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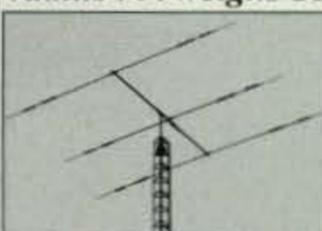
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TH-2MK3	2			1500	10, 15, 20	3.25	80	6	27.3	14.25	20	1.9-2.5	CD-45II	\$369.95
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- AM Aircraft band reception
- Temperature Compensated Crystal Oscillator
- Ignition key activated power on/off feature
- Optional Accessories
  - EJ-47U digital modulation unit
  - EJ-50U TNC unit
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### Kenwood/JVC Merger Planned by October

The managements of both JVC (Victor Corporation of Japan) and Kenwood released details in early June of their proposed merger, which the companies are calling "management integration." Pending approval by shareholders of both companies at a joint meeting scheduled for June 27, the plan is to delist JVC from the Osaka Securities Exchange by the end of July and to remove both JVC and Kenwood from the Tokyo Stock Exchange by the end of September. Then, as of October 1, a new company, JVC Kenwood Holdings, would be formed. It would own 100% of the shares of each company, and the two would then be merged into a single entity called J&K Technologies.

In an earlier statement, Kenwood said the merger would have no impact on its amateur radio business. However, the joint statement in June said the merged companies' focus would be on auto electronics, home and mobile electronics, professional systems, and entertainment. There was little mention of the communications segment (amateur and land mobile) except to note that it currently accounts for about 35% of Kenwood's business. The merged company, on the other hand, expects the four areas mentioned above to account for 90% of its sales by fiscal year 2011. This is the second merger of a major amateur radio manufacturer in the past year, following Motorola's acquisition of Yaesu's parent company, Vertex-Standard, last year.

### Uncertainty over California Hands-Free Law

California's new hands-free cellphone law took effect July 1, and its impact on amateur radio is still unclear. ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, said in an ARRL bulletin that "a fair reading of the statute excludes mobile operation of Amateur Radio equipment" because it is not a "wireless telephone" as described by the new law. In addition, *Newsline* quotes a spokesperson for the California Highway Patrol as saying that the new laws "do not concern radios such as your Amateur Radios, unless they are also wireless telephones." However, Imlay noted that there are no guarantees about how broadly the statute will be interpreted, and the League bulletin noted that hams may "have to go through the inconvenience of appearing in court to contest a citation." There is additional concern among some California hams because a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page on the state motor vehicles website originally appeared to exclude amateur radio from the provisions of the new law; and they note that a new version of the FAQ page has omitted both the question and the answer about ham rigs.

### Russia Launches New Ham Satellite

A new amateur radio satellite, RS-30, has been launched by the Russian Federal Space Agency to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1957 launch of the first manmade satellite, Sputnik-1. According to the AMSAT News Service (ANS), RS-30 is a downlink-only satellite, sending telemetry, an image, and beeps reminiscent of Sputnik's in a four-minute cycle. It is transmitting on 435.315 MHz.

In other amateur satellite news, ANS reports that China plans to launch a new ham "bird" early next year. The satellite, currently called CAS-1, is expected to include a CW telemetry beacon, a linear transponder, an FM repeater, and a digital store-and-forward transponder. It will have a 2-meter uplink and 70-centimeter downlink. In addition, ANS says the European Space Agency has offered a free launch later this year or early next year for nine student-built "cubesats" from universities across Europe. One from Belgium is planning to use D-Star digital transmissions.

### Motorola Funds School Radio Clubs in Malaysia

Motorola, Inc., now the corporate parent of Yaesu, has announced that its Malaysian subsidiary is working the Malaysian Amateur Radio Transmitters' Society (MARTS) to establish amateur radio clubs in up to 40 secondary schools around the country. According to a news release, each club will receive a base station and three handhelds, as well as "infrastructure and engineering support, training of teacher advisors, and [assistance] in license acquisition." Motorola's Managing Director in the region said the program is intended "to promote the excitement of communications technology to students at a young age and stimulate an interest for electronics and technology, particularly in the subject of engineering."

### Hams in New York Break Balloon Record

A group of "early career engineers" at Lockheed-Martin who are also pursuing graduate degrees at Cornell University have set a new altitude record for amateur high-altitude balloons with a flight on May 20 that soared to 125,000 feet before beginning its descent. According to Lockheed Martin, "onboard GPS and amateur radio technology allow monitoring of the balloon's launch, ascent into 'near space,' descent and recovery." The launch, from Owego, New York, is part of a collaborative effort between Lockheed and Cornell called Project Blue Horizon. This was its seventh launch since last year. Future goals, according to Lockheed, include transatlantic flights, multi-balloon missions and the release of unmanned vehicles from near-space altitudes.

### CW Returns to MARS

The Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) is bringing back Morse code, which had been banned on MARS frequencies by Defense Department directive since 1997. CQ Public Service Editor Bob Josuweit, WA3PZO, reports that the Chief of Navy/Marine Corps MARS in late May authorized area and region directors to establish CW traffic and training nets. Army MARS is surveying members as to their code proficiency and one Army MARS region has been conducting CW nets in anticipation of a unified policy on code operations by all three MARS services.

### ARRL Opposes Two Petitions Based on Interference From Hams

The ARRL has filed comments in opposition to two very different petitions before the FCC based on the potential that hams operating on the same frequencies may cause unacceptable interference to the devices in question. One petition seeks FCC approval to operate robotic reconnaissance devices in the 430-448 MHz band, on which hams have a secondary allocation and a widespread repeater network; the other is proposing the use of 2360-2400 MHz for "body sensor networks," which, according to the *ARRL Letter*, appear to be devices intended for short-range transmission of medical data from multiple sensors to nearby hub stations in homes and medical facilities. Amateur radio has a primary allocation at 2390-2400 MHz.

The League's concern in both cases is that amateurs may unwittingly cause interference to these devices, perhaps compromising law-enforcement activities with the robots or blocking the accurate transmission of vital medical information. Both comments call on the FCC to direct the manufacturers involved to find different frequencies that will not be subject to interference from amateur operations.

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#### Freq. Band:

3.5 – 28 MHz  
HF Amateur Bands

#### Operation Mode:

SSB, CW, FM

#### Exciting Power (RF Drive):

50W

#### Output Power (RF Out):

400W max., SSB (PEP)/CW  
350W typical, 300W minimum

#### Band Select (or Switch):

RF-Sensed Auto Band Select  
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#### RF Power Transistors:

THP – 120 x 4

#### Power Supply:

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## Half Empty or Half Full Redux

**B**ack in June, I wrote an editorial titled "Half Empty or Half Full?" which discussed our reader survey results that month about multi-ham families. I was a little unhappy that the survey showed that two out of three CQ readers were the only hams in their families. On the other hand, our publisher, K2MGA, thought it was great that one of every three CQ readers came from a multi-ham family. Dick's logic eventually won out and he converted me from "half empty" to "half full" on the matter. I'm bringing that back up because just a few weeks later, I had another "half-empty/half-full" experience that kind of fits right in with June's discussion.

At the end of May, en route to the Rochester Hamfest, I stopped off at Syracuse University, where my son, Dan (KC2OOM), had an appointment. I noticed what looked like a ham satellite antenna on the roof of the engineering building and figured that while Dan was in his meeting, I would go look for a ham radio club. The half-empty part of the story is that apparently, the ham club at Syracuse is inactive, and those antennas aren't connected to anything. But the process of finding that out provided the half-full portion of the story. The university's visitor center and information office was in the same building as Dan's appointment, so I figured I'd start there. As the very nice lady in the office started searching for a ham club on her computer (even though she said she didn't think there was one), one of the people who works in the office sat down in the reception area with his lunch and, listening to our conversation, said, "My brother's a ham." At that point, the lady doing my search looked over at him and said, "Really? My son is a ham, too." And he's in high school, by the way.

One question our survey didn't (and couldn't) ask was what percentage of the non-ham public is related to at least one ham. There may be "only" 650,000 of us out there, but virtually all of us have relatives who know that we're hams and have some idea of what ham radio is about. Let's say that, on average, each of us has four relatives with at least a passing understanding of amateur radio. That 2.6 million people. Add the 650,000 licensed hams in the U.S., and that's a group of more than 3 million people with at least a basic understanding of who we are and what we do. And that doesn't include friends, neighbors, and co-workers who know that we're hams. If you add them in, you've probably got more than 10 million people in this country who know a ham and (hopefully) think ham radio is a good thing. And the fact that we are spread across all parts of society (see last month's "Zero Bias") helps even more.

### Don't be a "Justa"

Speaking of there being "only" 650,000 licensed hams in the United States, I made time at the Rochester Hamfest to attend a forum on mentoring—one of my favorite soapbox topics—presented by ARRL Membership Manager Katie Breen, W1KRB. Katie has three characteristics that are *not* widely shared among her colleagues on the ARRL staff who normally attend hamfests and present the "public face" of the League. She is: (1) young, (2) female, and (3) a relatively new ham. This is a powerful combination, since we're trying to attract new people to the hobby who are (1) young, (2) female as well as male, and (3) (obviously) not already experienced hams; and her job is to try to find those people and bring them first into ham radio and second into ARRL membership.

One of Katie's major points in her forum is that you don't need to be a veteran ham to help mentor others. She used her own experiences at ARRL Headquarters as an example. As a new ham with a minimal station at home, she was looking for operating help from experienced hams

and operating time at a better-equipped station. W1AW isn't generally a good place to learn, because of a tight bulletin and code-practice schedule and visitors wanting to operate the world's most famous ham station. But little-known to the outside world is W1HQ, the ARRL staff radio club, with its own station hidden away in the recesses of 225 Main St. Apparently, that wasn't too good a place to learn, either, because it was set up for single-person operation, was kind of dingy and not-too-well equipped, and, well, nobody really used it much.

Katie was one of two League staffers who spearheaded an effort to spruce up the station and get it active again. Part of that effort was to get other staffers who were licensed but not active to help others *get* licensed and *get* active. She said several people she approached were hesitant, saying, "I can't do that; I'm just a Technician," or "I'm just a new ham myself." Her response, to them and to us in the audience: "Don't be a *justa*." Don't put yourself down and don't minimize your ability to help others, she said. Even if you're still new at something, helping someone else get up to speed can increase your own skills and confidence. The result at W1HQ was a refurbished station and a newly active staff radio club. (For more on the revitalization of W1HQ, see <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/02/13/101/?nc=1>).

There are several lessons here that should be taken to heart by radio clubs, especially those having trouble getting people to come out to meetings and activities: (1) Any radio club can go through a slow period. If the ARRL's staff radio club can become nearly inactive and then recover, so can yours. (2) All it takes is one "spark-plug" to get things moving again. It doesn't have to be (and maybe shouldn't be) a club elder or a superham. If you've got someone with interest and enthusiasm who's willing to take on the challenge, hand him or her the ball, but be sure to provide backup in terms of support and resources to succeed. (3) There should be no "justas" in your club. Everyone should be encouraged to make the most of his/her abilities and to help others, regardless of whether that person is "justa" new ham or "justa" Technician. (4) A club station can be a focal point for building up club activity, so if you have the facilities available, do your best to make it available to members whenever possible. (5) Success builds on itself. When people start hearing that your club is active and vital, more of them will start coming out to meetings and activities. At the same time, club leaders need to make sure there are interesting speakers and activities to hold the interest of these new and returning members. So if your club is struggling, try to find a Katie out there, provide support and resources, and let him/her loose on your local ham community.

### YHOTY

A funny thing happened on the way to the nominating deadline for this year's Newsline Young Ham of the Year award (CQ is a co-sponsor and I am a member of the judging committee). Two weeks before the May 30 deadline, we had no nominations. None. Zero. Worried, award coordinator Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, e-mailed everyone he could think of with reminders about the upcoming deadline. Well, whatever he did, it worked. By the time the deadline arrived, we had nearly 30 nominations in hand, most likely a record. As I write this, the judging is still going on, so I have no idea who will win. But having read all 30 of those nominations, I can say with confidence that the future of our hobby is in good hands. We've got some great kids out there, doing great things, and it's important that they and their efforts be recognized, even if they're "justa" bunch of kids! Perhaps *because* "justa" bunch of kids! Congratulations to all the nominees. Each one of you is a winner, and the glass is definitely half full. Maybe even more than half.

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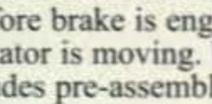
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**The following special event stations are scheduled for August:**

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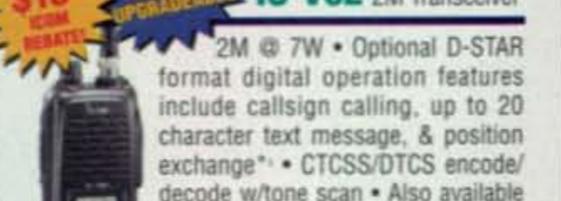
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# Hams Respond to China Disaster



(Photo provided by VR2IO)

BY BOB JOSUWEIT,\* WA3PZO

Over 45 million people were affected by a magnitude 8.0 earthquake that struck China's Sichuan Province on May 12, 2008. As the death toll topped 69,000, with over 366,000 people injured and approximately 18,000 missing, amateur radio operators were there to supply much-needed communications. Yet the full magnitude of the disaster was still not known in early June as China reported over 9300 aftershocks and there were concerns about "earthquake lakes" that had formed throughout the disaster area. These lakes were formed as mud and rock slides blocked rivers from flowing. China's state media reported in June that the Tangjiashan "quake lake" was approaching hazardous levels. The lake's water volume was equal to more than 80,000 Olympic-size swimming pools. The area was still receiving aftershocks and Liu Ning, chief engineer at the Ministry of Water Resources, warned that one of the risks was an aftershock could breach the lake at any time, inundating lower-lying areas.

The numbers as reported by the Chinese government are staggering. It said that more than 764,000 people were evacuated, including over 6500 people who were dug out from under debris. It took eight days for Chinese troops to reach over 1000 of the most affected villages. According to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA),

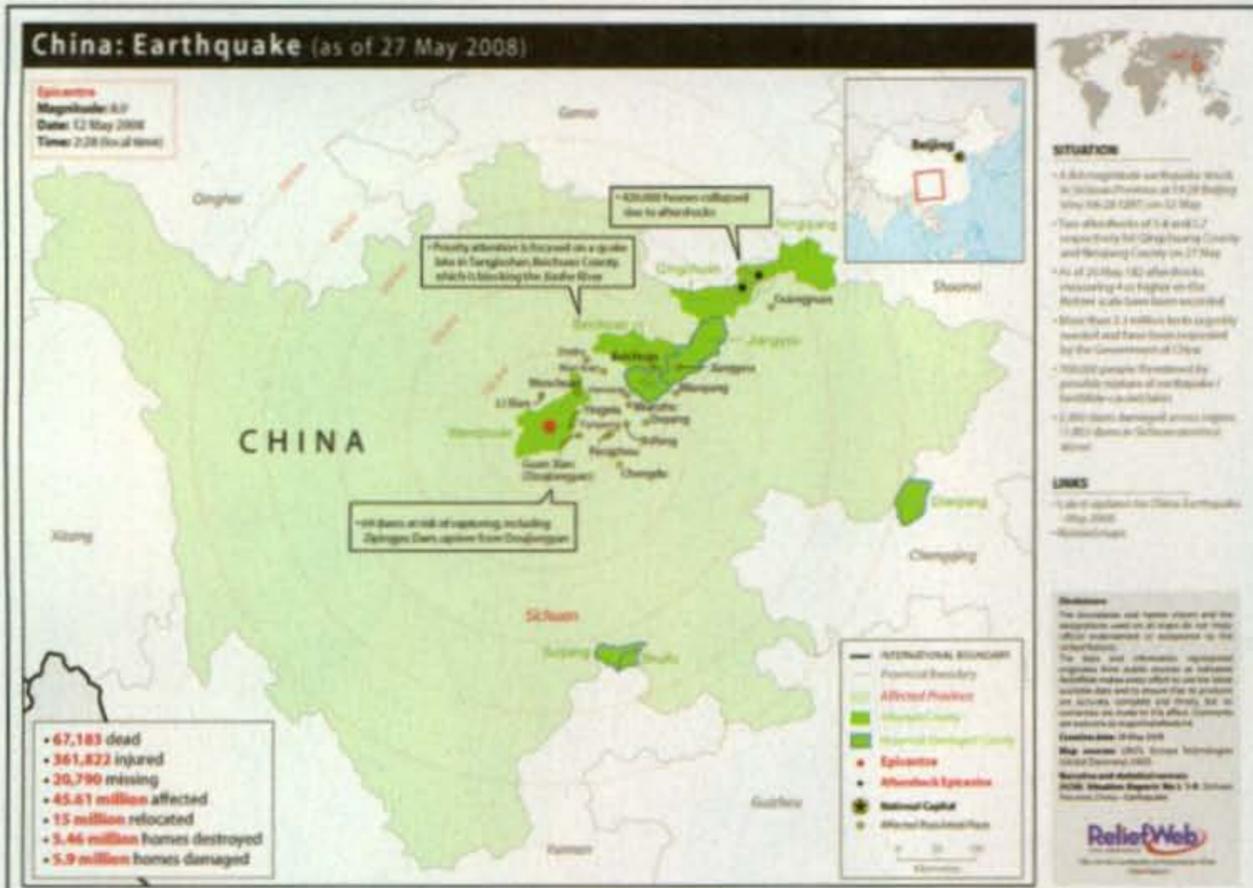
"severe infrastructure damage and landslides, coupled with challenging mountainous terrain, had prevented humanitarian access." According to the China Seismological Bureau, the magnitude 8.0 earthquake collapsed nearly 5.4-million buildings and damaged 21-million others throughout Sichuan Province. The Government of China anticipates reconstruction will take a minimum of three years. Widespread shelter needs in rural areas have led most residents to seek shelter and assistance in urban centers.

This month we will take a look at amateur radio emergency communications in China following the devastating earthquake. The report includes information from the front lines of the disaster area to hams in Hong Kong. We hope you find this as interesting reading it as we did covering the story.

## Earthquake!

"Right after the May 12 earthquake, I rushed back home to see my wife and family. The shortwave station had shaken to the ground. After some repair work, it was back in service on 14.270 MHz! The time was 1710." Liu Dan, BD8ABM, described what he experienced in the disaster area. "I immediately made some contacts with BG9HM and VR2GM. They passed on the sad news of the earthquake in Chengdu. The aftershock never stopped. It was not smart to stay inside the building. I then moved out to continue searching for my wife and family." He was relieved when he found them safe and sound. Early the next morning the Sichuan Amateur Radio

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An 8.0 magnitude earthquake struck China on May 12, 2008, killing over 69,000 people. Map courtesy of U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

Other ham radio operators responded as well. He said with the help of the "Radio Frequency Authority (RFA) and fellow members, the antennas were erected, broadcasting station put into service, the emergency communication control center was established in a short time." SARA members, using the callsign BY8AA, stayed on the air 24 hours a day. They provided updates on the disaster to other radio operators in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and several overseas stations. BY8AA coordinated thousands of vehicle trips for transporting the injured and distributing food and other supplies. At

Association (SARA) called for setting up "the emergency communication control center." There were calls for help to transport the casualties.

Dan, his wife, and child drove over 100 kilometers on moonlit roads. He had an HF rig in his car. On the route he said there were a lot of heavy-duty vehicles and buses filled with soldiers. They were all heading towards the disaster zone. He said, "It is a mission that I have to respond to immediately."

the same time the hams passed information requested by the local government.

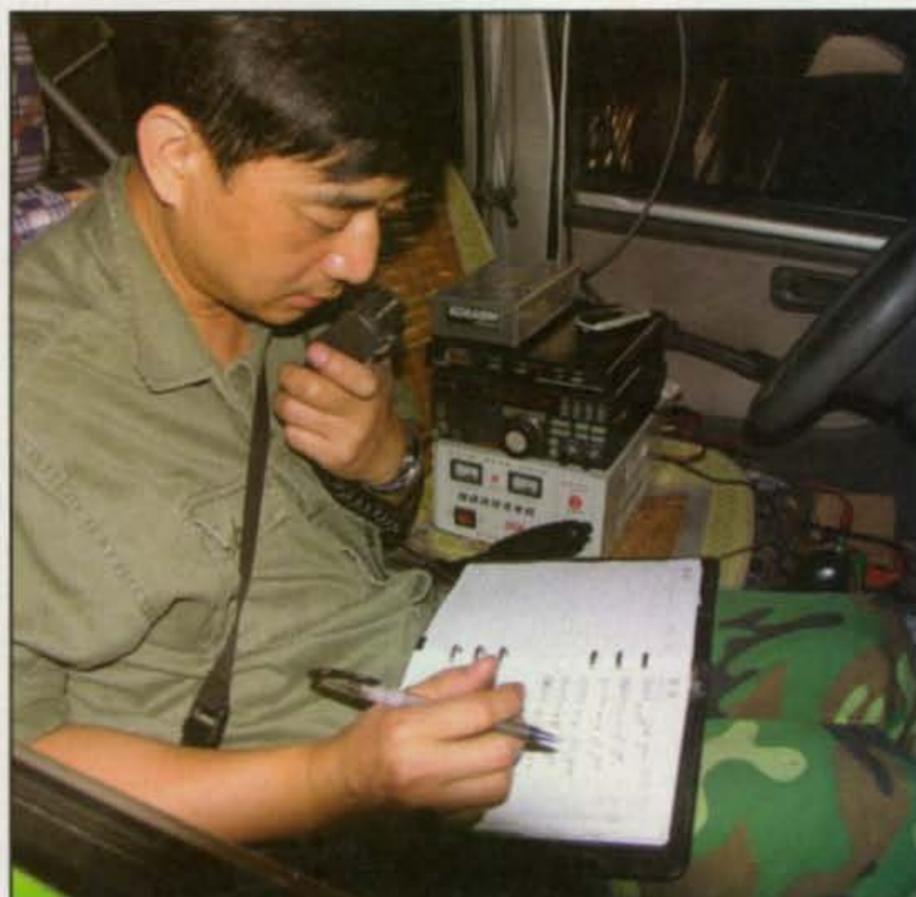
China's national ham radio organization, the Chinese Radio Sports Association (CRSA), reported the following on its website:

"On the afternoon of May 12, 2008, Wenchuan Area of China's Sichuan province was struck by an earthquake. Communications in some of the surrounding areas are currently cut off, and communications in some other areas are experiencing network congestion because of drastically increased traffic.

"Chinese Radio Sports Association therefore calls on its members to take actions to ensure their amateur radio sta-



Thousands of tents were needed to provide shelter to those made homeless. Amateur radio operators handled key communications to get victims medical care as well as much-needed supplies. (Photo courtesy VR2XYX)



Amateur radio operators quickly responded when normal means of communications were knocked out by a powerful 8.0 earthquake. Here BD8ABM establishes an emergency station in the disaster area. (Photo supplied by VR2IO)

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*BG8BES, carrying an XD-D2B HF radio, prepares to join a rescue team that was heading into the mountainous villages. The letters "EARS" on his vest stand for Earthquake Amateur Radio Support. (Photo supplied by VR2IO)*

### Olympic Ops Pause to Remember

Six days after the earthquake, the Beijing 2008 Olympic Game Special Event Amateur Radio Station was approved by The Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad and State Radio Regulatory Committee. The call-signs issued are BT10B, BT10J, BT10H, BT10Y, and BT10N. The last letter of the call-sign corresponds to the Chinese name for a color of the Olympic rings—Beibei, Jingjing, Huanhuan, Yingying, Nini. Their first contact was with Sichuan earthquake area amateur radio operators. They contacted BY8AA and the Chinese Red Cross Foundation, BT8RC. Over 1800 QSOs were made the first day. On May 19 China began three days of mourning for the tens of thousands of people killed in the May 12 earthquake.

Now it is time to celebrate not only the athleticism of those participating in the Games, but the Sport of Competition. We hams can celebrate that on-the-air competition as well. The special event stations will be on the air until September 17, 2008. Let the Games begin!

tions to operate properly, and to the extent possible stand by on often-used short-wave frequencies. If any radio signal is heard from the disaster area, please do your best to understand what is most needed by people in that area and report it to the local government authority. If people in the surrounding areas need to pass messages to their loved ones over the radio, please help them to get in touch and get the messages across as soon as possible.

"Amateur radio stations in the disaster area and surrounding areas, if in working condition, should be used unconditionally to assist the local earthquake disaster relief authorities, and subject to permission by the said authorities, to provide communications services to them. For emergency communications purposes, amateur radio stations may also be used to pass messages for local residents on a temporary basis until local telecommunications services resume. Amateur radio stations of all regions should give way to and stand by for emergency communications."

According to reports relayed by Jim Linton, VK3PC, Chairman, International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Region 3 Disaster Communications Committee, Fan Bin, BA1RB, said that during the first week BY8AA had an operational log of 300 pages. Bin said one main repeater survived the earthquake. This repeater provided 100-km coverage to Mianyang. Among the traffic the repeater carried were communications

for the Mayor of Mianzhu City, who gave orders to those on the front-line rescue and recovery activity. Amateur radio operators from Chengdu, Shenzhen, and He'nan went to the center of the disaster area to set up repeaters in Beichuan County, and provided various valuable first-hand information from the center. More repeaters were set up in both Beichuan and Mianyang, among the worst hit areas outside the epicenter, to form an effective amateur radio communications network.

On the following day, the team met with BD8AAI, who had just returned from the front-line city of Mianzhu. He reported on the communication breakdown situation. BD8AAI, BG8BES, plus two other volunteers proceeded to the disaster area at Mianzhu in order to restore communication links. When they arrived, the disaster victims were very happy to see them.

Dan's next stop was in Sichuan's Mianzhu County. There he and BG8BES met with Mayor Gao and the party leaders. They set up a repeater for the field command and control center. They also set up a radio link for the local rescue force, local government, the Red Cross Association, and the Hydro Authority. In addition, they provided information on the disaster area to the outside world with the help of BU2AQ, who helped relay the information. Within a few days Dan said the local authority communications network was re-established. He said, "Ham radio operators' immediate

response to the need of disaster communications is achieved. I headed my way back home, but our rescue work is far from completed."

### Hams on the Ground

At 1757 UTC on Monday, May 12, Liu Hu, BG8AAS, of Chengdu, a town in the province of Sichuan, reported that a local UHF repeater survived the disaster. "It keeps functioning from the first minute and more than 200 local radio hams are now on that repeater. A group of hams from Chengdu has headed for Wenchuan, the center of the quake, trying to set up emergency communication services there," he said.

Michael Chen, BD5RV/4, said that Yue Shu, BA8AB, also from Chengdu, Sichuan, was reported to be active on the 40-meter emergency frequency on Monday. "Up to now, there has been no further information available from the center zone of the quake. There are a few radio amateurs there, but all of the communications have been cut out, including amateur radio," Chen said.

At 1858 UTC, Liu reported that the local UHF repeater in Chengdu "keeps busy running after the quake. It helps to direct social vehicles to transport the wounded from Dujiangyan, Beichuan, and other regions. Another UHF repeater also started working in Mianyang, supported by generators, but they are going to face a shortage of gas." Chen said that damage in Chengdu was minimal, but the situation was "very very bad



According to Chinese television, "When all other communication means failed, amateur radio operators came out!" BD8All was one of the many hams who handled emergency communications. (Photo supplied by VR2IO)

in the counties around. A few towns are said to be destroyed completely. More than 7000 died in the town of Beichuan. Casualties in several other towns are still unknown and not counted in the published numbers. It is a long and sad day."

### Beijing Volunteers Act Quickly

As with any major disaster, the local phone communications system was either overloaded or not functioning. In Beijing, CRSA members began organizing their equipment to take with them to the disaster area. At the same time, other

members collected what information they could from the disaster area.

On May 14, the Chengdu Red Cross said there was an urgent need for communication support. A task force was formed immediately to determine how many vehicles were available, and what equipment and supplies were to be carried. Eighteen CRSA members and eight vehicles headed to Chengdu. The CRSA had assistance from the Fox-hunting Motor Club. After a 2200-kilometer day and night trip, the team arrived Chengdu in just 26 hours. Operating under the call-sign BT8RC, the group established a



BD8All and BD8ABM set up an HF antenna at their remote command post. (Photo supplied by VR2IO)

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good radio link for the Chinese Red Cross Foundation between Beijing and Chengdu. This provided communications to enable the relief agency to more effectively carry out its work.

BG1GEI, BD1JMJ, and BG1JBR volunteered for the first shift at the Chengdu Red Cross headquarters. One of the ham radio operators' missions was to escort the first batch of relief supplies and the medical personnel to Yao Duzhen. Yao Duzhen is located in the northeast part of Sichuan. There are about 18,000 residents. After the earthquake, the water supply, power, and communication systems were all destroyed. Yao Duzhen lost all contact with the outside world. The RFA approved the installation of two amateur radio repeaters. As more ham radio operators became available to travel to the disaster area, the CRSA had to obtain per-

mission from the local Sichuan disaster department of goods and manpower to enter the disaster region.

### Emergency Frequencies Established

Several HF emergency frequencies were established. Requests went out around the world for hams outside of the disaster area to avoid using these frequencies. The stations operating in the disaster area were operating with portable and backpack antennas, using low power, and operating in mountainous terrain.

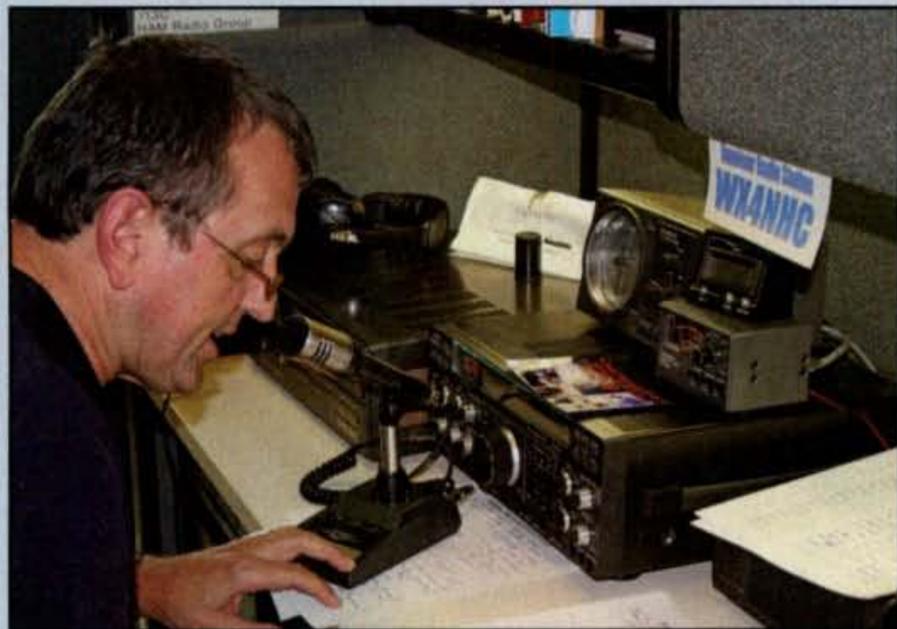
IARU R3 Disaster Communications Committee member Fan Bin, BA1RB, said, "We have more ham radio operators ready to go for disaster relief. We will do our best as amateur radio operators for the big disaster."

The CRSA appreciated the support given by the amateur radio community in helping to keep clear the emergency communication frequencies of 7050 kHz, 7060 kHz, and 14270 kHz during the critical period after the earthquake. The CRSA said, "Thanks for the cooperation and efforts made by all amateur radio societies." However, there were problems at times. A translated request from the China Radio Sports Association said, "7.050 MHz frequency—because of strong QRM, emergency communications temporary QSY to 7.030 MHz. CRSA headquarters appeals to those causing QRM to show a rational and restrained, all to listen to the main emergency communications. At the same time not to take up emergency communication frequencies for unnecessary communication, such as greetings and asked signal report. Language of communication should be brief."

BA1RB reported that soon after the earthquake hit, the local UHF/VHF repeaters in the Chengdu area were back in operation to provide communications. He said it took three days for the public telecommunications network to be restored in all but the most remote areas, which remained without communications.

### Hams Recognized

As more government and military communications moved into the area, amateur radio operators focused on assisting



During the annual WX4NHC tests at the National Hurricane Center, NHC Director Bill Read, KB5FYA, thanked ham radio operators for their help in supporting the NHC mission to help save lives. (Photo courtesy Julio Ripoll, WD4R)

### Hurricane Center Director Hams It Up!

National Hurricane Center Director Bill Read, KB5FYA, told CQ that he was looking forward to playing with all of the "toys" at WX4NHC, the amateur radio station at the National Hurricane Center. Read said his operation was limited at his home because of space limitations. He hoped to upgrade his license now that he had access to WX4NHC. Read, a Delaware native, spoke to CQ at the April meeting of the Delaware-Philadelphia Chapter of the American Meteorological Society.

His opportunity to try out the "toys" came a few weeks later during WX4NHC's annual hurricane season test. During his time on the air he said, "We all know how important it is to maintain communications during a hurricane to relay our hurricane warnings to those in the affected area, which may have no other means to receive this vital information."

"We are also very appreciative for the surface reports from those in the storm which add to our database and help our forecasters better visualize what is actually happening at the ground level in real time. As our own ham radio station, WX4NHC, celebrates its 28th year of volunteer service at the National Hurricane Center, we extend our thanks to all ham radio operators who continue to support our mission to help save lives."

Rob Macedo-KD1CY, Director of Operations for the VoIP Hurricane Net and ARES SKYWARN Coordinator for the National Weather Service Taunton, Massachusetts Forecast Office, said Bill was very comfortable on the HF radio and really enjoyed EchoLink/IRLP, especially the contacts with several colleagues at NWS offices who were also hams. One of his NWS colleagues said, "Bill, I'm tickled to death that you are the new Director of the Hurricane Center."



Members of the Hong Kong Amateur Radio Communications Association (VR2HAM) collected amateur radio equipment and supplies for hams helping out in the disaster area. (Photo courtesy VR2IO)



VR2HAM members with shipment showing radios. (Photo courtesy VR2IO)

disaster relief agencies. About five days after the earthquake, operations shifted from using HF radio to using VHF and UHF frequencies. By the end of May, BY8AA had successfully completed its mission and the station was taken down.

Chinese government officials and the local news media recognized that when communications failed it was amateur radio operators who stepped in to provide vital links. Linton said China Central Television (CCTV) reported on 26 May, "When all other communication means failed, amateur radio operators came out! An amateur radio emergency communication network was set up and one of the commanders, Liu Hu, called for amateur radio operators on air to provide services for disaster relief."

### Hong Kong Hams Respond

Although they were miles away from the disaster area, members of the Hong Kong Amateur Radio Communications Association (VR2HAM) were busily collecting donations, relief supplies, and radios. Two days after the disaster, members were working with the CRSA in Beijing and the Amateur Radio Disaster Relief Command Center in Sichuan to get much-needed supplies into the disaster area. Ken Hau, VR2IO, said their first emergency relief shipment was sent to the quake zone within two days.

Hau said, "the first batch of 127 kg shipment (included) 16 sets of UHF radios (programmed with all 12 coordinated frequencies as planned for res-

cue and support tasks), surgical gloves, medical-grade masks, lighting devices, tents, medical supplies, as well as food and water." Sending the relief shipment was not easy, said Hau. "Since we have no official status in China, plus some logistical issues, dispatching these supplies to an ad hoc Ham Disaster Relief team on disaster site is almost impossible. However, with the help of Railway Authority and CRSA Beijing, the first batch was able hit the road on the fourth day after quake."

VR2HAM members maintained communications with the disaster area on 7.030 MHz. They were able to adjust the types of relief supplies to be sent. Over the next ten days, two additional shipments of tents along with cash donations were sent. CRSA confirmed the shipments were received in good order.

### With Thanks...

Covering a major disaster half a world away could be a challenge. Yet through the friendship of ham radio we made contact with hams in China, Hong Kong, and other places around the globe to bring you this story. A major thank you goes to VR2IO, President, HK Amateur Radio Communications Association, who forwarded several stories from the front lines and the pictures to support it. We also appreciate all of the hams who shared their stories and allowed us to use their pictures. We'll have more on the story next time...

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# Results of the 2007 CQ WW DX SSB Contest

BY BOB COX,\* K3EST

## Expanded CQ WW Contest Results on the Web

A few additional elements of our contest reporting are on the CQ website, including Station Operators of Multi-Op stations and expanded QRM. To view these additional and expanded elements of the 2007 CQ WW SSB results, go to <http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com>, then go to Contests and Awards on the home page, then to CQ WW DX Contest, Expanded Results, 2007 CQ WW SSB.

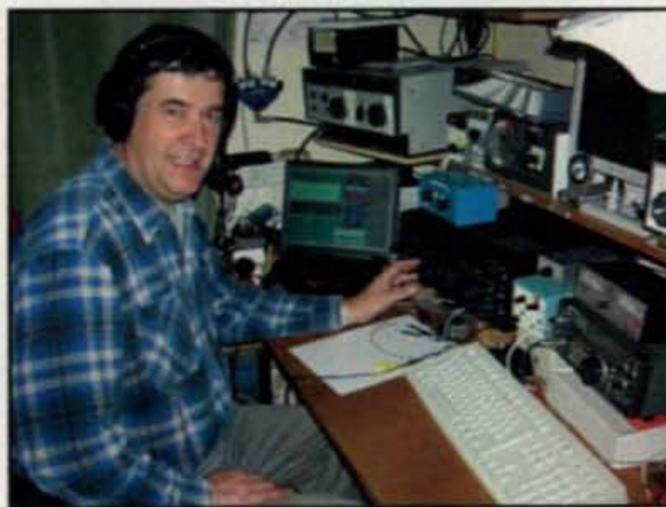
**W**hat can you do at the bottom of the sunspot cycle to enliven the ham bands? Take the medicine the propagation doctor orders and enter the CQ WW DX SSB Contest to overcome band conditions. At this time of the cycle, the bands had shown only marginal signs of life for weeks before the contest. The CQ WW SSB Contest changed all that. There was full activity on all bands that were open. The spectrum was filled with activity, putting to good use our allotted frequencies. After all the logs were counted, an amazing number emerged: There were 5040 received entries representing 42,743 calls worked by more than one person from 286 countries! Not only was this a new record in logs received for any contest, but it happened mostly without 10 meters and most of 15 being open! When the sun begins to show improved high-band activity, one can only hope to find a clear spot on any band.

As has been mentioned before, the CQ WW is a fantastic competition which brings out the best in amateur radio—team work, station construction, antenna design, propagation knowledge, and operating skills. Just turn on your radio during the last weekend of October and you can join in the fun. Most entrants are not trying to win for the world or their country. They are just having a good time, and a good time can be guaranteed. Each year a new group of hams discovers the CQ WW. Their comments can be summed up as "What a great time!" Once you jump into the CQ WW QSO ocean, it is impossible not to swim in it for a while. Following is a summary of the results of the 2007 CQ WW SSB. Everyone who enters the contest is a winner. Come join us in the most exciting contesting event of the year. You will be very welcomed.

## High Power All Band

The two top places in this tough category went to North American stations, an unusual result. Tom, W2SC, rose to the occasion and talked 8P5A to the world high score. Tom seems to have found the groove, as he has been in this position before. Barbados not only hosted the world cricket championship, but the CQ WW SSB champion. If you check out the Top Scores box, you will see that five of the top ten scores were from North America and three from Canada (VY2ZM, VC3J, and VC3A)! Coming in second in the world was Jeff, K1ZM, operating from his Prince Edward Island QTH as VY2ZM. Third place went to long-time world top ten finisher John, W2GD, as P40W.

European top honors went to CU2A operated by Toni, OH2UA. Working the contest from far southeast + a good station + a great operator = a winning combination. Andy, G4PIQ, operating from M6T took second place Europe. One look at the M6T website will point you in the direction of what a great winning station looks like. Third place in Europe went to the Montenegro station of Ranko,



Dave, G4BUO, is always among the top scorers in the contest.

403A, founder of SKY Contest Club. In the U.S., Randy, K5ZD, did his usual fabulous job and took top honors. Last year's winner took second position. NN3W, Richard, operated from the N3HBX super station located in southwestern Maryland. Third place went to Doug, K1DG, operating from N1LI.

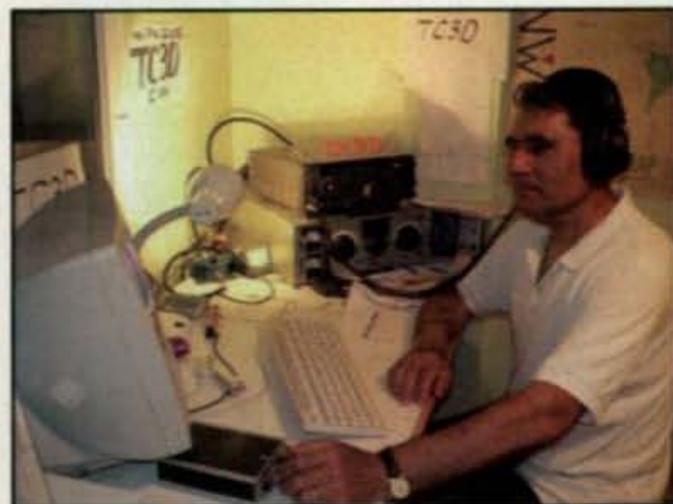
The continental winners were: North America 8P5A (W2SC), Africa EA9LZ, Asia RG9A (UA9AM), Europe CU2A (OH2UA), Oceania KH6LC, South America P40W (W2GD), Japan JH4UYB, and U.S. K5ZD/1.

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John, KK9A, sure has found the right formula. Operating from the northwest tip of Aruba, John again took the top world low power trophy. Three years in a row is quite an achievement, John! Second place in the world and #1 in Asia was TA3D. Great job, Yasar! Third place went to Ted, HI3TEJ, using his contest call, HI3T. Ted is a perennial top finisher.

CT6A operated by Jose, CT1CJJ, again was first place in Europe. This is the third year in a row that José took the plaque. Congratulations, José! Second place went to Lorenzo, IZ2FOS, operating not far from Lago di Garda. Third place in Europe went to Stefan, OM3CD. In the U.S., we had a new winner, Art, K1BX. He sure has the credentials in terms of operating experience: K6UA,



Yasar, TA3D, grabbed #2 world Low Power All Band.

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Joseph, F6CTT, #1 Europe 3.7 MHz.

N6CW, DL0WW, and W0AIH! Second place went out to Ed, N1UR, who finishes first or near the top almost every time. Again third place went to Marvin, N5AW, from Texas, where he puts his considerable skills to work. A45WD, HZ1GW, UP0L, 9N7JO, A61HH, HS0ZDG, ZC4LI, 5B/HA5PP, ZP0R, XE1CQ, and CN2BC all did an excellent job to finish with outstanding scores from interesting locations.

The continental winners were: North America HI3T, Africa CN2BC, Asia TA3D, Europe CT6A (CT1CJJ), Oceania 9M5LSC (JF1SQC), South America P40A (KK9A), Japan JA7LMZ, and U.S. K1BX.

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Doug, KR2Q, finished #1 in the U.S. QRP, and #2 world.

are very satisfying. Our world winner this time was IK5RUN. Simone lives near Florence and dreams of finishing at the top of the QRP category. Dreams do come true, Simone! A great job from a dedicated QRP'er. The battle for second and third place in the world came down to about one QSO. Taking second place in the world and first place in the U.S. was Doug, KR2Q. Chris, KA1LMR, was just barely behind to take third place world and second place U.S. It looks like a real healthy rivalry in the making. The third spot in the U.S. and the top zone 4 score went to Philip, N0KE. He also finished #6 in the world.

