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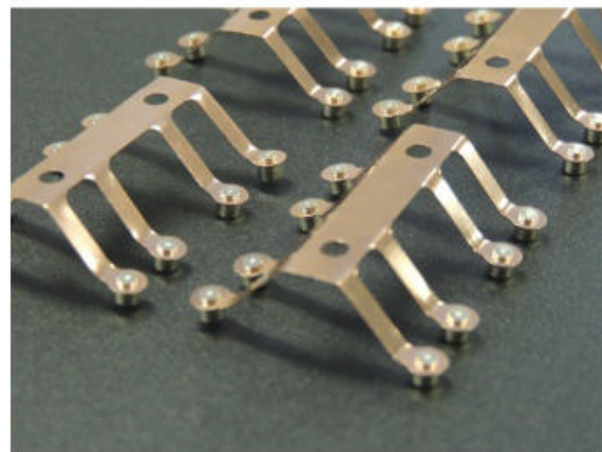


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Dayton Roars Back ... With an Asterisk

The world's largest hamfest was back in-person in May for the first time since 2019. The Dayton Hamvention® drew an official attendance of 31,367 people to the Greene County Fairgrounds in Xenia, Ohio, after being cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the Covid pandemic. According to Hamvention officials, that's about 1,000 fewer people than attended in 2019, but General Chairman Rick Allnut, WS8G, said he considered that "not bad for a pandemic recovery year."

Unfortunately, the pandemic is not completely behind us and CQ has heard reports from multiple sources of many attendees returning home and testing positive for Covid. We wish them all a full and speedy recovery.

Also in Ohio ... YOTA Camp 2022

The second annual Youth on the Air (YOTA) Americas summer camp was underway as this was written, based once again at the National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting in southwestern Ohio. Tweets from the group reported that the rooftop antennas on their hotel were damaged by a heavy thunderstorm, but that special event station W8Y managed to quickly get back on the air. They also launched and recovered a high-altitude balloon, among many other activities. We'll have more details in upcoming issues.

FCC Proposes Huge Fine for Firefighter QRM

The FCC has proposed fining an Idaho ham \$34,000 for what it called willful and repeated transmissions on fire control frequencies during a wildfire operation in the state in 2021. According to the *ARRL Letter*, the FCC says Jason Frawley, WA7CQ, of Lewiston, repeatedly interfered with U.S. Forest Service and Idaho Department of Land firefighting personnel by transmitting on government frequencies on which he was not licensed to operate. Frawley reportedly told the FCC he was trying to help, not interfere, by passing along information about the area in which the fire was burning, with which he said he was very familiar.

The Commission didn't buy Frawley's argument, noting that this was the largest fine it had ever imposed for this type of interference. The case even drew the attention of FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel, who said the transmissions, "put fire suppression and public safety itself at risk," noting, "You can't interfere with public safety communications. Full stop."

AMSAT Launches Youth Initiative, with QCWA Support

AMSAT, the Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation, introduced a new youth initiative program during its Hamvention® forum in May. According to the AMSAT News Service, the program has been in the planning stage for two years and, "takes a radically different approach to introducing youth to amateur radio and satellites." AMSAT Development VP Frank Karnauskas, N1UW, noted that satellite use is pervasive in virtually everything we do today, from tracking climate change and forecasting the weather to broadcasting and military operations. "Our message to youth," says Karnauskas,

"is 'Satellites in Space Help Us Live Better Lives Here on Earth,'" adding that once young people's interest is engaged, the program can involve them in, "experiences and exercises that then use amateur satellites and amateur radio as their 'laboratory' or 'classroom.'"

The initiative is community-based and will work directly with young people, their parents and youth organizations, relying on two websites — KidzSat.com for kids in grades 5-7 and BuzzSat.com for teens in grades 8-12 — which will provide age-appropriate activities and exercises. Participants will also have access to a network of online software-defined radios (SDRs) that will let them receive images and telemetry from active satellites as they pass overhead.

The Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) is supporting the program through a \$4,000 grant to help pay the costs of developing the online lessons and network of SDR ground stations.

Second Interoperable Radio System for ARISS Contacts Installed on Space Station

Astronauts participating in the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station program (ARISS) will soon have a second interoperable amateur station available for making contacts with schools and other groups. According to the AMSAT News Service, a new Kenwood TM-D710GA transceiver — delivered to the space station back in February — was installed in the station's Russian segment in late May by Cosmonaut Oleg Artemyev, providing a second platform from which crew members may conduct ARISS contacts.

RBN Launches New Website

The Reverse Beacon Network has launched a revamped website at <reversebeacon.net>. RBN stations actively monitor the bands and report the stations they hear to the network. Those spots are then posted on the website, along with information such as band and signal strength. The new site brings back a live map on which spots are posted, along with color-coded lines between the transmitting and receiving stations that indicate the band in use. The map updates frequently, with the most recent spots shown. Many other new features are included. For information, visit <reversebeacon.net>, click on "about" and then "Guide to the new site (beta)."

Milestones: SEA-PAC Turns 40

SEA-PAC, the largest hamfest in the northwest, celebrated its 40th anniversary in early June. The ARRL reports that the convention drew some 15,000 people to the Seaside Convention Center in Seaside, Oregon.

More News Elsewhere in This Issue

K9CT and KM3T were inducted into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame, along with six new members of the *CQ Amateur Radio* Hall of Fame. The complete announcement is on page 32. In addition, CQ award certificates are beginning a transition to high-definition PDF files that will be delivered immediately after an award application is approved, eventually eliminating long waits for hand-lettered paper certificates. Details are in our Awards column on page 79.

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by Joe Eisenberg, KØNEB

The granddaddy of all ham radio flea markets was back in full force this year as Hamvention® returned to the Greene County Fairgrounds in Xenia, Ohio, for the first time in three years. Columnist KØNEB provides us with a photo tour on page 8 and KL7AJ offers a "Dayton Debrief" in a bonus edition of his Analog Adventures column on page 52. (Cover photos by Joe Eisenberg, KØNEB)



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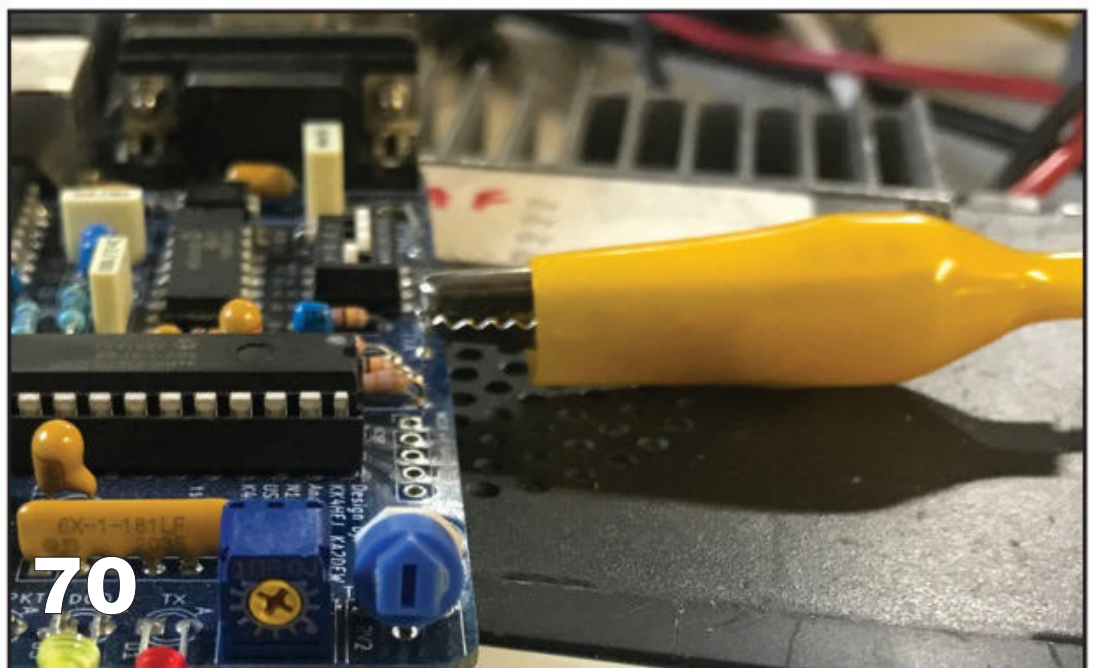
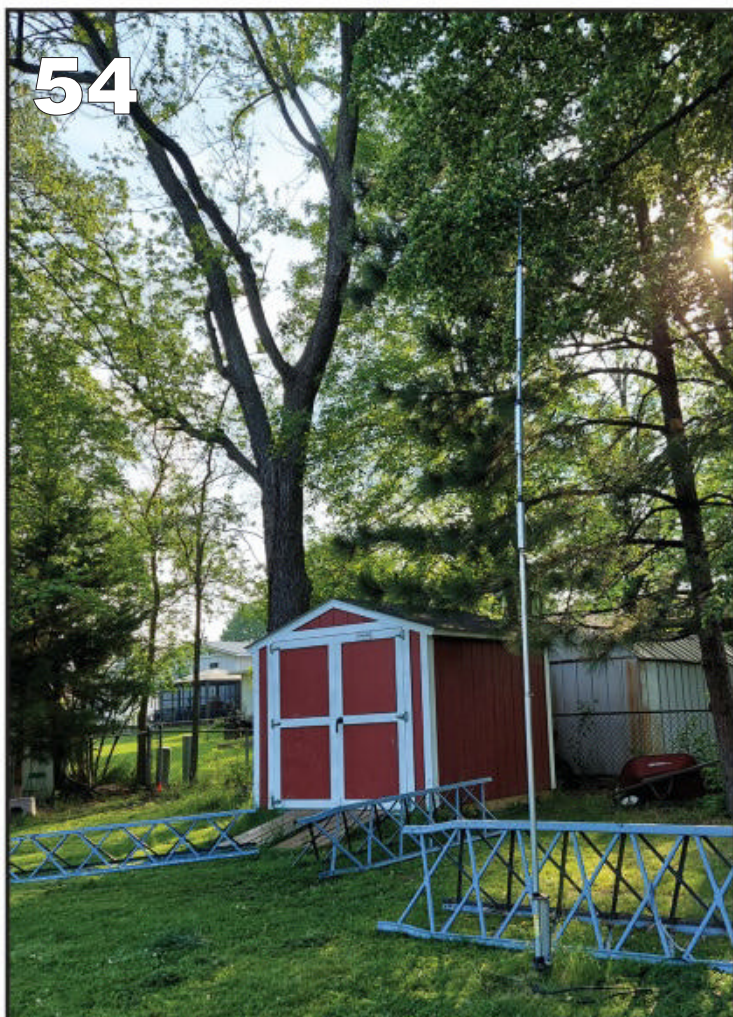
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PLAINS, PENNSYLVANIA — The Murgas Amateur Radio Club will hold the 43rd Annual Wilkes-Barre Hamfest and Computerfest beginning 8 a.m., Sunday, July 3 at the Polish American Veterans, 2 South Oak Street. Contact: Herb, K2LNS, (570) 829-2695. Email: <murgasarc@gmail.com>. Website: <http://hamfest.murgasarc.org>. Talk-in 146.610- (PL 82.5). VE exams

CAMILLUS, NEW YORK — The Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse will hold Roger's RAGS Hamfest 2022 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, July 9 at the Camillus Elks Lodge #2367, 6117 Newport Road. Contact: Jerry Wright, NK2C, <wrightjk@gmail.com>. Website: <www.ragsclub.org>. Talk-in 146.91- (PL 103.5). VE exams.

OAK CREEK, WISCONSIN — The South Milwaukee Amateur Radio Club will hold the South Milwaukee Swapfest 2022 from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, July 9 at the American Legion Post 434, 9327 S. Sheppard Avenue. Contact: Karen, KC9WQJ, (414) 578-0492. Email: <kc9wqj@gmail.com>. Website: <http://southmilwaukeearc.org>. Talk-in 146.910- (PL 127.3).

ROSEVILLE, MINNESOTA — The MAGIC Repeater Club will hold the MAGIC TAILGATER from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, July 9 at the Galilee Lutheran Church, 145 N. McCarrons Boulevard. Contact: Leon Dill, WØCOE, (651) 688-9964. Email: <w0coe@arll.net>. Website: <www.magicrepeater.net>. Talk-in 145.170 (PL 100). VE exams.

SMITHTOWN, NEW YORK — The Suffolk County VHF/UHF Association will hold its Hamfest 2022 beginning 8 a.m., Saturday, July 9 at The Elks Lodge Field, 120 Edgewood Avenue. Contact: Scott Miller, NQ2F, (516) 658-5120. Email: <nq2f@optonline.net>. Website: <http://hamradioexamsny.yolasite.com>. VE exams, DXCC card checking.

TEXAS CITY, TEXAS — The Tidelands Amateur Radio Society will hold the Texas City Tidelands Hamfest 2022 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, July 9 at the Charles T. Doyle Convention Center, 2010 5th Avenue North. Email: <info@tidelands.org>. Website: <www.tidelands.org>. Talk-in 147.14 (PL 167.9) or 442.025 (PL 103.5). VE exams, T-hunt.

FERNDALE, MICHIGAN — The Flying Beers International will hold the Flying Beers International Swap Meet III from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, July 10 at the Ferndale FOP, 2233 Burdette Street. Website: <www.facebook.com/flyingbeersinternational>. Talk-in 442.600+ (PL 123). VE exams,

SOMERSET, PENNSYLVANIA — The Somerset County Amateur Radio Club will hold the Somerset County PA Hamfest from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, July 10 at the Somerset County Technical Center, 281 Technology Drive. Contact: Stew, AK3J, (814) 444-0637. Email: <ak3j@arll.net>. Website: <http://k3smt.org/hamfest>. Talk-in 147.195+ (PL 123) or 443.250+ (PL 123). VE exams.

ALEXANDER, NEW YORK — The Lancaster Amateur Radio Club will hold the Batavia Hamfest beginning 6 a.m., Saturday, July 16 at the Alexander Firemen Grounds, 10708 Alexander Road (Rt. 88). Contact: Luke, M2GDU, <luke48@gmail.com>. Website: <www.w2so.org>. Talk-in 147.285 (PL 141.3).

ATHENS, TENNESSEE — The McMinn County Amateur Radio Club will hold its 18th Annual MCARC Hamfest beginning 7 a.m., Saturday, July 16 at the McMinn County Expo Center, Athens Regional Park on Decatur Pike. Phone: (423) 368-1473. Email: <kc4jij@yahoo.com>. Website: <www.mcminnarc.com>. Talk-in 146.060- (PL 141.3) VE exams.

CARY, NORTH CAROLINA — The Cary Amateur Radio Club will hold its 49th Annual Swapfest from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, July 16 at the Harold Ritter Park, 301 West Lochmere Drive. Email: <wa4gir@arll.net>. Website: <https://caryarc.org>.

ELYRIA, OHIO — The Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society will hold NOARSfest 2022 from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, July 16 at the Lorain County Community College-John A. Spitzer Conference Center, 1005 N. Abbe Road. Contact: Carl Rimmer, W8KRF, (216) 256-9624 (before 9 p.m.). Email: <noarsfest@noars.net>. Website: <www.noars.net>. Talk-in 146.70- (PL 110.9). VE exams.

KANAI, ALASKA — The Moosehorn Amateur Radio Club will hold the 14th Annual Kenai Peninsula Hamfest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, July 16 at the Kenai American Legion Hall, 902 Cook Avenue. Contact Ed Cole, KL7UW, (907) 776-5829. Email: <kl7uw@acsalaska.net>. Website: <www.kl7uw.com>. Talk-in 146.88-.

MONUMENT, COLORADO — The Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association will hold the PPRAA Ham Radio Megafest from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, July 16 at the Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Road. Email: <megafest@ppraa.org>. Website: <https://ppraa.org>. Talk-in 146.235+. VE exams.

NORTH BEND, NEBRASKA — The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club will hold its 24th Annual Flea Market from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, July 16 at the North Bend City Auditorium, 741 North Main Street. Contact: Rich Mehaffey, KBØARZ, (402) 652-3410. Email: <4randjme@futuretk.com>. Talk-in 146.67- or 443.900+. VE exams, DXCC card checking.

WARRENSBURG, MISSOURI — The Warrensburg Area Amateur Radio Club will hold the Warrensburg Hamfest 2022 from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, July 16 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, 144 NW 361st Street. Contact: Kristl Thompson, KR1STL, <kr1stl.cq@gmail.com>. Website: <www.waarc.org>. Talk-in 146.88- (PL 107.2).

AUGUSTA, NEW JERSEY — The Sussex County Amateur Radio Club will hold the 43rd Annual SCARC Hamfest beginning at 8 a.m., Sunday, July 17 at the Sussex County Farm & Horse Show Fairgrounds, 37 Plains Road. Contact: Brian Brunsch, KC2YON, (973) 862-8197. Email: <hamfest@scarcnj.org>. Website: <www.scarcnj.org>. Talk-in 147.30+ (PL 151.4). VE exams.

PEOTONE, ILLINOIS — The Kankakee Area Radio Society will hold KARSFEST 2022 beginning 8 a.m., Sunday, July 17 at the Will County Fairgrounds, 710 S. West Street. Contact: Art Reis, K9XI, (815) 348-7752. Email: <karsfest@gmail.com>. Website: <www.w9az.com>. VE exams, card checking.

WASHINGTON, MISSOURI — The Zero Beaters Amateur Radio Club will hold the 60th Annual ZBARC Hamfest from 7 a.m. to noon, Sunday, July 17 at the KC Hall, 1121 Columbus Lane. Email: <briceserbus@abglobal.net>. Website: <www.zerobeaters.org>. Talk-in 147.24+ VE exams.

LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN — The Central States VHF Society will hold the 54th Annual CSVHFS Conference from Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23 at the Raddison Hotel La Crosse, 200 Harbor View Plaza. Email: <registration@csvhfs.org>. Website: <http://2022.csvhfs.org>.

WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA — The Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society will hold its Hamfest beginning 8 a.m., Saturday, July 23 at the Smoky Mountain Event Center, 758 Crabtree Road. Website: <www.wcars-club.org>. Talk-in 146.910- (PL 91.5 or 147.390+ (PL 94.8). VE exams.

CHAMBERSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA — The Cumberland Valley Amateur Radio Club will hold the CVARC Hamfest 2022 from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, July 30 at the Cumberland Valley Engine & Machinery Association Show Grounds, 1501 Criders Church Road. Email: <hamfest@w3ach.org>. Website: <www.w3ach.org>. Talk-in 147.120+ (PL 100). VE exams.

SUTTON, WEST VIRGINIA — The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council will hold the 64th Annual ARRL West Virginia State Amateur Radio Convention on Saturday, July 30 at the Days Inn and Conference Center, 350 Days Drive. Contact: Ed Messenger, N8OYY, (304) 517-9715. Email: <n8oyy@arll.net>. Website: <www.qsl.net/wvarc>. Talk-in 145.29 (PL 91.5). VE exams, Wouff-Hong.

LEBANON, TENNESSEE — The Wilson Amateur Radio Club will hold the Greater Nashville HamQuest from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 30 at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center, 935 E. Baddour Parkway. Contact: Bill Uthoff, KK4WU, (615) 210-5581. Email: <info@midtnhamquest.com>. Website: <www.midtnhamquest.com>. Talk-in 147.105+ (PL 156.7). VE exams.

WINCHESTER, INDIANA — The East Central Indiana Hamfest 2022 will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, July 30 at the Randolph County 4-H Fairgrounds, 1885 U.S. Highway 27. Phone: (765) 400-0232. Email: <INhamfest@gmail.com>. Website: <http://INhamfest.com>. Talk-in 147.300+ (PL 110.9). VE exams.

AUGUST

CENTRAL CITY, IOWA — The Cedar Valley Amateur Radio Club will hold the Fifth Annual Midwest Techfest and 2022 ARRL Iowa State Convention from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, August 6 and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, August 7 at the Linn County Fairgrounds, 201 Central City Road. Contact: David Cripe <nm0s@arll.net>. Website: <http://w0gq.org/hamfest>. Talk-in 146.745- (PL 192.8). VE exams,

ELKHART, INDIANA — The 2022 Elkhart East Hamfest will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, August 6 at the Northern Indiana Event Center, 21565 Executive Parkway. Email: <info@elkharteasthamfest.com>. Website: <www.elkharteasthamfest.com>. Talk-in 145.430 (PL 141.3). VE exams.

GROVE CITY, OHIO — The Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit will hold the 2022 Columbus Hamfest from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, August 6 at the Aladdin Shrine Center, 1801 Gateway Circle. Website: <www.columbushamfest.com>. Talk-in 146.760 (PL 123).

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA — The Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club will hold its Hamfest from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, August 6 at the Colonia Avenue Baptist Church, 4165 Colonial Avenue. Contact: John, W4AZT, <darrell@ki4lla.us> or Darrell, KI4LLA <johnbougouis_19@yahoo.com>. Website: <https://roanolehamfest.info>. Talk-in 146.985- (PL 107.2). VE exams.

TRUMANSBURG, NEW YORK — The Tompkins County Amateur Radio Association will hold the Ithaca Hamfest from 7 a.m. to noon, Saturday, August 6 at the Trumansburg Fairgrounds on NYS 96. Email: <ne2t@arll.net>. Website: <http://tcara-ny.org/hamfest>.

More Feedback on CQ's Contest Policy Regarding Russia and Ukraine

Editor, CQ:

I wanted to say how much I appreciate your article in CQ April 2022. I generally stick with the rules of "no religion" and "no politics" on ham radio; however, being a student of history and especially WWII geopolitical & military tactics, I, too, must step up and support the Ukrainian people and condemn Russian political / warfare tactics in use. I believe if the world had stood against this exact type of behavior Germany was using against neighboring countries, perhaps the magnitude of war might have been avoided. Please help keep us informed.

Thank you most sincerely,

— Will Allen Peden, Jr., KE5OYL

Plus, the Return of Print...

Editor, CQ:

What a joy to receive at last a copy of my favorite, CQ.

What an even greater joy to read your well-thought-out policy on the war in Ukraine! These are difficult times and it is encouraging to know there are people who are doing what they can.

— 73, David Haines, KC1DNY

Editor, CQ:

Ahhhhh, it's great to be able to turn a paper page again to read a good magazine!

Good decision to limit our Russian "friends" contest scoring. When the Ukrainian hams can enter contests again maybe it will be time to let the Russians have a go at it.

— 73, R.L. Davidson, W4IA

And Professor Heisseluff Snags Another Reader...

Editor, CQ:

Regarding the article — "Slow Website Speeds Cause Spectrum Rage" — April 2022:

I found your two-page article on Spectrum Rage a bit simplistic and bordering on nonsensical.

The current problem of foul mouth rage alcoholics on the radio can be traced to a simple source: The FCC. Since there seems to be little to no enforcement of civility on the bands by the FCC, the problems will just grow worse and worse. The constant and same operators that cuss, scream, operate drunk, and a variety of venting other foul language are ever present on the same frequencies day after day, and they fear no punishment. All at 1,500 watts, or more.

With the technology available today, finding these people would be rather simple. Until the FCC knocks on their doors, seizes their equipment, and fines them dollar amounts in the six-digit range, it will not stop. The FCC has all but stopped enforcement of the rules we all should live by. An occasional fine for an operator that has repeatedly caused interference will do nothing to discourage the problem. I am afraid the HF bands are quickly heading toward what became of the CB radios. Soon, they will be unusable by decent people.

Only expensive seizures of equipment, followed up by very high fines, will the problem slow down. Repeated violators that get back on the air should then be jailed.

It has gotten to the point that I would not want my children on any on the HAM bands. Any parent that wanted to encourage their child to get into ham radio will no longer try due to the foul language that is on the air night after night.

People like this only understand one kind of punishment. EXPENSIVE. Total seizure of all their equipment and high fines are possible under current rules. The FCC is just not interested in pursuing it.

— T. Andrew McCluskey, N4MCC

BERRYVILLE, VIRGINIA — The Shenendoah Valley Amateur Radio Club will hold the 71st Annual Berryville Hamfest beginning 8 a.m., Sunday, August 7 at the Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds, 890 W. Main Street. Contact: Mick W8BE, <vendor-coordinator@berryvillehamfest.com>. Website: <www.berryvillehamfest.com>. VE exams.

PEOTONE, ILLINOIS — The Hamfesters Radio Club will hold its 87th Annual Hamfest beginning 8 a.m., Sunday, August 7 at the Will County Fairgrounds, 710 S. West Street. Contact: Don Pointer, KC9EQQ, (773) 426-1936. Email: <dpointer65@aol.com>. Website: <http://hamfesters.org>. Talk-in 442.450+ (PL 114.8). VE exams.

EVANSVILLE, INDIANA — The Tri-State Amateur Radio Society will air special station W9OG/75 from 1400 UTC, Friday, August 12 through 2359 UTC, Sunday, August 14 to honor its 75th Anniversary. Frequencies include 7.262, 7.045, 14,250 MHz and the FT8 band on the 20- and 40-meter band. QSL a SASE to WA2USA, 5577 Victoria Court, Newburgh, IN 47630. Contact: Dennis Martin, WA2USA, (812) 598-8333. Email: <wa2usa.ham@gmail.com>.

AUBURN, INDIANA — The Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association will hold the Auburn Hamfest from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, August 13 at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, 1600 S. Wayne Street. Email: <w9ou@arrl.net>. Website: <http://w9ou.org>. Talk-in 147.015 (PL 141.3)

CARLINVILLE, ILLINOIS — The West Central Illinois Hamfest will be held from 7 a.m. to noon, Saturday, August 13 at the Macoupin County Fairgrounds, 21149 IL Route 4. Contact: Jim Pitchford, N9LQF, (217) 670-5777. Email: <information@wcilhamfest.com> or <n9lqf@arrl.net>. Website: <http://wcilhamfest.com>. Talk-in 444.250 (PL 103.5). VE exams, card checking.

FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA — The Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society will hold its 23rd Annual Ole Fashioned SwapFest from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, August 13 at the Cumberland County Shrine Club, 7040 Ramsey Street. Contact: David, K14W, (910) 624-1394. Email: <kr4oe@nc.rr.com>. Website: <www.cfarsnc.com>. Talk-in 146.910- (PL 100). VE exams.

FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA — The Fort Pierce Amateur Radio Club will hold the Fort Pierce Hamfest from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, August 13 at the Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex 4600 Kirby Loop Road. Website: <www.fparc.org>. Talk-in 147.345 (PL 107.2). VE exams, DXCC card checking.

OWENSVILLE, OHIO — The Cincinnati Hamfest will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, August 13 at the Clermont County Fairgrounds, 1000 Locust Street. Email: <info@cincinnatihamfest.org>. Website: <www.cincinnatihamfest.org>. Talk-in 147.345+ (PL 123). VE exams,

RACINE, WISCONSIN — The Racine Mega Cycle Club will hold its Free Fest 2022 from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, August 13 at the Greater Racine Kennel Club, 6320 Six Mile Road. Contact: Dan Miller <ka9oil@yahoo.com>. Website: <www.w9udu.org>. Talk-in 147.270+ (PL 127.3).

O'FALLON, MISSOURI — The St. Charles Amateur Radio Club will hold its Hamfest from 7 a.m. to noon, Sunday, August 14 at the Elks Lodge, 1163 Tom Ginnever Avenue. Contact: Doug Wheeler, KØHKK, (314) 660-0674. Email: <scarc.hamfest@gmail.com>. Website: <www.wb0hsi.org>. Talk-in 146.670 or 145.330.

PHOENIXVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA — The Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club will hold the Valley Forge Hamfest beginning 8 a.m., Sunday, August 14 at the Kimberton Fire Company Fairgrounds, 762 Pike Spring Road (Rt. 113). Contact Bob Palin, N3JIZ, (610) 420-1535. Email: <hamfest@marc-radio.org>. Website: <www.marc-radio.org>. Talk-in 145.30- (PL 131.8) or 147.060+ (PL 131.8). VE exams, DXCC / WAS card checking.

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA — The Huntsville Hamfest and the 2022 ARRL Southeast Division Convention will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, August 20 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, August 21 at the Von Braun Center South Hall, 700 Monroe Street SW. Website: <www.hamfest.org>. Talk-in 146.94 (PL 100). VE exams, DXCC card checking,

ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS — The Northern Berkshire Amateur Radio Club will hold its Hamfest beginning 7 a.m., Sunday, August 21 at Bowe Field (Adams Agricultural Fair Grounds on Route 8. Contact Eric (413) 743-9975. Website: <www.nobarc.org>. Talk-in 146.91 IPL 162.2). VE exams

MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS — FEMARA Inc. will hold The Northeast HamX-position 2022 and the 2022 ARRL New England & Hudson Divisions Convention will be held from Friday, August 26 through Sunday August 28 at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center, 181 Boston Post Road W. Website: <www.hamxposition.org>. Talk-in 147.270+ (PL 146.2), 223.940- (PL 103.5), or 449.925- (PL 88.5). VE exams, special event station, DXCC card checking, fox hunt.

BARABOO, WISCONSIN — The Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club will hold the Circus City Swapfest from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, August 27 at the Badger Steam & Gas Engine show grounds, E3347 Sand Road. Contact: Tom Harrison, N9PQJ, (608) 963-0762. Email: <n9pqj@yellowthunder.org>. Website: <www.yellowthunder.org>. VE exams

DAVENPORT, IOWA — The Davenport Radio Amateur Club will hold the 51st Annual WØBXR Hamfest / Computer Show beginning 8 a.m., Saturday, August 27 at the Iowa Army National Guard, 5300 West Kimberly Road. Contact Kelly Lovely, W1HAM, (563) 321-7559. Email: <w1ham@arrl.net>. Website: <www.arcsupport.com>. Talk-in 146.28+ (PL 77) or 146.10+ (PL 77).

LEBANON, TENNESSEE — The Short Mountain Repeater Club will hold the 2022 SMRC Cedars of Lebanon Hamfest beginning 8 a.m., Saturday, August 27 at the Cedars of Lebanon State Park, 5070 Murfreesboro Road. Website: <http://smrclub.com>. Talk-in 146.910-.

MACEDON, NEW YORK — The Roc City Net will hold its 4th Annual Roc City Net Hamfest beginning 7 a.m., Saturday, August 27 at the Log Cabin Restaurant, 2445 W. Walworth Road. Website: <roccitynethamfest.com>. Talk-in 145.11 (PL 110.9).

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS — The Society of Midwest Contesters will hold the SMC Fest 2022 Saturday, August 27 at the Chicago Marriott Naperville, 1801 North Naper Boulevard. Website: <http://w9smc.com>. Friday, August 26th Banquet.

BRIGHTON, COLORADO — The Denver Radio Club will hold its Hamfest from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, August 28 at the Adams County Fairgrounds, 9755 Henderson Road. Contact Cathy Villhauer <drcfest@w0tx.org>. Website: <www.w0tx.org>. Talk-in 145.490 (PL 100) or 448.625 (PL 100). VE exams.

CHIPPEWA FALLS, WISCONSIN — The Chippewa Valley Amateur Radio Club will hold its 2022 Hamfest from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, August 28 at the Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds, 225 Edward Street. Email: <hamfest@w9cva.org>. Website: <http://w9cva.org>. Talk-in 147.375+ (PL 110.9). VE exams.

SEPTEMBER

SHELBY, NORTH CAROLINA — The Shelby Amateur Radio Club will hold the Shelby 2022 Hamfest and the 2022 ARRL North Carolina Section Convention from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, September 2, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, September 3 at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds, 1751 E. Marion Street. Phone: (980) 295-5151. Email: <chairman@shelbyhamfest.org>. Website: <www.shelbyhamfest.com>. Talk-in 146.880-. VE exams.

FINDLAY, OHIO — The Findlay Radio Club will hold its 80th Annual Hamfest from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, September 11 at the Hancock County Fairgrounds, 1017 East Sandusky Street. Email: <hamfest@FindlayRadioClub.org>. Website <www.FindlayRadioClub.org/hamfest>. Talk-in: 147.150+ (PL 88.5).

LOCKPORT, NEW YORK — The Lancaster Amateur Radio Club will hold the Lancaster Hamfest beginning 7 a.m., Saturday, September 10 at the Transit Drive In, 6655 S. Transit Road. Website: <www.w2so.org>. Talk-in 147.255 (PL 107.2).

zero bias: a cq editorial

BY RICH MOSESON,* W2VU

Make This a Summer of DX Discovery

Several of our columns this month focus on HF “newbies,” hams who are just getting started on the short-wave bands. Prime among them is N2OO’s DX column, a “DX Chasing Guide for Novice and Technician Licensees.” (Yes, believe it or not, there are still Novices out there!) Following the same theme, “Learning Curve” editor KOØZ writes about the basics of trap antennas, which are frequently the first “commercial” antenna many hams try, after a dipole; and WB6NOA dissects a trap and shares an innovative mounting method for a multiband vertical in his “Gordo’s Short Circuits” column.

I thought about calling this month’s issue an “HF Newbie Mini-Special,” but then I realized it ain’t just newbies. Solar Cycle 25 is rising at a delightfully fast rate, so far following a course predicted by a “maverick” solar physicist who thinks we’re in for a really super cycle. And Cycle 24 was so weak that anyone who has come into ham radio in the past decade (that would be roughly 300,000 of you) has never had the opportunity to enjoy a really good sunspot cycle. So articles on the basics of DX and DXing aren’t just for the newcomer to HF. They’re useful for nearly half our population.

If you have a General or Extra Class license, you have fantastic opportunities for DXing on all of our HF bands. But N2OO is reminding those of us with a Tech or Novice license that you don’t need to upgrade in order to reap the benefits of a hot solar cycle. All hams have voice privileges on the 10-meter DXing segment between 28300 and 28500 kHz. You can increase your DXing potential by learning Morse code and using the CW subbands — again open to all hams — on 80, 40, and 15 meters. And 6 meters is expected to be super this summer. So, even if you’ve been a ham for a decade but your shortwave success has been limited or non-existent, now is the time to start a summer of DX discovery on HF. And we’ve got the help to get you started, right in this issue.

Ham Eclectic

If DXing isn’t high on your priority list, don’t worry. The rest of this issue is an illustration of the incredible breadth and variety of amateur radio. We take you to Ohio for the in-person return of the Dayton Hamvention® and to Ecuador for a look at ham radio’s response to a massive earthquake there a few years back (as yet another big quake shook the region as we were preparing this issue). We look at really “green” power by using fruits and vegetables to power up a very low power (QRPP) transceiver. (Yes, this really is a “thing.” A few years back, I was sharing a table at a mini-Maker Faire with a display of power-producing produce!) And our columnists delve into the return of high-speed packet, getting more hams onto the microwave bands and more. There really is no end to the different aspects of our hobby,

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which offers something for anyone with virtually any technical or communication interest.

Not so coincidentally, that is also the theme of KL7AJ’s new book, *Playing with Meteors*. No, it isn’t a guide to meteor scatter communications (although that wouldn’t be a bad idea); it’s about all the varied technical paths you can follow in ham radio, and vice versa — how ham radio can help you follow any number of technical career paths. The title is borrowed from my son, Dan, KC2OOM, who once explained to a skeptic asking why young people today would possibly be interested in amateur radio that no other hobby “lets you play with meteors.” So if you know someone who loves technology, but doesn’t yet know that he or she needs to be a ham, get this book as a gift!

Award Changes

CQ’s award program is taking another step into the 21st century while addressing some significant issues at the same time. As detailed in this month’s “Awards” column on page 79, as of September 1st, we will begin phasing out hand-lettered parchment certificates as the “standard” certificate for CQ awards. They will continue to be available, but as an added-cost option.

Going forward, the “standard” CQ award certificate will be a high-resolution PDF file — suitable for printing and framing — emailed to the recipient at the same time as the award letter (already done for WPX recipients; coming soon for WAZ, with CQ DX and USA-CA to follow later). This will eliminate the wait times that have been so frustrating for many award recipients (Thankfully, we are making great progress on eliminating the backlog). With ongoing supply-chain issues affecting the availability of parchment paper and flat cardboard mailers, along with constantly escalating costs, this is our only option at this point. Certificates already “in the pipeline” as of September 1st will be processed without imposing the added fee. Again, please see the Awards column on page 79 for details.

Improved DX conditions will help make it easier to earn these awards in the first place, so if you’re new to ham radio, new to HF, or new to Cycle 25 (that would be just about all of us), take advantage of the best “solar weather” we’ve had since the early ’00s — with great promise to get even better — get yourself on the air and make this a summer of DX discovery! May the sunspots be with you...

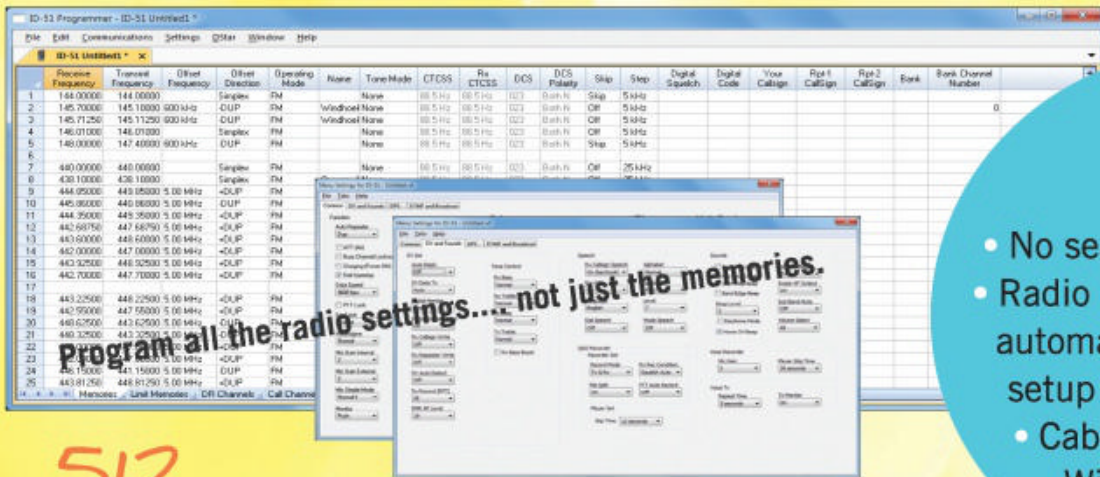
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news bytes

Thinking of Buying an EV? Watch Out for QRM

If high gas prices and/or environmental concerns have you considering the purchase of an electric vehicle (EV), here's one more consideration to include in your decision-making: Will you be able to operate a mobile HF ham rig without debilitating interference from the car itself? *Radio World* magazine reports that the subject of electromagnetic interference (EMI) from EVs was a forum topic at June's conference of the Audio Engineering Society.

RW reports that interference to analog AM signals is so bad in some vehicles that the manufacturers are not including AM radios with their cars, opting only for FM and digital, both of which are more resistant to electrical noise. Such noise would likely be broadbanded enough to seriously degrade analog SSB and CW signals on the HF bands as well. VHF/UHF FM is less likely to be affected.

Apparently, not all EVs are created equal in this regard. One of the AES forum speakers on the subject was Xperi Corp. communications system engineer Pooja Nair, who wrote in a previous *RW* commentary <<https://tinyurl.com/yckay4fk>> that "EMI can be suppressed in EVs using well-known mitigation techniques such as shielding cables and electric motors, installing filters and carefully locating electrical components within the vehicle. Within receivers, EMI can be limited by isolating and shielding antenna and RF sections, filtering connections and carefully grounding and placing receiver components." Some manufacturers, Nair

writes, do work hard to mitigate EMI while others take the easier path of leaving out the AM radio.

Takeaway for hams who operate HF mobile and are considering an EV purchase: Do your homework. Find out the steps taken by the manufacturer of each vehicle you're considering to control EMI within the vehicle. Step 1: Does the car include an AM radio?



Are EVs sources of rolling RFI? It all depends on the manufacturer, says one expert. (Photo by Mariordo, via Wikimedia Commons)

After two cancellations due to Covid-19, the Dayton Hamvention® was finally back in person this year. While CQ decided to wait another year before braving the unmasked crowds at an indoor booth, Kit-Building Editor Joe Eisenberg, KØNEB, was one of several CQ columnists, contest directors, and award managers who “waved the flag” for us at the show. Joe shares his observations — and a bunch of photos — with us here.

Hamvention 2022 “The Reunion”

PHOTO ESSAY BY JOE EISENBERG,* KØNEB



I made it! My first time driving to Hamvention since 2009. Surprisingly, the plug-in hybrid Prius Prime did not have a significant noise problem on HF, compared to my previous Prius hybrid cars which had 20 over 9 noise levels from the high-voltage power inverters.

After a long three years since the last Hamvention® was held, it was great to see everyone there. It was wonderful to wander the largest ham radio flea market and convention in the world once again. Lots of planning by the hard-working Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) Hamvention committees and volunteers made for another successful show. I even volunteered to put in my first-ever, four-hour shift as Net Control and alternating as assistant NCS of the talk-in on the W8BI 146.34/.94 repeater under the watchful eye of the talk-in chair, Elizabeth Klinc, KE8FMJ. With a laptop full of resources nearby, it was easy to guide those on their way as well as answer questions, such as where to go to get inside exhibitor credentials and get flea

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Putting in my time as Net Control at W8BI on Thursday for the talk-in without my signature hat. (The headphones wouldn't let it stay in place!)

market vendors to the correct entrance. The question remains, will I get invited to help the talk-in again?

As Always ... The Weather!

Heavy to moderate rain persisted from late Thursday night until just about gate opening time at 9 a.m. on Friday, giving way to near-record heat approaching 90° once the clouds cleared. The heat persisted until later on Saturday afternoon, around 4 p.m., when dark clouds once again gathered and lightning and thunder permeated the Greene County Fairgrounds. The amazing thing was that, despite the heavy rains just before opening and late on Saturday, the grass parking areas remained usable although wet, and no tow trucks were needed to pull out vehicles stuck in mud. Many attendees chose to take advantage of the paved parking at the three remote parking sites along with their free shuttle buses.

The flea market also benefitted from improvements made after the muddy first year, including drainage improvements and the use of ground asphalt recovered from local street improvements packed down and rolled to form the aisles that make up the flea market. The food was great again, and the lines for food were shorter than in the past. With fewer inside exhibitors this year, there were also no tents set up to accom-



The flea market was not flooded this year, despite the rains that came the week before, including on Thursday night and early Friday morning, as well as Saturday afternoon and night.



Tables full of flea market bargains awaited shoppers who rushed the gates at 9 a.m. on Friday.



A full Collins KWM-2A setup beckons flea market browsers.

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Tower Electronics returned to Hamvention, both indoors and outdoors, with plenty of connectors and antennas and other things needed by hams.



Need a microphone?



A sample of the T41 SDR project was on display during the Four Days in May QRP seminars. This radio may become a future kit. (See "What's New" in the June 2022 issue. -ed.)



The best homebrew award at FDIM went to Gary Auchard, W0MNA, with his incredible tube-type World War II replica Paraset radio.



Yaesu was there showing off its new mobiles, such as the FTM-200, as well as the FT-5DR HT. But the star of their show was the FTDX-101MP.



Icom also displayed a prototype of its new SHF Project radio. 5 GHz!



Icom's new IC-PW2 1-kilowatt, solid-state amplifier was on display. This amp will output 500 watts at 120-volts AC and 1 kilowatt at 220-volts AC power input. The amplifier does not have to take up any desktop space, being completely controlled either via your network or the removable touch-screen control panel. SO2R capability is also built in.

moderate vendors, with all inside exhibitors fitting inside the five buildings allocated to inside exhibits. There were several exhibitors missing for various reasons, including supply chain issues or businesses sold / merged with others. That former tent space was filled with emergency communications vehicles and VHF/UHF rovers.

The Envelope, Please ...

The awards banquet was held at the Holiday Inn at Beaver Creek, and I was honored to represent CQ as well as act as the official photographer for the Dayton Amateur Radio Association. There were award recipients present not only for 2022, but also for the years of 2020 and 2021 as well.

It was great to see everyone and it was a different year for me as well as I drove instead of flying as I usually do. Driving 800 miles each way was affordable as I got between 57 and 62 MPG in my Prius Prime on each fill up.



The Mississippi Valley Amateur Radio Association (MVRA) had its well-outfitted communications bus on display.

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The MVRA bus is equipped with three operating positions that feature Yaesu FTDX101D radios, as well as other operating positions.



Jack Gerbs, WB8SCT, as president of DARA presents the Amateur of The Year award for 2022 to Jim Simpson, KF8J.



Hamvention Chairman Rick Allnutt, WS8G, presents the 2022 Club of The Year award to the Highland Amateur Radio Association of southwest Ohio.



DARA Vice President Ron Cramer, KD8ENJ, presents the 2022 Technical Achievement Award to Adam Farson, VA7OJ/AB4OJ.

15-meter band, but others noted challenges on the 40- and 80-meter bands. Let's take a look at some of the notable races on the bands.

World

Single Operators

Top honors in the Single Operator All Band High Power (SOAB/HP) category world go to LZ5R (Milen, LZ5DB operating). Milen had a solid margin of over 3 million points above second-place finisher Victor, UW1M's, solid performance.

In the Single Operator All Band Low Power (SOAB/LP) category, a bit of a tighter race as TM3Z (with Dimitri, F4DSK, operating) edged out IQ6AN (Andrea, IK6VXO, operating) by just over a 1 million points.

How do you make over a million points operating QRP? Look no further than RM3F (Andrey, UA3DPX operating) narrowly pulling ahead of Fabio, IZ8JFL.

One of the great advantages of CQ-sponsored contests is the various subcategories: Rookie, Classic, Triband Wires, Youth etc. that allow for a wide range of competitions. All categories have notable performances and I encourage you to browse these categories in the line scores.

Multi-Operators

A battle for the Multi-Single (M/S) category took place in Greece, netting two stations the top two spots. Team J42L

took a narrow win in the M/S High Power category over the large SZ1A team. Localized shootouts like this are a great way to enjoy contesting. In this case it netted a station the top spot in the world, but sometimes just the local win is enough to have fun with your peers.



Better times in Ukraine ... Slava, US2YW, shared this picture of operators in the 2022 CQWW WPX RTTY contest just before conflict bore down on the region.

2022 WPX RTTY TOP EUROPE SCORES

Table containing 2022 WPX RTTY Top Europe Scores, categorized by Single Operator (High Power, All Band, 28 MHz, 21 MHz, 14 MHz, 7 MHz, 3.5 MHz, QRP All Band, Low Power All Band) and Multi-Operator (Two Transmitter, Multi-Transmitter, Multi-Distributed, Single Transmitter High, Single Transmitter Low, Multi-Operator Single Transmitter Low, Classic High Power, Classic Low Power, Youth High Power, Youth Low Power, Tribander/Wires High Power, Tribander/Wires Low Power).

