. WE-311A/B tubes are thus a tad scarce today, but they can still be found in basement collections, at hamfest fleamarkets, and on shelves of antique parts suppliers.

Shifting from tube background data to transmitter details, Rodney's homebrewed

secure one of these impressive-looking tubes typically upgraded their 5 watt 210 or 245 transmitter with a larger tube socket, heftier power supply, and 10 dB stronger signal. Unofficially, I hear 211As

are still made (overseas) for use in modern high-end audio gear.

The Taylor T-20 in fig. 1 is one of several custom-built tubes that challenged RCA for top RF honors in the 1930s and

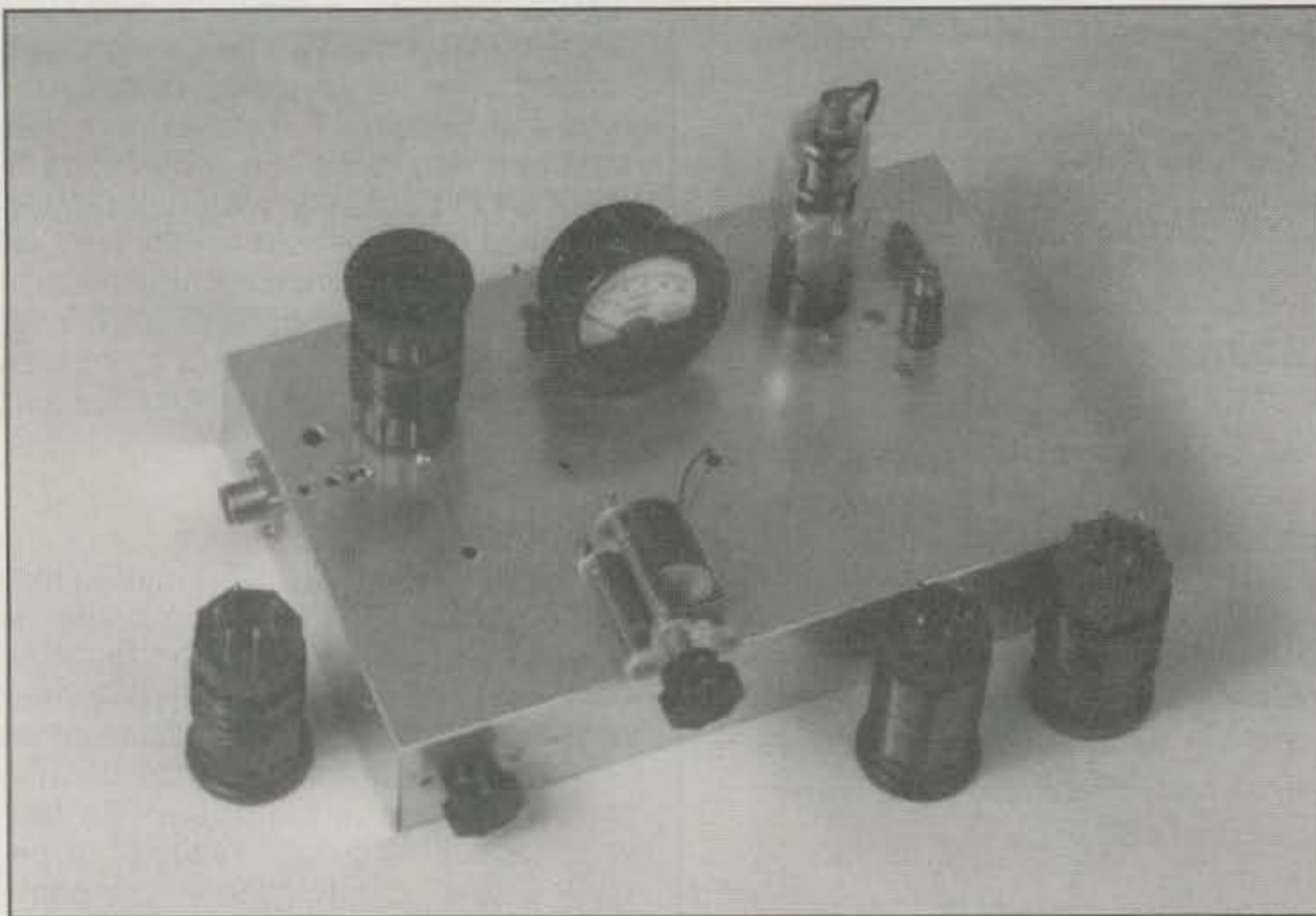


Fig. 4—Rodney Schrock, KD3OR, built his WE311B transmitter on an aluminum chassis, and it works as great as it looks. Rod has made contacts throughout the U.S. on 40 meters with this 3 watt output delight. (Photo via KD3OR)

version is shown in fig. 4 and its circuit diagram is shown in fig. 5. Basically, the rig is a crystal oscillator with a Pi-net output circuit, plate current metering, a pilot lamp for monitoring/limiting crystal/grid current, and a key click filter in the tube's cathode line. The output coil L1 is wound on a 1 1/2 or 1 5/8 diameter form using No. 20 wire. Approximately 30 turns are wound for 80 meters, 15 turns for 40 meters, and 12 turns for 30 meters. That is assuming an approximate 200 pFd variable capacitor is used for plate tuning. Increase the coil size

two or three turns if a smaller capacitor is substituted, or decrease turns if a larger value capacitance is used. You can recognize when coil/capacitor values are right by resonance (minimum plate current/maximum RF output) occurring when the plate tuning capacitor is not fully meshed or fully open. A single- or double-section 365 pFd variable capacitor salvaged from an old radio or antenna tuner works fine for the Pi-net's output. If desired, the 2.5 mHy RF choke parallel-wired across it (to avoid applying DC to the antenna) can be elimi-

nated. Do not eliminate the cathode's key click filter, however, as it ensures a clean on-the-air signal.

Rodney powers his transmitter from homebrew supply delivering 250 volts. A classic OD3/150 volt and OC3/100 volt regulator tube wired across the supply's output ensures stability under keying. A 10 ohm, 10 watt slider-adjustable resistor is connected in series with the power supply transformer's 12.6 volt filament winding to yield 10 volts for operating the '311B's filament.

Tune-up and operation of the transmitter is simple and straightforward. First a 50 ohm antenna like a dipole or vertical is connected to the output, and the tube's filament is warmed up. Then with the antenna loading/output capacitor set near minimum, close the key and quickly adjust the plate capacitor for minimum current. Alternate adjustments until minimum plate current is around 30 ma, check signal purity on a stable receiver, then hit the airwaves in style—nostalgia style! Our special thanks to Rodney Schrock, KD3OR, for sharing the previous information and notes with CW readers.

### Reinartz Resurrection

Spotlighting an easy-to-assemble receiver to complement the WE-311B transmitter of KD3OR proved to be a formidable challenge. Fortunately, Robert Root, WD6DPU, of Downey, California stepped forward with his genuine spider-web-coil-equipped Reinartz 2 receiver shown in fig. 6. Perfect! Now this radio really looks like a classic! Every shack should have at least one such attention-grabbing item such as this! Yes, and spider-web coils are capable of incredible feats. They may even pull in original big-band music and

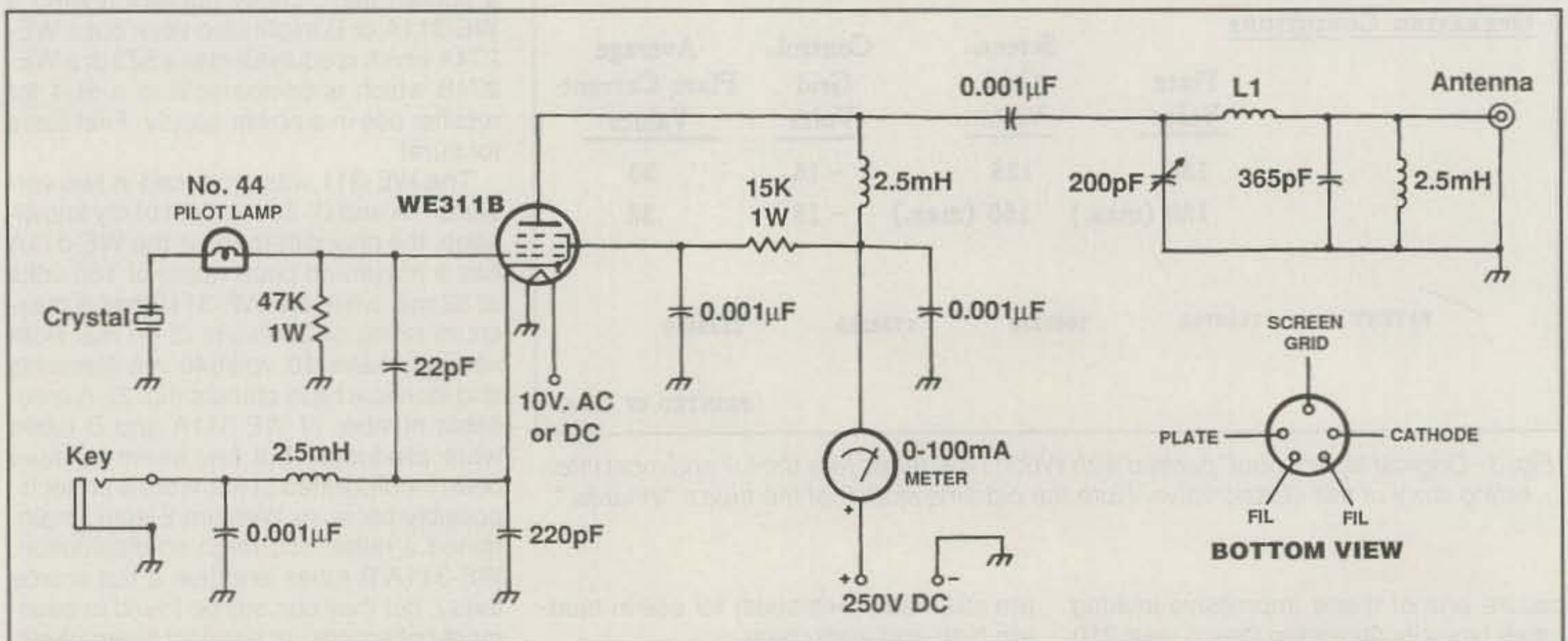


Fig. 5—Circuit diagram of the WE311B transmitter. If a WE311A tube is substituted, reduce plate potential to 130 volts—and expect 2 watts output.



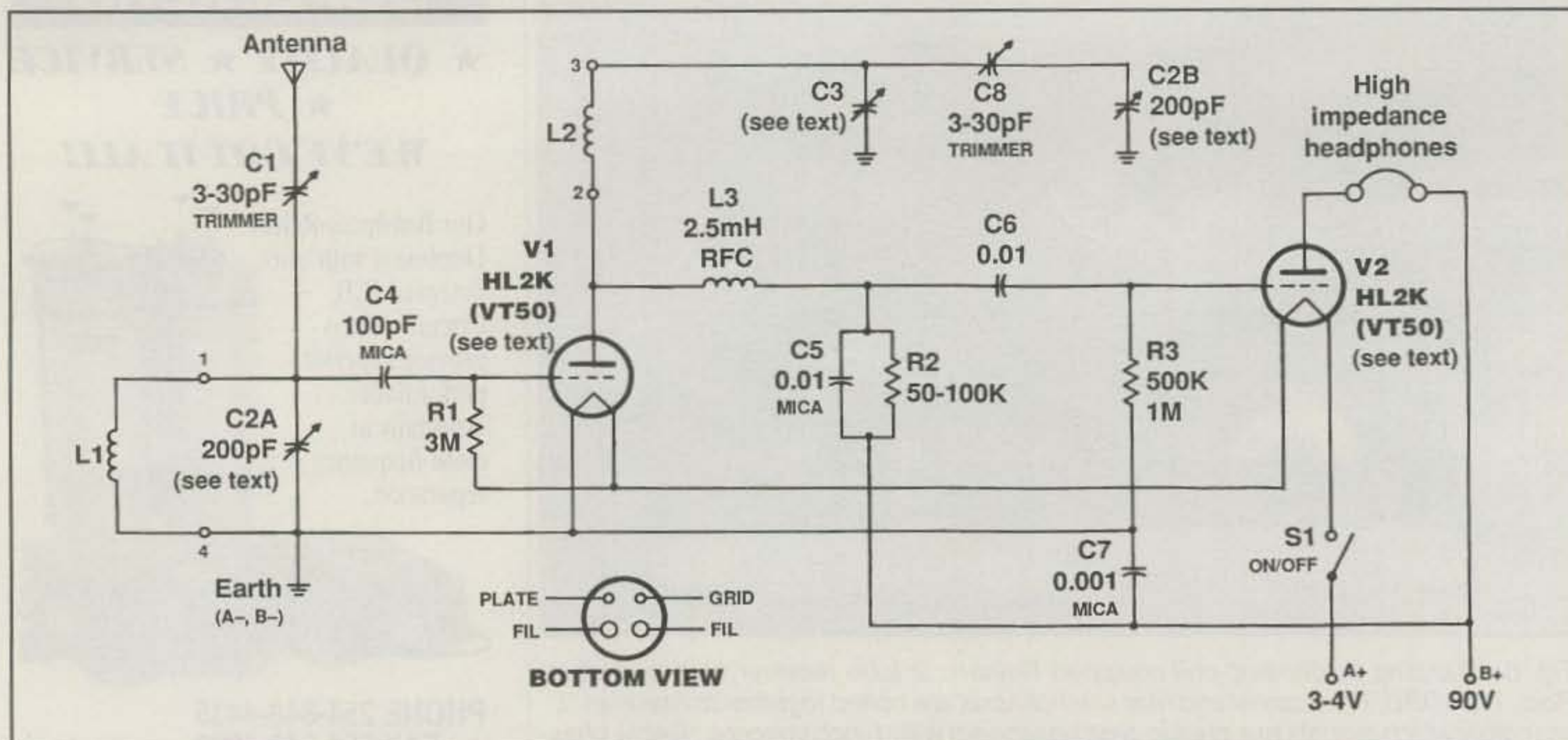


Fig. 7— Circuit diagram of the class spider-web-coil-equipped Reinartz 2 receiver. (Discussion in text.)

was connected to the filament's "positive side" rather than directly to ground? Why? It improves detector sensitivity. Every fine detail counts big in basic 'regen receivers! Finally, notice high-impedance (10K to 20K ohm) earphones are the plate load for tube V2. Do not substitute modern 8

or 16 ohm earphones; they will not work. If necessary, a small 10K ohm primary/8 ohm secondary audio output transformer can be wired in place of the high-impedance headphones (and modern low-impedance earphones wired to the transformer's secondary). But remember to

unplug the earphones or transformer when switching the receiver off to avoid draining batteries. Ten 9 volt batteries work well for high voltage. Although tube filaments are rated at 2 volts each and series-wired to require 4 volts, a pair of fresh 1.5 volt "C" cells makes a good "A" battery.

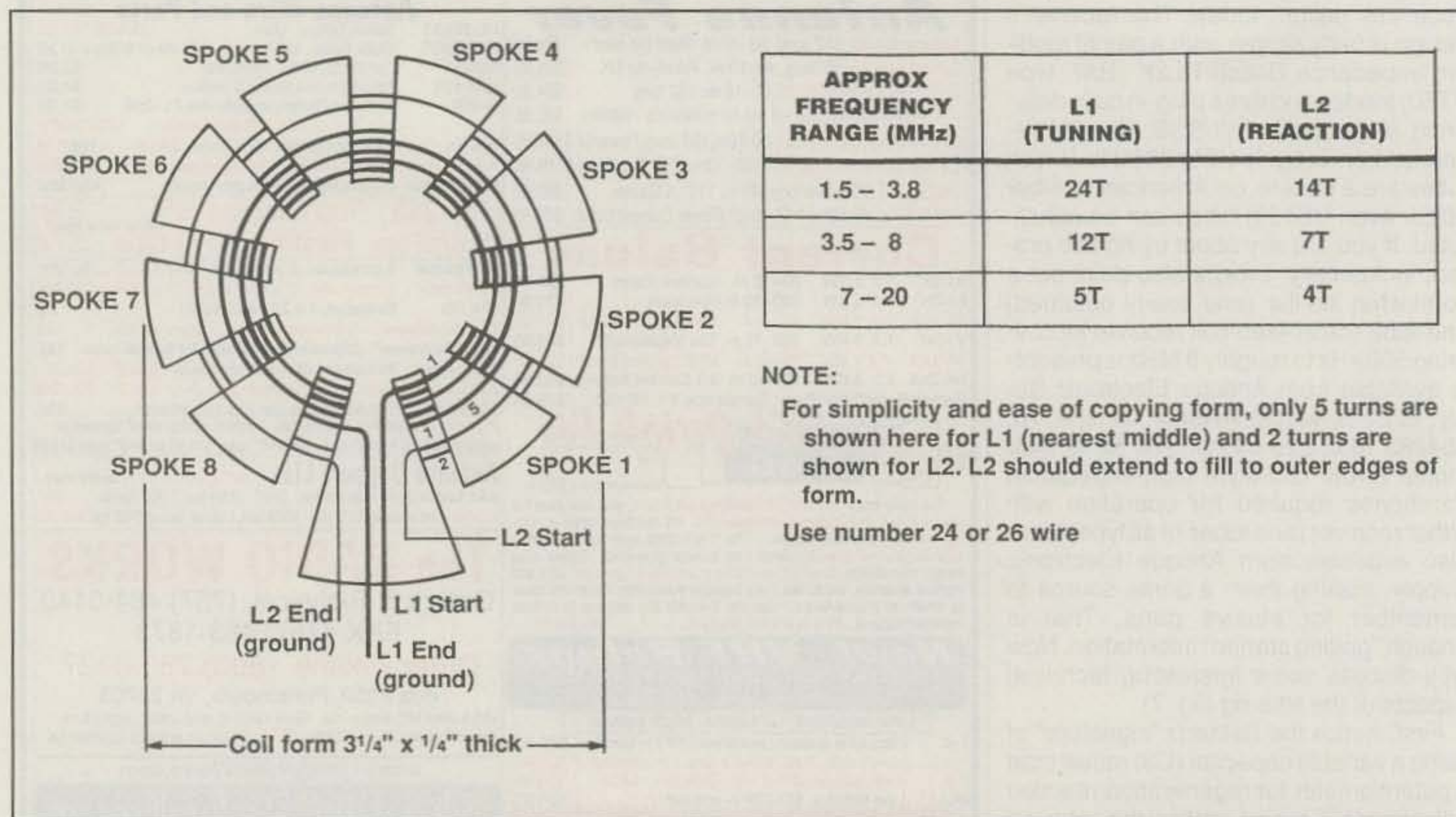


Fig. 8— Details of the 3 1/4 inch diameter by 1/8 or 1/4 inch thick coil winding method. Note L1 is wound closest to the form's center and both coil windings zig zag counterclockwise between the form spokes. (Additional details in text.)

Finding both vintage and exact value parts can be challenging. Fortunately, this circuit is quite flexible to accommodate changes. C5 and/or C7, for example, may be 750 pFd to .001 mFd. R1 may be 2.7 to 3.9 meg ohm, and L3 may be 1 to 5 mHy. If you cannot find an exact-value tuning capacitor, consider "rolling your own" by removing a few rotor plates from a dual-section 365 pFd tuning capacitor. A few twists and a good pull with needle-nose pliers usually does the trick. This technique is effective but crude. Thus, exact tuning range with each (spider web) coil is only approximate. No problem—just remember fewer capacitor plates equals less capacitance and a higher frequency range (that can be offset somewhat by adding a few turns to the coil's main/L1 winding). Likewise, removing two or three main/L1 coil turns compensates for excess capacitance and increases a frequency tuning range slightly. (In other words, experiment with coil turns.)

If you have never wound a spider-web coil, taking a quick peek at a wooden-case or 1940-vintage AM radio's rear loop antenna is helpful for visualizing the concept. No old radio available for study? No problem. Just pattern your form (and coil) after our example shown in fig. 8. The

actual form should measure 3 1/4 inches in diameter and consist of nine "spokes" (which includes the bottom support/mounting spoke). A cardboard form can be cut with a carpet knife. A thin wood form can be cut with a coping saw. Notice the coil's wire weaves between form spokes while progressively spiraling outward. In other words, a winding's first turn routes over spoke 1, under spoke 2, over spoke 3, etc. Then the winding's second turn routes under spoke 1, over spoke 2, under spoke 3, etc. Practice cutting a form and winding a coil so turns are equally spaced and almost fill the form. Then make your "masterpiece coil." Include a bottom support/mount (a 4-prong tube base works nicely), secure the coil to it, and use your ingenuity in neatness!

The main/L1 coil is wound closest to the form's center, and the regeneration or reaction coil/L2 is wound in the form's outer area. Both windings are wound counter-clockwise. Space turns and windings evenly around the form. Separate L1 and L2 by 1/8 or 1/4 inch. Number 20 or 22 enameled wire is fine for L1. No. 24 or 26 cotton or plastic covered wire is fine for L2. Coil/turns data is included in fig. 8.

We are almost out of space, so operation of this receiver must be described

quite briefly. Basically, it works like any great regenerative receiver (How's that for brevity?!). You connect a 25 to 50 foot longwire to the antenna terminal, run a ground wire to a cold-water pipe, set the main tuning at mid-range, and adjust the reaction until a howl or squeal is heard in the earphones. Then use an old-time or fast-tuning shortwave receiver to spot the regeneration signal and plot an exact tuning range. If the Reinartz fails to "gen" across its capacitor's full tuning range, try adding one or two turns to the reaction coil. If the receiver does not "gen" at all, try reversing connections on the reaction coil. After calibration, operation involves adjusting the reaction control until a "pre-howl hiss" is heard in the earphones, then slowly selecting frequencies with the main tuning control. Signals cause the circuit to oscillate, thus producing "BFO action"—neat and effective. This spider-web coil receiver can provide hours of enjoyable operation—especially when combined with the KD3OR WE-311B transmitter. Give one or both rigs a good old college try, and tune in next time for more classic rig views and discussion. Meanwhile, let's QSO on 30 meters one weeknight!

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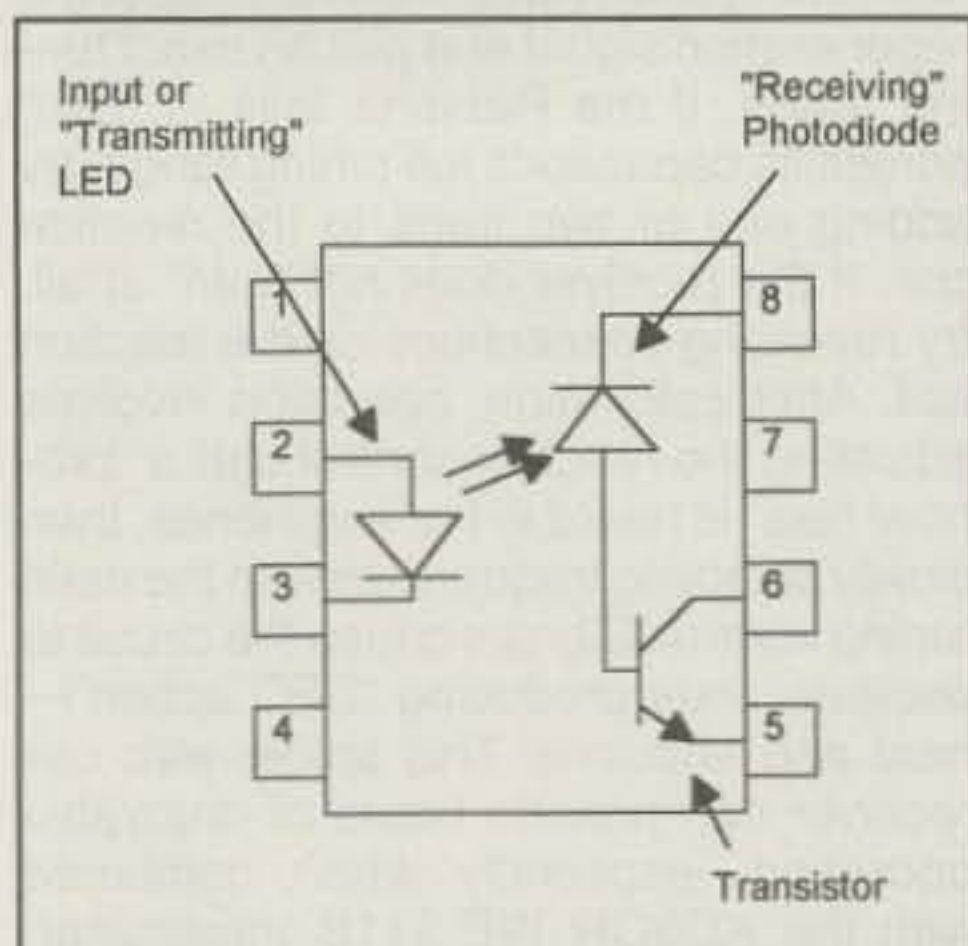


Fig. 1— Internal circuit of a typical optocoupler.

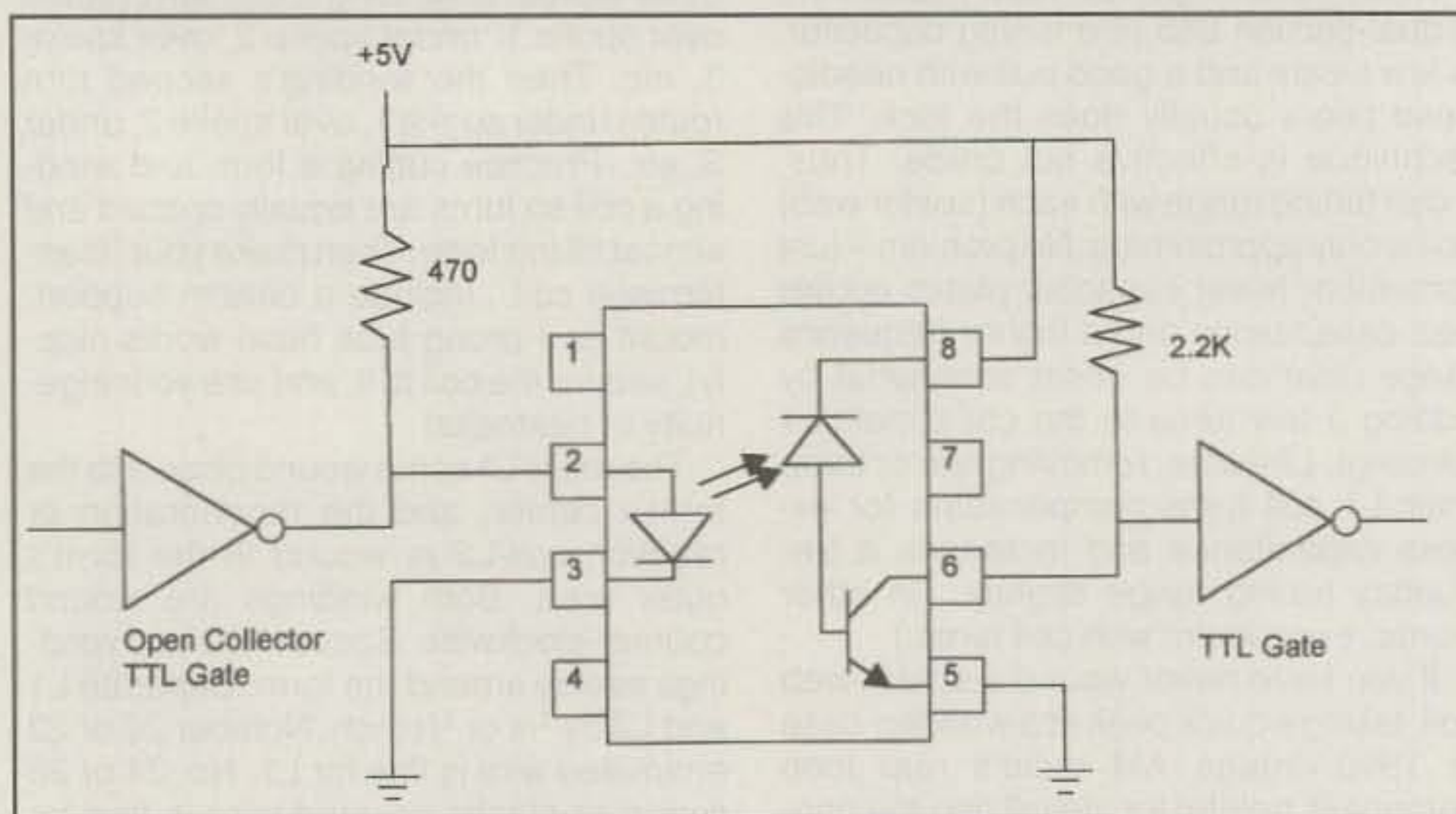


Fig. 2— Typical digital TTL isolation circuit.

When we wrote our series about fiber optics earlier this year, we mentioned that one of the benefits was the "perfect" isolation such circuits offered due to the fact that the carrier of information between input and output was light. The absence of any metallic conductor provided a ground-loop-free connection that could also sustain very high voltages between input and output. This month we would like to offer an alternate for those who need such isolation but do not want to go to the extreme of building an entire fiber-optic system. The approach we will describe is to use an opto-coupler.

An opto-coupler consists of an LED closely coupled to a photodiode or photo-transistor and, sometimes, some additional amplifier circuitry. There is no electrical connection between the two, and the only thing that passes between input and output is light. The result is a micro-fiber optic system, if you wish (but without the fiber). As a result of this, the isolation between input and output is almost perfect. Fig. 1 shows the internal circuit of a basic opto-coupler.

Fig. 2 shows a typical application of the opto-coupler in a digital logic circuit. In this example TTL pulses are used to drive a transistor that in turn drives the opto-coupler's LED while the coupler's photo-transistor and output stage convert the received light back into a reproduction of the original signal. Again, since the only connection between input and output is light, both sides of the opto-coupler are

totally isolated up to the breakdown voltage of the device, which can sometimes extend into the thousands of volts. An arrangement of this kind is therefore ideal to interface a computer or other expensive device with homebrew circuitry without the fear of damaging anything from excessive voltage. The same configuration can also be used to isolate RS-232 signals as shown in fig. 3. Other logic families can also be accommodated by using the various protocol-to-TTL and TTL-to-protocol devices on the market. Since any protocol you would convert from would be turned into light-on and light-off, protocol converters (RS-232 to RS-422, for example) are easily configured.

If analog is your game, fear not. The opto-coupler can be used here as well. Fig. 4 is a basic schematic of a linear transmission scheme. You will note that in this case the opto-coupler's LED is connected to a common emitter stage that is biased so that a current equal to roughly one half of the maximum LED current flows with no signal. The application of a signal then "modulates" the current flows between approximately 10% and 90% of maximum. At the output, the internal transistor and external components convert the received modulated light back into a replica of the original signal. The diode in the "transmit" side of the opto-coupler, by the way, helps temperature stabilize the

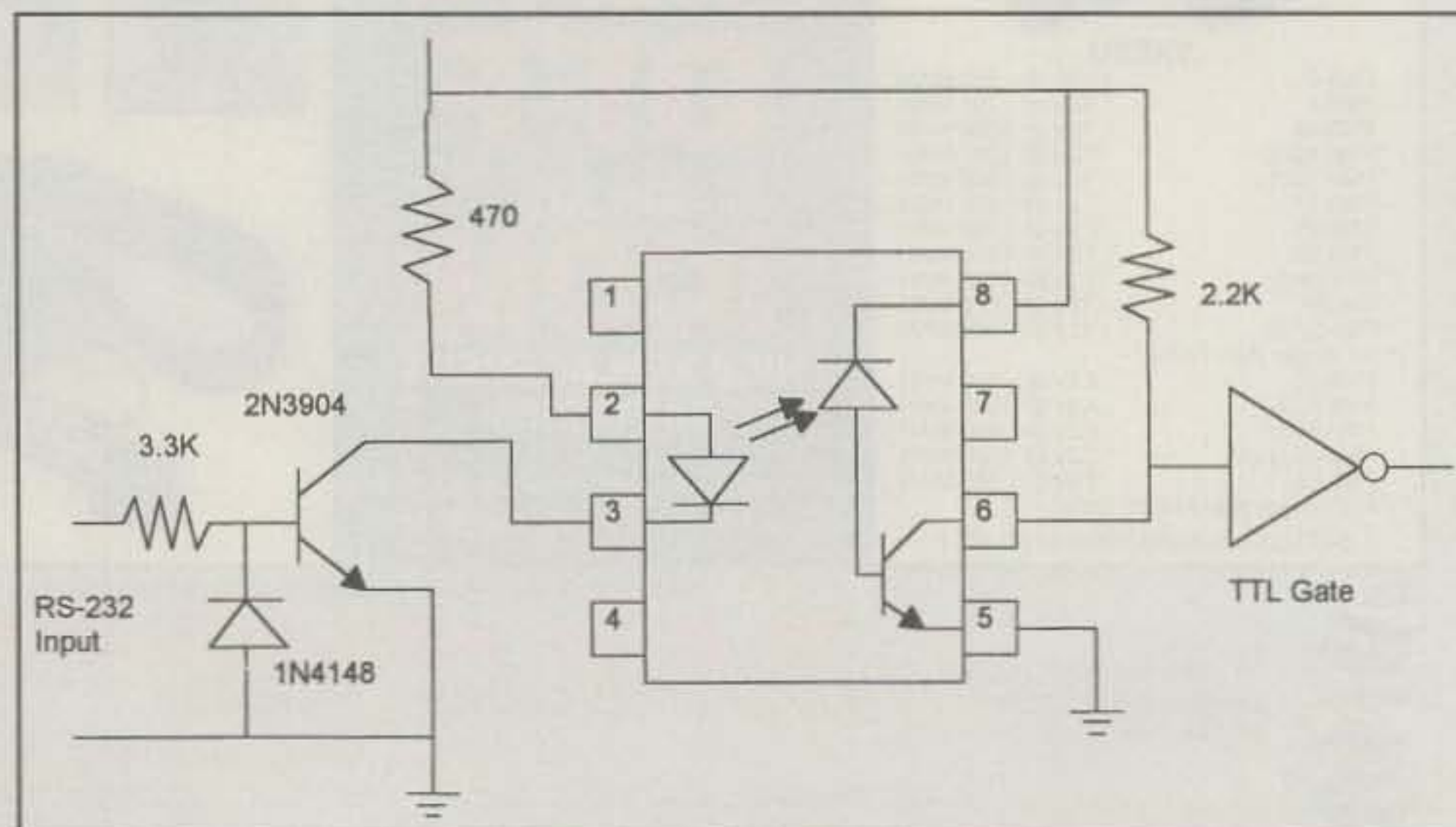


Fig. 3— RS-232 to TTL isolation circuit.

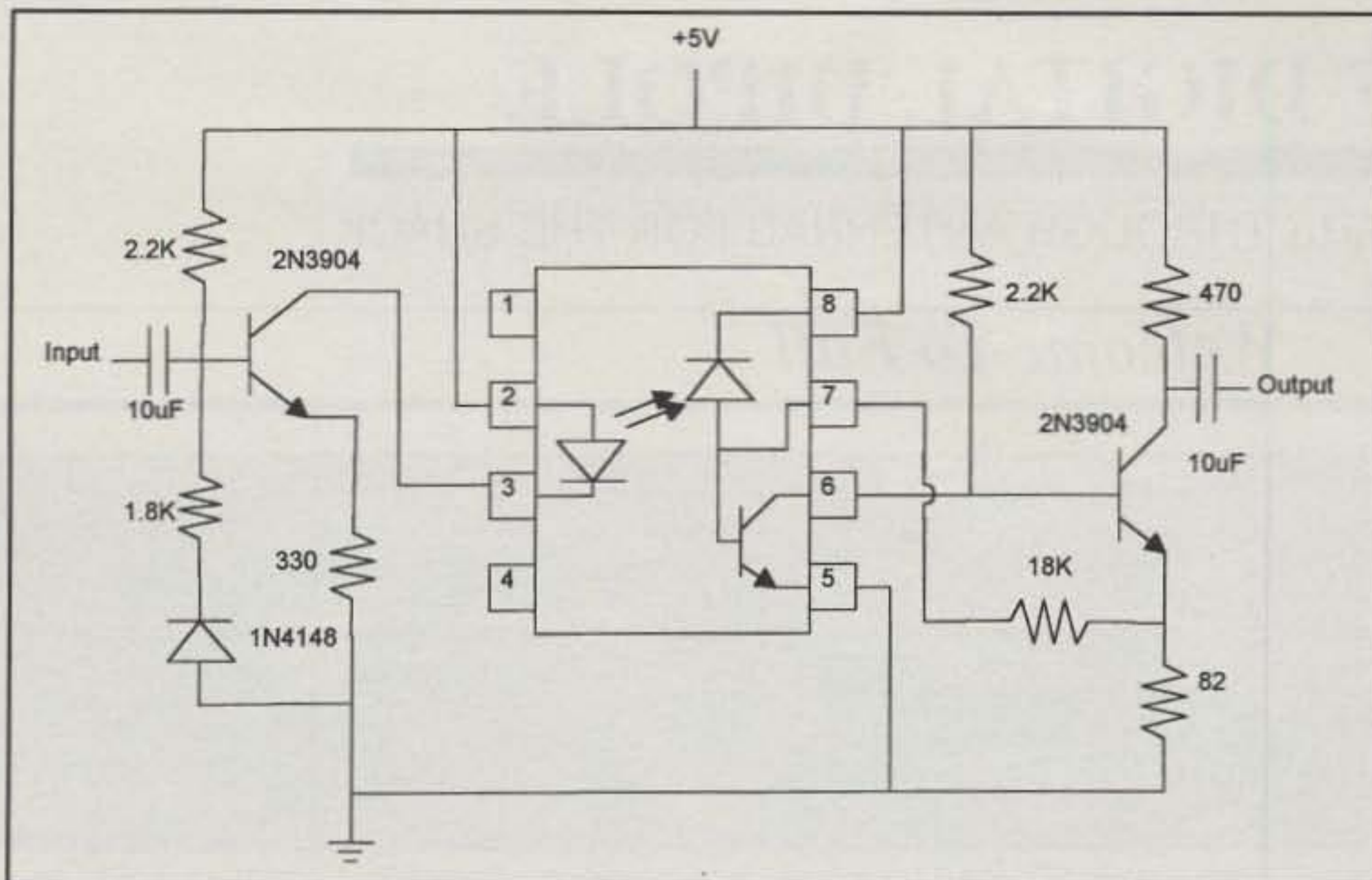


Fig. 4— Analog isolation circuit.

circuit. You will notice that this is an AC coupled circuit. As a result, any offsets caused by the biasing are effectively removed by the coupling capacitors.

Such an arrangement is limited in high-frequency roll-off by the components, and the low-frequency cutoff is a function of the values of the coupling capacitors. Operation into the MHz region, however, is easily achieved.

Next time you are anticipating the connection of signals to your \$2000 computer, or using a similar device to drive devices connected directly to the AC line, consider the use of one of these isolation circuits. You can easily save a lot of aggravation and money in the process were something to go wrong.

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**H**ow the year flies by! Up to this point, we've already run through three-quarters of the year. The calendar now shifts to fall, which gives us the first signs of antenna season waning for another year. In any case, we'll begin our fall excursion by opening the antenna notebook, followed by our usual foray into software, books, and other items of interest.

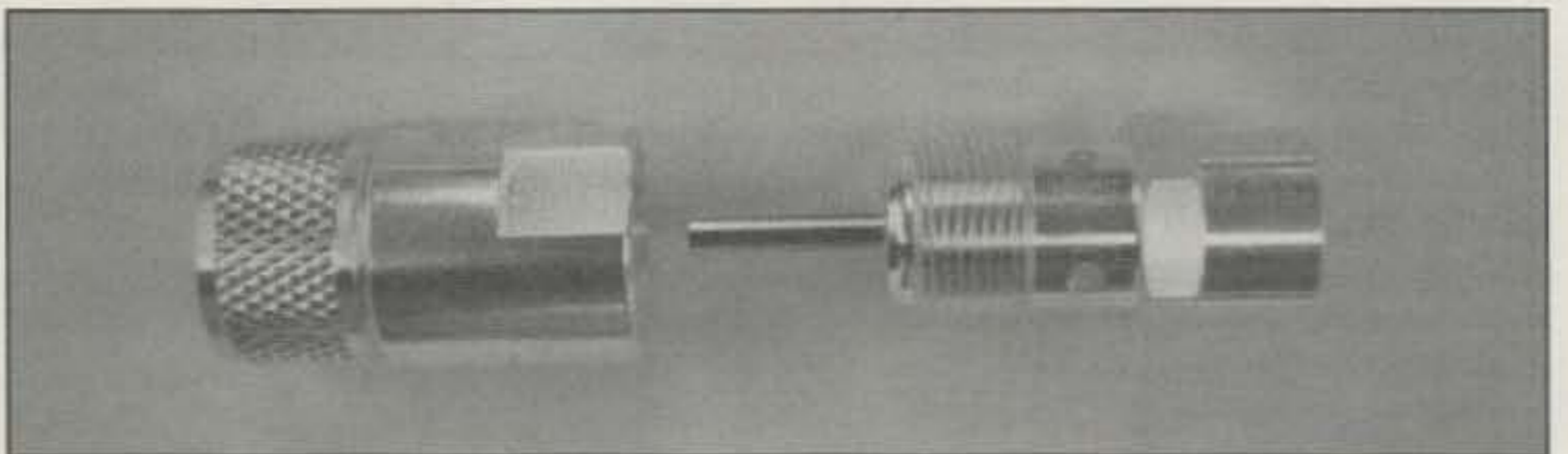
### Antenna Notes

**Focus on Nema Electronics.** Several times in the past we have updated our readers on the latest from Nema, a major player in electronic cable and connectors. Recently, Benjamin L. Nemser, WA4DZS, the firm's president, provided some insight into Nema—where it's coming from and where it's going. The firm is a manufacturer and distributor of much more than cable and connectors for amateurs and SWLs. They handle a wide range of cable, connectors, cable assemblies, and other products for broadcast, communications, data, and control applications.

Since 1975 Nema has served customers from south Florida. The main 14,000 sq. ft. building in North Miami houses their worldwide administrative headquarters. In this building they stock more than 3000 products and also produce cable assemblies, patch panels, and cable identification products. They're also able to produce standard and custom cables up to 1.2 inches in diameter. The facility includes a complete design and test laboratory and cabling, shielding, and special process equipment.

According to Nema's president, of all the companies that cater to the amateur radio community, they're the only one that actually manufactures its own cable. Thus, the firm has the ability to quickly develop new products in-house specifically for amateur use. An example is their own popular "hamcable," a versatile, composite coax and rotor cable in one jacket.

