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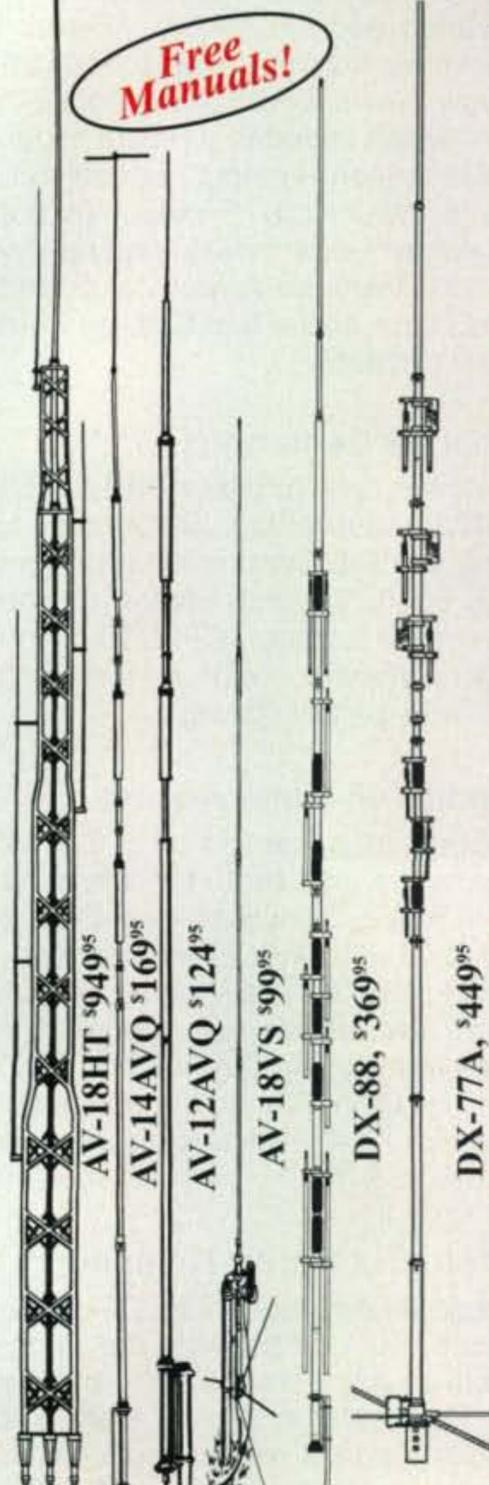
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AV-14AVQ	\$169.95	10,15,20,40	1500 W PEP	18 feet	9 pounds	80 MPH	1.5-1.625"
AV-12AVQ	\$124.95	10/15/20 M	1500 W PEP	13 feet	9 pounds	80 MPH	1.5-1.625"
AV-18VS	\$99.95	10 - 80 M	1500 W PEP	18 feet	4 pounds	80 MPH	1.5-1.625"
DX-88	\$369.95	10 - 80 M	1500 W PEP	25 feet	18 pounds	75 mph no guy	1.5-1.625"
DX-77A	\$449.95	10 - 40 M	1500 W PEP	29 feet	25 pounds	60 mph no guy	1.5-1.625"

### Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD, SK

Legendary CBS Newsmen and ham radio ambassador Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD, passed away in July at age 92. A licensed ham since the mid-1980s, Cronkite narrated the ARRL's 2003 video, *Amateur Radio Today*, which focused on public service and emergency communications. See this month's "Zero Bias" editorial on page 8 for some of Editor W2VU's personal recollections of helping Cronkite get his ham license.

### FCC Begins Follow-Up on BPL Rules

The FCC is offering to "split the difference" with ARRL over the question of measurements taken to determine the strength of Broadband over Power Line (BPL) signals radiated into the air. In a Request for Further Comment and Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making released on July 17, the Commission finally began taking the action ordered by the U.S. Court of Appeals in 2008 after the ARRL had sued over its original BPL decision in 2004. One of the main points of contention had been the signal attenuation formula to use in extrapolating signal strength at certain distances from the radiation point. The FCC adopted a standard of 40 dB per decade, while the ARRL argued that it should be 20 dB/decade and the Court of Appeals agreed that the FCC had not provided reasoning for its 40 dB standard. In this new proceeding, the FCC does explain its original decision and claims that the data continue to support it, but also offers to change the standard from 40 dB to 30 dB/decade. It also proposes an alternate standard for making actual measurements as opposed to extrapolating them. For those interested in the technical details, the entire document is on the FCC's website. Scan the news releases or do a search in the Electronic Comment Filing System for ET Docket 04-37 or 03-104. W5YI will summarize the proposal in next month's "Washington Readout" column.

### WRC-11 May Be Delayed to 2012

The next World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) will most likely be rescheduled from the fall of 2011 until early 2012. These conferences, held approximately every three years, are responsible for international radio frequency allocations. The last one was in 2007, and the next was tentatively scheduled to be held in October and November, 2011. According to the *ARRL Letter*, scheduling conflicts and meeting-site availability problems caused the International Telecommunication Union's administrative council to recommend delaying the conference until January and February, 2012, in Geneva, Switzerland. The main item of interest to amateur radio on the tentative agenda is the possibility of adding an international allocation for amateur radio as a secondary user on the 415-526.5 kHz range. If enacted, it would be the first worldwide low-frequency allocation to amateur radio since hams were moved below 200 meters in the early 20th century.

### Genachowski Takes Reins at FCC

Julius Genachowski was sworn in as FCC Chairman on June 30 and promised that the Commission's decisions under his leadership will be "fair... open and transparent" and "fact-based and data-driven." Within two weeks of taking the reins, Genachowski appointed a new team to lead the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, whose umbrella includes the Amateur Radio Service. He named his transition director, Ruth Milkman, as the new WTB Chief. She has more than a decade of previous

FCC experience in various roles. James Schlichting was named Senior Deputy Bureau Chief. He had been Deputy Bureau Chief and served as Acting Chief until Milkman was appointed. Two additional Deputy Bureau Chiefs were also named: Renee Roland Crittendon, who had been Chief of Staff to former Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein, and John Leibovitz, who had worked on President Obama's transition team as a member of the Technology, Innovation and Government Reform working group. It was not clear from the initial announcement which of the deputy chiefs would be responsible for the Mobility Division, which includes amateur radio. Check next month's "Washington Readout" for additional information; this issue's "Washington Readout" (p. 36) provides details on Chairman Genachowski and newly-appointed Commissioners Meredith Atwell Baker and Mignon Clyburn. At press time, Baker and Clyburn were still awaiting Senate confirmation.

### UPenn ARC to Celebrate Centennial

The University of Pennsylvania Amateur Radio Club will be celebrating its 100th anniversary on October 4, 2009 and will be hosting special event on the air. From October, 2009 to May, 2010, the club station on the Philadelphia campus will be signing W3KZ/100, and Alumni Club member stations will be signing W3ABT/100. A special QSL will be offered.

### More Countries Expand 40-Meter Access

The move of international broadcasters off of 7.1-7.2 MHz is making the segment available to hams in more countries in Europe and Africa. "Newline" reports that South Africa has opened 7.0-7.2 MHz to amateur use, and decided to allow mid-class ZR-prefix hams access to the full 20-meter band. Belarus has also opened 7.1-7.2 to hams, as well as opening up the entire 1.8-2.0 MHz 160-meter band. In addition, France announced in July that it would soon make 7.1-7.2 MHz available to its hams, although no date was given.

### Foxhunting in Boston, But Not in Thailand

This is the year for regional Amateur Radio Direction-Finding (ARDF) championships -- in between the worldwide championships in even-numbered years -- and the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Region 2 event for North and South America was run as planned in July on a course outside Boston, Massachusetts. Hams from across the U.S. and from eight other countries took part, according to "Newline." However, political unrest in Thailand forced the cancellation of this year's Region 3 championships, which were scheduled for this fall near Bangkok. Thailand's national ham radio association was concerned about the safety of both participants and spectators in the wake of continuing clashes between supporters of the current and former prime ministers. The Region 1 championship for Europe and Africa will be held this month in Bulgaria, at the same site as, and immediately following, the Eighth World High Speed Telegraphy Championship.

### Michigan Ham Killed in Tower Collapse

Larry Prelog, KE4PM, of Niles, Michigan, died as the result of a tower collapse at his club's Field Day site. According to the local "Herald-Palladium" newspaper, Prelog was helping to set up antennas for the Blossomland Amateur Radio Club's Field Day operation

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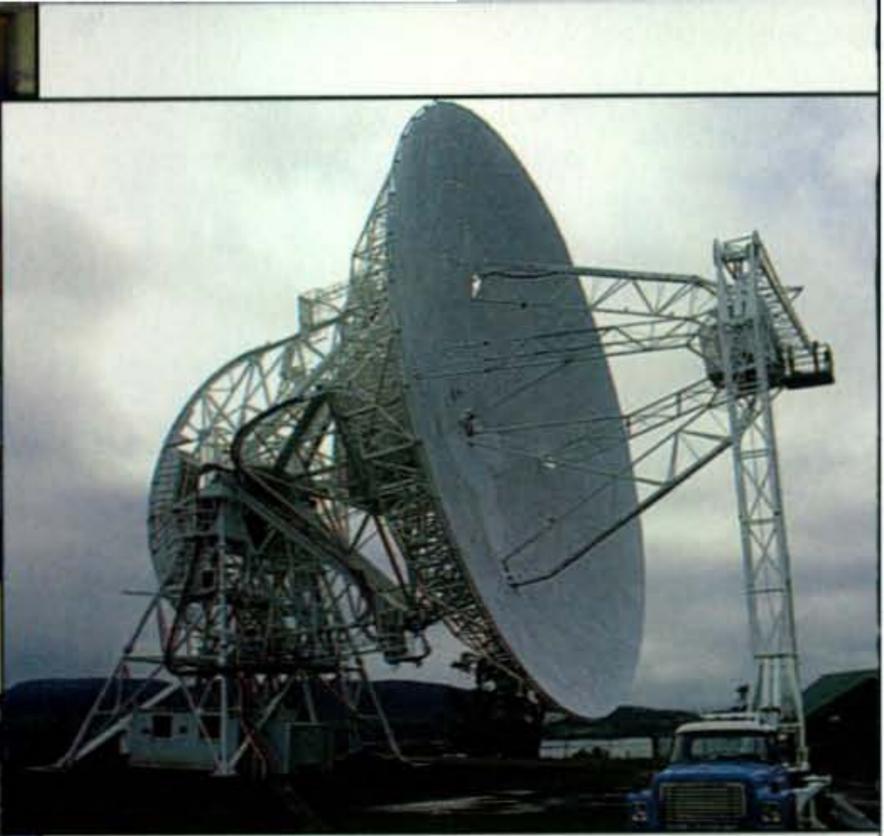
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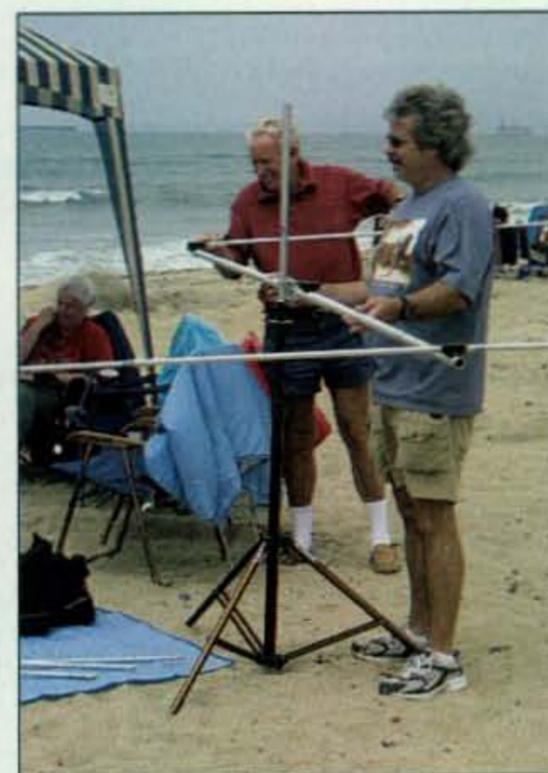
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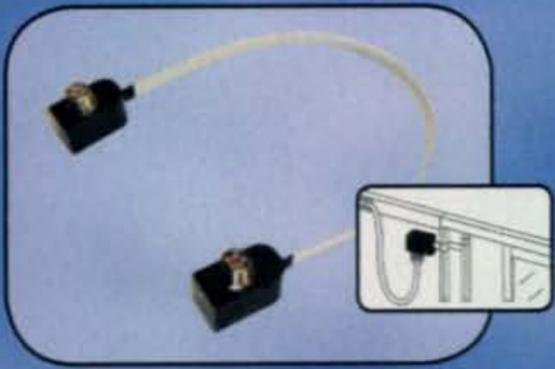
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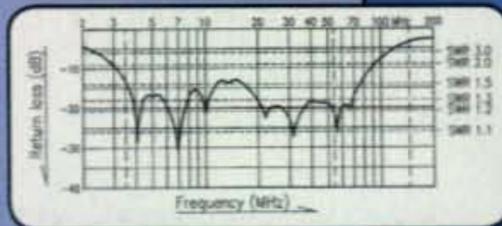
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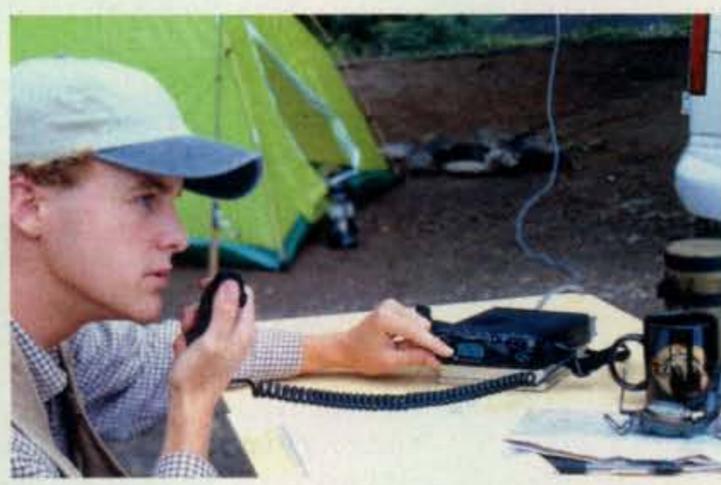
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# Neil and Buzz, Walter and Andrew

**T**here are times in every writer's life when events and circumstances converge and conspire to inform you of what you will write about, even if whatever it is wasn't in your original plans. This is one of those times.

I am writing this on the middle weekend in July (instead of operating in the CQ WW VHF Contest). At the end of last week, we learned the identity of our next Newsline Young Ham of the Year and heard about the death of newsman Walter Cronkite. The new week begins with Monday's 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing on July 20, 1969. Two threads—space and amateur radio—tie all these events together.

## Neil and Buzz

Neither Neil Armstrong nor Buzz Aldrin, the first two men to walk on the moon, are or ever were ham radio operators. But they didn't go to the moon alone. The Apollo program was a huge team effort, backed by thousands of scientists, engineers, technicians and support personnel, hundreds of whom were (and still are) hams.

Part of that support team was a worldwide network of tracking stations, using huge dish antennas to pick up and relay weak radio signals from as far away as the moon itself. Some of those dishes are still in use today for various purposes. To help commemorate the 40th anniversary of the first moon landing, hams around the world this summer have been participating in the Echoes of Apollo event, using these and other big dish antennas to make Earth-Moon-Earth (EME) contacts via amateur radio. CQ's "VHF Plus" editor Joe Lynch, N6CL, tells us in his column this month (pg. 80) about a truly amazing contact made as part of that effort.

## Walter

One of the space program's biggest fans was "the most trusted man in America," CBS News anchor Walter Cronkite, who passed away in mid-July at age 92. One of Walter's wishes that never came true was to fly in space himself. I was working at CBS News back in the 1980s when NASA was planning a journalist-in-space program along with its educator-in-space program. I recall receiving a memo stating that none of us was to apply for that program—that NASA would be receiving only one application from CBS News—and that would be for Walter Cronkite. He was one of 40 finalists for the program when it was canceled in the wake of the Challenger explosion in 1986.

I also remember my boss at the time, Joel Heller, WA2FFI, calling me into his office one day. Sitting there were Steve Mendelsohn, WA2DHF (now W2ML)—then the ARRL Hudson Division Director and an engineer for the CBS Radio Network—and Walter Cronkite, whom I had passed in the halls many times but never met. After making the introductions, Joel said, "Walter has decided he wants to get his ham ticket. Would you be willing to give him his code test?" (In the days before volunteer examining, any two hams with General Class or higher licenses could administer a Novice exam.) Of course, I said yes. Steve pulled out a key and a code oscillator and I sent five minutes of text at five words per minute. Walter copied. Thankfully, he passed (I certainly didn't want to be the person who *flunked* Walter Cronkite on a code test!). The written exam was next and a few weeks later, the FCC issued him KB2GSD. Walter's primary personal use for ham radio was as backup communication on his

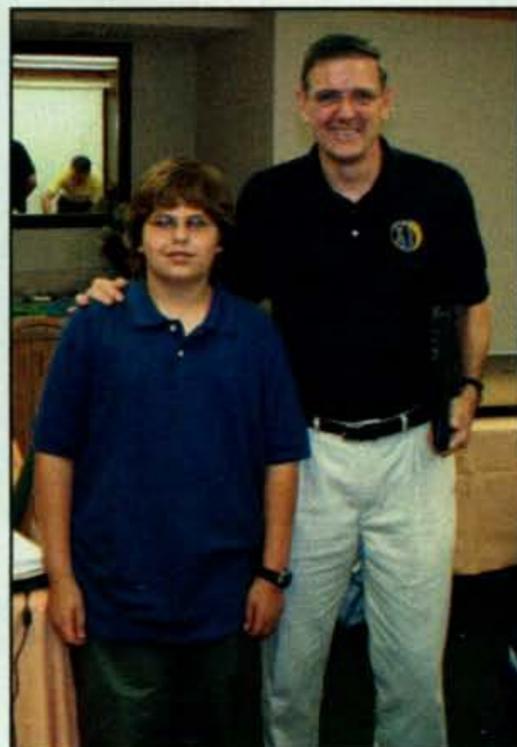
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boat—he was an avid sailor—and he had a 10-meter rig installed along with his marine radio gear. He was never particularly active on the ham bands but kept his license current, renewing it most recently just last year. 73, OM.

## Andrew

On our cover this month is Andrew Koenig, KE5GDB, of Houston, Texas, who has just been named the 2009 Amateur Radio Newsline Young Ham of the Year. CQ is a corporate co-sponsor of the award and yours truly is a member of the YHOTY judging committee. Andrew has done some pretty impressive things in his short ham career, including installing a complete VHF/UHF station on his bicycle (see September, 2008, on the CQ Amateur Radio Calendar) and building his own IRLP (Internet Radio Linking Project) node in his bedroom closet! That's the photo we've got on the cover this month.

*Young Ham of the Year Andrew Koenig, KE5GDB, with Astronaut Bill McArthur, KC5ACR, during a presentation on ham radio to future educator-astronauts at the Johnson Space Center. (Photo courtesy KC5KBO/Newsline)*



But neither his bicycle-mobile station nor his IRLP node was what earned Andrew the YHOTY Award. This is what did:

(1) Living near NASA's Johnson Space Center, Andrew has gotten involved both with conducting ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station) contacts and in *helping to train astronauts* for future ARISS contacts! He also joined astronaut Bill McArthur, KC5ACR (see photo) and NASA employee Nick Lance, KC5KBO (who nominated him), in explaining the role of amateur radio in space to the finalists in NASA's educator-astronaut program;

(2) NASA was looking to expand opportunities for astronauts to talk by ham radio with school children but wasn't happy with the options available for making contact. An IRLP node closer to the Johnson Space Center was needed. That motivated Andrew to start building his own link, which was then used for the first terrestrial astronaut contacts with two schools in Canada; and

(3) When Hurricane Ike blasted into Houston last year, Andrew used his IRLP node to connect the audio from a local repeater into a server in California, where it could be fed back to evacuees wherever they were, allowing them to keep track of what was happening in the evacuation area.

I look forward to meeting Andrew at the YHOTY presentation at the Huntsville Hamfest. It is truly a privilege for me each year to read about the activities of young hams like Andrew, to whom we are entrusting the future of our hobby. I am *not* worried.



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• **The following Special Event stations are scheduled for Sept.:**

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**W0B**, from Cold War memorial, the site of the B-52D crash on Sept. 16, 1958, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota; South East Metro ARC; 1500-0300Z Sept. 12 on 3.952, 7.252, 14.252, 21.352 MHz. For certificate send QSL and SASE to W0CGM, 1655 68th St. West, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077-2222. (www.semarc.org)

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

Sept 13, **North America DX Assn. (WR2DX) Hamfest**, Luigi's Restaurant parking lot, Tinton Falls, New Jersey. Information: e-mail: <nadxa@juno.com>; or call Mike, KC2Q, 908-415-6162. (Talk-in W2NJR Link System 449,525, 448.825, 146.490, 448.125 [PL 141])

Sept. 13, **Western CT Hamfest**, Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, Connecticut. Contact Joe de Groot, AB1DO, 203-938-4880; <www.danbury.org/cara/hamfest.html>. (Talk-in 147.30+ PL100)

Sept. 19, **Pierre Amateur Radio Club Hamfest**, Pierre Senior Center, Pierre, South Dakota. Contact Dave, W0NWT, 605-494-0423, e-mail: <eaglewings150@yahoo.com>. (Talk-in 145.350-; exams 4 PM)

Sept. 20, **Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Hamfest**, Gloucester County 4-H Fairgrounds, Mullica Hill, New Jersey. Information: call 856-513-0407; e-mail: <hamfest@w2mmd.com>. (Talk-in 147.180+ PL131.8; exams 9 AM)

Sept. 20, **Greater Cincinnati Amateur Radio Assn. Hamfest**, Diamond Oaks career Development Center, Cincinnati, Ohio. Contact Stan Cohen, W8QDQ, 513-531-1011, e-mail: <stanco49@zoomtown.com>; <www.gcara.org>. (Talk-in 146.88 [-600], 145.37 [-600]; exams)

Sept. 26, **ARA of the Southern Tier of NY Hamfest**, Chemung County Fairgrounds, Horseheads, New York. Contact Charlie Santi, e-mail: <ka2bed@arast.org>; <www.arast.org>.



when the tower he was climbing on buckled and collapsed. The newspaper report says Prelog, 57, was a professional installer of radio systems and was using all proper safety equipment and procedures. A club spokesman quoted in the article said "the tower failed at the base" and fell over sideways. Prelog was at the top. There are conflicting reports about the tower's height. The club says it was 30 feet tall; an initial police report had said 60 feet. KE4PM is survived by his wife, Tammy, four children and two grandchildren.

**FCC: We Don't Regulate Contests**

The FCC moved with unusual speed to dismiss a petition aimed at the signal reports exchanged by hams in contests. Jack Najork, N5FG, of Hubbard, Texas, had asked the Commission to take action against what he termed "wholesale liar's exchanges"; in contests, and particularly to sanction the American Radio Relay League for failing to prohibit what he called "false 5-9 blanket reporting" in the contests that it sponsors.

Responding some six weeks later, Mobility Division Deputy Chief Scot Stone dismissed the petition, noting that the Commission's rules do not require amateurs to transmit signal reports nor do they specify a standard for signal reports that are exchanged. He also stated that "(t)he Commission does not regulate amateur contests; rather, they are self-administered by the amateur community." He suggested that Najork direct his concerns to the various contest sponsors.

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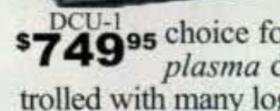
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Mounting Hardware	Clamp plate/steel bolts
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# Results of the 2008 CQ WW DX CW Contest

BY BOB COX,\* K3EST

## Expanded CQ WW Contest Results on the Web

Several elements of our contest reporting are on the CQ website, including Station Operators of Multi-Op stations and expanded QRM. To view them go to <<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cqwwhome.html>>, then click on "Expanded Results, 2008 CQ WW CW" and select the category you want to see. You may also get there by going to our home page at <<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com>>, clicking on "Contest Rules & Info," then clicking on "CQ World Wide DX Contest" and selecting "Expanded Results, 2008 CQ WW CW."

**W**hat happens when the sun just won't cooperate? Enter the CQ WW DX CW Contest and see propagation improve for the event. As NL7G comments, "Who says the bottom cannot be fun?" As has been mentioned before, the CQ WW is a fantastic competition that brings out the best in amateur radio: team work, station construction, antenna design, propagation knowledge, and operating skills. Just turn on your radio and you can join in the fun. Once you listen to the bands during the CQ WW, you will be hooked. You can be guaranteed to have a good time. The CQ WW is a celebration of ham radio skill and effort.

Thousands of hams throughout the world received their first ham radio thrill in the CQ WW. New hams and old who try the CQ WW become addicted. K8GL's comments sum up the wonderful challenge the CQ WW brings to new and experienced operators: "A personal best of 33K-plus points with only a few hours of operation, using only a couple of dipoles. I am looking forward to next year. Thank you CQ magazine for a great contest. The expeditions were outstanding." You can try to work new band countries or set other personal goals. With over 200 DXCC countries on the air for the CQ WW, you are sure to get a few new ones. M0BUY had this to say: "Excellent competition, very busy with many opportunities to work new countries."

The number of CW logs received was 300 more than were received for SSB! A total of 5300 CW logs! It has been over twenty years since CW logs outnumbered SSB logs. CW is alive and well in contesting. Below are presented the results of the efforts of the entrants. Read on to see how you and your friends ended up. Everyone who operated the CQ WW in 2008 was a winner.

## High Power

Every year there is a great deal of competition to achieve the number one score in the world in this prestigious category. 3V8BB took first place. Jose, CT1BOH, operating from CT3NT, put his considerable skill to work to allow him to rise to second place. Not

far behind, another repeat winner, Andy, N2NT, keyed V47NT to third place. A call containing "NT" was in a lot of logs. Rising from second place in the CQ WW SSB Contest, Krassy, K1LZ, took top honors in the United States from his QTH in Massachusetts. Second place in the U.S. went to another familiar top finisher, Randy, K5ZD. Taking third place was Doug, K1DG, operating from his Maine QTH. Top honors in Europe again went to Toni, OH2UA, operating from CU2X. Toni has had the top European score for several years running. Second place Europe went to the efforts of Ranko, 4O3A. From Crete, Ben, DL6FBL, took SV9CVY to third place in Europe. Other worthy efforts from propagationally challenged areas that should be recognized are W6YI (N6MJ), BA1AN, VU2PTT, JH4UYB, 9M6CNC, VK2IA, AH0BT, ZS4TX, and A45XR.

The continental winners were: North America V47NT (N2NT), Africa 3V8BB (YT1AD), Asia C4W (5B4WN), Europe CU2X (OH2UA), Oceania VK2IA, South America PZ5TT (VE3DZ), Japan JH4UYB, U.S.: K1LZ.

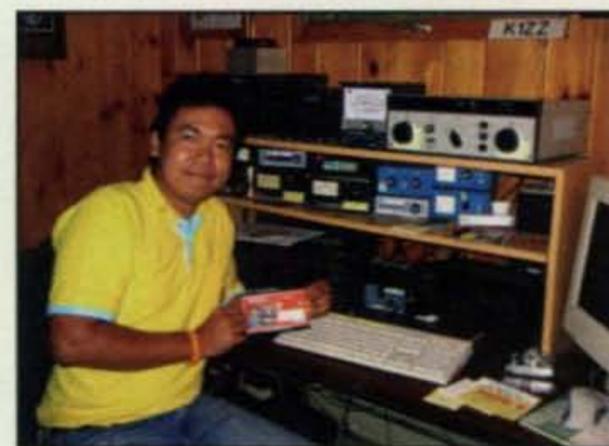
## Low Power

The minimum requirement to enter the Low Power category is to have a transceiver and an antenna, but since everyone has a transceiver and some sort of antenna, winning the Low Power category becomes a real challenge!

Finishing at the top was Scott, K0DQ operating from P40Q. Scott had this to say: "What a blast! First CQWW in four years. Hopefully, this is good for a #1 world finish." You did it, Scott! A familiar call usually ending up at or near the top is V26K operated by Bud, AA3B. Bud has been in the top ten world many times. Third place world went to Carsten, DL1EFD, who put 6V7N in a lot of logs. Here in the U.S. we had a repeat winner from 2007, Art, K1BX. Art took first place on both modes this year, quite an accomplishment. Second place went to Ed, N1UR, who finishes on or near the top almost every time. Third place U.S. went to Marvin, N5AW, from Texas. Using a different call than on SSB, but ending up in the same spot,



Serge, 4L6QC, low power 40 meters.



Champ, E21EIC, low power 7 MHz.

was Felipe, CT1ILT. He keyed CS2T to top European honors. Second place in Europe went to Petr, OK2WTM operating the club call OL6P. Third place Europe went to Vlad, UA3BS. N6RV, KG7H, 9J3A, EA8CN, BD5WW, EX2A, HC5WW, VK2BJ, and T88CJ all had big scores from challenging locations.

The continental winners were: North America V26K (AA3B), Africa 6V7N (DL1EFD), Asia RA9FTM, Europe CS2T (CT1ILT), Oceania T88CJ (HA7TM), South America P40Q (K0DQ), Japan JF1NHD, U.S. K1BX.

## QRP

The CQ WW offers a contester a very good opportunity to work rare DX which would otherwise prove elusive. Frank, W6JTI, comments, "QRP at the bottom of the sunspot cycle, now there's a challenge!" The QRP category sharpens your searching skills and the rewards are very satisfactory. You can work a lot of stations with 5 watts or less. Our world winner this time was Philip, N0KE, operating TI5N. Moving from W0-land to TI really increases your chances of a good score. You had to travel to far western Siberia to find the QTH of second place world. It went to Rafael,

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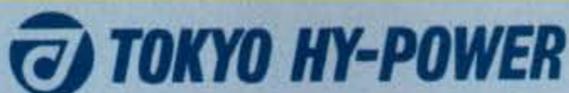


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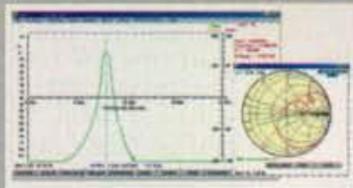


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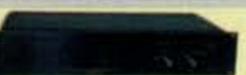
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### Multi-Single

The Multi-Single category attracts a lot of interest—especially the

CQWW MS, which allows the use of a second skilled operator on a second band to work only multipliers. A really competitive MS is an excellent run operator plus a multiplier expert. Atop of the world standings was the joint effort of PJ4A manned by the South East Contest Club and the Frankford Radio Club. Last year's winner, C4N, took away the second place award. Taking third place world and number one in Europe was the team of OM8A. Multi-single is very competitive, especially within Europe. Finishing second was TM6M from radio club F6KHM. Making their first appearance in the multi-single category in many years, team M6T representing the Martlesham DX & Contest Group took over third place. Making their first appear at the top of the leader board in the U.S. was W2FU. They had the right combination of QSOs and multipliers from western New York. Second place in the U.S. went to W3UA/1; the three operators did a fantastic job. Third place went to Tom's team, K8AZ.

## 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
3V8BB	342/12/53	1039/20/72	2285/35/107	3062/36/110	485/31/76	29/8/18
CT3NT	241/17/59	907/24/79	1918/33/106	2375/35/113	854/27/92	12/6/11
V47NT	433/16/59	854/22/84	2237/31/106	2549/33/109	1145/27/84	15/6/11
PZ5TT	226/15/37	642/23/76	1379/29/95	2240/34/113	1265/29/105	35/12/17
8P5A	474/18/60	870/22/86	1652/27/91	2212/30/100	1330/28/90	35/11/15
V31WA	130/12/40	659/26/90	2150/36/125	2238/34/123	918/26/75	12/6/7
P40W	477/17/61	714/23/90	1293/29/94	1633/31/83	1209/29/80	24/7/13
*P40Q	79/12/30	482/20/82	1845/28/93	2099/28/98	1066/31/68	10/3/6
CU2X	406/17/58	869/22/89	1573/31/105	1418/27/103	1598/29/103	71/11/20
VY2ZM	887/21/82	815/26/88	1005/26/101	1746/25/96	168/24/84	11/7/10

### WORLD MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER

PJ4A	284/16/55	610/24/95	2627/30/119	2176/36/128	1522/29/97	43/11/21
C4N	335/17/62	1113/27/107	2272/34/118	2390/36/127	795/27/104	38/7/22
OM8A	473/24/90	1384/37/135	1870/38/150	1721/37/141	319/31/110	142/13/51
TM6M	385/18/76	971/29/111	1882/37/137	1982/37/139	295/31/104	16/7/16
M6T	567/23/82	1593/35/129	1448/39/141	1753/38/142	178/27/101	23/6/23
OM7M	686/26/99	1012/32/121	1783/39/149	1255/36/125	264/31/112	91/9/39

### WORLD MULTI-OPERATOR TWO TRANSMITTER

D4C	205/22/80	1957/30/117	3475/34/127	4153/37/147	2973/35/142	244/20/62
PJ2T	588/23/82	1223/28/106	3111/34/131	2764/35/132	1764/29/101	19/7/13
P3F	496/19/73	1486/28/108	2985/37/135	2643/34/125	1248/30/97	24/9/22
KP2M	390/13/59	1392/28/102	3029/32/115	2826/35/130	1712/28/100	26/9/16
WE3C	132/20/77	806/31/116	1933/37/139	1748/36/143	520/29/106	43/9/14
8Q7DV	164/12/38	948/29/89	1971/36/120	1804/35/119	1578/32/113	86/13/32

### WORLD MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

HC8N	1094/24/79	1904/32/118	3622/36/134	3438/40/152	2878/37/141	259/23/51
3X5A	873/23/81	1946/27/102	2756/34/117	4246/37/144	2668/33/129	389/17/53
CT9L	828/23/75	1527/27/112	3909/36/130	2941/37/130	1784/27/103	40/11/20
KC1XX	377/19/80	1551/34/126	1998/38/151	2142/38/151	590/29/118	105/13/22
K3LR	373/23/89	1425/35/131	1938/38/153	2116/36/148	679/32/111	62/10/13
DF0HQ	1170/24/88	2288/33/125	2958/38/165	1931/37/148	471/31/103	186/11/47

### USA TOP SINGLE OPERATOR ALL BAND

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
K1LZ	228/18/62	978/22/93	1135/30/117	1270/29/115	287/26/87	23/8/12
K5ZD/1	125/16/55	712/24/97	1208/32/112	1748/32/124	148/24/69	14/4/6
K1DG	301/16/70	803/23/95	535/24/95	1873/29/116	164/21/75	5/2/2
K3CR	139/16/62	507/24/89	955/30/113	1590/33/122	204/26/76	7/4/3
NN4TO	52/12/40	371/21/88	1441/32/110	1660/32/121	112/24/57	13/6/8
N2IC/5	82/16/48	323/30/85	916/36/114	1220/35/129	158/26/59	14/6/5
W9RE	151/17/50	676/21/87	683/29/106	1294/29/106	114/22/54	8/5/4
K3ZM/4	177/15/63	642/25/87	632/29/93	1176/30/108	75/18/44	6/5/5
K5GO	55/17/34	283/24/78	999/37/112	1202/33/118	114/23/54	8/4/6
N2LT	75/14/46	384/24/83	773/31/104	1015/31/113	178/23/73	3/3/3

### USA MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER

W2FU	88/18/69	910/29/113	688/34/132	1515/36/134	119/27/86	11/9/11
W3UA/1	65/16/62	754/28/109	1082/32/121	1579/33/132	76/20/73	8/6/8
K8AZ	83/20/68	462/30/115	923/34/126	1322/34/138	121/27/82	13/9/12
K9RS/3	74/18/64	450/25/105	779/35/122	1428/34/137	171/26/88	13/9/12
K5NA	76/21/75	251/31/111	1170/38/144	1134/35/139	202/30/85	15/9/10
KT3Y/4	83/17/66	198/28/99	1156/35/126	1479/32/138	79/24/77	2/2/2

### USA MULTI-OPERATOR TWO TRANSMITTER

WE3C	132/20/77	806/31/116	1933/37/139	1748/36/143	520/29/106	43/9/14
K1AR	158/16/67	810/29/106	1829/35/137	1798/35/141	404/29/108	28/9/14
K1KI	124/17/65	558/29/115	1415/34/135	1665/34/138	416/28/103	35/10/15
NY4A	64/14/49	716/27/104	1707/35/130	1426/34/130	299/24/94	7/6/6
K2LE/1	57/13/35	664/25/98	1190/34/124	1517/33/128	248/25/92	22/7/11
K0TV/1	72/14/44	639/26/104	839/34/127	1221/31/124	192/24/78	7/4/4

### USA MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

KC1XX	377/19/80	1551/34/126	1998/38/151	2142/38/151	590/29/118	105/13/22
K3LR	373/23/89	1425/35/131	1938/38/153	2116/36/148	679/32/111	62/10/13
W3LPL	382/20/83	1247/31/119	1905/38/146	2011/37/150	706/29/116	77/12/17
K1TTT	252/17/74	881/29/110	1270/38/140	1998/37/153	388/27/102	113/12/19
W1KM	214/18/75	1088/29/112	1392/34/129	1751/34/140	356/27/101	33/10/14
N3RS	151/19/66	745/31/116	1757/36/135	1721/35/132	439/28/103	29/8/13

W7VJ took top honors from the U.S. West Coast. Outstanding performances were turned in by many teams. Calls appearing in many logs were: NØNI, W7VJ, AB7E, 5KØT, VP5W, TO3R, EA8ZS, RT9W, TA3KZ, A73A, ZM2M, ZM4A, CW5W, and ZW5B.

The continental winners were: North America VE3EJ, Africa EA8ZS, Asia C4N, Europe OM8A, Oceania AH2R, South America PJ4A, Japan JAØQNJ, U.S. W2FU.

## Multi-Two

The Multi-Two category needs two stations manned nearly all the time and stations have to move skillfully as the propagation changes. Taking advantage of their location to find openings to the U.S. and Europe, the multi-national team of D4C ran away with world top honors. Taking second place in the world was the Caribbean Contesting Consortium, PJ2T. Third place went to P3F. They commented, "Heaps of fun despite lack luster conditions." First place in Europe went to long-time top finisher IR4X. They have been having a good time on a mountaintop in central Italy for a very long time. Second place in Europe went to LX7I. Their signal sure was booming into the states. Reprising their finish on SSB, third place in Europe went to the MTTOSZ Gyor Varosi Radio Klub, HG1S. Repeating their win on SSB, WE3C's station in eastern Pennsylvania took the top U.S. honors. Second place went to K1AR operating from K1EA's QTH. Third place in the U.S. went to Tom's team at K1KI. Several stations put rare multipliers on the air and made big scores. When great operators activate tough places, they make contacts easy. OX5AA gave a lot of people a double multiplier, YM3A, B1Z, 8Q7DV, ZM1A all added to the fun.

The continental winners were: North America KP2M, Africa D4C, Asia P3F, Europe IR4X, Oceania KH6LC, South America PJ2T, Japan JA1YPA, U.S. WE3C.

### EUROPE TOP SINGLE OPERATOR ALL BAND

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
CU2X	406/17/58	869/22/89	1573/31/105	1418/27/103	1598/29/103	71/11/20
403A	163/11/48	673/27/88	1958/39/118	2396/36/110	354/28/79	29/6/16
SV9CVY	378/13/54	814/23/86	2068/34/100	1893/32/108	587/32/93	134/8/26
*CS2T	194/8/42	655/21/86	1465/30/117	1318/30/113	557/25/87	5/3/5
DJ5MW	270/15/56	761/20/85	1072/35/115	1287/34/110	279/28/80	19/5/12
S5ØA	116/15/54	789/25/70	1331/36/107	1411/36/112	218/30/76	11/4/8
OE4A	303/10/47	1280/24/84	1298/30/90	1156/31/97	245/24/65	78/8/29
OH4A	649/19/57	1153/30/85	1055/32/96	811/34/96	99/25/60	10/5/9
TM6X	143/14/52	796/19/65	971/30/104	1044/29/103	325/26/76	5/2/5
ES5TV	661/21/65	1146/25/80	791/27/89	1253/30/92	151/17/50	50/4/21

### EUROPE MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER

OM8A	473/24/90	1384/37/135	1870/38/150	1721/37/141	319/31/110	142/13/51
TM6M	385/18/76	971/29/111	1882/37/137	1982/37/139	295/31/104	16/7/16
M6T	567/23/82	1593/35/129	1448/39/141	1753/38/142	178/27/101	23/6/23
OM7M	686/26/99	1013/32/121	1784/39/149	1255/36/125	264/31/112	91/9/39
IR4M	236/22/81	845/32/111	1660/37/143	1586/36/135	560/32/111	63/12/45
RW2F	870/30/98	1749/38/130	955/38/148	1203/36/139	203/29/98	117/10/38

### EUROPE MULTI-OPERATOR TWO TRANSMITTER

IR4X	415/18/71	1566/32/117	2629/39/141	1528/37/133	333/31/103	60/11/43
LX7I	672/21/66	1800/29/106	2190/38/140	1862/37/128	463/29/96	34/6/23
HG1S	361/16/61	1767/34/123	2161/38/142	1201/37/136	369/28/102	36/7/26
DQ4W	451/18/67	1199/27/109	1792/38/147	1326/35/134	293/28/100	60/10/31
HB9CA	454/13/56	1488/27/89	1890/38/135	1402/37/129	416/28/89	61/7/22
OG2U	853/23/79	1524/37/127	1239/36/138	1088/36/132	135/23/68	33/4/19

### EUROPE MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

DFØHQ	1170/24/88	2288/33/125	2958/38/165	1931/37/148	471/31/103	186/11/47
LZ9W	967/19/69	2165/34/135	3326/39/158	1972/37/143	581/32/113	78/9/30
EE2W	1124/21/68	1832/30/106	2565/38/135	2067/38/136	1046/32/112	116/9/35
DR1A	1031/20/80	1914/34/123	2109/37/128	1998/38/145	511/30/115	121/8/35
SK3W	966/21/73	1801/38/132	2036/38/144	1479/36/144	249/27/88	94/7/29
LX8M	1291/15/71	1827/23/97	2363/35/132	1172/32/116	235/22/73	40/3/15

## Multi-Multi

Going into the Multi-Multi category is a real challenge. Months of planning the station site, gathering operators together, and waiting to see what nature deals you make for a combination of satisfaction and excitement. Operating from just below the equator on the side of an extinct volcano, the number one scorer in the world was HC8N. The world second high score was the VooDoo Contest Group, 3X5A. Third place in the world went to the Rhein-Ruhr DX Association team operating from CT9L. In the U.S. KC1XX pushed on the gas and ended up taking away the coveted U.S. #1 crown. K3LR was not far behind taking second place. Third place went to Frank, W3LPL's fine team from central Maryland. From farther west, NR5M, KØRF, and WØAIH/9 did fantastic jobs. The Ilmenau Contest Club, DFØHQ, once again returned to the first-place position in Europe. Second place went to LZ9W. Third place in Europe went to the Ondarroa Group, EE2W. Finishing as they did on SSB, JA5FDJ showed their muscle by taking first in Japan edging out the Nara QTH of JA3YBK.

The continental winners were: North America KC1XX, Africa 3X5A, Asia JA5FDJ, Europe DFØHQ, Oceania KH7X, South America HC8N, Japan JA5FDJ, U.S. KC1XX.

## Team Contesting

A lot of planning goes into the top teams to recruit potential top scores. Teams can be formed with members from anywhere in the world. You can submit your team list to <teams@cqww.com>. You will receive an acknowledgement. For 2008 CW top honors go to team Pile-Up Survivors. Great job! The results of Team Contesting are as follows:

- 1. Pile-Up Survivors:** 8P5A (W2SC), CT3NT (CT1BOH), ERØWW (UT5UDX), PZ5TT (VE3DZ), V47NT (N2NT): **45,633,217**
- 2. Code Sharks:** TO5X (K5UN), V26K (AA3B), K5ZD, ZS1EL, ZS4TX, **23,654,716**
- 3. Rhein Ruhr Steamboats:** DJ2YA, YR9P, 6V7N, J3/DL5AXX, **18,834,955**
- 4. FCG #1:** HI3A (AD4Z), J68V (K9VV), CW7T (CX7TT), NN4TO (K1TO), N6AR, **17,701,293**
- 5. CCF Team Sisu:** OH8X (OH6UM), OHØZ (OH6EI), OH2BH (OH1WZ), OA4WW (HP1WW), CU2X (OH2UA), **17,649,144**
- 6. VKCC Devils:** 9M2CNC, VK2IA, VK4EMM, VK6DXI, **9,051,909**
- 7. FCG #2:** N4TB, KH7B (KH7XS), NJ4M (WD4AHZ), WK2G, N4BP, **7,178,772**
- 8. Team Strausberg re-united:** 5H3EE (DL4SM), 9G5ZZ (DL1CW), DL4ME, DL5YL, DL5YM, **6,190,777**
- 9. Carolina DX Association:** AA4S, ISØ/ K7QB, N2TU, N4ZC, WA4DOU, **5,391,638**
- 10. CCF Team Sauna:** OG6N (OH6NIO), OG5B (OH5BM), OH4A (OH6KZP), **5,552,060**
- 11. Contest Group du Quebec:** VE2XAA/2, VA2WDQ, VE2SB, VA2SG, VE2GHI, **4,913,545**
- 12. MCC#1:** VY2SS, VE1RGB, VA1MM, VE1DT, VE1OP, **4,672,421**
- 13. VKCC Bushrangers:** VK2BJ, VK2BPL, VK2GR, VK2IM, VK2NU, **2,632,714**
- 14. DXXE CW Freaks:** XE2AUB, XE2S, XE1MM, XE1AY, XE1CT, **2,292,425**
- 15. FCG #3:** N4CJ (G4BUE), KN4Y, K9OM, KE1F, **1,590,060**
- 16. VKCC Blue Tongues:** PAØMIR, VK4TI, VK6LW, VK7GN, VK8AV, **1,522,820**
- 17. FCG #4:** K5AUP, N2AN (WC4E), K4PG, **560,169**
- 18. DXXE CW light:** LU8ADX, XE1ZVO, XE1NW, XE2WWW, **492,899**
- 19. FCG #5:** W4EBA, **24,960**

## Records

Take a look at the record list at CQWW.com and try to better an existing record. There are hundreds of records to try to beat. If you discover an error in the record list, please document it and let us know at <questions@cqww.com>. The following stations used their skill to obtain new CW records. Congratulations!

**World:** 14 CN2M (OH2MM); L3.5 C6ATA (K2KW); A7 IG9W (IZ1GAR); M2 D4C. **U.S.:** L14 W1MU. **North America:** L14 C6AKX (KE7X); L3.5 C6ATA (K2KW). **Africa:** 14 CN2M (OH2MM); A7 IG9W (IZ1GAR); M2 D4C. **Asia:** 3.5 EY8MM; A14 UP2L (UN7LZ);

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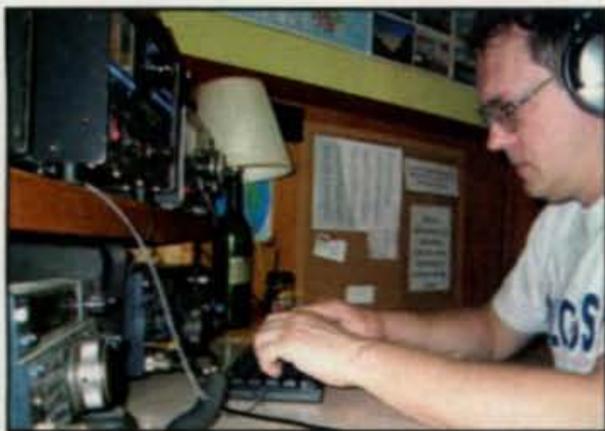
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	264,245,977
Frankford Radio Club	260,356,679
Potomac Valley Radio Club	135,287,845
Northern California Contest Club	76,863,949
Florida Contest Group	56,197,493
North Coast Contesters	50,898,748
Society of Midwest Contesters	50,397,751
Southern California Contest Club	46,462,006
South East Contest Club	36,840,999
Central Arizona DX Association	31,060,778
Minnesota Wireless Assn	28,407,752
Carolina DX Association	28,284,340
Western Washington DX Club	20,839,421
Mad River Radio Club	17,376,988
North Texas Contest Club	15,987,238
Central Texas DX and Contest Club	15,275,070
Hudson Valley Contesters and DXers	12,890,781
Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado	12,471,090
Willamette Valley DX Club	12,295,376
Tennessee Contest Group	11,735,803
Rochester DX Assn	10,132,278
CTRI Contest Group	7,777,558
Alabama Contest Group	6,842,920
Mother Lode DX/Contest Club	5,764,808
Low Country Contest Club	4,467,905
Southwest Ohio DX Association	3,773,002
Utah DX Association	3,121,820
Western New York DX Association	1,867,151
Louisiana Contest Club	1,858,794
Kansas City DX Club	1,669,758
Northern Illinois DX Association	1,257,016
Boring Amateur Radio Club	1,172,181
Southern California DX Club	1,126,925
Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club	944,174
Spokane DX Association	835,920
Oklahoma DX Association	797,301
Kentucky Contest Group	780,004
Southeastern DX Club	729,740
Metro DX Club	727,844
Northern Arizona DX Assn	602,953
Bay Area Wireless Association	587,359
Northern Rockies DX Association	537,253
Redmond Top Key Contest Club	506,656
Carolina Shine	490,434
Mississippi Valley DX/Contest Club	385,569
San Diego DX Club	344,701
West Park Radiops	312,298
Arrow Communications Association	196,080
Bergen ARA	194,272
New Mexico Big River Contesters	187,049
Portage County Amateur Radio Service	177,876
Order of Boiled Owls Of New York	125,676
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Midland Amateur Radio Club	8,402

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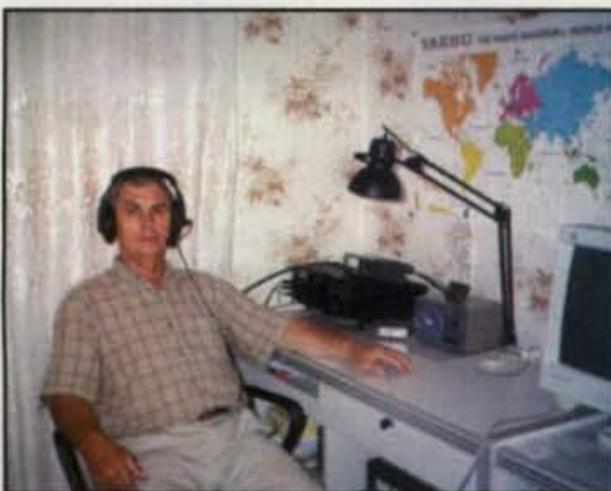
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Contest Club Finland	110,930,529
Contest Club Ontario	79,549,522
Araucaria DX Group (PY)	73,440,297
LU Contest Group	50,376,149
Russian Contest Club	49,407,678
Black Sea Contest Club	47,951,347
Ural Contest Group	45,556,941
Slovenia Contest Club	43,305,529
Croatian Contest Club	40,282,373
Ukrainian Contest Club	37,821,042
Chiltern DX Club (G)	37,535,768
YU Contest Club	34,625,078
LZ Contest Team	28,516,275
Kaunas Univ. of Technology R.C.	26,567,923
Hungarian DX Club	26,170,679
Bosnia and Herzegovina Contest Club	24,376,408
Sky Contest Club	24,028,903
SP DX Club	21,479,352
Latvian Contest Club	21,137,275
VK Contest Club	20,089,258
South Ural Contest Club	17,001,150
*World Wide Young Contesters	16,723,703
UA2 Contest Club	15,372,090
Madeira Contest Team	14,075,895
British Columbia DX Club	13,299,120
LA Contest Club	11,874,014
Tartu Contest Club (ES)	11,509,940
Top of Europe Contesters (SM)	11,304,572
Lithuanian Contest Group	9,429,086
ALRS St Petersburg	9,043,585
LYNX DX Group (EA)	8,778,952
Bashkortostan DX Club (UA9W)	8,275,397
Rio DX Group	8,086,799
Maritime Contest Club (VE)	7,897,637
GMDX Group	7,430,917
Contest Group Du Quebec	6,781,579
CE Contest Group	6,655,309
Radio Club Radu Bratu (YO)	6,191,476
West Serbia Contest Club	6,108,452
Grupo DXXE (XE)	5,556,481
Belarus Contest Club	5,530,190
Belokranjec Contest Club (S5)	5,514,598

Les Nouvelles DX (F)	5,347,284
TuPY DX Group (PY)	5,094,766
East Coast Canada Contest Club	4,907,814
Novosibirsk Contest Club	4,119,133
Vrhnika Contesters (S5)	3,859,643
Michurinsk Contest Group (UA3R)	3,783,730
Orenburg Contest Club (UA9S)	3,756,998
Foshan Amateur Radio Club (BY7)	3,683,734
Shakhan Contest Club (UA6Y)	3,479,017
Northern Greece Contest Team	2,929,156
ATCC (EY)	2,894,492
Grupo Argentino De CW	2,851,307
Yaroslavl Contest Club (UA3M)	2,718,334
Amigos Radio Altoaragon (EA2)	2,593,887
Radio Club Sporadic (UA3W)	2,541,118
Waikiki Amateur Radio Club	2,505,130
Perm Radio Club	2,446,445
Danish DX Group	2,441,007
Alberta Clippers	2,405,430
Stavropol Region Radio Club (UA6H)	2,197,292
Belarus DX Club	2,113,006
Temirtau Contest Club (UN)	2,106,061
Guara DX Group (PY)	2,042,787
Radioclub Ljubljana	1,965,343
Dnepr Contest Group (UR5E)	1,922,933
Moscow Radio Club	1,776,570
Fox Contest Club (YU)	1,684,319
Irkutsk Radio Club	1,535,585
Central Siberia DX Club	1,523,801
Low Land Crazy Contesters (PA)	1,517,524
YO DX Club	1,441,104
Balkan Contest Club (LZ)	1,408,480
Czech Contest Club	1,389,713
Podolsk Radio Club (UA3)	1,321,904
Grupo HK CW	1,309,548
Novokuznetsk Radio Club (UA9U)	1,287,960
*RU-QRP Club	1,193,243
Obninsk QRU Club (UA3X)	1,190,233
Kiev Contest Group	1,161,648
Vytautas Magnus University R.C.	1,146,684
KKKK Contest Club (UA6A)	1,036,158
Calgary Amateur Radio Association	1,017,143
ARCK (UA0)	948,531
CSTA Bucuresti	931,298
SK6AW Hisingens Radioklubb	911,868
South German DX Group	900,204
599 Contest Club (JA1)	886,622
SP Contest Club	885,066
Ivanovo DX Club	872,320
Jablanik Bears Contest Club (YU)	814,129
Siam DX Group	809,528
Southwest Scania Radioamateurs (SM7)	801,409
Cantareira DX Group (PY2)	793,509
Saskatchewan Contest Club	789,023
Rostov Club	786,678
Sozvezdie Club (UA3Q)	777,419
Vladimir Radio Club	767,557
Austrian Contest Club	712,229
Bristol Contest Group	705,993
Icelandic Radio Amateurs	654,896
Tikiriki Contest Club (I)	653,264
CS YO HD Antenna DX Group (YO)	612,870
Prima Klub (OK)	604,085
Haros Radio Club (HA)	602,081
Stv Radio Club (ES)	547,914
Solnice Contest Club (OK)	534,216
Donbass Club	527,198
Kiel Canal Aktivty Group (DL)	524,576
Tera Radio Club (HB)	515,888
Poisk Club (UA0A)	477,600
University of Tokyo Contest Club	458,564
Arj Arad (YO)	446,571
Samotlor Club (UA9J)	434,853
Strumble Head DX & Contest Group (GW)	433,630
Maycopskij Radio Club (UA6Y)	422,384
Kemerovo Radio Club	405,915
Spektr Club (UA3)	380,075
Tiras Club (ER)	339,686
Marconi Contest Club (I)	327,065
Stx Contest Club (KP2)	321,126
Krivbass (UT5E)	287,333
Cs Petrolul Ploiesti (YO)	287,104
Svark (SM7)	259,501
Csm Baia Mare (YO)	258,739
Amsterdam DX Club	230,806
R4f-DX-G	203,681
Radio Club Parma	202,434
Kirov Radio Club	187,311
Bracknell Amateur Radio Club (G)	179,351
Radio Klub Zagreb	178,972
Kiev Radio Club	176,630
Yamal Radio Club	165,645
Bahia DX Group (PY6)	162,584
Nor Nizhegorodskoe A.R. Community (UA3T)	160,412
SP-CW-C	157,265
CSM Cluj-Napoca (YO)	136,998
UR-QRP-Club	77,311
Eshanness Radio Club (Shetland Is)	63,346
CS Silver Fox Deva (YO)	53,446
Radio Klub Bagdala (YU1)	49,399
Shetland Contest Group (GM)	4,750

\* Not a qualifying club.