2022 WPX RTTY TOP UNITED STATES SCORES

<p>SINGLE OPERATOR HIGH POWER ALL BAND</p> <p>AA3B7,598,899 K3MM6,701,282 WK1Q (K1MK @K1TTT)4,404,699 N3QE3,631,232 W9SN3,406,790 AC0C3,397,686 WV1K (N1XF)3,232,311 N6AR3,030,795 NB3R2,984,100 NF3R2,870,072</p> <p style="text-align: center;">28 MHz</p> <p>NR6O (N6RO)290,652 K4WI163,506 W5PR104,448 WZ7ZR (W7ZR)71,154 A13Q20,424</p> <p style="text-align: center;">21 MHz</p> <p>WV6I (N6WM)817,236 W9ILY762,375 N0XR (@N0NI)618,018 N3UA244,510 N2NF178,563</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14 MHz</p> <p>NA3M851,904 K8YE415,276 K6SEA (KA6BIM)20,944 W2YK20,874 W2QQ20,196</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 MHz</p> <p>K9OM1,610,840 NB2P1,030,200 WX5S (@N6RO)765,992 WJ2D426,736 K7WP191,350</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3.5 MHz</p> <p>N0NI547,288 KW7MM376,376 W3LL293,056</p>	<p>W6DMW150,920 KY2N (N2ZN)94,864</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LOW POWER ALL BAND</p> <p>KK9A3,780,388 AK1W (K5ZD)3,187,866 KQ1F (K1XM)1,808,884 NG1R (W1QK)967,146 AA2EQ850,560 N8CWU848,400 AD8IG844,886 ND9G794,880 K5EK789,012 WB2JVO (K2AL)704,946</p> <p style="text-align: center;">28 MHz</p> <p>WM6Y12,728 K6KM4,224 KE3ZT1,938 KB9RUG1,914 K7ULS1,288</p> <p style="text-align: center;">21 MHz</p> <p>WA1FCN260,429 AB1J236,504 K5QR203,225 NY1E42,624 WA0MHJ23,544</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14 MHz</p> <p>KA4RRU584,309 W4LC190,680 WA0EJX25,000 N3RC8,736 NE3R3,478</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 MHz</p> <p>W2VTV256,486 W7QDM89,308 W9AKS63,732 K4MIL63,248 KJ6MBW42,292</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3.5 MHz</p> <p>K9CS75,184 K2TW54,784 W8WTS6,256 WZ6ZZ2,904</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">QRP ALL BAND</p> <p>KV2U (K2YG)516,975 WW2G158,461 W6QU (W8QZA)109,848 N4IJ84,072 W1IG68,637 WA0MN (N0UR)38,608 W4ER24,503 KK7A13,260 K3FHP12,859 K8ZT8,866</p> <p style="text-align: center;">28 MHz</p> <p>WE6EZ23,800 W2NTN3,450</p> <p style="text-align: center;">21 MHz</p> <p>NK5G21,922 KK0U17,424 K3EO1,767</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14 MHz</p> <p>N8URE8,216</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER (HIGH)</p> <p>AA5AU4,981,536 NK5P3,152,349 KC7V2,911,006 KS9R2,824,260 NC1CC1,179,500 WW7E1,150,552 AK9D249,378 NW6P241,109</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER (LOW)</p> <p>ND3D2,501,324 NY6DX2,092,678 AG0MN208,800 KK9V76,304 W9JWC37,450</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MULTI-OPERATOR TWO TRANSMITTER</p> <p>K9CT9,309,960 WV4P9,112,950</p>	<p>NC0DX4,019,157 KT7E3,897,560 WT3K3,111,098 WN7M2,447,290 KE1S2,445,870 K3CCR1,319,432 AA1SE1,068,032 WU5K225,680</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER</p> <p>NW8S4,382,904 N1RR2,777,934 W3GH804,300</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-DISTRIBUTED</p> <p>NA5NN3,824,434 KZ1W2,853,136</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROOKIE HIGH POWER</p> <p>KN6MYI700,977 W6DMW150,920 KD2UBH150,234 AA3R60,000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LOW POWER</p> <p>KI2D496,184 KC3RPO223,260 W3FR144,144 KO4ENU61,072 N5JGE40,656 KO4NIK30,847 KD2SGM27,864 N3AML23,987 W3MAM22,659 KD9PLD10,354</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLASSIC HIGH POWER</p> <p>KU2M2,397,915 KU1CW1,895,234 K2XA1,893,712 KI6DY1,593,394 NG1M1,530,650 N4ZZ1,467,432</p> <p>N7WY1,286,256 AJ6V1,045,170 NY2DX (W4CU)818,840 K5WE728,112</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LOW POWER</p> <p>WD0T565,211 WA8MCD484,692 AC4G451,906 WA3LXD411,939 AA8OY374,035 WQ5L366,582 KB9YOJ365,371 WB8JUI344,784 K3JT332,920 KT0R (KE0L)290,160</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TRIBANDER / WIRES HIGH POWER</p> <p>N3QE3,631,232 NF3R2,870,072 KO7SS2,191,131 AE1P1,854,657 K9OM1,610,840 KE2D1,445,940 AD5XD1,426,852 W4GE1,406,224 NR4O1,297,789 W1AJT1,202,698</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LOW POWER</p> <p>AD8IG844,886 ND9G794,880 WB2JVO (K2AL)704,946 W2NO544,440 KC2WUF486,239 KW2O (KA2D)476,790 K9CW447,888 K4GM427,347 KZ0US (W7RY)412,347 N9UA401,436</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">SINGLE-OPERATOR HIGH POWER</p> <p>World: Jeff Blaine, AC0C. Won by: LZ5R (op. Milen Dimov, LZ5DB) – New Europe Record North America (Excludes U.S. and Canada): Marty Sullaway, NN1C. Won by: Alan Fields, KP4/K6DTT USA: Abroham Neal Software by K3NC. Won by: Bud Trench, AA3B USA 7th Call Area: Hank Lonberg, KR7X in memory of Bob Wruble, W7GG. Won by: Jeff Stai, WK6I/7 Europe: FlexRadio Systems. Won by: Victor Yarovoy, UW1M Africa: Vlado Karamitrov, N3CZ. Won by: Pekka Kolehmainen, EA8AH Asia: Mike Trowbridge, KA4RRU in memory of Steve Veader, N4DXS. Won by: Valery Vinakov, RT9A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SINGLE-OPERATOR LOW POWER</p> <p>World: Gerry Treas, K8GT. Won by: TM3Z (op. Dimitri Cosson, F4DSK) – New Europe Record North America (Excludes U.S. and Canada): Wray Dudley, AB4SF. Won by: Marc Missalla, V31MA USA: Gerry Treas, K8GT. Won by: John Bayne, KK9A Europe: FlexRadio Systems. Won by: IQ6AN (op. Andrea Tonci, IK6VXO) Oceania: Doug Faunt, N6TQS. Won by: Kent Carlson, KH6CJJ – New Oceania LP TB-Wires Record</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SINGLE-OPERATOR QRP</p> <p>World: Vlado Karamitrov, N3CZ. Won by: Vitaly Filonenko, RM5F North America (Excludes U.S. and Canada): FlexRadio Systems. Won by: TI0RC (op. Minor Barrantes, TI2YO) – New North America Record</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SINGLE-OPERATOR SINGLE BAND</p> <p>World 14 MHz: Steve “Sid” Caesar, NH7C. Won by: IQ1RY (op. Filippo Vairo, IZ1LBG) World 14 MHz Low Power: Kenny Young, AB4GG. Won by: Alexander Nudel, UR7GO North America 21 MHz (Excludes U.S. and Canada): Doug Faunt, N6TQS. Won By: Alexei Joaquin Morejon Cohen, CO2XK World 28 MHz: Steve Bookout, NR4M, and the “Goat Farm Gang”. Won by: PX2A (op. Julio Tarraco, PY2XV)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MULTI-OPERATOR, SINGLE-TRANSMITTER HIGH POWER</p> <p>World: Rich Cady, N1IXF. Won by: J42L (ops. SV2KF, SV2BXA, SV2CLJ, SV2DCD, SV2SNS) USA: John Lockhart, W0DC. Won by: AA5AU (ops. W4RN, AA5AU, K2GO, W3UL, KU1CW) Europe: Billy, GM6DX. Won by: SZ1A (ops. SV8PMM, SV1CIB, SV1DPI, SV1DPJ)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MULTI-OPERATOR, SINGLE-TRANSMITTER LOW POWER</p> <p>World: Ed Muns, W0YK. Won by: IT9MBZ (ops. IT9BLB, IT9MBZ, IT9CDU, IT9VDQ, IT9ZMX) USA: FlexRadio Systems. Won by: ND3D (ops. K3AJ, WT3K, ND3D, KB3IKC, N8IVN, K3WA, W3MAM)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MULTI-OPERATOR, MULTI-TWO</p> <p>World: Steve Bookout, NR4M, and the “Goat Farm Gang”. Won by: CR3DX (ops. CT3DZ, CT3EN, CT3KY, OK1HRA, OM2KW) – New World Record USA: CTRI Contest Group in memory of Chris, KA1GEU (SK). Won by: K9CT (ops. AI9T, K9NR, K9CT, KT9L, N9CK, K9WX) Europe: FlexRadio Systems. Won by: ED1R (ops. EA1P, EA1TL, EC1KR, EA4AOC)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MULTI-OPERATOR, MULTI-TRANSMITTER</p> <p>World: Steve Bookout, NR4M, and the “Goat Farm Gang”. Won by: 9A1A (ops. 9A5W, 9A9A, 9A6A, 9A7R, 9A7C, 9A7EU, 9A7AS, 9A7QQ, 9A3SMS) USA: BeLoud.US. Won by: NW8S (ops. KB8O, AB8M, NQ8O, KM8V)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MULTI-OPERATOR, MULTI-DISTRIBUTED</p> <p>Canada: FlexRadio Systems. Won by: VX2X (ops. VE2EBK, VA2RC, VE2FK, VE2PI, VE2CSM, VE2FXL)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLUB COMPETITION</p> <p>World: Potomac Valley Radio Club. Won by: Bavarian Contest Club USA: Northern California Contest Club: Won by: Potomac Valley Radio Club</p>
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In the M/S Low Power category, the five-operator IT9MBZ team based in Palermo edged out Alfredo, WP3C, and his team. Alfredo was struggling with some damaged rotor equipment. So, a second place showing on the world stage is not so bad.

CR3DX posted an impressive Multi-Two All Band score, double that of ED1R in the second position. CR3DX was a six-person team, and leveraged the optimal location of Madeira Island to pull way ahead of all others.

Similarly to CR3DX in its category, 9A1A had over double the score of its closest competition in the Multi-Multi category. This was a nine-person team, which was able to get back in-house after a long absence during the pandemic. 9A1A always features a young team and this year carried out that tradition with half of them age 20-25. Well done team.

With mention of the pandemic, once again another category opportunity emerged, which is the Multi-Op Dis-

tributed category. There are still folks taking advantage of this, either to avoid close exposure or to lessen the inconvenience of travel.

“We decided to try the new distributed category this time around to bring in ops in the club unable to travel to the NA5NN Lumberton QTH. Technically all worked well using the Hamachi VPN along with N1MM+. From the N1MM perspective you wouldn’t know that all ops weren’t sitting right there in the same room. Pretty cool,” said team member Randy, W5UE.

The winner in this category was SX21, a six-station distributed team. They were on top of the 10-station team under the call IQ3ME.

There were numerous great single-band performances. To be honest, some of the usual multi-ops broke up and did single banders this go-round. I encourage you to browse the line scores to see how you and your competitors performed.

United States

Single Operators

Prolific contester Bud, AA3B, took the top U.S. position in the SOAB/HP with K3MM sliding into second place. Rich N1XF, (a member of the contest management team) who operated this category as WV1K, was enjoying upper band propagation said, “great 15-meter open-



A view of the TM3Z antenna farm used in the 2022 CQWW WPX RTTY contest for their Low Power win from France.

2022 CQWW RTTY WPX BAND-BY-BAND BREAKDOWN — TOP ALL BAND SCORES

Number groups indicate: QSOs / Prefixes on each band

WORLD SINGLE OPERATOR ALL BAND

Station	80	40	20	15	10
LZ5R	626/241	1151/387	749/161	721/219	123/46
UW1M	477/183	1071/342	842/203	798/183	78/21
OK7W	700/278	920/340	693/239	347/98	0/0
SN7Q	583/270	679/259	944/257	536/149	2/2
EA8AH	237/127	562/288	317/90	1004/209	534/104

USA TOP SINGLE OPERATOR ALL BAND

Station	80	40	20	15	10
AA3B	458/173	737/303	665/247	683/153	107/37
K3MM	446/133	787/361	399/145	604/216	105/34
WK1Q	325/177	472/211	375/162	489/221	44/30
*KK9A	245/87	530/233	535/200	557/160	117/29
N3QE	312/97	672/313	429/158	310/124	19/12

WORLD MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER

J42L	280/97	1008/387	541/236	468/186	52/26
SZ1A	233/114	1066/392	597/183	505/197	18/14
YU5R	409/205	718/276	526/191	403/159	93/54
*IT9MBZ	207/157	563/239	621/277	550/237	146/75
F6KNB	287/156	637/305	525/184	483/211	113/35

USA MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER

AA5AU	377/144	628/280	589/144	538/204	50/12
NK5P	144/35	831/359	257/58	653/207	57/22
KC7V	100/16	711/252	525/92	667/220	152/37
KS9R	323/118	571/240	497/112	339/110	79/38
*ND3D	249/90	556/280	296/125	212/105	50/28

WORLD MULTI-OPERATOR TWO TRANSMITTER

CR3DX	505/118	1491/428	1469/308	1520/200	801/86
ED1R	518/171	1266/352	1340/284	904/246	156/31
K9CT	593/118	965/295	1181/371	742/170	174/36
WV4P	529/125	1009/385	844/186	988/255	155/39
UW5Y	553/259	668/196	949/300	545/171	35/13

USA MULTI-OPERATOR TWO TRANSMITTER

K9CT	593/118	965/295	1181/371	742/170	174/36
WV4P	529/125	1009/385	844/186	988/255	155/39
NCØDX	302/72	727/246	793/192	563/175	235/38
KT7E	220/51	711/168	727/271	640/164	355/47
WT3K	355/145	454/230	449/183	261/114	131/50

WORLD MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

9A1A	1135/324	1422/358	1191/236	1040/230	242/69
LN8W	639/224	1064/334	953/291	442/126	76/22
NW8S	445/126	723/285	619/160	470/160	49/13
N1RR	73/27	526/229	510/150	450/204	59/32
LO5D	0/0	0/0	0/0	591/303	526/252

USA MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

NW8S	445/126	723/285	619/160	470/160	49/13
N1RR	73/27	526/229	510/150	450/204	59/32
W3GH	218/85	346/158	251/131	81/38	15/8

ing to Europe on Saturday. Best I remember in a long time ... come on Cycle 25.”

In the SOAB/LP category, John, KK9A, edged into the top spot, with Randy, K5ZD, operating as AK1W taking second position.

In the U.S. SOAB QRP category, KV2U (Hugh, K2YG, operating) took the lead with a large margin over the second place challenger.

Once again there were many great performances in the Single-Operators' subcategories, including high and low

TOP SCORES IN VERY ACTIVE ZONES

Zone 3		Zone 15	
KK6P (W7IV)	2,812,231	OK7W	9,124,070
WK6I/7	2,636,552	SN7Q (SP7GIQ)	8,695,360
KO7SS	2,191,131	*IQ6AN (IK6VXO)	6,121,180
KYØW (WØYK)	2,118,272	*IZ4BOY (IT9RGY)	4,905,648
KZ7X (K6LL)	2,049,248	S53X	4,473,797
Zone 4		Zone 16	
W9SN	3,406,790	UW1M	9,435,568
ACØC	3,397,686	R2AA	7,001,316
VA3DF	2,911,090	UTØU (UT5UDX)	4,441,728
VE3EY	2,399,085	EMØI (UT2IZ)	4,181,856
N5HC	1,865,864	*UT4LW	2,926,236
Zone 5		Zone 20	
AA3B	7,598,899	LZ5R (LZ5DB)	12,465,658
K3MM	6,701,282	YO9HP	4,063,692
WK1Q (K1MK @K1TTT)	4,404,699	YO4NF	2,642,850
*KK9A	3,780,388	*TA7I	2,324,426
N3QE	3,631,232	LZ6K (LZ2PL)	1,858,272
Zone 14		Zone 25	
*TM3Z (F4DSK)	7,375,214	JR4OZR	3,610,645
*EE4Y (EA4GOY)	4,144,700	JA1CSN	1,692,469
MD7C (M5RIC)	3,557,175	JM1XCW	1,628,145
DP4M (DJ4MH)	3,526,430	JH7QXJ	789,120
DP8M (DL6NDW)	3,345,590	JA8KSF	783,900

*Low Power

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C37N	225/84	900/370	743/227	475/122	16/5
EI1E	301/208	444/134	692/214	270/98	4/2
DM5B	477/213	511/212	363/140	117/50	44/26

EUROPE MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

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2022 WPX RTTY CLUB SCORES

United States

Club	# Entrants	Score
POTOMAC VALLEY RADIO CLUB	66	38,451,424
FRANKFORD RADIO CLUB	47	34,697,851
YANKEE CLIPPER CONTEST CLUB	28	25,739,301
SOCIETY OF MIDWEST CONTESTERS	49	25,191,003
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB	44	18,047,225
ARIZONA OUTLAWS CONTEST CLUB	20	12,714,358
WILLAMETTE VALLEY DX CLUB	17	9,482,894
FLORIDA CONTEST GROUP	17	8,105,668
WESTERN WASHINGTON DX CLUB	11	6,995,894
KANSAS CITY CONTEST CLUB	6	6,261,534
MINNESOTA WIRELESS ASSN	26	5,842,051
CENTRAL TEXAS DX AND CONTEST CLUB	7	5,334,894
DFW CONTEST GROUP	14	5,226,327
TENNESSEE CONTEST GROUP	15	4,704,749
NE MARYLAND AMATEUR RADIO CONTEST SOCIETY	13	4,631,387
HUDSON VALLEY CONTESTERS AND DXERS	5	4,225,605
CAROLINA DX ASSOCIATION	9	4,188,894
CTRI CONTEST GROUP	5	4,180,643
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB	12	3,888,089
SPOKANE DX ASSOCIATION	9	2,705,093
NIAGARA FRONTIER RADIOSPORT	10	2,611,015
ORDER OF BOILED OWLS OF NEW YORK	7	2,596,539
GRAND MESA CONTESTERS OF COLORADO	6	2,549,773
KENTUCKY CONTEST GROUP	8	2,459,204
SOUTH EAST CONTEST CLUB	7	2,442,246
SWAMP FOX CONTEST GROUP	10	1,663,991
BRISTOL (TN/VA) ARC	4	1,294,357
ALABAMA CONTEST GROUP	6	928,220
NORTH COAST CONTESTERS	5	843,671
SHENANDOAH VALLEY WIRELESS	4	599,322
ROCHESTER (NY) DX ASSN	5	554,482
MAD RIVER RADIO CLUB	4	260,157
PHIL-MONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB	4	65,375

DX

BAVARIAN CONTEST CLUB	116	93,247,408
ITALIAN CONTEST CLUB	99	57,280,886
UKRAINIAN CONTEST CLUB	54	50,478,292
EA CONTEST CLUB	25	41,988,426
INTEREST GROUP RTTY	28	33,656,949
CROATIAN CONTEST CLUB	8	26,465,899
CONTEST CLUB ONTARIO	27	18,529,146
RHEIN RUHR DX ASSOCIATION	43	17,452,168
RUSSIAN CONTEST CLUB	13	12,903,103
CONTEST CLUB FINLAND	9	11,161,251
SLOVENIA CONTEST CLUB	6	10,398,890
BELARUS CONTEST CLUB	10	8,680,972
RADIO AMATEUR ASSN. OF WESTERN GREECE	4	8,298,824
RIO DX GROUP	21	7,547,693
ARAUCARIA DX GROUP	13	7,061,282
CONTEST CLUB SERBIA	10	6,977,684
WORLD WIDE YOUNG CONTESTERS	4	6,672,325
CONTEST GROUP DU QUEBEC	8	5,806,084
CLIPPERTON DX CLUB	5	5,577,966
VYTAUTAS MAGNUS UNIVERSITY RADIO CLUB	7	5,188,747
5NNDXCC	18	5,081,796
THRACIAN ROSE CLUB	6	3,804,999
SP DX CLUB	16	3,755,382
CHILTERN DX CLUB	8	3,717,593
RADIOCLUBUL RADU BRATU	4	3,681,648
CZECH CONTEST CLUB	4	3,625,127
BALTIC CONTEST CLUB	6	3,574,112
KAUNAS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY RADIO CLUB	4	3,224,376
LU CONTEST GROUP	12	2,953,759
SOUTH URAL CONTEST CLUB	4	2,824,618
RUSSIAN DIGITAL RADIO CLUB	19	2,468,474
RTTY CONTESTERS OF JAPAN	12	2,260,223
LATVIAN CONTEST CLUB	5	2,118,196
CONTEST CLUB BELGIUM	7	2,087,307
ORCA DX AND CONTEST CLUB	7	2,064,549
YB-LAND DXING PASSION IS	46	1,836,209
VK CONTEST CLUB	7	1,771,496
RIIHIMAEN KOLMOSET	4	1,627,946
ARCK	7	1,616,080
YB LAND DX CLUB	14	1,246,001
RUSSIAN CW CLUB	4	968,294
599 CONTEST CLUB	5	942,481
GMDX GROUP	5	803,023
SIAM DX GROUP	5	689,959
7A DX-CONTEST CLUB	8	492,736
YB6 DXC	7	444,912
GRUPO DXXE	5	386,177
CABREUVADX	10	338,551
ARABIAN GULF DX GROUP	4	321,650
YBDXC	5	270,092
ORARI LOKAL BOGOR	7	212,601
CDR GROUP	6	88,532
KEYMEN'S CLUB OF JAPAN	4	38,860

Club scores with 4 or more entries.

power rookie categories, the ever popular classic and Triband / Wires categories at both power levels. Check the line scores to see the results.

Multi Operators

RTTY contester and Elmer to the RTTY community, Don, AA5AU, led a winning team performance in the M/S High Power category. They were a five-person team and operators all connected to W4RN remotely from their QTH.

A thrilling shootout occurred in the U.S., pitting the veteran Multi-Two station and operating team led by Craig, K9CT, against the newer team led by station builder and challenger Ron, WV4P. Team K9CT emerged on top but with a very narrow margin.

There were a greatly reduced number of Multi-Multi (M/M) stations this year, more on that below. Top honors go to NW8S who edged out the six-person N1RR team.

A number of regular M/M teams took the opportunity to either hit the single-band categories, or sponsor several single banders from their competitive stations. The N6RO station in California, for instance, sponsored four single banders, producing two top U.S. scores, one of which was accomplished by CQ Contest Hall of famer Ken, N6RO, himself on 10 meters. That being said, there is a wide variety of competitions in these single-band categories. Check out the line scores to see the fun.

Summary

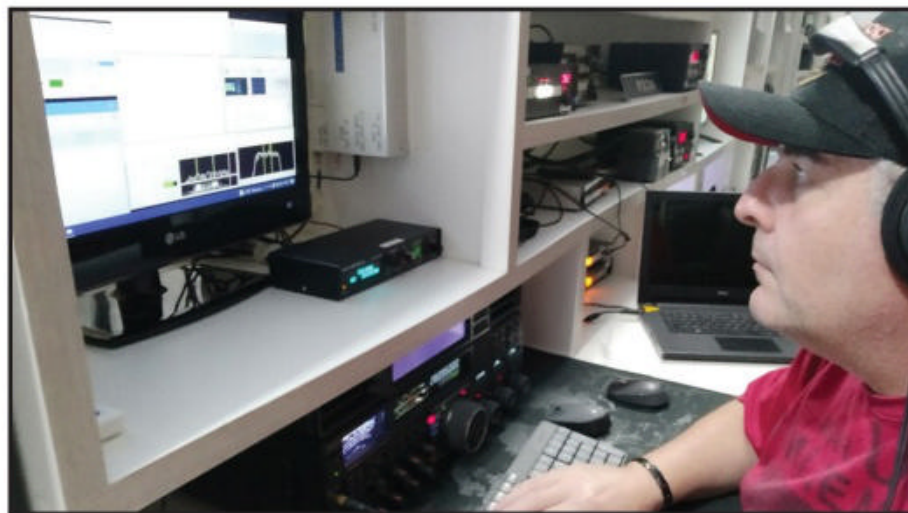
Cycle 25 is upon us, and with it, the conditions will likely continue to improve as we approach the peak over the next several years. In 2022 we saw solid signs of this on 10 meters, which came roaring back. It's great to see folks having a good time and enjoying the fun of operating prefixes on RTTY.

A couple notes from the CQ World Wide RTTY management team:

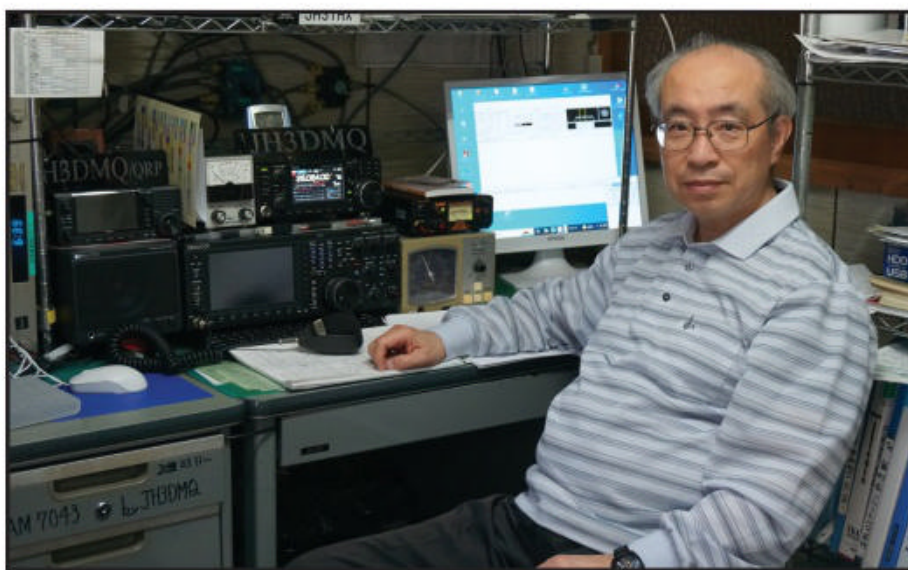
1. Winning a plaque in a CQWW contest is a great achievement, and often times are some of the most coveted awards that one can hang on their shack wall. The opportunity to sponsor plaques is available, and can be a great way to establish regional excellence, or recognize a particular annual competition. We would like to encourage you to review the plaques awarded in this competition and reach out to the management team if you would like to sponsor one or more in the future.

2. Also, we need photos of your efforts. A picture speaks a thousand words, and really enhance our coverage of this major worldwide RTTY WPX competition. Please keep that in mind as your roll into these contests. Pictures of operators or teams of operators are the best. Send us yours for a chance to get it published in CQ magazine!

(Scores on page 94)



Julio, PY2XV, as PX2A, turned in a command performance in the 10-meter, single band high power category, besting challengers from around the world on the newly revived band.



Munehiro san, JH3DMQ, took advantage of the improved 10-meter band conditions to work the band QRP with a decent showing.



The K9CT WPX team hard at work. Craig and team had a full challenge on their hands from WV4P, but they managed to stay on top.



Who is behind the ZM4T WPX RTTY team? Holger, ZL3IO, and his daughter Xenia, ZL4YL, a real ham radio contesting family. Xenia is starting her third year at the University of Auckland. It's always great to work them. (Photo by Birgit, ZL2YL)

As we were beginning work on this issue, a magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck southern Peru, Ecuador's neighbor to the south. So while the incident described here occurred six years ago, it continues to be relevant today.

Earthquake at the Equator

The Guayaquil Radio Club Remembers Six Years Later the 670 Dead in the Biggest Earthquake in Ecuador's Recent History

BY MARTIN BUTERA,* PY2ZDX/LU9EFO



On April 16, 2016, Ecuador experienced one of the most destructive earthquakes in its recent history, magnitude 7.8, which unfortunately left 670 people dead and thousands affected, as well as millions of dollars in material losses (*Photo A*).

This earthquake hit the provinces of Esmeraldas (border with Colombia) and its neighbor Manabí, both located on the coast of the Andean country, nearly on the Equator, but it also affected other areas and was even felt strongly in Ecuador's capital, Quito.

The Guayaquil Radio Club (HC2GRC), founded in 1923, is the dean of the radio clubs in Ecuador and Latin America, and participated in the relief efforts following one of the worst emergencies that the country has faced.

In this article, we will learn the story of Victor Perez, HC2DR (*Photo B*), one of the Emergency Coordinators of the Guayaquil Radio Club, who, along with other radio amateurs, selflessly collaborated with their society when they needed it most.

CQ: Six years have passed since the Guayaquil Radio Club acted in the earthquake. What are your memories of those first hours?

Victor Perez, HC2DR: I remember that we first felt a slight tremor of magnitude 4.8 and according to reports from the Military Geophysical Institute of Ecuador (IGM), this took place in the sea off the coast of the Cojimies sector,



Photo A. Buildings destroyed by the magnitude 7.8 earthquake in Ecuador (Courtesy of the Ecuadorian Red Cross)



Photo B. Our interviewee, Victor Perez, HC2DR, member of the Guayaquil Radio Club and an emergency coordinator during the 2016 earthquake response.

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Photo C. A worker with the Ecuadorian Red Cross walks through the desolate streets of Manta, a city where the earthquake was very intense. (Courtesy of the Ecuadorian Red Cross)

around 6:48 p.m. local time. Ten minutes later, the Pedernales earthquake of magnitude 7 occurs.

I remember it felt very strong in the city of Guayaquil where I was. I immediately went to the radio station in my house asking for news reports on the VHF repeaters and on the HF band in which the HC chain control was just beginning, which takes place every day for more than 41 years without interruption.

In the first reports from radio amateurs who were in the affected area of the province of Manabi, it was that in every block there are houses and buildings collapsed and that they did not have basic services; plus many dead and injured. It was total chaos.

CQ: *What were the actions that the Guayaquil Radio Club carried out in the earthquake?*

HC2DR: We organized ourselves to travel the next day with radio equipment, antennas, batteries, solar panels, etc. with the aim of establishing two communication points from the affected areas of Pedernales and Tarqui.

Let me mention the colleagues who worked in the Pedernales and Jama areas: Gunther Change, HC2G, and Juan Jose Change, HC2TKA, with a stay of four days. And I, together with my son Ahmed, HC2AP, were in the area of Portoviejo, Manta (*Photo C*) and Tarqui, also staying for four days.

We helped 174 affected people to transmit messages to their relatives in other sectors of the country, either to communicate that they were well or had injured or deceased relatives.

Likewise, we re-established the operation of the repeaters in the sector and programmed teams of rescuers on our frequencies to integrate them with the different response agencies that attended the affected sectors.

CQ: *At that time, you received an important donation from other amateurs. What can you tell me about that?*

HC2DR: We received a very large amount of help, about 400 pounds of ham radio equipment, valued at more than \$7,500, that was sent from the ARRL to Ecuador.

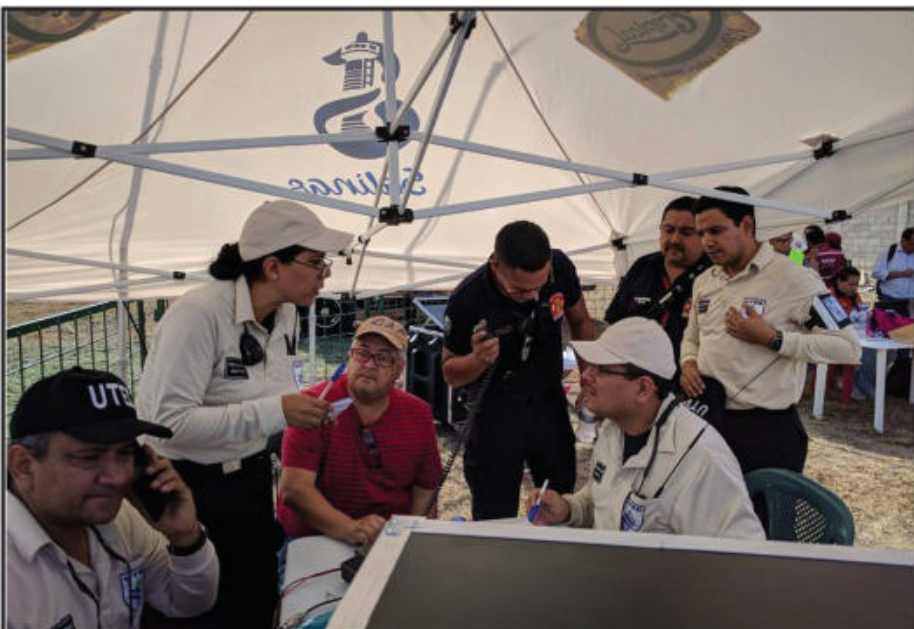
I remember at the time that everything was coordinated by the ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager, Mike Corey, KI1U, along with other colleagues such as: Ken Bailey, K1FUG; Sean Kutzko, KX9X; Tom Gallagher, NY2RF; Jeff Beals, WA4AW, and Kenny Hollenbeck, KD4ZFW. Of course, this would not have happened without the collaboration here in Ecuador of our colleague Gunter Change, HC2CG, together with our president of the Guayaquil Radio Club, Lorenzo Lertora, HC2BP.

Due to those radio teams, together with the Ecuadorian radio amateur volunteers, we were able to help a Venezuelan Air Force plane carrying search and rescue personnel and equipment to land safely at an airport that had lost all power and communication. We will always be very grateful to our North American colleagues for their selfless collaboration.

Of course, I apologize in advance if I forgot to mention a colleague who participated in the aid and negotiations for that aid to reach Ecuador, in this interview.

CQ: *Coincidentally, on the morning of Monday, April 4, 2022, the Geophysical Institute of Ecuador reported an earthquake with an intensity of 4.1 on the Richter scale, recorded in the Guayaquil area. How is it to live with the ghost of the 2016 earthquake?*

HC2DR: It is not easy, but we adapt. A lot of work has been done to inform and train the population about what to do in these cases; every year earthquake and tsunami drills are



Photos D-G. Photographs of the National Tsunami Drill, with the participation of radio amateurs from the Telecommunications Unit for Emergencies and Disasters (UTED) together with radio amateurs from all over Ecuador and from the following institutions: Guayaquil Radio Club, Manabí Radio Club, Azuay Radio Club, Durán Fire Department, Salinas Fire Department, Ecuadorian Navy, Ecuadorian Air Force, Risk Management Secretariat, Ecuadorian Red Cross, Decentralized Autonomous Governments, and SIS ECU911.



Photoa H-K. Another important training exercise developed by the Guayaquil Radio Club is the National Communications Exercise — Mar Bravo.



Photo L. Victor Perez, HC2DR (left), with one of his radio amateur sons, Ahmed Perez, HC2AP.

carried out along the coastal profile; an early warning system and evacuation signs and meeting points have also been implemented. Likewise, in the main cities, a citizen security ordinance has been created by the municipalities so that companies can implement contingency plans in these cases.

CQ: Since what happened in the earthquake, the Guayaquil Radio Club (HC2GRC), has been carrying out different practice drills, what can you tell me about that?

HC2DR: We participate every year in drills that take place in Guayaquil (Photos D-G and Photos H-K) and we test our response capacities. We have signed cooperation, advice

and training agreements with the Secretariat of Risk Management, the Ecuadorian Red Cross, Fire Department, and others with the aim of forming an inter-institutional emergency telecommunications network.

CQ: Tell us a little about your relationship with the Guayaquil Radio Club. Do I understand that your family participates in the club and that you also held different positions within the institution?

HC2DR: I joined the Guayaquil Radio Club (HC2GRC), on June 5, 1988, invited by some members of that time, as a technician in the telecommunications area, shortly after I collaborated in the area of the technical commission and formation of new members, over the years I have been occupying positions in the directory and I am currently the treasurer, my two eldest sons are also radio amateurs and collaborate with me in the activities of the club.

CQ: Next year, the Guayaquil Radio Club will be 100 years old. How do you see the future of the club and radio in general?

HC2DR: As a club, we will continue to work offering educational courses for radio amateurs and aspirants to this hobby; we will continue to hold contests and competitions with other clubs in our country; we will also continue to train emergency and disaster communicators and, above all, we will continue to collaborate with society in the technical preparation of new young people, with the idea that they relieve us and have the same mystique of service.

We thank the Ecuadorian Red Cross for the images, as well as the Guayaquil Radio Club, and we send a special greeting to club President Lorenzo Lertora, HC2BP, with much appreciation from CQ magazine.

The Pacific Belt or Ring of Fire

Ecuador is located in the Pacific Ring of Fire, which concentrates some of the most important subduction zones (sinking of tectonic plates) in the world and is the scene of strong seismic activity.

In addition to Ecuador, the Belt (another name for the Ring of Fire), which is shaped like a horseshoe, includes a large number of countries such as Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, Peru, Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico, the United States, and Canada.

As noted at the very beginning of this article, a magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck southern Peru on May 26th of this year.

Collaborators of the Ecuadorian Red Cross walking through the destroyed streets of Manta, a city where the 2016 earthquake was very intense. (Courtesy of the Ecuadorian Red Cross)



Announcing:

The 2022 CQ World-Wide RTTY DX Contest

September 24-25

Starts 00:00:00 UTC Saturday Ends 23:59:59 UTC Sunday
Additional categories for 2022: Youth Overlay and Explorer

I. OBJECTIVE

For amateurs around the world to contact as many other amateurs in as many CQ zones, countries, and W/VE QTHs as possible, using only Baudot RTTY (see Rule IX.,10).

II. BANDS

Five bands only: The 3.5-, 7-, 14-, 21- and 28-MHz bands. Observance of established band plans is strongly encouraged.

III. CONTEST EXCHANGE

RST report plus CQ Zone (e.g., 599 05). Stations in the continental USA and Canada also send QTH (e.g., 599 05 MA). See IV.C.3. below.

IV. SCORING:

A. Score: The final score is the result of the total QSO points multiplied by the sum of zone, country, and QTH multipliers. Example: 1,000 QSO points * (30 Zones + 70 Countries + 35 W/VE QTHs) = 135,000 (final score).

B. QSO Points: Stations may be contacted once on each band. QSO points are based on the location of the station worked.

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

2. Contacts between stations on the same continent but in different countries count two (2) points.

3. Contacts between stations in the same country count one (1) point.

C. Multiplier: There are three (3) types of multipliers.

1. **Zone:** A multiplier of one (1) for each different CQ Zone contacted on each band. The CQ Worked All Zones rules are the standard.

2. **Country:** A multiplier of one (1) for each different country contacted on each band. The DXCC entity list, Worked All Europe (WAE) multiplier list plus IG9/IH9, and continental boundaries are the standards for defining country multipliers. Maritime mobile stations count only for a zone multiplier.

3. **W/VE QTH:** A multiplier of one (1) for each continental U.S. state (48), The District of Columbia and each Canadian call area (14) contacted on each band. Please use only U.S. Postal Service abbreviations to identify U.S. states (e.g., Michigan = MI, Massachusetts = MA, Ohio = OH, The District of Columbia = DC). Note: Alaska (KL7) and Hawaii (KH6) are counted as country multipliers only and not as state multipliers. Canadian call areas (14 total) are as follows: NB (VE9), NS (VE1), QC (VE2), ON (VE3), MB (VE4), SK (VE5), AB (VE6), BC (VE7), NWT (VE8), NF (VO1), LB (VO2), NU (VY0), YT (VY1), PEI (VY2).

V. ENTRY CATEGORIES:

A. Single Operator Categories: One person (the operator) performs all operating and logging functions. There is no limit on operating time or band changes. Only one transmitted signal is permitted at any time.

1. **Single Operator:** QSO finding assistance of any kind is prohibited (see VIII.2).

a. **High Power (All Band or Single Band):** Total output power must not exceed 1,500 watts.

b. **Low Power (All Band or Single Band):** Total output power must not exceed 100 watts.

c. **QRP (All Band or Single Band):** Total output power must not exceed 5 watts.

2. **Single Operator Assisted:** Entrants in this category may use QSO finding assistance (see VIII.2).

a. **High Power Assisted (All Band or Single Band):** Total output power must not exceed 1,500 watts.

b. **Low Power Assisted (All Band or Single Band):** Total output power must not exceed 100 watts.

c. **QRP Assisted (All Band or Single Band):** Total output power must not exceed 5 watts.

B. Single Operator Overlay Categories: Any Single Operator entrant who meets the requirements may ALSO enter one of the categories shown below by adding the appropriate CATEGORY-OVERLAY line in the Cabrillo log file header. Overlay category entries will be listed separately in the results; scored as All Bands; and grouped by High Power and Low Power (includes QRP).

1. **Classic Operator (CLASSIC):** The entrant will use only one radio, no QSO finding assistance, and may operate up to 24 of the 48 hours — **off times are a minimum of 60 minutes during which no QSO is logged.** If the log shows more than 24 hours of operation, only the first 24 hours will be counted for the overlay score. Receiving while transmitting is prohibited. Single Operator Assisted entries are not eligible for this category.

2. **Rookie (ROOKIE):** The operator was first licensed as a radio amateur less than three (3) years before the date of the contest. Indicate the date first licensed in the SOAPBOX field. Previous Rookie winners are ineligible for plaques in this category.

3. **Youth (YOUTH):** The operator was 25 years old or younger at the start of the contest. Indicate the birth year in the SOAPBOX field.

C. Multi-Operator Categories (all-band operation only): Any number of operators is allowed. QSO finding assistance is allowed. Only one transmitted signal per band is permitted at any time.

1. **Multi-Single:** Only one transmitted signal on one band permitted at any time (run station / signal). Exception: One — and only one — other transmitted signal (multiplier station / signal) may be used, if — and only if — it is on a different band from the run transmitted signal and the station worked is a new multiplier. The run and multiplier transmitted signals may each make a maximum of 8 band changes per clock hour (00 through 59 minutes). The log must indicate which transmitted signal (run or multiplier) made each QSO. The multiplier transmitted signal may not call CQ (solicit contacts).

a. **High Power:** Total output power must not exceed **1,500 watts** on any band at any time.

b. **Low Power:** Total output power must not exceed **100 watts** on any band at any time.

2. **Multi-Two:** A maximum of two transmitted signals may be used at any time, and they must be on two different bands. The log must indicate which station / signal made each QSO. Each station / signal may make a maximum of 8 band changes in any clock hour (00 through 59 minutes). Total output power must not exceed **1,500 watts** on any band at any time.

3. **Multi-Multi:** The five contest bands may be activated simultaneously. Only one transmitted signal per band is permitted at any time. Total output power must not exceed **1,500 watts** on any band at any time.

D. Explorer: The Explorer category allows amateurs to participate in the CQWW contest while encouraging innovation in operating strategies, station design, and technology adaptation. For full Explorer rules, go to cqww.com/explorer.htm.

E. Checklog: Entry submitted to assist with the log checking. The entry will not have a score in the results and the log will not be made public.

VI. AWARDS:

A single-band log will be eligible for a single-band award only. A log containing more than one band will be judged as an all-band entry unless specified as a single-band entry.

A. Certificates: Electronic certificates will be made available for download for everyone that submits an entry by the log deadline.

B. Plaques: Plaques are awarded for top performance in a number of categories. View the current list of plaques and sponsors at cqwwrtty.com/plaques.htm. Only one plaque will be awarded per entry. A station winning a plaque will not be considered for a sub-area award; the plaque will be awarded to the runner-up in that area.

VII. CLUB COMPETITION:

The club score is the total aggregate score from logs submitted by members. There are two separate club competition categories.

A. USA Clubs: Participation is limited to club members residing within a 250-mile radius circle from the center of club area.

B. DX Clubs: Participation is limited to club members residing within EITHER the DXCC country where the club is located OR within a 400-kilometer radius circle from the center of club.

C. General club rules:

1. National organizations (e.g., JARL, REF or DARC) are not eligible for the club competition.

2. Single-operator entries may only contribute to one club. Multi-operator scores may be allocated to multiple clubs as a percentage of the number of club members participating in the operation. The log entry must spell out the full club name (and club allocations if multi-op).

3. A minimum of four logs must be received for a club to be listed in the results. Checklog entries are not counted for the club score.

4. The word "reside" shall be defined as: To dwell permanently or continuously or to occupy a place as a person's fixed, permanent, and principal home for legal purposes.

VIII. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS:

1. Station location: The area in which all the transmitters, receivers, and antennas are located. All transmitters, receivers, and amplifiers must be within a single 500-meter

diameter circle. Antennas must be physically connected by RF transmission lines to the transmitters and receivers.

2. QSO finding assistance: The use of any technology or other source that provides callsign or multiplier identification of a signal to the operator, other than a single-channel RTTY decoder. This includes, but is not limited to, use of a multi-channel RTTY decoder, DX cluster, DX spotting websites (e.g., DX Summit), local or remote callsign and frequency decoding technology (e.g., RTTY Skimmer or Reverse Beacon Network), or operating arrangements involving other individuals.

IX. GENERAL RULES FOR ALL ENTRANTS:

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

2. A different callsign must be used for each entry. Only the entrant's callsign may be used to aid the entrant's score.

3. Do not exceed the total output power limitation of the chosen entry category on any band. Total output power on any band at any time is measured at the output of the active amplifier(s).

4. Self-spotting or asking to be spotted is not permitted.

5. Remote operation is permitted if the physical location of all transmitters, receivers, and antennas are at one station location. A remotely operated station must obey all station license, operator license, and category limitations. The callsign used must be one issued or permitted by the Regulatory Authority of the station location.

6. Remote receivers outside of the station location are not permitted.

7. Only one signal on a band is allowed at any time. When two or more transmitters are present on the same band, a hardware device **MUST** be used to prevent more than one signal at any one time. Alternating CQs on two or more frequencies on a band is not permitted.

8. All requests for contacts, responses to calls, and copying of callsigns and contest exchanges must be accomplished during the contest period using the mode and frequencies of the contest.

9. Correction of logged callsigns and exchanges after the contest, by use of any database, recordings, email, or other methods, is not allowed.

10. Only 45.45-Baud, 170-Hz shift ITA2 mode is permitted.

X. LOG INSTRUCTIONS:

Electronic submission of logs is **required** for all entrants.

1. The log MUST show the following for each contact: Correct date and time in UTC, frequency (or band), callsign of the station worked, exchange sent, and exchange received. A log without all required information may be reclassified to Checklog. Contacts should be logged at the time they are completed. Stations competing for World and Continent awards must provide actual frequencies for all contacts in the log.

2. Single band entrants are required to include all contacts made during the contest period, even if on other bands. Only contacts made on the band specified in the Cabrillo header will be considered for scoring purposes. Logs with contacts only on one band will be classified as single-band entries.

3. The CABRILLO file format is the standard for logs. See cqwwrtty.com/cabrillo.htm for detailed instructions on filling out the CABRILLO file header. Failure to fill out the header correctly may result in the entry being placed in the wrong category or reclassified as a Checklog. Note: U.S. and Canada stations must indicate the station location in the CABRILLO header (e.g., LOCATION: OH); other stations indicate "DX" (e.g., LOCATION: DX).

4. **Web upload is the only method of log submission.** Web upload of logs is available at <cqwwrtty.com/logcheck>.

5. **Instructions for NON-CABRILLO electronic logs:** If you are not able to submit a CABRILLO format log, please contact the Contest Director for assistance with submitting another format.

6. **Entry Confirmation:** All logs received will be confirmed via email. A listing of logs received can be found at <cqwwrtty.com/logs_received.htm>.

7. **Log withdrawal:** An entrant may withdraw the submitted log for any reason within 30 days of the log deadline. Contact the Contest Director for instructions.

XI. LOG DEADLINE:

1. All entries must be sent **WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS** after the end of the contest: no later than **2359 UTC September 30, 2022**. Resubmitting an entry after the deadline will result in it being considered as a late log.

2. An extension may be requested at <cqwwrtty.com/contact>. The request must state a legitimate reason and must be received before the log deadline. Extensions are granted only upon confirmation by the Contest Director.

3. Logs submitted after the deadline may be listed in the results, but are not eligible for awards.

XII. JUDGING:

The CQWW RTTY DX Contest Committee is responsible for checking and adjudicating the contest entries. Entrants are expected to follow the rules and best amateur radio practices. Violation of the rules of the contest or unsportsmanlike conduct may lead to disciplinary action by the Committee.

A. Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Examples of unsportsmanlike conduct include, but are not limited to:

1. Arranging or confirming any contacts during or after the contest by use of ANY non-amateur radio means such as telephones, internet, instant messaging, chat rooms, VoIP, email, social media, or websites.

2. Transmissions by the entrant on frequencies outside of license limitations.

3. Changing times in the log to meet band change or off time rules.

4. Taking credit for excessive unverifiable QSOs or unverifiable multipliers.

5. Signals with excessive bandwidth (e.g., splatter, clicks) or harmonics on other bands.

6. Running stations making more than three consecutive contacts without sending their callsign.

B. Audio Recordings: Any single operator entrant (see V.A.1) competing for a top five finish at the (a) World, (b) Continent, or (c) USA levels, including Classic Overlay, must record the transmitted and received audio as heard by the operator for the duration of the contest operation. The recording must be in a common format (e.g., mp3) and should include the audio to each ear as a separate channel. The recording must be a continuous recording (not a recording of individual QSOs). Time "off the air" (when not transmitting or receiving) does not have to be recorded. The recording may be requested by the Committee within 90 days after the log deadline to help adjudicate the log. The recording files must be provided by the entrant within 5 days of the request. **Failure to submit a requested audio recording may result in the reclassification of a log entry or disqualification.**

C. Disciplinary Actions: In the event of a violation, the entrant is subject to disqualification at the discretion of the Committee.

1. Disqualified entries will be listed at the end of the published results and are not eligible for an award.

2. Notification of Committee actions will be sent by email to the address provided with the log submission. The entrant has five days to appeal the decision to the Contest Director. After that time, the decision is final.

3. The Committee reserves the right to change the category of any entry based on its examination of the log or other information.

D. Log Checking: All logs are checked using custom software and human judgment.

1. Duplicate contacts are removed with no additional penalty.

2. Contacts with an incorrectly received exchange are removed with no additional penalty.

3. Callsign errors (bust) or callsigns not in the other log (NIL) are removed and receive a penalty of two times the QSO point value for that contact.

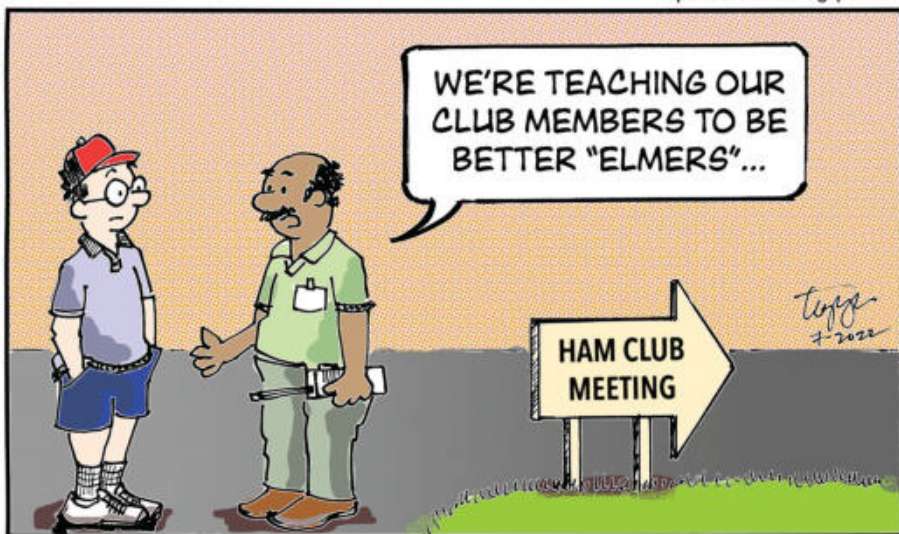
XIII. DECLARATION:

By submitting a CQWW RTTY DX Contest log, and in consideration of the efforts of the CQWW RTTY DX Contest Committee to review and evaluate that log, an entrant unconditionally and irrevocably agrees that he/she has: 1) read and understood the rules of the contest and agrees to be bound by them, 2) operated according to all rules and regulations that pertain to amateur radio for the station location, 3) agreed the log entry may be made open to the public, and 4) accepted that the issuing of disqualifications and other decisions of the Committee are official and final. If an entrant is unwilling or unable to agree to all of the foregoing, the entrant should not submit the entry or submit the entry as a Checklog only.

Questions pertaining to the CQWW RTTY DX Contest rules may be submitted through at <cqwwrtty.com/contact.htm>. Answers for many frequently asked questions can be found at <<https://cqwwrtty.com/rules.htm>>.

SPURIOUS SIGNALS

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CQ CLASSIC:

The Birth of HF Voice Privileges for Novices and Technicians

Several articles in this issue are focused on newcomers to the HF bands, and our DX column looks at the great DXing opportunities offered by the (admittedly limited) HF voice and digital privileges for hams holding Technician and Novice Class licenses. So, we thought we'd go back to the birth of those privileges for this month's *CQ Classic*, in a look at what came to be known as the FCC's "Novice Enhancement" rulemaking 36 years ago. Here's a redux of W5YI's "Ticket Talk" column from the August 1986 issue (which just happened to feature the boss — K2MGA — on the cover.



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Ticket Talk

INFO ON AMATEUR RADIO LICENSING

FCC Proposes Voice Privileges For Novices

"One of the fundamental purposes of amateur radio is to maintain a pool of operators, technicians, and electronics experts. In light of the apparent downward trends in Novice operators, we are concerned that a valuable national resource is being diminished. Accordingly, we will propose rulemaking in the hope that an enhanced Novice license will benefit the service and reverse the trends."
from FCC Rule Making, April 18, 1986.

Most newcomers to the hobby are disappointed at being restricted to Morse code operation when they enter the amateur ranks at the Novice level. The greater majority of new amateur radio operators feel the code requirement is antiquated and unnecessary in view of today's technology and their main interest—voice or computer operation. The five word per minute code requirement remains the necessary prerequisite evil to grading up to telephony privileges. The attrition rate at the Novice level is high! (See Table I.) Sad to say, a staggering two thirds of all Novices eventually drop out of ham radio without ever obtaining the voice privileges they dearly desire.

Even more of a problem to the future of amateur radio is the declining numbers of new Novices entering amateur radio. It is becoming an old man's pur-

	Fiscal Year 1983	Fiscal Year 1984	Fiscal Year 1985	3 Year Totals
New Novices	18,744	17,392	15,913	52,049
Dropped Out	9,129	14,883	9,615	33,627 (64.6%)
Novices/Year End	86,781	80,461	76,337	-10,444

Table I- Statistics show the high attrition rate at the Novice level. (Source: Federal Communications Commission, Personal Radio Branch, Washington, D.C.)

suit. The average amateur's age is well up in years, when in reality it should be in the teens and twenties!