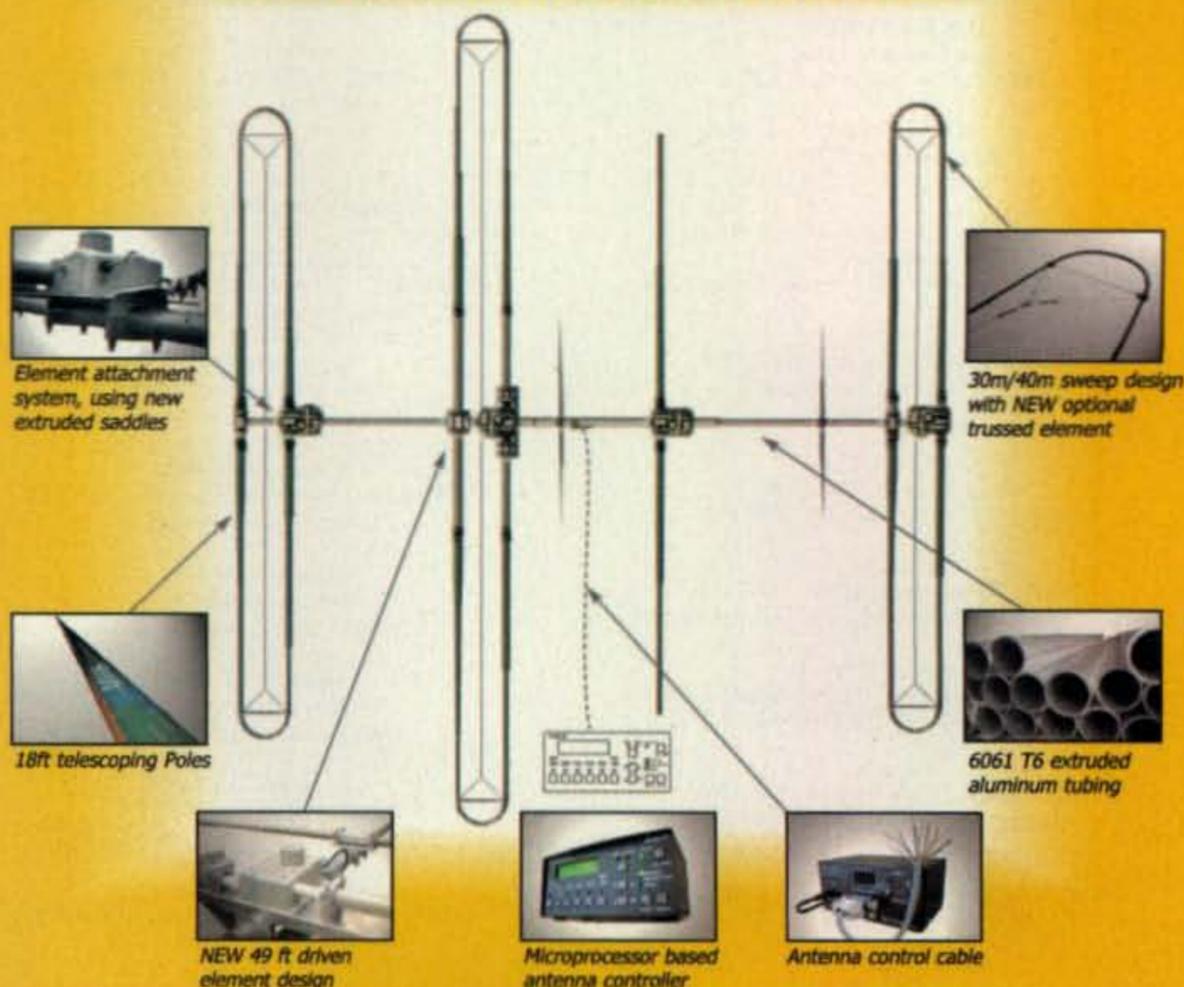
Second place in Europe went to Bob, M3RCV. What a great score from a *really* dedicated ham. Bob was and still is one of the world's best SWLers as BRS 32525. From the SWL ranks many a great contester has sprung. Third place in Europe went to S59D.

Special mention must be made of the fine score of Izuno-san, JR4DAH, #10 in the world and #1 in Asia. The top zone 3 scorer was W6QU operated by QRP aficionado, Bill, W8QZA. 5Z4/YT1CS, YB2OK, and PY2BN are to be congratulated for their outstanding efforts.

The continental winners were: North America KR2Q, Africa 5Z4/YT1CS, Asia

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*\*Second place*

JR4DAH, Europe IK5RUN, Oceania YB2OK, South America PY2BN, Japan JR4DAH, and U.S. KR2Q.

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If you want to increase your WPX and DXCC totals and have limited operating time or just want to help your club, the assisted category might be for you. The 2008 Assisted category will be interesting with availability of the skimmer or a skimmer-like tool. Use of this QSO spotting tool places you in the Assisted category. This will be the first time this new technology will be available in the CQ WW. You can help us develop a baseline for what a skimmer log looks like by joining the CQ WW skimmer project at <questions@cqww.com>. Let us know if you use this software in the 2008 CQ WW contests and what you thought of its usefulness under contest conditions. Thanks for helping out.

The number one Assisted score in the world came from Ilshat, RU9WX. Taking advantage of his location in Asia very near Europe, he racked up the largest total score in this category. World second place and the top European spot went to Serge, UT5UDX, operating from ER0WW. Third place world and second place Europe was taken by Andy, UU7J. Reprising the 2006 results, third place in Europe went to Philippe, LX2A, operating with his contest call LX7I. Mike, operating as FM/K9NW, must be mentioned as doing an outstanding job from a 2-point area. In the U.S., the Frankford Radio Club contesters took top honors. Rick, K3OO, won first place. He really made the difference in the QSO department. Second place went to perennial top finisher Charles, K3WW, while third place went to a Noah, K2NG. Special mention should be made of the great job turned in by: B7M, VR10XLN, JT1CO, V8FEO, NH0DX/KH2, ZL1BYZ, ZL3A, and CE4CT. Their enthusiasm gave many contesters the chance to work areas with limited activity.

The continental winners were: North America FM/K9NW, Africa 6W1SE, Asia RU9WX, Europe ER0WW, Oceania V8FEO (9M6DXX), South America LR2F, Japan JQ1BVI, and U.S. K3OO.

### Multi-Single

The Multi-Single category attracts the second largest group of individual contesters after low power. Usually about 1300 people take part worldwide. Getting together with new and old friends for a weekend of Formula 1 contest racing is what it is all about. The rush to find competitive locations in zone 33 also includes the Multi-Single category. Competition in this hotly contested category has always been fierce.

The winners from 2006 switched places in the 2007 competition. Perhaps positioning themselves for the hopefully soon to arrive new sunspot cycle, a multi-national team allowed CN3A to take world first place. What a great job they did. Less than 400,000 points behind the 2006 winner, the all French team operating as FY5YE on the French Guyana coast. Third place went to the

Russian team on Cyprus using the call P33W. They were also #1 in Asia.

Multi-Single is very competitive within Europe. This year it was an all Croatian finish. The number one score went to Radio Club Porec, 9A1P. Second place went to the Varazdin Contest Team, 9A7A; what an antenna farm can be seen on its website. Third place in Europe went to the Croatian DX Club, 9A1A, located on a mountain ridge east of Zagreb. Here in the U.S., Ray's team at K9RS/3 led the way from eastern Pennsylvania. Second place was taken by

team W3UA/1 located in lovely New Hampshire. As Gene says on his website, his call, W3UA, reminds him of his roots as a UA3. Third place went to Tom, K8AZ, located in the countryside of northeastern Ohio. Congratulations to AH2R. They continue to do an outstanding job from zone 27, and JA6ZPR was the top Multi-Single in Japan. Outstanding performances were turned in by many teams. Some of the rarer ones appearing in many logs were VQ9X, XU7MDY, B4R, BA4T, A71BX, 9K2HN, and ZM4A.

The continental winners were: North



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Vinko, S53F, finished #1 Europe 7 MHz, #2 world.

made a big splash. We think we will hear a lot more from WE3C. Second place went to the Rhode Island powerhouse of KI1G. Third place in the U.S. again went to the central Virginia team at W4RM. There were several stations that put rare multipliers on the air and made big scores: 3DA0WW, EK0B, B4B, B3C, VR2C, P3F, and 4X0C. Good job.

The continental winners were: North America WE3C, Africa AO8A, Asia P3F, Europe IR4X, Oceania AH6XX, South America HC8N, Japan JA1YPA, and U.S. WE3C.

#### Multi-Multi

Entering the Multi-Multi category is always a challenge. Finding a suitable place to set up a fully integrated MM is no easy task. Months of planning the station site, gathering operators together, and waiting to see what nature deals you makes for a combination of satisfaction and excitement.

The world top position in this difficult category went to TS6A. Stepping up from last year's M2 effort to MM was successfully accomplished by this fine team. Several of the team's members have

put 3V on the air before, and they put their knowledge to good use. Another zone 33 station, CQ9K, put up a very big score to take second place world. A lot of hard work, months and months of planning, paid off. The sixteen operators included ten CT3s! Their location overlooking the ocean sure helped their fine effort. Finishing in the third position in the world was perennial North American champion V26B. What a great job this long-running competitor always puts together.

The battle of the MM super stations in the U.S. is always push, push, and push some more. Tim's crew at K3LR again broke into the world top ten as #4. The competition in the U.S. for MM is really a fierce, friendly fight. K3LR made all the right moves and that was enough to edge out KC1XX and take the U.S. Multi-Multi crown. In second place was Matt's team, KC1XX, in southern New Hampshire, and in third place was Frank's crew, W3LPL, in central Maryland.

The German team at DR1A again talked their way to the number one position in Europe. What a splendid effort they always put in. The competition between DR1A and DF0HQ is a *real* fight. Second place



Stig, 9N7JO, came in #1 world 14 MHz.

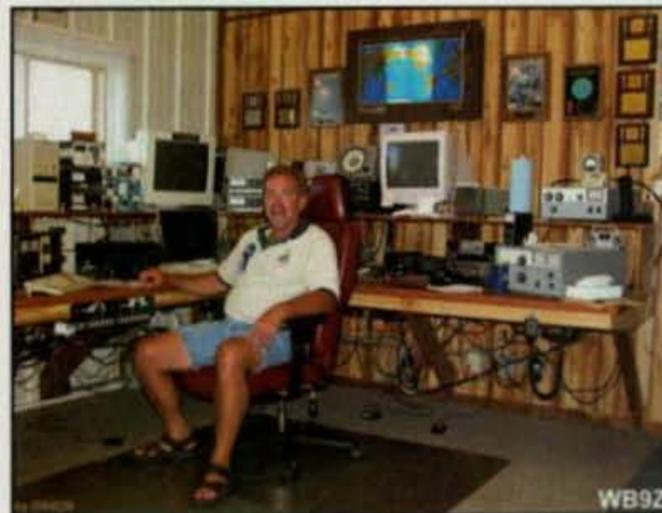
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K6XX.....871,500		RN4AA.....1,373,982
W6PH.....782,000		RN3ZC.....1,339,104
W7WA.....733,894		*UR5FEL.....1,001,728
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WD5K.....1,008,000		
W8MJ.....1,042,389		
<b>ZONE 5</b>		
K5ZD/1.....6,200,384		
NN3W.....5,378,268		
N1LI.....4,883,592		
K4ZW.....4,715,200		
K3CR.....3,903,200		
W3BGN.....3,309,021		
AA1K/3.....3,095,859		
<b>ZONE 14</b>		
CU2A.....7,556,754		
M6T.....6,149,240		
MI0LL.....4,656,816		
EA4KR.....4,481,695		
GW4BLE.....3,989,718		
GM7V.....3,630,468		
DJ8OG.....3,572,475		
EA4KD.....3,359,840		
DJ4PT.....3,015,408		
ON9CMV.....2,994,176		
<b>ZONE 15</b>		
4O3A.....5,825,955		
ES5TV.....5,564,372		
S50A.....5,129,305		
T93M.....4,750,070		
OF8X.....3,698,400		
SO6X.....2,576,146		
II4A.....2,227,350		
IZ2FOS.....2,108,160		
LY9Y.....1,971,327		
OF4R.....1,874,740		
<b>ZONE 16</b>		
RW1AC.....3,590,958		
UT5UGR.....2,806,695		
US5D.....2,132,268		
<b>ZONE 20</b>		
*TA3D.....5,695,606		
*5B/HA5PP.....2,807,124		
SV9GPV.....2,120,560		
YR1C.....1,422,672		
4X2M.....1,230,438		
*YO3FRI.....1,091,222		
LZ5A.....894,250		
*YO3CZW.....816,928		
*LZ9X.....531,690		
YM2W.....383,990		
<b>ZONE 25</b>		
JH4UYB.....2,585,024		
JF2QNM.....1,040,514		
JA2PAC.....1,007,760		
JA7NVF.....818,496		
JI2KXK.....599,297		
JR3NZC.....488,128		
JS3CTQ.....464,677		
JA1ELY.....463,710		
JF1LFX.....460,965		
JR7WAB.....451,470		
		*Low Power

Peter, K2PS, was the top Low Power All Band entrant from 2-land.



Jerry, WB9Z, always does well in the CQ WW contest.



in Europe was taken by the well-known club station of DF0HQ. Third place in Europe went to the French team operating from TM6M.

The Chinese teams of B7P and B1Z made a big effort which allowed many contesters to log a new one. The mountaintop QTH of JR5VHU showed its muscle by taking first in Japan, edging out JA3YBK. Over in Europe, 1A3A was a new one for thousands. This was the first activation of the Sovereign Order of Malta in the CQ WW.

The continental winners were: North America V26B, Africa TS6A, Asia JR5VHU, Europe DR1A, Oceania KH7X, South America YV4A, Japan JR5VHU, and U.S. K3LR.

### New Records

Take a look at the record list at the CQWW.com site. You might find that you have a chance to take on the personal challenge of going for a new record. If you discover an error in the record list, please document it and let us know at <questions@cqww.com>. Below are the outstanding efforts of super operators which resulted in setting new SSB records during the 2007 contest. Congratulations to all!

**World:** L1.8 YM0T (TA2RC); Q7 KP4KE; A3.7 OM5M; A7 ZL3A. **North America:** Q7 KP4KE; A7 FM5FJ. **Africa:** None. **Asia:** 3.7 4L4WW; LA TA3D; L14 9N7JO (LA7JO); L1.8 YM0T (TA2RC); Q7 4X/UU4JKY; A7 RW9USA; A1.8 RN9AA; M2 P3F. **Europe:** 3.7 F6CTT; 1.8 SN3R; L7 UZ7M; L1.8 IO1T; A3.7 OM5M. **Oceania:** 3.7 KH7B (K4XS); A7 ZL3A. **Japan:** 3.7 JH1OGC. **U.S.:** A7 NX5M

### Team Contesting

Five contesters from anywhere in the world can join together to form a team. The number 1 team was aptly named Widespread Panic—probably panicked about the conditions, but not to worry, as the CQWW creates its own propagation. Four-fifths of the team was from North America. Second place went to the LU Contest Group. They really had an international team. Third place went to the boys from Finland operating as Contest Club Finland, Team Mannerheim. Besides sending a FAX (516-681-2926) or snail mail to CQ, you can submit your team list to <teams@cqww.com>. You will receive an acknowledgement.

**1. Widespread Panic:** P40PA (W4PA), 8P5A (W2SC), VY2ZM (K1ZM), FM/K9NW, K4ZW, **39,408,521.**

**2. LUCG #1:** P40W (W2GD), KG6DX, LT1F (LU1FAM), LR2F (LU5DX), CX6VM, **22,834,241.**

**3. Contest Club Finland, Team Mannerheim:** PZ5XX (OH0XX), OF4R (OH4JFN), OF6NIO (OH6NIO), OF8X (OH6UM), CU2A (OH2UA), **20,374,312.**

**4. Carolina DX Association:** AA4S, KZ2I/4, N4PQX, W3OA/4, W4WTB, **7,656,542.**

**5. KTU RC:** LY1R, LY4T, LY6A, LY9A, **3,477,352.**

**6. VKCC Koalas:** VK6DXI, VK3TZ, 9M2CNC, VK4EMM, **2,368,241.**

**7. Contest Group du Quebec:** VE2XAA, VA2WDQ, VE2AWR, VE2HIT, VA2SG, **1,063,173.**

**8. KOTA Group:** DO1YCL, DC2YY, DL1REM, **984,346.**

### Special Mention

Among the 286 countries on the air for the CQ WW weekend were the following stations, many of which you may have logged. They were just some of the rare stations that made the contest more interesting for everyone by going on DXpeditions or providing rare call-signs. They are: 1A3A, 3A2MG, 3B8GT, 3DA0WW, 3V8SS, 4O3A, 4K9W, 4L6AM, 4L2M, 4O/DD5FZ, 4U1WRC, 4X0C, 4X0M, 4X2M, 5B/HA5PP, 5C5W, 5H3EE, 5K4C, 5R8FU, 5Z4/YT1CS, 6V7G, 6W1RY, 6W1SE, 6Y1V, 7X0RY, 8P5A, 9K2HN, 9K2K, 9M2CNC, 9M2GCN, 9M4DXX, 9M6LSC, 9M6NA, 9M8YY, 9N7JO, 9V1DE, A35RK, A45WD, A52K, A61C, A61HH, A71BX, AF7DX/KH2, AH2R, AO8A, B1Z, B4R, B7M, B7P, BA4T, BV2B, BX5AA, C31LJ, C4I, C4M, C50C, C6APR, C6AQW, CC0Y, CN2FB, CN2FF, CN2R, CN3A, CN4P, CQ3T, CQ9T, CT9L, CU2A, D9K, DX1DBT, E21EIC, E51NOU, ED5ON/EA6, EK0B, FM/K9NW, FS/K1XM, FY5YE, HB0/HB9AON, HC8N, HH2FYD, HI3CCP, HI3T, HQ9R, HS0ZDG, HV5PUL, HV50VR, HZ1GW, IF9A, IG9R, IM0/ IK0FMB, IR8Y, IS0/IQ0AL, IS0/K7QB, IU9A, J3A, J88DR, JD1BIA, JT1DA, JT1VV, JU1F, LX/LY3Z, LX8M, MD9Y, MM0XAU, MU0FAL, MU0GSY, NH0DX/NH2, OH0/ SP7VC, OH0B, OH0JFP, OH0R, P33W, P3F, P3J, P40A, P40PA, P40W, PJ2T, PJ4E, PZ5XX, ST2M, SU8BHI, SV9COL, SV9GPV, SX5P, T48K, T6EE, T70A, TA1CM, TA2IB, TA3D, TA7KA, TF3AM, TF8GX, TI5N, TS6A, TT8HA, UK9AA, V26B, V4/NE1RD, V47KP, V51YJ, V8AQM, V8FEO, VP2MDG, VP5DX, VP5T, VP8CXV, VP9I, VQ9X, VR10XMT, VR2C, VR2DS, VU2PTT, VU2SWS, VU3DJQ, WH2D, WP2/AH8DX, WP2Z, XR6T, XU7MDY, XV1X, XW1A, XW3DT, YM2W, YM0T, XX9AU, ZA/IW2JOP, ZB2FK, ZB3B, ZC4LI, ZD7X, ZD8N, ZF2AH, ZL7/DL2AH, ZM4A, and ZS9X.

Congratulations to China for hosting the 2008 summer Olympic



# The #1 Line of Autotuners



## NEW! AT-1000Pro

Building on the success of the AT-1000, LDG Electronics has refined and expanded its 1KW tuner. The AT-1000Pro has an Automode that automatically starts a tuning cycle when the SWR exceeds a limit you set. Other features include:

- Operates at any power level between 5 and 1,000 watts peak. RF Relay protection software prevents tuning at greater than 125 watts.
- 2 Antenna connections
- Tunes from 1.8 to 54.0 MHz (inc. 6 meters)
- Tuning time usually under 4 seconds, transmitting near a frequency with stored tuning parameters, under 0.2 seconds.
- 2000 memories.
- All cables included.

**Suggested Price \$599**



## Z-11Pro

The original portable Z-11 was one of LDG's most popular tuners, accompanying adventurous hams to their backyards, or to the ends of the earth. Now meet the Z-11Pro, everything you always wanted in a small, portable tuner. Designed from the ground up for battery operation. Only 5" x 7.7" x 1.5", and weighing only 1.5 pounds, it handles 0.1 to 125 watts, making it ideal for both QRP and standard 100 watt transceivers from 160 - 6 meters.

"With 8,000 memories in LDG's exclusive "3-D Memory" array, the Z-11Pro uses LDG's state-of-the-art processor-controlled Switched-L tuning network. It will match dipoles, verticals, inverted-Vs or virtually any coax-fed antenna. With an optional LDG balun, it will also match longwires or antennas fed with ladder-line. All cables included. **Suggested Price \$179**



## AT-7000

*radio not included*

The AT-7000 is the ideal tuner for IC-7000 & other Icom Radios: Covers all frequencies from 1.8-54 MHz (including 6 meters), and will automatically match your antenna. Requires just 0.1W for operation, but will handle up to 125W (100 W on 6 m), making it suitable for everything from QRP (IC-703 Plus) to a typical 100 W Icom transceiver. All cables included. **Suggested Price \$169**



*radio not included*

## AT-897 for the Yaesu FT-897

If you own a Yaesu FT-897 and want a broad range automatic antenna tuner, look no further! The AT-897 Autotuner mounts on the side of your FT-897 just like the original equipment. We even added the ability to mount the "feet" on the side of the tuner so when you're transporting your rig by the handle, you can safely set it down and not worry about scratching the case. The AT-897 takes power directly from the CAT port of the FT-897 and provides a second CAT port on the back of the tuner so hooking up another CAT device couldn't be easier. **Suggested Price \$199**



## AT-100Pro

This desktop tuner covers all frequencies from 1.8 - 54 MHz (including 6 meters), and will automatically match your antenna in no time. It features a two-position antenna switch, allowing you to switch instantly between two antennas. The AT-100Pro requires just 1 watt for operation, but will handle up to 125 watts. All cables included. **Suggested Price \$219**



## AT-200Pro

The AT-200 features LDG's new "3-D memory system" allowing up to eight antenna settings to be stored for each frequency. Handles up to 250 watts SSB or CW on 1.8 - 30 MHz, and 100 watts on 54 MHz (including 6 meters). Rugged and easy-to-read LED bar graphs show power and SWR, and a function key on the front panel allows you to access data such as mode and status. All cables included. **Suggested Price \$249**



## Z-100

Designed from the ground up to provide 100 watt power handling in a small, lightweight package. Perfect for portable as well as sitting on your desk in your shack! The Z-100 will tune with 0.1 to 125 watts (50 watts on 6 meters), making it an excellent choice for almost any radio or operating style. Backpackers and QRP operators will appreciate the latching relays. Power can be removed from the tuner once you have tuned. Additionally, when it's not tuning, it draws nearly zero amps. **Suggested Price \$149**

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## 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
8P5A	262/14/38	777/21/82	1153/29/104	2093/30/123	2499/27/100	924/22/71
VY2ZM	498/17/75	523/20/81	751/26/97	2109/32/111	1868/27/111	23/12/19
P40W	147/12/29	519/22/79	593/24/87	1343/28/101	1851/26/97	1018/19/42
CU2A	213/10/49	512/22/83	1011/21/87	1697/36/117	2601/30/112	168/15/51
VC3J	238/13/28	629/22/76	485/24/77	1789/34/129	1706/28/115	214/12/28
P40PA	27/5/10	430/19/55	404/16/61	1529/24/88	2026/21/87	852/18/42
K5ZD/1	73/11/39	264/20/84	320/22/81	1590/38/124	1275/26/112	103/13/38
VC3A	237/9/23	633/18/66	595/22/75	1712/33/126	1220/25/111	162/12/34
M6T	207/14/52	1073/24/92	549/25/90	1485/37/112	1385/34/122	282/15/63
PZ5XX	23/9/17	192/17/38	408/25/79	722/29/100	1946/28/110	604/21/72

### USA TOP SINGLE OPERATOR ALL BAND

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
K5ZD/1	73/11/39	264/20/84	320/22/81	1590/38/124	1275/26/112	103/13/38
NN3W	59/12/33	241/20/71	550/25/91	1346/34/132	1076/26/111	98/11/36
N1LI	65/11/37	374/22/84	259/24/78	1330/31/111	967/23/107	119/13/33
K4ZW	45/9/27	287/20/80	456/25/86	1149/34/113	1069/25/100	79/12/29
K3CR	53/13/32	305/18/74	199/22/71	1035/34/112	921/25/94	107/15/34
W3BGN	65/13/42	205/22/76	181/22/61	964/32/103	821/25/96	72/8/23
AA1K/3	43/9/26	150/19/57	171/20/59	795/28/105	1068/24/103	72/10/27
W9RE	51/13/30	178/20/64	260/24/82	803/29/115	741/28/105	93/14/39
K5TR	19/9/15	140/19/53	357/28/79	494/26/90	1300/32/110	124/14/42
K1TO/4	25/7/19	171/15/51	325/24/77	870/27/105	949/30/99	30/7/10

### WORLD MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
CN3A	69/10/60	761/23/102	1161/27/108	2266/38/145	3826/35/145	362/23/90
FY5KE	188/14/58	533/24/88	958/32/118	1824/35/144	3125/33/138	1554/23/100
P33W	393/12/69	760/22/99	1370/27/115	1806/32/141	2545/33/140	620/16/72
ZY7C	49/9/28	417/22/87	692/27/90	1469/33/131	3220/31/126	141/17/59
CQ3T	28/6/24	333/18/86	732/22/83	1550/34/121	3211/30/124	52/18/52
9A1P	312/15/76	919/21/98	1036/31/123	2158/38/153	1619/36/154	511/24/104

### USA MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
K9RS/3	53/12/37	298/23/82	173/23/83	1183/33/123	966/29/128	71/13/36
W3UA/1	27/10/21	201/22/77	231/25/88	1457/34/129	586/24/118	32/11/32
K8AZ	33/12/30	149/25/78	200/26/91	686/36/133	803/30/126	117/16/44
K5NA	22/12/20	114/24/66	316/28/87	502/36/128	1078/31/123	171/18/54
K3EST/4	36/8/23	111/20/64	360/21/85	1257/33/126	454/24/100	24/11/23
N1MM	28/7/17	148/18/61	258/25/90	595/31/126	596/25/119	134/14/41

### WORLD MULTI-OPERATOR TWO TRANSMITTER

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
A08A	173/11/57	1248/24/105	2017/30/114	3022/37/150	4777/34/150	852/24/107
HC8N	205/14/32	1113/27/97	1785/31/121	2752/34/137	4627/34/138	2155/25/85
C50C	135/11/47	816/22/89	1977/31/108	2463/38/153	4750/37/151	1896/23/107
PJ4E	176/12/28	746/21/68	1853/30/108	2704/35/133	3326/31/130	1206/21/63
IR4X	150/10/61	1063/25/104	1718/33/131	3108/39/155	2589/38/157	476/23/103
P3F	349/9/62	729/17/84	1767/35/126	1804/36/125	2414/33/141	431/18/75

### USA MULTI-OPERATOR TWO TRANSMITTER

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
WE3C	71/15/51	627/25/101	656/26/103	1812/37/145	1319/27/129	115/14/42
K1G	53/10/33	297/21/81	293/24/86	1499/31/126	1095/27/125	157/16/48
W4RM	56/12/33	372/23/85	516/25/94	1311/33/127	670/27/114	135/12/38
N2RM	21/7/14	123/20/62	179/22/69	1406/30/115	1047/26/118	95/11/33
K2LE/1	25/9/18	154/19/68	323/25/95	929/34/134	570/25/118	126/16/40
W1HH	34/10/17	307/21/83	248/24/85	821/30/117	628/25/120	57/11/27

### WORLD MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
TS6A	446/11/75	1714/24/96	1832/32/118	3545/36/140	3060/36/134	1166/22/88
CQ9K	229/13/70	951/24/102	1904/34/128	2709/37/145	3998/34/150	818/26/110
V26B	315/12/42	1492/24/97	2134/26/113	3261/33/133	3705/29/117	1416/24/71
K3LR	392/18/60	1015/28/105	1277/32/123	3273/39/169	2018/32/146	369/20/61
KC1XX	231/15/50	862/28/110	894/28/109	3257/39/168	2365/28/147	353/20/63
DR1A	940/11/76	2133/25/110	2395/34/136	3059/39/154	1836/35/155	905/22/106

### USA MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
K3LR	392/18/60	1015/28/105	1277/32/123	3273/39/169	2018/32/146	369/20/61
KC1XX	231/15/50	862/28/110	894/28/109	3257/39/168	2365/28/147	353/20/63
W3LPL	309/17/62	844/24/104	1144/29/121	2355/39/153	1660/32/139	256/18/56
NQ4I	128/13/33	432/26/95	706/29/110	1986/38/144	1477/32/137	251/19/54
K1TTT	234/13/43	700/25/99	689/27/104	1804/36/143	1112/27/125	308/20/57
W3PP	78/13/37	228/21/74	389/25/92	931/31/125	1447/26/128	201/16/48

Games and providing a record number of stations on the air during the 2007 contest. We hope the number continues to grow. Please check out the dramatic increase in activity from China, Indonesia, Thailand, and all of Europe.

### Comments

Conditions were far from excellent for the contest. In spite a very limited 10-meter band, as was mentioned in the introduction, the number of entrants in the SSB contest set an all time high! In the 2007 CQ WW SSB test 4862 electronic log submissions were received! Almost all were submitted perfectly, without our help. Your continued submission of an electronic log allows for a more detailed data base and fairer adjudication.

Your UBN/NIL report this time will look a little different. We have tried to simplify it. It still contains all the information which will allow you to improve your operating skills. In addition, we have again provided open logs so that you can learn about propagation and how the top scores do their operating. There is an added reason to submit an electronic log. We have a copy in case you suffer a computer failure. Last year we helped four contesters retrieve their lost log. Our thanks to all the entrants who took the time to create a successful electronic submission.

Submitting an electronic log is easy. Send your SSB log and summary to <ssb@cqww.com> (CW to <cw@cqww.com>). Please send your log in Cabrillo format. Remember to name your file with your call with .cbr extension—e.g, A45WD.cbr. If you did everything OK, you will get back an acknowledgment. If there was something wrong, you will get a message telling you what to do to correct the error. The messages are presented in numerous languages. If you don't see your language and you would be willing to help out by translating for your fellow countrymen, please contact us, or if you are having submission problems, we can help you at <questions@cqww.com>. It bears repeating that if you make a mistake on your

first submission, you can resubmit your log. It will replace the first submission.

If you have the capability with your logging program, please submit a log with exact frequencies. Exact frequencies help in the log checking and help with statistical analysis of band openings.

It is an exciting time in contesting. There have been recent advances in remote radio control and CW decoding software. Both of these interesting advancements will surely impact future contesting. Remote radio control is already addressed by the present rules: The operator can be anywhere, but the station must comply with the distance rule—i.e., all receivers, transceivers, and antennas must comply with Rule III. Remote radio control offers a new window of opportunity for radio stations located anywhere to make their stations available to apartment/city-bound contesters. Who knows? Someday you may be able to operate remotely from the Caribbean without leaving your condominium in London! Computer decoding of CW, aka skimmer, will be addressed in next month's CW results and in the 2008 rules.

You can help us a great deal by double-checking your Cabrillo submission. Please make sure the correct category is indicated and the call you used in the contest is shown. If you submit a single-band entry, please check to see that your chosen entry matches what is in your log. A lot of time is spent correcting these potential "not in log" problems. The CQ WW has few requirements: Write down the callsign of the station you are talking to, claim the correct category, and do not self-spot. It's not hard.

### Thanks

The CQ WW Contest Committee wants to thank all the entrants who make the CQ WW the event each year. It is because of you that the CQ WW is so much fun. The CQWWCC tries to assure that the results are true and accurate. This work is accomplished by lots of people on the committee. The members of the CQWWCC provid-

### EUROPE TOP SINGLE OPERATOR ALL BAND

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
CU2A	213/10/49	512/22/83	1011/21/87	1697/36/117	2601/30/112	168/15/51
M6T	207/14/52	1073/24/92	549/25/90	1485/37/112	1385/34/122	282/15/63
403A	234/11/56	640/19/82	597/27/97	1721/32/116	1402/35/121	450/15/70
ES5TV	487/12/64	637/21/88	1157/30/116	1984/39/129	1128/27/104	188/11/51
S50A	163/10/59	528/16/70	1126/33/113	1071/37/113	1283/30/102	153/15/57
T93M	251/9/54	462/12/66	747/21/86	1645/32/104	1327/31/102	491/17/65
MI0LL	278/12/54	542/17/79	674/24/90	1327/29/109	1317/24/100	245/7/39
EA4KR	24/3/20	331/16/71	674/23/81	1659/30/104	932/31/94	371/14/48
GW4BLE	103/5/45	576/14/66	617/20/83	1245/29/99	1046/23/80	215/13/52
OF8X	171/8/49	307/18/65	460/23/84	2110/35/109	444/22/85	147/6/32

### EUROPE MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER

9A1P	312/15/76	919/21/98	1036/31/123	2158/38/153	1619/36/154	511/24/104
9A7A	195/11/70	931/23/103	1013/32/121	2190/39/149	1593/37/152	386/21/98
9A1A	257/12/71	906/19/100	905/28/121	1720/36/146	1671/37/151	800/26/112
HG6N	361/12/68	818/20/96	983/30/128	2280/38/147	1662/37/151	244/19/93
OM8A	223/14/67	526/28/100	1030/33/127	1903/38/158	1606/37/156	325/18/89
E17M	257/12/58	765/20/95	759/28/111	2342/36/141	1965/30/131	319/20/72

### EUROPE MULTI-OPERATOR TWO TRANSMITTER

IR4X	150/10/61	1063/25/104	1718/33/131	3108/39/155	2589/38/157	476/23/103
T93J	465/11/67	1130/22/92	1462/32/113	2334/38/147	2364/36/147	617/17/83
T70A	484/8/57	1408/16/80	1823/25/106	1700/33/114	1948/32/117	753/10/54
DQ4W	302/8/59	682/17/84	997/31/114	1755/39/142	975/35/132	323/18/75
EE2W	307/10/56	849/20/90	685/28/103	1790/35/126	1368/34/128	591/15/56
OM0M	284/12/61	487/20/88	822/30/117	1409/36/129	1156/38/142	449/15/60

### EUROPE MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

DR1A	940/11/76	2133/25/110	2395/34/136	3059/39/154	1836/35/155	905/22/106
DF0HQ	925/14/75	1797/24/105	2804/36/136	2817/40/168	1634/35/157	814/23/113
TM6M	423/9/55	1214/22/101	1917/28/115	2975/38/144	1768/32/137	898/21/90
1A3A	649/6/60	1398/17/90	2930/30/117	3315/36/141	2349/33/137	1201/19/83
OT5A	952/12/70	1972/21/90	2131/36/126	2519/39/151	1126/30/121	902/22/95
LZ9W	582/9/64	997/21/95	2054/33/130	2434/34/139	2362/36/130	538/23/79

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After many years of leading the way in log checking, Dick, N6AA, has decided to pass the CQ WW log-checking baton. Everyone owes a debt of gratitude to Dick for the enormous personal commitment he has made over the years to make the CQWW results as accurate as possible. Stepping up to the plate to carry on the important task of receiving and processing the logs is Ken, K1EA. Dick and Ken have worked together to make the transition as smooth as possible. A special thanks to Larry, N6TW, who provided the website UBN listing and to Barry, W5GN, who allows the CQ WW certificates to be produced and in your hands in a very timely manner. The CQWW records are maintained by N2NC, K3EST, and W5GN, and the All-Time Records by K6SSS. Thanks to John, K1AR, for his advice and hard work to make the CQWW so successful.

Congratulations to all the participants on all levels! We look forward to seeing you in the 2008 contests! 73, Bob, K3EST

### DX QRM

My second CQWW at all and the first one on 80m. Great contest. Could be more lucky with the second day propagation. Invaluable experience for me and looks to be with some decent results. Have almost doubled the Asian record from '99... **4L4WW**. We had a great time even with our tongue-twister callsign... **6F75A**. Got a bad cold as the contest started, so it became a struggle to keep staying up on the band. Had to limit myself to single band to allow enough rest. Oh, well, there is always next year. Very bad condx experienced from Kathmandu, almost nothing from NA and SA... **9N7JO**. Great fun! What a thrill to break 6 meg! 40m was the toughest band. 10m was a great surprise!... **A71BX**. We operated as Field Day style on a small hill near a lake. The objective for this operation was to show what the contest is and what DXing is to the local hams. Conditions were terrible. 10m is dead and low bands could only work big guns, but we had fun. Looking forward to next one!... **BA4T**. Thanks for nice contest. Unfortunately we lost one amp. We will see you next year reloaded... **CE1W**. After 13 years since my last CQ WW, here I am for my second participation. My main goal due to my condx was to make more than 100K points. 7 and 14 MHz were too crowded. Thanks all for the nice contest, also to CT1ETE for the PS50... **CT1ENQ**.

Wow, if this was the sunspot minimum, what will we encounter in five years from now? Contesting is THE challenge in ham radio!... **DP6A**. The band a lot of QRN!... **E20YLM**. It was the first CQWW for most of the operators and they had a very good time... **EH2T**. As usual great moments!... **F4ETG**. Wow! Much better high band conditions than expected. Maybe we don't need sunspots after all!... **G0MTN**. Really hard work in the low power section. On 20m in particular it was impossible to find and hold a run frequency, so just about all the QSOs were S&P. Things were much easier on 15 and 10m. Is this the first time ever with serious entries from 1A0, T7, and HV as well as Italy?... **G4BUO**. For some operators it was their first ever CQWW SSB Contest and glad to say they all coped admirably. MM0PSA, our youngest operator at 16, took to operating like an old professional and great to see. To us this is what it is all about, getting them involved and into contesting...

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The big trends in new products seen at this year's big hamfest in Dayton: USB ports finally showing up on ham rigs, add-ons for hands-free communication using Bluetooth® headsets, and rotatable dipoles for hams with limited antenna space. Here's our annual look at "Hot Stuff at Hamvention®."

# The Magical Mystery Hamvention® Tour Part I

BY RICH MOSESON,\* W2VU



Every Sunday morning at the Dayton Hamvention®, in order to get out of packing up the booth, CQ Advertising Manager Don Allen, W9CW, and I head off through the exhibit halls in search of the newest of the new, products introduced either at the show or immediately before it. To make it seem like we were actually working, rather than just trying to get out of packing up, I write up this article each year. This year, CQ New Products Editor Anthony Luscre, K8ZT, joined us. We left the booth earlier than usual and returned later than usual, visiting some three dozen manufacturers who brought about 60 brand-new products to the Hallowed Halls of Hara (for the uninitiated, the Hamvention is held at the Hara Arena just outside the city of Dayton). Please note that some of these items are prototypes whose features are not yet finalized and which may look and "play" different when they go on sale.

Here is our "Magical Mystery Tour" of new products seen at Dayton, organized as usual by category (radios & amplifiers, station accessories, antennas & antenna accessories), occasionally by subcategory (e.g., receivers), and then more or less alphabetically by manufacturer within each category or subcategory. We'll start with things that transmit or receive radio frequency energy...

## Radios & Amplifiers

### Transceivers

We've got several new transceivers on the market this year, as well as some refinements to existing models. Elecraft has brought out its long-anticipated K3 transceiver, which covers 160 to 6 meters with either 10 or 100 watts (your option), and



The Elecraft K3 introduces a new concept in kitbuilding ... and lets you use a keyer paddle to send RTTY and PSK-31 without a computer! (Photos by W2VU unless otherwise noted)

has an independent subreceiver and 32-bit IF digital signal processing (DSP). There's also built-in software for encoding and decoding the most popular digital modes, allowing you to operate RTTY or PSK-31 without a computer by entering your text with your CW keyer paddle! The K3 also introduces a new concept in kit building—the no-solder, modular kit. If you choose the build-it-yourself option, you will receive modules with all parts mounted, soldered, and tested, which you then assemble into a transceiver—kind of like building your own computer. The K3 is also available factory-assembled.

FlexRadio's newest software defined radio is its Flex-5000C, which features a built-in computer with Windows®

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*FlexRadio's Flex-5000C software defined radio includes a built-in computer and now has an option for a second receiver that can share the screen with the primary one.*

XP-Pro operating system, 1 GB of RAM, and a 160 GB hard drive. FlexRadio also introduced its optional second receiver feature. Unlike most other sub-receivers, this one has all the same performance specifications as the main receiver, and both can be shown simultaneously on your computer screen. The second receiver is available for both the Flex-5000A and the Flex-5000C.

Speaking of software-defined radios, and speaking of kits, if you really like to "roll your own" and still want to be at the cutting edge of transceiver technology, Tucson Amateur Packet Radio (TAPR) has introduced its modular HPSDR, or High Performance Software Defined Radio. It consists (so far) of six modules—each a traditional build-it-yourself kit—that provide different functions. Each one has a name, generally rooted in mythology. You start with the Atlas backplane, which doesn't do anything on its own but supports all the other components. Up to six circuit boards will plug into the Atlas, which also has a connector for powering all of the different modules. It's designed to be able to fit into a standard PC enclosure and to be able to use a computer power supply. Other modules include Janus (an analog-to-digital and digital-to-analog converter board); Ozymandias, or Ozy (an interface controller card that, according to TAPR, "provides the input and output connections to the real world"); Pinocchio (an extender board used for testing and troubleshooting other modules); Penelope, a 1/2-watt transmitter/exciter board; and the brand-new Mercury HF receiver board, a week-old prototype of which was demonstrated at Dayton. This is not a "plug & play" system by any means, but rather a serious project for the serious experimenter who wants to be part of developing ham radio's future.



*The truck tire is not where ICOM recommends that its new IC-7200 transceiver be mounted. It's part of the display to convey an image of toughness for this entry-level HF/6-meter rig.*



*To celebrate its 40th anniversary in the ham radio business, Ten-Tec has released an updated "40th anniversary edition" of its popular Jupiter transceiver.*

ICOM unveiled two new HF+6-meter transceivers at Dayton, the entry-level IC-7200 and the higher-end IC-7700. The 7200 was displayed on a truck tire, emphasizing its rugged construction intended for outdoor as well as indoor use, including protection from water intrusion on the buttons and knobs (although the radio is not waterproof) and a "rear bumper" that protects rear-panel connectors and lets you stand the radio on end for packing—but do unplug the antenna first! The 7200 also has a USB port for computer control as well as a host of DSP features. It covers all ham bands between 160 and 6 meters and includes a general-coverage receiver.

The IC-7700 is a home-station transceiver intended for the serious DXer or contester. It runs on AC power (no need for an external supply) and puts out 200 watts on all modes except AM (50 watts). Features include a dynamic range in the receiver of more than 110 dB, a separate preamp and mixer for 6 meters, and two independent 32-bit DSP units, one each for the transmitter and receiver. The 7700 also features two front-panel USB ports and built-in RTTY/PSK-31 software, so you can plug a keyboard into one of those ports and operate these popular digital modes without a computer. It also has four antenna jacks and, once you program in the frequency range for each antenna, the rig will automatically switch you to the appropriate antenna for your operating frequency (there is manual control as well). The fourth

connector can also be set up for receive-only, with automatic switching between the transmit and receive antennas. This can be particularly useful on bands such as 160 meters, where separate antennas are often used.

Ten-Tec is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year by introducing a special 40th anniversary edition of its popular Jupiter transceiver. It features a new black case and bright reversible blue/gray LCD screen and all-new firmware, including a CW decoder right on the screen for those still struggling with copying code. If you're also having trouble sending code, you can plug in a keyboard and send CW without a key.

Finally among our transceivers is Yaesu's new VX-8R triband handheld, covering 2 meters and 70 centimeters with 5 watts out, and the 222-MHz band with 1 1/2 watts. It's submersible, uses lithium-ion batteries, and features a dual receiver. The Yaesu folks tell us that the final version (this was a prototype) may include a GPS (Global Positioning System) option and/or an optional packet TNC (terminal node connector)—either as part of a microphone or as a piggyback unit—presumably for use with APRS® tracking; and they say it may also offer a



The only new handheld transceiver introduced this year at Dayton was the triband Yaesu VX-8R, which appeared only as a prototype. It will cover 2 meters, 222 MHz and 440 MHz, with additional features that are yet to be finalized.