Dimitry, UT5UGR, put V31WA in many logs.



Vlad, UN5J, made a nice score on 21 MHz.

A3.5 5B/AJ2O (RN3QY). Japan: 3.5 JH1OGC; 1.8 JA7NI; Q7 JQ2UOZ; Q3.5 JA6GCE; A3.5 JN4MMO; A1.8 JH2FXK. Europe: 1.8 LY2IJ. Oceania: 7 KH7B (K4XS). South America: Q7 LU4MHQ; A7 PY7ZY.

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tions favored the West Coast at least once in our lifetimes!

### Comments

Although conditions were far from excellent, testers found a way to extract the maximum fun. The high bands suffered but the low bands were very good. Forty meters from the East Coast really never closed to Europe for 48 hours. The U.S. West Coast experienced dream-like conditions on 160 meters. The number of entrants in the CW contest set an all time high! We received about 5300 CW contest logs of which about 5150 were electronic! Between SSB and CW over 10,350 logs were received. Your con-

tinued submission of an electronic log allows the CQ WW CC to process the enormous amount of data received. We have again provided open logs so that you can learn about propagation and how the top scores do their operating. Thanks to all the testers around the world who sent in a log. *Please send in your log no matter how small.*

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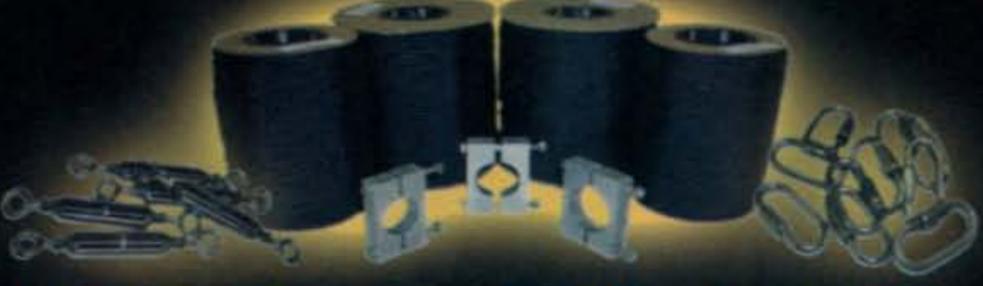


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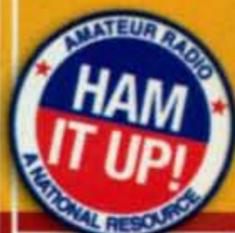
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If you plan to try to make the elite Top Scores box, you can count on your log being

scrutinized. The few contesters trying to win a number one position in the world, USA, or Europe must realize the necessity of honesty in their efforts. In order to ensure the legitimacy of these very top scoring entrants, a new rule has been added for the 2009 CQ WW contests (see the 2009 rules elsewhere in this issue). The new rule reads: "A competitor who wishes to be judged for a top score in their category must agree to a potential visitation at any time during the contest by an observer appointed by the CQ WW Contest Committee. Failure of the entrant to respond to our correspondence or to allow an observer full access to the contest QTH may result in the competitor being removed from award eligibility for three years." This observer can serve two positive purposes. First, the observer legitimizes the ongoing operation and second, the observer through observation can learn skills from a master contester. In a perfect world we would not have to spend this extra effort to check potential top contenders; however, some entrants feel they must win even if it means not following the rules. Just as in other aspects of life, cheating will not be tolerated. Although 99% of entrants will not be affected by this new rule, those few top contenders who are affected are important because they set an example of what is possible in our sport.

The use of a QSO spotting network of any kind places the entrant in the Assisted category. The Assisted category is fully competitive and fun. When you do use a spotting aid, please claim to be Assisted. The use of undeclared packet, the use of additional operators for a single operator entry, two signals at the same time on the same band or on separate bands at the same time, if you are single operator, is in violation of the CQ WW rules. The CQ WW has at its disposal years of data, category averages for packet and non-packet scores, statistical aids to verify winners, URL tracing, packet clusters, reverse log time/band checking (the stations an entrant works can be electronically queried for frequencies and times; therefore an entrants log without frequencies is not necessary to discover a violation of the rules) are just some of the tools we have available. In addition, we frequently confer with excellent operators in the SO2R and other categories to help confirm what is possible. This year we had to reclassify and disqualify several stations. These few individuals take up hundreds of hours of work by the CQ WW CC to find what they are trying to hide.

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. CQ has developed a new Xtreme category which allows for innovation and implementation of new technologies. If you are interested in this new category you can find the rules at <<http://www.cqww.com>> and click on the Xtreme category rules for 2009 (or see the June issue of CQ magazine).

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are the product of a lot of work. With your help and our bookkeeping, we hope the results are as true as possible. We use many log-checking tools and data sources to certify the winners. The members of the Committee who provided insight into many contesting topics are: K1DG, K3WW, K3ZO, KR2Q, K3LR, N2AA, N2NC, N3ED, N9RV, W3ZZ, K1AR, KM3T, KT3Y, W5OV, K5ZD, N2NC, W0YK, N5KO, K6AW, N6AA, N6TW, N6TR, K5TR, W6OAT, and N8BJQ. The DX advisors who offered advice and sorted out potential problems are: CT1BOH, EA3DU, F6BEE, G3SXW, JE1CKA, OH2KI, OH2MM, PY5EG, S50A, UA9BA, VA7RR, VE3EJ, and E21EIC. A special thank you to Ken, K1EA, who spent countless hours making the CQWW database the best in contesting. We want to thank Barry, W5GN. Barry has provided the machinery to send certificates to you in a timely manner. The CQ WW records are maintained by John, N2NC, and K3EST.

Congratulations to all the winners and entrants! CU in the 2009 contests!

73, Bob, K3EST

## DX QRM

It's my first ever WW CW Contest and I'm now the first Tunisian CW operator ever. I'm very happy for this first participation. Look for me next year! Thanks for managing this great contest! . . . **3V8SS**. QRM heavy. Ops good. Woodpecker back on 40m. Sigs strong. 10m still dead . . . **7J1AQH**. Probably youngest participants: 9A3BOB (15 yrs) 329 QSOs, and 9A3CIB (14 yrs) 139 QSOs . . . **9A1CIG**. Thanks to A71CV and A71CO for their help with generator and setup. Sorry we could not spend more time on the low bands, but we had local thunderstorms and rain most of the weekend! Lots of really FB operators out there . . . **A73A**. First time taking part in CQWW CW in Multi-Op category, using special event callsign for the 150th birthday anniversary of Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose, the inventor of wireless communication using millimetric waves. The operators thank all of those who gave QSOs, asked repeats of calls again and again . . . **AU5JCB**. My first Top band contest, lots of fun! Worked a few new ones on TB. It's tough in a contest running only barefoot into a sloper and using a horizontal loop as RX antenna. . . . **BD7JSQ**. Many thanks to my old school (5B4ES) for hosting me again after many years. Very poor propagation conditions but still great CW test! Lot of fun! Many CW enthusiasts show that CW will never die. Thanks for maintaining CW and amateur radio spirit alive. Best 73s for everyone . . . **CT1BWW**. This was my second CQ WW DX CW competition. I like CW and QRP and so I spend more than 17 hours active on the air. There are now lot of new countries down in my log. I enjoyed this contest! Thank you to all for the work . . . **DF2OK**. First CW participation in my life, being an experienced SSB-only old timer (64 now)! S&P only, but great fun and a lot of respect for what is possible within low signal reception in CW . . . **DL8OH**. Thanks E21YDP for invited me to used his station, which is same station as Fred, HS0ZAR/K3ZO used in CQWW CW 2004 and 2007. This is my first time on 40m single band contest. Congrats to Bruce, XW1B, for his new MonstR antenna at 45 m. His signal very loud! A lot of fun! . . . **E21EIC**. S&P all the way. Fantastic fun. Highlight: ZM3A at 1130 UTC local time on Sunday morning. Low point: Could not work JA (Z25) no matter how hard I tried. Thanks to 9M2CNC for a good contact (in the end) despite horrible QRM. Great Ears Award goes to ZM3A and 9M2CNC . . . **EI4HQ**. I did my best with 100W and a dipole. Not the ideal setup at bottom of solar cycle . . . **F5SGI**. I just love the last hour. We have had 47 hours before, but we all go mad in the last hour. Then silence. Never ceases to amaze me . . . **G0VDZ**. My thanks to all the amateurs who activated the rarer country prefixes . . . **G4EBK**. Problems, problems, problems. Lost antenna control

cables due to mice activity in the garden; lost 160m dipole due to icing until we cleared it; lost main computer due to failed 160m dipole high voltages/currents; but it was still fun despite the poor 10/15 conditions We spent a lot of time outside in the dark fixing things this time . . . **G5W**. Seriously thinking of taking up stamp collecting! Telescoping tower imploded 3 weeks ago destroying HF and 6 metre beams. Left with 80 metre doublet. Set up day prior to contest to do a single band entry. Due to changes in earthing(?) PC had RF in. Took all day Saturday solving problem, then half hearted but enjoyable bash for a few hours on 80 metres where conditioned seemed reasonable for my simple setup. The GW prefix really does help! . . . **GW3JXN**. Fun test, good openings on 40 and 80. Worked over 100 QSOs on 80 from a city lot, so should be some smiles out there from people needing zone

26 on 80 . . . **HS0ZDY**. All wire antenna operation. Thanks to J69KZ and friends for their outstanding island hospitality! . . . **J68V (Op K9VV)**. Two full timers (NRI and me) made 99% of our QSOs. Atsu, JF3NRI (aka N9KAU) visited Hokkaido from Tokyo for the test for the first time to my QTH and to JA8. Very tough condx on high bands, but low bands were great. The most mults ever on both 80m and 160m. Finally worked South America (HC8N) on 160m for the first time and completed 160m WAC at last! . . . **JA8RWU**. First trial for me! . . . **J13OGI**. Once again, the contest of contests makes for an exciting weekend! Only thing missing was a nice European opening but I did manage a few contacts over the pole. My best score yet and many thanks for the QSOs! . . . **KL8DX**. We had lots of fun, but enough is enough. Give us some flux now! Thanks for the Qs. 73 LA Contest Club . . . **LN8W**.

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The weather was not very good here for flying the Helikite. I lost confidence with the kite when it started to drizzle with rain, which made the kite fall out of the sky across the main road into the neighbour's garden. It was a good job; it was 2 in the morning . . . **M4T**. Operated from West Sands St. Andrews with frost on the ground. Amazing fun. Apologies to all who needed repeats as using a paddle with winter gloves on proved interesting! See you next year . . . **MM5FUN**. The black holes did not show up this time, so the result, as expected, was almost the same as 2007. Thank you for the QSOs! . . . **OA4WW**. Trying what's possible running K1 with 5W and antenna 8-el LPA at 25m. Lots of DX and patient ops at the big guns . . . **OE3GSA**. The best CQWW CW ever, but QRV 7 hours only. Just 3 hours after the beginning of the contest, my son Simon was born (4 kg/53 cm). I'm happy man. See you in next contest . . . **OK8WW**. Knowing and understanding the restrictions of a downtown city dweller one has to set reasonable goals. Nearly 1,200 QSOs including some new bandpoints and IOTAs makes this guy happy. Come on sunspots, it's time to open the conjurer's box! With special thanks to my XYL and sons for allowing me to vanish from daily life for an entire weekend . . . **ON4CAS**. With over 100 DXCC entities from 35 zones, the contest has been a real success! Thanks a lot to all who called me and particularly to KH7B. A real exploit on 40 meter band! . . . **OT5W**. 40 was in great shape. This year I went for Qs, not mults, and it seems to have paid off. The 4 new Beverages and the K3 were a great help . . . **P49Y**. Good activity on the lower bands. Thanks for FB contest. I was coding and decoding CW by head and hand . . . **PA0FEI**. We had a little rain when we set up the antenna but we did it with pleasure. The crew had the motto fun and education . . . **PI4ZOD**. This is my first WW CW contest. Very interesting contest! All the best and best regards! 73! . . . **RD4HD**. It was very good propagation on 40m! Thanks V31WA for coming back to my CQ. Nice run to USA. Thanks to all! Good contest! . . . **RK9AD**. Good conditions on low bands but very bad on 21/28 . . . **S57DX**. Happened to hear Nigel (G3TXF) and had to give him a few points. And I got a new one on 160m! . . . **SM5CLE**. 80m proved to be our best band. Top band good as well. No 10m opening this year but a few Q's on 15. The TF4M station is improving year by year. The new Beverage antennas performed well and reception overall is exceptional. All equipment performed flawlessly and we all had a good time . . . **TF4M**. Another year. Another small step. Another case of the good, the bad, and the ugly. The good: did better than the previous year. The bad: did not meet my personal goal (half a million points). The ugly: after three attempts an absolute certainty that you cannot compete in Formula 1 on the go-cart. Anybody who knows how to build a semi-decent all-band antenna system on a postage-stamp-size city lot, please share! . . . **VE3FDT**. Operating from VE6JY superstation. A really fun contest this year with lots of activity and decent conditions . . . **VE6WQ**. Loads of activity in this amazing can't miss contest, Great openings to Europe even on low power . . . **VK4EJ**. Have enjoyed working this contest in spite of several power failures and low voltage conditions . . . **VU2UR**. The only thing louder than HC8N were the fishing boats, chirps, bells, whistles, and SSB pirates that frequent these parts! A fun time and good test of the new antenna! . . . **XW1B**. A weak call is sometimes a multiplier, so listen, listen, listen. 73 from Tanna Island/Vanuatu . . . **YJ0MM**. The 160m band was very populated in this contest. I used the narrow filter . . . **YO5BTZ**. 80m seemed to be in good shape. Only operated for 80 minutes and ended up with 103 QSOs in the log! . . . **ZL1AZE**. Didn't have a lot of time, but worked HC8N for a new one. Enjoyed myself. A thrill to hear KH7X on an otherwise dead 10m band in ZL! . . . **ZL3PAH**.

## USA QRM

I was glad that the propagation to northeast Florida improved a little for the contest. A number of stations were worked on 15 meters, which I didn't expect. Thanks to all who strained to hear my QRP signal . . . **AA4W**. Super conditions. A thrill to work EY8MM LP on Saturday morning . . . **K0KT**. Made a bunch of neat contacts . . . **K0OU**. My 40m beam failed after the first day, and I have no backup antenna. I put together a jury-rigged ground plane so I could at least pick off a few multipliers Sunday afternoon. Very pleased with the performance on all other bands . . . **K1DG**. Wow! Personal best 33K plus with only a few hours and a couple of dipoles. I am looking forward to next year already! . . . **K1HTJ**. Unbelievable pile-ups on those few rare African countries! My 40th year in this crazy contest! . . . **K2MFY**. Conditions were way down from 2006/2007. Biggest event was working 48 JAs on Saturday morning from here on the East Coast. Saturday night was awful. Was very hard to work any EU on Saturday. Rain and QRM all weekend . . . **K4PI**. Spectacular opening to Europe the second night on 80m . . . **K6GP**. Some time on 40/20 meters. Not much on 15, but some good moments on 80m. Some very good ops out there . . . **K7CS**. Start a contest on 80!? Strange, didn't we once start them on 10 or 15? Thank you CQ magazine for a great contest. The expeditions were outstanding. A special "thanks" to OX5AA for putting up with the cold wx in order to give us a mult . . . **K8GL**. I was only able to do half the contest. RL gets in the way. 10m was totally dead and not much on 15m. 20m was the money band. Good EU in the morning and AF and Far East later. 40m had a great opening to EU before sunset each day, even worked zone 20, which is tough from the left coast . . . **KC6X**. Great chance to work a little DX! Thanks to all who participated . . . **KE7DX**. My first CW contest. Great fun! . . . **KF0IQ**. Tried really hard to break back into the 40+ hours, guys, but only made 39.5 hours. Exciting to work TF, OX, and OY with QRP . . . **KR2Q**. Tough contest, which band and do I even try a run. While brief, my surprise QSOs were those looking me on my frequency. I really had fun with the new A3S and its 40m kit! Look Ma! No amp! . . . **N0AH**. My goal for participating in CW contests is to increase my copying ability and to boost my country count . . . **N2CK**. My first inclination was not to send a log in based on my paltry number of contacts. Amazing what can happen when you replace a faulty vertical radiator on my Carolina Windom and the antenna starts to load properly! Definite highlight was bagging 3X5A on four bands! Getting a (relatively) large number of Q's on 40m was great as well. Hope to be back next year with a better

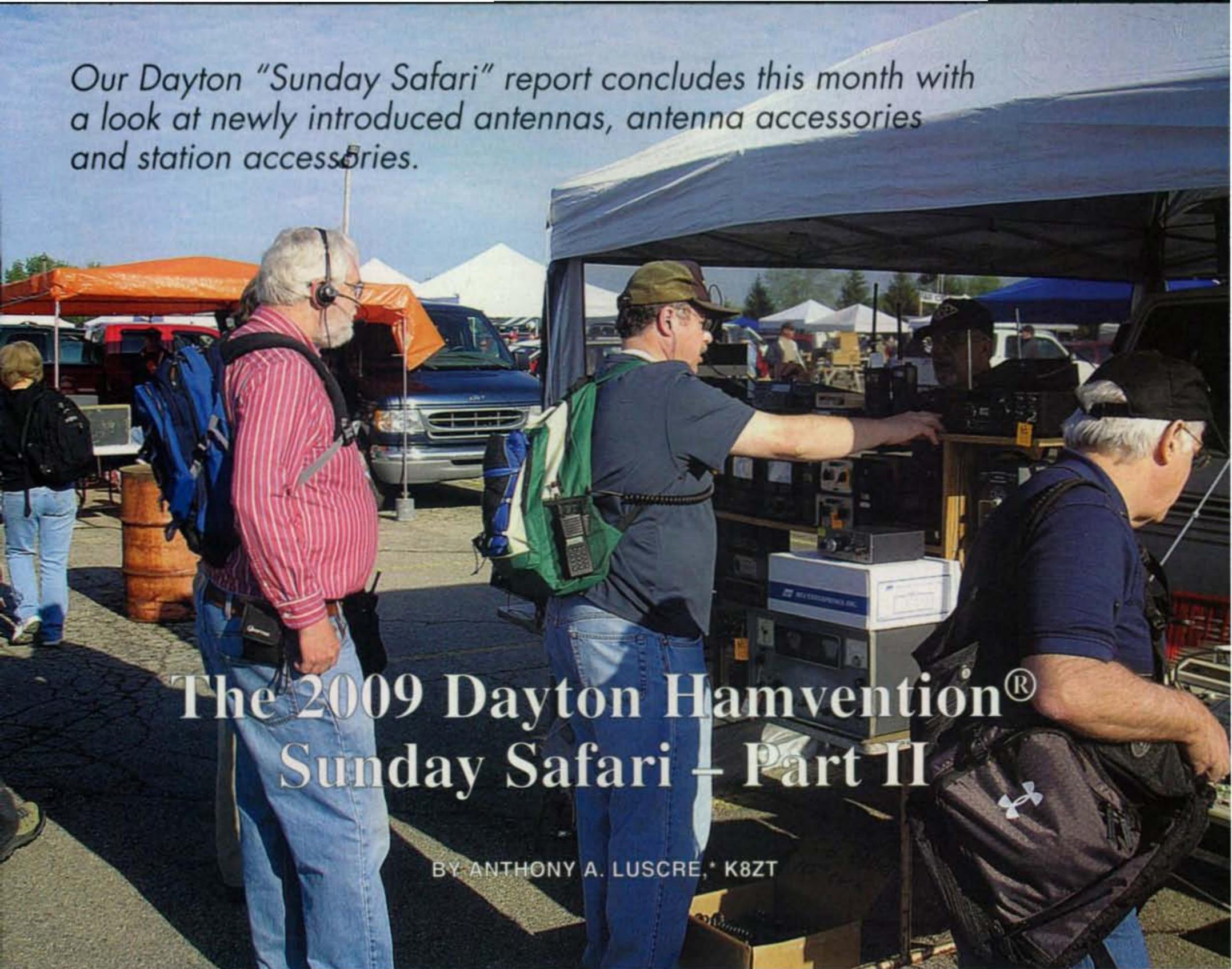
## TOP SCORES IN VERY ACTIVE ZONES

<b>Zone 3</b>	K3ZM/4.....3,802,248	*UA3BS.....1,677,740
W6YI.....3,380,952	N2LT.....3,655,708	*UA6GO.....1,364,895
K7RL.....2,224,200	AA1K/3.....3,121,986	UW1M.....1,352,560
K6XX.....2,177,980		RW1ZA.....1,272,150
N6TV.....2,120,760	<b>Zone 14</b>	*RU9WZ.....1,120,068
K7GK.....1,942,605	CU2X.....7,499,925	UA6GP.....1,059,380
KO7AA.....1,885,505	*CS2T.....4,579,659	RU3UR.....927,943
W6RJ.....1,846,992	DJ5MW.....4,427,990	
K6NA.....1,786,176	TM6X.....3,442,425	<b>Zone 20</b>
W6YX.....1,735,079	DL3YM.....3,299,100	C4W.....6,528,720
N7TT.....1,168,860	PA3AAV.....2,355,108	SV9CVY.....6,147,855
	EA5FV.....2,174,305	*LZ9R.....1,387,146
<b>Zone 4</b>	OZ1LO.....1,979,649	TC4X.....1,331,040
CK3AT.....4,771,290	DJ5QV.....1,975,382	ZC4LI.....1,238,963
N2IC/5.....4,371,558	EI5DI.....1,963,770	LZ1GL.....983,105
VE3JM.....3,979,212		LZ1BJ.....948,996
W9RE.....3,898,150	<b>Zone 15</b>	4X2M.....894,057
K5GO.....3,801,060	4O3A.....6,420,570	*LZ5XQ.....888,507
WX0B/5.....2,808,162	S50A.....4,424,133	SV1ENG.....783,104
K8GL.....2,606,080	OE4A.....4,183,718	
VE3TA.....2,165,428	OH4A.....3,515,420	<b>Zone 25</b>
*N5AA.....1,754,984	ES5TV.....3,393,273	JH4UYB.....4,457,511
*N8AA.....1,640,768	IU2R.....3,034,640	JA7DLE.....1,741,510
	LY7Z.....3,017,846	JF1SQC.....1,485,507
<b>Zone 5</b>	YL6W.....2,680,770	*JF1NHD.....1,053,756
VY2ZM.....7,121,890	OH8X.....2,522,970	*JH8SLS.....1,007,952
K1LZ.....6,789,192	TK5EP.....2,352,301	JK1OPL.....985,525
VY2TT.....6,709,815		*JI1RXQ.....962,337
K5ZD/1.....6,666,975	<b>Zone 16</b>	JN2AMD.....894,842
K1DG.....5,744,752	RA3CM.....2,082,420	JA3OOK.....837,375
K3CR.....5,689,970	RT9S.....1,915,200	JA7IC.....827,400
NN4TO.....5,360,128	RD4WA.....1,734,735	<i>*Low Power</i>

antenna! . . . **N4HXI**. "When the going get tough, the tough get going." . . . **N4TZ**. Band cndx are improving! . . . **N6IE**. Another great DX contest, I look forward to this one every year. But I had never talked to 3 African stations before: Ascension Is., Guinea, and South Africa, all on 15 meters! The sun's started to make noises . . . **N7EIE**. Great contest! Conditions here were better than expected. In fact, 20m was exceptionally good Saturday afternoon with openings to Guam, JA, VK, and ZL while at the same time African stations were still booming in . . . **ND4V**. Great condx in this CW WW CW test, especially on 20m and 40m. Other nice mults were available on 80 and 160m. Mni thanks to the ops who got on from rare DX countries! . . . **W0ETT**. No TVI multiplier this year! . . . **W2YR**. Great operators on the bands as usual. First DX contest from my new QTH. The 40m dipole and 20m vertical worked FB. CW rocks! . . . **W3TUA**. QRP at the bottom of the sunspot cycle, now there's a challenge! Thanks to all who struggled to copy my 5W (especially European stations) . . . **W6JTI**. My biggest effort ever. Sure would like to have caught the 8Q7 but so didn't everyone else. Maybe next year . . . **W6XI**. Had a ball. 40 was excellent and 80 good too. 800W and a R7000 vertical on 40 and higher and my 24 ft. homebrew vertical dipole on 80 worked very well. I'm happy with 34 overall zones but can't believe I missed zone 30 due to poor record keeping. About 12 hours of sporadic operating time in the search and pounce mode. Better antennas (especially for 40) next year . . . **W7XA**. Wonderful time. TU to KH6LC on 15m to push me over 40K! . . . **W8LEW**. Thanks to N0KE, Phil, for letting me use his station near Silt, CO while he went to T15N for this contest! My best QSO was when my 5 watts and Phil's new 3-el delta managed to snag TO3R on Reunion Isl at the bottom of 15 meters! . . . **W8QZA**. Another great contest. Too bad condx were not better. Biggest thrill? Having 9Q1EK answer my CQ on an almost dead band. Thanks! . . . **W9ILY**. Figured that I'd try to pick up some new countries. One thing led to another and wouldn't you know it there I was, in the contest. 68 countries on 20. 97 countries overall; heck I only had 94 countries "worked" in my log. Of course it was pretty slow going with only a vertical and a wire antenna. Had to do something about that if I were going to get new countries! So, true to form in my "young" contesting years, I went out back to see what I had that I could throw in the air. Had a TH7 sitting there that I bought from Jim Price and pondered where to put it. Nay-sayers shook their heads at me and said, "in the middle of a contest?" Now the challenge was on and my only comment was that I could have that antenna put together in 40 minutes. They looked me like I was nuts! Well I got after it, there was a couple of extra things to do, but I had it all together ready to throw in the air in an hour. I was going to put it on a tower trailer that I built for the CQP, but changed my mind and pulled the vertical down, added a 10 foot piece of mast material to the existing pipe, and mounted the beam. Tied a rope on either end of it to rotate it and viola! I had a TRT, "Two Rope Tenna" in two hours. Even though it's only about 8 feet over the steel roof of my shop, it matched within 1.5 to 1 and I made a lot of contacts. Oh what fun . . . **WB6BFG**. I spent most of Sunday afternoon waiting for 10 meters to open. I did hear some very weak bursts, but no opening. Sure could have used some 10 meter mults. . . . **WB8JUI**. Not bad for 50W, a dipole, and a terrible location. Sean was right: wait til Sunday afternoon when the big guns get bored and start listening for the weak ones . . . **WB8MIW**. Great contest! Things began a bit slow but picked up as the weekend continued. Can't wait to see more improvement in conditions next year! . . . **WK0P**. Sunday conditions much better than Saturday. Always fun! . . . **WR2G**.

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Our Dayton "Sunday Safari" report concludes this month with a look at newly introduced antennas, antenna accessories and station accessories.



## The 2009 Dayton Hamvention® Sunday Safari – Part II

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Photo A— The flea market at the Dayton Hamvention® is a great source for used gear, as seen here, but you will find some new-equipment dealers out there as well. (Photos by staff or courtesy of respective manufacturers)

*Editor's note: Once again this month, Anthony's report on new products introduced at the Dayton Hamvention® replaces his usual "What's New" column. Anthony's regular column resumes next month, bringing us up to date on new products introduced since Dayton.*  
—W2VU

**T**his month, we continue our Sunday Safari for a look at what's new from the 2009 Dayton Hamvention® (photo A). Part I was in the August issue and focused on transceivers, amplifiers, and antenna tuners. This month we focus on antennas, antenna accessories, station accessories, and some products for the ham on the go. Finally we take a look at The Amateur Radio Website of the Month.

### Antennas and Antenna Accessories

The **MacTenna Model SB20-10** "Simple Beam" uses a patented switching technology to change the resonant fre-

quency of a 3-element Yagi antenna. The "Simple Beam" covers 10, 12, 15, 17, and 20 meters. Band changing is nearly instantaneous and is accomplished without the use of motors, mechanisms, or control cables. No traps or matching networks are required with the Simple Beam. The desired band is selected by using the **MT-32 controller** (located at the operating position), which sends control signals to the Simple Beam over the coaxial feed line. The MT-32 (photo B) has a USB port and comes with software, which allows programming of your antenna configurations into the controller using a computer.

MacTenna's SB6-2 option allows users to mount their own 2-meter and/or 6-meter beam(s) or vertical(s) on the same tower as the Simple Beam. The SB6-2 consists of a larger junction box on the SB20-10 with two additional SO-239 connectors. Internal relays connect the feedline to the Simple Beam and to the 6-meter or the 2-meter antenna(s). Introductory pricing: SB20-10, \$995; MT-32, \$99; and SB6-2, \$89. For more information visit <[www.mactenna.net/simpleBeam.htm](http://www.mactenna.net/simpleBeam.htm)>.

SteppIR's slogan for Dayton was "step up to the next generation of antennas." There were two new SteppIR™ beams

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Photo B— The MacTenna Model SB20-10 "Simple Beam" is controlled from your operating position by this remote SB-32 controller.



Photo D— Super Antennas by W6MMA's YP-3 "Yagi in a Bag" shown unassembled with included carry bag.

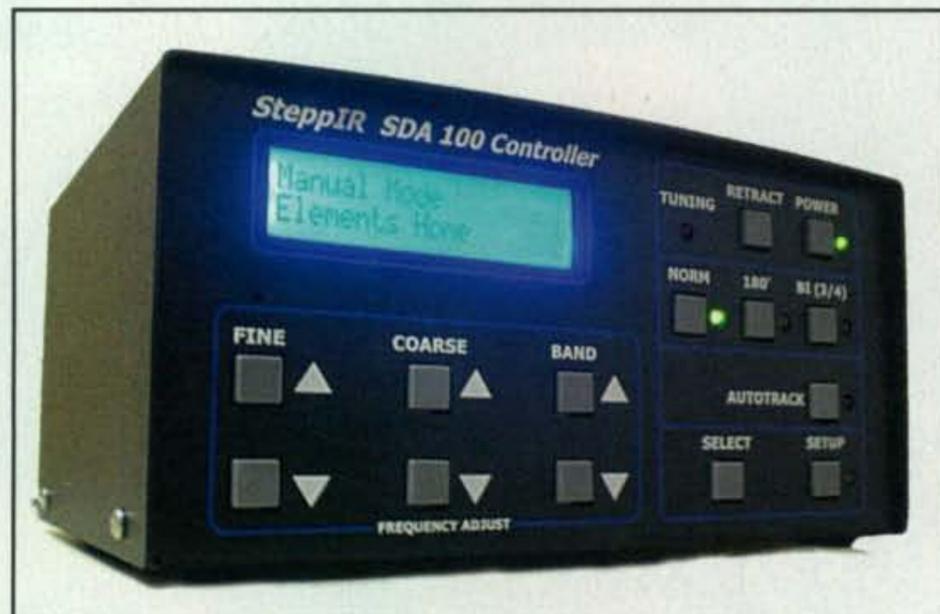


Photo C— SteppIR's new SDA-100 Controller has a larger LCD display than previous models, as well as dedicated LEDs for direction and antenna tuning, among other features.

on display. The **Dream Beam 18E** covers seven bands (40–10 meters, with optional passive element add-on for 6 meters) with three active elements (two elements on 40 meters). The use of a "loop" for 30m/40m "provides a physically smaller antenna while maintaining the performance of a full-size antenna." Producing high performance from 40 to 6 meters on a single 18-ft. boom is made possible by switching the feedpoint from the center element to either of the outer elements when operating below 20 meters. This switching is accomplished by high-power relays located in each element housing. The feedline is then switched by the controller between each of the elements via a 5-KW three-port antenna switch mounted on the boom. Price is \$2950. The Dream Beam 18 is similar but with only 2 elements on both 40 and 30 meters. Price is \$2550.

SteppIR's new **SDA-100 controller** (photo C), designed around the AMTEL 1890 microprocessor, has many more features made possible by the larger memory capacity of the chip. Features include larger LCD display, dedicated LEDs for direction indicator and antenna tuning, software updates via USB, and passive lightning protection. For more details, visit <[www.steppir.com](http://www.steppir.com)>.

Super Antennas by W6MMA introduced the **YP-3 "Yagi in a Bag"** (photo D), a portable, 3-element, 6-band Yagi for 20, 15, 17, 12, 10, and 6 meters. This highly portable antenna fits into the included 36-inch carry bag. Field adjustable, the YP-3 can be set up to optimize operation on any of the six bands. The price is \$395. **The YP-1** is a new rotatable 6-band dipole covering 20 through 6 meters. It includes its own 36-inch travel bag. Price is \$195.

Super Antennas' new heavy-duty 26-foot tripod is the perfect companion for the YP-3 or YP-1 antenna. Collapsing to

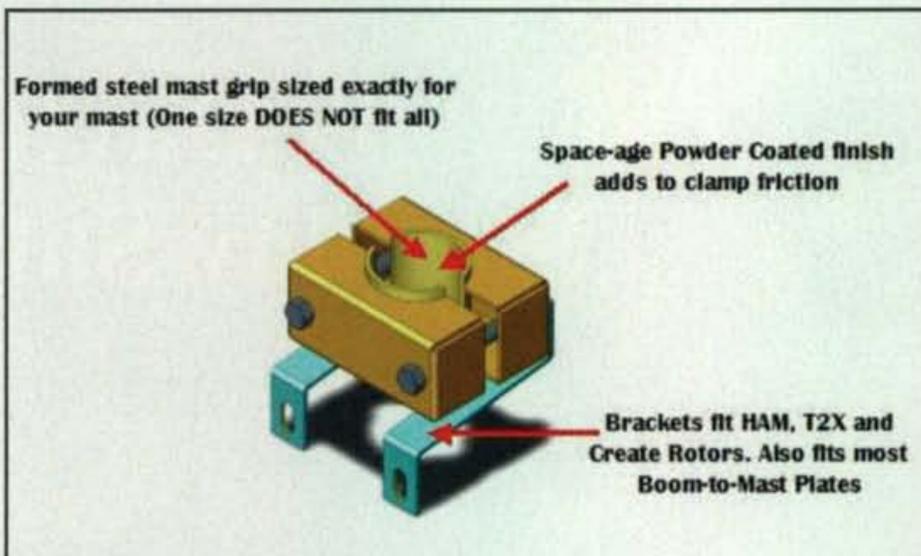


Photo E— Tennadyne's new Slip-Nott high-friction clamp for rotators and boom-to-mast brackets.

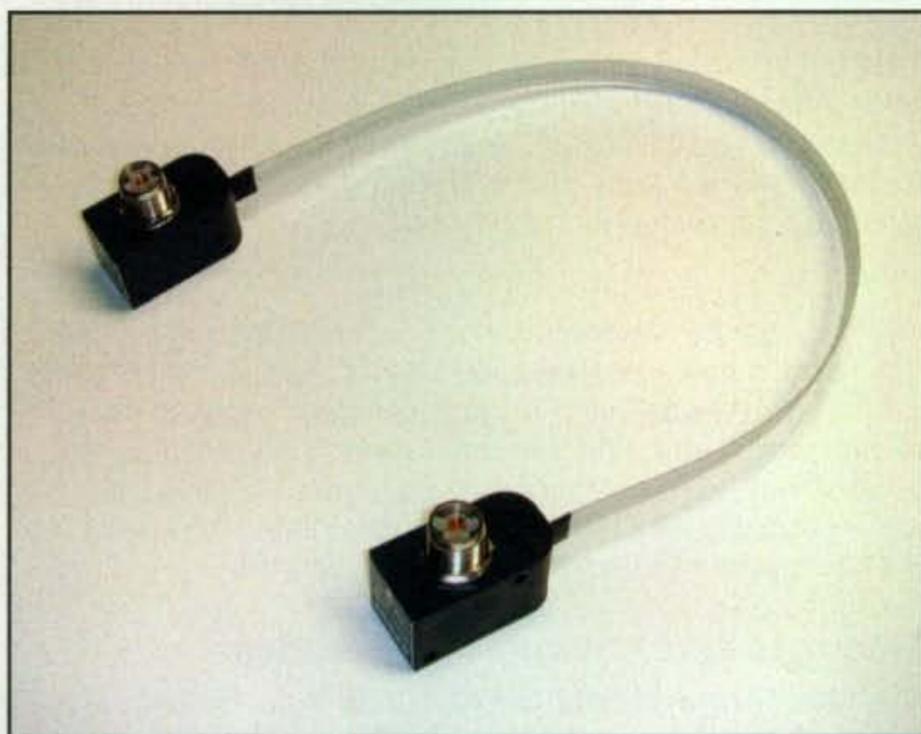


Photo F— The "flat coax" in Comet's new CTC-50M lets you pass a feedline through a window without having to keep it open.



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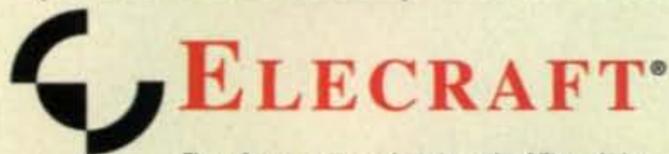
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Tennadyne's new **Slip-Nott** (photo E) is a high-friction clamp for rotators and boom-to-mast brackets. Each unit is

custom designed for specific applications. A formed mast grip, sized for your specific application, and a "space-age" polymer coating maximize gripping and prevent slipping. Price is \$89.95. For more details, visit <www.tennadyne.com/slipp\_nott.htm>.

Comet's new **CTC-50M** (photo F) is an ingenious device that allows you to get your signal from a coax cable in your house over a door or window to an outside antenna without drilling holes in the wall or leaving a window/door open. The center core of the flat wire coax is "copper-clad steel" chosen for its strength and resistance to metal fatigue. The film is made of ALPET (aluminum/PET plastic), which is supposed to resist damage due to material fatigue. Gold-plated connectors are supplied with screws to attach them securely to the wall/window frame. Close the window and screen freely without damaging the coax! Price is \$49.95. For more information visit <www.cometantenna.com>.



Photo G— Green Heron Engineering is introducing a wireless station switch controller to let you operate tower-mounted switches and relays without running an extra cable. This board is the heart of the system. It's mounted in a weatherproof enclosure.

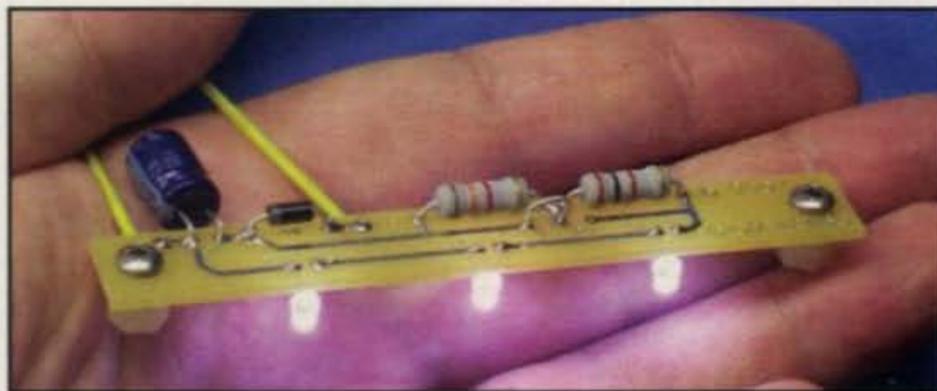


Photo H— Idiom Press's Rotor Illuminator is a three-LED replacement circuit for 24V incandescent bulbs in certain Hy-Gain rotors.



Photo I— The bhi ANEM MKII “noise away” amplified noise elimination module.



Photo J— The Heil Quiet Phone Pro™ headset uses ANC (active noise canceling) to remove room noise.

Green Heron Engineering introduced prototypes of its new **Wireless Station Switch Controllers** (photo G). These controllers are designed to control relays and other devices at the base or top of towers without the need to run additional cables from within your shack. The units operate in the 2.4-GHz band.

### Station Accessories

Is your rotor control box's light burned out? Idiom Press's **Rotor Illuminator** (photo H) is a three-LED replacement circuit for the incandescent lamp in Hy-Gain control boxes. “Buy this kit and never have to worry about finding scarce 28-VAC bulbs, and never have to change the bulb ever again!” says the company. Price is \$10.95 postpaid. Visit <<http://idiompress.com>> for more information or to order.

Also from Idiom Press are the **LogiKlipper RF Speech Processor** and the **Rotor Illuminator**. Full details on the LogiKlipper were not currently available, so watch for further information in following months.

The bhi **ANEM MkII ‘Noise Away’** amplified noise elimination module (photo I) is a compact, easy-to-use in-line solution to noise and interference problems in radio communications. Using unique, fully adaptive DSP noise-cancellation technology, unwanted noise and interference are removed to leave clear speech with virtually no distortion of the voice signal.

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This was the year for Heil Sound's rollout of a new line of active noise-canceling headsets. The Heil **Quiet Phone Pro™** (photo J), according to the company, “is a result of years of research and development at Heil Sound, Ltd. While typical headsets are designed to reproduce audio, they pay no attention to the outside environment. In most cases, the ambient room noise is louder than the program information that comes through the speakers in the headphones.” Heil Sound's solution to this is an active noise-canceling technology that uses two small microphones placed deep inside each headphone speaker and wired to a differential amplifier, which switches the mics in or out of phase. As the micro-

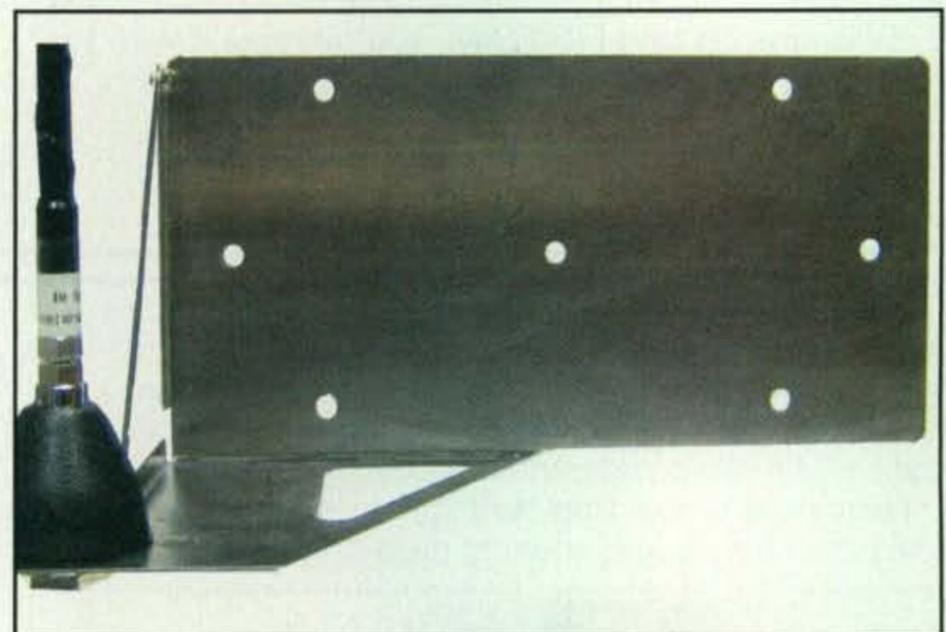


Photo K— The MFJ-2820 fits between your car's license plate and bracket and provides a convenient antenna mount.



Photo L— Ten-Tec's Model 610- remote USB keyer interface gives greater flexibility to remote users of the Omni-VII transceiver.

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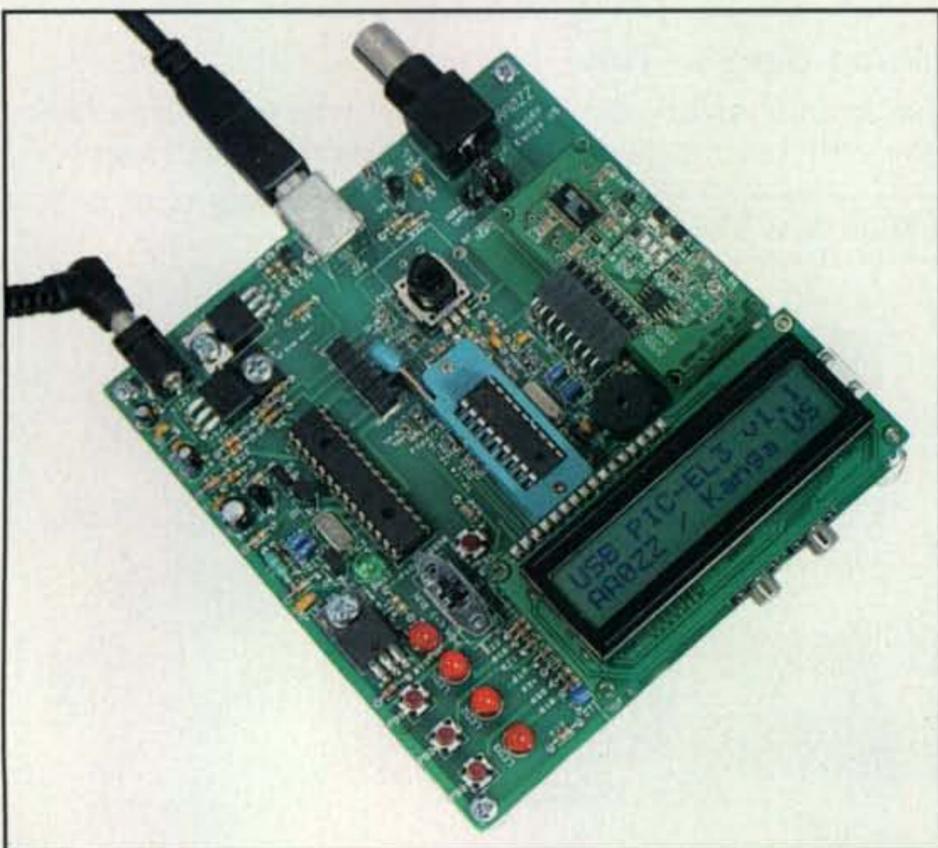


Photo M- From Kanga US, the PIC-EL III by AAØZZ. See text for description.

in the next room will all be reduced to levels tens of decibels below your desired audio source.

A unique feature of this Heil Sound product is the optional microphone boom assembly. Removing the small rubber plug, located above the ON/OFF switch, exposes a sturdy brass insert that allows the user to attach one of five different boom assemblies to the Quiet Phone Pro. You can choose any of five different types of microphone elements that match various amateur radio transmitters as well as computers, podcasting, and commercial radio/TV broadcasting. Street price is \$150; boom mic and elements are extra. For further information, including detailed specifications, visit <www.heilsound.com/amateur/products/quietphonepro/>.

The MFJ booth at Dayton is a cornucopia of equipment, accessories, and gadgets, where a visitor can easily lose sense of time while browsing the offerings. Many of the featured new products have for been covered in recent "What's New" columns, but definitely merit a quick rundown.

The **MFJ-706 Grab-and-Go Emergency Communications Center** is an EmComm box that turns your ICOM IC-706 into an instant and foolproof emergency communications center. Price is \$399.95. The **MFJ-2820 License Plate Antenna Mount** (photo K) fits between your car's license holder and license plate and provides you with a sturdy, convenient, no-hassle antenna mount for most HF/VHF/UHF antennas. Price is \$49.95. The **MFJ-869 Giant HF SWR/Digital Wattmeter** is a fully-automatic auto-ranging 6 1/2 inch meter with 20/200/2000-watt scales and TruePeak® average forward and reflected power modes. Price is \$219.95. The **MFJ-4416BRC** gives you full remote control of your MFJ-4416B Super Battery Booster, plus it allows you to monitor battery voltage and battery-booster out-

put voltage. Price is \$79.95. For more information or to purchase any of these items visit <[www.mfjenterprises.com](http://www.mfjenterprises.com)>.

Ten-Tec was displaying a pre-production version of its **Model 610 USB Keyer Interface** (photo L). With the 610, remote users of the Omni-VII (via the One PlugRemote software) can easily interface keyer paddles, microphones, and headphones. Controls include code speed and audio volume. Expected availability is early summer with a price under \$200. To order or for more information visit <<http://radio.tentec.com>>.