A new product of interest is a UHF plug (male connector) for RG-217/U coaxial cable. The connector features two-piece design for ease of installation, allowing for direct connection to gear with UHF-type receptacles. It has a gold-plated center contact and Teflon® insulation for opti-



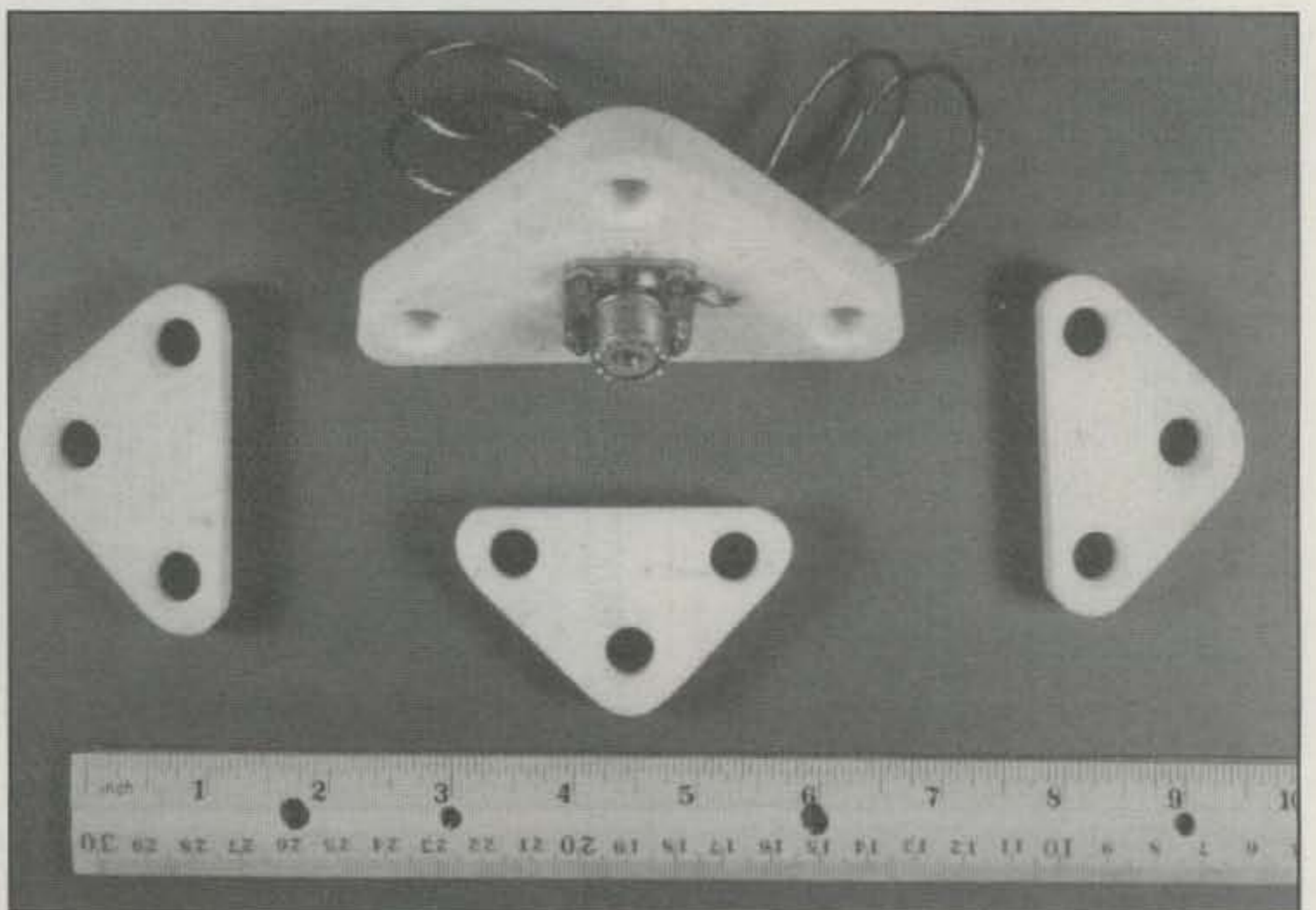
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loops. According to the company's proprietor, R. J. Schram, K9KUV, more than a year has been spent developing "an easier and better way to construct a dipole antenna." The connectors are made of a high-density polymer virtually unaffected by RF, UV, IR, or the weather.

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
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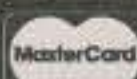
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Now DeLorme has come up with AAA Map'n'Go 4.0, which introduces a host of new features. Again, we won't rehash our previous review other than to note that the program is indeed a very comprehensive travel planner. It includes some 1 million miles of "routable roads," over 240 detailed maps of urban areas, 80 recommended scenic drives, compatibility with the DeLorme GPS Tripmate™ receiver, map customization tools, multiple printing options, sophisticated search capabilities, and more.

The new version includes 1998 AAA *TourBook* information, including 68,000 facilities; a new user-friendly interface with a neat "dashboard metaphor"; a slide show feature to let you insert your own photos into a travelogue; a "TripPix" feature that lets you place photos on the map; a budget planner; GPS voice navigation capabilities; 3Com® PalmPilot™ support; and even a "kids travel activities" section to keep them occupied.

There's also a separate application, *Extractor*™, which you can download from DeLorme (at <<http://www.delorme.com>>) for use with AAA Map'n'Go 4.0. *Extractor* lets you download map data for specific regions from the CD to a hard drive. You can then use the map data without the CD, particularly useful if your laptop computer isn't equipped with a CD-ROM drive.

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Fred's book now is available in a brand-new third edition to help you become an "instant receiver expert." It's fatter now, topping out at 473 pages, covering communications receivers in a slightly expanded timeline of 1942 through 1997. Some 770 receivers from 98 manufacturers are featured, with commentary on an additional 660 variants; there are 840 photos. Entry information includes receiver type, date sold, photograph, size and weight, features, reviews, specifications, new and used values, variants, value rating, and availability. The book is a good value at \$24.95.

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**Using America Online® 4.** Recently, Macmillan Publishing USA sent me a new Que®-imprint book on America Online (AOL) that I'll share with you.

The Que book is *Using America Online® 4*, by Gene Steinberg. The almost encyclopedic book is a comprehensive guide to using AOL's latest user interface software, America Online Version 4.0. The book helps you master the vital tasks of the new interface with a thorough, simple reference; provides step-by-step lessons; offers useful tips and tricks; and covers a variety of other topics, including e-mail and chatting online.

The 620-page, well-indexed book is \$29.99. It's divided into 30 chapters and five appendices. The 30 chapters are grouped into five parts, including an "AOL Quickstart"; communicating online; AOL as an Internet Service Provider; setting up a personal web page; and AOL's popular channel scheme.

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*Note to overseas readers:* Recently, a reader advised us that Macmillan won't ship catalogs overseas; instead, readers should contact the Macmillan distributor in their own country.

**Several Books from Osborne/McGraw-Hill.** One good thing about being a columnist is that your mailbox fills up with interesting books, magazines, catalogs, and CD-ROMs. The publisher was kind enough to send me three computer books for perusal and review recently. I'd like to go over them with you.

*AOL for Busy People™*, second edition, by David Einstein. In previous columns we highlighted several books in the popular "Busy People" series. These address an important group: busy users who are increasingly dependent on their PCs but don't have the time (or inclination) to immerse themselves in all the details. As

such, they're creatively billed as "the books to use when there's no time to lose." In the May 1997 column we reviewed *America Online for Busy People* in its initial edition.

The new second edition is similar but has been thoroughly updated to offer expert advice, tips, and techniques on the latest features of the new Version 4.0 software. The 288-page softcover has an easy-to-read, full-color format. It's \$24.99.

*Upgrading & Repairing Your PC Answers! Certified Tech Support.* In the past we profiled several of the popular "Certified Tech Support" computer support and help books. One of the latest in the series, *Upgrading & Repairing Your PC Answers! Certified Tech Support*, by Dave Johnson and Todd Stauffer, is an encyclopedia of expert answers to today's top PC upgrade and repair questions. It offers more than 400 answers, plus a number of real-world shortcuts, work-arounds, and problem solutions.

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*The Alta Vista Search Revolution*, second edition, by Eric J. Ray, Deborah S. Ray, and Richard Seltzer. We profiled the book's First Edition in May 1997. To recall, it shows us how to use the powerful Internet search engine, Alta Vista, to find all kinds of information on the Internet.

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## Wrap-Up

That's all for this time, gang. Next time, more "Digital Dipole" topics of current interest. See you then.

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## X-1J4 Features From the User's Point of View

### Hamfest '98

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In keeping with the name of this column, I am including several drawings of a few of the late-model Yaesu transceivers as interfaced to various TNCs. These drawings are self-explanatory and should enable the packet radio operator to get started more quickly. Note again, I am not responsible for errors or mistakes, so verify all connections from your transceiver and TNC manual(s).

### How Do You Know The Node is Broken?

The X1 system node operator (SNO) pays his way. However, there are times when we wonder why we spend our time and money building these nodes. The role of becoming a node SNO is not easy, but the task of implementing it is.

Having said that, I need to qualify these statements. The obvious situation is felt when a user calls to inform us that the node is "broken." We ask, "How is it broken?" The answer: "Well, because I can't get through it to Znode." We thank the caller for letting us know, and because it is 2 AM, we hang up the phone and go back to sleep. We'll check it out tomorrow when the sun is out, between our work schedule and before bedtime. At day-break we try a connect to the node and—presto! It connects. Moreover, it is functioning as it should.

### Lessons Learned

Before you telephone the SNO of the local node because it doesn't respond, make sure that your packet station is operating

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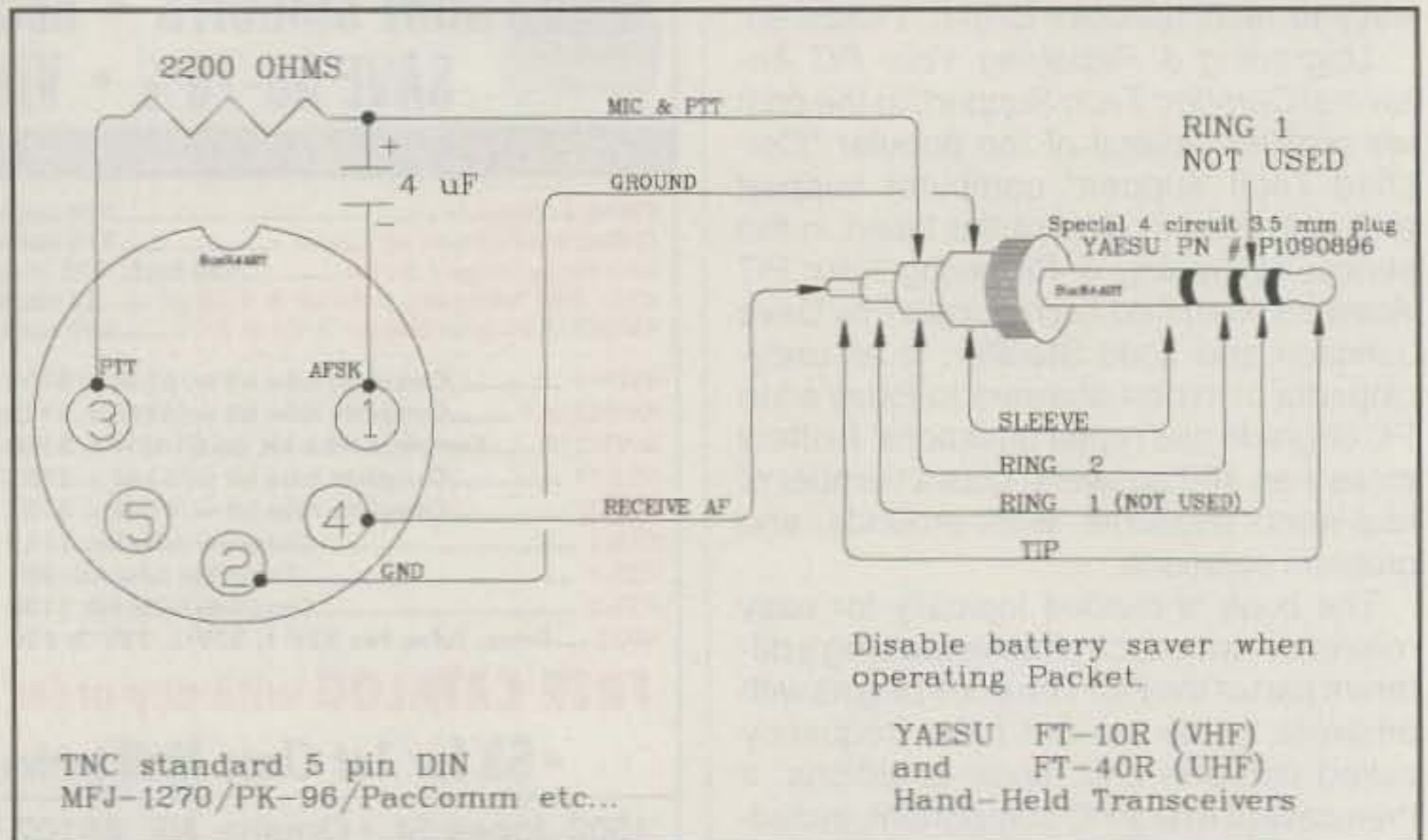


Fig. 1— Yaesu FT-10R (VHF) or FT-40R (UHF) to MFJ-1270, PK-96, PacComm, etc.

correctly. Too many times the above scenario has happened to me. I know I'm not the only SNO this happens to.

To be a system node operator takes a special kind of amateur radio operator. The SNO is a dedicated person, and in many cases he or she will gleam with a bit of pride in the performance of the node system for which he or she is responsible.

A few SNOs have more than one node. The reason is because there are not

enough "movers and shakers" who will take the time, or share the expense, to build another node to link into other LANS. Thus, the burden is on the local SNO to blaze his own trail into other LANS, backbones, and trunks.

Without this kind of mover and shaker, we would not have continuity LAN to LAN, or even worse, we would not have the packet networks that so many of us rely on for fun and communications.

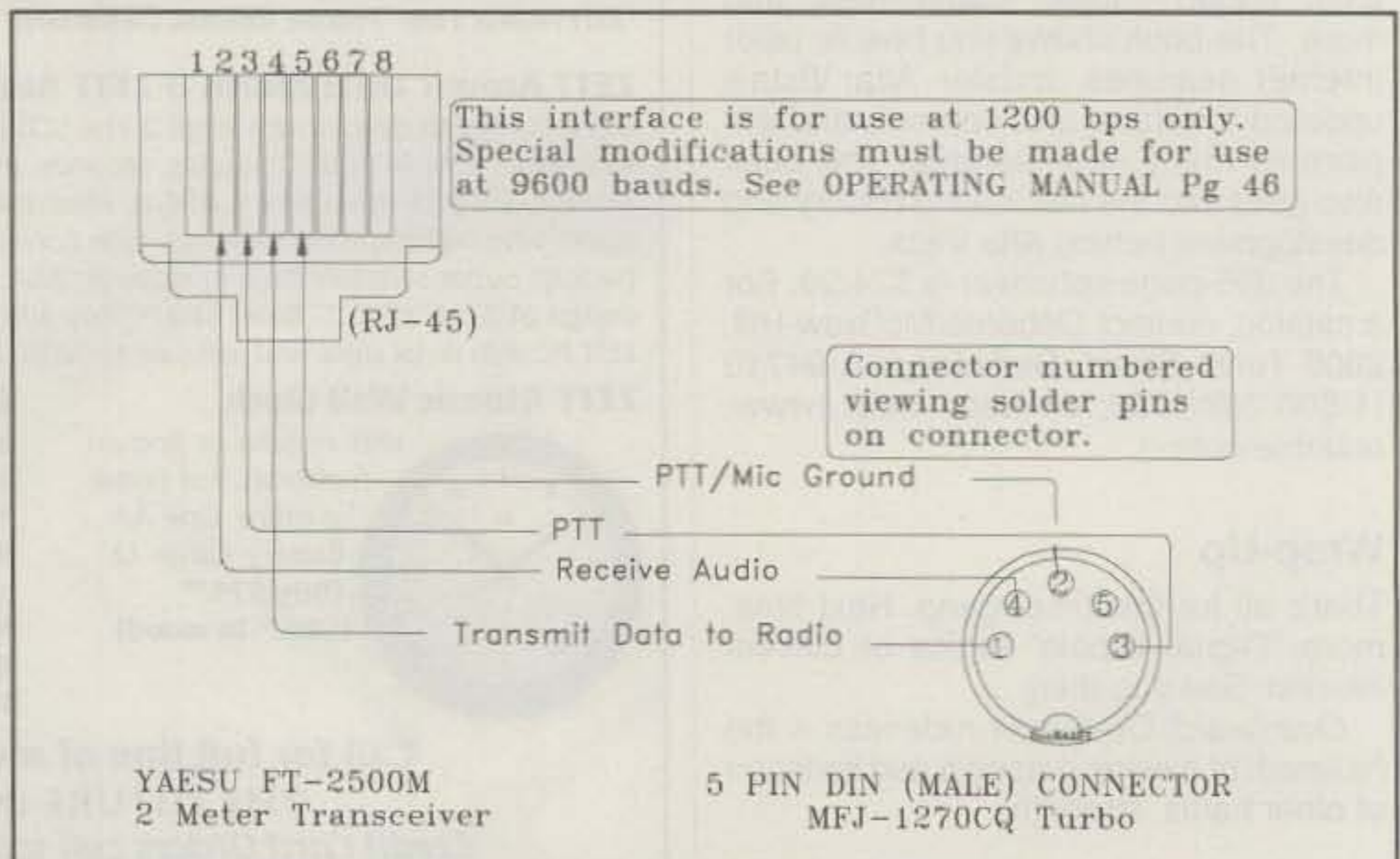


Fig. 2— Yaesu FT-2500M 2 meter transceiver to MFJ-1270CQ Turbo.

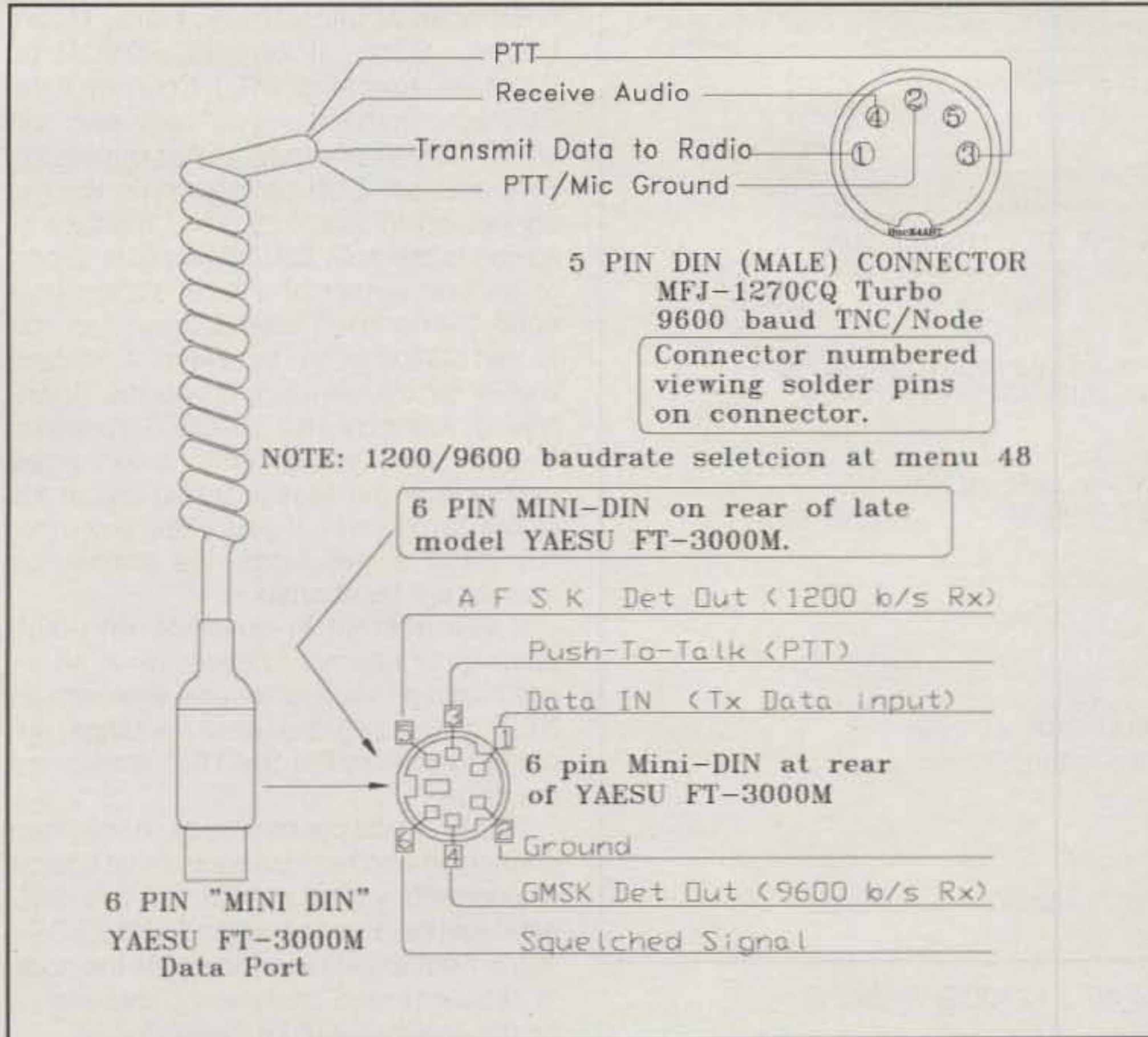


Fig. 3— Yaesu FT-3000M to MFJ-1270CQ Turbo.

The next time you have an occasion to speak to the SNO of your local node(s), ask if there is any way you can help, and at the least, say thanks. You may never know how much it means to hear someone say thanks for the help, but I assure you it makes a big difference.

There is one thing a system node operator likes to hear, and that is, "Hey, I know where there is a good site for a new node!" Now this is music to our ears, because we are always looking for an accessible mountaintop or a city water tank on which to

install another node that will enhance our coverage area and enlarge our network.

In this month's "Packet User's Notebook" we are going to cover some of the features of the X-1J4 TheNET node. There is one difference, though. This time we are going to view the features from the packet user's point of view.

### The X1J User's Guide

Here are the explanations and definitions that support the basic X1 commands. An

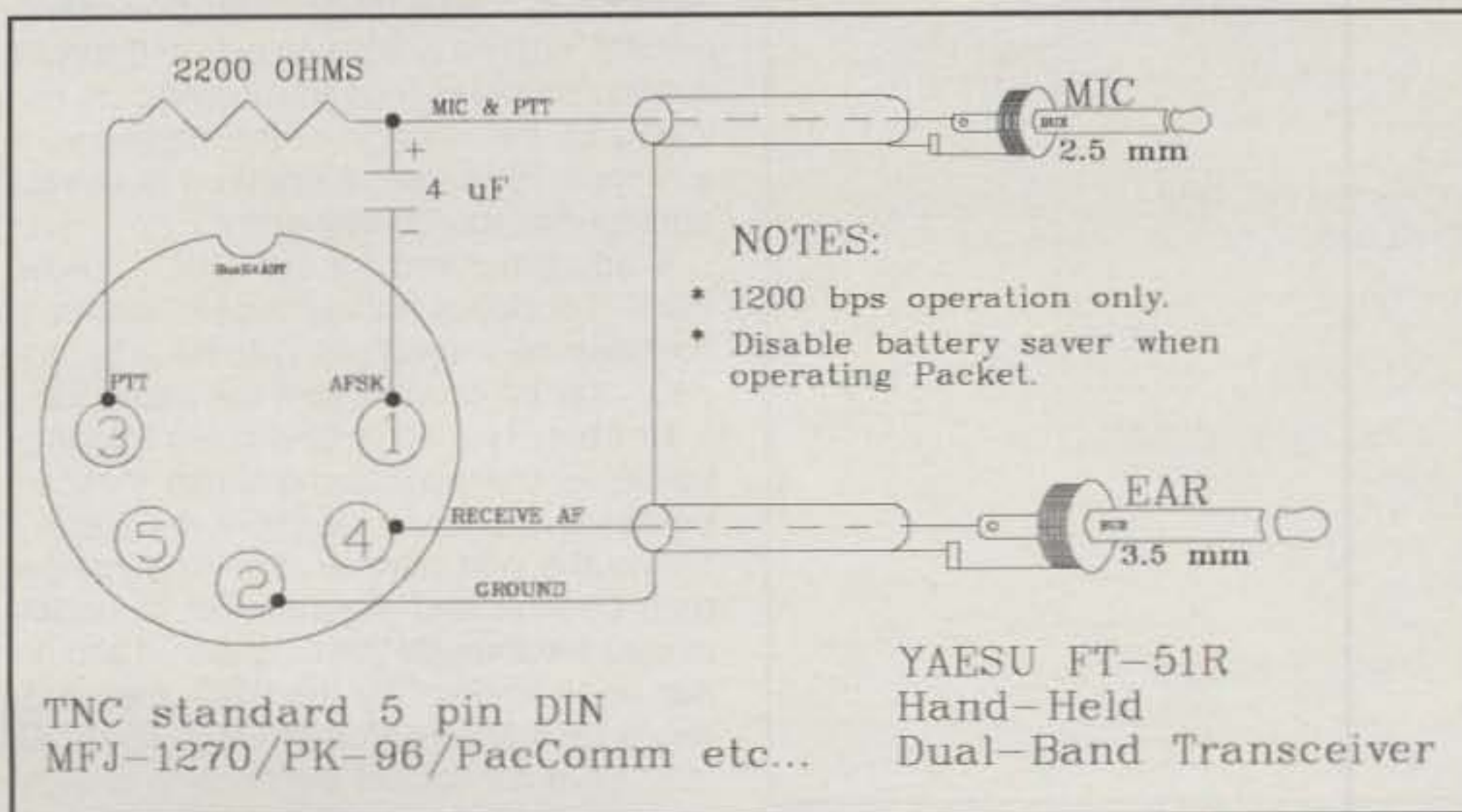


Fig. 4— Yaesu FT-51R hand-held to MFJ-1270, PK-96, PacComm, etc.

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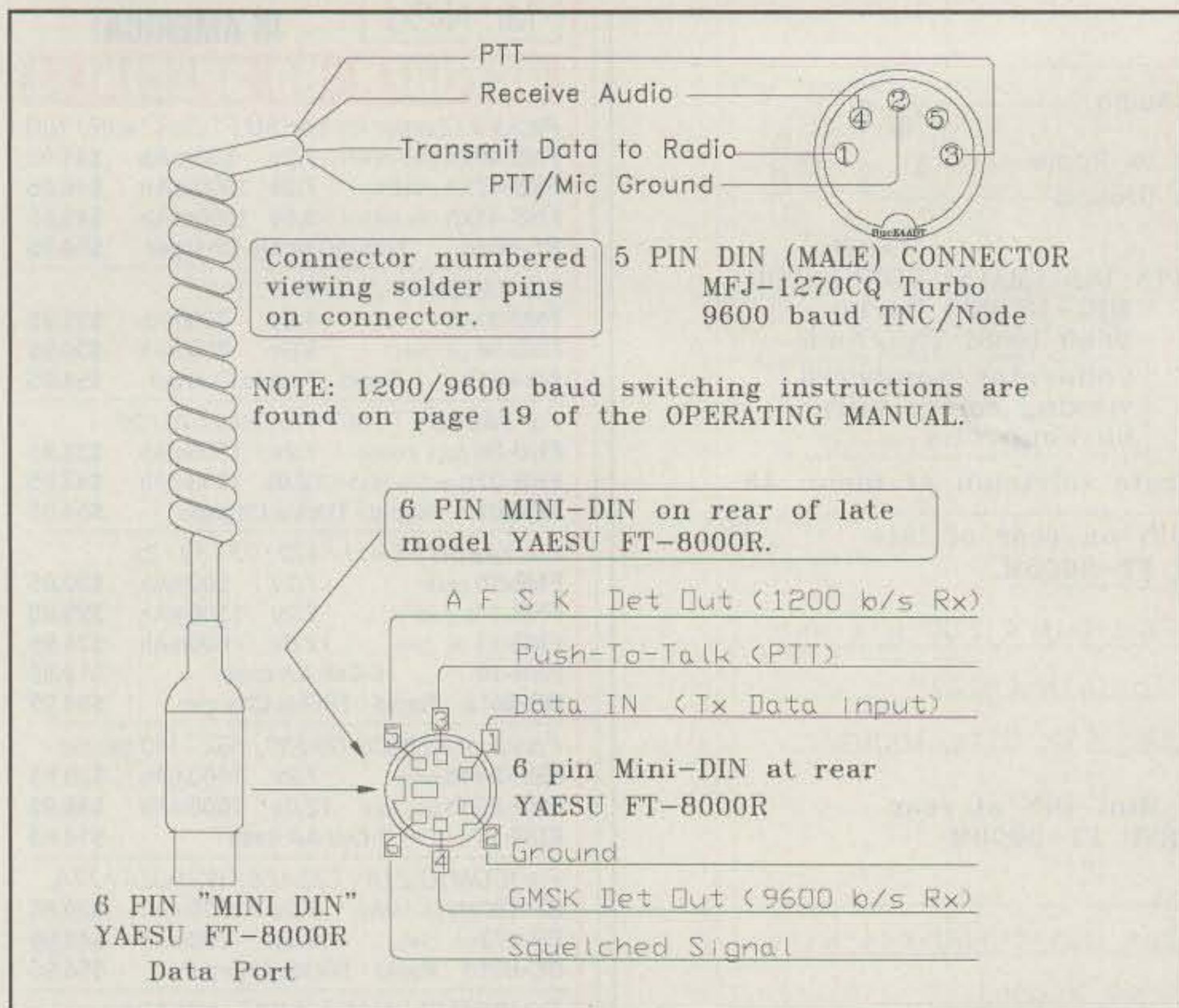


Fig. 5— Yaesu FT-8000R to MFJ-1270CQ Turbo.

X-1J4 TheNET node provides the following *user* commands: Connect, Info, Nodes, Routes, Users, Talk, CQ, BBS, Host, Meter, MHeard, Bye, DXcluster, IProute, ARP, Quit.

Not all commands are available on every

node, as some commands may have been disabled by the SNO. If a command has been enabled, it will be displayed when you type an invalid command such as "?". In addition, there are some commands that are available, but are not displayed. The

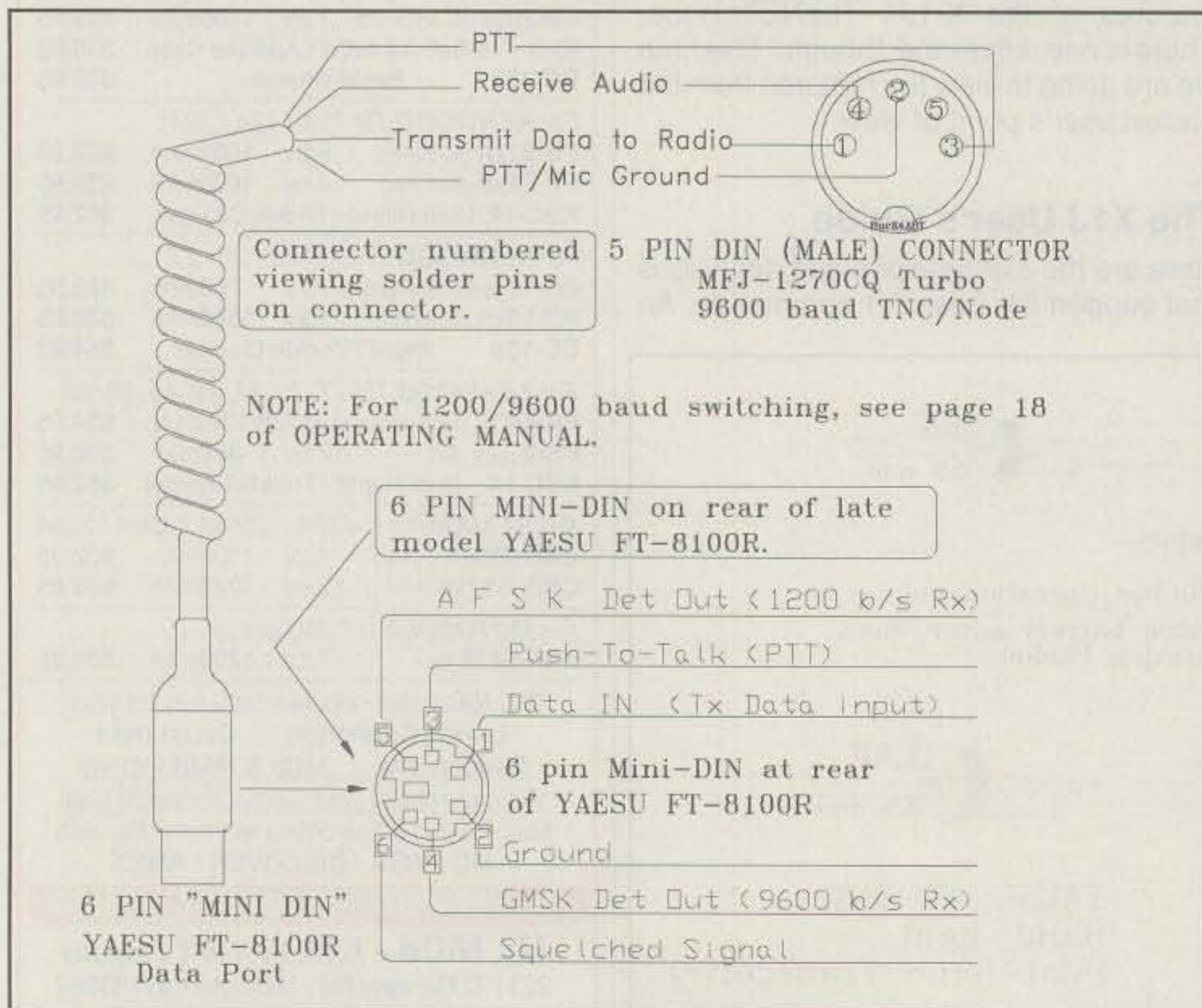


Fig. 6— Yaesu FT-8100R to MFJ-1270CQ Turbo.

main ones of interest are: Links, Mode, Params, Stats, IPAddress, DXCAlias, BBSAlias, HostAlias, MTU, Connect. If the Connect command is given on its own and without any alias or call, and assuming the SNO has set it up correctly, you will get connected to the local SNO mailbox or routed to the area BBS. If you give another callsign, either of a local station or a node, the node will attempt to connect you to that station either by a level 4 connection or by downlinking. If you are downlinking, you may also specify digipeaters. In either case, you get either a connected message or a message telling you of the failure to connect. If you enter any other command at this stage, the connection attempt will be aborted.

If you attempt to downlink with digipeating, or attempt to downlink to an invalid callsign such as a node alias with an SSID, you may get an error message, depending on how the SNO has configured the node.

Finally, if you connect to the node, then connect to another station and that station disconnects you (e.g., connect to a BBS and use the "Bye" command of the BBS), you will either get reconnected to the node or disconnected completely, depending on the configuration of the node.

**Info.** This command gives information about the node as a combination of a message stored in the EPROM and a message (up to 165 letters/characters) entered by the SNO.

**Nodes.** This command gives information about the distant nodes that this node thinks it can get to. With no parameter, it shows the alias and callsign of all the nodes except those starting with a "#" character. If a parameter of "\*" is given, those "hidden" nodes will also be shown.

If a callsign or alias that the node does not know is given, it gives an error message. If the callsign or alias of a known node is given, the node gives details of the routes it knows about that lead to that destination. The display shows one option per line, each of which consists of the path quality, obsolescence count, and port, followed by the callsign of the neighbor. If any route is in use, a chevron is shown against the appropriate entry.

If so configured by the SNO, "Slime trails" (i.e., nodes without aliases that have not been the subject of a valid node broadcast) may be omitted from the nodes list.

**Routes.** This command gives information about the neighboring nodes that can be heard. For each neighbor the display shows the port number, the callsign, the path quality, and the number of nodes accessible through this neighbor. If a route has been "locked" by the SNO, then a "!" character is shown after an entry. The SNO may have configured the node to display nodes as callsign or as alias:callsign. If so configured, then if a node is shown as a

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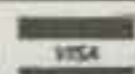


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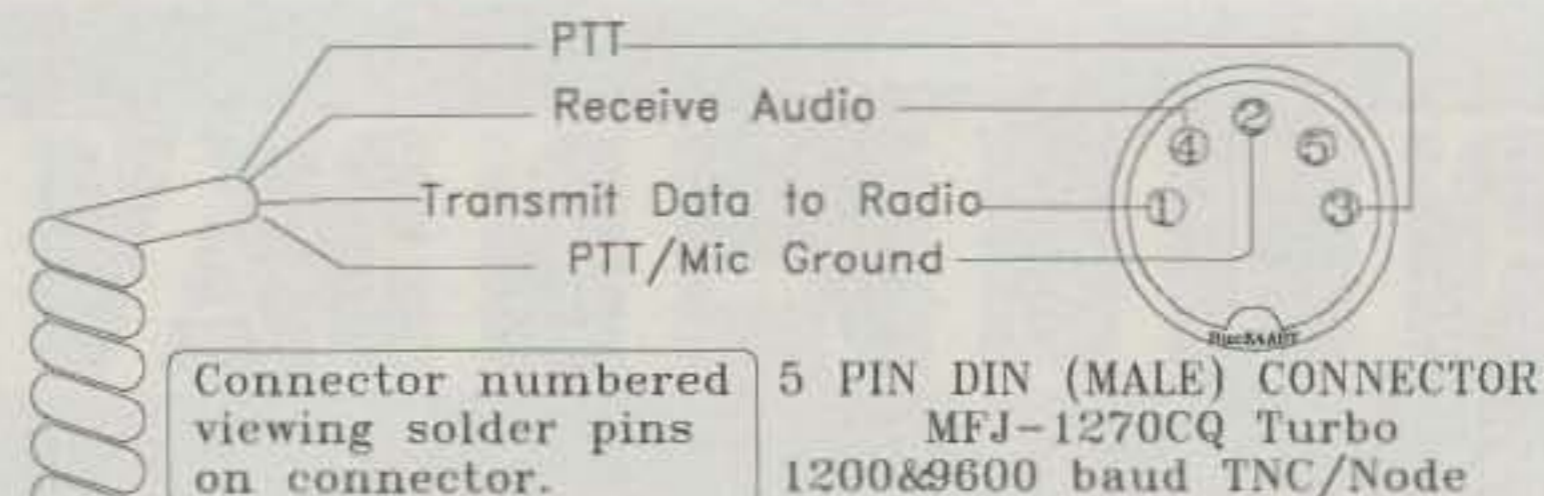
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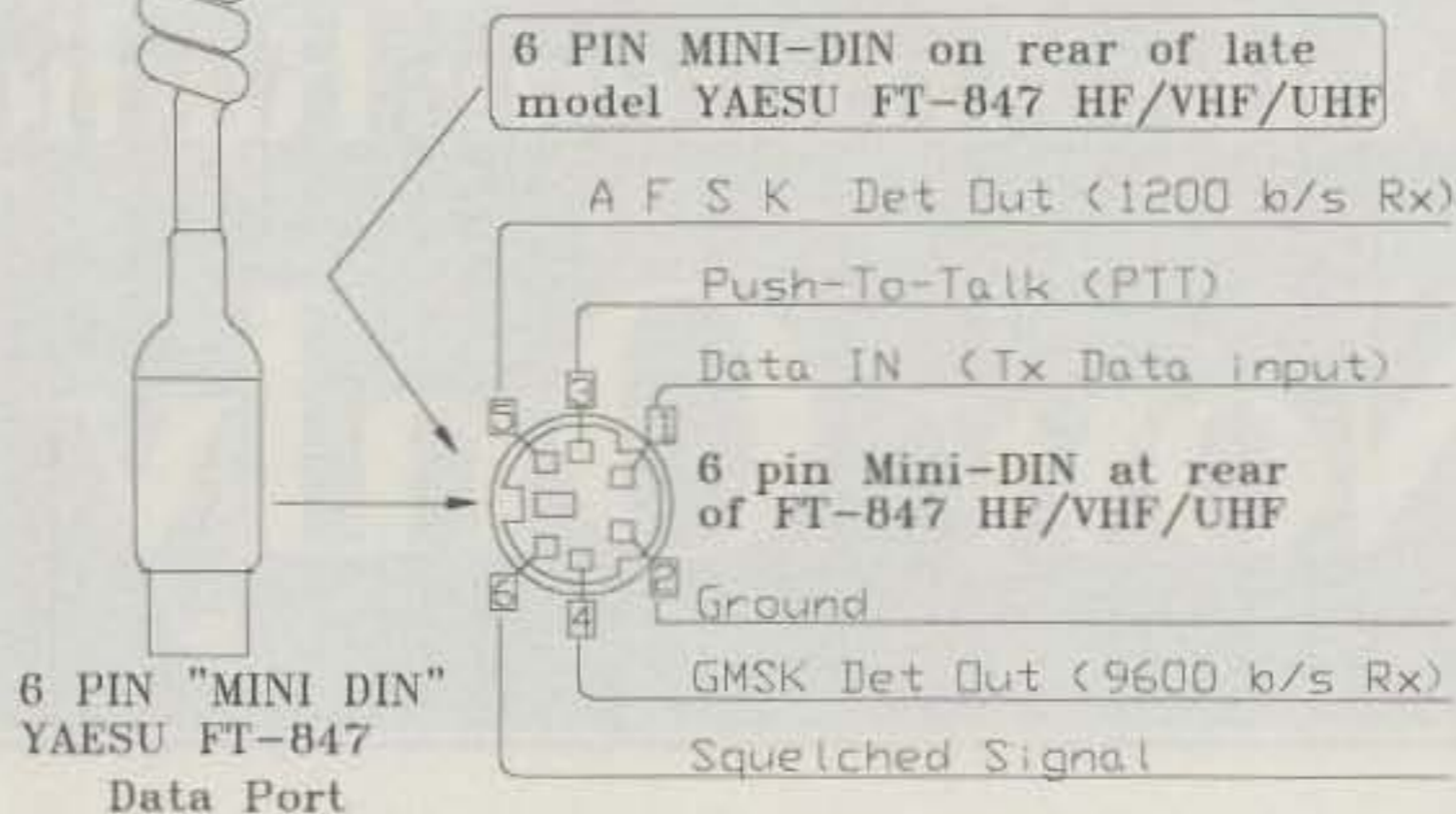


Fig. 7- Yaesu FT-847 to MFJ-1270CQ Turbo.

callsign alone, it means that it is not currently reachable, as its node broadcasts are not being received.

**Users.** This shows who is using the node. It does not show other nodes that are using the node as a level 3 relay, nor does it show those users who have connected to the node but otherwise have done nothing.

The display shows the through connections, followed by those users who are connected to the switch and "idle." It also shows those users who are connected to the conferencing facility.

The latter stations are shown connected to a destination called "Talk." In the case of connections, the two endpoints are shown. For connections, two symbols

are used, "<—>" and "<..>". The former is used for established connections, while the latter is used for connections being established.

**Talk.** Much like the CONVERS node, the Talk command/feature allows a group of users to hold a conference or packet radio roundtable. It also allows a user to send a message to another user of the node, provided that user is connected to the switch but is not patched/connected through the node to another station—and is not currently trying to connect to another station.

A user enters the conference by giving the command "Talk." He gets a message informing him of this and reminding him that the command to escape from the talk

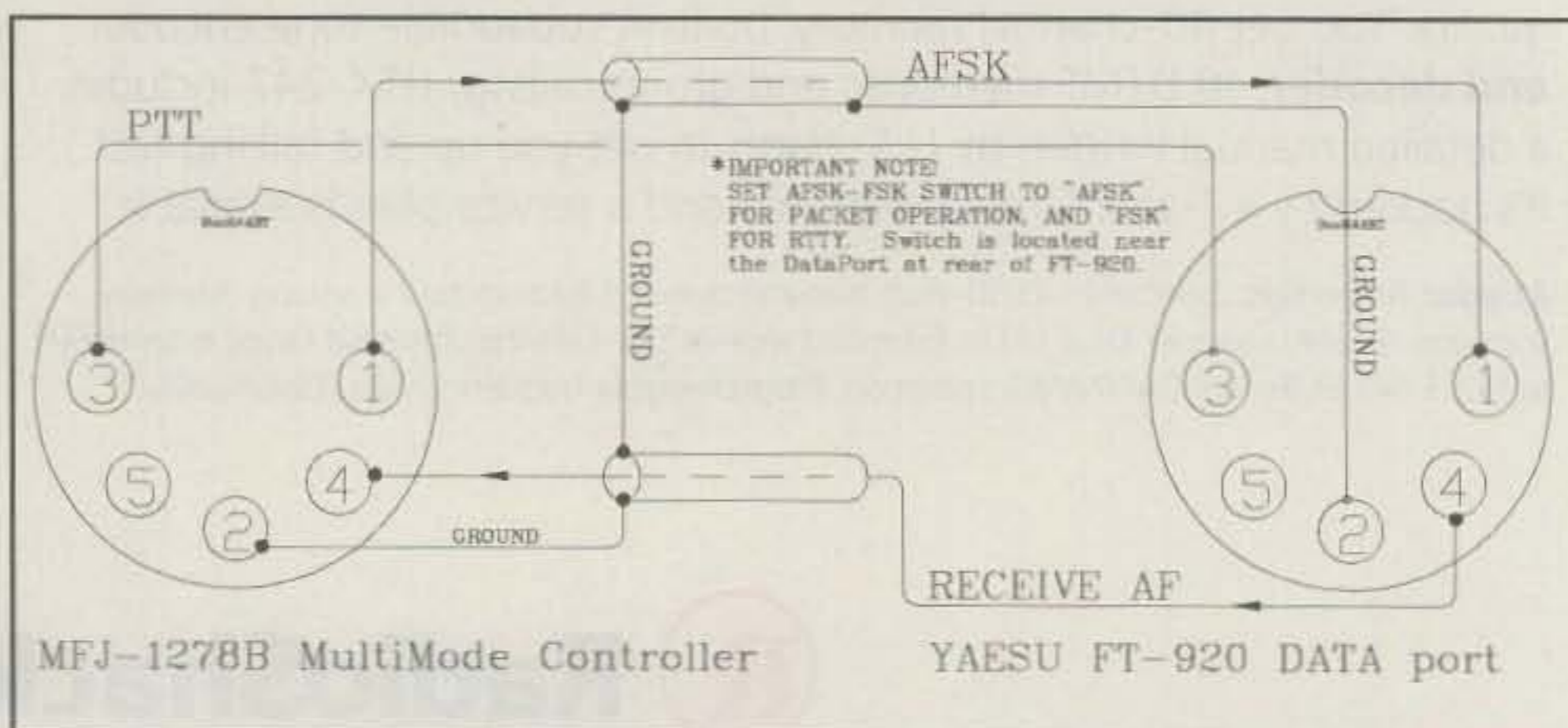


Fig. 8- Yaesu FT-920 to MFJ-1278B.