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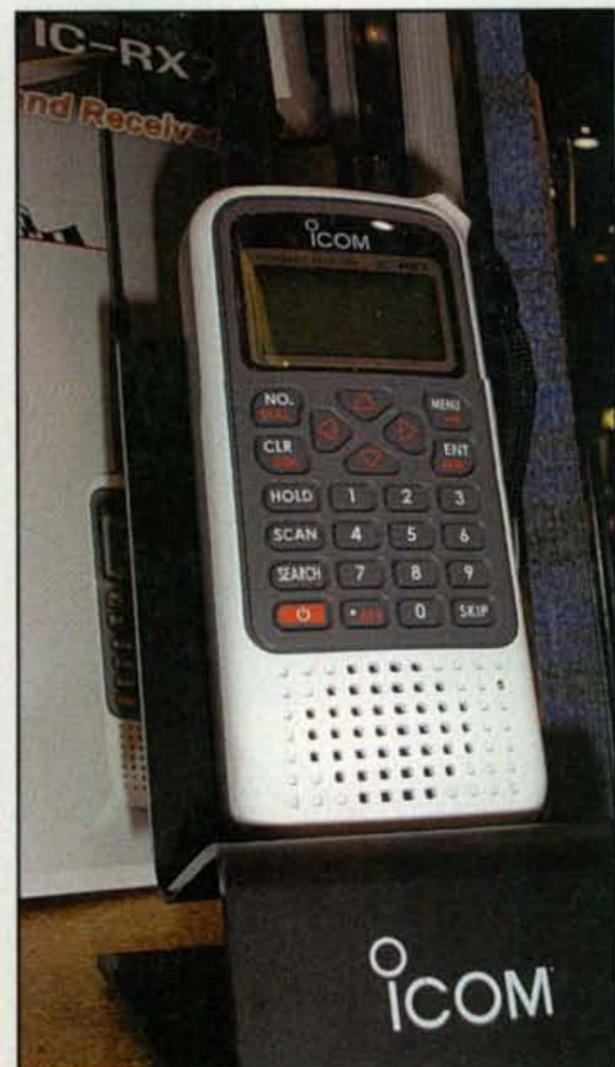
This year's Hamvention saw the introduction of four standalone receivers, covering a wide variety of frequencies and serving a wide variety of roles. AOR brought out its SR-2000M software-controlled surveillance and monitoring receiver. Primarily for law enforcement work, it covers 25–3000 MHz, will be computer-controllable over the internet, and will also feature voice transfer over the internet. This means you won't have to be sitting in the bad guys' back yard in order to monitor their activities. AOR introduced a couple of other law enforcement-related devices, including the AR-STV wireless camera detector, which covers 900–2800 MHz and will not only let you know if you're in the presence of any wireless surveillance cameras but also show you what they're seeing; and the Wings location monitor mobile data terminal. This device will use GPS to locate and track all vehicles in a fleet and plot them on a Google Earth™ map. It's also a digital voice transceiver with scrambling capability, plus you can connect a keyboard and send text, or upload still photos. The final new goodie from AOR this year is the FA-8200, an AR-8200 handheld receiver coupled with a direction-finding antenna and attenuator, tuned to the aircraft band for locating downed aircraft and errantly-activated emergency locator transmitters (ELTs).

ICOM was showing a prototype of its new IC-RX7 wideband handheld receiver. It covers 150 kHz to 1300 MHz (with cellular frequencies blocked in the U.S.) and receives AM, narrow FM, and wide FM. It has 1650 memory channels, which you can organize by category (26 maximum), group (up to 100), and memory name (up to 100). This is different from the alphanumeric tag which may be attached to every memory channel. To make your life easier, the RX-7 will come with preset memories for ham bands, auto racing, aircraft, railroads, and more. You can select your desired activity and a press of the scan button will monitor only those frequencies. It scans and searches 100 channels per second, so you can scan even a fully-loaded memory bank in just 16 seconds.

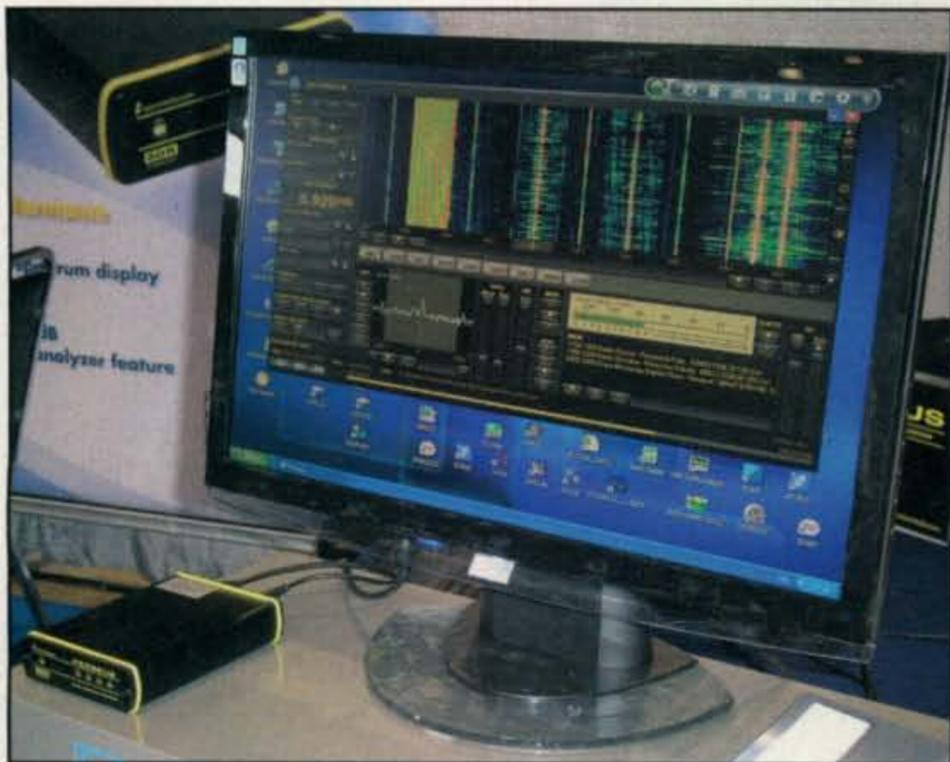
SSB Electronic introduced its Perseus SDR receiver, which covers 10 kHz to 30 MHz (40 MHz with reduced sensitivity) and receives AM, synchronous AM, CW, SSB, and narrow-band FM, along with RTTY and Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM). Among many cool



The FA-8200 from AOR is a specialized foxhunting setup for tracking aircraft emergency locator transmitters.



This receive-only handheld from ICOM, the RX-7, covers 150 kHz to 1300 MHz and features preset memories for ham bands, aircraft, railroads and NASCAR racing.



The Perseus from SSB Electronic is a software defined receiver that requires a computer to use. It has the unique ability to record an 800-kHz chunk of spectrum and let you play it back later, tuning around as if it was in real time.

features is its ability not only to provide a realtime visual "waterfall" display of an 800-kHz chunk of spectrum, but also to record that entire segment of spectrum for later playback. You can tune through it as though it were in real time! This would let a shortwave listener record a busy band segment across the top of an hour, then go back and pull out the IDs of every broadcast station that was there! Another handy feature is that you can import a variety of frequency lists and "plug them in."



Dishtronix introduced two related items at Dayton this year, the solid-state Prometheus amplifier for 160-10 meters (large boxes at bottom of photo), as well as the DWM-2104 peak-reading SWR/Wattmeter (little box on top) for HF and 6-meter use.



This year's newest entries from Tokyo Hy-Power are the 600-watt solid-state HL-1.1Kfx HF amp shown here, plus the 45-watt HL-45B designed for use with Yaesu's low-power FT-817.

Finally among our standalone receivers is the Ten-Tec RX-400. It covers 2 MHz to 3 GHz in SSB, ISB (independent sideband), CW, AM, and FM (narrow and wide), offers 1000 memories and will scan them at a rate of 100 per second or faster. It offers more than 50 built-in DSP filter bandwidths between 100 and 300 kHz, and connections to the computer world via your choice of RS-232 or TCP/IP connectors.

### Linear Amplifiers

Dishtronix brought out its Prometheus DX2400L1 HF linear amplifier, which it says is amateur radio's first legal-limit-plus solid-state amp for 160-10 meters (remember that it's now legal for commercially-built amps to include 10 and 12 meters), featuring continuous output of 1500 watts on SSB or CW (375 watts on AM) with instant band-switching and no warm-up time. The unit runs cool with an extra-heavy-duty 4800-watt DC power supply, and can be installed up to 1500 feet away from your operating position with either an optional remote-control head or optional computer adapter and software package. Dishtronix also introduced its DWM-2104 peak-reading SWR/wattmeter for HF and 6 meters.

Tokyo Hy-Power has added two new models to its line. The HL-1.1Kfx is a solid-state amp putting out a maximum of 600 watts on all HF ham bands (500 watts key-down on RTTY for 5 minutes) with an input power of 75-90 watts. Featuring an analog meter on the front with a variety of measurement options, the 1.1K is small (9.1" wide, 5.6" high, and 14.3" deep) and lightweight, weighing in at just over 22 pounds. But if you want to go really lightweight, check out the 3 1/2-pound HL-45B, designed for mobile use as a companion to Yaesu's low-power FT-817 HF/VHF/UHF transceiver. The HL-45B covers the HF ham bands plus 6 meters and boosts the 817's 5-watt output to 45 watts. It's a great option if you want to use the 817 as a QRP rig while operating portable (such as hiking) but to have a little more "oomph" available once you get back in the car.

### Continued Next Month...

Once again, there was so much great stuff to see at this year's Dayton Hamvention® that we don't have space to bring you the full rundown in a single issue. We'll continue next month with a look at what's new in station accessories, antennas, and antenna accessories.

# Operating Amateur Radio Internationally

In the year and a half since the FCC eliminated the Morse code requirement from ham radio license exams in the United States, tens of thousands of Technician Class radio amateurs have upgraded to General or Extra Class, allowing them to operate over wide portions of the long-distance, high-frequency (HF) bands. Also, thousands more radio enthusiasts have joined the hobby for the first time. For many, their goal is to "work DX," or contact faraway stations. Making long-range contacts is the number one objective of most beginning HF operators (as well as many veteran HFers).

The HF amateur radio bands technically are considered to be the nine bands of amateur frequencies extending from 3 to 30 MHz—the 80/75, 60, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, and 10 meter bands. However, for our purposes we are going to include the 160-meter "medium-wave" ham band. The 1800 to 2000 kHz band is located just above the AM broadcast band, which in North America goes up to 1710 kHz. In the rest of the world, the AM broadcast bands cuts off at 1610 kHz.

That makes ten bands of frequencies extending from 1.8 to 28.7 MHz, each with different radio-wave propagation characteristics. This month, let's talk about the history of international amateur radio communications and what you need to know about talking with stations located outside of the United States.

## The Need for Global Regulations

The electromagnetic spectrum is an unusual natural resource because, unlike iron, oil, or coal, it is not destroyed by use. In fact, it cannot be consumed at all! When one user stops accessing a portion of the spectrum, another can readily use it.

The spectrum is scarce, because at any given time and place one use of a portion of the spectrum precludes any other use of that portion. Uncoordinated, wasteful use can easily result in everyone suffering interference, which prevents satisfactory operation and denies access to new users.

Thus, the use of the radio spectrum must be regulated, access controlled, and rules for its use enforced because of the possibilities of interference between uncoordinated uses. Since the possible number of stations operating in a band is limited, someone must establish spectrum-use standards. Because of the distances reached by some radio signals, this regulation must be national and even global in scope, since radio waves do not respect international borders.

The Geneva-based International Telecommunication Union (or the ITU, as it is known) is the worldwide body that governs wire and wireless communications. This specialized agency of the

United Nations consists of representatives from nearly 200 nations who meet every couple of years at "World Radio Conferences" to agree on future telecommunications guidelines.

The ITU was formed on May 17, 1865 as the International Telegraph Union. Twenty European countries met in Paris to agree on the delivery of wireline telegraphic messages across international borders. The ITU thus became the world's first international coordinating body. The second (convened on September 15, 1874) was the Universal Postal Union. Both had similar obstacles, since the mail and telegraph lines both had to cross national borders.

The International Telegraph Union decided on standardized equipment and operating rules to guarantee interconnection to the European telegraph network, and to use the "international" version of the Morse alphabet. It was also agreed that the organization would serve as a meeting place for future amendments. Today, nearly 150 years later, the factors that led to the formation of the Union still apply and the fundamental goals of the ITU are basically the same.

## Managing the Radio Spectrum

The regulation of radio came about in 1906 when the ITU extended its reach over wireline telegraphy to include wireless radio communication. The International Frequency Registration Board (IFRB) was set up to manage the radio frequency spectrum, which was becoming increasingly congested. The first Table of Frequency Allocations became mandatory in 1912. These initial regulations have since been amended and revised by numerous radio conferences and are now known as the international Radio Regulations (RR).

In 1927, the ITU adopted a system to standardize station call signs. As an aid to enforcement of the radio laws, the alphabet—and later numerals when letters ran out—was apportioned among the nations of the world for use in radio call signs which would identify both the nationality and the type of radio station.

The United States, for example, is assigned three prefix letters—K, N, and W—to serve as the initial call letter for its radio stations. It also is assigned the prefix letters AA through AL. All radio stations were (and still are) required to identify themselves at regular intervals using their unique call sign.

Today, the ITU's most important function is the allocation of radio frequencies to eliminate harmful interference among stations of different countries. The ITU allocation plan divides the world into three geographic regions. Roughly speaking, Region 1 consists of Europe, Africa, and the Middle East; Region 2 is North, Central, and South America; and Region 3 is the rest of the world. The frequency allocations in the United States generally conform to those for Region 2.

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Once ratified, the Radio Regulations become part of a treaty between nations and do not of themselves impose obligations on radio amateurs. Instead they provide guidelines to the various countries on how to regulate their Amateur Service. The current international Radio Regulations that deal specifically with the Amateur and Amateur-Satellite Services were updated at WRC-2003. They are very short and are contained in Article 25 of the Radio Regulations.

In a nutshell, it says international amateur communications are permitted unless a country objects, should be "limited to communications incidental to the purposes of the amateur service or remarks of a personal character," should not be secret to "obscure their meaning," and the qualifications of amateur operators should be verified. Article 25 encourages countries to allow amateur communications and third-party traffic during emergencies and disasters. Also, a country may allow a licensed amateur of another country to operate temporarily subject to any conditions it may impose. That is pretty much it.

These guidelines are intentionally very general in scope, thus providing a sizable amount of national flexibility and application. Being internationally authorized, most nations of the world do have an amateur service, but boundaries of the various ham bands, access requirements, and communications permitted on those frequencies can vary somewhat from one country to another.

### Amateur Radio in the United States

National governments enact and enforce radio laws and regulations. However, this regulation must be performed within the framework of existing ITU agreements, both regional and global. In the United States, private sector spectrum management, including that of the Amateur Service, is managed by the Federal Communications Commission, or FCC. The basic document controlling telecommunications in the United States is the Communications Act of 1934, which has been amended many times. The act applies to all 50 states; the territories of Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; and several other small U.S. island possessions.

Among its duties, the FCC allocates frequency bands for the various radio services, determines frequencies to be used by individual stations, and licenses and regulates stations and operators. The agency also regulates common carriers involved in wireless and wireline interstate and foreign communications.

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The U.S. regulations covering telecommunications are contained in Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

The Amateur Radio Service is only one of dozens of different telecommunications services. The regulations specifically dealing with amateur radio are contained in Part 97 of Title 47. It is widely available on the internet, and all U.S. ham operators should be familiar with its contents. In fact, this is required by the rules.

Radio operations of the Federal Government are not regulated by the FCC. This function is delegated to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce. However, the FCC and the NTIA cooperate to prevent interference between government and non-government users.

### Visiting Foreign Amateur Operators

Another aspect of international operating is the set of rules for operating a ham station while visiting another country. These rules vary greatly. The FCC rules provide several ways for foreign amateur radio operators to operate ham radio in the United States. Canadian amateurs are automatically authorized

### Amateur Reciprocal Operating Arrangements

The countries with which arrangements are in effect are:

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark (including Greenland), Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Finland, France (including French Guiana, French Polynesia [Gambier, Marquesas, Society, and Tubuai Islands and Tuamotu Archipelago], Guadeloupe, Ile Amsterdam, Ile Saint-Paul, Iles Crozet, Iles Kerguelen, Martinique, New Caledonia, Reunion, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, and Wallis and Futuna Islands), Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Republic of Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Liberia, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Mexico, Monaco,

Netherlands, Netherlands Antilles, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Republic of South Africa, Spain, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Surinam, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Tuvalu, United Kingdom (including Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands [including Guernsey and Jersey], Falkland Islands [including South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands], Great Britain, Gibraltar, Isle of Man, Montserrat, Northern Ireland, Saint Helena [including Ascension Island, Gough Island, and Tristan Da Cunha Island], and Turks and Caicos Islands), Uruguay, and Venezuela.

Foreign radio amateurs holding a CEPT radio amateur license or an International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP) are also authorized to operate in the U.S. and its possessions.

operating privileges in the U.S. and vice versa under a 50-year-old bilateral treaty arrangement.

It used to be that amateur radio operators licensed in other countries needed to first obtain a Reciprocal Operating Permit before they could operate their ham equipment in the U.S., but no more. Citizens of countries holding an Amateur Service license granted by a country with which the United States has made reciprocal operating arrangements are automatically authorized to operate an amateur station in the U.S. or its possessions. No additional FCC-issued documents are required. See the sidebar "Amateur Reciprocal Operating Arrangements" for a list of countries with which these arrangements are in effect.

Holders of a CEPT (see below) amateur radio license or an IARP (Inter-

national Amateur Radio Permit) may also operate in the United States or its possessions. CEPT licenses are issued by a country belonging to the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT). An IARP permit is a document issued by several South American countries, Mexico, and Honduras under the terms of an Inter-American Treaty.

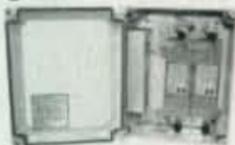
When a foreign radio amateur operates on U.S. soil, station identification is accomplished with location indicators used in conjunction with the foreign amateur's assigned callsign. Canadian amateurs must identify their station by appending to their callsign an indicator consisting of the appropriate letter-numeral designating the station's U.S. operating location (for example, VE1XX/W4.) Hams from countries

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Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, The Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Liberia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Mexico, Federated States of Micronesia, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, St. Christopher and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, United Kingdom (special event stations with callsign prefix GB followed by a number other than 3), Uruguay, and Venezuela. The United Nations also has arrangements with the United States to permit an amateur station regulated by the FCC to exchange messages for a third party with amateur stations 4U1ITU in Geneva, Switzerland, and 4U1VIC in Vienna, Austria.

No amateur station regulated by the FCC shall transmit messages for a third party to any amateur station located within the jurisdiction of any foreign government not listed above. This prohibition does not apply to a message for any third party who is eligible to be the control operator of the station.

other than Canada must include the location indicator *before* the callsign (for example, W1/G1XXX).

Non-U.S. citizens may also pass the required FCC examinations and be granted licenses in the same manner as U.S. citizens. This latter method is generally used by foreign operators who reside permanently in the U.S. or who are here frequently or for lengthy stays.

### U.S. Citizens Operating in a Foreign Country

When traveling abroad, visiting U.S. amateur operators must follow the rules of the country in which they wish to operate. As a general rule, you need to contact the telecommunications regulatory authority in the country you wish to visit. U.S. radio amateurs holding an Advanced or Extra Class license may operate in Europe without the need to obtain a permit or license—if the country is a member of CEPT. This used to apply more broadly, but last February CEPT decided that the technical requirements for earning a Technician or General Class license in the U.S. have no equivalent in Europe and withdrew automatic reciprocal privileges from U.S. Techs and Generals. For more information regarding specific countries, see the ARRL's International Operating page at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/io/>.

### Third-Party Traffic

While on the subject of international operating arrangements, the sidebar "Third-Party Communications" includes an up-to-date list of countries with which FCC-licensed radio amateurs may transmit third-party communications.

Third-party traffic is defined as communications on behalf of persons (a third party) other than the two control radio operators on either end of the radio contact (the first and second party).

No FCC-licensed amateur station may transmit messages for a third party to any foreign amateur station whose government has not made arrangements with the United States to allow amateur stations to be used for transmitting international communications on behalf of third parties. However, Section 97.115 of the FCC rules states that "(t)his prohibition does not apply to a message for any party who is eligible to be a control operator of the station." In other words, sending or receiving a message destined for another ham is okay, even in countries with which the United States does not have a third-party agreement. 73, Fred, W5YI



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## What You've Told Us...

Our May survey turned up some fascinating information about the on-air activities of *CQ* readers. First of all, 97% of all who responded said they are currently active on the air. Their most frequent operating modes are HF CW (38%), HF voice (37%), VHF FM (18%), and HF digital (10%), followed by VHF/UHF CW/SSB/digital (4%), other (1%) and none (1%). The most common "typical contact length" was 1-5 minutes (37%), a tie between 5-10 minutes and more than 10 minutes (25% each), and less than a minute (12%).

Your replies to our question on what you talk about most frequently on the air were as varied as you are... 77% make the basic exchange of name, location and signal report; 75% provide basic station info, 54% talk about the weather and 47% discuss technical matters. Next, 30% of you talk about things that weren't on our list; 26% discuss interesting things about your town; 25% talk about your work/job; 20% each discuss family and "other personal stuff;" 15% communicate public service/emergency matters; 8% each talk about personal medical matters and pass message traffic. Finally, 7% discuss politics and 5% talk about religion.

For 60% of you, what you talk about varies with band and mode (e.g., do you talk about different things on 2-meter FM than on 40-meter CW?), while 19% say it makes no difference and 17% hadn't thought about it before we asked. Next, we asked if you had had at least one contact that stood out in your mind as being extra-special, and 73% responded yes, more than one; while 5% said yes, only one, and 18% said no. Finally we asked there was a particular person you'd contacted who was extra-special, and the results were nearly identical—70% yes, more than one; 5% yes, only one; and 18% no.

This month's free subscription winner is Richard Oberstaedt, K8RWL, of New Hudson, Michigan.

# Reader Survey August 2008

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Please answer by circling the appropriate numbers on the reply card.

### 1. How technically competent do you consider yourself in terms of radio and electronics?

- Expert .....1
- Highly competent.....2
- Competent.....3
- Somewhat competent.....4
- Not competent.....5

### 2. Is electronics your profession as well as your hobby?

- Yes .....6
- No.....7

### 3. Have you ever designed your own circuits?

- Yes, professionally .....8
- Yes, on an amateur basis only .....9
- No.....10

### 4. Have you built at least some of your own equipment (excluding antennas)?

- Yes, from my own design .....11
- Yes, from published designs .....12
- Yes, from kits.....13
- No.....14

### 5. Have you built at least some of your own antennas?

- Yes, from my own design .....16
- Yes, from published designs .....17
- Yes, from commercial products.....18
- No.....19

### 6. Do you do your own troubleshooting/repairs?

- Yes, whatever needs to be done .....20
- Yes for simple repairs, no for complex ones .....21
- Troubleshoot only (send out for repair) .....22
- Can make most repairs if someone else figures out what's wrong .....23
- No.....24

### 7. When you do NOT make your own repairs, where do you take/send your rig for service?

- To another local ham.....25
- To a ham dealer's service department .....26
- To the manufacturer's service department.....27
- To an independent repair person/facility .....28
- I haven't needed anything repaired yet .....29
- I'm the person everyone else brings their broken stuff to.....30

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# The Frequency-to-Voltage Converter

Last month we looked at the voltage-to-frequency converter (VFC) and saw a couple of its many applications. This month we will look at the companion circuit, the frequency-to-voltage converter, or FVC. This device produces a DC voltage that is a function of the input frequency.

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Fortunately, the same chip can be used for this function as well, and fig. 1 shows how to connect the LM-331 for this application. As in the case of the VFC, a calibration pot is provided for fine-tuning. In operation, the input-frequency pulses control the charging of a capacitor over a fixed time interval. The greater the number of pulses, the higher the DC voltage. Also like the VFC, the qual-

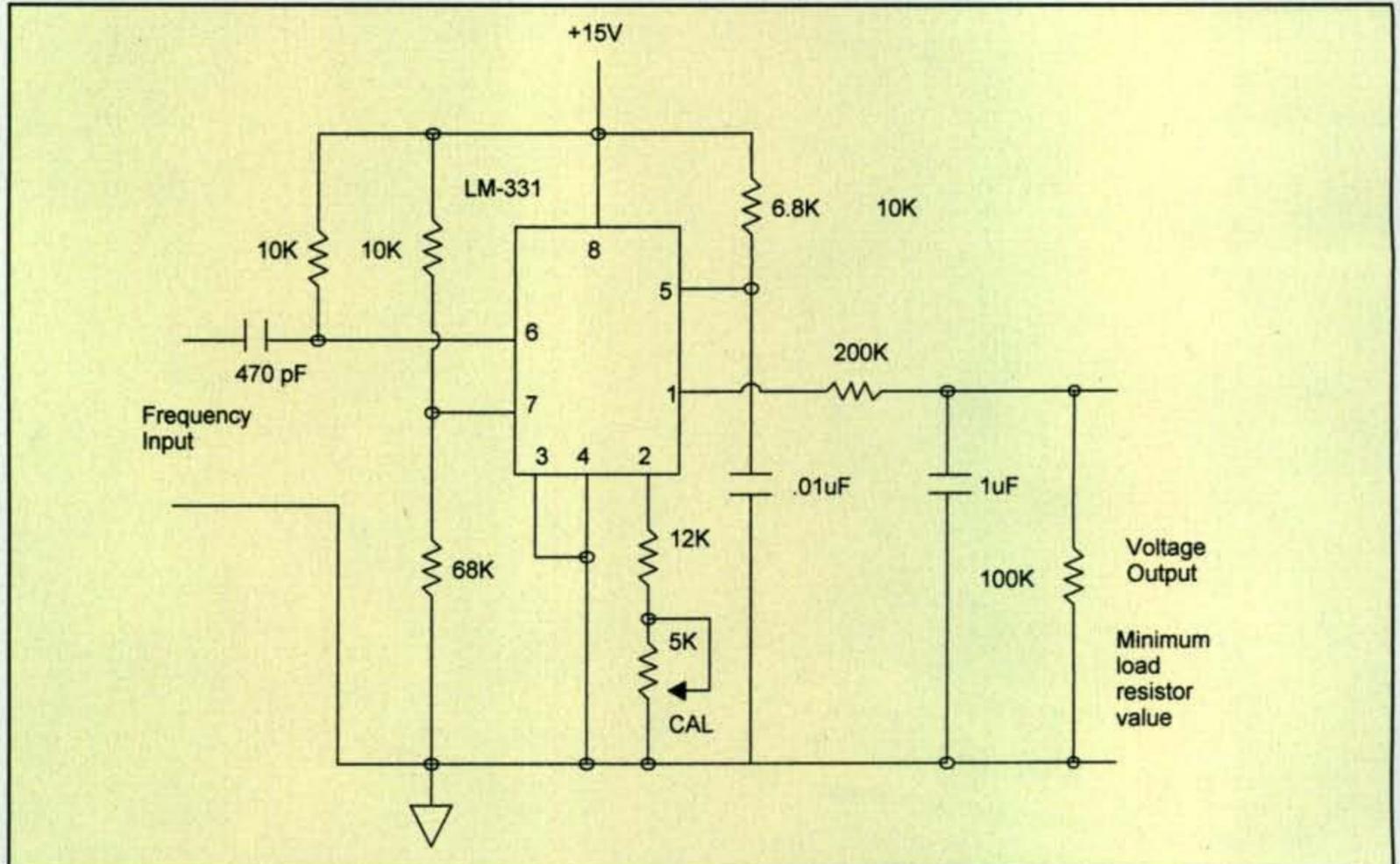


Fig. 1— Basic frequency-to-voltage converter circuit.

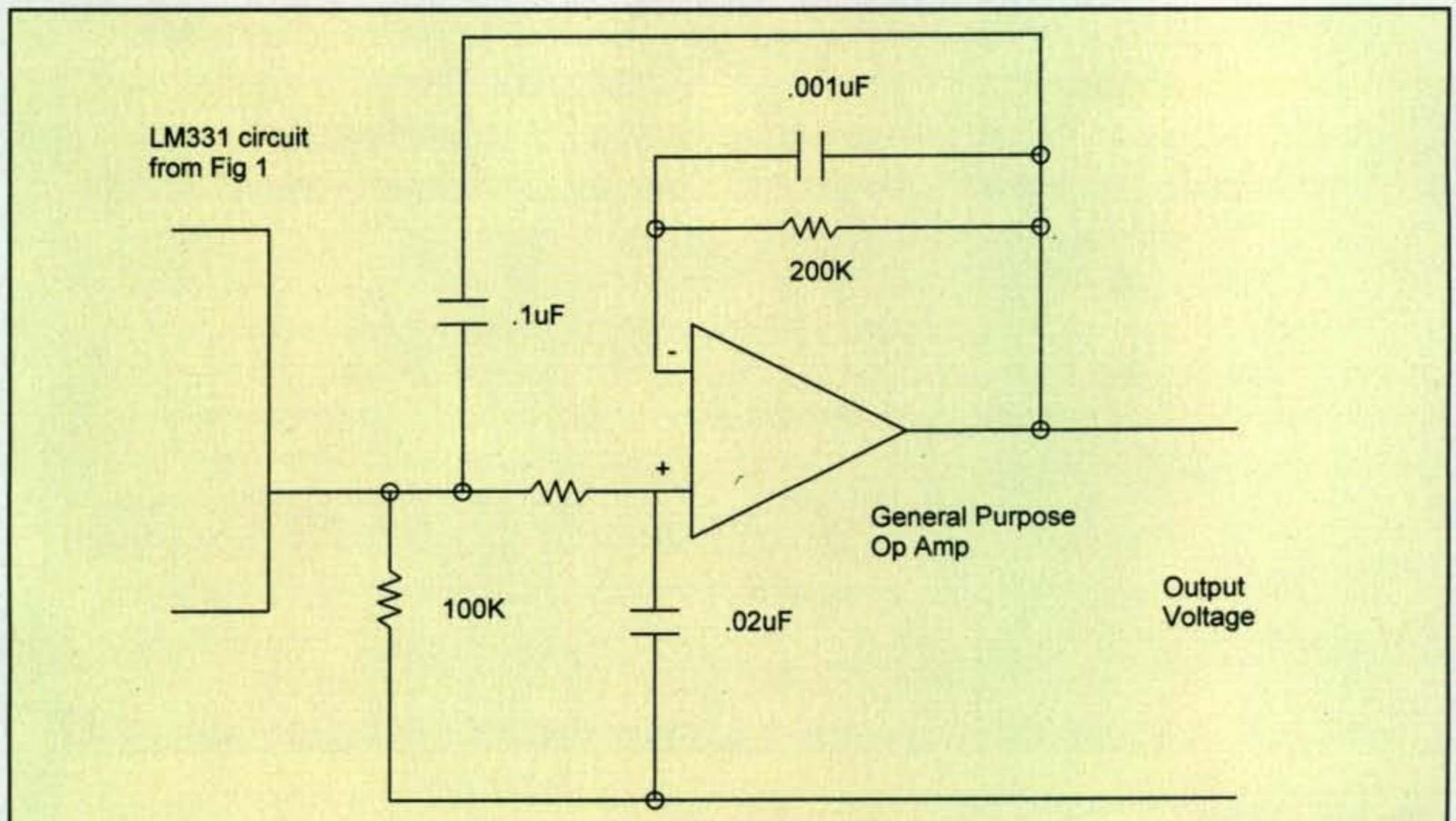


Fig. 2— A simple op-amp output filter.

ity of the components used determines the linearity of the circuit. It is capable of better than 0.5%, so use the best you have if you build the circuit.

After construction, apply power and connect a DVM (digital voltmeter) across the output capacitor. Apply a 10.00-kHz TTL (transistor-transistor logic) level pulse train to the input and adjust the CAL potentiometer for a read-

ing of 10.00 volts. Now reduce the frequency to 5.00 kHz and note that the voltage drops to 5.00 volts. If you then connect the output of the VFC circuit of last month to the input of fig. 1, you will have a complete analog-to-digital-to-analog transmission system. Any voltage applied to the input will be converted to a pulse train. The resulting pulse train will then be converted back into a

DC signal, which will then be reproduced at the output.

The only drawback of this circuit is the speed of response of the circuit. You will note that a 200K resistor and 1- $\mu$ F capacitor have been connected to the output of the LM331. These form an RC low-pass filter whose purpose is to reduce the ripple frequency (which is a function of the voltage being transmitted) to a small level. The large values, however, are what slow down the circuit. The speed of response can be increased by lowering the value of the capacitor and/or resistor, but the ripple will then increase. A better method that will speed up the circuit by a factor of about 20 to 30 times is to use an op-amp based active filter such as the one shown in fig. 2.

You can also try to increase the response time to the point where you can actually send audio. This will require you to offset the VFC so that the input voltage varies from 7 kHz to 10 kHz, for example. Fig. 3 shows how to do this.

First adjust the BIAS pot for a reading of 8.5 volts with no audio input. Now adjust the values of the filter in the FVC circuit so that the cutoff frequency is around 6 to 7 kHz. The VFC will now swing from 7 kHz to 10 kHz with an audio line level input of 3 volts pp (1 volt rms), and the receiver should reproduce this with very little ripple. Note that you will have to experiment with the various values for the best result. If you look at the data sheet for the LM-331 as well as other VFCs, you will find methods to increase the frequency range to 100 kHz and higher. This will allow even faster response times.

Keep in mind that a FVC can also be used as a simple audio frequency meter. Connecting an op-amp follower to reduce the high output impedance of the FVC to a level suitable for driving a meter movement will result in a DC level that is a function of frequency. Fig. 4 shows this method. A 0 to 1 mA movement could then be calibrated as 0 to 10 kHz. If you wish to use a 0-100  $\mu$ A movement, simply replace the 10K pot with a 100K pot and the 1K zero pot with a 10K pot.

Hopefully, this and the July columns have served as a stimulus to experiment with one of the few remaining early digital techniques. By visiting the websites of National Semiconductor ([www.national.com](http://www.national.com)) and Analog Devices ([www.analog.com](http://www.analog.com)) you will find more information on these unique devices.

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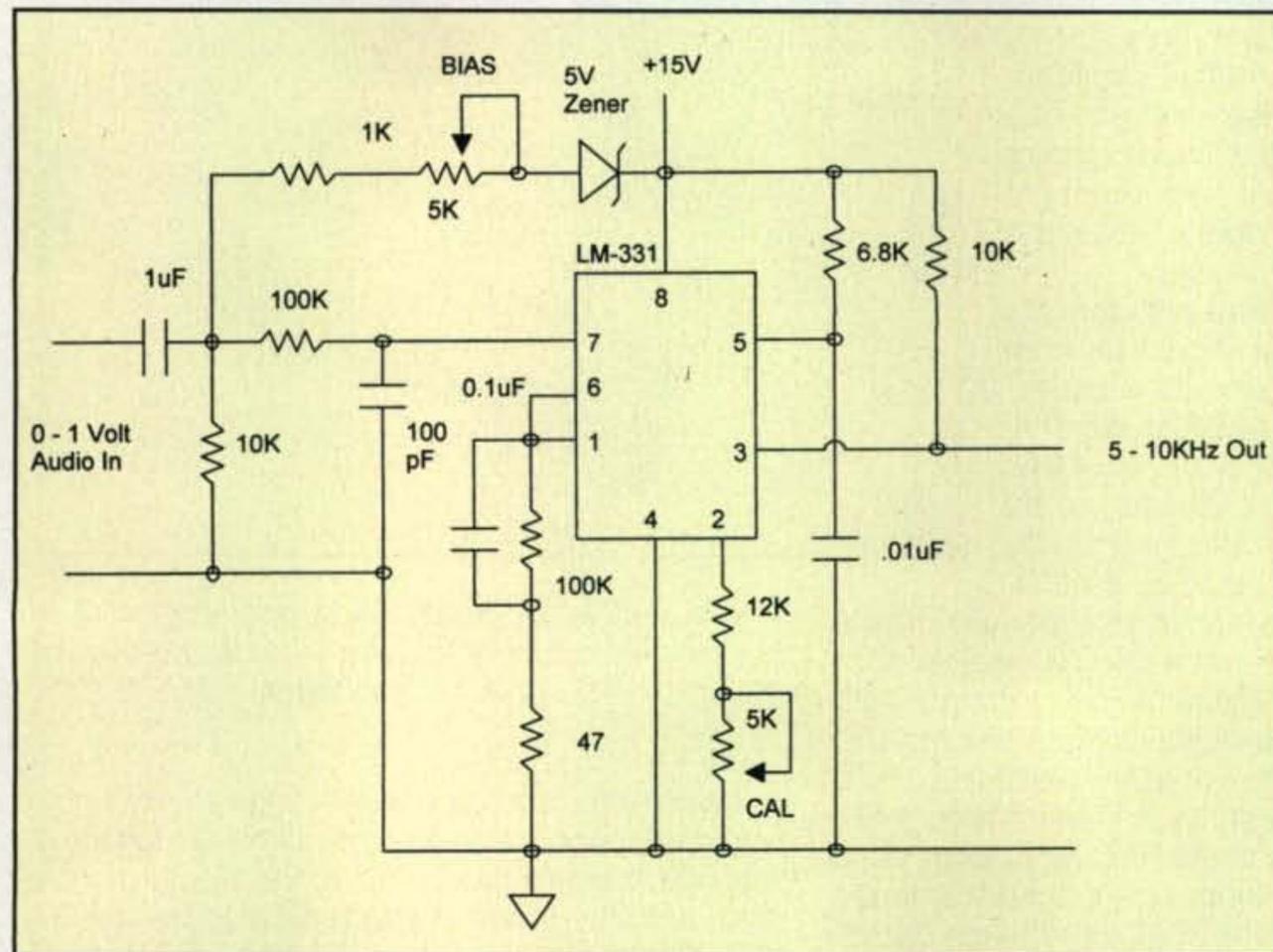


Fig. 3— Audio transmission voltage to frequency converter circuit.

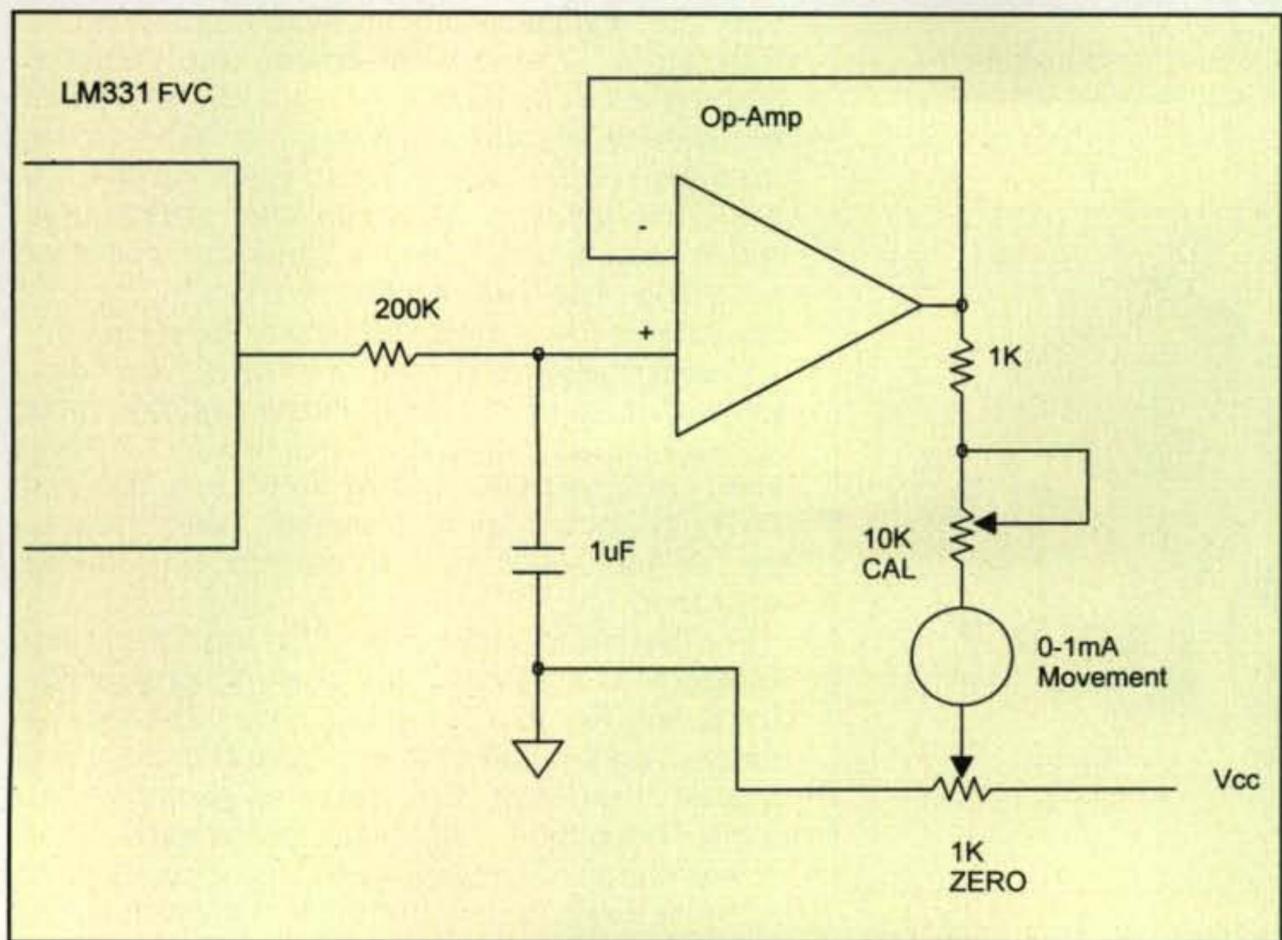


Fig. 4— The simple audio frequency meter discussed in the text.

# Build Your Own Capacitors for Trap Antennas

Last month we looked at a large homemade capacitor that was built by Roger Sullivan, WA0ETE, for his Butternut vertical. As I mentioned at the end of that column, this got my brain working on alternative capacitor designs for other applications. As I was already in the process of building traps for a 12/17-meter trap dipole, I thought I'd try to expand on Roger's ideas and build my own trap capacitors.

A rule of thumb for trap components is that their reactance should be from 150–250 ohms, which means a capacitance value of about 43 pF to 26 pF at my trap design frequency of 24.5 MHz.

For the capacitors, I decided to try using aluminum tape attached to the inside and outside of a piece of 1 1/4-inch PVC tubing. The aluminum tape is available at any hardware store and is used to seal air-conditioning duct-work. I chose a PVC tubing length of 1.8 inches, as that is slightly longer than the 1.5-inch width of the aluminum tape I used.

I cut a 4.2-inch length of aluminum tape that I attached to the inside of the PVC pipe, and I cut a 5.5-inch piece of aluminum tape that was wrapped around the outside of the PVC pipe. When I measured the resulting capacitance with my antenna analyzer, I found it to be 35 pF. This was perfect!

Next I attached two #4 stainless-steel screws,

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Photo A— Homebrew capacitors showing the inside/outside screw contacts.



Photo B— Two 12-meter traps, one (top) with the homebrew capacitor and the other (bottom) with a doorknob capacitor.

lockwashers, nuts, and solder lugs to my homebrew capacitor. I cut away the aluminum tape such that one screw only contacted the upper piece of tape, and one screw contacted the lower piece of tape. Photo A shows this better than I can describe it in words. I built two of these capacitors, as two are needed for the 12/17-meter dipole.

I then coated the capacitors with liquid electrical tape, also available at your local home-improvement store. The liquid electrical tape does two things: First, it seals the aluminum tape in place, and second, it improves voltage isolation around the edges of the tubing. Photo B shows one trap made with my homebrew capacitor alongside an earlier trap I built using a standard doorknob capacitor. The red coating on the homebrew capacitor is the red liquid electrical tape I used.

How do these traps work? Perfectly! Now I don't know what the ultimate breakdown voltage rating of these capacitors is, but there are no problems when using my 600-watt ALS-600 amplifier with the 12/17-meter dipole. However, I can't guarantee that the capacitors won't break down under full legal limit.

For those interested in building traps, next time we'll look at the actual trap design, construction, and tuning. For future reference, the traps are constructed on 1-inch OD fiberglass tubes that I purchased from Max-Gain Systems ([www.mgs4u.com](http://www.mgs4u.com)). These tubes come in 8-foot lengths, which makes them very expensive to ship. Max-Gain will cut the tubes in half for just 50 cents, which makes them very inexpensive to ship. Until next month...

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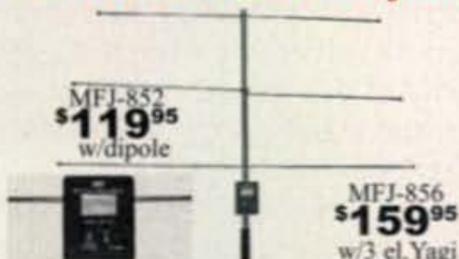
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## Giving HF A Go

The recent elimination of the Morse code requirement from license exams has rekindled widespread interest in amateur radio, and as a result, our numbers are now growing rather than declining. That is good news, because whether Morse code is a requirement or an elective, radio amateurs always stand 10 dB above the crowd, and newcomers play an important role in carrying our proud legacies and traditions forward.

We sense many newcomers start (and many stay) on 2 meters, and we encourage you to include HF activities in your amateur radio pursuits as well. That is part of the real heartbeat and the "bright lights and glamour" side of amateur radio, and you should experience it firsthand. In light of that fact, both this and next month's column look at the many attractions and various "getting started" details of working our 160 through 10 meter bands—including CW in those activities. I will explain, it is easy and fun.