From Kanga US, the **PIC-EL III** by AAØZZ (photo M) is the newest version of PIC Programmer for 18-pin PICs via your PC's USB port. Available as a kit, the unit runs with Microchip's free PICKit2 application software (supplied with



Photo N— Hamgadgets.com's new full-featured keyer, the MasterKeyer MK-1.



Photo O— iPORTABLE field communication box for emergency or portable uses.



Photo P— The Xtal Set Society's My-Marconi 2106 Crystal Radio is a step back in time.

kit). Price is \$65. For details visit <[www.kangaus.com/picel\\_iii.htm](http://www.kangaus.com/picel_iii.htm)>.

Hamgadgets.com presented a new full-featured keyer (photo N). The **MasterKeyer MK-1** has six multi-color, LED-illuminated pushbuttons giving instant access to stored messages in any of five banks—that's 30 messages in all, for over 7500 total characters. Changing colors tell you whether a message is being sent or recorded. You can embed commands into memory messages for a wide range of functions. With these commands you can send your stored callsign, serial/QSO number (with or without automatic incrementing and with support for "cut numbers"), send the last word sent from the paddles, or call any other message from any bank. Message stacking lets you quickly send up to six messages in sequence (messages can be paused to manually insert information from the paddle). To order or for more information, visit <[www.hamgadgets.com](http://www.hamgadgets.com)>.

### Miscellaneous Goodies

An important reminder for your next visit to the Hamvention®: Do not forget to check the outdoor flea market for great new products as well as bargains on used gear (it's not all old stuff!). Mark Mantia, WN8ATM, of iPORTABLE Products, manufactures radio stands and field communication boxes for emergency or portable uses. His **Portable Rack System with Transport Covers** (photo O) is just the thing for emergency communications, Field Day, or any portable operation. Starting with an "Xtreme Rugged Case" design with an extra-wide carrying strap, the rack systems have universal slots and adjustable shelves for equipment mounting and can hold up to two radios or a radio/power supply combo. Included front and rear transport covers protect your gear when not in use. Units are all fully wired using 12-AWG wire and panel-mounted ACT/ATO fuses. All DC input power connectors are panel mounted Anderson PowerPoles® along with a fused 12V/10A cigarette-plug socket for accessories. Case audio is pre-wired for your radio with a 3.5-mm plug and a 3-inch front-firing speaker, and a 1/4-inch headphone jack on the front panel (headphones mute the rack speaker). There is a rear storage area for power cords, microphones, keys headphones, and/or a 12V, 7.2AH sealed battery.

### Going Back in Time

We end our safari with a trip back in time to old-time radio days with two receivers. The words "crystal" and "regenera-



Photo Q— Hendricks QRP Kits' Scout Regen Receiver is a new, simple two-band regenerative-receiver kit.

tive" bring fond memories of receivers of my youth. The Xtal Set Society was featuring its **My-Marconi 2106 Crystal Radio Kit** (photo P). It's a double-tuned set using toroid-wound coils and includes an antenna tuner. The kit tunes the AM band. The primary and secondary LC "tank" circuits each utilize a 365-pF air variable capacitor with a 250- $\mu$ H coil wound on an FT82-61 ferrite toroid core. A third air-variable cap is used for antenna matching. The tank caps and coils mount on a 10" x 7" x 1/8" hardboard chassis. The antenna cap and 1/4-inch phone jack mount on the 10" x 6.625" x 1/8" hardboard front panel. Nylon shaft extenders connect the tuning caps to the front-panel knobs. Price for the full kit is \$69.95; partial kits are also available. To order or for more details visit [www.midnightscience.com/kits.html](http://www.midnightscience.com/kits.html).

Not all regenerative receivers are old, either; the Hendricks QRP Kits **Scout Regen Receiver** (photo Q) is a new, simple two-band regenerative radio receiver that is capable of receiving signals from 3.5 to 11 MHz. This covers the 75/80-, 60-, 40-, and 30-meter ham bands plus the SWL bands around 6 and 9 MHz. WWV coverage on 5 and 10 MHz is also a bonus. The kit is complete with L-shaped aluminum chassis, quality double-sided silk-screened solder-masked board, all parts, hookup wire, and board-mounted battery holder. It even has a 2.1-mm power connector in case you want to use it with a wall-wart type of power supply.

Doug Hendricks, KI6DS's comments say it best: "This kit is ideal for the first-time builder, and a great kit to have a kid build with some help from an Elmer. All parts are through-hole, the manual is very complete and easy to understand, and it has been designed with the first-time builder in mind. All that you need (to add are) a 9V battery and a length of wire for an antenna and you will be pulling signals out of the air!! Reception and sensitivity are quite good, and the rig is very stable. It is perfect to use for monitoring the bands while you are busy at the bench, building that next project." Price to be announced, but under \$50. To order or for more information, including a detailed, full-color PDF of the assembly manual, visit [www.qrpkits.com/scoutregen.html](http://www.qrpkits.com/scoutregen.html).

### The Amateur Radio Website of the Month

While visions of Dayton 2010 dance in your head, do not forget about the large

number of local and regional hamfests around the country throughout the year. This month's site is the ARRL Hamfest and Convention Database website. The site at [www.arrl.org/hamfests.html](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html) provides searchable information on hamfests by state, ARRL division or section, zip code, or even words or phrases in the event's name. Hamfests are a great way to support local clubs, meet old friends, make new friends, find bargains, and of course, discover "what's new" in the world of amateur radio.

### Wrap-up

That is all for this month's column and the end of our two-part Sunday Safari of the 2009 Dayton Hamvention®. Next month we return to the usual "What's New" format. 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 snail mail address on the first page of this column. Until next month... 73. Anthony, K8ZT

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

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

**III. TYPE OF COMPETITION** (choose only one):

**For all categories:**

1. All entrants must operate within the limits of their chosen category when performing any activity that could impact their submitted score.

2. All high power categories must not exceed 1500 watts total output power, or the output power of their country, whichever is less, on any band.

3. All transmitters and receivers used by the entrant must be located within a single 500-meter diameter circle or within the property limits of the station licensee's address, whichever is greater.

4. All antennas used by the entrant must be physically connected by wires to the transmitters and receivers used by the entrant.

5. Only the entrant's callsign can be used to aid the entrant's score.

6. A different callsign must be used for each CQ WW entry.

7. An entrant's remote station is determined by the physical location of the transmitters, receivers, and antennas. A remote station must obey all station and category limitations of Rule III.

8. A competitor who wishes to be judged for a top score in their category must agree to a potential visitation at any time during the contest by an observer appointed by the CQ WW Contest Committee. Failure of the entrant to respond to our correspondence or to allow an observer full access to the contest QTH may result in the competitor being removed from award eligibility for 3 years.

**A. Single Operator categories:** For all single operator categories, only one person (the operator) can contribute to the final score during the official contest period. **QSO alerting assistance of any kind (this includes, but is not limited to, packet, local or remote Skimmer and/or Skimmer-like technology, Internet) places the**

**entrant in the Single Operator Assisted category.**

1. Single Operator High (All Band or Single Band): One person. One signal at any one time. QSO alerting assistance of any kind is not allowed. Self-spotting or asking to be spotted is not allowed. Total output power per band must not exceed 1500 watts or the output power regulations of the country in which the entrant is operating, whichever is less.

2. Single Operator Low (All Band or Single Band): One person. One signal at any one time. QSO alerting assistance of any kind is not allowed. Self-spotting or asking to be spotted is not allowed. Total output power per band must not exceed 100 watts.

3. Single Operator QRP (All Band or Single Band): One person. One signal at any one time. QSO alerting assistance of any kind is not allowed. Self-spotting or asking to be spotted is not allowed. Total output power per band must not exceed 5 watts.

4. Single Operator Assisted (All Band or Single Band): One person. One signal at any one time. QSO alerting assistance is allowed (this includes, but is not limited to, packet, local or remote Skimmer and/or Skimmer-like technology, Internet). Self-spotting or asking to be spotted is not allowed. Total output power per band must not exceed 1500 watts or the output power regulations of the country in which the entrant is operating, whichever is less.

**B. Multi-Operator** (all band operation only):

1. Single Transmitter (*M1*): Only one transmitter and one band permitted during any 10-minute period. Exception: One—and only one—other band may be used during any 10-minute period if—and only if—the station worked is a new multiplier. Ten-minute periods are defined as starting with the first logged QSO on a band. A multiplier station cannot call CQ. Logs found in violation of the 10-minute rule will automatically be reclassified as M2. If electronic logging is used (Cabrillo), for each QSO the run transmitter or multiplier transmitter must be indicated in the log.

2. Two Transmitter (*M2*): A maximum

of two transmitted signals at any time on different bands. Both transmitters may work any and all stations. A station may only be worked once per band regardless of which transmitter is used. Each of the two transmitters used must keep a separate chronological log for the entire contest period, or if electronic logging is used, the electronic log submittal (Cabrillo) must indicate which transmitter made each QSO. Each transmitter may make a maximum of 8 band changes in any clock hour (00 through 59 minutes).

3. Multi-Transmitter (*MM*): No limit to transmitters, but only one signal and running station allowed per band.

**C. Xtreme Contesting:** To encourage the development of new technologies in contesting. For the full rules, go to <<http://www.cqww.com>> and click on Xtreme category rules for 2009; or see the June 2009 issue of *CQ*, p. 32

**D. Team Contesting:** A team consists of any five radio amateurs operating in the single operator category. A person may be on only one team per mode. Competing on a team will not prevent any team member from submitting his/her personal score for a radio club. A team score will be the sum of all the team member scores. SSB and CW teams are totally separate. That is, a member of an SSB team may be on a totally different CW team. A list of a team's members must be received at CQ Headquarters by the time the contest begins. E-mail to <[teams@cqww.com](mailto:teams@cqww.com)>, or mail or fax the list to CQ, Att: Team Contest, 25 Newbridge Road, Hicksville, NY 11801 U.S.A.; fax 516-681-2926. Awards will be given to the top teams on each mode.

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

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

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

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

Stations are permitted to contact their own country and zone for multiplier

credit. The CQ Zone Map, DXCC country list, WAE country list, and WAC boundaries are standards. Maritime mobile stations count only for a zone multiplier.

#### VI. POINTS:

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

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

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

**VII. SCORING:** All stations: the final score is the result of the total QSO points multiplied by the sum of your zone and country multipliers. *Example:* 1000 QSO points × 100 multiplier (30 Zones + 70 Countries) = 100,000 (final score).

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

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

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

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

#### IX. TROPHIES AND PLAQUES:

Plaques and trophies are awarded for top performance in a number of categories. They are sponsored by individuals and organizations. For a current list of plaques and sponsors, or to learn how to become a sponsor, see the CQ website: <<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cqwwhome.html>>. A station winning a World trophy will not be considered for a sub-area award; the trophy will be awarded to the runner-up in that area.

#### X. CLUB COMPETITION:

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

2. Participation is limited to club mem-

bers operating within a local geographic area defined as within a 275 km radius from center of club area (except for DXpeditions specially organized for operation in the contest; club contributions of DXpedition scores are percentage to the number of club members on the DXpedition).

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

#### XI. LOG INSTRUCTIONS:

1. All times must be in GMT.

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

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

4. **Electronic log submission:** We want your electronic log. The Committee **requires** an electronic log for any possible high-scoring log. By submitting a log to the CQ WW Contest, the entrant agrees to have the log open to the public. If possible, we would appreciate complete frequencies in the log.

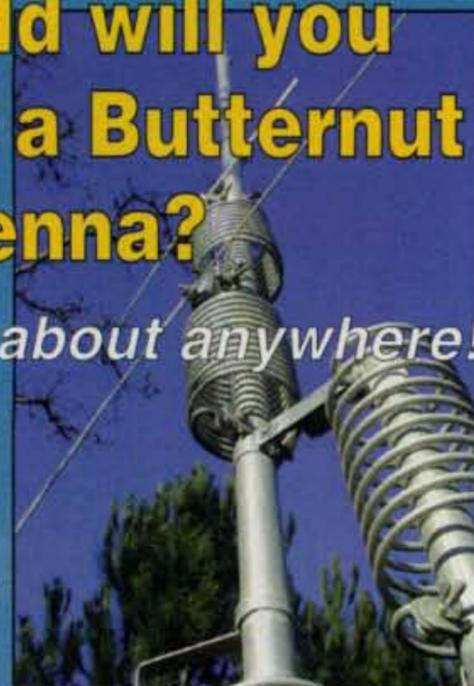
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5. **Paper log submission:** For paper logs, use a separate sheet for each band. Each paper log entry MUST be accompanied by a summary sheet showing all scoring information, category of competition, and contestant's name and address in BLOCK LETTERS. Sample log and summary sheets and zone maps are available from CQ. A large, self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage or IRCs must accompany your request. If official forms are not available, make up your own, 8 1/2" × 11" paper. All paper log entrants are required to submit cross-check sheets (an alphabetical list of calls worked) for each band on which 200 or more QSOs were made.

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7. QRPp and Low Power stations must indicate their category on their summary sheets and state the actual maximum power output used, with a signed declaration.

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

An entrant whose log is deemed by the Contest Committee to contain a large number of discrepancies may be disqualified from eligibility for an award, both as a participant operator or station, for one year. Disqualification of an entrant in any CQ contest will lead to check-log status in all CQ contests for a period of one year. One year ineligibility will commence with the publication of the disqualified entrant's call sign. If an operator is disqualified a second time within five years, he/she will be ineligible for any CQ contest awards for three years. ANY use by an entrant of any non-amateur means including, but not limited to, telephones, telegrams,

internet, Instant Messenger, chat rooms, VoIP, or the use of packet to SOLICIT, ARRANGE, or CONFIRM any contacts during the contest is unsportsmanlike and the entry is subject to disqualification. Disqualification Action and decisions of the CQ WW Contest Committee are official and final.

### XIII. DEADLINE:

1. All entries must be postmarked NO LATER than December 1, 2008 for the SSB section and January 15, 2009 for the CW section. **Indicate SSB or CW on the envelope and/or disk.**

2. An extension of up to one month may be given if requested by e-mail ([questions@cqww.com](mailto:questions@cqww.com)). The granted extension must be confirmed by the Contest Director, must state a legitimate reason, and the request must be received before the log mailing deadline. Logs postmarked after the extension deadline may be listed in the results but will be declared ineligible for an award.

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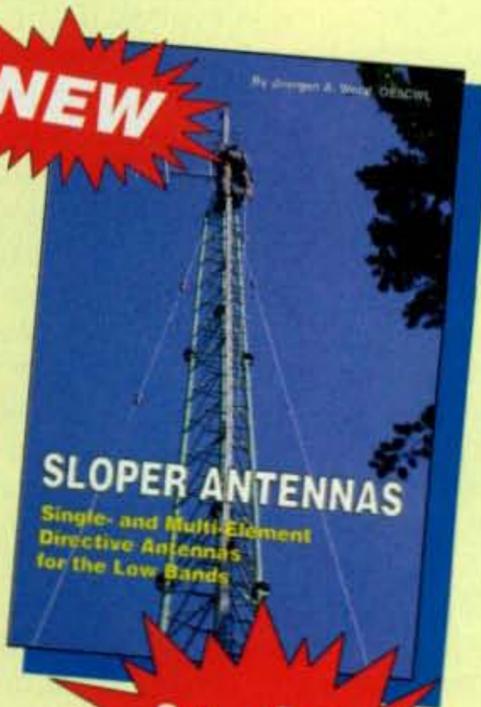
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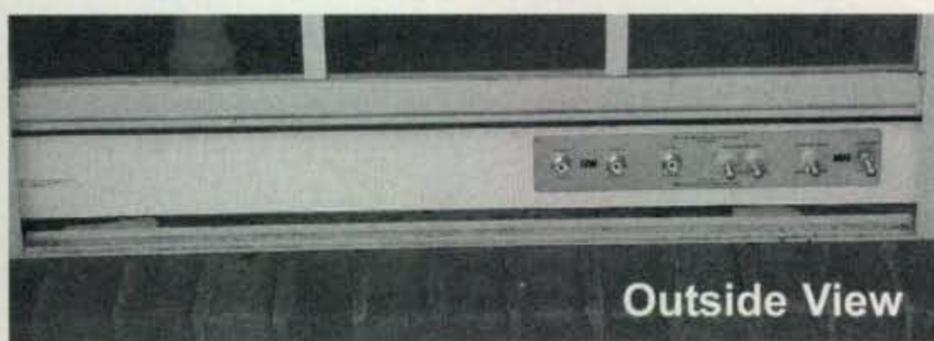
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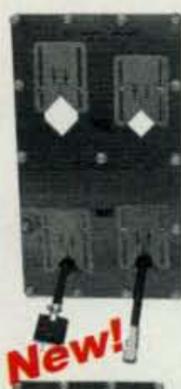
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# The New FCC: Its Makeup and Future Direction

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*FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski*

**T**he Federal Communications Commission has a new look, starting at the top. Julius Genachowski was sworn in as Chairman on June 29 and two additional appointments to seats on the Commission were awaiting Senate confirmation as we went to press. They will join sitting Commissioners Michael Copps, who has been Acting Chairman since January, and Robert McDowell in filling out the five-member commission.

The five commissioners are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate for staggered five-year terms except when fulfilling an unexpired term. No more than three can be members of the same political party and no commissioner may have a financial interest in any Commission-related business.

The President designates one of the commissioners to serve as its chairman, in effect, its chief executive officer. The chairman presides

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Julius Genachowski was sworn in as FCC Chairman at the end of June. (Courtesy FCC)



over all FCC meetings and sets its agenda. A minimum of three commissioners is needed to vote on issues.

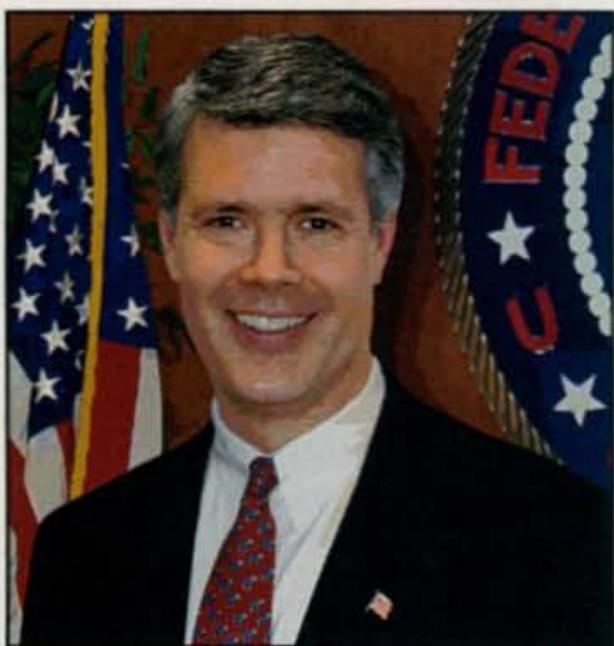
Traditionally, the FCC Chairman offers his resignation when a new U.S. president is elected. Under fire by the Democratic majority, outgoing Republican Chairman Kevin Martin left the Commission on January 20 when President Barack Obama assumed office. Democrat Michael Copps was named acting FCC Chairman, and his immediate job was to oversee the February 17 switch to digital television, later postponed to June 12. Our FCC sources also report that he reassigned many of the bureau chiefs who had been appointed by Martin in order to give his successor the ability to assemble his own management team.

## Genachowski Confirmed as FCC Chairman

The President had signaled his intention to nominate Julius Genachowski, 46, to lead the FCC back in January, but the official nomination didn't come until March 3, 2009. Genachowski, an advisor to Barack Obama on technology issues during his presidential campaign, was a major fund-raiser for Obama.

He headed a tech policy group and guided Obama's use of social networking on the internet to reach out to voters. They were classmates at New York's prestigious Columbia College and Harvard Law School, and they played basketball together, as well.

After graduating from law school in 1991, Genachowski worked as a law clerk in the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. His FCC experience includes three years as the chief counsel to FCC Chairman Reed Hundt during the Clinton administration. He has worked on a Congressional committee, giving



Robert McDowell was sworn in July 2 for a full term as Commissioner at the FCC's first open meeting under Chairman Genachowski. (Courtesy FCC)

him a knowledge of all three branches of the federal government.

Genachowski also has an eight-year private-sector background as a senior executive at Barry Diller's internet-based media company, IAC/ Inter-ActiveCorp. He has been a director of well-known firms such as Expedia.com, Hotels.com, and Ticketmaster, and a venture capitalist. Genachowski thus brings to the Commission a unique range of experience in law, business, politics, communications, and the "new media."

All FCC commissioners must be confirmed by the U.S. Senate. The confirmation process involves first being approved at a hearing of the Senate's Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, followed by a full Senate vote. Genachowski's varied experience drew rave reviews from senators on both sides of the aisle at his confirmation hearing.

Genachowski pledged his support for media diversity and widespread broadband access and registered his opposition to the fairness doctrine. He told the Senate committee that he would focus on national broadband service and consumer issues.

He is a staunch supporter of "open government, open networks, and open markets." Genachowski will take Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein's seat. Adelstein left the FCC upon Genachowski's confirmation to take over the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (more on this later).

Currently-serving Republican Commissioner Robert McDowell was renomi-



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## What Else Does the FCC Do?

Most hams know that the FCC issues our licenses and writes the rules we must follow on the air, but its broader role affects nearly every aspect of our lives.

On June 19, 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the Federal Communications Commission—replacing the old Federal Radio Commission—by signing Public Law 73-416, the Communications Act of 1934.

The FCC is an independent federal regulatory agency responsible directly to Congress. It is charged with encouraging the effective and widespread use of radio and wireline communications. Its jurisdiction extends to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories and possessions.

The FCC, governed by a five-person commission, regulates all U.S. non-federal government interstate telecommunications including telephone, radio, cable TV, satellite, and broadcasting. Its major activities include the allocation of frequencies to public (state and local) and private communications services and stations, licensing of stations and operators, and the regulation of electrical transmissions. It does not regulate radio operations of federal government agencies. That is the responsibility of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, or NTIA.

Since radio waves do not respect international boundaries, the FCC must govern telecommunications within the regulatory framework agreed upon by the International Telecommunication Union.

The Commission is organized into six operating bureaus and ten offices which provide support services. The operating bureaus reflect six broad divisions of Commission responsibility. They are the Enforcement Bureau, International Bureau, Media Bureau, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau, and the Wireline Competition Bureau. Amateur radio falls under the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

nated by President Obama on June 2 and, for the confirmation process, was paired with Genachowski. McDowell was first nominated by President George W. Bush and sworn into office in June 2006, filling the unexpired term of Republican Kathleen Q. Abernathy.

Genachowski and McDowell had smooth confirmation hearings and swift votes of approval from the Commerce Committee and full Senate. On June 25, the Senate both confirmed Julius Genachowski as FCC Chairman and reconfirmed Robert McDowell for a full five-year term as commissioner.

Now, along with former Acting FCC Chairman Michael Copps, the FCC has the minimum number of three commissioners needed to vote on issues. Copps will be returning to commissioner status after he headed up a very successful transition from analog to digital television.

## New Commissioners Awaiting Confirmation

Earlier, on June 25, the White House announced its intention to nominate former NTIA acting Administrator Meredith Attwell Baker (a Republican) and South Carolina utility regulator Mignon Clyburn (a Democrat) to the two vacant commissioner seats.

Baker holds a 1994 law degree from the University of Houston and is the daughter-in-law of former Secretary of State James Baker. She had been acting head of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) before exiting in January. She had been with the NTIA since 2004,

when she joined as a senior advisor. The NTIA is the White House advisor on telecommunications matters. It is also the FCC's in-government counterpart, regulating radio-spectrum use by federal government agencies.

Before joining the NTIA, Baker was vice president of Williams Mullen Strategies, and before that Director of Congressional Affairs at the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association. Her resumé also includes time in the Legislative-Affairs Office at the State Department. She will assume the FCC seat vacated by Deborah Taylor Tate.

Mignon Clyburn graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science degree in Banking, Finance, and Economics in 1984. She is the daughter of House Majority Whip James Clyburn (D-S.C.) Clyburn spent most of her career with the *Coastal Times*, a Charleston, S.C., newspaper where she worked as an editor, general manager, and publisher. Since 1998, she has served on the state's Public Service Commission, which regulates utilities and transportation companies.

Both must now go through a confirmation hearing and full Senate vote. Clyburn and Baker will complete the full FCC team and will be joining the Commission later this summer after they go through the Senate confirmation process. Confirmation hearings for both before the Senate Commerce Committee were scheduled for July 15.

## The New FCC and the Future

The FCC was originally created to regulate radio and telephones and to

ensure its licensees served the "public interest, convenience and necessity" (see sidebar, "What Else Does the FCC Do?"). However, today's "digital revolution" has produced all sorts of technologies and information-delivery mechanisms never dreamed of back in the 1930s when the Commission was first established. HDTV, cell phones, text messaging, the internet, faxes, wireless networks, distance learning, electronic commerce, and satellite services are examples of the products and services that digital technology has delivered. You can expect that to continue and expand. A shift away from similarly priced incumbent wired internet technology—cable and DSL—to new "third pipe" wireless broadband access with no limits on content or devices seems inevitable.

Genachowski has promised to run a more transparent Commission with a strong technology orientation. The Obama administration and Genachowski are strong backers of "Net Neutrality," the guiding principle that preserves the free and open internet. Net Neutrality simply means no discrimination. Net Neutrality prevents internet providers from blocking, speeding up or slowing down web content based on its source, ownership, or destination. It protects the consumer's right to use any equipment, content, application, or service without interference from the network provider. Cable and telephone companies generally oppose Net Neutrality.

On the FCC website: Genachowski pledged to develop a more user-friendly communications interface between the Commission and the public. "Consumers are top priority," he said.

Genachowski's major goal is to extend the "digital revolution" to everyone. At his confirmation hearing, he stated that he wants to use federal economic stimulus money to bring broadband internet services to rural and under-served areas. The Obama administration included \$7.2 billion in funds in its massive \$787 billion economic stimulus package for this purpose.

While that grant/loan money will be administered by the NTIA and USDA (through its Rural Utilities Service, to be headed up by former FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein; see below), the FCC has a consulting capacity and must come up with its own national broadband plan. The Commission must tell Congress how it envisions broadband service should be rolled out to the nation.

Genachowski said the FCC's broadband rollout plan must ensure that

everyone has “affordable and robust” broadband service, no matter who they are or where they live. “Affordable and robust” translates to lower cost and faster speed. The FCC plan is due at Congress by February 17, 2010.

Expanding broadband internet access is not the only issue that the FCC must address. A nationwide public safety network, open-access internet rules, and reforming the Universal Service Fund (US) also must be dealt with.

The US taxes long-distance bills to subsidize phone service to poor people and those in rural areas. The fund's base continues to shrink as more people drop landline for wireless and internet phone service.

The Commission also needs to determine what to do with a block of 700-MHz wireless spectrum, meant to standardize communications among public service agencies, that was not sold at auction last year.

With the United States lacking a clear-cut policy on broadband and wireless communications, the coming years will be critical in defining whether this country will be a leader or follower in broadband availability and mobile communications. New digital services delivered over the web—including streaming video, music, IP telephony, telemedicine and advanced e-commerce applications—are being developed.

The FCC under Julius Genachowski will play a critical role in determining both the direction and success of our nation's progress in these areas. The FCC must effectively make the transition from “protector of broadcasting in the public interest” to “communications technology consultant for the U.S.” and do it quickly.

### Closing the “Digital Divide”

After Genachowski and McDowell were confirmed, Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein left the FCC to await a hearing and confirmation on his new post to head up the USDA's Rural Utilities Service. The RUS is a little-known agency whose major goal is to provide affordable broadband to all rural Americans. Broadband is a utility just like power and water. The agency has financed traditional telephone service capable of providing digital subscriber loop (DSL) broadband. More than \$1 billion allocated by Congress has been invested already,

RUS has also financed some wireless broadband, and school districts are beginning to be linked, thereby sharing teacher resources. Distance learning allows a teacher in one district to provide instruction to students in multiple



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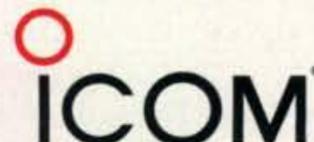
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districts. The high-speed internet is very important to learning, and some students are even taking college-level courses while attending high school.

Despite these gains, there are many rural areas with little or no broadband service; they are still waiting for the digital revolution to arrive. Rural Americans account for nearly 25% of the U.S. population, more than 60-million people. They want and need to be connected to the outside world.

The goal of Congress is to drive broadband penetration to rural areas that have long lagged urban areas in terms of choice, quality, and cost. About 60% of U.S. households in populated areas subscribe to broadband; in rural communities, only 38%.

President Obama sees broadband as the future of the USA. Web-based commerce is booming among city dwellers. Just a 5% increase in total broadband penetration adds \$100 billion to the economy. That means jobs.

Rural communities suffer from a lack of adequate health-care resources. A recent study showed that more than 80% of rural counties are classified as medically under-served. Only 9% of America's physicians practice in rural areas, and only 3% of medical students are planning to practice in small towns or rural areas.

With too few primary-care practitioners and the need to travel long distances for specialty care, it is difficult for many rural residents to receive the care they need when they need it. Telemedicine gives rural doctors real-time access to specialists.

Consumer health information is also widely available on the web to those far from a doctor. The full benefits of telemedicine can only be reached by expanding broadband services into private physicians' offices and into non-traditional points of care, such as homes, schools, businesses, and extended-care facilities.

The Rural Utilities Service has been allocated about one-third of the broadband stimulus money (about \$2.5 billion) to fund the expansion of broadband in rural areas. Together, the FCC and RUS will recommend how \$7.2 billion in broadband funding will be spent. Adelstein will work closely with the FCC, since both have been charged by Congress with rolling out broadband to the nation.

## Broadband in America

There is a difference of opinion as to exactly what speed is to be considered

"broad band." One large research firm suggests that broadband includes all lines offering internet connectivity capable of achieving download speeds of at least 256 kbit/s.

The average cost of broadband in the USA is about \$45 per month, but fees in rural areas can run much higher, primarily because of the fewer households per square mile and the cost to connect them. By contrast, the cost of broadband service in more densely populated Japan averages \$30 per month.

A new broadband survey out from *Strategy Analytics* shows the U.S. in 20th position among the countries of the world at 60% household broadband penetration. This is well behind countries such as South Korea (95%), Singapore (88%), The Netherlands (88%), Denmark (82%), Taiwan (81%), and Hong Kong (81%). *Strategy Analytics* estimates that the U.S. will fall to 23rd place by the end of this year.

South Korea's dominance in broadband penetration is attributable in part to its highly urbanized population, as well as the existence of a comprehensive government-backed broadband policy.

In Japan, the typical internet speed is faster than the U.S. (8-50 Mbps vs. 1-7 Mbps). About half of all broadband connections in Japan and Korea are fiber optic. In the U.S., Verizon is the only large provider of fiber-optic service (FiOS), and it accounts for less than 4% of all broadband connections. There are three levels of Verizon's FIOS service: 15 Mbps, 25 Mbps, and 50 Mbps with costs ranging from \$50-\$145 per month. In Japan, the average fiber-optic speed ranges between 100 Mbps and 1 Gbps, with costs from \$25 to \$56 per month.

Now that the transition to digital television is complete, the FCC has released the "white spaces" of unused television spectrum to the public. White spaces are frequencies allocated to digital television but not used locally. Rules adopted by the FCC on November 4, 2008 allow for the use of unlicensed devices in the unused TV spectrum for a nationwide mobile broadband network. It opens the way for the widespread deployment of low-cost broadband for every American household using new wireless technologies.

The new FCC team has its work cut out for it, transitioning telecommunications into the 21st century. Developments are going to start coming fast and furious. We'll keep you informed on those that affect amateur radio.

73, Fred, W5YI

# Reader Survey September 2009



## What You've Told Us...

Our June survey asked "how high your tech is," and we're glad to see that most of you have, at minimum, made it to the latter half of the 20th century (just kidding!). Of those who responded, 95% have all-solid-state radios, while 38% have one or more tube radios and 8% report they have software-defined radios. Just over half (51%) have radios that may be controlled by a computer, while 4% have radios that must be controlled by a computer. The vast majority of you (84%) have a computer in your ham shack, and the vast majority of you (89%) use the Windows® operating system (19% Vista, 62% XP, 8% earlier versions). Only 5% of you use Macs; another 5% use Linux or Unix, and 2% run another operating system.

Among those of you with computers in your shack, just over half (53%) use them for logging and award tracking, and about the same number (52%) use them for general operating, such as PSK31 or Echolink. In addition, 36% use them for cooperative operating aids, such as DX Cluster, while 14% use them for in-station operating aids, such as CW Skimmer. Plus, 24% of you use your computers for contest operating.

Nearly everyone (91%) has a computer connected to the internet, and 78% of you have broadband, while 13% have dialup and 6% are not online. Among those of you with internet access, 92% use it for callsign lookups, 87% for e-mail, 78% to get ham radio news and information, and 71% to research or purchase new gear. In addition, 44% use the internet for getting propagation information and for DX spotting, 37% for online QSLing and operating awards, 28% for ham radio blogging, 26% for other, 17% for code practice/license study, and 4% for remote station control.

This month's free subscription winner is Larry Jones, K5ZRK, of Sandersville, Mississippi.

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This month, with lots of new faces at the FCC, we'd like your views on the FCC and amateur radio.

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

### 1. How knowledgeable about amateur radio do you think the five FCC Commissioners are?

Extremely knowledgeable .....	1
Somewhat knowledgeable .....	2
Slightly knowledgeable.....	3
Not at all knowledgeable .....	4

### 2. How high a priority is the Amateur Radio Service to the FCC Commissioners?

Very high .....	5
Higher than many other services .....	6
Equal with other services .....	7
Lower than many other services .....	8
Very low .....	9

### 3. How knowledgeable about amateur radio do you think the staff of the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau is?

Very knowledgeable .....	10
Somewhat knowledgeable .....	11
Slightly knowledgeable.....	12
Not at all knowledgeable .....	13
Bill Cross is the only one who is knowledgeable.....	14

### 4. Do you think the staff of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau has ham radio's best interests at heart?

Yes, all of the time.....	15
Yes, most of the time .....	16
Yes, some of the time .....	17
No.....	18
Don't know .....	19

### 5. When the FCC is deciding an issue relating to amateur radio, on what do you believe the Commissioners base their decisions?

Entirely on the Notice of Proposed Rule Making and comments received .....	20
Entirely on recommendations from staff.....	21
A mixture of comments received and staff recommendations .....	22
Don't know .....	23

### 6. Do you believe the comments filed by individuals in amateur radio matters are given the same weight by the FCC as those filed by the ARRL or other organizations (including CQ)?

All are treated equally .....	24
Comments from organizations carry more weight.....	25
Only comments from ARRL carry more weight.....	26
Don't know .....	27

### 7. Do you believe the FCC *should* give more weight to comments by the ARRL and other ham radio organizations than to those by individuals?

Yes, as amateur radio's main voice, comments from ARRL should carry more weight.....	28
Yes, comments from organizations tend to reflect the views of many hams and should carry more weight.....	29
No, comments from organizations tend to promote each organization's self-interests and should not be given greater weight .....	30
No, comments should be considered only on their content and not on who they're from .....	31

Thank you for your responses. We'll be back with more questions next month.

## Interesting Reading and Building a Coherer

I read two books over the summer that I think will be of interest to readers of this column. Both have to do with some of the history of communications, and both do a very good job of explaining not only the technical details, but, more interestingly, the social atmosphere of the times as it relates to the topics.

The first is entitled *The Victorian Internet*, by Tom Standage, published by Walker & Company and was copyright first in 1998 and then again in 2007. This book is about the events leading up to the creation of the telegraph, the actual creation itself, the impact the telegraph had on late 19th century society, and the various people involved. The book is clever in that while it covers the development of the telegraph in detail, it also attempts to show how similar (although quite a bit slower) its development was as compared to the internet. The parallels are quite interesting.

The book begins with detailed descriptions of various mechanical telegraph systems, and how important they grew to become well before the actual electrical versions made their appearance. It clearly describes the technical thinking of the time, and, of course, the actual work of Samuel F. B. Morse. The first telegraph, as you will learn when you read the book, was not exactly what we regard as today's version. In fact, there were several attempts at electrical systems that were unique to

be sure, and these are described in detail. Morse's role in development of the final version of the code and the reason for it is covered, as well as the contributions of various people both favorable as well as unfavorable to him at the time. The problems of long-distance communications and the Atlantic cable are also described. You will learn of the tremendous impact that "instant messaging" had on society and how it changed the world permanently in a relatively short period of time.

Without giving too much information and spoil the book for you, I would suggest that if you have any interest in the history of CW, as well as the past somewhat before our hobby (as we know it) began, get a copy. It is very well written and, at least for me, thoroughly enjoyable. In case you are concerned, it is technical enough to satisfy those so inclined without boring the layman. If you search Amazon.com or one of its competitors, I am sure that you will be able to find a copy easily and rather inexpensive.

The second book is almost a continuation of the first, but moves forward into the realm of radio, or "wireless" as it was called then. This book is entitled *Signor Marconi's Magic Box* and was written by Gavin Weightman in 2004. It covers the very early experiments of Hertz and the fervor (and problems) that Marconi had while trying to extend the range of so-called "Hertzian Waves" to something practical. It also covers the achievements, frustrations, and disappointments of those involved with this endeavor. There are plenty of references

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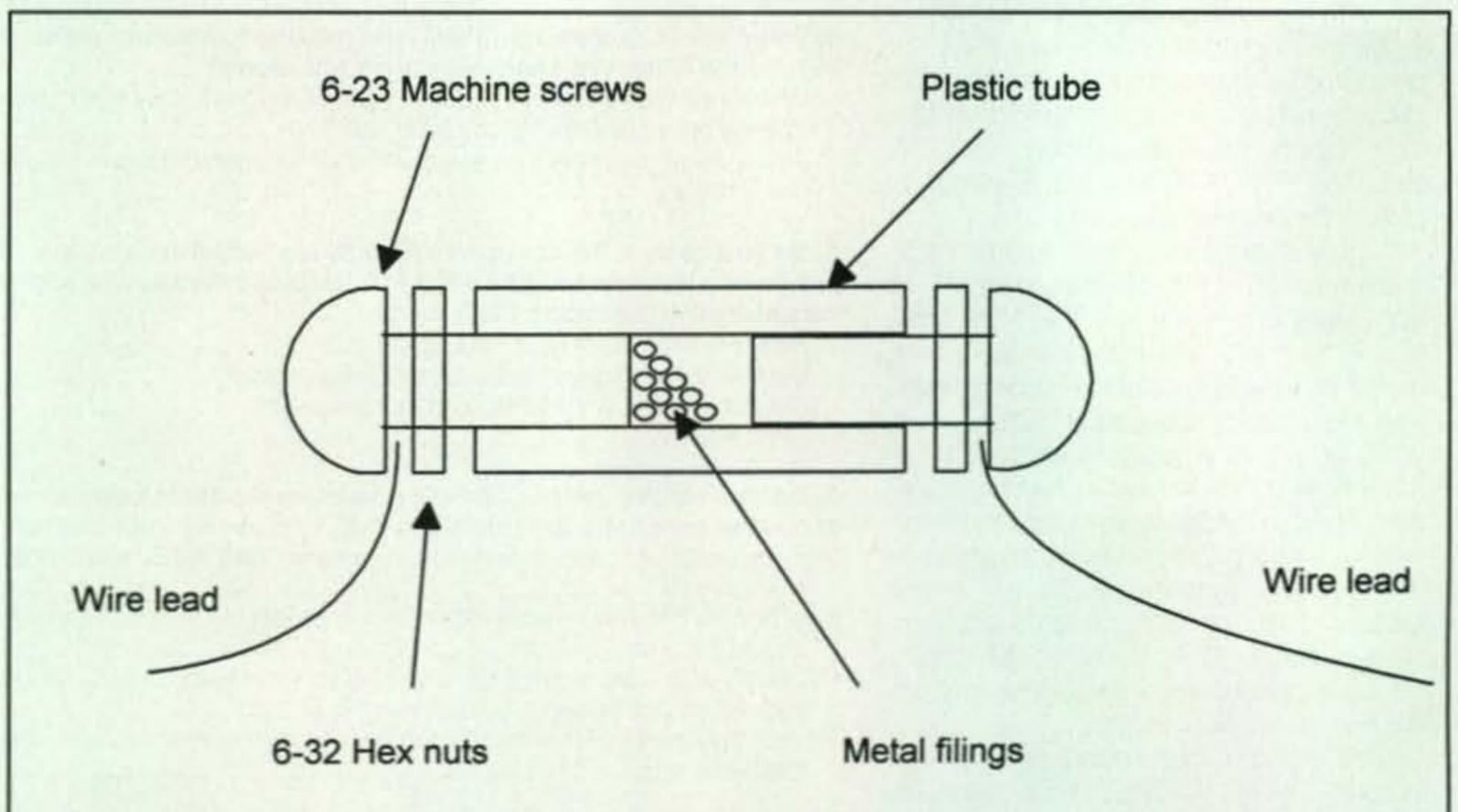


Fig. 1— Basic construction of a coherer.

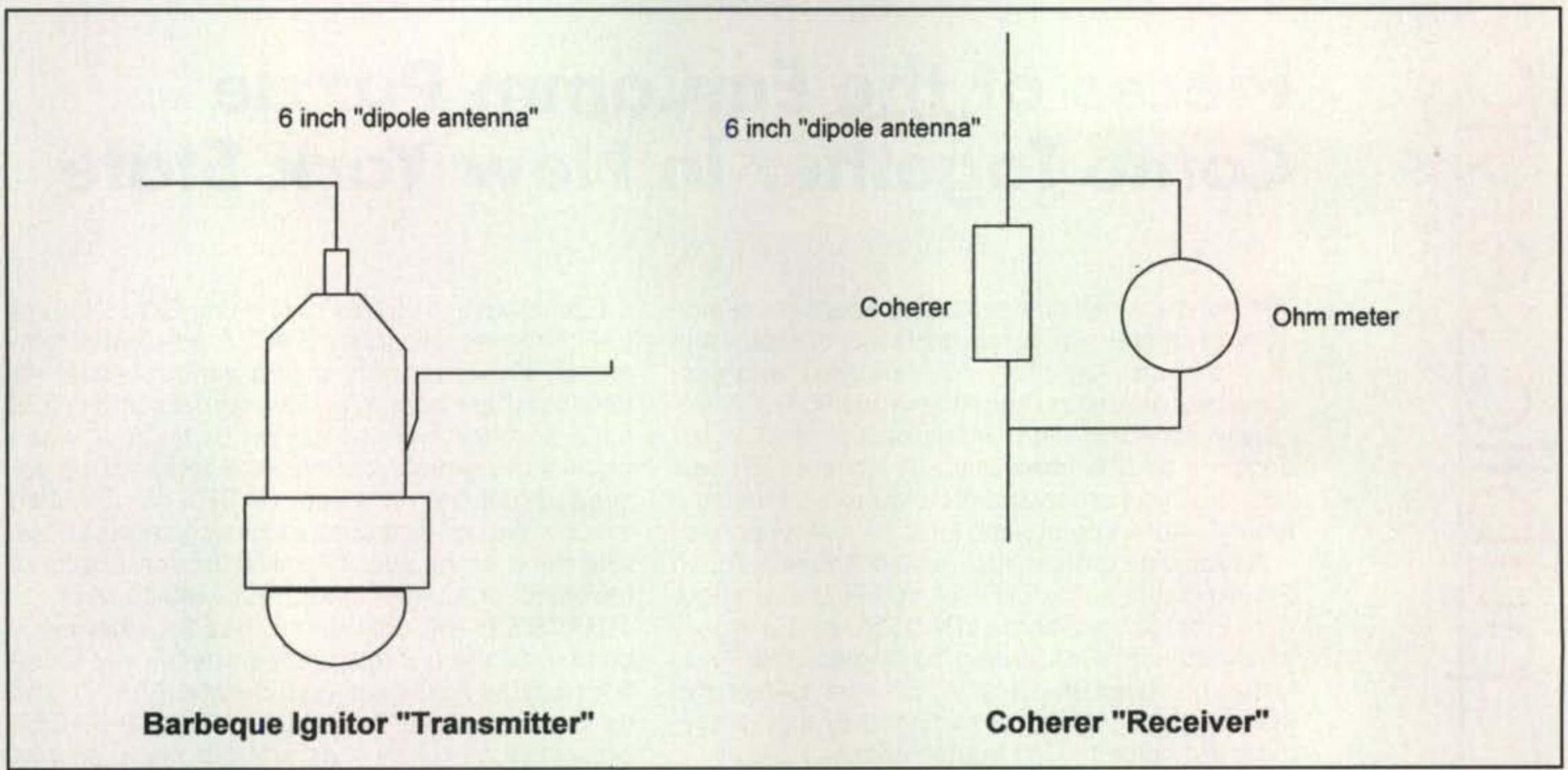


Fig. 2- "Wireless" transmitter experiment.

to the new "hams" and how they impacted early wireless transmissions. The society of the time is also very well described, and you will be surprised at what went on. Technical descriptions and photos are clear and plentiful, and I did not realize just how crude the early equipment really was. In fact, I was amazed that it worked at all! For an example of what Marconi and others had to work with, I have included a description and construction details for a device called a *coherer*, one of the very first radio-wave detectors. You can easily build one for virtually no cost and experiment with it, and if you do, you too will be amazed. Remember, this was in common use even before crystal detectors.

The book describes Marconi's life, and, as in the case of the first book, will be quite interesting to many amateurs. If you search Amazon.com or one of their competitors I am sure that you will be able to find a copy of this book as well.

### How to Build and Test a Coherer

For those who wish to experiment with a coherer to experience what the technology was like at the end of the 19th century, the device described in fig. 1 is a simple detector that can be fabricated for virtually no cost. A short length of plastic tubing (such as a section of a soda straw), two 6-23 machine screws and nuts, and a common iron nail are all that is needed. Use a metal file to first grind the ends of the machine screws

flat. Then take a common iron nail and file it in order to collect a small amount of fine filings. Next screw the nuts onto the machine screws near the head to act as terminals. Now turn one screw half-way into the plastic tube. Add the filings to the open end of the tube and then turn the other screw/nut combination into the other side of the tube until a small gap is left between the two screws with enough space to allow the filings to move around. Place the assembly in a horizontal position and tape it to a tabletop or other surface to eliminate any extraneous vibrations. Using an ohmmeter, adjust one of the screws until you achieve a resistance reading of more than 3 to 4K ohms between it and the other screw.

Now obtain a spark "transmitter," which can be a common barbecue ignitor or the ignitor on a gas range in the kitchen. Move the coherer assembly a few inches from the spark gap and momentarily generate the spark. You should note that the resistance reading of the coherer significantly decreases. To reset the coherer, tap the assembly to free the metal particles. You can "play" with the settings until you achieve a good on/off ratio. With a 1/4-inch to 1/2-inch spark generator you should be able to achieve a transmission range of at least a few feet with ease. Fig. 2 shows the complete "wireless transmitter and receiver" experiment. This is true QRP!

Believe it or not, this was "state of the art" in the early Marconi years. Imagine

what work had to be done to extend the range to the point where it was really practical. Above all, however, do not connect this transmitter to your three-element beam! 73, Irwin, WA2NDM

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## Pieces of the EmComm Puzzle Come Together in New York State

**F**or many newcomers to the public service side of amateur radio, the patchwork of people and organizations that focus tirelessly and passionately on putting together a well-oiled emergency communications infrastructure is as mind-boggling as it is impressive. A labyrinth of radio amateurs and organizations and modes touch the federal, state, county, and local tiers of response.

Nationwide groups such as the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) have a legacy of life-saving work dating back decades. They know, however, that resting on past laurels can lead to a false sense of competency that is anything but helpful when trouble arises.

This month, we're taking a look at how an aggressive initiative on the state level in New York has grown a communications network integrating RACES, many modes (notably packet), and many driven radio amateurs.

First, some basics: RACES' mission is "to establish and maintain the leadership and organizational infrastructure necessary to provide amateur radio communications in support of emergency management entities throughout the United States and its territories," according to <www.USRACES.org>, an unofficial RACES website.

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Ken Goetz, N2SQW, New York State RACES radio officer, takes traffic at the controls of an FTDX9000, part of the EmComm network in the Empire State. (Photo by Chuck Jaed, N2EIR)

Launched in 1952 as part of the Cold War-era Civil Defense program, RACES has been "employed during a variety of emergency/disaster situations where normal governmental communications systems have sustained damage or when additional communications are required or desired. Situations (in which) RACES can be used include: natural disasters, technological disasters, civil disorder, nuclear/chemical incidents, acts of terrorism, or enemy attack," the website says.

RACES is the only amateur radio emergency communications organization specifically sanctioned in the FCC rules (see Section 97.407), and as such, is subject to certain limitations. RACES organizations function as arms of state, county, and local offices of emergency management, and may operate only when specifically authorized by the appropriate emergency management officials. (A certain number of drills per month are permitted as well.)

Fortunately, a common thread among most responders is a need and passion for painstaking and continual improvement of their response plan. When amateur radio is only part of a disaster communications initiative that includes federal, state, county and city elements, it's vitally important to assure everyone is "on the same page"—especially when so many people, offices, and communications modes are in play.

With that in mind, we recently talked with Ken Goetz, N2SQW, New York State RACES Radio Officer and of the State Emergency Management Office (SEMO), about ongoing efforts developing a packet radio system. Through coordination with RACES, it is being designed to assure that in times of need, key players in official and volunteer positions up and down the line in the Empire State have the tools necessary to get the important mission of disaster communications accomplished.

Goetz and many others have recognized the need and are aggressively acting upon it. His insights give us a peek into how amateur radio and government efforts can mesh in a well-constructed EmComm system with packet radio as a key element:

**CQ:** What is the impetus for developing this statewide network for emergency communication?

**N2SQW:** The packet radio network is being developed within the structure of RACES. Since the primary purpose of RACES is to provide emergency communications for civil preparedness purposes, a robust network was needed.

In the mid 1980s New York State RACES, through the State Emergency Management Office, became involved with improving the



Chuck Jaed, N2EIR, sits at one of the State Emergency Management Office operating positions of the emergency communications packet network in New York State. (Photo by Ken Goetz, N2SQW)

already-existing packet radio system in New York State. At that time there were many packet nodes already operating, but there were still some disconnected areas and often very long delays in message transmission times.

Almost all of the nodes were privately owned, with only a few being installed at—and funded by—... county emergency management offices. Through some federal grant programs, New York State was able to provide packet radio equipment to many of the county emergency management offices in the early 1990s.

Additional packet nodes were also installed at some of the SEMO tower sites.

**CQ:** Why is this network necessary? How broad a swath of New York State does it cover?

**N2SQW:** The overall packet network is required to provide a means of digital communications among the various county emergency operations centers and the state emergency operations center. During a natural disaster or other emergency, government communication capabilities can often be stretched to its limit. This is where the RACES system comes into use.

Through the use of packet radio, text files are easily transferred. A large amount of data can easily be transferred without the potential for error that can often be found in voice transmis-

sions. The packet radio system is only a part of the overall RACES capabilities. This system is not a new network, but rather an ongoing improvement to the already existing packet radio network. Access to the packet radio system is available throughout most of the state.

**CQ:** What agencies and institutions (amateur and non-amateur) does it involve?

**N2SQW:** The overall amateur radio community has provided tremendous support contributing to the growth of the packet radio system. Many individual operators and radio clubs have constructed and funded privately owned nodes. There has also been support from SEMO as well as many of the county emergency management offices and county RACES organizations.

**CQ:** What is amateur radio's specific goal/mission?

**N2SQW:** The specific mission of RACES is to provide communications support to government agencies when the normal communications systems are either overloaded or have become disabled.

**CQ:** How many radio amateurs or amateur organizations are involved? How is intra-agency coordination handled? Chain of command?

**N2SQW:** This build-out has involved amateurs in all parts of the state. Putting

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## Radio Amateurs Recognized for Emergency Communications in Puerto Rico

The Executive Director of the State Agency for Emergency Management and Disaster Administration in Puerto Rico (AEMEAD—Agencia Estatal de Manejo de Emergencias y Administracion de Desastres) has recognized the work that amateur radio operators do in emergency situations. Heriberto Sauri, from San Juan, delivered a proclamation from Gov. Luis Fortuno declaring Amateur Radio Operator Day earlier this year.