The FCC statistics published in Table I tell the story! There are more than 10,000 *less* Novice operators than just two years ago! New blood is needed if amateur radio is to continue as we know it. Many commercial groups say they need more spectrum and point to the declining numbers of new Novices and the stagnated Amateur Radio Service in general. They want the frequencies we have. Once lost, you can bet that they will never be regained. They will be gone forever.

The FCC views a growing Amateur Radio Service as a healthy service. While some blame the decline in new amateurs on the bottom of sunspot cycle and its accompanying poorer band conditions, the fact is that the Amateur Radio Service is anything but healthy! Just ask amateur radio equipment manufactur-

ers. Reliable VHF and higher frequency communications for the most part aren't affected by propagation.

Current Novice activity is pretty much limited to a small sliver of the 40 and 80 meter bands, which suffer from Canadian amateur phone operation and international broadcast activity. Stated simply, Novices are disillusioned with amateur radio—but the situation is about to change for the better!

The code-bound Novice is about to gain voice privileges—and soon! The long expected **Novice Enhancement** proceeding was released by the FCC on April 30th. Voice privileges for Novices won't be precedent setting, however. They had 2 meter (145-147 MHz) telephony privileges back in the sixties when VHF was considered "experimental" and repeaters were unheard of. The technology just wasn't there. A lot has changed since then! What was once a Morse code and AM phone hobby now

basically is FM/SSB telephony and digital operation. Clearly the Novice should be allowed to participate. To deny them is to deny amateur radio and everyone loses. A new generation must be attracted to the Amateur Radio Service.

History of Novice Enhancement

While most important, the American Radio Relay League was far from the first to petition the FCC for expanded Novice privileges. The FCC-supported “no-code” class of amateur ticket was defeated by intense League lobbying a couple of years ago. Enhancing Novice privileges is thought by many to be a second-best alternative to “no code.” Technician class amateurs will also reap the benefits of any additional Novice privileges, since they automatically receive all privileges available to the Novice operator.

Larry W. Garens, KC5OQ, of the smallest Texas community of Brady, deserves the credit as being the initial author of Novice Enhancement. He filed four petitions for it with the FCC before the ARRL filed their petition. Garens proposed to expand the operating privileges for Novice operators by allowing telegraphy, RTTY, and voice privileges in the 10 meter band and code and voice between 220-225 MHz. Garens filed a fifth petition after the League jumped on the bandwagon suggesting the addition of the 902-928 MHz band to the Novice class. While not given much publicity, the League's petition for Novice enhancement is basically the same as that envisioned many months earlier in the Garens' proposal.

What Did The ARRL Propose?

On June 6, 1985 the ARRL proposed to provide greater motivation for amateurs-to-be to obtain their first license, without reducing the incentive to upgrade by attaching too many privileges to what is, and should continue to be, an elementary license. The League suggested Novice voice and data privileges sufficient to permit communication with other local amateurs and to provide an occasional opportunity for long-distance communications. The essential elements of the ARRL petition were:

1. Authorize Novice control operators digital communication privileges in the 10 meter band on frequencies 28.1 to 28.3 MHz, 200 watt output PEP;
2. Authorize Novice control operators emission J3E (sideband telephony) privileges in the 10 meter band on frequencies 28.3-28.5 MHz;
3. Authorize Novice control operators

frequency privileges in the entire 1.25 meter band (220-225 MHz) with all emission privileges authorized for that band and with a transmitter power limit of 25 watts.

4. Stations in 220-225 MHz repeater operation could retransmit the signals of Novice stations, but no Novice licensee could be the control operator of a station in repeater operation;

5. Authorize Novice control operators frequency privileges in the 0.23 meter band on frequencies 1246-1260 MHz with a transmitter power of 5 watts similar to the conditions proposed for the 1.25 meter band.

To eliminate a loss of privileges, the League suggested that the power level be authorized at full amateur level (i.e., 1500 watts output PEP) when a General through Extra class amateur operated in the 28.1-28.2 MHz Novice segment. (The FCC is reviewing comments from the public— particularly Novices— on the feasibility of this.)

New Novice Test Outline Suggested

The League suggested that the Novice written examination (Element 2) be expanded to include topics about digital communications and telephony techniques. The ARRL said this was necessary so that the examination would be commensurate with the Novice privileges granted. The League also asked that the written test be expanded to 30 questions and the question pool (P.R. Bulletin 1035A) from which these questions are selected be increased to 300 questions.

To preserve the integrity of the Novice examination the ARRL said that each examination for the Novice class operator license should be administered by two volunteer examiners holding General class licenses or above, rather than the presently required one examiner.

FCC Issues NPRM

The Commission issued the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking just in time for FCC announcement at the 1986 Dayton Hamvention. It was very well received by those in attendance. The FCC's NPRM provides for basically the same features as proposed by the League.

The FCC did caution the amateur community, however, regarding the 220-225 MHz band. They said that it must be recognized that there are three petitions seeking spectrum from this amateur band—two seeking narrow-

band land mobile operation and another from a “reading for the blind” organization. In view of this, the FCC said that they will not be finalizing the matter of permitting Novice operators in the 220-225 MHz band until these petitions are resolved. Any Novice operation authorized must necessarily be on an interim basis pending resolution of the 220 MHz issue.

The FCC did publish new tentative rules, however, authorizing Novice and Technician access to:

- 28100—28500 kHz, Morse Code, Digital Information, 200 watts PEP output
- 28300-28500 kHz, Single Sideband Voice (J3E), 200 watts PEP output
- 220-225 MHz, All current amateur modes, 25 watts PEP output
- 1246-1260 MHz, All current amateur modes, 5 watts PEP output

Novice class operators may not be the control operator of an amateur radio station in repeater, auxiliary, or beacon operations.

It must be emphasized that these rules are FCC *proposed*. They will become permanent if the FCC adopts their proposal. The general feeling is, however, that we will indeed see some firm enactment of enhanced Novice privileges by year end. The effect on the Amateur Radio Service could be dramatic! And not everyone is in favor of a large expansion of the ham ranks.

The FCC did not go along with the ARRL's suggestion that two examiners administer Novice examinations and invited comments on this issue. “Integrity of the license is important, but we are not convinced that two examiners is the right safeguard to employ.” The FCC did feel that “Including Novices in the Volunteer Examination System has merit, but we are reluctant to disturb the present procedure under which aspirants to amateur radio receive licenses quickly and free of charge.” The FCC also said that they were unsure of the capacity of the VE system to handle a large volume of applicants.

Public comment period on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking closed on July 16th. A novel approach was also suggested by the FCC in the NPRM, that being to split the present Technician class examination into two sections—separate MF/HF and VHF/UHF questions. “It would be a simple matter,” the FCC said, “to rearrange the topics into two syllabi: Element 3(A) for VHF and UHF; Element 3(B) for MF and HF. Element 3(A) would be a written test requirement for a Technician-and-above license. Element 3(B) would be

License Class	Morse Code Examinations	Written Examinations	Passing Mark
Novice	Element 1 A—5 wpm	Element 2—20 questions	15 correct
Technician		Element 3—50 questions	37 correct
General	Element 1B—13 wpm		
Advanced	Element 1C—20 wpm	Element 4A—50 questions	37 correct
Extra Class		Element 4B—40 questions	30 correct

Table II- Requirements of amateur radio license classes.

a written test requirement for a General-and-above license.” The present Element 3 covers both VHF/UHF and high-frequency operation. Basically, what the FCC's alternative proposal suggests is a simpler examination for Technician class than is now the case.

From The Mailbag

Must the amateur radio examinations be taken in order? Can't I just take the General class and skip the Novice and Technician classes? There are seven different amateur radio operator examinations—three for the Morse code and four written tests. The requirements are shown in Table II.

You can't be a General class amateur without first passing the Novice and Technician class requirements. The written examinations must be taken in order of ascending difficulty starting with Element 2. The code tests may be taken in any order. Thus, if you can pass the Extra class requirement of 20 words per minute, you need not take Element 1A or 1B. Passing mark is 74% on a written test.

The passing mark on the code test depends on how it is administered, which is up to the VE team. Seven out of ten fill-in-the-blank, true/false, or multiple-choice questions answered correctly or one minute solid copy passes the code test. It is up to the VE team whether or not a sending test is required. Most VE teams don't administer one, since Morse receiving ability is considered evidence that you can send at that speed.

There is no longer an FCC requirement for a waiting period before retaking failed examinations. Some VECs do, however, have their own requirements dependent upon their testing capabilities. Even though a VEC may require a specified period before you retake an examination, you can always be immediately retested at another VEC's program. In our own VEC case, we allow candidates to retake failed examinations the following day, but never on the same day administered by the same VE team.

I'm thinking of becoming a volunteer examiner. Just what am I getting into?

Being a volunteer examiner for other applicants is the highest calling in amateur radio. It is the key to the future of the hobby. It is very easy to do. Some VEC's have programs that are more difficult to administer than others. We go to great lengths to cut through all of the red tape, unnecessary forms, procedures, and “paper.” One of our guiding policies is that it should be no harder to administer a Technician through Extra class license than one at the Novice level. There are differences, however.

It takes three Extra class level VE's to hold a test session at the Technician or higher level, and an advance public notice must be made of the upcoming test session. You can immediately be accredited as a VE if you are an Extra class amateur by simply signing a statement regarding your status and submitting a copy of your amateur radio operator license. (Send for a free application if you are interested.)

Once you have lined up the necessary three accredited VE's, you can hold an examination session by advising us of the date and test site city. You will be mailed a package containing all

of the necessary instructions, tests, and forms. Once you have held a test session or two, you can qualify for our ADP (Automatic Distribution Plan) program where we automatically forward you many test versions for administration by your team as needed. You don't even have to request a test session once you are on the ADP program. Just use the testing materials that we have sent you. The Part 97 rules require that you keep all tests secure against disclosure. You automatically get many new test versions and answer sheets whenever the FCC revises a question pool.

The idea is to make amateur radio operator testing as simple as possible while still maintaining the credibility of the VE system. We feel that it is one of the VEC's responsibilities to make it easy for VE's to quickly hold a hassle-free exam session if there are applicants to be tested and accredited volunteer examiners willing to administer those examinations. Our program is unique in that we also share test fees with our VE teams, since they too have expenses which must be paid.

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Announcing:

2022 Inductees to the CQ Amateur Radio and Contesting Halls of Fame

CQ magazine is pleased to announce its 2022 Hall of Fame inductees, including two new members of the CQ Contest Hall of Fame and six¹ inductees to the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame. The Contest Hall of Fame induction took place in person at the Dayton Contest Dinner for the first time in three years; honorees from 2020 and 2021 were also recognized.

The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame honors those individuals, whether licensed hams or not, who have made significant contributions to amateur radio; *and* those amateurs who have made significant contributions either to amateur radio, to their professional careers or to some other aspect of life on our planet. This year, we are inducting six new members, bringing to 345 the total number of members inducted since the hall's establishment in 2001.

The 2022 inductees (listed alphabetically) are:

Franklin P. Antonio, N6NKF (SK), co-founder of Qualcomm, whose chips underlie much of our modern technology. Antonio was particularly involved in the company's satellite work and was a philanthropist as well, donating \$30 million to the University of California at San Diego as seed money for a new engineering building.

Wolf Harranth, OE1WHC / OE3WHC (SK), journalist and broadcaster on Radio Austria International; founder of Austria's radio documentary archive (DokuFunk), now the world's largest archive on the history of radio, including the YASME / Colvin collection; literary translator and 2017 recipient of the IARU Region 1 Roy Stevens memorial award for his work on DokuFunk.

Les Kramer, WA3SGZ, inventor of lower-limb prosthetic devices used by some 3,000 people worldwide, including two survivors of the Boston Marathon bombing; as well as multiple other inventions in the fields of electric power generation, IED detection, optical coatings for industrial processes, and more.

Peter Marks, AB3XC, physician and FDA scientist behind "Operation Warp Speed." Dr. Marks leads the team at FDA that reviewed and approved all of the available vaccines for COVID-19 as well as all intravenous therapeutics such as Convalescent Plasma, Monoclonal antibodies, and diagnostic testing.

Bob Ringwald, K6YBV (SK), well-known blind jazz musician in Sacramento; co-founder of the Sacramento Jazz Festival; known locally as "the emperor of jazz" and, last but not least, father of actress and singer Molly Ringwald.

R. Scott Wright, KØMD, physician and leader of Mayo Clinic team developing the use of convalescent plasma as one of the first treatments for Covid-19; DXer, contester, former editor of the *National Contest Journal*.

The 2022 inductees to the CQ Contest Hall of Fame are:

David Pascoe, KM3T, a highly accomplished multi-op and single-op contester with many championships and record

scores to his credit, and he is also responsible for much of the "back room" infrastructure behind the administration of many major contests. He is the infrastructure and IT security "departments" for all of the contests supported by the World Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF), including all CQ contests, several ARRL contests, and others. He also maintains the email lists on the contesting.com system,



CQ World Wide DX Contest Director and Dayton Contest Dinner Emcee John Dorr, K1AR, presents 2022 CQ Contest Hall of Fame Plaque to Craig Thompson, K9CT, at the Contest Dinner in Dayton, Ohio. (Photos by and courtesy of Bob Wilson, N6TV)



K1AR presents 2022 CQ Contest Hall of Fame Plaque to David Pascoe, KM3T, at the Contest Dinner in Dayton, Ohio, on May 21st.



2020 CQ Contest Hall of Fame honoree Geoffrey Howard, WØCG/PJ2X. Due to Covid, there were no in-person inductions in 2020 or 2021.



2021 CQ Contest Hall of Fame honoree Robert Wolbert, K6XX, at the 2022 Dayton Contest Dinner.

including CQ-Contest, 3830, and more. He is also a pioneer in live contest audio streaming, and is a volunteer pilot for two organizations that provide free medical-related air travel.

Craig Thompson, K9CT, a world-class contester and promoter of youth in contesting. He developed the North American Collegiate Championship (NACC) program, in which college amateur radio clubs compete against each other in the context of the larger competition of the North American QSO Party. Craig also worked closely with Tim Duffy, K3LR, to develop a version of the Contest University (CTU) program specifically designed to integrate with each year's W9DXCC Convention. He is also involved in several amateur radio organizations, serving as treasurer of CWops, a board member of the Northern California DX Foundation

(NCDXF), past president of the Society of Midwest Contesters, and is currently chairman of the ARRL Contest Advisory Committee.

The CQ Contest Hall of Fame was established in 1986 to recognize those amateurs who have made major contributions to the art of radio contesting.

CQ DX Hall of Fame

There were no inductees to the CQ DX Hall of Fame for 2022, as the judging committee determined that none of the nominees met the high standard required for selection.

Note:

1. The original Hall of Fame announcement incorrectly included seven inductees to the Amateur Radio Hall of Fame. The seventh person listed, EZNEC developer Roy Lewallen, W7EL, was already inducted in 2007 and remains a member in good standing!



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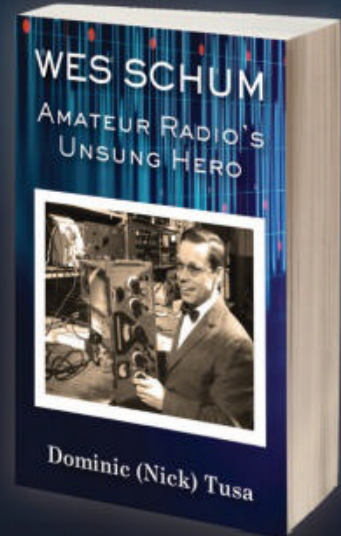
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Just about everything these days operates on batteries, from the computer in your pocket to electric vehicles. But disposing of all those batteries creates a big environmental problem. AH6CY offers a “green” approach to powering a very low-power transceiver ... using fruits and vegetables to generate electricity. (And no, this is not an April fool article; that’s why we waited until now to publish it!)

“Green” Power for QRPp

Explore the World of QRPp Radios With Biodegradable Batteries

BY HIROKI KATO,* AH6CY

No, the lowercase “p” in QRPp doesn’t stand for potato, it indicates the extreme lower region of QRP in which transmitters typically radiate 1 watt or less. QRPp transmitters are measured in milliwatts.

The experiment I recount here started as a joke. Members

of our QRP club were comparing the various batteries for our outdoor portable operations. One OM mentioned, tongue in cheek, that he powered his radio with a potato battery. He really doesn’t, but he has the largest collection of batteries in our group. Many of us fondly remember playing with potatoes or lemons to make a battery in our elementary school days. I decided to re-live that fun and at the same time to take a serious look at how much electric energy potatoes, lemons and other fruits and vegetables can generate. Like

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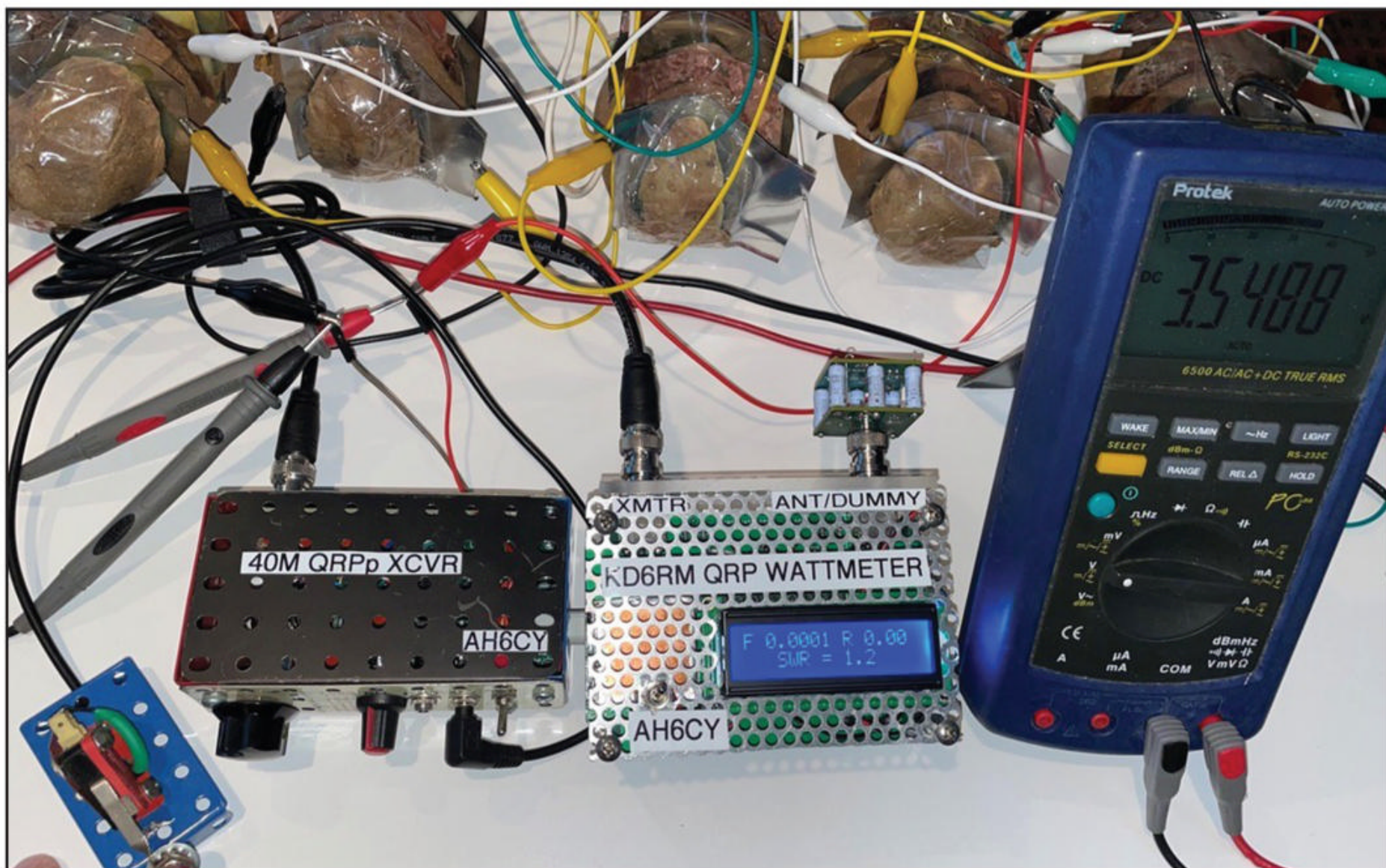


Photo A. AH6CY’s naturally-powered QRPp transceiver. The “batteries” are renewable, biodegradable and ... edible! (All photos by the author)



Photo B. In the initial experiment, a copper penny and a zinc-plated nail were used as the electrodes in a single raw potato. I could only get 0.084 mA of current.

any self-respecting ham, I also wanted to find out if it was possible to use a vegetable to power a QRP rig (*Photo A*).

Battery Power

From testing many different kinds of vegetables and fruits, I learned that they generate anywhere between 0.5 and 1 volt of electricity. When it comes specifically to potatoes, I found out:

1. The voltage you can get from a single potato is somewhere between 0.5-0.9 volts. The size of the potato does not make any difference in voltage, and neither does the distance between the two electrodes.

2. However, increasing the contact surface area of the electrodes increases current output while the voltage does not change. The current you can obtain from a single potato or a lemon is so small that my multimeter registers much lower than a single milliamp. It takes as many as three potatoes to light an LED.

3. Potatoes retain their battery chemistry and can produce an output as long as a month even after they become moldy or rotten.

It was immediately apparent that I would need to connect many potatoes in parallel and in series to make a useful battery if I was going to power a QRP

Photo C. The potato batteries were wrapped tightly in plastic tape, with the electrodes curved around them for maximum contact area.



rig. In theory, I could produce a 12-volt, 1- to 2-amp potato battery by connecting many potatoes to power a common 1-5-watt QRP transceiver. But if it takes hundreds of potatoes to power a radio, it wouldn't be a practical battery, either in terms of cost (even though the potato is one of the least expensive vegetables; about a dollar per pound in my neighborhood) and the physical space required. I concluded that I would need a radio that could operate with a much lower voltage power supply, say 3-5 volts at 5-15 mA, i.e., a QRP radio.

While experimenting with various fruits and vegetables, my internet research uncovered a scientific paper that blew me away. In 2010, Prof. Haim Rabinowitch of Hebrew University wrote a paper in which he claimed that cooked potatoes can generate up to 10 times greater output than raw potatoes.¹ Encouraged by the article, I cooked a batch of potatoes in a microwave oven and experimented with various ways to construct a practical multi-cell battery. I inserted a copper plate (99% purity) for the anode and a zinc plate (99% purity) for the cathode in each cell. To increase the surface contact area of the electrodes I bent each of the plates into a "U" shape.

Here are some of the results of my experiments:

With a copper penny and a zinc-plated nail as the electrodes (*Photo B*), I could only get 0.084 mA of current from a single potato, not enough even to turn on an LED light. When I replaced the copper penny and the zinc-plated nail with a flat copper plate and a flat zinc plate, thus increasing the electrodes' surface contact area, the output increased from 0.084 mA to 0.436 mA. When the same potato was cooked in the microwave, the output increased dramatically from 0.436 mA to 2.165

mA. When I squeezed the same cooked potato to concentrate more of the potato mass into contact with the surface of the electrodes, the output further increased to 5.406 mA. I then packaged cooked potatoes by tightly wrapping them with a plastic tape (*Photo C*). The copper plates and zinc plates were bent into a "U" shape to increase contact surface.

I powered a QRP transceiver with a bank of 8 cooked potatoes (*Photo D*). The result was a current drain of 7.729 mA that produced 1mW of RF power output from the transmitter (more on the transmitter below).

I then constructed a more "sophisticated" packaging for the potato battery. I prepared mashed potatoes and built a 6-cell battery in a 6-section plastic case. This made it easier to transport and use for portable operation. This particular arrangement generated about 5 volts and a current greater than 30 mA.

The battery in *Photo E* was made of shredded and microwaved lemons (rind and all). It generated 6 volts and over 40 mA of current (It smelled good, too!)

Transceiver

My first QRP transmitter powered by the potato battery is actually a 14,318-kHz computer clock oscillator (SG-531P) that I found on eBay. It was designed to oscillate at 5 volts, but it generates its signal at as low as at 1.5 volts. I added a 20-meter bandpass filter and a Morse key (in the form of a micro switch), all built in a repurposed small hearing aid battery case (*Photo A*; circuit in *Figure 1*). At 4 volts, it produced a power output of 1 milliwatt and consumed 26.5 mA of current, not a very efficient radio. But it works fine with a potato battery, if you don't mind some chirp in your signal. When you key down, the potato battery voltage drops

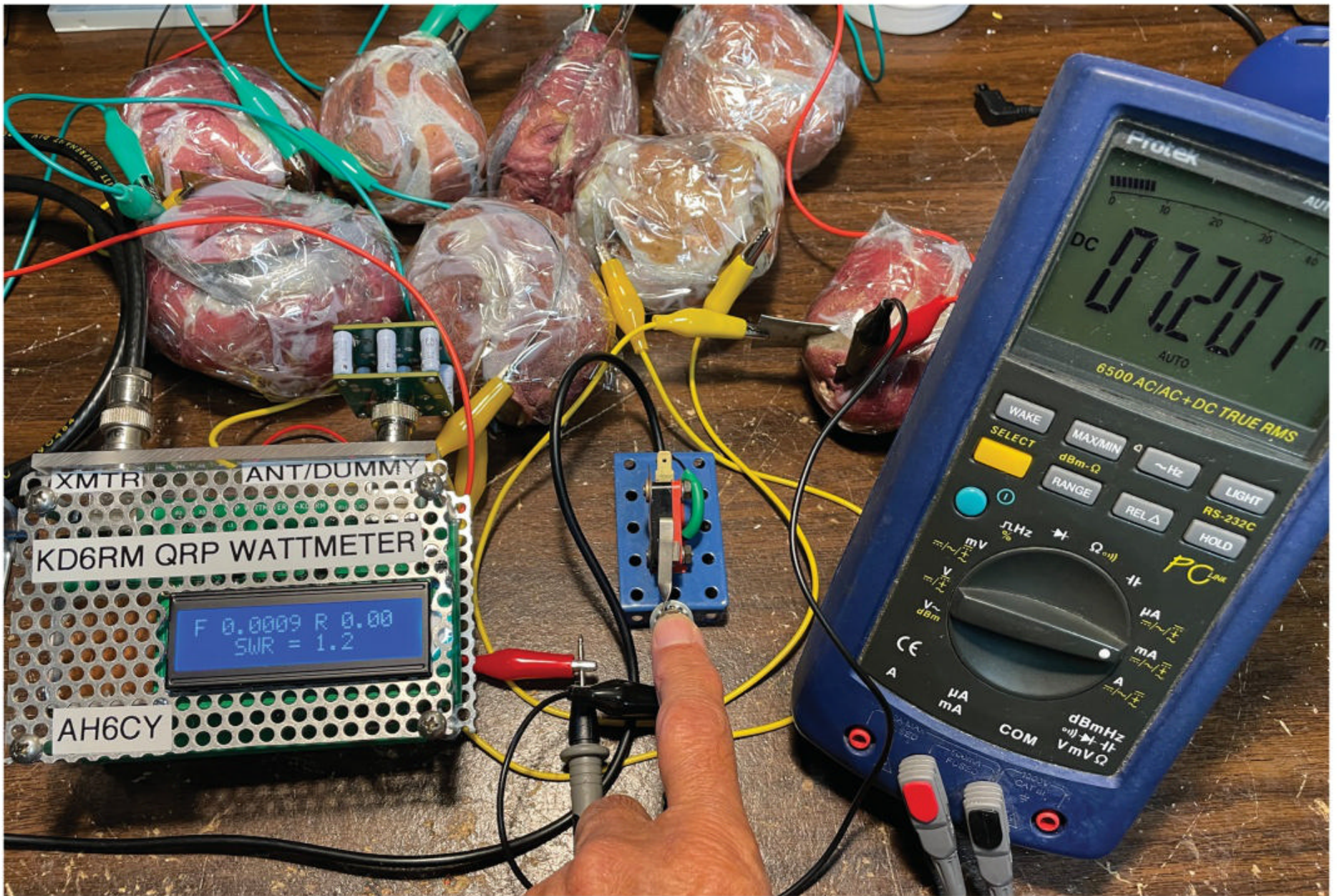


Photo D. A bank of eight potatoes was able to produce enough current to power a 1-milliwatt QRP transmitter.

significantly and RF output power is reduced to a few hundred microwatts.

I mated the same “computer clock” transmitter with a two-transistor regenerative receiver, the circuit diagram of which I found on the internet at <https://tinyurl.com/42ce53u4> (Photo G and Figure 2).

How well does it work? I took the potato battery and the QRP transceiver to my QRP club’s Friday gathering in a

public park in Palo Alto, California in June 2021. My antenna was the MP-1 portable vertical mounted on my SUV. My signal chirped but I successfully completed a 2-mile distance two-way QSO with members of the club. If I had used a better antenna, I probably could have reached a much greater distance. The receiver, like most regenerative receivers, is not very stable, though it is fairly sensitive. It requires a steady hand to tune.

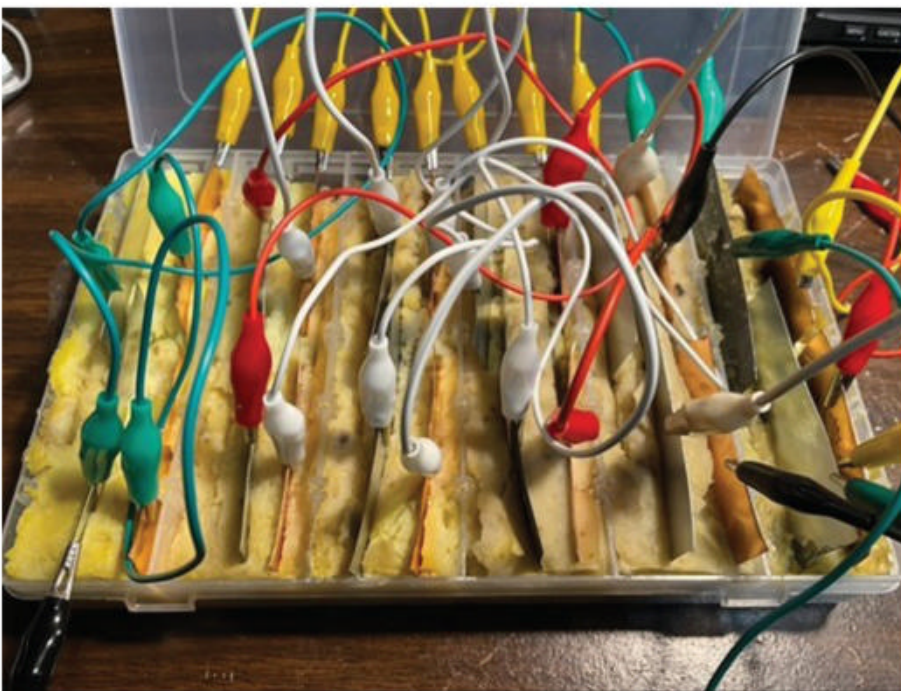


Photo E. This battery was made of shredded and microwaved lemons. It generated 6 volts and over 40 mA of current.

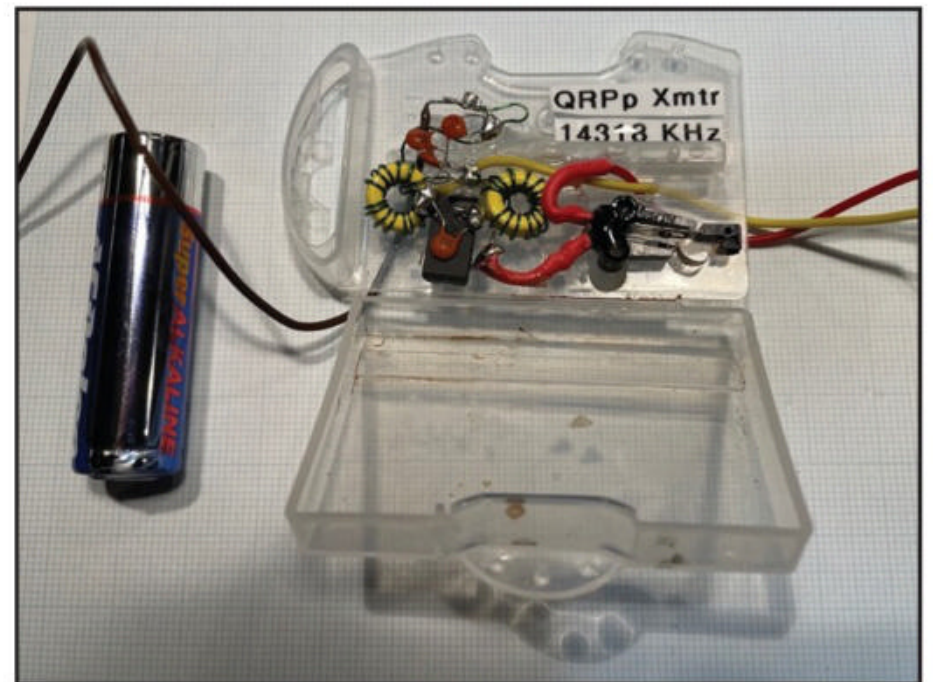


Photo F. A green-powered QRP transceiver built around a 14-MHz computer clock oscillator. See schematic in Figure 1.

The second QRPp transceiver I built specifically for the potato battery is a modified Pixie 40-meter transceiver² with a direct conversion receiving circuit. It has a built-in automatic T/R switching with keying. At 3 volts, the

transmitter produces 2.1 milliwatts of RF output, drawing 7.3 mA. On receive, the current drain is 2.2 mA. It requires a high-impedance earphone, though it does work with common headphones albeit at much lower volume. It is crys-

tal-controlled and can change frequencies among eight installed crystals by a rotary switch. The entire transceiver was housed in a metal case made of old Erector set pieces (courtesy of my grandkids, HI; *Photo H* and *Figure 3*).

Figure 1.
Schematic of the computer clock oscillator-based QRPp transmitter. (Drawing by Emily Leary)

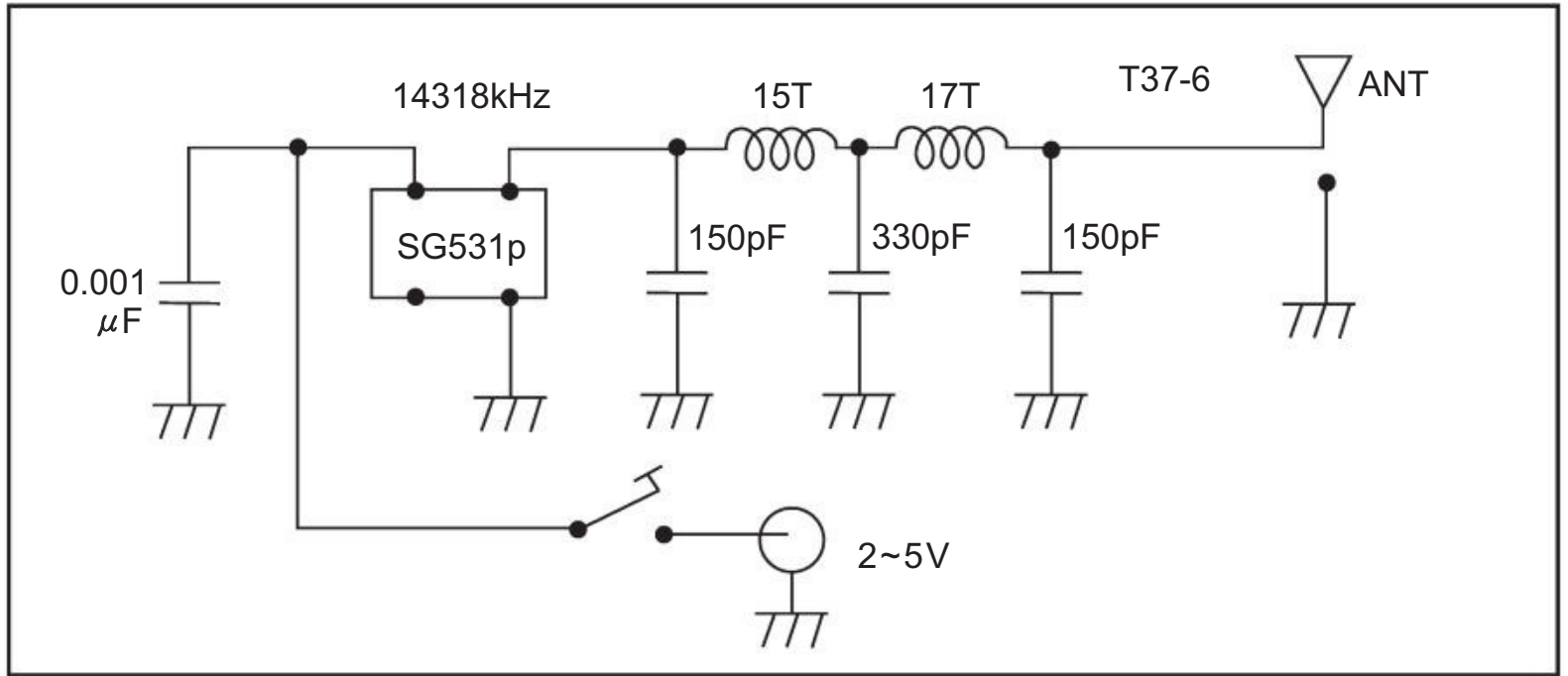


Figure 2.
Schematic of the regenerative receiver the author built to work with his initial QRPp transmitter. (Drawing by Emily Leary)

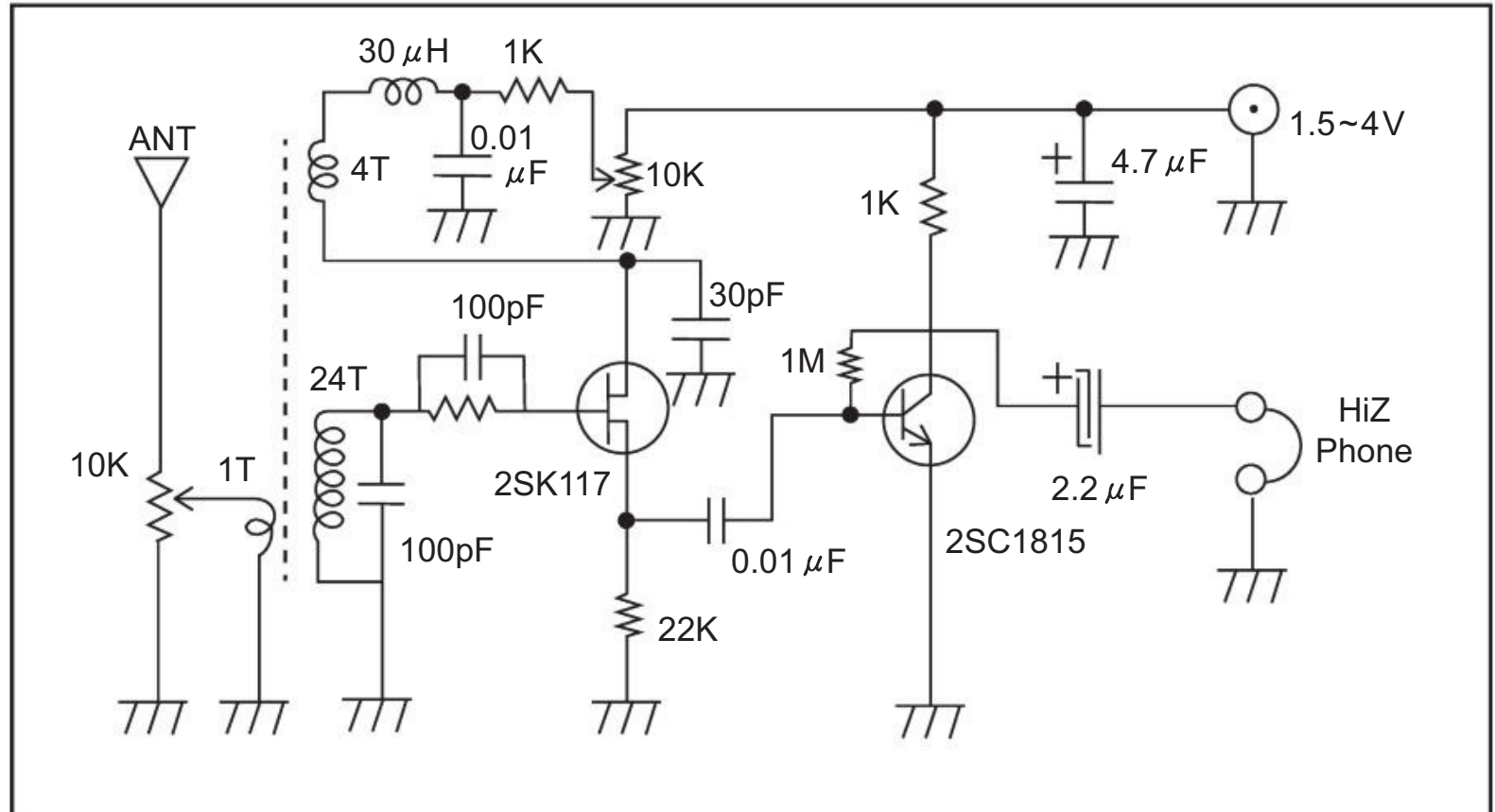


Photo G. A regenerative receiver circuit found on the internet provided the receive side of the author's original plant-powered station.



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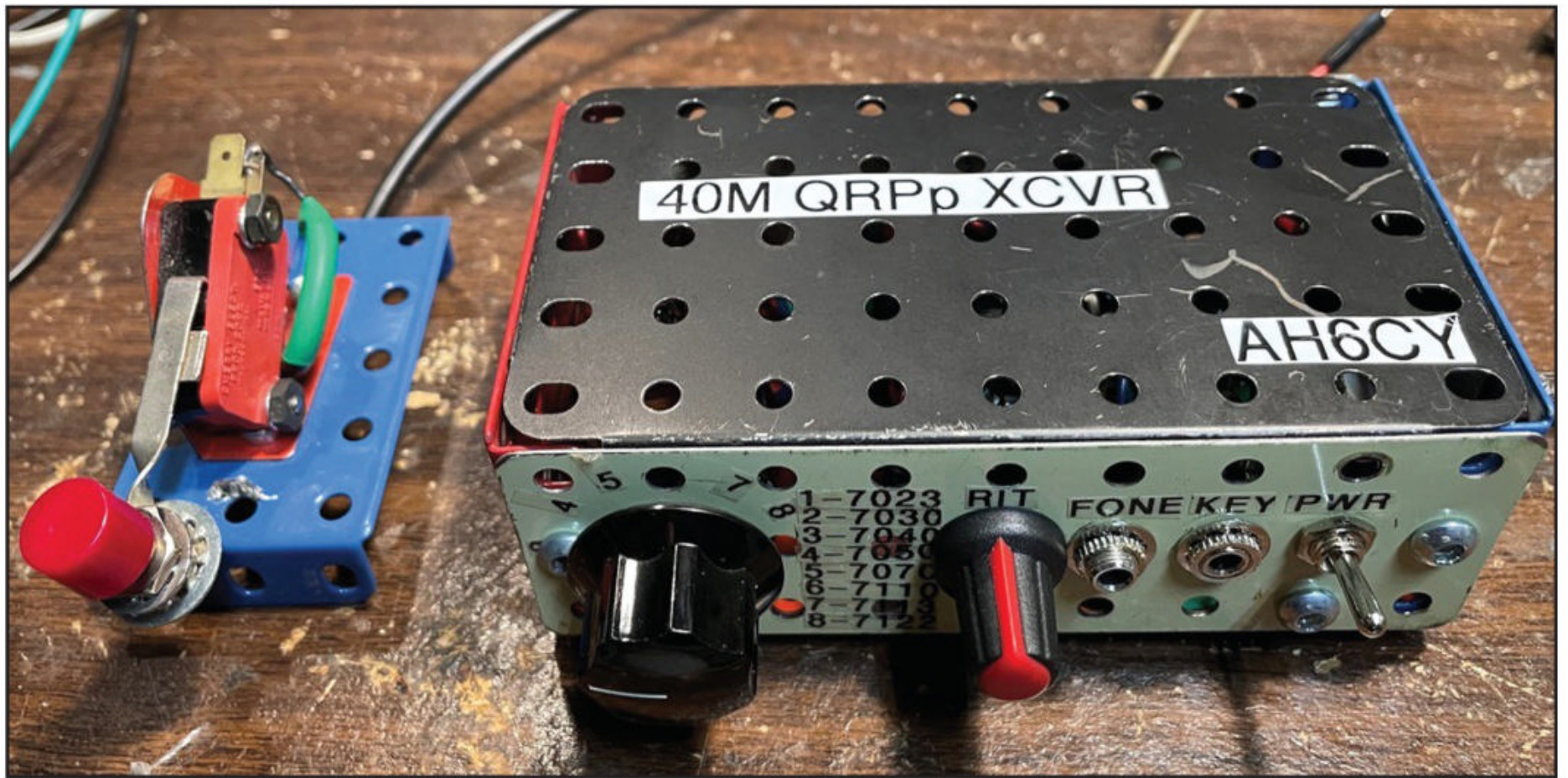


Photo H. This potato-powered transceiver is a modified Pixie circuit. It is crystal-controlled with up to eight frequencies available, and used pieces of an old Erector set for its case. See circuit in Figure 3.

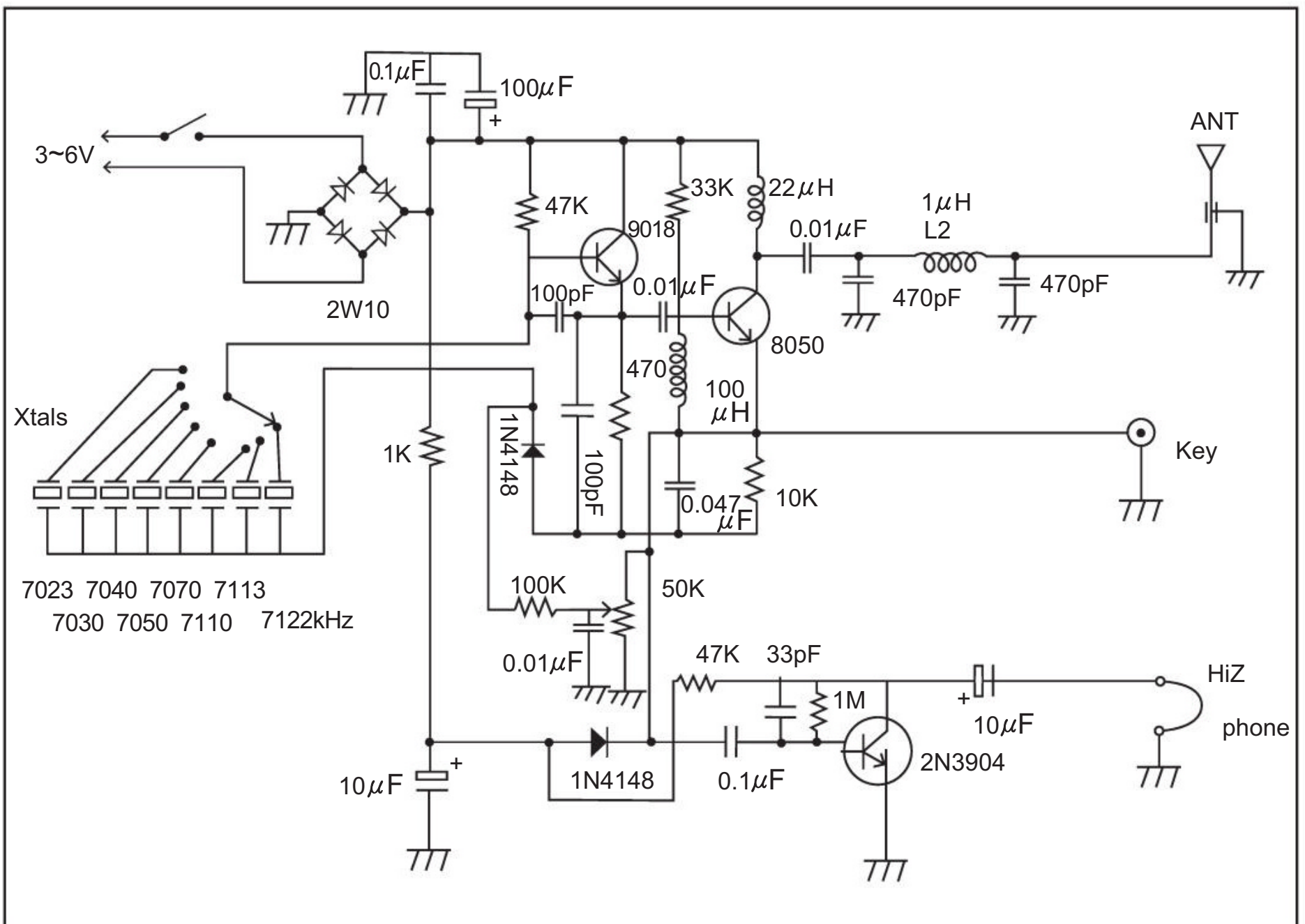


Figure 3. Schematic of the Pixie-based QRPp transceiver. (Drawing by Emily Leary)

The Morse key you see in the photo was also built with a couple of Erector set parts and a repurposed microswitch.

Final Thoughts

So, what can you do with a 1-2-milliwatt QRPp transceiver? Some of us who have discovered the joy of QRP find it a fun challenge to pursue DX with lower and lower power. You may have heard that some QRPers try to reach a goal of million-miles-per-watt (with 1 mW, the corresponding distance is 1,000 miles). In 1990 Bob Moody, K7IRK, achieved Worked All States, along with some DX, using a 2-milliwatt computer clock transmitter on 10 mters.³ Admittedly, his feat was accomplished during the high sunspot cycle period of the 1990s. As Cycle 25 is now upon us, perhaps in the very near future we can hope to have some great propagation again, even with flea (well, potato) power.

A potato-powered QRPp transceiver can potentially be used as a practical emergency communication device. During the recent Hurricane Ida disaster, several communities were completely isolated without any electric power or cell signals. Some residents had no way of letting the outside world know their desperate need for immediate help. A radio that allows you to communicate reliably even a few miles could be the difference between life and death. A totally self-contained inexpensive small system, such as a potato-powered radio, that does not depend on any infrastructure, can be distributed in many disaster-prone locations.

Another potentially beneficial use of a potato (or any fruit or vegetable)-powered radio would be to very poor remote communities. There still are isolated villages on the African continent where there is no electricity or stores, let alone cell phone service. Some of these people live on less than \$1/day. In such places, fruit and vegetable batteries could power LED lights for reading or for inter-village radio communication.

I believe that QRPp ham radio, especially when powered by biodegradable battery such as potatoes and lemons, is an environmentally desirable radio. It could not only be a more sustainable and accessible approach to ham radio but it could also be lots of fun, as there is much to explore at low cost. Given the increasingly difficult environmental condition our planet is facing today, the small footprint minimalist radio may be a way for us to go.