Our HF bands support a captivating variety of worldwide DX communications, weekend contests, QSO parties, on-the-air special events operations, and awards programs, and they are priceless assets during emergencies. At least two HF bands are open to one area of the world or another every day, especially during the hours around sunrise and sunset. The thrill of hearing another

station in a distant land reply to your call is something that, regardless of the number of times it happens, never wanes. Some "Big Gun" DXers use super-elaborate rigs and monster antennas, but rest assured there is still plenty of room for "Little Pistols" running 100-watt transceivers and dipoles or vertical antennas to also wrangle some terrific DX QSOs. Starting smart and maintaining a positive mindset are the keys. We have some tried-and-proven tips to help you.

### Gearing Up

A delightful array of transceivers and accessories is readily available to new HFers, and generally speaking, they all are outstanding performers. Your first concern probably will be how much money to invest in a transceiver and antenna, and that depends entirely on your budget. My main thought here is you need plenty of good results and positive encouragement when starting out, so strive to stretch rather than shortcut your budget. The extra enjoyment will long outlast the initial investment.

Given a choice of purchasing an impressive-looking perhaps costly older transceiver of unknown history or an economy-grade new transceiver complete with warranty and customer support program, I would definitely favor the new transceiver. The sensitivity and overall performance of a new transceiver is top-notch, and you can use it to work the same bands, frequencies, and (in 90 percent of the cases), stations you work

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Photo A— Older model HF transceivers such as this impressive-looking Yaesu FT-102 are often available at an attractive price, but do a thorough checkout before purchasing. If repairs are necessary and beyond your expertise, your overall investment may exceed that of a new "economy" model transceiver. Performance of newer transceivers with their high-tech circuitry is also better than that of older transceivers.

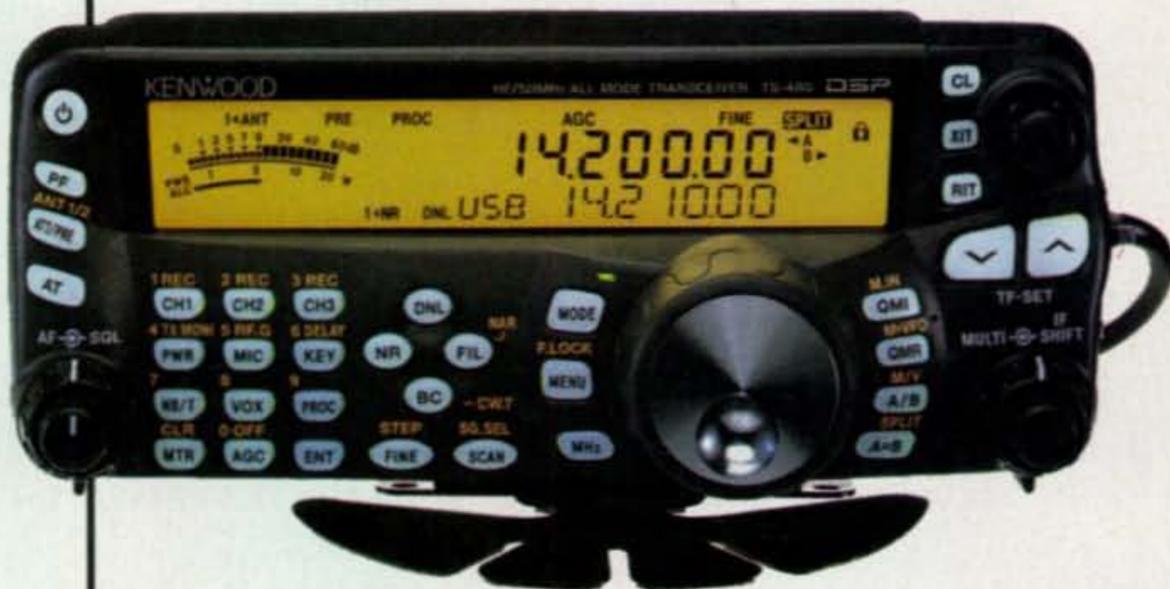


Photo B— An example of a smart choice in an "economy" model HF transceiver is Kenwood's popular TS-480SAT (100 watts) or TS-480HX (200 watts). Each sports selectable DSP filters, DSP noise reduction, SSB speech processor, CW keyer, plus numerous other features. They are easy to use, reliable, and surprisingly affordable.

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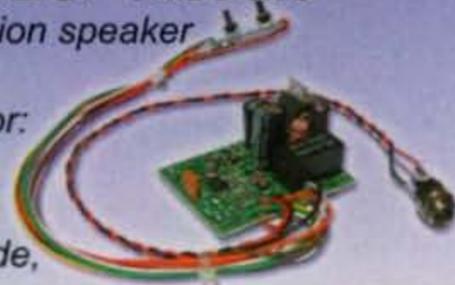


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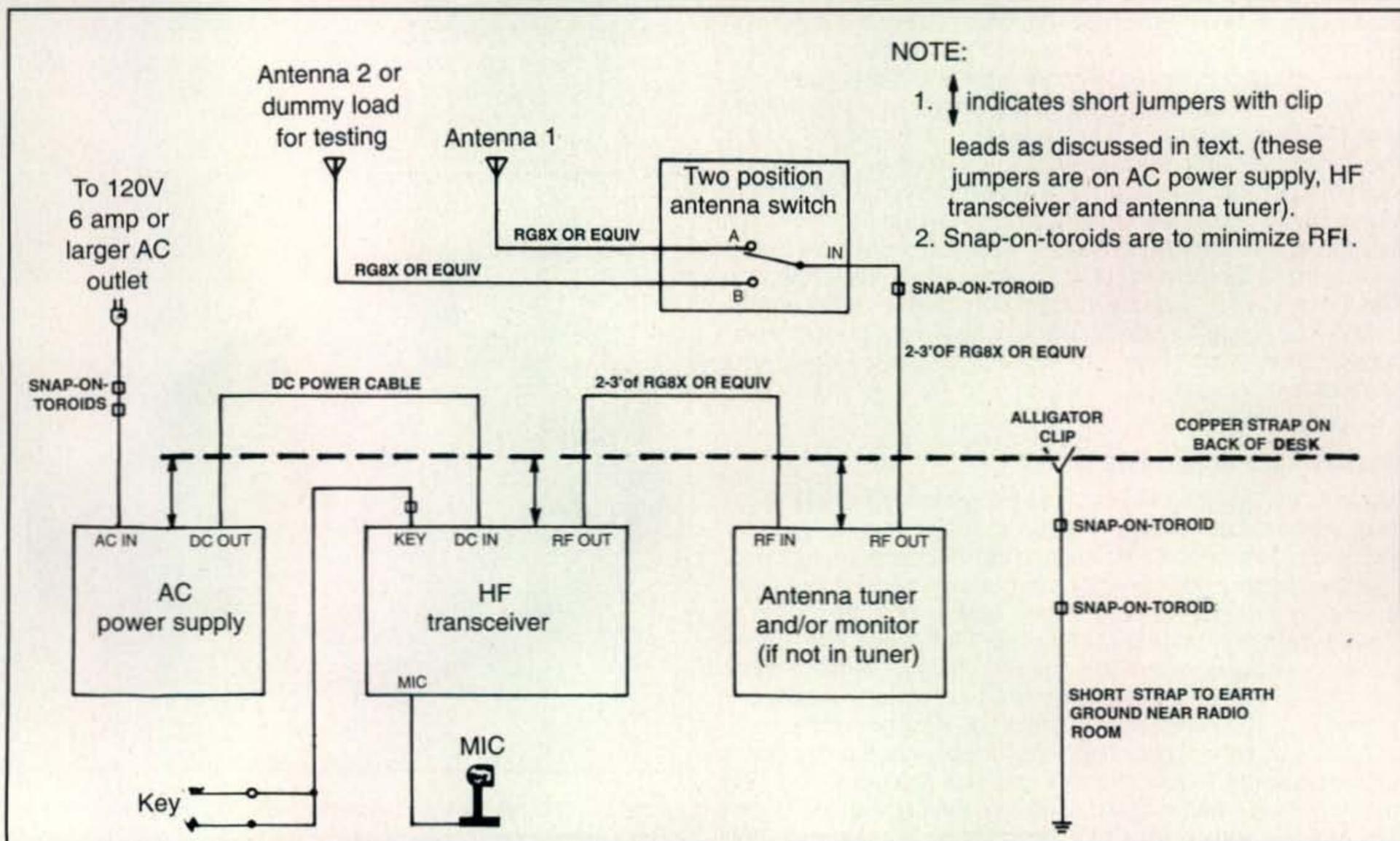


Fig. 1— Outline of interconnections in a basic HF station, including a few notes on cable lengths and inclusion of toroids to minimize RFI. (Discussion in text.)

with a super-deluxe transceiver. You may need to listen more carefully with a basic rig, but that helps perfect your operating skills.

When planning your HF station location and layout, try to choose a room or area with its own (or lightly shared) 10- or 15-amp circuit breaker. You can quickly check which circuit breakers in your house supply which rooms by plugging lamps into outlets and then switching/resetting breakers one at a time. In every place I have lived, I found two adjacent bedrooms shared a common circuit breaker, and breaker loading in the second bedroom was minuscule—like a lamp and a clock.

Some amateurs use multi-outlet surge protectors on their stations (always a good idea), but I prefer the full protection concept of unplugging all AC power and antenna cables and moving them away from my gear during any and all periods of non-use. I also avoid placing an AC-powered clock or lamp atop station gear. Surprise electrical storms can occur at the most inopportune times, and there is no logic in leaving damage to chance (the old "ounce of prevention" theory).

Finally, including at least a minimal ground system to reduce the possibility of RFI and/or electrical shock always holds merit. The "quick and easy" solution is driving a 4-foot ground rod into the earth outside your shack, then using copper braid (like that removed from old coax cable) routed indoors and clip-lead connected to a similar copper braid tacked to the back of your operating desk. Short (braid) jumpers with clip-lead ends can then connect each piece of equipment to the ground strap.

After you have operated HF for several months and acquired some good DXing experience, you may notice that some (usually weak) stations report difficulty copying your signals when band conditions are poor. At that time, you might consider adding a small 400- or 500-watt linear amplifier to your setup. Why a medium-power rather than a big legal-limit amplifier? The first 6-dB increase or quadrupling of power makes the most noticeable improvement in transmitted signal strength, but it does not require installing a heavy-duty antenna, large coax cable, or a special 240-volt AC power line. Neither does it produce widespread RFI or "blow away" everyone else on the band. It is a sort of congenial form of higher power. Most homes/apartments are configured with a bathroom near a bedroom and its 120 volt outlets are usually on a separate high-current breaker for use with hair dryers. A heavy-duty extension cord from that outlet to a 400- or 500-watt amplifier usually works well (if your budget won't support having an electrician install a dedicated outlet and breaker for your shack).

## Radiating a Good Signal

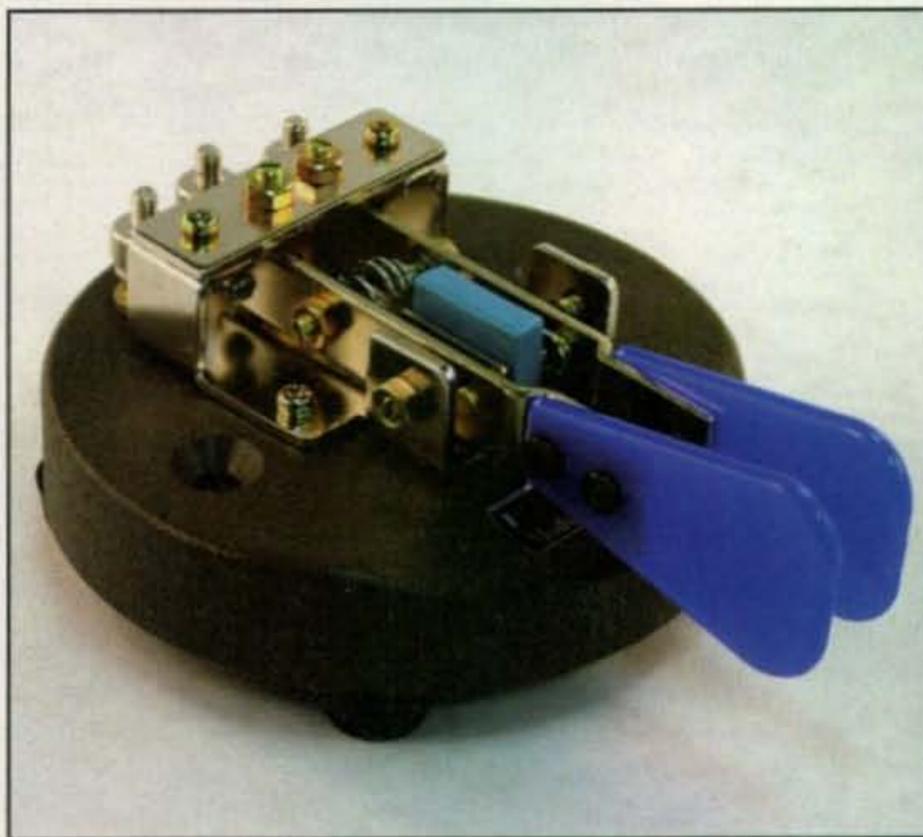
As most "old pros" agree, successful HFing typically involves three interrelated factors: a good indoor setup, a best-for-your-location antenna system, and top-notch operating skills. Of those factors, a very important one (and the most challenging to address) is the antenna system. We all dream of a huge Yagi antenna mounted atop a tall tower, but entanglements of cost, installation, maintenance, antenna restrictions (CC&Rs), lightning protection, etc., usually require us to downsize to a small beam, a vertical, or some wire antennas. Do such concessions limit your success and enjoyment? Not necessarily. Your choice of antenna design; its location and orientation with respect to power, telephone, and television cables (both visible and hidden in walls); distance and direction to neighbors; and obstructions are quite important.

Generally speaking, horizontal-type antennas such as

Yagis, dipoles, G5RVs, and longwires are good choices if they can be installed up 30 feet or higher so their radiation is not severely blocked by nearby objects. Verticals are a good choice when tall supports or structures are not available or feasible. They also make good low-profile antennas when disguised as flagpoles or used in a "quick up, quick hide" manner. All verticals are not created equal, however, and several points warrant mention here.



*Photo C— Custom accessories make each and every HF setup extra special, and nothing fills that bill better than a Heil hand or desk mic such as the HM-10 shown here in its optional boom and shock mount. It is reasonably priced, and it helps you sound great on the air. Check out <[www.heilsound.com](http://www.heilsound.com)> for details.*



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As further assistance in choosing a "right for you" antenna, I now offer a few time-acquired observations and notes. I have found a tall "no ground required" vertical such as Hy-Gain's AV-640 usually performs within one S unit of a medium-size triband beam such as Cushcraft's A3, and a Hy-Gain 3-element Thunderbird beam usually "outworks" an A3 by one S unit. I have also found a 400-watt signal from an AV-640 vertical reaches out as well as or possibly a tad better than a 100-watt signal from an A3 beam, a G5RV performs maybe one S unit better than a dipole, and an Extended Double Zepp beats a dipole by two or three S units.

During numerous "A/B antenna checks," I have also noted up to three S units difference between using vertical and horizontal antennas, and the "winning polarity" differs from day to day and according to band conditions of the time. Possibly that explains why some days you can catch DX stations on the first

call while other days everyone except you seemingly works DX like a bandit. That is what makes working HF and riding the waves of ether so incredibly exciting!

One additional note warrants mentioning: The coax cable/feedline connecting your transceiver and antenna is your radio lifeline. Never skimp on quality, as precious watts of power may be lost unnecessarily. RG-8x coax is a good economy choice for lengths up to 100 or 150 feet, bands/frequencies up to 6 meters/ 50 MHz, and power levels up to 600 watts. If you prefer larger size low-loss cable at economical cost, check out RG-213U. Always strive for a single and unbroken/unspliced length from rig to antenna, avoid sharp bends, and remember to replace it every seven to ten years.

**Mics and Keys**

A fair number of HF transceivers are factory-supplied with a hand mic, and you can purchase a basic hand key at low cost, but a small investment in their personally attractive counterparts can repay you tenfold in long-term enjoyment. Furthermore, you can move mics and keys between transceivers when upgrading later on.

With respect to microphones, Heil Sound's desk mics are world-famous for their excellent sound quality and audio "punch." In particular, the model HM-10 mic (photo C) is priced at under \$100 and available with a rich-sounding full-range or DX-grabbing limited-range element. More details are available at <www.heilsound.com>.

While hand keys are good for casual CW operations, a paddle used with an electronic keyer (which is usually built-in with



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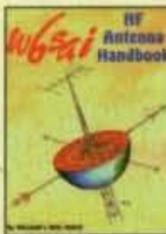
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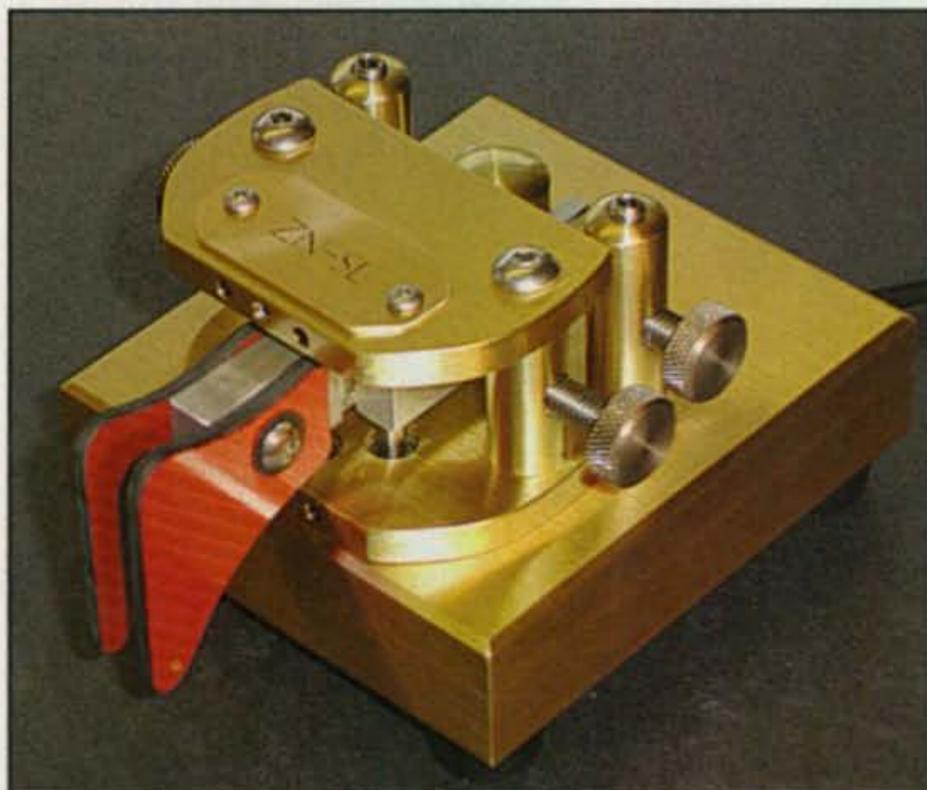


Photo E- Would you like to add a touch of luxury to your CW operations? Add a custom paddle such as this single-lever beauty made by N3ZN to your station. It uses magnets in lieu of springs for tensioning, has an excellent feel, and looks great. Using a single-lever paddle that can move in only one direction at a time is also the easiest way for newcomers to get started in CW activity. Paddle details at <[www.n3znkeys.com](http://www.n3znkeys.com)>.

newer model transceivers) is definitely preferred for more frequent CW use. I understand if your interest in CW is presently low or non-existent, but do not write it off until you read next month's column. There is more DX on CW, your signal reaches out better on CW than on SSB, you can copy weak signals easier on CW, language barriers are easier to overcome on CW, and more.

With respect to paddles, there are two basic categories: dual-lever or iambic types and single-lever types. Dual-lever paddles require more practice to use (because their dot and dash levers work independently), but when mastered, using one is more enjoyable than driving a nimble sports car. Honest! A single-lever paddle's arm can only move left or right at any one time, so it is easier and more foolproof to use—a good thought to remember if you have "two left thumbs."

In the under \$100 category, the round-based and blue-tipped Katsumi paddle available from <[www.MorseX.com](http://www.MorseX.com)> is a popular choice (photo D). In the "affordable exotic category," the dazzling N3ZN paddle available from <[www.n3znkeys.com](http://www.n3znkeys.com)> is superb (photo E). Everyone has his or her own preference, however, so feel free to buy and try various mics and keys as desired. That is how over the years many older amateurs acquired their array of mics and keys (oh, the joys of being a packrat!).

## Conclusion

That overflows available space for this time, friends, but watch for more helpful hints and tips next month when we present a collection of clever operating ideas and show you how to have a ball on CW regardless of your Morse savvy. I also invite you to check out my book *Your Guide to HF Fun* described at <[www.k4twj.blogspot.com](http://www.k4twj.blogspot.com)>.

73, Dave, K4TWJ

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## What Flavor is Your Ham Radio?

I was talking to a small group of new members after a recent radio club meeting. Several of them had one or two things in common: They had recently passed their exams and now they wanted to take the next step—get on the air. All of them had been exposed to ham radio handie-talkies (HTs) and FM repeaters, but not much else. Some of them wondered if there was anything else to do on the radio.

Several of the “old timers” entered the conversation, explaining that FM and repeater operation are only a very small aspect of the ham radio service, and there is so much more to do. I agreed, and perhaps because of the summertime heat, I said that ham radio comes in many forms and is similar to the many flavors of ice cream. Like ice cream, ham radio can go from “plain vanilla” to “fancy chocolate fudge and vanilla swirl with nuts and sprinkles.”

Continuing with this analogy, everyone has a different favorite. In selecting a flavor, many people know what flavor or flavors they will like or not like based on a description, without giving them a try. However, if they skip an opportunity to try

something new or different, they may never know if the experience can bring a new joy.

### A Cornucopia of Stuff

Moving back to ham radio, the cornucopia of ham radio flavors is a lot more than frequency bands and modes of operation. On the “operating” front, ham radio includes public service, contesting, DX chasing (DX refers to distance contacts), QRP (QRP refers to low transmit power), satellite operations, exotic modes such as amateur television (ATV), and even radio control, usually called R/C, for controlling model land and water vehicles and aircraft. (See photos 1, 2, and 3.)

Speaking of radio control, I should mention that there is another version of this term—remotely controlling a ham radio station. There are certain FCC rules about this aspect of operating, and it requires certain hardware and skills to do this. However, for folks living in a place where antennas are not allowed, this may be a viable solution.

Since these days just about all lower band ham radio sets include a “general-coverage receiver,” shortwave listening (SWLing) is another activity many hams (and non-hams, too) enjoy. *CQ* magazine’s sister publication *Popular Communications* is chock-full of information on this fascinating hobby. It is very interesting to listen to other countries’ news and hear different views on cur-

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Photo 1—Public service is a very important ham radio activity. Join a public-service group such as ARES, RACES, or SATERN and then put your amateur radio communications skills to good use in your community.



Photo 2— Want to try something out of this world? Try operating the amateur radio satellites. Here Clint Bradford, K6LCS, works a satellite with a dual-band HT and an external antenna. AMSAT-NA is the amateur satellite organization for North America; there are associate groups all over the world.

rent events. There are also many fascinating radio programs on shortwave, such as Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest and BBC World Service. I would include listening to public-service radio scanners in this category, too. Just about all VHF/UHF ham radio sets include the public-service frequency bands, so you can listen to police, fire, military, aircraft, and other radio ser-

vices in your community. I have a ham friend who has programmed many railroad frequencies into his mobile radio. In case you are curious, the railroad frequencies in North America are in the 160.110-MHz to 161.565-MHz range.

On the "technical" front, ham radio includes many things, such as antenna experimenting and building, as well as building your own equipment or station



Photo 3— Coming back to Earth, but possibly just as exotic, is VHF-and-above experimenting. I am pictured here with two other millimeter-wave radio contesters, Chip Angle, N6CA, and Steve Gocala, Jr., KB8VAO. CQ's other sister publication, CQ VHF magazine, covers VHF and above and its many fascinating areas of interest.

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Photo 4— Dave Glawson, WA6CGR, is modifying a surplus telecommunications amplifier for ham radio use. Modifying and building ham gear is a traditional ham radio pastime.

accessories. Many times the specialized modes require some technical expertise (or access to people who possess these skills). This is where specialty clubs and knowing their members comes in handy (photo 4).

Testing and test equipment can also be an interesting ham radio pastime. My good friend Peter Day, from Sheffield, England, says, "Be careful. Testing and test gear can become an obsessive hobby in its own right! I know folks who obtain test equipment to test other test equipment." Peter is G3PHO. An impressive array of test gear at a local ham's shop is shown in photo 5.

Collecting old radio equipment is another ham radio sub-activity. For some people, just having a classic rig or two on display is good enough. However, there are many people who enjoy restoring these same classic rigs back to operating condition.

### Just a Small Taste

You can get a taste of some of these ham radio specialties by reading *CQ*. In addition, you may want to see if you can

### Comment on "Beginner's Corner" April 2008 issue

Dear Sir,

I read your "Beginner's Corner" column in the April 2008 issue of *CQ* magazine with great interest. I would like to make a comment on the "staying tuned" paragraph of that column. You say, "These days, however, a microprocessor replaces crystals for frequency control. This has many benefits, including an amazing number of frequency selections (memory channels) and frequency control. ... Almost all of the radios were right on frequency as measured using a service monitor."

First, I agree that modern radios do not need multiple crystals for different operating frequencies. However, I sensed from your writing the notion that modern radios being right on frequency is due to a microprocessor. I beg to disagree with this notion.

Modern radios do rely on a reference frequency but only one frequency. This frequency is still obtained by a crystal oscillator. Everything else is derived using this reference frequency. The circuit that generates multiple operating frequencies is either a phase-locked-loop (PLL) or a technique called direct digital synthesis (DDS). While a microprocessor tells the PLL or DDS which frequency to generate based on the memory location in the radio, it is fundamentally the job of the PLL or DDS to generate the frequency of interest for tuning.

### From the e-mail In-Box

Furthermore, the accuracy of any frequency that is generated by the PLL or DDS cannot be any better than its reference frequency, which is still the crystal oscillator. In order to improve the initial accuracy of the reference oscillator, the reference crystal is put in a temperature controlled "oven."

Please keep up the good work. Regards,  
Ismail H. Ozguc, Ph.D. EE, KT6LN

Ismail—

*You are correct. There must be a reference oscillator somewhere, and most all of them have a crystal in there someplace. And indeed, the reference frequency accuracy and stability contributes to the "system accuracy and stability." 73 and thanks for catching that.*

Wayne, KH6WZ

### February 2008 "Beginner's Corner"

Hello Wayne,

Just received my February issue of *CQ*. On page 102 you refer to WWV with "... power in the tens of megawatts..."

How did that slip by? The FCC says WWV power is 10 kW. Regards,

Ralph, K1RD

Ralph—

*Oops. You caught a good one. For the record, the NIST has a publication that includes information on their transmitters and the powers are:*

*WWV: 10 kW on 5, 10, and 15 MHz, and 2.5 kW each on 2.5 and 20 MHz.*

*WWVH: 10 kW on 5, 10, and 15 MHz, and the 2.5 MHz transmitter is 5 kW.*

*The NIST website has a link to a great brochure on its services, including photos of the equipment and station at: <<http://tf.nist.gov/timefreq/general/pdf/1383.pdf>>*

KH6WZ

### January 2008 "Beginner's Corner"

Hi Wayne—

Enjoyed your article in the January 2008 *CQ* magazine, "The Basics of Making Low-band Contacts." As you mention, there are a great many websites with great info for beginners. I'd like to suggest one that I put up last year: "The A, B, C's of DX," which is an online tutorial with many reference links, accessible at: <<http://www.deltadx.net/ABCDx/ABCDx.htm>>. I'd like to invite you and the *CQ* readers to visit it.

73, Don, W5FKX

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Don—

*Thanks for the kind comments. As you know, there is so much to be learned on DXing and it is hard to cover it all in a single column.*

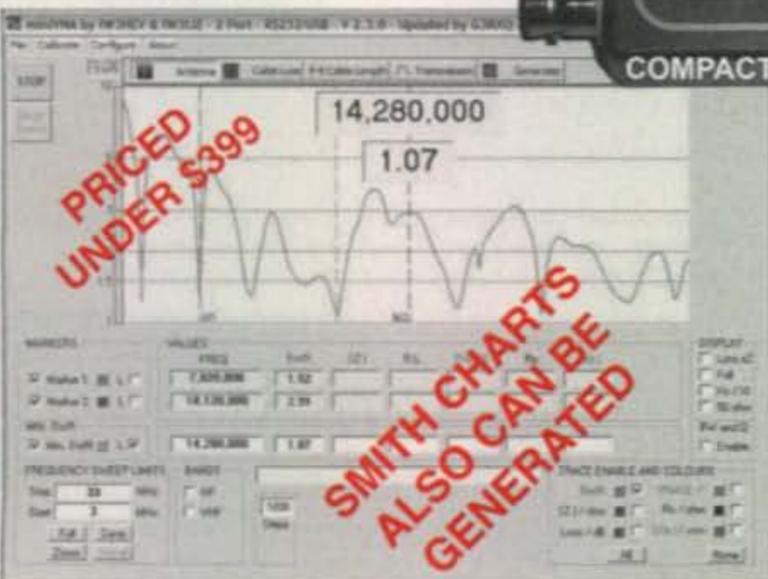
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Photo 5— This impressive array of test equipment is not in a commercial laboratory. It is a local ham's collection of instruments that are used to test radios from HF to the microwave bands.

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I hope this installment of "Beginner's Corner" inspires you to taste—uh, try—something new to enrich your ham radio experience. Find a radio club or maybe a ham radio specialty group in your area and see what they are doing.

*Attention radio clubs:* This is a good opportunity to do some "membership recruitment" by announcing what your club or group has to offer. Update your club website with new images and fresh content. Make sure your club's contact and meeting information is accurate.

With all this activity going on, I want to mention that it would be a good thing to consider writing a story about the interesting things you or your club members are doing, especially if it is something beyond just talking on the local repeater. I will help you spread the word via this column, so the rest of us can get a taste of something new to try.

73, Wayne, KH6WZ

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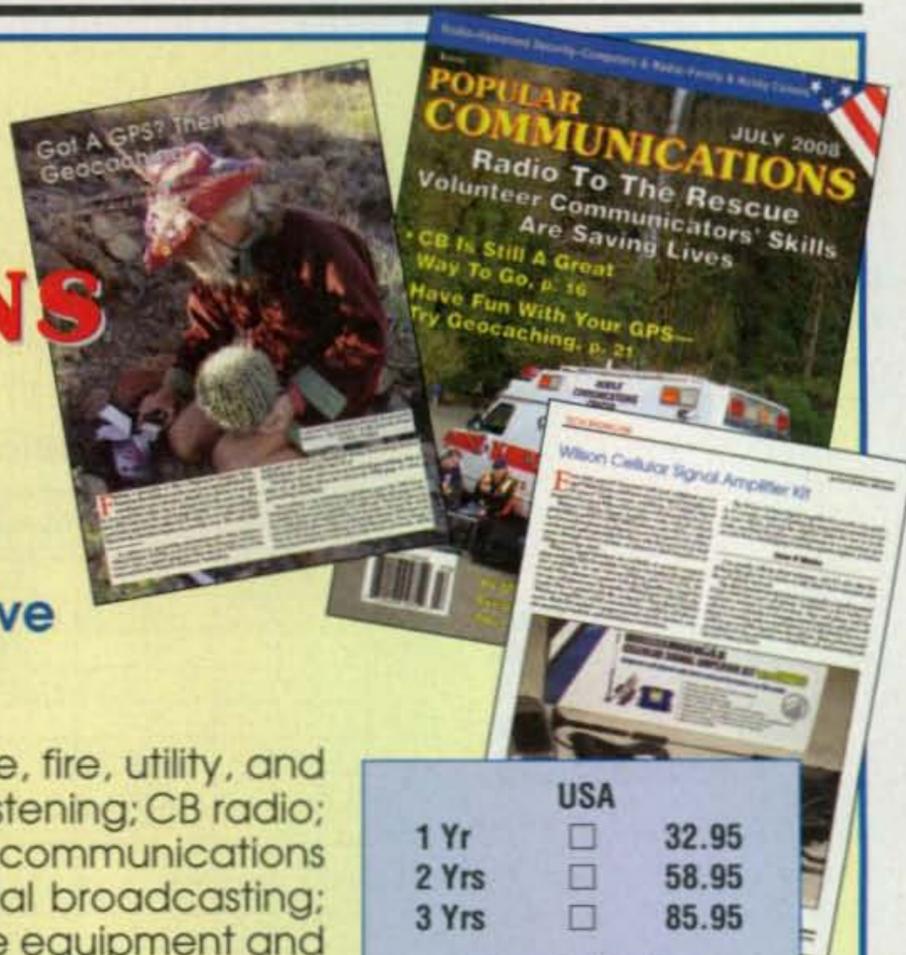
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# Big Signals from Small Packages

**D**ayton 2008 was an eye-opener in many ways. Those of us who attended the Hamvention® were curious to see if \$3.00 a gallon gasoline prices would be a deterrent to the attendance level. While the price of fuel may have kept some from going to ham radio's annual celebration of our "geekiness," the numbers seemed consistent with recent years. Some more good news was found in that those who did attend also seemed motivated to put their federal economic stimulus checks to work on devices that would help liven up the airwaves.

However, how quickly things change! What seemed like high-priced fuel in May now seems like a bargain. As this is being written in early June, a gallon of petrol in southern California has rock-

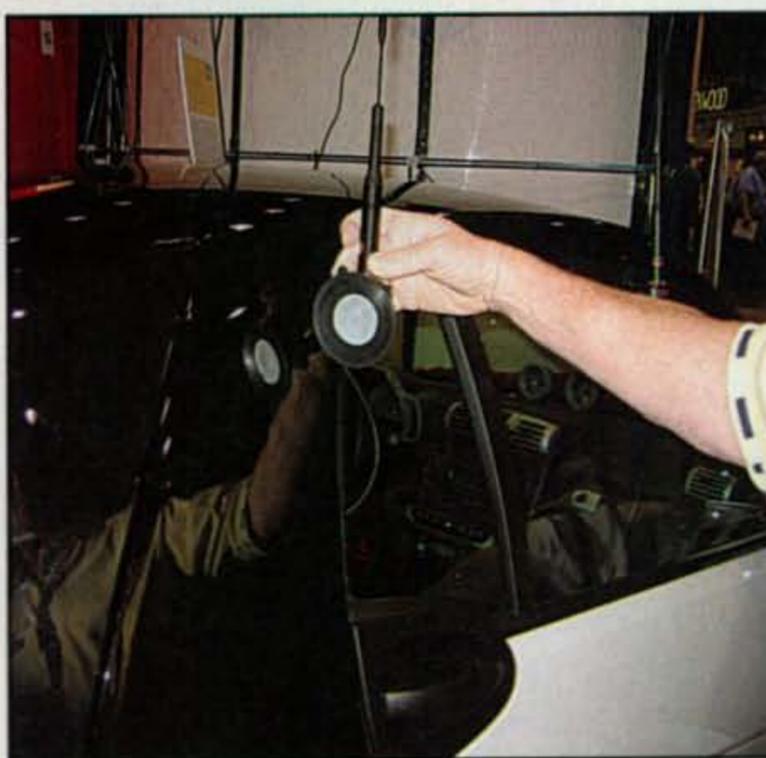
eted through the \$4.50 price point with no relief or even slowing down of the price escalation in sight.

Perhaps Dayton was prescient in being a showcase for smaller, more fuel-efficient cars serving as radio platforms. Stratospheric fuel prices appear to be here to stay for a while at least, so it's a good time to explore how we can enjoy radio communications in the smaller cars that are sure to become a fact of life here in America.

## Get Smart

No, it's not a plug for the movie, nor a referral to the old TV show some of you may remember, but the Smart car is a pretty interesting vehicle. To be sure, its tiny dimensions make the vehicle a novelty, and its fuel economy, combined with its relatively low cost, make it increasingly attractive. Other notable traits of the Smart are adequate leg room for most full-grown adults and not a lot of room for much else!

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Photos 1 & 2— Tiny on the outside, the Smart car can still put out big signals when properly equipped with a multiband transceiver. Wilmer, N8PGX, demonstrates his mobile "shack" in the Smart. Note the radio control head at the bottom center of the dash.

Photos 3 & 4— This Comet "suction cup" antenna is strong, easily removed, and requires no holes. Also note the window-top-mounted antenna on the passenger door.

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Photo 5— In the true spirit of experimenters, Bob, WB4APR, explains some of the "mods" to his Prius in the Dayton Hamvention® fleamarket area.

Wilmer, N8PGX, was kind enough to show his car at the Comet Antenna booth at Dayton while demonstrating that it is possible to shoe-horn a radio into this motorized marvel (photos 1 and 2). The Comet folks also explained that finding suitable locations for an antenna on the Smart was a bit of a challenge. Note the location of the remote mount transceiver control head in one of the photos. The radio itself, along with the antenna and power wires, all are nicely concealed, no small feat in a car that places its battery in the car's space-efficient interior. On the other hand, that's a ready, nearby source of power for hams determined to add a transceiver to the package.

The Comet folks had some excellent antenna solutions for the Smart, but unfortunately the photos of black antennas against the black trim of the car didn't turn out very well. They used a nifty over-the-window unit, a suction-cup mount, and an innovative mount on the cowl of the car to show a variety of antenna options that did not require drilling through the car's exterior body panels (photos 3 and 4).

### Doc Brown's Prius

Each time I enjoy the company of Bob Bruninga, WB4APR, I become more convinced that he served as the basis for the character Dr. Emmett Brown in the *Back to the Future* movie trilogy. When we chat, I keep expecting Marty to appear, needing a way to return to a different decade.

This time, instead of a DeLorean, Bob has been experimenting with Toyota's Prius hybrid (photos 5, 6, and 7), tapping into the big traction battery that provides a few hundred volts of DC to the car's electric motor. Please note that this is not for the faint-of-heart or casual experimenter. Bob buys salvaged cars and pieces them together. He grins and admits



Photo 6— The roof and hood of Bob Bruninga's Prius are put to work gathering sunlight to charge the batteries, perhaps posing at least one good response to \$6.00 a gallon gasoline.



Photo 8— A "New Beetle" sports a sturdy screwdriver antenna, but don't ignore the antennas on either side of the hatch as well. "CQ Deutschland?"



Photo 7— A more conventional Prius with a hatch-mount antenna. The car gets around 45 miles per gallon; the radio generates more smiles per gallon for the operator.



Photos 9 & 10— This Collins van looks like it just arrived from the 1960s, complete with a KWM-2 mobile rig.

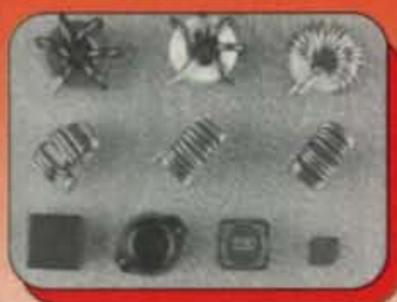
to having had an electrical mishap or two that would prove costly to anyone who relies on his car as a reliable conveyance to his daily workplace.

Bob has fitted the Prius in the photos with several additional batteries, a solar charging system, and more. He touts the vehicle as a portable power pack for a 10-KW Field Day station, but it's also configured as a "plug-in" hybrid that can cruise farther on its electric motor than a standard Prius.

Like I said, this is not work for beginners. However, give credit to WB4APR, who's also the same person who invented APRS (Automatic Position Reporting System) and has been responsible for placing a few satellites in orbit. He is now going where few have gone before in terms of exploring the "inner space" of what's possible in the emerging field of hybrid cars and the very potent—and potentially dangerous—batteries they carry. (I think it's also safe to assume that Bob has

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voided the standard vehicle warranty.) All kidding aside, hams experienced with vintage equipment have a healthy respect for high voltage; the voltage and current on tap in a hybrid car battery demands the utmost care, with or without a flux capacitor present.

### Meet the Beetles

I didn't get a chance to chat with the owner of the green "new" Beetle in the photo, but don't let that well-mounted sturdy screwdriver HF skyhook distract you from the other ham antennas mounted on either side of the rear deck lid (photo 8). It's a nice package of antennas, none of which required drilling through the external body panels. And how many Beetles are capable of putting in a direct call to the Fatherland?

### Vintage Mobile

Part of the fun of Dayton is the variety of things to see. Our last featured mobile is a throwback to "those thrilling days of yesteryear," when gasoline engines didn't require computers and radios glowed in the dark. The Collins aficionados brought an early 1960s Ford Econoline van equipped with what else? A KWM-2 HF mobile that could probably double as an interior heater when the weather turns cool (photos 9 and 10). It's a very nice combination that gives proper tribute to the equipment and the place in time it occupied.

### Late Breaking News

Snapping back to today, *Amateur Radio Newslines* reports that Yaesu has announced a new transceiver with Bluetooth® capability. At the time of this writing I do not have details on the VX-8R, but I'm sure they'll be released in pretty quick



Photo 11— Glenn, K3SWZ, believes the Mrs. should also promote ham radio.

order. This can be welcome news for mobile operators who may benefit by operating "hands free," similar to that same feature found on many cellular telephones. We can only hope that other manufacturers will soon follow suit.

### Not Another Ham Plate!

A post-script to our last column (May issue), which devoted space to amateur radio license plates, comes from Glenn, K3SWZ, who took care of the Mrs., giving her a mobile statement supportive of our hobby and proclaiming her proud status as the spouse of an OM (see photo 11).

Please be sure to send along photos of your mobile setup and pass along your tips and tricks for installing gear in today's cars. Until next time, happy mobiling! 73, Jeff, AA6JR

## Fun Times, Fun Rigs

There is no doubt about it, friends; life in the QRP lane is good. We may be using low-power gear and simple antennas, but we are having a barrel of fun, staying within our budgets, and maintaining a low profile amidst ever-increasing CC&Rs.

Recently, for example, I answered a CQ from Alan, W4MQC, and learned that he was hamming from a restrictive Florida island while using an Argonaut V and Hustler 6BTV vertical hidden on a boat dock behind his house (photos A and B). Checking further revealed his antenna was actually lower in altitude than his house, but he was contacting stations near and far with a mere 5 watts of power. Then, too, Monty, N5ESE/M, and I frequently cross paths and chat on 40 or 30 meters in the morning as he mobiles to work (photo C). Monty's rig is a little Elecraft K1 running 5 watts to

a HamStick antenna mag-mounted on his Oldsmobile. Did you think that mobiling required a 100-watt transceiver and a fancy screwdriver antenna? No, it doesn't.

In comparing QRP tales with Monty, incidentally, I learned he is a real Altoids® tin enthusiast. He has built and stuffed dozens of QRP projects into our favorite enclosures—and his “tinned” Pixie inspired us to revisit the little all-time favorite mini rig in this month's column.

### The Pixie Lives On

Can you visualize building a mini transceiver in only one or two hour and at a total cost of less than \$20? That is the Pixie (photo D)—a two transistor and one IC transceiver you can quickly assemble for 80, 40, 30, or 20 meters and power from a 9-volt battery for 150 to 250 milliwatts output, or connect to a 12-volt DC supply and get 350 to 450 milliwatts output. It is a bare-bones item (direct-conversion receiver and oscillator-amplifier type transmitter), but it is super-handy for impromptu hamming when hiking, camping, or traveling ultra-light style with all necessities in a coat pocket. Combine it with a thin wire dipole or tall whip with trailing counterpoise, and you are good to go!

The Pixie's circuit diagram has been in circulation since the 1990s, and I am unsure who to credit with its original design. If I remember correctly, GM3OXX introduced the general design concept in his “Foxx” transceiver and NorCal later produced it as a Pixie kit. A bit later, Embedded Research added its Tick keyer to it and kitted it as a Tixie. Both items are now out of production, so modern solder slingers can build their own Pixie “Manhattan” or “ugly construction” style as desired, and, as I will explain, there are a couple of unique ways to have fun with the completed rig. First, however, let's look at the Pixie's circuitry (fig. 1).

Two transistors, Q1 and Q2, form the heart of this mini rig. Q1 operates as a Colpitts oscillator, producing a carrier signal on transmit and a local-oscillator BFO signal on receive. A small inductor and trimmer capacitor connected between the crystal and ground permit shifting Q1's operating frequency a couple of kHz, and a switch in parallel with the trimmer permits returning to the crystal frequency for transmit offset (just remember whether you switch it in or out when receiving and transmitting).