"The honorable Luis Fortuno, Governor of Puerto Rico, has given me the duty to give out a proclamation of his, declaring May 12 as the Amateur Radio Operator Day (Dia del Radioaficionado)," Sauri said.

"By these means, this administration recognizes the important work that the amateur radio operators do in Puerto Rico and around the world in emergency situations to protect the lives and safety of our citizens."

"Men and women from different parts of the world enjoy the (passion) to find and interchange ideas, as well to help others when natural disasters occur, help when ships are in danger, contribute in the organization to (summons) medicines where needed," Sauri continued.

The recognition noted that in many different emergency situations for more than 80 years, "the world has had the collaboration" with radio amateurs from Puerto Rico, KP4s.

"Worldwide, there have been very well known people as amateur radio operators," Sauri added, such as "the late King Hussein of Jordan, known by the callsign JY1; and



Radio amateurs in Puerto Rico were recognized in a proclamation from Gov. Luis Fortuno and delivered by Heriberto Sauri, Executive Director of the State Agency for Emergency Management and Disaster Administration for their continuing efforts in providing critically needed communications during times of emergency. (Photo courtesy of Angel Santana, WP3GW)

King Juan Carlos de Borbon (of Spain), identified as EA0JC; and others."

The citation applauded the KP4s for following basic amateur radio principles, including: "promoting friendship and good relations with the community and other countries worldwide; never operat(ing) in a way that may bother others; always be(ing)

able to help those in need; besides other things."

The Executive Director of AEMEAD announced that he will develop an Understanding of Cooperation with the amateur radio community of Puerto Rico, "who offer an excellent service to the people before any emergency situation."

an exact number on this would be difficult. Since this is not a specific system for emergency use but rather an improvement to the already existing packet system, use is available to all amateur radio operators. RACES within New York State is organized on a county level, with each county having its own RACES organization. The county RACES Radio Officer answers directly to the county emergency manager. Additional assistance and guidance are available at the state level from SEMO.

**CQ:** *What specific portions of the amateur spectrum are being used?*

**N2SQW:** The packet system uses predominantly 2 meters and 70 centimeters. There are some links utilizing 6 meters and 1.25 meters as well.

**CQ:** *From a packet standpoint, what data protocol is being used?*

**N2SQW:** Much of the system (today uses) FlexNet. The robustness and redundancy of the FlexNet system has been just what is needed for a system that is going to be used in times of emer-

gency. Due to the automatic re-routing capabilities in the FlexNet system there have been a few times when the temporary loss of a node has even gone undetected.

**CQ:** *What other modes are being used?*

**N2SQW:** Several areas are now incorporating Winlink 2000 into their capabilities. With the HF capabilities of Winlink, this will vastly improve the "long-haul" digital complement of RACES. Of course, RACES utilizes all modes available to amateur radio operators, with the mode in use depending on the needs at the time. Everything from SSB to FM to PSK31 has found a use. We have resorted to CW in some cases of poor propagation. I guess that can be included in here as well, since CW was the first digital mode.

**CQ:** *What kinds of information are being exchanged? Words, photos, voice, video?*

**N2SQW:** Anything that can be handled by FlexNet and AX25 travels on the

network. Again, this is not a specific network for emergency use only, but a network that is being used every day by amateur radio operators.

**CQ:** *What radio amateurs coordinate/manage this network?*

**N2SQW:** This is coordinated and managed by amateur radio operators near the various nodes throughout the state. Much of the coordination regarding additional node construction has come from this office.

Tremendous help has been provided by Rusty Seastrum, KE2PW. A few years ago I appointed Rusty as coordinator for the state packet system. Rusty has assisted greatly in both the development and maintenance of many of the packet nodes. Additionally, invaluable help in the early stages of conversion ... to FlexNet was provided by Bob Anderson, K2BJG.

**CQ:** *From the amateur standpoint, how is recruiting for the network handled? What kinds of outreach have been necessary to develop the system?*

**N2SQW:** Word quickly spread through the amateur community regarding the improvements we were making to the packet system throughout New York State. In most cases, amateurs in various parts of the state contacted us at SEMO regarding the potential growth of the network.

**CQ:** How are training and testing managed? How much? How often?

**N2SQW:** The system is in constant, day-to-day use. It is only through continued use of any system that you can be certain that it is operational. Various RACES training nets are held, both locally and statewide. However, most of these are strictly voice nets and do not use the packet system.

**CQ:** What lessons have been learned in using the network—either in testing or in a real-life emergency?

**N2SQW:** Redundancy is an absolute must. Reliance on a single path among areas can only lead to failure when the system is needed the most. Most areas are now connected through multiple packet paths, but some areas are still being improved upon.

**CQ:** What has been the most challenging part of developing such a network?

**N2SQW:** There has been some difficulty in getting all of the nodes sited at appropriate locations. Wherever possible, government (either state or county) sites are being utilized. There are still many privately owned sites in use, but this can prove troublesome if the operator either moves or the node must be removed for some other reason.

**CQ:** Are there past instances where the network has been used to great benefit?

**N2SQW:** There has been utilization of the system as far back as the rather serious ice storm of 1998. There have been many other short-term localized uses of the system. The packet system has also been utilized during many of the nuclear power plant drills here in New York."

In conclusion, Goetz reminded us that the packet radio system "is only one part of the overall New York State RACES capabilities. There are very active RACES groups in most of the counties in New York.

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all of New York State RACES activated on a statewide level, to localized events that may only last for an hour or two, the RACES group in New York State has repeatedly provided outstanding communications services to multiple government agencies."

Additional information about SEMO and the New York State RACES program can be found on the SEMO webpage: <http://www.semo.state.ny.us>.

**EmComm East on Deck for  
Early October in Rochester, NY**

Speaking of disaster preparedness and New York State, next month radio amateurs will be converging on Rochester for EmComm East.

According to Tony Pazzola, W2BEJ, the weekend-long event being held October 3-4 on the campus of St. John Fisher College draws hundreds of emergency communications officials from around the northeast for seminars, demonstrations, and casual meetings.

"Everyone attending has a common interest (emergency communications)," Pazzola said, "but all of them have specialties. Getting everyone on the same page is important. The big 'buzz' word is *interoperability*. We have to get together to be sure that in an emergency everybody knows what everybody else is doing."

Pazzola said "the same page" includes communications support for a

wide range of areas including shelters, food and emergency supplies, health and welfare communications, and roadway and debris conditions.

Organizations expected to be represented at EmComm East include the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, MARS, RACES, ARES, Skywarn, National Weather Service, and governmental agencies such as the State Emergency Management Office and FEMA.

Weekend seminars and training sessions are expected to cover the gamut of EmComm issues, including weather (NWS and Skywarn), emergency communications coordination (RACES and ARES), local club involvement in EmComm, Volunteer Organizations Assisting in Disasters (VOAD), and many more, Pazzola said.

Various agencies' emergency communications vans will also be on static display in a parking lot at the college, he said. "It's a chance for the people attending to see what radios are in each vehicle" and to get ideas for the type of gear that is needed to most efficiently outfit a mobile emergency communications van.

"Amateur radio's role in emergency communications has changed from what we remember from years ago," Pazzola said. "In the past (radio amateurs) primarily passed messages. Now we're very specialized and are usually used to support other agencies," which is an extremely important function in times of a disaster, he said.

EmComm East was first held in 2008, Pazzola noted, and was modeled after EmComm West, which was inaugurated in Reno, Nevada in 2003.

Licensed since 1963, W2BEJ is former Eastern New York Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) for the American Radio Relay League, and is current Air Force MARS statewide emergency coordinator, Eastern New York Red Cross Emergency Coordinator, and a radio officer with the New York State Emergency Management Office. He's a logistics coordinator for the 2009 EmComm East.

For updates on the web, visit: <<http://www.emcommeast.org/>>.

### Keeping Ahead of the Curve in 2009 Atlantic Hurricane Season

Residents of Florida, the Carolinas, Eastern seaboard and Gulf states—inhabitants of Hurricane Alley—will tell you that the calendar does not dictate when the Atlantic hurricane season begins and ends. Generally, it's June through the end of November, but as radio amateurs, we need to be ready for action at any time. August and September, though, are the heart of the season, when the waters are warmest and the threat is greatest.

Here are some of the best places to check to keep on top of your game:

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National Hurricane Center, Miami: <<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>>

NHC Amateur Radio Station WX4NHC: <<http://www.wx4nhc.org/>>

Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network: 14.265 MHz SSB; <<http://www.saturn.org/>>

Maritime Mobile Service Net: 14.300 MHz SSB; <<http://www.mmsn.org/>>

Check the organizations' websites for details on net schedules and other information.

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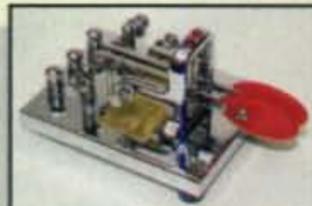
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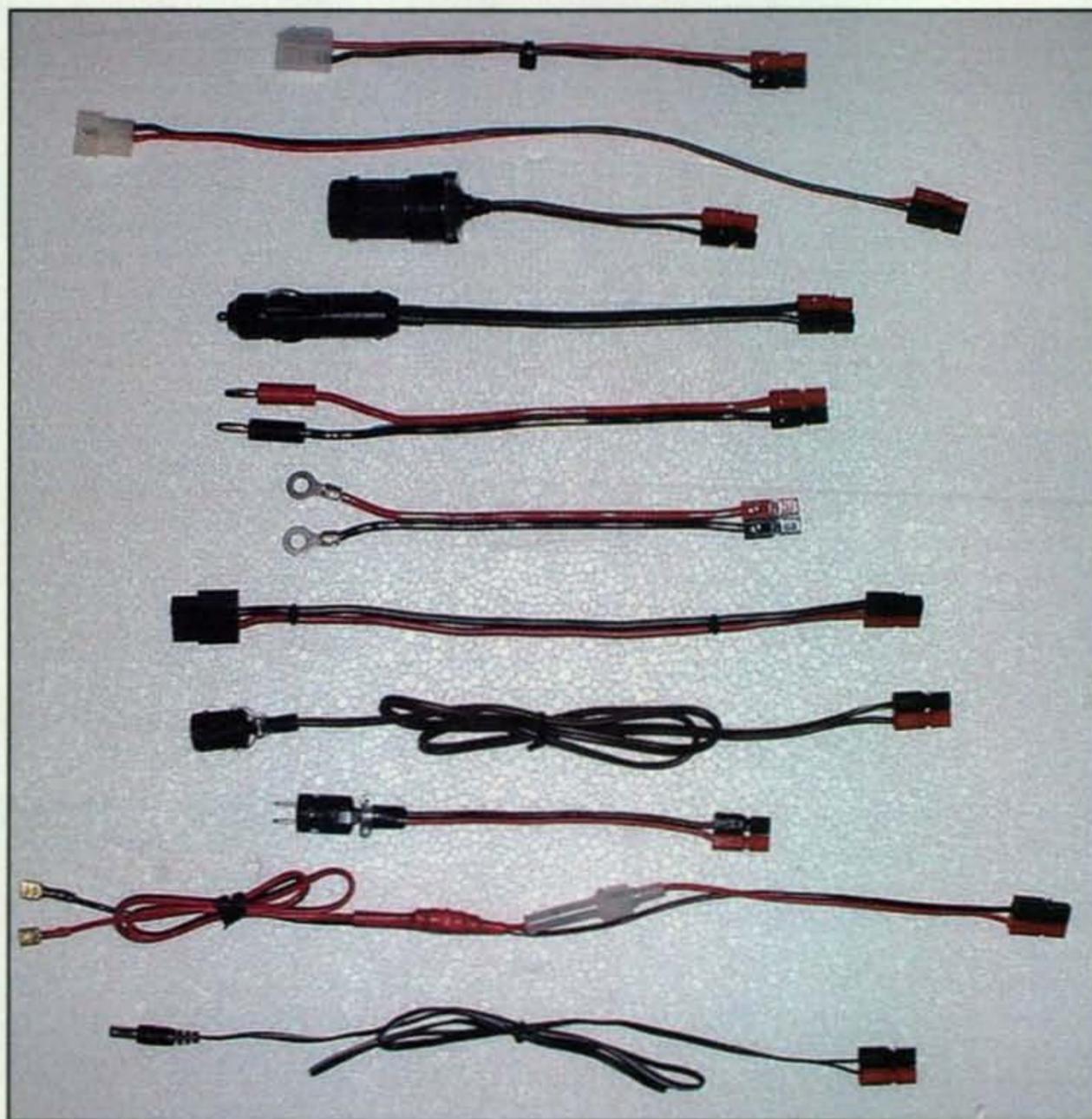
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(black). The connectors are hermaphroditic, which means no male or female version exists; all the connectors are the same gender and geometry, so they fit together perfectly. That's a big selling point!

They come in different sizes to fit 15-, 30-, and 45-amp (and larger) currents, but for most of us, the 30- and 45-amp sizes are adequate for almost all applications. They are very reasonably priced, too. You can get them from West Mountain Radio and other sources, online or at hamfests. (Note: The 15-, 30-, and 45-amp versions all have the same outer shell; the difference is in the size of the barrel in which you attach the wire. The 15-amp barrel is designed to fit 16–18 gauge wire, the 30-amp will take 12–14 gauge wire, and the 45-amp version will fit a thicker 10-gauge wire.)

You have to follow the convention in putting the connectors onto the DC cable to make sure the red and black are on the correct sides of each other, but that's not difficult. See the excellent illustrated instructions on West Mountain Radio's website at <[http://www.westmountainradio.com/supporttr\\_RC.htm](http://www.westmountainradio.com/supporttr_RC.htm)>

The connectors can be soldered or crimped, although crimping is generally preferred (*some people do both—ed.*). Special tools exist for this. There are two general types of crimping tools. An inexpensive one is about \$13 and is a bit tricky to use, and a more expensive one for about \$40 works right every time. Spring for the better one to save headaches, or better yet, get your club to get one (if it doesn't already own one) so members can share it. It's not a tool you'll need often once you've converted all your connectors to PowerPoles®.

### The Go-Kit

Just as your emergency deployment Go-Kit or Grab Bag should have a lot of different coax-cable jumpers and adapters so you can mate the transceiver's output to any coax connector, you should also be concerned about your transceiver's power cables. In the event you need to use your transceiver with another power supply, or your power supply with another transceiver, will the cables connect?

They will if the Anderson PowerPole® connector is used and if you have a series of adapter cables that will match to other kinds of connectors. The accompanying photo shows K8LJ's Go-Kit's array of jumpers. You can see Molex and Cinch-Jones plugs, screw terminal, banana plug, cigarette lighter,

coaxial, spade, and several other common connectors with the Anderson PowerPole® on the opposite end. When called out for an emergency, he can be fairly confident that no matter what power supply and rig combination he or his colleagues might face, he will be able to adapt them to each other using the common Anderson Powerpole®. Assembling this package of jumpers is a good weekend project.

### Strategy

Take some time at the next hamfest or go online to obtain some red and black DC power cable, a bag of Anderson PowerPole® connectors, and the following types of connectors (follow the photograph):

1 & 2. Molex 2 conductor socket. There are two commonly used types in many VHF/UHF rigs. One type has blades positioned at right angles to each other so they can fit together just one way. The other has round pins, but one end of the plug and socket is pointed so they only fit together one way. Be sure to observe the correct polarity. You may want jumpers of each gender, too.

3 & 4. Cigarette-lighter socket and plug.

5. Banana plugs.

6. Round spades for 1/4-inch screw terminals.

7. Six-pin connector commonly found on HF transceivers.

8 & 9. Cinch-Jones two-conductor socket and plug (with one large blade and one small one; the convention is that the large blade is negative). Be sure to observe the polarity.

10. Spade connectors

11. Coaxial power plug, as used in HTs and laptop computers. There are several sizes, so you might want to have more than just one jumper.

### Conclusion

Having a supply of these jumpers in your Go-Kit can make the difference between a quick deployment and having to take the time to do major (and permanent) surgery on the DC cables of your transceiver or power supply (or someone else's). Lives can be at stake while your soldering iron is warming up. It is far better to arrive prepared.

73, Robert, K8LJ, & Steven, N8WL

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# Wild and Wacky Keys

**D**o you occasionally feel as if life has become a bit too serious and complex? Ready for a lighthearted, fun break? We definitely agree, and this month's column supports that with an off-the-wall look at some of the most unique (absurd?) CW instruments imaginable. Our featured items may not fall into the "used daily" category, but they are quite capable of adding some good old-fashioned humor to your CW pursuits.

The idea of spotlighting wild and wacky keys, incidentally, was a spinoff from our annual double-feature columns highlighting keys here in *CQ*. Then it was boosted by Gordon West, WB6NOA's flashing pickle demo and the Wacky Key Contest at Ozarkcon, the big QRP meet held annually in Missouri during early May. One idea inspired another and, well, it grew into the collection featured this month. As I assembled this column, the idea of making it a contest also gained foothold. Read on, remember to tell us which key(s) you like best, and also consider sending us pictures of your own wacky key for inclusion in a future column.

## Outside the Box

We start as close to reality as possible with a key Bud Larson, W7LNG, made from a key—a large door knocker key, that is (photo A). First he drilled out the original top hinge pin and installed a brass machine screw to free up the movement. Then he drilled a hole in the base approximately one inch

from the end, installed an insulated contact, and routed its wire to a rear connection post. A mating contact was added to the (movable key) arm and its wire was routed to another rear connection post. Bud says he may consider adding ball bearings to the movement, but will wait until after Straight Key Night (January 1st every year) to make that decision. Good thinking, old boy!

Dennis Burton, N5DRB, keeps the ball rolling with his Smiley Face Ball Key, which won first place in the 2009 Ozarkcon Wacky Key contest (photo B). Dennis made this high-tech devil by inserting a long screw in the top of the ball and a copper strap in the ball's side. He points out the important consideration is picking a ball with just-right "squeeze ability" and keeping it out of sight from the family dog.

Next is one of my own Wild Woody WARC Keys, the ones I occasionally send to friends as a special QSL for an on-the-air QSO (photo C). Arm height is set by the back screw, gap is set by the front screw, and tension is set by bending the spring. The feel is anything but ideal and the arm occasionally wobbles during use, but that just makes it a true Code Wabblers. This "clothespin manipulator" was also my first code key as a peniless Novice back when Methuselah was a little kid. I paired it with a homebrewed 6L6 transmitter built on a cigar box using donated parts and a BC455 military surplus receiver purchased for

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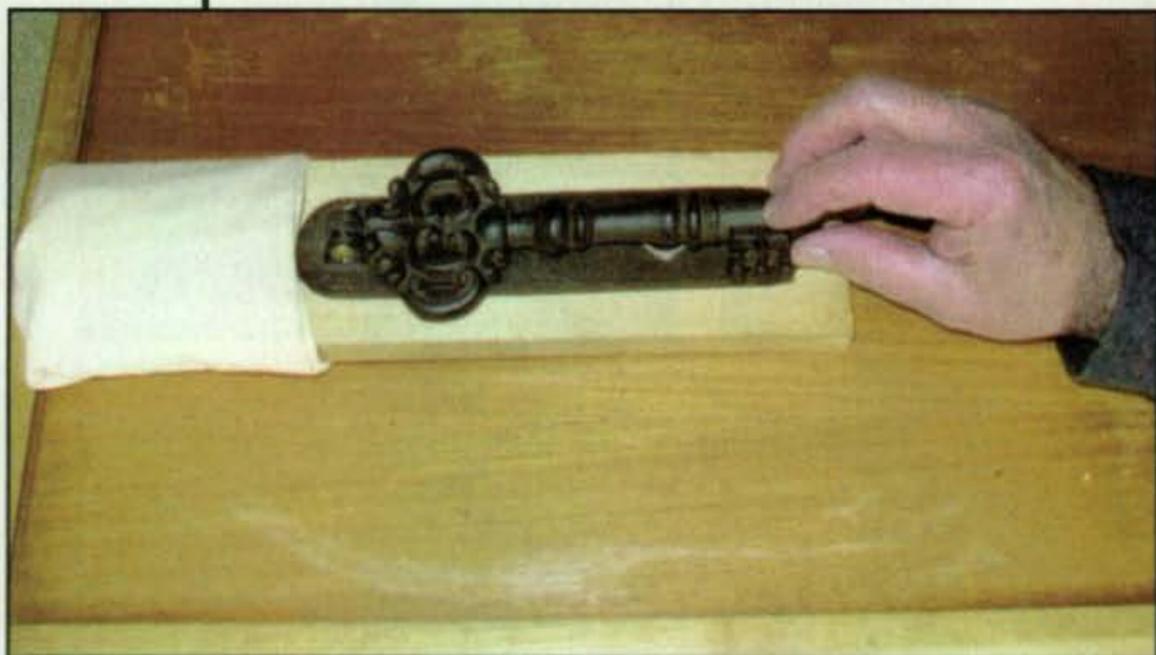


Photo A—Bud Larson, W7LNG, was definitely thinking outside the amateur radio box when he purchased this large door-knocker key at a local home supply store. He rebuilt its rear pivot point, installed a spring for tensioning, and added base plus arm contacts to make a unique hand key. A code practice buzzer and battery for code practice are under the white cover at rear. Neat! (Photo courtesy of W7LNG)

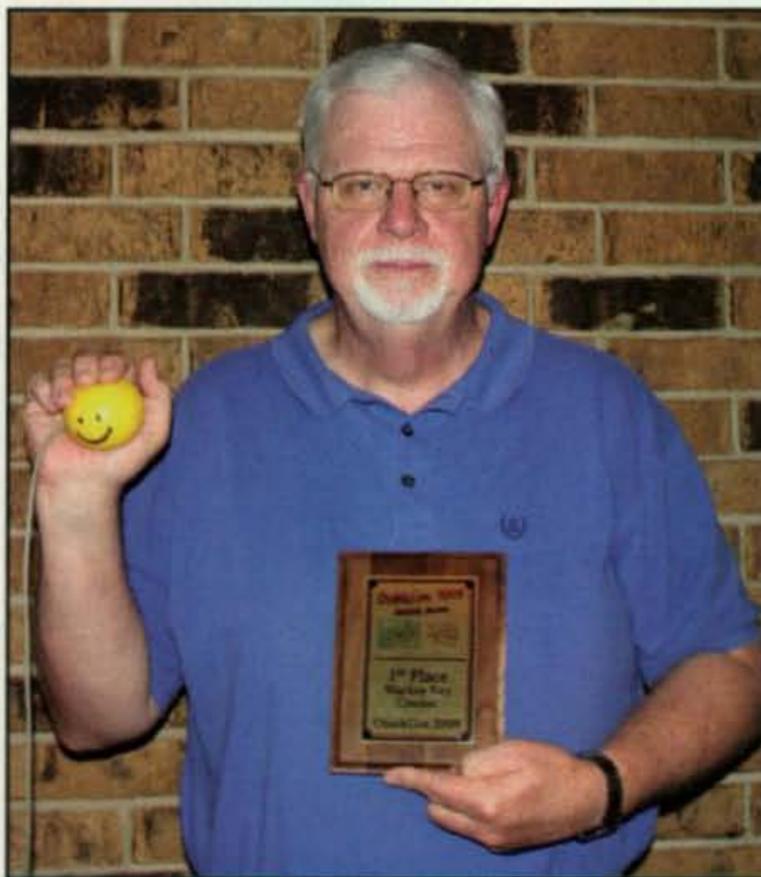


Photo B—Dennis Burton, N5DRB, won the Wacky Key Contest at Ozarkcon 2008 with his Smiley Face Ball Key. When squeezed, a 1.5-inch long screw inserted in the ball's top contacts mates with a flat copper plate in a horizontal-cut slit to send CW. When asked about the feel, Dennis said "good but a tad spongy." (Photo courtesy of N5DRB)



Photo C— This little looney is one of my own K4TWJ Wild Woody WARC Keys. It is made from a clothespin and works well for hanging poor CW operators out to dry. The key's spring is bent and stretched to reduce tension, and screw tips serve as contacts. It is the perfect pumper for heavy-fisted ops.

\$4.00 of saved-up school lunch money. My Elmer took pity on me and gave me a J-38, which I still cherish today.

### Pickle Launcher

Well-known radio school instructor Gordon West, WB6NOA, has a most unusual Pickle Keyer he occasionally uses to demonstrate current flow, resistance, voltage, and power (photos D and E). He places three large green pickles between stainless-steel skewers and then applies 120 volts AC to them through a well-insulated key. Current flows through the pickles caus-

ing them to glow amber (caution!) in color. The more the key is used for sending "visual CW" on the pickles, the brighter and hotter they become—until they explode!

When asked about his pickle keyer, Gordon emphasizes the (120-volt) wall plug must be out of the socket when loading pickles, the key must be well-insulated (or we have fried ham with the steamed pickles), and the whole kit and caboodle is definitely not U.L. approved.

Some good lessons in electronic theory surface here. Voltage across the pickles divided by the current through the pickles equals their overall resis-



Photo E— Gordon, WB6NOA, assumes a safe (getaway) position as demo emcee while curious Chip Margelli, K7JA, sends Morse code on the Pickle Keyer. The more Chip sends, the higher the current through the pickles. Notice the steam starting to rise from the pickles. As they get hotter, they begin glowing amber—and soon explode! Front row onlookers usually hit the door earlier, however!



Photo D— Here you see the hot Pickle Keyer of Gordon West, WB6NOA, as photographed by Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, at the 2005 Dayton Hamvention®. Big juicy pickles are placed between stainless-steel skewers and 120 volts AC is applied to the pickles through the key. What happens next? Well, one of my Wild Woody Keys with its arm blown off on the left side (obviously from a past demo) is a good clue.



Photo F— Walter Dufrain, Jr., K5EST, demonstrating his large-arm and small-mechanism Tailgate Key at Ozarkcon, a big-time QRP meet in Branson, Missouri. The key is made from the south end of a north-bound Datsun pickup truck. When asked how it works, Walter replied "pretty good, but getting it in and out of the shack is a struggle! (Photo via K5EST)

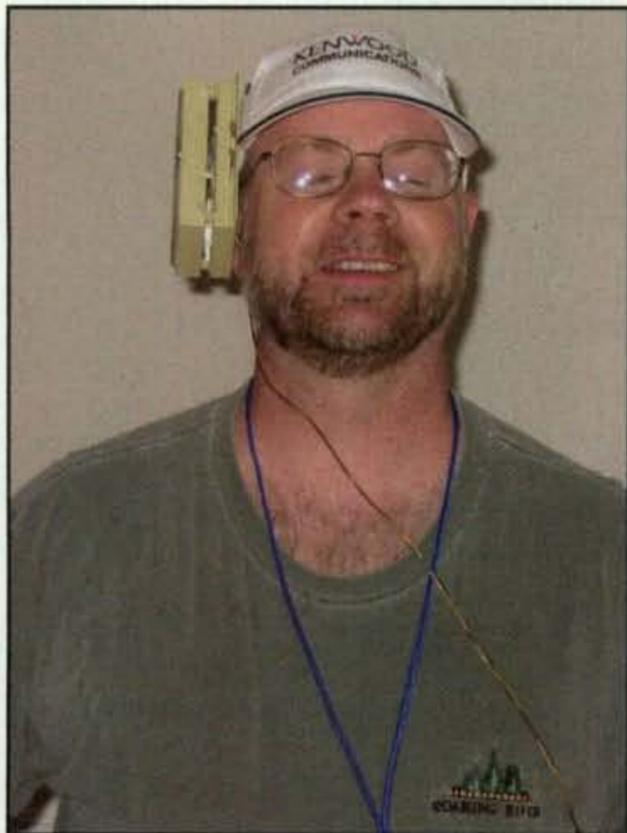


Photo G— Headstrong CW ops should find this Thermostat Hat Key made by Richard Bennett, KCØPET, uplifting. The thermostat is rebuilt/rewired so its internal mercury switch keys a transmitter according to fro and aft head tilts. High-speed CW can really give you whiplash with a key like this gem. (Photo via KCØPET)



Photo H— The Onion Chopper Key was devised by Jari Vainio, OH6DC, and it is equally at home in the shack or in the kitchen. Key wires connect to the plunger rod and a piece of copper-clad PC board inside the chopping bowl. Note the colorful keying knob atop the chopper. Every ham needs a key like this! (photos H, I, and J courtesy of OH6DC)

tance, which drops as they are heated. As resistance drops, current increases and that current times the voltage equals the wattage dissipated by the pickles (pickle dissipation). The pickles are connected in parallel, so the brightest, most steaming-hot pickle has the lowest resistance, highest current, greatest power dissipation. I notice a loading coil and variable tuning capacitor on Gordon's demo board and can only imagine what would happen if the pickles were tuned to resonance!

### Wacky Wabblers

Now moving (stumbling?) off the beaten path of hot keys and exploding pickles, we highlight two top entries in the (previously mentioned) Wacky Key contest held at Ozarkcon 2008. Ozarkcon, incidentally, is a large QRP meet conducted by the 4 States QRP Club and held near Branson, Missouri each May. Activities include technical seminars, show-and-tell discussions, homebrew contests, banjo-picking jam sessions, and more. It is a big-time event, and a Wacky Key contest is icing on the cake.

Walter Dufraim, Jr., K5EST, endorses that fact with his Datsun pickup truck tailgate key (photo F). Walter found the tailgate on a remote area of his farm, carried it home, cleaned it up, and set it up to serve as a hand/pump key, but he did not discuss the fine details. I assume the tailgate activates a momentary

micro switch or rocker switch. One fact is certain: Carrying this monster into a multi-multi contest room should produce a roar of laughter.

Next is the Thermostat Hat Key devised and demonstrated by Richard Bennett, KCØPET (photo G), and yes that is a home wall thermostat attached to the Kenwood ball cap. If you have examined an older style heater thermostat, you know it uses a spiraled strip of metal that curls and uncurls ever so slightly according to temperature changes; that (small) movement causes an attached capsule containing a drop of mercury to move from one end to another. The mercury then shorts the contacts to switch the heater on/off. A simple rewiring changes the mercury switch into a key, and then the whole thermostat is attached to a cap so back-and-forth head tilts can send CW. Fit the cap with mouseketeer ears, put this chap mobile in the rider's seat of a top-down convertible, and watch it grab attention like crazy.

### The Wild Ones

Rounding out our fine selection of extraordinary pumpers are three exquisite offerings from CW aficionado supreme Jari Vainio, OH6DC. This chap's sense of humor is equaled only by his creativity, and some of his keys are really wild. One, for example, consists of a tennis racquet with a large piece of vinyl floor-

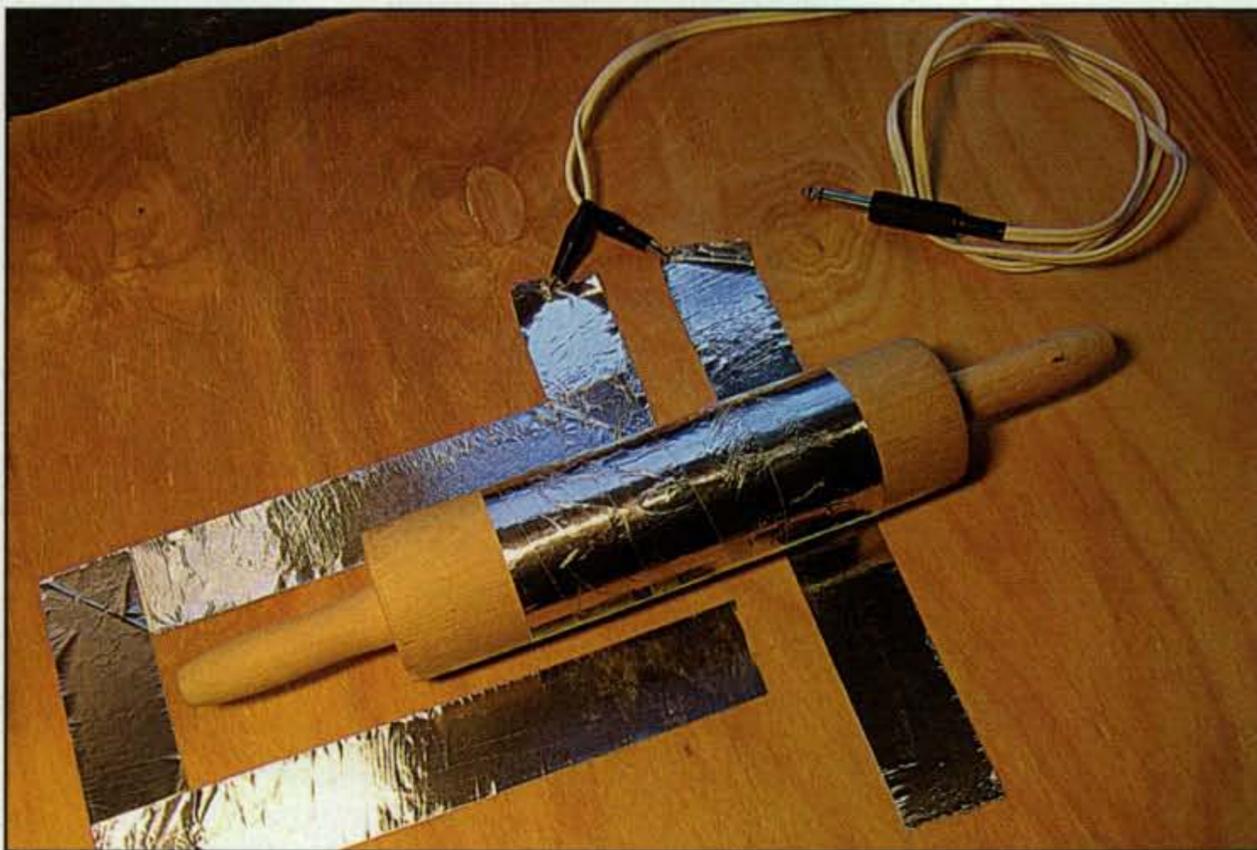


Photo I— Check out this brilliantly designed and magnificently polished rolling-pin Sideswiper Key made by Jari, OH6DC. The movable arm—err . . . rolling pin—continuously connects with the fixed aluminum-foil strip on the right side and you roll the pin from side to side to connect with the foil strips on left side to send CW. Notice how removing the foil jumper on the left and rewiring the strips can convert this marvel into a paddle. Neat!



Photo J— OH6DC presents the every CW devotee's dream—a dual-lever paddle disguised as a paper coffee cup. Each handle is fitted with a precision-bent gem clip that, with handle moves, contacts a big blob of solder between the handles. We know you can't wait to make your very own copy of this treat, so details are in the text.

ing over the "net end," a large knob on the handle end, and a big pivot block near the middle. Jari starts a roaring fire in his home's fireplace, climbs on the roof (with racquet key in tow), places it over the chimney, and sends dot-dash CW in smoke signals. Another key is built around a pogo stick that you balance on and then bounce around the room to send CW. Fortunately, Jari limited his designs for this year's introductory offerings.

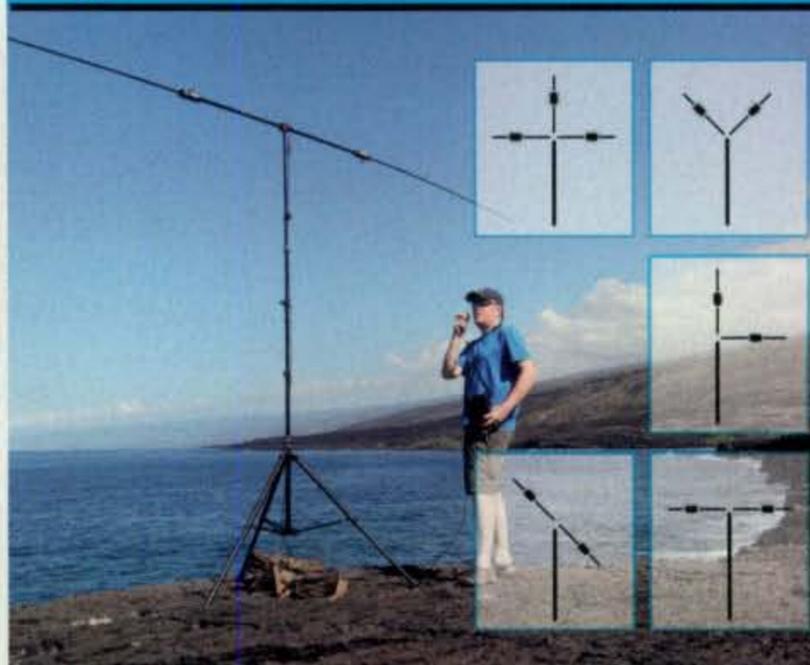
When asked to describe his Onion Chopper key showing in photo H, Jari replied the key has a spring-loaded metal push rod, a four-blade upper contact, a piece of copper foil PC board material (with soldered wire) sitting on its bottom wood block for a lower contact. Connection wires route to a socket on the chopper's top/lid. You forgo the onions, cable the chopper to your transceiver, grasp the round knob, and start sending tear-jerking CW.

Moving into the shake, bake, and roll-it-out category, we next spotlight the Rolling Pin Sideswiper of OH6DC (photo I). Notice the thoughtful design and clever engineering here, friends. First a narrow strip of heavy-duty aluminum foil with one wire attached is hot-glued to the table (whew!). Then a solid wrapper of aluminum foil is hot-glued to the rolling pin to make a moving arm-type contact. Next, left and right contacts (of aluminum foil) are hot-glued to the table on each side of the rolling pin and the other key wire is attached. Now follow this point and mod. The left and right contacts are connected together by a short strip of aluminum foil on the rolling pin's left end



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so this, err, "thingee" functions as a sideswiper. Remove that short strip of foil, connect the left and right contacts to a three-conductor cable, and it becomes a single-lever CW paddle. I thought about adding a second rolling pin and expanding this gem into an iambic paddle, but somehow I think the world may not be quite ready for such an item.

Wrapping up this trio of Morse morsels from OH6DC is the paper-cup paddle in photo J. This is no wimp-o-cup. It has a stout cardboard handle—two of them—and they flex and move independently. Jari converted this paper cup into a paddle by first hot-gluing a big blob of silver solder between the handles (check it out with your magnifier). He then bent a pair of gem clips to just-right angles and glued each to a

handle so when either handle is moved toward the other, that gem clip's end connects to the solder blob. The paper handles have just enough stiffness (tension?) to hold their (unkeyed) position, and a near-full cup of juice gives the paddle good stability.

Onion choppers, rolling pins, and paper-cup keys. Who could ask for more?

## Conclusion

That overflows available space, so I will quickly close with a reminder and encouragement to vote for your two favorite keys and send me details of your own deranged key for inclusion in the next column/contest. Meanwhile, here's hoping we meet on 20 or 30 meter CW—using readable keys! 73, Dave, K4TWJ

## Vote—and Join the Fun!

Now, and just like TV's "Dancing with the Stars," it is your turn to vote for the couple (of keys) you like best. The two top-scoring entrants can choose a copy of my popular *World of Keys/Keys III* book, my new *QRP Romps!* book (your choice), or a year's subscription to *CQ*, a place in my future *Keys IV*, and an invitation to compete in a future "Walk of the Wacko Keys" tap-off. E-mail or snail mail your vote to me (addresses on the first page of the column), and if via e-mail, keep it brief to avoid overloading the server.

You are invited to join the fun and frolics, too! Homebrew your own wacky wabblers, shoot a couple of pictures (prints, or high-resolution/250K to 1-meg digital images), include a brief description, and send both to me for inclusion in our next Wacky Keys column/contest. This promises to become a big and popular event, so get cracking while those creative ideas are spinning! —Dave, K4TWJ



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## Helping Ham Radio "Age Backwards"

### Meeting Three Young Leaders of Amateur Radio

In the last "Kids' Korner" published in the June issue, I had come across a survey of kids who were involved in amateur radio. The survey was mostly focused on why it seems so difficult to attract kids to having an enjoyable time in the hobby. Therefore, I took the main points of the survey and wrote out a "Ten Things We Could Be Doing Better" type guide. In case my expectations for youth and their mentors seem outrageous or unattainable, I found three young people who are prime examples of how the rest of us should be participating in this beloved hobby. The actions and accomplishments of these three young people provide an even more detailed guide on how to help this hobby grow, prosper, and stand the test of time.

First, Megan McClellan, K5MEM, the ARRL Assistant Section Manager for Youth in North Texas, contacted me with her take on what we should be doing to attract youth. Megan is extremely dedicated to her position, and persists in even the toughest situations to help her peers see the benefits of amateur radio. She even has a few success stories under her belt. Then, Miles Seiver, KI6LDU, Assistant Section Manager for Youth in Santa Clara Valley, California, gives his take on this dilemma for which amateurs are constantly striving for an answer. He focuses on the importance of marketing amateur radio where youth gather, for example, on Facebook. Reaching out to youth where they naturally congregate makes it easier to get their attention. Last, Nick Esposito, KC2ONP, net control for a growing kids net in New Jersey, talks about how kids are also responsible for their own growth and development as well as others around them.

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We'll start off with Megan, K5MEM, reporting mostly on the youth activities she organizes for HamCom, the big hamfest each June outside Dallas, Texas.

Bringing youth into amateur radio is one of the biggest issues that the hobby faces today. A few (ARRL) sections across the nation are attempting to address this problem by appointing an Assistant Section Manager (ASM) for Youth. Such has been the case in the North Texas section, among others. As an ASM for Youth, I am expected to help the youth of today get involved and interested in ham radio. It has been noticed that the average age of amateur radio operators has gradually been rising. To curb this trend, more young people must be taught to admire the hobby. Most teenagers are busy either talking on their cell phones or texting their friends. They just do not see the need to pass a technical test in order to use a radio to talk to their friends. As ASM for Youth in North Texas, it is my job to change their minds, or at least get them to recognize the entire other world of communications out there.

Yes, I admit I am one of those teenagers who never leaves the house without my cell phone, but just recently, I convinced one of my friends to start studying for her ham license. She saw how much fun I had in the hobby and wanted to be a part of it. She thinks it is cool to talk to people around the world by just picking up a microphone. I've been the ASM for Youth for the North Texas Division since 2007. It requires a lot of dedication, but I believe in the end it's worth it.

#### Youth Activities at HamCom

HamCom is the major ham radio event in my area and is the largest ham radio event in the southwest. Every year, there are over 3,000 people in attendance. There is a large flea market where used equipment is sold, but most of the major radio manufacturers are also there. Of course, there are vendors who sell radio accessories, too. HamCom provides at least 80 hours of education at this event. There are presentations on new technology, new laws affecting ham radio operators, and of course, storm spotting and Skywarn training. I've set up a youth lounge every year at HamCom in which I have information for scouts, children, and even adults on what amateur radio can do for them. It is a place that young people can "hang out" together. By building relationships, I get them interested in radio. I set up scavenger hunts for the children that, based on how many items they find, children receive prizes. These scavenger hunts have a variety of questions. The easy ones are just looking for the prize barrel or finding an operator on each level (i.e., Technician, General, and Extra), going all the way to the more difficult ones such as finding a two by two call sign or a TNC connector for sale or a radio that is older than they are (not hard, hi hi!). The children enjoy trying to find these things, and it gives them something to do at the event so that they are not bugging Mom and Dad about being bored. It also introduces them to ham radio without any pressure to take a test.

I helped organize the one-day Boy Scout Radio Merit badge training at HamCom. One-hundred-four Boy Scouts attended this year. All the instructors are amateur radio operators and Boy Scout leaders. All Scouts and Scoutmasters in uniform were admitted free.

Registration began at 7:15 AM, but reservations for a spot in the class started pouring in several months

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before. The class has been provided for Scouts for several years and is a much sought-after mechanism to acquire the badge. The merit badge class ran from 8 AM until 5 PM. The Scouts attended the class until mid-afternoon, followed by testing opportunities or a chance to get on the air. Lunch was provided free of charge for all Scouts in uniform under the age of 18. Richard Phillips, KB5YBQ, is one of the teachers and adult organizers of this event.

Radio stations were made available to the Scouts on site so that they could see amateur radio equipment as well as make that all-important first contact. This year, I arranged for the Rockwall Amateur Radio Club to set up three separate stations, complete with solar power and antennas for the boys to talk to other hams. Each station had a mentor and control operator so that everything was legal. Both HF (long distance) and UHF (more local) contacts were made. All Boy Scouts in uniform who had completed the one-day Radio Merit Badge class had the chance to take the FCC Technician Exam at *no cost*. What a great deal!

In addition to learning the required Scouting material, the Scouts were treated to several presentations from guest speakers. Gordon West, WB6NOA, talked to them about ham radio and long-distance communications. Gary Woodall from the National Weather Service spoke about the importance of ham radio in weather forecasting and reporting. I talked to them about the fun that young people can have as licensed ham

radio operators. There were also speakers from the ARRL and the West Gulf Division.

This class was specifically developed to be taught in conjunction with HamCom. It seems this event has started a trend, as a number of other areas of the country have been interested in organizing similar training events.

**Beyond HamCom**

I have started inviting myself to some of the smaller hamfests in the area. Not only will I be just walking around talking to young people, I plan to set up some activities for them on a smaller scale. These events are generally only one day (or a half day) so my plans are not nearly as involved.

I have made a point of talking about the advantages of holding an amateur radio license, such as storm spotting and aiding the National Weather Service in locating potentially dangerous weather conditions. I also let my peers know that ham radio operators provide priceless service during times of emergencies and disasters. I have discussed some of the new technologies that link radio and the internet with my friends. They seem to think it's pretty cool.

I am also part of the Robotics team at Rockwall High School. We build robots that are radio controlled and compete in international competitions. I have proposed that ham radio be taught as part of construction training. The information required for a ham radio Technician license is very similar to what is involved in construction training. The

mentors for the program are considering my proposal.

I believe that getting more youth involved in amateur radio is the future of our hobby. New blood and new energy will keep the hobby moving forward.

*Megan McClellan, 17*  
 Assistant Section Manager for Youth North Texas Section

Miles Seiver, KI6LDU, noticed that he was one-of-a-kind in amateur radio in his community. He decided to take action, finding ways to share the hobby that he loves with others his age.

I am the Assistant Section Manager for Youth in the Santa Clara Valley, California section of the ARRL. I became interested in amateur radio through my town's Emergency Communication Committee. I recently wrote an article for the town newsletter on my experiences on the committee. Soon after joining the ECC I realized that I was the only member under 50 years old. In fact, after spending six months going to training sessions and other emergency communication events, I saw literally zero youth participation besides my own. If amateur radio is going to remain a valuable communication tool in the future, more people from my generation need to participate.

The main issue hindering interest in amateur radio from my age group is the proliferation of other communication means such as cell phones, Facebook, AIM, etc. The

main philosophy I brought to my section of the ARRL when I joined was simply, "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em!" So, when I became ASM for Youth, my main goal was to give ham radio a more modern face that would appeal more to people my age.

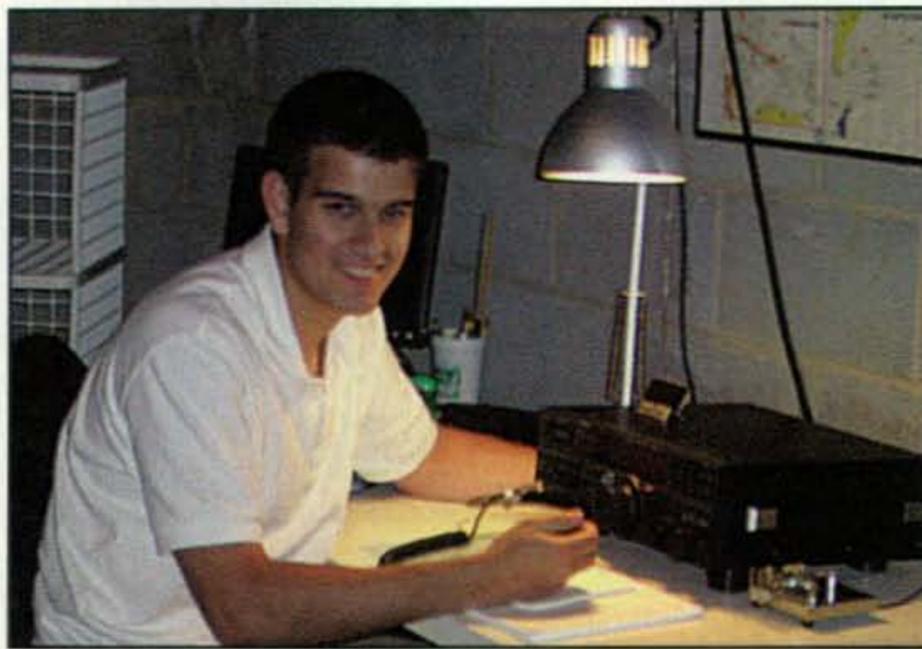
Since a lot of high schools have emergency preparedness clubs, I have worked on educating club leaders on the valuable component to community preparedness that amateur radio offers.



Miles Seiver, KI6LDU, is the Santa Clara valley section's ASM for Youth. He is 17 and heavily involved in emergency communications.

Another project that I have focused on is the creation of a Facebook page for the section which allows members of all ages to join and post dates for events, pictures, notes, or anything else pertaining to the group. Since my appointment, there has been an increase in youth activity in the section.

Another responsibility of my position is to represent the SCV section at major ARRL events. (In June) I participated in ARRL Field Day; it was a lot of fun. I made HF contacts at the GOTA station and met new hams in my area. Since emergency communications doesn't require much use of HF bands, I haven't received much



Nick Esposito, KC2ONP, age 16, Net Control, New Providence Amateur Radio Club Youth Net, operating at his station in New Jersey.

experience working those frequencies. Field Day was the ideal opportunity for me to learn about and experiment with HF under the guidance of experienced operators.

Miles Seiver, 17

Assistant Section Manager for Youth  
Santa Clara Valley, California Section

In addition to the work being done by the young leaders who hold positions in their ARRL sections, there is a lot of support given by kids without some sort of official leadership position. Young amateurs who take initiative must also be recognized for their hard work and dedication to amateur radio. Because although the positions such as Assistant Section Manager for Youth take a lot of dedication, it is really the average kids, who love and just can't get enough of the hobby, who are the face of young amateurs. Without the kids who take the initiative to start nets, clubs, or events for kids in amateur radio, it would be a lot harder for the other young amateurs who hold leadership positions because they wouldn't have the support needed.

Nick Esposito, KC2ONP, the founder of the New Providence Amateur Radio Club Youth Net, goes in depth on his approach to getting more youth into amateur radio.

I am currently 16 years old and I am a junior at New Providence High School in New Providence, New Jersey. I hold a General Class license, but continue studying for the Extra Class exam, along with trying to learn Morse code. I am a member of the New Providence Amateur Radio Club (NPARC) and the ARRL. I got involved in ham radio when I was in fourth grade. I received a flyer one day that the New Providence Amateur Radio Club was going to start a radio club for kids and one of my teachers was going to be the advisor. I joined, thinking that it would be a great experience. I remained in the club up to when I left the elementary school after sixth grade. In that time I had been on HF talking to people in Europe, the Caribbean, and the Americas. I built a Morse code oscillator that required no soldering and was loads of fun to play with. I learned more geography than I knew existed. It was all so exciting.

Along the way I had become great friends with another leader of this club, Dr. Barry Cohen, K2JV, who has become my outstanding mentor. I had been enjoying this club for two years, and right as I left, I found out the real purpose of it all: We were going to have a conversation with the astronauts on the International Space Station! It was too bad I was leaving, though. Barry pulled me aside later and gave me the best excuse to stay in the club: Get my ham license! So over the summer I set a date in mid-July and studied feverishly for the test. I passed and the rest is history. I went to all of the meetings after school and even got a contact in with International Space Station (with the first space tourist, Greg Olsen). I have been the control operator for four ARISS contacts (soon to be five). I have

## On the Cover



### 2009 Young Ham of the Year Andrew Koenig, KE5GDB

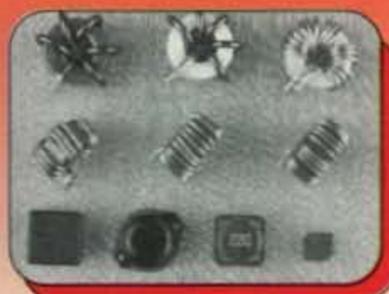
Andrew Koenig, KE5GDB, of Houston, Texas, has built his own IRLP (Internet Radio Linking Project) node into his bedroom closet. He has used the node to connect an astronaut at the Johnson Space Center with two schools in Canada, and to allow Hurricane Ike evacuees to keep track of events near their homes (see Zero Bias on page 8 for

more). Andrew is 15 years old and is starting 10th grade. He is active in Scouting—a Life Scout working toward Eagle—and is a member of his high school's marching band and his local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). He has also been active in recruiting and training other young people to ham radio and has set up a ham-radio-for-kids website at <<http://www.thathamkid.com>>. In addition, Andrew has set up a complete mobile station on his bicycle and has helped train astronauts for future ham radio contacts from space.