Notes:

1. "Zn/Cu-Vegetable Batteries, Bioelectrical Characterizations, and Primary Cost Analysis,"

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2. The Pixie has a long and illustrious history in the annals of the QRP world. It is a minimalist QRP radio originally developed in the 1990s by a group of hams of the NorCal QRP club in northern California led by Doug Hendricks, K16DS, and his friends, and has been modified and refined by many hams over the years. The most popular version today is an inexpensive kit (\$3-10) available online from several Chinese vendors. The Chinese version is designed to operate at 9-13.8 volts, with most of its current drain occurring in the audio amplifier stage that utilizes the LM386

IC chip. I replaced the LM386 with a single 2N3094 transistor amp and removed the piezo sidetone generator and an LED light to conserve power. This modification allows the transceiver to operate at 3-5 volts, drawing much lower current.

3. "Working the World with 2 Milliwatts," *73 Amateur Radio Today*, November 1990

Special note: The RF wattmeter you see in some photos here was designed by Phil Sittner, KD6RM. It is capable of measuring down to 1/10 of a milliwatt accurately. Most commercially available wattmeters do not read the milliwatt level.

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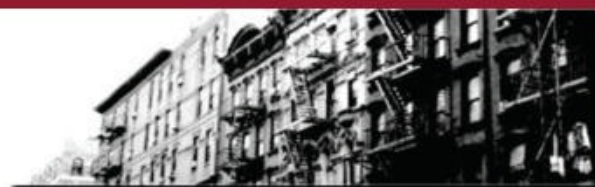
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A Dummy Load, Spare Power, and a Voltage Detector

In keeping with our goal to provide interesting low-cost ideas that may hopefully convince you to get out the “old soldering iron,” here are three more.

A Non-Inductive Dummy Load

In January, we described how to make a simple dummy load for testing your transmitter with a bunch of 2-watt carbon resistors and some simple copper sheet metal parts. Well, for those of you who do not want to start cutting copper and drilling a bunch of holes (not to mention soldering with a really large solder iron or gun), there is an even easier way. This is by the use of non-inductive resistors that have actually been on the market for years. These devices are manufactured by the Caddock Corporation and come packaged in TO-style power transistor type housings which can be easily mounted with a single machine screw. *Figure 1* shows the MP930 30-watt and the MP9100 100-watt devices. You can see full specifications as well as the wide range of resistance values at www.caddock.com, but for our purposes, the 50-ohm devices will be what you need. These are also stocked by many electronic distributors such as Mouser Electronics and Digi-Key and cost is approximately \$10.

These resistors come in individual sizes of 15, 16, 25, 30, or 100 watts and can be connected in parallel for even higher wattages. For a single load use a 50-ohm device. For higher power simply parallel devices but adjust values accordingly. A 200-watt load, for example, could be made of two 100-ohm, 100-watt resistors in parallel but you get the idea. Since the package is a common TO-type package, mounting to a heat sink is very easy with a simple screw and nut. The resistor is also insulated from the housing (up to 1,000 volts) so no special mounting kits are needed. Don't forget that you do need to heat sink these, however, and the use of silicon grease or other heat conducting paste between the resistor and whatever heat sink version you choose is also a good idea, especially for higher power levels. Remember, if you are dissipating any significant amount of power at all, the heat has to go somewhere. You can use any conductive metal surface, heat sink

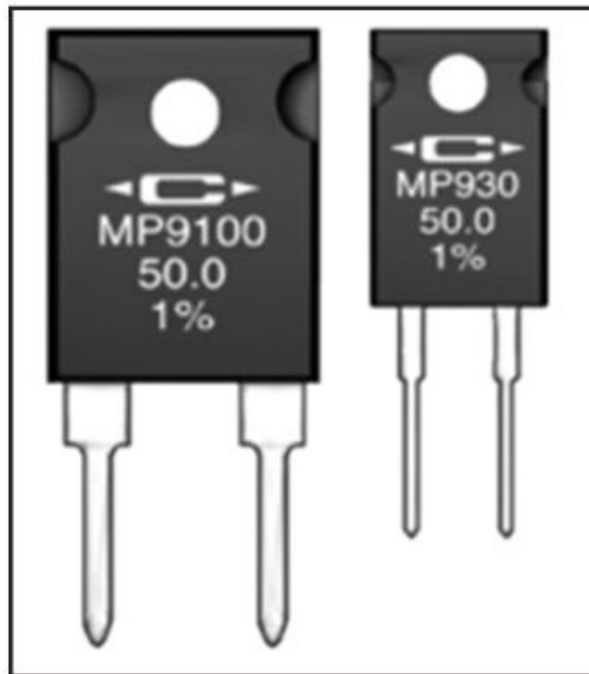


Figure 1. Thirty- and 100-watt non-inductive power resistors

material or even a chassis but take care that whatever you do use can safely dissipate the power. Also, when you wire resistors in parallel as well as to appropriate connectors remember you are still dealing with RF so use as short a connecting lead as practical between the resistor and your coaxial connector. I did not try to use these immersed in oil, such as the older dummy loads were, but you can always try.

Spare Power

Figure 2 is a method to either add a rechargeable battery backup to equipment lacking it or to add an external power supply to battery-powered equipment (such as a handie-talkie [HT]) that would benefit from this feature. In the circuit, two silicon diodes are

arranged as an OR gate and allow whatever power supply voltage is higher to pass on to the equipment. In configuring such a circuit, the battery voltage should be what is normally recommended for the equipment to be powered and the external supply, which can be a wall type plug-in, should have a somewhat higher voltage rating but not necessarily with the same current rating, unless you wish it to also power the load when the battery is discharged. If so, then it should have a current rating that can handle the load. In any event, be sure to choose diodes that can carry the full current that will flow through the load-in operation and be aware that although the forward voltage drop of the diodes will only be 0.7 volts or so for common silicon devices, they may still dissipate significant power. If your load were to draw 5 amperes, for example, the diodes would dissipate 3.5 watts. The added resistor, by the way, is used to “trickle”-charge the battery when the external power is connected. It should be chosen so that the current flowing into the battery is about 5% or so of the recommended charging current of the units used. Remember we are not trying to charge the batteries instantly, we are only attempting to keep them “topped off” but when they are depleted they will then charge. Such a scheme switches instantly and you can go between external and internal power as quickly as you can change connectors.

Low-Cost Voltage Detector

Figure 3 is a way to detect the output from an HT (or cell phone if that is your

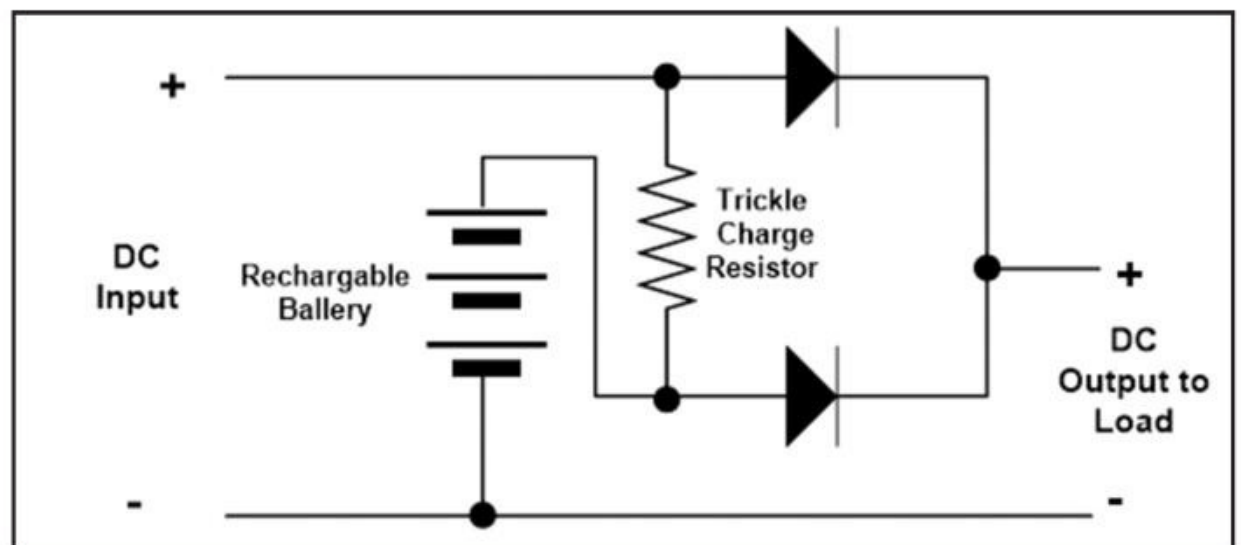


Figure 2. Simple battery scheme described in text

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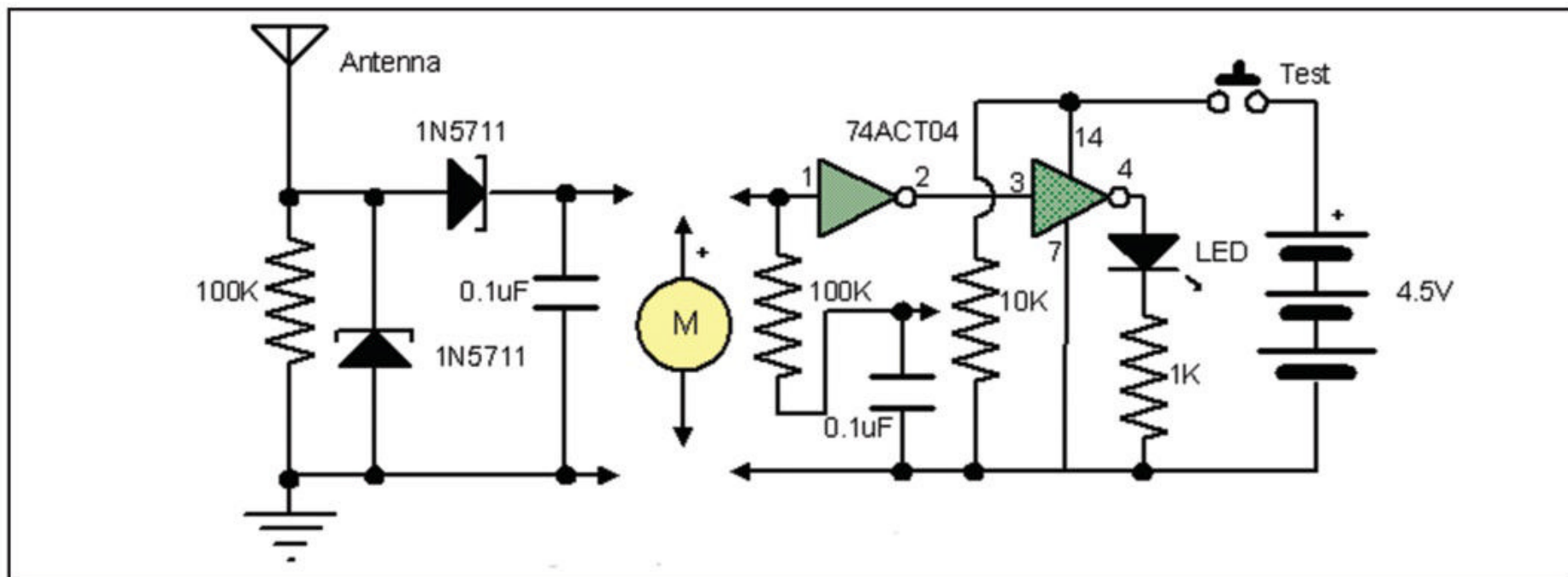


Figure 3. Simple RF voltage detector

preference) to see if it is actually working. Since both devices produce RF, all that is needed is a simple untuned diode detector. The schematic shows a simple version in which you only need a sensitive surplus panel meter (50 μ A to 1 mA full scale), depending on how sensitive you want the detector to be. Such meters are available on the internet for little cost and in many forms. The schematic also shows a somewhat more elaborate version if you prefer an LED indicator instead of a meter. This will require a 7404-hex inverter, three AAA penlight batteries, and some associated components.

For the simple version, the panel meter simply indicates the relative strength of the RF signal. For the more complex version, the circuitry lights an indicator LED when RF is present. The 10K pot here is a sensitivity adjustment which is used to set the point where the LED turns on when the power is at a desired level. To adjust it, just turn on the device you wish to test and set the pot to the point where the LED just turns off. Then move it a slight distance toward the point where the LED just turns on.

In both versions the 1N5711 Schottky diodes are arranged in a voltage-doubler circuit to detect the RF. The resulting DC voltage is then filtered by the 0.1- μ F capacitor and applied to either the panel meter or to the input of a 74ACT04 hex inverter. This inverter is then used to trigger the indicator LED. In this version, the 10K pot is adjusted just below the trigger point of the circuit and the push button is used to prevent battery drain when the unit is not being used. Any RF that is then "received" by the antenna is amplified and turns on the LED. Connections for either version are

shown in the diagram. This circuit should work well into the VHF region if built carefully and its overall sensitivity will be determined by the length of the sensing antenna as well as its distance from the RF source. For HT work, 6 to 12 inches should be adequate.

I sincerely hope the above basic projects serve to spark your interest to the extent that you are actually motivated to try something. They are simple enough and may be just what you need to update and complete that project of yours.

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Mystery (Not) Colombian Station Remains a Mystery

~ That L.A. station on 4940 kHz is not from Colombia, it seems, but is simply relaying programs from LV du Conciencia, the HJ formerly on 6010 kHz, and its neighbor, Radio Alcaravan, on 5910 kHz. Thus, the confusion and the 4940-kHz mystery station remain unsolved. I heard all of this from the former QSL manager at Conciencia. The Conciencia station is not shown in the 2022 *World Radio TV Handbook* (WRTH), because my eyes aren't what they were, and there's all that small print too!

~ Every now and then we are faced with a news situation in which events move so quickly it is impossible for a print magazine to keep up. Such is the case with Russia's invasion of Ukraine. With the first month and a half in the book, things are still fluctuating. So, whatever I write now will be history by the time you read it. Thus, I've decided not to play that game. I'll just go with what information I've got at my deadline and hope for the best.

~ Right now, WTWW in Lebanon (Tennessee) is carrying a freedom program and several other broadcasters are

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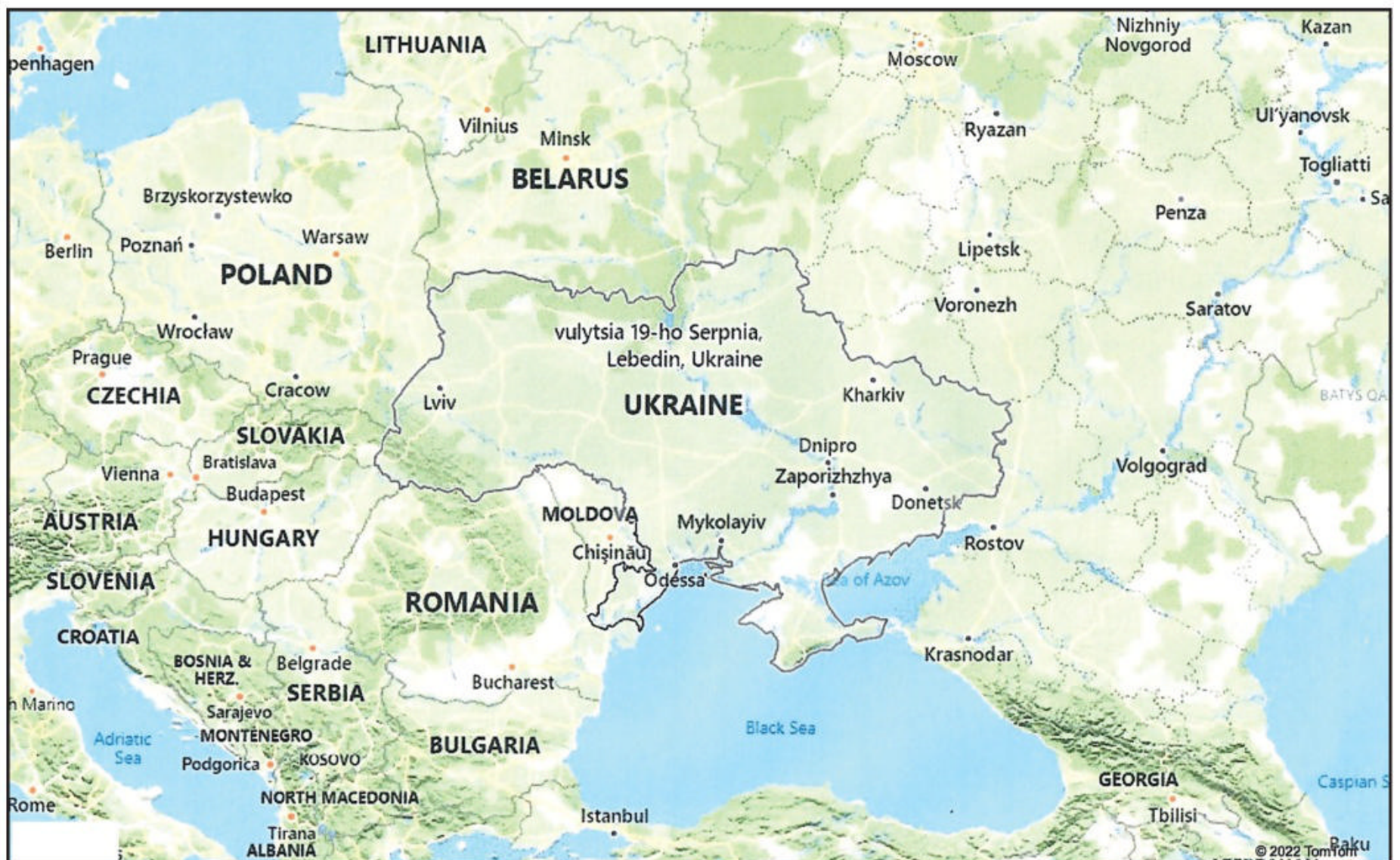
beginning to get with it, including the Voice of America (VOA) which has added several hours to its coverage in Russian. No changes yet for Radio Free Europe, the most logical candidate for modifying their lineup.

~ Radio Vanuatu's third harmonic is again being heard on 11835 kHz in the very late evening / early morning.

~ The BBC is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year. That's a big deal but not quite the top of the line. KDKA (1020) in Pittsburgh has already passed 100 years and so has WHA (970) in Madison, Wisconsin. The two AM rivals can't seem to agree on who was first.

Listener Logs

Your shortwave broadcast station logs are always welcome. But please be sure to double or triple the space between the logs, list each log according to the station's home country and include your last name and state abbreviation after each. Also needed are spare QSLs (copies), station schedules, brochures, pennants, station or shack photos, and anything else you think might be of interest. The same holds for you amateur radio operators who also listen to shortwave (SW)



Ukraine, which I think most hams and shortwave listeners could easily find on a map. Not sure about the rest.



Vatican Radio has also added broadcasts during the Ukraine war.

broadcasts. I know you're out there! You, too, are most welcome to contribute!!

Here are this month's logs. All times are in UTC. If no language is indicated, then English is assumed.

ALASKA—KNLS via Anchor Point on 7355 at 1255 with station ID, frequencies and website. (Brossell, WI) On 9580 with program lineup at 1402 and then into a pop number. (Sellers, BC)

ALGERIA—Radio Algerienne on 9585 via Issoudun at 2147-2200* with several men speaking in Arabic, carrier off at the top of the hour. (D'Angelo, PA)

ASCENSION ISLAND—BBC-North Atlantic Relay on 12095 at 2109 on Russian war crimes; on 11810 at 2127. (Taylor, WI) On 15400 with news at 1802. (Brossell, WI)

AUSTRIA—Adventist World Radio on 6155 via Moosbrunn with woman reading the news in German at 0509, followed by a man speaking, then classical music from 0530. (D'Angelo, PA) On 11955 in Turkish at 1523. (Brossell, WI)

AUSTRALIA—Reach Beyond on 9610 via Kununurra in Hindi at 1238 with a South Asian song, possibly Christian, last verse was "Hallelujah;" on 11905 at 1127 in English station IDs then into Rohingya; on 12010 in Tsnla at 1110 with IS, English station ID, Southeast Asian music, and woman speaking from 1130. (Taylor, WI)

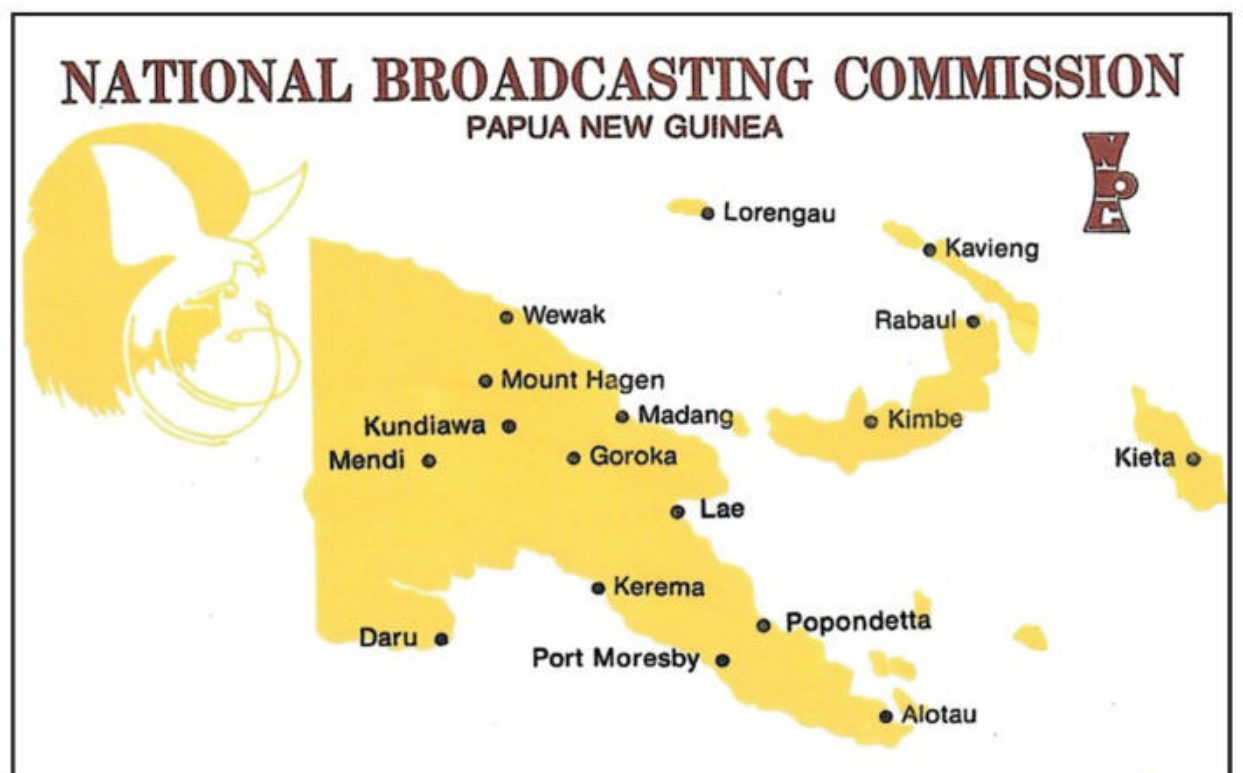
At 1313 on 9610 in Tamil with closing announcements, addresses, English station ID, email address and a Bible message; on 9720 in English at 1438. (*English is scheduled Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 1315-1330 -GLD*) (Sellers, BC) On 11900 in Kurdish at 1248. (Brossell, WI)

BOLIVIA—Mosoj Chaski via Coch-

abamba on 3310 at 0123 in Spanish with woman and man speaking Spanish but suffering from periodic radar blasts. (Taylor, WI)

BOTSWANA—Voice of America (VOA)-Mopeng Hill Relay on 15580 at 1833 with a brief discussion on the Milwaukee Bucks. (Brossell, WI)

BRAZIL—Radio Brazil Central via



PNG's NBC used to have outlets in most of these sites, today not so much ... barely a handful.

Goiania on 11815 at 2235 with a man and woman speaking Portuguese and Brazilian pop music. (Taylor, WI)

CANADA—Bible Voice on 11790 via Nauen in Amharic at 1719. (Brossell, WI)

CHINA—China Radio International on 11675 via Urumqi in Hindi at 1311. (Brossell, WI)

CNR-2 on 6090 via Ge'ermu in Mandarin at 1278 with fanfare, station ID, and announcements. (Taylor, WI)

PBS Sichuan on 7225 via Chengdu at 1119 with woman and man speaking in Tibetan. (Taylor, WI)

PBS Nei Menggu on 7420 via Hohhot in Mandarin at 1046 with woman talking. (Taylor, WI)

PBS Xinjiang on 7275 via (possibly) Urumqi at 1054 with man and woman speaking Uighur in short sections. (Taylor, WI)

PBS on 11630 via Lingshi in Kazakh at 1243. (Brossell, WI)

Biebu Bay Radio on 9820 via Nanning with man and woman alternately talking in Zhuang at 1212. (Taylor, WI)

EGYPT—Radio Cairo on 9440 via Abis at 2233 with man and woman speaking in English and the usual poor modulation plus an annoying whine; on 9809.7 with a man talking over Middle Eastern music. (Taylor, WI) On 9885 via Abis at 2330 with time pips, man speaking in Arabic, occasional vocals and five more pips at the top of the hour. (D'Angelo, PA) On 9900 at 2215 with news and terrible modulation. (Brossell, WI)

ENGLAND—BBC on 11805 via the Oman Relay with English interview ending program, off before 1400. (Sellers, BC)

ESWATINI—Trans World Radio on 15105 via Mpangela Ranch in Lingala at 2002. (Brossell, WI)

FRANCE—Radio France Intl. on 11700 via Issoudun with man speaking in Hausa, music, man and woman talking, and closed at 2359. (D'Angelo, PA)

GERMANY—Deutsche Welle on 15275 via France at 1618 with interview in Amharic. (Brossell, WI)

GUAM—Adventist World Radio on 12080 via Agat at 1600 with sign-on and program opening into unidentified language not shown in the lists, website lists language as Telugu. (Sellers, BC)

INDIA—All India Radio on 11560 via Bengaluru at 1342 in Dari. (Brossell, WI) At 1357 in Pashto with Southeast Asian music and male announcer. (Taylor, WI)

TWR India via Armenia at 1451 with woman speaking in English and a Christian message. (Sellers, BC)

IRAN—VOIRI on 11630 via Sirjan in Hausa at 2308 with male announcer for over 20 minutes. (Taylor, WI)

JAPAN—Radio Japan on 11815 via Yamata with English sign on at 1400, time pip, and news. (Sellers, BC)

MADAGASCAR—African Pathways Radio on 11695 via Mahajanga at 2045 with "Doxology" program. (Brossell, WI)

MALAYSIA—Wai FM on 11665 via Kajang at 1115 in Malay, man hosting program with contemporary music. (Taylor, WI)

MALI—RTV Mali on 5995 via Bamako at 0601 in Bambara with xylophone-like instrumental music, then a man talking at length. (Taylor, WI)

NEW ZEALAND—RNZI on 5980 on Mahalia Jackson at 1338. (Sellers, BC) On 9700 via Rangitaiki at 1246 carrying ABC Wantok (PNG) with an interview in Tok Pisin. (Taylor, WI)

NORTH KOREA—Voice of Korea on

9435 via Kujang in English at 1309 with news; on 11710 it was inaudible. (Sellers, BC)

OPPOSITION—Dimtse Woyane (via France to Eritrea) on 15160 at 1513 in Tigrinya. (Brossell, WI)

Radiyouni Dieree Shaggar (via France to Eritrea) on 15415 at 2605 with man talking under dominating pulse jammer, likely from Ethiopia. (Taylor, WI)

Manara Radio Intl. (via France to Nigeria) on 15285 in Hausa at 1608. (Brossell, WI) At 1611 before quickly fading. (D'Angelo, PA)

Nippon No Kaze (via Taiwan to North Korea) on 9940 in Korean at 1304 with woman, then man with deliberate speaking styles, rumbling hum on frequency was possible DPRK jamming. (Taylor, WI) Also heard at 1307. (Brossell, WI)

Echo of Hope (South Korea to North) on 4885 at 1115 with man and calm talk. (Taylor, WI) On 6335 at 1241 with woman speaking in English and Taiwan headlines, news program from EBS-FM in Taiwan. (Sellers, BC)

Furusato No Kaze (Taiwan to North Korea) on 9685 in Japanese at 1458 with woman singing traditional Japanese vocals. (Taylor, WI)

Radio Dabanga (via Vatican to Sudan) in Sudanese Arabic at 1608. (Brossell, WI)

Denge Welat (via Moldova to Turkey) on 11530 at 1237 in Kurdish. (Brossell, WI)

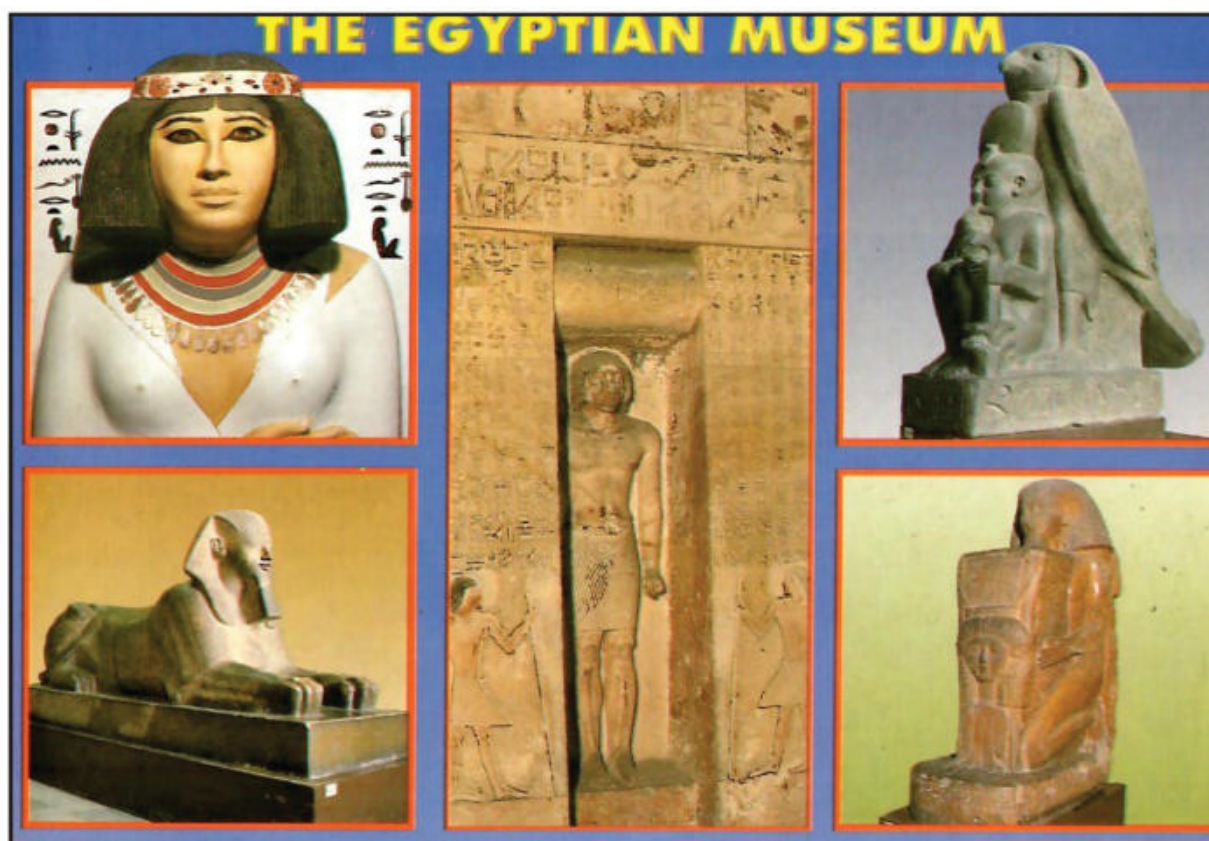
Republic of Yemen Radio (Saudi Arabia to Yemen) on 11860 with man speaking in Arabic occasionally through telephone-like tones, never noted the tone effect before. (Taylor, WI)

PERU—Radio Tarma via Tarma on 4775 at 1049 with contemporary OA music, station ID bumper, into bass-voiced man and more music, CODAR was a problem. (Taylor, WI)

Radio Logos possibly via Chazuta on 4810 with man singing a slow ballad, maybe station ID at 1029, more ballads and flutes. (Taylor, WI)

PHILIPPINES—Far East Broadcasting on 12095 via Bocaue in Black Tai at 1300, IS, woman giving probable station ID, long talks by man and woman; on 12120 via Bocaue at 1245 in Chin-Daai, poor, with man talking. (Taylor, WI)

PIRATES—Piss Ant Radio on 6935 upper sideband (u) mostly guitars at 0134, some slow-scan TV (SSTV), the last one showing a QSL. **Radio Cidades** on 10230 at 2346 in Portuguese with weak music, station ID from HF Underground. **WJCS** on 6880u at 0106 music (in order) from Jesus Christ Superstar, off at 0203. **Angry Cow Radio** on 6932u at 0141 with chaotic selections, cow moos, rap, station ID, speech loop, Eddie Arnold number, ZZ Top, and off in mid song. **WHIZ** on 6935 at 0027 with light vocals, man giving possible station ID, and gone by 0135. (Taylor, WI)



Egypt has fascinating museums, but Radio Cairo couldn't even modulate the Great Barrier Reef!

CHIL on 9500u with instrumental music, woman giving station ID at 2329; at 2339, the woman read another station ID followed by more soft music. **Fubar Radio** on 6903u at 0219 mentioning “this is live radio,” AC hum and buzz. **WDDR** on 6915/6900u at 0105. **The Coconut Radio** on 6950u at 2232 noisy under QRN. (Hassig, IL)

Previously Reported: Yeah Man, Damn Skippy, WDOG, XFM, Radios Ballsmacker, Two Dog, Outhouse, Wolverine, WTF Worldwide, Clever Name, Captain Morgan.

ROMANIA—**RRI** on 9740 via Galbeni at 2038 on global warming. (Brossell, WI)

SAO TOME—**VOA Relay** on 11900 via Pinheira in French at 2001. (Brossell, WI)

SINGAPORE—**BBC-Far East Relay** on 12025 at 1537 with interview of a Ukrainian escapee. (Sellers, BC)

SOUTH KOREA—**KBS World Radio** on 9570 via Kimjae at 1321 with man and woman talking and reading the news. (Sellers, BC)

SWEDEN—**IBRA Radio** on 9840 via Tashkent (Uzbekistan) at 0004 in Bengali with South Asian song, radio play, woman reading the closing announcements and off at 0030. (Taylor, WI)

TAIWAN—**Radio Taiwan** on 9400 via Tamsui at 1601 welcoming listeners, plus program preview. (Sellers, BC) On 9900 at 2247 with woman speaking in Chinese; on 9555 via Paochung in Mandarin at 1227. (Brossell, WI)

UNITED STATES—**Voice of America** via Vatican at 0354 to 0359*. (D’Angelo, PA) On 7480 via the Thailand Relay in Mandarin at 1319. (Brossell, WI)

Radio Mashaal/VOA on 15365 via the Thailand relay in Pashto at 1257. (Taylor, WI)

Radio Liberty on 11790 via the Kuwait relay in Uzbek at 1429; on 17880 via the Thailand relay in Dari at 1230. (Taylor, WI)

Radio Free Asia, on 9355 via the Northern Marianas relay, English station ID at 1430 and into Khmer. (Sellers, BC) On 9370 via Tajikistan at 1236 in Burmese. (Taylor, WI) On 11855 via the Northern Marianas relay in Tibetan at 1348. (Brossell, WI)

Radio Ashna on 7285 via the Lampertheim relay at 0030 with woman speaking in Pashto, IS, announcements, and into Afghan music. (Taylor, WI)

Adventist World Radio on 11790 via Nauen with woman giving a long talk in Yoruba, then closed at 2059. (D’Angelo, PA) On 11985 via Madagascar at 2111 with religious program for Nigeria; on 15430 via Sri Lanka in Meithei at 1257. (Brossell, WI)

WRNO via New Orleans on 7505 at 0339 with man speaking in Hindi followed by a woman giving English station ID, email addresses, and prayer requests. (D’Angelo, PA)

WTWW via Lebanon, Tennessee on 9940 at 2031 welcoming to “Voice of Freedom” program, later announcements mentioned it was a temporary program and appealed for donations to continue. (Taylor, WI)

VATICAN—**Vatican Radio** on 7320 via Philippines at 1443 in Hindi; on 11620 via SM Galeria at 1512 with unscheduled English broadcast of two men discussing the Christian faith, saying thanks for tuning in, website, into schedule at 1530. (Sellers, BC) On 9610 via SM Galeria in Russian at 1237. (Brossell, WI)

VIETNAM—**Voice of Vietnam** on 7435 at 1057 in Vietnamese with man and woman reading announcements over music; on 7285 via Sontay at 1136 in Lao with man and woman talking and music; on 11885 in Russian at 1653. (Taylor, WI) On 9840 via Sontay at 1330 with woman reading the news in English; on 12020 & 11885 at 1603, again with woman reading the news in English. (Sellers, BC)

Quien Sabe

~ Mark Taylor reports an unknown on 5980 kHz at 0810 UTC with a bass-voiced man giving a sermon or a political talk through the bottom of the hour in an unidentified lan-



Bill Whitacre, now retired from the frequency division at the Voice of America, poses at one of the several VOA road signs.

guage and a second bass-voiced man occasionally in QRN-dominant weak signal. No clues in HFCC, AOKI, or EIBI lists. Mark had to call it quits by 0835 UTC.

QSL Quests

The mail person ignored us again this month.

Back in the Day

~ Radio Bertoua via Bertoua, Cameroon on 4750 at 2150 with a domestic service in French on September 11, 1979.

Just Sayin’

As I said at the outset, the Ukrainian situation is moving so fast it’s becoming a Road Runner rival. But, so far, USAGM is proving to be very slow in reacting. A few changes at the VOA and one or two by the private voices. But where is a “Radio Free Ukraine” or a similar government vehicle? The obvious participants (Radio Free Europe?) seem to be asleep!

Thanks for Your Logs

Thanks to the good guys who provided their reports, which included: Mark Taylor, Madison, WI; William Hassig, Mt. Pleasant, IL; Harold Sellers, Vernon, BC; Bob Brossell, Pewaukee, WI; and Rich D’Angelo, Wyomissing, PA ... and please remember to **CELEBRATE SHORTWAVE!**

emergency communications

BY JOHN FERGUSON,* K3PFW

It's a Disaster! What Am I Going to Do?

Since this column is about emergency communication, let's attempt to define and differentiate, *emergency* and *disaster*. Disasters by their nature are large in scope. Emergencies, on the other hand, tend to be smaller. Unless, that is, it happens to you; then it's humongous! So, what is the definition of an emergency? In last month's column, we said, "it is any occurrence that presents an immediate risk to life or property, interrupting the normal activities or processes." In other words, you've got to take care of it right now; time is of essence. Disasters seem to evolve over time, and can be defined as an expanding number of individual, interrelated, emergencies. Yes, to the family that just lost their house to a fire, it's a disaster of great magnitude to them. This is where perception comes in. Also in disasters, as multiple individual emergencies occur, there will often be a shift in priorities by the authority managing the response and the recovery. This will occur because of changes in what's occurring at the moment. Needless to say, change will frequently create additional confusion in an already stressful situation.

The professional managers who have the statutory authority to direct the response and recovery are the ones from whom we take our direction. We are communicators, not emergency managers. They tell us what their needs and priorities are. We should not attempt to tell them what we should be doing. And, as priorities and directives change, we should smile and say, "on it," when redirected to another task. You, as a communicator, need to clearly understand your position and role in the local emergency management hierarchy, and "stay in your lane." The Incident Command System (ICS) now places communication assets wherever they are needed in the command structure for the incident, so be flexible.

Disaster Categories

We can categorize disasters into two groups; those that will naturally occur (thank you, Mother Nature) and those caused by man and his actions. There is some overlap, particularly with disasters involving fire. Fires are a frequent cause of disasters from the home of a single family, as above, to huge multiple-square-mile monsters, destroying everything in their path. Somewhere in between is the industrial / manufacturing complex, burning out of control, with explosions and hazardous chemical agents spreading through adjacent neighborhoods.

For the year 2020, there were 1,338,500 fires in the United States, causing 3,500 deaths, 15,200 injuries and \$21.9 billion in property damage (NFPA report 2021). Chances are that sometime in your role as an emergency communicator, you will be dealing with a fire. That is not an "if," it's a "when." Your best resource for fire-related and electrical hazard issues is the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

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The NFPA is an international nonprofit organization devoted to reducing deaths, injuries, property and economic losses, due to fire, electrical, and related hazards.

Natural disasters seem to occur somewhere almost daily. The more you know about natural disasters, the better you will be able to perform in your role as a communicator when it really counts. There are floods, hurricanes, thunderstorms with hail, lightning, and tornadoes. These can all come at the same time in the same area with a major hurricane. Then there are extremes of heat and cold with blizzards, avalanches, heat waves, and droughts. From the geological side we get volcanoes, earthquakes, landslides, tidal waves, and tsunamis (yes, they're different). We've already mentioned fire as a crossover with wildfires and structure fires. Some of these disaster types are unique to particular geographic areas, here and around the world. Some come as a "double whammy," such as the earthquake, volcanic eruption, or major landslide that creates a tsunami. Multiple fires often accompany earthquakes in urban areas. Earthquakes are a force of nature, yet the issue of "fracking" raised the yearly number of earthquakes in Oklahoma. This is a crossover from man and his technology, exacerbating what is a naturally occurring type of disaster.

Then we have those disasters caused by man and his actions. We can list transportation incidents with multiple complications of fire, hazardous material, and explosions. We are regularly seeing multiple vehicle pileups on interstates due to weather. Let's not forget terrorism, both foreign and domestic, spanning a range of possible disaster-like consequences. Nobody can forget 9/11. The newcomer to the disaster list, cyber-attack, could be considered one of the threats of terrorism. There are also production and manufacturing-related incidents with release of hazardous substances, fires, and explosions. It seems that oil refineries, chemical plants, and fertilizer factories / storage facilities like to blow up in the middle of the night, often leading to evacuation of local neighborhoods. Nuclear power-related incidents — thankfully rare — but with devastating consequences when they do occur.

A common issue with most disasters affecting public safety is the consequential need for an evacuation. It's just a matter of scale. A house fire in a development might require one as well as a coastal hurricane. Then the evacuation on its own merits can create a disaster within the disaster when "gridlock" occurs on the evacuation routes as the number of vehicles overwhelms the transportation infrastructure. And, then we had the gas stations running out of gas, as we saw in Florida several years ago. The issue is very real here on the Delmarva Peninsula, rated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as the third-most

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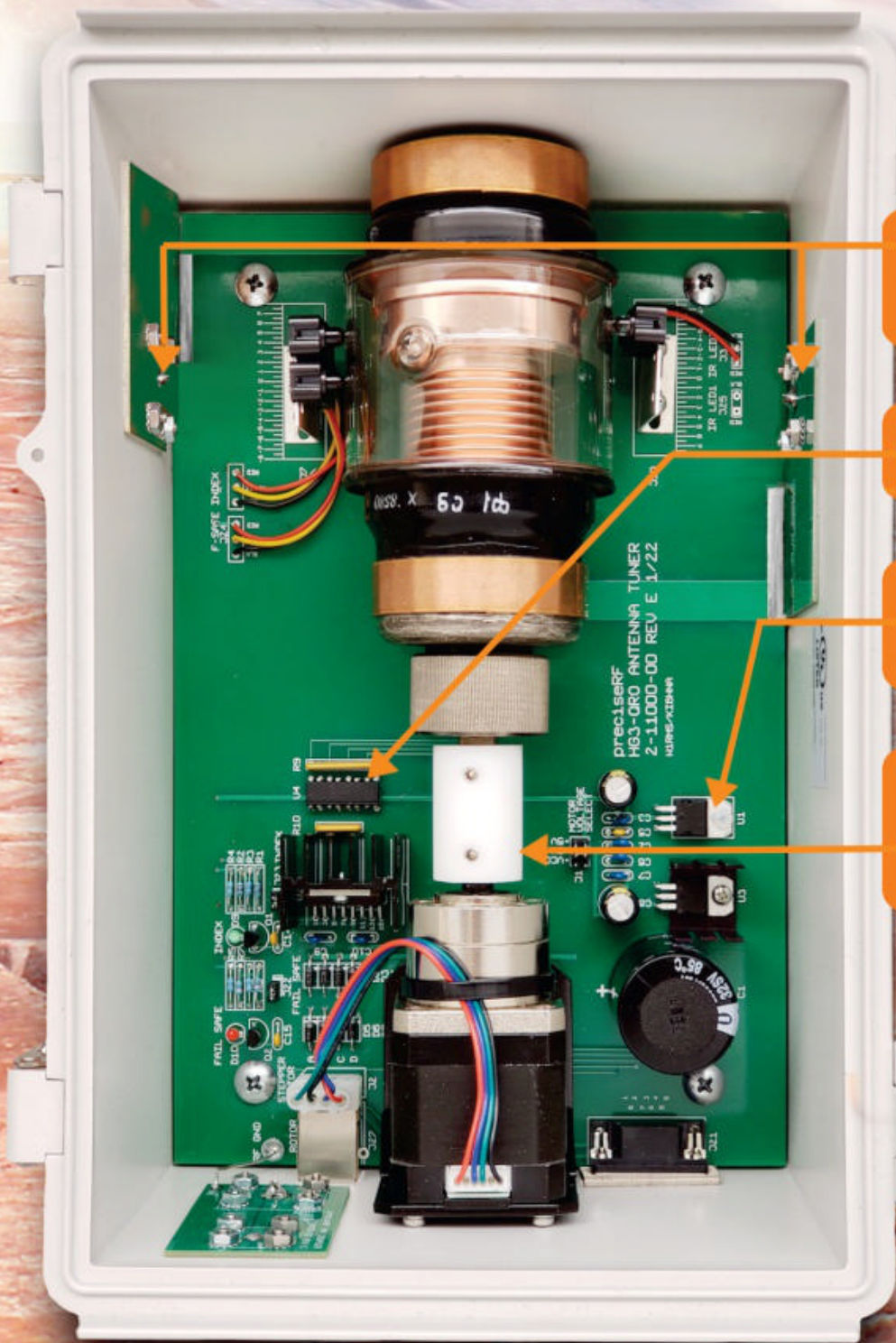
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difficult place in the “lower 48” to evacuate. It has been a topic of discussion at the Sussex County (DE) EOC as each June marks the start of hurricane season. Two of the three major evacuation routes run through the county. The Delmarva (containing all of Delaware and portions of Maryland and Virginia) is called a peninsula, but it is in reality an island. A sea-level canal, the Chesapeake and Delaware, isolates the southern three fourths of the peninsula from the mainland. There are seven bridges that will close to traffic when sustained target wind speeds from 40 to 55 miles per hour are reached, effectively trapping the remaining populace. Evacuation planning deficiencies in Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and the subsequent large number of fatalities, lead to FEMA-mandated changes in emergency management response plans for evacuations.

As communicators, our role is to support the response and recovery operations associated with emergencies and disasters and is directed by the “authority having jurisdiction,” or the “AHJ.” Titles, departments, and governmental agencies may differ from country to country, state to state and municipality to municipality. We can best perform our role if we are prepared with knowledge, skills, and experience applicable to the tasks we may be assigned to. And make sure you have at least the minimum required Incident Command System (ICS) training. It will help you understand the actions of emergency management. The more you know about the types of disasters you may be involved in, the better you will perform in your role as an emergency communicator.

Most weather-related disasters come with some warning. That could be days if we are talking hurricanes, minutes for tornados. Use the time wisely! Figure about three days before landfall for a reasonably good forecast of what to expect from a hurricane (tropical cyclone). For those of you on the west coast, a hurricane making landfall is a rare occurrence. On the other hand, for those of us on the eastern seaboard and Gulf Coast, they are not rare at all. Typhoons are the tropical cyclones of the Pacific basin. This yearly run through the alphabet we’ve been experiencing during hurricane season is really getting old. Hurricanes bring wind, rain, thunderstorms, and even tornados. These often occur in the right front quadrant, embedded in the thunderstorms, making them difficult to spot. The newer series of NWS Doppler radar, however, does an excellent job of picking them out. Thunderstorms also bring lightning, which can start fires and knock out power. The storm surge from a hurricane is deadly. It is the factor responsible for most of the fatalities during landfall. Tidal flooding can have far-reaching effects in the coastal interiors. Coming ashore, hurricanes usually start to downgrade quickly to tropical storm status with rainfall causing flooding that can affect areas not in the storm’s path. A close relative of the tropical cyclone, the nor’easter, has typically caused more damage on the Delmarva Peninsula than hurricanes. Nor’easters are common from the Mid Atlantic to New England. You can think of them as “cold weather hurricanes.”

Severe thunderstorms are dangerous in their own right, bringing damaging wind gusts, lightning, hail, and tornados.