Transistor Q2 serves as a Class C power amplifier on transmit, delivering between 150 and 400 milliwatts output. Q2 is ever so slightly forward-biased on receive, so it functions as an active mixer. The local oscillator signal from Q1 (which runs continuously) drives the base of Q2 while incoming signals from the antenna are input at Q2's collector. The resultant difference is audio signals are output at the emitter of Q2, developed across R3, and coupled into audio amplifier U1 via C85. The IC then boosts detected signals and outputs

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Photo A— During a recent QRP QSO with Alan, W4MQC, I asked about his rig and antenna, and he shared this photo. Alan uses a Hustler 6BTV Vertical mounted to the boat dock behind his house. A single radial routes down the piling and into the salt water, which is highly conductive and goes right into the Gulf of Mexico. Now that's a big-time ground system for sure!



Photo B— The indoor setup of W4MQC reveals an ever-popular Argonaut V transceiver with an LDG Z11 auto tuner plus a few smooth-handling CW keys for flavor. Very nice! (Photo courtesy of W4MQC)

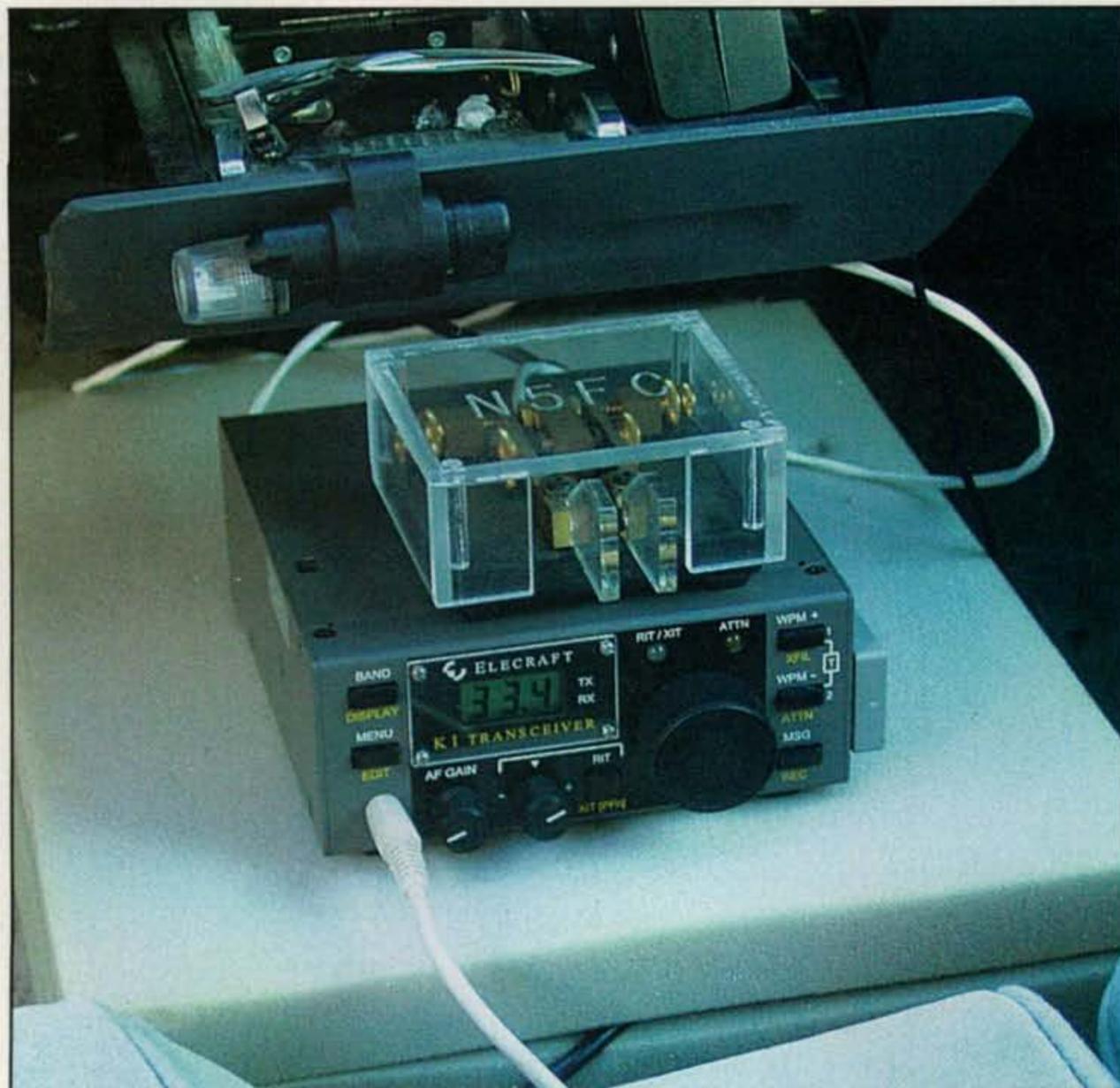


Photo C— If you have listened on 30 and 40 meters CW mornings around 1200 to 1300 UTC, you have probably heard Monty, N5ESE, mobile en route to work. If you could peek inside his automobile, you would see this neat Elecraft K1 and paddle straddling the transmission hump. Five watts, four wheels, and a romping good time every day! (Photo courtesy of N5ESE)

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them through C9 to an earphone. Incidentally, selection of 80-, 40-, or 30-meter operation simply involves mating a desired frequency crystal with the appropriate value output filter capacitors and inductors as shown in fig. 1.

Keying and T/R switching are accomplished by grounding the emitter of Q2, which shorts the input of audio amplifier U1 to ground while changing emitter resistance from 10K ohms to zero. This causes transistor current (and signal output) to increase from a few microwatts to roughly 250 milliwatts. There is no bandpass filter in the Pixie, so you can hear other signals within 3 or 4 kHz either side of your transmit frequency, but that's fine for casual operations. You just concentrate on one tone and ignore the rest (a hands-free QRP scanner!). There is also no CW sidetone, but light clicks and hums with keying help monitor your sending (what do you expect for under \$20?).

Earlier I hinted at unique applications for Pixies. One is connecting it to the audio input/volume control of an AM/FM radio for casually listening to favorite band/frequency activity. Install a Pixie in a clock AM/FM radio, and you can even wake up to the cheerful sound of CW QSOs. I use a lash-up like this when visiting hamfests or vacationing, and it

is a gas. The volume control in most radios is connected between the detector output and ground, with its wiper connected to the audio section's input. Just connect the Pixie's ground to the volume control's ground end, its audio output to the control's other end or center wiper (through a SPDT switch and .01 mFd capacitor so you can select AM/FM or Pixie audio), and enjoy.

Another Trixie for a Pixie is connecting its audio output to the CD/MP3 input socket on newer model car radios. Typically, one of the car radio's push-buttons has a 3.5-mm socket for accepting external audio. Just plug in, crank up the (car radio's) gain, and enjoy cruising with QRPp.

*Flash . . . a last-minute tip:* I just learned Pixie PC boards are available for \$3.50 plus shipping from Far Circuits, e-mail: <mail@farcircuits.net>. Happy Days!

### A Big Signal at Low Cost

With sunspot counts low and 40-meter QRP activity high, homebrewing a simple two-element beam for this "band of the day" holds good merit. There is a minor hitch, however. A regular 40-meter beam is large, high profile, and quite expensive. Ah, but there is a low-cost and virtually invisible alternative for QRPers—especially those living near our country's borders (so most other

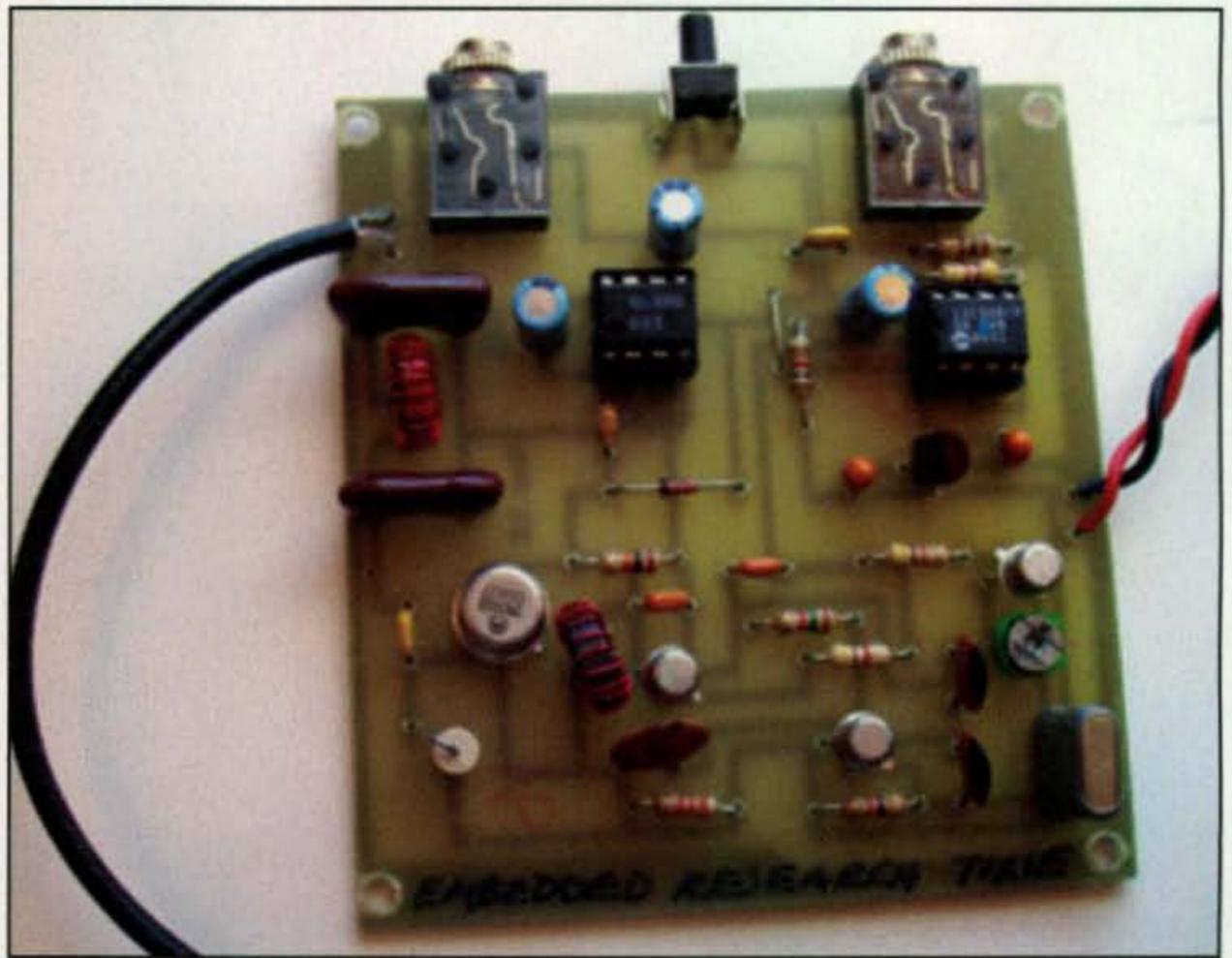


Photo D— The Pixie transceiver which Embedded Research equipped with a Tick keyer chip and sold as a Trixie a few years ago. Homebrewed copies built on perf board, "ugly construction" or "Manhattan" style, with or without a keyer chip, continue to be popular today.

QRPers are located in the same general direction and antenna rotation is not mandatory). The answer is home-assembling a classic ZL Special antenna using 300-ohm twin lead. An antenna of

this type exhibits around 4 dB gain, giving your 5-watt signal the communications clout of a 10- or 12-watt signal.

An outline of the 40-meter ZL Special is shown in fig. 2, and as you can see,

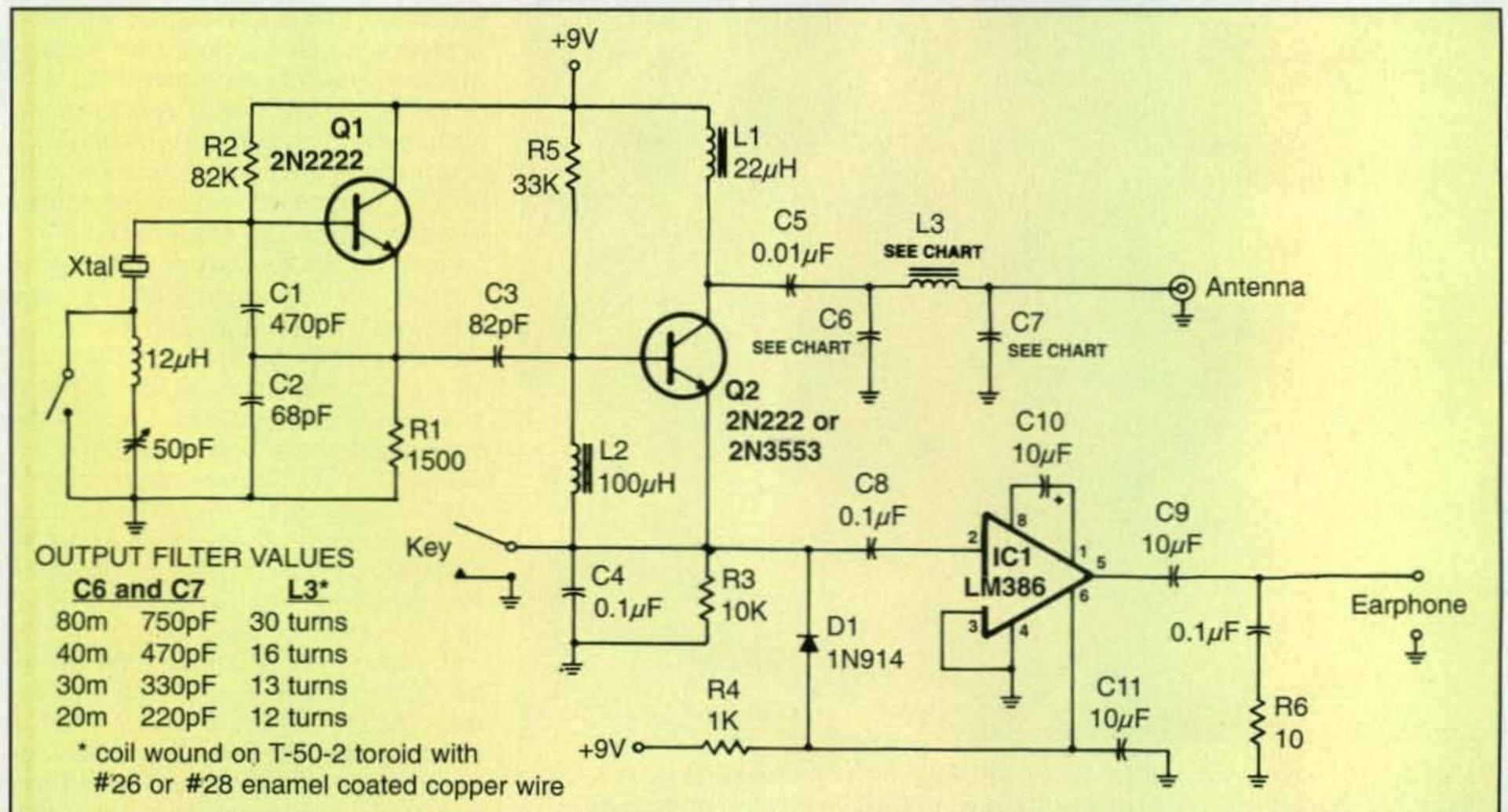


Fig. 1— Circuit diagram of the little Pixie transceiver. The mini-rig will operate 80, 40, 30, or 20 meters, according to the frequency of the crystal and components in the output filter. (Discussion in text.)

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it basically consists of a folded dipole (driven element) with another 5-percent longer folded dipole (reflector) spaced  $\frac{1}{8}$  wavelength behind it. The "front" dipole is RF-fed through a 1:1 balun, and the "rear" dipole is electrically connected to it through a  $\frac{1}{8}$ -wavelength section of 300-ohm twin lead twisted a half turn for proper phasing. The antenna's elements are "balanced," and that is why a balun is used at the feed

point—which is also closer to 75 ohms than 50 ohms, so the resultant SWR will be between 1.5:1 and 2:1. A basic antenna tuner (manual or automatic) can then reduce the SWR to 1:1 for your rig.

When selecting twin lead to make the ZL Special, be sure to get the plain "ribbon type" rather than the "shielded type" so it will radiate rather than attenuate your signal. If visibility

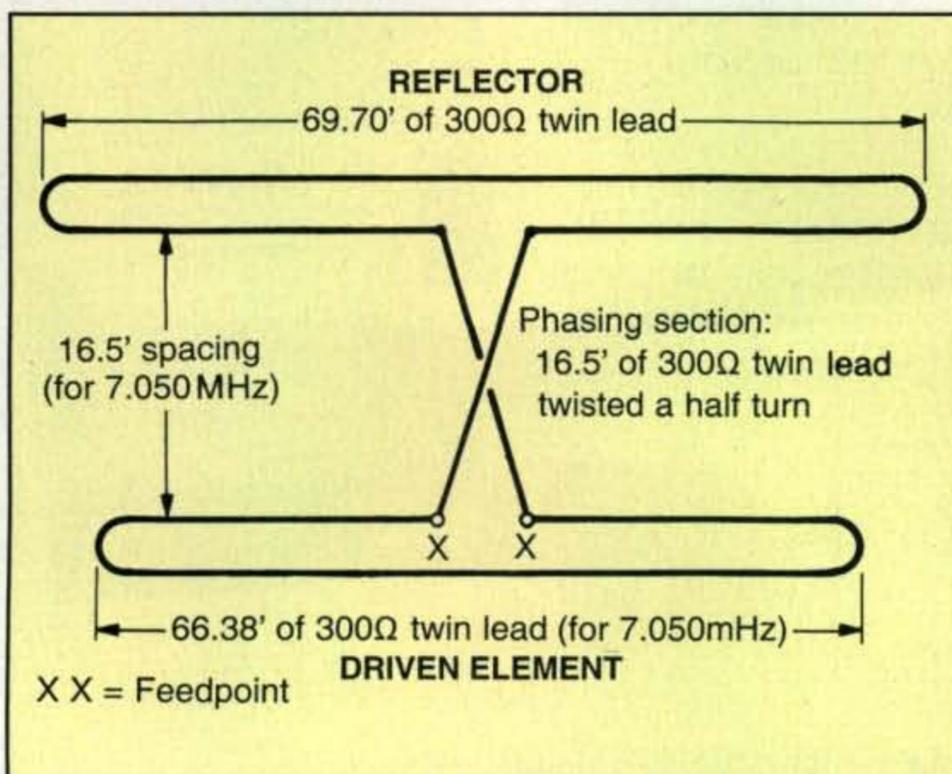


Fig. 2— Electrical outline of the ZL Special twin-lead/wire beam for 40 meters. Details plus notes on resizing the antenna for other bands are in the text.



Photo E— Check out this "High Performance CW Transceiver" built by Dennis Payton, N9JXY. It covers 20 meters beautifully, and the main tuning knob and control are multi-turn Bourne Electronic items with clock or altimeter-type hands for precise readout. Cost of the knob and control? Don't ask! (Photo courtesy of N9JXY)

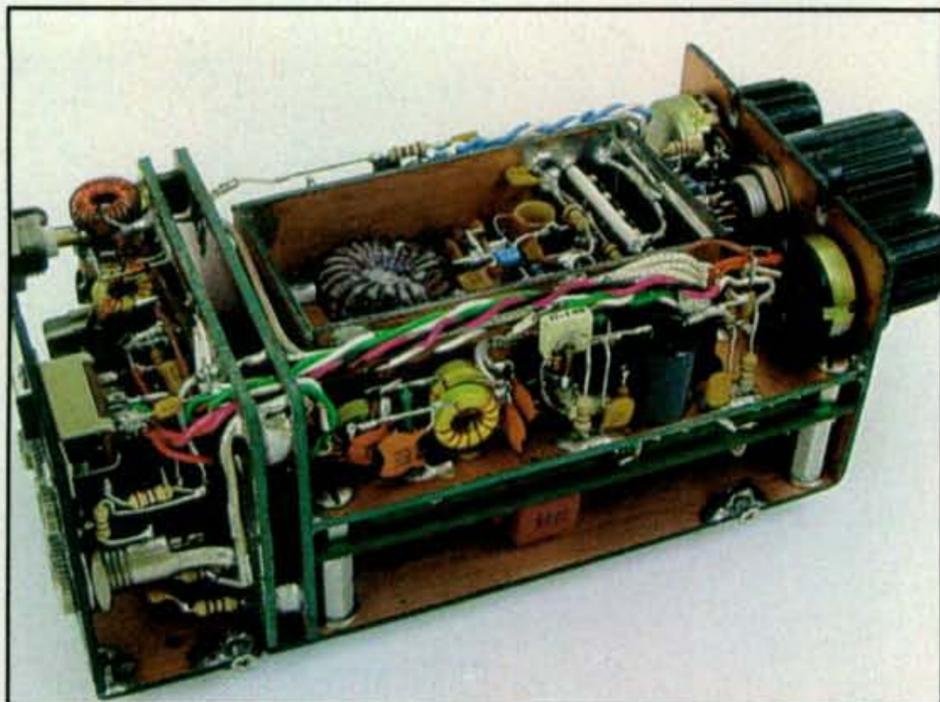


Photo F— Interior view of N9JXY's High Performance CW Transceiver is a sheer work of art. Notice the cabinet and frame are unetched copper-clad PC-board material. The large toroid near the middle was wound on a Life•Savers® mint and secured with epoxy. Compliments to N9JXY!

is a concern, hunt for 300-ohm twin lead with a clear (rather than brown) center insulator/ spacer. If you are opting for real invisibility, consider making your own twin lead using super-thin (28 or 30 gauge) wire and tiny clear-plastic spaces plus buttons for insulators. Complexities will then be narrowed down to locating properly oriented tree with branches extending out 8 feet (or more) from center, and maybe a house roof peak 70 feet away, allowing the antenna to face broadside

to a desired direction of coverage, is ideal. Concessions (such as installing the ZL Special flat on a (non-metal) roof will be necessary in some situations, however, so go for what best fits your needs and enjoy the results.

Can the ZL Special be resized for operation on other bands? Here are the details. Calculate the driven element's length using the formula  $468/\text{frequency (in MHz)} = \text{length (in feet)}$ —e.g.,  $468/14.050 = 33.30$  feet for 20 meters. The reflector is 5 percent longer, so  $33.30 \times .05 = 1.665$  added to 33.30, or 34.96 feet. A simple algebraic juggle can then produce a "magic number" for calculating the phasing section's length. First multiply the original frequency and spacing together:  $7.050 \text{ MHz} \times 16.5 \text{ feet} = 116$ . Next divide the "magic number" 116 by 14.050 MHz, which gives 8.2-foot spacing or phasing section length. I pursued this route rather than calculating spacing as  $1/8$  wavelength, incidentally, because the "juggle technique" also works for modifying other antennas. It is worth remembering. It is an oldie and a goodie!

### Show Us Your QRP!

We wrap up this month's column with a special invitation for you to share tales and views of your QRP activities with everyone via this column. Do it now while it is fresh in your mind. Folks are always interested in what others are working, what they are using and building, and antennas, so send me the details and I will take it from there.

Following along that path, we close with two more views of Dennis Payton, N9JXY's amazing handiwork (photos E and F). The framework of his homebrewed High Performance Transceiver is copper-clad PC board material assembled with solder, spacers, and screws, and we understand it works as great as it looks. Wow, what a rig!

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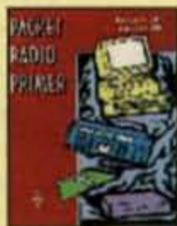
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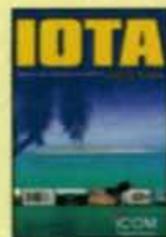
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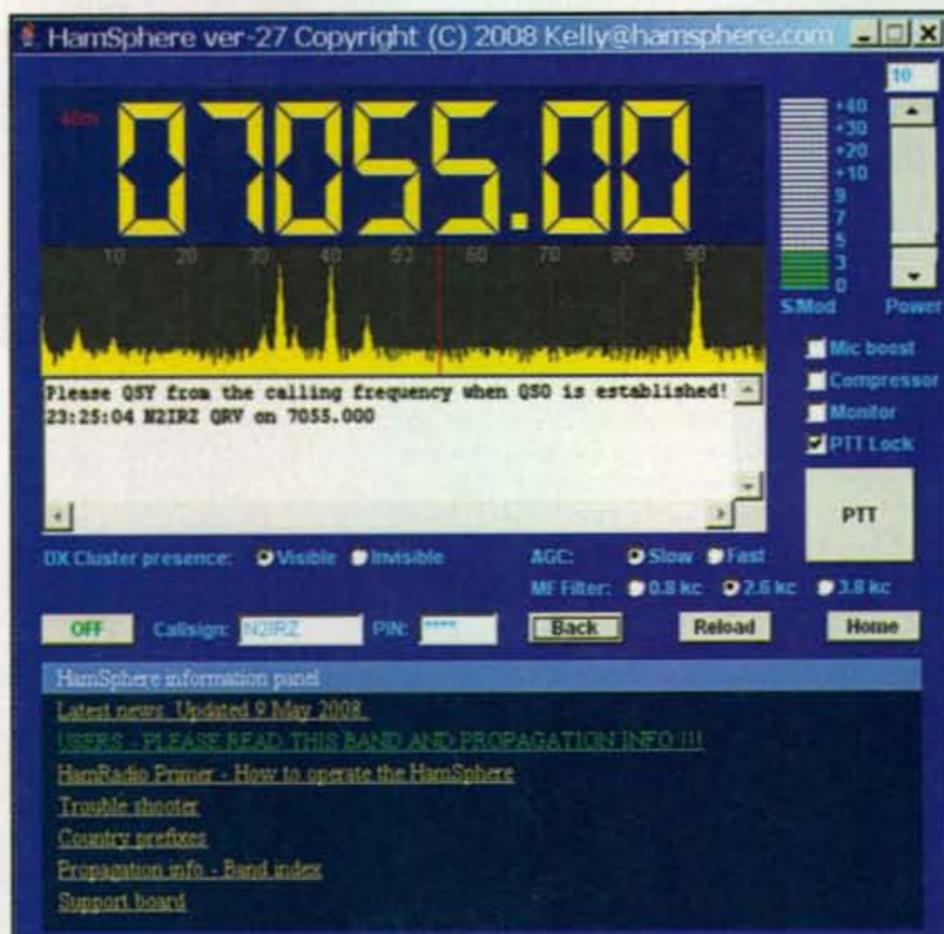
It's an analog world, but we simulate it digitally all the time, and now the ham bands are no exception. A month ago, a friend of mine from FIRST Robotics, Al Skierkiewicz, WB9UVJ, told me about a virtual ham-band simulator. Since then I've had a chance to play around with it some, and I thought some folks might have some fun, too.

The site is called HamSphere, and it's run by Kelly Lindman, SM7NHC. To quote from the website: "HamSphere is a simulated ionosphere based on the natural laws of shortwave radio propagation." Indeed, it is. It's a small portion of the 40-meter band (in the process of being expanded), from 7005 to 7090 MHz, that behaves just like you'd expect—propagation based on time of day, random man-made noise (QRM) and natural noise (QRN), people communicating from all over the place, and even the famous Russian "Woodpecker" station that was the bane of communications back in the day . . . all inside a Linux computer somewhere in cyberspace.

You see, it really is a simulation, although even an experienced ham could be fooled. Not one drop of radio frequency energy is being transmitted anywhere when you use HamSphere, so even folks without a license are more than welcome to come and play around here. The conditions are very realistic, making it a good training ground for HF conversations. I've even managed to make it work with PSK31 and WinDRM, and I suppose it should work just fine with any other digital mode.

The first step to getting QRV (ready to receive) is to visit <<http://www.hamsphere.com>> to sign up with the server and download the software. Provide your name, location, and callsign (or something you'll use as a callsign) along with a password. Check off each of the "rules" boxes (there are several, such as "I am not afraid of using the microphone") to acknowledge them and click "Sign me up." You'll immediately be brought to the download page. Follow the instructions, which essentially tell you to download the .EXE file and put it into a directory. I also took a moment to download the instructions, troubleshooting guide and Ham Radio Primer from the site as well.

There is no installation. HamSphere, as downloaded, is all there is, and it runs without a lot of dependencies, so it ran for me out of the box. Well, almost: The .EXE file started up just fine, but I was



The HamSphere main screen. After opening up my hardware firewall so internet packets could be received, HamSphere behaved just like an on-air band would. Just beneath the band scope is the "DX Cluster" announcing who is "on the air." The information panel below it contains helpful troubleshooting and operating tips. Note some of the useful settings, such as power level, audio filters, and AGC.

not receiving any audio. A quick check of the troubleshooting guide, and I was advised that since I could see the spectrum display, but not hear any audio (or get anything on the S-meter display), there was a problem receiving UDP packets on random ports between 1 and 65535.

Ahh, if only I understood what that meant! Thankfully, one of the network administrators at work knew the lingo and translated for me. UDP packets on the internet are kind of like UI (Unnumbered Information) frames in the AX.25 packet radio protocol: They carry information, but there's no error-checking or even tracking if they reach their destination. It's kind of like APRS transmissions—no guarantees that anyone heard them.

Anyway, he gave me a long list of suggestions on what to try so I could receive these packets. You see, I run my internet connection, house network, and computers with fairly high security, and it was definitely one of those security layers that was blocking the "anonymous" packets.

I have a cable modem facing the internet which is unmanaged. By that, I mean that I am not given access to the modem to adjust its settings. Behind

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that sits my LinkSys broadband router. This is a wired router, since my house is completely wired for CAT5 Ethernet and none of the computers I own are wireless. Behind that sits my local area network, security provided by McAfee Internet Security Suite (a three-license package that was on sale earlier this year, and with the rebate it was free).

In order to find out which security layer was causing my problem, I disabled them one at a time. To my great surprise, I still was seeing those ports blocked, which I verified with a port scan from the Shields UP! Site run by Gibson Research Corporation <<http://www.grc.com>>, the suppliers of several very useful security-related applications (definitely worth a visit to the site).

To cut a long story short, even after disabling the firewalls in both the router and McAfee (the Windows® firewall is off in my machine because of the McAfee), I was still out of luck. The ultimate fix was to connect my computer to the router's "DMZ" (De-Militarized Zone) port. This is a special port found in many higher-end routers that completely bypasses the router and exposes whatever is connected to it directly to the internet – in this case the cable modem. An effective substitute would be to connect the computer directly to the cable modem.

Once the DMZ was used, HamSphere worked perfectly, even with McAfee switched back on. I'm not a big fan of leaving one of my security layers disabled, so after each HamSphere session I re-enable the firewall for the DMZ port (effectively turning it into a "regular" port). It only takes a moment to switch it off remotely, so it's really not much of a burden.

Using HamSphere requires a sound card, microphone, and speakers. PTT (push-to-talk) is managed by a mouse click, and it will take a few minutes of fiddling with the audio mixer to get all the levels right. Just like a real radio on the ham bands, too much audio will splatter your signal, something to be avoided.

At first, listen to some of the robots on the band. There are SSB signals marking the band edges with repeating announcements to that effect. There's a simulation of a number station reading random number and letter groups, that Russian Woodpecker, and a few other random surprises, which I'll leave for you to discover. The one robot that intrigued me (digital guy that I am) was the PSK31 robot on 7010 kHz. It's not a robot in the strict sense, in that it doesn't respond. It's just a continuous broadcast of some useful instructions

and information. However, it got me thinking: Can I do PSK31 on here? What about other digital modes? The answer is yes.

To make the digital modes work, the only adjustment I had to change was to the RX audio source. I opened the mixer control panel and changed the input (recording) source from microphone to stereo mix, instantly lighting up the DigiPan waterfall display. I tweaked the audio levels a bit and was able to send and receive both PSK31 and a WinDRM file. The only other accommodation I needed to make was that I had to man-

ually operate the PTT button in HamSphere, not a big problem once I checked off the "PTT Lock" box, allowing me to click once to toggle PTT on and off.

SSB was a snap, as it's the default mode. Tuning around—click on the band scope for 1-kHz increments, on the numeric display for finer adjustments—I found that mistuned signals really sound like they should. I played with the digital modes, as I mentioned. To check your own signal, there's a monitor mode which reflects your signal back at you. I have yet to figure out



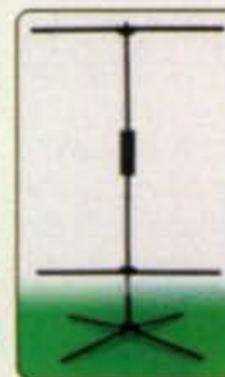
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On some nights, the band is quiet. You can see who's on by checking the DX Cluster window, which shows as a default. I've seen several "CBers" (anyone without a ham radio callsign is a CBer) and callsign prefixes G, 2E, LU, XE, K, and more all in less than an hour of monitoring. There are probably some lurkers who are just listening without responding to CQs, but for the most part people are eager to start a QSO.

Thus, for those long nights at the bottom of the sunspot cycle, you can get some decent propagation via the internet at HamSphere. Most participants are hams, and those who aren't seem to understand how things work. Give it a try and let me know what you think.

## Digital TV

Hams soon will be the only ones still using the NTSC Fast-Scan TV standard. In case you have been away on a DXpedition (or don't watch TV) and haven't seen any of the dozens of public-service announcements over the past several months, all full-power TV stations in the United States will switch over to 100% digital broadcasting on February 17, 2009. That means your analog TV set will be unable to receive anything over the air.

If you have cable or satellite TV, you probably will not notice any changes. Neither of these service providers are affected by the congressional ruling that has pushed the Federal Communications Commission to action. Some 85% of all the televisions in the United States are connected to something other than an antenna, and these have nothing to worry about.

If you have one of the 15% of TVs that are connected to an antenna, you need to do something about it. Of course, you can connect up to cable or satellite, but maybe you can't or won't. The only other choice is to get a Digital TV converter box. A DTV box looks a lot like a Cable TV box. It has an antenna input and output, some have audio and video outputs, and they come with a remote control. It converts the Over-The-Air (OTA) digital TV signals to conventional analog TV signals, and puts them on Channel 3 or 4 so your old TV can display them. It really is as simple as that.

The federal government has set up a few things to help people with the transition to digital. First is a website, <<http://www.dtv.gov>> (be sure to get that last part right, since the .com URL is an ugly commercial "vampire" site trying to sucker you into spending money). Visit the website to learn a lot about what's happening, when it will happen, and how to manage it.

The second thing the feds did was offer each family in the U.S. one or two \$40 coupons good towards the purchase of a DTV converter box. After signing up at the website (<<http://www.dtv2009.gov>>, also accessible from the website mentioned above), I received my coupon in just a few weeks.

With my coupon card merrily in hand, I trudged off to the local Radio Shack and found a nice box for \$60. A search of the internet found that most boxes were around that price point, not surprising considering the \$40 coupon. I could have also gone to Best Buy or K-Mart, as well as several local retailers. Some cautions: First, be careful on the internet, as some sellers don't accept the coupons; and second, once you make your purchase you can't get a refund on the coupon, nor can you get the coupon replaced, so if you want to return the box you'll only get back what you actually paid.

My TVs are all connected to cable, but I got the coupon and box in the interest of journalism. Fashioning a quick and dirty folded dipole from some 300-ohm twinlead, I connected a TV



*The DTV converter box coupon I received in the mail. This program from the federal government provides for a \$40 discount on the purchase of a Digital TV converter box. Each family in the USA can request one or two of these coupons.*

to the box and went through the setup routine, where the converter box scans all the available channels to find which ones have signal. Five minutes later, I was watching HDTV from my antenna. Pretty cool, not having to pay for HDTV.

The new digital TV standard is called ATSC, and it has some nifty features, as you'd expect from a wideband digital mode. The basics, such as closed captioning and an on-screen channel guide, are expected. Unexpected are additional channels hanging off the main signal. For example, WNBC-DT in New York City has two auxiliary channels active, one that is all weather all the time, the other showing programming somewhat like what PBS might show—documentaries and the like. Some broadcasters have leveraged these additional channels and features, calling their new digital offerings "Wireless TV." I had to laugh.

The FCC came up with a transition plan so stations could transmit both ATSC and NTSC signals at the same time, which many stations are doing already. Some have chosen temporary channels in the UHF band and will revert back to their standard assigned channel after the transition next February. Others have decided to move their channel into the UHF band permanently, while some will stay on their existing channel and "flash-cut" from analog to digital at midnight. That should be interesting to watch. ...

The reason behind the change is not only to provide better TV signals, but to free up a huge block of radio spectrum. Over the course of a few years, the spectrum assigned to channels 52 through 69 will be turned over to the FCC for other uses. At least 40 MHz has been earmarked for public services such as police and fire, with the rest being auctioned off for what is sure to be a new explosion of wireless services.

There's a column in this month's *Popular Communications* magazine in which I explain the transition in greater detail. If you're affected by the transition, have a greater interest in the details, or (like me) see a potential way to supplement my income helping people through the transition, go get a copy of *Pop Comm* and read up on it.

In closing, I want to thank the several readers who wrote with excellent questions concerning their first forays into the digital world. As a writer, I can say that there's nothing better than reader feedback, both good and bad. Write early, and write often.

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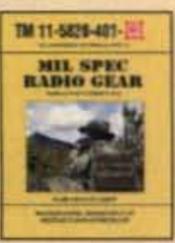
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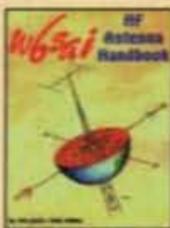


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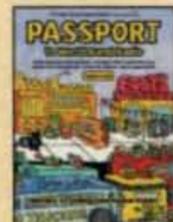


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# Jupiter HF Transceiver, RIGblaster Duo, Atomic Clocks, and New Books

This month's items include a look at the new version of the Jupiter HF Transceiver, the RIGblaster duo, an Extra Class study manual and new book by VK9NS, and two new and improved atomic clocks. Finally, we visit The Amateur Radio Website of the Month.

## Ten-Tec Jupiter HF Transceiver 40th Anniversary Edition

In celebration of the company's 40th anniversary, Ten-Tec unveiled the newly updated Ten-Tec Jupiter HF Transceiver (photo A). The Jupiter now features a new, easy-to-read, reversible blue/gray LCD screen and black case to cosmetically match other pieces in the Ten-Tec transceiver and accessory line. Features of the new Jupiter include:

- 39 IF-DSP receive filters for voice and CW modes. All receive filters are selectable independent of mode.
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- CW decoder on the transceiver screen requires no external computer.
- Software is the heart of the new Jupiter, and it's all stored in Flash ROM. Add any feature released by Ten-Tec for the rig at a later date to your transceiver. Simply visit the <www.rfsquared.com> website, download the latest firmware, and it's as if your rig rolled off the production line a few minutes earlier. Additionally, the new Jupiter can support multiple personalities, allowing you to recall customized settings optimized for current operating conditions—contesting, DXing, CW, digital modes, etc. (Due to the Software Defined aspects of the Jupiter, many of the new features are compatible with the original Jupiter.)

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Photo A—The Ten-Tec 538 Jupiter HF Transceiver. "All of the major features are at your fingertips with a dedicated control or from a clearly marked 'shift' function." (Photo courtesy of Ten-Tec)

- Spectrum Sweep gives you a snapshot of the entire band in seconds. Find the pile-ups or scout for a clear spot automatically without touching the tuning knob.

- A heavy-duty internal automatic antenna tuner is available as optional equipment and is rated to match up to a 10:1 SWR.

Ten-Tec focused on one major design objective: organize all the features on a front panel that is simple and logical to use without the user being tied to the instruction manual. Price of the model 538 Jupiter HF Transceiver is \$1549, or the 538AT (with built-in antenna tuner) is \$1849. For more information or to order, visit <http://radio.tentec.com> or telephone 800-833-7373.

## West Mountain Radio RIGblaster Duo

The new RIGblaster duo (photo B) from West Mountain Radio "is designed to make your station better, neater, simpler and easier to operate!" The duo simplifies a station with two radios and one computer. With the duo, you will only need one microphone, one pair of headphones, and one pair of speakers.

The RIGblaster duo, the newest addition to the RIGblaster lineup, is a "station integration console" that makes a two-rig station more versatile and more efficient to operate, as well as neater and better looking. The duo includes a complete transmit and receive audio switching, mixing, and amplification system that is modeled after the ergonomics and function of an aircraft audio panel, with toggle switches and knobs (no zero tactile feedback pushbuttons).

You can listen to any combination of two radios and a computer through speakers and/or headphones. A master receive audio-level knob sets the volume of everything, and a sub-headphone volume knob sets the headphone volume in relation to the speakers. The radio and the computer volume controls allow fully flexible matching of all audio sources. Radios may be internally assigned to provide dual mono, stereo for dual receive, or audio in the right or left channel. The receive audio is amplified by two 3-watt per channel stereo amplifiers.

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Never get tangled up in headphone or microphone cords again with a RIGblaster duo! The MRSP was not yet available as I wrote this col-



Photo B— Front view of the RIGblaster duo, a “station integration console.” (Photo courtesy of West Mountain Radio)

umn. Visit <[www.westmountainradio.com](http://www.westmountainradio.com)> for more information.

### New and Improved Atomic Clocks

MFJ Enterprises has announced two new and improved atomic clocks. The MFJ-121B Dual Time Zone Atomic Clock (photo C) displays both UTC and local time at a single glance. The MFJ-121B display allows you to choose 24/12-hour format independently for UTC and local time. An automatic backlight lights up every day at your preset time for 8 hours.

Mounted in a handsome silver-metallic, hard-plastic frame, it features huge, easy-to-see 2 inches tall by 1 inch wide LCD numerals, an exclusive UTC zone, and has a running seconds display. Compact at 11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" W × 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" H × 1"D, it can be mounted on a wall or used on a desk. Daylight savings time can be disabled. It uses four long-lasting AA batteries. MRSP is \$79.95.

The second clock is the model MFJ-123B Solar Powered Eternity Atomic Clock™. This clock works for an “eternity”! There is no need for batteries or to set the time! It receives WWVB signals. The display is 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" H × 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" W with 2-inch time digits. You can choose 24- or 12-hour time display and it includes indoor temperature, running seconds, month/date, and day of the

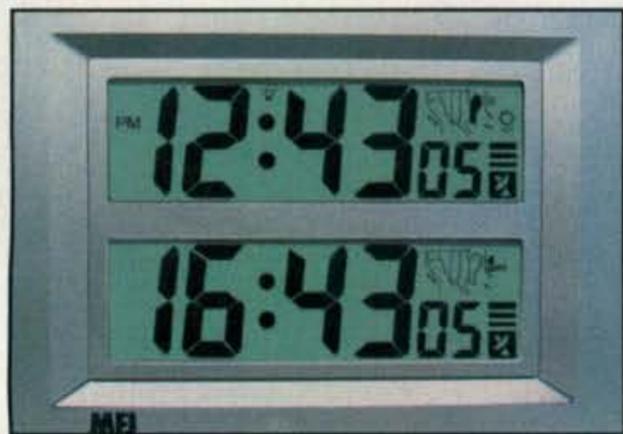


Photo C— The MFJ-121B Dual Time Zone Atomic Clock displays both UTC and local time at a single glance. (Photo courtesy of MFJ Enterprises)

week. The clock measures 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" W × 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" H × 1" D. It has an attractive silver metallic frame, and has a power on/off switch for when the clock is in storage or not in use. MRSP is \$79.95.

For more information, to order, to get a free catalog, or for the location of your nearest dealer, call 1-800-647-1800 or visit <[www.mfjenterprises.com](http://www.mfjenterprises.com)>.