Andrew was named the 2009 Newsline Young Ham of the Year. This program, operating for more than two decades, honors the country's most outstanding young amateurs. It is sponsored by Amateur Radio Newsline, with corporate support from Vertex-Standard (Yaesu), which pays for the winner's trip to the ceremony at the Huntsville Hamfest and provides equipment gifts, and CQ magazine, which gives each year's winner an expense-paid week at SpaceCamp. (Cover photo by Larry Mulvehill, WB2ZPI)

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operated emergency communications at the New York City Marathon and other local events as a member of NPARC's emergency response team. Now I mostly operate HF and run my kids' net.

What I enjoy about ham radio is contesting and operating DX because of the thrill of it, but talking to local hams is great in a different sense. The sense of camaraderie that hams share just from a quick contact is great. Everyone enjoys being a ham and enjoys carrying on a conversation.

For years, Barry has been coordinating kids' activities in my area, and one day I felt that I had grown old enough to start one myself and see where it went. I began the kids' net in early 2008 but failed to keep it running through the summer. I let it go but then restarted once 2009 began. I sent an e-mail to as many hams as I knew in my division and hoped it would get some new kids. Unfortunately it did not, but other means have brought us new members. A regular net is usually five kids including myself. We have a pool of about a dozen. I ask questions of the others, they ask questions back, and sometimes I relay questions from one person to the next. It is, in essence, a round-table net and it is a good format. Personally, I conduct the net and give my weekly report. We are on VHF, though, on the W2LI repeater, so we are limited to about a 50-mile radius. It is good because anyone with a license can get on, but bad because we cannot really expand. Though it started off as a flop, with patience and drive, I restarted the

net and met some great kids in the area who were willing to spend some time with me on the air every Sunday at 8 PM. Over the weeks this year we have had several new check-ins and met some great kids. The idea is that if you have a license or a parent does, get on the air! It is that simple. My net is just one recurring opportunity for them to take advantage of.

I believe youth getting involved, however possible, is integral. I had never participated in a kids' net before my own, but I knew it couldn't be too hard. Our club sponsors Kids' Day twice a year and I think that is the best exposure for kids. It is a great "contest" that any kid, even one who hasn't been exposed to amateur radio before, can enjoy. Also, parents who are hams need to expose their kids to ham radio. It should never be forced on a child if he or she doesn't like amateur radio, but they should at least have the opportunity to enjoy it. Amateur radio has limitless possibilities and connections. Young operators should learn the traditions and practices of good operating from older hams but embrace the new forms of the hobby as well. I recently experimented with digital communications and found it to be a great experience. Radio using the internet is another new method that is interesting. Software defined radios and the kits to build them are another interesting aspect. Kids should try and expose themselves to as much as possible and then pick the routes they want to go.

You don't have to be recognized with awards or positions to be a good ham.

Getting on the air and being an active member of a radio club are the most important things a kid in radio can do. Challenge yourself to go above and beyond what you thought you knew and could do. Push your knowledge and see where it takes you.

*Nick Esposito, 16  
Net Control*

*New Providence ARC Youth Net*

If you're in the New York City/New Jersey area, Nick's kids' net is on the W2LI repeater, 147.255 MHz + repeater shift and tone of 141.3 every Sunday at 8:00 PM. The repeater covers much of northern and central New Jersey as well as parts of New York City.

So, with June's Kids' Korner and this one, I think we have a pretty complete road map of what to do to help amateur radio "age backwards." It is pretty clear that we are hearing the same themes from all the young amateurs. Although there are some who are actively trying to progress with these things in mind, it is time to get everyone of all ages on board. Let's see how far we can go with this map and how successful we are in the end. Since the past two issues have combined a multitude of ideas from young amateurs all around the country, my guess is it hits the nail right on the head.

73, Brittany, KB1OGL

## CQ Reviews: Super Antennas YP-3 Six (Seven) Band Yagi Plus Questions from and for our Readers

**W**ell, it has been interesting to collaborate with Gordon West, WB6NOA, this time, as we both evaluated the new "Super Antennas" YP-3 Yagi (See "Super Antenna at Field Day" for Gordon's portion of the review). The YP-3 is a 6-band (well, maybe 7; more on this in a bit) 3-element beam that fits in its own bag. As you can see in photo A, this bag is designed to easily fit in the overhead bin as you fly to your DXpedition.

First, I completely agree with Gordo on the manual for the Super Antenna. It's pretty bad and the most important information is the hardest to read. However, I had a nice chat with Vern Wright, W6MMA, the owner of Super Antennas, and the manual issues should be cleared up by the time this column comes out.

The antenna is extremely well made of burnished aluminum with stainless-steel hardware and brass fittings. In photo B, I have the antenna in the 6-meter configuration. Yes, it's much more impressive assembled as a 20-meter antenna, but a heck of a lot harder to photograph! Speaking of photos, that burnished aluminum confused my digital camera. The spirals on the elements are an artifact of my camera and not some kind of linear loading.

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My only suggestion is to dig out a 12-mm or 1/2-inch open end wrench and throw that in the bag, using one of the many pockets for the tools and accessories that already come with the antenna. The 12-mm wrench is handy for tightening down the U-bolts on the mast clamps.

### A 7th Band

I mentioned six vs. seven bands. According to the book, this is a 6-band antenna. But ... me, do everything by the book? Hardly. Plot 1 shows the Super Antenna on a network analyzer. The -10 dB return loss graph shows the antenna having a less than 2:1 SWR over the entire 30-meter ham band. Again, it was not exactly assembled by the book, which doesn't even mention the 30-meter band, so here's how I added 10 MHz: In photo C are some bits of All-Thread. These are the same threads used on many mobile antenna accessories. You need to find four of them and four of the nuts that go over the All-Thread. It just so happens that the nuts used to mount older-style toggle switches and volume controls have the same thread. These will make assembling the coils much easier. Now, dig out four of the 20-meter or 7- $\mu$ H loading coils and two of the 17/15/12-meter or 3.5- $\mu$ H loading coils. Put them together 7-7-3.5 to build a 20- $\mu$ H loading coil.

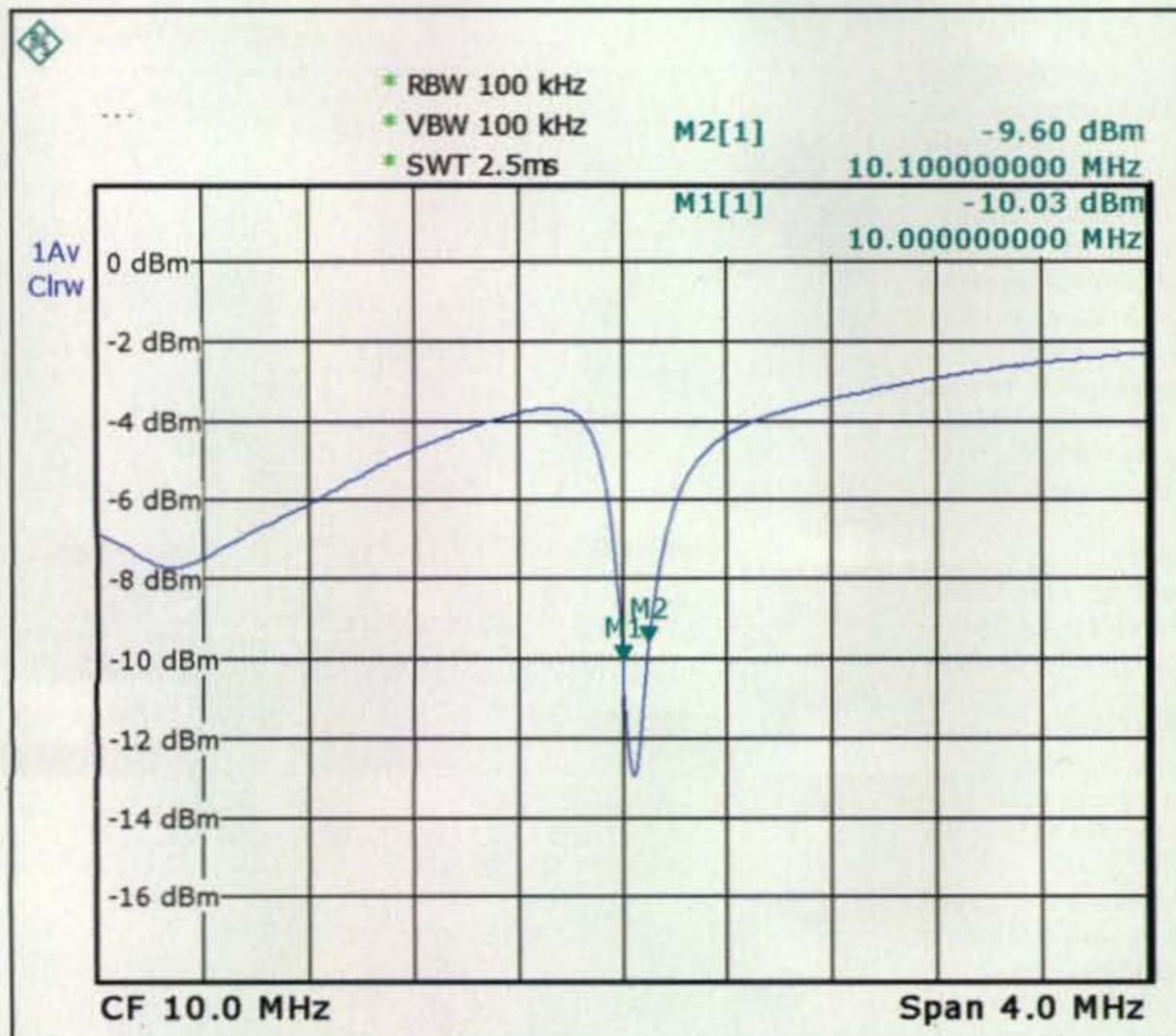


Photo A— Super Antenna YP-3 6-band portable beam (or is it 7?).

Oh, I can see the inbox full of e-mail now: "Third grade math says  $7 + 7 + 3.5 = 17.5!$ " Ah, but these are coils placed end to end, so we have mutual inductance between the windings! Screw your piece of All-Thread about half-way into one loading coil. Now use that nut to hold it in place while you screw on the next coil. Without the nut, the All-Thread tends to disappear into the first coil. Repeat for all the other coils. With the

three coils on each end of the dipole, just adjust the tunable tips to full length, minus about 12 inches and you now have a 7th band for your portable antenna!

In photo D, I have the antenna configured using their kit parts plus the pieces of All-Thread in the air as a 30-meter rotatable dipole. Now all Super Antennas needs to do is make some optional loading coils with about  $50 \mu\text{H}$



Plot 1— Super Antenna YP-3 on 30 meters.



Photo B— Super Antenna in 50-MHz configuration.

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of inductance and you can have a 40-meter rotatable dipole as well. Overall, this is a well-designed and excellent-performing portable antenna.

## A Rotator, Too

What next? The Super Antenna has a very versatile mechanical/electrical design. There is no reason it cannot be adjusted to just about any frequency between 10 MHz and 60 MHz,

making it handy for a variety of commercial, scientific, or industrial applications in addition to amateur radio use. At Dayton, the company had a prototype antenna rotator that is now going into production. This rotator is so carefully balanced, and so carefully geared, that it only needs about .3 amps at 12 volts to turn this 3-element Yagi. A regular alkaline AA battery has about 1 amp-hour of power, so just a pack of AAs could power your rotator for a whole weekend of swinging the beam.

## Super Antennas YP-3 at Field Day

By Gordon West, WB6NOA

Mechanically amazing—a lightweight 3-element beam that breaks down into a 35-inch Cordura® pouch! It gets better yet! This Yagi can work on six individual bands (although Kent has found a way to make it seven—ed.) with telescopic boom, telescopic elements, and some precision 3.62- $\mu$ H and 7.52- $\mu$ H coils included.

This 3-element 6-band Yagi is from a retired dentist, Dr. Vern Wright, W6MMA. That callsign should sound familiar, because he is also the one who invented the multiband Super Antenna vertical.

This new Yagi is called model YP-3, and out of the box—er, bag—it provides decent forward gain and directivity on all bands from 20 meters through 6 meters. The antenna expands to a maximum side-to-side width of 220 inches, and a maximum boom length of 120 inches, with the boom featuring spring-loaded buttons and the elements featuring thumb-tightening knobs.

On 6 meters and 10 meters, the antenna is full-size, and no coils are required. On 17 and 12 meters, mid-element coils are added for resonance, with a fair front-to-back ratio on both bands. On 20 and 15 meters, you add higher inductance coils, and you favor either the CW or voice portion of each band.

When you open up the bag, the coils are held in Cordura® pockets, and a quick eyeball tells you which coils have the most windings and greatest inductance. Since we were going to use the antenna on 6 and 10 meters for Field Day 2009, we left the coils in the pockets and began working with the boom.

The boom features rigid spring-loaded buttons, and the supplied "dimension sheet" allowed us to quickly snap in the desired length from driven element-to-director and driven-to-reflector. The length calculations are from antenna expert Mike Staal, K6MYC, of M<sup>2</sup> Electronics. Mike came up with the recommended boom and element lengths, and someone else attempted to illustrate the process in print in the poorly detailed assembly instructions. The manual on the mechanics of putting the beam together takes for granted that the assembler is good around beam antenna projects, but I see this antenna a natural for the beginner, who may not know a hairpin from a banana jack without some sort of full-antenna pictorials. The manual needs some serious revision! Fortunately, as Kent has noted, those revisions are under way and should be completed by the time you see this in print.

As for assembly itself, a felt-tip marker for each successful band assembly will greatly speed things up the second time, but the first time around it's a learning curve, even for those who regularly put together antennas.

We repeated the process, using some of our General class students, six times for six bands, and the SWR dropped in as advertised! I remember Dr. Vern setting up the 20-meter antenna in the wind at Quartzsite, Arizona, and I think he had it down to 20 minutes flat! He didn't need to use the included tape measure, but we did, the first time! If you decide to felt-tip your settings for each band, I strongly suggest individual color felt-tip markers, one color per band.

The quality of the materials is excellent. No burrs in the polished aluminum, and the boom push-buttons mean business when they snap into position. You must work hard to push them all the way in for a new boom length. After a few assemblies on the same couple of bands, you can probably have it together in the ten minutes that Vern suggests.



Gordon West, WB6NOA (standing, in red shirt), and Chip Margelli, K7JA, set up the Super Antennas YP-3 on the beach in California for Field Day fun in the sun!

Our operating results from the beach on Field Day:  
6 meters, 12 states in 30 minutes!  
10 meters, anyone we could hear S-3, we could work!

In the under-36-inch carry bag, this will be my operating antenna system when I next head out to Christmas Island, T32, for our yearly medical radio system maintenance. An ultra-light set of pliers might be the only tool you may want to add, although during class we had it all firmly put together without any tools at all.

For class safety outside, we covered the ends of each telescopic element with a little rubber ball for eye safety when the antenna was still in the assembly stage. We would do this with any antenna using aluminum elements.

Our only recommendation, other than a rewrite of the manual, with copious illustrations, would be the inclusion of six different color permanent felt-tip makers, one color per band, to mark the element and boom lengths.

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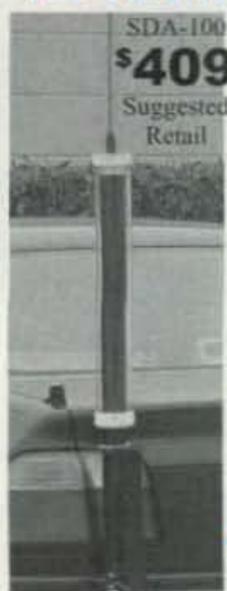


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### Hunting for a Manual

Now I am looking for your help again. In photo E is a Decitron Electronic 218-91143 antenna set. So far I have located four of us doing antenna and field-strength work who have one of these antenna sets. However, none of us has any instructions or manual for it.

You may ask, "Why don't you just look up its website on the internet?" Website? Hey, these guys don't even have a Zip Code! *Pre-1963*. Looks like it will be very handy for 10–100 MHz field-strength work. Please let me know if you have the paperwork.

### Reader Question

We have space to answer one good question from a reader on Long Island about ground radials: "Why only 3 or 4 radials on a VHF ground plane, but they want you to have many on a ground-mounted vertical?"

Yes, the textbooks recommend 120 radials for a ground-mounted vertical. That's hardly the limit. I have about 300 radials under my HF vertical. But yes, there are typically only three or four radials on a VHF ground plane. The issue is the poor resistance and high losses of plain old dirt. If you mount a vertical with no additional ground radials (I'm giving you credit for the coax to the vertical as one radial), you have 80–90% of your RF just heating up the ground. One advantage of elevated radials vs. buried radials, until you try to mow the yard, is the lower loss for elevated radials. Also, most VHF ground planes are elevated above ground level. Putting more radials around your

ground-mounted HF vertical lowers these ground losses and improves the efficiency of the antenna. I recommend placing the radials as near to the surface as practical without causing a tripping hazard. Plan B would be build your next house on a mountain of copper ore.

As always, we welcome your questions and topic suggestions. Just drop a snail mail to my QRZ.com address or an e-mail to <wa5vjb@cq-amateur-radio.com>. For other antenna articles and projects you are welcome to visit <www.wa5vjb.com>.

73, Kent, WA5VJB

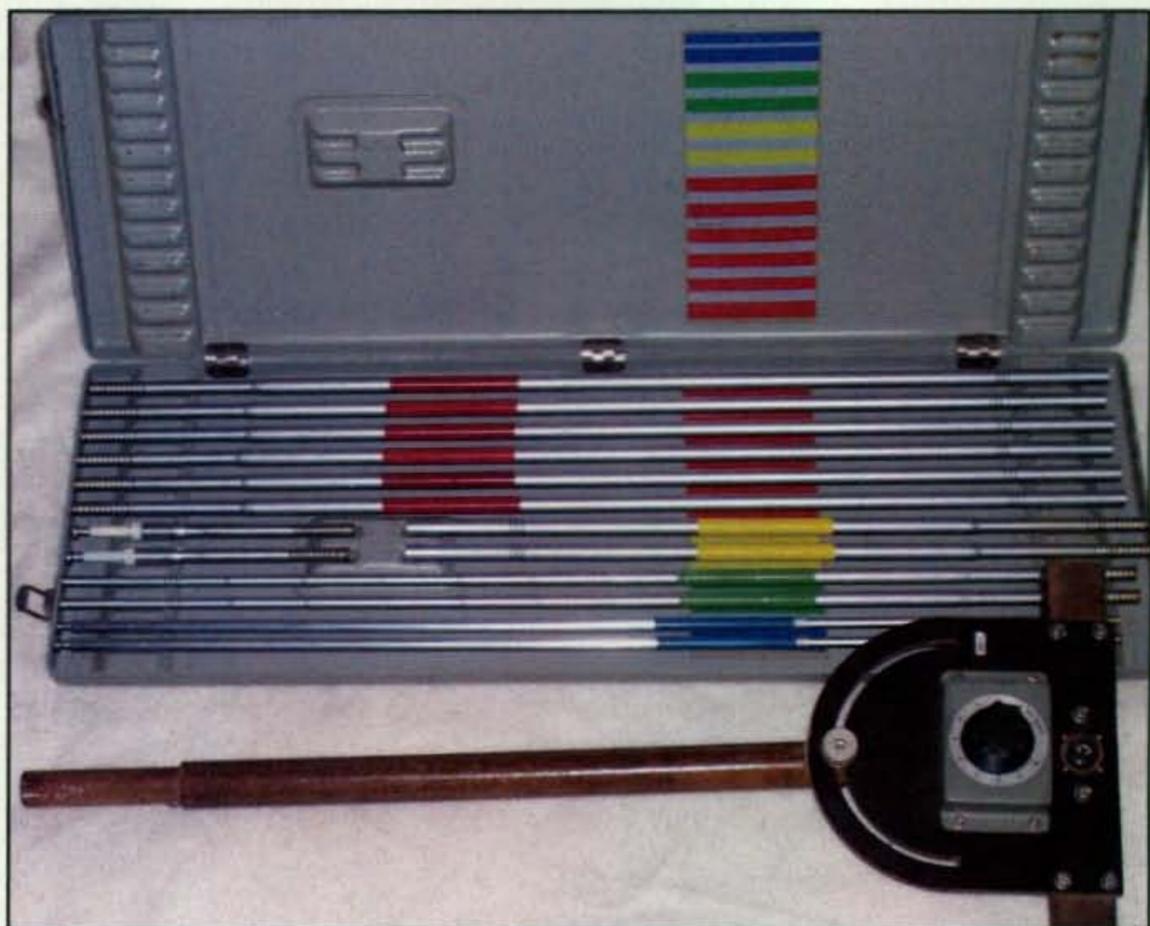


Photo E— Decitron Electronics field-strength antenna kit. Know where to get a manual?

# HF'n with Class on a Budget

**A**s Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, recently mentioned to "Beginner's Corner" columnist Wayne Yoshida, KH6WZ, and me, slumping economic conditions have kindled interest in using older tube-type gear as an affordable means of getting on our globe-spanning HF bands. As Rich explained, an average of 20,000 new people enter our amateur radio world annually, and very few of them are familiar with vacuum-tube gear. Therefore, some helpful guidance via our *CQ* columns holds good merit.

We truly agree (tube gear is so warm, inviting, and enjoyable to use!), so Wayne took the "general info" approach and I took the "how to do it" approach. Consequently, my next few "How It Works" columns will share some tips and suggestions for choosing, checking out, and lightly refurbishing and repairing older gear for on-the-air use today. Before jumping to the details, however, we must add a word of warning all readers should heed.

## Caution! High Voltages Lurk!

Newer amateurs should always be aware that exposed "reach in and touch" plate caps on power-amplifier tubes are "alive" with 700 to 800 volts that

can produce vicious shocks. Exposed below-chassis wiring also carries 200 to 300 volts, and if an AC supply is built in, wandering (or shaky) fingers touching said wires or contacts (such as an on/off switch) can create the most dangerous shock of all. The seemingly safe(?) low voltages used in modern solid-state gear may have also caused old-pro amateurs to become lax in safety habits, so I emphasize again—to all, of any age—enjoy tube rigs, but *always respect their high voltages*. Always switch off and *unplug* all equipment before even removing one screw from its cabinet (that also allows time for filter capacitors to discharge so you will not get shocked). Another point: Unlike switch-on-and-operate solid-state rigs, vacuum-tube gear needs a couple of minutes warm-up time and must be tuned to resonance (minimum plate current) before being pronounced ready for operation. As I will explain later, the process is simple, vital, and takes only four or five seconds.

I am not trying to discourage or frighten anyone here. I only wish to make you a good and conscientious operator, plus explain the art of using heartwarming vacuum-tube gear.

## Recognizing the Rigs

The wide array of old-style receivers, transmitters, and transceivers with their dazzling array of knobs, dials, and meters can easily overwhelm (intimi-

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*Photo A—Hamfest flea markets are quite crowded during their opening hour, but that is often the best time to find good deals on older gear. The more you know about various models—their operation, common problems, and what is involved in fixing them—the better your chances of making a good buying decision. Helping Elmer guidance can prove invaluable at this time.*

date?) newer amateurs, but do not get sidetracked. Stay focused on the fun. Check with your local radio club and/or library's science and technology department. They usually have back years of amateur radio magazines and handbooks, and the ad sections in both are filled with "new rig advertisements" of ever-popular transceivers made by Kenwood, ICOM, Yaesu, Ten-Tec, Drake, Collins, National, Swan, Heathkit, and more. A brief "coming up to speed" study here is super-beneficial in recognizing rigs, their differences, and the models you personally find most appealing, knowledge you will really appreciate when searching for or just finding by surprise older transceivers.

Another clever idea is enlisting the aid of an old pro for recognizing and explaining the good and bad attributes of out-of-production gear. An old-timer may have used several of the rigs you find, knows their virtues and deficiencies, and can prove to be a fountain of knowledge on said gear. Everyone benefits here. Old pros enjoy passing along true tales of hamming with tube gear, and newer amateurs will (hopefully!) remember and likewise pass them on to newer amateurs later on. Through such endeavors, our proud legends and legacies can live

on throughout the annals of time, and that is a most commendable accomplishment from any viewpoint.

Might I have inspired "old pro" readers to also start hunting down and restoring one of those "always wanted, but never owned" heartthrobs from eras past? Jolly good! There's nothing wrong with being a kid again. Go for it!

### Digging for Gold

One of the best sources of golden oldie gear at this time is hamfest flea markets. Unlike e-Bay (and its sometimes exorbitant-bid prices), you can touch,

feel, and closely inspect the gear; chat with the seller; and often test-tune a rig under consideration. Do not feel inferior or asking for guidance here. Many sellers are quite congenial and glad to help newcomers join our global community. If not, you may be best advised to look elsewhere (a sometimes tough move, but it may be necessary).

What should you look for when hunting for and checking out transceivers? Start with the obvious: a clean cabinet and front panel with original knobs and well-maintained dials. Is the matching AC power supply included or built in—and working? Peek inside: Are the



*Photo B— Here is a nice flea market find at an affordable price: an R.L. Drake TR-4 transceiver with matching AC power supply in the accompanying MS-4 speaker cabinet. The original manual is included, and under the table there is a roll of blue-insulated wire for homebrewing a couple of antennas to boot.*

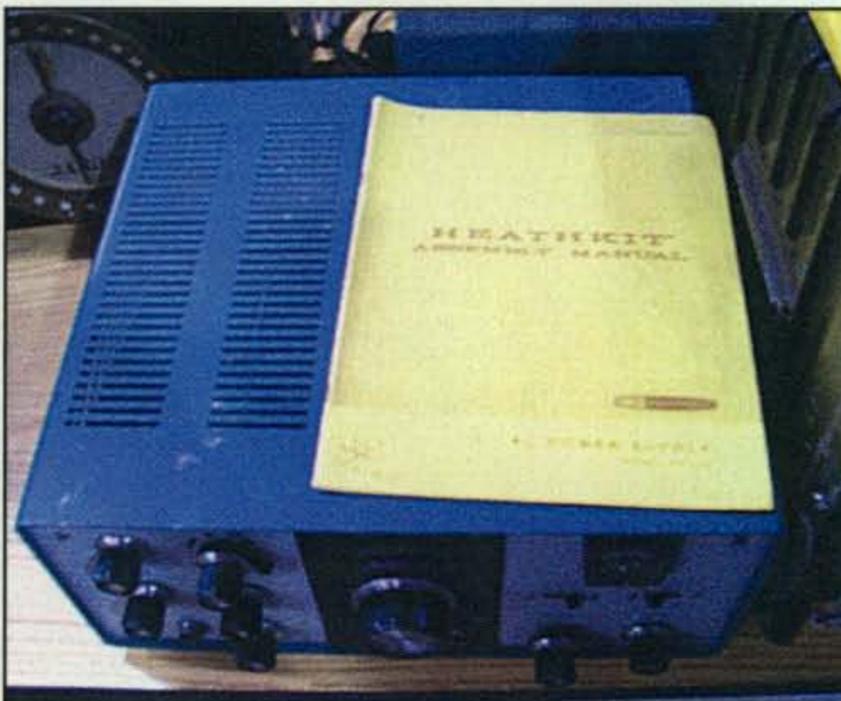
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*Photo C— This classic Heathkit transceiver may also be a good flea market find, provided the original owner did a good job of building it. Look inside and under the chassis before purchasing, or take a chance. Notice, too, that Heathkit manual is for the power supply. Where is the transceiver manual? Don't be shy. Ask!*

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*Photo D— Another time-proven HF transceiver favored by many amateurs is Kenwood's TS-520. Add new driver and power amplifier tubes, maybe new filter capacitors, a tweak or two, some cabinet cleaning, and you have a romping good transceiver at a fair-and-square price.*

tubes, coils, and chassis clean or covered in dust and corrosion? Dirty? Move on. Conscientious owners take pride in their equipment, new and old, and you need successful operation without unnecessary problems.

Next, and most important, be sure you get the operating manual, including both the block diagram and circuit diagram,

with the transceiver. Even if you do not understand a lot of electronic theory, these papers are vital for future maintenance/repairs by knowledgeable technicians. Remember, too, no one knows that transceiver better than the manufacturer that made it and produced its manual. That is the best guide you will ever find. Even newcomers without a

helping Elmer can sit down alone in a quiet place with a transceiver and its manual and learn how to operate it. That ability to learn or understand assumed complex matters is what places us 10 dB above the general public.

### On-The-Spot Checkout

As a simple first operating checkout, insert one end of a 10- or 20-foot wire in the rig's antenna socket and tune in some off-the-air signals (the transceiver can be on or off when you connect the antenna.). What frequencies? Both 7.0 to 7.3 MHz and 14.0 to 14.3 MHz are good choices. If the transceiver includes 30-meter operation or general-coverage reception, listen for WWV on 10.00 MHz; it is usually well received throughout the U.S. most hours of the day and night. Is the S-meter operational? The pointer movement on an analog meter is typically set in jewels, like a watch, but it is mechanical and prone to wear with time and trying to find a replacement can be a major challenge.

If your prized find passes these preliminary checks, tune in an SSB or CW signal and listen to the audio quality. Adjust the IF Shift, Passband Tuning, and/or filter width and note how the signal is affected (to ensure those controls/functions are operational). Also



*Photo E— Purchasing new/extra tubes for your hamfest-obtained transceiver is always a good move, as they will never be more plentiful or less expensive than at the present time. Note that the stock of sweep tubes (power amplifier tubes for many older transceivers) tends to sell out fast.*

adjust the RIT/Clarifier, RF Gain, and other receiver controls while listening to ensure they work.

Filter capacitors in power supplies occasionally dry out and become ineffective with age, so disconnect the antenna and listen for any hum in the receiver. If you hear hum and it does not change in level when you crank the (AF) volume up or down, the filters need replacing. This is not difficult, even for a new amateur if you do it one wire and one filter at a time (more details later).

Hopefully a dummy load, two short lengths of coax cable, and an SWR bridge or wattmeter will also be available so you can confirm the transceiver is producing output power. If you are not familiar with the tune-up/loading procedure of vacuum-tube rigs, get assistance here. An out-of-tune or off-resonance transmitter can quickly weaken or destroy its output tubes.

### Bargains(?) Disappear Quickly

I assumed a "best case scenario" during the previous discussion. However, it is quite possible you may not be so fortunate—especially if you find a super-attractive rig during busy hamfest hours. Then it is a matter of making a quick (and educated) judgment, ensuring all the kibbles and bits (plus manual!) are included, and purchasing the rig before someone else plops down the cash and walks away with it.

After making your purchase, find a remote spot (your car?) and study the transceiver's manual and tube line-up. Make a shopping list of items needed to conduct a mild amount of rig refurbishing. I encourage doing this on the spot and at this exact moment because you are in the optimum position to find vintage tubes, filter capacitors, plugs, cables, and, well, everything imaginable at reasonable cost. Your shopping list typically will include a spare/replacement transmit driver tube plus RF power amplifier/output tubes, receive RF amplifier tube, and if you can find them, power-supply filter capacitors. You might also like to invest a couple of dollars in a new microphone preamp tube (and a good-quality Heil mic) to give your signal that glamorous "vacuum-tube sound" everyone envies. If your golden oldie does not feature built-in SWR metering (and few old rigs do), purchasing an SWR bridge also holds good merit. Just try to avoid off-brand units of unknown accuracy.

My logic in purchasing these items is simple. They can put your radio in the "closer to new again" category, they

give you "use and enjoy" confidence, and they increase the rig's resale value. Unlike transistors, tubes wear out with use. That's why they have sockets for easy replacement. Further, tubes and other high-voltage-rated parts will never cost less than they do today. *Do not install new transmit RF power amplifier/output tubes yet, however* (unless there is no other alternative). Use the existing/old tubes to "get your feet wet" and learn exact tune-up procedures for each band. Note where load and tube controls are set for each band (dial number, etc.) and make a quick-reference chart so your new tubes will never be

"out of tune" or off resonance when changing bands.

### Conclusion

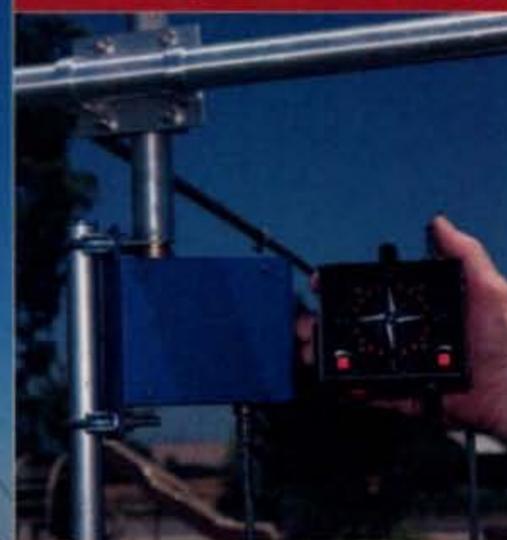
That overflows available space for this time, friends, but watch for more details on installing new tubes, the tune-up process, replacing filter capacitors, etc., in our November "How It Works" column. Meanwhile, look through all the magazines and books you can find and start planning your second antenna installation. I assume you quickly installed a dipole or vertical to use on the air immediately, right? 73, Dave, K4TWJ

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**D**id you ever wonder about the electricity that comes out of all those AC mains outlets just about everywhere you look? Electricity is amazing stuff, and coupled to labor-saving and life-enhancing inventions such as vacuum cleaners, washing machines, electric drills, television sets, air conditioners, and toasters, we should wonder how we would live without these items.

However, along with an increase in the quality of life these labor-saving inventions bring, there is also an increase of an annoying problem just about all hams experience—electrical interference. This may be the reason your HF radio S-meter deflects to S3 or higher, but there are no radio stations you can hear. This could also be one of the reasons why your VHF and UHF FM radio will “break squelch” and all you can hear is noise.

Recently, a guest speaker at our radio club was a representative from the local electric company. Brian Thorson, AF6NA, is an electric and magnetic fields (EMF) specialist, and he taught us some interesting things about electromagnetic interference, or EMI. The presentation was so interesting and included a lot of useful information that I thought I would share some of these facts with you.

This discussion is limited to the services provided by one of the largest electric utility companies serving southern California, but many of these concepts apply to other locations in North

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Photo A—A cell phone interfering with a conference-room speaker-telephone is an example of radiated interference.

America, and similar situations exist in other parts of the world.

### EMI—Similar to the Three “Close Encounters”

There are several kinds of electromagnetic interference, depending on how it moves from one place to another, and how it is generated. “Interference” is any type of electrical signal entering electrical or electronic equipment that results in improper operation, degraded performance, or failure. Electromagnetic interference is an unwanted condition that impacts the proper operation of something.

EMI is further defined by the mode and type of interference being experienced.

The first type is *radiated interference*. In this case, the “junk signals” are propagated through the air, and include “intentional radiators,” which are units designed to transmit some kind of signal, such as broadcast transmitters, cell phones, and wireless garage-door-opener controls. Many of us have experienced EMI from an intentional radiator: This is that irritating buzzing noise you hear when someone’s cell phone or Blackberry device is held too close to your broadcast radio receiver or other equipment (see photo A).

An unintentional radiator is just like it sounds: Something is designed for a specific purpose and is not a transmitting device, and yet it transmits garbage signals through the air. There are many examples of this, including computers and their peripherals, home appliances, and industrial equipment such as plating and etching machines. You may have experienced this type of EMI if you ever ran an electric fan and placed it too close to a computer monitor using a cathode-ray tube (CRT). The wavy lines on the screen come from magnetic lines of force from the electric motor in the fan. Even though the fan is designed to move air, and not to transmit a radio signal, one can see the effects of the unintended energy influencing the computer screen.

Here is another example, and you can try this simple experiment if you have a digital camera and a hand-held transceiver (HT). Turn on each unit and slowly move them closer and closer to one another. At some point, you will hear some pretty loud “hash” from the HT. This is EMI from an unintentional radiator called the digital camera. The camera is designed to make digital images, and yet it is unintentionally a “transmitter.”

Another type of EMI is *magnetic induction*, where interference is coupled by close proximity. This can take place under a desk where AC power and audio cables are parallel to one another. This type of interference does not usually impact the RF side of ham radio equipment, but could get into a microphone circuit, causing “AC hum” in the

transmitted audio. Very intense magnetic fields, on the order of 5000 milliGauss (mG) or more, can erase magnetic tapes and credit-card magnetic strips. High fields like this can be found within an inch or so of some appliances with motors.

In *conducted interference*, unwanted signals travel through electric-supply wiring. The interference is caused by items connected to the AC mains, and electronically switch on and off when they are operating, such as computer power supplies and home appliances. Modern computer power supplies are called switch-mode power supplies (SMPS), and are typically lightweight, efficient, and in production volumes, very inexpensive (see photo B). Electric motors in home appliances and other machines continuously switch on and off as their magnetic poles energize and repel and attract, which causes the motor shaft to turn.

### Modern-Day Spark-Gap Transmitters

Both radiated and conducted interference include broadband noise, caused by electric arcs. This sparking is a common source of electrical interference. Arcing occurs when an electric field strength exceeds the air-gap breakdown voltage. Simply put, this means that an electric spark can jump across an open gap when the voltage is high enough. This is the basic principle of the spark-gap transmitter, used during the very early days of ham radio, from the late 1800s to about the 1920s. The result is a broadband burst of energy across a broad frequency spectrum, from around 200 kHz to potentially over 800 MHz. This covers almost all of the HF ham radio bands from 160 meters to 10 meters, and several VHF repeater and simplex bands. Most commonly, however, electrical arcing from utility distribution lines will be limited to the LF, HF and VHF bands, which include 30–300 MHz.

These spark generators are everywhere, and include household items such as thermostats, dimmer switches, air purifiers, motors, circuit breakers, fluorescent lamps, and ignition systems (such as the piezo igniter in a propane barbeque).

Outside the home, radiated electric-utility EMI generators include special electrical hardware on wood or metal poles such as insulators, tie wires, bonding wires, clamps, and other items. You should know that such EMI sources are actually somewhat rare, and utility-company experience has shown that loose hardware accounts for less than

20 percent of customer-reported interference problems, and dirty insulators account for less than 5 percent of customer-reported interference problems. On the other hand, the electric company estimates that more than 75 percent of customer interference complaints identify an in-home appliance or device as the source of interference.

### The Electric Utility's RTVI Locating Service

A Radio and TV Interference (RTVI) service is often available to electric utility customers. The inspectors are experienced at locating radio and TV interference for a wide range of customer problems. Their goal is to discover and remedy interference caused by their service. Commercial engineering firms offer similar interference-locating services for a fee, usually at a rate of several hundred dollars per hour.

Some of the instruments used by RTVI technicians are very similar to hidden transmitter (fox- or T-) hunting equipment, and similar techniques are used to locate interference.

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mon AM broadcast radio tuned to an open or unused frequency at the lowest or highest portion of the band, as shown in photo C. Move the receiver around and listen for the interference. Use the radio to guess where the noise is coming from. With the radio in front of you, move your body to the left and right to determine where the noise is coming from. Your body acts as a reflector that attenuates the signal coming from behind you.

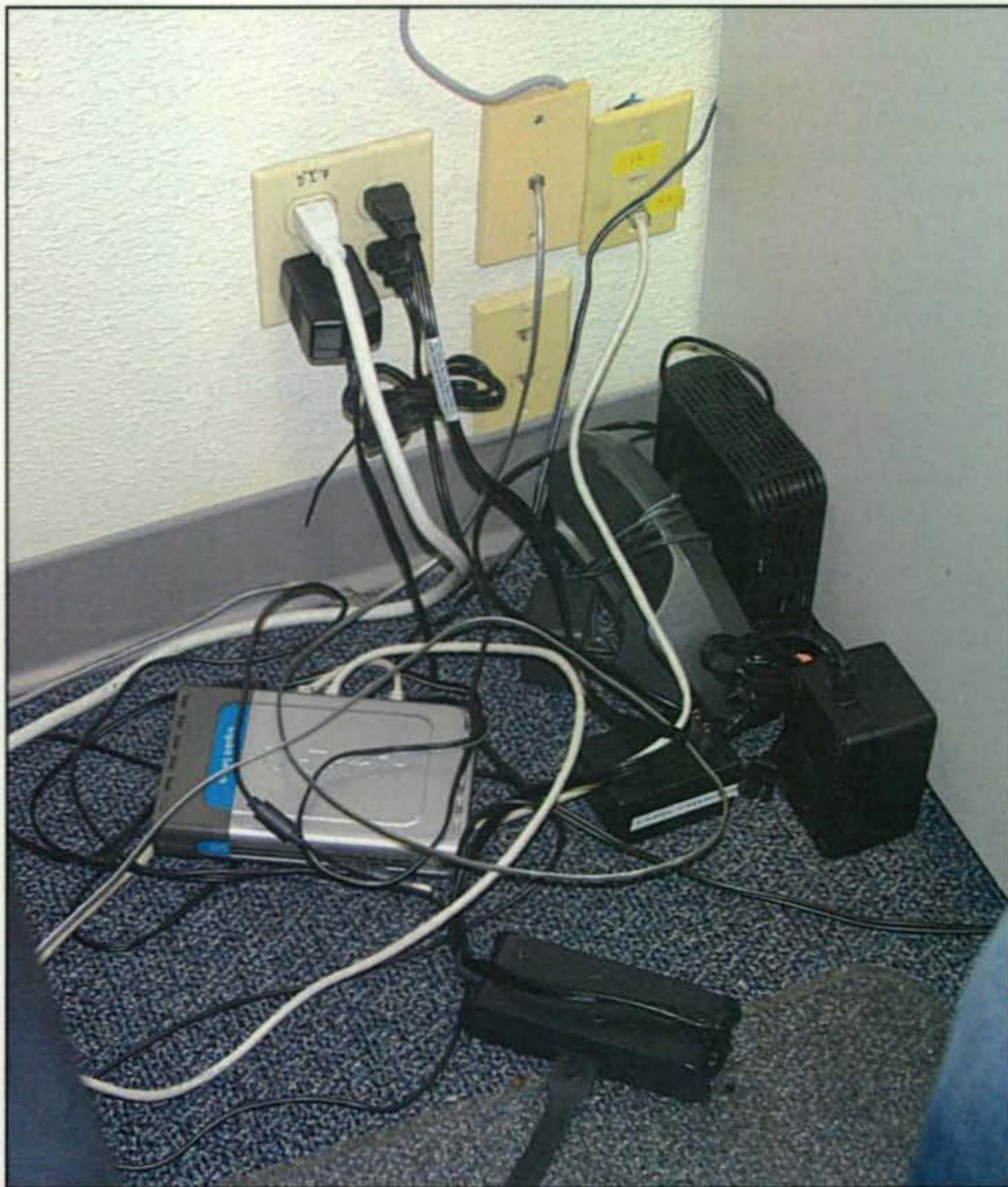
## Cleaning House

Since most electrical interference actually comes from something in your (or a neighbor's) house, it may be best to first check to see if your house is electrically noisy or quiet. Before starting your search, it may be best to figure out if the noise has some kind of pattern. Is it louder in the morning or evening? How strong is the noise? Does it change depending on the weather? Does it happen when it is humid or dry, hot or cold? Is it frequency related? For example, is it most noticeable on 10 meters or 160 meters? What about the VHF and UHF bands?

Use the AM receiver trick to find sources of noise. Check all outlets and appliances that are plugged in, as well as anything else that plugs into a wall outlet. Check all switches and any timers inside the house. Include a check on any outdoor electrical items, such as swimming-pool pumps, automatic sprinkler systems, and other items. Go to the circuit breaker or fuse box coming into your home and check that, too. Then do the same search at different times of the day and night, because some items may have internal timers or some other mechanism to make the unit turn on or off, such as the thermostat in an air-conditioning system or refrigerator.

If you find something noisy, please consider calling a licensed electrician to perform repairs. One easy thing you may be able to do yourself is to visually examine the suspect outlet, switch, or appliance. First remove power going to the outlet and or switch by turning off the circuit breaker or removing the fuse going to the circuit. Then remove the cover plate on the outlet or switch and take a look. Spider webs, corrosion, or loose wires inside can cause noise on the AC line. A common problem is a worn-out outlet. Don't fix it; just replace the bad outlet with a high-quality unit. Stay away from bargain-price-outlet items, since they will wear out easily and cause problems again.

It is very possible that the noise you hear in your station is coming from a



*Photo B— Almost anyone can easily see a source of conducted interference. Here are several possible sources, including a heater/fan unit and at least one computer switching power supply.*

neighbor's home or a utility pole somewhere near you. Quite often, the noise is not electric-utility-related, and instead is another type of interference.

For example, a fellow radio club member was experiencing very strong interference to his UHF/-FM radio on several of his favorite repeater frequencies. The interference was so strong that no matter how far the squelch control was turned, the noise was still coming in. The noise was fairly constant, and after several weeks my friend noticed a pattern: It would be completely gone on weekends. This was a definite clue, and by using direction-finding techniques he traced the noise source to a camping trailer parked in a neighbor's driveway several blocks away. An extension cord ran from the trailer and into the garage. Just to be sure, the location was verified by walking very close to the trailer with a handheld UHF radio. Something inside the

RV was creating some sort of wide-band hash, but the only way to verify the specific cause was to actually go inside the trailer.

Knocking on the neighbor's door one evening wasn't as hard as he thought it could be, since my friend explained that his radio equipment was getting some kind of electrical interference, and so he was looking around the neighborhood for the source.

Then he asked a great question. He asked if the trailer owner noticed any interference to any of their stereo or TV sets. The RV owner said that their main TV set in the living room is connected to a satellite TV dish and seemed to get clear picture and sound all the time. However, they have an old TV set in their spare bedroom that almost never gets a clear picture.

My friend easily got permission to look at anything in and around the RV owner's home, since the neighbor



*Photo C— An ordinary AM receiver can be used to find EMI. Tune the radio to a blank spot on the dial and listen for the buzzing interference. Move the unit from left to right and go forward in the direction of the loudest noise.*

understood that if the interference source was found, it would also cure their problem as well.

After a few minutes the noise source was located and verified: It was a pre-amplifier unit for the trailer's TV set. Disconnecting the power to the unit made all the noise go away. The technical guys in the club believe the noise was caused by a spurious oscillation in the amplifier circuit becoming unstable and beginning to oscillate.

The neighbor understood the situation, but did not want to spend any money to fix anything. The simple solution was to simply disconnect the pre-amplifier unit whenever the trailer was parked in the driveway. This cured the interference problems for both the RV owner and the UHF/FM ham station.

As another example, while operating a multi-operator effort on 80 meters late one night during one of the CQ World-Wide DX Contests, a very loud buzzing noise started coming in, making contacts on the 80- and 160-meter bands impossible. We used the AM radio trick

to verify and locate the noise source. After several frustrating minutes searching the house, we finally decided to power the contest radio with a battery and turned each circuit breaker in the house, the barn and the garage off and then back on, listening for the noise to go away. The noise was traced to the deep-freezer in the garage, which apparently had never cycled to cold before during other contests. Simply unplugging the freezer eliminated the noise. After the contest, we plugged the unit back in and made a note in the station log to make sure to unplug the freezer when operating on 80 and 160 meters.

### Reporting a Problem

If the noise is still present after checking your entire house and minimizing noise-generating items as much as possible, it is time to call your electric-utility company to see if they can help find the noise source.

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electric bill. Tell the customer-service representative that you are experiencing "radio and TV interference." Answer any and all questions, but do not use technical or ham radio jargon. An electric-utility interference inspector will likely contact you with further questions and set an appointment to investigate the problem. The inspector's goal is to find and eliminate the problem, so that the electric-utility company can provide clean and reliable electricity to its customers.

If an electric-utility problem is located, service personnel will make repairs when possible. Remember, any electric-utility company can be extremely busy and must establish its priorities. A power outage or a damaged electric power line across a highway is much more important than your interference problem. Therefore, have patience and know that they are doing the best they can and will get to your issue when the time is right.

### Electrical System Repairs

Only trained electric-utility service personnel qualified to work on high-voltage distribution systems are authorized to repair or replace loose or defective power-delivery hardware. Never attempt to touch anything on your neighborhood electric poles. Besides, this is at least one case when you get to watch someone else do some dangerous work for you, and it is done for free!

73, Wayne, KH6WZ

### References and Resources

Radare Engineers, makers of interference-finding equipment:  
<<http://www.radarengineers.com/rfitvi.htm>>.

Hidden Transmitter Hunting, a useful and interesting ham radio specialization: <<http://www.homingin.com/SCalStyle.html>>.

The CQ World-Wide DX Contest, an international HF radio contest: <<http://www.cqww.com>>. (The results of the CW portion of the contest and the rules for the 2009 contest are elsewhere in this issue—ed.)

# The 3-milliwatt Signal Heard Around the World

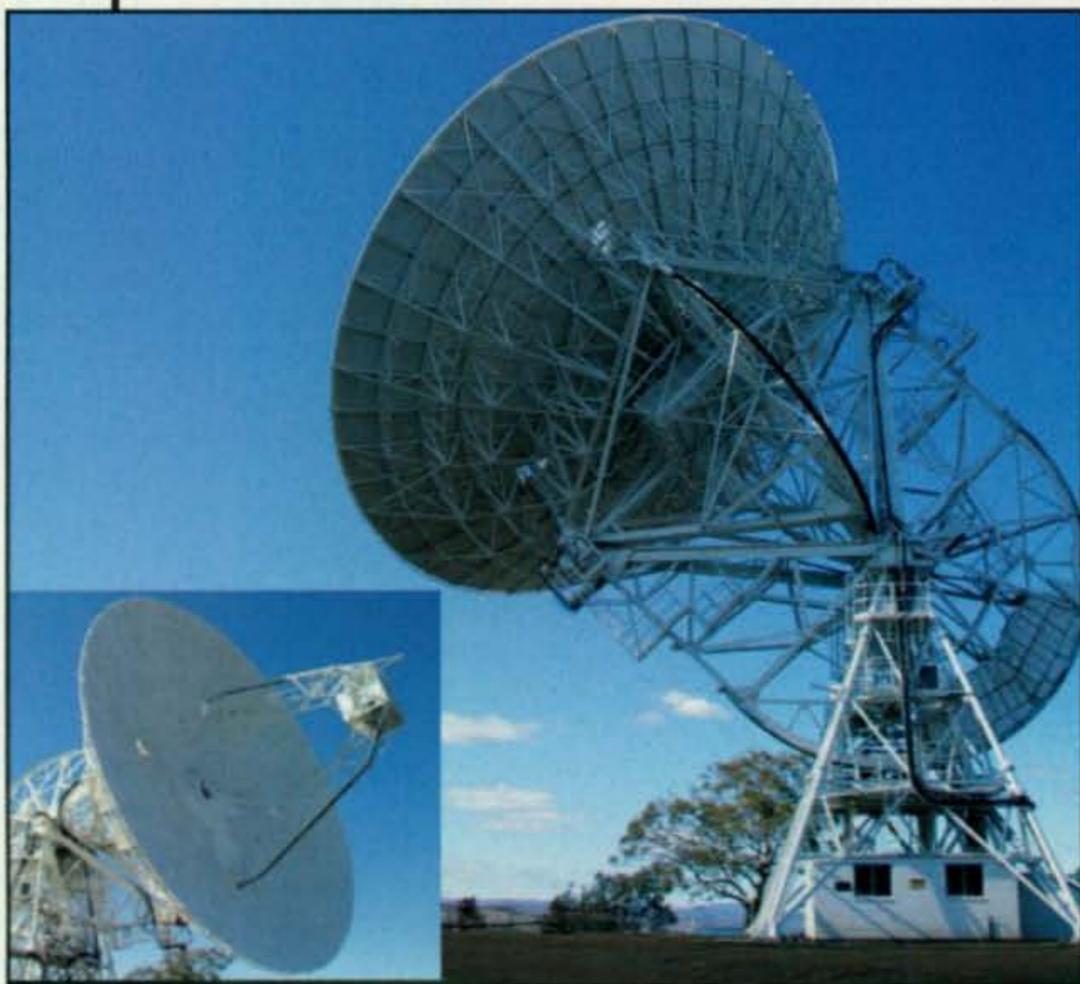
Numerous reports of successful EME contacts during the Echoes of Apollo event have been posted on the internet at various websites. However, no other contact seems to have carried the imagination and ingenuity for getting on the air as the contact between the 26-meter Mt. Pleasant dish in Tasmania, Australia and the 25-meter dish at Dwingeloo, Holland. What follows are stories from both sides of the connection.