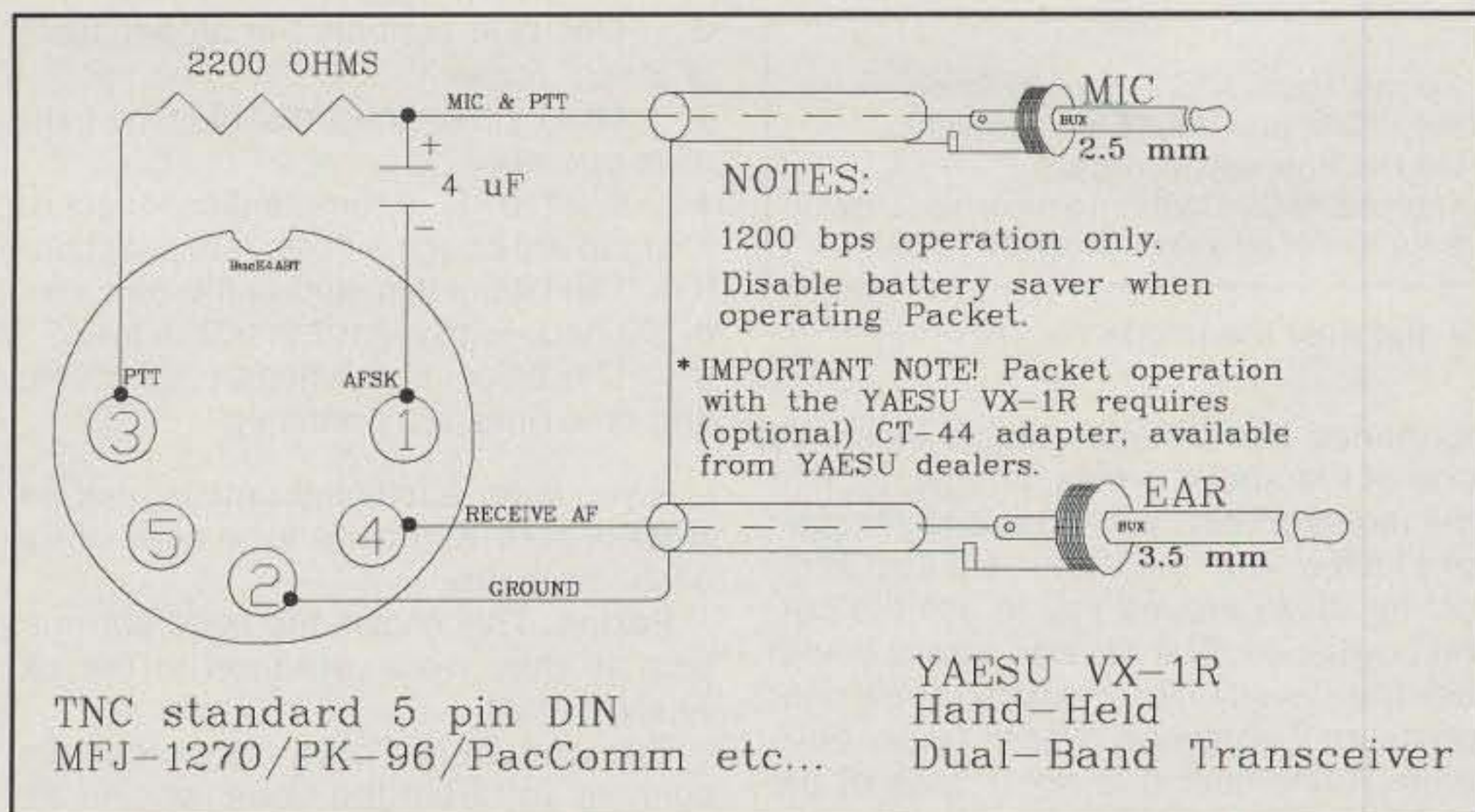


Fig. 9- Yaesu VX-1R hand-held to MFJ-1270, PK-96, PacComm, etc.

command is "/exit." Any other users currently in the conference get a message from the node telling them of the callsign of the user who has joined them.

At this point, every line sent by a user in the conference is copied to all other users in the conference, preceded by their callsign.

To exit from the conference, the command "/exit" is used. This causes a response message to be sent to the user, and at the same time all of those left in the conference get a message from the node telling them of the station who has left the conference.

If you force a disconnect, the other stations are not told of your departure.

A string of text may be entered on the same line as the Talk command when the command is given. If this is done, before the user is connected to the conference, that string of text is sent to all the other users of the node who appear in the "User" list but are not connected to anything else. For example, if while I'm connected to the node as a user, W4WWQ connects to the node and types **TALK, Hello Buck can we have a chat? If so, PSE type TALK.** then I would receive the following on my screen. Additionally, any other users connected to the node and not connected through would see the following: W4WWQ > K4ABT>>**TALK, Hello Buck can we chat? If so, PSE type TALK**

The only exception to this is that SNOs are not sent the message.

**CQ.** This command is used to broadcast a CQ message. In addition, the fact that you are calling CQ is indicated in the User list. The callsign will be your own with a different SSID, and anyone else can connect to you by connecting to the callsign with the appropriate SSID.

The CQ remains "primed" for a while, and if any other command is given to the node the CQ will be cancelled.

**BBS.** When you issue the BBS command, assuming that the SNO has con-

figured it, you will be connected to the local BBS. If you enter the command "BBS ?" then the current setting of the BBS will be displayed.

**Host.** The HOST command operates just like the BBS command. It may have been disabled by the SNO, it may have been set to connect to the same station as the BBS, or it may have been set to connect to another host system. If you enter the command "HOST ?" then the current setting of the Host will be displayed.

**MHeard.** If enabled, the Heard list shows the last few stations heard. The number of entries is limited and set by the SNO, so any stations not heard for a while may get pushed out of the list by others heard.

Assuming that a station is not pushed out in this manner, the display shows the number of packets heard from that station since it appeared in the list and the time since it was last heard. The time is hours, minutes, and seconds. The list also shows the port on which the station was heard (port 0 is the radio port), and if it hears IP frames or Net/Rom (TM software 2000) frames, it adds a note to show that the station is a node and/or a TCP/IP station.


If the list is long enough so that a station is not heard for 12 hours, it will get deleted anyway.

The list may also show a column headed "Dev". This will only be present where the SNO has added to the node a small hardware add-on (MFJ-52B) that measures the received signal audio level. Specifically, it gives an indication of the peak audio level. By means of a software configuration control and prior calibration, this gets converted into an indication of the transmitting station's deviation. It does this by sampling the audio level after every valid packet.

The **Meter** command is set on, or active, by the SNO by entering the command


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Parameter	Default	Controls
1	256	The MTU for the radio port, AX.25 encapsulation
2	256	The MTU for the RS232 port, AX.25 encapsulation
3	236	The MTU for the Net/Rom encapsulation
4	257	The maximum number of data bytes in a received L2 frame
5	328	The maximum number of bytes in a received L2 frame

Table I—MTU parameters and their meanings.

mode using the password and then setting Meter to a number above 0 (zero) and 255. The SNO first calibrates the deviation meter within the node while it is on the bench and before installation at the node site. Setting the Meter command to 0 (zero) will turn the deviation feature Off.

Often, packet stations are set up and the audio level is tweaked until it appears to work reasonably error-free. The idea of this add-on is that having done this, you then connect to the node and display the **MHeard** list to see an indication of your actual deviation.

When the Meter command is activated by the SNO, and the hardware modification has been made to the node, the MHeard list will contain a new heading which reads "Dev." In addition to seeing the last 10 or 20 stations that were heard by the node, the node also displays the node or TCP/IP and "Deviation." You will see your own callsign in the MHeard list, and under the "Dev" heading you will see your modulation level expressed in kHz.

The SNO can fine-tune the Meter command to set the reading correctly. Local advice must be taken regarding the correct setting, as it depends on the channel spacing being used (e.g., 12.5, 25, or other kHz).

Provided the meter is calibrated according to the SNO's "Overview" manual, the SNO might set the Meter command to 20. Thus, the reading would be multiplied by 255, and equate to about 5 kHz for full-scale reading.

Meter 10 would therefore support a reading of 2.5 kHz full-scale—e.g.;  $10 \times 255 = 2550$  Hz, or 2.55 kHz.

Once he has put the node at the final site, the Meter command may be used to tweak the Deviation for the final reading that corresponds to the deviation from a known source.

Care must be taken over its interpretation. It does not independently measure the two tone levels. It is assumed that whatever local standards relate to pre-emphasis (i.e., use it or not) have been implemented.

The Meter will give the wrong answer upon the following conditions:

- A badly distorted audio signal
- Badly off frequency
- Incorrect adherence to local pre-emphasis standards
- A very noisy signal

If you connect, then correct your deviation to the correct display, then find per-

formance has deteriorated, it indicates one of the above problems. It is not that the meter doesn't work; it is an indication of a fault elsewhere. It is in your own interest for those around you to use the correct deviation. The list also allows you to see the deviation of others, so apply peer pressure if someone over or under deviates. Remember it is *not* a case of the higher or the lower the better. It is having the setting *right* (3 kHz).

The hardware PC board that enables deviation remote reading by/from an X-1J4 node is available from MFJ Enterprises Inc., 1-800-647-1800, or see your local MFJ dealer. The price of the MFJ-52B is around \$50. The add-on PC board easily fits inside the MFJ-1270C TNC.

*Note: To use the MFJ-52B with the MFJ-1270C node, the node must be using the X-1J4 TheNET node coded EPROM at U23.*

**Links.** The Links command shows the level 2 connections to the node. This is usually of academic interest, but I use it in testing. The display shows the links, one per line, with the two callsigns, the link state, the port number, and the current number of retries.

**Mode.** The Mode command is a bit like the Parms command. It shows a number of additional parameters. These are as follows, as shown by example:

```
MODE BUX:K4ABT-3> 0 0 6 3 2 35
0 600 2 600 1 31 0 1 1 0 0
```

Here are the detailed meanings of each Mode feature/command:

- 0 Host mode protocol (0 = standard, 1 = DCD mode)
- 0 CWID period. Delay in seconds between CWID
- 6 CWID speed 10's of msec per dot. 6 equals 20 wpm
- 3 Enables/disables nodes broadcasts mask.
- 2 RS232 protocol, 0 = crosslink, 1, 2, or 3 are KISS
- 20 TxDelay in 10's of milliseconds (centiseconds??)
- 0 Full duplex control. 0 equals simplex
- 600 RS232 port nodes broadcast interval in seconds
- 2 Nodes broadcast algorithm port mask
- 600 Beacon period in seconds
- 1 "connect" redirector. 0 is to Host, 1 is to BBS
- 31 Each bit controls one of the "user" help messages

- 0 This byte controls the broadcasting of "hash" nodes
- 1 This byte enables/disables the extra alias operation
- 1 If set to "1", a remote disconnect on a circuit will cause a node reconnection
- 0 The bits of this control the operation of the node with regard to "slime trails"
- 0 This bit controls whether digi uplinks and downlinks are permitted

If you want additional details, ask the SNO of your X1J node for a copy of the overview guide.

**Parms.** This shows the node parameters as they were arranged in the old TheNET 1.01.

**Bye and Quit.** These commands disconnect you from the node, closing the link. It says goodbye before disconnecting you if it has been so configured by the SNO. Quit does just the same as Bye.

**DXcluster.** If there is a local DXcluster, this command may have been configured by the SNO to connect you to it. It therefore operates in a manner very similar to the BBS command.

**Stats.** The Stats command gives data about the node operation. A description of the information is contained in the overview document.

**IProute.** This command is used by the SNO to configure the IP route table. It may also be used to display the router table.

**Arp.** This command is similar to the IProute command, but shows the Arp table. The Arp table provides a translation from IP address to callsign.

**IPaddress.** This command is used to set or display the current node IP address.

**BBSAlias, HostAlias, DXCAlias.** These commands are used to set additional aliases for the node. It can be configured by the SNO to accept connect requests (uplinks) to the node callsign, the node alias, or the three aliases shown by these commands. When the node accepts a connection to one of these aliases, it will immediately invoke the BBS, DXC, or Host commands for you.

The way this would normally be used is as follows. Suppose your local (for example) BBS was not accessible on the frequency on which the node operates. The BBS alias can be configured to provide easy access across other nodes to the BBS.

**MTU.** This command allows configuration of the MTUs for IP users. The parameters have the meanings shown in Table I.

For more details on the IP router, see the August 1993 "Packet User's Notebook" column.

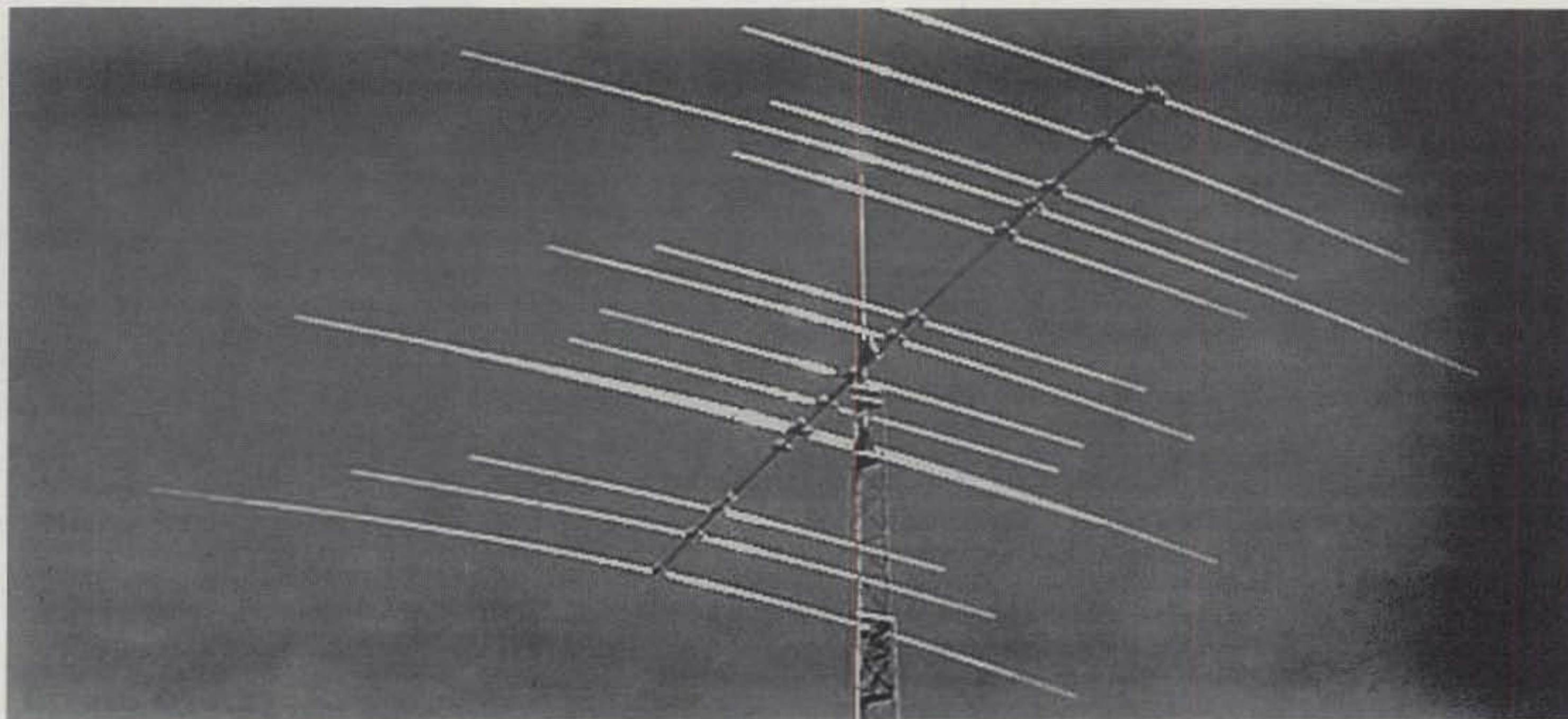
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## New 50 MHz Calling Frequency Proposed

**D**uring the Business Meeting of the 32nd annual Central States VHF Society, which was held in Kansas City, Missouri on Saturday, July 25, a proposal for moving the present 50 MHz DX calling frequency of 50.110 to 50.150 was put forward by representatives of the Six Meter International Radio Klub (SMIRK). This position did not meet with acceptance because it was viewed as both competing with the recently established DX calling frequency and not truly allowing for more operators to hear activity centered around the calling frequency and below it.

Another proposal was put forward to make 50.200 MHz the calling frequency, with domestic communication taking place down to 50.150 MHz. This proposal became the official position of the CSVHF Society when it was passed by a vote of those members present at the business meeting.

It is significant that the CSVHF Society, the oldest VHF society in the country, should take such a strong public stand concerning moving the calling frequency. It demonstrates that a significant number of active VHF-plus operators sense a need for a solution to the present problem of communications on 6 meters.

The present calling frequency worked somewhat through the past cycle. However, there were many problems with it. There were considerable problems of what constituted DX. Was a station operating in a rare grid locator but within the U.S. considered DX over a station operating in a foreign country that had plenty of operations from it? Many debates took place—sometimes over the air.

Another problem was that some North American operators on 50.125 MHz (the domestic calling frequency) tended to slide down to near 50.120 MHz. Furthermore, interference from computers and television sync signals tended to make the frequencies around 50.112 MHz unusable for hearing those weak signals. Sometimes these signals would be so strong that they would obliterate the calling frequency altogether.

As the number of countries on 6 meters continued to grow, more and more congestion occurred within the narrow band that was usable. During many openings,

### VHF Plus Calendar

Oct. 4	Poor EME conditions.
Oct. 5	Full Moon.
Oct. 7	Moon perigee.
Oct. 10–11	First weekend of the ARRL EME contest. (See text for details.)
Oct. 11	Highest Moon declination.
Oct. 12	Last quarter Moon. Moderate EME conditions.
Oct. 15–18	Microwave Update, Estes Park, CO. (See text for details.)
Oct. 19	Moderate EME conditions.
Oct. 20	New Moon.
Oct. 21	Orionids meteor shower peak.
Oct. 22	Moon apogee.
Oct. 26	Lowest Moon declination. Good EME conditions.

the DX was clobbered by a few North American stations working the DX within the 25 kHz window. The result was that not a lot of operators were successful in working the DX.

The increasing concern and interest in developing a working alternative (replacement) calling frequency grew out of the problems with the present one. For about two years now the idea of changing the calling frequency has been debated, both over the Internet and in publications. Your editor decided to stay out of the foray until something that was workable surfaced.

I listened to considerable discussions at the Central States VHF Society and what I heard about what has been voted upon by the members of the CSVHF Society makes lots of sense—for a number of reasons.

First, a bit of discussion concerning what is a calling frequency: Because activity is less frequent on the VHF-plus frequencies than on HF frequencies, certain calling frequencies have been established and agreed upon by a majority of operators on the VHF amateur bands. Whether you came from HF or repeater operation, or are a new ham, you may be familiar with FM calling frequencies. However, you may not be familiar with the weak-signal calling frequencies. The purpose of the calling frequency is to establish a gathering point for operators to initiate contacts. Once a contact has begun, operators are urged to move off the frequency in order to keep it clear for others to start contacts. Unfortunately, sometimes during band openings one station will stay on the calling frequency and dom-



Jim McMasters, KM5PO, discusses high-speed CW via meteor scatter at the recent Central States VHF Society Conference.

inate all contacts—unfairly reducing other operators' chances.

Each VHF-plus band has a calling frequency. However, each band's calling frequency functions differently from the next. Because the 6 meter band presents so many different opportunities for openings, the calling frequency for this band should function as a very brief way-station for operators to stop by to see if there is someone to work. Usually, however, be-



Paul Shuch, N6TX, serenades the CSVHF Conference participants with a song about SETI, the Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence.

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cause there is so much activity on 6 meters, operators tend to spread out away from the calling frequency—but not entirely. This tendency to congregate isn't necessarily all bad.

With this proposed new calling frequency, this gathering on one frequency away from the DX will present the possibility for the DX to hear us and for us to hear them. How is this possible? In IARU Region I (mostly Europe and Africa), there has been the establishing of a calling frequency of 50.150 MHz, with a DX window that extends between 50.100 and 50.130 MHz. In IARU Region III (mostly Asia and the western Pacific rim), there has been a previously established window of activity that also extends between 50.100 and 50.130 MHz. This is particularly evident in the Australia-New Zealand area, where 6 meter allocations are especially restricted because of commercial television allocations.

By putting the center of the North American activity on a frequency that is far enough away from the international calling frequency, we thereby create a possibility of split operation which would open up many more opportunities for communicating with DX. A DX operator on or around 50.150 MHz could announce that he is listening around 50.200 for calls. That DX operator (and other nearby DX operators) would not be clobbered by a North American operator trying to work the DX operators.

There is certainly impetus for all of us to adopt this new calling frequency. And, the sooner the better because of the impending onset of the new *F2* season. With more countries than ever anticipated to be on 6 meters, activity will be much higher, thereby increasing the congestion that exists with the present calling frequency.

### FCC Proposes To Streamline Amateur Rules

The following is from the ARRL Bulletin 057: "The FCC has proposed to phase out the Novice and Technician Plus class licenses, leaving just four amateur license classes in place—Technician, General, Advanced, and Extra. The Commission also has asked the amateur community to express its opinions on Morse code requirements for licensing and testing, but offered no specific changes. And the FCC proposed to permit Advanced class licensees to administer amateur exams up through General class. The proposals were among several suggested rules changes and invitations to comment contained in an FCC Notice of Proposed Rule-making, WT Docket 98-143, made public August 10.

"A copy of the complete NPRM has been posted on the ARRL Web page, <<http://www.arrl.org>>. The FCC NPRM can also be downloaded from the FCC



Rod Blocksome, K0DAS, congratulates Rich Westerberg, N0HJZ, on winning the "Big Bone" prize for the best overall Rover operation during the past contest season.

Web site in Word Perfect 5.1 and Text versions as: <<http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Notices/1998/fcc98183.wp>> and at <<http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Notices/1998/fcc98183.txt>>, respectively.

"The FCC set a longer-than-normal comment period. The deadline for comments is December 1, 1998. The deadline for reply comments is January 15, 1999. The FCC will accept electronic comments via the Internet at <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>."

For a complete discussion of the FCC's proposal, see this month's "Washington Readout" column by Fred Maia, W5YI.

### Perseids Meteor Shower Activity Report

The following is from Shelby Ennis, W8WN: "There were lots of people oper-



Larry Hazelwood, W5NZS, is congratulated by Kent Britain, WA5VJB, at the CSVHF Conference banquet for winning the Wilson Award for service to the society and the VHF-plus community in general.

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ating this year. A real-time web site was used heavily for exchanging notes. It appears that the peak was around 1430 UTC on 12 August. There seems to be no other reports on any other peaks.

"Agreed by all that the peak was small compared with last couple of years. Also, almost nothing the previous two days.

"Also interesting is that this peak did not support long-distance contacts. (Usual meteor scatter is about 600–1200 miles, with up to about 1400 miles possible.) Several (including myself!) found no support for contacts beyond about 1200 miles, even though many were trying. Most contacts this year were under 1000 miles or so. (Most contacts are in the range of 600–1000 miles. But I personally heard *nothing* over about 830 miles, even though I had a large number of long-distance schedules with well-equipped stations. (I was at least heard several times by a Canadian station at a distance of 1413 miles).

"Also, there was a great lack of long over-dense burns. In the past few years, on the day of the Peaks, there has been an almost complete lack of underdense burns (on 144 MHz), far below the usual sporadic background for this time of year. But during and between the peaks, there would be long, overdense bursts, sometimes quite a few. This year there were some underdense pings and very few overdense bursts. These would imply a lack of large particles, and/or particles vaporizing high enough in the atmosphere.

"Below are 15 specific reports from North America and Europe, plus about that many additional 'schedule results' reports."

"I think the conditions during this year's *Perseids* were 'no-good.'"—SM5SJR, Sweden.

"The first peak was very sharp. Activity started at 1200 UTC and peaked around 1430 here. After 1500 very few reflections. This first peak seemed to support only short distances (<=1500km)." —W1FIG, FN41, Rhode Island.

"The *Perseids* meteors are not as high velocity as some other showers. The shower also doesn't favor east-west paths, which are usually the longest paths attempted. The peak is also not the best time for working long paths. The larger meteors, which cause significant ionization at a higher elevation, therefore providing longer paths, tend to lag the peak. We had a very good 'traditional' peak here in Colorado this morning from 1430–1600 UTC." (Comment from 35-year-*Perseid* veteran W0AH, ex-W2CRS, CO).

(Comment on Doug's comments, by me): "Agreed. But the *Perseids* has (since 1955) been the shower for most long-distance skeds. And compared with the past few years, this seemed poorer for them."

"Heaviest activity from my log was be-



Tommy Henderson, WD5AGO, makes noise-figure measurements at the conference. (Photo courtesy W2VU)

tween 1430 and 1500 UTC. Cassette tape recording of this time shows almost 2 minutes of continuous ionization at 1442. A very definite peak observed here between 1430 and 1500. Every frequency I was monitoring got busy during this time. A two minute period at 1442 made 144.200 sound like a huge, widespread Es breakout. I heard and worked stations to the WNW, East, and ENE (total of six in this two minute period). Also noted (and new to me) was the frequency of backscatter burns from stations almost within tropo range of me." —KM5PO, AR.

"For me the peak was very obvious from about 1430 to 1630 UTC, and more precisely from 1500 to 1550 UTC. Last year I noticed very little N-S action and mostly NE-SW NW-SE but this year it seemed to be the other way around. A *sharper* peak than I have noticed in previous years." —VE2SWL/VE6, W. Canada

"The first sign of increased activity started at 1115Z. At this level I was hearing burns about every 5 minutes (at least 5 seconds long). This level stayed fairly constant until about 1415 UTC, at which time I was hearing burns at least one per minute until about 1435. From 1435 to 1520 I was hearing at least 3 burns per minute and they were 5 seconds or longer. From 1520 until about 1630 the burns thinned out until there were only 1 or 2 per minute. The most notable number of burns occurred between 1435 to 1450 and 1505 to 1515. During those time frames there were almost continuous signals. Most were very weak and short but readable." —K5IUA, TX.

"For what it's worth, the peak here

(DO61) *may* have been at about 1530 UTC. That's when the backscatter from nearby stations peaked, but the peak itself was somewhat of a non-event. Compared to 1997, this year's was dismal." —73 Doug, VE5UF, in DO61ov, south central Canada.

"Definitely the peak occurred in the 1400–1500 UTC range. The calling frequency of 144.200 MHz was a zoo with random meteors coming from the east and west. N5JHV in New Mexico was very loud and had some really long burns during the period. This year's shower was better than last year from this QTH." —KA9CFD, IL.

"I believe the peak of the *Perseids* occurred at around 1500 UTC on 12 August. This is based on monitoring the European SSB and CW meteor-scatter calling frequencies on 144.200 and 144.100 MHz which are the best benchmark in Europe." —73 Dave, G4RGK, England.

"The *Perseids* peak seems now to have passed over and I had a good high-speed CW meteor-scatter QSO with BY1QH on 144 MHz this morning." —JA9BOH, Japan.

Finally from W8WN, KY (EM77): "Note that these are comments on the time and intensity of the peak (and shower) only, in some cases pulled out of context. In spite of a poorer shower, some completed a good number of contacts, picking up a number of new grids. Many of these were due to the several HSCW grid 'expeditions' going on.

"However, in summary, the shower was poorer for most than the past two years, and the peak was less intense (expected). (Before the last two years, the new, early

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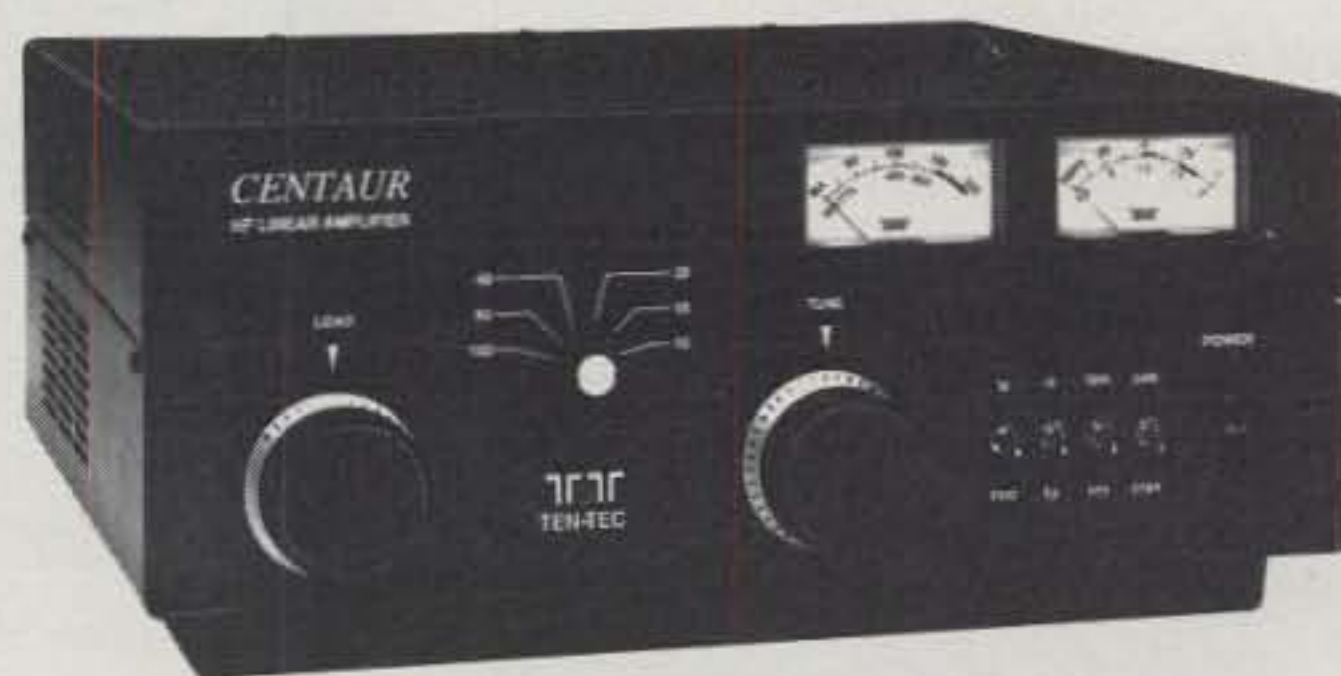
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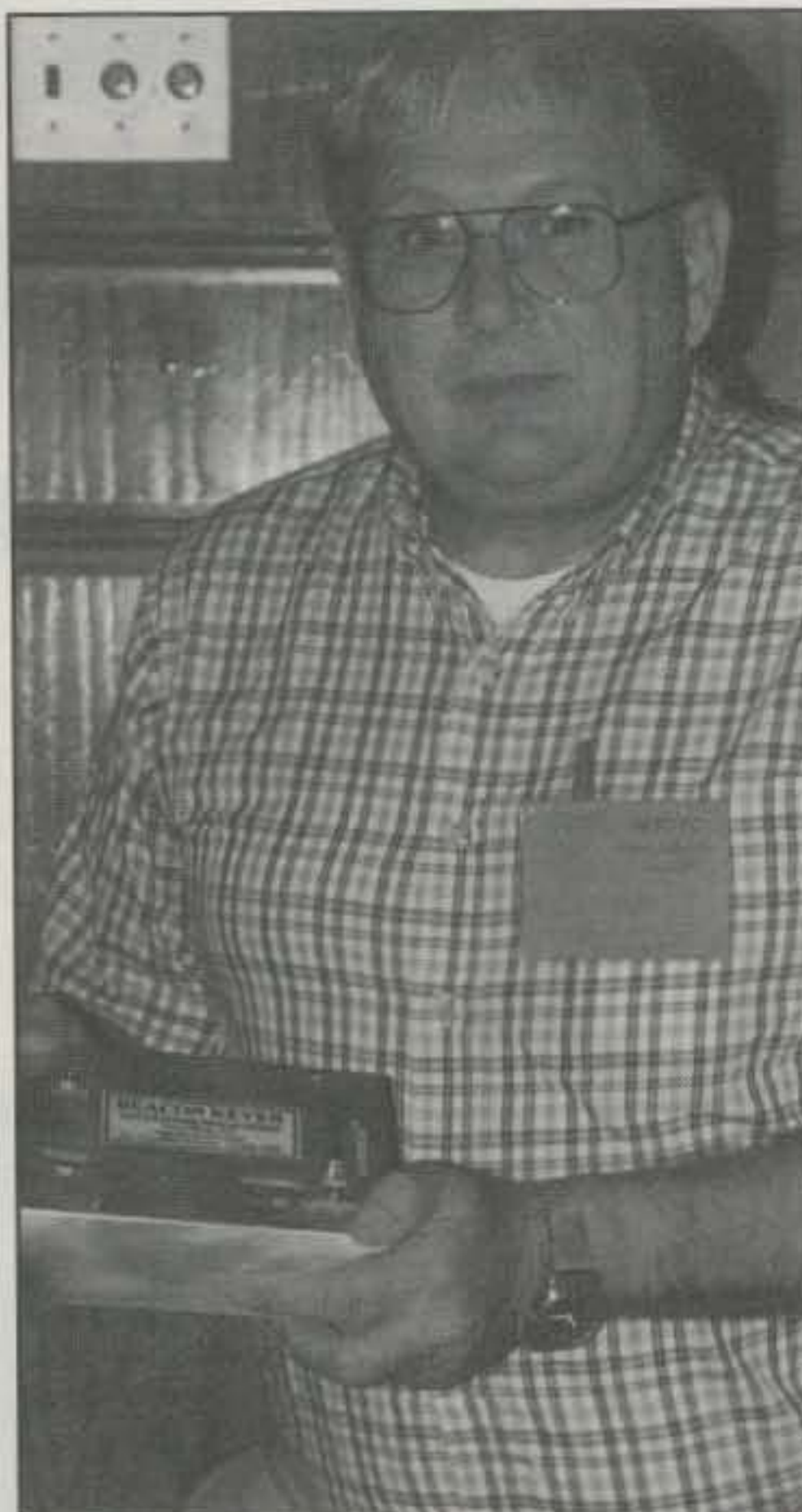
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Bob Carpenter, W3OTC, shown here at the conference with a beacon keyer. (Photo courtesy W2VU)

peak got everybody 'spoiled,' I'm afraid, so didn't dare ask for any comparisons farther back).

"There were fewer long, overdense burns than the past two years. But there were as many or more very short, weak, underdense pings on the peak day. More backscatter was noted. (Why? Simply more operating? And lots of schedules posted on the HSCW and WSVHF Reflectors, or made on the real-time Hot Rocks Web page? Or a difference in the shower?) However, several noted the increased backscatter.

"The peak was at about 1430 UTC, as seen from Western Europe and all of North America. A number were on during the times of the other predicted peak(s), but reported no enhancement at those times.

"From the comments, and from some of the completed-contact reports, it appears that there were fewer signals propagated over even 'normally-long' distances (i.e., about 1200 miles or so) than in previous *Perseids*. (I personally was disappointed to not even hear a ping out of three long, but certainly possible, Rocky Mountain portable operations).

"Watching the reports from Europe (compared with our own) this summer has caused several fellows to dig into the

effectivity section of OH5IY's MSSoft program. Before the peak day of the *Perseids* (as all this summer), the Europeans were reporting much better results than we were getting. This was not due to their higher density of operators, etc., for this often took the ping/burst count into consideration. Now a couple of fellows are planning to reset the .INI file and compare effectivities of different directions in northern Europe vs. North America, for they seem to be stealing all of our rocks! None of the long-time ping jockies have a handle on this one yet. But it's becoming disturbing when they report random contacts and schedules with totals of hundreds of pings, while those same days we get only a few. It appears that some of the Propagation Wizzards may have to dig into this one.

"Interestingly, after a very long session (and lack of sleep three other nights), this 'day after' is the best I've felt on this day in years. It's so much more relaxing with HSCW, as well as making contacts possible when they would have otherwise been impossible. It also made the occasional SSB sked a welcome (though frustrating) change. But even the HSCW didn't help when there weren't enough meteors at the right time and place to give even a single ping! Hi. Am anxious to read reports from the western mountaintop expeditions, since they as a group apparently did not do as well as was expected. 73, Shelby, W8WN, EM77bq; e-mail: <w8wn@ne.infi.net>"

## Current Contest

The first weekend of the ARRL annual EME contest is scheduled for the weekend of 10-11 October. This year's contest is split over three months. The second weekend will be in December. The contest period is the entire 48 hour period, beginning at 0000 UTC. The object of the contest is to work as many stations as possible "off the moon." Categories include single operator, single band, single operator, multi band, multi operator, and commercial equipment. Each contact counts as 100 points. Multipliers include each U.S. and Canadian call district and each DXCC country worked. Conditions are expected to be moderate during the contest weekend. Complete rules are in the September issue of *QST*. They also can be found on their web site at <<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/97/eme.html>>.

## Current Meteor Showers

According to the OH5IY meteor shower prediction software, the *Orionids* is predicted to peak around 21 October at approximately 1410 UTC. A characteristic of this shower is that it has several smaller peaks both before and after the main



spike. The second major peak is expected approximately four days after the main peak. At peak the zenith hourly rate (ZHR, the number of predicted meteors falling per hour) is predicted to be around 25. Look for activity associated with this shower for approximately 16 days beginning a week before the main peak.

### Current Conference

**1998 Microwave Update.** This year's Microwave Update is scheduled for 15-18 October in Estes Park, Colorado. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Resort. You can reserve your room by calling 800-803-7837. This hotel is different from past conferences held in the Estes Park area. There are 50 rooms available at \$75 per night. There may be some still available by the time you read this. However, you must make call them by September 28.

There will be the usual technical programs and antenna and pre-amp measuring activities. There is no formal spouse program planned. The banquet will be a buffet which will include both beef and chicken. For more information, check out their home page at <[http://home.att.net/~n0ugy/MW\\_Update\\_98.html](http://home.att.net/~n0ugy/MW_Update_98.html)>.

### And Finally . . .

This month's lead story concerns the proposed new 50 MHz calling frequency. It is anticipated that there will be some resistance to changing to this frequency. However, for all concerned who operate on that magic band, something must be done. And, as I stated above, this seems to be the best proposal to surface.

Calling frequencies are not rules that can be enforced. Rather, they are gentlemen's agreements that we ladies and gentlemen of the VHF-plus community strive to keep because we are ladies and gentlemen. So when you are on the air and are trying to conform to the new calling frequency, and your neighbor is not, please don't yell at him for not doing so. Please use your best diplomacy to give your neighbor good reasons to conform to the new calling frequency.

I was glad to see many of my long-time friends at the Central States VHF Society Conference. It was good to get back into a limited circulation after finishing school. It is too soon to tell if I will be able to go to Estes Park. I have weddings to perform the weekend before and after, so I will be quite busy. One of them is for fellow weak-signal operator Jerome Doerrie, K5IS's daughter, Elena.

Most of next month's column will be devoted to the *Leonids* meteor shower and the possibility of a storm. Thank you very much for your continued support of this, your column.

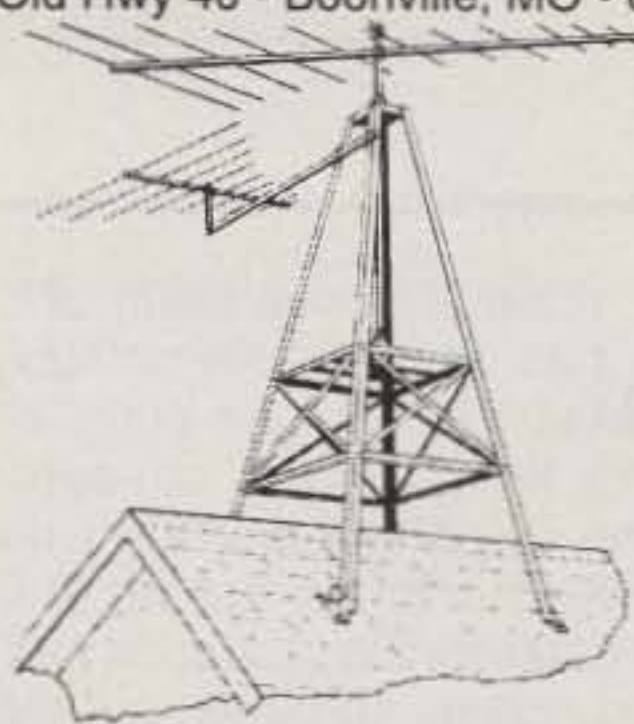
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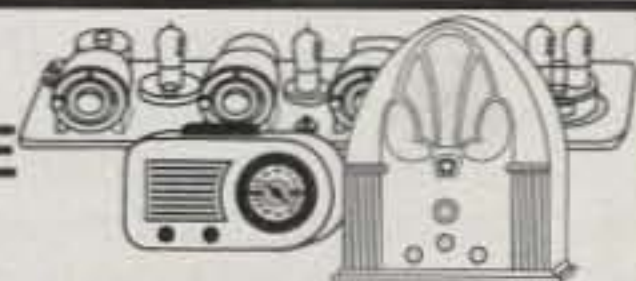
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## NEWS OF COMMUNICATION AROUND THE WORLD

*Navassa 1998*

An experienced team of operators has its sights set on Navassa this fall. Led by Dan Flaig, K8RF (ex-WT8N), the team will leave from Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba for the 100 mile sail to Navassa (NA-098). The exact dates for the operation had not been determined by late July, but the team is aiming for October/November. Callsign is **N1V**. In addition to Dan, operators include Navassa veterans Murray, WA4DAN, and Will, AA4NC, as well as Bill, W4WX/KG4GC, Tom, KG4CQ, and Franz, DJ9ZB. They plan an all-band operation with four stations on the air 24 hours a day, for about 10 days. Cushcraft is supporting the operation with beam antennas. Navassa ranks 40th on *The DX Magazine's* Most Wanted survey.

Navassa is an officially uninhabited island that lies about 30 miles west of Haiti, in the channel between that country and Jamaica, due south from Guantanamo Bay. It has been United States territory since 1857, but fishermen from Haiti frequently use the island as a base. The 1992 DXpedition to the island found the fishermen very helpful in setting up and removing their equipment.

The two-square-mile island is mostly covered with exposed rock and guano, with enough grass to support some goats, a scattering of trees, and some cactus.

Navassa rumors fly about pirates, drug runners, and even CIA-sponsored biological warfare attacks. The island's actual history is almost as fascinating as the rumors, including its amateur radio history.

Navassa's history dates to the Guano act of 1856, which provided that discoverers of deposits of guano may claim unoccupied islands as part of the United States. In 1857 Peter Duncan claimed Navassa under the Guano Act. The Navassa Phosphate Company was later founded to mine the guano, starting in 1864. As many as 2000 people, mostly African-Americans from Baltimore, mined the guano deposits by hand, digging with picks and shovels on the rocky island.

Working conditions on the island were terrible. Workers signed on for 15-month stints, but with the company-town environment, many workers ended up owing the company more money than they made. Thanks to inadequate food, scurvy was common among the workers. There



From left: I2VXJ, I6JBL, IK0FVC, and I2UIY at the site of 1A0KM.

were also reports of torture and beatings by the white bosses.