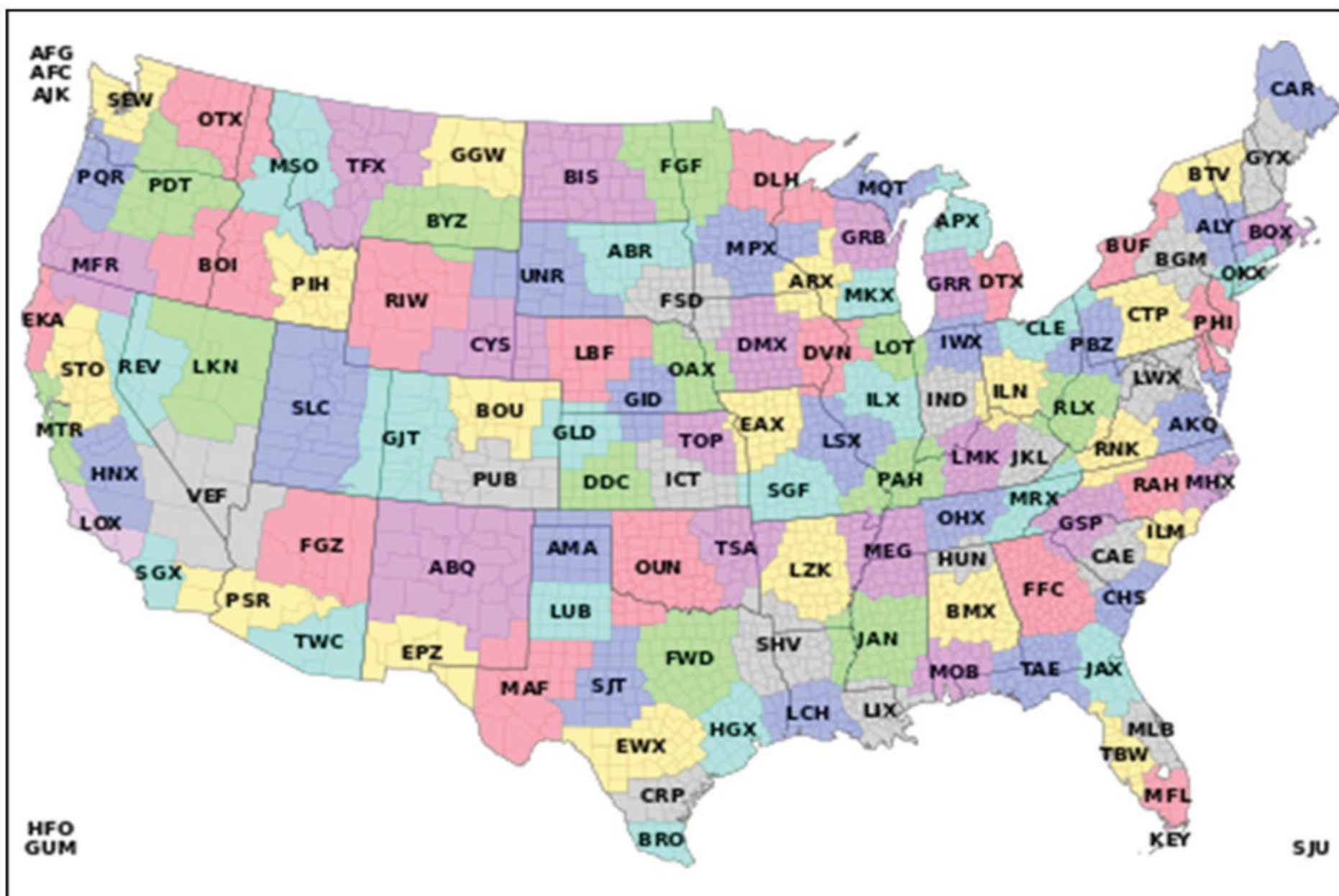


Figure 1. Map of National Weather Service local weather forecast offices (WFOs) with their three-letter designators. Use the web address in the main text, substituting the designator of your choice for the “XXX” to access local information for that area. (Courtesy National Weather Service)

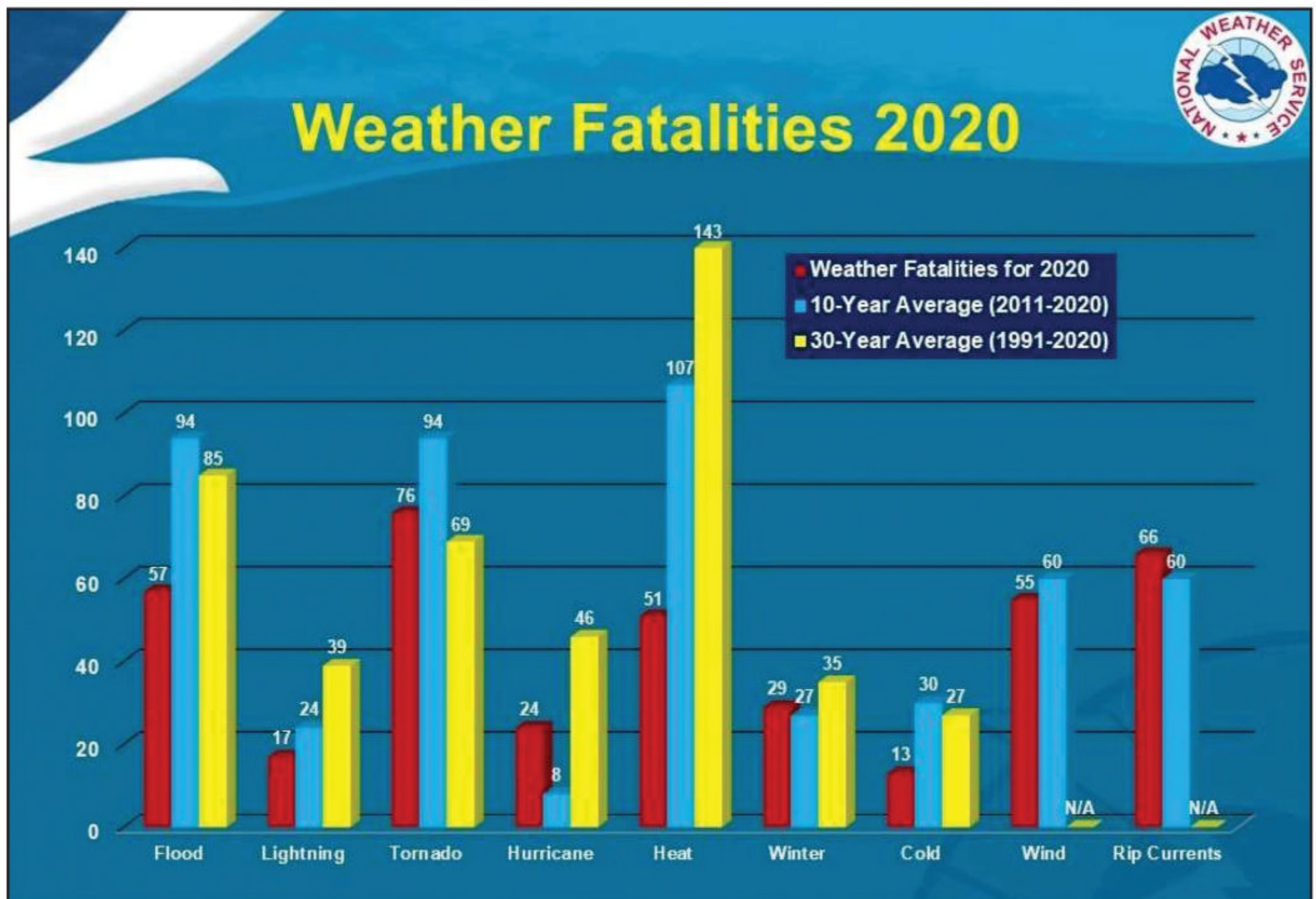


Figure 2. NWS graph of weather-related fatalities for 2020 (the most recent year available), along with 10- and 30-year averages, broken down by type of weather event. (Courtesy National Weather Service)

With the “unsettled” (we’re not supposed to call it “disturbed”) weather patterns of the last few years there are now frequently tornados occurring outside of the traditional “Tornado Alley.” Tornados are a product of severe thunderstorms, causing minor to major damage and deaths. Occurring primarily in the central part of United States, they can occur anywhere if the weather conditions are favorable.

Timely warnings of impending weather-related incidents come from the National Weather Service, with its 122 Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) providing daily forecast services across the United States and its possessions. These offices are a great resource for information about all types of weather and related issues. The NOAA Storm Prediction Center (SPC) in Norman, Oklahoma, predicts and tracks severe weather occurrences across the United States. It is probably best known for its tornado and severe thunderstorm warnings. The National Hurricane Center (NHC) in Miami, Florida, provides hurricane tracking and prediction products internationally. These are the resources you should be familiar with, and use, on a regular basis. Quick access to a range of information from the NWS Forecast Office in your area, referred to as its County Warning Area (CWA), can be had by the link, <www.weather.gov/xxx>, where “XXX” is the three-letter designator for your local office. Figure 1 is a map of the local WFOs with their three-letter designators. For example, I’m in Sussex County, Delaware, which is in the NWS Philadelphia Office County Warning Area, so that would be <www.weather.gov/phi>. Using this link, with the appro-

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priate three-letter designator, can give you quick access to weather conditions anywhere in the country. You will notice that some of the county warning areas cross state lines, and in some cases, adjacent counties in the same state will be part of different CWAs. This can create confusion, and has historically, when the emergency managers on opposite sides of the lines have different ideas about their response plan for the developing situation. Bad things have happened in the past. There are now federally mandated cooperative agreement stipulations in place, particularly when evacuations are called for. Weather-related fatalities are not as high as fire fatalities. The chart in Figure 2 presents the 388 weather-related deaths for 2020. However, what is interesting are the 10-year and 30-year averages, the majority well above the featured year. Education of the populace, better warning systems, and a robust emergency management presence, have been effective in reducing fatalities. We cannot become complacent. Mother Nature is relentless and unforgiving of poor judgement and bad planning.

The Weather Channel is also a great source for weather information 24 hours a day. It is presented in a very visual format. Our EOC uses four weather forecasting sources when the center is activated; a contract service that gives us

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almost immediate access to a forecaster, two National Weather Service offices and the Weather Channel. Sussex County (DE) is in the Philadelphia Office CWA, the adjacent counties to the south are in the Wakefield, Virginia CWA. Weather does not recognize political boundaries, and since most of our major storms come from the south, we like to get a preview of what to expect. By law, management decisions must be made on the basis of the NWS forecast. During a hurricane activation the National Hurricane Center is added to the list.

Geological disasters such as damaging earthquakes and major volcanic eruptions are relatively rare today in the United States. They usually occur with little, if any, advance warning; although ongoing research is making some headway in the science of warnings. Major earthquakes, when they occur, are catastrophic. There are minor earthquakes going on all the time around the world hardly noticed by most of the populations. The damage from an earthquake, particularly in a developed area, will present a multi-hazard response problem for emergency management. Improved building codes for earthquake-prone areas have reduced the number of fatalities and additional consequential damage issues. Volcanic eruptions are accompanied by large clouds of ash, airborne debris, and lava flows. Toxic gases are also present around the crater. Evacuation orders are usually mandatory.

Tsunamis and tidal waves are a threat to coastal areas around the world. They are caused primarily by seismic activity. However, landslides and volcanic activity can also cause them. A tsunami wave is barely detectable over deep water, but builds in height as it approaches the shallow shoreline. There is usually a reasonable degree of warning if the epicenter of the cause was at some distance from the shore. Damage and loss of life is right up there with the related storm surge of a hurricane. Five countries, Australia, Chile, India, Japan, and the United States, have sophisticated tsunami warning systems in place, and share data internationally. There was an excellent article on a tsunami communication exercise in the May issue of *CQ*. Historically, before warning systems were developed, loss of life was tremendous.

Transportation and Manufacturing Incidents

Incidents involving transportation and manufacturing activities are usually multiple-hazard in nature. Transportation accidents involving spills of hazardous and/or flammable material quickly escalate the response to the incident, as multiple agencies respond. The manufacturing, processing, and storage of all the “stuff” that society needs and consumes provides a ripe venue for an incident with multiple hazards and multiple agency response. Almost always, agencies with environmental protection jurisdiction will be part of the response, and frequently in the recovery phase as well. Information on local concerns for industrial and manufacturing-related sites that could be a source of concern is collected by your Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) must develop an emergency response plan, review the plan at least annually, and provide information about chemicals in the community to citizens. Plans are developed by LEPCs with local authority, business, and citizen partici-

pation. There is one LEPC for each of the more than 3,000 designated local emergency planning districts (Source: Wikipedia). To find your local LEPC, type in “LEPC” to your favorite search engine and it should bring up your local committee information.

From Response to Recovery

A famous quote from Yogi Berra, catcher for the New York Yankees, “it ain’t over ‘til it’s over,” can be applied to any accident, disaster, or incident that you might run into. Response issues to a developing incident are matched by the problems of recovery. The log may be closed on the response, but the recovery is what will, hopefully, restore things to a degree of normalcy, and eventually pass into barely remembered history. Recovery almost always involves multiple agencies.

During the initial and developing phases of a disaster, the agencies involved were the first responders. These are the “get there, get it done, and return to barn for the next one,” organizations. Recovery will now have the politicians, social services, environmental protection agencies, contractors, and private companies involved. The list will be long and the progress slow. There will be legal issues, lawsuits, and court hearings. The response will be judged by those who often have no experience or understanding of the issues involved. Recovery can and will take time. Usually more than the initial estimate. The greater the disaster, the longer the recovery. There will be those disasters from which affected areas never completely recover. Scars will remain. The physical, emotional, and psychological issues of the victims can remain for a lifetime. The memory of the “bad ones” can remain with the responders, sometimes for their lifetime. PTSD is real.

Ham Radio’s Contribution

So, what can you do, the foregoing notwithstanding, if you are still interested in using this great hobby of ours to serve your community? If so, I’ll say, “welcome aboard!” The journey will sometimes be difficult, but I can assure you it won’t be boring. However, let me state that in emergency and disaster communications, there are two possibilities. One, you are part of the solution by being trained and prepared, both you and your family. The second possibility, that without preparation and training, you will become part of the problem. That would not be good.

Opportunities abound for you to get the training that you will need. There are online courses and there are local opportunities for training with emergency communication groups in your area. Start with the local ham clubs if you are not already a member of one. Consider becoming a member of the national amateur radio association in your country, if you aren’t one already. All of the national organizations have organized programs for emergency communication response and sponsor local groups, hopefully in your area. That is the first step.

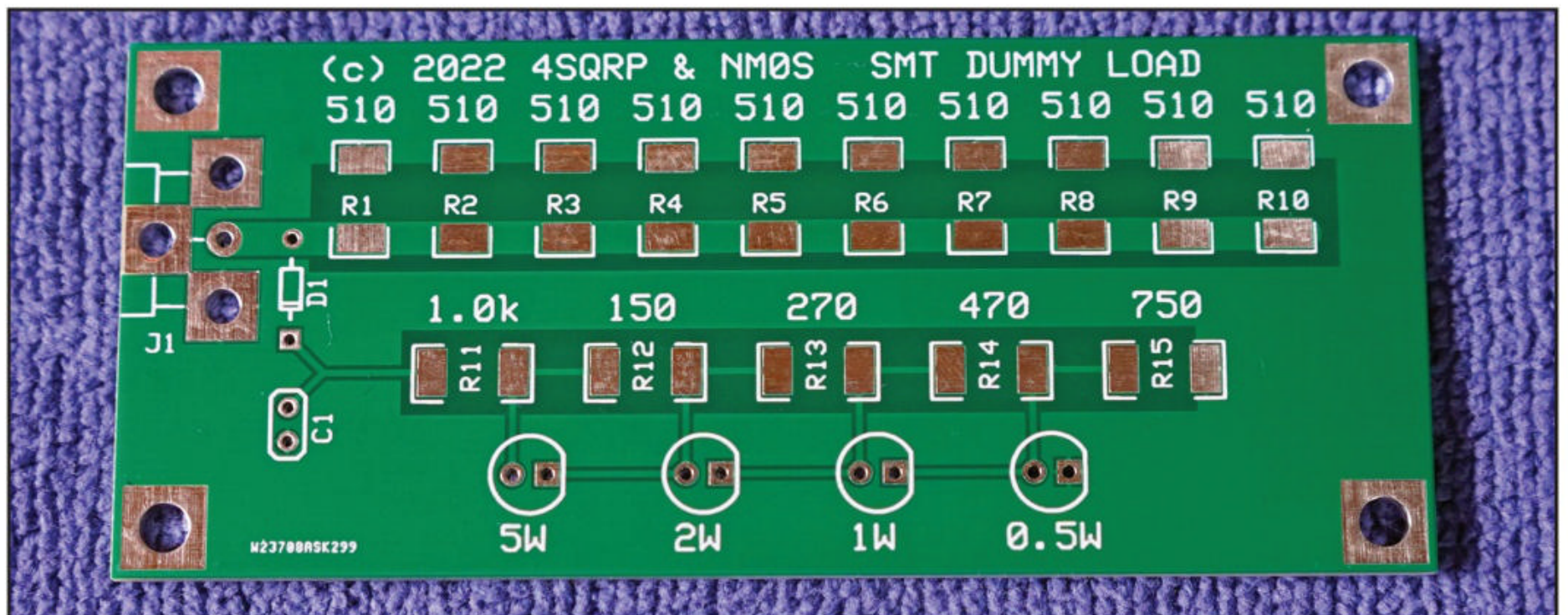
The second step is a critical one. You and your family must be prepared to safely ride out any disaster that would affect your local area. You must be comfortable with the situation you would leave your family in, if you are going off to support the communication emergency. Get the whole family involved in the planning. There are many free programs available to help you determine how they, and you, will weather the storm. In this endeavor, you will never stop learning. We will explore this in next month’s column. The technology of ham radio and the scope of disaster management are continually evolving. New ideas and techniques are presented frequently. Again, welcome aboard, it will be one heck of a ride.— 73, *de K3PFW*

kit building

BY JOE EISENBERG,* KONEB

Scratching the Surface (Mount)

Four State QRP Group SMT Dummy Load Kit



The Four State QRP Group's SMT Dummy Load kit PC board.

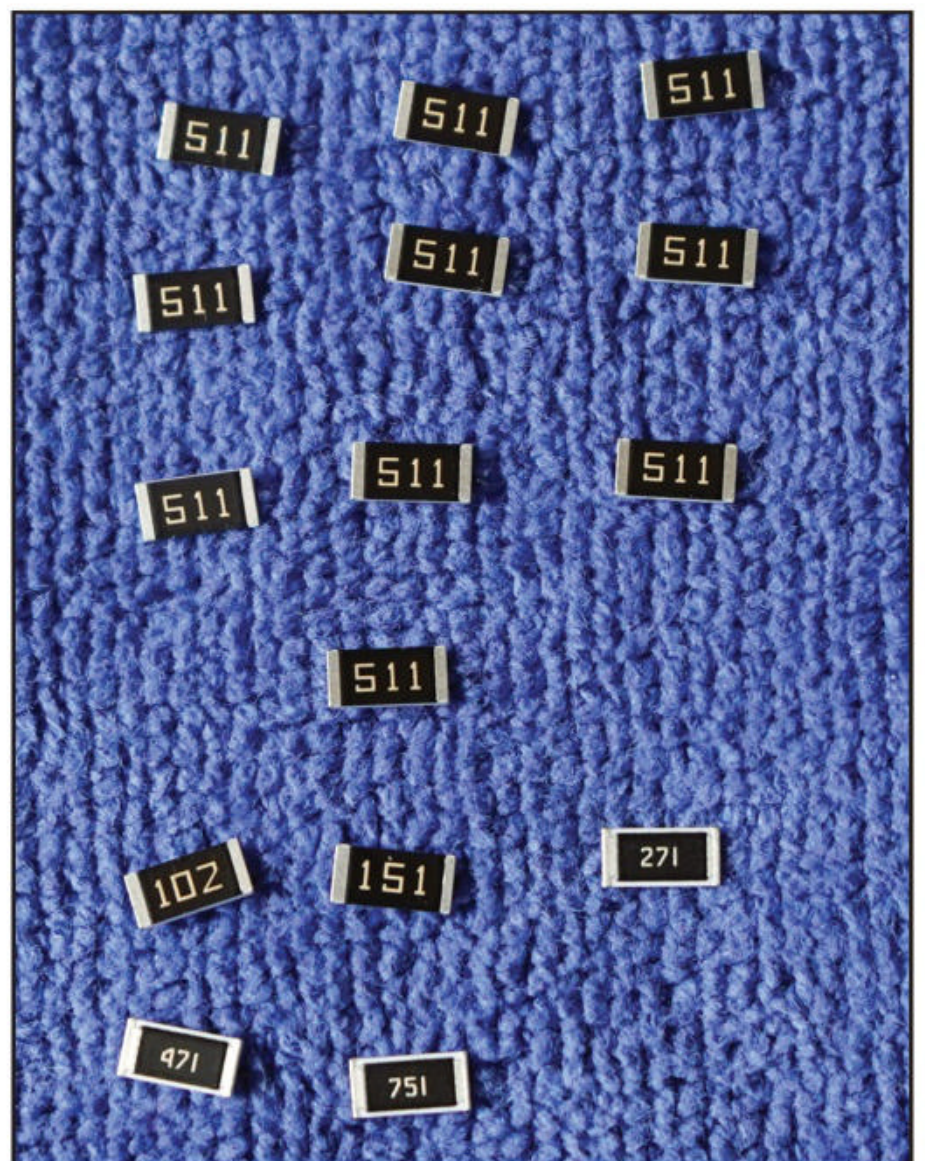
With a cluster of hamfests recently, I have delayed completing the SW40+ kit for a couple of weeks. That doesn't mean there aren't kits to bring to you here and the Four State QRP Group has a great one that will be very useful for a kit builder.

I often mention in my seminars the importance of having a proper dummy load available when testing QRP transmitters like the SW40+. I also have suggested learning techniques for working with surface-mount components. The newest kit put out by the Four State QRP Group — the SMT Dummy Load — presses both of those buttons and then some. There are four LEDs which give an indication of the power output, ideal for optimizing your RF output tuning.

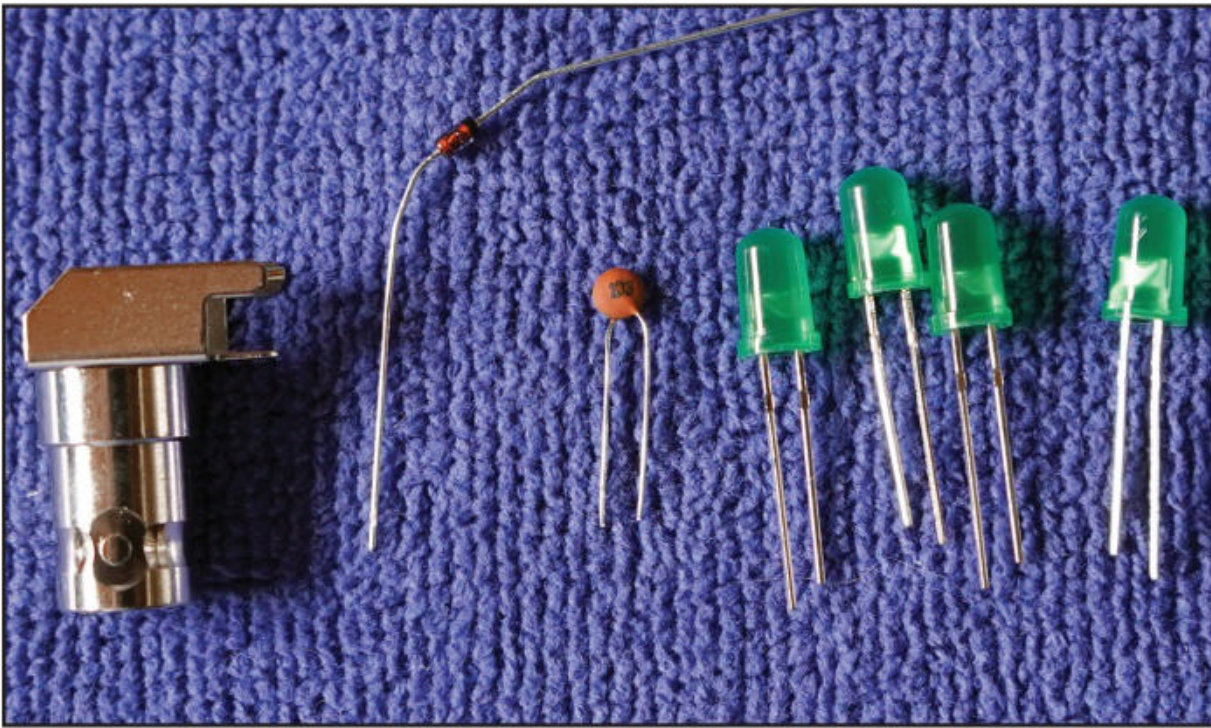
The SMT Dummy Load kit uses 15 larger surface-mount resistors, four LEDs, one capacitor, one diode and a BNC connector, making it a very easy kit to assemble and great practice for surface-mount assembly. The 15 surface-mount resistors are about 1/4-inch across, making them about as big as a regular resistor. The resistor values are marked as a number, which is referenced in the manual.

There are two methods I use to mount them, both equally effective. The first method is to place a small dab of solder on one of the two pads. Then lay the resistor next to that pad and while reheating the solder, move the resistor using tweezers until it is aligned correctly on the pad. Remove the soldering tip and let the pad cool before releasing the tweezers. Using 63/37 solder lessens the cooling time. Now you can solder the other side and return to the first connection to touch up the solder connection on the first pad.

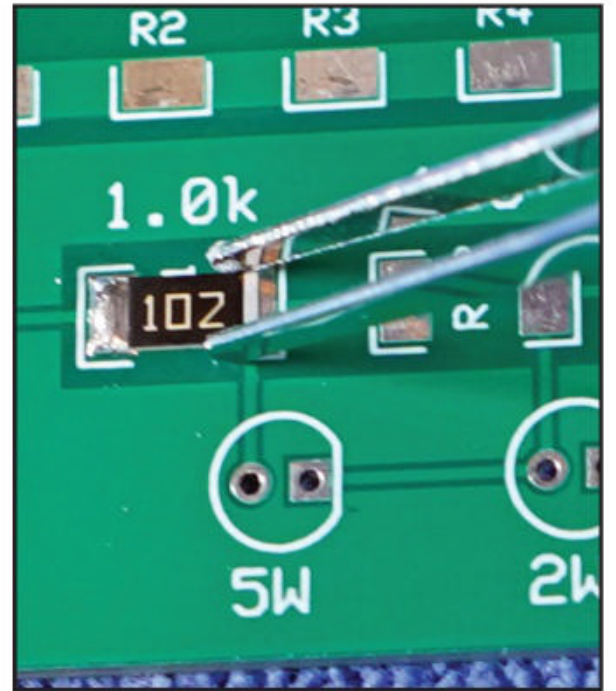
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The surface-mount resistors that make up the SMT Dummy Load kit.



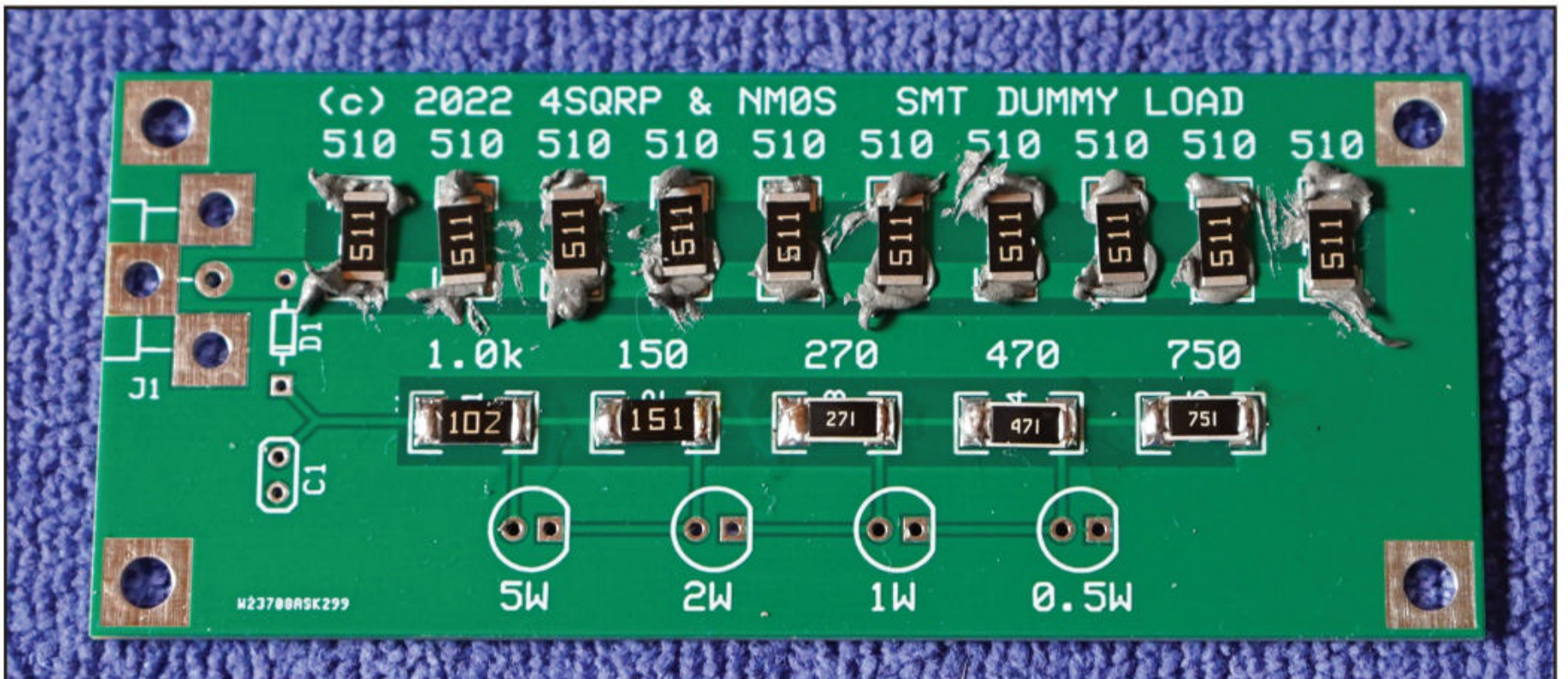
The through-hole components to complete the SMT Dummy Load.



Holding an SMT resistor in place to be soldered.

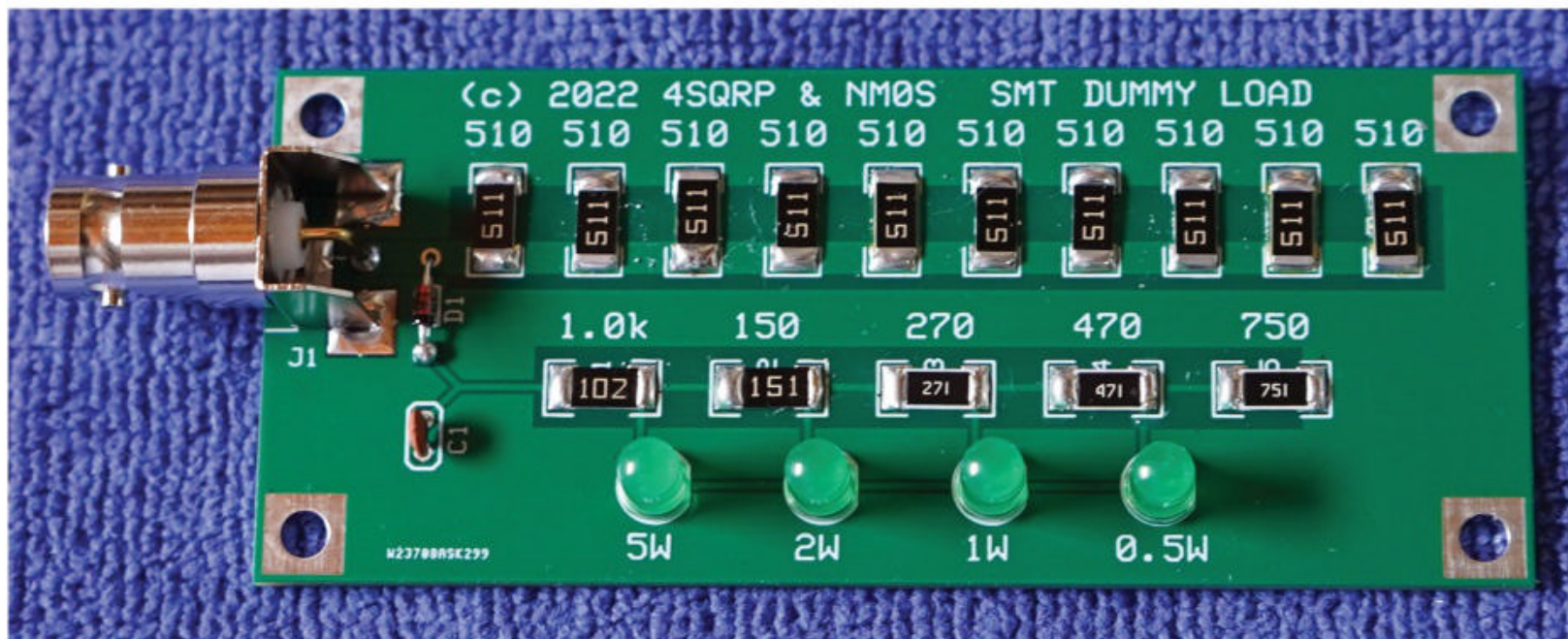


Solder paste in a syringe can be purchased from MG Chemicals or ChipQuik online. Also check at MicroCenter stores online or locally for these products.



The top row of resistors placed on the pasted pads ready to be heated.

The finished SMT Dummy Load is ready to go!



The other method I use involves using solder paste, which is most often a grey looking paste mixture of solder and flux. This paste is often packaged in a syringe for application to the board. Begin by placing a dab of paste on each pad. Don't worry about it not being nice and neat as the magic will happen later. Once you have applied the paste to each pad, use tweezers to place each resistor on each set of pads. It might look a bit sloppy, and carefully removing some excess paste can help. I use a low airflow heat tool, often sold as an embossing heat tool at craft stores such as Hobby Lobby or Michael's. Heat

guns, like those sold at hardware stores for paint stripping, have much higher airflow and will blow surface-mount parts off of the board. Holding the tool about 2 inches or so above the pads to be heated will take a few seconds to begin the magic.

At the beginning of the heat process, the grey paste will become shiny as the flux begins to melt, cleaning the pads and preparing for the solder flow. A few seconds later, the solder will melt and become the silvery substance we are familiar with. Once the pads are both silvery, you might see the part position itself a little straighter. This is due to the surface tension of the melted solder and flux and serves to straighten the parts like magic. The flux and solder that seemingly spread beyond the pads magically contracts and the solder occupies the pads due to a substance called "resist" on the PCB. Once the parts are soldered, you can move the heat tool to the next set of pads until all are done. Be sure to let the board cool thoroughly and stay still before handling it, as it will be very hot! Use 91% alcohol, found commonly in drug stores to clean the excess flux from the board and use a regular soldering iron tip to clean up any excess solder if needed. After all the surface-mount parts are done, you can mount the LEDs and other parts according to the manual.

Using a double male BNC adapter or a short BNC jumper cable to connect the dummy load to the RF output of your QRP transmitter will let you not only provide a correct impedance load for testing your QRP radios, but measure its output as well.

You can order the SMT Dummy Load Kit at <www.4sqrp.com>. As with all the other Four State QRP kits, the proceeds from the sales will help defray the costs of putting on the annual Ozarkcon QRP

convention in Branson, Missouri. Be sure to check out <www.ozarkcon.com> for information about the 2023 Ozarkcon. See you there!

FDIM

It was great to not only see everyone at Ozarkcon this year, it was wonderful to see Hamvention returning as well. There was a great crowd at Four Days In May (FDIM), the annual QRP gathering held in conjunction with Hamvention. Some great kits were even available for purchase at FDIM. In addition to Four State QRP Group kits by David Cripe, NMØS, there were kits from QRP Labs. Hans Summers, GØUPL made it to FDIM and had a number of his kits for sale including some of the new third version of his QDX 4-band digital modes QRP kits. I am truly looking forward to assembling my QDX and bringing it to you here soon. At FDIM, there were a few SDR kits and projects on display that show the future of kits can include SDR technology. Some of these new SDR projects will become kits and many utilize 3-D printed cases. More details on these possible kits will come in the near future.

Going to Ozarkcon and the Dayton Hamvention as well as FDIM made me feel good about the future of kit-building in amateur radio. To see the marvels of new very small SDRs and other innovative new kits using DDS technology, as well as simple kits that make great entry-level projects, gives me hope for even better kits in the future. I'll be showing some of these new kits in the future in these pages as well.

Be sure to look for me at the hamfest in Cedar Rapids, Iowa as well as the Huntsville Hamfest in Alabama and the Northeastern HamXposition near Boston all in August.

– Until next time, 73 de KØNEB



Hans Summers, GØUPL, shows his third version of the QDX 4-band digital modes transceiver kit at Four Days in May during Hamvention 2022.

analog adventures

BY ERIC P. NICHOLS,* KL7AJ

Dayton Debrief



Photo A. The Dayton flea market was back, bigger than ever, and packed with hams, including a lot of young hams. (Photo courtesy Joe Eisenberg, KØNEB)

I just got back to North Pole from Dayton last night, and have had just enough time to organize some related thoughts that have been sloshing around the brainium in the cranium, before they completely evaporate.

Because of some flight cancellations, my XYL and I ended up staying in Dayton another day after Hamvention, so we took the time to see the Wright-Patterson Air Museum (the SECOND most important thing to see in Dayton) the way it should be seen ... taking an entire day. I've seen the museum in hurried bits and pieces over the past several Hamvention pilgrimages, but never had time to do it right, until this time.

I am struck by the similarities between early flight and early radio ... in fact, they both started at nearly the same time. Marconi's first transatlantic test in 1901 was just two years before the Wright Brothers' first successful powered flight.

The Wright brothers were not encumbered by any pre-conceived notions of what an airplane should look like. In like manner, early practitioners of wireless weren't even sure

what to call the thing. The term "radio" didn't come into general usage until actual broadcasting was established. Radio amateurs were way ahead of the curve in the adoption of the term. Nevertheless, it did take a few years for radio amateurs to figure out what radio should "look like." The Wright brothers at least had some natural models of flight to draw from ... although the original Wright Flyer was very un-bird-like in its physical configuration.

By contrast, there was nothing in nature that looked quite like radio for its pioneers to draw upon for inspiration. And, collectively speaking, we still aren't sure exactly what amateur radio should look like. It certainly doesn't look like what it did when I first got my Novice ticket in 1972, "only" 50 years ago, come next September. I do have a shack full of boat anchors that look unmistakably like radios, but I also have quite a few items that even the geekiest of us radio geeks back then wouldn't have recognized as radios, such as my thumb-drive-sized SDR general coverage receiver. But beyond the mere evolution of ham hardware over the past 50 years, the freshly-minted ham himself or herself in 2022 doesn't look anything like their 1972 counterpart from a social, educational, or attitudinal standpoint.

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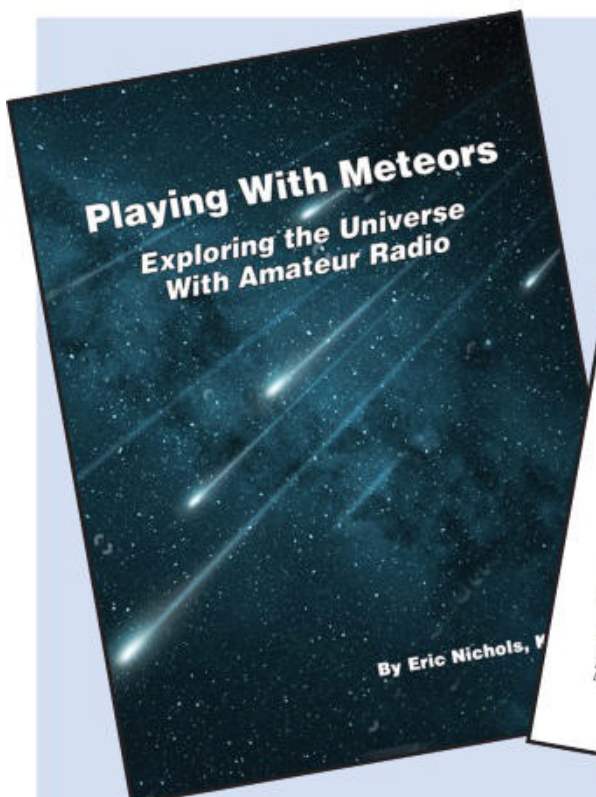




Photo B. Eric's new book, Playing With Meteors, is aimed at introducing amateur radio to people who love technology but haven't yet discovered our hobby. It's available from CQ.

That being said, I was really encouraged by the large numbers of young people at Hamvention ... more than I've seen in a long time. And, surprisingly enough, a lot of them were hanging around the flea market (which was HUGE, by the way — see *Photo A*), and thoroughly enjoying spinning the dials of the countless boat anchors and rummaging around the immense displays of variable capacitors and roller inductors.

I was naturally a little disappointed that *CQ* wasn't at Hamvention this year; as I was entertaining notions of signing some copies of my new book *Playing with Meteors* (*Photo B* — forgive my shameless commercial plug), which had just gone to the printer mere *days* before the event. In any case, I believe *Playing with Meteors* is a timely and entertaining book, and I believe it will sell well. I'll figure out some way of getting autographed copies to some of our loyal readers, perhaps even before *next* Hamvention, when *CQ* will surely be back in full swing.

On Sunday morning, I gave a dual talk on both LF Techniques and Using Digisonde Ionogram Data, which was very well received. (And yes, these two topics are indeed related). I plan on exploring both these topics in future Analog Adventures columns.

Well, that pretty well covers it for this month. Next issue, I'll try to get back on track and present the Octopus universal component testing widget.

— 73, Eric, KL7AJ

learning curve

BY RON OCHU, KOØZ

Antenna Traps

In my 47 years of operating amateur radio, I have yet to find a ham radio operator who isn't interested in antennas. Recently at a doctor's appointment, a health worker overheard me talking about ham radio and after introducing himself, he immediately told me about his antenna farm. It was great meeting him and hearing about his sky-hooks (antennas). It seems antennas are always THE go-to subject amongst hams. If you haven't noticed, hams love to chat about antennas. Sometimes, antennas can even spark, lively, fun-filled debates.

I'm here to tell you national politics isn't the only polarizing issue. Antenna design can be polarized (direction of electrical flow). Antennas can be horizontally or vertically polarized. Most polarized antennas are directional (signal concentrated in one direction) by design, but many are omnidirectional (radiate in all directions). There are other polarizations, but we'll save that topic for a later date. Instead, I'd like to focus on another "hot" antenna topic; namely, multi-band antennas and the use of traps (*Photo A*).

Traps

Most multi-band antennas use traps. Traps are found in multiband wire antennas, dipoles, verticals, and Yagis. Traps allow a single antenna to operate over several different bands; thereby reducing the need to install multiple single-band antennas. From a radio operator's budgetary viewpoint, a multi-band trap antenna needs only one run of coax from the rig to the antenna. It also means switching bands is automatic. There is no fooling around with tapped wire RF (radio frequency) transformers. Like most things in life, there are pros but there are also cons associated with a trap.

But first things first; just what is a trap antenna? SOTABeams defines a trap as, "a parallel tuned circuit (a capacitor in parallel with an inductor). Parallel tuned circuits (PTC) are used in all sorts of radio applications as they are selective: in this context a PTC has a resonant frequency



Photo A. A multi-band Yagi antenna. Note the traps in each element of the Yagi. (Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons)

at which it has a high impedance. At frequencies below the resonant frequency the reactance of the PTC will be inductive; above the resonant frequency the reactance will be capacitive." You can find the full article by SOTABeams at <<https://tinyurl.com/yckz9p9r>>.

Wow, that is a great, technical definition, but it is a lot to digest on the first bite. Let's break it down into more bite-sized pieces.

Breaking Down the Trap

Looking at *Figure 1*, we observe a simple dual-band antenna. For our purposes, this antenna is a dipole for 20 and 40 meters. Instead of two separate full-size dipoles with two separate coax runs, we now have just one antenna with a single coax run. Notice the identical traps in each dipole leg. Electrically, the trap is nothing more than a capacitor (C) and an inductor (L) connected in parallel. *Photo*

B depicts a well-worn trap from a discarded antenna. Examine the antenna element and ignore the "rat's nest" of black wire underneath the antenna element with the trap. The trap appears to be a can with two black end caps. Now, let's remove the end caps and the metal sleeve. An RF (radio frequency) coil wound on an insulator attached to each end of the antenna element is revealed (*Photo C*). This coil is the "L" or inductor. Inductors store magnetic energy, and this electrical quality is called *inductance*.

Okay, we have the "L" side of the trap, but where is the "C" side of it? Good question! Remember, the metal can with the black end caps that fits over the coil? The metal can serves as the "C" or capacitor. Capacitors store electrical energy, and this quality is called *capacitance*. The wire windings also offer some distributed capacitance. Combined, L and C form a parallel res-

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onant circuit and that is where the “RF multi-band magic happens!”

How Do Traps Work?

Simply put, LC circuits react to AC (alternating current) frequency. RF is AC and as frequency decreases, inductance decreases and capacitance increases. Inversely, as frequency increases, inductance increases and capacitance decreases. Ah great, but what does that mean to me? To make more sense of this LC phenomenon, let’s look at our 20/40-meter, dual-band dipole in *Figure 1*.

The dipole extends from segments A to B. In between A and B is our trap. Line segment A is the 20-meter section of the antenna. In effect the 20-meter dipole ends at the beginning of each trap. Astute readers will note the trap is mechanically and electrically connected to the 20-meter section. So why does the 20-meter signal “stop” at the trap?

The trap electrically appears to be an open circuit to a 20-meter signal. It’s as if the antenna ends at the trap. However, at a lower RF frequency such as 40 meters, the LC trap no longer appears to be electrically open, and the 40-meter RF signal continues on its merry way along wire segments B. Isn’t that cool?

In effect, the use of trap in each antenna element leg allows us to combine two different bands into one just one, dipole antenna.

Getting Deeper into the Weeds

I’ve found that getting into the weeds by experimenting is an excellent way to learn. Keeping an experimenter’s notebook to record each experimental attempt is essential. After a few dozen attempts, unrecorded data becomes jumbled and messy if left to memory. As I get older, or “more experienced,” I depend on my notes more and more. Fortunately, there are a lot of online calculators that make theoretical experimentation a breeze. I recommend Jotrin’s Antenna Trap Calculator <<https://tinyurl.com/2p84jd4x>>. For visual learners, may I recommend Dave Casler, KEØOG’s YouTube video on trap antennas at <<https://tinyurl.com/3ztdu56b>>.



Photo B. A trap element appears to be nothing more than a can inserted between two aluminum poles. (Photos B-E by KOØZ)

The ARRL offers an excellent bevy of articles in PDF on trap antennas <www.arrl.org/hf-trap-antennas>.

Pros and Cons of Trap Antennas

Life is full of compromises and the same goes for antennas. Multi-band trap antennas (*Photo D*) offer many pros. For one, just one coaxial run is needed to just a single antenna that will operate on multiple bands, whereas each single-band antenna will need its own coax. Trap antennas tend to be shorter in length as compared to a single-band antenna. On the other hand, single-band antennas are more efficient RF radiators because they are less lossy than trap antennas. Traps offer some resistance and some of the RF energy is converted into heat. Single-band antennas offer more bandwidth with lower SWR (standing wave ratio) as compared to a trap antenna.

Throughout most of my ham career I’ve used a trapped multi-band Yagi with excellent results. It is good, but not as

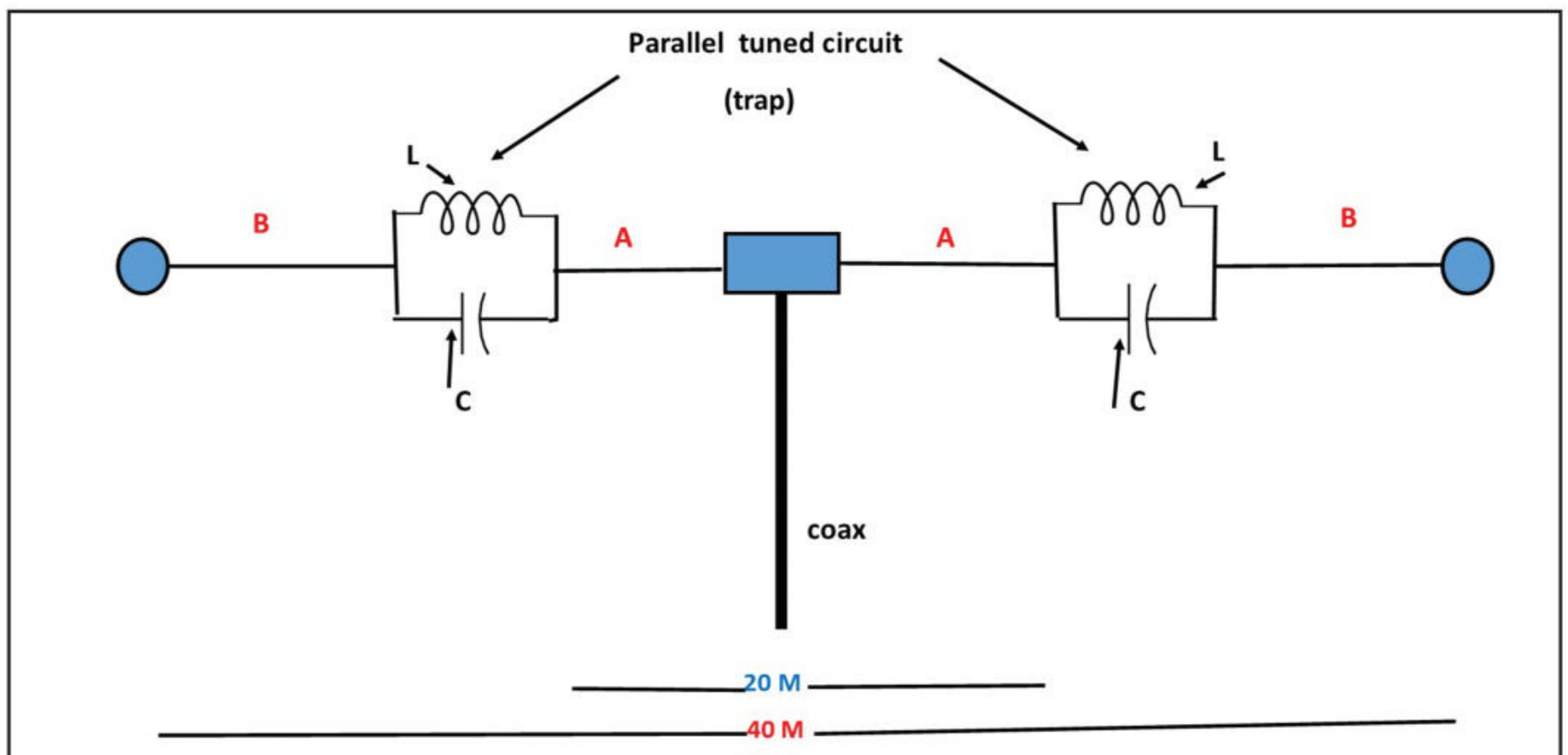


Figure 1. Example of a dual-band, trapped dipole antenna. (Image by KOØZ)



Photo C. Upon closer inspection by removing the outer metal housing (trap capacitor), an RF coil is wound on an insulator that is connected to each aluminum element.

good as a single-band Yagi with the same number of elements. Single-band, directional antennas open and close the band longer than a multi-band trap dipole. By that I mean, a single-band Yagi will hear signals earlier in the morning than my multi-band Yagi and it will hear signals longer into the evening than my multi-band. In radiosport (con-

testing), that can give a station a competitive edge. That's why serious, competitive contest stations use many single-band Yagis.

Lower out-of-pocket costs are associated with a multi-band antenna as compared to the additional expense of multiple single-band antennas, feedlines, etc. It all boils down to available real estate, finances, and ham radio expectations. As I am in the process of rebuilding my tower, I am on the HF bands with a Hy-Gain 14 AVQ vertical trap antenna. I work DX (long distance) on an almost daily basis and it performs well enough for my needs (*Photo D*).