## Echoes of Apollo EME on 3 milliwatts!

The following article By Rex Moncur, VK7MO, and Justin Giles-Clark, VK7TW, appeared in Wireless Institute of Australia's *Amateur Radio* magazine, Volume 77, Number 8, August 2009. It is reprinted here courtesy of the authors:

The date 27 June 2009 was designated World Moon Bounce Day as an amateur radio contribution to the celebrations of the 40th anniversary of man's first landing on the moon. The event was organized by a US group of amateurs who had access to the Stanford University 45 metre dish and they sought the involvement of some of the larger radio astronomy dishes around the world. A key objective was to involve and interest school children in science and amateur radio by allowing children to hear voices from the moon. The event was supplemented by amateur Earth Moon Earth (EME) stations all around the world and particularly those with SSB capability on 23 cm.

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Mt. Pleasant 26-meter dish, Tasmania, Australia.  
(VK7TW photo)

### VHF Plus Calendar

Sept. 4	Full Moon.
Sept. 6	Moderate EME conditions.
Sept. 12	Moon last quarter.
Sept. 12-14	ARRL Sept. VHF QSO Party. See text for details.
Sept. 13	Poor EME conditions.
Sept. 16	Moon perigee.
Sept. 18	New Moon.
Sept. 19-20	ARRL 10 GHz and Above Cumulative Contest. See text for details.
Sept. 20	Moderate EME conditions.
Sept. 21	The 144 MHz Fall Sprint contest. See text for details.
Sept. 22	Fall equinox.
Sept. 26	Moon first quarter.
Sept. 27	Very poor EME conditions.
Sept. 28	Moon apogee.
Sept. 29	The 222 MHz Fall Sprint. See text for details.

—EME conditions courtesy W5LUU

Within Australia the University of Tasmania agreed to take part using their 26 meter dish which was originally used by NASA in the Orroral Valley near Canberra between 1964-1985 after which it was gifted to the University and transported to Mt Pleasant near Richmond in Southern Tasmania. Our involvement was to provide amateur EME equipment, help set up and test the system and operate the station on the day. As it eventuated the availability of large dishes provided the opportunity to explore QRP EME at as low a level as possible and we are pleased to report completion of a JT65 EME contact between the University of Tasmania's 26 metre dish and a Dutch 25 metre dish, PI9CAM, with the Tasmanian end running only 3 milli-watts.

### Setting up the University of Tasmania Dish

While Dr Jim Lovell of the University of Tasmania willingly offered their dish and the support of their site technician Eric Baynes, VK7BB, it was first necessary to consider what was practical. At our first meeting it became clear that transmitting any sort of high power as required for SSB would be out of the question as the dish is fitted with five extremely sensitive liquid helium cooled receivers working from 4 to 22 GHz. There is no protection for RF and we could not risk damage to these receivers which are involved in ongoing international research programs. Accordingly, the Echoes of Apollo team was advised that we would contribute to the event but as a receive station only.

The feeds and receivers for the 26 metre dish are mounted in a small feed cabin (approx. 2 meter cube) behind a Teflon window approx 1 meter in diameter. Within the cabin there is a remotely controlled 3-axis focus frame that allows the feeds and receivers to be moved into the correct focal position depending on which feed is in use. There is space for a 2 GHz non-cooled feed and receiver which fortunately was not required around the time of the Echoes of Apollo event and the University agreed that this could be removed and replaced with a 23 cm antenna. Because of space limitations it was decided to use a small 3-turn helical. There is over 100 meters of LDF-4-50 coax between the dish

and the control building where we could operate and for this reason we decided to down-convert at the feed and receive on 144 MHz. Eric constructed a down-converter and the VK7MO EME station provided pre-amplifiers, 144 MHz receiver, GPS frequency reference, computer running WSJT, and bandpass filters at 1296 MHz and 144 MHz to limit interference from microwave systems at the nearby Hobart airport.

A few weeks prior to the event tests were conducted with Dave, VK2JDS, with JT65c signal levels much worse than expected at -9 dB and no prospect of copying SSB. A sun noise test gave around 18 dB compared to 27 to 28 dB determined with the VK3UM EME calculator. The time for testing was limited as this is an operational radio astronomy research facility but the system was gradually refined with additional pre-amps and filters and through adjusting levels at all stages—as well as resolving the occasional “Murphy” problem. Finally we decided that the helical feed must be the remaining limitation and did some estimates to see if a Septum feed and choke ring could be physically mounted. Initially it fouled other equipment but after a redesign of the mount it was successfully installed. In the end we achieved a sun noise of 25 dB which was within a few dB of what could be expected. Every time the system needed adjustment Eric had to don a safety harness and go up in a cherry picker (photo 3).

Tests were now conducted with Doug, VK3UM, who runs 400 watts and an 8.6 metre dish. Doug’s SSB came through at 5/6 sufficient to be heard in a room filled with children—so with just four days to go we reported to the “Echoes of Apollo” team we were ready to go.

### Could We Transmit QRP?

With the RX side resolved our minds turned to the possibility of transmitting QRP at a few tens of milli-watts to avoid any possibility of damaging the radio astronomy receivers. A quick calculation suggested that we should be able to work the 25 metre Dutch station PI9CAM at less than 10 milliwatts using JT65, and after an e-mail, Jan, PA3FXB, told us they would be delighted to try JT65 at 10 milliwatts. While we did not have time to test the system until the day of the event, WSJT echo testing on the day gave a signal level of -31 dB at 10 milliwatts and this was improved to -27.8 dB by careful adjustment of the focus of the feed.

### The Day of the Event

Because of uncertainty about working the Stanford group with SSB at an adequate level for a room full of children the university decided not to actively advertise the event to the public but agreed that we could advertise on the VK7WI broadcast for hams to come along with children and friends. Our first reception was from Doug, VK3UM, at 5/7 who we worded up by telephone to talk to the children. It was a joy to see the smiles when they heard their names off the moon. While as hams we could copy Dave,



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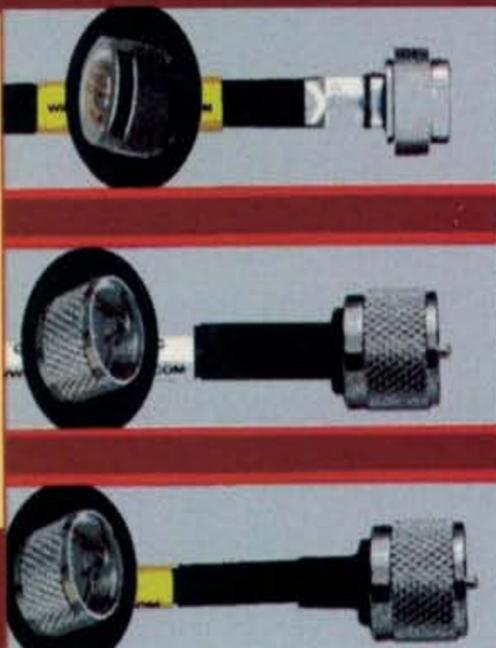
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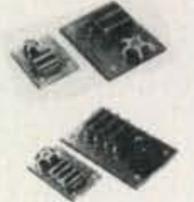
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VK2JDS, on SSB at 5/2 it was not quite strong enough for the children to resolve the voice, but using JT65 messages such as the following, Dave produced a great reaction from the children who then got out their cameras to photograph their names coming back from the moon.

082700 7 -10 0.2 38 10 \* HI JESSICA 1 0  
 082800 8 -8 0.1 30 11 \* HI NICOLE 1 0  
 082900 9 -9 0.2 19 11 \* MOON ECHOS 1 0  
 083000 6 -9 0.3 8 10 \* MOON ECHOS 1 0  
 083100 9 -7 -0.3 -5 10 \* HAVE FUN 1 0

The Stanford group was received at around 5/7 for a short period but then had to

remove their feed to repair a pre-amp. Later we had various children and the media visit and arranged for Doug, VK3UM, to be the voice from the moon with great effect.

As the European window opened we could copy Dan HB9Q on his 15 metre dish calling CQ on JT65c at -1 dB. The university technician agreed we could up to power to 30 milliwatts and Dan responded to our call giving us a -23 dB report. Power was then reduced to 10 milliwatts and with some effort we again completed with Dan at -29 dB. It is noted that given the 18 dB isolation of the Septum feed we did not need to use a TX relay, as 18 dB down on even 30 milliwatts is quite safe for a low noise pre-amp.

The PI9CAM team using a 25 metre dish completed quickly with us at 10 milliwatts giving us -22 dB and again at 3 milliwatts with signal levels of -26 dB. An attempt at 1 milliwatt was not successful. Never-the-less, with a 3 milliwatt completion we were "over the moon!"

Other stations copied on SSB were VE3KEP, 4/1; W5J, 5/8; N6JMC, 5/8; VK5MC, 5/6; KF6JBP, 5/7; SP6JLW, 5/6; N6BDE, 5/8 and RD3DA at -5 on JT65. We also took many hours of video that will be cut into ATV presentations in the near future.

We acknowledge the support of the University of Tasmania and Dr Jim Lovell in providing access to the dish and especially the efforts of the site technician, Eric Baynes, VK7BB, in making this a very successful exercise which allowed us to explore the limits of QRP EME.

### The Holland Connection

From the other side of the moon comes this very nice letter by Jan van Muijlwijk, PA3FXB, sent via EME between PI9CAM (Dwingeloo, Holland, CAM-RAS 25-meter dish) and Mt Pleasant, (26-meter dish) Tasmania:

### Echoes of Apollo June 27, 2009

Hello nice people at the Mount Pleasant observatory in Tasmania! Hello boys and girls "down under." And a special hello to Rex, who initiated this operation at Mount Pleasant.

Congratulations with this fantastic operation and our best wishes to you all from the Dwingeloo dish in the Netherlands. The signals you hear now have traveled nearly 800,000 kilometers. First nearly 400,000 kilometers from Dwingeloo to the moon and again 400,000 kilometers from the moon to your dish at Mount Pleasant.

Isn't it a miracle?

By doing a lot of moon bouncing today we honor the achievement of mankind 40 years ago. Because this year it is 40 years ago the first man set foot on the moon.

I myself was only 11 years old at that time, but I have very vivid memories of the event. Our family watched television during the night to witness the famous first steps on the moon. It was absolutely fabulous!

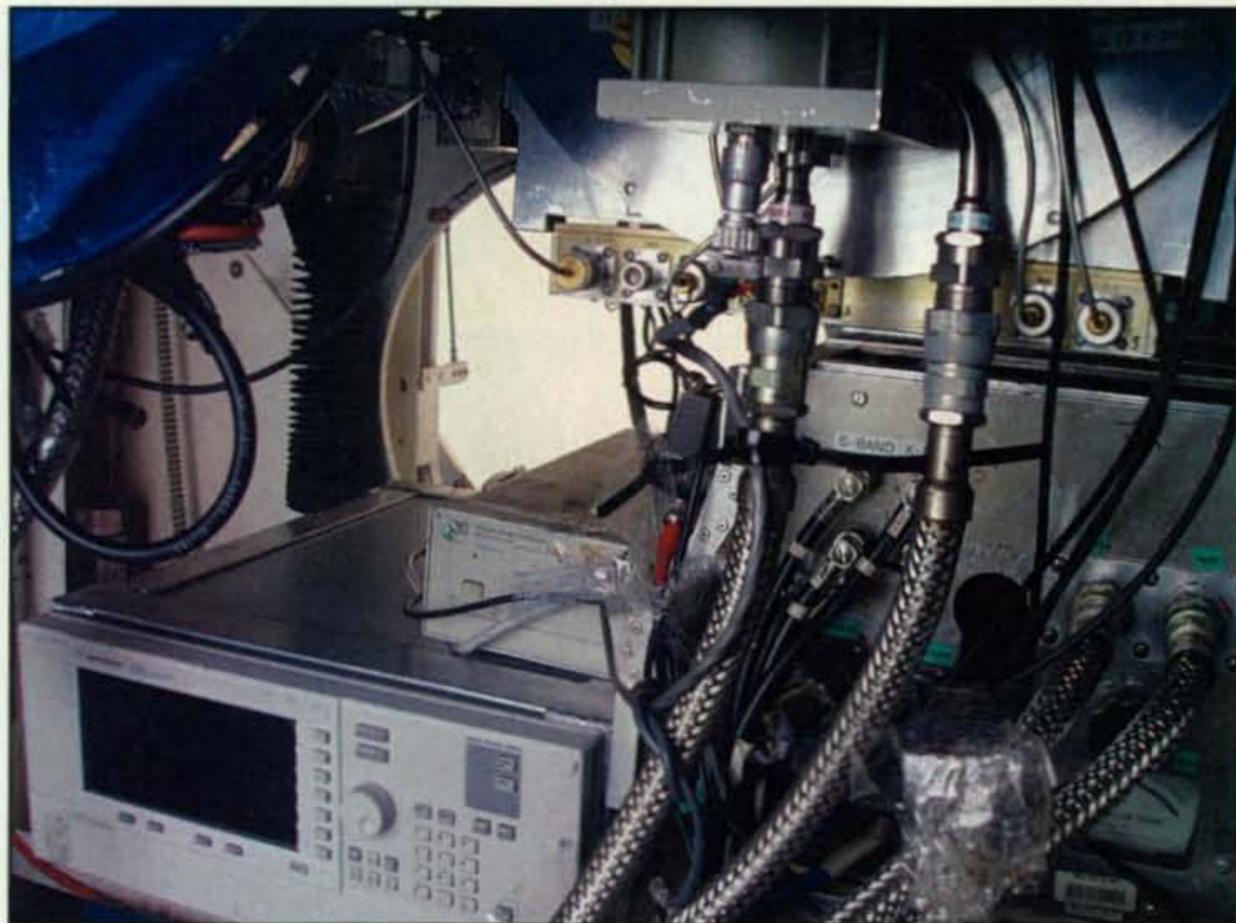
Some sentences spoken by the astronauts are engraved in the collective memory of mankind. Two of those sentences I would like to bounce off the moon now:

*Tranquility base here. The eagle has landed.*

And the most famous of them all: *It's one small step for man, but a giant leap for mankind!*

I was thrilled by the complete Apollo project anyway. Every launch of another huge Saturn V rocket was a big adventure. And as a little boy I dreamt about how it would be like to be in space and walking on the moon.

It was a time of great expectations. I read all about it. I watched every space item on television. What a joy it was to see the Apollo



Liquid-helium-cooled receivers. (VK7MO photo)



Access to feed cabin via cherry picker. (VK7TW photo)



Control room view. ((VK7TW photo))

11 mission become such a great success.

Let's not forget the other Apollo missions. Apollo 13 was a scary adventure with a happy end. But all the other Apollo's until Nr. 17 were very successful. What a time it was!

I am convinced that the Apollo project played a big role in the choices I and many others made for education and hobbies. And that it is one of the reasons I became a ham radio operator. And thanks to that I am now involved in the restoration of this big 53-year-old Dwingeloo Radio Telescope. And here we are, talking about Apollo and the moon, via the moon with this historic radio telescope. Full circle!

To conclude, back to the Apollo project. In total 12 brave men walked on the surface of the moon. To honor their courage and to the memory of this great achievement I now read their names to the moon to be bounced off to Tasmania: Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin, Charles Conrad, Alan Bean, Alan Shepard, Edgar Mitchell, David Scott, James Irwin, John Young, Charles Duke, Eugene Cernan, Harrison Schmitt.

I hope you had good reception of our signals via the moon!

Thank you for listening and for taking part in this nice Echoes of Apollo project. And thanks to the moon for being such a nice reflector! Best regards to Mount Pleasant Tasmania from Dwingeloo The Netherlands. Good luck to you all.

PI9CAM end of transmission. Bye bye.

### The Rest of the Holland Team Report

The following is from the Holland connection team, which included: W. F. Tak, PA0WTA, Rene Hasper, PE1L,

John Lambo, PA7JB, and Jan van Muijlwijk, PA3FXB:

On June 27 we at PI9CAM had a wonderful day of EME with the 25 m Dwingeloo dish! We started with the incredible QRPPP JT65c QSO with VK7MO at the 26 m Mount Pleasant dish, 3 mW only! Rex, many thanks for this thrilling event!

The QSOs with the children at HB9MOON were very nice. Excellent show, Christoph and team!

We had nice SSB QSOs with the big ones and fine JT QSOs with the smaller ones. I think the smallest this time was RA0ACM with one Yagi and 70 W. This EoA event sure initiated a lot of activity and it was a lot of fun.

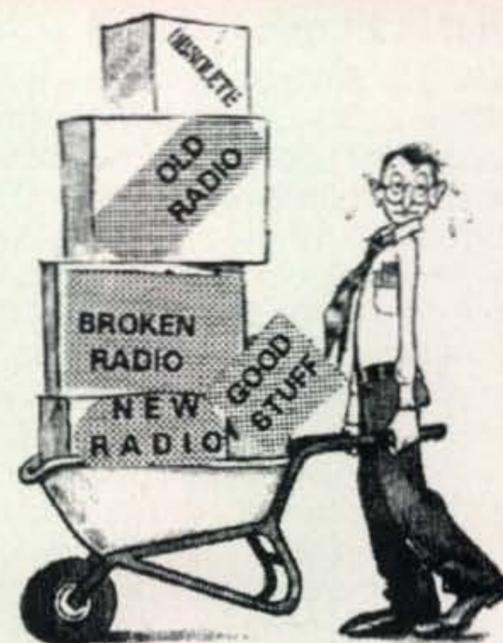
We had limited TX permission. Normally we TX above 10 degrees elevation. Now, on our moonset we had an astronomical measurement facility in front of us. In that case we have to stop at 20 degrees elevation. That's the reason we missed a lot of the USA activity. We even missed the Stanford dish. Of course we heard them, but they were always very busy, so we thought we would try later.

Because we saw so many people logged in at our WebSDR we decided to go on tracking the moon and let the WebSDR run for the two hours after our TX stop until our real moonset. You find on our website (<http://websdr.camras.nl:8901/>) some of the WebSDR files in loop playback with lots of nice QSOs in it. Thanks everyone for the great activity!

### Further Coverage of EOA in CQ VHF Magazine

Stories of the success of the Echoes of Apollo weekend are still being assem-

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bled. Hopefully, we will publish some of the major stories in the Fall 2009 issue of *CQ VHF* magazine.

### Suit-Sat 2 Loses its Suit

Before Suit-Sat 2 could become a reality, it lost its suit. In an announcement posted on the front page of the AMSAT-NA website (<http://www.amsat.org>), the author reported that because of storage considerations on the International Space Station (ISS), the two surplus Orlan space suits in storage on the ISS were discarded via the Progress Cargo Vessel. One of these suits was to be used for the upcoming SuitSat-2 mission. The batteries were to be inside the suit, while the solar panels were to be attached to the extremities and the electronics, video cameras, and antenna were to be mounted on the helmet by the ISS crew prior to deployment during an extra-vehicular activity (EVA). Unfortunately, that Progress vehicle returned to Earth late July.

Fortunately, however, the ARISS team was informed that there will be space available for shipping the SuitSat-2 electronics on the projected Progress cargo flight to the ISS in January 2010. Additionally, the EVA that is scheduled for April 2010 still has a "SuitSat-2" scheduled for deployment.

This new development has caused a

bit of a scramble for the folks at AMSAT. With the anticipation of the deployment of the "SuitSat-2" still scheduled for spring 2010, the project managers have been working very hard to make sure that all of the electronics components are working properly so that it can be delivered to Russia this fall. Additionally, the experiment under development by Russia's Kursk State University is expected to be integrated into those electronics once the SuitSat-2 components have been delivered.

With the elimination of the Orlan space suits from ISS, the "Suit" nomenclature of the SuitSat-2 also has been eliminated. Sometime before the spring 2010 deployment a new project name will be selected that will reflect the change in the configuration. What has not been eliminated, however, is that for both ARISS and AMSAT this project remains very important.

For the members of ARISS, they see the mission as an important component of education outreach because "it will provide an opportunity for students around the world to listen for recorded greetings from space as well as learn about tracking spacecraft in orbit."

For the project managers at AMSAT, they see the mission as an opportunity to test the Software Defined Transponder (SDX) components, which represent a critical milestone in the devel-

opment of future electronics components, in a space environment. Lessons learned from this deployment will be applied to future flights and deployments as AMSAT moves towards a "modularization approach" to spacecraft development. This modularization approach is driving the project managers, because they expect that future satellites could be constructed from off-the-shelf components. It is also expected that such future spacecraft missions will also utilize a derivative of SDX and its associated hardware.

Concerning the issues of the new structure and the integration work, in recent weeks discussions have taken place between the Russian ARISS members and the AMSAT project managers. These talks have centered on the design of the new structure (replacing the suit) and where the structure will be constructed.

Hopefully, the talk at next year's AMSAT-TAPR banquet will be about the successor to the SuitSat-2 satellite.

### A 6- and 2-Meter Report

On the evening of July 9, while we were on our way to meet friends for dinner, my wife, Carol, W6CL, turned on the TS-480 and stated, "I wonder if 6 meters is open." Sure enough, it was. Among the three stations I worked was my friend



*Mt. Pleasant dish at night. (VK7TW photo)*

*This is the 25-meter dish for the CAMRAS memorial station in Dwingeloo, Holland. (Photo courtesy of the CAMRAS organization; <<http://www.camras.nl>>)* →



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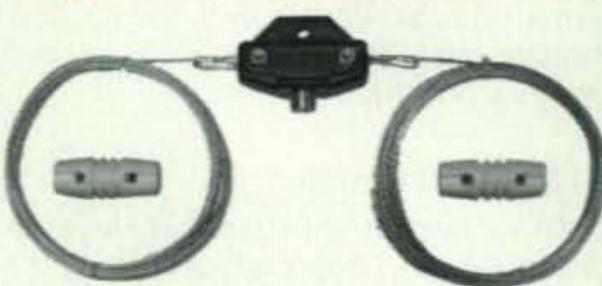
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Dave Olean, K1WHS. Here is his report of his recent 6-meter activity:

Here is a report of some sporadic-E on July 6–9, 2009. A day or so before I worked you on 6 meters I worked a few guys on 144 this time around and tried a few times on 222 MHz with no results. I did try 222 with W5LUA shortly after 2310 UTC on July 6. We both called and called on 222.100, but heard nil on each end. There were times when the skip on 144 was extremely weak. I could hear someone but could not pull him out. At other times, signals were quite loud. KØXXX was very loud. He called CQ and when I answered him, I scared him half to death. The signals were that good! In talking with W5LUA afterwards on the telephone, he was convinced that our QSO was a long single-hop QSO of about 1560 miles. That is awfully far for one hop, but the propagation map showed that it was a definite single hop. The path midpoints ranged from southeastern Ohio to the northern tip of Kentucky. I was watching 6 meters for awhile and noted very strong signals and high-angle radiation on many signals. What surprised me were a few Ohio stations that were weak with my array aimed at the horizon, but peaked up over S9 when I switched in some uptilt. The difference was around 30 dB. I had never noticed that before. Many 6-meter signals were better with uptilt even at longer distances. I had the 144 receiver running, and it was interesting to hear KI4ROF slowly build up out of the noise at 2245. All contacts made on July 6, 2009 (UTC time) as follows: 2250 KI4ROF EM55; 2255 KQ4NA EM65; 2256 KI4ROF again; 2257 KB5AAB EM51; 2258 K5RUS EM32; 2259 KI4OTG EM55; 2305 KØXXX EM46 very loud; 2306 N4LI EM55; 2308 WA4NVM EM55; 2309 K4JER EM65; 2310 W5LUA EM13, 1560 miles; 2315 Heard KØXXX and N4LI again calling CQ; 2318 Heard N4LI again; 2319 WA4HFN EM55; and 2330 K5RUS again 5x5. At 2332 heard KB5AAB again last signal heard here. No QSO. A few more QSOs were made south of me after this time up through 2345 or 2350.

The first fellow I heard was KI4ROF talking to KQ4NA at 2248 UT. They were ragchewing on 144.200 and I was going crazy waiting for the tube amp to warm up. It took me awhile to get their attention, but after a while, KI4ROF figured out the band was open! From then on there were lots of contacts being made on 144. I heard a few W2s in there. In New England, W1GHZ and KC1WJ made Es QSOs along with VE1AHM in New Brunswick who worked N4LI. I heard both ends of that QSO. I think the best QSO of the night was VE1AHM working KB5AAB. That is a long haul, even farther than my QSO with W5LUA!

On July 9, when I worked you mobile on six meters, I snagged almost 40 double-hop stations in the far west. When I quit at about 0200, there was still a bit of double-hop propagation. I am not sure how long it went. It was mostly confined to NM, AZ, CA, UT, and CO.

At the time I worked Dave and others in the far Northeast I was hearing the westward stations as well. As Dave testifies, it was truly a great opening.

### Current Contests

The **ARRL September VHF QSO Party** is September 12–14. The second weekend of the **ARRL 10 GHz and Above Cumulative Contest** is September 19–20. The following are the dates for the **Fall Sprints**: The **144 MHz Fall Sprint** is September 21, 7 PM to 11 PM local time. The **222 MHz Fall Sprint** is September 29, 7 PM to 11 PM local time.

For ARRL contest rules, see the issue of *QST* prior to the month of the contest or the URL: <<http://www.arrl.org>>. For Fall Sprint contest rules, see the Southeast VHF Society URL: <<http://www.svhfs.org>>.

### Current Conference

The 2009 **TAPR/ARRL Digital Communications Conference** will be held September 25–27, 2009, in Chicago, Illinois, at the Holiday Inn Hotel Elk Grove Village, Illinois. For more information, see their URL: <<http://www.tapr.org/dcc.html>>.

### Calls for Papers

Calls for papers are issued in advance of forthcoming conferences either for presenters to be speakers, or for papers to be published in the conferences' *Proceedings*, or both. For more information, questions about format, media, hardcopy, e-mail, etc., please contact the person listed with the announcement. The following conference organizer has announced a call for papers for its forthcoming conference:

**Microwave Update:** A call for papers has been issued for the 2009 Microwave Update conference, to be held in Irving, Texas. The deadline for submission is August 31, 2008. If you are interested in submitting a paper for publication in their *Proceedings*, then, please contact Kent Britain, WA5VJB, at <[wa5vjb@flash.net](mailto:wa5vjb@flash.net)> for additional information.

### Silent Keys

I regret to report the deaths of two amateur radio operators, Leon Carpenter, WB5NRI, and Tom McDuffie, KM6K. Leon was a fixture on 6 meters. Whenever the band was open, Leon would be there working DX. Tom was the manager of the HRO store in San Diego for 30 years. As a former resident of San Diego, almost every time I

entered the HRO store, I would often see Tom cheerfully at work. I was always impressed by his gracious consideration of each customer, making sure that he or she was treated royally. Tom will be greatly missed by his many friends around the world.

### And Finally . . .

The bulk of this column is about the fantastic QSO between VK7MO and PI9CAM. It will certainly be one for the history books. It came about thanks to the Echoes of Apollo event. That event would not have happened but for the hard work of Pat Barthelow, AA6EG. Publicity for the event included a major spread in *The New York Times*, as well as articles in the online version of *Wired Science* magazine (see: <<http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2009/06/moonbounce/>> and <<http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2009/07/ham-operators-shoot-the-moon/>>).

Two of the articles were written by Lisa T. E. Sonne. Sonne traveled to the SRI site in Stanford and stayed there during the heart of the operation. Despite the times when Murphy visited (blown pre-amp, etc.), she chose to ignore those problems and instead wrote about the positives. Speaking of the positives, she was quite impressed with the SSB voice of Apollo 8 astronaut William Anders being bounced off the moon more than 40 years after he orbited the moon in December 1968. Writing in the second article, she stated the following: "The highlight for the World Moon Bounce participants was hearing the voice of Apollo 8 astronaut Bill Anders, one of the first three humans to orbit the moon and is famous for his Earthrise photo taken Christmas eve, 1968." That conversation can be heard at: <[http://k5so.com/K5SO\\_W6SRI\\_D2000Hz\\_20090628\\_171651.wav](http://k5so.com/K5SO_W6SRI_D2000Hz_20090628_171651.wav)>.

Because the EOA event was worldwide, there is no way that the impact—especially on young people—will ever be able to accurately be measured. Even so, preliminary stories of impressed, wide-eyed young people have been reported by operators of some of the various stations around the world.

Pat says that plans are in the works for further EOA events. As we learn of them we will publish them here and in *CQ VHF* magazine, as well as via tweets on Twitter.com. If you wish to follow me, you can find me under the tag JoeN6CL. I look forward to adding you to my list. Until next month...

73 de Joe, N6CL

# The Most Wanted List 1988/2008

BY CARL SMITH, N4AA



**T**ime marches on. By the time this is being read by those in the U.S., summertime will be almost over. The contest season is just ahead, and we anxiously await the solar predictions. Please, oh please, give us something to work with. I barely remember when the solar flux was over 100. Back in early July one of the earliest sun spots gave everyone a jump in heart rate; the solar flux reached 72. It hadn't been there for months and months.

## Most Wanted Countries!

This topic always sparks interest. I received an e-mail from a reader asking for the top ten Most Wanted from way back in 1965. Well, I don't have that data. It may be "somewhere," but I don't have it. However, it did cause me to go to *The DX Magazine* archives to see what I could find there. I could only go back to 1988, but it was an interesting exercise. The late Chod Harris, VP2ML (who wrote this column for many years), was the originator of *The DX Magazine* as well as the 100 Most Wanted Survey. Read on to see what Chod had to say in the February 1989 issue, with the survey results.

### Key To 1988 Most Wanted Countries Survey

The 1988 *The DX Magazine* Most Wanted Countries Survey is on the facing page. The results are in order

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from the Most Wanted country down. On each line is: 1988 Rank, DXCC Country name, common prefix, percentage of DXers responding who 'need' the country, 1987 Rank and the change in position from 1987 to 1988, and 1980 Rank and change in position from 1980 to 1988. For example, Albania, ZA is the number 1 most wanted country, with 87% of respondents needing Albania. It was also number 1 last year (no change in position), and moved up 3 slots from 1980, when it was the number 4 most wanted country. A positive number in the change column means the country moved up in rank, i.e., became more wanted. A negative figure in the change column means the country moved down in rank, and was less needed. An asterisk (\*) means not applicable."

I am including in this month's column a copy of the top 15 from the listing. I am also including the top 15 from the 2008 survey.

You will notice right away that North Korea was not at the top, nor was it even on the 1988 list at all. Let's look at the ones that are still in that top 15: Bouvet was #2 in 1988, still high at #7 in 2008. Burma (Myanmar) was at #3 for 1988 but way down the list at #50 for 2008. PDR Yemen was at #4 and Yemen at #5 in 1988 is interesting because one of them was "deleted" and the other is still ranked at #2 for 2008. Vietnam at #6 in 1988 was still coming out of the "conflict" years and subsequently took several years to come back, but it has seen huge amounts of activity driving the need all the way down to #88 in 2008. Afghanistan, like Vietnam, had years of little or no activity before seeing a lot of action since 2001 and it now stands at #75 for 2008. Laos at #8 some 20 years ago

1988 Rank	DXCC Country	Prefix	% Need	1987 Rank	Chg	1980 Rank	Chg
1	Albania	ZA	87	1		4	3
2	Bouvet	3Y	80	3	1	12	10
3	Burma	XZ	80	2	-1	3	
4	PDR of Yemen	7O	79	4		7	3
5	Yemen	4W	74	7	2	20	15
6	Vietnam	XV	74	5	-1	17	11
7	Afghanistan	YA	72	6	-1	19	12
8	Laos	XW	64	8		26	18
9	Spratly Islands	1S	63	10	1	53	44
10	Bangladesh	S2	61	9	-1	49	39
11	Bhutan	A5	61	11		55	44
12	Marion Islands	ZS2	58	17	5	*	*
13	South Georgia Is.	VP8	58	16	3	53	40
14	South Sandwich Is.	VP8	58	15	1	48	34
15	Laccadive Islands	VU	53	19	4	5	-10

↑ The DX Magazine Top 15 for 1988.

The DX Magazine Top 15 for 2008. →

2008 #	PREFIX	COUNTRY	2007 #
1	P5	NORTH KOREA	1
2	7O	YEMEN	2
3	KP1	NAVASSA	3
4	FR-G	GLORIOSO	4
5	ZS8	MARION ISLAND	6
6	KP5	DESECHEO	7
7	3Y-B	BOUVET	5
8	VKØ-H	HEARD ISLAND	10
9	FT5W	CROZET	9
10	FT5Z	AMSTERDAM	11
11	VP8-O	SOUTH ORKNEY	13
12	VP8-S	SOUTH SANDWICH	15
13	SV-A	MT ATHOS	14
14	ZL9	AUCKLAND & CAMPBELL	18
15	VKØ-M	MACQUARIE	20

has now been active by so many that it does not even appear in the top 100 for 2008. Spratly is one of those islands that does get much activity so it has only moved down from #9 in 1988 to #44 in 2008. Bangladesh is not the easiest place to get to, or to operate from apparently, but still it has dropped from the 1988 #10 spot to #55 in 2008. Bhutan

gained a lot of attention in the 1990s after decades of no operation at all, and thus it has moved from #11 down to #67. Marion Island is one of those Antarctic islands that is difficult to get to and even harder to gain permission to operate from. Two operations in recent years have failed to diminish the need and Marion has actually *gained* 7 spots

moving from #2 in 1988 to #5 in 2008. South Georgia sees activity from time to time but never enough to cause it move far on the charts; South Georgia went from #13 in 1988 to #30 in 2008. South Sandwich was at #14 in 1988, and the island saw a major DXpedition in the mid-'90s which dropped it far down the list; however, with the influx of new DXers it has climbed back into the #12 spot for 2008. Last, but not least at all, the Laccadive Islands of India, now called Lakshadweep, saw major action in the early 2000s; thus, VU4 went from #15 in 1988 to #46 in 2008. The same major action was from the "other" Indian island group called Andaman, which

### The WPX Program

<b>CW</b>			
3228	.....EK6LP	3229	.....OH3MKH
<b>SSB</b>			
3048	.....KU4JZ	3050	.....OH3MKH
3049	.....K0DAN		
<b>Mixed</b>			
2059	.....WF4W	2061	.....K0DAN
2060	.....JA3GW	2062	.....OH3MKH
<b>Digital</b>			
33	.....VU2LBW	34	.....OH3MKH

**CW:** 450 EK6LP, 2550 IK3GER, 2650 W8IQ.  
**SSB:** 350 KY6J, 400 N4GOA, KY4JZ, 650 WA5UA, 700 K0DAN.  
**Mixed:** 500 WF4W, 700 K0DAN, 4900 N4NO.

**80 Meters:** OH3MKH  
**40 Meters:** OH3MKH  
**20 Meters:** N4GOA, K0DAN, OH3MKH  
**15 Meters:** OH3MKH  
**10 Meters:** K0DAN, OH3MKH

**Asia:** K0DAN, OH3MKH  
**Africa:** 7K3QPL, OH3MKH  
**Europe:** K0DAN, OH3MKH  
**Oceania:** OH3MKH  
**North America:** OH3MKH  
**South America:** OH3MKH

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**Digital Bar:** OH3MKH

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YB0TK, K9QFR, 9A2NA, W4UW, NX0I, WB4RUA, I6DOE, I1EEW, I8RFD, I3CRW, VE3MS, NE4F, KC8PG, F1HWB, ZP5JCY, KA5RNH, IV3PVD, CT1YH, ZS6EZ, KC7EM, YU1AB, IK2ILH, DE0DAQ, I1WXY, LU1DOW, N1IR, IK4GME, VE9RJ, WX3N, HB9AUT, KC6X, N6IBF, W5ODD, I0RIZ, I2MQP, F6HMJ, HB9DDZ, W0ULU, K9XR, JA0SU, I5ZJK, I2EOW, IK2MRZ, KS4S, KA1CLV, WZ1R, CT4UW, K0IFL, WT3W, IN3NJB, S50A, IK1GPG, AA6WJ, W3AP, OE1EMN, W9IL, I7PXV, S53EO, DF7GK, S57J, EA5BM, DL1EY, DJ1YH, KU8A, VE2UW, 9A9R, UA0FZ, DJ3JSW, OE6CLE, HB9BIN, N1KC, SM5DAC, RW9SG, WA3GNW, S51U, W4MS, I2EAY, RA0FU, CT4NH, EA7TV, W9IAL, LY3BA, K1NU, W1TE, UA3AP, EA5AT, OK1DWC, KX1A, I25BAM, K4LQ, K0KG, DL6ATM, VE9FX, DL2CHN, W2OO, A16Z, RU3DX, WB9IHH, CT1EEN, G4PWA, OK1FED, EU1TT, S53MJ, DL2KQ, RA1AOB, KT2C, UA9CGL, AE5B, K0DEQ, DK0PM, SV1EOS, UA0FAI, N4GG, UA4RZ, 7K3QPL, EW1CQ, UA4LY, RZ3DX, UA3AIO, UA4RC, N8BJQ, UA3BS, UA9FGR, UT3UY, WA5VGI, UT9FJ, UT4EK, K9UQN, UR5FEO, LY2MM, N3RC.

**160 Meter Endorsements:** N4MM, W4CRW, K5UR, VE3XN, DL3RK, OK1MP, N4NO, W4BQY, W4VQ, KF2O, W8CNL, W1JR, W5UR, W8ILC, K9BG, W1CU, G4BUE, LU3YL/W4, NN4Q, VE7WJ, VE7IG, W9NUF, N4NX, SM0DJZ, DK5AD, W3ARK, LA7JO, SM0AJU, N5TV, W6OUL, N4KE, I2UIY, I4EAT, VK9NS, DE0DXM, UR2QD, AB9O, FM5WD, SM6CST, I1JQJ, PY2DBU, H18LC, KA5W, K3UA, K7LJ, SM3EVR, UP1BZZ, K2POF, IT9TQH, N6JV, ONL-4003, W5AWT, KB0G, F6BVB, YU7SF, DF1SD, K7CU, I1POR, K9LJN, YB0TK, K9QFR, W4UW, NX0I, WB4RUA, I1EEW, ZP5JCY, KA5RNH, IV3PVD, CT1YH, ZS6EZ, YU1AB, IK4GME, WX3N, W5ODD, I0RIZ, I2MQP, F6HMJ, HB9DDZ, K9XR, JA0SU, I5ZJK, I2EOW, KS4S, KA1CLV, K0IFL, WT3W, IN3NJB, S50A, IK1GPG, AA6WJ, W3AP, S53EO, S57J, DL1EY, DJ1YH, KU8A, VR2UW, UA0FZ, DJ3JSW, OE6CLE, HB9BIN, N1KC, SM5DAC, S51U, RA0FU, CT4NH, EA7TV, LY3BA, K1NU, W1TE, UA3AP, OK1DWC, KX1A, I25BAM, DL6ATM, W2OO, RU3DX, WB9IHH, G4PWA, OK1FED, EU1TT, S53MJ, DL2KQ, RA1AOB, UA9CGL, SM6DHU, K0DEQ, DK0PM, SV1EOS, N4GG, UA4RZ, 7K3QPL, EW1CQ, UA4LY, RZ3DX, UA3AIO, UA4RC, N8BJQ, UA3BS, UA9FGR, UT3UY, WA5VGI, UR5FEO, N3RC.

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As of July 1, 2009, 787 stations have attained the 200 zone level and 1638 stations have attained the 150 zone level.

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

S51U, 199 (27)	K0GM, 199 (17)
N4WW, 199 (26)	S58Q, 199 (31)
W4LI, 199 (26)	KQ0B, 199 (2 on 10)
K7UR, 199 (34)	K9OW, 199 (34 on 10)
W2YY, 199 (26)	N5AW, 199 (17)
IK8BQE, 199 (31)	EA5BCX, 198 (27, 39)
JA2IVK, 199 (34 on 40m)	G3KDB, 198 (1, 12)
IK1AOD, 199 (1)	JA1DM, 198 (2, 40)
GM3YOR, 199 (31)	9A5I, 198 (1, 16)
VO1FB, 199 (19)	K4CN, 198 (23, 26)
KZ4V, 199 (26)	G3KMQ, 198 (1, 27)
W6DN, 199 (17)	N2QT, 198 (23, 24)
W3NO, 199 (26)	OK1DWC, 198 (6, 31)
RU3FM, 199 (1)	W4UM, 198 (18, 23)
N3UN, 199 (18)	US7MM, 198 (2, 6)
W1JZ, 199 (24)	K2TK, 198 (23, 24)
W1FZ, 199 (26)	K3JGJ, 198 (24, 26)
SM7BIP, 199 (31)	W4DC, 198 (24, 26)
N4NX, 199 (26)	F5NBU, 198 (19, 31)
N4MM, 199 (26)	OE2LCM, 198 (1, 31)
EA7GF, 199 (1)	WK3N, 198 (23, 24)
N6HR/7, 199 (37)	W9XY, 198 (22, 26)
JA5IU, 199 (2)	KZ2I, 198 (24, 26)
RU3DX, 199 (6)	W7VJ, 198 (34, 37)
N4XR, 199 (27)	K9MIE, 198 (18, 21)
HA5AGS, 199 (1)	W9RN, 198 (26, 19 on 40)
VE3XN, 199 (26)	W5CWQ, 198 (17, 18)
YU7GMN, 199 (10)	I5KKW, 198 (31&23 on 20)
K7LJ, 199 (37)	IV3MUC, 198 (1&31 on 40)
RA6AX, 199 (6 on 10m)	UA4LY, 198 (6&2 on 10)
RX4HZ, 199 (13)	UT9FJ (27, 29)

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

None

5 Band WAZ updates:

IV3GOW (200 zones)	HA9PP (200 zones)
OH2BCK (200 zones)	

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### 2008 Rank Country Prefix 1988 Rank

2008 Rank	Country	Prefix	1988 Rank
1	North Korea	P5	N/A
2	Yemen	7O	5
3	Navassa	KP1	N/A
4	Glorioso	FT5G	31
5	Marion Is	ZS8	12
6	Desecheo	KP5	N/A
7	Bouvet	3Y0B	2
8	Heard Is	VK0--H	52
9	Crozet	FT5W	N/A
10	Amsterdam	FT5Z	67
11	S. Orkney	VP8-O	63
12	S. Sandwich	VP8-SS	14
13	Mt. Athos	SV/A	27
14	Auckland/Campbell	ZL9	73
15	Macquarie	VK0M	74

Comparison of the Most Wanted list of 2008 and 1988.

## The CQ DX Field Award Program

### Mixed

98 .....JA7OXR/M

### Mixed Endorsements

200 .....F6HMJ/206 175 .....K2AU/183  
175 .....ON4CAS/191

### CW Endorsements

100 .....K2AU/135 100 .....G0DEZ/100

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## The WAZ Program

### 10 Meter SSB

587 .....IV3GOW

### 80 Meter SSB

92 .....IV3GOW

### All Band WAZ

#### Mixed

8588 ..... US5CB	8595 ..... IK0XBX
8589 ..... UR4CWO	8596 ..... W5ZR
8590 ..... ND3R	8597 ..... W4TUN
8591 ..... TF8GX	8598 ..... N2BJ
8592 ..... DL6IAN	8599 ..... F8DZY
8593 ..... WB4PPW	8600 ..... S54A
8594 ..... N2WK	

#### SSB

5108 ..... DL7FAZ 5110 ..... VE3GYL  
5109 ..... G4SOZ

#### CW

570 ..... UR2VA 572 ..... G4XRV  
571 ..... G4SOZ

#### RTTY

202 ..... JA7ZP

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was at #46 in 1988; in spite of major action from Andaman, it still shows up at #34, an increase of 12 spots.

So what do we have today? Of those top 15 from 1988, four of them are either still there or were lower and came back up the chart. There is an accompanying chart of the top 15 for 2008 comparing those with the 1988 rankings. Perhaps you would like to volunteer to take on one of those top 15. I must warn

## CQ DX Awards Program

### SSB

2529 ..... T18II

### CW

1093 ..... T18II

### SSB Endorsements

320 ..... VE7EDZ/328 320 ..... W0ROB/320  
320 ..... T18II/324 200 ..... KT2C/213

### CW Endorsements

330 ..... WK3N/337 275 ..... T18II/261  
300 ..... KT2C/304

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you, though, most of those places are quite inhospitable when it comes to the weather and very expensive to get to.

## Glorioso Postponed

The DXpedition to Glorioso scheduled for mid-July was postponed by a series of events. An Airbus aircraft crashed into the Indian Ocean as it approached Comoros. There was only one survivor, a teenage girl, who clung to some wreckage for many hours before being rescued. Aircraft of the French military were

involved in the search efforts. I understood that these were the same aircraft that were to have taken the DXpedition team to Glorioso. Obviously, these events were totally beyond the control of anyone associated with the Glorioso operation. Tentatively it was rescheduled for late August, but I won't know if that happened before this column must be in print.

## September Events for DXers

This being the September issue of CQ, I have to mention two great events taking place two weekends of the month.

First, on the weekend of September 18-19 the 57th annual W9-DXCC Convention takes place in Chicago. On Friday the 18th, folks will start gathering at the Holiday Inn in Elk Grove

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## THE WPX HONOR ROLL

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### MIXED

6139.....9A2AA	4150.....I2PJA	3684.....IK2ILH	3150.....W9IL	2674.....N8BJQ	2116.....AE5B	1705.....W2EZ	1322.....AA4FU	682.....A18P
5552.....K2VV	4147.....VE3XN	3684.....WA5VGI	3091.....9A4W	2673.....JN3SAC	2192.....N2SS	1662.....SV1DPI	1269.....K5WAF	680.....IW8HOU
5426.....W1CU	4088.....N6JV	3681.....WB2YQH	3007.....W2WC	2475.....W6OUL	1951.....K0KG	1651.....KC9ARR	1016.....RA1AOB	650.....N3YZ
5031.....W2FXA	3980.....N9AF	3609.....YU7BCD	2998.....K9UQN	2440.....K5UR	1891.....W2FKF	1643.....N1KC	976.....KM6HB	644.....KW0H
4669.....EA2IA	3947.....I2MQP	3522.....ON4CAS	2965.....OZ1ACB	2397.....VE6BF	1891.....VE9FX	1446.....DF3JO	964.....K8ZEE	636.....ZS2DL
4592.....9A2NA	3937.....S53EO	3494.....W9OP	2873.....W2ME	2358.....I2EAY	1858.....W7CB	1362.....WD9DZV	815.....KL7FAP	
4501.....N4NO	3930.....K0DEQ	3325.....SM6DHU	2752.....K1BV	2353.....W2OO	1820.....KX1A	1359.....N3RC	726.....K5IC	
4430.....YU1AB	3821.....KF2O	3227.....K9BG	2704.....K2XF	2162.....W3LL	1741.....AB5C	1337.....K6UXO	723.....K0DAN	

### SSB

4955.....I0ZV	3616.....EA2IA	2857.....4X6DK	2431.....G4UOL	2094.....I8LEL	1915.....W2OO	1678.....K9UQN	1386.....IK4HPU	1031.....IK8OZP
4505.....VE1YX	3457.....N4NO	2726.....IN3QCI	2417.....I3ZSX	2093.....W2WC	1879.....K3IXD	1649.....N8BJQ	1385.....AE9DX	978.....EA7HY
4371.....F6DZU	3323.....OE2EGL	2711.....LU8ESU	2326.....CX6BZ	2076.....K2XF	1877.....DL8AAV	1623.....VE9FX	1377.....EA3NP	951.....KU4BP
4273.....K2VV	3186.....CT1AHU	2709.....KF7RU	2300.....SM6DHU	2072.....K5UR	1891.....W2FKF	1611.....W2ME	1258.....N1KC	924.....VE6BF
4123.....OZ5EV	3133.....KF2O	2642.....YU7BCD	2297.....W9IL	2071.....N6FX	1795.....KQ8D	1591.....JN3SAC	1232.....AG4W	875.....K7SAM
4116.....I2PJA	3108.....I4CSP	2595.....EA1JG	2209.....IK2QPR	1946.....W3LL	1756.....K17AO	1480.....AB5C	1145.....EA3EQT	717.....K0DAN
3715.....I2MQP	2914.....K0DEQ	2477.....WA5VGI	2201.....NQ3A	1935.....SV1EOS	1729.....W6OUL	1464.....VE7SMP	1083.....KX1A	637.....K5WAF
3669.....9A2NA	2860.....I8KCI	2451.....EA3GHZ	2099.....SV3AQR	1927.....AE5B	1714.....IK2DZN	1463.....I2EAY	1042.....IZ0BNR	

### CW

5181.....WA2HZR	3607.....EA2IA	2723.....EA7AZA	2502.....JA9CWJ	2227.....I0NNY	1848.....I2EAY	1334.....RU0LL	1030.....AA5JG
5085.....K9QVB	3223.....9A2NA	2632.....W2ME	2415.....W2WC	2223.....VE6BF	1804.....EA7AAW	1317.....K6UXO	915.....N1KC
4952.....K2VV	3241.....K0DEQ	2623.....SM6DHU	2373.....W9IL	2141.....N8BJQ	1643.....W2OO	1299.....WA2VQV	842.....WD9DZV
4102.....N6JV	3177.....WA5VGI	2618.....K9UQN	2324.....OZ5UR	2089.....K2XF	1497.....AC5K	1223.....KX1A	824.....VE9FX
4051.....N4NO	2837.....KF2O	2727.....YU7BCD	2309.....JN3SAC	2040.....I2MQP	1445.....EA2CIN	1220.....AA4FU	749.....AE5B
3760.....LZ1XL	2731.....I7PXV	2621.....KA7T	2308.....N6FX	1979.....K5UR	1407.....WO3Z	1109.....VE1YX	740.....F5PBL
3682.....VE7DP	2727.....YU7BCD	2532.....W8IQ	2357.....IK3GER	1927.....W6OUL	1395.....W9HR	1053.....K5WAF	608.....IK2SGV

### DIGITAL

1107.....W3LL	1009.....GU0SUP	909.....N8BJQ	721.....K0DEQ
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Village. Early Friday evening the Welcome Reception will be hosted by DX Publishing. This is a great time to register for the convention activities and sit down with your fellow DXers for a few hours of casual conversation. This is followed by the late Friday Hospitality Suite hosted by the Northern Illinois DX Association. Early Saturday morning the formal activities will begin with Jim O'Connell, W9WU, again serving as the master of ceremonies. Prizes galore will be given away throughout the day. A Grand Banquet Saturday evening will feature Joel Harrison, W5ZN, President of the ARRL as the guest speaker. The grand prize of a Yaesu FT-2000 will be presented at the end of the program. Oh yes, after the ban-

quet, a Saturday night Hospitality Suite will be hosted by the Greater Milwaukee DX Association. Please see website for more details: <<http://www.w9dxcc.com>>.