In September 1889 tensions boiled over into a riot. Using rocks, shovels, and an ax, the black workers attacked the small number of white bosses and their families, murdering many of them and wounding others. The uprising was put down about a week later by the arrival of a British warship. Three black workers were convicted of murder in the riot by an all-white jury. The case eventually went to the Supreme Court on the argument that the United States lacked jurisdiction, but the Court ruled against the defendants, securing US possession of the island.

The guano mining continued until the outbreak of the Spanish-American War in 1898. Rather than defend the isolated island and its 100+ workers, the US government evacuated all the inhabitants, effectively closing down the mining operation, which never resumed after the war.

On January 17, 1916 President Woodrow Wilson granted ownership of Navassa to the US Coast Guard for lighthouse purposes. After World War I, the US built a 162 foot tall lighthouse and adjacent crew quarters on Navassa, and the light was manned from 1918 to 1928. The crew quarters were wrecked in a hurricane in 1929, and the island has officially been uninhabited since. Adding to the mystery and lore of Navassa are reports that one

lighthouse keeper killed himself on the island, and another supposedly went insane from hearing voodoo drums.

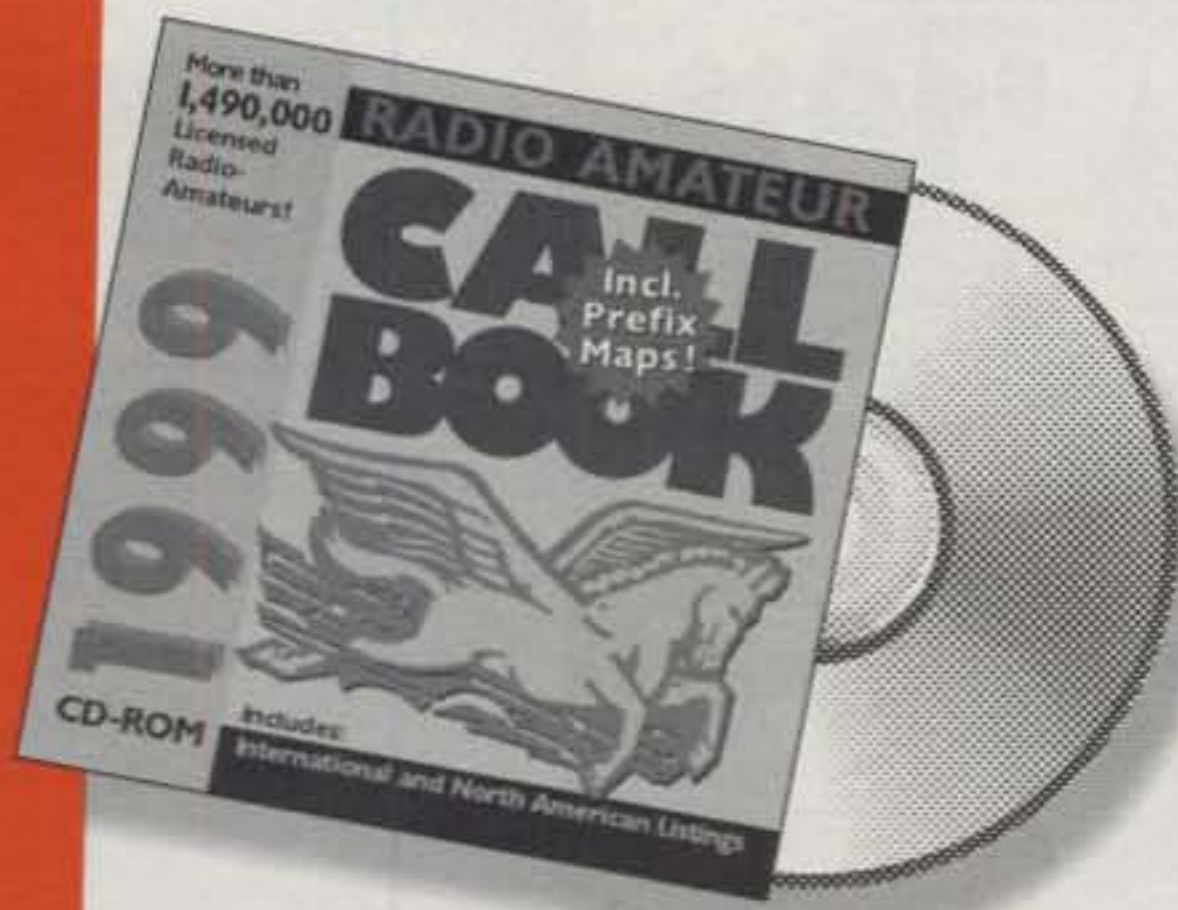
The Navassa saga continues today, with one Bill Warren suing the US government for the right to mine guano on Navassa again today. Warren is fighting the US Department of the Interior, which is blocking his efforts to resume guano mining, according to Warren's suit. Warren says that the US ownership claim is flawed, and since the Guano Act has never been repealed, he wants the island for himself, under the terms of that Act. Don't look for this to be resolved quickly.

Following the abandonment of the crew quarters, the light was automated and subsequently serviced at six month intervals by the US Coast Guard. The Coast Guard maintains authority over the island, including permission to land. They do little to exercise this authority, however. It is this lack of supervision that has given rise to many rumors of Navassa as a pirate hangout, site of drug runners making transfers, and even a CIA-backed plot to smuggle swine fever virus into Cuba.

While those conducting illegal activities obviously don't seek US Coast Guard approval to use Navassa, those operating a DXpedition for which they will be seeking DXCC credit must do so. This fact became a turning point in the history of the DXCC program.

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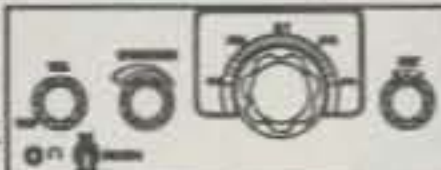
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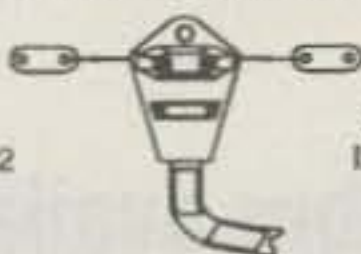
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stated that they had not even requested permission to land on Navassa. (The Coast Guard letter mentions "repeated requests" from radio operators to operate from Navassa and states that none of these requests had been granted. They had not even tried.)

The ARRL argued that without Coast Guard permission, it could not accept the Miller/Kline Navassa operation for DXCC credit. In fact, they had to go back into DXers' records and remove (suspend, they called it) credit for K1IMP/KC4. This established the precedent of requiring official, legally obtained permission to land on many DXCC entities for an operation to receive DXCC credit. While hammering free-wheeling DXpeditions, this insistence on appropriate documentation has helped ensure that the DXCC program does not encourage illegal or harmful landings on sensitive islands and lands. In addition, the continuing good record of those DXpeditioners with official permission in adhering to their restrictions has advanced the cause of DXpeditioners worldwide. Navassa deserves its small place in DX history.

The 1998 N1V Navassa operators won't have an easy time of it. Entry to the island is in Lula Bay, a small cove partly sheltered from the surf of the Caribbean. A 40 foot steel ladder hangs from a small platform over the bay. Operators have to time their jump between boat and ladder to catch the waves at the right levels. Then the DXpeditioners will have to haul their gear and supplies up to the top of the island, to the lighthouse, some 200 feet above the landing point. Other operating positions don't allow a good shot into Europe, where Navassa is more needed than in the US. The 1992 Navassa operation made good use of the remains of the crew quarters, setting up their stations in the ruins. A large cistern provides water for cleaning, but other supplies must be carried up (and back down) the hill.

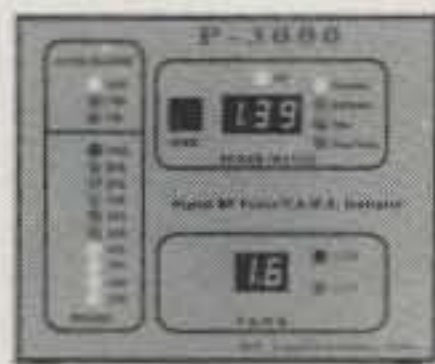
Radio conditions should be very good for the trip. Solar flux topped 150 for the first time in five years in August, and the seasonal improvement in conditions during the next couple of months should only make the higher bands better. Stateside DXers should be able to work Navassa on several different bands, with long openings and excellent signal strengths. Europeans should have plenty of opportunities also, with all higher bands open in the 12-1600Z range and some good low-band openings around 22-0800Z. Sunrise in Navassa at that time of year is around 1100Z, with sunset near 2230Z.

The DXers who have the greatest interest in Navassa are those in Japan, where Navassa typically ranks in the Top Ten Most Wanted. A look at a globe will explain why. The great-circle path between Navassa and Japan passes very close to the

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3980.....W2FXA	3103.....I1EEW	2779.....I2MQP	2512.....JH8BOE	2175.....W9IL	1836.....F5HBX	1628.....JN3SAC	1293.....W0IZV	1074.....W2EZ
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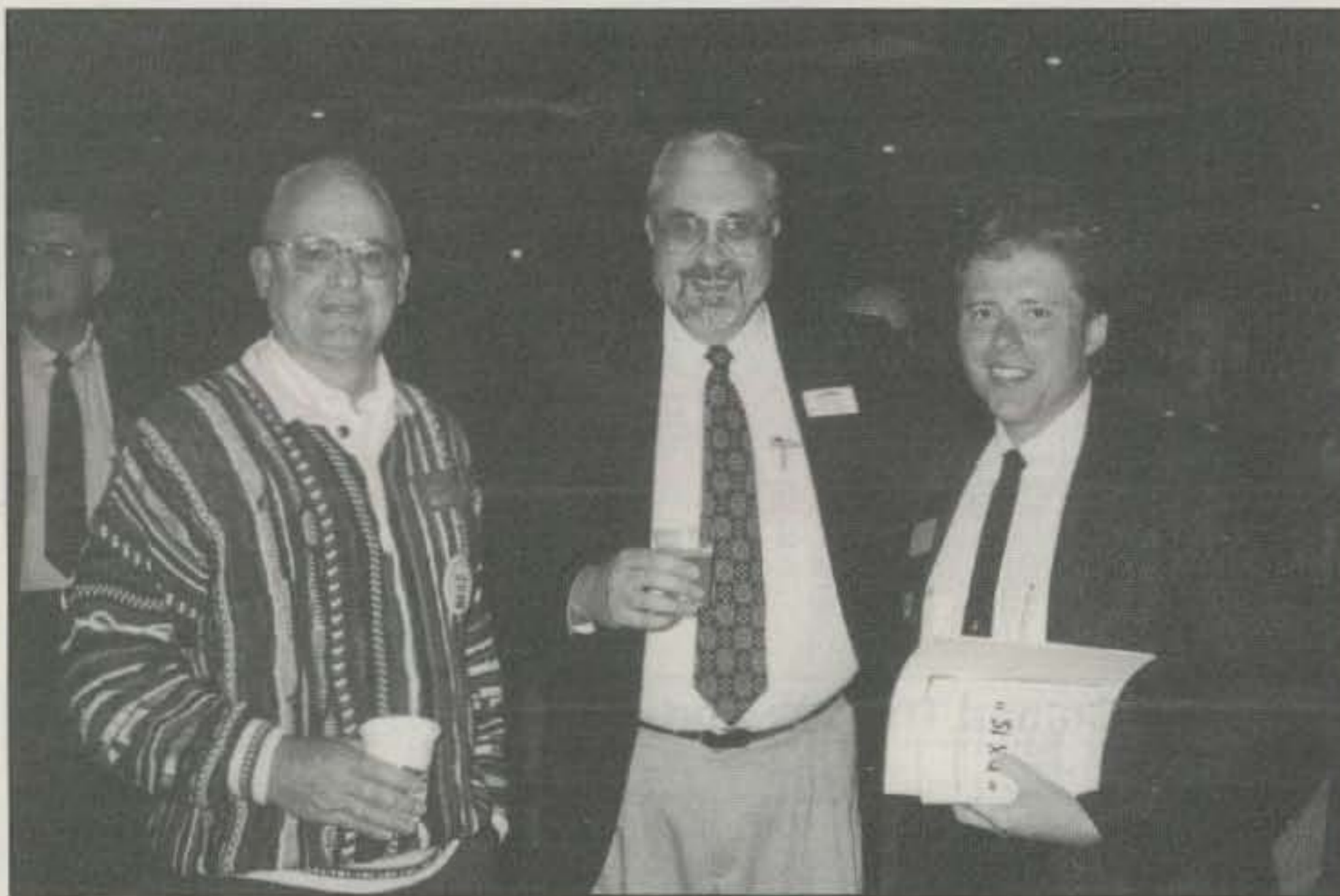
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### CW

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2674.....YU7SF								

\*The above is not the most recent update. The Honor Roll will be updated in the December issue.



From left to right: Ray, N6VR, George, N6ZS, and Bob, W9XY, at the Visalia DX Convention, which will be held in Fresno in 1999.

North Pole. Such high-latitude paths are weak and noisy, when they exist at all. Further, the Japanese have to listen through the entire US east coast, which lies on the direct path. The US stations are several hops and one auroral oval closer,

and louder, than the Asian stations. When the Navassa operators ask the stateside stations to stand by for the JAs, please do so. The openings to Japan are very short, typically around 2200Z to 0200Z, with some long-path activity around 2200Z.

The Japanese stand by while we try to work southeast Asia; the least we can do is return that courtesy.

For more information on Navassa, contact Dan Flaig at <k8rf@fuse.net> and see the June 1992 issue of *The DX Magazine*.

### SMOM

At the end of July a team led by Francesco, IK0FVC, operated from the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (SMOM) as **1A0KM**. SMOM is a small enclave in the middle of Rome, not far from the Vatican, which is also a separate DXCC entity. Getting operating permission requires good contacts at a high level in the Catholic Church. The other operating hurdle is erecting effective antennas that can't be seen from the public areas of the enclave. This leads to exercises such as erecting antennas every sunset and taking them down every sunrise.

### Advance Notice

The 1999 Joint Meeting of the Northern and Southern DX Clubs, otherwise known as the Visalia International DX Convention and the largest pure-DX convention anywhere, is moving north to Fresno. The sponsoring Northern California DX Club is returning to the Holiday Inn in Fresno, California, about 50 miles north of Visalia,



Some of the more active members of the RK1OWZ club station in Arkhangelskaya Oblast, Russia.

and considerably easier to get to by air. The DX convention is April 9-11, 1999. Rooms at the Holiday Inn are \$83; call the hotel directly at 209-268-1000, 9-5 Pacific time, week days.

## DX News

**K4M** will be activated by the Midway-Kure DX Foundation Sept. 20-25.

Luc Glary, 11YRL, will hit the European DXpedition trail again this fall, with stops planned for Monaco 3A, Liechtenstein HB0, and 4U1ITU from ITU headquarters in Geneva. QSL via home call.

Jay Lira, PP5LL, reports that **PR2YL** on SSB and **PS2S** on CW will be active from Comprida Island (SA-024) Oct. 29 - Nov. 2. More information is available at <www.netlan.net>.

Team Antigua returns to Montserrat's nearest neighbor for this year's CQ WW DX SSB contest. Look for **V26B** on all bands during the contest in the multi-multi category. The team's web page is at <www.frc-contest.org>. Outside the contest, team members will be on RTTY, 160 meters, and the newer bands, from about Oct. 20 to Oct. 30. Some of the Antiguan callsigns to note, with operator and QSL route, are: **V26A** (N3BNA/WB3DNA), **V26AK** (N2TK/N2TK), **V26B** (WT3Q/WT3Q), **V26DX** (W3CF/KU9C), **V26FV** (W3FV/W3FV), **V26J** (WX0B/WX0B), **V26OC** (N3OC/N3OC), **V26R** (KA2AEV/KA2AEV), **V26RN** (N5NJ/N5NJ), **V26T** (K3MQH/K3MQH), and **V26U** (W2UDT/W2UDT).

In other CQWW SSB news, Ken, K7ZUM, and Craig, N7KG, will operate from St. Martin (the French side of the island), using the call **FS/K7ZUM**. QSL via the bureau or direct to K7ZUM (ex-

KA7ZUM). Craig, N7KG, will be active on 160 meters during the test, under his own call FS/. QSL to his home call, direct or via the bureau system.

Jay, K0BCN, plans to be active as **V31MX** Oct. 21-26, with emphasis on 10, 15, and 20 meters outside the contest. QSL home call.

Note that there will be numerous groups and individuals traveling to interesting places for the contests. For those DXers who don't want to work these operations in the contest itself, the days just before the test are a good time to look for the DXpeditioners. Many arrive early to set up and test antennas. Also, many contest DXpeditioners will work the new bands before settling into the traditional bands for the contest.

Garard, PA3AXU, will operate from Tonga Oct. 21-28, but will concentrate on CW and RTTY. He has applied for **A35XU**. Gerard can be reached via e-mail at <dijkers@molyvos.net>.

Rolf Salme, SM5MX, has completed his extended operation from Vietnam as **XV7SW**. He made more than 25,000 contacts during his operation from the Swedish Embassy. QSL cards may be sent to his manager, SM3CXS, or direct to Rolf at Korpstigen 5 B, SE-135 53 Tyreso, Sweden.

DX news is thanks to the operators and "The Daily DX," a daily electronic DX newsletter. "The Daily DX" has a new address: <www.dailydx.com>. E-mail editor Bernie McClenny, W3UR, at <bernie@dailydx.com>.

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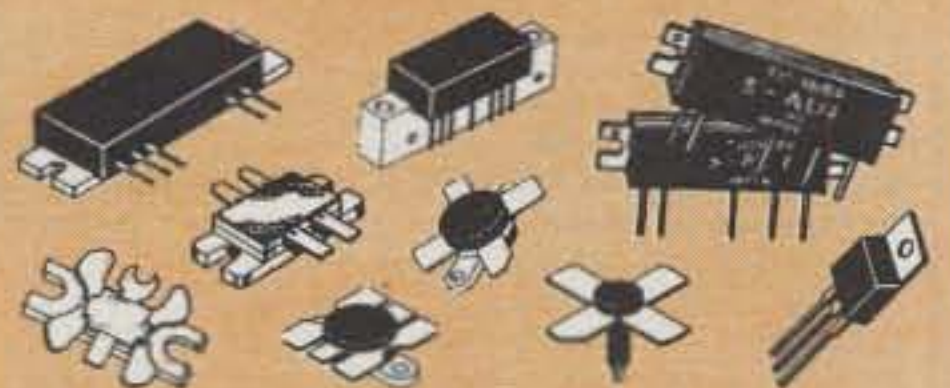
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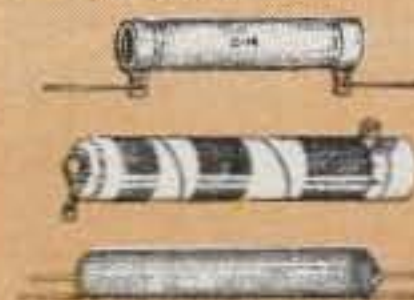


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ager Mr. Y. J. Shin, HL5CL, P.O. Box 322, Pusan 600-603, Korea.

The new QSL manager for the extended round-the-world cruise of Steve Salmon, AA6LF, is Ron Lago, AC7DX, P.O. Box 25426, Eugene, OR 97402. Ron has the logs and cards from previous manager Gerry Branson, AA6BB, a Silent Key. These include Steve's operations from Palmyra, Minerva, Mellish, and others.

QSL the February operation of 8Q7VB via operator Veikko Nurminen, OH2VB, Ollaksentie 3 C, FIN-02940 Espoo, Finland. Note that 8Q7BV was a separate operation.

Steve, W6MD, reports that he is QSL manager for YB2BRW, direct or via the bureau system; YB1XUR, direct only; and YC9WZJ, again direct only. Steve also handles cards for T93Y, T93Y/5B4, and T94EU, direct preferred. Steve does not handle cards for YB2PBX; QSL Tony directly.

QSL the July operation of MJ0ASP via manager Jacky Gargot, F5OIU, 21 Allee Cabernet, 33140 Cadaujac, France.

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## And Finally . . .

Readers will note that there are no WAZ charts this month. Jim, K1MEM, however, will be back next month with updated WAZ information.

73, Chod, VP2ML

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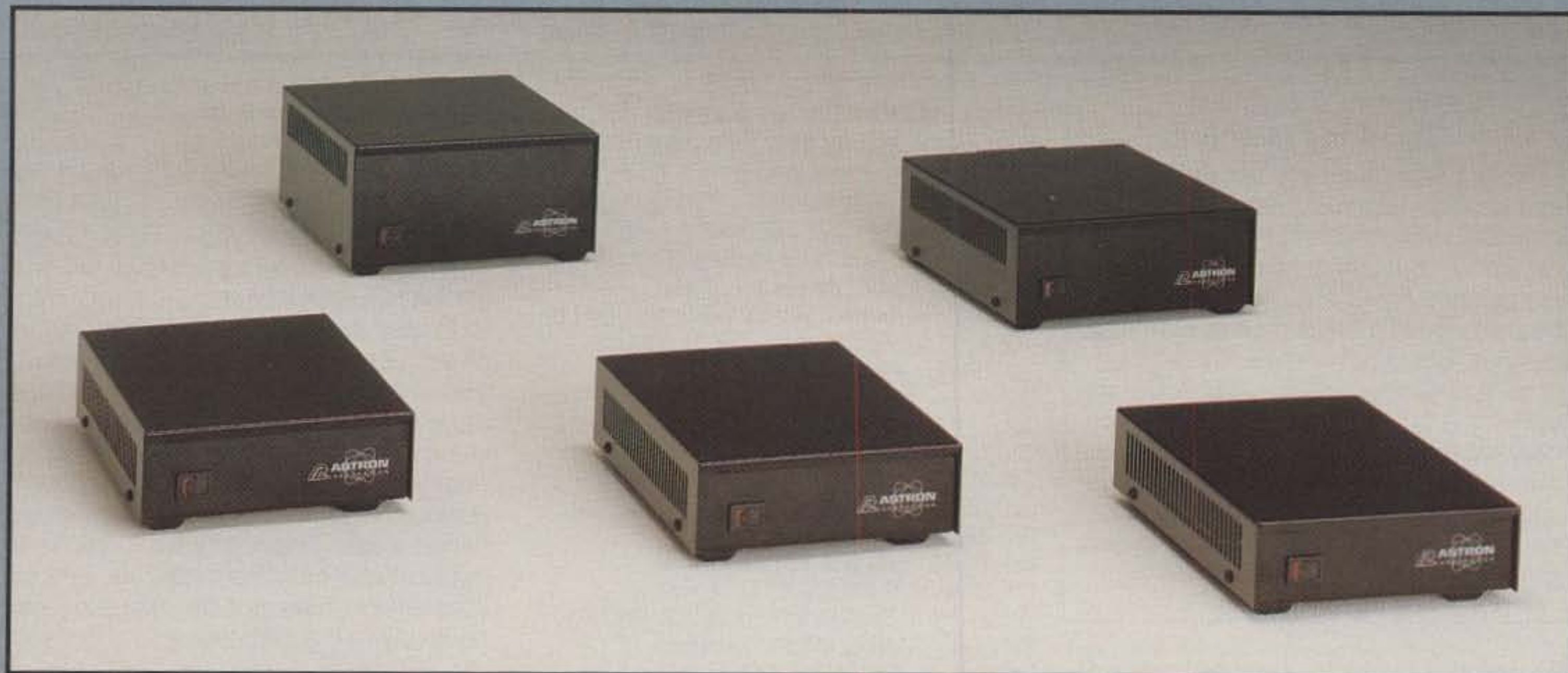
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# CONTEST CALENDAR

NEWS/VIEWS OF ON-THE-AIR COMPETITION

## Are You Ready for SSB Operating in the CQ WW Contest?

### October's Contest Tip of the Month

As we enter into this year's fall contest season, do you know who's planning on a contest expedition? A little research through the current magazines/newsletters and the Internet can help you build a list of probable multipliers that should be prominently displayed in front of your operating position for the upcoming fall contests. Always remember that extraordinary pre-contest preparation can dramatically improve your final standing and has little to do with signal strength or location. To put it in ham terms—it's free!

It seems that much more has been written over the years about improving one's CW skills than about SSB operating. Perhaps this is based on the assumption that CW is a more difficult operating mode or that we'll get more CW operators if only we focus on it more. After all, on SSB the skill is simply to talk fast with clarity, right? As you'll see this month, nothing could be further from the truth.

I believe that upgrading one's skills is more possible for a SSB-challenged operator than for one who has problems with CW. One reason is that we all begin with an ability to talk and speak a language. CW operating adds the complexity of "learning the code" before you even consider proficiency. Now while it's clear that some testers seem to have God-given talents, there's plenty of opportunity to improve anyone's skillset. When considering SSB operating proficiency, a few skill categories come to mind: calling CQ, timing, phonetics, and a myriad of miscellaneous topics. With these subjects in mind, let's dive into the meat of the topic.

### Calling CQ

The act of calling CQ seems simple enough, yet it is a skill in and of itself in the world of contesting. Consider one of the main goals of contesting: to make as many QSOs in as short a period of time as possible. Having said that, does it make sense to call CQ Contest like you would if you were DXing on a Tuesday afternoon? Calling an effective "contest" CQ requires several attributes. They include brevity,

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### Calendar of Events

Sept. 26-27	<b>CQ WW RTTY DX Contest</b>
Sept. 26-27	SAC SSB Contest
Oct. 3-4	VK/ZL Oceania SSB DX Contest
Oct. 3-4	California QSO Party
Oct. 4	RSGB 21/28 MHz SSB Contest
Oct. 7-9	YLRL Anniversary Party
Oct. 10	Ten-Ten Int'l Net Fall Sprint QSO Pty
Oct. 10-11	VK/ZL Oceania CW DX Contest
Oct. 10-11	Pennsylvania QSO Party
Oct. 17-18	JARTS WW RTTY Contest
Oct. 17-18	Worked All Germany Contest
Oct. 17-18	QRP ARC Fall CW QSO Party
Oct. 18	RSGB 21/28 MHz CW Contest
Oct. 18-19	Illinois QSO Party
Oct. 21-23	YLRL Anniversary Party
<b>Oct. 24-25</b>	<b>CQ WW SSB DX Contest</b>
Oct. 31-Nov. 1	B.A.R.T.G. RTTY Sprint
Oct. 31-Nov. 1	Ten-Ten Int'l Net Fall CW QSO Pty
Nov. 7-9	ARRL CW Sweepstakes
Nov. 7-8	Ukrainian DX Contest
Nov. 14-15	WAE RTTY Contest
Nov. 14-15	OK/OM DX Contest
Nov. 21-23	ARRL SSB Sweepstakes
<b>Nov. 28-29</b>	<b>CQ WW CW DX Contest</b>
Dec. 4-6	ARRL 160M Contest
Dec. 12-13	ARRL 10M Contest
Dec. 26-27	Stew Perry Topband Challenge
Dec. 27	RAC Canada Winter Contest

clarity, emphasis on your callsign, energy, and speed that reflects the conditions at the time. Let's unpack each of these areas in some more detail.

There's rarely, if ever, a scenario in which a long-winded CQ becomes a productive strategy in an SSB contest. Remember, the longer you're transmitting, the longer you're not working someone. Many stations simply will tune right by you, especially if you don't have one of the bigger signals on the band.

Speaking with a clear, unambiguous voice is an important attribute to phone operating. Just like your mother used to say, never mumble your words. While you can only control your signal strength to a certain point, articulation is a point that is entirely up to you.

When calling CQ, what is the piece of information that the other station doesn't have? You guessed it: your callsign. For that reason, it makes sense to emphasize that in your CQing style. Spending less time saying the words "CQ Contest" and more time signing your callsign will pay dividends.

Energy and speed go hand in hand when CQing. A station is much more likely to call you if you show some animation

in your voice. Make it sound as if you're really into the event when you're transmitting—even when you're exhausted. This approach is infectious and will draw stations to your call. Speed is part of this equation as well. If you have a "snappy" approach to operating, the favor will be returned by most stations. Dull, uninspiring CQs are not the order of the day with phone contest operating. Also, remember that while speed is essential in most operating contexts, you don't want to sound like a speeding maniac when CQing on a nearly dead band or a QRN-laden low frequency. Also, it sometimes pays to slow things a little, especially when you're trying to attract calls from rare/unusual multipliers who may not be operating competitively in the contest.

### Timing

Well, they say that timing in life is everything, and so it is with contest operating, too. Timing in pile-ups has as much to do with eventually working another station as does your signal strength. My experience in phone pile-ups is that short calls with small breaks in between is one of the best operating methods you can use to be successful. There will be a rare need to sign the other guy's call; after all, he already knows that! Every pile-up has its own characteristics. There's a kind of ocean wave effect to most pile-ups that is a timing opportunity for you. The secret to effective calling in phone pile-ups (and CW, for that matter) is to call when others are not. If the pile-up is big, delay the start of your call by a second or two. You want to be the guy whose callsign hangs out at the end of a series of calls so that the other station can say: "Something Alpha Radio, you're 5934!"

Tailending is another operating technique unto itself. Simply put, it is a calling method whereby you sign your call at the end of another person's QSO. You have to dance a fine line of acceptable calling procedure, with the guideline being that you never eradicate information the other station is trying to copy (i.e., callsign, exchange, etc.). That's one certain way you'll end up out of his log!

Tailending begins by trying to get a feel as to whether the other station accepts that kind of operating procedure. Ultimately, there's really only one way to find out, and that's to try to see if it works (or if you get yelled at!). Just as with any pile-up sit-

uation, the secret is simple: Get your call-sign heard when others are not calling.

### Phonetics

The use of phonetics seems so simple, yet many operators are poor at its application. Always remember why we use phonetics on SSB. It's not so that we can sound cute or cool, but so that we can help the other station copy our call-sign correctly. For that reason alone, always use common words for phonetics. The standard Alpha, Bravo, Charlie phonetic list was created for just that reason. While using "Kill One Albino Rabbit" may be cute, it will get "lost in the sauce" during a contest.

Another common error in use of phonetics is that we sometimes get stuck in a rut with our word choices. For example, I tend to be a Kilo One Alpha Radio kind of guy. Never forget to change the phonetics you are using if you're having trouble working someone. Your word choice may be a challenge to a non-English speaking operator, or it just may not break through a pile-up as well as another selection. Consider the trade-offs for such phonetic choices, such as "United vs. Union" or "Easy vs. Echo" or "Uncle vs. Uniform." Sharp, ear-piercing words are almost always more effective in phone operating.

### Miscellany

There is a class of operating techniques that fits into the miscellaneous category. With that in mind, let me ramble a bit more!

Like most contest operators, I hate QRM. I live for the day when 10 meters comes back to life (this year?) so that I can hide high in the band and run guys for hours and be free of QRM. Unfortunately, in today's 20 meter SSB scenario, we're all left to "duke it out," fighting for precious running real estate on the band along with hundreds of others.

One technique I use is to preemptively strike when someone asks if my frequency is in use. By that I mean drop everything and respond. I do this even if the station is slightly off my "zero beat" frequency. Most stations will move immediately if you catch them right at the end of their first CQ. They are just as likely to stay if you don't respond right away! For this reason, I'll react right in the middle of an active QSO, if I have to, to maintain my frequency, even if I end up losing the QSO. In my book, a clear frequency is worth much more than a couple of lost QSOs here and there. I've also noticed that many incomplete QSOs end up being "reworked" later on, so the loss in score is minimized by the end of the contest.

Another factor to consider is the quality of your transmitter's audio. There are an amazing number of stations on the band with simply terrible, uninspiring au-

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Finally, I'd be remiss if I didn't take the opportunity to point out the perils that come from not signing your entire callsign when calling someone. Not only is this poor contest operating, but it is a terrible practice for any mode of amateur radio activity. Simply put, signing a partial version of your call will almost always slow down the other station, resulting in an extra transmission to "fill in" the missing data. Unfortunately, this technique has grown from the net operations around the bands and has extended itself into contesting as well. Common sense should prevail here. If a station can copy your callsign in its entirety, what advantage comes from just signing part of it?

As you can imagine, I've only scratched the surface of phone operating techniques. Hopefully, you've gained some insight that will improve your next contest score. I'd like to hear about some of the tangible results that you obtained from this discussion.

### Final Comments

That's all the space I have for this month. As always, remember to send your contest calendar submissions to me for the January issue no later than November 1st.

73, John, K1AR

### California QSO Party

1600Z Sat. to 2200Z Sun. Oct. 3-4

This year's party is sponsored again by the Northern California Contest Club. The usual extraordinary effort has been made to activate all CA countries, making 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-ops may use the entire 30 hours but must observe the standard 10-minute rule). Off-times must be at least 15 minutes in length 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.

All CW contacts must be made outside the phone sub-bands except for 160 meters. All contacts must be simplex. California stations

that change counties are considered to be a new station and may be contacted again for point and multiplier credit. California stations operating on a county line may be counted as only one QSO.

**Classes:** Single Operator, Multi-Single, Multi-Multi, California County Expedition, Mobile, and Novice/Technician. Multi-Single entries must work only one band/mode for at least 10 minutes before changing band or mode. Single Operator and Multi-Single entries are allowed only one transmitting signal. All contacts must be simplex. Mobile is a station that is self-contained, capable of legal motion (street, water, or air) while operating, motion optional. A County Expedition is an operation from a temporary location using temporary antennas installed for the contest period, using temporary antenna supports (natural supports such as trees permitted). A Novice/Tech entry must use a Novice/Tech callsign and operate exclusively within the Novice/Tech bands.

**Exchange:** QSO number 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). Out-of-state entries 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. Novices work 10 kHz up from edge of Novice bands and 28450; try CW on the half hour; 160 meters at 0500 UTC; 80/75 meters at 0300 and 0700 UTC; 147.54 MHz at 2000, 0000, and 0400 UTC.

**Awards:** The CQP has more award opportunities than almost any other contest. Special CQP T-shirts are available for any entry with over 100 QSOs. Include your size and \$10 to order. A Special Award of a personalized bottle of California wine goes to the top 20 single operators in CA and out of state. There are a great number of certificates and trophies available to winners of every category. Check the contest web site at <<http://www.contesting.com/cqp>> for complete details as well as official rules, logs, and CQP logging programs.

Include a summary sheet showing the scoring, etc., and a dupe sheet if you make more than 200 QSOs, with large SASE for a copy of the results. The mailing deadline is November 15th and entries go to: NCCC, c/o Al Maenchen, AD6E, 3330 Farthing Way, San Jose, CA 95132.

Entries may be submitted in CT Version 8 or 9 format with .BIN, .SUM, and .ALL files on 5 1/4 or 3 1/2 inch diskettes (no 2.88M diskettes) with a signed hard-copy summary sheet. Label each diskette with call entry category and state/county/province/country. Electronic logs may also be submitted by e-mail to <[cqp@contesting.com](mailto:cqp@contesting.com)>. Electronic logs should be named with your call (e.g., AD6E.SUM, AD6E.LOG, etc.), and preferably all files zipped into a single file such as AD6E.ZIP.

For a CQP paperwork package containing log and summary sheets, county abbreviations, and contest records, send a business-size SASE to Andy Faber, AE6Y, 16321 Ridgecrest Ave., Monte Sereno, CA 95030. A \$1.00 donation to help defray the costs of printing and postage is encouraged.

For a copy of the two member-supported IBM contest logging programs for CQP, send \$1.00 for postage and diskette to AE6Y. A Macintosh program is also available commercially. For software downloads, try the CQP web site, <[www.contesting.com/cqp](http://www.contesting.com/cqp)>.

### VK-ZL-Oceania Contest

Phone: Oct. 3-4 CW: Oct. 10-11  
1000Z Saturday to 1000Z Sunday

The object of this old classic is for stations throughout the world to contact as many stations as possible in VK, ZL, and Oceania (WAC boundaries) on 80-10 meters. Contacts between stations in different countries in Oceania are permitted, but contacts within the same country are disallowed.

**Classes:** Single Operator, Multi-Operator, and SWL.

**Exchange:** RS(T) plus a serial number indicating contact number.

**Multipliers:** The number of prefixes worked per band. The standard WPX prefix system is to be used.

**Scoring:** Credit 10 points/QSO on 80 meters; 5 points on 40; one point on 20; 2 points on 15; 3 points on 10 meters. The final score is total QSO points multiplied by the total prefixes worked on all bands.

**Awards:** The CW entrant with the highest score will be awarded the Frank Hine, VK2QL, Memorial Trophy and receive an attractive wall plaque in permanent recognition of that achievement. In addition, special certificates will be awarded to the top scorers in each category per continent, country, and VK/ZL/JA call area. Single-band awards may be awarded as well.

Logs must be postmarked no later than November 14, and should be sent to: Contest Coordinator, NZART, P.O. Box 40-525, Upper Hutt, 6415, New Zealand.

### Pennsylvania QSO Party

1600Z Sat. to 0500Z Sun., Oct. 10-11  
1300-2200Z Sun., Oct 11

This one is sponsored again by the Nittany ARC of State College, PA. The same station may be worked on each band and mode for QSO points. PA stations may also work other in-state stations for QSO and multiplier credit, and mobiles in each county.

**Classes:** Single operator—Low Power (150 watts), High Power, QRP, and CW-only 150 watts (only one signal on the air at one time); Multi-Single, Multi-Multi, Portable, Novice/Technician, and Mobile, and a new Rover class. The Rover division is intended for stations that cannot go true mobile, but would like to activate some rare counties by going to a state park or farmer's field and operating "field day" style. You must make 10 QSOs from each location to qualify for bonus points.

**Exchange:** QSO number and county (PA stations), ARRL/RAC section or DXCC country for others.

**Scoring:** One point for SSB/FM contacts, 1.5 points for CW, 2 points on 80 or 160 meters. PA stations multiply total by (ARRL sections + PA counties + 1 DX country), a maximum of 151. Others use PA counties for their multiplier (total of 67 possible). Mobiles add 500 points for each county operated from, with a minimum of 10 QSOs (Rovers must also make 10 QSOs). Mobiles on a county line give one QSO num-

### 1997 CQ RTTY Contest Correction

In the "we made a *big* mistake" department, GIØKOW was left out of the results of the 1997 RTTY Contest. Robert set the new 80 meter, single band world record, and is therefore both a plaque and certificate recipient. His breakdown is as follows.

Call used: GIØKOW  
Location: Northern Ireland  
Entry Class: Single Op, Single Band 80 meters, Unassisted  
Band: 80 meters  
QSOs: 547  
Points: 1242  
QTH: 33  
DX: 66  
Zones: 12  
Score: 137,862

ber, but receive credit for 2 multipliers. QRP stations multiply their score by 2, Novice/Tech by 3 (times 5 if in both categories). The Murgas Amateur Radio Club in recognition of their long-time support for the contest will be the designated special event station using their club call, K3YTL. Add 200 points for each QSO with this station. Bonus points are added after all other bonuses have been taken. Final score is total QSO points times multipliers.

**Frequencies:** CW—1810 kHz and 40 kHz up from bottom of each band. SSB—1840, 3980, 7280, 14280, 21380, 28310, 50125, and 146550 kHz. Try 160 meters at 0300Z on Sunday.

**Awards:** Plaques will be awarded to the top entries in all entry divisions plus single operator USA Time Zones, EPA, WPA, and others as warranted. Certificates will be sent to county and section winners. A trophy and gavel will be given to clubs with the top aggregate score (unlimited and local class [75 members]). There are many other awards available for this contest. You are encouraged to check out <<http://members.aol.com/doughdh/paqsoparty>> for additional information.

Logs must be postmarked no later than November 15th and should be sent to: Douglas Maddox, W3HDH, Nittany Amateur Radio Club, RD #1, Box 760, Petersburg, PA 16669. An information package is available for the contest by sending \$1 to help defray printing and postage costs to the sponsor's address.

### Illinois QSO Party

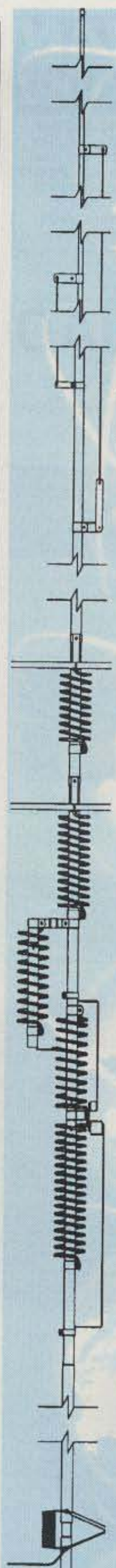
1800Z Sun. to 0200Z Mon., Oct. 18-19

This is the 36th anniversary of the Illinois QSO Party sponsored by the Radio Amateur Megacycle Society. It's a shorty, only 8 hours long. Note that 6 and 2 meter QSOs are also allowed this year.

**Frequencies:** 160 through 2 meters, excluding 30, 17, and 12 meters. Suggested frequencies are 3550, 7050, 14050, 21050, and 28050 kHz for CW; and 3890, 7290, 14290, 21390, 28390 kHz for Phone. Novices call 30 kHz above bottom end of Novice subbands for CW and 28390 kHz for Phone.

**Exchange:** Illinois stations give RS(T) and county; others give RS(T) and state, province, or country.

**Scoring:** Count 1 point per phone QSO, 2



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points per CW QSO. No repeater contacts. Stations may be worked once per band and mode, and once per band/mode/county for Illinois mobile stations. Each vehicle is considered one station and must use only one call. All parties which embark with a mobile must use the mobile's call exclusively for the duration of the contest. Contacts with/by stations at the border of two (or more) counties count as two (or more) counties and QSOs, etc. Illinois stations multiply points by the sum of states, Illinois counties, VE provinces, and a maximum of 5 DXCC countries (W/K and VE included). Count additional DX as points but not multipliers. Non-Illinois stations multiply total points by the number of Illinois counties worked. All stations may earn one extra multiplier for every eight QSOs made with the same Illinois county. All stations may operate only one transmitter at a time.

**Awards:** Plaques will be awarded to the highest scoring Illinois fixed station and mobile station. Certificates will be awarded to the top 10 IL fixed stations, the top 5 IL mobile stations, the top IL county line portable station, the highest score (reporting at least 5 IL contacts) in each state, province, and country, and the highest team/club aggregate score.

Entrants must submit a log containing UTC, the call of the station worked, RST, state or province, Illinois county, band, and mode. Please circle new multipliers as worked. Illinois mobiles must indicate county changes in the

log. Any station with over 100 QSOs must submit a dupe sheet. A summary sheet must also be submitted with every log. Entries must be postmarked by November 16, 1998. Mail your entry to: RAMS, c/o John Matz, KB9II, 7079 West Ave., Hanover Park, IL 60103. To receive a copy of the contest rules, summary sheet, and results, check out <http://www.megsinet.com/jematz/ilqso98.html>.

### CQ World-Wide DX Contest

Phone: Oct. 24-25 CW: Nov. 28-29  
0000Z Saturday to 2400Z Sunday

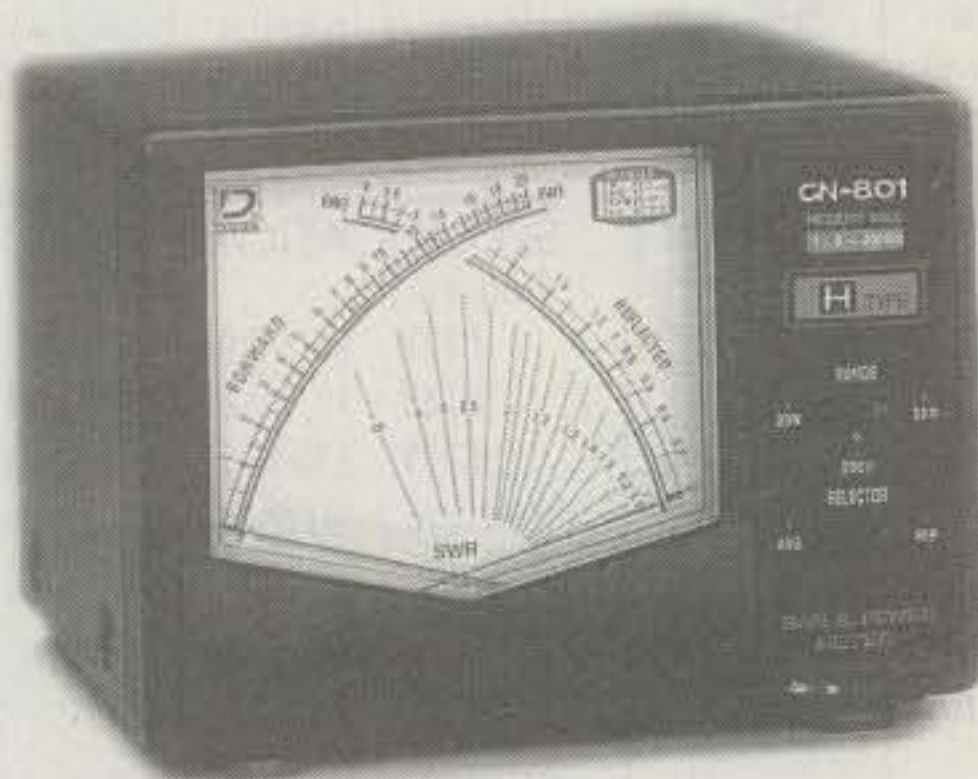
Complete rules were published in the September issue. With the large number of operating categories, be sure to list your entry class on your summary sheet.