Look Up

Look around and be observant, especially when traveling. You never know when you will unexpectedly come across a ham operator's awe-inspiring antenna farm. Such was my case as I was traveling westbound on Interstate 80 in Pennsylvania, just about to cross over into Ohio when I discovered Tim Duffy, K3LR's, contest superstation. It was so inspiring that I turned around at the nearest offramp to retrace my path just to get a closer look. Tim uses single-band antennas for contesting instead of multi-band antennas for the extra gain and bandwidth, and his station shows the sheer amount of engi-

neering it takes to build a competitive HF contest station. K7AGE has a very entertaining video of K3LR's station at <https://tinyurl.com/3w3kez5c>. Other than contest stations, for the most part, you will see multi-band, trap antennas in your travels. My wife Debbie, KC9ULA, wonders how I can get the layout of a city so quickly. I quip, "I establish visual landmarks such as radio antennas and eating establishments."

Don't Underestimate Trap Antennas

It's been my experience not to sell trap antennas short. Trap antennas offer a lot of advantages for radio amateurs (*Photo E*). Sure, they are not as efficient as a "big gun" multiple, single-band Yagis at a contest station, but they do work well and offer a great deal of excitement. Currently, I am in the process of working on my 40-foot tower, but in the meantime, I am back on HF (high frequency) with my Hy-Gain 14 AVQ trap vertical for 10-40 meters. I only have three radials lying on the ground and I make regular DX QSOs. If you're pressed for antenna space and in need of a decent antenna, you may just want to delve a bit deeper into trap antennas.

– Thank you for reading CQ and until next month, 73 de Ron, KOØZ



Photo D. Hy-Gain's 14 AVQ, 10-40 meters is a low maintenance, relatively low profile, efficient HF antenna.



Photo E. A close up of a 14 AVQ (10-40 meter) vertical antenna trap.

gordo's short circuits

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Antenna Dilemma: Wobbly Anchor, No Holes Allowed!

Many hams upgrading from Technician Class to General Class (no FCC \$35 administrative fee for an upgrade!) may want to start antenna “small,” with a multi-band HF vertical. While there are over 10 models of multi-band verticals, with all sorts of appendages going up

the mast, the Hustler series of 4-, 5-, and 6-band verticals are stout and sleek in appearance.

Also, many seasoned General class hams, ready to go with a three-element, multi-band beam, will literally give away their trusty vertical, as we will read below.

Father and son new ham operators Malachi and Escher Clark, KN6SUZ and KN6TMP, were given a slightly-used Hustler 5-band trap vertical (*Photo A*). The plan was to mount it on a convenient cast-iron roof vent pipe. The ground system counterpoise would use the iron vent pipe, and its

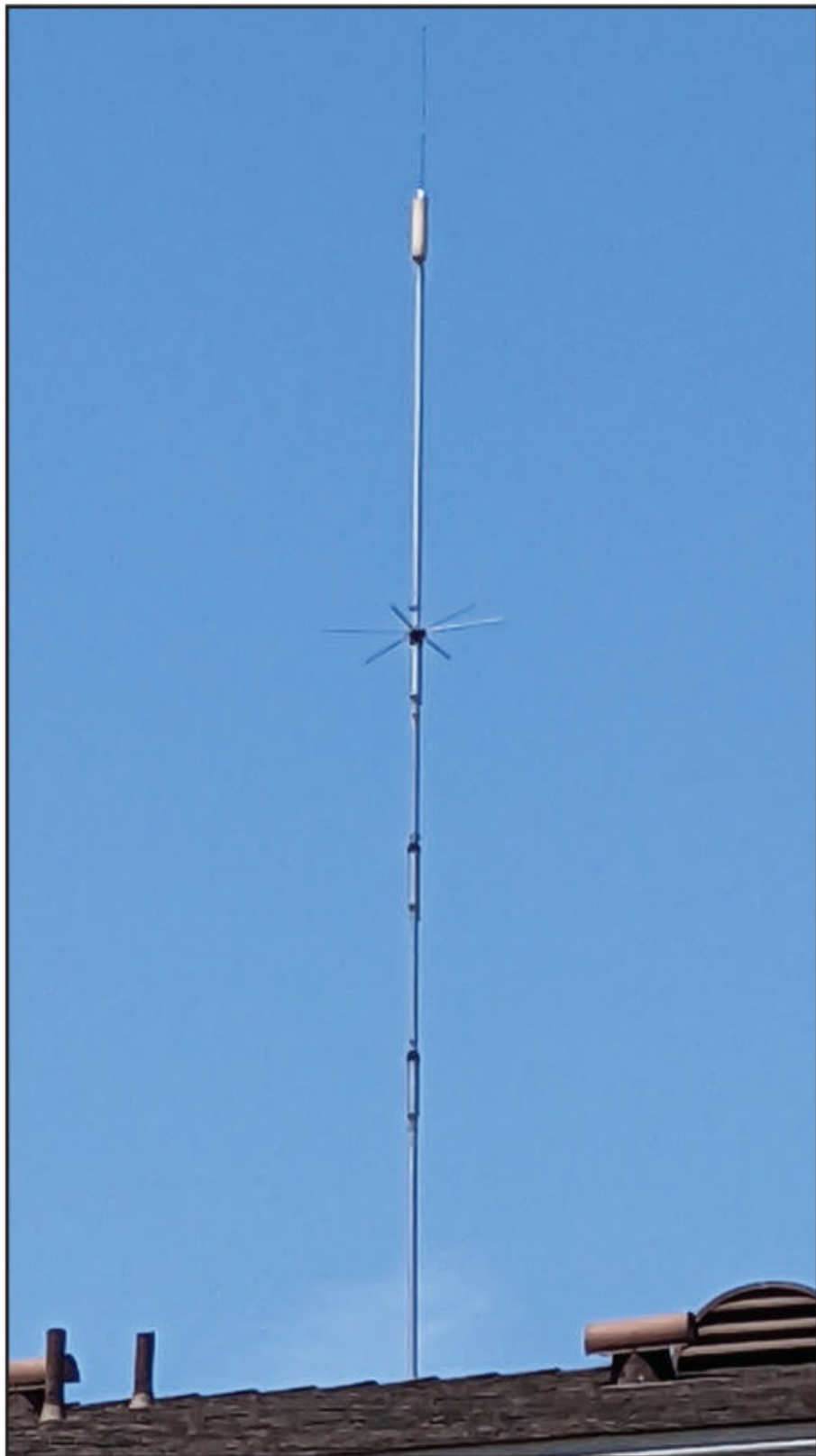


Photo A. Challenge: Roof-mount a gently used Hustler 5BTV HF vertical without drilling holes ... complicated by the discovery that a cast iron vent pipe originally planned as an anchor and ground was actually made of fiberglass! (Photos A-D and Figures 1-2 courtesy KN6SUZ)

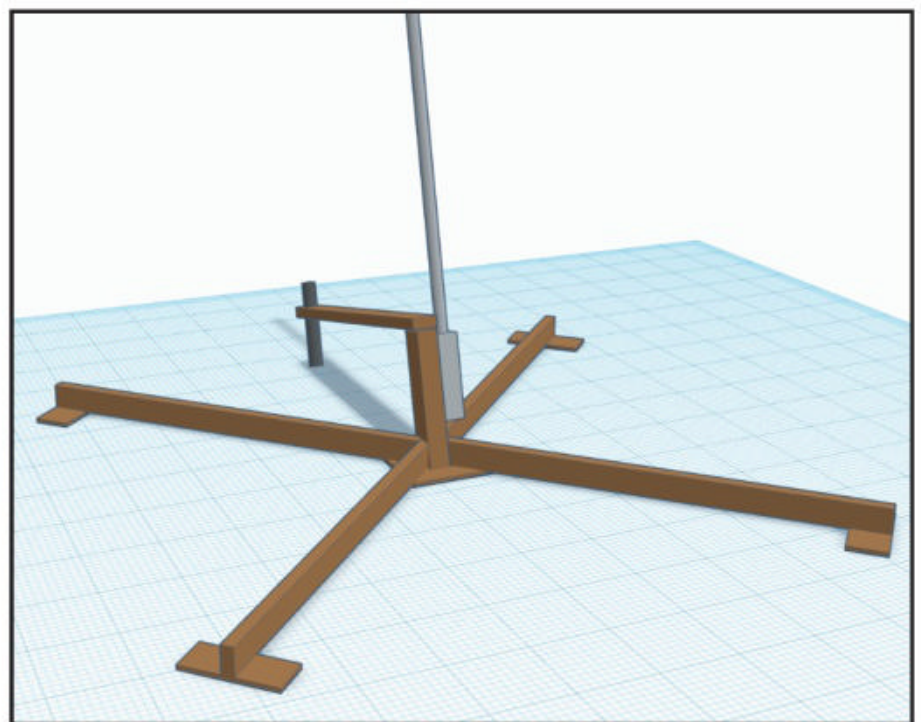


Figure 1. Computer-aided design program solves the problem of roof-mounting an HF vertical without drilling holes.

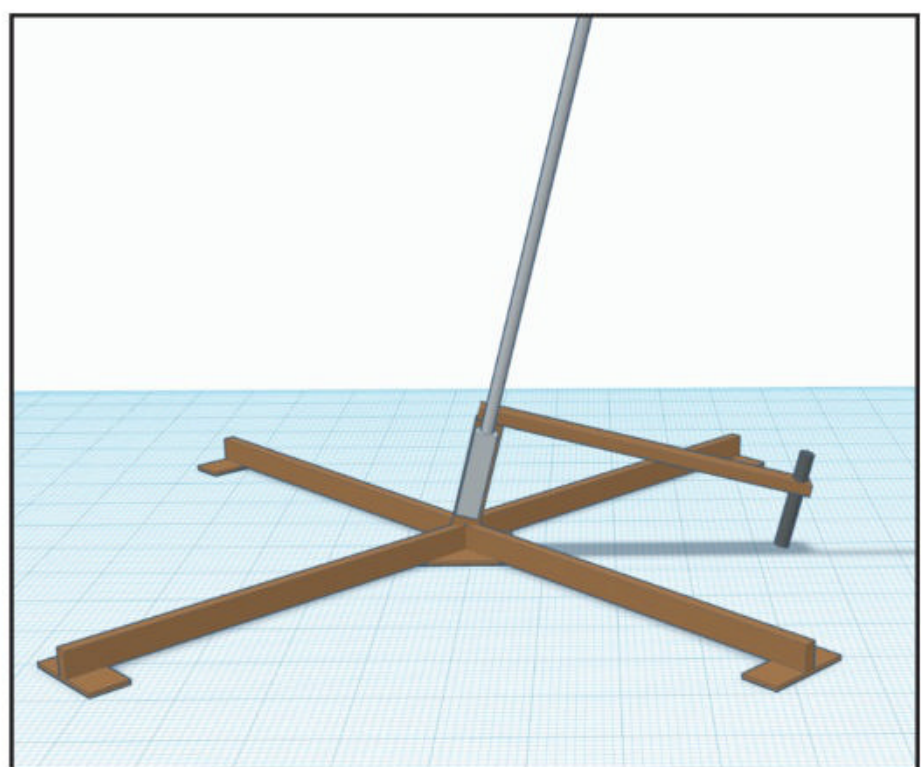


Figure 2. The CAD program also took into account the pitch of the roof and produced a design that assured that the vertical would indeed be vertical.

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Photo B. The PVC vent pipe anchors the homebrew antenna base to the roof, avoiding the need to drill holes or drive nails through the roof.



Photo D. If you look very carefully, just to the right of the satellite TV dish, you can see the tip of the Clarks' 18-foot VHF/UHF collinear peeking through the top of the tree.



Photo C. The vent-pipe anchor also helps keep the antenna vertical on a sloped roof.

attached plumbing, plus two each 1/4-wavelength radials per band. The vent would still have plenty of “breathing room,” as the antenna base would mount to the side of the vent pipe, not occluding it.

No holes in the roof allowed, nor needed.

But then Malachi and Escher made the big discovery — what looked like cast iron vent pipes were all loosey-goosey non-conductive, non-rigid, PVC vent pipes. OK, the multiple 1/4-wavelength ground radial counterpoise wires will work, but how are father and son going to mount the 19-foot 5-BTV HF vertical to a wobbly vent pipe?

Malachi brings up his CAD computer program, and works up the plan — use the wobbly vent pipe to anchor his fabricated wood antenna mast support (*Figure 1*). No holes, and ultra sturdy, with no wobble.

The feet are positioned for maximum anti-sway, and the plastic vent pipe anchors the system from sliding off the roof. The coax acts as a fail-safe lifeline, along with another counterpoise cable. The CAD program shows the exact angle to mount the base, so the antenna is absolutely vertical, compensating for the pitch of the roof! (*Figure 2* and *Photos B/C*)

Mission accomplished, with the antenna standing tall and firmly in place.



Photo E. The exhibit halls were full as the Dayton Hamvention returned in-person for the first time in three years.

Malachi and Escher also have a three-section, 18-foot VHF/UHF collinear fiberglass antenna. They decided it would be too obvious on the roof, beside the 5 BTV. No problem, now it's in the tree alongside the dwelling (Photo D). There was less than 0.5-dB attenuation with the antenna spaced 2 feet away from the tree trunk, supported and hidden in the branches.

Both antenna systems are fed with LMR 400 coax for minimum loss. Success! The 5 BTV loads with good SWR dips near or on each band (with some help from an LDG 100A autotuner on 75), and the VHF/UHF collinear is working simplex out 60 miles away.

Hamvention Success, New Tech Book, Remote Testing

The Dayton Hamvention™ in Xenia, Ohio, was on a 2-year pandemic pause, and now back with a welcome success, with capacity crowds inside the Greene County Fairground's five permanent buildings (Photo E). Forums were brim full, the outside two swap meet grassy-grounds were vehicle parking-groomed, vehicles and tables stocked with gear,

with the weather cooperating for the outside swappers, except for a couple short bursts of an Ohio downpour.

At the inside W5YI booths, the new 2022-2026 Gordo Technician Class book (Photo F) was hot off the press, and I had the pleasure to also meet and present my forum to registered instructors, all about the new Technician Class digital questions in the new book, and a presentation on the nationwide Zoom free Technician and General classes from Gary Johnson, West End Amateur Radio Group (AA6GJ@arrl.net). We also discussed the W5YI VEC Remote Zoom testing, available throughout the country, for applicants who don't have a ham club nearby offering classes or testing <<https://hamstudy.org/sessions/w5yi>>.

Alan Batteiger, WB5QNG, working with the W5YI VEC, also announced that new license applicants needing to pay the \$35 FCC administration fee do not need to wait for the FCC's "pay up" email. They can login into the FCC CORES site at <<https://tinyurl.com/bdh6tmcr>> to pay their fee, ahead of the FCC's email.

But, Allan cautions, MAKE NO CHANGES to a pending application. If



Photo E. Gordo's new Technician Class license manual, updated for the new question pool that kicks in this month, is now available from W5YI.com.

the home address or email has changed needing an update, wait until the grant arrives, and then get together with the VEC for these no-cost updates.

More Dayton News

The AMSAT and ARISS multiple booth layouts were immense, and Rosalie White, W1STO, said the International Space Station cross-band repeater has really “turned on” a lot of old, new, and seasoned hams to work through the orbiting repeater station, especially with kids around, to show them a new aspect of ham radio operating.

To pull off RECEIVING a successful “pass” of the ISS on FM crossband, first dial to 437.800 MHz FM for the ISS downlink, for *receiving*, with hams uplinking to the ISS repeater input on 145.990 MHz FM with a tone of 67 Hz CTCSS.

Spend a few weeks LISTENING, before you try and get a word in edgewise on the uplink.

As the ISS is coming up toward you, “AOS” or “acquisition of signal,” you MUST dial up on UHF an added 10 kHz, to compensate for Doppler shift — so begin *receiving* the ISS pass at 437.810 MHz. Then, as it gets higher in the sky, dial 437.805, then 437.800 when it is near overhead, and then dial *down* 5 kHz to 437.795 MHz, then 437.790 as it disappears over the horizon (“LOS” or “loss of signal”). To see when the next local pass of the ISS takes place, go to <<https://heavens-above.com>>, put in your location, and see the next workable pass. To see the current status of the different ham station configurations aboard the station, go to <<https://tinyurl.com/ypv3fyym>>.

Remember, the ISS can be worked daily, nightly, in broad daylight or dead of night, not just when it is twilight visible, so spot ALL passes over your region. See more ISS cross band info at <ARISS.org> and *my* favorite free web-

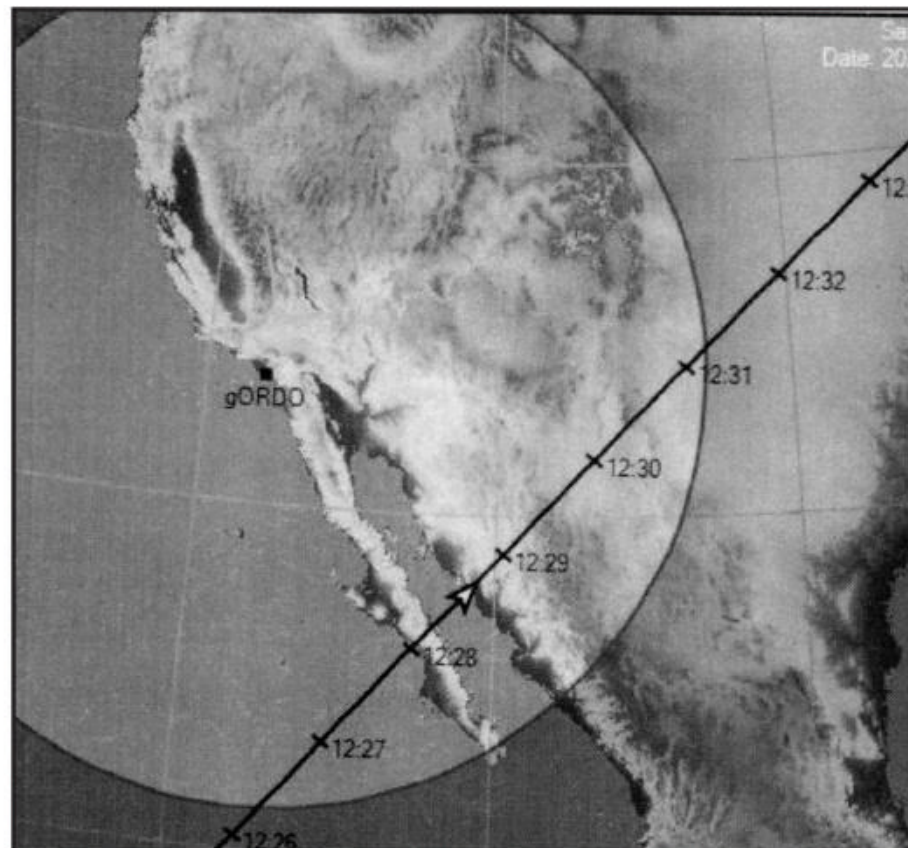


Photo G. The Heavens-above.com ground track of the International Space Station. (Courtesy of heavens-above.com)

site to see the ISS and all satellite passes is <www.heavens-above.com>. Log in with your location, click on ISS, then click ALL PASSES (not just visible), then click on a good time for you to hear a nice high pass, then click *ground track* (see Photo G).

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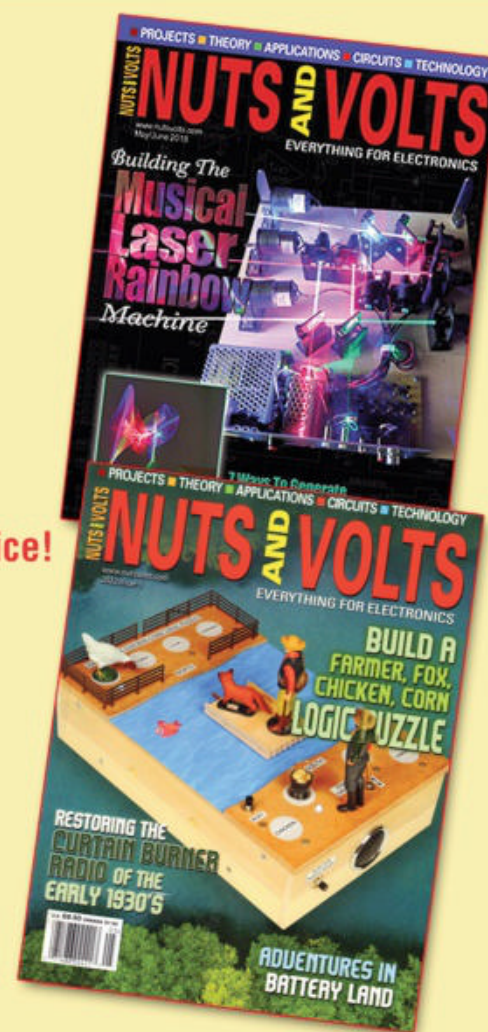
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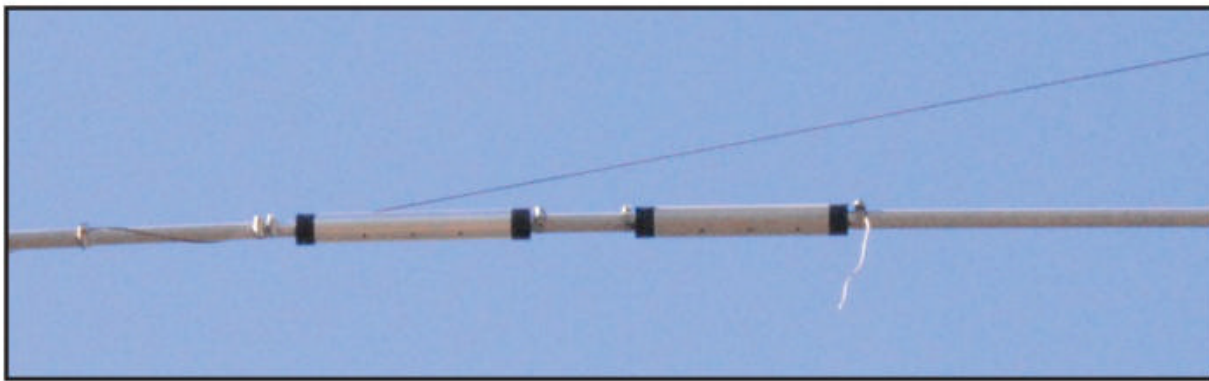


Photo H. Traps on multiband beams or verticals will benefit from a “wiggle” once a year.

Wiggle Your Traps

As we get ready for Solar Cycle 25 to continue its climb for DX this summer, time to give a trap multi-band antenna a wiggle of the outside aluminum trap cover (Photo H).

A single self-tapping screw (Photo I) secures one end of the trap outer covering for capacitive reactance, covering the inner coil for inductive reactance. This forms a high impedance parallel resonant circuit at resonance, which traps that band from that band’s RF going any farther out to the element. On lower frequency bands, the trap is non-resonant, and acts like a simple series loading coil.

Many times on trap verticals, and trap beam antennas, the 10-meter and 15-meter trap self-tapping screw gets loose, causing the outside aluminum cover to easily rotate a few degrees, and the trap becomes “defective,” as intermittent.

But don’t buy a new one — just peel back the plastic bug covering, and with a nut driver, tighten up that sheet metal screw, and best-you-can, get the plastic covering back in place to keep out the bugs from the inner coil (Photo J).

Only one end of most parallel-resonant traps has a screw connection to the coil shaft, hidden under the black plastic bug-stop. The opposite end of the trap has a spacer to keep it centered, with NO connection to the coil shaft.

My black plastic trap bug-out was so brittle, it went into pieces, so I stuffed the entry with fiberglass shreds.

Be sure that the trap holes on beams point DOWN, for rainwater to fall out.

Simple fix. Unless you were running a kilowatt key down in wet weather causing the inner coil to arc over, there is little that goes wrong with an individual parallel resonant trap, *other than* the outer cover providing capacitive reactance gets loose. (For more on the basics of trap antennas, see this month’s “Learning Curve” column, elsewhere in this issue. — ed.)



Photo I. This self-tapping screw underneath a trap’s bug cover may need to be tightened.

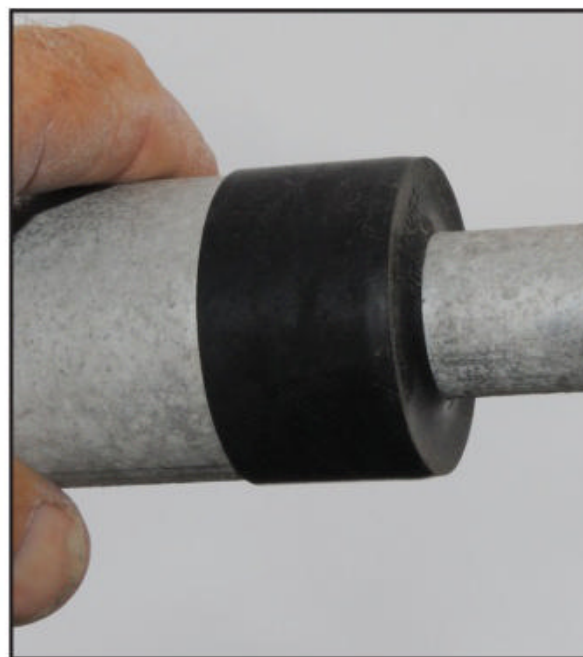


Photo J. Once you’ve tightened the inner screw, do your best to get the plastic bug shield snugly back in place.

Finally, if putting up a new aluminum antenna, be sure and use the manufacturer supplied-black conductive lubricant to keep the telescopic aluminum elements from seizing from inevitable internal corrosion. Keep this goo away from your favorite clothing — it won’t come out!

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More Projects on the Workbench

Well, it's back to the workbench once again. This time, some projects made their way to my bench unexpectedly. These are the projects that often make me mad.

For example, my fairly new docking station for my new computer dual-monitor setup stopped working. It just lost power and connection to my external monitors and USB items. It made that “disconnect from USB sound” and the somewhat too bright blue LEDs were not lit. Pretty simple. The diagnosis should be something like “No power. Bad fuse. Bad power supply. Loose or disconnected wire.”

I was about to throw it away and order a new one, but it is just out of its warranty period (of course). I figured I have nothing to lose, I don't have an alternative right now, and it's an approximately \$200 unit, so I opened it up (*Photo A*).

Like most consumer electronics products these days, there are no accessible fuses in the power supply. However, there are two small surface-mount fuses in the 20-volt path. I checked those first. They are good. I checked the wall wart power supply for proper voltage. The output is fine. I looked at the power connector and it looked okay, although the solder is a bit grainy looking. Typical of lead-free joints. Sort of ugly, but fine.

I plugged the power cord into the unit and poked around with my digital multimeter. Zero volts coming into the board. Duh, I knew that because the LEDs were not illuminated.

But that is strange. The power supply has the correct voltage. But the board is not getting power. I measured the voltage coming out of the power connector, and — there was nothing coming out.

Bad connector? Looking closely at the power connector from the inside, the center pin was held in place with a rivet. The contact was corroded and so that was my first guess.

I scraped the tarnish off with a pin and soldered the center pin to its contact on the circuit board side (*Photo B*).



Photo A. I opened the case on this universal docking station for my computer setup. The symptoms were simple, but the cure not as much. (All photos by KH6WZ)

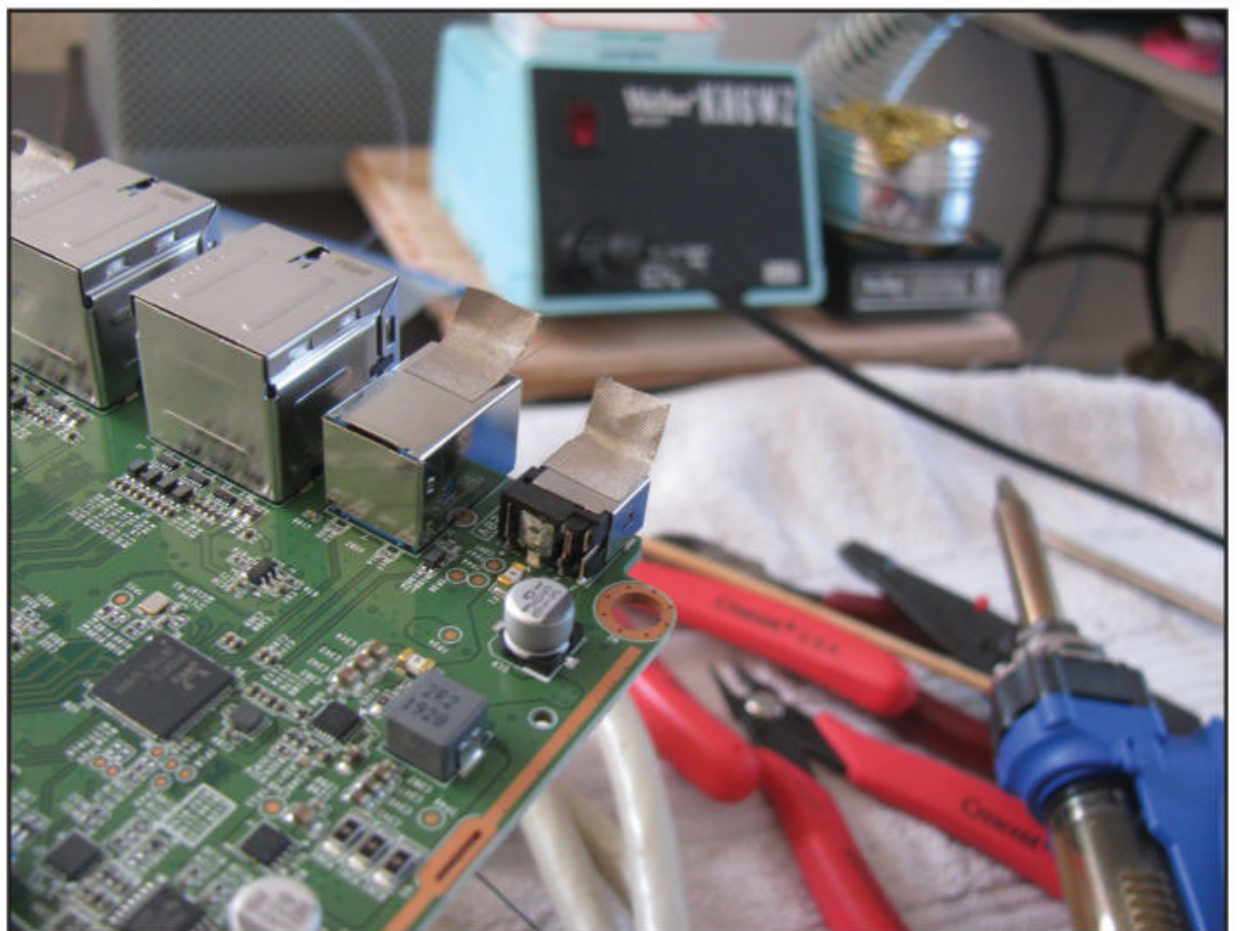


Photo B. The wall wart power supply was working, but the connector inside the unit did not look so good. So, I cleaned and soldered the connection.

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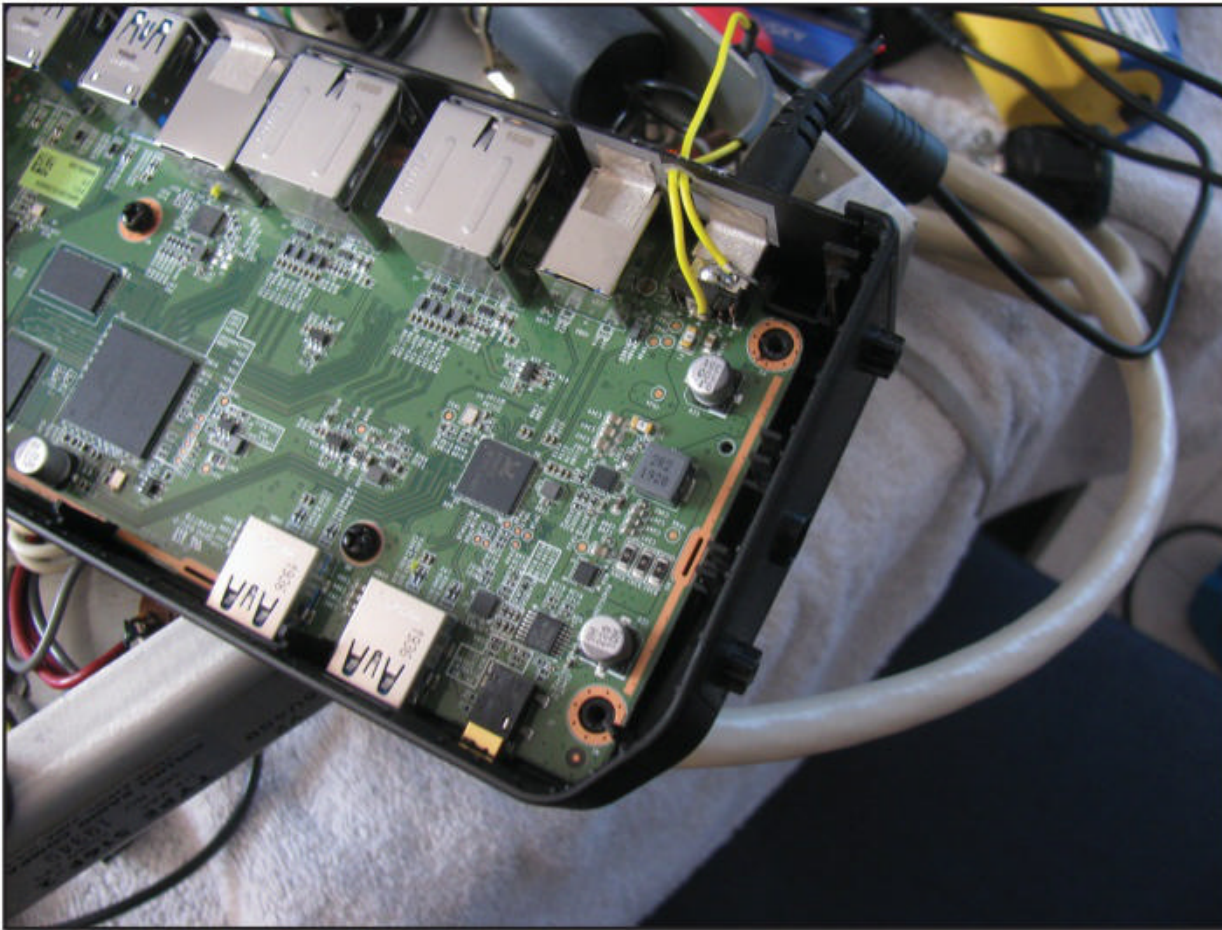


Photo C. I cut the power supply connector and soldered wires directly to the board.

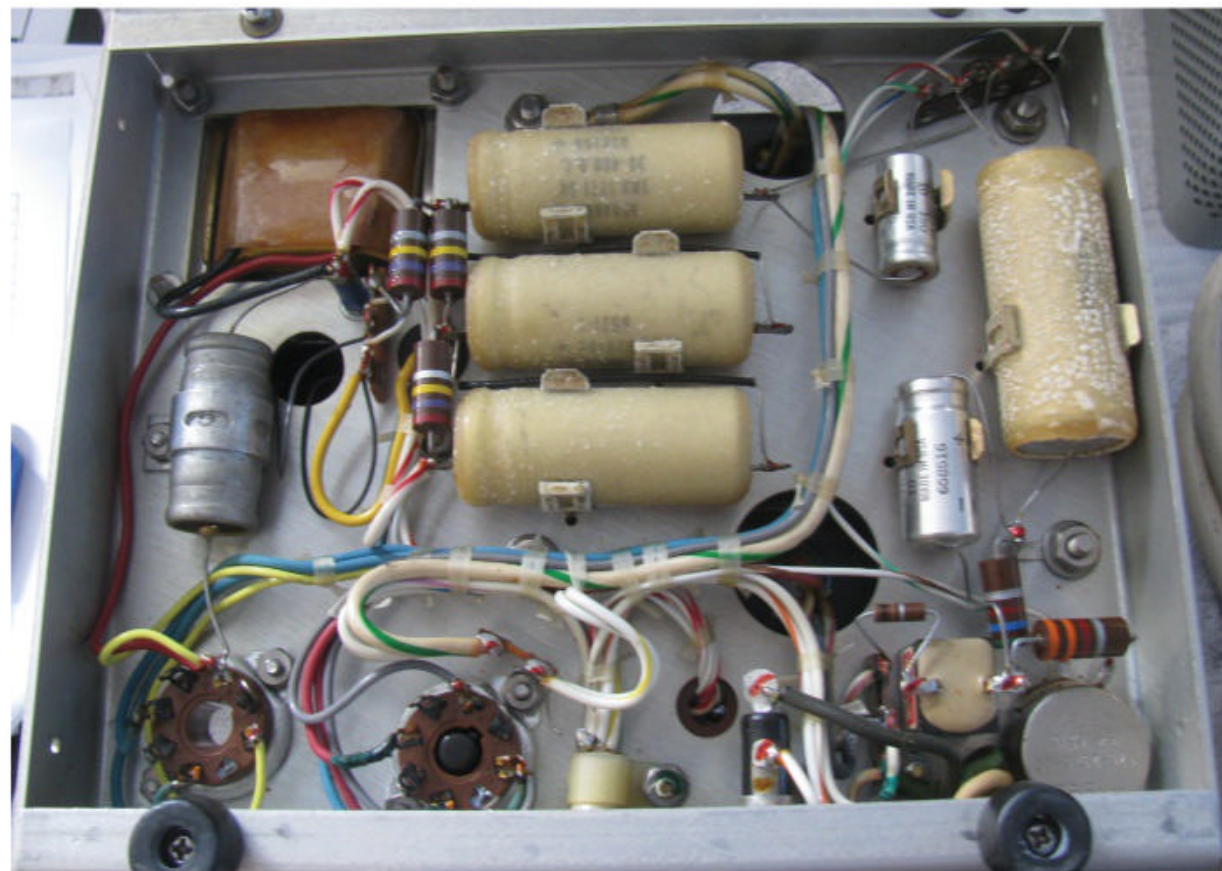


Photo D. An under-chassis view of my Collins 516F-2 power supply.

I tested the power connection again. Zero volts. What!

The positive connection is now fine, it must be the ground lead. I tested it, plugged the power cube back in and noticed no blue LEDs. Still not working.

Okay, let's bypass the connector and connect power from the wall wart to the circuit board. I cut the wire coming from the wall wart supply and soldered wires to the ground and the positive pad on the circuit board side of the connector (Photo C).

I plugged it in and — still nothing. What again!

I am taking a break to write this column, without my docking station and external monitors. I have eliminated all (most?) of the possibilities, except for one: Is the 20-volt wall wart power supply failing under load? At no-load, it is fine. But when it is plugged into the docking station, it is not able to power the unit. I think the wall wart is partially working. I have to say that I have never seen this before.



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I have to also wonder how many of these units have been scrapped because of an inadequate power supply. How many perfectly working units were repaired or replaced under warranty because of a dead (or nearly dead) wall wart?

And why does the unit require a 20-volt power supply?

These questions remain as I write this article. Stay tuned for an update on this one.

Restoring a Classic Collins Station

Meanwhile, on the happier side of the workbench, I am finally getting to restoring my classic Collins KWM-2 station. Over several years (decades, actually), I have accumulated an almost complete KWM-2 station, consisting of the KWM-2 transceiver, PM-2 lightweight power supply, and 30L-1 amplifier. I also have one Collins CC-3 carrying case. I should look for the external VFO, the 312B-5. Then it will be a truly complete KWM-2 station.

My renewed interest was inspired by my recent acquisition of the 516F-2 power supply in excellent shape. There's not much to see on the outside, so *Photo D* shows the chassis' underside. It is fully functional, but I want to replace the power supply filter capacitors, which are a bit "fuzzy-looking." This is very common with vintage vacuum tube era equipment. It is not corrosion or mold as I thought by looking at pictures, it looks like melted or overheated wax.

As you can see, this power supply manufactured more than 40 years ago looks brand new on the inside. Some wires are corroded, but I will correct this as I refurbish the unit. The original Collins inspection paint marks are present on all connections (*Photo E*). There is one modification on this unit. The connection between the output cable shield and a ground lug is cut, visible in *Photo F*. I will restore this connection.

I am replacing the electrolytic capacitors with modern equivalents (*Photo G*). I am adding terminals to the leads to mimic the originals as well as to help improve their mechanical connections.

Today's electrolytic capacitors are not only smaller, but they have better performance than the old versions. Unfortunately, high value, high voltage, axial lead electrolytic capacitors may be difficult to find, although radial-style capacitors seem to be more common today.

A quick Google search turns up several sources of replacement capacitors,

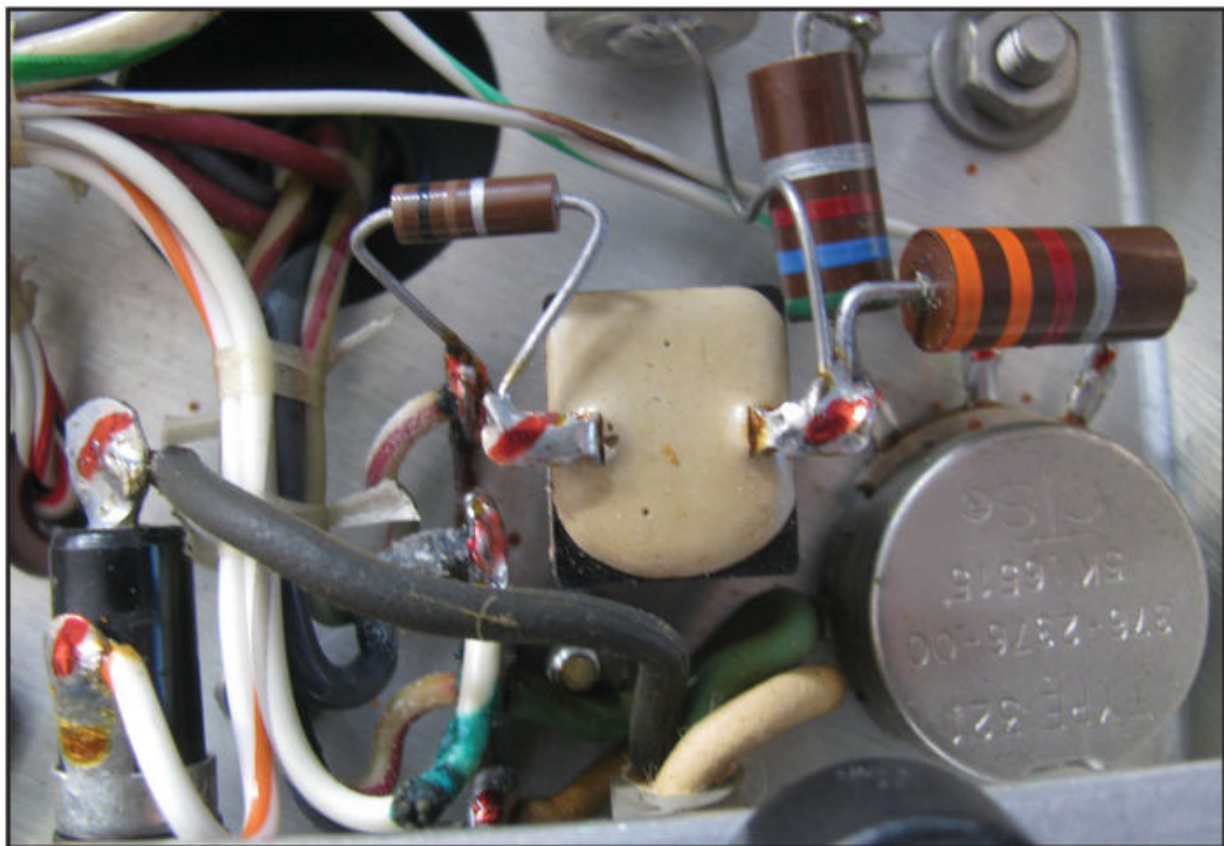


Photo E. The vintage power supply is amazingly clean on the inside.

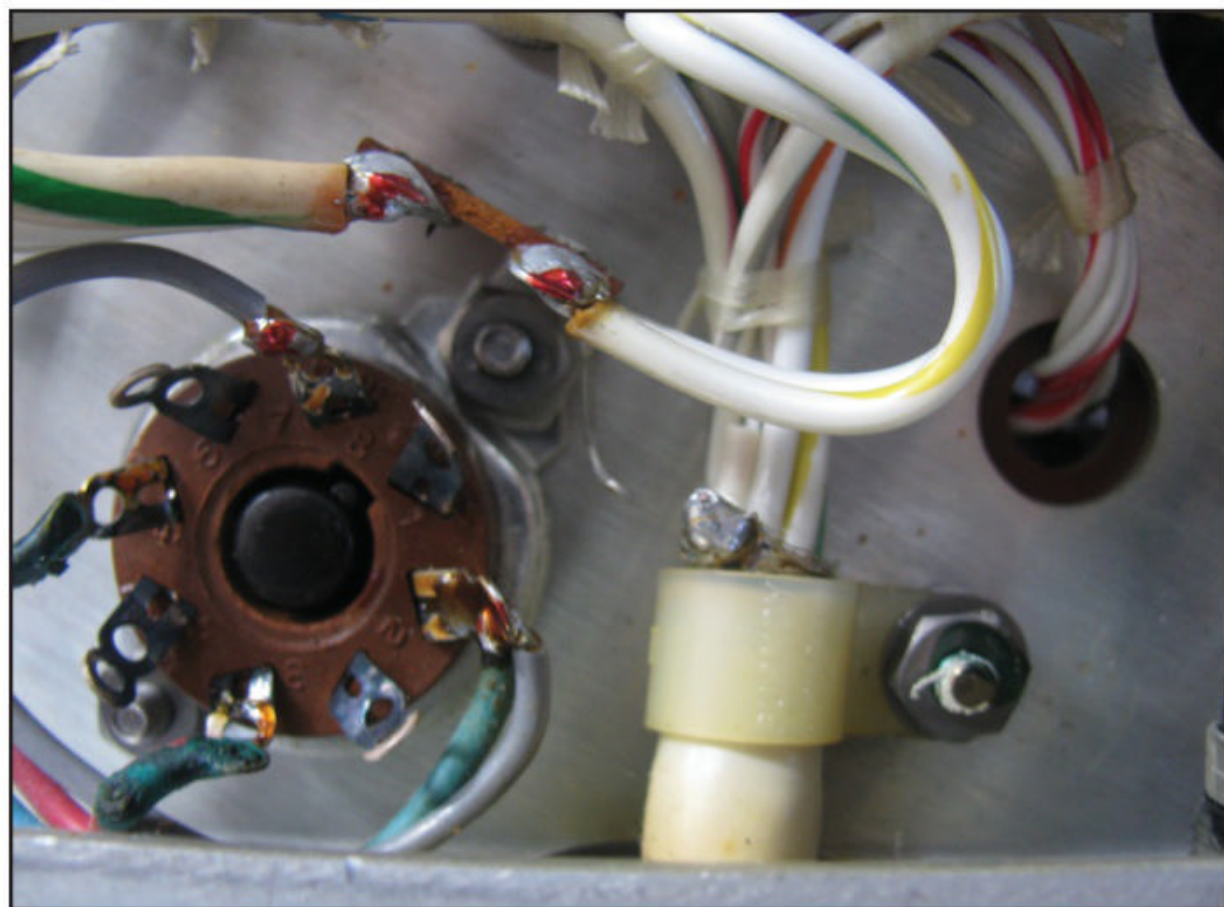


Photo F. This looks like the only modification: The power output cable shield connection to ground is cut.

including kits to either modernize to solid state, or to simply replace the capacitors.

I am still working on this project, and at this rate it may take several more years to get this station running. Stay tuned for updates on this, too.

So far, I am not doing anything special on these rigs. All repairs, modifications, restorations, and improvements have been documented very well by others. I am grateful for all the contributors who took the time to create and

share their work so the rest of us do not have to re-invent the wheel.

And, as a technical writer by trade, I am impressed and grateful to the Collins engineers and technical writers who performed the original work.

Another Special and Highly Useful Tool

One of the first things to replace on vintage electronic gear is the AC mains power cord. My dislike for those AC cord plastic strain relief bushing things start-

ed many years ago when I had to install the power cord in my Heathkit IM-28 bench model vacuum tube voltmeter (VTVM).

Using pliers of various types, getting injured, and fumbling around each time I had to remove or install these things, I decided to buy the installation / removal tool made just for these grommets (*Photo H*).

I'm so glad I finally bought this special tool. It makes removing and installing these bushings incredibly fast and simple, as you see in *Photos I, J, and K*. If you work on vintage gear

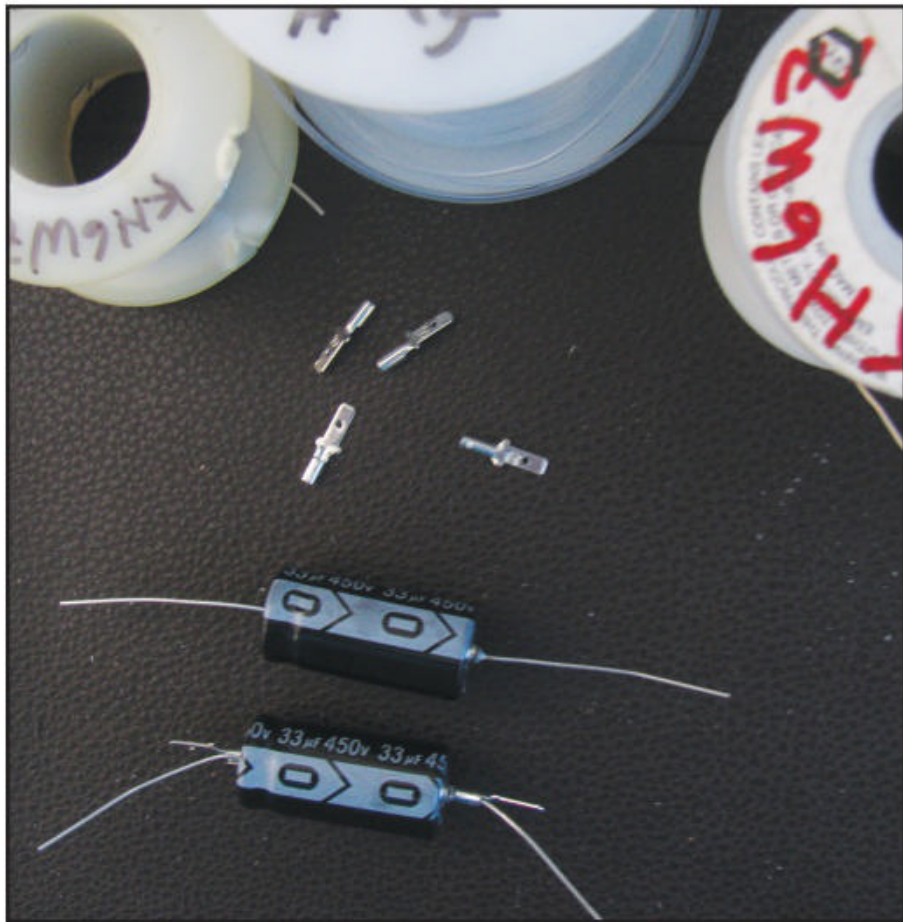


Photo G. New electrolytic capacitors are smaller and better than before. The restoration will make the power supply work even better than before.