Then the following weekend, starting Friday afternoon September 25 and continuing on Saturday, September 26, there is the Ten-Tec Factory Hamfest in Sevierville, Tennessee, followed by SEDCO (SouthEastern DX & Contesting Organization, Inc) held at nearby Pigeon Forge, TN in the MainStay Suites. The MainStay has just recently opened an RV camp/park facility adjacent to its main facility. The SEDCO program opens at noon on Saturday, continuing through the afternoon. I will be serving at the emcee

### CQ DX Field Award Honor Roll

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#### Mixed

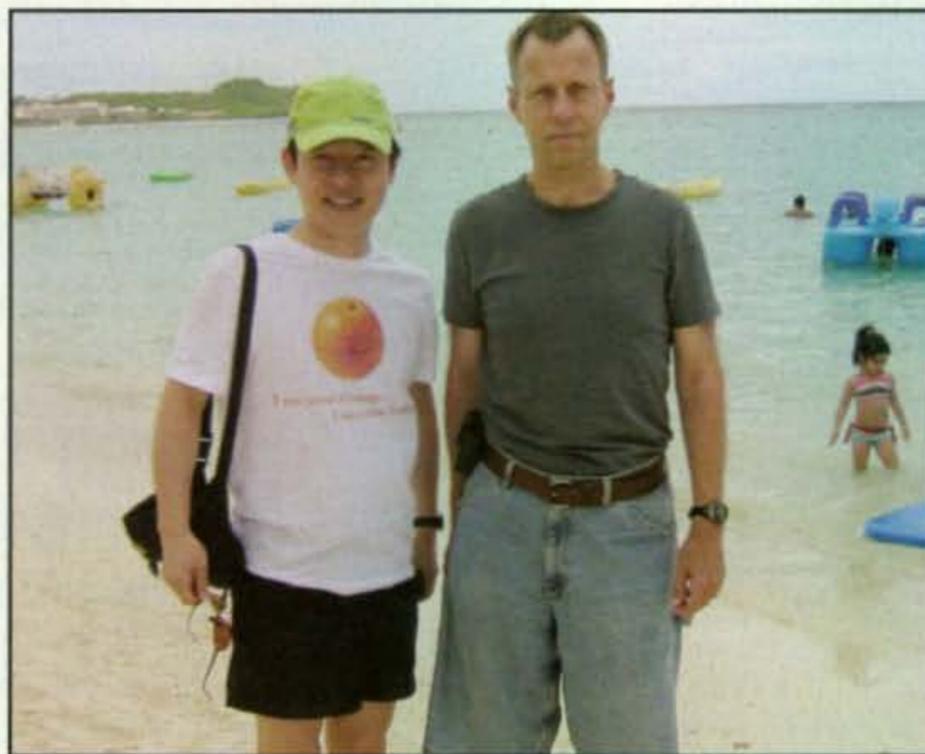
K2TQC.....265	N4MM.....201	9A5CY.....187
HA8DU.....228	F6HMJ.....201	RW4NH.....187
W1CU.....228	VE3ZZ.....201	K2SHZ.....182
HA1RW.....220	JN3SAC.....200	K2AU.....182
VE3XN.....217	W4UM.....198	K1NU.....180
N8PR.....217	OK1AOV.....195	ON4CAS.....180
K0DEQ.....216	N4NX.....192	W5ODD.....177
HA5WA.....206	HA9PP.....190	N0FW.....176
KF8UN.....205	K8OOK.....189	
W6OAT.....205	BA4DW.....188	

#### SSB

W1CU.....209	VE7SMP.....190	N0FW.....176
W4ABW.....199	N4MM.....184	DL3DXX.....175
K0DEQ.....192	W4UM.....182	

#### CW

DL6KVA.....220	JN3SAC.....194	N4MM.....179
W1CU.....220	W4UM.....191	N4NX.....177
K0DEQ.....207	OK1AOV.....186	
DL3DXX.....203	OK2PO.....184	



Lee, HL1IWD/AH2Y (left), and Harry, KH2/WX8C (right), joined forces for the recent WPX contest from Guam. Here they are just relaxing after the event. (Photo courtesy of Lee, HL1IWD)

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for the DX part of the program and Ted, W4NZ, will do the contest section. The presentations are about DX- and contest-related expeditions or topics, presented by some of the "best of the best." After a short break, an outstanding buffet dinner catered by one of the best restaurants in the area,



Nestor Alonso, WP4BL (right), with Jorge Lleras, NP3HM (left), coaching him during Field Day 2009 in Barceloneta, Puerto Rico. They had very nice propagation, and Nestor had a blast making QSOs. He may sound almost like a seasoned DXer, but people don't know that he is blind (it was progressive since childhood, and he sees only blurry forms now). (Photo/information courtesy of Angel, WP3GW)

Damon's, will be available. Following dinner, some major prizes will be given and the drawing for the two separate raffles will be held. The separate raffles are for radios, with one being donated by ICOM America (IC-7600) and the other by Yaesu (FT-2000). As in past, the proceeds from these raffles go to support DX foundations (NCDXF and INDEXA), DXpeditions, and contesting activities. There is always one last presentation following dinner, and it is always a special treat for all those who attend. See the SEDCO website for more information: <<http://www.sedco.homestead.com>>.

Until next time, enjoy the chase, but always remember to Have Fun!  
73, Carl, N4AA

### QSL Information

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D44TXO via DJ2VO  
D44TXP via DL1COP  
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D44TXS via HB9EHQ  
D4C via IZ4DPV  
DR09ANT via DL5MHQ  
DY1C via VE7DP  
E21YDP via E20WXA  
E51COF via K8NA  
E51EME via ZL1RS  
E51SIX via W5GJ  
E51XBG via HB9XBG  
E7DX via E77E  
EA8BWW via NI5DX  
ED5T via EA5ELT

ED8R via EA4RCH  
EE2W via EB2BXL  
EF8M via UA3DX  
EG2ANT via EA2RC  
EG9Z via EA9LZ  
FJ/EB1HF via EC1AE  
FM1II via NI5DX  
FM5KC via F5VHJ  
FO/F5PHW via F8BPN  
FP/KV1J via KV1J  
FT5WO via F4DYW  
FT5WP via F4EFI  
FT5XS via F4EFI

(The table of QSL Managers is courtesy of John Shelton, K1XN, editor of "The Go List," 106 Dogwood Dr., Paris, TN 38242; phone 731-641-4354; e-mail: <[golist@golist.net](mailto:golist@golist.net)>; <<http://golist.net/>>.)

# Golden Anniversary, EU States, Lakes, and Lighthouses Awards

**D**igital communications way back in 1959 was largely a matter of converting electro-mechanic surplus RTTY terminals to amateur service. The output was read on cheap yellow paper that came in rolls. The teletype devices were well built, but by the time they ended up in our hands, and after a lifetime spent in continuous military or commercial service, they were beaten up and needed tender loving care. Today's units are tiny, packed with integrated circuits, contain no moving parts, and display their output on LCD screens. Digital is no longer restricted to RTTY, but encompasses a large variety of formats including the very successful PSK systems.

We begin this month's column with a short-term award from the British Amateur Radio Teledata Group (BARTG), which is celebrating its 50th anniversary by offering a special award.

## BARTG Golden Jubilee Award

The BARTG celebrates its 50th anniversary by offering a special Golden Jubilee Award. The group invites all licensed amateurs and SWLs to join in the fun by making digital communications contacts from now until June 2010.

Submission of satisfactory proof of having earned 500 points between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 using a data mode is required. Points values are as follows:

- One RTTY QSO = 2 points;
- One PSK QSO = 2 points;

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## USA-CA Special Honor Roll

Lajos Petermann, N6HH  
USA-CA All Counties #1185  
June 24, 2009

## USA-CA Honor Roll

<b>500</b>	WB4UHI .....1496
JA8BRD.....3472	
MM0EAX.....3473	<b>2000</b>
N6HH.....3474	N6HH.....1382
WB4UHI.....3475	WB4UHI.....1383
<b>1000</b>	<b>2500</b>
N6HH.....1778	N6HH.....1301
WB4UHI.....1779	
<b>1500</b>	<b>3000</b>
N6HH.....1495	N6HH.....1185

The total number of counties for credit for the United States of America Counties Award is 3077. The basic award fee for subscribers is \$6.00. For nonsubscribers it is \$12.00. To qualify for the special subscriber rate, please send a recent CQ mailing label with your application. Initial application may be submitted in the USA-CA Record Book, which may be obtained from CQ Magazine, 25 Newbridge Road, Hicksville, NY 11801 USA for \$2.50, or by a PC-printed computer listing which is in alphabetical order by state and county within the state. To be eligible for the USA-CA Award, applicants must comply with the rules of the program as set forth in the revised USA-CA Rules and Program dated June 1, 2000. A complete copy of the rules may be obtained by sending an SASE to Ted Melinosky, K1BV, 12 Wells Woods Road, Columbia, CT 06237 USA. DX stations must include extra postage for airmail reply.

One QSO (any other digimode) = 5 points;  
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Any band may be used, No cross-band, cross-mode, or satellite contacts allowed. Work at least five DXCC entities (ARRL list) from each of any five continents (AF, ANT, AS, EU, NA, OC, SA), plus at least one QSO with GB50ATG. Endorsements are available for RTTY, PSK-31, single band only. While the award is a paper certificate, this can be upgraded to a plaque at additional cost. Upgrade stickers are not available. The award is in recognition of attaining a minimum of 500 points.

Applications for this award may be made by any of the following methods:

1. Submission of QSL cards for the entities being claimed. These will be returned after checking. As an alternative, photocopies of these QSL cards will be accepted. Such copies must clearly show both sides if applicable, both callsigns, and establish beyond any doubt that a two-way datamode contact took place. If QSL cards need to be returned, please check with the BARTG Awards Manager for return cost before sending. Checks should be made payable to BARTG.

2. Submission of a check list containing the log extracts for the points being claimed. The check list should include date, time, band, callsign worked, mode, report, etc. This check list together with the



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### Poland Without Borders Award

The Polish National Amateur Association (PZK) offers a very popular series of awards that has been covered in this column in the past. In 2004, Poland joined the European Union, which provided cultural, economic, and political benefits that are celebrated with this relatively new award.

The Poland Without Borders Award is issued for confirmed HF or VHF/UHF QSOs with member states of the European Union on or after December 21, 2007. SWL OK.

The award can be earned on HF bands with a total of 85 HF QSOs:

Three contacts with different call areas in 23 EU countries (a total of 69 QSOs);

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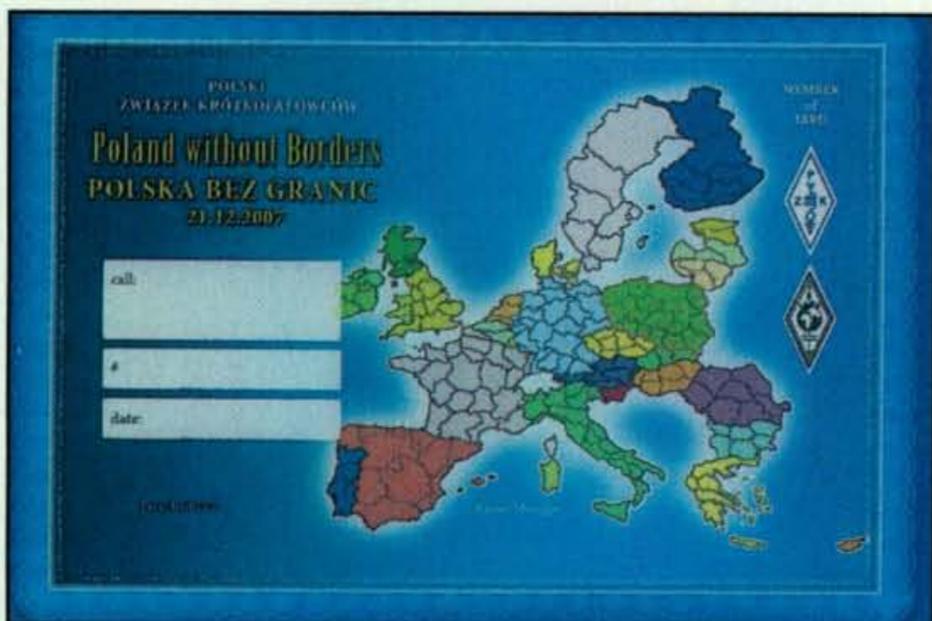
Two contacts with different call areas in 10 EU countries (a total of 20 QSOs);

Eight contacts with different SP provinces (a total of 8 QSOs).

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SP provinces (most Polish amateurs display their province abbreviation on their QSL card.):



*The Poland Without Borders Award is issued for confirmed HF or VHF/UHF QSOs with member states of the European Union.*



*The Russian Lakes Award, instituted by the RZ1CWC Team, is available to any amateur radio operator or SWL for two-way QSOs or SWL reports with radio stations operating from lakes and impoundments located in the territory of the Russian Federation.*

SP1, Z; SP2, F, P; SP3, B, W; SP4, J, O; SP5, R; SP6, U, D; SP7, C, S; SP8 L, K; SP9, M, G.

### Russian Lakes Award

One of the newer trends in awards is contacting of a certain number of lakes in a country. No, you don't have to contact a vessel or rowboat actually on the lake, but it usually involves contacting a mobile or portable station that is operating within a small distance from the lake itself. In the case of the Russian lakes Award, contacts must be from stations operating no farther than 100 meters from the water. This has to be a great warm weather activity, and an excuse to pack a small transceiver with the barbecue gear.

The Russian Lakes Award (RLA) was instituted by the RZ1CWC Team and is issued to any amateur radio operator or SWL for two-way QSOs or SWL reports with radio stations operating from lakes and impoundments located in the territory of the Russian Federation. Valid lakes must be designated on a map in scale 1:50000, have a proper name, and cover an area not less than one square kilometer. All QSOs/SWLs with /MM radio stations; radio stations located on reservoirs, islands, or on a coastal edge (no more than 100 meters from reservoir) are valid.

Each reservoir has an identification number "RL" (Russian Lake) + Russian oblast abbreviation + serial number starting with 001—for example: RL-LO-001, RL-KL-002, etc. Some reservoirs can have several numbers, as they are located in different areas (krai, oblast, republic). For example, Lake Baikal is located in Irkutsk oblast and Republic Buryatiya, and accordingly it has two identifiers—IR and BU. In this case Lake Baikal will have two numbers, for example, IR-001 and BU-001, but will be valid as one reservoir. This is specified in the list of the activated lakes (see below). QSOs/SWLs since January, 1, 2009 are valid. There are no restrictions of bands and type of mode. Each reservoir is valid only once.

There are three classes of the award:

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Class 2—15 different reservoirs;

Class 3—5 different reservoirs.

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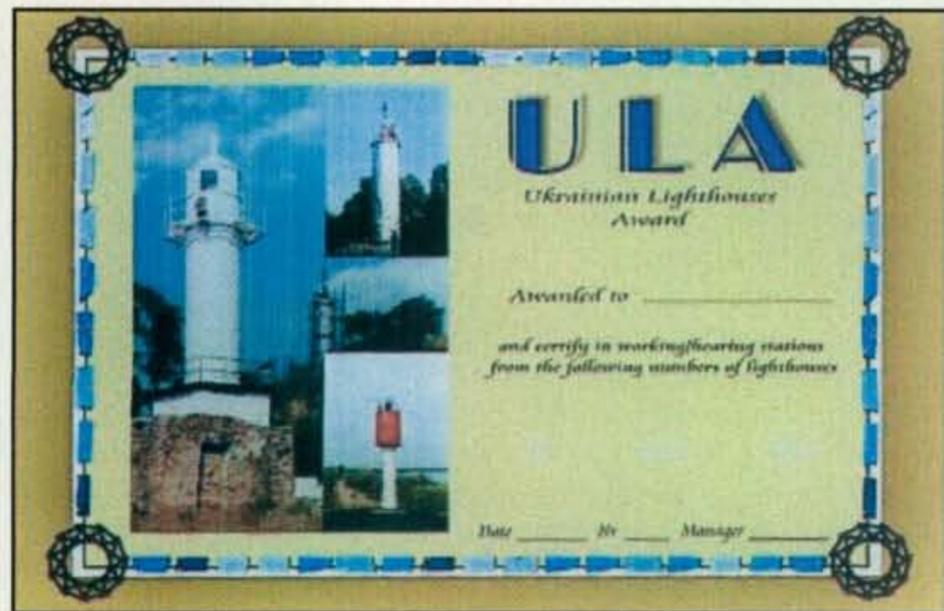
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## Ukrainian Lighthouse Trophy

The southern portions of the Ukraine have extensive shorelines on the Black Sea as well the Sea of Azov. The Ukraine joins numerous countries that offer awards for contacting stations that operate on the premises or within a short distance of lighthouses. The fees for this award are higher than usual, but the award is a wooden trophy, not a paper certificate.



The award is sponsored by the Southern Ukraine DX Foundation and is awarded for QSOs/SWL contacts with the amateur radio stations working from Ukrainian lighthouses and visible beacons, or within 1000 meters of them. The award uses the official list of the ARLHS (Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society), with lighthouses located on any island (sea, river etc.) and on the continental coast. There are no restrictions on date of QSO, band, or mode. Repeat QSO/SWL contact with same lighthouse OK. The award is available to activators using the same rules. The award consists of two different trophies, Silver and Gold.

Europeans and Asian stations need:

Silver Trophy—30 contacts;

Gold Trophy—50.

All others:

Silver Trophy—15 contacts;

Gold Trophy—25.

Send a list of the lighthouses contacted and copies of both sides of the received QSL cards and fee of \$US35 for Ukrainian amateurs and \$US50 for all others. IRCs are accepted as payment at a value of \$0.60 each. The official number of the lighthouse on the ARLHS website must be included. The sponsor suggests the application be sent by certified mail. The manager reserves the right to request any original QSL. Apply to: Alexander Servianov, UR7GW, P.O. Box 112, Kherson 73000, Ukraine. Internet: <[http://lights.in.us/ru/ula\\_awards.html](http://lights.in.us/ru/ula_awards.html)>; e-mail: <[ur7gw@mail.ru](mailto:ur7gw@mail.ru)>.

We're always looking for new and interesting awards to feature in this column. If your club or special interest group has such award, please contact me at the e-mail address shown on the first page of this column. 73, Ted, K1BV

## Staying Awake in Contesting!

### September's Contest Tip

It is a good practice for you to send in your log for any contest, even when you only make a few QSOs and were not a serious entrant. Not only does it encourage the sponsors, it also helps to check logs ensuring, in some contests, that the guys you work receive credit for contacts that otherwise wouldn't count for their final score. (Tnx to K4BAI)

**T**clock reads 5:45 AM as I sit in front of my computer contemplating today's publishing CQ deadline, I'm thinking to myself, "Boy, am I tired." Thus, what better topic to discuss in the context of contest operating than lack of sleep?

For those of you who are scientifically inclined (and, other than a bit of experience and common sense, I am certainly not an expert on this particular subject), sleep is defined as the healthy state of reduced inertia and temporary loss of consciousness from which one can easily be aroused. Despite of all of the dedicated research on the subject over the years, there remains no single consensus that describes the function of sleep or its root physiological cause. In reality, the features of sleep are better understood than its functional use for the body.

There are two primary sleep categories: rapid-eye movement (REM) and non-rapid eye movement (NREM). These sleep types alternate during each sleep period, usually in 90-minute intervals beginning with drowsiness and then passing into the NREM and REM phases, respectively. Flaccid muscle groups and loss of reflexes characterize REM sleep periods. It is also the period of sleep in which your brain activity best approximates its wakened state and where the vast majority of dream activity occurs. Our NREM intervals, however, consist of periods of deep and intense sleep where brain activity is at a minimum. Lack of recall is often experienced during this state, particularly when someone is abruptly awoken during this period.

Adults generally require seven or more hours of sleep per night. There are rare instances for some people where only three or four hours suffices (I find it difficult to like these people!). The proper amount tends to be defined by an individual's specific biological needs. In general, the need for sleep is determined by many factors. The time of day is a key contributor as we become trained to sleep at certain times of the day. Of course, lack of sleep favors the need for sleep, as do other elements such as comfort, boredom, and satisfaction. Stress, unusual environments, and excitement all are contributors to a reduced need for sleep.

### Sleep Deprivation

An issue for all contest operators is our ability to

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### Calendar of Events

<b>All year</b>	<b>CQ DX Marathon</b>
Aug. 22-23	Ohio QSO Party
Aug. 29-30	SCC RTTY Championship
Aug. 29-30	YO DX HF Contest
Aug. 29-30	SARL HF CW Contest
Sept. 5	Russian RTTY WW Contest
Sept. 5-6	All Asian SSB Contest
Sept. 5-6	Colorado QSO Party
Sept. 5-6	IARU Region 1 Field Day
Sept. 5-6	RSGB SSB Field Day
Sept. 6-7	Tennessee QSO Party
Sept. 12-13	Worked All Europe SSB Contest
Sept. 12-14	ARRL September VHF QSO Party
Sept. 13	North American CW Sprint
Sept. 19-20	Scandinavian CW Activity Contest
Sept. 19-20	South Carolina QSO Party
Sept. 19-20	Washington Salmon Run
Sept. 19-20	QCWA QSO Party
Sept. 20	North American SSB Sprint
<b>Sept. 26-27</b>	<b>CQ WW RTTY Contest</b>
Sept. 26-27	Scandinavian SSB Activity Contest
Sept. 26-27	Texas QSO Party
<b>Oct. 24-25</b>	<b>CQ WW DX SSB Contest</b>
<b>Nov. 28-29</b>	<b>CQ WW DX CW Contest</b>

manage the lack of sleep. Scientists have been studying the effects of sleep deprivation since the late 19th century. In 1935 a subject was deprived of sleep for over 230 hours, resulting in hallucinations and extreme paranoia. Perhaps you can relate to this phenomenon as an occasional "sleep starved" contester. Modern advances in sleep research have shown that it is nearly impossible to totally deprive subjects from sleep for extended periods of time. In reality, the human body will engage in "micro sleeping" episodes that can last as little as a few seconds.

Sleep deprivation studies have shown a specific characteristic that is of great importance to testers. In addition to the expected fatigue are properties of increased appetite, difficulty in focusing one's eyes, and poor performance/attention span. This lack of attention can often be a critical factor working against maintaining the intensity (and accuracy) level required for a full 48 hours of contest operating. Another common sleep deprivation characteristic I've heard discussed is the occasional time lapses (perhaps 30-60 seconds) that seem to occur on Sunday afternoon during a contest while you are working someone. Have you ever experienced that one? I've always found it amazing to log two or three stations and subsequently have absolutely no recall of the QSOs. A similar example is when you are so tired that you begin to send illogical text to another contest station, such as the rig you are running or the name of your dog, rather than the required signal repost. It's actually quite funny when you think about it.

For those of us who feel like pounding our chests after accomplishing 46+ hours of operating time in a contest weekend, take note of the record for

## Update to the CQ WPX RTTY Results

The July issue of *CQ* contains the results for the 2009 February's WPX RTTY contest, for which a record high of 2080 logs were submitted as well as numerous record scores.

The Low Power category had a couple of very close finishes. P40R (N4RR) and D4C (YL2KL) both broke the SOLP world record, with claimed scores less than one QSO apart! The P40R score ultimately prevailed due to Roger's lower error rate.

In North America, another close finish occurred with Ted, HI3TEJ, squeaking by Jose, N1BAA, operating as KS1Y. Jose's lower error rate wasn't quite enough to close the gap, but he blew away the USA SOLP record set by Don, AA5AU, in 2005 by an incredible 64%. Watch out if Jose turns on his amplifier! Ted, HI3TEJ, still holds the North America record set in 2008, just a few percent higher than his and Jose's 2009 results. Unfortunately, this great story was inadvertently omitted from the final write-up. Everyone can take pride in the participation record and all the top scores because it takes all of us to fill up those bulging logs!

sleeplessness as documented by the *Guinness Book of World Records*: Mrs. Maureen Weston of Peterborough, England. Mrs. Weston is reported to have accomplished 449 continuous sleepless hours (18 days, 17 hours) during a rocking-chair marathon in 1977. As far as I can tell, Mrs. Weston is not a ham, but I sure would want her on my multi-operator team if she was, wouldn't you?

### Some Sleeping Tips Before the Contest

What follows will transition from scientific reporting to practical experience as a contester. I have always viewed a 48-hour contest as a marathon. And just like marathon runners, the serious contester must prepare both mentally and physically. It's also important to note that the same preparation techniques that follow can apply for significantly scaled-back operating plans. Perhaps the most important area of preparation is before the contest even begins. I usually begin physically preparing for a contest at least one week before it starts. This means I consciously attempt to sleep for longer periods of time. Normal sleep habits for me are 6–7 hours/night, which becomes extended to 7–8 hours/night. Secondly, one to two nights immediately before the contest are set aside as special nights for sleep periods approaching 10–11 hours (i.e., 9:30 PM to 7:30 AM). Although many of us do not necessarily have the flexibility with our jobs and responsibilities of life in general, it is a significant advantage to avoid long work hours and stressful situations during the week leading up to a major contest.

The Friday preceding a contest weekend is the most pivotal day in contest preparation. Many experienced contesters recommend that you take this day as a vacation day from work. There

are a variety of other techniques that I've used or heard over the years for "contest eve" which include a multi-hour nap during the afternoon. Others prefer an early Friday morning wakeup time as a means of short-term physical training for the Friday evening run. Despite our best intentions, a stressful Friday culminating with your arriving home and sitting in the operating chair at 2330Z is a sure cure for insomnia on Sunday morning.

### Some Sleeping Tips During the Contest

During the contest, operating times often become specific to a person's physiological makeup as much as the result of planning around a recommended strategy. In my case, I easily benefit from short naps (30–45 minutes) and have little trouble waking up and heading for the operating chair in a manner of two or three minutes. Also, for reasons that mystify me, there are many operators, including myself, who set their alarm clocks for a specific time and possess the amazing ability to wake up a few minutes before the alarm sounds!

The relationship between eating and sleeping is another consideration for the contest operator. Imagine the feeling you experience after a large and filling meal. How many of us head directly for the family room couch as we eagerly anticipate an unconscious session in front of the television? Needless to say, this is hardly the physical state we should be experiencing before or during a contest. Small, high-energy meals are the order of the day for contesters lacking sleep.

While there are no hard and fast rules for maximizing your physical potential in contesting, and common sense seems to prevail. Even as I cracked through the 54-year-old physical barrier this summer, and I am still a proponent of 48-hour DX contests (although



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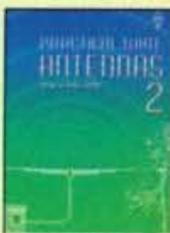
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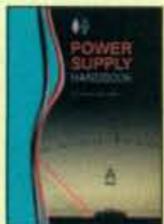
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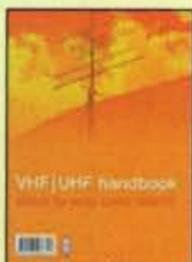
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the 12-hour IARU Radiosport contest is always a welcomed change!). No matter which side of the fence you sit on with this issue, the 48-hour DX contest lives on for the moment. Its existence requires deliberate and concentrated preparation to be a serious competitor, whether you are trying to win it all or satisfy personal goals.

### Conclusions

You have heard me say this about contesting many times, but the subject of sleep also falls into one of my favorite considerations—common sense. If you think about what makes you tired, avoid it before and during a contest. It's not simply when you sleep, but it's also what you eat and drink, where you sleep, and how you balance operating time with

rest periods. Unfortunately, the real solution to sleep deprivation is motivation and interest. I can stay up for very long times indeed if I'm busy working lots of stations during a contest. The same cannot be said when the rate is slow and boring (such as is the case at times with our wonderful solar conditions). Thus, if you're not pairing up your station's ability with your sleep needs, you've just lowered your potential in contesting.

### Final Comments

Well, I'm tired and better go take a nap. There is a rumor that sunspots are coming back and I want to be prepared for the contest season! In the meantime, see you in the next contest!

73, John, K1AR

### For More Information

There are literally hundreds of useful sites on the internet and other available resources that address the subject of sleep and techniques for dealing with sleep deprivation. Here is a small list: <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sleep\\_deprivation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sleep_deprivation)>; <<http://www.sleep-deprivation.com/>>; <<http://www.sleepfoundation.org/>>; <<http://www.sleepquest.com/>>; and <<http://www.sleepnet.com/>>.

Lastly, if you're really into the topic, check out this book authored by one of the subject's world authorities: *Sleep Deprivation* by Clete Anthony Kushida. More information can be found at <[http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_ss\\_gw?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=Sleep+Deprivation+by+Clete+Anthony+Kushida](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_gw?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=Sleep+Deprivation+by+Clete+Anthony+Kushida)>

## SUCH A HAM



I was going to get you a new C.W. key but none of them had a spell check feature. Here's a dictionary. Happy Birthday, Stan.

## A Quick Look at Current Solar Cycle Conditions

(Data rounded to nearest whole number)

### Sunspots

Observed Monthly, June 2009: 3  
Twelve-month smoothed, December 2008: 2

### 10.7 cm Flux

Observed Monthly, June 2009: 69  
Twelve-month smoothed, December 2008: 69

### Ap Index

Observed Monthly, June 2009: 5  
Twelve-month smoothed, December 2008: 5

## One Year Ago: A Quick Look at Cycle 23 Conditions

(Data rounded to nearest whole number)

### Sunspots

Observed Monthly, June 2008: 3  
Twelve-month smoothed, December 2007: 5

### 10.7 cm Flux

Observed Monthly, June 2008: 66  
Twelve-month smoothed, December 2007: 71

### Ap Index

Observed Monthly, June 2008: 7  
Twelve-month smoothed, December 2007: 8

## LAST-MINUTE FORECAST

Day-to-Day Conditions Expected for September 2009

Propagation Index.....	Expected Signal Quality			
	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)
Above Normal: 1-13, 15-17, 19-30	A	A	B	C
High Normal: 18	A	B	C	C-D
Low Normal: 14	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 2 will be good (B) on Sept. 1st through the 13th, fair (C) to poor (D) on the 14th, 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.

A year ago in this column, we discussed the speculative talk going around various amateur radio blogs, forums, and in on-air roundtables regarding the current solar cycle activity—or more accurately, “non-activity.” The speculation has not subsided too much since then. There is still talk by some of a mini-ice age, and that we’re seeing unprecedented quiet on the Sun. In May 2009, the “official” panel of scientists issued yet another prediction regarding solar Cycle 24, calling for a rather low peak of the cycle with the highest smoothed sunspot count not reaching higher than 90.

No one can postulate with any credibility just how intense the new cycle will be, because there is no direct correlation between this solar minimum and any regular pattern of past minimums. In 2008 and 2009, the Sun was quieter than any period during the “Space Age” (again, a very short time of reference in relation to the millions of years of solar history). During the last two years, we’ve seen low sunspot counts, weak solar wind, low solar irradiance, and a period without a significant solar flare.

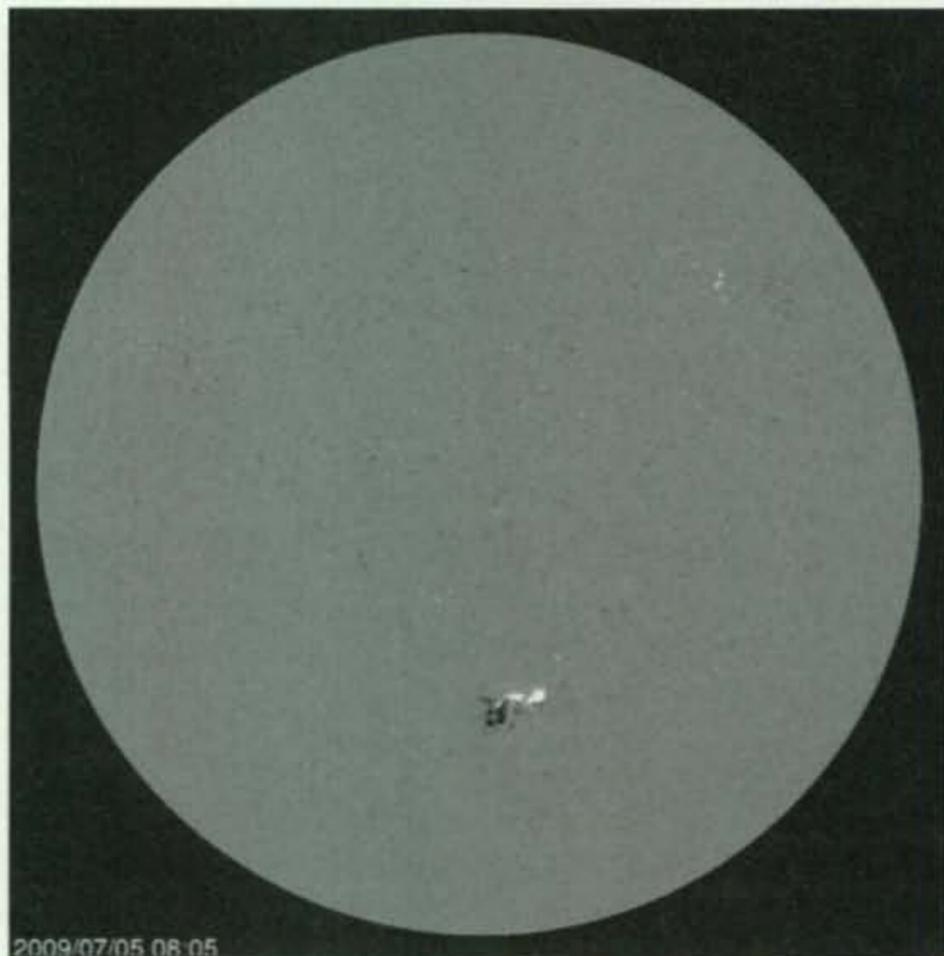
Despite this seemingly longer-than-normal (what’s normal in the context of a Sun that is millions of years old?) solar minimum, we’re now seeing evidence that the Sun is waking up. With the slow, yet sure increase in solar activity during

recent months as seen with the emergence of more frequent small sunspots (many of which are new cycle spots) and “proto-sunspots,” there is hope that the Sun is finally awakening. Tiny but significant increases in solar radio emissions are being observed, as well. Further evidence that the Sun is experiencing an increase in solar cycle activity is the “zonal flows” (enormous currents of plasma on the Sun’s surface) that are gaining strength and slowly drifting toward the Sun’s equator. All these things are precursors of an awakening solar Cycle 24. The evidence is clear; we are seeing a real start of Cycle 24.

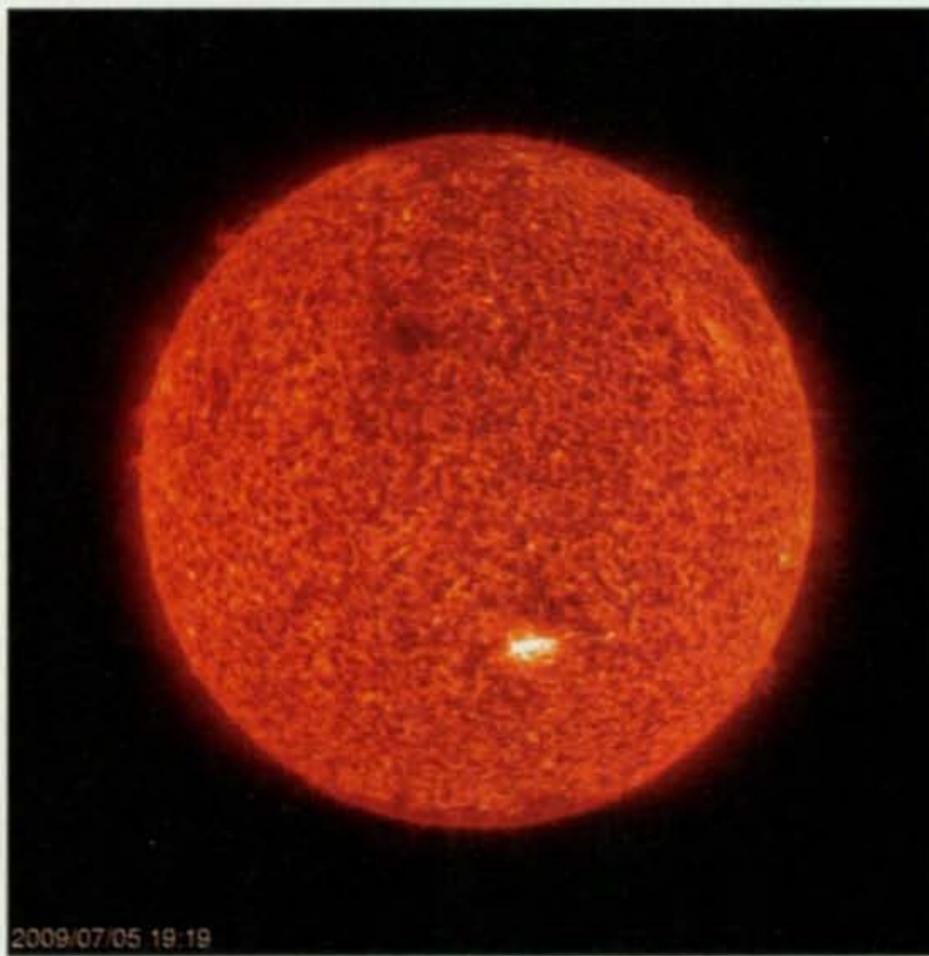
There’s more than speculation. There is proof being offered by recent research that reveals a powerful dynamic deep inside the Sun. Scientists from the National Solar Observatory (NSO) in Tucson, Arizona, have discovered that deep inside the Sun a powerful solar jet stream migrates through the star’s interior. During this current solar cycle minimum, this solar jet stream moved more slowly than in recent past minimum periods. This appears to be the underlying reason for the long period that lacked sunspots and prolonged the solar minimum.

Drs. Rachel Howe and Frank Hill, both of the NSO, used long-term observations from the NSO’s Global Oscillation Network Group (GONG) facility to detect and track an east-to-west jet stream,

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Sunspot group 1024 released the first C-class flare on July 5, 2009. (Source: Nasa/SOHO)



The very large active region 1024, a solar Cycle 24 sunspot group, seen in this Extreme Infrared Telescope (EIT) view taken on July 5, 2009. (Source: NASA/SOHO)

known as the "torsional oscillation," at depths of about 1000 to 7000 km below the surface of the Sun. The Sun generates new jet streams near its poles every 11 years; the streams migrate slowly, over a period of 17 years, to the equator, and are associated with the production of sunspots once they reach a critical latitude of 22 degrees.

Howe and Hill found that the stream associated with the new solar cycle has moved sluggishly, taking three years to cover a 10-degree range in latitude compared to two years for the last solar cycle, but has now reached the critical latitude. The new result both shows that the Sun's internal magnetic dynamo continues to operate and heralds the beginning of a new cycle of solar activity.

Now that this solar jet stream has reached the "critical" latitude, are we seeing a rise in number of sunspots? Yes, and the period between sunspot emergences is becoming shorter and shorter. For instance, starting on July 3, another new Cycle 24 sunspot emerged, daily growing in size and unleashing numerous flares. In the days following, many flares erupted from this very active group. Once a C-class flare, the largest yet recorded in the new cycle, exploded. By July 6th, it was clear that this sunspot group was influencing radio propagation, as the 10.7-cm flux rose above 70, and subtle changes in various modes of propagation were

observed. This sunspot group provided proof that the new cycle is certainly alive and gaining in strength.

As this new cycle gains energy, which is clearly occurring, a rise in interplanetary storms and a resulting increase in geomagnetic activity will trigger a livelier autumnal auroral season this year. With the autumnal equinox occurring on September 22, the chance for auroral activity in the weeks leading up to and weeks after the equinoctial event will be higher than during the last few years.

### September HF Propagation

September is a month of radical improvement in radio propagation conditions. On September 22, 2009, the Sun will be directly over the equator. This happens twice a year, in the spring and fall, and is called an "equinox." The fall, or "autumnal," equinox is the day on which the Sun will cross the equator, as it appears to travel from northern to southern skies. On this day, over much of the Earth the hours of daylight are equal to the hours of darkness. Sunrise should take place at approximately 6 AM local time and the Sun should set around 6 PM local time, except at the high latitudes.

This results in an ionosphere of almost similar characteristics over large areas of the world and is usually the best time of the year for long DX openings

between the temperate regions of the northern and southern hemispheres on all HF bands. Expect improvement on 20 meters, with more frequent openings from mid-September through mid-October between North America and South America, the South Pacific, South Asia, and southern Africa. The strongest openings will occur for a few hours after sunrise and during the sunset hours.

Long-path openings improve during the equinoctial periods. A variety of paths are opening up on 20 meters. Expect a path to southern Asia around sunset, and daily morning openings to southern Asia and the Middle East, expanding to Africa. Also look for Antarctic short path, and signals from the Indian Ocean region long path over the North Pole. Afternoons will fill with South Pacific long path, and then extend to Russia and Europe. Look for possible long-path openings on 30, 40, and 80 meters for an hour or so before sunrise and just before sunset.

The winter DX season is about to open up, making for exciting DX conditions. While the weather is still warm and fair, tighten hardware on your antenna system, check coax cables, and fine-tune your radio station. Get ready to reap the DX.

The 15-meter band will supply day-path propagation even over the polar paths, although these polar openings

are rare during this lull in solar activity. A considerable improvement is expected for DX propagation on 17 meters, opening shortly after sunrise and remaining open until after sundown. Openings will be best toward Europe and the northeast before noon, and to the rest of the world during the afternoon hours. Openings toward the South Pacific, Australia, New Zealand, and the Far East should be possible well into the early evening. Remember, though, that openings are dependent on the strength of the ionosphere, which in turn is dependent upon an active Sun. During this part of the solar cycle activity is minimal. Openings may be rare and short-lived.

Twenty meters will be the best daytime DX band this month. Look for 20 to open for DX at sunrise and remain open in all directions for a few hours. It should be possible to work into many areas of the world throughout the daylight hours, with a peak in the afternoon. Nighttime conditions will favor openings toward the south and to tropical areas, but some openings will also be possible to other areas, especially during High Normal or better days. Look for polar gray-line propagation into Asia. Long-path is common on 20 to southern Asia, the Middle East, and northeastern Africa as well as the Indian Ocean region via the North Polar path.

Expect an improvement in nighttime DX conditions on 30 through 160 meters during September and October. This is due to the increasing hours of darkness and a seasonal decrease in the static level. Thirty and 40 meters should be best for worldwide DX from sunset to sunrise. Sixty meters should become more reliable for those farther contacts. Working all states on 60 is very possible during this season. Eighty and 160 meters will become hot bands during the hours of darkness, especially for an hour or so before local sunrise.

For short-skip propagation during September and early October, use 60 and 80 meters during the day for openings shorter than 250 miles, and either 80 or 160 at night. For distances between 250 and 750 miles, try 30, 40, and possibly 60 meters during the day and 80 meters at night. For openings between 750 and 1300 miles, 20 meters should work during the day, and 30, 40, and 60 from sundown to midnight, with 60 and 80 from midnight to sunrise. For openings greater than 1300 miles, try 15, 17, or 20 meters during the day, and 30, 40, and even 60 during the hours of darkness. Check 10 and 12 meters for some fairly good openings beyond 1300 miles in the afternoon hours, especial-

ly when conditions are High Normal or better, and for paths into South America and the south Pacific.

## VHF Conditions

The month of September statistically has the lowest amount of sporadic-E propagation activity. Toward the end of September trans-equatorial (TE) propagation will begin to occur between southern North America and northern South America. Openings will generally occur in the late afternoon to early evening.

Troposcatter conditions are generally very good for many of the VHF bands up to 440 MHz during September with the appearance of different weather fronts. This will be the primary mode for working up to 300 miles. A very useful internet resource for viewing Tropospheric conditions is available at William Hepburn's "VHF/UHF Tropospheric Ducting Forecast" site: <<http://www.dxinfocentre.com/tropo.html>>.

Don't forget to check out *CQ VHF* magazine as well as the VHF column in this issue for a more in-depth look at VHF propagation. However, no matter what, get on the radio and try working the many modes. The more people active on the bands, the more we can unlock the mysteries of VHF propagation.

## Current Solar Cycle Progress

The Royal Observatory of Belgium reports that the monthly mean observed sunspot number for June 2009 is 2.6. The lowest daily sunspot value recorded was zero (0) on June 6-20, and 25-30. The highest daily sunspot count was 11 on June 1 and June 2. The 12-month running smoothed sunspot number centered on December 2008 is 1.7. A

smoothed sunspot count of 10, give or take 9 points, is expected for September 2009.

The Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory at Penticton, BC, Canada, reports a 10.7-cm observed monthly mean solar flux of 68.6 for June 2009. The 12-month smoothed 10.7-cm flux centered on December 2008 is 68.5. The predicted smoothed 10.7-cm solar flux for September 2009 is 70, give or take about 7 points.

The observed monthly mean planetary A-index (*Ap*) for June 2009 is 5. The 12-month smoothed *Ap* index centered on December 2008 is 4.9. Expect the overall geomagnetic activity to vary between quiet to active during most days in September.

Would you like to hear a weekly podcast about space weather and radio propagation? Check out <<http://podcast.hfradio.org>> for the "NW7US Space Weather and Radio Propagation Podcast" produced by this author. Additionally, if you are on Facebook, check out the Radio Propagation and Space Weather Group at <<http://tinyurl.com/fb-spacewx>>. 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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# Results of the 2008 CQ WW DX CW Contest (from page 24)

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.)

## 2008 CW RESULTS SINGLE OPERATOR NORTH AMERICA UNITED STATES

K1LZ	A	6,796,620	3922	133	486	*KR2D	*	6,771	42	23	38	NA4CW	*	57,879	201	23	86	*W5GAI	*	333,940	505	79	204	*K7GS	*	149,450	327	62	113
K5ZD/1	*	6,666,975	3955	132	463	*WA2JQK	*	5,544	267	57	173	K4PI	1.8	71,346	298	20	74	*W550G	*	302,302	477	79	207	*W7RV	*	133,032	297	69	111
K1DG	*	5,751,568	3682	115	453	*K2IZ	*	4,420	51	25	43	W4ZV	*	62,600	392	21	79	*W5RYA	*	130,400	243	66	134	*W7TMT	*	130,032	297	71	101
WC1M	*	1,908,000	1616	101	323	*WB2RIS	*	3,600	40	17	28	*W3AU/4	A	986,164	905	95	309	*K0GEO/5	*	103,761	236	54	129	*W3CP/7	*	102,087	236	65	106
W6PH/1	*	1,405,800	1247	123	303	*K2HPV	*	2,946	36	19	32	*W9B/4	*	906,476	1099	85	249	*K5NEX/5	*	94,866	262	63	131	*W7ON	*	85,973	237	63	86
W1WF1	*	1,307,982	1202	97	312	*N3SY/2	*	1,760	26	19	25	*N4YDU	*	879,255	991	99	306	*K5JX	*	64,800	203	36	108	*K17Y	*	79,946	217	56	86
K1ZZ	*	1,254,336	1064	104	313	*W2ARP	*	24	6	6	6	*WK2G/4	*	861,714	1186	73	221	*K5IZO	*	16,472	104	44	72	*W8WVW/7	*	57,596	182	53	68
W1ECT	*	1,190,660	1166	80	330	*W3EH/2	*	1,100	20	8	17	*NJ4M	*	874,888	874	88	266	*AA5JG	*	11,900	72	29	41	*W7VXS	*	45,548	184	44	74
W1ZT	*	1,005,585	872	95	292	*K2MFY	14	165,710	420	28	118	(OP: WD4AHZ)	*	708,327	714	86	287	*K5BZH	*	3,913	50	20	23	*K6UM/7	*	38,800	149	38	62
K1KP	*	610,632	918	66	198	*KR2AA	*	149,172	464	24	97	*NA4K	*	665,496	707	86	265	*AD5VC	*	2,555	52	14	21	*W7LNLW	*	38,070	124	51	84
W1HIS	*	476,125	606	78	247	*W2AW	*	127,292	397	23	101	*K4IE	*	528,751	641	78	245	*K5QDA	*	165	17	8	7	*W7CF	*	34,848	235	55	66
W1FM	*	274,649	425	70	199	*W2EG	7	96,801	296	28	95	*K4MF	*	401,580	516	71	220	*N5ESA	*	120	9	7	8	*N7EIE	*	33,798	149	37	49
AE1T	*	264,984	407	61	183	*NA2AA	*	51,600	149	27	102	*N4IG	*	287,039	460	61	178	*N4IJ/5	14	206,769	508	33	124	*W4LSC/7	*	25,764	103	45	69
W1ZK	*	197,296	309	66	170	*W1TY/2	*	14,190	72	23	63	*N0RB/5	*	8,448	87	21	45	*K79CF/7	*	21,460	110	32	42	*W9RCJ/7	*	25,228	138	46	60
W1YRC	*	129,825	239	59	166	*W2LY	1.8	17,094	120	16	50	*N8AM	*	205,226	484	75	199	*K6CSL/7	*	18,779	119	42	47	*W79A	*	21,460	110	32	42
K1SEZ	*	99,280	239	39	131	K3CR	A	5,697,146	3403	133	465	*AB4GG	*	198,936	351	59	157	*K7TR	*	17,576	119	45	59	*K79A	*	25,228	138	46	60
K1ZE	*	95,178	203	46	128	AA1K/3	*	3,121,986	2262	122	396	*W4RYW	*	177,384	329	56	172	*N7VS	*	17,424	112	33	39	*K79C	*	25,228	138	46	60
W2QQ/1	*	89,835	224	39	120	K3Z0	*	2,729,524	1923	112	385	*K4PG	*	165,640	353	57	145	*N7BA	*	15,120	82	32	40	*K79D	*	25,228	138	46	60
KA1VMG	*	51,714	164	49	104	N1WR/3	*	1,497,145	1344	100	303	*N4HXI	*	128,952	263	60	139	*K7BV	*	13,550	66	31	44	*K79E	*	25,228	138	46	60
K1IR	*	46,565	244	12	55	N3UM	*	1,027,971	1176	80	253	*N4U	*	112,200	249	58	129	*K7SE	*	9,782	81	31	36	*K79F	*	25,228	138	46	60
W1OHM	*	33,858	131	34	80	K3TC	*	880,630	868	100	315	*WA3GNW/4	*	109,998	246	47	124	*K7SD	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79G	*	25,228	138	46	60
W1BYH	*	23,125	94	39	86	N3RJ	*	396,576	572	79	227	*N2AN/4	*	103,455	237	45	126	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79H	*	25,228	138	46	60
K1SND	*	7,840	64	19	51	W3RJ	*	352,024	430	87	229	(OP: WC4E)	*	102,090	249	45	121	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79I	*	25,228	138	46	60
KQ2M/1	14	965,125	2025	37	138	W3ZGD	*	186,582	300	70	172	*N4WO	*	97,536	210	54	138	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79J	*	25,228	138	46	60
K1RU	*	720,800	1617	34	126	KA1DWX/3	*	175,951	294	71	180	*W4RQ	*	97,536	210	54	138	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79K	*	25,228	138	46	60
NN1N	*	481,270	1021	35	135	WY3A	*	102,837	214	51	126	*W3WL/4	*	76,670	214	51	119	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79L	*	25,228	138	46	60
K8PO/1	7	558,600	1443	32	113	N3RW	*	92,685	242	50	135	*AA4FU	*	75,198	178	50	116	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79M	*	25,228	138	46	60
W1XX	*	300,729	790	30	115	K3JL/3	*	68,747	215	44	114	*N4LF	*	67,860	186	41	104	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79N	*	25,228	138	46	60
K1IB	*	110,684	381	28	106	W3FD	*	60,554	181	33	107	*K3MZ/4	*	47,250	139	43	92	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79O	*	25,228	138	46	60
KT1M	3.5	423,654	1163	28	103	K3MRG	*	53,108	179	44	98	*KN4Y	*	46,698	219	53	128	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79P	*	25,228	138	46	60
W1MK	*	417,625	1247	27	98	N3NZ	*	47,121	201	30	83	*N5IE/4	*	44,250	147	32	86	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79Q	*	25,228	138	46	60
*K1BX	A	2,301,420	1702	113	371	W3SQ	*	34,071	175	33	90	*N4JFP	*	43,766	172	50	108	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79R	*	25,228	138	46	60
*N1UR	*	2,274,316	1785	111	373	K83P	*	27,528	98	31	80	*K1SA/4	*	39,644	140	32	74	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79S	*	25,228	138	46	60
*KS1J	*	1,266,027	1174	87	312	K83SH	*	11,600	89	25	55	*WD4SIG	*	39,165	162	34	71	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79T	*	25,228	138	46	60
*W1JQ	*	878,598	829	88	311	K3YG	*	9,017	54	20	51	*WF4W	*	38,864	131	27	85	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79U	*	25,228	138	46	60
*N1IX	*	685,260	851	72	252	K3RMB	*	1,080	19	12	15	*W3TB/4	*	38,864	131	27	85	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79V	*	25,228	138	46	60
*K1BT	*	672,252	823	74	228	NY3A	21	128,744	439	25	96	*K4D	*	35,926	136	44	92	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79W	*	25,228	138	46	60
*KB1T	*	659,880	707	87	273	K3NK	14	257,920	744	25	103	*W65NMZ/4	*	34,194	143	46	93	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79X	*	25,228	138	46	60
*K1HT	*	653,760	733	78	242	N3RR	7	188,646	568	30	108	*KE4UNA	*	33,695	169	39	76	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79Y	*	25,228	138	46	60
*W1AO	*	640,640	689	86	266	N3SV	*	90,280	273	25	97	*N4JH	*	32,750	131	37	94	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79Z	*	25,228	138	46	60
*K1BV	*	435,244	665	55	178	AD8J/3	*	9,720	74	13	41	*K4PY	*	29,160	104	36	75	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79AA	*	25,228	138	46	60
*W1EQ	*	348,192	513	62	186	K3RW	*	4,512	53	14	34	*K4BX	*	28,884	102	42	74	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79AB	*	25,228	138	46	60
*K1HI	*	252,250	414	66	184	W3NO	3.5	169,344	428	33	111	*K4EB	*	24,960	115	33	71	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79AC	*	25,228	138	46	60
*W1JU/1	*	216,000	332	64	186	K3TM	1.8	24,244	134	15	61	*W4EBA	*	24,960	115	33	71	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79AD	*	25,228	138	46	60
*NJ1T	*	202,230	395	49	165	W3GH	*	24,244	134	15	61	*K1AQLN/4	*	24,304	90	41	71	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79AE	*	25,228	138	46	60
*W1OCE	*	180,930	319	55	167	*W3EF	A	1,200,165	1082	103	342	*K6ETM/4	*	24,288	111	23	69	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79AF	*	25,228	138	46	60
*W1FA	*	108,962	245	50	131	*K3AU	*	796,023	869	85	282	*NN4DF	*	23,712	119	35	62	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79AG	*	25,228	138	46	60
*K1VSG	*	100,962	230	40	118	*NS3T	*	440,370	582	80	238	*K4FTO	*	21,935	131	35	79	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79AH	*	25,228	138	46	60
*N1PGA	*	77,792	210	49	127	*W3IUU	*	364,515	492	77	205	*N4RH	*	21,200	103	36	70	*K7SE	*	9,548	73	29	33	*K79AI	*	25,228	138	46	60
*KX1E	*	35,619	140	26	67	*W3CQB	*	211,181	388	51	172	*N4R	*	20,564	83	33	64	*K7SE	*	9,548									