A few trophies have been eliminated, but there are many new additions, which fill in quite a few of the category gaps of previous years. The detailed trophy list can be found in the rules announcement.

All entries must be postmarked no later than December 1, 1998 for the phone section, and January 15, 1999 for CW. **Please make note of CQ's new mailing address. All logs must be sent directly to: CQ World-Wide DX Contest, 25 Newbridge Road, Hicksville, NY 11801 USA. Be sure to indicate Phone or CW on the envelope.**

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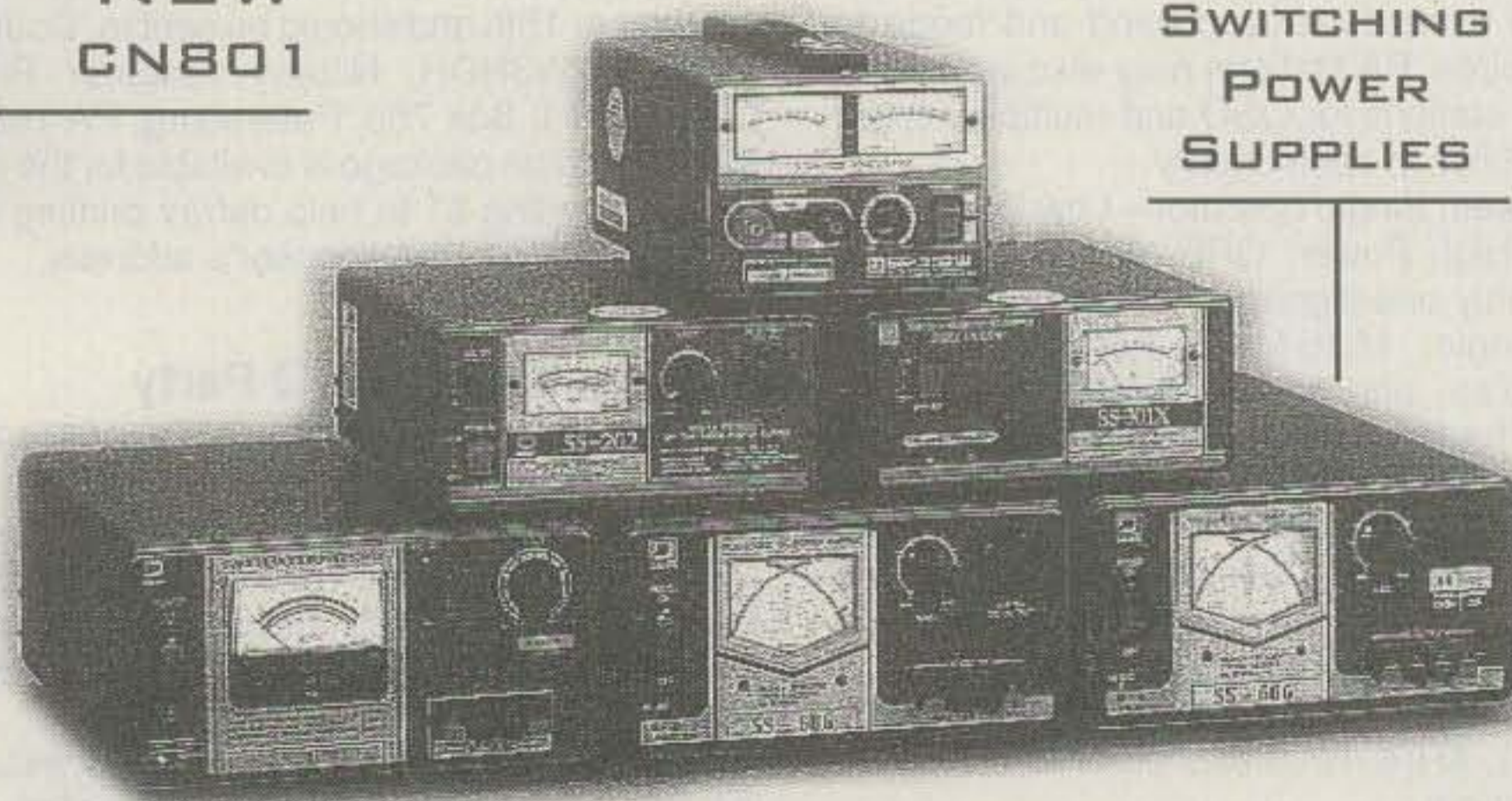
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# AWARDS

## NEWS OF CERTIFICATE AND AWARD COLLECTING

This month's story of a USA-CA All Counties recipient is that of Kermit Gay, K4XI, USA-CA All Counties #948. County hunting became a new part of Kermit's amateur radio interests due to his retirement and the bottom of the sunspot cycle. Here is his background.

"DX has been my major interest in the 45 years that I have been a ham, after it was no longer a reasonable option to build your own equipment! My first mobile rig in the late 1950s was a Gonset Super-Six and a home-built 6146/6L6 transmitter. I still have a spring from the antenna mount that I use on my present mobile rig! My, we have come a long way.

"A local ham mentioned to me that now that I was retiring, with nothing to do, I should try county hunting. He meant it as a joke, but I had been reading the info in *CQ* on the USA-CA Award program, and I thought I would give it a try. Now I'm hooked!

"My first serious county hunting contact was on 14.336 MHz, which is the major net frequency, on August 20, 1994, with KD4ABC/M in Mercer, KY. I planned to retire in January 1995, and this was just to give me a slight head start! I had just spent 36 years with an aerospace company (Lockheed Martin) in various engineering and management positions.

"I found it interesting that of the total 3076 counties, 15% were from three mobile stations—N4CD, WA0SBR, and KC1NA. Of all the counties worked 78% were worked on 20 meters, 17% on 40, and 5% all others I have separate station for 40 and 20 so that I can monitor both major net frequencies at the same time.

"My last three counties provided the most excitement! I worked several approaches to get them. One was to check the Callbook CD to find a possible station in the needed counties that would help. As it turned out, my third from the last came from KG0BU in Taylor, IA, to whom I wrote blind and then corresponded via e-mail for a schedule, on April 27, 1998. Another county hunter, KA1JPR, was mobile near Charlton, GA, on April 28, 1998, and he went out of his way to give the next to last. That left Lincoln, AR, to which AI5P made a special trip to give me my last one on April 29, 1998. So after weeks of trying to get the last three, they came in three days in a row!

"It was fun working the mobile stations on the various net frequencies—CW and SSB—but there is also some skill required

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### USA-CA Special Honor Roll

David Splitt, KE3VV  
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William Wolfel, KC8IJ  
USA-CA All Counties #951  
July 8, 1998

Wendy D. Kincaid, KB1AF  
USA-CA All Counties #952  
July 25, 1998

in collecting and managing 3076 QSL cards. As it turned out, many of my old QSL cards were duplicates from the major population centers. One surprise was the number of counties from 160 over the years. I guess you have to be in a rare one to have a big antenna. Obviously, a computer is the easy way to record the required information, but it still is a lot of work! I am well on the way to working them all for a second time—never thought I would want to try that again! Hope to operate mobile much more and give some of the stations who helped me a 'new one.'

—73, Kermit, K4XI"

### New County Possibility

From the May 10, 1998 issue of the *Ridgecrest, California "The Daily Independent"* comes a brief story regarding the passage of Senate Bill 2022 calling for a statewide study to be conducted on the effectiveness of California's 58 counties. The outcome may allow for the creation of High Desert County. The final report and recommendation is to be presented to the California state legislature by July 1, 2000. These matters don't happen very often, as the last new county to be created in California was Imperial County in 1907. Thanks Jim, WA6TFZ, for the information.

### 30th MARAC National Convention

I was privileged to attend the 30th MARAC National Convention in San Antonio, Texas, from July 1 to 4. This gave me an excellent way to meet a large group of active county hunters in a short time. Clif, WB4FBS, handled the arrangements, which included an excellent room rate in a very high quality hotel and several local tours of interest covering downtown San Antonio (Alamo and world famous River Walk) and Fredericksburg/LBJ Ranch.

### USA-CA Honor Roll

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KC8IJ	3029	KC8IJ	1133
WQ1H	3030		
KK5MI	3031	2500	
		KE3VV	1059
		KC8IJ	1060
1000		3000	
KE3VV	1478	KE3VV	968
KC8IJ	1479	KC8IJ	969
WQ1H	1480	KB1AF	970
1500			
KE3VV	1231		
KC8IJ	1232		
WQ1H	1233		

The total number of counties for credit for the United States of America Counties Award is 3076. The basic award fee for subscribers is \$4.00. For nonsubscribers it is \$10.00. To qualify for the special subscriber rate, please send a recent *CQ* mailing label with your application. Initial application may be submitted in the USA-CA Record Book, which may be obtained from *CQ* Magazine, 25 Newbridge Road, Hicksville, NY 11801 USA for \$2.50, or by a PC-printed computer listing which is in alphabetical order by state and county within the state. To be eligible for the USA-CA Award, applicants must comply with the rules of the program as set forth in the revised USA-CA Rules and Program dated March 1, 1997. A complete copy of the rules may be obtained by sending an SASE to Ted Melinosky, K1BV, 65 Glebe Road, Spofford, NH 03462-4411 USA. DX stations must include extra postage for airmail reply.

The hotel parking lot gave ample proof that a group of HF operators were in attendance. The most interesting sessions were the daily get-togethers in the reception area and hospitality suite, where every aspect of county hunting and every personality was discussed in grand detail.

### Awards Available

**The Canada Worked Ontario "Ports" Award.** Celebrating the commercial importance of water-borne transportation in "inland" Canada, this award requires contact with port cities in Ontario. The sponsor is also agreeable in helping to arrange



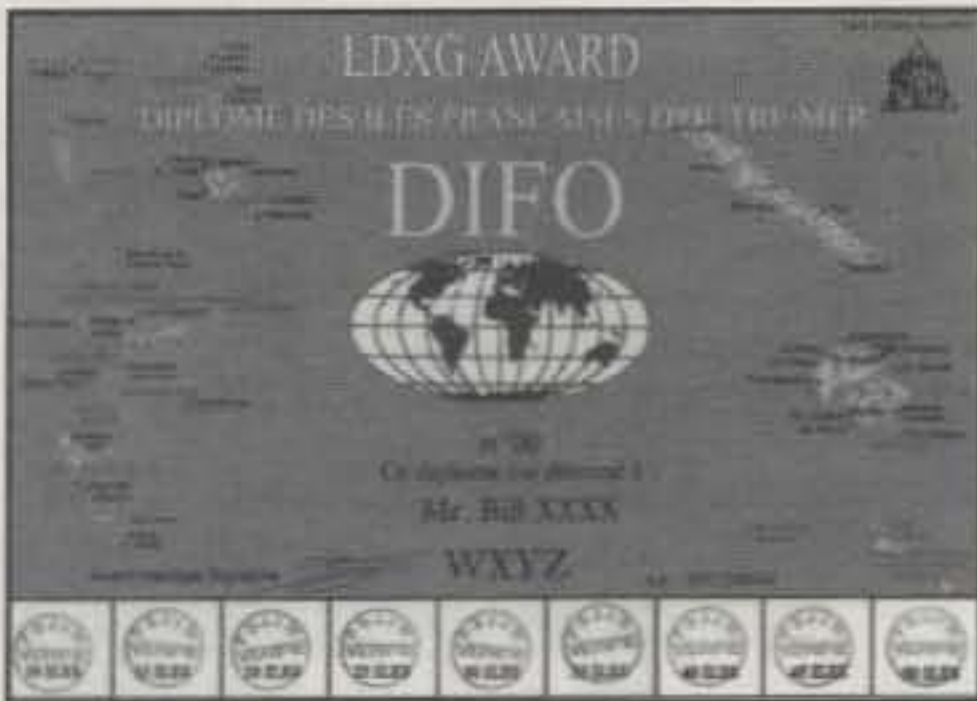
The Canadian Worked Ontario "Ports" Award.



schedules so you can get those last one or two cities needed. (A check of my VE3 cards shows that I only need nine more to qualify . . . hmmm.)

Work VE3 stations in the "Ports" of the Province of Ontario after 1 January 1990. All bands and modes. Contacts may be with fixed, portables, or mobiles. North Americans need 10 different, all others 5. SWL okay. Send copy of log and fee of \$US2 or 2 IRCs to: Robert Morden, VE3EIM, 106 Renny Cres., London, Ontario, Canada N6E 2C5. The award pictures an old-fashioned lighthouse at Port Dover, Ontario.

Look for these port cities (each has the word "Port" in front of the city): Albert, Bruce, Credit, Elgin, Hope, Milford, Ryerse, Sydney, Alma, Burwell, Cunningham, Elmsley, Lambton, Perry, Sandfield, Talbot, Blake, Carling, Dalhousie, Franks, Loring, Robinson, Severn, Union, Bolster, Carmen, Darlington, Glasgow, Maitland, Rowan, Stanley, View Beach, Britain, Colbourne, Dover, Grandby, McNicoll, Royal, Stanton, Weller.



The French Diplome Des Isles Francaises D'Outremer (Overseas Islands) Award.

France's Diplome Des Isles Francaises D'Outremer (Overseas Islands) Award. The French overseas possessions include a number of exotic names and locations. DXers' ears perk up at the mention of Kerguelen, Clipperton, and Bora-Bora. What may not be so well known is that in addition to the better known islands, there are a large number of lesser known islands which are not separately counted for DXCC, but are valuable for IOTA and this award. This is a relatively new award that is sponsored by the Lyon DX Gang to encourage contact with these islands.

The basic award is earned for contacting 15 different French overseas islands. There are endorsements for each additional 5 islands. Contacts must be made from the same country. You must possess the cards. Photocopies of the cards must be submitted with your application. If you activate an island, you may also count it. SWL okay. Available in three divisions: Mixed, Phone, CW. All bands may be used. Submit copies of the QSLs, a list of contacts, and the basic award fee of FF60,

\$US12. Endorsements FF20 or \$US4 each. (Add \$US2 for return postage.)

Plaque: The top honor roll level earns a free plaque for QSOs with 35 islands, but you must have requested the endorsements for 20, 25, and 30.

The sponsor considers valid any island surrounded by salt water outside Europe and belonging to France. To be valid, an island must have an official name and a French Territory prefix. Would you believe that FK8-New Caledonia has 68 eligible islands for this award? A list of islands is available from the sponsor or K1BV for SASE/IRC. Also see the end of this article for the Internet List address. Apply to Joel Suc, F5JJW, La Grange, F-69440 Taluyers, France.

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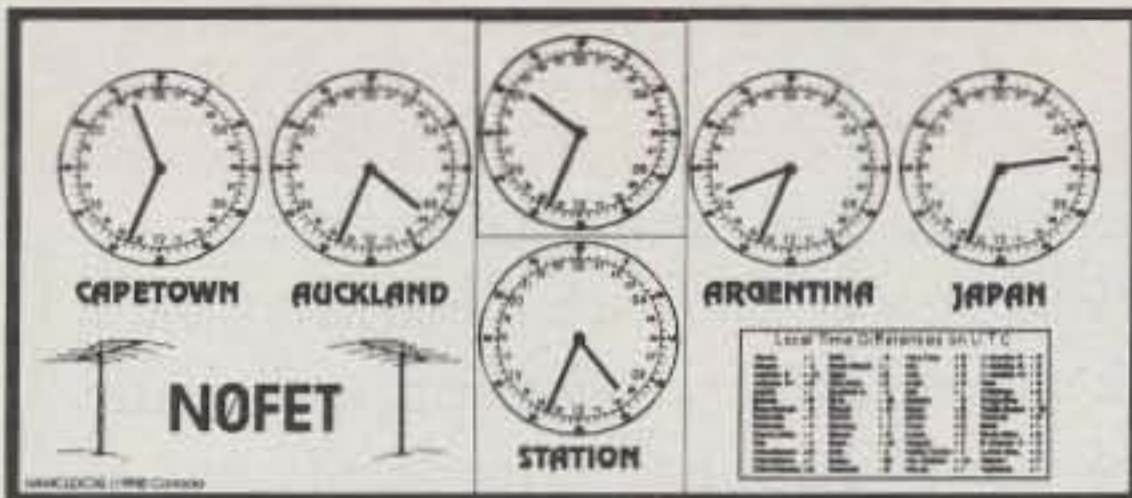


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N. Brabant	7, 13, 25, 35, 39
Groningen	19
N. Holland	1, 2, 4, 15, 23, 29, 45, 46
Utrecht	8, 30
Flevoland	41
Drente	11, 26, 27
Overysel	10, 32, 34, 40, 49
Gelderland	3, 5, 6, 21, 24, 35, 43, 48
S. Holland	9, 12, 16, 17, 18, 20, 28, 36, 37, 42

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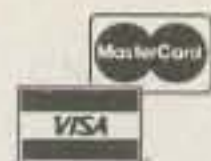
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### And Finally . . .

I'm still looking to receive the rules and a sample of your group or organization's award or certificate. There are many people who are interested in awards available and only need to learn about yours.

73, Ted, K1BV

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

BY FREDERICK CAPOSSELA, K6SSS

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

## PHONE

### Single Operator/Single Band

1.8	K1ZM('95)	55,420	215	15	70
3.5	K1ZM/2('96)	292,100	952	27	100
7.0	KC7EM('95)	409,446	1,083	34	95
14	K1OX('85) (Opr. KC1F)	1,131,328	2,176	36	140
21	K3RV/4('88)	1,270,478	2,298	39	148
28	W0ZV('88)	1,145,368	2,158	39	142

### Single Operator/All Band

Station	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	24	10	21
K1AR	3.5	239	15	73
(1992)	7.0	311	26	88
7,810,446	14.0	969	39	133
	21.0	913	33	125
	28.0	1,292	32	119
	Total	3,748	155	559

## QRP

KR2Q('90)	1,246,974	1,069	106	305
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## Low Power

N8II('92)	1,864,747	1,424	114	365
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## Assisted

WM5G('92) (Opr. KR0Y)	6,631,513	2,800	171	662
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### Multi-Operator/Single Xmtr.

Station	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	32	12	30
K1AR	3.5	197	18	76
(1990)	7.0	154	26	95
11,193,606	14.0	1,370	39	167
	21.0	1,167	38	165
	28.0	1,517	37	170
	Total	4,437	170	703

### Multi-Operator/Multi-Xmtr.

Station	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	95	14	41
N2RM	3.5	485	23	98
(1992)	7.0	721	32	128
19,603,032	14.0	1,654	40	178
	21.0	2,367	40	178
	28.0	1,688	36	170
	Total	7,010	185	793

## CW

### Single Operator/Single Band

1.8	K1ZM('95)	142,358	470	23	83
3.5	K1ZM('92)	416,160	1,059	30	106
7.0	K1ZM('90)	839,520	1,783	34	125
14	KM1H('93) (Opr. KQ2M)	1,001,035	1,892	39	146
21	W7WA('89)	772,146	1,647	39	119
28	K1ZM('89)	732,564	1,447	37	134

### Single Operator/All Band

Station	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	50	12	38
K1AR	3.5	400	20	79
(1997)	7.0	1238	32	105
7,681,280	14.0	1063	38	118
	21.0	982	32	106
	28.0	314	24	76
	Total	4,047	158	522

## QRP

AA2U('92)	1,188,000	938	118	332
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## Low Power

N2BA('97)	2,169,720	1,651	120	372
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## Assisted

K1NG('97)	6,168,504	3,015	168	576 (Opr. K11G)
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### Multi-Operator/Single Xmtr.

Station	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	36	16	33
K1AR	3.5	313	26	75
(1989)	7.0	920	35	100
9,383,459	14.0	1,139	37	128
	21.0	773	39	123
	28.0	920	37	129
	Total	4,101	150	588

### Multi-Operator/Multi-Xmtr.

Station	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	106	16	59
K1AR	3.5	726	29	107
(1992)	7.0	1,862	37	141
19,473,615	14.0	1,721	39	156
	21.0	1,584	37	154
	28.0	1,128	34	136
	Total	7,127	192	753

Club Record: Frankford Radio Club ('92) 389,564,535

Team Contesting: Phone—Neiger's Tigers #4 ('97) 55,665,702

CW—Team N6TJ ('96) 49,912,140

# CQ World-Wide DX Contest All-Time Phone Records

BY FREDERICK CAPOSSELA, K6SSS

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

## Single Operator/Single Band WORLD RECORD HOLDERS

1.8	IG9/IV3TAN('96)	441,252	1,203	24	102
3.5	IG9T('95) (Opr. IV3TAN)	816,959	1,938	33	110
7.0	IG9GSF('97) (Opr. IT9GSF)	1,249,236	2,517	35	137
14	PY0FM('94) (Opr. PY5CC)	3,202,242	5,109	38	175
21	ZD8Z('94) (Opr. N6TJ)	3,481,925	5,535	36	179
28	ZV5A('91)	2,984,166	5,154	37	156
<b>AFRICA</b>					
1.8	IG9/IV3TAN('96)	441,252	1,203	24	102
3.5	IG9T('95) (Opr. IV3TAN)	816,959	1,938	33	110
7.0	IG9GSF('97)	1,249,236	2,517	35	137
14	ZD8Z('95) (Opr. N6TJ)	2,356,065	3,925	38	167
21	ZD8Z('94) (Opr. N6TJ)	3,481,925	5,535	36	179
28	ZD8Z('91) (Opr. N6TJ)	2,341,866	4,521	33	141
<b>ASIA</b>					
1.8	UG7GWO('87)	255,852	1,327	12	57
3.5	UW9AF('83)	222,192	554	19	53
7.0	H21A('92) (Opr. 4N4OO)	736,422	1,812	32	107
14	5B4AGC('97)	2,140,790	3,944	35	159
21	JA0JHA('92)	1,430,856	2,912	37	130
28	JH1AJT('88)	1,421,070	2,409	38	163
<b>EUROPE</b>					
1.8	LZ2CJ('84)	107,818	1,319	13	61
3.5	HA8IE('90)	361,343	1,455	35	116
7.0	S59UN('92)	875,875	2,419	37	138
14	OH2BH('92) (Opr. OH2IW)	1,870,170	4,008	39	154
21	4O6A('97) (Opr. YT6A)	1,980,046	3,280	37	145
28	YU3ZV('88)	1,541,603	3,219	39	134
<b>NORTH AMERICA</b>					
1.8	VX3BMV/1('97)	132,890	712	21	76
3.5	TI1C('92) (Opr. TI2CF)	498,037	1,695	31	108
7.0	TI1C('94) (Opr. TI2CF)	1,108,140	2,882	31	134
14	KP2A('94) (Opr. KW8N)	2,255,250	4,810	38	156
21	V26N('93) (Opr. KW8N)	2,159,460	4,623	36	150
28	VP2ET('88) (Opr. K5RX)	2,423,880	5,137	37	143
<b>OCEANIA</b>					
1.8	KH6CC('85)	45,984	484	13	19
3.5	T32AF('85)	222,768	1,064	23	49
7.0	9M8R('95) (Opr. W7EJ)	1,091,835	2,354	37	122
14	9M8R('97) (Opr. W7EJ)	1,339,743	2,650	36	147
21	AH0AB('82) (Opr. JA3DOC)	1,923,840	4,509	36	108
28	KD7P/NH2('88)	2,309,304	4,885	38	123
<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>					
1.8	P49I('95) (Opr. K4PI)	58,653	353	14	43
3.5	P40R('87) (Opr. K4UEE)	552,786	1,628	23	91
7.0	PJ9U('93) (Opr. OH1VR)	1,199,968	2,637	34	120
14	PY0FM('94) (Opr. PY5CC)	3,202,242	5,109	38	175
21	ZX5J('97) (Opr. PP5JR)	3,181,696	5,264	37	175
28	ZV5A('91)	2,984,166	5,154	37	156

## Single Operator/All Band

AF	CT3BH('90) (Opr. OH2BH)	14,892,102	7,177	166	531
AS	H20A('94) (Opr. 5B4ADA)	7,618,670	4,522	127	463
EU	S52AA('92)	7,134,192	4,378	151	473
NA	KP2A('93) (Opr. CT1BOH)	13,202,298	8,691	148	506
O	YJ1A('90) (Opr. OH1RY)	9,516,731	6,429	160	381
SA	HC8A('92) (Opr. N6KT)	16,316,568	8,318	160	508
QRP	PJ2FR('87) (Opr. K7SS)	3,171,166	3,212	100	234
Low Pwr.	TI1C('97) (Opr. TI2CF)	7,379,253	5,453	144	465
Asst.	P40W('94) (Opr. W2GD)	11,224,877	6,323	131	470

## WORLD RECORD

Station	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	125	11	25
HC8A	3.5	357	20	51
(Opr. N6KT)	7.0	638	28	74
(1992)	14.0	1,166	34	111
16,316,568	21.0	2,031	36	127
	28.0	4,001	31	120
Total		8,318	160	508

## Multi-Operator/Single Xmtr.

AF	EA8AGD('88)	17,172,672	8,203	157	547
AS	P3A('97)	16,143,795	8,315	164	635
EU	IQ4A('90)	17,255,700	7,253	183	717
NA	VP2EC('92)	16,287,152	7,434	183	685
O	KH2S('91)	11,095,392	7,086	145	387
SA	PJ1B('93)	22,596,570	9,386	164	646

## WORLD RECORD

Station	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	111	10	24
PJ1B	3.5	937	25	94
(1993)	7.0	1,055	29	114
22,596,570	14.0	2,011	38	147
	21.0	1,829	32	139
	28.0	3,443	30	128
Total		9,386	164	646

## Multi-Operator/Multi-Xmtr.

AF	EA9UK('93)	37,140,597	13,547	179	744
AS	EW6V('82)	18,746,136	10,100	142	544
EU	LX7A('89)	26,578,978	14,947	175	751
NA	VP2KC('79)	37,770,012	17,767	175	677
O	KH0AM('90)	35,730,600	16,309	179	565
SA	PJ1B('90)	57,610,400	19,655	189	803

## WORLD RECORD

Station	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	531	19	50
PJ1B	3.5	1,335	24	99
(1990)	7.0	2,104	31	117
57,610,400	14.0	4,860	38	179
	21.0	5,395	38	176
	28.0	5,430	39	182
Total		19,655	189	803

# CQ World-Wide DX Contest All-Time CW Records

BY FREDERICK CAPOSSELA, K6SSS

## Single Operator/Single Band

### WORLD RECORD HOLDERS

1.8	OH0MEP('95)	251,136	1,451	24	85
3.5	EA8EA('96) (Opr. OH2KI)	1,175,550	2,672	36	114
7.0	YV5A('95) (Opr. OH0XX)	1,364,465	3,095	35	122
14	P40V('91) (Opr. N7NG)	1,883,700	3,521	38	142
21	ZD8Z('97) (Opr. N6TJ)	2,357,967	4,589	39	140
28	CX0CW('90) (Opr. CX8BBH)	1,890,607	3,795	39	128

### AFRICA

1.8	CT3/OH1MA('97)	144,760	542	20	74
3.5	EA8EA('96) (Opr. OH2KI)	1,175,550	2,672	36	114
7.0	IG9/AC6WE('96) (Opr. UA3DPX)	1,234,317	2,677	37	122
14	CT3BX('97) (Opr. OH1EH)	1,461,397	3,164	37	124
21	ZD8Z('97) (Opr. DF5UL)	2,357,967	4,589	39	140
28	ZS6BCR('91)	1,397,658	3,209	34	112

### ASIA

1.8	4X4NJ('95)	200,735	756	20	75
3.5	ZC4DX('87) (Opr. 4Z4DX)	430,560	1,318	29	88
7.0	C41A('93) (Opr. T93A)	1,307,944	2,972	34	133
14	9K2GS('97) (Opr. T97M)	1,242,439	2,718	39	140
21	4Z4T('91) (Opr. 4Z4UT)	939,900	2,240	36	120
28	4Z5DX('90)	826,759	2,003	39	120

### EUROPE

1.8	OH0MEP('95)	251,136	1,451	24	85
3.5	ON4UN('95)	642,600	2,204	35	118
7.0	S59UN('92)	971,049	2,484	38	135
14	OH0BH('94) (Opr. OH2MAM)	1,003,353	2,957	39	130
21	OH6MCW('89)	775,620	2,208	37	102
28	9H1EL('92)	794,846	2,249	39	120

### NORTH AMERICA

1.8	CG1ZZ('96) (Opr. VE3BMV)	218,715	898	22	83
3.5	NP4A('88) (Opr. K1ZM)	808,640	2,243	31	102
7.0	ZF2TG('92) (Opr. WQ5W)	1,087,862	2,985	31	111
14	KP2A('94) (Opr. KW8N)	1,332,460	3,115	38	132
21	V29W('90) (Opr. KD6WW)	1,110,512	2,829	37	115
28	J79DX('89) (Opr. AA5DX)	859,360	2,661	33	98

### OCEANIA

1.8	KH6CC('97)	69,693	593	17	22
3.5	9M6NA('96) (Opr. JE1JKL)	231,480	876	24	66
7.0	9M6NA('97)	1,041,012	2,342	37	116
14	ZL3GQ('91)	1,148,418	2,396	36	126
21	N7DF/NH2('89)	1,205,776	2,977	37	99
28	KD7P/NH2('88)	1,037,608	2,456	38	105

### SOUTH AMERICA

1.8	YV3AGT('85)	147,588	591	21	63
3.5	P40J('95) (Opr. WX4G)	641,245	1,650	28	103
7.0	YV5A('95) (Opr. OH0XX)	1,364,465	3,095	35	122
14	P40V('91) (Opr. N7NG)	1,883,700	3,521	38	142
21	ZP5XF('97) (Opr. LU2BRG)	1,926,056	4,009	38	134
28	CX0CW('90) (Opr. CX8BBH)	1,890,607	3,795	39	128

## Single Operator/All Band

AF	EA8EA('91) (Opr. OH2MM)	13,225,295	6,490	171	514
AS	JY8VJ('92) (Opr. DL1VJ)	8,031,168	4,900	141	432
EU	ZB2X('93) (Opr. OH2KI)	6,129,904	4,606	147	491
NA	TI1C('93) (Opr. N6TR)	9,123,817	6,335	159	448
O	AH3C('90)	6,798,363	4,539	172	335
SA	P40W('96) (Opr. W2GD)	12,742,731	6,315	159	524
QRP	HI8A('91) (Opr. JA5DQH)	3,316,768	3,320	117	325
Low Pwr. Asst.	3V8BB('97) (Opr. YT1AD)	6,615,489	4,447	135	422
	P40W('94) (Opr. W2GD)	10,288,950	5,541	155	460

### WORLD RECORD

Station	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	254	14	57
EA8EA	3.5	567	21	64
(1991)	7.0	1,114	30	90
13,225,295	14.0	1,405	37	108
	21.0	1,374	36	100
	28.0	1,776	33	95
Total		6,490	171	514

### Multi-Operator/Single Xmtr.

AF	EA9EA('91)	13,096,080	5,854	170	582
AS	TA5KA('90)	13,915,044	7,201	175	527
EU	LZ9A('89)	9,962,386	5,342	200	626
NA	ZF1A('97)	11,971,520	7,046	164	540
O	AH2R('97)	7,892,928	4,938	170	398
SA	HC8N('95)	14,302,820	7,252	162	503

### WORLD RECORD

Station	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	374	14	46
HC8N	3.5	712	26	77
(1995)	7.0	1,770	36	115
14,302,820	14.0	2,128	37	119
	21.0	1,845	29	103
	28.0	423	20	43
Total		7,252	162	503

### Multi-Operator/Multi-Xmtr.

AF	CN5N('90)	33,659,256	14,179	178	644
AS	VS6WO('92)	17,799,960	9,841	190	570
EU	LX7A('89)	20,497,632	12,735	189	705
NA	KP2A('88)	32,325,150	15,198	191	631
O	KH0AM('92)	23,951,385	11,253	190	527
SA	PJ1B('88)	38,415,760	14,921	194	672

### WORLD RECORD

Station	Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
	1.8	717	17	65
PJ1B	3.5	1,447	24	83
(1988)	7.0	3,119	37	133
38,415,760	14.0	3,791	40	140
	21.0	2,997	39	134
	28.0	2,850	37	117
Total		14,921	194	672

# PROPAGATION

THE SCIENCE OF PREDICTING RADIO CONDITIONS

## Sunspots Soar, Great CQ DX Contest Expected!

For the fourth consecutive year this month's propagation column is devoted to special forecasts for and information applicable to both the CQ World-Wide DX SSB and CW Contest weekends. The accuracy of the forecasts for the previous 47 WW DX contests is greater than 95%!

The 1998 CQ WW DX Contest will be held on the following dates:

**SSB:** 0000 UTC Saturday, October 24 to 2400 UTC Sunday, October 25

**CW:** 0000 UTC Saturday, November 28 to 2400 UTC Sunday, November 29

Sunspot Cycle 23 has begun to rise rapidly. A running smoothed sunspot number in the neighborhood of 100 is expected during the SSB weekend. This will be the highest level of solar activity during any CQ World-Wide DX Contest weekend since 1991.

### High Normal Conditions Expected for Most of SSB Contest Period

At the time of writing, during early August, a long-range CQ day-to-day forecast based primarily on the 27-day recurrence tendencies of geomagnetic, solar, and ionospheric conditions indicates a high probability for High Normal propagation conditions on October 24 and 25, possibly increasing to Above Normal at times on middle- and low-latitude paths. See the Last-Minute Forecast box at the beginning of this month's column for additional information concerning expected day-to-day conditions for the entire month of October. An updated day-to-day forecast for the SSB Contest weekend will appear as a bulletin at the beginning of next month's column. The November issue of CQ should reach most subscribers before the SSB Contest begins.

The rapid rise in the solar activity, and the High Normal geomagnetic and ionospheric conditions expected during the SSB Contest weekend, could result in record-breaking scores. At the very least, barring any solar flares or radio storms, this should be the best SSB Contest weekend in the past seven years, particularly on the 10 and 15 meter bands.

### Solar Cycle Progress

The monthly mean sunspot number for June 1998 as reported by the Royal

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### LAST-MINUTE FORECAST

Day-to-Day Conditions Expected for October 1998

Propagation Index.....	Expected Signal Quality			
	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)
Above Normal: 3, 7, 9, 17, 31	A	A	B	C
High Normal: 1-2, 4, 8, 15-16, 18, 23-25, 29-30	A	B	C	C-D
Low Normal: 6, 10-11, 14, 19-22, 26-28	B	C-B	C-D	D-E
Below Normal: 13	C	C-D	D-E	E
Disturbed: 5, 12	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 and noise.

C—Fair opening, signals between moderately strong and weak, varying between S3 and S9, with some fading and noise.

D—Poor opening, with weak signals varying between S1 and S6, with considerable fading and noise.

E—No opening expected.

### HOW TO USE THIS FORECAST

1. Find the propagation index associated with the particular path opening from the 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 path opening for any given day of the month. For example, an opening shown in the Propagation Charts with a propagation index of (3) will be good (B) on Oct. 1st and 2nd, excellent (A) on the 3rd, good (B) on the 4th, poor (D) on the 5th, etc. Signal quality should be good (B) on both Oct. 24th and 25th during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest weekend.

Observatory of Belgium was 70.5. A high count of 109 was recorded on June 29, with a low of 45 reported on the 24th.

June's mean level results in a 12-month running smoothed sunspot number of 39 centered on December 1997. This is an increase of four in the count from the previous month. A smoothed sunspot number of approximately 100 is predicted for October 1998.

Canada's Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory reports a corresponding 10.7 cm solar flux level of 112 for June 1998. This results in a smoothed value of 96 centered on December 1997. A solar flux level of approximately 120 is forecast for October.

If you plan to participate in the 1998 CQ World-Wide DX Contest, the DX propagation charts and other information appearing in this month's column are designed to help you stay sharp and informed, and to make the best use of the ionos-

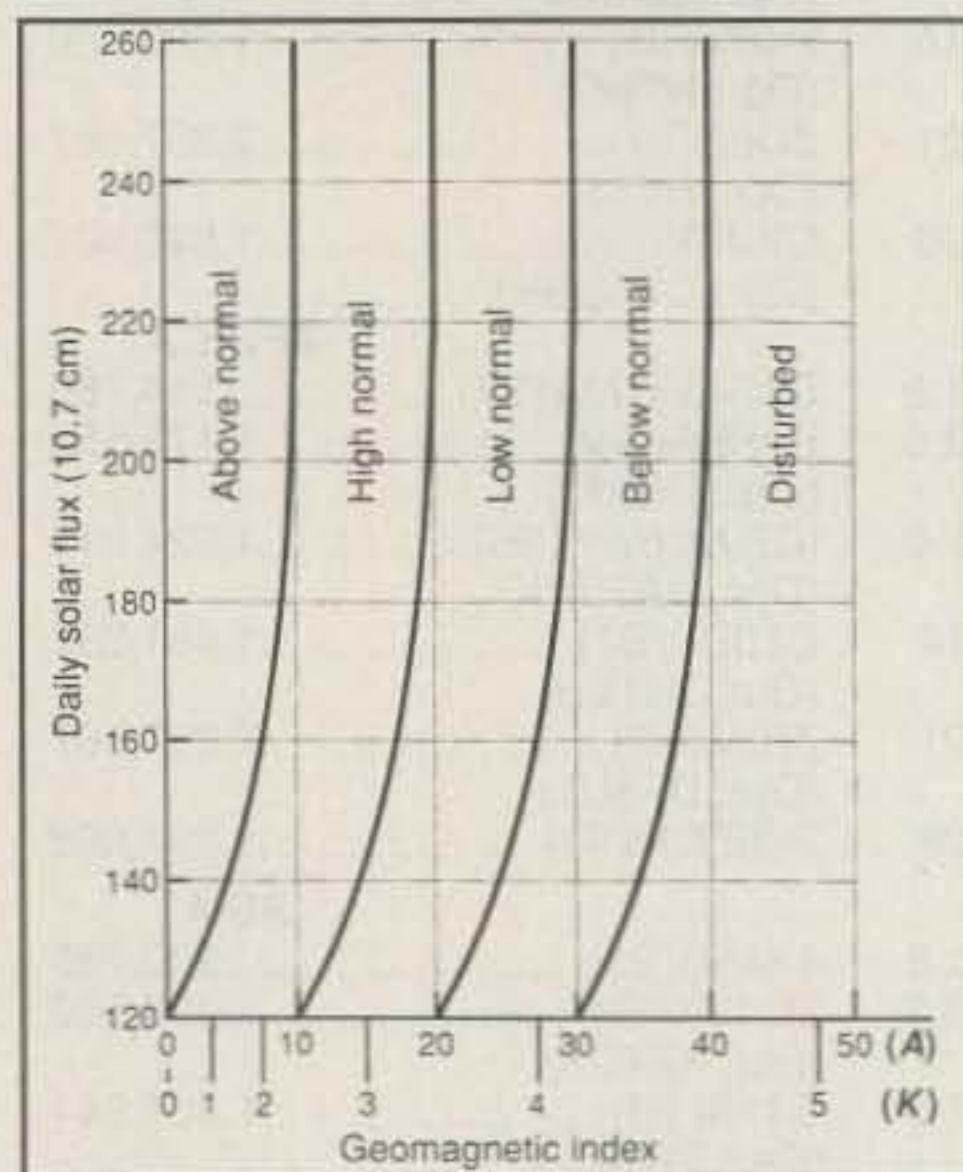


Fig. 1—Intersection of given values of solar flux and geomagnetic activity determine expected HF ionospheric propagation conditions. (Example: Solar flux is 130 and A-index is 10; expect High Normal condition.)

phere for piling up as many contacts and points as possible.

### General Conditions, Band By Band

Following is a band-by-band summary of DX propagation conditions normally expected from mid-October through mid-December 1998 and centered on the WW DX Contest period. For a more detailed circuit-by-circuit analysis, refer to the DX Propagation Charts that appear on the following pages.

**10 meters:** Good, solid openings should be possible to just about every corner of the world during the daylight hours, and the band may remain open to southern and tropical areas into the early evening. DX openings should begin an hour or so after sunrise towards Europe, Africa, and the east, as well as in a southerly direction towards the Caribbean and Central and South America. Signals should peak in intensity towards Europe and the east an hour before noon, towards Africa about an hour or so after noon, and towards the south during the late afternoon. Optimum conditions towards the Far East, Australasia, Southeast Asia, etc., are forecast for the late afternoon and early evening

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

\*Similar work plans can be devised for single-band operation or for openings to specific DX areas.

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

hours. Exceptionally strong signal levels can be expected on many openings, particularly when conditions rise to High or Above Normal.

**15 meters:** This band should be jumping during most of the daylight hours. Excellent propagation conditions are expected from shortly after sunrise through the early evening hours. The band could remain open well into the evening towards southern and tropical areas. Peak openings should occur towards a specific geographical area about an hour or so after the peak has occurred to the same area on 10 meters. Openings are expected to all areas of the world, and exceptionally strong signals should be possible most of the time. Fifteen meters is likely the best DX band during the daytime hours, but at times it will be a toss-up with 10 meters.

**20 meters:** Expect good-to-excellent DX openings almost around the clock. Signals should peak from all directions for about an hour or two after sunrise and again during the late afternoon and early evening. Excellent openings are expected to many southern and tropical areas well into the hours of darkness, and when conditions are High Normal or better, the

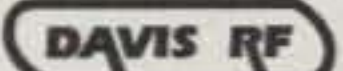
band should remain open for DX during most of the night. Expect *long-path* openings on this band for about an hour or so after sunrise and again for an hour or so before local sunset. Signal levels are expected to be exceptionally strong during peak propagation periods on 20 meters. This should be the band that will produce the longest period for DX openings, the strongest signals, and openings to more areas of the world than any other single band during the contest periods.

**40 meters:** This should be a prime DX band during the hours of darkness as summer static fades into oblivion. DX openings should begin during late afternoon, continue through the hours of darkness, and last until an hour or two after sunrise. The band should open first for DX towards Europe and the east during the late afternoon. Signals should increase in intensity as darkness approaches. During the hours of darkness expect good DX openings to most areas of the world. Signals should peak from an easterly direction about midnight, and from a westerly direction just after sunrise. Excellent openings towards the south should be possible throughout most of the nighttime

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## HOW TO USE THE DX PROPAGATION CHARTS

1. Use chart appropriate to your transmitter location. The Eastern USA Chart can be used in the 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, KP4, KG4, and KV4 areas in the USA and adjacent call areas in Canada; the Central USA Chart in the 5, 9, and 0 areas; the Western USA Chart in the 6 and 7 areas; and with somewhat less accuracy in the KH6 and KL7 areas.

2. The predicted times of openings are found under the appropriate meter band column (15 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. An \*\* indicates best time to check for 10 meter openings.

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

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

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

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

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

6. Propagation data contained in the charts has been prepared from basic data published by the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences of the U.S. Dept of Commerce, Boulder, Colorado 80302.

period. Forty meters is likely to be the best band for DX during the hours of darkness, although at times it may be nip and tuck with 20 meters for this honor.

**80 meters:** While not quite as good a nighttime band as 40 meters, expect some good DX openings on this band to many areas of the world during the hours of darkness. The band will open later, close earlier, and be somewhat noisier than 40 meters. Signals should peak towards Europe and the east around midnight, and towards the west just before sunrise. Expect good openings towards the south throughout most of the night.