Photo H. The special tool makes removing and installing plastic strain-relief grommets safe, fast, and easy.



Photo I. I have a long-standing revulsion for these grommets.



Photo J. The special grommet tool securely grips the grommet.



Photo K. Removing and installing plastic strain relief grommets is fast and simple with the right tool.



Photo L. Useful for Field Day at night: A dimmable red light for nighttime use.



Photo M. The various parts for my telescope mount power supply.

and run into these bushings, I highly recommend getting the special tool.

Other Projects on the Bench

My new hobby is astronomy and in addition to the excitement of this new venture comes more opportunities to create electrical or electronic projects for astronomy.

For example, I decided to make a dimmable red light for use during star parties. (Red light preserves night vision.) Using a white light of any kind may get anyone kicked out of a nighttime event, or at least will harm one's reputation. It is something that is never done when stargazing. In addition to being red, the light is dimmable, since many people complain that someone's red light is too bright.

In addition to my red LED flashlight, I made a dimmable light source for when I am at a star party and need to root around for something. Of course, it requires AC mains voltage. Fortunately, many locations have AC power available (*Photo L*).

It is a mechanic's work light equipped with a red bulb and dimmer. Everything is hard-wired together so nothing can be lost.

The red light might be useful for Field Day or other nighttime events, you may want to consider adding something like this to your emergency preparedness go bag.

I also built a 12-volt, 6-amp power supply for my telescope tracking mount (German Equatorial Mount [GEM]). I am not sure if built is the correct word, since I basically assembled



Photo N. The completed unit features a multi-function digital meter, Anderson PowerPole®, and USB output ports.



Photo O. The 12-volt output mates with the cable-mounted locking housing. An extra pair can mate with other accessories near the power supply if needed.

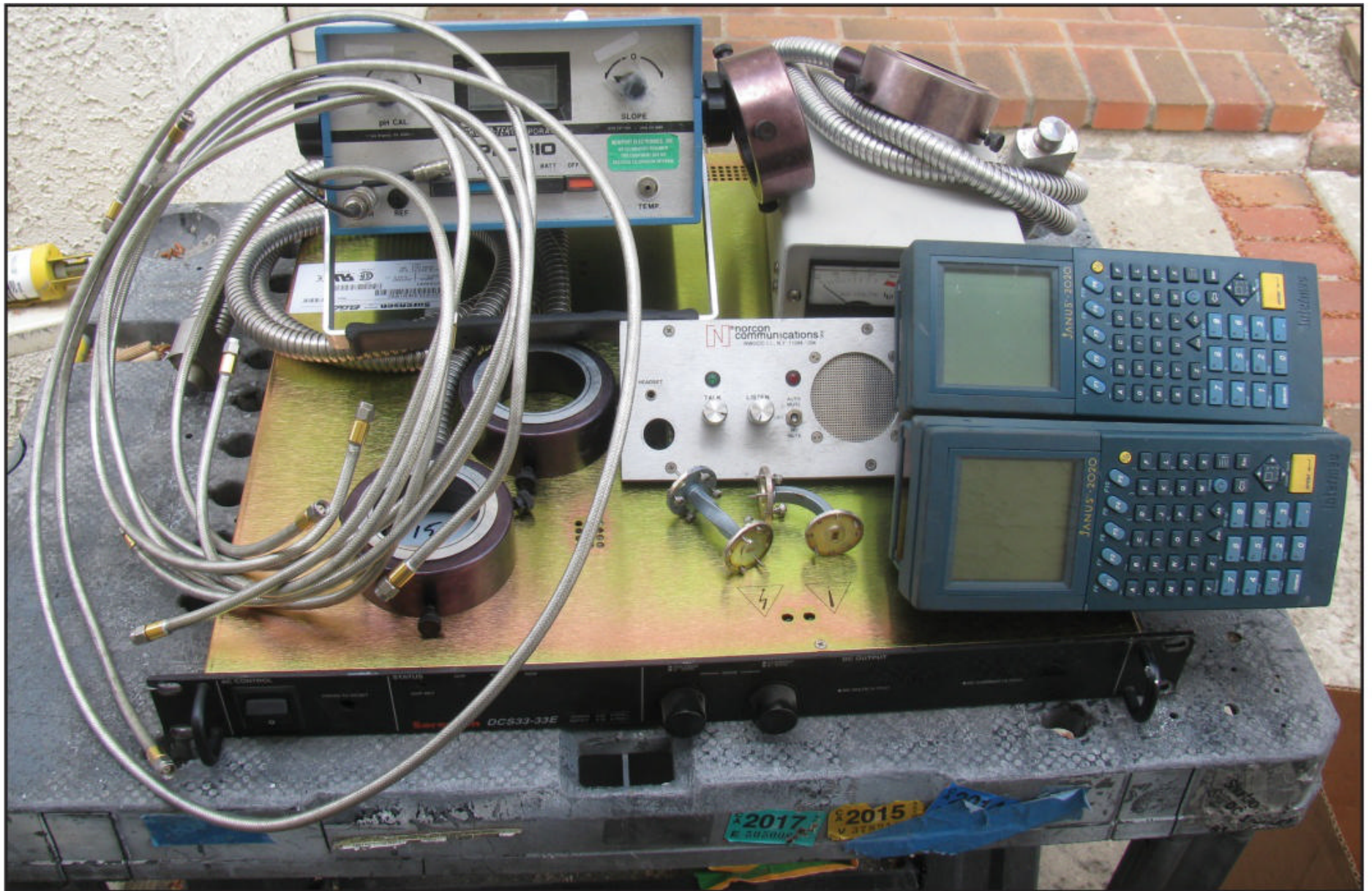


Photo P. When buying surplus items, I always think more about what the item can become than what it currently is.

several different already-built items into a handy case. (See Photos M, N, and O).

The nice box is a re-purposed instrument case. Like so many projects, the cabinet or chassis is often the most expensive item on the parts list.

But I found a great solution many years ago and I continue my tradition: I buy electronic items not for what they are, but for what they can become.

The telescope power supply is a great example of this. Photo P shows the batch of things I purchased at a recent ham radio swap meet. The pH meter on the upper left of the photo is missing its probes and does not work. It had a very nice price tag of \$5 and came in a very nice cabinet.

I have no use for a pH meter, but the cabinet was in good shape and a handy size. It housed my open frame switching power supply (15 volts DC [adjustable] at 5 amps) perfectly.

As you can see, the power supply features a very nice LCD power indicator for volts, amps, current, and energy. It is called "Large Panel-Mount Digital Power Meter — 6.5-to-100 volts DC up to 20 amps" at Adafruit Industries. The scope power supply includes a double-Anderson PowerPole® output as well as a dual 5-volt USB outlet for cellphone charging and other functions.

I am gathering parts for another version that I will use for the telescope as well as my ham radio gear. It will include one of those new technology LiFePO4 (Lithium Iron Phosphate) or LiPo (Lithium Polymer) battery as well as a 12-volt, 20-amp AC power supply. It might include a solar charger as well.

What have you been building lately?

– 73, Wayne, KH6WZ

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magic in the sky

BY JEFF REINHARDT,* AA6JR

The Dead Band Challenge

Recently, after having completed a number of mundane office chores, I switched on the HF rig to see who may be “out there” playing on the airwaves.

Alas, as I slowly swept up, then down, then back up again, it was apparent very little in the way of SSB (my preferred mode) was making its way through the noise that I found on just about every band. In short, some imaginary monster was feasting on signals and devouring them with an insatiable appetite. In other terms, the bands were deader than the disco era.

So after monitoring for signs of the Big Bang and coming to the conclusion that listening to background noise is boring, I decided to follow up on some long-deferred radio education pursuits.

Following Alice

A friend from our local club, Stu Sheldon, AG6AG, has been producing a series of videos on a wide variety of ham radio topics. He then posts them on YouTube for viewing by any and all. Down the rabbit hole I went.

And once inside and seeing the vast number of postings by Stu, time just melted away. Not every topic was of direct interest (to me), but once the YouTube website had its grip on me, it was “clickbait city” with a myriad array of ham topics, seemingly enough to satisfy your curiosity on just about any subject. From the basics of theory to license exam prep and up through operating modes, antenna installations, club activities and more, you can easily lose yourself in the resources available at just this one website.

However, a few words of caution: Like so many other topics, don’t assume that everything you see posted on the internet is accurate, factual, or accepted practice. (*Also see last month’s QRP column, “Video Killed the QRP Star.” – ed.*) While the vast majority of what’s available may in fact be good advice or guidance, beware of rushing into new areas without the guidance of a friend or Elmer who is more familiar with the subject at hand.

Nevertheless, kudos go to those who have taken the time to plan, research, write, produce, and post a sea of resources that can enlighten, entertain, and educate. Like the Dormouse in Jefferson Airplane’s “White Rabbit” is reported to have said, “Feed your head.” (Even though that quote does not appear in the Lewis Carroll story. See what I mean by checking your facts?)

Midsummer Dreams

Continuing a musical theme, here’s hoping you’re enjoying a “Summertime, and the livin’ is easy...” From the days of our youth when school vacations left us months of free time to just be a kid, to the mountains, beachfront, or lakeside pleasures of adulthood, the pleasant days of summer give us a chance to take a deep breath, reset and perhaps ponder that challenging question of “what’s next?” What better time to consider a reset of your ham radio activities, from



updating your shack or mobile, learning a new mode, choosing a list of speakers for the club meetings of autumn & winter, installing a new antenna or two, or helping another ham with similar projects? The opinion here is that we are blessed with reliable equipment that allows us to get on the air for pleasure or to act in the service to others as we do in times of emergency.

Summer should also bring us operational opportunities like gray-line openings, Sporadic-E (E_s) contacts that defy the norms and don’t forget the Perseids meteor shower, which should occur this year from August 11-13th.

Another outreach opportunity may await your club or ARES / RACES group at the many annual county and state fairs across this great nation. With (hopefully) the worst of Covid-19 behind us, these popular rustic gatherings often make space available for community organizations at little or no cost. What a great way to meet prospective newcomers and offer visitors the opportunity to send a radiogram to a loved one. An information booth and / or radio support can also be welcomed by the many communities that conduct summer concerts in the park.

Establishing a link with other community organizations can also bring benefits to both. Groups like the Kiwanis, Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, etc. often plan and conduct summer street fairs, art shows, chili cook-offs, antique auto shows, etc. Offering to assist with public safety or community service communications (like finding a lost child) can build long-lasting bridges. I’m aware of one club that teamed up with the Rotary and was later surprised by a rather substantial gift to the club’s treasury by the Rotarians, as an expression of their gratitude and support.

Don’t overlook the creation of a special event station to support your community. It seems that every year there’s some kind of special anniversary that marks a historical

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event in communities large and small. It could mark the founding of a city or county or the commemoration of a significant accomplishment, like the completion of a project (such as the transcontinental railroad). There have been special event stations for occasions as large in scope as the World Series or the Indy 500 and as small as the founding of your locality. Use your imagination and reach out to the organizers of a special event in your area with an offer to “put it on the map.”

And remember that summer is a good time to line up your club’s scheduled speakers for the fall and winter months. A little planning now pays big benefits later.

It’s Election Time

A lot of emphasis has been placed on the importance of this year’s federal election but don’t overlook the significance of your state and local offices either. While it may seem a bit early to consider your choices, this is actually the best time to advocate for your radio interests. What’s important is that this is the time candidates seek to shore up their local support through “meet and greet” events in their communities, and

yes, they also seek financial support for their campaigns. These are opportunities for you to express your concerns about the rules and regulations that apply to our radio pursuits.

At the federal level, your congressional representative and senators play a significant role in determining policies that impact our hobby, from the makeup of the FCC, through rule making and important matters such as the recent proposal to charge fees on the placement of amateur radio repeaters in national parks. It would be appropriate to remind your representatives of the important roles we play as emergency communicators and disaster relief volunteers.

Closer to home, your state and local representatives determine matters such as zoning regulations that apply to antenna structures, and non-government homeowner associations exert even more influence on matters such as antennas and the appearance of your home. Some even govern what types of vehicles can be parked in your driveway.

While these matters may seem complicated, a few simple “elevator speech” reminders can convey your concern and solicit the support of your elected

officials. If they hear similar messages from several commenters, trust me, they take notice. Phrases such as, “I’m part of the ham radio volunteers that serve the public when we’re needed. I hope we have your support for continuing our services to the community.” Or, “Did you know there are (insert number here) ham radio operators in your district? We need your help to ensure our ability to serve the public when necessary.” You can easily obtain the number of licensed hams in your county or state at <www.qrz.com>.

The federal government, and many state elected officials, often take an extended summer recess through much of August through the Labor Day weekend. That means they are in their home districts doing constituent work. Be alert to the opportunities there may be to attend an outreach event. A little effort can go a long way.

Back to the Bands

So with all the other happenings under control, it’s time for me to check the bands again. After all, no matter what the season, there are few things more enjoyable than making a new friend through *The Magic In The Sky*.

digital connection

BY DON ROTOLO,* N2IRZ

High(ish) Speed Packet

Some Practical Advice on Breaking the 1k2 Barrier

Most hams I speak with believe that packet on VHF and above is almost all 1,200-baud FM, and it is likely that you agree, since it is true. Way back in the day, we had links with higher speeds, including 56 kilobaud — the GRAPES modem — but this and others never really caught on because of several significant issues.

Rather than revisit history, this month we'll take a practical look at running 9,600-baud (9k6) packet, regaining wider popularity as network backbones, TARPEN links, on Winlink and, just recently, the 2022 Appalachian Trail Golden Packet, where it is reported to have worked even better than the 1,200-baud attempt. We'll start with a look at the technical requirements for higher-speed packet, cover some details of getting and/or modifying a radio, and then how to check that it works.

The gold standard for higher-speed radio modems is arguably the G3RUH design. It is scalable to 38.4 kilobits per second (kb/s), but has some stringent requirements for the radio. First, any distortion of the audio signal, including pre- or de-emphasis that is commonly used in voice radios, is unacceptable. Second, the transmitted and received signals need a frequency response down to DC — particularly the receive audio. Lastly, the “group delay” — the difference by audio frequency of the phase of the audio signal — needs to be as close to zero as possible. These significant requirements very much limit the range of radios that can be made to work well with a G3RUH modem.

On the transmitter side, the prevalence of phase modulation, which is indistinguishable by ear from true frequency modulation, takes most radios out of the running: True FM is necessary. The pre-emphasis circuits almost universally used for voice communications must be bypassed, as do any modulation limiters. This generally requires interpreting the schematic diagram and doing some soldering in tight quarters for direct access to the modulator circuit. For what it's worth, crystal-controlled transmitters tend to be pretty good for generating clean true FM signals, but crystals are getting harder and harder to find, and the inflexible frequency assignment is a downside.

On the receiver side, direct access to the FM discriminator signal is required, bypassing the de-emphasis circuit. Too far down the demodulation chain and you encounter series blocking capacitors, which block the DC response. But too early in the demodulation chain and you lose filtering that keeps the signal clean.

Not everyone is comfortable making internal connections, but for the most part these involve some relatively simple soldering work. Many modern radios bring these signals out to an external connector, but some do this better than others: In many cases, “9,600-ready” is more marketing than technical fact: Often the IF bandwidth is too narrow for 9k6 (8 kHz is ideal, 6 kHz works) and the transmit-receive / receive-transmit turnaround times are several hundred milliseconds. It makes little sense to use a radio where the TX Delay is

longer than a packet. Check the specifications before assuming “9,600-ready” is really true.

Do be aware that there are some commercial radios out there that are designed specifically for higher-speed data, such as the Tait TM8105. These are sometimes found on eBay or at hamfests, but (caveat emptor) there are several versions and not all of them are useful on amateur frequencies. Nonetheless, without any modifications (except programming) these carry 9k6 quite well.

All of these are brought up not in an attempt to dissuade you from attempting higher data rates, but to illustrate just why speeds above 1,200 baud never really caught on in a big way. The Bell 202 modem used for 1,200 baud, in comparison, was developed specifically for using voice-grade audio (e.g., telephone) channels, and is largely insensitive to “defects” in the audio chain. If you can talk simplex, a 1,200-baud link will work.

I've written about the NinoTNC before, but as an introduction it is a 300-9,600 baud KISS TNC kit, with the same form factor as a Raspberry Pi. Developed for use in the TARPEN network (for which it is ideally suited), it is inexpensive (under \$40) and has some unique advantages (such as IL2P forward-error correction). But one very useful advantage, previously unknown to me, is that even though it is interoperable with G3RUH modems, it does not have a requirement for DC response in the transmit or receive audio chain. At least, it works well even with a blocking capacitor in line, so that's my conclusion.

Not that big a deal, you think, until you realize that you can change the internal radio modulator and discriminator access points to places a little bit farther down the line, which are often far easier to access. And that is exactly the case for the Kenwood TK-762G/TK-862G radios: The modulation tap requires some soldering, but the remaining signals are found on an easily accessed internal connector.

The Kenwood radio family we'll be discussing includes the TK760G, TK-762G, TK860G, and TK-862G. The 7xx series radios are VHF and the 8xx series are UHF; standard power is 25 watts while high power (the GH version) is 50 watts; models without the G (e.g., TK-760) are different and this information doesn't apply to them. While each model has some different features, they are all basically the same radio and are modified for 9,600-baud operation in the same way. Note that it may be possible that other models can be used; I don't know about them, but I will encourage you to try by going through the thought processes used to identify how and where to modify the radio. I modified both TK-762GH and TK-862G radios in preparation for this article.

I was loaned two TK-862G radios and a Tait TM8105 to be used as a reference. Now that I was familiar with the radio, I managed to find four TK-762GH radios for sale at Hamvention. It was later on Saturday, and rain was predicted for Sunday, so the seller was ready to make a deal. I fished out the four radios (from a bin of mixed models), held out a \$10 bill and said, “now, you don't really want to bring these home, do you?” He was a little hesitant, but he grabbed the \$10 and away I went.

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Fast-forward a couple of days, at home in the workshop, where I verified that each radio powered up and transmitted. Not knowing how they were programmed, I just connected them to a dummy load and used my frequency counter to verify RF output. I couldn't verify receive since they were programmed with a split for repeater use; that would come later.

On eBay, I found the online store of "BlueMax49ers", also known as Mark Dunkle KJ6ZWL, and bought an "FTDI USB Kenwood Programming Cable" for the TK-762G. Mark's been doing this for a while, with hundreds of cables offered, and he stands behind all his products. You can also get the non-FTDI cable for a little less, but the FTDI USB interface chip is the gold standard for such things, and I thought it would be a false economy to get the cheaper version.

Waiting for the cable to show up, I went to the CHIRP website <<https://bit.ly/3IPPyeR>> to download the free, open-source programming software for hundreds of ham and commercial radios (including mine). Although it's freeware, if you use it successfully, it would be gracious of you to make a small donation to the project (Figure 1).

I found a copy of the service manual on the Repeater

Builders website at <www.repeater-builder.com>. Checking the schematic, I identified the audio modulation path and picked a place to access the modulator (have a look at the nearby simplified TX schematic and block diagram (Figure 2). Moving to the PC Board view, I found a couple of places where access might be less difficult, and then opened the radio to see the lay of the land (Photo A). It turned out that my preferred access point — the MD signal pin going into the VCO — was under the cast aluminum RF shield. No problem, but it did complicate things slightly.

It was at this point that the programming cable arrived, so I reprogrammed the radio for 145.01 MHz, wide IF, low power (for testing) and no tones or other options. The software warned me that frequencies out of the commercial band are only partly supported, but the radio programmed just fine. A friend with the genuine Kenwood software confirmed that he gets a warning for out-of-range frequencies but the radio accepts them anyway.

I started by testing 1,200-baud operation, adjusting the TX Audio by ear for a nice clean signal. Moving up to 4,800 baud, which uses the same modulation scheme as 9,600 (but half

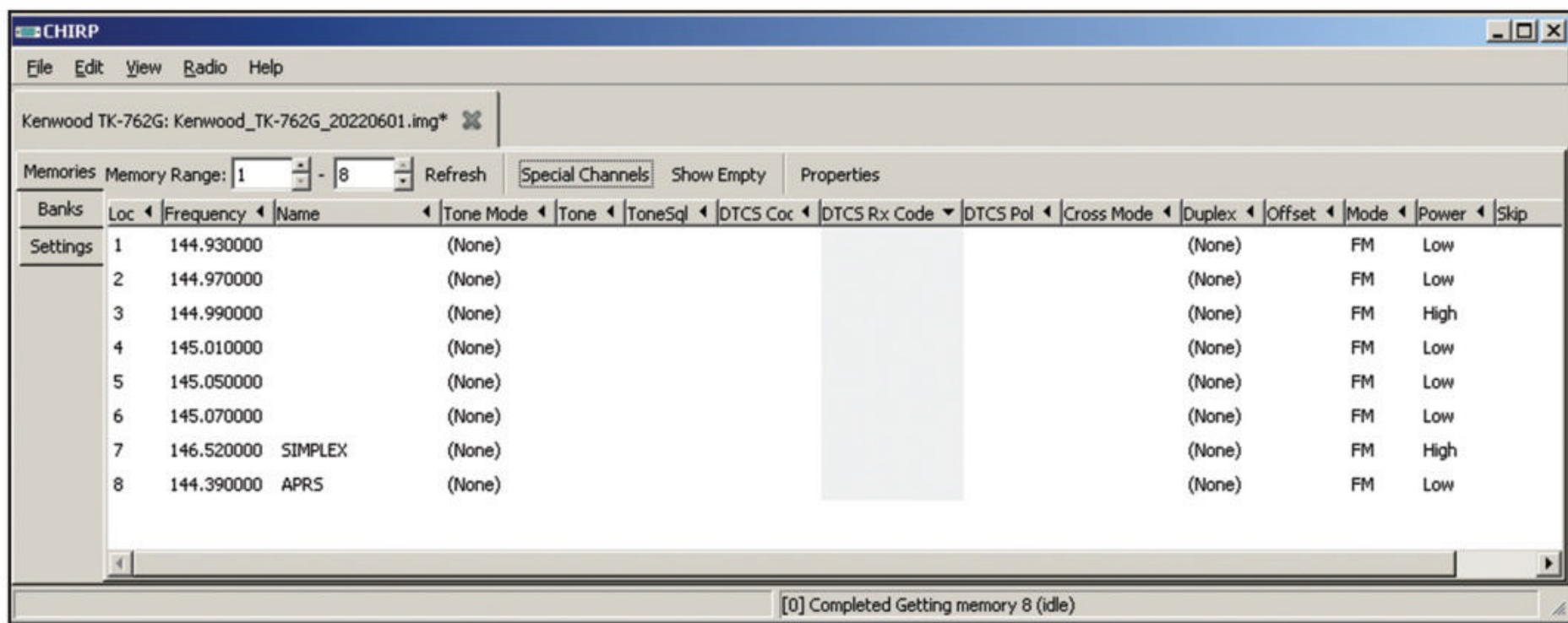


Figure 1. The CHIRP main screen. CHIRP is freeware programming software for many ham and commercial radios. You'll also need the correct programming cable for this to work. Here you can see how I programmed my TK-762GH radio, mostly on low power for testing. If CHIRP works for you, it would be gracious if you'd send them a small donation in support of their efforts.

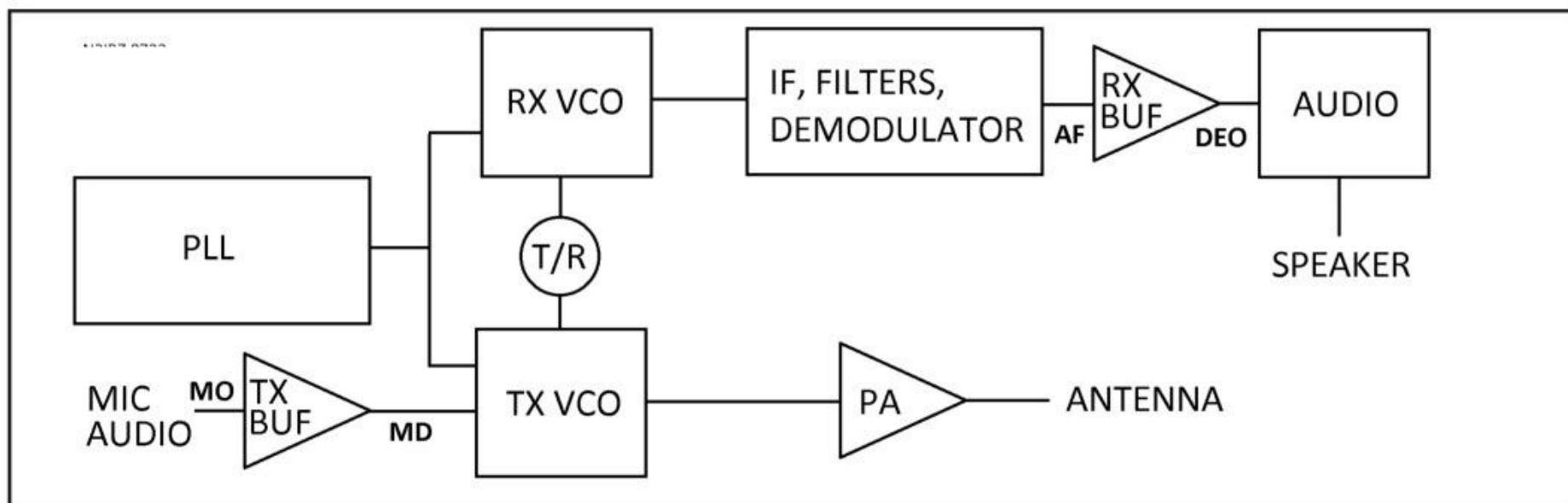


Figure 2. A simplified block diagram of the Kenwood TK-x62G modulation and demodulation circuits. Ideal 9,600-baud tap points for transmit are just before the transmit VCO and just after the demodulator. In my case, I found better performance by including the buffer amplifiers in the signal chains.

the speed), I made most of my adjustments. Once I was satisfied, I made the final adjustments and testing at 9,600. Most of what follows was done at 9,600.

I started testing the transmit section first, the NinoTNC's test modes coming in handy. I used the Tait radio for reference, just so I could evaluate my radio's transmitter and receiver separately. Watching the eye diagram, I got a good eye pattern with about 120-mV drive from the TNC and so soldered a wire onto the board for further testing. Do keep in mind that

I was trying to avoid a point in the chain that passed through a capacitor, as this would remove any DC response. It seemed way too easy ... and it was. More in a moment.

Just a side note on my RF test setup: The antenna connector on both the transmitter and receiver were covered in aluminum foil. My thinking was that the transmitter (on low power) would fold back gracefully to very low output, and the foil shielding the receiver would attenuate the signal a lot. While it was a complete guess, I think the signal level into the receiver was

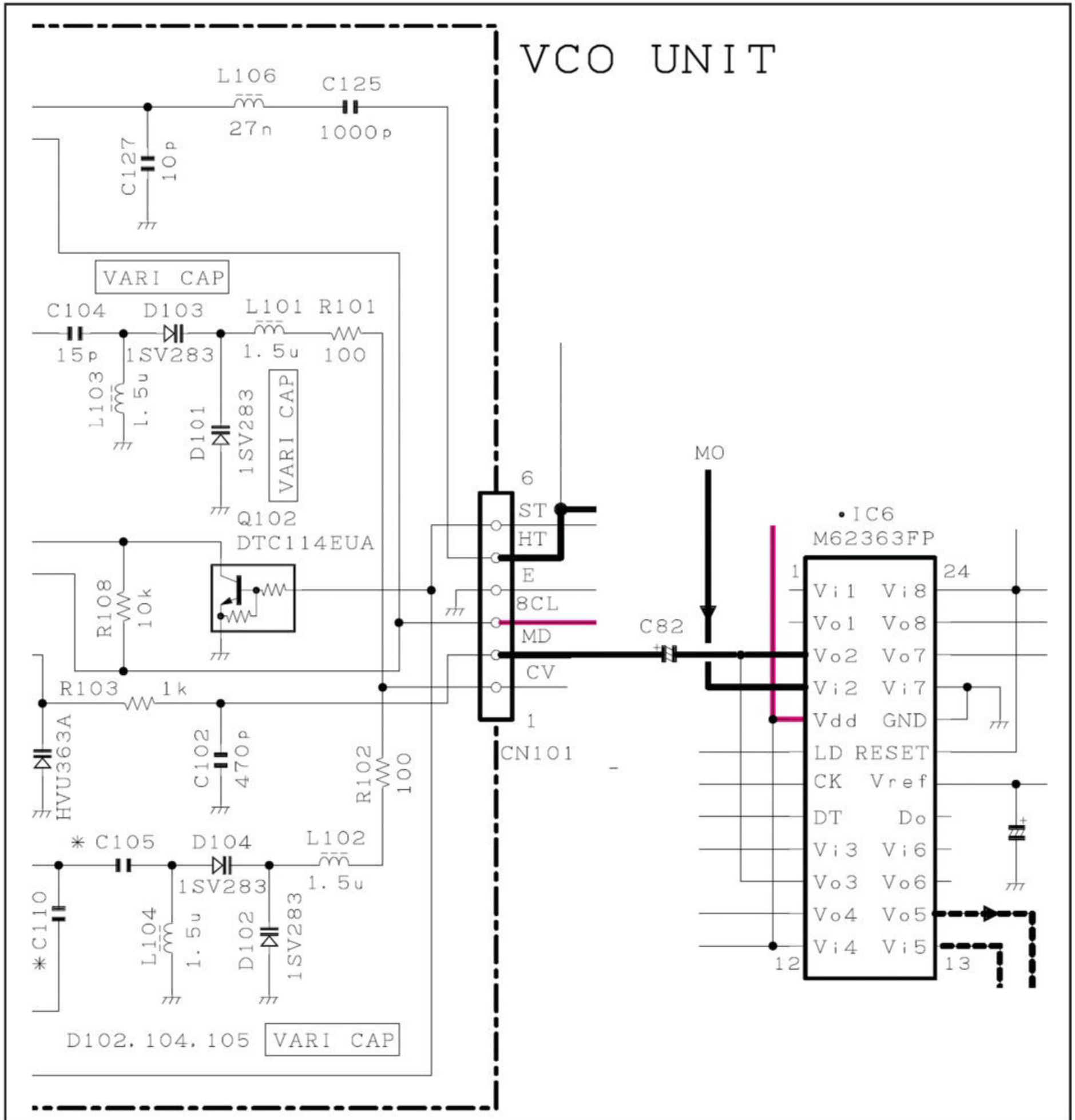


Figure 3. A simplified transmit chain schematic for the Kenwood TK-x62G. Taken from the Kenwood service manual, we see where the MO signal enters IC6 for buffering, passes through C82 and into the modulator circuit as the MD signal. As described in the text, I found better performance using the MO signal despite the presence of C82.

pretty small. Note to self: Get an adjustable attenuator for next time. And maybe use a dummy load.

For the receiver, I first looked at the discriminator output (Pin 9 of IC505) I again found a few likely places (see the simplified RX schematic [Figure 3]) and went into the radio to see if I could actually connect to anything. To my surprise, I found TP1, an undocumented test point con-

nected directly to Pin 9. Perfect. I soldered another wire and started testing receive, where I found a fair amount of distortion on the signal. Ugh!

Looking more closely, I saw that just after my selected point was a small filter circuit (R59, C60) that would filter out noise. That means either I figure out a way to tap into this spot (too small), re-create the filter on my wire (parts not in

stock), or find a place downstream that I could physically access. TP1 was truly too good to be true. Poking around, the best place I could find was just after a buffer amplifier, but there was a blocking capacitor in the circuit, which I figured I could bypass if necessary.

Not wanting to make any permanent modifications just yet, I found that the buffer amp's output was available on an internal connector (CN4) which was otherwise unused. I connected my oscilloscope to that signal (DEO) and found to my surprise that it worked pretty well, despite that capacitor. After dialing in the transmit modulation adjustment I got the eye pattern shown in Photo B and saw 100% success in packet reception.

Why was I surprised? The amplifier was on the wrong side of a capacitor, meaning that no DC was getting through which, according to G3RUH, was fatal for decent performance. Pinging Nino Carrillo, KK4HEJ, the NinoTNC's designer, he said that he was pretty sure his implementation didn't care about DC response. To say that was a revelation would be an understatement. I was now free to ignore capacitors in the audio chains.

There was still a bit of distortion in the received signal, and so I poked around the receive chain but could not find a better signal. I believe that the distortion I was seeing in the received eye pattern was an artifact of the 6-kHz "wide" IF filter, which is a little bit narrower than ideal. I looked at replacing the IF filter, but it would be far too involved to be practical. The answer was to live with it and accept a few dB less link margin.

Back to the transmit chain. With the freedom from worrying about capacitors, I decided to poke around the transmit chain to see if I could find a better spot. And, it turns out, I did, at the input to the last buffer amplifier, where a signal called "MO" is found. This buffer amplifier helps regulate the voltage being fed into the modulator, allowing for a less fussy transmit audio adjustment on the TNC. MO is also under the shielding, accessible at a via (PC Board through-hole). I soldered a small wire into the via (for mechanical robustness) and soldered my signal wire to the small wire (Photo C).

If you want to see a detailed write up of the modification, check on the TARPEN builder's Radios + Wiring page <<https://bit.ly/3GCkOYya>> or write to me. Before starting to invent my own wheel, I did look around at what others had done and found them to be less than ideal. Some were focused on voice

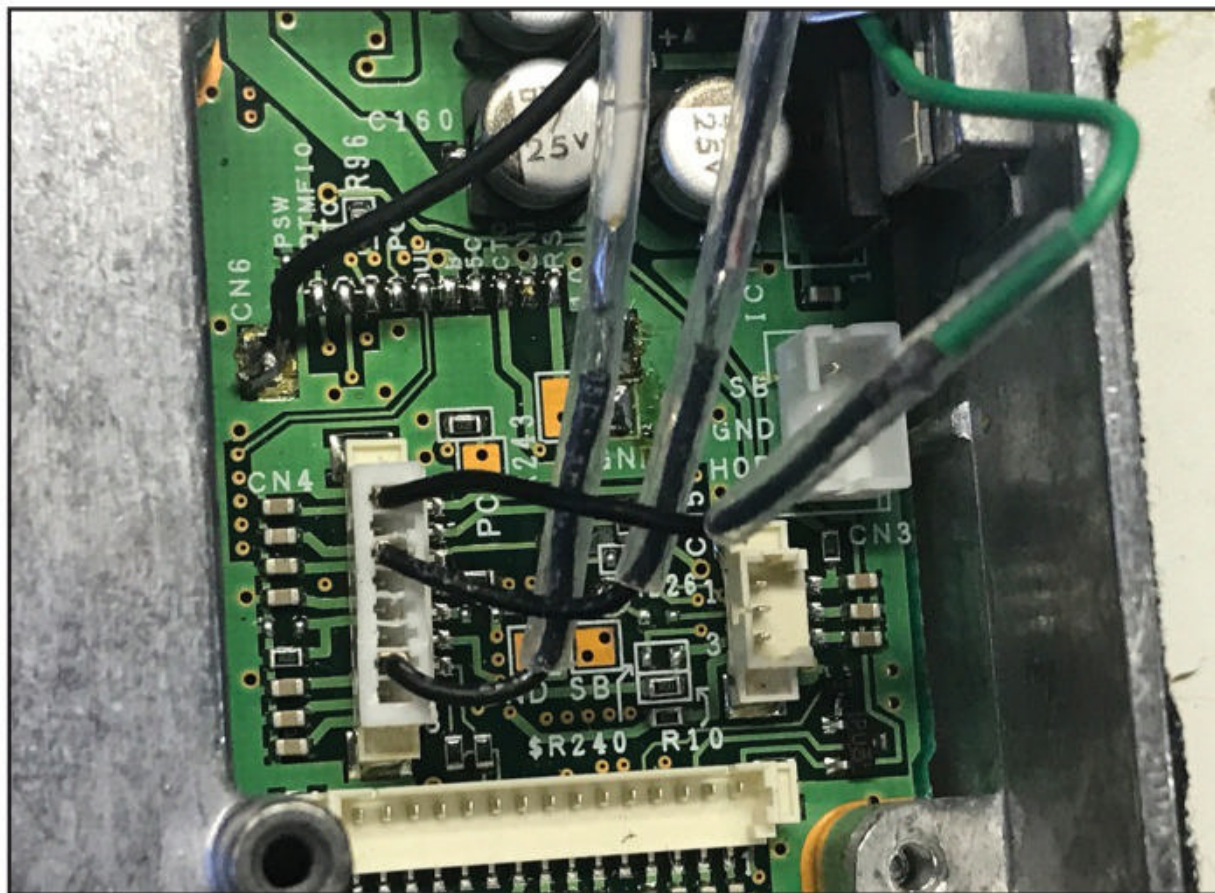


Photo A. Inside the Kenwood TK-762G. The TNC needs only four signals: TXA, RXA, PTT, and GND. The GND signal is taken from a pad near CN6, while RXA and PTT are taken from CN4, making for quick and easy access to most of the needed signals. The third wire in CN4 is for an unrelated modification.

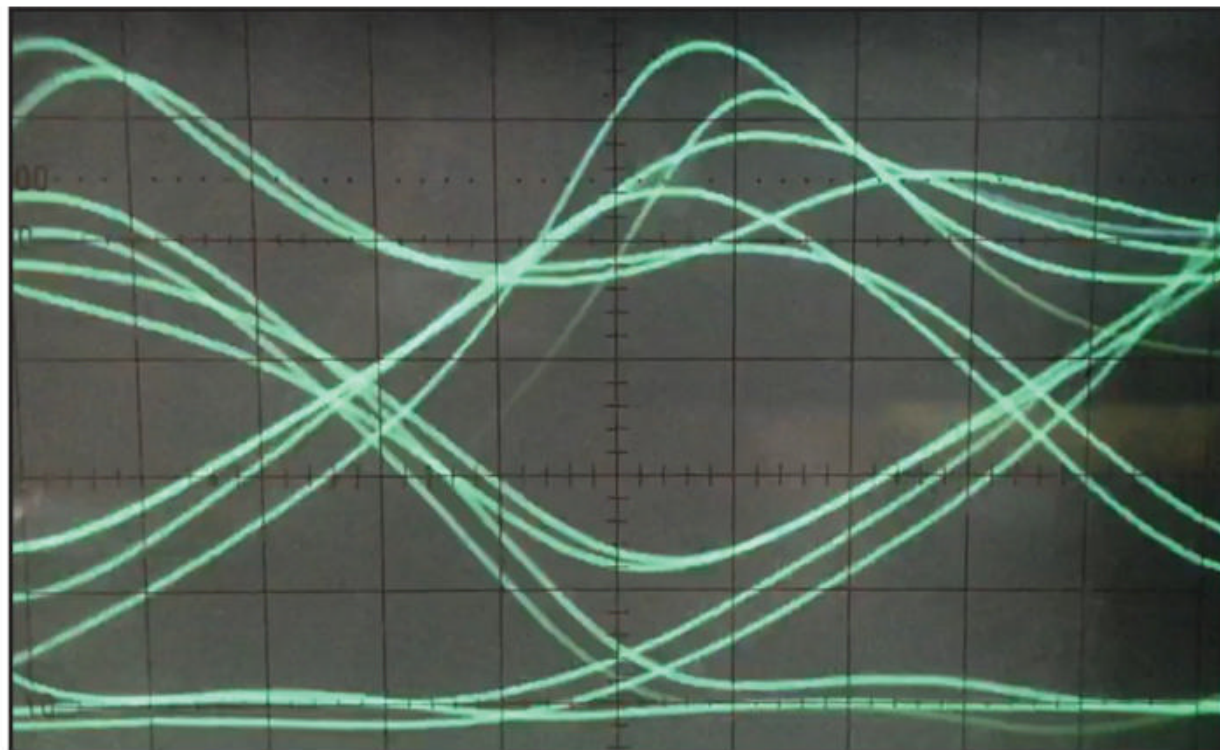


Photo B. This is the received eye pattern at 9,600 baud, using the reference radio as the transmitter. Ideally, we want to see a clearly-formed "eye" in the middle and compact crossing points at top and bottom. This one is less than ideal, with the crossings spread out about 1/5 of the signal's height at top and bottom, but more than good enough for our purposes.

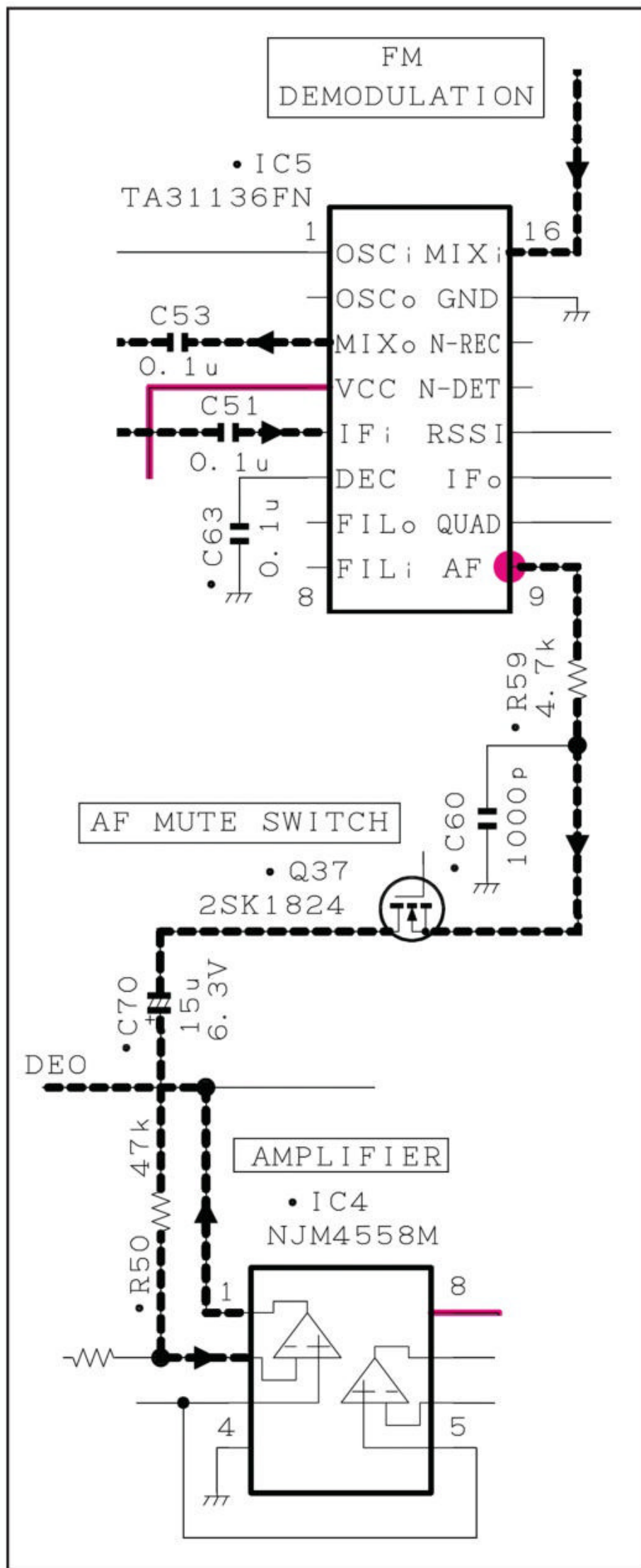


Figure 4. A simplified receive chain schematic for the Kenwood TK-x62G. We can see the direct output of the discriminator on Pin 9 of IC5 (the AF signal – the red dot denotes TP1 on the main board), but I ended up with better performance using the DEO signal after the buffer amplifier, despite the presence of C70. The filtering effects of R59/C60 turned out to be important.

repeaters, and so didn't actually modify the audio chains. One place claimed to show a 9k6 modification for packet, but they use microphone audio, which makes me wonder if they really ever tested 9k6 operation. I'm not saying that my version is perfect, but the microphone audio on the front panel is definitely before the pre-emphasis circuit and will injure a 9k6 signal.

When evaluating a radio for 9k6 conversion, consider the answers to these questions (all should be "yes"): Does the transmitter use true FM? Are the TX/RX turnaround times on the order of tens of milliseconds? Can you get a schematic for the radio? If it is programmable, can you get both a cable

New Test Modes for NinoTNC

In May 2022, Nino Carrillo, KK4HEJ, added some new features to the NinoTNC, including a DPSK mode for 300-baud HF operation and three test modes:

Linktest Beacon Mode: Without needing an external host, the NinoTNC sends brief numbered packets about every second until told to stop, helping check link performance. In this mode, the TNC isn't listening to KISS commands or received packets. This function is available for every operating mode and is persistent through mode changes and power cycles. It uses the most recent callsign (default is N9600A-3) used for regular operation, so be sure to have transmitted a few packets with a valid callsign previously. To enter Linktest Beacon Mode, press and hold the TX Test button for more than 13 seconds. Starting at 10 seconds, the LEDs on the NinoTNC will light sequentially, and once the final LED is lit the mode is entered. To exit the mode, press the TX Test button.

Bit Error Rate Transmit Mode: Also without needing an external host, the NinoTNC sends a 2-minute-long string of uninterrupted bits, encoded in a way that can be evaluated for bit errors by another NinoTNC in the Bit Error Receive Mode. This function is available only with the AX.25 protocol switch setting, but can be used in all modulation selections (AFSK, GFSK, DPSK). To enter Bit Error Rate Transmit Mode, press and hold the TX Test button for more than 10 seconds and, as the LEDs start lighting sequentially, release the TX Test button when the green (RXPKT) lights (before DCD lights). The TNC will transmit a test packet, then start the bitstream transmission about a second later. It can be stopped by pressing the TX Test button again, or waiting the full 2 minutes, which will likely exceed the PTT time-out timer in most modern radios.

Bit Error Rate Receive Mode: Used in conjunction with the Bit Error Rate Transmit Mode, the NinoTNC receives the bitstream and counts the errors. Set up a host that can receive KISS frames from the TNC, then start the mode as described below. The TNC will send bit error report frames to the host every second for about 10 minutes. The report frames contain the demodulator number (there are 2, each with different equalization), total bits received since start and total bits received in error. These counts will remain at zero for about 1.5 seconds after start to allow things to stabilize, and then continually increase. If the error count is not increasing, or increasing very slowly, the link has a low Bit Error Rate. Due to the way the GFSK data stream is encoded, two errors will be counted for each pulse actually received in error, so the error count increases by two in practice. This isn't very important, since we are more interested in the order of magnitude of the BER than in the actual count. A BER of 10^{-6} is considered pretty good.

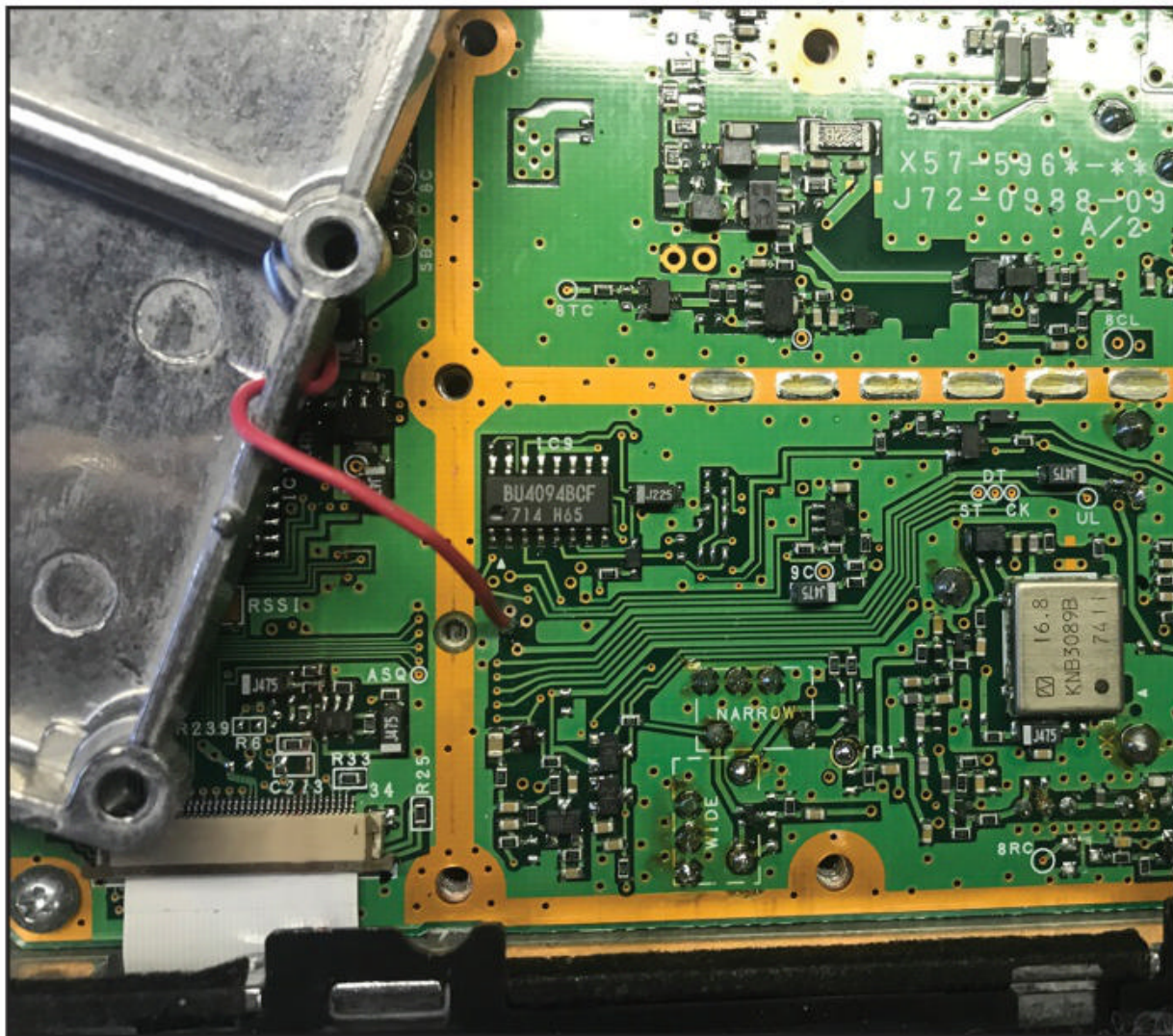


Photo C. Under the RF shielding in a Kenwood TK-762G. The best connection point for the transmit audio requires a small hole drilled in the shield case to pass the wire to outside. This shows a larger red wire connected directly to a via (through-hole) on the PC board; later, I decided to solder a small wire into the via and connect the signal wire to that, since the via is somewhat fragile.



Photo D. Receive testing the Kenwood TK-762G with a NinoTNC. TXA and RXA test points on the NinoTNC, along with transmit test modes, make it easier to adjust the transmit audio level for best performance.

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and software? Will it operate in the amateur bands?