*W9UM	*	20,223	93	39	68
*W9WE	*	14,746	152	38	63
*ND9E	*	14,448	73	34	52
*K9IJ	*	13,432	68	30	62
*WR9Y	*	11,315	68	27	46
*KB9YGD	*	4,233	42	23	28
*W9EEU	*	3,321	31	17	24
*N9LYE	*	1,363	19	14	15
*K9AIH	*	432	16	9	15
*W09T	*	140	5	5	5
*W9ILY	14	90,506	283	25	93
*N9GBB	*	1,056	21	10	12
*N9WK	*	420	10	6	9
*N9XR	7	2,380	37	14	20
*K9CS	3.5	47,334	188	24	74
*K0PJ9	*	23,870	126	17	60
*W09S	1.8	1,806	51	7	14

<b>Alaska</b>					
AL1G	A	39,066	557	18	16
KL8DX	14	218,025	1205	28	57
NL7G	3.5	127,506	739	27	52
*KL1JP	A	7,560	109	18	17
*KL1R	14	10,080	198	12	12
*AL3H	*	35	3	3	2

<b>Antigua &amp; Barbuda</b>					
*V26K	A	6,837,842	5392	118	399
(OP: AA3B)					

<b>Bahamas</b>					
*C6AX	14	876,561	2594	32	115
(OP: KE7X)					
*C6AQ	7	449,150	1586	29	101
*C6ATA	3.5	549,669	1794	26	103
(OP: K2KW)					

<b>Barbados</b>					
8P5A	A	8,856,694	6574	136	442
(OP: W2SC)					

<b>Belize</b>					
V31WA	A	8,387,400	6107	140	460
(OP: UT5UGR)					

<b>Bermuda</b>					
*VP9I	14	641,792	2189	26	102
(OP: OH1VR)					

<b>Canada</b>					
VY2ZM	A	7,128,970	4632	129	461
(OP: K12M)					
VY2TT	*	6,722,703	5217	107	430
(OP: K6LA)					

VA1MM	*	944,460	1379	78	240
VE1AI	*	553,891	741	68	243
VE1DT	7	291,480	843	27	113
VO1HE	*	111,104	337	27	101
VO1TA	3.5	90,720	462	14	70
VE1JS	*	527	11	7	10
VO1HP	1.8	7,238	75	12	35
*VE1NB	A	1,244,727	1410	82	281
*VE1RGB	A	1,003,184	1151	81	283
*VY2SS	*	438,058	962	54	160
*VE1MC	*	347,004	613	58	185
*VE1QY	*	5,076	42	21	33

*VY2LI	*	638	26	11	11
*VE1GW	14	11,908	95	14	38
<b>VE2TZT</b>					
VE2FK	A	393,084	1037	59	120
VE2SB	*	146,412	362	45	121
VE2XAA/2	A	107,367	298	50	111
*VA2SG	A	2,988,643	3162	102	335
*CK2AWR	*	465,348	955	56	172
(OP: VE2AWR)					
*VE2JCW	*	232,024	503	46	148
*VE2AXO	*	175,142	484	57	152
*VE2EZO	*	144,872	380	46	136
*VE2EZO	*	47,334	221	29	69
*VE2OY	*	22,407	178	28	49
*VE2LX	*	19,530	154	30	60
*VE2FFE	*	3,977	42	17	24
*VE2GHI	*	1,125	124	25	50
*VE2HLS	14	14,136	103	14	43

CK3AT	A	4,777,698	3829	119	415
(OP: VE3AT)					
VE3JM	*	3,984,564	3698	107	339
VE3TA	*	2,165,428	2341	103	285
VE3KZ	*	1,470,480	1414	102	338

*VE4YU	A	119,884	314	52	112	
<b>VE5ZX</b>						
VE5UA	14	321,480	1111	30	111	
VE5UF	3.5	5,742	49	19	39	
*VE5SF	1.8	17,853	282	14	19	
*VE5AAD	A	126,945	520	44	73	
(OP: VE5AAD)						
VE6EX	A	18,696	144	24	33	
VE6AID	*	940,200	2306	72	128	
VE6JY	14	7,480	69	26	29	
VE6WQ	7	708,981	1915	34	125	
*CK6BF	A	(OP: VA7RR)				
VA7ST	A	439,953	1221	37	122	
VA7RN	*	160,650	428	65	110	
VA7DM	*	651,222	1572	70	128	
*VE7JKZ	A	194,564	733	51	76	
*VE7BZO	A	70,992	303	43	59	
*VE7IO	*	125,796	427	57	75	
*VE7IN	*	66,429	244	44	77	
*VE7BGP	*	61,854	473	39	39	
*VA7JC	*	55,097	202	48	71	
	*	14,661	104	38	43	
	*	663	35	7	6	

VE3KF	*	1,066,752	1275	89	295
VE3YAA	*	657,536	738	78	274
(OP: VE3DQ)					
VA3EC	*	389,088	550	70	218
VE3EBN	*	13,140	92	27	46
VE3FU	14	429,769	1222	28	109
VE3ZI	1.8	116,840	589	22	70
VE3PN	*	57,687	438	15	52
CK3CUI	*	8,160	229	8	12
(OP: VE3CUI)					
*VE3XB	A	1,638,472	1660	107	326
*VE3FDT	*	450,846	673	85	212
*VE3EK	*	359,919	575	65	196
*VE3GSI	*	284,067	504	58	185
*VA3PL	*	266,952	490	56	171
*VA3ATT	*	180,170	403	57	158
*VE3TW	*	149,694	358	52	131
*VE3KAO	*	116,403	309	47	114
*VE3GLO	*	98,943	246	53	124
*VE3OM	*	73,776	195	39	120
*VE3FH	*	55,300	185	47	93
*VE3RER	*	50,264	199	38	84
*VE3RCN	*	30,640	180	30	50
*VE3NCQ	*	9,152	81	27	37
*VA3HUN	*	5,456	62	15	29
*VE3VO	*	5,029	53	22	25
*VA3RJ	21	3,724	45	11	27
*VE3XD	14	300,384	880	29	115
*VE3AW4AA	*	297,621	884	29	122
*VE3FJ	*	91,770	307	23	92
*VE3IAE	7	65,936	279	23	81
*VE3OSZ	1.8	14,224	266	10	18
VE4EAR	A	21,648	111	36	52

<b>Guatemala</b>					
TG9/IV3IYH	14	724,299	2518	30	101
(OP: IV3IYH)					
<b>Honduras</b>					
*HR1RTF	7	1,407	56	8	13
*HQ9R	3.5	108,160	711	19	61
(OP: WQ7R)					
<b>Martinique</b>					
FM5CD	3.5	248,750	941	27	98
*FM/F5IRO	A	567,150	1549	66	133
(OP: F5IRO)					
<b>Mexico</b>					
XE1MM	A	844,110	1786	66	160
XE2S	*	664,682	1503	83	135
XE1V	*	188,710	601	56	111
XE2WWW	3.5	221,190	1012	25	76
*XE2MX	A	84,800	243	62	98
*XE2AUB	*	72,696	405	43	61
*XE2FGC	*	9,408	107	25	24
*XE1AY	*	6,800	202	38	47

<b>St. Vincent</b>					
*J88DR	A	2,689,993	2976	99	310
<b>U.S. Virgin Islands</b>					
KV4FZ	1.8	161,271	803	20	79
*KP2B	A	113,364	432	42	92
*KP2BH	*	84,550	216	63	115

<b>AFRICA</b>					
<b>Algeria</b>					
7X0RY	A	941,535	1351	47	198
<b>Canary Islands</b>					
EA8MQ	A	1,076,576	1533	68	204
AN8R	*	1,024,899	2064	47	154
(OP: EA8AY)					
EA8CMX	3.5	1,003,160	2302	35	120
(OP: OH2BYS)					
*EA8CN	A	2,343,768	2059	84	308
*EA8OM	*	1,466,002	1488	81	265
*EA8BMG	*	237,931	426	66	163
*EA8DA	*	27,348	120	28	58
*EA8CQW	*	8,321	63	19	34
*EA8NQ	7	83,848	309	19	75

<b>Chad</b>					
*TT8JT	A	55,242	303	16	46

<b>Egypt</b>					
*SU9HP	A	32,186	108	50	83
(OP: SC6A)					

<b>Ghana</b>					
*9G5ZZ	14	344,720	921	33	106
(OP: DL1CW)					

<b>Kenya</b>					
*5Z4/RW1AU	A	129,500	320	45	103

<b>Liberia</b>					
EL2DX	A	410,763	551	85	184

<b>Madagascar</b>					
5R8FU	A	29,637	100	40	71

<b>Madeira Islands</b>					
CT3NT	A	10,883,558	6309	142	460
CT3BD	*	26,923	113	39	70
*CT3AS	A	553,482	716	68	223
*CT3EE	*	23,276	99	25	67
*CT3KN	14	89,565	298	21	84
*CT3KU	3.5	8,624	93	9	47

<b>Morocco</b>					
CN2M	14	2,026,725	3742	39	144
(OP: DH2MM)					
CN2R	1.8	520,734	1535	25	93
*CN8KD	A	269,352	421	71	190
*CN8YR	*	64,297	224	24	89

<b>Mozambique</b>					
C98LW	7	108,072	479	20	59
(OP: UY5LW)					

<b>Namibia</b>					
*V51YJ	A	214,599	349	71	160

<b>Senegal</b>					
6W1SE	21	490,504	1290	32	101
*6V7N	A	6,300,198	4434	118	380
(OP: DL1EFD)					

<b>South Africa</b>					
ZS4TX	A	5,796,672	3844	135	397
ZS1EL	*	1,566,872	1895	78	214
*ZS4JAN	7	14,943	120	14	37

<b>Tanzania</b>					
5H3EE	A	3,916,305	3122	108	327
(OP: DL4SM)					

<b>Tunisia</b>					
3V8BB	A	12,150,138	7245	142	436
*3V8SS	A	22,507	119	17	54

<b>Uganda</b>					
*5X1NH	A	778,070	1096	75	215

<b>Zambia</b>					
*9J3A	A	3,582,670	3253	102	301
(OP: S53A)					

<b>Zimbabwe</b>					
*Z29KM	A	509,172	715	85	196

<b>ASIA</b>					
<b>Armenia</b>					
EK3SA	A	335,643	549	51	180

<b>Asiatic Russia</b>					
UA9CLB	A	5,068,842	3791	127	372
RT9S	*	1,915,200	1519	116	359
(OP: UA9SP)					
UA9OG	*	1,549,404	1677	96	290
RK9AWT	*	1,537,424	1579	87	284
(OP: RX9AF)					
UA9MC	*	1,286,085	1286	112	303
RA9UN	*	526,824	968	66	177
UA9JLL	*	526,084	692	92	210
RK9GZO	*	515,475	911	55	182
(OP: UA9CTT)					
RX9TX	*	420,508	749	60	149
UA9WIK	*	409,032	659	48	180
UA9FM	*	364,151	595	59	182
RV9AZ	*</				

RV9LM	*	145,400	570	26	74	TA4ZA	3.5	536,151	1652	26	95	*JR1ATA	*	24,360	113	36	48	*JF38FS	*	27,246	199	21	36	*UN7JX	*	181,010	732	27	88	
UA9KX	*	142,621	487	29	98						(OP: OH2BH)	*JA1CP	*	23,112	161	30	42	*JG3WCZ	*	16	2	2	2	*UN5C	*	98,645	491	26	83	
UA9ZG	*	58,275	208	32	79	*TA3J	21	15,400	118	17	38	*J11HFJ	*	22,616	110	39	49						*UN4PD	*	50,568	236	21	63		
RW9USA	7	1,053,876	2228	38	148	*TA3BN	7	3,584	48	6	26	*JA1EMQ	*	21,164	123	30	44	JH4UYB	A	4,463,355	3428	147	340	*UN8PT	*	49,280	295	17	60	
UA9TQ	*	854,585	1601	33	118	*TA3D	3.5	267,410	1227	15	70	*7N4QQQ	*	20,962	121	35	45	JM4UHL	3.5	17,892	140	20	43	*UN7CV	7	111,644	500	21	85	
UA9DD	*	82,628	374	22	69	*TA2RC	1.8	105,960	645	10	50	*JA1XMS	*	20,950	122	43	54	*JE4MHL	A	375,741	610	86	163	*UN7CH	1.8	17,531	201	11	38	
RX9FW	*	50,592	204	25	77							*JA1CPZ	*	18,360	111	31	41	*JH1MTRV4	*	66,875	229	50	75							
RX9LW	*	1,320	26	8	14							*JH1FNU	*	17,679	102	33	38	*JA4ADR	*	52,358	244	35	59							
UA9CMQ	3.5	239,040	961	23	71							*JK1SDQ	*	17,640	115	32	38	*JA4EE	*	25,573	88	44	63							
UA9BA	1.8	233,200	824	26	80							*JA1HFY	*	17,017	107	29	43	*JA4WHB	*	3,431	66	20	27							
UA9KAA	*	41,600	246	13	51							*JA1ISA	*	16,786	145	34	48	*JA4CBX	*	494	10	9	10							
*RA9FTM	A	1,785,240	1660	100	305							*JA1WHG	*	16,724	110	34	40	*JR4GPA	14	79,789	428	23	50							
*RX9AM	*	1,610,817	1668	96	305							*JA1HG	*	15,680	100	26	38	*JR4URW	7	14,000	114	20	30							
*RV9CX	*	1,588,104	1446	100	314							*JK10XU	*	15,326	75	31	48	*JH4FUF	3.5	999	26	11	16							
*RU9WZ	*	1,120,068	1526	76	248							*JE4ICX/1	*	14,784	103	31	35	*JH4CES	1.8	684	24	9	9							
*UA9AOL	*	764,166	1007	71	232							*JA1PTD	*	14,560	97	31	39	*JJ4CDW/4	*	16	2	2	2							
*UA9TF	*	594,042	634	94	268							*JH1DLB	*	13,746	114	24	34													
*RW9RA	*	552,326	721	80	234							*J11UDD	*	13,737	99	26	31													
*RZ9QJ	*	526,103	847	66	175							*JA1WDX	*	11,816	88	25	31													
*UA9OLO	*	457,662	765	62	187							*JK1GMB	*	11,592	81	26	37													
*UA9CAL	*	367,425	633	49	176							*J11REV	*	7,314	73	24	29													
*RW9QA	*	364,828	629	54	169							*J11AVU	*	7,300	67	19	31													
*UA9AX	*	327,925	433	85	240							*JASINF/1	*	6,320	66	19	21													
*UA9QA	*	326,990	589	63	191							*JA1FRQ	*	4,386	42	23	28													
*RA9AAA	*	319,019	569	69	194							*JH1HFG	*	4,284	48	21	28													
*RZ9HG	*	307,116	525	60	168							*JA1ANG	*	4,176	64	18	18													
*UA9FGJ	*	301,484	506	57	169							*JG1FGL	*	1,344	22	13	11													
*UA9WZ	*	296,598	412	79	223							*7N4CLI	*	1,314	25	9	9													
*RV9MZ	*	282,751	571	62	155							*JH1BDQ	*	1,066	17	13	13													
*RA9SN	*	273,768	532	46	158							*JA1MWK	*	286	13	11	11													
*UA9XS	*	217,958	501	34	132							*JA1PKS	*	216	11	4	4													
*RUSAZ/9	*	198,704	446	47	129							*JE1RZR	28	348	12	5	7													
*RZ9AZ	*	195,228	481	35	118							*JA1WWE	*	108	6	2	4													
*UA9XF	*	170,488	342	48	154							*7K4XNN	21	24,420	161	26	40													
*RU9UG	*	170,200	353	61	139							*JA1CTB	*	13,770	129	21	33													
*RV9UP	*	167,844	352	70	143							*JP1DXV	*	9,120	83	21	27													
*RX9DJ	*	140,672	367	38	119							*JA1DBG	*	3,161	52	12	17													
*UA9XW	*	138,904	445	36	143							*JL7FBV/1	*	1,620	33	9	11													
*RV9FT	*	89,496	269	35	97							*JH1BBN	*	1,377	22	13	14													
*RW9UY	*	75,468	317	28	86							*JA1AAT	*	1,220	25	10	10													
*RU9BS	*	65,484	233	41	112							*JH1OSO	*	812	26	11	18													
*RA9FEU	*	60,384	232	25	86							*JS1HFK	*	117	5	2	5													
*UA9KB	*	44,000	156	39	86							*J11LAI	*	24	2	2	2													
*RU9YF	*	38,164	154	30	86							*JP1EHC	*	6	1	1	1													
*UA9OR	*	37,576	203	21	56							*JA1YAI	14	23,482	159	21	38													
*RAGYAI	*	34,170	135	30	72							*7K1EAG	*	17,702	130	21	32													
*RAGSAS	*	25,132	125	39	64							*JH1FLB	*	15,846	133	20	37													
*UA9XBJ	*	18,252	148	20	58							*JE1RRK	*	14,994	131	19	30													
*UA9CJM	*	15,015	88	28	63							*JF1TEU	*	13,860	121	24	39													
*UA9OV	*	14,592	110	23	41							*JE1JAC	*	5,699	62	18	23													
*UASLT	*	12,717	66	34	47							*7L3DGP	*	3,762	58	15	18													
*RZ9UD	*	11,266	98	10	33							*JA1ANF	*	2,117	29	13	16													
*UA9UFL	*	6,710	48	20	35							*JR2TMB/1	*	1,275	23	13	12													
*UA9MW	*	2,451	33	19	24							*7N2DAB	7	202,476	569	35	106													
*UA9FEG	*	2,009	75	14	35							*JH9NVX/1	*	17,507	123	24	37													
*RW9WW	*	270	9	9	9							*JA1IWP	*	6,519	59	15	26													
												*JH1DMC	*	655	21	9	10													
												*7N2JNN	*	812	14	8	6													
*UA9AFS	21	15,616	103	17	47							*JH1APZ	3.5	27,945	153	27	54													
*UA9DF	*	10,374	101	16	41							*JG10WV	1.8	5,733	51	21	28													
*RW9DW	*	8,476	82	15	37							*JE1SPY	1.8	782	41	11	12													
*RV9YK	*	7,285	74	15	32																									
*RW9OW	14	238,280	905	25	90																									
*RA9XF	*	127,968	551	20	66																									
*RW9RW	*	114,920	466	25	79																									
*RW9SZ	*	48,640	249	20	60																									
*RA9ULK	*	21,357	170	16	47																									
*RA9FN	*	19,992	118	16	52																									
*UA9JKM	*	19,635	186	10	41																									



*OH1XY	33,677	177	38	81	*DL7UMK	440,800	984	67	237	*DK3PM	4,485	55	15	54	IU1A	32,195	177	44	93	*LY2KZ	7	106,671	812	23	88				
*OH6MBO	29,556	226	24	88	*DL6UNF	425,088	890	67	221	*DO1YCL	2,856	98	8	43	I2TFJ	20,928	184	23	73	*LY2AT	7	41,195	257	23	84				
*OH1TS	19,305	286	29	106	*DL2SWW	354,603	756	70	219	*DM2BPG	2,040	53	10	41	I5JFG	7,820	58	27	41	*LY2GW	3.5	90,386	870	17	69				
*OH3DP	14,225	144	22	63	*DL5YL	305,184	786	60	204	*DC2IP	1,927	41	15	26	I2BGYP	3,075	35	18	23	*LY2BBF	7	6,437	155	7	34				
*OH8VQ	2,964	34	15	23	*DL5ARM	299,547	879	55	194	*DJ6UP	1,800	36	9	15	IK3SSO	21	22,040	172	25	51	Luxembourg								
*OH6RC	21	6,954	52	19	38	*DL1SAN	293,090	683	66	199	*DK0IU	1,634	33	8	11	IK2SND	1.5	468,688	1437	25	138	*LX9EG	A	15,792	100	30	54		
*OH7FK	14	2,188	33	8	49	*DJ8UV	292,005	759	67	242	*DL6UAM	1,564	50	6	28	IK25GB	3.5	183,848	1442	25	71	*LX1ER	A	3,968	45	23	39		
*OH5K	14	22,165	259	18	15	*DL3EBX	272,406	650	46	203	*DO1SAJ	1,368	40	7	29	I1NVU	1.8	118,706	756	25	97	*LX1ND	1.8	24,453	415	8	49		
*OH2BPA	7	44,717	314	21	76	*DF4TD	271,872	547	57	190	*DL3AZI	924	26	13	20	I0D0S	1.8	13,328	278	7	49	Macedonia							
*OH2LU	3.5	888	33	5	19	*DL8UKE	271,272	533	77	199	*DL3ZAI	264,820	627	50	176	*IK2AHB	A	360,800	903	51	169	Z35T	7	822,976	2617	37	129		
France					*DL3VZL	259,831	606	71	228	*DK0NK	100	96	12	48	*IK2CFD	A	249,260	726	48	172	Z35M	14	17,596	286	9	44			
TM6X	A	3,444,525	3285	120	405	*DL5JRA	252,712	635	58	190	(OP: DJ2IA)	24	2	2	2	*IK2ZAF	A	200,184	492	58	170	Z35X	1.8	17,596	286	9	44		
F5BRD	349,504	956	51	203	*DL2JIA	246,874	539	74	200	(OP: DJ4KW)	80	13	3	7	*IK2ZFH	A	169,074	499	46	156	*Z35F	A	89,980	609	30	80			
F5LMP	225,453	343	80	257	*DJ9CN	220,248	603	56	196	*DO4DX	28	13	3	2	*IK2ZGJ	A	128,304	395	40	122	Moldova								
F5JFH	114,151	296	62	149	*DM3FZM	212,636	597	52	160	*DL4UL	21	20,400	110	23	62	I280BJ	A	95,151	366	56	141	ER3AU	A	246,480	659	67	173		
F2QH	75,717	372	34	107	*DA2U	207,708	645	49	179	*DL30TH	14	149,193	511	30	107	*IK5FK	A	75,894	296	35	104	*ERBFEO	A	703,584	1612	77	272		
F5IN	28,842	171	33	81	*DL9AM	193,494	444	59	179	*DL9AM	A	90,906	437	24	85	*IK21XS	A	72,501	287	38	105	(OP: UR5FEO)							
F5RAB	20,706	151	23	79	*DL1ET	184,644	436	55	152	*DK0BM	32,266	221	19	54	*IK2NLU	A	71,222	227	40	109	*ER5DX	A	278,502	566	63	203			
F5ARC	3.5	649,887	2510	33	114	*DM5DKWF	176,144	656	42	162	(OP: DJ5KW)	24,180	239	14	46	*I25GRS	A	57,845	230	41	74	*ER1RR	A	77,924	210	53	101		
F5BPN	1.8	38,617	505	14	59	*DL1TS	175,280	531	44	168	(OP: DL3KWF)	*DL4XU	24,180	239	14	46	*I25HQB	A	44,880	232	33	87	*ER3DX	A	51,150	143	50	100	
*F5PHW	A	712,620	1120	86	284	*DK8NT	162,900	386	50	163	*DL2BVL	13,900	129	9	41	*I25JAX	A	47,778	221	36	70	*ER3ZZ	A	12,626	79	27	32		
*F5FTB	A	705,647	1165	77	278	*DL8ULO	163,323	593	42	165	*DM4WL	11,439	132	13	28	*IK1DPA	A	34,544	200	38	96	*ER1DAC	A	7,670	59	22	43		
*F5VJ	A	403,914	761	77	249	*DL8ZAJ	160,527	422	57	162	*DH8MS	9,310	114	12	26	*IK1WGF	A	31,968	197	34	62	*ER100	28	176	10	4	7		
*F5NJV	A	318,928	741	52	196	*DL1VJL	156,520	431	51	164	*DL2MIH	5,624	66	15	23	*IK2NCF	A	30,537	197	24	63	*ER1WK	14	54,837	340	20	61		
*F5EEQ	A	294,126	692	75	207	*DL6QC	149,295	630	34	151	*DL1ARD	3,675	64	15	34	*IK2ZCP	A	29,376	163	30	66	*ERB/UTBT	7	79,704	523	25	83		
*F5PLC	A	274,219	550	67	190	*DL2F	148,333	758	58	153	*DJ5CL	825	27	7	8	*IK1CCS	A	25,197	143	34	77	(OP: UTBT)							
*F5LCU	A	162,006	455	46	155	(OP: DL2FDL)	*DL4FN	122,130	631	25	90	*DL5KUD	7	130,340	561	30	110	*IK2JUF	A	22,610	164	24	71	*ER2RM	1.8	28,352	420	10	54
*F5DYX	A	158,839	485	40	153	*DF3AG	121,911	501	44	167	*DL4XU	24,180	239	14	46	*IK2ZSN	A	20,900	165	25	70	Montenegro							
*F5ODA	A	156,264	493	51	153	*DL5CL	137,978	482	50	171	*DF3AG	121,911	501	44	167	*IV3IFN	A	20,176	92	41	56	403A	A	6,425,418	5575	147	459		
*F5SGI	A	144,837	439	39	132	*DL5CD	132,459	588	42	159	*DJ2XC	79,323	417	27	110	*IK2ZGQ	A	18,761	127	22	51	*403Z	A	73,120	426	36	124		
*F5AQB	A	142,484	548	48	151	*DF2PH	121,550	468	38	132	*DL4HWI	60,606	256	26	91	*IK2YXP	A	17,475	122	27	42	Netherlands							
*F5LVL	A	38,220	190	31	74	*DL1RTL	121,338	358	50	139	*DF3OL	57,291	296	27	86	*I28KBW	A	16,188	132	24	58	PA3AAV	A	2,357,224	2599	116	413		
*F5DZD	A	34,778	208	30	96	*DJ3XA	116,620	431	43	153	*DK3WM	55,096	309	18	79	*I23ETC	A	15,138	106	29	58	PA3ABM	A	475,426	597	98	308		
*F5DFP	A	34,553	261	29	80	*DK5DQ	115,740	383	40	140	*DL5KWN	49,200	337	19	81	*IK3MLF	A	15,066	126	31	62	PA3AJNH	A	390,150	683	78	228		
*F5DZY	A	31,688	126	39	97	*DL2ANM	111,554	397	48	145	*DL4HG	38,632	382	20	68	*IK3PXX	A	14,432	142	28	54	PA3LOU	A	289,240	856	78	185		
*F5JDE	A	31,415	227	25	78	*DK8AX	108,368	308	64	144	*DL2LRT	35,247	258	20	73	*IK1TJK	A	12,561	74	27	52	PA3LLO	A	259,336	448	80	228		
*F5CZY	A	27,089	155	28	75	*DL8DAS	108,031	367	43	118	*DG8DG	20,368	146	17	59	*IK7YVY	A	11,534	120	20	53	PA3MRT	A	232,974	578	59	199		
*F5TGR	A	25,515	225	35	100	*DL5ASK	103,530	268	48	164	*DJ4IC	3,588	61	10	42	*I23NVR	A	9,039	98	24	48	PA3MRT	A	203,705	411	84	227		
*F5DNC	A	24,096	130	32	64	*DL4SL	102,960	405	39	141	*DABCA	3.5	107,994	1041	16	66	*I23GMT	A	8,413	75	19	28	PA3MRT	A	191,475	652	54	153	
*F5HKS	A	23,520	130	28	70	*DL3KWR	95,557	388	46	141	*DL7BY	83,566	790	17	77	*IK1WJN	A	7,440	71	30	50	PA3MRT	A	125,714	256	75	164		
*F5KAR	A	8,991	137	24	63	(OP: DL3CVB)	*DF5AN	93,280	313	40	136	*DJ6BO	48,970	491	16	67	*I27EUB	A	6,834	51	23	44	PA3MRT	A	49,972	247	30	94	
*F5GGL	A	4,233	43	20	31	*DJ5TT	87,204	404	36	120	*DL6MTA	41,116	385	17	59	*IK6ZJ	A	4,368	55	14	34	PA3MRT	A	26,752	274	31	97		
*F5DQJ	A	3,528	66	17	46	*DM2PKN	85,003	377	32	135	*DL2RUG	40,708	429	13	61	*IK2BVD	A	4,160	60	20	42	PA3MRT	A	25,724	133	33	78		
*F5DQY	A	2,520	54	17	28	*DM3PKK	84,150	280	41	112	*DL9CW	34,790	434	12	58	*IK7WPO	A	1,836	55	9	45	PA3MRT	A	25,724	133	33	78		
*F5FDA	A	414	22	6	17	*DK3WN	83,782	338	38	125	*DH9SB	15,808	219	11	53	*I23BMA	14	19,030	216	18	37	PA3MRT	A	19,749	158	22	65		
*F5MORL	A	144	56	9	15	*DH2URF	81,596	279	35	112	*DL2MLU	342	26	4	14	*I23KMY	A	1,768	34	9	25	PA3MRT	A	11,200	106	20	60		
*F5OHA	A	100	25	7	18	(OP: F5TRK)	*DL8HK	80,256	325	42	150	*DL3UA	1.8	24,418	414	9	49	*IV3AZV	7	72,930	508	29	81	PA3MRT	A	6,160	99	13	42
*F5JY	21	40,800	186	30	66	*DL1THB	77,284	396	30	109	*DL7VMM	15,120	245	9	47	*IK1YED	A	21,804	239	10	59	PA3MRT	A	2,508	98	9	13		
*F5PAL	7	29,204	188	23	75	*DL1KUR	74,592	309	40	108	*DL1ROJ	8,960	200	10	46	*IK1YED	A	9,880	132	12	53	PA3MRT	A	121,499	742	23	96		
*F5NEP	A	3,783	47	10	29	*DK3WJ	74,235	266	35	112	*DL2KDW	3,560	95	6	34	*IK8FRU	A	5,780	127	18	62	PA3MRT	A	8,586	101	15	39		
Germany					*DL4AC	72,960	402	34	118	*DL8JAA	115	33	4	19	*I23GXM	3.5	89,544	795	16	66	PA3MRT	A	37,275	400	16	59			
DJ5MW	A	4,427,990	3688	127	458	*DL3XM	70,800	304	36	114	(OP: DL1REM)	*DL7BY	83,566	790	17	77	(OP: IZ3ALF)	*PG7V	A	774,360	1547	67	257						
DJ3YM	A	3,301,200	3378	136	399	*DF5SM	70,016	255	42	109	*DJ6BO	48,970	491	16	67	*IK2ZHF	A	59,427	744	14	57	PA3MRT	A	674,928	1245	67	260		
DJ5OV	A	1,977,870	2360	112	310	*DL7JULM	70,016	249																					

*LA5FH	7	12,060	182	12	48	*SP9FZC	43,450	484	15	64	*YU1GC	68,094	339	25	92	*EA3FAR	37,632	218	31	97	*HB9CSM	31,581	282	28	93											
*LA7GIA		10,540	108	15	53	*SP3CYV	38,528	363	16	70	*Y2PFR	4,802	133	11	38	*EA4IJ	35,442	180	27	72	*HB9QA	20,972	103	40	67											
*LA6ZFA	3.5	5,243	98	10	39	*SQ1DWR	34,768	345	15	67	*YU8A	105,522	999	17	69	*EA3AXM	34,986	191	29	90	*HB9BNK	2,091	39	15	26											
<b>Poland</b>																																				
SP2LW	A	1,055,844	1518	95	322	*SP8LZC	14,560	267	8	44	*Y4A	60,333	551	19	72	*EB5CNK	33,696	226	28	89																
SN5N		860,024	1584	83	254	*SQ9MZ	13,780	179	11	54	*YU1ED	52,744	625	14	62	*EA3FHP	26,016	175	22	74																
<b>(OP: SP5KP)</b>																																				
SP3LPG		562,358	1141	81	236	*SQ8HNB	234	22	3	10	*YU7DP	16,860	228	10	50	*EA7CWA	21,186	108	33	66																
SP5ATO		376,941	599	69	254	*SP3JIA	36	3	1	3	<b>Shetland and Faere Isle</b>																									
SP4BEU		196,988	497	57	185	*SP8NR	37,855	513	11	56	*MM0XAU	21	1,020	19	7	13	*EA1AUS	15,264	66	38	58															
SP9RI		186,507	522	44	163	*SN5J	23,187	373	9	50	*GZ5Y	14	22,440	269	13	38	*EC5AGM	14,304	98	26	70															
SQ7B		128,331	515	35	154	<b>(OP: SP5JKX)</b>														*EA1C8X	13,032	93	25	47												
SP6IEQ		111,296	351	44	144	*SP4GL	15,550	299	9	41	*MZ8A	7	18,998	263	14	45	*EA2BVV	12,608	187	15	49															
SP9JZU		88,308	273	58	140	*SP3IOE	7,228	120	11	41	*MS0ZET	3.5	20,888	296	10	46	*EA4WD	10,864	159	32	65															
SP2FGO		74,106	312	46	133	*SN5Q	6,669	249	5	34	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA1DIW	10,320	91	27	59							
SN2M		59,166	221	56	117	*SP5CJY	4,400	107	7	33	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EB2CYQ	4,125	59	17	38							
SP2FWC		10,507	58	32	47	<b>Portugal</b>														*EA7BJ	3,976	38	21	35												
SP6AEG		408	10	7	10	CT1ENQ	A	158,543	471	44	159	<b>(OP: SP5JXK)</b>														*EA3CZR	3,848	53	11	26						
SP6T		48	5	4	4	CT1JLZ	14	905,905	2563	39	142	<b>(OP: SP5JXK)</b>														*EA3NA	2,193	58	15	28						
SP1GZF	21	28,930	149	28	82	*CS2T	A	4,579,659	4194	117	450	<b>(OP: SP5JXK)</b>														*EA2AVM	1,892	45	13	31						
SP9DTH		8,645	85	24	41	*CT18WW	21	22,144	139	21	43	<b>(OP: SP5JXK)</b>														*EA4BGM	1,794	54	11	28						
SN7C	14	337,295	980	35	126	<b>(OP: CT1ILT)</b>														*EA1CRL	864	24	9	15												
<b>(OP: SP7CHS)</b>																																				
SP9DLY		81,096	399	28	81	<b>Romania</b>														*EA3KN	315	8	7	8												
SP4TKR	7	301,875	1079	37	138	Y07BGA	A	362,648	790	84	233	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA5TD	84	4	3	4						
SP5ELA		293,654	1192	35	131	Y07LGI		143,184	435	63	165	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA2AZ	21	65,932	380	28	78					
SP3GTS		205,199	807	33	124	Y07ARI		92,916	468	46	132	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA5EN	22,991	127	24	59						
SN7F		61,692	323	24	82	Y05CUQ		85,750	263	47	128	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA4MA	18,330	95	24	54						
<b>(OP: SP7LFT)</b>																																				
SP9RQH		30,345	211	23	82	YR9OU		54,210	706	20	58	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA3NT	18,204	105	22	52						
SN7Q	3.5	649,952	2512	33	119	Y03FF		44,288	299	35	93	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA2BNU	6	1	1	1						
SP7JQQ		78,351	685	20	71	Y02R	21	37,100	191	30	70	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*A07T	14	157,550	923	26	89					
SP3OCC		39,500	320	21	79	<b>(OP: Y02RR)</b>														*EE2K		147,888	811	27	77											
SP5CFD		6,720	47	24	40	Y09CWY	14	55,537	349	21	58	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														<b>(OP: EA2SS)</b>										
SP3GEM		3,234	36	15	18	Y08KIS	7	128,977	1004	22	79	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA3NO	76,104	438	19	65						
SN4L		2,541	84	7	26	*Y04CAH	A	334,839	860	53	186	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA1ND	20,935	201	17	36						
<b>(OP: SP4JCP)</b>																																				
SP3BQ	1.8	296,320	1527	28	100	*Y05DAS		218,943	565	56	187	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA3GYK	3,800	63	7	31						
SN3R		270,125	1487	27	98	*Y04SI		198,360	501	69	192	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														<b>(OP: DK7TM)</b>										
<b>(OP: SP3HRN)</b>																																				
SQ1K		32,802	454	13	53	*Y03CVG		134,550	390	60	165	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA70T	7	184,786	852	29	105					
SQ7FPD		12,691	239	8	41	*Y02QY		107,200	242	65	135	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA3GXJ	182,240	808	30	106						
SP5GH		9,306	78	11	57	*Y08BPY		70,692	266	43	129	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*AN3N	99,234	570	26	85						
SP2GJV		2,380	50	9	25	*Y08RFS		44,688	241	41	106	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA1BTX	41,571	321	18	75						
*SP1AEV	A	593,946	1294	59	247	*Y07AWZ		44,640	366	32	128	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA1BHR	6,812	129	8	44						
*SP3LWP		570,468	1108	81	266	*Y04ASG		39,916	171	46	95	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA3LA	2,548	58	8	18						
*SP7JOA		381,728	868	73	243	*Y06HSU		31,218	185	37	92	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA5DM	1,530	43	7	23						
*SP3VT		372,232	994	62	227	*Y04DW		18,400	156	31	69	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA7GSU	3.5	52,866	450	18	71					
*SP2AYC		296,960	783	53	203	*Y05BXI		10,287	89	32	49	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA3ALV	8,584	161	8	50						
*SN9U		256,850	605	64	211	*Y07BGB		1,024	33	10	22	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA3EU	7,965	183	7	52						
<b>(OP: SP9UMJ)</b>																																				
*SP6A		184,410	462	61	209	*Y04BTB		552	18	10	14	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA7NW	1.8	5,304	98	8	43					
*SP3DOF		171,072	521	51	165	*Y02AQB	28	3,264	62	11	37	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA2SW	1,760	59	6	26						
*SP3HC		155,595	555	40	165	*Y02AQB	21	13,394	92	22	52	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA3AKA	420	100	6	29						
*SP2IU		145,977	399	53	144	*Y04ATW		12,155	83	22	43	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*EA1DFP	336	17	4	12						
*SP9BGS		133,076	436	50	156	*Y09CXE	14	195,822	776	32	106	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														<b>Svalbard</b>										
*SP5CGN		131,928	503	40	144	*Y09OC		102,242	522	28	81	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*JW1CCA	A	93,600	232	56	88					
*SP6MLX		109,394	370	44	122	*Y04BEX		16,352	204	12	44	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														<b>Sweden</b>										
*SP6BEN		97,148	282	42	121	*Y08BFC	7	116,724	484	30	112	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														SM7YEA	A	790,088	1882	65	219					
*3Z8Z		96,148	301	51	121	*Y09AGI		68,714	713	19	75	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														SM5Q		656,451	945	81	288					
<b>(OP: SP8AJC)</b>																																				
*SQ6NES		83,997	319	41	112	*Y09SW		13,200	156	14	46	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														SE6Y		585,302	1381	68	243					
*SP9CV		79,297	315	47	132	*Y06AEI		9,920	177	12	52	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														<b>Slovenia</b>										
*SP3XR		73,568	242	46	130	*Y02ARV		2,772	51	18	26	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														S58A	A	4,426,425	3877	146	427					
*SP2IW		67,297	234	46	127	*Y03GW	3.5	33,201	488	11	52	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														S520P		2,059,695	2319	125	370					
*SP3DIK		67,250	209	48	77	*YR6M		33,201	488	11	52	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														S53XX		296,689	714	63	164					
*SP9FT		65,610	252	39	96	<b>(OP: Y06MT)</b>														S53FO		242,638	547	71	198											
*SP5COI		60,187	269	35	104	*Y09PX		27,588	409	10	56	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														S59T		650	23	9	17					
*SP9BNM		56,290	404	30	100	*Y04MM		13,776	200	11	45	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														S57S	28	10,478	154	14	48					
*SP9IBJ		54,684	326	26	100	*Y05NY		6,864	153	7	37	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														S57AL	14	689,040	1844	37	139					
*SP8YB		51,689	245	35	92	*Y03CCX	1.8	49,932	674	12	61	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														S54X		339,450	1008	34	121					
*SP4DZT		31,110	101	42	80	*Y03FRI		49,932	674	12	61	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														S59EJ		351	19	5	8					
*SP9CXN		29,430	212	28	81	*Y02IS		32,627	568	9	50	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														S52AW	7	864,280	3174	37	118					
*SN1A		29,052	214	28	80	*Y05AJR		28,655	516	8	47	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														S53M3	3.5	499,204	2174	34	114					
<b>(OP: SP1EG)</b>																																				
*SP4AVG		27,412	171	23	66	*Y03FFF		22,098	338	9	49	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														S51NZ		107,525	1142	17	68					
*SP9IHP		26,640	126	26	46	*Y05BTZ		8,685	201	6	39	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														S530	1.8	149,226	1122	27	87					
*SQ9R		16,767	129	21	60	<b>Sardinia</b>														S58Q		45,100	496	16	66											
*SP4AAZ		15,435	125	29	76	*IS0HQJ	A	165,624	552	57	144	<b>(OP: MM0XAU)</b>														*S51F	A	1,577,148	1750</							

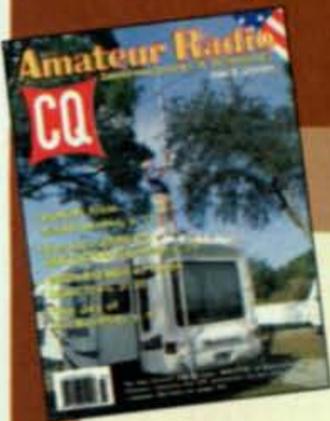
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*UR5ZRL	28	7,155	55	22	7	Marshall Islands					Suriname						SM5CJW	6,700	79	18	37	IK0HBN	**	1,575	29	10	11	
*UR7UJ	14	924	18	9	13	*V73NS	A	163,619	510	62	69	Uruguay					AF4PP	6,500	44	28	49	OM4PD	**	1,536	34	9	23	
*UT5PW	14	96,866	382	27	92	New Zealand						CX9AU	A	1,858,945	1920	103	262	KG4HTT	6,480	48	20	40	MMSFUN	**	924	36	6	22
*U51PM	73,140	343	26	80	ZM3A	7	866,880	1938	34	126	Venezuela						UUBJQ	5,280	52	22	26	TE2M	**	312	22	9	15	
*UX7QD	67,599	495	23	64	ZM2B		458,055	1422	32	85	YW4D	A	4,571,568	2760	133	466	UX3ALL	5,130	68	16	41	N3TL/4	**	8	27	8	9	
*UT5EL	58,504	312	26	77	ZL1AZE	3.5	7,644	101	13	15	YV4B		12,155	118	22	43	KI4FW	4,628	39	20	32	N2EE	**	289	20	3	1	
*UX0UW	30,310	222	17	53	ZL1KMN	*	2,120	30	13	27	*YV5AAX	A	104,904	283	41	100	AA4SD	4,472	45	13	30	(OP: T12KAC)						
*UT4UP	28,050	188	20	55	*ZM4M	A	296,600	569	80	122	*YV7A		36,864	193	48	80	ON4LCI	4,356	91	16	50	(OP: K3BU)						
*UR5PG	25,058	188	17	50	*ZL3PAH	*	444	37	15	22	*YV5NWX		15,288	72	35	56	K6MI	4,144	42	29	27	EU8RZ	3.5	79,953	801	17	70	
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*UR3PQ	16,008	155	16	42	Palau						*YV5KG	21	30,130	382	17	29	EU15A	2,926	45	11	27	UA9UHN	**	23,352	166	14	42	
*UT5ZY	14,718	123	21	45	T88CI	A	192,141	662	43	68	*YV1FM	7	253,620	1054	20	78	KABSGT/9	2,860	40	23	32	SP4JFR	**	20,250	365	10	44	
*UR5WMM	7,067	75	14	23	*T88CJ	A	1,151,892	1779	88	164	*YV5EBV		30,837	279	16	41	UR0EG	2,613	47	13	26	JA6GVA	**	13,737	195	10	47	
*UR4QX	5,590	105	9	34	Philippines						ORP						DL38VA	2,470	54	15	23	JF2MCF	**	7,820	72	16	30	
*USSLAE	1,080	45	6	6	DU3NXX	A	355,217	1234	49	52	TISN	A	1,154,937	1868	83	218	DL38VA	1,815	42	12	21	JA6GVA	**	3,886	60	13	16	
*UT8EU	239,751	996	33	129	DUIEV		46,494	236	31	50	UA9SG		712,725	824	78	247	DL38VA	1,599	48	11	28	SN3B	**	1,240	75	5	26	
*UT7C	160,820	704	31	109	*DX1ARM	A	16,575	154	22	29	KR2Q		664,699	709	78	275	DL38VA	1,479	22	14	15	(OP: SQ3JPV)						
*UX1UF	118,944	571	27	99	*DV1JM		13,608	74	29	34	UA4FER		659,296	1144	82	270	DL38VA	1,404	30	12	24	UT5UOV	**	1,092	39	4	22	
*UX7U	118,580	679	27	94	*4F1AL	21	38,532	418	18	34	US2IZ		615,942	1258	80	262	DL38VA	1,363	30	13	16	DO3SH	**	182	20	4	13	
*UT0L	79,287	535	24	83	*DV1UBV		224	54	11	17	OK7CM		594,580	1147	76	234	DL38VA	1,334	20	12	17	VK2CCC	**	90	9	4	5	
*UR6DX	69,948	317	29	105	Solomon Islands						Y08WV		512,426	987	97	249	DL38VA	1,260	20	13	17	YK2CC	1.8	36,000	489	14	58	
*USSMUW	63,975	681	17	58	*H44MY	A	288,866	573	83	111	OM7DX		502,560	940	82	278	DL38VA	1,179	22	14	15	GW8GT	**	26,520	421	10	50	
*UT3EK	59,620	343	25	85	Vanuatu						URSLAM		460,252	807	85	249	DL38VA	1,140	24	14	18	(OP: GW3YD)						
*UX1QQ	58,864	344	24	80	*YJ0MM	A	98,548	346	49	69	IK8EJN		457,888	995	68	216	DL38VA	1,060	31	17	15	GBIDA	**	17,010	331	10	44	
*UL7JX	42,959	394	30	103	(OP: DL4RDJ)						HASIAM		422,244	920	89	248	DL38VA	912	21	8	16	SP3PL	**	14,210	217	11	47	
*UY7LM	16,443	249	20	67	SOUTH AMERICA						N1TM		378,000	527	66	214	DL38VA	754	24	13	16	DKSWL	**	12,546	254	8	43	
*UR4WG	1,400	70	13	32	Antarctica						JR4DAH		373,728	688	80	149	DL38VA	729	16	11	16	VE3MGY	**	10,274	263	9	13	
*UT3L	87,120	974	17	63	R1ANR	7	16,356	132	13	34	DF1DX		341,681	810	56	191	DL38VA	568	100	22	49	RN9AUF	**	8,804	111	7	24	
*U02CW	70,557	680	17	70	Argentina						UAGLJ		315,436	765	57	211	DL38VA	496	13	7	9	HA7MW	**	8,575	174	8	41	
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*UR5HQ	18,360	310	9	45	LU3DOT		9,515	101	22	33	RW3AJ		289,792	891	53	203	DL38VA	340	14	12	8	F5VBT	**	2,664	77	5	32	
*UR5WX	15,989	245	10	49	LUBOT		7,178	75	16	21	W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	325	9	6	7	SP5DJJ	**	1,593	69	4	23	
*USSSEK	7,172	139	7	37	LU1HF	28	77,991	368	23	64	W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	224	16	6	10	I21DG	**	722	49	2	17	
*UR4CWX	39,280	398	18	62	*LWSEE	A	721,996	1091	77	167	W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	224	16	6	10	K39U/2	**	78	13	2	1	
*UX5NQ	22,173	394	9	48	*LW1E	*	161,069	396	59	90	W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	224	16	6	10	(OP: K1FWE)						
*UT4EK	12,915	253	7	38	(OP: LU1EWLJ)						W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	224	16	6	10	K1G	**	2,083,725	1374	128	439	
*US0Z	10,440	166	12	46	*LU50M	14	29,592	160	23	49	W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	224	16	6	10	K2E/1	**	2,034,648	1153	100	362	
*UT5ZA	3,774	112	6	28	*LU7YZ		7,936	135	15	17	W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	224	16	6	10	N1DGE	**	2,006,510	1635	134	495	
					Wales						W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	224	16	6	10	W1CSM	**	1,760,116	1241	119	405	
					GW3N/W	A	229,341	738	47	153	W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	224	16	6	10	W1RSM	**	1,321,352	956	111	388	
					GW3RYT	14	22,401	178	14	43	W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	224	16	6	10	W1RSM	**	1,266,367	997	98	363	
					GW7X	3.5	323,988	1968	25	91	W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	224	16	6	10	K1ED	**	1,264,690	1149	98	347	
					GW3JXN		34,438	392	13	54	W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	224	16	6	10	K1LI	**	1,240,122	985	115	392	
					*GW3KDB	A	575,289	1223	65	232	W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	224	16	6	10	AA1TV	**	1,015,054	748	117	386	
					*MW3CWB		37,250	201	29	96	W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	224	16	6	10	K1VC	**	946,792	959	86	320	
					*MW3DIX		23,443	114	35	84	W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	224	16	6	10	AA10N	**	889,992	795	92	331	
					*MW3CRI		12,360	78	34	69	W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	224	16	6	10	W1NR	**	822,366	654	112	359	
					*GW3YDX	14	413,362	1494	34	108	W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	224	16	6	10	K10K	**	805,453	744	92	315	
					*GW4EVX	1.8	2,294	79	4	27	W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	224	16	6	10	K3IU/1	**	787,633	810	88	283	
					OCEANIA						W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	224	16	6	10	N4XR/1	**	753,274	677	110	351	
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					VK6DXI	**	2,267,319	2263	109	244	W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	224	16	6	10	K1FO	**	522,578	620	74	250	
					VK4EM	**	1,774,491	1905	107	224	W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	224	16	6	10	N1SW	**	473,076	591	66	242	
					VK4YN		692,259	1174	85	134	W6JTI		266,684	426	82	160	DL38VA	224	16	6	10	KG1D	**	374,500	526	78	272	
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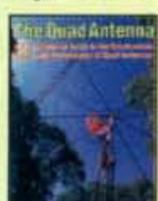
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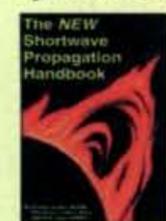


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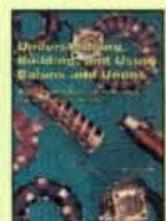


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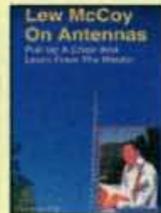


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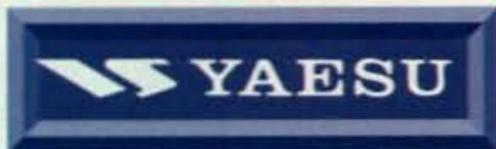
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