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

## October 15 - December 15, 1998 Time Zone: EST (24-Hour Time) EASTERN USA TO:

To:	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
Western & Central	06-07 (1)	06-07 (1)	04-06 (2)	16-17 (1)
Europe & North	07-08 (3)	07-08 (3)	06-09 (4)	17-18 (2)
Africa	08-13 (4)	08-14 (4)	09-10 (3)	18-20 (3)
	13-14 (3)	14-15 (3)	10-12 (2)	20-01 (4)
	14-15 (1)	15-16 (2)	12-14 (3)	01-02 (3)
		16-17 (1)	14-18 (4)	02-03 (2)
			18-20 (3)	03-04 (1)
			20-22 (2)	19-21 (1)*
			22-00 (1)	21-23 (2)*
			00-02 (2)	23-01 (3)*
			02-04 (3)	01-02 (2)*
				02-03 (1)*
Northern	06-07 (1)	06-07 (1)	04-06 (1)	17-19 (1)
Europe & European	07-08 (2)	07-08 (3)	06-07 (2)	19-02 (2)
CIS	08-09 (3)	08-13 (4)	07-09 (3)	02-04 (1)
	09-11 (4)	13-14 (3)	09-11 (2)	20-03 (1)*
	11-12 (2)	14-15 (1)	11-17 (3)	
	12-13 (1)		17-19 (4)	
			19-21 (3)	
			21-23 (2)	
			23-01 (3)	
			01-04 (2)	
Eastern	07-08 (1)	06-07 (1)	07-12 (1)	18-20 (1)
Mediterranean & Middle East	08-09 (3)	07-08 (3)	12-15 (2)	20-22 (2)
	09-13 (4)	08-10 (4)	15-17 (3)	22-00 (3)
	13-14 (3)	10-13 (3)	17-22 (4)	00-01 (2)
	14-15 (1)	13-15 (4)	22-00 (3)	01-02 (1)
		15-16 (3)	00-01 (2)	20-00 (1)*
		16-17 (2)	01-03 (1)	
		17-18 (1)		
Western	06-07 (1)	04-05 (1)	03-04 (3)	18-22 (1)
Africa	07-12 (3)	05-07 (2)	04-06 (2)	22-01 (2)
	12-16 (4)	07-14 (3)	06-13 (1)	01-03 (1)
	16-17 (3)	14-20 (4)	13-15 (2)	00-03 (1)*
	17-18 (2)	20-22 (3)	15-17 (3)	
	18-19 (2)	22-00 (2)	17-03 (4)	
		00-01 (1)		
Eastern & Central	07-08 (1)	06-07 (1)	03-05 (2)	19-22 (1)
Africa	08-09 (2)	07-09 (3)	05-09 (1)	22-00 (2)
	09-12 (3)	09-13 (2)	12-14 (1)	00-01 (1)
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		22-00 (1)		
Southern	07-08 (1)	06-08 (1)	06-09 (1)	18-19 (1)
Africa	08-10 (3)	08-11 (2)	11-14 (1)	19-22 (2)
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		20-22 (1)	02-05 (2)	
Central & South	08-09 (1)	07-08 (1)	06-07 (1)	18-21 (1)
Asia	09-10 (2)	08-10 (2)	07-09 (3)	06-08 (1)
	10-11 (1)	10-11 (1)	09-10 (2)	
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		22-00 (1)	20-21 (2)	
			21-23 (3)	
			23-00 (2)	
			00-01 (1)	
Southeast	10-12 (1)	09-10 (1)	02-06 (1)	18-20 (1)
Asia	12-14 (2)	10-12 (2)	06-09 (2)	05-07 (1)
	14-15 (1)	12-13 (1)	09-11 (1)	
	17-18 (1)	17-18 (1)	18-21 (2)	
	18-20 (2)	18-19 (2)	21-23 (1)	
	20-21 (1)	19-21 (3)		
		21-22 (2)		
		22-23 (1)		
Far East	08-10 (1)	08-09 (1)	00-04 (2)	04-05 (1)
	16-17 (1)	09-11 (2)	04-06 (1)	05-07 (2)
	17-18 (2)	11-12 (1)	06-07 (2)	07-08 (1)
	18-20 (3)	16-17 (1)	07-09 (3)	05-07 (1)*
	20-21 (1)	17-18 (2)	09-10 (2)	
		18-19 (4)	10-11 (1)	
		19-20 (3)	16-18 (1)	
		20-21 (2)	18-20 (2)	
		21-22 (1)	20-00 (3)	
South Pacific & Zealand	09-12 (1)	08-09 (1)	13-19 (1)	00-02 (1)
	12-14 (2)	09-11 (2)	19-21 (2)	02-03 (2)
	14-16 (3)	11-15 (1)	21-22 (3)	03-07 (3)
	16-19 (4)	15-17 (2)	22-02 (4)	07-08 (2)
	19-20 (3)	17-18 (3)	02-04 (3)	08-09 (1)
	20-21 (2)	18-20 (4)	04-07 (2)	03-04 (1)*
	21-22 (1)	20-21 (3)	07-10 (3)	04-07 (2)*
		21-23 (2)	10-13 (2)	07-08 (1)*
		23-00 (1)		

Australasia	08-09 (1)	07-08 (1)	07-08 (3)	03-05 (1)
	09-11 (2)	08-11 (2)	08-10 (4)	05-07 (2)
	11-12 (1)	11-16 (1)	10-11 (3)	07-08 (1)
	14-16 (1)	16-17 (2)	11-12 (2)	05-07 (1)*
	16-17 (2)	17-18 (3)	12-14 (1)	
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	18-19 (4)	20-22 (3)	21-23 (1)	
	19-20 (2)	22-23 (2)	23-00 (2)	
	20-21 (1)	23-00 (1)	00-01 (3)	
			01-03 (4)	
			03-04 (3)	
			04-07 (2)	

Caribbean, Central	07-08 (2)	06-07 (1)	07-09 (4)	18-19 (1)
America & Northern	08-11 (4)	07-08 (3)	09-11 (3)	19-21 (3)
Countries of South	11-13 (3)	08-11 (4)	11-14 (2)	21-04 (4)
America	13-18 (4)	11-13 (3)	14-16 (3)	04-06 (2)
	18-19 (3)	13-20 (4)	16-02 (4)	06-07 (1)
	19-20 (2)	20-21 (3)	02-03 (3)	19-21 (1)*
	20-21 (1)	21-23 (2)	03-06 (2)	21-03 (2)*
		23-01 (1)	06-07 (3)	03-05 (1)*

Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, & Uruguay	06-07 (1)	06-07 (1)	06-08 (2)	20-23 (1)
	07-09 (4)	07-09 (4)	08-11 (1)	23-04 (2)
	09-11 (3)	09-11 (3)	14-16 (1)	04-06 (1)
	11-15 (2)	11-15 (2)	16-17 (2)	23-04 (1)*
	15-16 (3)	15-17 (3)	17-19 (3)	
	16-20 (4)	17-22 (4)	19-02 (4)	
	20-21 (2)	22-23 (3)	02-03 (3)	
	21-22 (1)	23-00 (2)	03-05 (2)	
		00-01 (1)	05-06 (3)	

McMurdo Sound, Antarctica	16-17 (1)	15-17 (1)	16-18 (1)	00-06 (1)
	17-19 (2)	17-18 (2)	18-21 (1)	
	19-20 (1)	18-21 (3)	21-22 (2)	
			22-03 (3)	
			22-23 (1)	
			03-05 (2)	
			05-07 (1)	
			07-09 (2)	
			09-10 (1)	

## Time Zones: CST & MST (24-Hour Time) CENTRAL USA TO:

To:	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
Western & Southern	06-07 (1)	06-07 (1)	03-06 (1)	17-18 (1)
Europe & North	07-08 (3)	07-08 (1)	06-08 (3)	18-20 (2)
Africa	08-11 (4)	08-12 (4)	08-12 (2)	20-23 (3)
	11-12 (3)	12-13 (3)	12-14 (3)	23-01 (2)
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			18-20 (2)	20-23 (2)*
			20-00 (1)	23-00 (1)*
			00-03 (2)	
Northern & Central	06-07 (1)	06-07 (1)	02-06 (1)	18-20 (1)
Europe & European	07-08 (2)	07-08 (3)	06-07 (2)	20-23 (2)
CIS	08-10 (3)	08-11 (4)	07-09 (3)	23-01 (1)
	10-11 (2)	11-12 (3)	09-11 (2)	20-23 (1)*
	11-12 (1)	12-13 (2)	11-16 (3)	
		13-14 (1)	16-17 (4)	
			17-19 (3)	
			19-20 (2)	
			20-22 (1)	
			22-02 (2)	
Eastern	07-08 (1)	06-07 (1)	06-07 (1)	17-19 (1)
Mediterranean & Middle East	08-09 (2)	07-08 (2)	07-09 (2)	19-22 (2)
	09-12 (3)	08-11 (3)	09-11 (1)	22-23 (1)
	12-13 (2)	11-12 (4)	11-13 (2)	20-22 (1)*
	13-14 (1)	12-13 (3)	13-16 (3)	
		13-14 (2)	16-18 (4)	
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			22-00 (1)	
Western	06-07 (1)	05-06 (1)	05-12 (1)	17-19 (1)
Africa	07-11 (3)	06-10 (2)	12-15 (2)	19-21 (2)
	11-15 (4)	10-14 (3)	15-17 (3)	21-22 (1)
	15-16 (3)	14-18 (4)	17-23 (4)	19-21 (1)*
	16-17 (2)	18-19 (3)	23-01 (3)	
	17-18 (1)	19-21 (2)	01-05 (2)	
		21-22 (1)		
Eastern & Central	07-09 (1)	06-07 (1)	06-14 (1)	20-00 (1)
Africa	09-11 (2)	07-12 (2)	14-16 (2)	21-23 (1)*
	11-15 (3)	12-15 (3)	16-19 (3)	
	15-16 (2)	15-17 (4)	19-21 (4)	
	16-17 (1)	17-18 (3)	21-23 (3)	
		18-20 (2)	23-00 (2)	
		20-21 (1)	00-02 (1)	
Southern	07-08 (1)	06-07 (1)	06-13 (1)	18-19 (1)
Africa	08-09 (2)	07-10 (2)	13-15 (2)	19-21 (2)
	09-11 (3)	10-12 (3)	15-17 (3)	21-22 (1)
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**October 15 - December 15, 1998**  
**Time Zone: PST (24-Hour Time)**  
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To:	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
Western & Southern	06-07 (1)	06-07 (1)	05-06 (1)	18-20 (1)
Europe & North	07-08 (2)	07-08 (2)	06-08 (2)	20-22 (2)
Africa	08-11 (3)	08-10 (3)	08-10 (1)	22-00 (1)
	11-12 (2)	10-12 (4)	10-12 (2)	19-23 (1)*
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\*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 meters.

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Day:	24
Month:	10
Year:	1998
Transmitter Name:	Silver Spring, MD
Transmitter Latitude:	39.00
Transmitter Longitude:	283.0
Receiver Name:	St. Helena Island
Receiver Latitude:	-15.60
Receiver Longitude:	354.0

T index: 97.55 SSN: 100 10CM FLUX: 146.93

Table II— Data entry menu for IPS realtime HF prediction for Silver Spring, Maryland to St. Helena Island path.

Experience gained during previous contests has shown that specifically tailored schedules derived from the charts can be extremely useful in piling up contacts and points with a minimum of wasted time.

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

WARC Bands

While the WARC bands are not yet included in the World-Wide DX Contest, expect 12 meter openings during the same time periods as shown for 10 meters, but with the band opening a bit more frequently than 10 meters. Seventeen meters should behave much as shown for 15 meters. Openings on 30 meters should resemble 40 meter openings during local sunrise and sunset times, but the band is expected to open less frequently than 40 meters during the hours of darkness.

Do-It-Yourself Forecasting

A wealth of updated and real-time solar, geomagnetic, ionospheric, and HF propagation data can be obtained on the Internet from web pages sponsored by well-known research organizations throughout the world. Having such information available could be of great assistance during the 1998 CQ WW DX Contest periods.

For the convenience of readers of this column, I maintain a single web site (<http://www.gjainc.com>) that has links to the following major sources of solar, geomagnetic, and ionospheric web sites:

- NOAA Space Environmental Center  
<http://www.sel.noaa.gov>
- IPS Australia  
<http://ips.gov.au>
- DX Listeners Club  
Norway<http://dxdc.com>
- Solar-Terrestrial  
Dispatch<http://holly.cc.uleth.ca>
- Royal Observatory  
Belgium<http://www.oma.be>

The NOAA site has recently been reorganized and upgraded. It contains a library of information and is well menued. Here is how you can use it to know what's going on with the sun, the geomagnetic field, and the ionosphere during the contest period.

From the Home page, select "Gopher Data Directories." From the list of Directories, select "Latest Solar-Geophysical Data." From this directory select the sub-directory "USAF High Frequency Radio

nals tend to peak when it is local sunrise at the easternmost point of a path.

is expected to open from each time zone area in the continental USA to the major DX areas in the world. The information contained in the charts, while useful during the contest period in their present format, can easily be reorganized into more convenient formats to meet specific operational work plans or schedules.

Contest Work Charts

The DX Propagation Charts on the following pages show the times when each amateur band from 10 through 160 meters

IPS GRAFEX HF FREQUENCY PREDICTIONS ADDRESS NO. 1234

Circuit: Silver SprSt. Helena		Date: 24 October, 1998	T-index: 97
Bearings: 114 313		Distance: 9531 km	
First Mode	Frequency (MHz)		Second Mode
3F 1-5 3E 0	1 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40	4F 6-11 4E 0	
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00 17.7 0.0 0.0	MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM	15.5 0.0 0.0 00	
01 16.0 0.0 0.0	MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM	13.8 0.0 0.0 01	
02 15.3 0.0 0.0	MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM	13.0 0.0 0.0 02	
03 15.1 0.0 0.0	MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM	12.7 0.0 0.0 03	
04 14.8 0.0 0.0	MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM	12.4 0.0 0.0 04	
05 14.4 0.0 0.0	MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM	12.0 0.0 0.0 05	
06 13.0 0.0 0.0	MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM	11.3 0.0 0.0 06	
07 13.3 0.0 0.0	MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM	10.9 0.0 6.2 07	
08 12.2 0.0 10.4	A MMM	10.4 0.0 10.0 08	
09 11.3 0.0 12.3	A	9.7 0.0 11.5 09	
10 14.6 0.0 13.4	AF	11.3 0.0 12.5 10	
11 23.4 0.0 14.2	SMMMMM MFF	17.8 0.0 13.1 11	
12 28.2 0.0 14.6	SMMMMM MFF	23.3 0.0 13.4 12	
13 28.2 0.0 14.7	AMMMMM MFF	23.7 0.0 13.5 13	
14 28.7 0.0 14.6	SMMMMM MFF	24.2 0.0 13.4 14	
15 29.0 0.0 14.3	SMMMMM MFF	24.6 0.0 13.2 15	
16 29.4 0.0 14.1	ASMMMMM MFF	24.9 0.0 12.8 16	
17 29.4 0.0 13.5	SMMMMM MFF	24.9 0.0 12.4 17	
18 29.2 0.0 13.1	ASMMMMM MFF	25.2 0.0 12.0 18	
19 28.4 0.0 12.4	SMMMMM MFF	24.5 0.0 11.4 19	
20 28.4 0.0 11.2	SMMMMM MFF	23.6 0.0 10.4 20	
21 27.0 0.0 8.8	AM MFF	24.2 0.0 8.6 21	
22 23.6 0.0 0.0	MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM	21.1 0.0 0.0 22	
23 20.3 0.0 0.0	MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM	17.9 0.0 0.0 23	
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 |B BOTH E&F MODES 90% OF DAYS |M MIXED FIRST AND SECOND F MODES  
 |F FIRST F MODE ONLY |E E LAYER PROPN | P 90%E 450-90%F|  
 |S SECOND MODES ONLY |A HIGH ABSORPTION | X COMPLEX MODES|  
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Table III— Resultant HF real-time IPS prediction for Silver Spring, Maryland to St. Helena Island. Note 10 meter openings between 11 and 21 UT, peaking at 16-17 UT.

Propagation Report." This will give you in tabular form a summary of worldwide HF propagation conditions (which is updated every six hours), the latest value of sunspot count and 10.7 cm solar flux, and the latest geomagnetic indices. Other directories and sub-directories will provide additional solar and geophysical information, current radio storm alerts and warnings, auroral activity, and detailed ionospheric data. Elements of the USAF report can also be obtained by telephone from the on-duty forecaster at 719-567-6312.

The IPS Radio and Space Services site in Australia supplies a storehouse of useful data, including *real-time* HF propagation band predictions. Among such forecasts are "Hourly Area Predictions" (HAP). They contain frequency predictions which are superimposed on area maps, given in UT, and upgraded every hour. HAPs for North America are available in brilliant color, where different colors represent different frequency ranges. They are available centered on Boston, Boulder, Montreal, New Orleans, San Francisco, Vancouver, White Horse, and Winnipeg. Similar HAPs are available for the Northern Atlantic and other regions of the world.

IPS permits you to make your own propagation forecast for anywhere in the world (short path), based on real-time data. These are called "Grafex HF Predictions." Table II shows the data entry menu for a Grafex prediction for the path from Silver Spring, Maryland, to St. Helena Island. Table III shows in tabular form the resultant IPS Grafex Prediction for this path, which was calculated in a matter of seconds. Note the predicted 10 meter openings between 11 and 21 UT, peaking between 16 and 17 UT.

The other web sites linked to my page are sources of both real time and archives of solar, sunspot, geomagnetic, and ionospheric data.

If you do not have access to the Internet, solar flux, geomagnetic indices, and ionospheric reports can be obtained by calling 303-497-3235 where a WWV recorded announcement is updated every three hours, or by calling the "on duty forecaster" for a live report at the Space Environmental Center, 303-497-3171. WWV, Ft. Collins, Colorado has similar geophysical alert broadcasts 18 minutes past each hour on 2.5, 5, 10, 15, and 20 MHz. Similar information is also carried at 45 minutes past each hour on 2.5, 5, 10, and 15 MHz from WWVH, Kauai, Hawaii.

Fig. 1 can be used to determine the quality of ionospheric propagation by using the solar flux values and geomagnetic indices that are provided by modem, telephone, or radio.

## Radio Storms

The forecasts discussed in this column are based on *normal* propagation condi-

tions expected with a sunspot level in the low teens. If actual conditions during the contest turn out to be *above normal*, DX openings on 10, 15, and 20 meters are likely to be somewhat better than shown in the charts. On the other hand, if Mother Nature should play a trick and produce a radio storm during the contest period, expect conditions to drop to Below Normal or Disturbed to many areas of the world, depending on the storm's severity. The storm's influence will generally extend outward from the polar regions, the more severe the storm becomes. Under storm conditions expect considerably fewer openings on 10, 15, and 20 meters, with weaker signals, increased fading, flutter fading, and higher noise levels. Paths passing through the polar regions and the upper latitudes are often more adversely affected than signals coming from mid and lower latitudes.

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

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

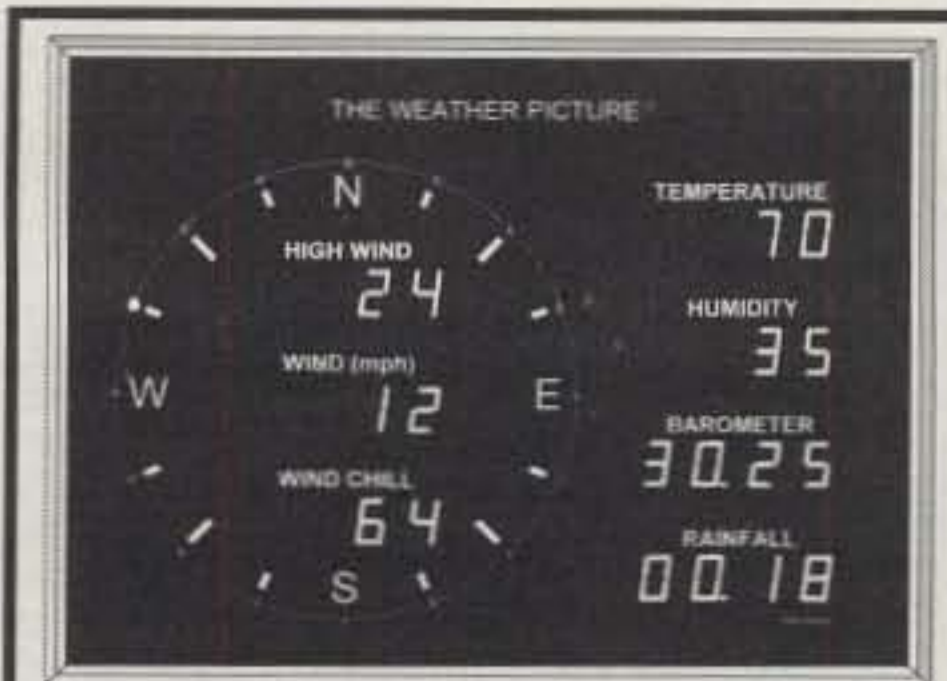
## VHF Ionospheric Propagation

The sunspot count has now risen to a point where some 6 meter F-2 layer DX openings may be possible during the daylight hours. The best possibilities would be towards South America from all areas of the USA. An occasional opening may be possible from the eastern half of the country to central and southern Africa before noon, and from the western half of the country to Australia and the South Pacific area during the late afternoon hours.

*Orionids*, a major meteor shower, is expected to begin around October 20th and last for about two days. Expect as many as 25 meteors an hour to enter the Earth's atmosphere during the peak of the shower. This should make possible some fairly good meteor-type ionospheric openings on the VHF bands.

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

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## CW Contest Forecast

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

*The NEW Shortwave Propagation Handbook* makes an excellent companion during the CQ WW DX Contest. It contains a considerable amount of additional information concerning propagation, radio storms, do-it-yourself forecasting, and computer propagation programs. Copies can be obtained from CQ by calling 1-800-853-9797 (\$19.95 plus \$4.00 s/h).

Experience from the past 47 contest years has shown that DX contests are excellent periods in which to test the accuracy of prediction and forecast methods used in this column. Contests generate a large amount of activity in every corner of the world and on all HF bands. Previous results and observations have helped considerably in improving the accuracy of this column. Comments concerning the 1998 contest and the accuracy of these forecasts and predictions would be appreciated, and should be sent directly to W3ASK, at P.O. Box 1714, Silver Spring, MD 20915, or e-mail to <george@gjainc.com>. Good luck in this year's CQ WW DX Contest! 73, George, W3ASK

manage a tribander of some sort in the new year and look forward to improving over this year's efforts . . . **GI4SNC**. Wanted to try to see if DXCC could be worked on 80 CW during a single contest weekend with my decidedly modest setup. With skill, persistence, patience, luck, and great condx, it can be done! Even missed 8 countries that I heard . . . **OH2EA**. In Japan "Loran type A" on 1850 kHz has stopped. But low edge (1800 to 1810 kHz) is clearer than world-wide DX windows (1820-1850 kHz)! Please transmit on these clear frequencies. There are many beacons on 1810-1820 kHz, so it is difficult to receive in this frequency range . . . **JE1SPY**. I learned something. Don't try QRP on 10m during the sunspot minimum . . . **2MBAOK**.

I learn how to make the best use of time each year . . . **G3RSD**. My operating time was less than 14 hours because my XYL decided to make my daughter's wedding party on Nov 29th. Some people don't want to understand ham radio! . . . **XE1VV**. The CQ WW DX Contest was, as expected, a very fine contest with lots of rare DX stations to hear and work. I decided to work only top band, as I would like to test my newly designed antenna . . . **LA7AK**. Ten meters suddenly exploded on Sunday afternoon. Just one country short of DXCC . . . **PA0LOU**. I am QRS operator. I am glad to answer entrants, especially to the usual contest friends . . . **I0KHP**. I am glad to get all seven continents on 10m during the contest . . . **OH5PA**. Fabulous pile-ups on 10m . . . **ZS6KR**. After working KC1XX on 40m at 0858Z, I thought boy, he must have some dipole. Condx on 40 were fabulous. You could hear ZL3CW at noon! . . . **9A2OO**. CQ WW is a tradition I cannot miss . . . **IK5RLS**. Nice contest. My first CQ CW. Hope to do better next year . . . **YB4JIM**.

Nice multipliers from the Pacific area on 10m, but no NA or SA. Propagation is part of our hobby . . . **YO9HP**. I'm 15 years old. It's my first WW DX Contest! . . . **UK8ICO**. I love CW and CQ WW DX CW. Age here is 71 . . . **OL4M**. When I will be president of Russia, all broadcasting television will be prohibited on the whole territory of the Russian Federation . . . **UA1OMS**. This is my first CQ WW DX CW. I am 17 years old . . . **SQ3DWR**. My socks rolled down and up when I put 5V7A in my 160 log . . . **RA0FA**. Conditions on 40m better than on 20m . . . **UX5VK**. My wife had a baby boy two days before the contest. The planned MS with VK6LW and VK6HD got turned into a 160m single band. The highlight was my last QSO with 5V7A . . . **VK6VZ**. My first WW contest on 40m. Very interesting! Thanks for the best contest in the world! . . . **UN7LG**.

Great contest. Looking forward to next year . . . **YC6PUP**. This is my first try in CQ WW on QRP. QRP is marvelous . . . **JJ1JGI**. I made more QSOs on 160m than on 80m. Incredible! . . . **LU1EWL**. My hand shook because it was my first time in a CW contest . . . **DU3RCM**. I could make 100 more QSOs than last year, but the same mult. I need better antennas . . . **JH2NWP**. It was difficult with 3 letters in the prefix. Next time I will use FK8 . . . **TXK8FU**. It was my first contest with a big score. I am very happy. I used my new call. It is easier to send than SP4EEZ . . . **SP4Z**. The best contest of the year without a doubt . . . **M7C (G3KKQ)**. Not as much fun as running the contest from Greenland, but I did my best . . . **OZ1AV**. Nice contest with my 4W QRP. Very difficult but funny . . . **EA7AAW**. It was my first time to take part in an international DX contest. I don't have a computer and it was an interesting experience . . . **LW3HAQ/D**. QRM from hurricane Pam wiped out 80 and 160. Pam hit Raratonga a few days later. Evacuated the beach wing at the resort; packed the gear during the worst wx. We were finally picked up by Air New Zealand and flown to ZL . . . **ZK1TB (W7TB)**. 6D2X made my day. For the first time in my life a Mexican station called me on 7 MHz . . . **OF3WS**.

I like this contest very much. But it is hard to do it QRP because the QRP technique is a handicap when you can "answer" only! . . . **HB9XY**. I am 15 years old and this was my first CQ WWDX . . . **YO2LLG**. YP2R is a special call of YO2KJ, the Children's Radio Club . . . **YP2R**. All the MS stations with a few exceptions did QSY upon request. The big frustration was being so close to the world record at the end . . . **P40E (CT1BOH)**. Still one of the most exciting contests . . . **HB9AYZ**. A great pleasure to compete in the QRP category . . . **ON6TJ**. Good opening to the east coast of the USA. Condx are getting great . . . **JA7COI**. Very thanks to Rick, DJ0IP, who gave me the chance to operate from his QTH . . . **DL6RDR**. Who said that semiconductor's life is based on the flow of electrons and holes? Wrong! It is based on smoke. How? Simply, if smoke goes out of it, it is dead . . . **ES2RJ**. This was an old-fashioned operation. Handwritten logs and hand keying. But the critical problem was an island-wide shortage of Carib beer . . . **VP2EST (KT8Y)**. Nobody got my call the first time. Suggest a new category: ABBC = All Bands Bad Callsign. Hi . . . **Z37FCA**. Big contest. My low power was not sufficient to work Asia and Pacific . . . **I1XPQ**.

It was great fun. I enjoyed it every bit. The log is a result of my right hand and my human memory taxed for the weekend . . . **VU2BGS**. This is my first CQ WW CW . . . **CX9BAG**. I was too weak for CT3/OH1MA, EX8W, HC8N, T11C, 6Y4A, P40E, and KC1XX (all on 160m) . . . **HA0EQ**. A DXCC single band and QRP in one day is too high a goal. However, it's very possible in a weekend . . . **DL9YX**. Where were the PY's, ZS's, and Zone 2? Good contest nevertheless . . . **GM3CFS**. My antenna is only 7 meters up. So I am very glad for 300 QSOs . . . **RV4LC**. First QRV with CW for the CQ WW. FB! . . . **7M3RSK**. I lost my power supply with 256 QSOs. It was terrible for me because I have been working this test since 1986 . . . **CE3IDY**. 40m never closed for DX through the entire 48 hrs. It was a humbling experience trying to work among so many good CW ops . . . **GM4YXI**. 5V7A had a very big pile-up on 160m! He was 59 in JA . . . **JE2LPC**. I was very surprised at the strength of 6Y4A on 80m. My first zone 8 . . . **JS1UMQ**. My compliments to all the DX operators who managed to get my weak signal on 40m . . . **ES1CW**. Pleased to make 1 meg points for first time . . . **GW7K (GW4BVJ)**. Conditions on 80m quite good . . . **VE6BF**. Great to work 5V7A on 160! My first African on top band! . . . **JA8RWU**. I sent my results and would like to devote them to my little son: Vasilij (3 months) . . . **UA1PAC**.

## USA QRM

When the neighbor boy came to my door and told me that the vertical was arcing badly, it was! . . . **KW2J**. A lot of stations on the air . . . **WA4JUK**. 40 wpm ops miss many ops who can't copy above 30 wpm . . . **K8AB**. Friday night lightning severed the power lines coming to my house. Sat. I had S9 rain static, but Sun. morning made up for the whole mess! Worked VR2 and YB for my first 10m LP experience . . . **K4JYO**. I made a goal of working KH6 on 160m to finish WAS. Then I did it twice in 7 QSOs. Thanks to KH6CC and KH6AT . . . **KJ5WX**. Lost my beam! Wish I had a directional antenna. Sunspots are fine! . . . **N7JXS**. Great time! I just wish these so-called big guns had big ears. They need to calm down and listen, listen. They would work even more . . . **WA2ASQ**. Great contest. Band condx great. Some ops should send call signs more often . . . **N4GJ**. Tried for 15 min to work KH2/K9AW through the immense pile-up on 15m without success and then worked AH2R 25 kHz away on the first call . . . **KU6T**. Great to snag E21CJN . . . **W4YE**.

Can't say enough about band conditions! Nothing like 59 signals on 10 and 15 to rekindle the ham radio spirit. Had a super time . . . **K9WA**. Hello sunspots! Hello QRP contesting again! . . . **WA2HZR**. Sure could use more JA activity on 10 and 15 to the west coast, but I doubled last year's score! . . . **N6NG**. Why is it after failing to break a pile-up, I worked another station with a single call and broke the pile-up first try? . . . **N6JM**. I found that most of the DX spots on packet were provided by ops who used 100 ft. plus towers. Although the packet was connected for the duration of the contest, I mostly relied on a zone map for beam headings and my timing and listening experience to find stations . . . **KG7XC**. Sixty-three countries using 5 watts and a low tribander—the spots are back! . . . **W8QZA/6**.

QRN was non-existent most of the time, which sure helps if your antenna is a vertical . . . **WD6DX**. First year with a tower and a beam. I'll spend more time in the contest next year. Bring on the sunspots! . . . **W00B**. Great to 10 and 15 hot! Great fun . . . **K2NV**. Ten meters came alive to Europe the second day. The first time in several years. Reached my 80th birthday just before the test. Hoping to enjoy at least one more sunspot cycle! . . . **W3VT/4**. What a contest! Great operators and conditions. Next year more hours, less family, and better score! . . . **K9JVV/4**. New country, 5V7A. Lucky I found him calling CQ and got him first call . . . **K8IP**. Ditch the RST. It is meaningless. Replace it with QSO# + zone or operating class + zone . . . **WD9IAB**. Op is 80 years old living a retirement home . . . **N6IBP**. Despite antenna restrictions, neighbors with TVs susceptible to front-end overload, and limited working sked, this is still the best contest of the year! . . . **KA6SGT**.

This was the first contest that I entered. It was a blast! Next year I'll have some real antennas . . . **N4HA**. Great condx on 15m, but rain and cold limited my sitting in the car . . . **K9RIN/m**. Happy days are here again . . . **WA1FCN**. Why do I love this stuff? Let me count the ways: (1) low power, (2) low antenna, (3) thrill of the chase, (4) Morse code . . . **K4LDR**. My dad died of cancer on Saturday at 1215 PM. He was 82. I had to make 82 QSOs for my dad . . . **K9UQN**. VK9LX, first call in massive pile-up . . . **W8EQA/7**. Worked 2 new countries on 10 meters . . . **K2HT/0**. Ten meters Sunday morning was wonderful . . . **KM0L**. I have been licensed since 1953 and this is my first

contest. A blast! . . . **WC7N**. Getting 3DA5A on 40 was a real coup for me . . . **W6UDX**. BA4TB called me during the last half hour! . . . **N4CT**. Thanks to all who dug my signal out of the QRM, especially, the op at 5V7A. I just turned 17 before the contest. Talk about celebrating in style. Thanks for the great contest . . . **AA8UP**. Great to hear the bands improving . . . **W6TKF**.

Experienced great conditions on 10m Sunday morning. But when the band closed the NE was still running them . . . **N4BP**. Ten meters was in unexpectedly good shape. Greatest surprise was an opening an hour or so long path to Asia Saturday and Sunday mornings . . . **W3EP/1**. Glad to hear 10m finally start to open . . . **KG0DS**. My best score after 65 years of operating! . . . **K2AW**. This is the greatest DX contest, bar none. Thank you for sponsoring it . . . **NN4T**. First ever CW contest . . . **KD4HXT/7**. Had a great time. Heard lots of Eur and Asia calling CQ but not hearing us. Heard JAs on Sat AM but no luck . . . **W2VO(1.8MHz)**. I really put a lot of effort into this contest. It was very rewarding to work so many stations . . . **KC6LDO**. VR2 and JA on 10m Long path—Wow! . . . **W1ZK**. Forty meter conditions were great, but 80 and 160 poor. Ten was a welcome surprise . . . **KQ2M**. At age 72 can still hang in there for the entire test, but tough . . . **W6EUF**. More Far East this year than in a few years . . . **WB8YJF**. Great LP conditions to SE Asia on Sat morning . . . **A12C/4**.

The climb up the solar cycle sure is a slow one. But were are getting there . . . **KS7T**. Thanks to all the fine DX ops! Goal was to break 100K. Beat last year's score by 100K! Great contest! . . . **AA0TY**. Nice to work zone 1 again! First ever QSO with C2 and TF! Go sunspots! . . . **N3KCJ**. Best high band conditions in years. Already looking forward to next year . . . **W9WJ**. Thanks to all the DX who struggled to get my QRP call . . . **N7RO**. Call at 50 WPM helped me pass my Extra exam the next week! . . . **W2SSB**. We had big Murphy problems! With one new operator, AA2VG, and 13-year-old KG2HV operating for the second year, it was a good learning experience for all . . . **N2FF**. It was a refreshing change of pace to work the contest using low power. It is a new kind of rush to hear the DX station come back to my call . . . **W5CWQ**.

## Station Operators Multi-Op Single Transmitter

**3E1DX**: DL5XX, S57NW. **4G1A**: 4F1BYN, 4F1FZ, 4F1ARC, DU1RCF, 4F3CV, 4F3GD. **4N0S**: Lacy, Sam, Norby, Gabi, Remy, Andor, Li, YU7CM. **4U1TU**: K3IPK, K5RS. **5A2A**: DJ7IK, DL1GGT, DL2EBX, DL3KDV, DL80BC. **6D2X**: K5TR, K5TSQ, N5JA, N5RZ, N5YK, W5VX, XE2XD, XE2YNE. **8Q7DV**: Loginov, Usov, Ovsiannikov. **9A5D**: 9A2FK, 9A3GA, 9A3ID, 9A3VM, 9A4AQ, 9A4KS, 9A4NC, 9A4SG, 9A4VN, 9A5DU, 9A5LU, 9A6DX, 9A6AQ, 9A6KB. **9A9D**: 9A4KK, 9A4UU, 9A4DD, 9A4DD, 9A5YA, 9A2DU, 9A7GIH. **9G5VJ**: G3VMW, G4RWD, G4ZVJ. **9U5CW**: EA1FH, PA3DZ. **AA10N** & **W1RH**. **AA2FB** & **K2QMF**. **AE4RO** & **AE4SW**. **AH2R**: JF1SQC, JK3GAD, JR7OMD. **DF0FS**: DL1EK, DL3NCW. **DF0HT**: DK1SAM, DK7TL, DL3SBI, DL5NAH. **DF0RI**: DK3DM, DL3LAR, DL6LAU, DL80BO, DJ7TO & DJ6TF, DL1KWK, DL6UST, DL7AKC, DL7URH. **DK0FFO**: DL7UGN, DL2BWM. **DK0TZ**: Club. **DF3CB** & **DK4WA**, **DK6WL**, **DK7YY**, **DL1MFL**. **DK1II** & **DJ7MG**, **DL5EBE**. **DK1RP** & **DJ3TF**, **DJ5RE**, **DK6NJ**. **DL0DX**: DL1QQ, DL5KUT, DK2OY. **DL3SKF** & **DL4SKF**. **DL4SKF** & **DL3SKF**. **DL6RAI** & **DL2HBX**, **DL2NB**, **DL4RDJ**. **DL6YZ** & **DL2MDU**. **DL7BY** & **DL7AU**, **DL7UTM**, **DL7UBA**. **DX1HB**: JA1KJK, JE8VFM, JK1CWR.

**E22AA**: EY8MM, HS1CHB, JR3XMG, HS1CKC. **EU5F**: EU6DX, EW6EW, EW6AF, EV6M, EV6Z. **EU8T**: Club. **EW1WN**: EW1MN, EW1AM. **EW35WB**: EU1AZ, EU1DX, EU1TU. **EX9A**: EX0M, EX2M, EX7MM. **F5KAC**: F6JJSZ, FB11PH. **F8KCF**: F6IFJ, F6FNL, F6BNH, F5LJY, F5UAM, FA11TF, FB1CMF, F6BGC, F5IOA, F5SDT, F5DJL. **GM7R**: GM3YOR, GM0NAI, GM0WDF, GM0ICF. **HA1KSO**: HA1ASY, HA1SQ, HA1DDU, HA1SF, HA1TG, HA5KF. **HA3KNA**: HA3NU, HA3NS, HA3OV. **HB0/HB9LF**: Club. **HB6FG**: HB9BOU, HB9BOP, HB9CYY, HB9DLZ, HB9HFK, HB9HFN. **HB9AA**: HB9ARF, HB9AIE, HB9DCM, HB9AMO, HB9BZA. **HG1S**: HA1TJ, HA1DAE, HA1DAC, HA1AH, HA1BN, HA1DAI. **HG5C**: HA5LV, HA5MA, HA5WE, HA7XQ, Dj. David. **H13/DL1GKG** & **DL2GGA/H13**, **DJ4GX/H13**, **DL1CW/H13**. **H5SAC**: HS1NIV, HS5RGP, HS4AWF. **HS8AS**: E21AOY, HS5JRH. **IH9/OL5Y**: OK1FUA, OK1CW, OK1MM, OK2GG, OK2BFN. **I02A**: IZ2IF, IK2AHB, IK2C10, IK2HKT, IK2PFL. **I02L**: IZ2ACZ, IK2PIG, OK2MLV, IK2NCF, IW2FSG. **I04A**: I4VEQ, I4IND, I4EAT, I4IKW, I4TJE, I4LCK, I4EWEK, I4K4CF, I4XQH, I4DCT, I4MGP, I4QJH, I4K2NCJ, I4K2JUB, I4K2MRZ, I4W4ANU. **I04T**: IK3OAR, I4K4SXJ, I4YTE, I4K4WMH, I4K4ZHH, I4K4HVR, I4Z4AKS, I4IFL. **IR5R**: IK5QQE, IK5YZT.

**JA1ELY** & **JA1IDY**, **JA1YPA**: JH1AZO, JM1NKT, JA, PPEJ. **JA2ZJW**: JH2CMI, JL2ICO, JM2NFO, JA2MNB, JI2UNR, JE2PCY, JI2KGI, JF2WEQ, JH2SON. **JA3YDH**: JN3ACR, JA3BCT. **JA6ZLI**: JJ4HWC, JG6PQJ, JJ6WYS. **JA7YAA**: JG7PSJ, 7M1JAS, JH0NZN. **JA7YAI**: JA7-30825, Maruyama. **JE2YHS**: JA2OLJ, JR2JVR, JG2NUJ, JE2WWB, JJ2CEE, JI2XUT, JR2JPU. **JH7PKU** & **JA9SSY**, JH7DXZ, JH7FQK, J01BMV. **JR1ZTT**: JK2FGD, JR80FE, JE0UXR, JH0KHR, JR0UUU, JR0XHL, T. Awoki. **JT1T**: JT1CD, JT1BL. **K1EU** & **W1DEO**, **K1JB**. **K1GW** & **W6PH**, **K1VA**. **K1ZR** & **KB1SO**. **K1ZZ** & **K1RO**, **N1RL**. **K2OWE** & **WK2G**. **K3SX** & others. **K4NR** & **KK4TK**. **K4NR** & **KK4TK**. **K4OJ** & **W1CW**, **W1YL**, **NA4CW**, **WD4AHZ**, **AE4MH**, **KF4RZ**, **Jay**, **K6ANP** & **K6LRN**, **N6AD**. **K6III** & others: **K8AZ** & **K8N**, **K8MR**, **K8PP**, **K8RM**, **W2UP**, **N8TR**, **W8GN**, **W8KIC**, **KQ8M**. **K8DD/C6A** & **AC8W**, **N8KR**. **K8LX** & **N8EA**, **W8ZDT**. **K8BBWH** & **Don**. **KB5U/2** & **NO2R**. **KN6DV** & **K1TA**. **K07X** & **NY4I**. **KP3Z**: NP4Z, KP4BZ, NP3A, KP3L, WP3A, NP3J, KP4RF, KP3P, NP3HM. **LA1K**: LA1BFA, LA5NJA, **LA6YEA** & **LA9VA**, **LA5UF**.

LA9GX, LA8W: LA4DCA, LA7SL, LA8SDA, LA9EEA, LA9HW, LX/ DL4SDX: DL4SDX, DL5SEJ, DL4SDW, DL8SCG, LY2OM & LY2BUU, LY2TX, LY3MV: Aleinikovas, Kunickis, Ceckauskas, LZ7M: LZ/OK1DF, LZ1AX, LZ1GHT, LZ1HST, LZ1ZD, LZ2HM, LZ3AS, LZ3FR, LZ3FN, LZ3SM, LZ3UA, LZ4AX, LZ4FN, LZ5VK.

**N0NI & W0FLS:** K0RX, K0KD, W00V, N0AV, N0AC, N0ZA & N0M. **N2FF & N2GA:** K2GW, K2KV, AA2VG, N2NU & K2WI, W2Y, W2REH, N2NC, N2NL, N2SS & N2MT, N5TW & AF5Z, AG5W, N7DR/0 & K0KR, N7FE & N7RD, W7DOZ, N8NR & K9JE, K9LU, K8CFU, N8BJQ, N9AG, W8QID, NE3F & KS3F, NT3V, K3ATO, N9GG, NJ4F & K7SV, K4GMH, WA4JUK, KA4RRU, K5IMC, K4EK, Daisy, **OF1AF:** OH1HEV, OH1LUZ, OH1MDR, OH1MM, OH1NOA, OH1XT, **OF5M:** OH1WZ, OH5CW, OH5MLH, OH5TQ, OH5NQ, **OF6NIO:** OH6NIO, OH6KZP, **OF8AA:** OH8PF, OH8LO, OH8MCT, **OH1AD:** OH1BOI, OH1MLZ, **OH1TV & OH2FU:** **OH3AT:** OH3DC, OH3NB, **OH6AW:** OH6MW, OH6EME, OH6UV, **OH7AAC:** OH4LYX, OH6LNI, OH7KD, OH7KIR, OH7LTK, OH7MHL, OH7MS, OH7WV, **OK1KAO:** OK1MPM, OK1FMX, **OK1KQH:** OK1XH, OK1FC, OK1DEK, OK1DOS, **OK1KUU:** OK1UG, OK1FFC, **OK1KZD:** OK1TO, OK1JEF, **OK2KDS:** OK2VWB, OK2HJ, OK2-22266, **N8PR/4 & N4QV:** **OK2KOD:** OK2BDI, OK2BNX, OK2BJ, **OK5W:** OK1AEZ, OK1CF, OK1WF, OK1WT, OK1JKT, OK1TN, OK1TA, OK1FKD, TA2ZW, **OL2A:** OK2PDK, OK2HBY, OK2PEM, **OL3A:** OK1AY, OK1CM, OK1DRQ, OK1DX, OK1FCJ, OK1FJD, OK1FWM, OK1MR, **OL5Q:** OK1HRA, OK1FFU, **OL5T:** OK1KT, OK1NR, OK1TC, OK1VD, OK1DNR, OK1DXF, OK1FHI, OK1FLM, OK1HSK, OK1MUJ.