### New Books

**Gordon West's Extra Class Study Manual & Software.** Gordon West's new *Extra Class Study Manual* (photo D) has been revised to incorporate the new the 2008–2012 Element 4 exam. In addition to covering the new question pool, the book has a host of features to

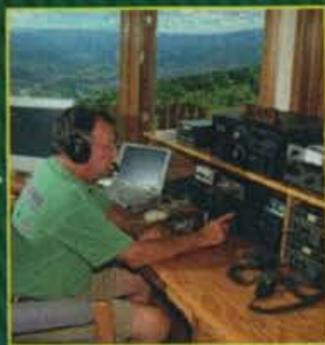
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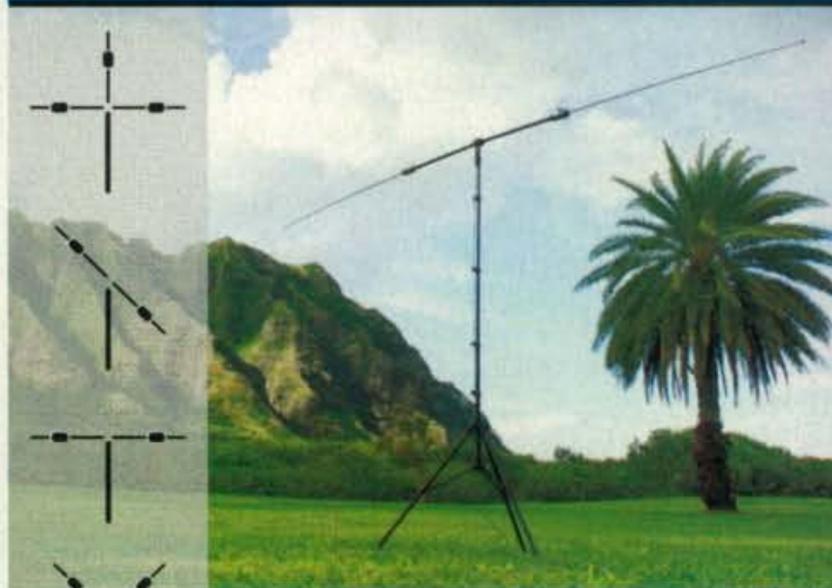
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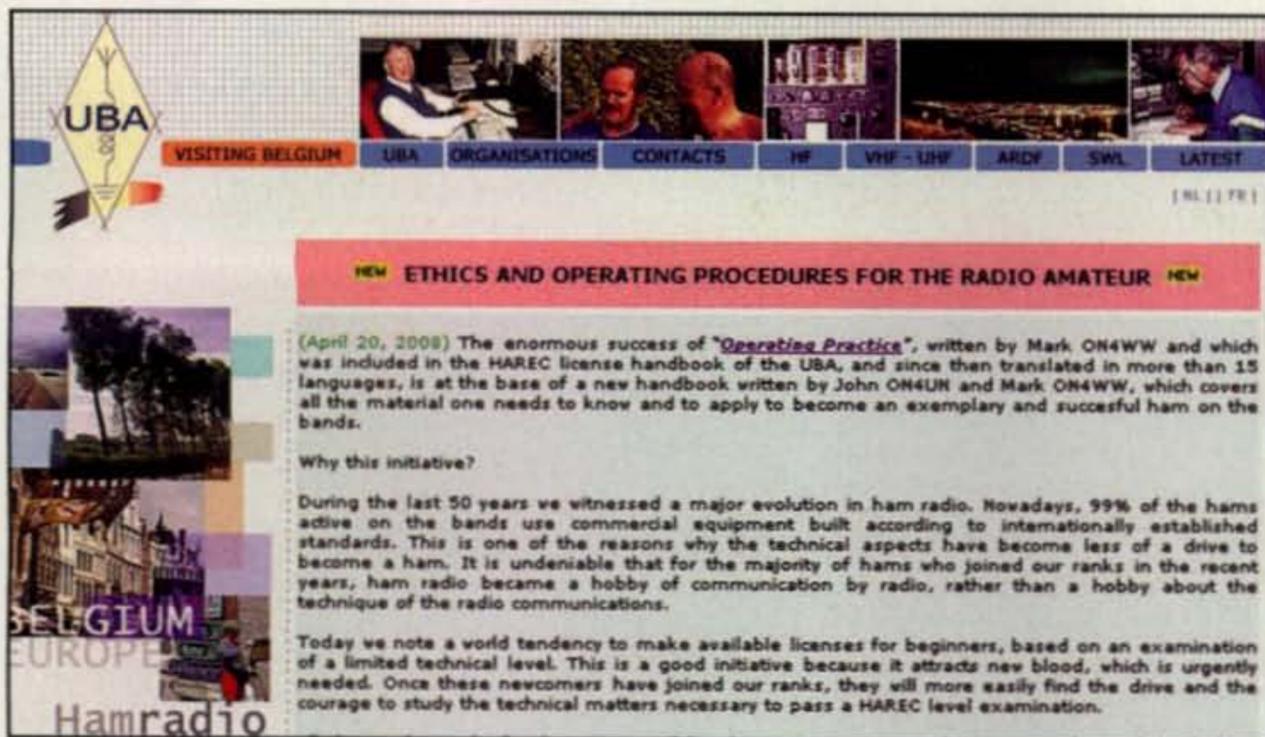


Fig. 1— Screenshot of the Belgian Amateur Radio Society's website. Follow the links near bottom of the page to download the very informative booklet, "Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur."

Island for 27 years. The book is divided into 35 chapters, from his early days, through an operation from Tarawa en route to Baker and Howland, full circle to "Singapore 2004." The book includes a myriad of black-and-white photos that relive a past that many will remember, DXpeditions that are a part of the history of ham radio. Jim is also devoted to the old-tube radios, classic radios, a "hard to beat" quality.

Via Jim: "My book is finally written and it is the story of my travel through life and my becoming involved in the hobby of Amateur Radio. I mention being dragged 'kicking and screaming' into the hobby, but once there felt at home. I have participated in the hobby in many ways over the years. Thus, within the almost 600 pages of my soft-cover book you will see that I have 'been there and done that' in no uncertain manner. I have been lucky (if that is the right word) to have traveled extensively and often the travel has been related to Amateur Radio in the sense of DXpeditions. In this first edition of *The Old Timer* it is my hope that you enjoy it and realise just how special our hobby is in an international sense."

For more information, on VK9NS's book, go to <<http://ljcap.blogspot.com/search/label/jim%20smith>>. E-mail <[jimkirsti@ni.net.nf](mailto:jimkirsti@ni.net.nf)> for book orders and postage costs.

## The Amateur Radio Website of the Month

This time the amateur radio website is from the Belgian Amateur Radio Society (UBA). The English version is at <[www.uba.be/en.html](http://www.uba.be/en.html)> (fig. 1). Our

focus is the *Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur* booklet you will find on the site. Written by Mark Demeuleneere, ON4WW, and John Devoldere, ON4UN, the booklet has been translated into more than 15 languages. Do not let the title fool you, as this booklet has tons of practical advice for both the newcomer to HF or the seasoned ham.

## Wrap-up

That's all for this month's column. Last month I started a new feature—a web page with all of the links given in my columns. This will allow you to click on each link instead of having to type them from the written page. It will also allow me to update links as they change over time. The page will include links from all CQ articles I have written since my first, in the September 2007 issue. To reach the page, visit <[www.k8zt.com/cq](http://www.k8zt.com/cq)>.

Remember, I welcome your feedback, questions and/or comments. If you are a producer of a new product for amateur radio, please feel free to e-mail me or use the address on the first page of this column. Until next month . . .

73, Anthony, K8ZT

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Since this column is written about three months prior to publication, it's hard to feature very short term awards unless the information is sent to me well in advance. However, annual awards of interest are often included, since this gives you a chance to make the contacts needed.

If you are interested in this type of challenge, I extend an invitation to visit my website, where this information is always available. I'm writing this column in May 2008, and as of now my website includes 24 annual and 20 very short term awards. These numbers change almost daily. You will get a chance to pick and choose from some very interesting awards. The web address is: <http://www.dxawards.com/>. Links to these two types of awards are on the home page.

### Italy's Diploma Grande Guerra

What is apparently the first award in remembrance of the 90th anniversary of the end of the WW I comes from Italy. It is a very short term award. ARI di Gorizia will have two special event stations, IQ3GO and I13GG, on the air plus will be encouraging its members to be active during early August. A special certificate will be available for contacts made with its members and the special event stations between August 1-10, 2008. SWL okay. Look for activity on 80, 40, and 20 meters on SSB, CW, and RTTY.

Italian stations need 30 points, European stations 20, and all others 15. Members of the ARI di Gorizia count 1 point. IQ3GO counts 3 points and I13GG 5 points. Each station may be contacted only once per day.

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### YLRL Awards Series

This month features the awards program of the Young Ladies Radio League, the largest organization of female amateur radio operators in the

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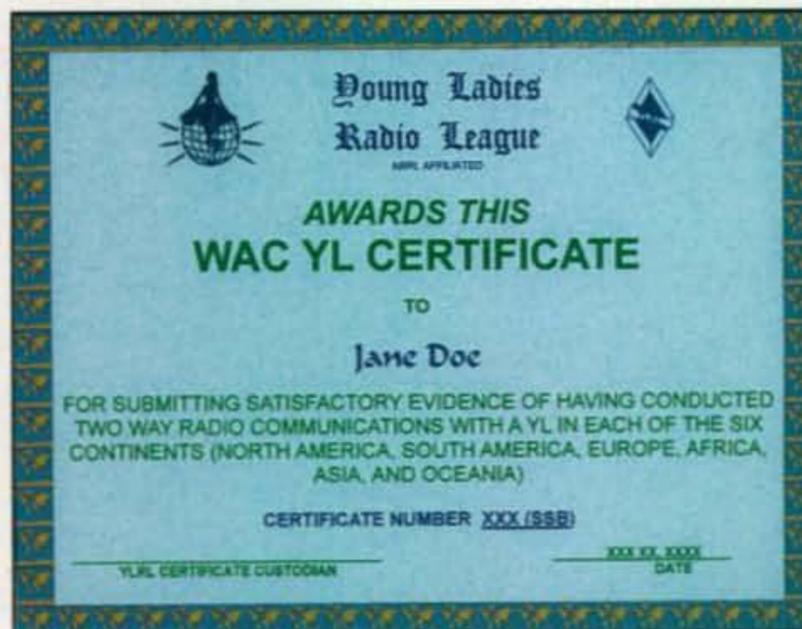
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USA. The organization has been representing YLs since 1939 and currently has a membership of about 800, with 100 outside of the USA. The awards program duplicates several of the popular ARRL/IARU awards, with the obvious difference being that the required contacts must be made with YLs. This increases the difficulty factor by several times, especially for YL-DXCC. A good time to look for YL contacts is during the first two weeks in February each year. The YL-OM Contest has a CW weekend and an SSB weekend. There are also operating events during the year directed at YL-only contacts, but I'm sure that they would entertain a call from an OM during a lull in activity.

The YLRL offers the awards free of charge, a nice touch. If you want a copy mailed to you, just provide an SASE. As an alternative, you may apply for the award by e-mail and print the certificate using your own PC and color printer. The YLRL is among the relatively few award sponsors that use this method. As postal costs escalate, I hope that many, many other sponsors get on this bandwagon.

**General Requirements:** No use of repeaters. All contacts must be made from the same country. Do not send cards; a GCR list is encouraged. There is no charge for any of the certificates, but sufficient



The Young Ladies Radio League's WAC-YL award requires contacting a YL operator on each of the six continents of the world.

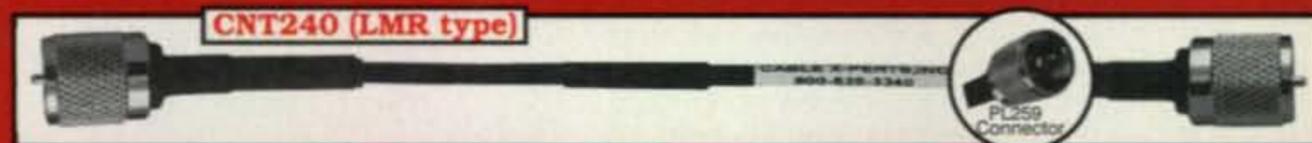
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**YL Century Club (YLCC).** Available to all licensed ama-

teurs. Contact 100 different YL amateurs. All bands okay. Contacts with YLs anywhere in the world are recognized as long as the stations were operated by licensed female operators. Send GCR list arranged by last name of operator. Endorsements are available for each additional 50 stations. Gold stickers are awarded to applicants who worked their additional contacts from the same country; otherwise, silver stickers are issued.

**YL-DXCC.** Available to all amateurs. Contact licensed YL operators from 100 countries as recognized by the ARRL DXCC list. All bands may be used; no cross-band contacts. Send GCR list in order of ARRL's DXCC countries list and include the YL's name. Endorsements are available for each added 25 DXCC countries.

**YL - Digital Modes.** This award is available to any licensed amateur in the world. Contact 25 YLs using digital modes (PSK-31, RTTY, CW, SSTV, etc.). All contacts must be made using the same mode. After receiving the certificate, a sticker may be issued for each additional digital mode with which 25 YL contacts were made (i.e., if the first 25 contacts were made using PSK-31, an endorsement sticker may be earned for making 25 contacts with YLs using RTTY. An additional endorsement may be earned for CW, SSTV, or Hellschreiber contacts, etc.).

We're always interested in hearing from clubs, special interest groups, or individuals who sponsor an award. Please contact me at the e-mail or snail-mail address shown on the first page of this column.

73, Ted, K1BV

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## Bill Barr, N4NX

USA-CA All Counties #1162, October 9, 2007

My story spans 50-plus years from beginning to end. I was first licensed in Fitzgerald, Georgia (Ben Hill County) in 1956 as KN4KZP at age 15, and then I was K4KZP in 1957 and for the next 20 years. When I upgraded to Extra class in 1977, I requested my current call, N4NX.

My first exposure to serious county hunting was in 1970, and I maintained a fair amount of interest in the early '70s, receiving USA-CA 1500 #217 in February 1973. However, as many of us have done, my focus changed primarily to DXing, and that was about all I made time for in those days because of a heavy workload at Western Electric (later to become AT&T Network Systems, and today it is Lucent Technologies). After retiring in 2000, I stumbled upon the County Hunters Net and that sparked a renewed interest for me. Still, I was in no hurry and just plugged along working new ones when time allowed.

My wife Leah and I travel a good deal, and when we take a trip we "don't hurry back." As an example, we spent three months in Southeast Asia at the end of 2000. With the help of the fantastic hams we met on that trip, I operated BV2FH, Paul Pai's station; 9M6NXT from Hillview Gardens (hosted by 9M6MU, Alfons, and 9M6DU, Doris Udan) in East Malaysia; and HS0/N4NX from Thailand at the station of HS1CHB, Gen. John Shaowanasai.

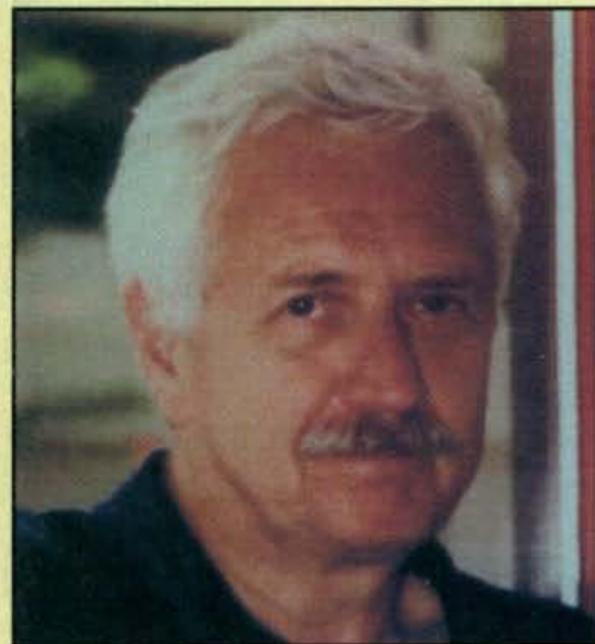
Then back home I continued to pick off a few new counties while still pursuing the last couple of DXCC countries required to complete them all.

By early 2006 I was down to just a handful of counties—my last four, I thought: Ravalli, Petroleum, Wheatland, and Meager, all in Montana. I was resigned to wait for an opportunity, when my friend Wes Lamboley, W3WL (a DXer, but he knew what I needed to complete USA-CA 3077), took a leisurely driving trip from Georgia to Alaska with his wife Beverly. One night I got a call from Wes that he had found a way to alter his route and give me all four of those Montana counties! Naturally, I was thrilled and anxiously awaited more travel details. On June 10, 2007, Wes called from Wyoming and we made a plan to meet on a CW frequency on 20 meters. Sure enough, two days later I worked him in Petroleum, Wheatland, and Meager in a three-hour period!

Only one county left, and I patiently waited for their return trip. On July 27 Wes gave me Ravalli. Finally I had reached this seemingly unreachable goal—all the counties in the U.S.!

As I filled out the paperwork for the "whole ball of wax," much to my dismay I discovered that over the years I had overlooked Kalawo County, Hawaii as part of my "needed" list. Now what?

After a lot of research (Kalawo has an interesting history of being not quite a county but not quite *not* a county) and inquiries, I learned that Marv, K9FD/KH6 lives on the



Bill, N4NX, USA-CA All Counties #1162.

island of Molokai, so I sent him an e-mail query. To my delight, he responded immediately that Kalawo was only about 15 miles from his QTH and that he went near it about once a week. He offered to attempt a contact on CW on 14.050 MHz on September 20 at 1700Z. Since that would be 1 PM local time, I figured it would not be possible, but certainly worth a try. As I tuned across the band on the scheduled day, I found 20 meters to be pretty dead. Without much hope, I began calling Marv, and to my surprise and elation, he came back with a solid 579 signal. We even had a long QSO!

Finally, I completed my old 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 11" "CQ Counties Award Record Book" with maps and applied for the award. The oldest contact on the application was on March 13, 1957 with KN4KRL in McDuffie County, Georgia, and the latest was, of course, with Marv . . . 50 years and 6 months from start to finish.

Fun facts: All 3077 counties were worked without a single relay, and all were worked from one of my four different fixed QTHs in Georgia. It was interesting to see how many county hunters stayed involved over the many years. As an example, in 1972 Dick, K5VYT, gave me 12 new counties in New Mexico, and then gave me my last one in Colorado (Broomfield) 30 years later in 2002. Ted, K1BV, said that my application was only the second one submitted in the old CQ Record Book in the ten years he has been the award custodian. His was the other.

2007 was a great year for me: I reached No. 1, Top of the Honor Roll, in May with my BS7H QSO and also just surpassed 2700 DXCC band countries. Life is good!

Thanks to many, but a special thanks to Wes, W3WL, and his most understanding and lovely XYL Beverly for the (almost last) four Montana counties, and certainly thanks to Marv, K9FD/KH6, for the (real) last one.

County hunters really are a great group of people and no one has ever argued with me on that point!

—73, Bill, N4NX

# Still Waiting for Cycle 24 plus DX Pile-Up Signal Levels

**W**here, oh where is Cycle 24?? A lot of people are asking that question. As I write this in the first week of June, I've seen the solar flux dip lower and lower, actually hitting 65 at one point. I don't think global warming, or cooling for that matter, is making any difference, but one has to wonder what the heck is going on.

Tad Cook, K7RA, provides some insight through the ARRL Propagation reports. The latest one, for May 30th, says, "If the sun shows no more sunspots May 30-31, we will see a three-month average of daily sunspot numbers centered on April just above the values for every three-month average since the minimum, centered on October 2007." He continues: "If these numbers suggest Cycle 24 is stalled, we can compare with the previous minimum. Using the same scheme, the three-month averages of daily sunspot numbers centered on September 1997 through March 1997 were 8.7, 10.2, 14.2, 16.4, 11.7, 11.3, and 16.4. Those are slightly higher values 11 years ago compared with the current numbers, but notice the six months following the minimum also seemed to flatten out. And, while the last bottom had slightly higher average sunspot numbers, it had one longer period of no spots."

Now that sounds like a lot of "stuff," but what it boils down to is that this cycle is not all that unusu-

al when you look at the "big picture" of historical data. I guess you, like me, just expect too much, too soon. Things will improve, but in the meantime we just have to keep plugging away and find things to do while we are waiting—things like operating on 6 meters, for example. The end of May and first of June had a great "magic band" opening with lots of coast-to-coast contacts U.S. and even DX for many with larger antenna systems. There was

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Bob, N200 (right), receives his CQ DX Hall of Fame plaque from Ralph Fedor, K0IR, at the South West Ohio DX Dinner at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dayton. (Photo by KF2BQ)



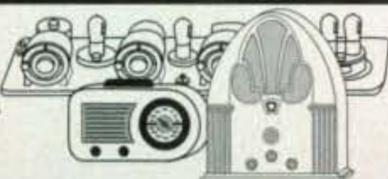
Dayton fellowship. Don, N6JRL, has hosted a barbecue for members of the 3Y0X team at his home in Dayton, Ohio each year since they returned from Peter I. Left to right are Gordon, W0RUN; Andy, UA3AB; George, N4GRN; Bill, N2WB; Bob, K4UEE; Ralph, K0IR; and Don, N6JRL. (Photo courtesy of Bob, K4UEE)

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even a lot of 10-meter activity during that same time period. So, you see, there are things to do while we await those 20 over 9 signals all over 10, 12, and 15 meters. We just have to have patience and wait it out.

### What's Coming Up in DX?

**TO5DX, St. Barthelemy.** The newest addition to the DXCC list will see activity in the upcoming CQ WW DX SSB Contest the last weekend in October. Joe, W8GEX, is organizing a 10-day operation to St. Barthelemy for the contest. They will be a multi-single entry in the test and are planning on CW, SSB, and RTTY operation before the test. The team should be active from October 16-27. The crew will consist of W8GEX, AA4NN, W8CAA, K0RH, K4ZLE, plus others not yet confirmed.

**FR/G, Glorioso.** The French team was still waiting for permission to make the trip as of early June. Permission could come any time, but they are looking at it being sometime in late September or early October. They are dependent on the French military for transportation as well as the actual permission to go to the island. Construction

on the island caused the delay earlier in the year. The team's website will be updated as events happen. Go to: <<http://glorieuses2008.free.fr/>>.

**P29, Papua.** This operation is scheduled for October 18 through November 4. No website has been announced and no further details are available as of this writing.

**VK9W, Willis Island.** No specific date(s) have been announced, but the group has said that October is the month. A website was announced, so watch it for the latest updates: <<http://www.vk9dwx.de>>.

**ZS8T, Marion Island.** Petrus has been on the island for several weeks now, but no radio activity has been reported. He is there on a working assignment, so radio takes a back seat until his work is done. The team is scheduled to be on Marion until early 2009, so there's plenty of time for him to get on the air. Just keep watching the website: <<http://zs8t.net/>>.

### DX Pile-up Signal Levels

I've stepped up on my soapbox about operating practices before. A reader sent along a humorous "Scale of DX

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 330 .....EA2IA/339 300 .....K7ZM/300  
 330 .....K9BWQ/339

### CW Endorsements

330 .....K9BWQ/338 310 .....WA4DOU/314  
 330 .....K7LAY/335

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## The CQ DX Field Award Program

### CW

57 .....KB2TGU 58 .....N3YZ

### Mixed

92 .....J68AS 93 .....IW0HOU

### RTTY

11 .....JN3SAC

### Endorsements

#### Mixed

200 .....W1CU/220 100 .....J68AS/135  
 200 .....N4MM/201 50 MHz .....J68AS  
 200 .....N8PR/214 28 MHz .....J68AS  
 200 .....HA5WA/206 3.5/7 MHz .....J68AS  
 175 .....W6OAT/194

### SSB

200 .....W1CU/207 175 .....N4MM/184

### CW

200 .....W1CU/212 175 .....N4MM/179

### RTTY

100 .....W1CU/138

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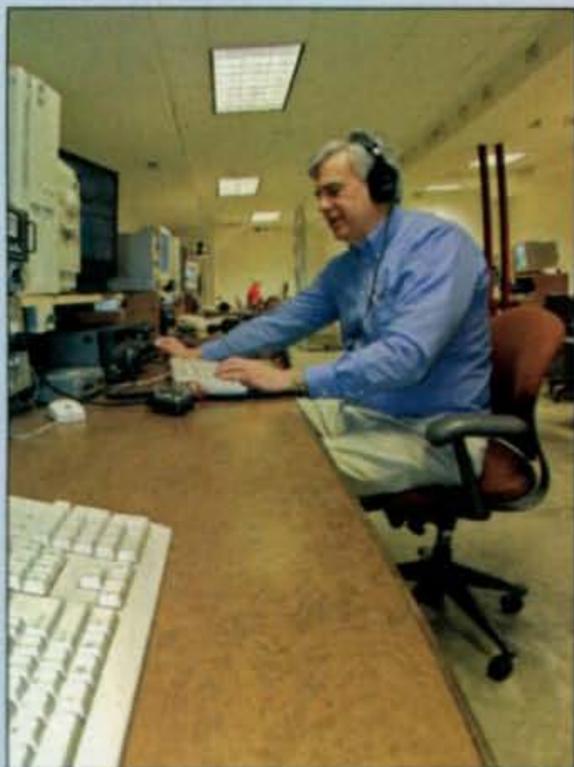
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## On the Cover

This month's cover photo features Frank Donovan, W3LPL, in his multi-op contest station in Glenwood, Maryland. The station has 12 operating positions with two devoted to each contesting band from 160 meters to 10 meters (there is no contesting on 60, 30, 17, or 12 meters). Most of the operating positions make use of Yaesu FT-1000MPs with homebrewed 3-1000Z kilowatt amplifiers. The station has many directional transmitting and receiving antennas for each band. Frank tells *CQ* that the W3LPL team has about two dozen operators, perhaps half of whom are on site for any given contest. The station's 12 computers are networked together and used for contest logging.

Frank has been contesting since Field Day of 1959, when he got on the air with the Providence Radio Association, W1OP, before he was even licensed. Frank says that the best contest at his station is "any one that we win; we've been operating from this location for 22 years, and we've won many times, and the best one is always the last one, the last one that we've won." In last year's *CQ* World-Wide DX SSB Contest weekend, whose scores appear in this issue, the group at W3LPL finished third in the U.S. in the multi-operator/multi-transmitter category.

One of his favorite QSOs, Frank says, was a 12-meter CW contact with the TI9KK DXpedition to Cocos Island, made just a few seconds after this month's cover photo was taken. The inset photo shows Chinese ham BG8BES (far right) with a portable HF transceiver, watching as soldiers move into an earthquake-damaged area and a rescue worker carries a baby out. (Main cover photo by Larry Mulvehill, WB2ZPI; inset photo provided by Hau Ken, VR2IO; On the Cover text by Dan Moseson, KC2OOM)

## 5 Band WAZ

As of June 1, 2008, 750 stations have attained the 200 zone level and 1600 stations have attained the 150 zone level.

New recipients of 5 Band WAZ with all 200 zones confirmed:

N7RO SM6CUK RN6BY

The top contenders for 5 Band WAZ (zones needed, 80 or 40 meters):

SU1U, 199 (27)	K7LJ, 199 (37)
N4WW, 199 (26)	RA6AX, 199 (6 on 10m)
W4LI, 199 (26)	RX4HZ, 199 (13)
K7UR, 199 (34)	K0GM, 199 (17)
W2YY, 199 (26)	S58Q, 199 (31)
IK8BQE, 199 (31)	EA5BCX, 198 (27, 39)
JA2IVK, 199 (34 on 40m)	G3KDB, 198 (1, 12)
IK1AOD, 199 (1)	JA1DM, 198 (2, 40)
W0CP, 199 (18)	9A5I, 198 (1, 16)
GM3YOR, 199 (31)	K4CN, 198 (23, 26)
VO1FB, 199 (19)	G3KMQ, 198 (1, 27)
KZ4V, 199 (26)	N2QT, 198 (23, 24)
W6DN, 199 (17)	OK1DWC, 198 (6, 31)
W3NO, 199 (26)	W4UM, 198 (18, 23)
HB9DDZ, 199 (31)	US7MM, 198 (2, 6)
RU3FM, 199 (1)	K2TK, 198 (23, 24)
N3UN, 199 (18)	K3JGJ, 198 (24, 26)
OH2VZ, 199 (31)	W4DC, 198 (24, 26)
W1JZ, 199 (24)	F5NBU, 198 (19, 31)
W1FZ, 199 (26)	OE2LCM, 198 (1, 31)
SM7BIP, 199 (31)	HA1RW, 198 (1, 31)
SP5DVP, 199 (31 on 40)	WK3N, 198 (23, 24)
N4NX, 199 (26)	W9XY, 198 (22, 26)
N4MM, 199 (26)	KZ2I, 198 (24, 26)
EA7GF, 199 (1)	W7VJ, 198 (34, 37)
N6HR/7, 199 (37)	K9MIE, 198 (18, 21)
JA5IU, 199 (2)	W9RN, 198 (26, 19 on 40)
RU3DX, 199 (6)	W5CWQ, 198 (17, 18)
N4XR, 199 (27)	WB9EEE, 198 (17, 18)
HA5AGS, 199 (1)	YU3VQ, 198 (27, 31)
VE3XN, 199 (26)	K9OW, 198 (34 on 10, 2 on 15)
YU7GMN, 199 (10)	

The following have qualified for the basic 5 Band WAZ Award:

IK4CIE (197 zones) DM1TT (177 zones)

5 Band WAZ updates:

DF3CB, 200 zones UA4SKW, 197 zones  
S58Q (ex-YU3VQ),  
199 zones

\*Please note: Cost of the 5 Band WAZ Plaque is \$100 shipped within the U.S.; \$120 all foreign (sent airmail).

Rules and applications for the WAZ program may be obtained by sending a large SAE with two units of postage or an address label and \$1.00 to: WAZ Award Manager, Floyd Gerald, N5FG, 17 Green Hollow Rd., Wiggins, MS 39577. The processing fee for the 5BWAZ award is \$10.00 for subscribers (please include your most recent *CQ* mailing label or a copy) and \$15.00 for nonsubscribers. An endorsement fee of \$2.00 for subscribers and \$5.00 for nonsubscribers is charged for each additional 10 zones confirmed. Please make all checks payable to Floyd Gerald. Applicants sending QSL cards to a *CQ* checkpoint or the Award Manager must include return postage. N5FG may also be reached via e-mail: <n5fg@cq-amateur-radio.com>.

"Pile-up Signal Levels" I'd like to share with you:

P0: Can't hear the DX. Can't hear the pile-up either. Have critters eaten into the coax again?

P1: Can't hear the DX, but can hear the pile-up working him. Lucky stiff.

P2: Can't hear the DX. Can hear the pile-up, and can also hear the policemen on the DX's frequency.

P3: Can detect that there might be a DX signal present. Copy a CW letter, SSB word, Data symbol every now and then, but can't copy a complete callsign. Pile-up and policemen are Q5 copy.



Bob, K4UEE, presents the "Scottish Drinking Vessel" by GMDX to Tom, N4XP. The "vessel" was awarded to BS7H as the GMDX DXpedition of the Year. Bob visited the GMDX recently and was the courier for the award. (Photo courtesy of K4DLI and N4XP)

Keep the rig on in the background while working on that new antenna design.

P4: DX is readable when policemen are not transmitting, and would be workable if it were not for the stronger signals of everyone else in the pile-up. State of maximum frustration.

P5: DX workable after a long, hard battle against propagation, pile-up, and policemen. State of maximum satisfaction.

P6: DX is Q5, and worked after just a few calls. You marvel at how efficient the operator is, and compliment the DXpedition in your spot on the cluster system.

P7: DX worked on the first call. Why do people think this is so hard?

Probably the most popular cluster site used by DXers is the Finnish DX Summit. In late May major changes were made and a "new" website was launched. A new URL (<http://www.dxsummit.fi>) will take you to the new site. The original site dates back to 1998 and has served the DX community very well. However, technology moves on and so did they. The new site is being operated by Arcala Extremes (OH8X) and is supported by the YASME Foundation, Inc. Congratulations to Arcala and thanks to YASME for the major improvements for our benefit.

## Ham Radio in China

Ham radio in China got a lot of publicity in the aftermath of the huge earthquake that killed thousands and left

## The WAZ Program

### 6 Meters

84.....DF3CB (34 zones)

### 160 Meters

276.....DL6RAI (38 zones)    278...RW4UU (32 zones)  
277.....DF3CB (40 zones)

### All Band WAZ

#### Mixed

8510.....IZ8AJX    8513.....VE3BGG  
8511.....N6NPG    8514.....RW4UU  
8512.....4X4PP

#### SSB

5073.....IZ8EDJ    5076.....W3WR  
5074.....LU1DHM    5077.....RW4UU  
5075.....W1FBN

#### CW

542.....JF1XQL    544.....RW4UU  
543.....UN8GA

#### EME

003....OK1UGA (26 zones)

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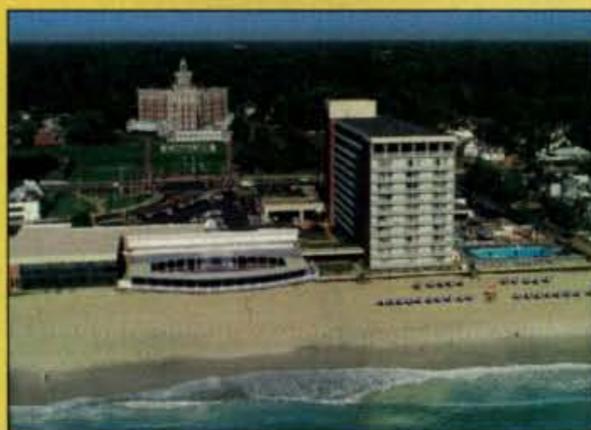
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more homeless. "Normal" communications, as usually happens in these circumstances, was almost non-existent. China's radio amateurs filled the gap and provided critical communications in those first hectic days. I congratulate those involved for their dedication in coming to the aid of their friends and neighbors. For an extensive report, see the article by Bob Josuweit, WA3PZO, elsewhere in this issue.

### Dayton Report

The 2008 Dayton Hamvention® is now history. Reports indicate attendance was down a bit, but with the price of gasoline I'm not surprised. Whether driving or flying, the cost of "getting there" is pretty high. Anyway, a lot of folks did get there and had a great time.

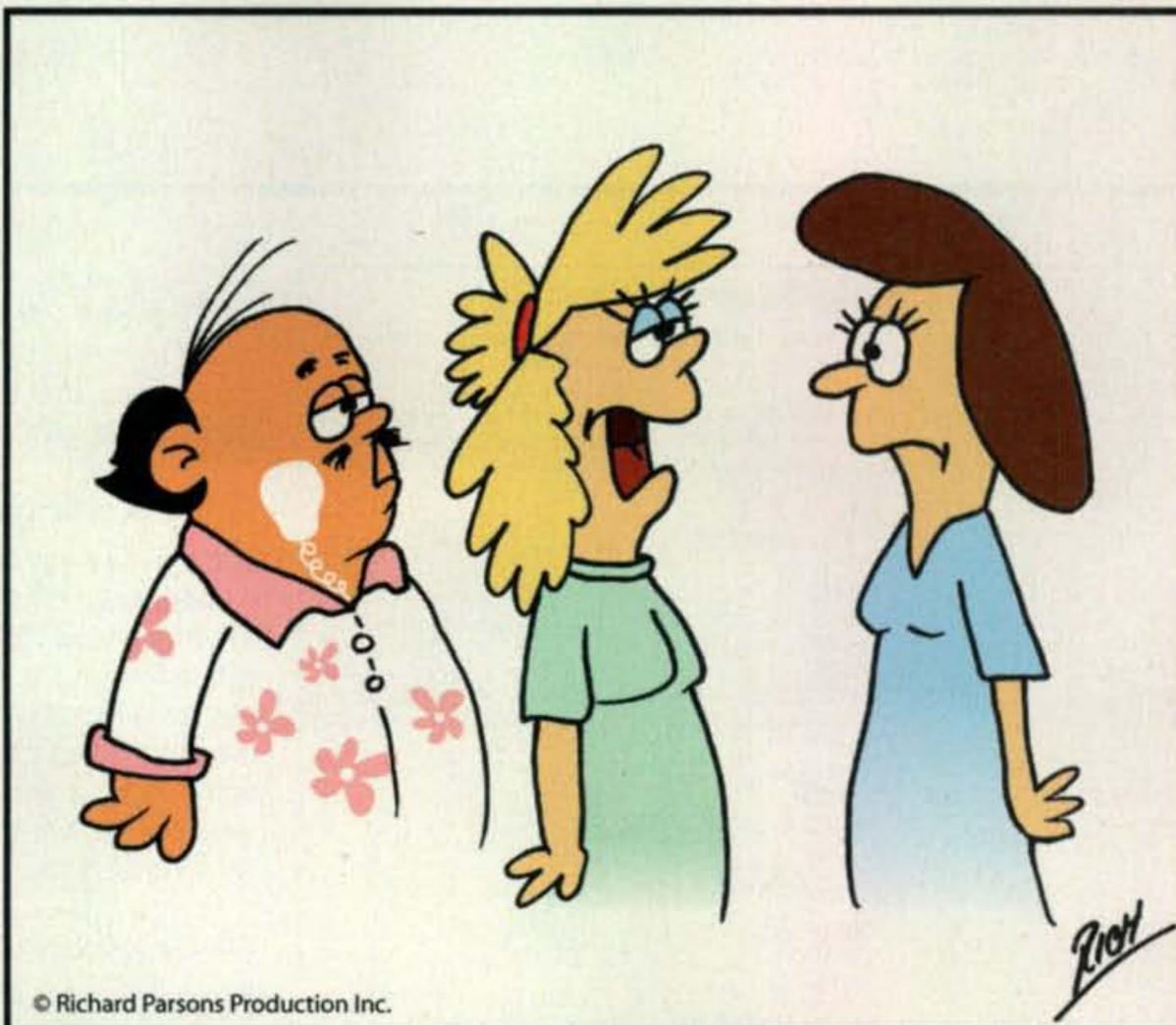
The annual CQ DX Hall of Fame recipients were announced with the following joining the ranks of those who have had the honor in years past: John Devoldere, ON4UN; Nellie Saltiel de Lazard, XE1CI; and Bob Schenck, N2OO. Congratulations!

### I4EAT Wins Desoto Cup

The ARRL's Challenge Award has a new winner of the Desoto Cup. Fausto Minardi, I4EAT, with 3129 points, edged out Bob Eshleman, W4DR, with 3124,

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## CQ DX Honor Roll

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### CW

K9BWQ.....337	W8XD.....337	K8LJG.....336	HB9DDZ.....335	YU1AB.....334	W4UW.....330	SM5HV/HK7.....327	OZ5UR.....320	VE7KDU.....300
N7FU.....337	W4OEL.....337	N4CH.....336	K2JLA.....334	W0HZ.....333	W7IIT.....330	F6HMJ.....326	CT1YH.....320	KT2C.....300
N4JF.....337	EA2IA.....337	K4JLD.....336	F3AT.....334	W4MPY.....333	G3KMQ.....329	W4LI.....325	YT1AT.....317	WD9DZV.....295
K4IQJ.....337	W8JLC.....337	F3TH.....335	WA4IUM.....334	K8JGJ.....333	N5HB.....329	N4OT.....325	EA3ALV.....317	K4IE.....291
K2FL.....337	K2TQC.....336	PY2YP.....335	PA5PQ.....334	K6LEB.....333	K1HDO.....329	YV5ANT.....324	W6YQ.....315	G3DPX.....284
N4MM.....337	N7RO.....336	N6AW.....335	K3UA.....334	K5RT.....332	K7JS.....329	KF8UN.....323	WA4DOU.....314	K0KG.....284
K4MQG.....337	K2OWE.....336	N4AH.....335	K2ENT.....334	K3JGJ.....332	W6OUL.....329	IK0TUG.....321	UA9SG.....310	N2VW.....282
W7OM.....337	N5FG.....336	K9IW.....335	NC9T.....334	VE3XN.....331	N7WO.....329	W3II.....320	W9IL.....309	DJ1YH.....281
N0FW.....337	K4CN.....336	K5UO.....335	W2VJN.....334	K2JF.....331	KE3A.....329	IK0ADY.....320	YU7FW.....306	XE1MD.....280
WB4UBD.....337	OK1MP.....336	N5ZM.....335	G4BWP.....334	WA8DXA.....331	K6CU.....329	WG5G/QRPP.....320	ON4CAS.....304	W2JLK.....277
K9MM.....337	K9OW.....336	KA7T.....335	W1JR.....334	K8SIX.....331	KA3S.....328	F5OIU.....320	N1KC.....302	
W7CNL.....336	DL3DXX.....336	K7LAY.....335	I4LCK.....334	W2UE.....330	K1FK.....328	PY4WS.....320	RA1AOB.....300	

### SSB

K4JLD.....339	WB4UBD.....338	IK8CNT.....337	OE7SEL.....335	OE2EGL.....334	LU4DXU.....332	CP2DL.....327	XE2NLD.....315	N5WYR.....300
EA2IA.....339	W8AXI.....338	EA4DO.....337	ZL3NS.....335	WA4IUM.....334	VE4ROY.....332	NI5D.....327	I26CST.....314	RA1AOB.....300
XE1AE.....339	W9SS.....338	K3UA.....337	K7JS.....335	K5RT.....334	CT1EEN.....332	K7TCL.....326	W6NW.....314	YC9WZJ.....300
IN3DEI.....339	VK4LC.....338	CT3BM.....337	PY4OY.....335	W6SHY.....334	YV1JV.....331	YV4VN.....326	EA3ALV.....313	K7ZM.....300
K6YRA.....338	K7LAY.....338	YU1AB.....337	VE3XN.....335	W5RUK.....334	N5ORT.....331	SV3AQR.....326	W7GAX.....312	WA1ECF.....295
IK1GPG.....338	OZ5EV.....338	K3JGJ.....337	PA5PQ.....335	EA3KB.....334	CT1AHU.....331	KD5ZD.....326	KA1LMR.....312	KW1DX.....295
K5TVC.....338	OZ3SK.....338	I0ZV.....337	XE1VIC.....335	CT3DL.....334	EA3JL.....331	WRSY.....325	ON4CAS.....312	W4EJG.....295
N0FW.....338	WS9V.....338	K8LJG.....337	K2ENT.....335	VE7WJ.....334	K1HDO.....331	KC4MJ.....325	KD2GC.....311	K7ZM.....295
K2TQC.....338	EA3BMT.....338	W3AZD.....337	IK6GPZ.....335	WA4WTG.....334	K7HG.....331	PY2DBU.....325	WA5MLT.....310	XE1MW.....293
KZ2P.....338	XE1L.....337	K0KG.....337	NC9T.....335	K5UO.....334	N5YY.....331	YT1AT.....325	RW9SG.....310	XE1MEX.....293
K4MZU.....338	W6DPD.....337	W2FKF.....337	K1UO.....335	ZL1BOO.....334	F6HMJ.....331	KE4SCY.....325	XE1RBV.....310	K1RB.....292
N4JF.....338	N7RO.....337	W7FP.....337	I8KCI.....335	N7WR.....334	K3PT.....330	K6GFJ.....324	I0YKN.....310	W9ACE.....291
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W6BCQ.....338	N5FG.....337	K2FL.....337	CT1EEB.....335	4N7ZZ.....333	W2FGY.....329	WN9NBT.....322	K3BYV.....303	VE7HAM.....285
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N4MM.....338	K9HQM.....337	K4CN.....336	W2CC.....335	VE2WY.....333	W0ULU.....328	W5GZI.....320	W5GZI.....302	IK8TMI.....281
4Z4DX.....338	KE5K.....337	W4UW.....336	K9IW.....335	K9PP.....333	K1EY.....328	KD2GC.....320	W4PGC.....302	F5INJ.....279
N4CH.....338	VE3MR.....337	DL3DXX.....336	N2VW.....335	EA3EQT.....333	K4DXA.....328	LU3HBO.....317	EA8AYV.....302	W5GT.....276
W7OM.....338	VE3MRS.....337	KE3A.....336	WD0BNC.....334	YV1KZ.....333	LU5DV.....328	WB4GMR.....317	N2LM.....302	HS0/EA4BKA.....276
K9MM.....338	AA4S.....337	AB4IQ.....336	W0YDB.....334	YV1AJ.....332	XE1MD.....327	W0ROB.....317	4X6DK.....301	K9DXR.....275
K9BWQ.....338	OK1MP.....337	K2JLA.....335	W4NKI.....334	KS0Z.....332	DK5WQ.....327	N8SHZ.....316	4Z5FL/M.....301	AD7J.....275

### RTTY

WB4UBD.....336	K2ENT.....333	N5ZM.....326	K3UA.....321	EA5FKI.....319	K8SIX.....300	K4CN.....283
NI4H.....335	N5FG.....331	OK1MP.....325	G4BWP.....320	PA5PQ.....311	W4EEU.....297	

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### Mixed

K2TQC.....258	F6HMJ.....201	K8OOK.....184
HA0DU.....228	JN3SAC.....200	K2SHZ.....182
W1CU.....220	W4UM.....198	K2AU.....182
VE3XN.....217	W6OAT.....194	K0CA.....181
N8PR.....214	N4NX.....192	K1NU.....180
HA1RW.....213	VE3ZZ.....191	ON4CAS.....180
K0DEQ.....210	HA9PP.....190	W5ODD.....177
HA5WA.....206	BA4DW.....188	N0FW.....176
KF8UN.....205	OK1AOV.....187	
N4MM.....201	9A5CY.....187	

### SSB

W1CU.....207	K0DEQ.....184	N0FW.....176
W4ABW.....191	N4MM.....184	DL3DXX.....175
VE7SMP.....190	W4UM.....180	

### CW

W1CU.....212	JN3SAC.....194	N4MM.....179
DL3DXX.....203	W4UM.....190	N4NX.....177
K0DEQ.....201	OK2PO.....184	K0CA.....175

for the top spot this year. In third place was Leif Preben Ottosen, OZ1LO, who had 3119 points. Congratulations to all for their outstanding accomplishments. Also noted was the fact that 16 others have now exceeded the 3000-point level.