**OM3A:** OM3DX, OM7RU, OM7ZZ, OM8AM, OM8AW, OM8WR, **OM7F:** OM7PY, OM7IR, OM3WBC, OM7PA, OM7ARI, OM7ATI, OM7ALC, **OM8A:** OM2RA, OM2VL, OM3BH, OM3CW, OM3EA, OM3GI, OM3JW, OM3LU, OM3NA, OM3RM, OM5DX, **OT7P:** ON4LAM, ON500, ON6AH, ON6MH, ON6VL, ON6QR, ON7PC, **OT7T:** RA3AUU, RU3FM, RA3AUM, DJ4AX, ON4WW, ON5UK, ON4UN, ON4JO, ON4AFZ, ON4MA, **OZ8JYL:** OZ1KHZ, OZ2CGN, **P3A:** RA9JX, RA9JR, RV0AR, UN7FZ, UA9MA, UN7FK, UA9YAB, RU3AA, UA9NN, UA9LAC, **P14CC:** PA0VHA, PA3BSQ, PA3EPD, PA3FVW, PB0AIU, **P14ZLD:** PA3BTH, PA3E0B, PA3GCU, DF6JC, NL8884, **RK10WZ:** UA10MS, UA10UT, **RK3IXX:** UA3IKO, UA3IKI, **RK4HWW:** RZ4HN, UA4HVX, RW4HS, **RK4WWA:** UA4WA, RW4WA, UA4WAN, **RK6AYN:** RV6ARU, UA6AHY, RN6BP, **RK9AWN:** UA9AR, RA9AX, RZ9AW, RN9AA, **RK9CWW:** RZ9CO, RA9CKQ, UA9CDT, RA9CMO, **RK9CWW:** RX9CAZ, RZ9CX, **RK9CXM:** Kalinichenko, Medyakov, Khabarov, **RK9KW:** UA9KJ, UA9KZ, UA9KE, **RK9SWF:** RA9CG, UA9SDB, UA9SBM, RA9SF, RA9ST, **RN4W:** RU4WJ, RW4WM, RW4WR, UA4WJF, **RS3A:** RZ3BW, RA3CW, RX3APM, RV3BR, RZ3AZ, **RS3A:** RZ3BW, RA3CW, RX3APM, RV3BR, RZ3AZ, **RU1A:** RU1AA, RV1AC, RV1AW, RN1AM, RX1AA, UA1ARL, RZ1AJ, RA1ARZ, RN1AN, Vadik, Al, **RU3WWR:** RW3WX, RU3WR.

**RW3WWW:** Shilov, Salov, Shor, Doljenkov, Tolmachev, Pikkiev, Shalagin, Zabugin, Chepurin, Ivanov, Mineev, Efanov, **RZ1AWD:** RV1CW, Lazurin, **RZ1Z:** RA1ZF, RA1ZW, RU1ZE, RW1ZA, RW1ZM, RZ1ZZ, UA1ZA, UA1ZAO, UA1ZO, UA1ZX, **RZ4PZL:** Kulikov, Khmyz, Simonenko, **RZ9AZA:** UA9ABM, UA9BA, UN4L, RA9AQ, RU9AN, RZ9AR, RZ9AZ, Ilya, **RZ9AZA:** UA9AB, UA9BA, UN4L, RA9AQ, RU9AN, RZ9AR, RZ9AZ, Ilya, **RZ9UWG:** RZ9HT, RZ9IR, RW9UT, RU9UW, **S50G:** S58M, S56M, S53G, S51QN, **S59DHP:** S51QA, S51Z, S57Q, **SK6NP:** SM6FUD, SM6FKF, SM6BUV, **SN2B:** DJ0IF, SP2BMX, SP2FAX, SP2UKB, SP2QVI, SP2WKB, US5WDX, **SP9KRT:** SP9ADU, SP9EMI, SP9UXL, SP9ZW, **TM2Y:** F6BEM, F6ARC, F6FGZ, F5NLY, F6FVY, **TM5DX:** F5EJC, F5SXD, F5SKW, F5NGA, F5UOW, F6DTZ, F6AWN, **TM6CEL:** F6CEL, F6ENO, F6DKV, F5AKL, **TM9C:** F5IN, F5QF, F6DZQ, F5IXR, **UA2AA & UA2FB:** UA2FC, UA2FF, UA2FX, UA2FZ, RA2FA, RA2FBA, RN2FA, **UR4LZA:** UY5DV, UY4LI, UR4LEQ, **UR4MWU:** UR5MB, UR5MA, UR4MT, US3MP, UR-M-055, **UR4PWC:** UT4PZ, US-P-272, US-P-273, **US0Q:** UR3QT, UR4QFE, UR4QFG, UR5QN, US5QRW, UT2QT, UX7QQ, UY3QW, UY5ZZ, **UT3IZZ:** US3IQ, US3IRX, US3IMZ, **XV0L & N0NR, K0FX, N7XM, UT7L:** UR4LOA, UR4LGR, UR4LSB, UR4LTX, UR8LA, US4LW, **UT7Z:** UT0ZZ, UT1ZZ, UR7ZZ, UR5ZOS, **UU5J:** UR7CA, UT7CR, UU1JA, UU2JQ, UU2ZJ, UU3JD, UU5JR, UU0JX, **VE3DC:** VE3SS, VE3OCY, VE3OZY, VE3OZO, VE3VMO, **VE9DH & K2NJ, VE1ASE, VE2QV, VE9DX, W2EN, VK9LX:** VK2ICV, K8RF, **VP5DX:** N4KE, NU4Y.

**W0QC:** K0FRP, W0HEP, K0BWT, K0ZA, **W0TM & N0KE, K0CL, K0UJ, W1BK & W1NR, K1TXH, W1SRG:** N1XYR, N1XYS, **W2CG & W2NO, W3GG & A43X, W3TJ, W4PRO & K04NX, W4DNL, W4LSG, W4WA & AA4GA, AA4NC, K4MA, K4BGD, N9HZQ, K44UNX, W7VJ:** others, **N0IJ & AA0BY, W0JM, W9JA & K5TA, K9GS, K9JY, K9FT, K9SW, N9BR, N9FH, W9MU, W9XT, WA4FLZ & K7UPJ, WC7N & W7IX, WN90 & K9DL, WR3L & WV3B, WR3Z, YTOX:** Ivan, Goran, **YZ1V:** Zoki, Pika, Nemanja, Aca, **YZ1V:** Zoki, Zika, Nemanja, Aca. **ZF1A:** K1TO, W5ASP, K9LA, K9MK, **ZF2RV:** K7AR, K7DBV, N7MQ, N7NU, WJ7R, **ZM2K:** ZL2AGY, ZL2DX, ZL2ST, ZL2IN, ZL2BSJ, **ZP9B:** PY2TI, PY5BI.

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**5V7A:** Operators, **6Y4A:** K2KW, N6BT, N6TV, KE7X, AG9A, W9QA, W4SO, JE3MAS, JI3ERV, **9A1A:** OH6XY, S520P, 9A5W, 9A2DQ, 9A3GW, 9A2TS, 9A2EU, 9A3NR, 9A7R, 9A6M, 9A4OM, 9A2B, 9A2R, 9A3ZA, 9A2HW, 9A7DLA, 9A9A, **A61AJ:** KE3Q, K3LP, **DF0HQ:** DK8YY, DL1AUZ, DL3OI, DL5ANT, DL5AXX, DL5MX, DL7VOA, DL8WAA, **DK5EZ & DJ2YE, DK4TP, DK7QB, DL1QW, DL3EBX, DL7ET, DL8EAQ, DL0KF:** DF3HU, DF3LZ, DF4PA, DJ3UL, DJ4FZ, DJ6TK, DJ6TN, DJ7AO, DJ7SW, DK5TI, DK8LV, DL2ZT, DL4LBK, DL5HCK, DL5XJ, DL8LAQ, DL8PY, **DL5RBR & DL6RCD, EA4ML:** EA4MJ, EA4KA, EA4BB, EA7WA, EA4ET, EA4TX, EA4CJA, EB4EPJ, EB4AKI, EC4ANR, EA4AWG, **EA6IB:** EA3AIR, EA3AJW, EA3AKY, EA3ALV, EA3DU, EA3KU, EA3GGO, EA5BM, EA5FX, EA5KK, EA5WU, EA6AC, EA6FB, **EA8ZS & EA1AK, EA2CLU, EA4KR, EA5BY, EA5EU, EA5FID, EA5FV, EA7IL, EA7KW, EA7TL, EA9KB, EA5GRV, EA5AJE, HG6N:** HA2RX, HA6QO, HA6ON, HA6ND, HA6NF, HA6NL, HA6NQ, HA6NY, HA6PS, HA6PX, **HG6Y:** HA6DX, HA4OB, HA6QY, HA6KNV, HA6BSW, HA6OI, **J39A:** K1XM, KQ1F, KM1P, W1FJ, K2KQ, K1XX, K1CC, KA1CI, **J45T:** SV5TH, SV5VR, SV5ADD, SV5BYT, SV5BYV, SV5DZS, SV5DZT, K84PMS, **JA1YFG:** JP1OGL, N3NQL, JS1MJE, JP1JFG, JP1CWU, JF7TFK, **JA3YK:** JP2BZE, JP3PZD, JG4LSR, JL4CVB, JE6EK, JL6BMJ,

JP6RBN, **JA3ZOH:** JH3PRR, JG3KIV, JI3OPA, JM3XKG, JH4CES, JH4IFF, JH4NMT, JR4ISF, **JH5ZJS:** JA5BJC, JA5FDJ, JH5RXS, JR5JAO, JR5PDX, JR5VHU, JL2TAW.

**K1CN & K1XQ, K1KI & K1PI, NQ1K, W1OD, WA2GO, K1RX & KF1V, K1EPJ, AA1LN, AA1SI, K1WD & N1WV, W1IA, W1MJ, WO1N, NT2X, N1YGW, KG2JZ, KB1W, OK1DIX, K1TWF, K1MBO, K2LE/1 & W2AX, K2SX, N1BB, W2LK, K1CB, K2WS & K2BU, K3ANS & WF3H, AJ2U, N2KJM, K3YD, K3ZTJ, K3KNH & NU3Y, W3DMC, K3LR & N3RA, K8GL, K3UA, K3EST, N9RV, N2AA, N5ZO, ND8L, KA3JWJ, K4VX & K2VV, K5GO, N5DX, K9BGL, N9JF, N0NX, K0CA, NS0Z, K5RT & N5KM, K6SG & KV6H, K8CC & AA8U, K8JM, K8KS, K8SIA, N8CC, W8LU, W8MJ, WA8RRR, VA3NA, **KB1H & AA1CE, NB1U, K1EBY, KC1XX & AD1C, K1ZM, K1DG, K1EA, K1GQ, KC1F, N2IC, KM3T, DL7ALM, Christine, KH7R:** WE9V, K9PG, K9NW, K9ZO, KH6ND, KH7U, K1ER, NH6XO, AH60Y, AH60Z, **KL7Y & KL7PJ, KL2A, KL5E, KL5T, WL7E, WL7KY, N6NT, N7DF, KL7FX, KL7FH, LY5A:** LY2IJ, LY1BA, LY2BKW, LY2LA, LY2MW, LY2PAJ, LY2PX, LY3JY, **LY7A:** LYR-346, LY2BMX, LYR-728, LY4AA, LY3DA, LY3NJM, LY1EE, LY2UF, LY3BN, LY4AF, LY2KZ, LY2AO, LY2NK, LY3MU.**

**N1MD & KZ1M, N2LBR & WA1KKM, N2RM & K2PS, WA2VYA, N2RM & K2PS, WA2VYA, N2RM & K2PS, WA2VYA, N3DL & AA3JU, AA3TT, N3RS & N3RD, AA1K, N3ED, N2SR, NQ4I & N4CN, K4DGG, W1RR, K54Q, K2UFT, OH2HE & OH1JT, OH2BTI, OH2BVI, OH2BZY, OH2IW, OH2JA, OH2JTE, OH2XX, OH6CT, OH6EI, OH7BX, OH7JR, OH8KX, **OK1KIR:** OK1PG, OK1IPN, OK1AWH, OK1FED, **OK10KE:** OK1DUT, OK1FUT, OK1VBA, OK1DSG, **OZ5WQ & OZ1BIZ,****

OZ3PE, OZ3ZW, **P14COM:** PA3ABA, PA3BBP, PA3BWD, PA3CAL, PA3CTM, PA3ERC, PA3EWP, PA3EYZ, PA3FOA, PA3FRN, PA3GBQ, PA3HATG, **RW6AWT:** RN6BN, RA6CO, RA6CM, RW6BQ, UA6AAY, RV6YZ, RW6ADA, RA6AX, RA6YY, RA6YDX, UA6YV, UA6YP, RX6BA, RW6YY, **RZ3Q:** RW3QC, RW3QNZ, UA3QDX, UA3QOQ, UA3QG, RU3QW, RX3QAM, RN3QO, RV3BA/3, UA9XFY/3, UA4WIN/3, **SL3ZV:** SM0NSJ, SM0TXX, SM2CEW, SM2EKM, SM3BDZ, SM3CVM, SM3CER, SM3DJC, SM3DMP, SM3EVR, SM3GSK, SM3JLA, SM3OJR, SM3OSM, SM3VDX, SM3EQF, SM3HFD, SM3MXR, SM3PXO, SM3UKE, SM3URI, **T49C:** SM0DRD, SM0KCO, SM0TOX, SM3TLA, SM0FIB, SM3COL, SM3UZS, OZ1FTU, CO8ZZ, CO8NA, CM8DM, CO8JY, **TF3IRA:** N4GN/OH4GN, N6HR, OH1EB, OH1RX, OH2BH, OH2TA, TF3GB, **TU3F:** F3KT, F5EQ, F6ECX, ND3D, TU2XP, V26KW, K3TEJ, AB2E, WA3WSJ.

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W1KM		5,416,800	3173	146	464
KQ2M/1		4,940,795	2996	145	484
N6BV/1		4,733,088	3013	128	436
K1RU		3,548,171	2591	123	394
W1WEF		3,245,946	2296	126	400
W1ECT		1,753,440	1553	93	297
K5ZD/1		1,552,500	1235	112	338
W1ZK		914,163	782	117	344
W1TE		890,102	776	108	359
K1YT		853,622	680	124	358
K5MA/1		734,349	782	99	258
W1AX		600,561	626	93	284
W3SOH/1		324,618	456	58	204
K1BV		282,680	527	53	132
AK1N		247,442	338	93	214
K1DC		217,170	321	73	181
N1RJF		164,154	325	58	160
W1ZS		155,904	320	59	165
W1FV		16,650	79	20	54
K1MEM		6,656	36	30	34
K1DX		6,380	114	36	74
W1/KL7DN		100	40	18	32
K1MV		1,643	24	14	17
N1HRA	21	7,592	61	13	39
K1DKX	14	287,280	876	30	96
WA1RR		20,405	118	21	56
					(Opr. KB1LN)
W1BR	7	98,770	294	28	91
W1MK	3.5	297,476	892	29	95
W1UK		78,176	289	23	89
K1VW	1.8	9,570	98	16	42
*K1VUT	A	1,656,348	1244	118	380
*WA1LNP		1,639,602	1253	126	396
*WA1S		1,622,464	1210	115	387
*KM1X		1,468,138	1259	103	320
*K1HT		816,102	814	87	270
*WF1L		631,952	762	79	232
*W1EQ		399,464	496	78	221
*NY1S		276,100	421	67	208
*KD1YN		162,970	304	57	158
*N3KCJ/1		119,048	238	51	133
*W1ZZ		57,275	150	48	97
*K1VBJ		42,300	152	32	68
*AB1BX		9,600	100	14	18
*K1EP		6,200	50	21	41
*K2MN/1		5,324	41	13	31
*W3EP/1	28	31,824	163	27	77
*WA1FCN	21	193,294	634	26	94
*K1NO	14	200,610	568	31	104
					(Opr. K5FUV)
*AB1U		7,623	46	19	44
N2NT	A	5,207,938	3256	145	444
N2LT		5,054,070	2978	148	467
NJ2L		3,269,035	2239	139	400
K2TE		1,854,702	1384	116	385
K2DB		686,490	660	116	351
KW2J		592,280	621	98	242
N2WK		558,108	567	117	302
K2AW		534,742	617	76	238
K2DM		508,870	592	85	252
WB2YQH		436,560	461	86	254
KE2WY		402,582	499	83	210
K2MP		353,430	426	87	219
N2MR		313,317	451	73	206
K2AV		262,990	401	80	209
W2HCA		217,532	365	70	168
K2ZD		183,708	276	70	173
W2YK		152,400	291	67	173
W2YE		167,960	281	63	158
KG2BI		69,420	206	47	109
W2EZ		69,083	200	45	94
W2GJ		55,614	196	47	91
N2CU		55,485	154	45	92
KE2VB		47,978	143	44	105
NC1A/2		47,112	177	52	104
W2OP		40,460	144	44	96
K2FR		14,500	108	38	78
NN2Y		7,735	49	29	36
NA2X	21	153,439	381	30	113
KD2HE		54,782	222	21	70
N2PP	7	326,808	951	33	103
W2FU		313,908	816	32	116
KR2Q		72,261	259	23	88
N7UN/2		11,151	93	15	48
N2GC	3.5	31,760	147	16	64
W2FR		8,848	60	14	42
K2XA	1.8	14,559	92	17	52
W2VO		11,868	89	18	51
KN2T		2,201	44	11	20

*N2BA	A	2,169,720	1651	120	372
*NA2U		1,341,649	1310	96	287
*W2TZ		1,145,368	1235	100	272
*N2ED		770,245	748	102	271
*K2JL		480,810	548	93	237
*K2UF		443,540	494	89	242
*NA2Q		354,016	531	85	214
*KM2L		324,162	456	68	193
*N2KJM		257,466	363	77	205
*KA2GDJ		254,334	383	75	216
*K2CS		211,344	331	71	167
*WA2YSJ		210,154	328	62	176
*N2DBD		155,925	309	54	121
*WA2RZJ		151,755	345	44	107
*KC2TA		110,047	207	60	139
*WB2HMF		105,774	240	48	135
*WB2DVU		80,106	178	51	118
*W2SSB		59,032	141	47	110
*W2UD		37,506	138	36	78
*W2LB		30,960	137	40	80
*W3EH/2		27,216	97	35	73
*WA2OCG		24,150	119	25	45
*K2GWL		23,422	239	32	66
*WA2VOV		1,145	26	17	22
*K2MFY	21	125,608	349	29	112
*K2ZA		24,450	126	18	57
*WA2ASQ	14	34,679	144	22	74
*KD2P		5,805	50	14	31
*N2TN	7	84,924	250	29	97
K3ZO	A	5,212,498	3120	145	454
W38GN		3,897,680	2427	140	447
KT3Y		1,845,328	1432	111	353
K3KY		1,693,874	1200	131	402
W3MC		1,347,225	1464	92	253
W3GN		1,185,468	956	109	334
WG3U		1,131,900	958	121	299
K3JT		1,081,940	877	124	346
K3OSX		892,847	861	105	304
W3HVQ		829,850	983	94	256
W3AZ		628,260	686	90	280
W2TN/3		557,550	592	93	261
K3IE		535,500	633	89	251
K4JLD/3		534,769	512	112	267
KX2A/3		380,457	441	73	224
W3EKT		350,163	430	78	219
N3KR		334,671	433	76	205
NY3C		297,693	375	74	217
K3UL		156,024	388	82	182
W3NX		65,824	279	48	139
W3BEN		54,080	159	56	113
K3ATO		47,560	131	56	89
K2LNS/3		41,600	156	33	67
W3TB		30,030	115	38	67
AD8J/3		28,152	107	29	40
W3FQE		23,688	102	27	57
W3EVW		13,248	93	29	63
W3NO	28	48,384	171	29	83
W3KHQ		8,112	61	17	35
W3CC	14	150	8	7	8
WA3DMH	3.5	2,916	31	11	25
W2FCR/3	1.8	3,330	41	12	25
*W2GG/3	A	901,716	726	103	358
*WW3S		838,715	769	105	310
*W3UJ		682,770	726	110	220
*WA2C/3		363,120	648	69	198
*KB3MM		271,478	434	74	224
*W3DAD		213,150	330	65	180
*W3DF		178,620	325	63	166
*N3TG		103,641	211	59	134
*N3UMA		46,843	126	42	97
*K3FH		41,783	137	41	86
*WD3A		17,205	90	42	69
*KB3AZK	21	3,422	41	7	22
*W3CP	7	28,282	145	19	60
*KB3AFT	3.5	168	19	5	9
W4AN	A	4,818,683	3006	145	442
WC4E		2,962,872	2313	130	392
N4AF		2,939,085	2094	120	411
W4PA		2,596,374	1967	129	388
W4MR		2,246,398	1636	123	380
					(Opr. N4CW)
N4TO		2,071,656	1406	141	411
K4AB		2,011,386	1675	128	354
N4VZ		1,981,350	1243	145	450
AA4S		1,980,381	1532	124	369
W4RX		1,717,500	1320	124	376
N4BP		1,503,765	1293	113	310
K4RO		1,397,737	1213	116	333
W4OX		1,353,748	1100	126	358
W3VT/4		1,051,296	813	116	350
K4LM		983,116	876	121	307
N4RV		904,255	730	119	332
W9WI/4		870,216	906	106	253
K4LQ		550,593	556	111	282
W4YE		520,866	552	88	254
K4LTA		509,124	606	97	222
N4KW		491,520	637	100	220
N3JT/4		483,968	570	88	216
AA4NN		440,664	577	100	266
NW6S/4		414,882	442	99	252
K4PB		406,588	484	102	262
N4MM		374,340	405	93	247
W4ZYT		312,950	406	77	198
W0YR/4		257,201	487	53	150

WA4JUK		200,997	350	52	155
N4AA		139,671	739	47	142
W4IF		138,700	260	50	140
WB4OSN		127,078	227	56	147
W4RW		120,848	195	50	116
K4IT		54,796	151	48	85
NK6F/4		50,193	143	48	95
N4EK		48,230	175	38	92
N4XM		35,632	103	53	83
WA4MSU		26,677	94	40	63
W4OGG		12,994	63	23	50
K4UX		11,036	60	20	42
W4YV	28	152,750	449	32	98
W4XJ		98,672	365	26	86
K4JYO		27,450	170	21	54
WB4UBD		19,460	100	18	52
NT4L		1,584	39	12	21
					(Opr. W4KH)
N4CT	21	471,520	1210	31	109
K4ZA		435,587	1255	34	104
WW4RR		393,000	1082	29	102
					(Opr. N4ZZ)
N4IR		295,416	799	30	102
KN4Y		29,070	254	19	66
N4PN	14	370,662	934	36	127
K4WJ		66,045	195	30	89
W4VC		37,240	140	25	70
N2FY/4	7	22,260	112	19	51
WA4DOX		7,625	50	17	44
K4PI	3.5	45,864	191	24	74
K4OAO		8,427	74	11	42
K4TEA	1.8	6,076	58	16	33
AD4Z		3,071	45	11	26
*KN4T	A	2,059,051	1475	130	393
*W040		1,057,920	976	114	321
*N4IG		350,703	491	66	213
*N4HA		301,636	382	79	213
*N4GJ		244,760			



*JA4XRN	*	42,624	206	26	46
*JH4JUK	*	567	20	11	10
*JH4HKA	3.5	1,519	23	15	16
<b>JH5FXP</b> A 3,647,600 3158 137 303					
JA5AIQ	*	27,000	100	37	63
JA5DQH	21	575,952	1370	37	119
JA5JGV	*	2,345	26	15	20
JA5APU	14	104,058	448	26	56
JA5THU	7	727,797	1773	35	112
JA5IP	*	31,392	154	24	48
JA5WTL	3.5	26,082	33	14	23
*JA5DIM	A	163,938	350	65	113
*JA5PQ	28	7,875	67	17	28
*JF5FGY	21	1,932	25	15	13
*JA5TXA	14	60,802	273	28	58
<b>JE6IBJ</b> A 113,848 218 88 126					
JA6JVY	*	50,616	172	44	67
JH6TNH	*	6,900	45	25	35
JR6CF	*	612	12	7	10
JA6WJL	28	18,090	109	27	40
JJ6TYG	14	27,576	153	24	48
JA6TQ	7	41,022	178	27	59
JJ6DGP	*	26,732	118	27	55
*JA6UBK	A	719,832	801	113	224
*JH6TYD	*	328,636	508	88	154
*JA6SRB	*	299,754	427	97	176
*JA6CM	*	76,380	205	52	82
*JA6AKV	*	65,268	196	50	76
*JK6ISK	*	55,860	185	45	69
*JA6HJP	*	38,440	120	49	75
*J06GIV	*	22,656	106	41	55
*JA6EOD	*	12,024	71	35	37
*JA6QDU	*	9,152	64	25	27
*JF1VXB/6	28	414	20	9	12
*JG6MQI	7	104,676	292	32	100
*J06NAW	*	20,882	145	20	33
<b>JH7WKO</b> A 2,429,616 2291 119 273					
JH7XGN	*	2,127,034	1978	127	279
JA7RHJ	*	477,126	733	83	151
JA7COI	14	39,312	198	27	45
JA7JI	7	55,958	200	30	68
JA7NI	1.8	30,420	168	22	43
*JA7KM	A	174,345	369	70	107
*JR7HAN	*	158,004	317	74	115
*JF7VUR	*	81,224	212	62	81
*JN7QJA	*	31,213	131	35	56
*JH7CJM	*	21,432	74	48	66
*JA7AXP	*	21,208	87	38	50
*JH7FUJ	*	20,960	101	32	48
*JA7ASD	*	16,616	184	36	65
*JA7AMK	21	83,754	351	32	62
*JA7NVF	*	54,144	271	25	47
*JM7EZZ	*	21,546	128	22	41
*JH7NPF	*	1,320	40	6	5
*JR7XGL	*	592	16	8	8
*JA7ADV	*	513	13	8	11
*JA7XBG	14	295,659	827	36	97
*JA7VEI	*	13,621	101	19	34
*JA7QOK	7	22,050	113	27	48
*JA0RYN/73.5	*	6,318	52	20	34
*JA7GAX	*	2,706	36	14	19
<b>JA8RWU</b> A 2,307,312 1963 142 290					
JH8SLJ	*	776,340	872	119	222
JH8UQJ	28	14,280	122	19	23
*JA8DIM	A	489,104	619	111	197
*JA8JCR	*	394,834	568	102	172
*JA8AJE	*	210,938	431	72	110
*JA8JQJ	*	70,356	196	67	89
*JA8XOD	*	28,980	111	45	70
*JA8TEZ	*	1,608	27	12	12
*JA8LN	7	57,504	215	30	66
<b>JA9CWJ</b> A 1,089,842 1241 115 219					
JH9KVF	21	258,544	809	32	81
JA9JFO	*	165,148	551	32	74
JA9TSI	*	99,728	459	31	61
*JE9VOI	A	68,400	184	65	85
*JN2QCV/9	14	167,768	520	37	97
*JM2FCJ/9	7	91,982	347	32	81
*JR9NVB	*	58,330	227	29	66
*JA9IKL	*	690	18	7	8
*JA9DOF	3.5	3,200	38	13	19
<b>JH0FUW</b> A 2,052,501 1913 128 279					
JA0QWO	*	733,838	999	107	194
JH0GHZ	*	508,388	624	100	198
JR0WZR	*	278,529	443	85	142
JA0AXA	*	80,080	215	56	74
JH0FWW	21	16,776	86	28	44
JA0HC	*	150	10	3	2
*JA0NCE	A	147,609	304	74	115
*JH0NEC	*	87,711	197	67	102
*JA0GZ	*	10,412	57	36	40
*JA0GEY	*	7,612	63	22	22
*JA0BPY	*	4,606	36	24	25
*JH0EPI	21	226,996	658	36	85
*JF0SGW	*	120,330	491	29	61
*JF0FOH	14	792	22	10	12
*JABA0Q	3.5	30,807	202	21	42

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JY9QJ	A	3,201,878	2564	115	343
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<b>KAZHAKSTAN</b>					
UN9LW	21	358,430	1181	35	111
UN7LG	7	611,618	1673	38	120
UN7TX	*	207,524	730	32	84
*UN6P	A	1,314,223	1361	123	326
*UN7RBD	21	62,712	296	22	56
*UN5J	1.8	27,690	198	18	47
<b>KOREA</b>					
*HL1CG	A	395,595	504	101	194
*HL5AP	*	117,264	561	72	96
<b>KUWAIT</b>					
9K9K	A	1,607,960	2162	69	236
(Opr. 9K2RR)					
9K2GS	14	1,242,439	2718	39	140
(Opr. T97M)					
<b>LEBANON</b>					
OD5PL	A	113,328	313	39	105
*OD5NJ	A	14,661	96	26	55
<b>MONGOLIA</b>					
JT1BH	A	620,928	1529	85	167
<b>OMAN</b>					
A45XR	A	6,440,715	4089	146	443
A45ZN	*	1,173,666	1441	103	264
<b>SAUDI ARABIA</b>					
7Z500	A	4,389,372	3463	124	344
(Opr. K3UOC)					
HZ1HZ	*	859,866	1189	95	259
HZ1AB	14	382,228	993	37	109
(Opr. SMOCXU)					
<b>SINGAPORE</b>					
*9V1ZB	A	977,738	1963	106	192
<b>THAILAND</b>					
*HSB/					
VK3DXI	A	162,558	463	68	130
*HS0GBI	*	60,144	223	69	110
*HS2PF	21	23,744	246	16	40
<b>TAIWAN</b>					
BV7FF	21	193,024	974	30	74
*BV/					
JH3GCN	28	2,376	72	11	11
<b>UZBEKSTAN</b>					
*UK7F	A	126,820	300	52	117
<b>VIETNAM</b>					
3W5FM	A	180,432	554	67	101
(Opr. UA0FM)					
<b>WESTERN MALAYSIA</b>					
*9M2TO	A	1,168,077	2012	116	237
(Opr. JA8DMV)					
<b>EUROPE</b>					
<b>ALAND ISLANDS</b>					
OH0MAM	7	763,506	2757	36	126
OH0JJS	3.5	196,630	1530	22	84
OF0RJ	1.8	42,224	678	11	47
<b>AUSTRIA</b>					
OE2BZL	A	853,468	1453	90	284
(Opr. DK5AD)					
OE9SLH	*	169,950	420	53	153
OE3GSA	3.5	111,588	1128	20	82
OE5OHO	1.8	5,100	182	4	30
*OE2GEN	A	176,064	432	66	158
*OE1BKA	*	3,570	52	14	37
*OE3VIA	7	1,290	65	5	25
<b>AZORES</b>					
*CU2/					
G3WVG	28	172,161	990	25	74
<b>BALEARIC ISLANDS</b>					
*EA6GP	A	120,510	465	50	145
<b>BELARUS</b>					
EU4AA	A	657,800	867	106	334
EW2AA	*	519,840	903	100	261
EW3LN	*	146,264	403	64	124
EW1BA	*	30,492	90	50	76
EW2AO	*	11,998	105	21	53
EW5R	7	345,144	1662	34	112
(Opr. EU1FC)					
EW6AL	*	97,536	427	31	97
EW3CW	*	26,132	135	21	73
EW6TU	3.5	80,812	729	20	69
EU1AI	*	52,744	587	16	61
EW2DD	*	49,284	583	13	61
EU1DM	*	31,980	424	10	55
*EU1CL	A	323,760	712	73	211
*EW6BI	21	8,850	69	18	32
*EW6DX	14	61,380	410	23	70
*EU6EU	7	620	11	10	10
*EU6AA	3.5	32,160	430	12	55
*EW3AC	*	18,130	349	6	43
*EW6GB	*	17,287	243	10	49

<b>BELGIUM</b>					
ON4XG	A	345,144	678	68	224
OT7L	21	297,640	985	33	107
ON5LL	3.5	176,400	1326	23	82
ON4AEK	1.8	31,752	620	16	65
*ON7SS	A	43,332	213	43	95
*ON7WF	21	27,606	166	31	55
*ON6CW	14	110,583	571	26	63
*ON4PX	*	15,486	154	15	43
*ON4AEB	7	116,166	698	23	91
<b>BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA</b>					
T99DX	A	1,813,263	2140	118	373
(Opr. DL3NCI)					
T99W	7	552,811	2224	33	118
*T93Y	14	244,282	1028	31	103
*T95A	7	234,496	1194	29	99
*T94YT	3.5	85,941	928	12	69
<b>BULGARIA</b>					
LZ1KSZ	A	207,613	480	74	149
(Opr. LZ1MC)					
LZ1QZ	*	128,310	489	52	143
LZ2DL	*	100,992	299	51	141
LZ2GS	28	13,578	67	24	49
LZ1WG	21	62,916	325	26	58
LZ1KPP	14	237,870	1388	33	102
LZ5XQ	7	77,622	1014	24	78
LZ3AB	3.5	25,461	314	12	57
LZ1ZD	*	11,160	230	9	36
*LZ1VQ	A	61,952	394	30	91
*LZ2MP	*	48,990	164	52	86
*LZ4BU	*	19,040	88	33	47
*LZ1IA	28	1,581	19	15	16
*LZ1CW	21	116,928	470	29	83
*LZ1CF	*	107,380	353	32	98
*LZ2TW	*	82,810	343	21	70
*LZ1KNP	14	22,649	133	21	50
(Opr. LZ1-N-143)					
*LZ1FJ	7	3,627	80	6	33
<b>CORSICA</b>					
TK/DF9LJ	7	563,030	2274	33	109
TK5EP	3.5	364,650	1776	29	114
TK5NN	1.8	149,940	1215	19	83
*TK5BC	A	8,288	86	22	52
<b>CRETE</b>					
J49IL	14	138,635	907	32	87
(Opr. DJ5IL)					
<b>CROATIA</b>					
9A5I	A	1,043,259	1201	19	37
9A2TN	*	230,725	668	74	201
9A5Y	7	890,841	2684	37	140
(Opr. 9A3HM)					
9A3MR	*	331,773	1559	29	112
9A2A	*	159,820	680	31	100
9A7A	3.5	247,236	1611	28	104
(Opr. 9A4RX)					
9A2AJ	*	161,660	1221	25	93
9A7D	*	74,534	862	15	68
(Opr. 9A2SD)					
*9A3SM	A	301,630	504	90	220
*9A5J	*	273,776	717	58	183
*9A2NO	*	224,175	415	77	228
*9A3VL	*	125,433	475	45	136
*9A200	*	92,880	359	48	132
*9A2WJ	*	57,528	234	42	94
*9A3CY	*	23,490	194	24	66
*9A4BT	*	22,523	212	25	76
*9A7P	28	13,104	130	13	26
(Opr. 9A5AEI)					
*9A1CHP	21	16,598	150	15	28
(Opr. 9A6NHH)					
*9A3MW	*	3,240	63	8	10
*9A1AA	14	92,781	496	29	88
*9A1HBC	3.5				



*RA4LH	*	55,625	360	22	67
*RA1QX	*	22,308	156	17	49
*RV6APJ	*	9,185	143	15	40
*RW1ZZ	7	127,489	550	35	103
*RW3WV	*	101,520	594	29	96
*UA3SEG	*	102,942	504	31	95
*UA3VLO	*	27,300	207	17	67
*RK3BX	*	22,680	197	23	67
*RA3UAG	3.5	39,234	405	13	65
*UA3TU	*	17,304	128	18	66
*UA3LEO	*	13,500	200	9	51
*RV1CC	1.8	23,325	283	14	61

### FAROE ISLANDS

OY1G	A	71,669	529	27	122
OY1CT	7	440,815	2342	31	100
OY9JD	1.8	99,166	1020	19	75

### FINLAND

OH6RX	A	2,087,940	2287	117	328
OH6WZ	*	1,998,308	2095	116	347
OF1HS	*	1,779,904	1909	118	346
OF3KCB	*	1,054,144	1387	109	307
OH2BR	*	1,003,380	1196	105	315
OH88QT	*	977,262	1182	101	301
OF3WS	*	397,936	662	96	278
OH6RE	*	370,756	854	56	180
OH7MA	*	218,504	582	60	131
OF2LNH	*	106,020	360	48	138
OH3JR	*	100,230	249	69	188
OF1BV	*	33,475	200	28	75
OH2KQ	*	19,760	69	41	63
OH3MMH	28	17,080	102	25	45
OH6MRA	21	251,451	952	35	104
OH2BCD	14	63,325	414	25	60
OF1JD	7	517,852	1877	34	114
OF5BM	*	397,936	1517	34	118
		(Opr. OH5BM)			
OH6ZH	*	5,400	55	13	23
OH2AQ	3.5	149,175	988	30	105
		(Opr. OH2NRV)			
OF9BVM	*	132,080	811	27	100
OH1TN	*	131,440	709	27	97
OF8LAE	*	99,474	649	25	93
OH1SH	*	73,416	435	27	87
OH3RF	*	36,520	338	17	66
OH5VT	1.8	67,611	582	20	73
OH2BCI	*	43,440	499	17	63
*OH2UBF	A	160,524	371	71	202
*OH2LNH	*	125,376	375	49	143
*OH2LYP	*	109,725	413	39	126
*OF3VX	*	48,360	198	38	117
*OH5NE	*	32,604	207	28	86
*OH2MJW	*	24,843	190	29	62
*OH7JHI	*	21,912	168	20	68
*OH6RC	*	14,880	70	35	61
*OH6CK	*	7,700	36	10	15
*OH1KF	28	13,330	78	22	40
*OH5PA	*	5,876	42	21	31
*OH3KRH	21	66,234	202	34	99
*OH6MBO	*	47,005	215	22	63
*OF3NM	14	57,998	290	25	69
*OH6BI	*	8,160	97	16	18
*OF1UP	*	4,884	62	12	25
*OH4JLV	7	111,150	738	31	83
*OH2OA	*	8,424	133	12	42
		(Opr. OH9MM)			
*OH2BSQ	3.5	8,700	180	9	41
*OF3FS	1.8	1,508	56	4	22

### FRANCE

F6HWU	A	520,948	792	88	238
F6IRA	*	502,680	971	86	269
F5NKX	*	327,474	658	54	153
F5NCU	*	126,763	436	45	154
F5PGP	14	493,334	1627	36	110
F5DQU	*	243	9	5	4
F5NBX	3.5	172,155	1086	21	94
F6CWA	1.8	20,461	240	17	62
*F6IIE	A	608,115	1038	93	262
*F6ACD	*	541,455	923	69	254
*F5PHW	*	527,124	921	78	249
*F6FTB	*	435,972	788	71	211
*F5JBR	*	393,206	777	73	220
*F6FII	*	370,186	790	67	204
*F5JLV	*	336,490	500	72	250
*F5RAB	*	271,605	548	74	211
*F5NQL	*	207,400	686	54	190
*F5TNI	*	166,880	586	77	203
*F5OIU	*	160,716	347	68	159
*F5ROX	*	153,216	589	46	146
*F5TMJ	*	129,406	375	47	131
*F6HHR	*	128,975	400	48	127
*F6BBQ	*	123,370	366	46	123
*F5DZD	*	121,068	400	43	128
*F6GIN	*	119,405	363	44	99
*F5OEV	*	104,410	359	39	67
*F6CAV	*	91,008	335	47	111
*F9EW	*	86,500	221	57	116
*F5OIH	*	81,585	352	39	108
*F6GQO	*	68,680	298	43	127
*F81PDR	*	65,600	258	41	59
*F6CYT	*	54,431	264	32	71
*F5POJ	*	48,411	248	27	72
*F5JDG	*	46,480	228	30	82
*F5OWL/P	*	44,310	263	31	74
*F6DLM	*	40,552	162	39	98

*F6DCH	*	22,920	154	26	94
*F5RPB	*	16,965	107	27	60
*F8IN	*	11,232	121	16	23
*F5NSO	*	10,117	67	26	41
*F5ICX	*	7,986	78	24	42
*F5GEG	*	2,584	34	15	23
*F8BDU	*	2,480	39	18	22
*F5ORE	*	37,500	155	50	75
*F6DYX	28	18,001	139	12	35
*F5TVG	*	3,339	53	9	12
*F9DK	14	41,001	299	20	59
*F/OK1EE	7	105,506	614	22	90
*F5SHQ	*	47,855	411	15	70
*F5NOD	3.5	58,080	750	15	73
*F3AT	1.8	4,830	103	8	38

### GERMANY

DL6FBL	A	4,088,526	3256	140	458
DF4SA	*	1,430,208	1564	114	354
DK5PD	*	1,215,812	1385	102	352
DL4MCF	*	1,204,347	1372	111	360
DL2DX	*	1,194,930	1277	116	310
DJ6QT	*	1,048,512	1091	125	383
DL5JAN	*	849,600	1198	100	300
DF4PD	*	849,537	821	108	369
DK5IM	*	782,920	1250	92	278
DK3KD	*	776,832	1133	101	307
DL5YM	*	727,200	1052	110	290
DK3YD	*	626,052	987	89	259
DL1JF	*	616,691	826	93	260
DL3ZI	*	527,289	1477	86	271
DL2NWK	*	458,240	742	83	275
DL5JAB	*	440,325	928	82	227
DL7BQ	*	434,467	768	72	239
DL5BUT	*	426,420	837	80	229
DF1DV	*	424,305	805	79	236
DL6UNF	*	407,450	791	70	220
DJ6LV	*	369,792	1152	89	232
DJ8CR	*	349,253	749	77	234
DF6QV	*	333,213	747	82	245
DJ4PT	*	331,422	647	72	201
DL8YR	*	330,460	605	69	241
DL3BQD	*	329,394	686	73	236
DL1VDL	*	298,934	600	70	204
DL6AG	*	293,670	569	66	168
DF3OL	*	280,962	507	80	217
DK5QK	*	226,244	522	86	240
DK3AX	*	215,552	484	65	191
DL1TH	*	191,744	596	60	164
DF3XZ	*	184,945	510	60	175
DL6MHW	*	176,400	410	70	182
DL6DVU	*	172,224	444	53	154
DF9SI	*	168,036	468	60	149
DL5ZB	*	153,160	287	82	198
DL9NCR	*	152,852	326	65	147
DL8UCC	*	146,640	256	80	115
DL4OCL	*	142,569	432	60	157
DF8WS	*	115,566	316	54	133
DL3DRN	*	93,366	260	52	130
DL3NEO	*	88,000	313	47	113
DK7AN	*	66,374	192	51	103
DL3KWR	*	64,528	269	37	111
DJ6UP	*	64,219	217	41	108
DL3DBY	*	61,568	312	31	117
DF8MW	*	59,947	229	42	109
DL4AAE	*	53,142	196	39	63
DL7YS	*	52,704	186	48	96
DL5AUJ	*	26,524	122	37	88
DJ2IA	*	17,000	85	20	80
DL6DH	*	13,800	82	35	65
DL8UFO	*	8,836	70	21	26
DL4SXB	*	6,888	42	20	42
DL6ECA	*	6,867	85	18	45
DL6MDT	*	6,432	93	25	42
DL3DCY	*	5,246	66	20	41
DK5MV	*	4,218	30	27	30
DK5QN	28	100,993	441	29	74
DK0SR	*	45,600	239	25	70
		(Opr. DJ5PA)			
DJ7PT	*	23,628	144	20	46
DJ4KW	*	16,744	120	17	39
DJ5JH	21	152,064	488	33	99
DK2GZ	14	261,366	957	36	111
DL3HWW	*	16,107	136	16	43
DF8AE	7	277,886	1028	37	124
DL1EMH	*	123,012	542	30	104
DK5JM	*	31,464	483	29	85
DL7VMM	3.5	33,336	373	12	60
DL4YAO	*	26,524	319	13	63
*DL20BF	A	1,412,670	1552	104	361
*DL7QU	*	753,818	1061	85	282
*DL1MGB	*	669,175	942	90	265
*DL3JAN	*	603,328	967	85	267
*DJ5GG	*	447,984	709	78	228
*DL7ANR	*	429,624	761	71	235
*DK7CX	*	411,522	687	85	236
*DL2GBB	*	299,538	630	62	196
*DL1SAN	*	245,364	622	64	190
*DF6QC	*	209,664	615	56	178
*DL4WA	*	207,669	521	56	161
*DL3ZAJ	*	200,725	495	53	164
*DL9XY	*	200,220	602	59	176
*DL9LBI	*	198,288	574	53	163
*DL7CF	*	192,262	441	57	160
*DJ8EW	*	184,950	546	57	168
*DL8NBJ	*	181,300	496	59	186
*DL1IA	*	164,060	364	62	198

*DL5SVB	*	162,494	384	73	153
*DL0SA	*	160,230	465	51	159
		(Opr. DL3KWF)			
*DL6UKL	*	152,358	578	41	160
*DL2YBF	*	148,599	549	52	157
*DL5JRA	*	139,842	372	48	105
*DF9LB	*	133,254	306	78	120
*DL4XU	*	114,736	405	40	102
*DL2RYL	*	110,732	377	40	148
*DL8ULO	*	106,272	365	44	120
*DK5ZX	*	103,190	333	47	123
*DL5DSA	*	102,084	278	61	127
*DL6KVA	*	94,860	173	72	132
*DL4VBP	*	93,060	231	66	154
*DL4VAD	*	92,496	276	48	140
*DL6UAM	*	89,972	354	40	126
*DL8UUG	*	82,070	307	39	106
*DJ7RI	*	75,213	239	46	91
*DJ9DZ	*	69,760	224	46	82
*DJ4QO	*	67,257	272	49	110
*DL5CL	*	63,175	351	37	96
*DL1FDV	*	62,456	163	54	94
*DL4OCM	*	58,432	242	46	120
*DL3YEI	*	55,380	265	33	10

SP6AYP	576	17	16	16	
SP5DIR	28	39,933	181	28	59
SP5DDJ	19,459	127	22	39	
SP3SLA	21	282,948	760	36	110
SP9DTH	85,680	302	33	79	
SP2AEK	23,694	133	25	41	
SP2EBG	14	426,597	1304	37	122
SP6XRZ	402,002	1365	33	109	
SP3CCT	127,968	496	30	99	
SP9EMV	15,498	108	23	40	
SP6BBE	216	6	6	6	
SP9KAO	7	23,088	166	19	55

SP4GAP	6,811	104	10	39	
SN3A	3.5	489,402	2037	36	123
(Opr. SP3HLM)					
SP7GIQ	284,445	1533	30	99	
SP9NLK	71,101	723	22	75	
SP3GTS	67,124	640	18	79	
SP8WJT	20,405	353	9	44	
SP5GRM	1.8	104,562	817	22	89
*SP2QCH	A	1,026,800	1450	103	297
*SP6NIC	949,540	1277	92	302	
*SP6CYX	664,794	1127	82	269	
*SP6CDP	436,305	770	71	224	
*SP2AVE	327,402	524	78	204	
*SP6CPF	252,960	581	61	187	
*SP1AEN	199,563	454	61	160	
*SP6AUI	187,332	410	62	171	
*SN3P	162,080	472	51	155	
*SP6CXH	140,007	404	49	128	
*SQ9BZK	114,996	410	40	108	
*SQ3DWR	112,905	327	52	147	
*SP5ASY	112,406	284	68	149	
*SP9GKM	100,128	413	49	100	
*SP1MHV	84,561	177	74	139	
*SP1AFU	69,552	297	47	114	
*SP5NZL	66,600	304	41	107	
*SP1RKB	66,584	328	58	145	
*SP9AGS	63,990	322	31	103	
*SP3DBD	51,646	213	34	85	
*SP4BOS	43,470	227	35	103	
*SP9ZD	39,729	167	44	79	
*SQ9DXN	37,950	140	43	95	
*SP8GEY	33,522	137	43	68	
*SP6NIF	24,182	81	47	66	
*SP9KJU	24,056	131	31	66	

*SP2EFU	20,944	75	51	68	
*SP9QLK	20,900	85	46	54	
*SP5AHZ	18,865	132	20	47	
*SP3XR	14,056	99	22	34	
*SP4EDW	13,936	90	25	79	
*SP4HHI	10,797	108	14	44	
*SP6CRU	4,266	67	24	34	
*SQ2DMR	3,066	34	18	24	
*SP4DZT	1,480	19	11	19	
*SP9W	28	56,931	356	29	74

*SP3LWP	13,600	102	17	33	
*SP9AVR	6,760	59	18	22	
*SP9HOF	3,726	50	11	16	
*SP3AOT	2,232	32	12	12	
*SP5LCC	592	19	7	9	
*SP9BBH	21	146,931	454	33	96
*SP6YGB	57,504	245	30	66	
*SP9QJ	56,210	195	35	75	
*SP5CGN	18,585	124	21	31	
*SP3TYF	12,844	100	21	38	
*SP5CPR	11,500	91	20	30	
*SP2QVS	11,449	97	15	26	
*SP1BLE	6,330	21	15	15	
*SP3AAI	5,952	87	10	20	
*SP9LDO	4,176	50	15	21	
*SP3MY	1,684	44	6	6	

*SP8BAB	14	65,016	239	31	77
*SP6SYF	32,916	216	20	58	
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*SP3FIM	9,858	77	14	48	
*SP5JTF	3.5	94,376	910	18	76
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*SP5GH	8,094	71	10	61	

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*SP5GH	8,094	71	10	61	

*Y03FWC	A	431,154	1056	80	226
*Y03FRI	424,080	916	77	227	
*Y03CTK	325,500	659	78	222	
*YR8A	237,360	752	85	130	
(Opr. Y08AXP)					
*Y05BRZ	103,452	241	75	147	
*Y04GDP	89,535	420	39	88	
*Y02BZ	55,692	227	38	88	
*Y02ARV	54,812	193	50	92	
*Y05ALI	36,582	163	42	59	
*Y02QY	12,844	59	35	41	
*Y04CBT	2,035	56	9	28	
*Y02DFA	1,785	19	17	18	
*Y02BP	21	91,700	310	20	80
*Y04ZF	30,825	156	29	46	
*Y03RK	16,870	101	4	24	
*Y04ATW	14	64,100	316	25	75
*Y04BBH	63,457	440	23	66	
*Y04DCF	36,340	236	24	68	
*Y06MK	32,208	192	26	62	
*Y02LDC	7	30,900	132	23	77
*Y2PR	3.5	95,510	1007	21	75
(Opr. Y02DFA)					
*Y02LIN	4,318	119	6	28	
*Y02AOB	1.8	2,686	80	4	30

*Y03FWC	A	431,154	1056	80	226
*Y03FRI	424,080	916	77	227	
*Y03CTK	325,500	659	78	222	
*YR8A	237,360	752	85	130	
(Opr. Y08AXP)					
*Y05BRZ	103,452	241	75	147	
*Y04GDP	89,535	420	39	88	
*Y02BZ	55,692	227	38	88	
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*Y06MK	32,208	192	26	62	
*Y02LDC	7	30,900	132	23	77
*Y2PR	3.5	95,510	1007	21	75
(Opr. Y02DFA)					
*Y02LIN	4,318	119	6	28	
*Y02AOB	1.8	2,686	80	4	30

SARDINIA					
IS00MH	A	182,691	669	43	116
*IS0HQJ	A	166,060	471	56	134
*IS0IGV	148,149	445	49	128	
*IS0UWX	23,387	161	28	63	
*IS0WBT	2,928	41	17	31	

SCOTLAND					
GM7X	21	206,283	854	33	100
GM4YXI	7	224,532	1161	29	97
*GM4SID	A	621,091	1134	74	263
*GM3CFS	14	106,596	528	24	84

SICILY					
IT9XUC	14	416,260	1986	31	99
*IT9ORA	A	149,920	489	53	137
*IT9DEC	28	6,716	58	18	28
*IQ9AF	21	145,730	595	32	86

SLOVAK REPUBLIC					
OM3PC	21	354,354	922	38	116
(Opr. OM7M)					
OM5ZW	1.8	77,714	761	18	73
(Opr. OM7M)					
OM5ZM	33,375	306	18	71	
*OM6DM	A	494,216	1018	73	253
*OM8ON	486,537	582	98	283	
*OM3IAG	345,520	805	86	194	
*OM1AF	178,068	649	46	163	
*OM3BA	116,424	400	43	146	
*OM3CDZ	71,128	450	32	104	
*OM3GB	65,660	199	47	87	
*OM7AG	31,000	124	30	70	
*OM3T	18,750	212	16	59	
*OM7AT	15,481	112	22	40	
*OM7YC	21	38,628	163	25	62
*OM2SS	38,316	156	26	67	
*OM7PY	27,249	114	28	65	
*OM3PO	19,384	149	19	29	
*OM4DN	14	60,879	367	26	65
*OM9TR	38,394	280	20	59	
*OM5AW	7	192,194	945	34	114
*OM3CDN	20,020	200	14	63	
*OM6TX	6,956	130	8	29	
*OM5KM	3.5	73,800	759	14	68
*OM3ZIR	50,049	671	11	56	
*OM3OM					

*YB4JIM	*	145,350	232	59	112	*PY4ZF	*	68,875	250	40	55	RA6ABK	*	133,570	404	53	137	4N1A	3.5	35,014	408	14	68	KQ3F	*	213,368	412	55	124
*YB2PBX	*	17,228	77	44	74	*PU2RUX	28	316,479	1016	32	91	IK0CNA	*	131,535	409	52	133	SP4GFG	*	32,925	473	12	56	W2UP/3	*	135,121	262	62	137
*YB9BON	28	15,695	81	25	48	*PY2DUN	*	6,716	65	17	29	G0VQR	*	129,150	526	34	141	RW3AI	*	12,992	185	9	49	N3QQ	*	132,978	245	62	160
*YB0ECT	21	283,671	758	36	93	*PU2NKU	*	442	23	8	9	RU9UN	*	114,072	239	62	132	SP4TBM	*	9,741	170	8	43	N3FDL	*	121,495	187	64	171
*Y1RPN	*	1,512	30	13	15	*PU3LSP	*	16	5	2	2	UA9SG	*	106,288	217	62	120	YC20K	*	4,130	43	11	24	W3W	*	120,848	223	59	149
<b>NEW CALEDONIA</b>												N1SNB	*	104,308	222	53	125	UA00GQ	*	3,465	68	14	21	K3AR	*	109,510	203	67	166
*FK8HC	A	764,218	1193	98	168	*PY3JRG	*	56,170	200	21	61	EA3CKX	*	104,092	333	56	156	N6GM	*	1,104	22	11	12	N3NZ	*	105,138	236	51	126
*TXK8FU	14	64,080	278	25	55	*PY1AJK	*	45,978	205	22	57	ON6TJ	*	87,096	375	35	117	(Opr. W6REC)						KB3TS	*	76,728	179	46	138
<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>												AA1CA	*	76,540	223	56	122	HA9RA	*	760	42	4	15	AA3JU	*	73,710	173	59	151
ZL3CW	7	703,664	2108	33	103	*PV8OVU	*	20,500	152	17	33	JJ1JGI	*	72,576	206	46	80	N3UN	*	64,064	154	57	125						
<b>NORTHERN MARIANAS</b>												ON7CC	*	69,048	357	31	95	RA9CTK	1.8	10,491	95	7	32	W3AG	*	60,102	138	62	100
WH0AAV	21	50,569	355	25	36	*PY2NZR	*	10,263	160	22	55	UA4YKA	*	1,469	68	5	13	K3ATO	*	47,560	131	56	89						
*AH0D	A	9,779	153	31	46	*PY3UEB	*	900	23	8	7	YT1T	*	624	24	5	21	W3AP	*	45,453	129	39	100						
<b>PHILIPPINES</b>												WA9FWM/4	*	50,996	151	36	86	K3PP	*	32,376	98	48	94	KE3VN	*	9,159	209	59	154
DX1S	A	4,292,160	3180	145	335	WZ2T	*	52,801	191	40	93	KA3MYM	*	989	16	10	13	NY3Y	*	805	16	8	15						
DU3NXE	*	760,554	1549	73	113	EA3AEK	*	44,336	226	47	116	W3TMZ	7	40,736	149	32	102	NN4T	A	2,549,442	1752	149	457						
DU1COO	21	113,387	590	28	43	WD3P	*	40,737	130	27	84	W4AU	*	514,491	619	87	230	W4UD	*	329,184	390	87	237						
*DU7/N7ET	A	186,048	400	71	100	JA5CDL	*	39,060	161	54	70	K4VV	*	206,800	321	74	161	K4ZAM	*	149,814	281	72	174						
*DU3RCM	21	258,633	848	32	71	G4FDC	*	34,992	154	30	78	K2SD/4	*	106,358	231	72	142	K3KO/4	*	57,663	156	47	102						
*DU9HKD	*	9,176	125	14	17	H89XY	*	34,335	217	25	84	KT3T/4	*	40,320	246	70	140	W4WNT	*	34,071	103	45	78						
*DU1/						H89AYZ	*	32,445	232	23	82	N4KU	*	17,538	75	27	52	N4KU	*	16,984	93	35	53						
DL5ZAH	14	85,136	536	24	44	OH2YL	*	31,600	166	28	67	KD4RIX	28	26,316	115	22	64	K4AMC	21	407,012	766	49	145						
*DU9HKD	7	2,400	63	7	8	DK6AJ	*	27,508	190	35	57	K4UJ	*	171,879	507	30	111	KD4QJM	7	52,300	191	27	73						
<b>SOUTH COOK ISLANDS</b>												DL1LAW	*	24,990	210	21	81	W1CSM	*	952,204	859	99	319	W4DR	1.8	10,788	73	17	45
*ZK1TB	A	584,004	743	101	146	VU3CRJ	*	24,885	106	35	70	W1BIH	*	883,008	706	129	382	N5JR	A	969,873	814	121	332						
<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>												Y04AAC	*	24,832	192	24	54	N1D6	*	829,837	679	125	374	K5LP	*	945,472	683	146	398
*ZK1DI	3.5	9,196	166	9	10	NQ7X	*	22,339	95	33	56	K1AE	*	740,784	614	126	362	N5TJ	*	944,646	694	146	388						
<b>ARGENTINA</b>												DJ5QK	*	16,422	161	21	81	W1RZF	*	674,370	836	95	286	WQ5L	*	767,380	763	105	265
LU3FSP	A	1,296,420	2091	78	168	N1AFC	*	14,335	83	13	48	K1HP	*	301,806	584	48	159	K5XM	7	60,794	209	31	82						
LU8EHW	*	495,558	1167	68	103	VE6GK	*	14,148	135	27	27	K1TH	*	456,388	733	76	208	K6XT	A	914,850	685	151	384						
LU5GPL	*	36,134	143	39	50	JL3SBE	*	13,335	83	34	40	K1TH	*	454,163	576	74	239	K6RO	*	885,778	854	130	292						
LU3HIP	28	152,736	729	25	61	F6ABI	*	13,284	135	20	62	N6RFM/1	*	432,706	486	99	287	K6ZZ	*	613,548	589	135	302						
AY1I	21	1,838,852	4137	39	133	EA7HCB	*	12,308	140	25	43	KA1CLX	*	420,965	582	77	218	KD6WW	*	455,096	506	102	224						
<b>PARAGUAY</b>												NM1K	*	12,012	60	35	56	W1CU	*	318,990	391	93	217	W6OAT	*	362,444	379	122	239
LU4FPZ	*	560,634	1718	35	94	K5OI	*	11,880	69	30	36	K1KP	*	301,806	584	48	159	W6TKF	*	210,795	367	87	148						
LT5V	14	97,691	699	24	59	Y06ADW	*	11,786	115	18	65	K1MY	*	217,373	305	74	225	K6ZH	*	162,024	250	93	165						
<b>TRINIDAD &amp; TOBAGO</b>												VE2ABO	*	11,368	103	18	31	K1RV	*	189,999	301	69	158	W6QK	*	142,105	261	93	200
*LU8HSO	A	700,290	1321	78	173	RA3FO	*	8,736	144	8	40	N2IQ	*	180,936	298	100	259	W6RCL	*	104,940	242	74	124						
*LU1EWL	*	609,477	845	87	166	KL7UR	*	8,308	115	15	16	K1VV	*	62,329	142	52	105	K6UC	*	97,920	208	69	123						
*LU1AEE	*	557,608	1112	70	118	UT5USX	*	6,489	43	27	36	K1NU	*	60,342	158	53	125	N6ED	*	22,321	83	36	65						
*LU4HKN	*	178,000	627	52	73	DF8AN	*	5,929	130	16	33	K1SM	*	60,192	165	38	94	N6ND	21	402,051	949	43	126						
*L50V	*	125,400	597	36	59	JN2FSE	*	4,500	55	27	33	N1SP	*	59,906	157	39	115	N6GX	*	157,563	583	32	91						
*LU3DSI	*	54,662	145	56	95	VA3JFF	*	4,480	61	27	33	K1GE	*	49,248	141	66	96	W6EU	7	486,720	1180	37	119						
*LU7HTJ	*	51,744	303	32	45	WD9IAB	*	3,827	42	23	30	N1NOD	*	20,989	93	54	85	N7NG	A	955,719	848	134	303						
*L25EY	*	7,905	105	23	28	W2JEK	*	3,525	31	19	28	WW1E	*	14,276	75	22	61	W7OM	*	659,792	818	121	223						
<b>URUGUAY</b>												K1RM	21	62,871	392	8	49	K1RM	21	62,871	392	8	49	N7RT	*	498,000	508	128	287
*A29W	28	685,170	1866	31	107	DL2PY	*	2,310	55	10	20	W1YY	1.8	15,732	97	19	50	K7GQ	*	421,176	508	101	226						
<b>VENEZUELA</b>												K2TW	A	3,961,313	2198	154	513	K2TW	A	3,961,313	2198	154	513	W7LR	*	345,886	394	115	211
*LU9AU	*	631,359	2016	28	95	JM2RUV	*	840	15	15	15	K2NG	*	3,895,115	1996	170	593	KG7XC	*	331,702	491	89	177						
*LW4DYI	*	552,288	1515	32	100	4X1IF	28	17,522	120	22	34	W2XX	*	2,867,193	1698	149	490	W7WHY	*	321,745	495	95	186						
*LU2DPW	*	335,875	951	32	93	KY5N	*	13,740	93	16	44	N2MM	*	2,625,168	1675	148	476	W7NN	*	248,305	339	89	176						
*LU3WEU	*	311,745	1135	25	80	2M0AOK	*	8,112	121	9	15	W1GD/2	*	1,702,134	1140	132	421	W8AEF/7	*	212,105	340	99	196						
*LW9EY	21	335,219	1188	28	73	UX3HX	*	3,478	38	16	21	K2ONP	*	1,479,888	1195	126	390	K7NPN	*	181,630	377	74	131						
*LU5HT	*	40,404	206	26	48	JG2LGM	*	2,184	36	11	15	K2NV	*	1,218,676	1069	104	294	N7RO	*	138,788	321	58	99						
*LU3EAO	*	21,540	130	21	39	HK3/	*					W9NGA/2	*	1,175,518	960	125	389	K7WP	*	128,752	228	84	124						
*LW3HAQ/D	*	4,935	79	12	9	SM5CCT	21	172,773	786	19	62	K2SG	*	1,164,900	1183	80	273	W7UB	*	64,076	217	62	104						
*LU4FM	14	338,883	1381	35	94	JR4DAH	*	102,114	407	29	64	W6TER/2	*	872,298	767	118	365	K7ZUM	*	55,488	261	60	76						
*LU1XSI	*	162,052	492	31	85	LU6HI	*	90,861	400	28	65	W2YR	*	759,024	551	128	374	N7UJJ	*	47,320	144	50	90						
<b>ARUBA</b>												K2AZ	*	749,523	685	107	326	K7ZD	*	4,592	38	24	32	K8MFO	A	2,272,556	1290	150	488
P40E	A	12,668,701	6473	164	513	KS9U	*	72,836	245	31	100	W2YR	*	759,024	551	128	374	N85S/8	*	899,418	688	123	384						
<b>BRAZIL</b>												N1CC/2	*	661,260	623	102	310	W2YR	*	759,024	551	128	374	W8JGU	*	888,840	862	96	264
P40J	14	1,548,792	3352	38	130	W4DEC	*	59,085	225	23	78	K2B2M	*	571,200	578	96	304	KT8X	*	864,892	953	91	225						
P40R	*	1,545,248	3145	39	133	BV3FG	*	47,348	476	24	52	K2XF	*	448,465	498	95	254	K8CX	*	360									

<b>CANADA</b>			
VA3NR	A	443,308	648 88 219
<b>JAMAICA</b>			
6Y5/ JJ3TMW	A	42	7 7 7

<b>MARTINIQUE</b>			
FM5DN	A	7,215,779	5687 141 442 (Opr. YT6A)

<b>PUERTO RICO</b>			
WP4LNY	A	19,608	156 25 32
WP4KOE	*	2,139	40 10 13

<b>ASIA</b>			
<b>ASIATIC RUSSIA</b>			
UA0DC	A	389,398	828 89 137

<b>HONG KONG</b>			
VR97BG	A	2,074,888	2398 129 290

<b>JAPAN</b>			
JF1SEK	A	930,020	912 118 246
JA9XBW	*	801,528	843 131 236
JK2VOC	*	567,325	905 98 177
JH5OXF	*	303,000	482 90 160
JA0BMS/1	*	210,040	477 62 116
JA0BJY	*	32,732	123 35 63
JO2AXB	*	8,370	66 28 34
JJ2TKX	*	8,260	70 28 31
JH1FSF	28	5,805	55 17 26
JE9LLO	21	57,534	252 26 60
JK1OXU	14	25,604	127 25 49
JE9PFD	7	22,242	128 24 42
JJ3VPY	*	8,109	68 20 31
JH0TYE	*	1,584	20 13 20
JH1BBT	3.5	57,510	258 24 57
JK1GKG	*	23,892	148 21 45
JF3PNQ	*	1,470	24 13 22
JL1ARF	1.8	6,987	56 20 31
JE1SPY	*	598	21 6 7

<b>EUROPE</b>			
<b>AUSTRIA</b>			
OE1XIC/3	21	164,400	500 35 102 (Opr. OE1JNB)

<b>BELGIUM</b>			
ON4CAS	A	188,466	497 56 146
ON5UM	14	145,530	722 30 80

<b>CROATIA</b>			
9A3ZO	A	62,280	225 52 128

<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>			
OK2XTE	A	227,022	388 91 223
OK1PG	*	42,828	144 48 81
OK2PDT	21	81,600	335 29 71
OK1MKI	14	76,590	373 27 84
OK1FDY	1.8	67,035	643 12 62

<b>ENGLAND</b>			
G5LP	A	693,888	1338 90 326
G3NKC	*	627,800	818 99 331
G0MTN	*	174,795	514 54 161
M7P	28	30,959	153 23 60 (Opr. G4TNB)

<b>EUROPEAN RUSSIA</b>			
RX3ARI	A	309,264	668 80 192

<b>FINLAND</b>			
OH3BU	A	773,808	1106 101 291
OH2VZ	*	118,116	253 69 135
OH2LU	*	40,768	151 39 73
OH2EA	3.5	62,361	382 26 97
OH2BO	1.8	32,352	221 22 74

<b>FRANCE</b>			
F5RBB	A	338,889	831 59 190
F5YJ	*	210,688	535 65 191
F5JOT	*	76,995	277 38 107

<b>GERMANY</b>			
DL2MEH	A	2,283,147	1811 149 490
DJ2YA	*	2,228,666	1591 157 492
DL7ON	*	1,738,352	1603 160 456
DF4RD	*	1,473,395	1133 144 479
DL7MAE	*	1,207,584	1302 123 381
DK9IP	*	1,166,592	993 149 439
DL7VOG	*	820,854	833 121 365
DJ1YH	*	439,920	618 87 273
DL1IAO	*	394,492	881 64 129
DL8ZAW	*	379,942	716 64 207
DL5DXF	*	348,161	508 87 254
DL8KAW	*	336,217	562 75 226
DL8AAM	*	317,338	696 57 209
DJ9MH	*	306,527	510 89 234
DF3IAL	*	250,040	500 62 218
DL5OBZ	*	236,900	515 65 165
DL9SEV	*	214,630	499 71 183
DF2RG	*	182,490	411 66 171

DL4RCK	*	107,184	352 54 149
DK9DA	*	91,464	189 69 137
DK4QT	*	86,970	202 70 125
DJ5MN	*	65,481	170 59 160
DK8NX	*	39,837	103 60 87
DK2FR	*	20,670	125 35 71
DL2NEO	*	9,650	94 19 31
DL0YE	28	16,020	128 16 29 (Opr. DL9LAI)
DF9ZP	21	488,141	1256 38 129 (Opr. DK8ZB)
DL4NAC	14	615,416	1579 38 134
DJ4SO	3.5	136,962	761 28 98
DK5RK	*	14,040	203 12 53

<b>HUNGARY</b>			
HA0HW	A	313,577	700 81 238
HA/N9NC	*	164,907	443 70 181

<b>IRELAND</b>			
EI8GP	14	33,150	241 17 48

<b>ITALY</b>			
IR2W	A	2,384,280	2012 141 414 (Opr. I2VXJ)
IK5TSS	*	882,534	1183 97 315
IK0HBN	*	558,125	636 127 348
IK4WMB	*	348,082	587 93 236
IK1YLL	*	92,538	265 43 116

<b>MACEDONIA</b>			
Z30Z	7	246,500	1028 34 111 (Opr. Z32AF)
Z31GX	3.5	226,512	1508 25 96

<b>NETHERLANDS</b>			
PI4TUE	21	166,980	579 31 90 (Opr. PA3EZL)

<b>NORWAY</b>			
LA9GY	A	44,247	192 43 86

<b>POLAND</b>			
SP7NMW	A	517,920	845 98 292
SP5ELA	*	516,078	1051 90 252
SP9LAS	*	19,097	93 30 49
SP3FAR	*	4,536	38 26 37

<b>SLOVENIA</b>			
S58A	A	1,635,400	1642 124 357
S56A	*	775,024	956 117 355
S51NY	*	332,949	847 62 205

<b>SPAIN</b>			
EA3BHK	A	178,784	318 91 205
EA4ECF	*	82,134	300 52 117
EA3AOK	*	67,614	165 55 122
EA7PN	*	56,286	134 62 115
EA4BT	*	52,632	228 41 88
EA4AUF	*	828	19 8 10

<b>SWEDEN</b>			
SM5IMO	A	784,660	1217 88 244

<b>SWITZERLAND</b>			
HB9FAP	A	673,344	1099 74 214
HB9AFH	*	29,606	88 52 79

<b>WALES</b>			
GW3JXN	A	873,964	1247 94 270

<b>YUGOSLAVIA</b>			
YT0T	3.5	141,327	1134 26 97 (Opr. 4N1DXX)

<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>			
<b>ARGENTINA</b>			
LU7EAR	21	47,430	267 25 68
LU1BW	*	6,960	101 17 31
LW2EU	14	54,600	248 31 74

<b>BRAZIL</b>			
ZZZZ	A	779,824	1292 78 166 (Opr. PY2YP)

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<b>UNITED STATES</b>			
K1ZZ	6,751,382	3138	167 606
K1ZR	3,374,514	2374	126 424
AA1ON	1,281,892	1209	100 304
N1AU	589,612	501	109 337
W1OK	463,638	476	106 293
W1BK	335,124	364	122 306
K1EU	215,358	369	76 175
W1SRG	154,080	328	64 176
N2NU	9,139,372	4122	178 643
AA2FB	2,913,251	2059	137 446
W2CG	973,095	894	99 336
N2FF	902,853	941	113 346

K2OWE	858,192	874	114 342
N2LBR	800,162	743	98 309
KB5U/2	507,025	634	107 318
N2SS	326,697	385	89 240
W3GG	2,904,618	2050	139 438
WR3L	1,567,544	1147	120 397
NE3F	1,196,184	1139	134 418
K3SX	53,120	148	55 111

W4WA	4,548,258	2593	168 534
K4OJ	3,476,795	2283	150 467
NJ4F	2,974,536	2379	145 441
N8PR/4	1,201,516	879	146 410
AE4RO	1,148,736	842	130 366
W4PRO	866,628	795	131 412
K4NR	32,660	123	35 80
WA4FLZ	22,365	98	34 71

WX0B/5	2,674,026	1922	155 466
NA5B	1,817,984	1897	128 320
N5TW	512,624	584	100 222

K6ANP	943,599	755	143 310
KN6DV	171,628	468	74 140
K6III	151,008	288	92 150

W7VJ	1,814,400	1562	139 311
K7SP	1,703,349	1642	133 326
N7FE	863,550	1032	105 237
K07X	410,345	523	108 187
WC7N	268,812	422	91 171

K8AZ	6,473,736	3167	179 596
K8LX	4,203,064	2389	159 515
N8NR	3,646,350	2067	155 520
W8ZA	293,260	395	87 223

W9JA	4,469,888	2427	176 567
WN9O	820,800	734	137 403
N0NI	4,459,806	2570	169 533
KV0Q	3,937,182	2619	166 440
N7DR/0	2,562,750	1886	135 375
N0IJ	2,509,353	1933	129 368
W0TM	1,930,860	1449	139 371
W0CQC	290,273	393	91 190
N0ZA	243,360	368	76 164
KA0BWH	155,320	330	61 159

<b>BAHAMAS</b>			
C6A/K8DD	3,522,657	3918	110 327

<b>CANADA</b>			
VE9DH	7,222,328	4563	149 515
VE3DC	282,480	551	68 172

<b>CAYMAN ISLANDS</b>			
ZF1A	11,971,520	7046	164 540
ZF2RV	3,782,254	3723	128 354

<b>COSTA RICA</b>			
T15N	3,816,253	4070	146 407

<b>DOMINICANA</b>			
HI3/ DL1GKG	4,313,936	3918	117 391

<b>MEXICO</b>			
6D2X	8,881,075	6129	166 499

<b>PANAMA</b>			
3E1DX	5,914,270	5508	140 390

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KP3Z	10,135,725	6262	168 577

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VP5DX	3,454,705	3189	134 371

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IH9/OL5Y	6,228,264	4770	123 401

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9U5CW	2,103,904	2353	87 257

<b>GHANA</b>			
9G5VJ	6,667,100	4962	121 354

<b>LIBYA</b>			
5A2A	9,614,220	5460	158 502

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<b>ASIATIC RUSSIA</b>			
RZ9AZA	6,583,164	3803	173 546
RK9CWW	4,133,540	2575	142 478
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RZ9UWG	589,088	837	93 235

<b>CYPRUS</b>			
P3A	11,755,121	6478	164 569

<b>HONG KONG</b>			
VR2WO	4,397,067	4178	142 351

<b>JAPAN</b>			
JH7PKU	3,584,480	2620	160 361
JR1ZTT	3,095,664	2341	165 363
JA7YAA	2,533,209	2361	150 347
JE6ZIH	2,464,592	2298	133 309
JA1ELY			

<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>			
ZM2K	4,212,468	3551	135 333
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DX1HB	2,583,031	3032	110 213
4G1A	555,9795	1165	77 130

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N04I	6,631,020	3726	170 578
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K3ANS	659,694	759	104 313
N1MD	564,186	549	92 307
K1CN	215,710	311	78 187

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KL7Y	12,699,080	9391	167 417

<b>ANTIGUA</b>			
V26KW	9,902,857	7525	138 451

<b>CANADA</b>			
VE3EJ	18,437,120	9176	184 648
VE5RI	560,443	1129	91 156

<b>CUBA</b>			
T49C	7,352,694	7627	128 358

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J39A	19,336,338	11503	169 569

<b>JAMAICA</b>			
6Y4A	29,752,404	14770	187 649

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EA8ZS	21,915,001	10148	175 634

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TU3F	1,640,412	2250	92 240

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<b>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</b>			
A61AJ	9,108,396	6793	142 452

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JA3ZOH	9,416,844	4976	182 487
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JA3YKC	3,221,240	3262	136 304

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EA6IB	10,580,839	8339	172 579

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OK10KE	545,072	1219	69 235
OK1KIR	429,307	684	87 244

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OZ5WQ	2,458,979	3357	122 387
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J45T	1,102,686	4397	93 309

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RZ3Q	6,664,224	5915	176 576
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HG6Y	3,291,314	3735	133 421

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TF3IRA	10,358,889	10210	134 445

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LY5A	7,478,400	5677	178 582
LY7A	4,048,328	4480	156 487

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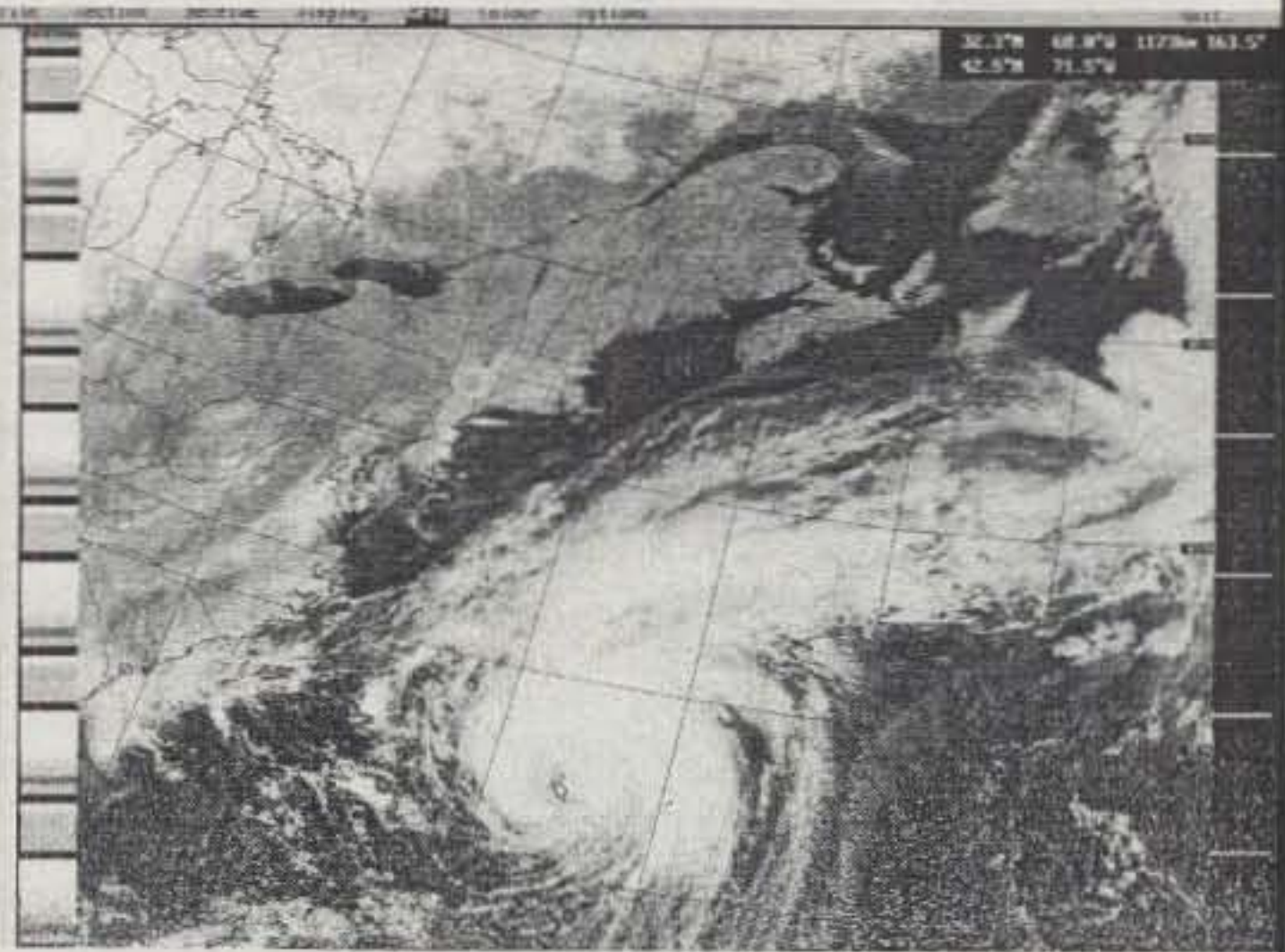
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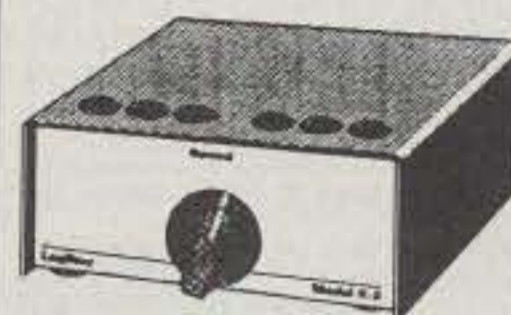
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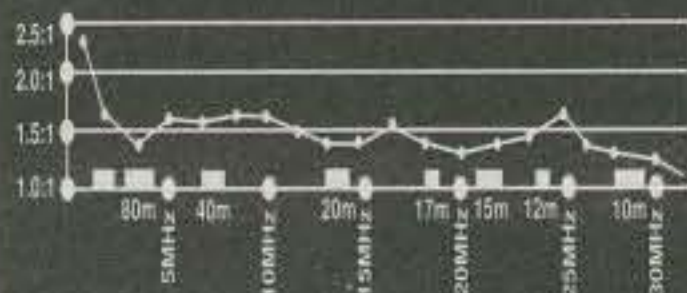
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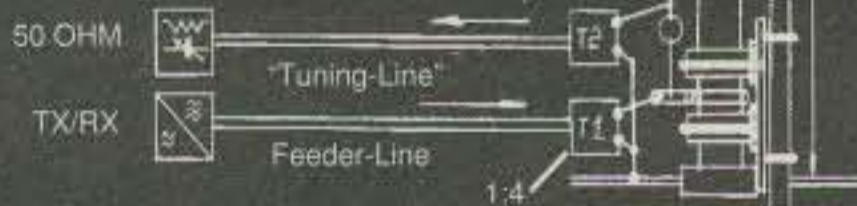
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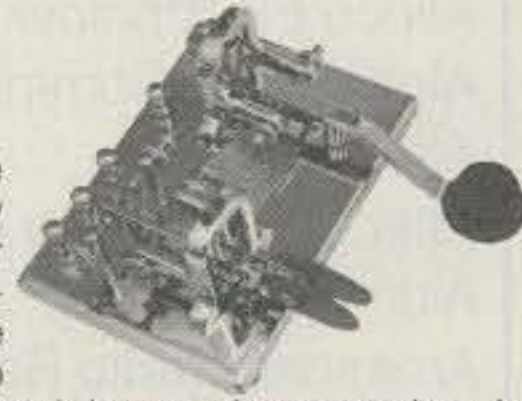
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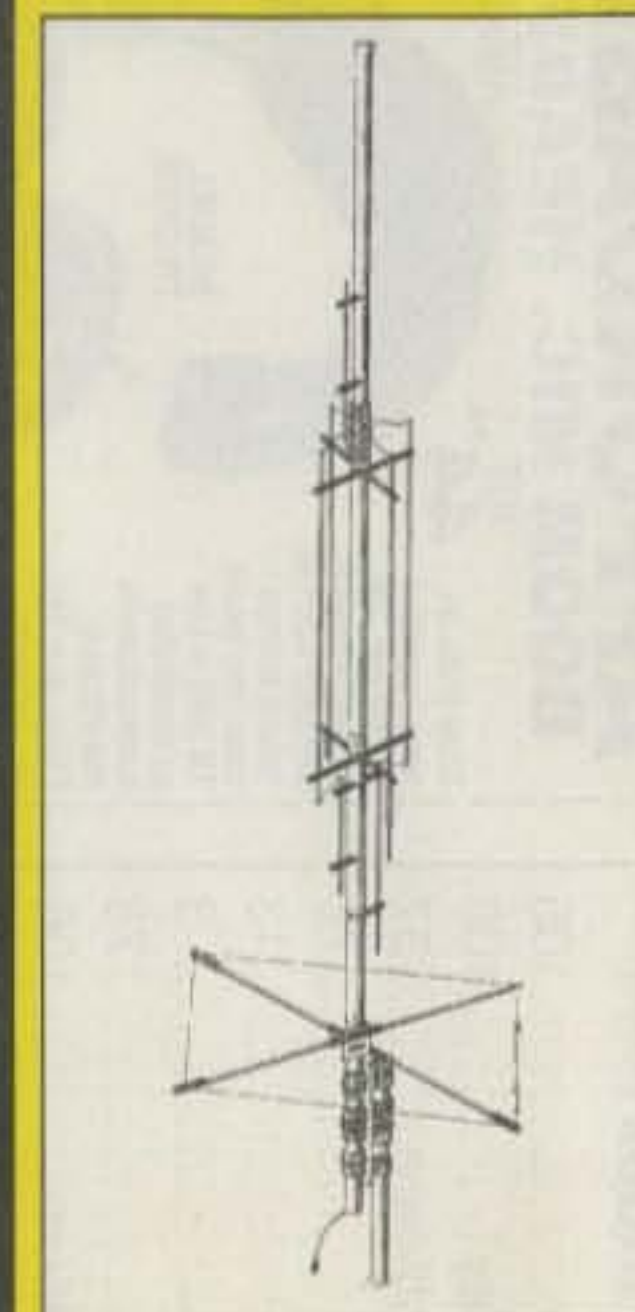
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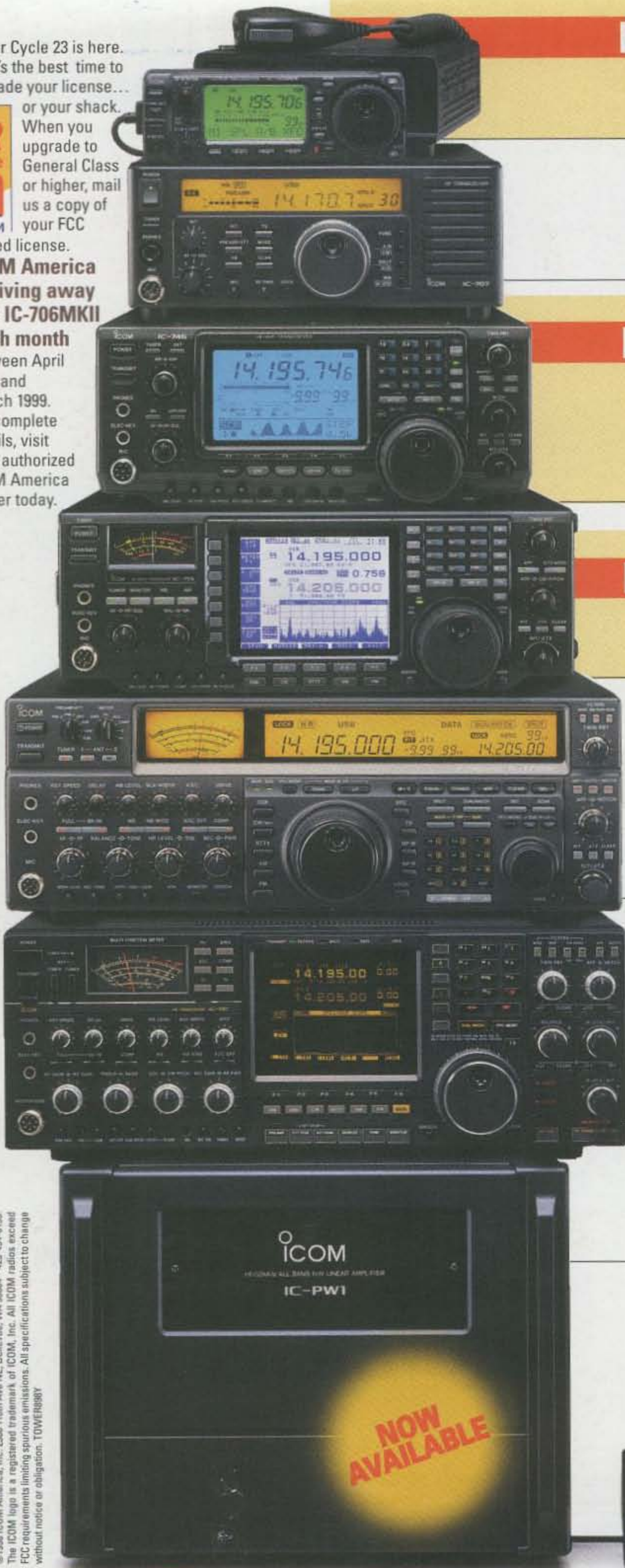
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