## Riley Hollingsworth Retires

Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, has been the "watchdog" for amateur radio for a long time. However, he has finally decided to retire from FCC duties. Riley's dedication to cleaning up amateur radio has been outstanding and he has made "believers" of a lot of people. We will miss him at the helm, but have been assured that the position will be filled with a person who will continue what Riley began. I wish him well in retirement and look forward to seeing him at ham radio events in a "casual" atmosphere.

## Conventions, etc.

August 9-10 in Rochester, Minnesota the Rochester club will be entertaining DXers with its W0-DXCC Convention. See the website for details: <<http://www.rarchams.org/>>.

August 23 in Tokyo, Japan during the Japan HamFair there will be a 2008 DXers Banquet. For more information check



One of the tables at the Dayton DX Dinner. Left to right: JK1OPKL, 7N4TJR, JA1BRK, and W4NL. (Photo courtesy of David, K4PZT, and Lynn, W4NL)

the website <<http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/0-2.htm>>, or for the DXers Banquet contact Katsu, JA1DXA/ JH7OXF by e-mail at <[jh7oxf@bd6.so-net.ne.jp](mailto:jh7oxf@bd6.so-net.ne.jp)>.

September 19-20 in Chicago, Illinois the annual W9-DXCC Convention will meet for its 56th year at the Holiday Inn Chicago, 1000 Busse Road (Rt. 83), Elk Grove, Illinois, 60008. See the convention's website for more information: <<http://www.w9dxcc.com/>>.

September 27 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, the 4th annual SEDCO conference will be held at the MainStay Suites. This is a great tourist area with many attraction for the ladies and the kids, too. This event is held immediately following the annual Ten-Tec Factory Hamfest, a very popular activity. Go to the SEDCO website for more information and details about the conference: <<http://sedco.homestead.com/>>.

That wraps it for this month. Keep hoping for Cycle 24 to take an upward turn, and in the meantime, enjoy the chase and Have Fun!  
73, Carl, N4AA

### QSL Information

7X5VRK via N3SL	CN2DX via EA7FTR
8J1SAI via JA1CG	CN9CR via I0SNY
8J9HGR via JH9UYZ	CO/I0SNY via I0SNY
9A0CI via DE0MST	CO3JN via EB7DX
9A0CI/LH via DE0MST	CO6AP via N3SL
9H1PF via K5YG	CT1LHM via CT1GFK
9M2/GM4YXI via N3SL	CT9P via N3SL
9M4SAB via 9M6TW	CT9X via N3SL
9M6/KE5CNK via KE5CNK	CU3/F5LMJ via F5LMJ
9Y4W via RA3AUU	CV4Y via IK2DUW
A25/JA1ELY via JA1ELY	CX1TG via IK2DUW
A52K via JA1CG	CX2CC via EA5KB
A52SW via K2AU	CX2TQ via IK2DUW
A61AS via YO3FRI	CX3TQ via IK2DUW
AM4NET via EA4CT	CX4TO via IK2DUW
BA5HAM via IK2DUW	D44TT via K1BV
BD5HAM via IK2DUW	D4B via K1BV
BY1PK/I0SNY via I0SNY	D4C via IZ4DPV
C31LJ via VE3EXY	
C6AYM via K9GY	
CE1TT via EA5KB	
CE1VCZ via CE1VLY	
CE9/R3RRC via RW3GW/3	

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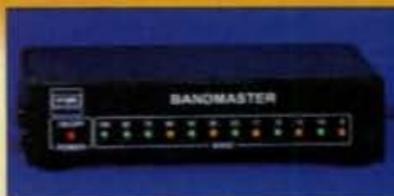
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## First 70 cm DXCC

**A**s of early June, Jan Bruinier, DL9KR, completed the necessary QSOs with 100 different countries on 432 MHz, thereby making him the first to do so for DXCC 70 cm. His final QSO was with Z3/OK1DFC. Jan stated that it took him about 30 years to complete his goal. ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, advised me that he planned to check Jan's cards at the ham radio convention in Friedrichshafen in late June. Therefore, by the time you read this Jan should have received that valuable piece of wallpaper. Congratulations, Jan, for accomplishing this monumental goal.

### From the Z3 Side

The following account is from Zdenek Samek at Z3/OK1DFC:

After 650 km of night driving, my son, Zdenek, OK3RM, and I arrived on the 6th of June in Macedonia, KN11BS. Immediately we started to build the station to be QRV as soon as possible and have a chance to work according to our plan from Saturday morning. So approximately at 13:00 UT we were able to start rectifying the dish with sun noise and test how the noise floor looked. First result was great, comparing with 4O QTH we were hearing only velvet noise :-). This result was great and encouraged us to ask Jan, DL9KR, for some signal beacon via moon.

How we expected, his signal was great 579 and very good readable. So we immediately installed also driver and PA with two 3CX800s for echo test. When we finished the installation Jan was still testing echoes and we were ready to call him. After he finished one series of test I had to switch on all units to TX position and started to call Jan. Jan immediately answered our call and gave us first "O" and after 549 report.

We started jumping and dancing around the dish like crazy because after his RRRR series, it was clear that our main issue of mission was done. Jan is the first ham in the world to reach DXCC on 432 MHz all CW. Guys from Stip Radio-Club Z37M, Dime Z35Z, and Kris Z35X did not trust that the signal they were hearing was bounced via Moon. Jan was really strong and immediately readable also for them from loud speaker. So we opened a bottle and each of us drank a glass to cheer Jan's excellent result.

After a couple of QRZs we didn't have any takers and turned the station off. It was time to go for dinner and sleep, because in that time I did not sleep continuously more than 24 hours. When we came back from dinner, we did not trust our own eyes. During that time passed through our location a big thunderstorm which twice hit the 10 kV power line and all fuses there were blown out. There wasn't any piece of ceramic where the fuses were installed. That was a shock.

Thanks to great relationship of our friends with people from Power Company, they started to work on repairs immediately in the night and recognized that there wasn't a problem with fuses but something else. They promised that at 08:00 in the morning, local time, everything would be OK. On Saturday morning they came again and really turned on the line in our location.

It was in the last minute because time for VK guys was

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### VHF Plus Calendar

Aug. 2	New Moon
Aug. 2-3	ARRL UHF and Above Contest
Aug. 3	Very Good EME conditions
Aug. 8	First Quarter Moon
Aug. 10	Moon Apogee; very poor EME conditions
Aug. 12	<i>Perseids</i> Meteor Shower Peak
Aug. 16	Full Moon
Aug. 16-17	ARRL 10 GHz and Above Cumulative Contest
Aug. 17	Moderate EME conditions
Aug. 23	Last Quarter Moon
Aug. 24	Moderate EME conditions
Aug. 26	Moon Perigee
Aug. 31	New Moon; good EME conditions

—EME conditions courtesy W5LUU.

about to close and Moonset was coming. We worked with Doug, VK3UM, in his last couple of minutes...

For more information on their DXpeditions to Z3 and 4O, please see the website: <[www.ok1dfc.com/peditions/z3/z3.htm](http://www.ok1dfc.com/peditions/z3/z3.htm)>.

### More Magnetotail Evidence

Last month I commented on the Earth's magnetotail and how it could have been responsible for the June 20-30, 1975 Apollo seismometer readings that have led some to believe that the Moon was bombarded with a huge meteor storm during that timeframe. Subsequent to my report, I did some more research. The following are the results of that research:

Putting together my research has been like assembling a puzzle. Another piece of the puzzle that I found was in the December 7, 2005 Science@NASA story entitled "Moon Storms."<sup>1</sup> In that article authors Trudy E. Bell and Dr. Tony Phillips write about the Lunar Ejecta and Meteorites (LEAM) experiment that was installed by the Apollo 17 astronauts in 1972. The purpose of the experiment was to look for dust kicked up by small meteoroids that would hit the Moon's surface. According to Hunt and Phillips:

Apollo-era scientists wanted to know how much dust is ejected by daily impacts? And what are the properties of that dust? LEAM was to answer these questions using three sensors that could record the speed, energy, and direction of tiny particles: one each pointing up, east, and west.

LEAM's three-decades-old data are so intriguing, they're now being re-examined by several independent groups of NASA and university scientists. Gary Olhoeft, professor of geophysics at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, is one of them:

"To everyone's surprise," says Olhoeft, "LEAM saw a large number of particles every morning, mostly coming from the east or west—rather than above or below—and mostly slower than speeds expected for lunar ejecta."

What could cause this? Stubbs has an idea: "The dayside of the moon is positively charged; the nightside is negatively charged." At the interface between night and day, he explains, "electrostatically charged dust would be pushed across the terminator sideways," by horizontal electric fields.

Concerning the so-called lunar meteor storm hypotheses, while Kaufmann, et al.<sup>2</sup> dealt with some aspects of this hypothesis, it is necessary to mention two other theories. First, in an article entitled "The Dark Ages: Were They Darker Than We Imagined?"<sup>3</sup> author Greg Bryant makes the following point concerning the annual *Beta Taurids* meteor shower and the June 20–30, 1975 lunar meteor storm:

When the astronauts went to the Moon, they placed seismometers on the Moon's surface. At the end of June, 1975, they registered their major series of lunar impacts. The impacts were detected only when the nearside of the Moon (where the astronauts landed) was facing the *Beta Taurid* radiant. At the same time, there was a lot of activity detected in Earth's ionosphere, which has been linked with meteor activity.

Bryant is not unique in his suspecting the *Beta Taurids* meteor shower involvement. Kaufmann, et al. cite K. Brecher ("The Canterbury swarm: Ancient and modern observations of a new feature of the solar system," *American Astronomical Society Bulletin* 16, 476, 1984) and J. Dorman, S. Evans, Y. Nakamura, and G. V. Latham ("On the time-varying properties of the lunar seismic meteoroid population," *Proceedings of the Lunar Planetary Science Conference* 9, 3615–3626, 1978) as supporters of the *Beta Taurids* meteor shower theory.

Second, in an article entitled "Possible relationship between the Farmington meteorite and a seismically detected swarm of meteoroids impacting the Moon"<sup>4</sup> author Jürgen Oberst suggests a link between the Farmington meteorite<sup>5</sup> and the lunar meteor storm, while at the same time discounting the *Beta Taurids* meteor shower connection because that meteor shower does not show "swarming," which, according to Oberst, was necessary to explain the "observed large seismic signals." He further points out that "for objects in orbits of Taurid meteors, the longitude of the ascending node,  $\Omega$ , shifts by about 35° on average during such a period (Jones, 1986)." Hence, the suggested association is quite unlikely although it cannot be ruled out. It is also important to note concerning the *Beta Taurids* that their active dates are usually between June 5

and July 17, with a peak of June 28, which may or may not preclude their effect on the Moon during the peak days of June 22–23 and 25–26, 1975.

Finally regarding the *Beta Taurids*, from their first discovery by Jodrell Bank observers during June 20–27, 1947, they have consistently been defined as a weak-stream meteor shower with no clear peak—particularly because it is a daytime shower that relies on radio observation reports for its definition. Additionally, the International Meteor Organization points out in its 2008 calendar of meteor showers that because of its proximity to other radiants, it is difficult to clearly define it from the other radiants.<sup>6</sup> Therefore, it is my opinion that to attribute such a massive lunar storm that, as Kaufmann, et al. noted was not homogenous to Earth, to the *Beta Taurids* is at least problematic. Furthermore, efforts to support the theory that the *Beta Taurids* shower could produce massive amounts of large boulders by way of linking it to the theory of the June 30, 1908 Tunguska explosion is also problematic because the Comet Encke hypothesis is one of many hypotheses that attempt to explain the Tunguska event.<sup>7</sup>

In summary, it is my hypothesis that what Kaufmann et al. investigated as a meteor storm was more likely sandstorms caused by the Earth's magnetotail. The evidence I have found to support my hypothesis seems to indicate that the Moon appears to have crossed through the Earth's magnetotail in the right timeframe (peak of the Moon's nodal period precessional orbit, during the summer solstice, and when the Moon was at full phase) for a series of sandstorms to have occurred that were detected by the seismometers left by the Apollo astronauts. While, as mentioned above, several have tried to tie the lunar events of June 20–30, 1975 to a meteor storm or storms or remnants of the Farmington meteorite (none more thoroughly than Kaufmann, et al.), it is my position that the evidence supports my hypothesis over and against these other hypotheses.

I expect to publish my paper in the *Proceedings* of this year's Central States VHF Society's conference, as well as the Summer 2008 issue of *CQ VHF* magazine.

### Bell-Ringing Moonquakes or Sandstorms?

Between 1969 and 1972, Apollo astronauts placed seismometers at their landing sites at various locations around the Moon. For a number of years

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the Apollo 12, 14, 15, 16, and 17 instruments radioed data back to Earth, until they were switched off in 1977.

In the March 15, 2006 *Science@NASA* article entitled "Moonquakes"<sup>8</sup> author Trudy E. Bell wrote about Clive R. Neal, associate professor of civil engineering and geological sciences at the University of Notre Dame, who, along with his 15-member team, spent considerable time identifying and categorizing the four types of Moonquakes. Of importance to me was the identifying of Moonquakes that were caused by meteors striking the Moon's surface. From Bell's article is the following excerpt:

There are at least four different kinds of moonquakes: (1) deep moonquakes about 700 km below the surface, probably caused by tides; (2) vibrations from the impact of meteorites; (3) thermal quakes caused by the expansion of the frigid crust when first illuminated by the morning sun after two weeks of deep-freeze lunar night; and (4)

shallow moonquakes only 20 or 30 kilometers below the surface.

The first three were generally mild and harmless. Shallow moonquakes on the other hand were doozies. Between 1972 and 1977, the Apollo seismic network saw twenty-eight of them; a few "registered up to 5.5 on the Richter scale," says Neal.... Furthermore, shallow moonquakes lasted a remarkably long time. Once they got going, all continued more than 10 minutes. "The moon was ringing like a bell," Neal says.

In light of my hypothesis concerning the seismometers' recorded lunar activities of June 20–30, 1975, it is my suggestion that maybe some of the relatively long-lasting shallow Moonquakes could actually have been the readings of the ongoing magnetotail-caused sandstorms rather than "bell ringing" Moonquakes.

### Cycle 24 Sunspots No Show?

In the June 9, 2008 Science Daily website,<sup>9</sup> the editor reported that a point of discussion for the scientists who attended an international solar conference at Montana State University was the absence of sunspots associated with the Sun's new cycle. The nearly 100 scientists from Europe, Asia, Latin America, Africa, and North America who gathered June 1–6 to talk about "Solar Variability, Earth's Climate and the Space Environment" heard Saku Tsuneta with the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan, program manager for the Hinode solar mission, report on his solar observations. The Hinode satellite is a Japanese mission with the United States and United Kingdom as partners. One wonders if we might be headed for another Maunder Minimum, that period of 50 or so years of an absence of solar activity which occurred during the years 1650–1700.

### European Space Agency's Vega CubeSat Selection

This past June the European Space Agency announced the selection of nine finalists and two alternates for its CubeSat program which is a part of the new Vega space launch to take place late this year or early next year. Among the nine are two that plan to include an amateur radio payload. They are:

- OUFIT-1 (University of Liège, Belgium): a mission to test the use of the D-STAR amateur radio digital communication protocol in space;
- Xatcobeo (a collaboration of the University of Vigo and INTA, Spain): a mission

to demonstrate software-defined radio and solar panel deployment;

The other seven CubeSats include:

- SwissCube (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland): a mission to characterise the air glow phenomenon in the Earth's atmosphere;
- UNICubeSAT (University of Rome, Italy): performing in-situ measurements of atmospheric neutral density using the Broglio drag balance instrument;
- Robusta (University of Montpellier 2, France): a mission to test and evaluate radiation effects (low dose rate) on bipolar transistor electronic components;
- AtmoCube (University of Trieste, Italy): in-situ monitoring of space environment parameters such as radiation flux, magnetic field and atmospheric density;
- e-st@r (Politecnico di Torino, Italy): demonstration of an active 3-axis Attitude Determination and Control system including an inertial measurement unit;
- Goliat (University of Bucharest, Romania): imaging of the Earth's surface using a digital camera and in-situ measurement of radiation dose and micrometeoroid flux;
- PW-Sat (Warsaw University of Technology, Poland): a mission to test a deployable atmospheric drag augmentation device for de-orbiting CubeSats.

The two alternates are:

- UWE-3 (University of Wuerzburg, Germany): demonstration of an active 3-axis Attitude Determination and Control system using magnetorquers;
- HiNCube (Narvik University College, Norway): imaging of the Earth's surface using a digital camera.

The nine CubeSats will be located within three P-POD deployment systems that are to be mounted on the payload interface of Vega's AVUM upper stage. The P-POD deployers were built by Cal Poly. Each 1-kg CubeSat will be deployed into a high-inclination, low-Earth orbit, and is expected to operate in orbit for up to one year. Tracking of each satellite will be performed by a small ground station that will be based at the respective university.

"By undertaking this first flight we hope to give the European CubeSat community a real boost, and enable tens of students to gain practical experience in qualifying their satellites for launch then actually operating them in orbit," said Roger Walker, head of (hands-on) project activities in ESA's Education Office.

The Vega project is launching the CubeSats free of charge. The ESA Education Office is providing:

- three P-POD deployers built by CalPoly in the United States;

• any supplementary tests of the flight CubeSats at the test facilities at the European Space Research and Technology Centre (ESTEC) if required by the launch authority;

- integration of the CubeSats into the deployers;
- ESTEC expert support for reviews and ad hoc technical support;
- travel and subsistence expenses for up to three students in each CubeSat team to attend the necessary workshops and technical interface meetings at ESTEC, and to participate in the integration and test campaign at ESTEC, as well as the launch campaign in Kourou.

The ESA has taken note of the growing importance of CubeSats as hands-on education tools. In response to this growth, the ESA Education Office has organized the Second European CubeSat Workshop, which is scheduled to take place at the ESTEC on January 20–22, 2009. During the workshop, all of the European CubeSat teams (including the selected teams for the Vega flight) will have the opportunity to present their progress and exchange information.

For more information on the launch and the conference, go to: <<http://www.esa.int/esaED/index.html>>.

### Weak-Signal Silent Keys

It is with deep sadness that I report the following silent keys: Norm Pedersen, KB6KQ, Rainer Bertelsmeier, DJ9BV, and Frank Bauregger, W6QI. Our hobby has benefitted greatly by each of their contributions. To their families go the ham radio community's sincere condolences.

### Current Contests

There are two important contests this month: The **ARRL UHF and Above Contest** is scheduled for August 2–3. The first weekend of the **ARRL 10 GHz and above cumulative contest** is scheduled for August 16–17. The second weekend is September 15–16. Complete rules for the above contests can be found in the July issue of *QST* and at <[www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)>.

### Calls for Papers

Technical papers are solicited for presentation at the **27th Annual ARRL and TAPR Digital Communications Conference** to be held September 26–28 in Chicago, Illinois and for publication in the conference *Proceedings*. Presentation at the conference is not

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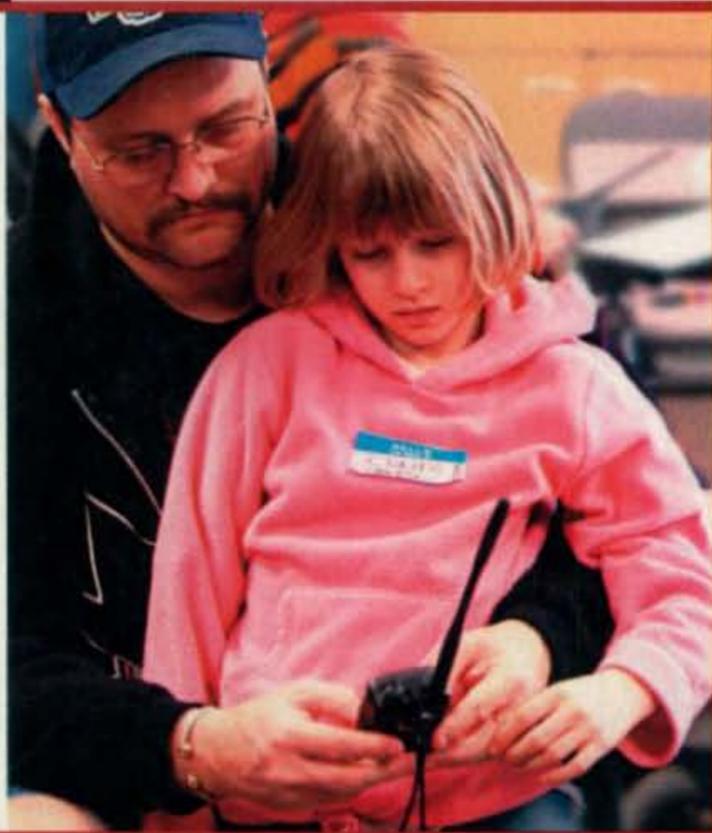
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### Meteor Showers

Beginning around July 17 and lasting until approximately August 24, you will see activity tied to the *Perseids* meteor shower. Its predicted peak is around 1130–1400 UTC on August 12. A possible tertiary peak may occur around 1640 UTC. The *κ-Cygnids* meteor shower is expected to peak on August 17. The visually-impossible *γ-Leonids* is expected to peak August 25 at around 0400 UTC. The *α-Aurigids* is expected to peak on August 31.

For more information on the above meteor shower predictions see Tomas Hood, NW7US's propagation column. Also visit the International Meteor Organization's website: <http://www.imo.net/calendar/2008>.

### And Finally . . .

In order for Jan Bruinier, DL9KR, to accomplish his goal of being the first to

complete 70 cm DXCC many, many of his fellow amateur radio operators had to provide him with an assist. Among those who did so was his friend, Ranier, DJ9BV, who is now a silent key. Also assisting him was one of his closest contenders, Al Katz, K2UYH, who traveled to Aruba and operated as P43L. This selflessness, cooperation, and teamwork are what make our hobby

great and it is what makes my being your columnist one the most fun things that I do.

This month I expect to be at the Huntsville Hamfest. I hope to see you there. If you have a story to tell related to the wonderful world of VHF-plus, please look for me at the hamfest or email me at: [n6cl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:n6cl@sbcglobal.net).

Until next month . . . 73 de Joe, N6CL

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## Preparing for Battle

### August's Contest Tip

Your performance on the air will vary depending on the time of year. For example, summertime conditions, like we are experiencing now, allow for extending operating on 20 meters into parts of the world that are harder to reach in the winter. Use propagation tips (such as propagation is these days) to your advantage and enjoy some improved scores in this summer's contest season!

**B**e prepared! That's the long-standing slogan of both the Boy Scouts of America and the American Red Cross. In the case of the Boy Scouts, being prepared is not just about emergencies, but is also the idea of complete readiness for whatever life throws at you. The Red Cross is especially concerned about disaster preparations as it works day and night to prepare for the unexpected.

What does this have to do with contesting? As it turns out, preparation for contest operating is almost as important as how well you perform in the event itself, yet it's amazing how few of us really take the time to prepare ourselves for battle.

There are many ways we prepare for other aspects of life. For example, a marathon runner doesn't simply put on his (or her) shoes one sunny morning and run 26 miles. He prepares months and years in advance as part of a rigorous training regimen to build up his body's ability to deliver in such a demanding endeavor. Candidates for senior-level positions do more than show up for their interviews. Rather, they spend long periods of time learning about their prospective company and its products/services. They get to know their competition and prepare for a wide range of questions and discussion topics. Put another way, preparation is an important aspect of life, and those who do it well generally perform better than those who do not.

Much of this notion of preparation applies to contest operating. Our sport mirrors many aspects of life. If we take it seriously, rather than use a more lackadaisical approach, our results will dramatically improve. Amazingly, too, proper preparation for contesting has little to do with the size of your station, operating ability, or competition. It's an intensely private exercise over which you have complete control. The more you invest in preparation the better you will do in a radio contest and the more likely you will pull ahead of those competitors who choose to avoid the business of preparation.

There are many aspects of contest preparation that one can consider. This month we'll touch on a few. I'm sure you can come up with many others. For now, though, let's get the show on the road.

### Station Preparation

This aspect of preparation is perhaps the most basic of all. You can have all of your other preparation goals in order but fail miserably in a contest if you haven't considered the details of the station itself. Like that important interview, it's important to

### Calendar of Events

<b>All year</b>	<b>CQ DX Marathon</b>
<b>July 19-20</b>	<b>CQ WW VHF Contest</b>
July 19-20	North American RTTY QSO Party
July 26-27	RSGB IOTA Contest
Aug. 2	European HF Championship
Aug. 2-3	10-10 Int'l Summer QSO Party
Aug. 2-3	North American CW QSO Party
Aug. 3	SARL HF SSB Contest
Aug. 9-10	Worked All Europe CW Contest
Aug. 9-10	Maryland-DC QSO Party
Aug. 16-17	SARTG RTTY Contest
Aug. 16-17	Keyman's Club of Japan Contest
Aug. 16-17	North American SSB QSO Party
Aug. 16-18	New Jersey QSO Party
Aug. 30-31	ALARA Contest
Aug. 30-31	SCC RTTY Championship
Aug. 30-31	YO DX HF Contest
Aug. 30-31	Ohio QSO Party
Aug. 31	SARL HF CW Contest
Sept. 6	Russian RTTY WW Contest
Sept. 6-7	All Asia SSB DX Contest
Sept. 7	North American CW Sprint
Sept. 13-14	Worked All Europe SSB Contest
<b>Sept. 27-28</b>	<b>CQ WW RTTY DX Contest</b>
<b>Oct. 25-26</b>	<b>CQ WW DX SSB Contest</b>

have a checklist of items to consider when preparing your station for battle. Here are a few:

- Are all of your antennas functioning properly? Have you tested them under a variety of conditions and on the air with local hams? Are the antennas free of intermittent connections?
- Are your rotors turning and properly aligned? Do they function equally well in an RF environment?
- Is your station gear fully functional on all bands? How does everything perform under high-heat conditions? Is everything calibrated properly?
- Is all of your switching hardware/software fully functional (e.g., for SO2R [single-op two radios], filters, etc.)? Have you tried all combinations to check for unexpected failures?
- Have you checked your computer setup? Is your latest software installed and operational? Do you have the latest file updates installed and tested? Is your computer fully functional in your station's RF environment? Does your computer generate any noise in your station?
- Have you checked for line noise on all bands and with all antennas? Are there any potential noise-making devices in other parts of your house?
- Do you have a supply of batteries available for your headset and other applications as needed?
- To the extent possible, do you have redundancy in the case of unexpected failures? Have you arranged for, or own, a spare radio and/or amplifier?
- Have you tested your audio/keying quality on the air to ensure there are no problems on any band or any combination of antennas?

### Sleep

Sleep is something that I could use more of right now, but I digress. That said, sleep preparation is a key success factor for contest operating. You

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would never attempt to run the Boston Marathon on two hours sleep. Why would you run the CQ WW marathon with poor sleep habits from the previous week? It's incredibly effective to force yourself to get more than your usual amount of sleep the week before a big contest. In fact, you may actually discover that getting extra sleep has more long-lasting benefits! Grabbing a couple of hours in the afternoon before a contest is also a good idea. Also, doing the best you can to plan a sleep strategy during the contest is critical as well (understanding that there may be unpredicted variables that can enter into the mix).

Use common sense when it comes to sleep. Don't drink four cups of coffee before lunch and wonder why you can't catch those important two hours of nap time in the early afternoon before a contest. No one knows yourself better than you. Take advantage of that fact and use sleep preparation to your strategic advantage!

### Understanding Propagation

Do you plan a long trip without knowing the weather forecast? Well, to be honest, some of us do, but planning a long contest includes understanding the forecast for propagation. Solar conditions dictate some of the most basic aspects of operating strategy, ranging from band selection to operating times. You can give yourself a leg up on the competition by being better informed in this area. Take the time to read the readily available predictions and solar facts found on the internet and here in *CQ* magazine. Understand seasonal propagation dynamics and use them to work stations that others may miss.

### Consider Previous Years

Yes, it's important to learn from your successes and failures in the past. Indeed, they can be a valuable guide to future operating strategy. Whether you've missed that band opening by an hour or finally cracked the 100 QSO/hour barrier, we all can learn from the past. Success in contesting is partially a cumulative effect that comes from years of experience. Tactically speaking, it's also about executing the mechanics of operating and knowing where your station performs best based on previous experience. While past results cannot predict the future, it's a great place to start and critical to proper preparation.

### Who's On and From Where?

This topic is often overlooked and is so easy to nail down. Complete your

preparation checklist by making sure that you have a list of expeditions that will be active in an upcoming contest. Being active on the air, especially a week or two before a contest, is key to not only understanding a DX station's operating habits, but also gaining familiarity with who is on the air and from where. Getting your callsign in their log on many bands is not going to hurt either. Investing in callsign recognition, over time, is a huge advantage over those who choose to be inactive and relatively unknown in the pile-ups.

### Food and Logistics

This is one of my favorite subjects—eating. Preparing for your eating requirements seems obvious to most, but is an often overlooked consideration. It begins by being well stocked with food in the first place, and the right food at that! Again, no one knows your food requirements better than you. Make sure you consider the fact that you're operating a marathon and adjust accordingly. You can save the fine dining for another day.

There are many other considerations as well. Here is a few:

- Consider setting up a special sleep area (with an alarm clock) that is out of the mainstream of the house and its daytime noise.
- Do you have enough fresh clothes? It's amazing how a change of clothes and a warm shower can rejuvenate you during a long contest.
- Have you explained the proper expectations with family members and friends before the contest? For most of us, negotiating a weekend contest commitment is ineffective on the Friday night of a contest.
- Is there a local ham at the ready should you run into equipment problems during the contest?

It's incredible how a few considered

hours of preparation can impact a contest effort and your final score. Just like an experienced ball player, preparation is not just for the new guy. In fact, those of us who are a little longer in the tooth will say that we prepare for contests in advance as much as anybody. Give it a try and watch your scores improve. You'll be amazed at the results!

### Regarding AM

You may recall in my June column that I published an anonymous letter from a contester who replayed the "Old Days of Contesting." His views were designed to make all of us think about the future of contesting by remembering some of the great attributes of our past.

Unfortunately, a remark was made that was perceived to be disparaging to AM operators, as if they are a lower class citizen when compared to contesters. For that, we apologize. As recently pointed out to me in a letter, the AM community is one of the more notable technical "hands on" groups in our hobby, taking pride in their ability to build and restore homebrew/old gear. They are hardly a group of old-timers who simply get on the air to talk about their daily medications.

What makes our hobby great is its diversity. As our reader pointed out, "I find that AM and contesting/DXing, on both HF and VHF, are complementary activities that broaden my enjoyment of amateur radio." How true that is!

### Final Comments

I'm out of time and computer ink for this month. If you have any thoughts or positive experiences in the game of "contest preparation," I'd like to hear from you. Drop me a line.

See you in the next contest!

73, John, K1AR

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# August Propagation a Mixed Bag

## A Quick Look at Current Solar Cycle Conditions

(Data rounded to nearest whole number)

### Sunspots

Observed Monthly, May 2008: 3  
Twelve-month smoothed, November 2007: 6

### 10.7 cm Flux

Observed Monthly, May 2008: 68  
Twelve-month smoothed, November 2007: 71

### Ap Index

Observed Monthly, May 2008: 6  
Twelve-month smoothed, November 2007: 8

Late August and early September is a difficult time of year for which to make accurate band predictions because conditions can change drastically from day to day. On many days, typical summertime conditions will continue much as they were during June and July.

On the other days, conditions may sound typically fall-like, with somewhat higher daytime usable frequencies and somewhat lower nighttime usable frequencies. When you add *equinoctial* conditions that can begin as early as late August, we often experience optimum openings between the Northern and Southern Hemispheres on the one hand, but periods of active to stormy conditions on the other.

Despite being near the end of solar Cycle 23 with low solar activity, during the daylight hours good DX conditions should be possible on 15, 17, and 20 meters. Expect signals on the 17- and 20-meter bands to peak approximately during the two-hour window immediately following sunrise and again during the late afternoon. These two bands, and to a lesser degree the 15-meter band, will see openings for DX throughout the daylight hours. Fairly good DX openings should occur along an arc extending across central Africa, Latin America, and into the far Pacific area. Peak conditions should occur during the afternoon hours, but an increasing number of earlier openings should be possible by early September.

Between sundown and sunrise 20 meters is expected to be the best DX band. However, with lower solar activity, the band in general will suffer compared with the past few years. Openings might be possible to many areas of the world, some with surprisingly strong signal levels. Until midnight good DX conditions should be found for openings toward Latin America, the far Pacific, and into Asia. You might even catch some activity on 17 or even 15 meters. Fairly good conditions are also expected on 30, 40, 60, and 80 meters despite the high static level at times. Openings should be possible before midnight along an arc extending from northern Europe, through Africa, and into Latin America, the far Pacific, and Asia after midnight.

By late August it should be possible to work some DX on 160 meters during the hours of dark-

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## LAST-MINUTE FORECAST

Day-to-Day Conditions Expected for August 2008

Propagation Index.....	Expected Signal Quality			
	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)
Above Normal: 3-7, 16-17, 23-26, 30-31	A	A	B	C
High Normal: 2, 10, 12-15, 19-22, 27, 29	A	B	C	C-D
Low Normal: 1, 8-9, 11, 18, 28	B	C-B	C-D	D-E
Below Normal: N/A	C	C-D	D-E	E
Disturbed: N/A	C-D	D	E	E

Where expected signal quality is:

- A—Excellent opening, exceptionally strong, steady signals greater than S9.
- B—Good opening, moderately strong signals varying between S6 and S9, with little fading or noise.
- C—Fair opening, signals between moderately strong and weak, varying between S3 and S6, with some fading and noise.
- D—Poor opening, with weak signals varying between S1 and S3, 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 in *The New Shortwave Propagation Handbook* by George Jacobs, W3ASK; Theodore J. Cohen, N4XX; and Robert B. Rose, K6GKU.
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 1 will be poor (D) to nonexistent on Aug. 1st, fair (C) to good (B) on the 2nd, and fair (C) from Aug. 3-7, etc.
3. As an alternative, the Last-Minute Forecast may be used as a general guide to space weather and geomagnetic conditions through the month. When conditions are Above Normal, for example, the geomagnetic field should be quiet and space weather should be mild. On the other hand, days marked as Disturbed will be riddled with geomagnetic storms. Propagation of radio signals in the HF spectrum will be affected by these conditions. In general, when conditions are High Normal to Above Normal, signals will be more reliable on a given path, when the path is ionospherically supported.

ness. Conditions on this band—as well as on 40, 60, and 80 meters—will tend to peak just as the sun begins to *rise* on the *light*, or easternmost, terminal of a path.

For short-skip openings during August and early September, try 80 meters during the day for distances less than 250 miles, with 60 and 40 meters also usable. During the hours of darkness, both 80 and 160 meters should provide excellent communications over this distance. For openings between 250 and 750 miles, use 30 and 40 meters during the day for distances up to 500 miles, and 20 and 17 meters between 500 and 750 miles. At night, 40 and 30 meters should be the best bands for this distance until midnight, with 80 meters optimum from midnight to sunrise. Try 60 meters, as well. For openings between 750 and 1300 miles, try 20 and 17 meters, as they should provide optimum propagation during the hours of daylight. Optimum conditions should continue on these bands for this distance range after sundown and until midnight. Between midnight and sunrise the best band should be 40 meters, but check 60 meters, too. For openings between 1300 miles and the one-hop short-skip limit of approximately 2300 miles, try 20 and 17 meters during the day, with 15 meters also usable. After sundown try 30, 40, and 60 meters, with 80 meters also providing good propagation conditions for this distance range.

## VHF Conditions

Sporadic-E propagation usually begins to taper off during August, but it should continue to occur fairly frequently. Some 6-meter sporadic-E openings are expected during the month over distances of approximately 750 to 1300 miles. During periods of intense and widespread sporadic-E ionization, two-hop openings may be possible considerably beyond this range. Also check the 2-meter band for an occasional sporadic-E short-skip opening between approximately 1200 and 1400 miles. While sporadic-E short-skip openings may occur at any time, there is a tendency for them to peak between 8 AM and noon, and again between 6 PM and 9 PM local daylight time.

The *Perseids* meteor shower covers the period of July 17 to August 24. The peak is expected to occur August 12, between 1130 and 1400 UTC, and will be most observable in the Northern Hemisphere. The maximum hourly visual rate should reach 100.

Aurora? You would think that aurora would not be a frequent player at this point in the lull between Cycle 23 and Cycle 24, but with the continued expulsion by the Sun of coronal mass into the solar wind, we have been observing occasional moderate auroral activity in the highest latitudes. Some of these have occurred even during the late spring and early summer this year. Auroral-scatter-type openings, on both 6 and 2 meters can range from a few hundred up to about a thousand miles, and they are usually characterized by very rapid flutter and Doppler shift on SSB signals.

For the very patient, check the 6-meter band for possible trans-equatorial (TE) openings between 8 and 11 PM local daylight time. This type of propagation favors openings from the southern tier states into deep South America, with the signal path crossing the magnetic equator at a right angle. TE openings during August are rare, but they can occur. Very weak signals and severe flutter fading usually characterize them.

## Current Solar Cycle Progress

The Royal Observatory of Belgium reports that the monthly mean observed sunspot number for May 2008 is 2.9, the same as for April. The lowest daily sunspot value recorded was zero (0) on May 1-3, 6-12, 14, and 21-31. The highest daily sunspot count was 15 on May 18. The 12-month running smoothed sunspot number centered on November 2007 is 5.7. A smoothed sunspot count of 13, give or take 7 points lower to 6 points higher, is expected for August 2008.

The Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory at Penticton, BC, Canada, reports a 10.7-cm observed monthly mean solar flux of 68.4 for May 2008, down from April's 70.3. The 12-month smoothed 10.7-cm flux centered on November 2007 is 71.1. The predicted smoothed 10.7-cm solar flux for August 2008 is 65, give or take about 4 points.

The observed monthly mean planetary A-index ( $A_p$ ) for May 2008 is 6, down from April's 9. The 12-month smoothed  $A_p$ -index centered on November 2007 is 7.8. Expect the overall geomagnetic activity to vary between quiet to active during most days in August.

Last month, I mentioned that I would dig into the contribution to ham radio made by L. B. Cebik. I've delayed things, because there's just so much that he did for our hobby that it is taking more time than I have had since his passing. As soon as I can tie all of the major points together, I'll share the story with you here in this column.

As usual, I invite you to visit my online propagation resource at <<http://propagation.hfradio.org/>>, where you can get the latest space data, forecasts, and more, all in an organized manner. If you have a cell phone with internet capabilities, try <<http://wap.hfradio.org/>>.

Drop me an e-mail or send me a letter if you have questions or topics you would like to see me explore in this column. Also, I'd love to hear any feedback you might have on what I have written. Until next month . . . 73, de Tomas, NW7US

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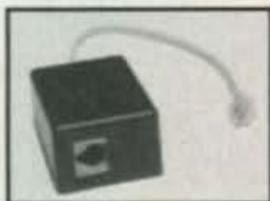
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## Results (from page 29)

**GM2T.** As always CQ WW DX SSB makes its own propagation. Awesome contest with conditions better than predicted. Tnx to all the stations that make contact with HR... **HR2DMR.** My first contest in High Power category. For the next time I'll improve my receiving antenna systems and hopping for verticals. Enjoyed 80m for the large number of stations working from all over the world. See You all at the next and remember, no time for sleeping!... **IW3SSA.** I enjoyed the contest with the new antennas... **JA2TTH.**

Friday and Saturday, as usual. By Sunday morning I was hoping to get to 600 but a terrific opening on 15m with about 4 hours to go and had the best run I think I've ever had. Ended up with over 1000 QSOs. Missed everything on 10m because found the SWR on 10 was out of sight plus couldn't get the amp to tune on 80m. Never even heard a contester on 40 and must have been listening at the wrong times. But that run on 15 was so much fun, unbelievable. Decided to waste my 20 QSOs and enter single band 15m... **KH6GMP.** Seemed the contest and the bands came to life Sunday afternoon and the last four hours were the best by far!... **KL8DX.** QRP 5W, quite good conditions taking into consideration being at the bottom of the sunspot cycle. I was amazed at how far 5W goes, 59 counties and I did much less than half of the contest!... **M0LSK.** First time we have all worked together as a team in this contest, but some of us do get together each year to activate GB0SH special event station. I guess you could say we are the rookies in this category. We had to erect all the antennas and stations, invading a friend's home to do this. Thanks to Rob, MW0RLJ, for allowing us to use his home and farm... **MW5W.** This was my first Real contest. Could have done better but didn't take this first attempt too seriously. I concentrated work on 15m. Some good runs there on Sunday which gave me abt half of my total QSOs. Mostly S&P on other bands but frequently checked 15 and 10m for multipliers...

**OH1JO.** Good activity and nice to work in the contest. Conditions were rather good and I could work some stations on 10m. It is always pleasant to work many known stations... **ON5WL.**

Didn't really plan on participating seriously. Started out on Friday logging on a piece of paper. Got the taste again and continued on Saturday morning with a more decent approach. On Saturday I had practically one continuous pile-up from start up till the band closed down. FB conditions on 15 meters thru the weekend... **P43A.** We participated in the contest with the motto "fun and education"... **PI4ZOD.** Very bad propagation on 15m and therefore very difficult to work QRP power. Thanks to all hams, who worked with me... **RA3XEV.** Final club activity with special call SC5L to celebrate 300 years birth of scientist Carl Linnaeus (father of taxonomy) and his work in Uppsala. Next year we will have a beam antenna!... **SC5L.** The very first time from our radio club's shack in downtown Las Tunas so we really "enjoyed" the very strong city QRM besides such from multiplier station... **T48K.** I only had single vertical dipole and 300W but it went well. My highlight was on 15m at 1400Z when there was a great opening and I had the frequency and there were 3 and 4 QSOs every minute. I was amazed how good ears they had, operators at W7WA, CN3A, and PJ4E, as they were able to copy my weak signal through all the QRM... **TF3AM.** This was a "100 Pound DXpedition" so all radios and antennas came with us in checked bags. The lightweight tribander performed very well; the poor terrain thwarted low-band operation. EU, AF, SA, and NA were great. AS and OC never appeared... **V4NE1RD.** This is our 5th year operating Multi-Two in Zone 2. This year we beat last year's QSOs and score. This year the weather cooperated with no snow, freezing rain, or nor'easter storms... **VE2DXY.** Considering the huge signals heard from the big guns, it is hard to imagine what the bands will sound like when sunspots return... **VE7HA.** Wow, don't know if it can get any harder! 2007 CQWW SSB will go down in history as a long hard slog. But amongst the long almost endless hours of white noise there was some pleasure. C50C long path on 15m was the real highlight. 10m opening to KH6 and W6 in the last few hours another plus, if for only a few fleeting moments... **VK4CZ.** Before contest two amps bit the dust (only one working). Lost all 160, 80, 40 antennas first night due to winds from approaching soon to be hurricane. Driving rain killed phone lines, no packet, great fun... **VP5DX.**

Despite S9 QRN level thrilled to work so many stations at this point in the cycle with a vertical and 100W!... **VU3USJ.** Pleased to see the 10 meters open again. Despite the bottom of the actual solar cycle and my urban location got several nice DX's... **YO2IS.** My location had rain storm during the weekend and multiple long power outages which limited the operation time. Many thanks to stations that take time to hear me in the noise... **YV6BXN.** The contesting world misses KT0R, who went SK just weeks before the 2007 CQWW SSB contest. Dave was a great friend and a terrific CW/SSB contester... **ZD7X.** Another enjoyable contest. Bettered our QSO number of last year at sunspot minimum. We even had a couple of runs on 10 metres but 80 metres was very noisy with continual static... **ZM2M.**

## USA QRM

I was surprised to have 15m as my main band at this point in the solar cycle... **AA6K.** Not much time to do contesting this weekend especially during the day. Decided on a whim to crank up the Henry 2K2 and run about 500 watts. The big surprise was the 10m opening... **AD6ZJ.** Not bad for my first serious QRP entry. FT-817 and the ole' tribander at 42 feet. Thanks for the Qs, gang!... **AG4RZ.** 10m openings at this time in the cycle were amazing. Made a great contest even more fun! Thanks to all for the QSOs... **K0GEO.** Surprisingly good condx for zero sunspots. Seemed at times like the Zone 14 QSO Party.

Clearly, the new HF ops in many of those countries are having a positive impact... **K1TO.** First contest from the new QTH with real antennas. First contest in a long time with real antennas! A Euro run on 10, Wooo Hooo! Happy Days are here again!... **K2EK.** The best part was the last several hours when 15m opened up to the Pacific. Good contest for a sunspot low. I also heard a station calling CQ Field Day near the end but I understood his confusion at that point... **K5LAD.** Wow, Morocco on 75 meters. There is life after midnight!... **KC0RQH.** Had four new people who had never done contesting before. We all had a good time for a first time effort. Hope to do better next year. Wish 10 meters was in a little while longer, then we heard it was. Oh well, next time... **KF4L.** Amazing to hear such propagation at the cycle bottom on 15m here in the southwest USA... **KF7E.** Thanks to AO8A for hanging in there to pull me out of the noise on 75m. Africa is not easy to get in October from here on that band and a new prefix to boot made my night!... **KS7T.** What a wonderful surprise to have 15m open so strong to Europe on both days. It was also good to work so many new European hams. While it was frustrating to hear the West Coast working Asia and Oceania so easily, it must be true for them as well with the East Coast and Europe. Hopefully next year we'll have some sunspots. Hold on to your hats!... **N3RD.** Wow! They call this the sunspot minimum? Then I can't wait for the maximum!... **N4KZ.** Zero spots made conditions on 40 to Europe like being on 80! Nothing heard east of Zone 16 and west of Zone 26. Sunday afternoon was great fun handing out points on the high bands... **N6AN.** It's amazing how much one-way propagation there was. Either that or there are a lot of poor antennas and receivers out there. Hmmm, couldn't be my signal, could it?... **N8WL.** Didn't have time for a serious entry this year. Just played around a little. Conditions were very impressive. 15 meters was incredible at times! Wish I'd had more time to take advantage of the great propagation!... **ND0C.** Conditions were good throughout the test. Several nice openings on 15 and 20m. Where was 10m? It didn't show up at my shack... **NJ9Z.** DX was so good, I has to check for sunspots!... **NN0Q.** In case anyone wants more data to support that a single wire antenna is a bad idea in CQWW here's more proof. 100W and wires is NOT a good idea if you want to be competitive. Had fun anyway! Thanks to all!... **NQ3X.** High power 20/15/10. 200 watts 80/40 due to amplifier failure on 80 and 40. 85% S&P. Hard to keep a run frequency. My first time as high power in a contest and the amp died on the bands where it was really needed... **W1CTN.** I had a ton of fun operating in my first contest!... **W2SFD.** Returned to W4NC after 10 years. Opened our door to several new operators who got to operate their first contest in the "World Series"... **W4NC.** What happened? The bands were HOT... **W4NTI.** Who needs sunspots??... **W5UHQ.** The Los Angeles DWP decided to turn my power off about 3 hours before the end of the contest. That's 5 times this month that my power has failed. I'm living in the third world of the Hollywood Hills!... **W6AQ.** Conditions were not good and I had to struggle for each Q with my 5 watts and 3 elements. But in the last hour 15m suddenly opened. I had Qs with B7, VR2, E5, 9M8, and VKs, ZLs, and JAs. Maybe that was the start of the new cycle!... **W6QU.** Built the SSB board for my K2 just in time for the weekend, which was my first phone contest. Great fun!... **W7GH.** Vacuum tubes forever! HF = Collins!... **W8JMF.** This was my first CQWW and I had a blast!... **W8ZZU.** Not bad for poor propagation. Usually operate from Nevis as V47NS and stayed home because of sunspots this year, but nearly had DXCC worked from Indiana QTH after 24 hours. Wow!... **W9NY.** Another great contest. Lots of new players as the bands were swamped as compared to last year... **WJ2D.** Condx from my QTH in Denver were good to South America, Japan, and parts of Africa. Very tough to Europe and Asia. Great contest and will be back next year, of course!... **WK0P.**

Number groups after call letters denote following: Band (A=all), Final Score, Number of QSOs, Zones, and Countries. An asterisk (\*) before a call indicates low power. Certificate winners are listed in bold. (All country terminology reflects the DXCC list at the time of the contest.)

**2007 SSB RESULTS  
SINGLE OPERATOR  
NORTH AMERICA**

UNITED STATES					
K5ZD/1	A	6,200,384	3625	130	478
N1LI		4,883,592	3114	124	450
(OP: K1DG)					
N1DD		850,020	886	88	284
AA10N		803,916	942	84	242
W1OP		666,936	719	86	268
W1CTN		587,772	656	84	264
W1HIS		466,830	560	72	243
N4CW/1		400,950	552	63	207
KQ2M/1		391,170	844	40	130
W1EBI		331,614	468	62	205
W1BYH		324,972	407	80	244
NN1N		306,803	401	81	206
KB1W		253,271	421	55	178
W1AO		252,144	362	72	200
KB1PAJ		206,700	364	58	154
K1EO		202,776	384	60	178
K1SND		125,493	321	49	128
K1NOK		82,782	253	33	113
W1MAW		64,841	227	38	119
K1KU		59,346	203	33	93
N1JW		46,256	154	30	88
K1SEZ		44,902	139	43	100
K1YA		39,816	127	40	86
K1TC		17,577	92	29	64
K1IM	14	295,152	853	26	103
K1QS		156,914	439	26	108
AB1EP		47,348	202	18	71
W1OHM		1,914	31	11	22
W1XX	7	24,640	125	22	58
AA1BU	3.7	184,080	569	23	95
K1HAP	1.8	4,318	127	9	25
*K1BX	A	1,634,500	1289	105	362
*N1UR		1,364,270	1123	70	354
*N1PGA		681,264	742	76	266
*W1JQ		636,870	710	84	261
*W1KT		273,600	365	67	218
*K1HT		252,720	359	76	184
*K1RM		252,358	433	59	170
*K1JE/1		213,858	365	64	154
*AB1J		149,051	292	53	146
*AK1Q		135,917	273	51	148
*K1BV		102,678	325	23	86
*K1VMG		76,720	248	34	103
*AI4WB		65,184	194	56	112
*KB1JFG		63,547	219	27	82
*AE1P		57,855	158	45	100
*K1VSJ		50,932	162	30	89
*N1DC		40,584	147	36	78
*K1VU		39,984	165	35	84
*KA1CQR		37,855	148	33	80
*AE1T		31,410	131	26	64
*W1AIR		31,096	109	30	74
*KA1C		28,938	121	30	76
*N1ORC		26,826	116	31	71
*K1LOG		19,952	99	25	61
*K1OQ		19,008	84	32	64
*W1CRK		17,892	95	22	62
*W2JU/1		17,019	72	35	58
*KB1JUF		16,068	76	24	54
*KB1FRK		15,106	93	25	66
*NJ1Q		14,025	84	30	55
*KK1X		8,840	66	23	45
*N1SXL		3,000	39	17	23
*WB2HTO		2,530	43	18	28
*W1SRB		1,225	23	15	20
*KB1MIC		672	22	11	17
*KB1ILH		520	14	9	11
*N1HRF	28	1,950	37	7	19
*KK1KW	21	140,790	411	25	105
*N1NK		112,100	344	23	95
*KB1CJ		1,638	25	7	19
*W1DYJ	14	19,368	105	16	56
N2LT	A	2,569,716	1921	114	378
N2MM		1,280,100	1246	100	327
WA2NHA		829,514	1030	70	235
AB3CX/2		737,155	761	89	290
K2CS		604,476	672	85	263
K2FU		503,082	617	83	259
N2GC		399,504	459	79	249
K2NV		318,750	499	69	181
K2RET		311,741	467	66	191
K3QDV/2		255,120	459	60	180
KA2LIM		157,976	262	61	187
NA2M		149,187	272	70	153
N2ED		124,344	276	45	153
W2YJ		88,740	211	53	117
W2UDT		83,148	215	44	112
N2SQW		68,045	185	43	112
W2FUI		61,533	175	33	96
N2BEE		56,280	197	33	101
N2CG		43,092	151	38	88
N2WLS		34,662	130	33	73
W2FZ		34,476	153	30	72
KB2DE		9,360	70	18	42
K2GLS		6,272	51	15	34
N2USM		5,670	58	12	33
K2BET		5,568	66	20	44
N2VM		1,156	23	14	20
W2RR	28	13,240	130	11	29
K2XA	14	749,760	1746	34	131
K2RED		11,640	100	6	34
K2MGA		8,712	67	13	31
K2USA		3,306	35	11	27
W2XL	7	9,828	74	13	39
W2VO	1.8	7,215	66	14	41
W2DX		2,210	43	8	18
*K2PS	A	828,714	859	76	278
*KV2M		226,800	387	54	171
*KE2DX		184,667	289	58	201
*NM2L		111,544	244	61	130
*K2DBK		104,880	228	58	132
*AB2TC		93,870	245	41	108
*KX2S		87,764	226	35	113
*WB2OQQ		73,719	196	41	116
*N2MTG		58,515	186	41	100
*KA2CYN		54,236	177	46	103
*N2WSY		49,408	173	36	92

*KM2O		48,608	170	30	82
*W2LP		34,572	121	42	87
*N2OBY		30,520	115	37	72
*K2RNY		28,912	130	36	68
*WA2MCR		25,812	111	36	72
*W2OZO		24,024	112	24	60
*KD2MU		20,475	105	26	65
*WV2ZOW		17,298	74	33	60
*K2B8Q		16,008	79	26	61
*K2PH		14,208	77	19	55
*AI2N		12,567	69	19	52
*KC2OGR		12,390	85	19	51
*N2NYR		11,764	76	20	48
*W2P1		8,694	62	22	47
*WN2Y		6,588	50	19	35
*KD2MX		6,350	54	19	31
*K2YLH		6,161	52	23	38
*KB2NB		4,796	47	15	29
*N2XPW		4,371	55	14	33
*N2TDT		1,640	30	17	23
*KC2PCG		1,134	22	10	17
*KC2LYK		775	13	13	12
*K3QE		200	8	6	7
*WA2IAU		108	8	6	7
*KA2ASU	21	7,729	95	15	44
*W3EH/2		4,704	45	12	30

KB2RVL		1,128	21	8	16
N3NZ		130	6	4	6
KU2M/3	21	693,680	1729	25	120
K3GW	14	71,940	249	22	87
NA3M	3.7	24,624	134	17	59
W3NO		23,247	108	19	62
*K3TC	A	869,000	867	97	298
*W3LL		587,064	627	88	278
*NS3T		274,032	450	70	194
*W3KB		108,808	209	62	141
*N8NA/3		97,405	228	44	117
*KB3LIX		96,600	237	50	125
*N3ALX		84,660	241	46	124
*K3WGR		71,391	210	43	116
*KB3HJK		40,544	146	35	77
*W3R3H		28,569	127	19	70
*K3VED		28,496	113	42	62
*W3FXC		27,456	115	29	75
*N3XLS		24,464	123	27	61
*K3ATO		22,695	112	23	62
*KN3A		20,467	101	35	62
*N3CHX		20,400	96	37	65
*K3QF		19,344	87	25	68
*N3TXH		11,076	91	22	49
*KB3KRW		8,296	69	24	44
*N2US/3		6,288	52	13	35

KD5M/4		338,904	425	89	235
AB9H/4		303,600	477	74	197
W4NTI		291,030	432	70	190
N4DW		288,765	402	71	208
N4CU		260,764	424	80	198
W4RQ		219,810	343	67	188
N4EK		209,040	417	52	156
N4KZ		206,080	324	63	167
K4FYM		205,779	326	66	173
W4VIC		205,590	395	54	177
W7QF/4		204,424	316	71	182
N4JF		196,420	351	64	166
N4PSE		184,987	296	69	182
K4GD		147,804	316	52	166
NS4L		144,970	281	54	164
WB2QLP/4		144,921	321	58	143
N4LZ		136,718	264	51	146
N4AA		130,878	247	52	143
K4AMC		113,220	248	47	133
AK4I		107,152	245	55	126
K4DGI		102,816	244	45	123
K14FZY		97,744	404	42	107
W4GHD		90,802	230	46	120
W7HJ/4		73,500	154	61	135
W6UB/4		55,480	144	45	101
N4DXI		53,448	173	34	102

*W4TMM		476,480	580	76	244
*WA4DOU		439,270	543	75	235
*AB4GG		427,479	565	73	218
*NA4K		383,795	499	77	212
*K4GKD		315,486	414	84	222
*KI30/4		267,264	414	65	196
*W4YE		256,824	410	63	169
*NA4CW		253,872	382	72	186
*KA8Q/4		248,799	393	60	179
*N4JF		196,272	361	60	172
*KG4W		183,645	320	64	167
*KF4VT		170,128	331	57	160
*K90M/4		152,768	319	57	160
*N3UA/4		149,205	288	56	147
*K4WX		137,720	263	67	153
*K3AN/4		111,056	251	48	128
*NV4B		105,846	238	51	126
*W4MY		101,202	220	60	142
*W4LT		97,900	200	52	126
*KM4RK		90,909	222	56	133
*AA4LR		89,806	220	57	109
*WA4JA		89,142	212	58	121
*WA4LOX		84,177	195	55	144
*N4MIO		72,980	194	49	115
*WB4SQ		62,466	203	50	124
*K4CX		60,768	195	46	98
*WX4TM		57,960	198	39	99
*KB4ZMR		57,130	166	47	98
*N3CZ/4		57,090	138	51	114
*KR4RO		55,625	193	36	89
*K4EDI		50,490	147	45	108
*K4TVO		49,178	145	45	89
*N4ARO		46,389	130	47	94
*N4WO		45,694	139	42	92
*KI4LRP		45,216	157	47	97
*WA4AEJ		43,168	131	42	100
*NU4I		34,191	161	43	88
*KT4PD		33,558	118	38	81



<b>Madeira Islands</b>				*RA9CIN	8,094	60	15	42	*4Z5MV	H	208,839	371	54	147	*J13MCM	168	27	9	15	HZ1IK	7	95,128	484	21	71				
*CT3FJ	14	5,624	67	8	29	*RV9MN	874	21	9	14	*4X0M	175,812	363	52	144	*J13BFC	14	105,225	389	32	83	*HZ1PS	A	11,682	71	22	37		
<b>Mauritius</b>				*UA9TT	7	49,590	273	21	66	*4Z5PJ	20,900	102	31	64	*JA3UWB	25,806	194	24	42	*HZ1HN	14	6,783	56	14	37				
*388GT	A	126,755	468	24	77	*UA99A	3.7	88,400	399	15	65	*4X/SM8A	28	1,056	19	9	15					<b>Singapore</b>							
<b>Morocco</b>				*UA9ODV	1.8	720	31	7	17													*9V1DE	A	21,837	115	35	52		
CN4P	14	1,939,653	4024	34	137	RZ0SR	A	1,076,845	1540	101	284	JE1LFX	A	460,965	752	85	152	JH4UYB	A	2,585,024	2177	143	335	<b>South Korea</b>					
CN2FB	3.7	450,723	1280	24	103	RK0UT	*	757,855	1460	85	210	JF1SEK	*	239,560	479	74	138	JM4WUZ	14	106,021	474	29	68	HL5UOG	A	104,389	424	51	86
CN2R	1.8	268,300	932	15	85	UA0APV	*	214,652	491	58	148	JH1EVD	*	104,811	292	57	90	JH40YA	A	10,508	68	33	41	HL2FDW	14	54,404	532	24	43
CN2FF	*	207,466	732	16	82	UA0AZ	*	179,760	413	61	153	JR1LEV	*	63,792	219	54	90	JF4XUT	*	1,539	28	8	11	*DSSDNO	A	28,480	201	34	55
*CN2BC	A	2,196,784	2217	75	269	UA0ACG	*	148,242	430	59	127	JM1ZSL	*	23,114	112	33	58	JN4UUS	*	800	14	11	14	*DSSDNO	A	16,254	96	38	48
*5CSW	28	24,480	157	17	43	UA0AA	*	110,019	313	47	122	7J1ABD	*	10,033	83	32	47	JR4GPA	21	24,050	141	23	51	*HLSYI	*	10,050	80	27	40
*CN8YE	14	42,225	204	16	59	UA0APV	*	33,480	178	38	70	JAIANA	*	6,649	49	26	35	JR4LRY	*	6,864	78	15	24	*DSSKJR	*	4,284	74	16	20
<b>Namibia</b>				UA0CW	*	9,450	58	32	43	UA0ACG	*	148,242	430	59	127	JN4QV	*	374	13	11	14	<b>Taiwan</b>							
*V51YJ	A	8,004	62	13	33	UA0OU	*	6,642	71	22	32	JH1OCC	28	8,920	95	16	24	JR4GPA	21	24,050	141	23	51	BX5AA	A	730,480	1796	71	159
<b>Saint Helena</b>				UA0LL	*	6,642	71	22	32	UA0AA	*	110,019	313	47	122	JR4LRY	*	6,864	78	15	24	BU2AI	A	83,824	542	43	61		
*ZD7X	21	796,095	2085	29	106	UA0OU	*	33,480	178	38	70	JAI1ROV	*	504	12	12	12	JN4QV	*	374	13	11	14	BU2AO	A	12,840	146	26	34
<b>Senegal</b>				UA0CW	*	9,450	58	32	43	UA0ACG	*	148,242	430	59	127	JR4GPA	21	24,050	141	23	51	BU2AE	A	28,384	133	36	60		
6W1RY	A	5,050,846	4181	99	338	UA0OU	*	6,642	71	22	32	JH1EVD	*	104,811	292	57	90	JF4XUT	*	1,539	28	8	11	<b>Thailand</b>					
*6V7G	21	1,178,590	2754	28	121	UA0LL	*	6,642	71	22	32	JR1LEV	*	63,792	219	54	90	JN4UUS	*	800	14	11	14	HS0ZDG	A	1,140,412	1613	91	247
<b>South Africa</b>				UA0IBX	14	42,770	353	28	37	UA0AA	*	110,019	313	47	122	JF4XUT	*	1,539	28	8	11	HS0ZCW	A	252,068	715	44	73		
*ZS2I	A	11,913	73	14	43	UA0OU	*	33,480	178	38	70	JM1ZSL	*	23,114	112	33	58	JR4GPA	21	24,050	141	23	51	*HS0GBI	A	42,693	240	34	120
*ZS9Z	21	46,104	271	14	54	UA0LL	*	6,642	71	22	32	7J1ABD	*	10,033	83	32	47	JR4LRY	*	6,864	78	15	24	*E20YLM	*	6,104	72	20	36
<b>Sudan</b>				UA0CAH	1.8	735	22	9	12	UA0ACG	*	148,242	430	59	127	JN4QV	*	374	13	11	14	*HS1JNB	*	5,777	54	20	33		
*ST2M	A	800,035	1156	56	209	UA0OU	*	6,642	71	22	32	JAI1ROV	*	504	12	12	12	JR4GPA	21	24,050	141	23	51	*HS0EHF	21	17,408	122	22	46
*ST100S	3.7	6	1	1	1	UA0LL	*	6,642	71	22	32	JH1OCC	28	8,920	95	16	24	JR4LRY	*	6,864	78	15	24	*E21EIC	14	301,488	1079	32	100
<b>Tanzania</b>				UA0CAH	1.8	735	22	9	12	UA0ACG	*	148,242	430	59	127	JR4GPA	21	24,050	141	23	51	<b>UK Bases on Cyprus</b>							
5H3EE	A	1,988,288	1857	100	276	UA0OU	*	6,642	71	22	32	JAI1ROV	*	504	12	12	12	JR4GPA	21	24,050	141	23	51	ZC4LI	21	795,417	2068	31	116
<b>ASIA</b>				UA0CAH	1.8	735	22	9	12	UA0ACG	*	148,242	430	59	127	JR4GPA	21	24,050	141	23	51	<b>United Arab Emirates</b>							
<b>Afghanistan</b>				UA0CAH	1.8	735	22	9	12	UA0ACG	*	148,242	430	59	127	JR4GPA	21	24,050	141	23	51	A61HH	A	1,677,696	1825	90	294		
*T6EE	14	22,272	221	16	48	UA0OU	*	6,642	71	22	32	JH1OCC	28	8,920	95	16	24	JR4LRY	*	6,864	78	15	24	<b>Uzbekistan</b>					
<b>Armenia</b>				UA0CAH	1.8	735	22	9	12	UA0ACG	*	148,242	430	59	127	JR4GPA	21	24,050	141	23	51	UK9AA	1.8	19,950	163	8	42		
EK3SA	21	368,784	1136	25	92	UA0OU	*	6,642	71	22	32	JAI1ROV	*	504	12	12	12	JR4GPA	21	24,050	141	23	51	<b>Vietnam</b>					
<b>Asiatic Russia</b>				UA0CAH	1.8	735	22	9	12	UA0ACG	*	148,242	430	59	127	JR4GPA	21	24,050	141	23	51	XV1X	A	178,412	451	58	130		
RG9A	A	4,133,025	2638	121	464	UA0OU	*	6,642	71	22	32	JH1OCC	28	8,920	95	16	24	JR4LRY	*	6,864	78	15	24	<b>West Malaysia</b>					
UA9CLB	*	4,090,018	3135	117	379	UA0LL	*	6,642	71	22	32	JAI1ROV	*	504	12	12	12	JR4GPA	21	24,050	141	23	51	9M2GCN	21	64,780	584	23	59
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UA9JLL	*	377,872	677	58	168	UA0LL	*	6,642	71	22	32	JH1OCC	28	8,920	95	16	24	JR4LRY	*	6,864	78	15	24	<b>Aland Islands</b>					
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RV9AZ	*	119,139	302	34	117	UA0LL	*	6,642	71	22	32	JAI1ROV	*	504	12	12	12	JR4GPA	21	24,050	141	23	51	<b>Azores</b>					
RX9JP	*	94,944	256	46	126	UA0LL	*	6,642	71	22	32	JH1OCC	28	8,920	95	16	24	JR4LRY	*	6,864	78	15	24	CU2A	A	7,556,754	6202	134	499
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RZ9CQ	*	9,180	66	14	40	UA0LL	*	6,642	71	22	32	JAI1ROV	*	504	12	12	12	JR4GPA	21	24,050	141	23	51	EA6LP	A	465,885	998	75	282
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W9GE/3	191,337	507	25	116	N8TR	1,914,864	1260	128	466												DL7UIO	216,006	604	46	213
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W4WTB	A	3,206,060	2007	129	461	WB8ZRL	227,815	310	80	203											DK7ZH	167,696	593	40	183
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K0COP/4	9,735	77	17	42	KV0Q	43,935	216	25	62																
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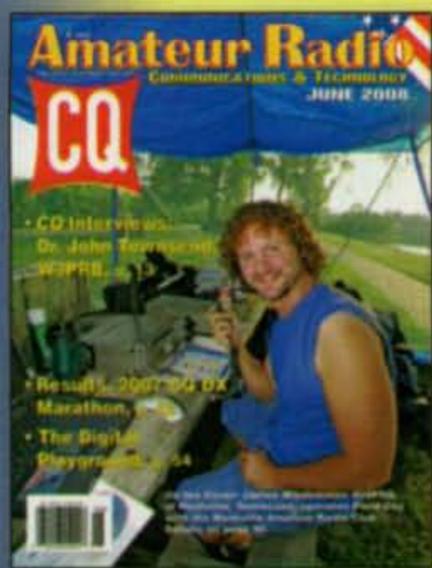
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VC2Z	858,516	1065	89 259	RK9AWN	1,874,887	1633	98 363	OE6V	120,080	329	42 110	IO4T	4,725,414	3750	141 597				
VA2ZM	609,733	969	78 215	RK9LWA	767,025	963	73 242	OE5D				IO5O	4,061,800	4073	128 447				
VA2TG	248,640	689	51 159	RK9SWF	186,637	384	53 156	Belarus	2,988	118	21 62	IR3Z	1,720,764	2301	113 451				
VE3RM	4,720,107	3771	112 399	RK9CWW	88,500	197	48 129	EW8Z0	330	21	12 18	IQ3UD	1,260,504	1809	98 390				
VA3SK	2,202,810	2004	114 391	RK9XWO	29,842	163	20 66	EW8Z2				IQ5LU	595,128	972	85 326				
VA3VO	492,750	975	72 178	RK9JWJ	2,059	37	7 22	OT5L	3,472,896	3487	125 521	I1ZHH	526,431	982	82 297				
VE3MIS	492,360	845	68 196	RWBLT	218,122	543	71 120	OT5P	2,421,762	2826	109 420	IQ5FI	318,896	859	62 242				
VE3NB	260,304	408	69 195	RWDAA	64,500	225	47 103	ON4MCL	360,412	1408	53 186	IQ3EZ	2,697	115	24 69				
VA3OC	204,160	625	48 112	RKDAWQ	4,407	61	13 26	Croatia	10,226,322	6555	165 708	Finland	3,862,365	4146	131 552				
VC6S	1,806,256	2979	93 223	TA7KA	1,250,096	1499	76 268	9A1P	9,535,840	6308	163 693	DF5Z	1,457,776	2088	101 408				
VE7HL	16,948	105	33 43	TC3EC	117,300	322	29 109	9A7A	9,189,582	6259	158 701	OH3MMM	700,965	1466	74 259				
Costa Rica				Asiatic Turkey				France				Kaliningrad							
T15N	2,036,916	2964	100 254	TA7KA	1,250,096	1499	76 268	9A1A	2,660,640	3594	116 436	TM2Y	6,888,278	4466	145 633	IR4M	8,072,040	5472	157 665
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Cuba				China				Germany				Latvia							
T48K	2,251,820	3136	92 278	84R	729,036	1369	97 211	9A5Y	92,400	595	25 75	TM2S	2,922,840	2942	138 552	IO5O	4,061,800	4073	128 447
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Honduras				Cyprus				Czech Republic				Luxembourg							
H09R	2,339,519	3427	93 236	P33W	15,931,106	7494	142 636	6K5W	6,903,219	4644	163 686	LX8M	982,800	1980	69 267				
Mexico				India				Denmark				Netherlands							
6F75A	4,402,830	4479	119 366	AT60MY	28,860	176	43 87	OL7R	6,147,491	4906	148 615	PI4KGL	571,119	1086	76 305				
Montserrat				Israel				England				Norway							
VP2MDG	5,509,275	4845	114 379	4XBC	2,567,632	2503	82 301	OL3Z	4,425,785	3725	140 545	LN3Z	3,015,840	3158	125 515				
Turks & Caicos				Japan				European Russia				Poland							
VP5DX	7,108,265	5782	124 441	JM1LPN	992,207	1195	117 232	OL1C	1,433,376	1845	108 445	SO9Q	3,681,862	3147	140 602				
Virgin Islands				Kuwait				Greece				Portugal							
NP2B	2,682,452	3072	88 323	9K2HN	9,782,976	4911	151 602	DL7T	1,224,480	2009	90 390	SN6Z	2,729,996	2674	127 519				
AFRICA				Qatar				Hungary				Romania							
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IF9A	2,220,900	2768	117 433	7,957	55	29 44	DL2U	450,660	837	71 299	IS8/IOBAL	370,336	1222	82 222					
Canary Islands				South Africa				Ireland				Scotland							
ECSAMI	5,125	44	15 26	A71BX	5,728,725	3546	130 491	DL3A	319,770	781	61 281	GM3YS	337,272	893	57 242				
Chagos Islands				Tunisia				Ireland				Serbia							
VQ9X	1,309,440	1479	86 224	9V1BH	438,900	741	47 173	DL3B	1,224,480	2009	90 390	YT2T	4,545,533	4615	129 524				
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CO3T	10,224,810	5906	128 490					Ireland											
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CN3A	19,240,832	8445	156 650					Ireland											
South Africa								Ireland											
Z5SNK	287,224	530	56 167					Ireland											
Tunisia								Ireland											
3V8SS	438,900	741	47 173					Ireland											

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IR9Y IQ9BF IR9K	<b>Sicily</b> 1,854,762 844,669 762,879	2511 1189 1499	89 101 82	385 368 321
OM8A OM7M OM3X OM3RRC	<b>Slovakia</b> 8,579,935 7,556,320 2,507,932 161,700	5613 5142 3095 526	168 159 118 55	697 671 484 190
SS8L SS9ABC	<b>Slovenia</b> 1,082,957 59,042	1782 358	90 27	373 79
AM3SSB EA5EA AO3A EH7H EE2K EA2BXV EA1URO EA1FCR AD4RCT EH2T EA1GA EA4TV	<b>Spain</b> 3,911,544 3,777,192 2,538,336 1,782,900 1,324,806 513,024 351,486 260,934 255,075 225,624 185,928 107,152	3904 3615 2993 3046 1834 838 740 595 783 946 575 428	123 123 113 81 84 79 60 52 48 55 54 41	474 525 466 269 339 305 225 131 181 238 229 285
SK3HK SK7DA SC5L SK7A	<b>Sweden</b> 466,147 422,816 46,206 43,920	1087 1222 301 243	57 57 34 34	284 235 117 110
HE70FG HB9OK	<b>Switzerland</b> 758,560 107,835	1541 418	68 51	284 186
UZ2M UR4Z UT7L UT4EZA UW4E UX4E UR4ZYD UR4PWC	<b>Ukraine</b> 5,363,128 2,283,032 2,023,476 1,012,392 767,142 148,275 51,997 18,620	4958 2947 2199 2081 1368 499 275 145	155 104 133 84 83 51 37 28	633 448 530 351 332 174 126 67
MW4C	<b>Wales</b> 36,216	297	23	49
VK4TI	<b>OCEANIA</b> <b>Australia</b> 844,806	1545	72	134
AH2R KH2INC	<b>Guam</b> 4,805,920 795,900	3511 1592	144 87	346 123
KH6MB	<b>Hawaii</b> 1,020,978	1997	81	108
YB6ZIR YB2ZY	<b>Indonesia</b> 5,256 3,876	58 65	11 15	25 23
ZM4A ZL1AA	<b>New Zealand</b> 1,298,590 9,570	1589 119	98 13	212 17
LP1H LQ5H LW6DW LU4DQ	<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b> <b>Argentina</b> 6,267,408 1,510,554 825,945 143,395	4815 2298 1228 47	122 86 75 47	361 185 180 72
ZY7C PP5CFS PR1T ZY7EAM	<b>Brazil</b> 11,033,880 2,215,647 937,197 927,618	5988 2184 1290 1613	139 113 86 123	521 286 223 170
XR6T CC2A CE6RCR	<b>Chile</b> 2,225,020 292,125 211,400	2797 648 562	99 71 62	223 134 138
FY5KE	<b>French Guiana</b> 18,852,327	8182	161	646
K1G K2LE/1 W1HH NY1Q K1KP	<b>MULTI-OPERATOR TWO TRANSMITTER NORTH AMERICA</b> <b>United States</b> 5,689,680 3,239,991 2,917,830 2,298,192 1,116,612	3394 2127 2095 1819 1226	129 128 121 108 84	499 473 449 400 294
N2RM K2AX W2CG W2VQ	3,993,606 2,547,600 1,054,812 572,800	2871 1869 987 833	116 118 86 92	411 432 307 266
WE3C NE3F WA3EKL K3DI	8,799,505 2,690,898 1,429,780 1,274,196	4600 2043 108 106	144 116 108 104	571 437 377 358
W4RM	4,864,384	3060	132	491
K5YA K5MDX	1,527,656 158,179	1185 886	107 101	374 282
K6IDX W7DR/6	875,680 495,742	849 728	121 100	300 199
K7ZSD N7BV N7V	1,410,465 614,000 164,590	1495 830 391	120 95 76	279 212 142
N0IJ/9 W9VT	861,672 25,724	816 132	117 38	329 71
KL7RA	<b>Alaska</b> 2,264,860	3299	98	212
VEGMSR	<b>Canada</b> 7,364	141	23	27
VE2DXY	906,354	1941	70	188
VE3DC VE6FI VE6AO	293,775 1,581,060 787,635	582 3211 2164	63 79 73	146 181 134
VE7SV VE7GL	3,344,068 2,051,628	4406 3035	110 101	254 238
V47KP	<b>St. Kitts &amp; Nevis</b> 6,824,720	8546	107	383
A08A	<b>AFRICA</b> <b>Canary Islands</b> 29,114,691	12089	160	683
CS0C	<b>Gambia</b> 27,630,123	12037	162	655
ZS9X	<b>South Africa</b> 6,923,028	4889	120	391
3D8JWW	<b>Swaziland</b> 6,053,618	4519	121	381
EK0B	<b>ASIA</b> <b>Armenia</b> 9,745,145	6879	98	447
RK9CZD	<b>Asiatic Russia</b> 53,406	254	24	62
UABAZA	2,256,844	2624	105	323
B4B B3C	<b>China</b> 696,864 462,150	1686 1661	96 80	175 145
P3F C4I	<b>Cyprus</b> 15,277,936 6,846,546	7494 3874	148 134	613 535
VR2C	<b>Hong Kong</b> 3,737,461	4441	129	340
4XBV	<b>Israel</b> 9,949,404	6011	126	502
JA1YPA	<b>Japan</b> 2,637,704	2498	127	297
D9K	<b>South Korea</b> 327,672	1087	73	149
OE5CWL	<b>EUROPE</b> <b>Austria</b> 64,395	289	37	122
T93J	<b>Bosnia-Herzegovina</b> 10,662,225	8372	156	649
OL1X OK1OUE	<b>Czech Republic</b> 4,348,536 1,047,045	3797 2382	132 81	576 334
M2W G4UJS G4IY G8D	<b>England</b> 1,733,312 1,570,194 977,600 616,691	3048 2073 1361 1276	90 89 86 70	421 409 384 283
ES1A	<b>Estonia</b> 344,763	809	76	263
RK3YZA	<b>European Russia</b> 442,816	1029	66	308
OF4A	<b>Finland</b> 4,212,503	4535	135	518
F50DA	<b>France</b> 1,236,466	2760	89	345
DO4W DR5Z DP6A DR2W DL0WH DL3G	<b>Germany</b> 6,157,164 4,324,596 4,011,032 1,995,430 1,134,540 214,210	5034 3676 3556 3080 1497 721	148 137 135 98 109 61	606 594 583 421 464 249
4U1WRC	<b>ITU HQ Geneva</b> 1,847,010	3343	83	352
IR4X IR5A	<b>Italy</b> 15,502,044 1,049,364	9104 1824	168 85	711 327
PI4FRG	<b>Netherlands</b> 277,056	704	64	232
LN8W	<b>Norway</b> 4,000,542	4452	116	547
T78A	<b>San Marino</b> 7,075,504	8116	124	528
IR9P	<b>Sicily</b> 91,164	381	45	168
OM0M	<b>Slovakia</b> 5,215,804	4607	151	597
SS2JW	<b>Slovenia</b> 4,313,570	4037	138	592
EE2W AMS9	<b>Spain</b> 5,936,068 4,170,084	5590 4834	142 134	559 533
EB1WW AM1A AO1O EG4WW	3,206,142 1,226,880 1,200,480 55,980	4460 2191 2088 340	100 81 81 36	386 351 329 144
HB9BLQ	<b>Switzerland</b> 3,778,236	3886	131	527
VK1CC VK4WR VK6ANC VK2ATZ	<b>OCEANIA</b> <b>Australia</b> 2,094,448 1,733,501 377,600 201,951	2561 2020 673 565	99 105 78 69	217 258 158 102
AH6XX	<b>Hawaii</b> 3,221,152	3340	123	229
YB0ZZ	<b>Indonesia</b> 2,278,800	2199	115	285
AH8BT	<b>Mariana Islands</b> 2,044,341	2423	108	195
New ZM2M	<b>Zealand</b> 2,402,167	2682	115	234
DX10BT	<b>Philippines</b> 427,800	985	66	118
LS2D	<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b> <b>Argentina</b> 4,059,048	3854	113	331
PY2NA	<b>Brazil</b> 1,473,960	1545	96	259
5K4C	<b>Colombia</b> 10,660	93	30	52
HC8N	<b>Galapagos Islands</b> 27,743,450	12637	165	610
PJ4E PJ2T	<b>Netherlands Antilles</b> 18,789,080 13,046,616	10011 8059	150 134	530 460
CV5D	<b>Uruguay</b> 1,967,190	2459	88	257
K3LR KC1XX W3LPL N04I K1TTT W3PP KB1H K1RX W4MYA WB4IH/9 K8EX W2YC AC4RC	<b>MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER NORTH AMERICA</b> <b>United States</b> 16,925,727 16,330,230 12,533,290 8,689,920 8,090,907 5,391,372 5,083,584 4,574,436 3,549,442 1,899,368 1,512,885 1,377,556 173,376	8344 7962 6568 159 487 3274 3127 2915 2287 1712 1412 1155 407	169 158 159 573 571 504 525 487 510 418 396 379 189	
V26B	<b>Antigua &amp; Barbuda</b> 20,678,280	12323	148	573
VE5RI	<b>Canada</b> 646,425	1765	68	127
J3A	<b>Grenada</b> 8,163,616	7152	122	429
6Y1V	<b>Jamaica</b> 15,461,181	11056	143	514
VP5T	<b>Turks &amp; Caicos</b> 8,101,564	7487	115	409
WP2Z	<b>Virgin Islands</b> 11,481,600	8144	135	489
CO9K	<b>AFRICA</b> <b>Madeira Islands</b> 25,935,957	10609	168	705
TS6A	<b>Tunisia</b> 27,154,904	11763	161	651
B7P B1Z	<b>ASIA</b> <b>China</b> 3,958,720 2,196,357	3960 3276	145 127	411 294
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## The AB3DI Interview

Editor, CQ:

I picked up a copy of the April issue of CQ at Barnes and Noble, and I just finished reading your interview with Dr. Haseltine. That's about the best thing I've read anywhere in a long time. Fascinating stuff, and I'm no techie. He would sure be an interesting person to get to know, and learn from . . . I mean, to learn a way to look at the world. The only problem for me is it would be like getting a sip of water from Niagara Falls!

Jeff, N8CC

Editor, CQ:

In the Dr. Haseltine interview article published in the April issue, Dr. Haseltine mentions a Lloyd Brubaker, WA6KZV, as one of his mentors. The attached letter to CQ was written by Lloyd's daughter Sherry and she has asked me to send it on to you.

Harry Hodges, W6YOO

*Harry: Many thanks for the forward. We are happy to hear from Lloyd through his daughter and through you.*

Editor, CQ:

My dad taught junior high science for 30-plus years. Besides science he also taught ham radio. The printing of the article on Dr. Eric Haseltine, AB3DI, was a real "day maker" for Dad, right up there with ham radio calls followed by, "Mr. Brubaker, is that you?" Dad, the Lloyd Brubaker Eric had as a science teacher way back in junior high, has been sharing these kinds of success stories with his ham buddies, fellow teachers, and friends. "This," he says "is what made teaching worthwhile."

Dad, now retired from teaching, has spoken of fondly of his Haseltine students (dinner table conversation notwithstanding), stating that he always knew each would go on to be a success in their chosen field. Thank you, for printing the article and making Dad's day.

Sherry Brubaker

## Going Subbing

Editor, CQ:

I've really enjoyed the recent series of interviews with leaders in technology. I do think that these articles should appeal to young people considering technical careers. . . . How to get today's young people interested in technology? One way is for retirees from technology to become substitute math and science teachers in middle and high schools. I've been substitute teaching for over 12 years now, and I get the word out to my students at every opportunity. I tell them that engineering is not only financially rewarding, but it's lots of fun, too! I remind them that "math is the 'engine' that drives engineering." I mention amateur radio whenever I can, too.

Teachers and counselors also encourage the students, but most of them lack "real world" experience. So the retiree from technical fields can, through substitute teaching,

open up a whole new world of science and technology to our young people.

Rick Peterson, WA6NUT

## Missing the FCC...

*The following letters were in response to AA6JR's April "Magic in the Sky" column, titled "I Miss the FCC."*

Hello Jeff,

I remember having visions (as a Novice in 1958) of a big truck roaming around town with direction-finding antennas mounted on it. It was like an FCC bloodhound looking for hams to make a mistake. . . . The thought of having the FCC listening for mistakes definitely gained my respect back in those days. I also miss the FCC. Thanks for the fantastic article.

73, Phil Arcuri, K2NPN

Jeff,

Bravo on your courageous and intelligent opinion piece in the April issue of CQ. The FCC is but one example of the wholesale dismantling of our country's regulatory infrastructure, in favor of private moneyed interests over those of ordinary American people. Look at the scandals that have plagued the FAA recently. The Enron, Tyco, and Worldcom debacles. And, of course, the subprime mortgage crisis which you mentioned in passing. It's not only a shame, it's a crime. Thanks again for your article. Vy 73,

Peter, K1PGV

Editor, CQ:

You obviously like loads of governmental control and were most happy when the FCC was "large and in charge." You may get your chance in 2009 for big government to run things for you once again!

In the meantime, most of us read CQ for information on ham radio, not your political opinions. If I wanted to read anti-administration crap, I would subscribe to QST!

Ron Davidson, W4IA

*AA6JR replies: As Lyndon Johnson once said, "If everyone in a room is of the same mind, only one person is doing the thinking."*

## 700 MHz Spectrum Rush

*The following letter was directed to "Washington Readout" editor Fred Maia, W5YI:*

Fred,

Your discussion of this cumbersome process ("700 MHz: The Spectrum Rush of 2008" [CQ, April 2008]) far surpasses the many I've read in broadcasting or communications "trade" publications over the past several years. You took a subject complex on several fronts and made it readily understandable to the layman and professional alike. That I found the most readable work on this challenging topic in a "hobbyist" publication speaks volumes as to the depth of CQ's writing bench. . . . Congratulations on an absolutely exemplary job!

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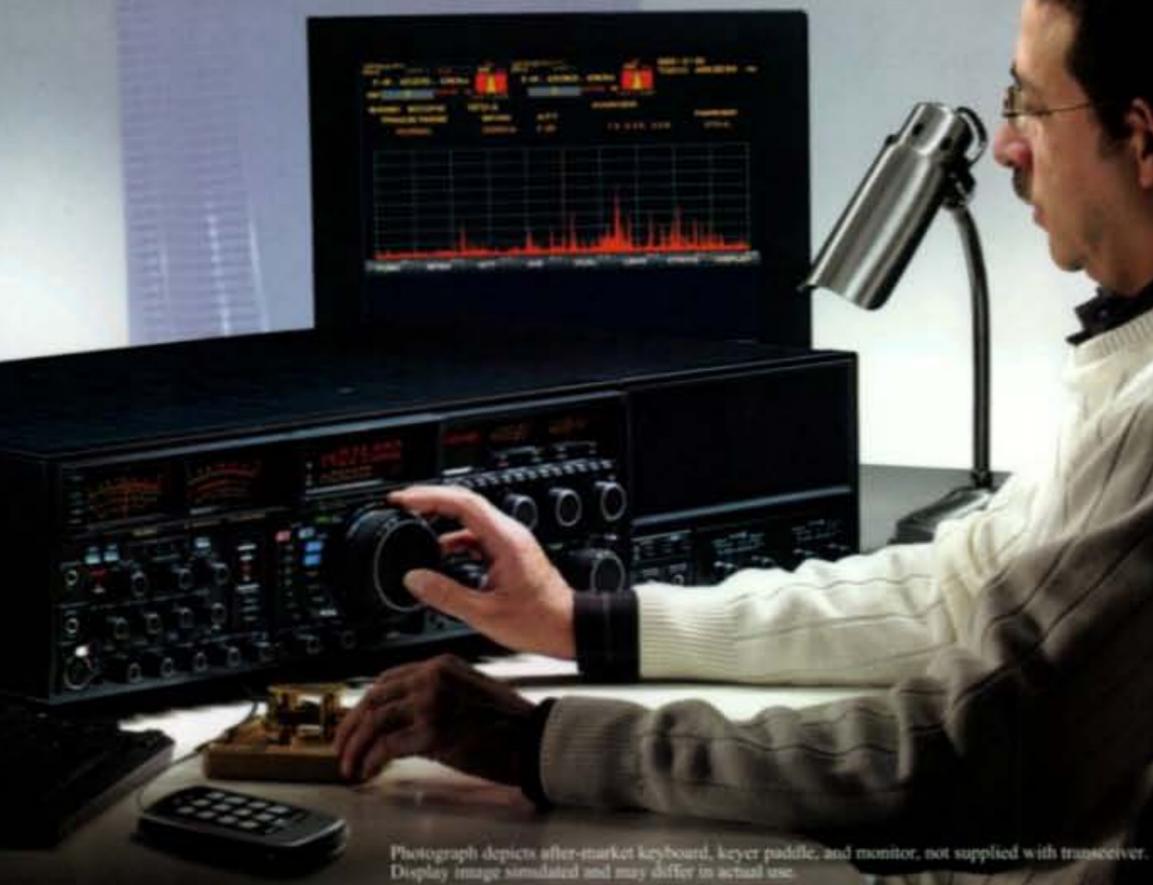
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