With schematic in hand, find the modulator. Is there a place you can tap into that? Same with the discriminator. You might have to move a little down the chain to find a spot. Be careful of impedances, if your TNC audio inputs and outputs are too low impedance they might distort the radio signals. Have a look on the internet to see if anyone has already published modification instructions. Lastly, have a reference radio on hand if possible, so you can easily isolate whether a problem is in your radio.

I hope this overview of a 9k6 modification helps you both better understand the process and encourages you to try 9,600-baud operation. Many suitable commercial radios are available both online and at hamfests for reasonable prices. Most hams avoid these radios, both out of ignorance of what they can do, and being unfamiliar with the various models. Pick a few brands and models, research them and, armed with knowledge, go looking. And don't be afraid to bargain!

While I am no expert, please write if there's anything I can help clarify for you.

— Until next time, 73 de N2IRZ.

Making Super High Frequencies Available to the Masses

Recently, Icom announced not a new product, but a new project that might result in a product. The company's SHF Project <www.icomjapan.com/lp/shf> is focused on providing commercial gear for two of the SHF bands accessible to amateurs: 2.4 and 5.7 GHz. Today, most of the equipment in use on these bands is either converted from other uses or built from scratch. Icom appears to be leveraging the popular IC-705 platform for this new effort. Perhaps some of you saw the proof of concept that was shown at Dayton in May.

I reached out to our friend, Ray Novak, N9JA, at Icom, and he offered the following: "At this time, this is an experimental project and a proof of concept. We are a long way out to take a new concept to a sellable product. Who knows, it may never see production."

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In spite of those appropriately cautious words, I am at least appreciative that one of the major manufacturers is taking a look at providing SHF equipment. Make sure you read the Icom link about the project; the proposal includes some interesting things, such as placing the RF section right at the antenna. Since most folks run these bands portable anyway, that kind of setup makes sense.

I sampled the Gig and above community for feedback. Several folks have already weighed in with YouTube videos or blog posts as well. The consensus seems to be that most are glad about SHF getting some attention, but of course concerned about price and availability. In addition, the two bands in Icom's initial proof of concept are not the most popular, in part due to noise issues and in the case of 2.4, shared services. The consensus seems to be that 10 GHz is the "best" SHF band for a newcomer to get involved with. Of course, there

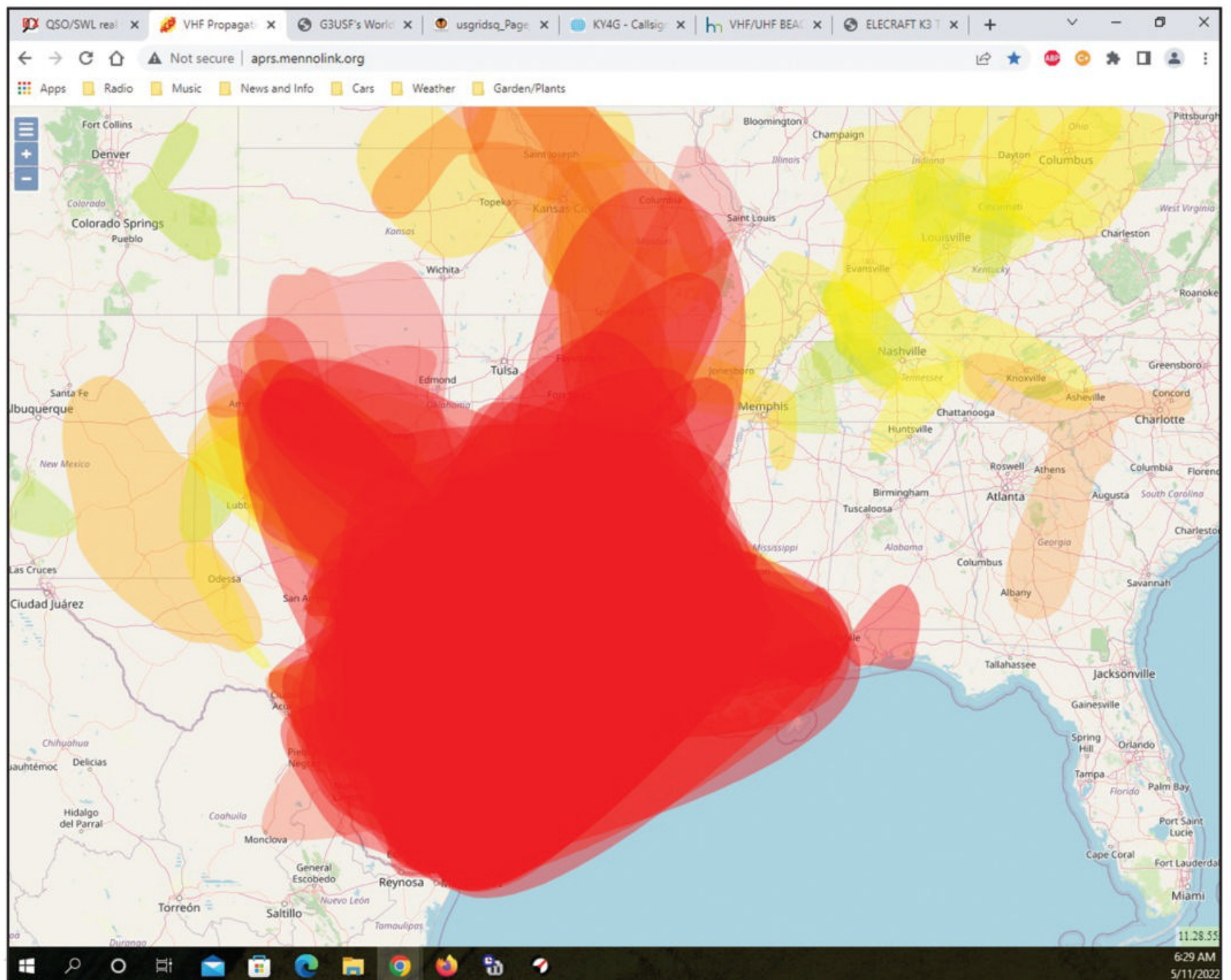


Photo A. Map of major 2-meter tropo opening on May 11, 2022. (Map courtesy aprs.mennolink.org)

are other opinions about that and all such opinions are welcomed. Let me know *your* thoughts about SHF opportunities.

Open for Discussion

Last month, I posed a question about transverters vs. all mode rigs. The focus here is mainly on weak-signal modes, as commercial FM units remain available for several “non-standard” bands. I heard from a few of you who expressed thoughts or preferences and I wanted to share those here. An important determination is the desired band, of course. In the states, 222 MHz is probably the most popular band that is not commercially available. There are some popular older rigs, including the venerable FT-736r, but these are rapidly aging, so most folks are turning to transverters for this band. The 902-MHz band (33 cm) is another band that is almost exclusively transverter driven, and until recently, 1.2 GHz was as well. While some manufacturers offered modules for 1.2, it was rare to see it built into a radio until the newer radios such as the IC-9700 came on the market.

Feature function is also important, and today’s modern transceivers have excellent receivers, thus enhancing the

ability of a transverter by allowing those features to be used. While setting up the transverter initially may be a little challenging, adding a new band to a transceiver you are already familiar with can make operating easier.

The final point is power out. Transverters are often designed to produce lower power — 5 or 10 watts depending on drive — so you may need an amplifier to reach power levels that are usable. There are transverters — primarily those from Down East Microwave / Q5 — available with significant power out, and these may be an option for some of you. Finally, remember that both transverters and power amplifiers are well suited to homebrew activity, so if you have the interest and the skills, you may want to roll your own. I continue to be interested in how you are set up for the bands from 2 meters through 1.2 GHz in particular, so that we can help others who may be interested in those bands.

On the Air

May saw a number of good “tropo mornings” on 2 meters and above. One such morning was May 11th (Photo A). KF4WE, Charlie in EM56, was working west and south before 8 a.m.

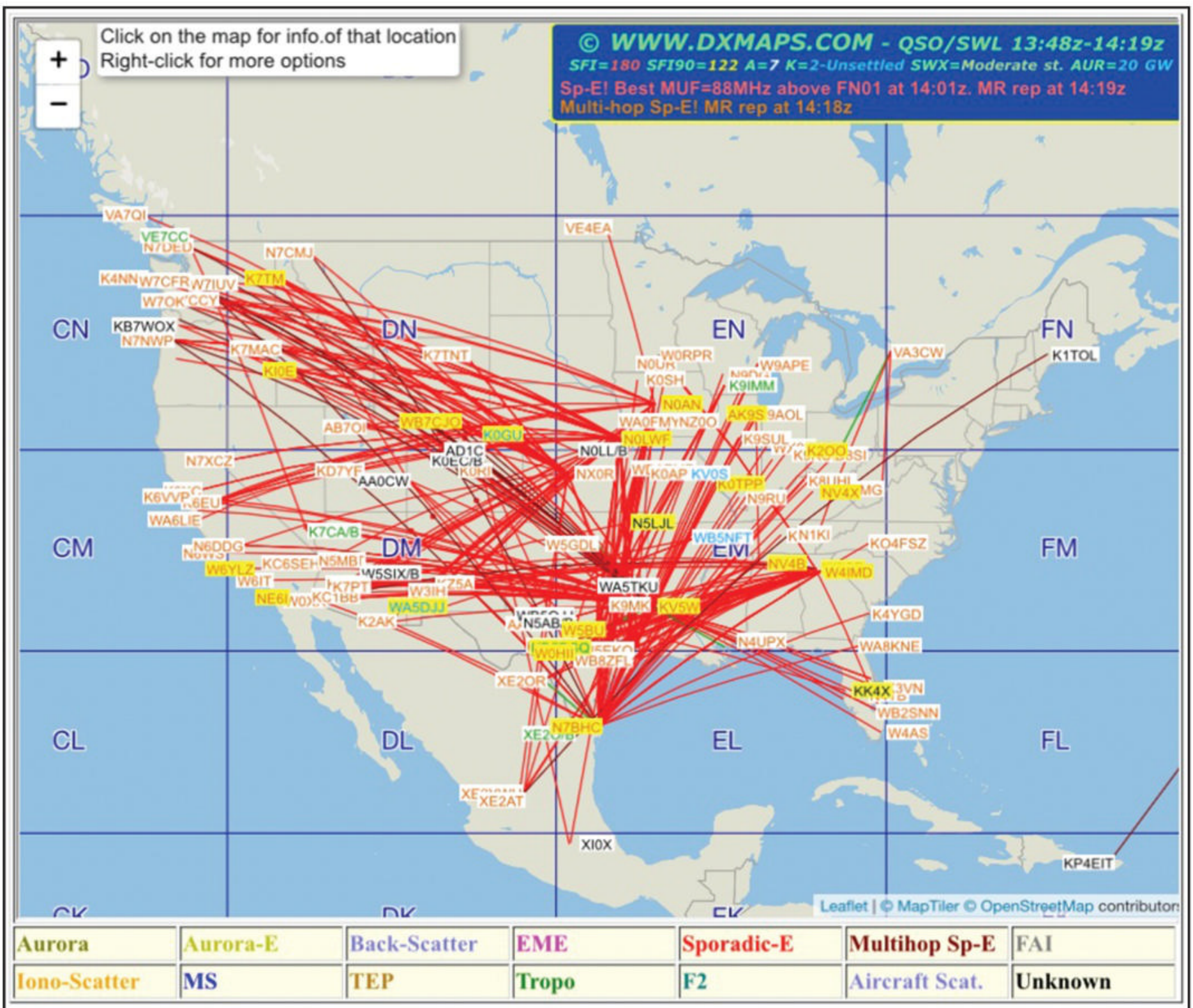


Photo B. This 6-meter Sporadic-E opening of May 19th covered much of the continental U.S. (Map courtesy DXmaps.com)



CDT. I worked him mobile (with 50 watts via a 5/8-wave vertical) with 5x5 signals from EM45, roughly 100 miles away. Charlie reported other contacts in Texas and Oklahoma.

David, WA3GWK, reported: "From EM60, on SSB, I worked EM10, EM22, EL49, EI09, EL39, EM00, and EM25 on 2 meters. On 432, I worked EL09, EL39, EM10, and EM00 with 75 watts also SSB. A good morning!"

As I write this in early June, we are still seeing good tropo across the Gulf coast and Mid-south, so pay attention these early humid mornings!

May also had some good 6-meter activity ... see *Photo B* for an example from May 19th. June started off well for 6 meters. On Friday, June 3rd, we experienced a long-lasting opening over most of the U.S. Your humble columnist was actually at home and able to spend some time on the air. There were openings in so many directions that I began using my HF vertical to better listen in all directions, then swing the beam. In an off and on effort (I have a day job, you know) I worked a couple of dozen stations from Arizona to New England and Colorado to Florida. Added two new grids, EM13 and DM67, thanks to a couple of really good operators in those grids. All of my contacts were phone, and the stations were spread out from 50.125 to 50.170 MHz or so. I heard that 50.313 MHz was active as well and I saw a number of good reports from stations who had great success.

One last report: On the morning of June 7th, Steve, W5KI, had a nice FT8 opening to Europe on 6 meters. He heard from stations on the U.S. East Coast that reported even better conditions. Steve added three new countries, upping his total to 118 worked. Lots of new eastern European and Italian grids on. He mentioned that this opening to EU had some of the worst / shortest QSB he ever remembers. "You have to be quick, even with the strong stations," he noted. "It appears I'm on the very western edge, slipping in and out of the opening."

Steve continued, "And probably better was opening to JA/AS on evening of June 3rd local time. Long opening. Worked 48 JA stations and a new DXCC with Taiwan — already confirmed in LOTW. FT8 screen was full, 35-40 JAs per sequence with solid signals. Fun!"

Steve is in EM36, northwestern Arkansas. He enjoys a little Ozarks elevation at his QTH!

That's it for this month! Please keep sending me your signal reports, comments, questions, and information about your activities!



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Changes Coming to CQ Award Certificates WAZ and WPX First to Change Over

CQ has some important updates and announcements about its award programs, so this month I am turning the keyboard over to Worked All Zones Award Manager José Castillo, N4BAA, and Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU. – KI4KWR

As many participants in our awards programs are aware, we have become quite backlogged in producing and mailing certificates. This has been due to a combination of factors, including competing demands on the time of our (volunteer) calligrapher, shortages of the special parchment paper on which the certificates are printed, as well as the cardboard mailing envelopes and the ever-rising cost of postage (another increase kicked in last month).

The good news is that we finally got resupplied with certificate blanks, are making great progress in getting caught up (see photo), and hope to be current very soon. However, due to the ever-increasing popularity of digital modes and ease of applying for awards, CQ can no longer absorb the cost of providing hand-lettered award certificates. (The award fees — which haven't increased in many years — go to the award managers to cover their costs in administering each

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CQ calligrapher Cathy Ross hard at work lettering WPX certificates. Our certificate backlog has been significantly reduced. (K2MGA photo)

award program; CQ has — until now — always covered the costs of printing, completing, and mailing the certificates.)

Changes to WAZ and WPX Awards

Effective September 1, 2022, the “standard” award certificate for WAZ and WPX will be a high-definition digital PDF file (suitable for printing and framing) delivered via email from the award manager the same day as the CQ award letter is sent. [WPX awards have been delivered in digital form for quite some time; we will no longer automatically provide hand-lettered paper certificates (see below)]. CQ DX and USA-CA awards will follow once the software is set up for their award managers.

Hand-lettered certificates will continue to be processed from CQ's home office in New York (these certificates are not processed by the award managers or checkpoints), but as an added-cost option for a fee of \$19.00 U.S., which includes shipping (multiple certificates mailed in one envelope will be \$5 U.S. each after \$19 for the first one). Updated rules will be posted on the CQ website and individual award websites prior to the September 1st effective date of the new policy. Award certificates “in the pipeline” before September 1st will not be subject to the new fee.



New Address for WAZ Applications and Inquiries

WAZ program participants: Please make note of the contact information for our new award manager:

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USA
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All WAZ-related correspondence should be sent to José. Please do not send any award-related correspondence to former manager John Bergman, KC5LK.

DX Chasing Guide for Novice and Technician Licensees

Changes Coming to CQ Awards

We are in the process of changing “standard” CQ award certificates from hand-lettered parchment certificates to high-definition PDF files suitable for printing and framing. Parchment certificates will continue to be available as added-cost options. Please see this month’s “Awards” column for details and an update on our certificate backlog.

Are you a USA Novice or Technician class licensee and wondering what it would be like to work some DX? Bearing in mind that working “DX” can also include working stations across the country as well as around the world? Are you tired of trying to talk on your local 2-meter repeater? Well, with the recent increase in sunspot activity, there is a band available to you that has been opening almost every day now around the country as well as around the world: 10 meters. There are other bands available, but none as easy to do and as much fun as 10 meters can be. Your “phone” band on 10 meters is 28.300-28.500 MHz. Most SSB activity on 10 meters can be found in this portion of the band. The full phone band for all other U.S. licensees runs from 28.300 MHz all the way up to 29.700 MHz (see *Figure 1*). But most activity higher than 28.500 MHz is generally found only during contests or during periods of wide-open band conditions. Another mode available for you on 10 meters is digital. This is allowed for you from 28.000-28.300 MHz. Although other digital modes are out there (such as RTTY, PSK, etc.), the most prevalent digital mode today (by far) is FT8.

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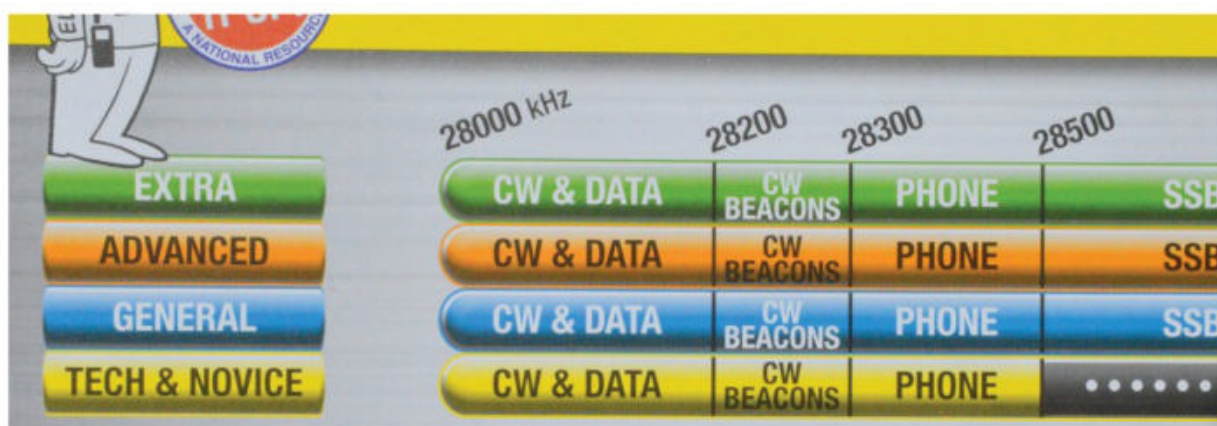


Figure 1. Novice / Technician privileges on the 10-meter band. With the sunspot cycle rising, 10 meters offers great opportunities for working DX. (Band charts courtesy Gordon West, WB6NOA and W5YI.org)



Figure 2. In addition to voice, digital, and Morse code (CW) privileges on 10 meters, Novice and Technician Class licensees also have CW privileges on the 80-, 40-, and 15-meter bands.

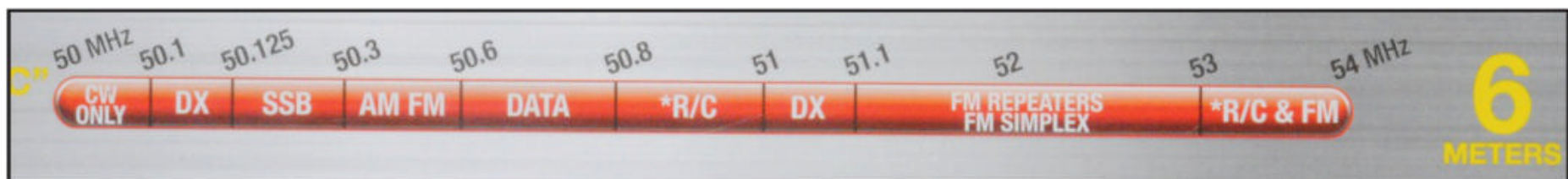


Figure 3. Technician Class hams (but not Novices) have all privileges on the 6-meter band, which typically opens for DX up to 1,300 miles (sometimes much farther) in the summertime.

Digital, Voice, or Code?

Over the past several years, FT8 has become extremely popular by hams of all classes around the world. The worldwide FT8 frequency on 10 meters is 28.074 MHz, which is within the band allowed for Novice / Technician digital communications. Another similar mode is FT4 and can be found on 28.180 MHz. It is twice as fast, ever so slightly less sensitive, and usually only used during periods of high propagation. Finally, let us not forget good old CW, or Morse code. Novices and Technicians may operate CW on other HF bands besides 10 meters. So, if you are willing to take on the CW challenge, then I encourage you to take the plunge and try to learn CW. It is a fun mode with a lot of activity. Once you learn

it, you will be proud to have done so. Novices and Technicians have access to CW "only" on 80 meters (3.525-3.600 MHz), 40 meters (7.025-7.125 MHz), and 15 meters (21.025-21.200 MHz), as seen in *Figure 2*. Don't get confused, CW and digital are two different modes. You may only do CW in these segments on 80/40/15 meters. Ten meters is the

exception where you can do both CW and digital from 28.000-28.300 MHz. Another band that could be fun is 6 meters (50-54 MHz) to which Technicians have full access (sorry, not novices). More on that later in the article.

I found a good "introduction" to FT8 that I found here: <<https://tinyurl.com/ky6m9esc>>, and a pretty extensive FT8

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4430	W1TRK
4431	DL8YDU
Mixed	
4437	KØBYJ
4438	AEØGV
4439	W9NB
4440	JL2GSN

Digital	
1750	AEØGV
1751	JA6PKH
1752	W8MHB
1753	JS1LQI
1754	KA6AIM

CW: 500: WU9D. **3200:** PY5EG. **5800:** N6JV.

SSB: 400: F4GVE. **500:** DL8YDU, PU4MMZ. **700:** KC3HXF. **3500:** PY5EG.

Mixed: 500: JL2GSN, WP4JLZ, W2SUB. **600:** F4GVE. **700:** KC7RAS. **850:** KC3HXF. **1100:** KM4VI. **1150:** I1YDT. **1250:** LX2SM. **1350:** K3DFL. **1650:** WU9D. **1750:** PU4MMZ. **1800:** K4IJQ. **2100:** KSØAA. **2400:** JR3UIC. **2500:** HB9EFK. **4300:** PY5EG.

Digital: 400: AEØGV, W9NB, KØBYJ, KC3HXF. **500:** WP4JLZ, W2SUB. **700:** KC7RAS. **750:** I1YDT. **1100:** LX2SM. **1350:** K3DFL. **1450:** WU9D. **1600:** PU4MMZ. **1900:** PY5EG. **2050:** JR3UIC. **2150:** KSØAA. **2200:** HB9EFK.

80 Meters: KSØAA
40 Meters: KC3HXF, KSØAA, F4GVE, HB9EFK
30 Meters: KØBYJ, I1YDT
20 Meters: KC3HXF, KSØAA
15 Meters: K3DFL, KSØAA
10 Meters: LX2SM, KSØAA

Asia: JA6PKH, JS1LQI, KSØAA, DL8YDU
Europe: W9NB, KC3HXF, KSØAA, DL8YDU, SQ8LUV
Oceania: JA6PKH, LX2SM, JS1LQI, I1YDT
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 25 JR1BAS

80 Meter CW
 113 WC6DX

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 1186 JR1BAS
 1187 HK1MW
 1188 K9ZO
 1189 OP4K
 1190 K5TIA
 1191 W8BZY
 1192 SP5EWX
 1193 Q8LUV

Digital

349 MI1DLB
 350 K3NQ
 351 K9ZO
 352 NN5E
 353 W6DF
 354 AA8SW
 355 JR1KEI

Mixed

10195 IW8FEA
 10196 MI1DLB
 10197 N8IK
 10198 K3NQ
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 10200 K6JBH
 10201 EA8DIB
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 10223 AA8SW
 10224 DK8MM
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 10226 KN4RNO
 10227 WC7F
 10228 IK8VRH
 10229 SP5EWX
 10230 KLØS
 10231 DB3KE
 10232 JR1KEI
 10233 AB1RZ
 10234 JJ1VFE
 10235 KC9K
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guide can be found here: <<https://tinyurl.com/5n8s4jpw>>

Software Suggestions

Two programs work together to make your FT8 operating experience more fun. First, WSJT-X, which is the basic program that does all the work creating and decoding the FT8 signals. Second,

JT Alert, which interfaces with WSJT-X to help you track the stations that you see on the screen and tell you if you need them for award tracking, or to simply tell you if you already worked them in the past. Both are FREE to download: You can find WSJT-X here: <<https://tinyurl.com/ykv4snrr>> and JT Alert here: <<https://hamapps.com>>.

Finally, these programs can also interface with a logging program. I use AC Log by N3FJP. This is a pretty straightforward logging program. The cost is reasonable, it covers just about everything, and the support is extremely good. You can download your free copy here: <www.n3fjp.com>.

There are other logging programs out there. I suggest discussing them with your local ham friends to find one that suits your needs.

What about a radio? If you do not yet have an HF transceiver, most of the newer radios on the market today include all bands from 160 through 6 meters. Older radios may not have 6 meters. So, if you can afford something newer, now might be the time to find something appropriate. Talk to your locals, or your favorite ham radio shop for advice if desired, and of course, check out the ads here in *CQ*.

Antenna Basics

Let's talk antennas. If you have coax, a few antenna insulators and wire, then you can put together a quick 10-meter antenna to get you on the air. A simple 10-meter dipole with a center frequency of 28.300 MHz is only 16 feet, 6 inches long (that is 8-feet 3 inches for each

5 Band WAZ

As of June 1, 2022
2375 stations have attained at least the 150 Zone level, and 1101 stations have attained the 200 Zone level.

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The top contenders for 5 Band WAZ (Zones needed on 80 or other if indicated):
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Callsign	Zones	Zones Needed
AK8A	199	17
DM5EE	199	1
EA5RM	199	1
EA7GF	199	1
H44MS	199	34
HAØHW	199	1
HA5AGS	199	1
I5REA	199	31
IKØXB	199	19 on 10M
IK1AOD	199	1
IZ3ZNR	199	1
JA1CMD	199	2
JA5IU	199	2
JA7XBG	199	2
JH7CFX	199	2
JI4POR	199	2
JK1AJX	199	2 on 10M
JK1BSM	199	2
JK1EXO	199	2
K1LI	199	24
K1OA	199	28
K4HB	199	26
K5TR	199	22
K7UR	199	34
KZ4V	199	26
N3UN	199	18
N4NX	199	26
N4WW	199	26
N4XR	199	27
N6PF	199	23 on 10M
N8AA	199	23
N8DX	199	23
N8TR	199	23 on 10M
RA6AX	199	6 on 10M
RU3DX	199	6
RWØLT	199	2 on 40M
RX4HZ	199	13
RZ3EC	199	1 on 40M
S58Q	199	31
SM7BIP	199	31
SP9JZU	199	19 on 10M
USØSY	199	1 on 15M
VK3HJ	199	34
VO1FB	199	19
W1FJ	199	24
W1FZ	199	26
W3LL	199	18 on 10M
W3NO	199	26
W4LI	199	26
W6DN	199	17
W6RKC	199	21
W6TMD	199	34
W9OO	199	18 on 10M
W9XY	199	22
9A5I	198	1, 16
EA5BCX	198	27, 39
F5NBU	198	19, 31
F6DAY	198	2 on 10M & 15M
G3KDG	198	1, 12
G3KMQ	198	1, 27
HB9FMN	198	1 on 80M & 10M
I1EIS	198	1 & 19 on 10M
JA1DM	198	2, 40
JA3GN	198	2 on 80M & 40M

Callsign	Zones	Zones Needed
JA7MSQ	198	2 on 80M & 10M
JH1EEB	198	2, 33
KØDEQ	198	22, 26
K1BD	198	23, 26
K2EP	198	23, 24
K2TK	198	23, 24
K3JGJ	198	24, 26
K3LR	198	22, 23
K3WA	198	23,26
K3XA	198	23,34
K4JLD	198	18, 24
K9MM	198	22, 26
K1G	198	24, 23 on 10M
KZ2I	198	24, 26
LA3MHA	198	31 & 32 on 10M
N4GG	198	18, 24
NXØI	198	18, 23
ON4CAS	198	1, 19
OZ4VW	198	1, 2
RL3FA	198	2 on 80 & 10M
UA4LY	198	6 & 2 on 10M
UN5J	198	2, 7
US7MM	198	2, 6
W2IRT	198	28, 28
W5CWQ	198	17, 18
W6RW	198	2 & 22 on 10M
W7AH	198	22, 34
W9RN	198	26, 19 on 40M
WC5N	198	22, 26
WL7E	198	34, 37
Z31RQ	198	1, & 2 on 10M
ZL2AL	198	36, 37

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

Callsign	5BWAZ #	Date	# Zones
K3NQ	2369	5/1/2022	172
NE1B	2370	5/6/2022	193
AA8SW	2371	5/11/2022	157
HI8RD	2372	5/16/2022	188
SP5EWX	2373	5/15/2022	190
WC6DX	2374	5/19/2022	200
W3BNN	2375	5/30/2022	175

Updates to the 5BWAZ list of stations:

Callsign	5BWAZ #	Date	# Zones
K1OA	1312	2/22/2003	199
VO1HP	2302	4/12/2021	188

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

5BWAZ #	Callsign	Date	All 200 #
None			

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OM3JW253	VE3ZZ226	VE7SMP204	W07R185
W6OAT252	KØDEQ221	RW4NH203	N3RC184
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DL6KVA233	DL2DXA209	N1ØC196	N4NX177
KØDEQ214	W4UM201	HB9DZZ189	N7WO175

Digital

W1CU195	HA5WA177	KØDEQ175
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side). This will easily cover 28.000-28.500 MHz. If you want to put up a simple 10-meter beam, many are available out there and are fairly reasonable and easy to put up. Even an indoor attic dipole might be adequate for you to be able to work some DX. Of course, the old adage goes ... the higher the better. Again, the sky is the limit. If you have the room and ambition, then you can at least think ahead for future antenna projects for when you upgrade your license to General or Extra. I have a feeling that once you get "HF radio active" and start working some far off and rare DX, you will be hooked.

The "Magic Band"

Let's talk a little *six meters*. Six is known as the "Magic Band" for many reasons. The most prevalent reason for this is that it simply does not follow normal HF band propagation. The full 6-meter band is available for all Technician class licensees (sorry, not Novices). Here's a quick frequency guide (also see *Figure 3*): 50.000-50.100 MHz is strictly CW only; 50.100-54.000 MHz is for digital and phone. The FT8 frequency on 6 meters is 50.313 MHz. When the band is open to DX, sometimes a secondary FT8 frequency of 50.323 MHz is activated. It is very important to recognize that 6 meters is used for multiple modes within these categories. A very useful

On the Air from the Birthplace of "In the Air"

During our visit to the Dayton Aviation National Historical Park Museum and the Wright Brothers Bicycle Shop while in town for the Hamvention®, we came across David, NK4Q/HI8DL, operating his Parks on the Air (POTA) station on a picnic table right outside the museum. For more information on POTA, visit <<https://parksontheair.com>>.



David, NK4Q, running CW from Parks on the Air "POTA K-0732" just outside the Wright Brothers "Dayton Aviation Heritage National Park" in Dayton, Ohio.



David, NK4Q; Bob, N2OO; and Bob, W2ARP, share some stories at the museum.

basic three-element, 6-meter beam typically has a 6-foot boom, and each of the elements is generally 10 feet or less end to end. Depending on the model, the turning radius is about 6 feet. There are many different models out there to purchase as well as homebrew designs available. A quick internet search will be helpful. More elements will increase your gain and directivity. But three elements is adequate for a start.


Remember, 6 meters "can be" frustrating at times. But when the band opens, it can be a thrill. As such, considering the current propagation trends, I fully recommend getting on 10 meters first. You will have tons of fun there and gain valuable experience pretty much every day.

Local research! I strongly recommend that you reach out to your local ham friends and/or radio club for assistance in getting set up for entering into your HF (and VHF) DXing experience. Also, with FT8 becoming so widely popular, there will probably be fellow hams nearby who can assist you if you get into any problems. My personal experience is that once you work your way through it, and get everything set up, you will be able to fire up every day without issues. As with any computer program, if things don't suddenly seem right, simply shutting everything down and then turning it all on again will often let you return to normal operation.


I hope that I have tweaked your interest in learning how to enter the HF DX world with your Novice or Technician license. I realize that there are probably very few Novice licensees out there anymore since the FCC stopped issuing that class of license many years ago. But "some" are still out there because they were grandfathered and continue to be renewable. Regardless, there are *tons* of Technician licensees who just might need a little nudge to break into some more exciting aspects of amateur radio.

DXing is what really got my juices flowing back in the 1960s when I was first licensed, and it has continued to this day. What better "incentive" for upgrading to a General or Extra Class license is there besides actually experiencing the taste of chasing DX on 10 meters? If you catch the DX enthusiasm, then once you upgrade you will find that there are many other bands that you could go to that will provide some of the best constant propagation year-round, even during sunspot lows. Thanks to the upswing of the current sunspot cycle, now is the time to get your feet wet! Get on 10 meters and chase some DX!

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How Many Active Contesters Are There?

How many contesters are there in the world? Let's dive into results and logs from 2021, the year that set the high-water mark for on-the-air participation and contest log submittals. We will come up with two possible measures for the counting contesters, and make some wild guesses at the values of factors that enable a ham to become a contester.

Table 1 lists the 24 contests in our analysis. Nine of the contests are sponsored by CQ magazine and 13 are sponsored by the ARRL. We also include the WW Digi contest, sponsored by the World Wide Radio Operators Foundation and Slovenian Contest Club, as well as the IARU HF

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Contest. These contests were chosen because results data listing individual operators and (in many cases) public logs were available for ready download in machine-processable formats.

We'll start by counting operators in these 24 contests. Why count operators instead of callsigns used on the air? Many active contesters operate not just using their own personal call at their home station, but also as operators at a multi-op station using the station owner's call. Especially when they get on the air for the CQ WPX contests, they may borrow a club's or friend's callsign with an unusual prefix.

The results of these 24 contests list 28,960 distinct operator callsigns. Table 2 shows how many contests each of the 28,960 operators participated in. Approximately 43% of the operators

were listed in only a single contest in 2021, while 57% entered two or more contests, and 38% entered three or more contests. At the extreme upper end, two especially active contesters with modest home stations entered 21 of the 24 contests: John Fuller, K4FTO, and Joel Rubincam, NF3R.

What's the overlap between HF and VHF contest operators? Seven of the 2021 contests included in Table 1 are VHF only; the other 17 are HF only. Figure 1 shows an area-proportional Venn diagram based on this HF/VHF distinction. More than half the 3,575 VHF contest operators also were part of an HF contest effort that year. Only 7% of HF contesters also submitted a VHF contest log. I note that the June ARRL VHF and July CQ VHF contests vary a lot in participation from year to year, and thanks to exceptional band conditions, 2020 had higher VHF participation than 2021.

How many hams entered contests in more than one major mode? The third

Contest	Operators listed in submitted logs	Single-Mode	HF/VHF	Public Logs
CQ WW SSB	11911	SSB	HF	Y
CQ WW CW	9683	CW	HF	Y
CQ WPX SSB	8157	SSB	HF	Y
CQ WPX CW	6579	CW	HF	Y
IARU HF	6405		HF	Y
ARRL DX CW	5001	CW	HF	Y
CQ WPX RTTY	4089	Digital	HF	Y
ARRL DX SSB	3952	SSB	HF	Y
CQ WW RTTY	3847	Digital	HF	Y
CQ 160 CW	3453	CW	HF	N
ARRL 10 Meter	3204		HF	Y
ARRL RTTY Roundup	2420	Digital	HF	Y
ARRL SS SSB	1925	SSB	HF	Y
CQ 160 SSB	1762	SSB	HF	N
ARRL June VHF	1721		VHF	Y
ARRL 160 Meter	1654	CW	HF	Y
WW Digi	1499	Digital	HF	Y
ARRL SS CW	1478	CW	HF	Y
CQ VHF	1255		VHF	N
ARRL Jan VHF	1233		VHF	Y
ARRL Sep VHF	841		VHF	Y
ARRL EME	314		VHF	Y
ARRL 222 MHz	144		VHF	Y
ARRL 10 GHz	135		VHF	Y

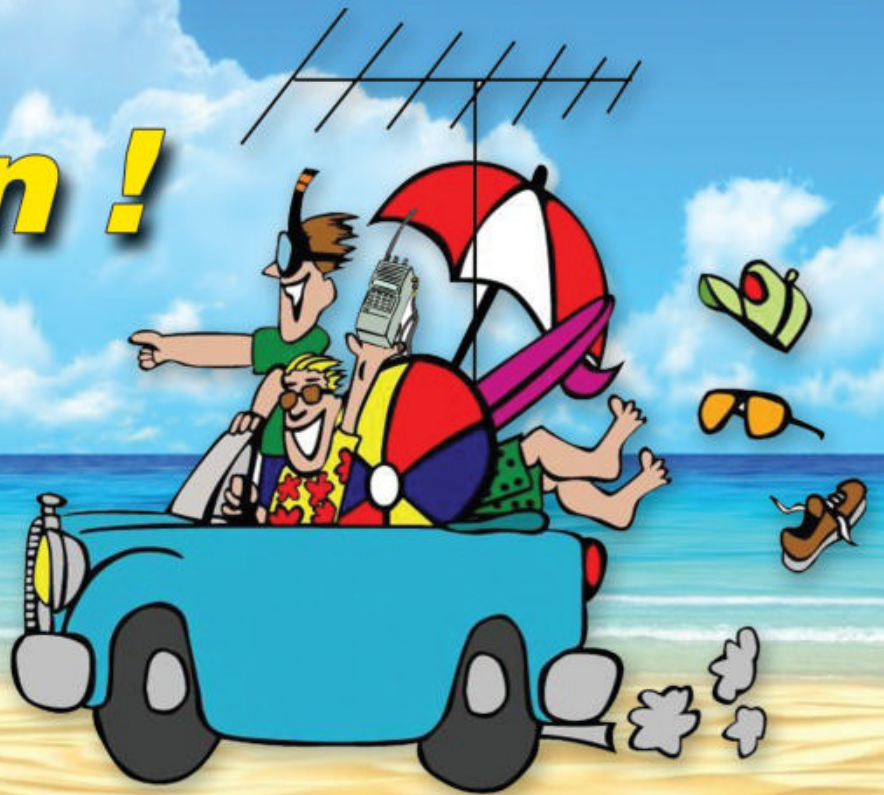
Table 1. Tabulated data was analyzed from these 24 contests held in 2021

Contests	Operators	%
1	12459	43.02%
2	5547	19.15%
3	3375	11.65%
4	2217	7.66%
5	1536	5.30%
6	1050	3.63%
7	828	2.86%
8	522	1.80%
9	436	1.51%
10	278	0.96%
11	205	0.71%
12	138	0.48%
13	111	0.38%
14	78	0.27%
15	52	0.18%
16	47	0.16%
17	24	0.08%
18	24	0.08%
19	20	0.07%
20	11	0.04%
21	2	0.01%

Table 2. Breakdown by number of contests entered

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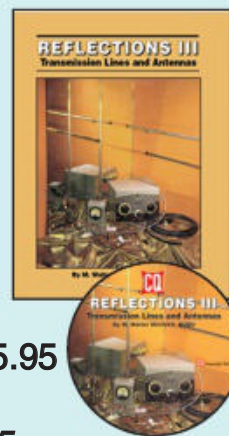


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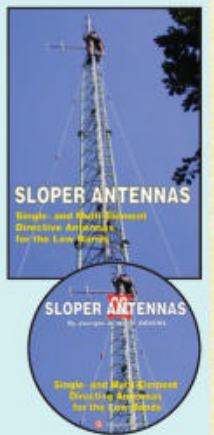


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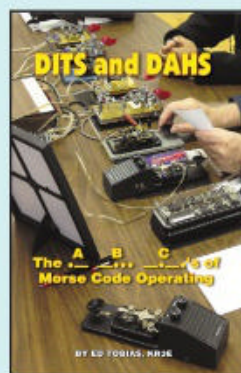
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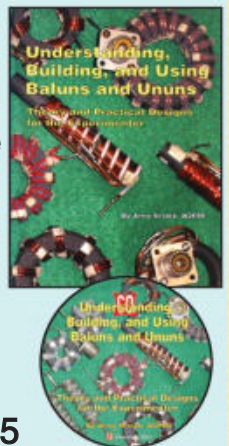


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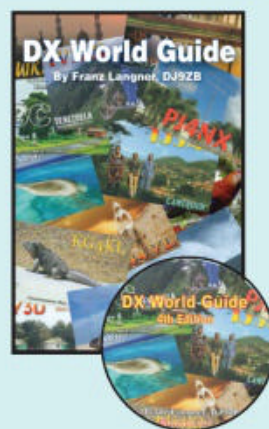
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Aug. 17	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en
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column of *Table 1* identifies 15 of the HF contests as single-mode only. Let's ignore the distinction between RTTY and FT8/FT4 modes and classify all of these as "digital." We arrive at five SSB-only contests, six CW-only contests, and four digital contests, in which 25,915 operators participated. The mode choices of operators entering these 15 mode-specific contests are shown in *Figure 2* as another area-proportional Venn diagram.

Far and away the most accessible mode is SSB, with 17,210 operators choosing to enter an SSB-only contest. Fewer than

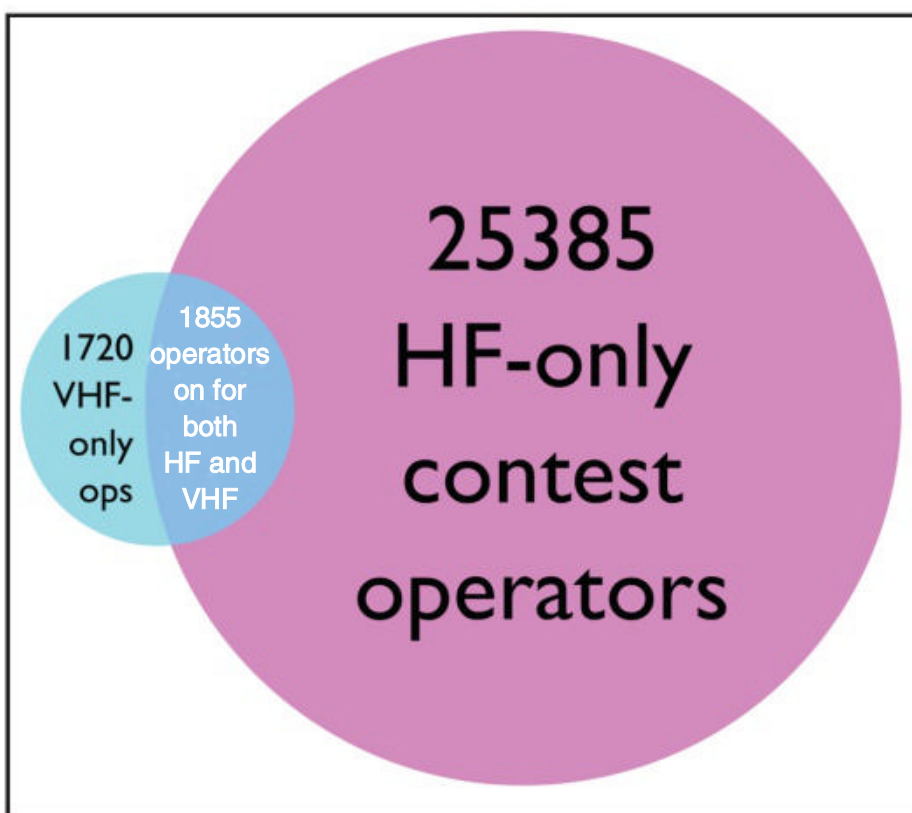


Figure 1. HF and VHF contesting area-proportional Venn diagram for the contests listed in Table 1

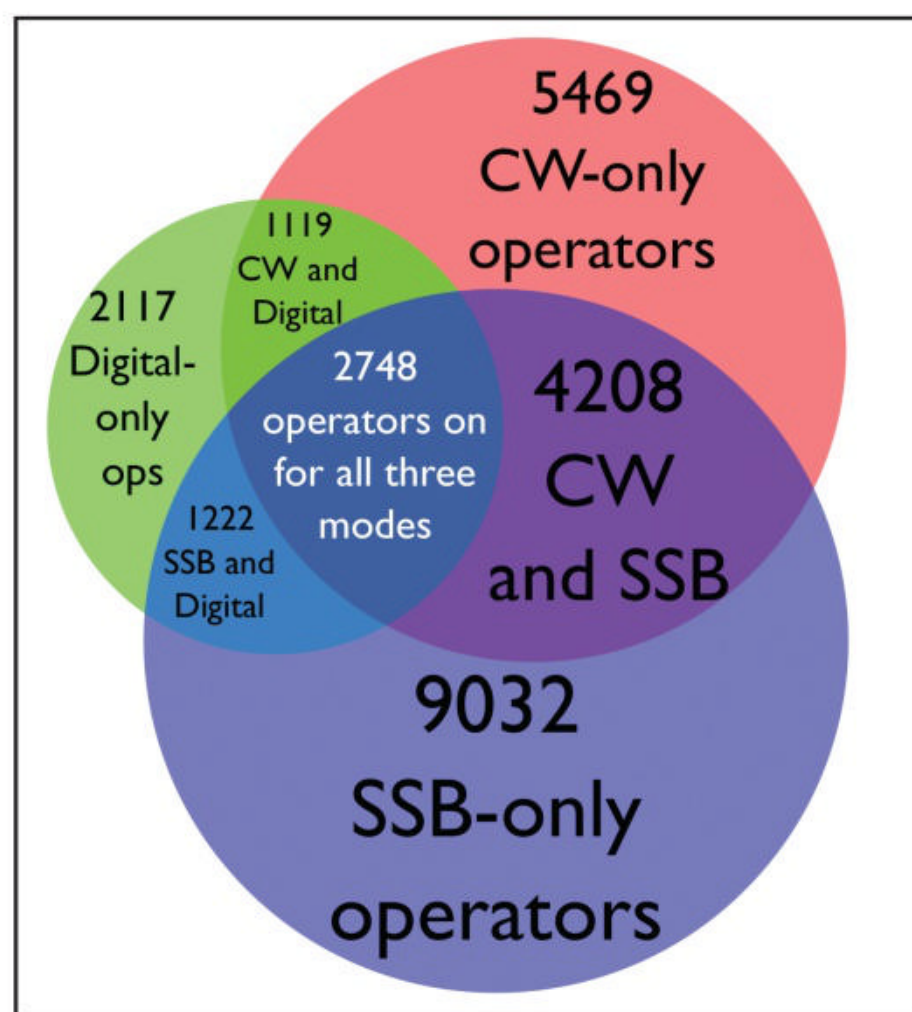


Figure 2. SSB, CW, and digital area-proportional Venn diagram for the mode-specific contests listed in Table 1

half of these SSB entrants (47.5%) chose to enter a contest in another mode. Just behind in popularity are the CW-only contests, with 13,544 operators listed in submitted logs. Among those, 60% also submitted a log in at least one other mode. Finally, 7,206 operators were listed in submitted logs for digital (RTTY and FT8/FT4) contests in 2021. More than 70% of the digital entrants were also on for either or both CW and SSB contests.

The intersection of the three circles in *Figure 2* represents operators who were listed in submitted logs for all three modes — CW, SSB, and digital. These 2,748 operators are just a little more than 10% of the operators we're tracking for 2021.

Let's compare our count of 28,960 contest operators, with an estimate of active DXers made by Michael Wells, G7VJR. Through his popular <<https://clublog.org>> website, Michael had ready access to most DXpedition logs from 2012 and 2013 — 24 million QSOs in total. You can find his complete analysis in his blog at <<https://bit.ly/3wlbQva>>. If Michael counts unique calls appearing in these logs, he finds 573,000 unique callsigns. Looking at how more than half of these callsigns appeared only once, he notes that, "Counting just unique callsigns appears to strongly emphasize problem QSOs," most notably callsigns that were busted (incorrectly copied) callsigns of DXers. He applies the simple heuristic of counting only callsigns appearing at least six times in the DXpedition logs, and arrives at a more modest total of 151,000 likely DXers.

Our count of 28,960 contest operators is less than a fifth of the number of DXers that G3VJR estimates. Can we apply the same techniques to mine public contest logs to find active callsigns that never submitted a log?

In the 2021 dataset, we have a total of 68,619 public logs that are readily available for 13 ARRL contests, the six CQ WW and WPX contests, the IARU HF contest, and the WW Digi contest. There are just over 24 million QSO records amongst these logs — identical to the number of QSOs in G3VJR's 2013 analysis of DXpedition logs. Now that we're dealing with "big data," how many unique callsigns appear in these logs at least once? That total is 275,566. Of those, 155,058 were recorded only once and an additional 60,956 were recorded only twice.

How many of these calls are incorrectly copied or busted? The technology used in contest log-checking has grown quite advanced and is often capable of identifying busted callsigns. Let's look at the detailed public log checking report for John Dorr, K1AR, in the 2019 CQWW CW, which is available online at <<https://bit.ly/3sFcUaT>> (John is the CQWW Contest Director). John made 1,709 QSOs that weekend, of which his QSO partners busted his call 20 times, into nine incorrect callsigns. Five variants of John's callsign — K1UR, K1RR, K1AC, K1A, and KØAR — were logged just once. His call was busted into K1AN twice, K1AA four times, K2AR four times, and K1TR five times.

As an example of how often a more difficult call can be busted, look at the CQWW CW log check report for Ben Och, DL6FBL's, 2017 effort in which he made 4,709 QSOs. This can be found online at <<https://bit.ly/3sFcUaT>>. Ben's call was busted 32 different ways, with 21 of the incorrect forms occurring only once. The incorrect callsign DL6FDL — in which a single dit was lost from the "B" in his QSO partner's ears, turning it into a "D" — was logged an astonishing 71 times.

If we use DL6FBL's LCR to set a rule of thumb that we'll ignore any call logged 71 times or less in the 2021 public logs, we would arrive at a count of 26,018 active contest callsigns. This is fewer than the number of operators listed in submitted logs (28,960) and is certainly too stringent. If

instead we use K1AR's LCR to set a rule of thumb, that we'll ignore any call logged five times or less in the 2021 logs, we arrive at 68,666 active contest callsigns. I will choose a number halfway between these two extremes, and arrive at 49,000 active contest callsigns as determined from public logs.

Pondering the relation between the 49,000 active contest callsigns on the 28,690 distinct operator callsigns listed in submitted logs, it occurs to me that a little more than half of on-air contest participants may have sent in their logs, which sounds reasonable. Log submission is much easier today — with computer logging so prevalent and log submissions accepted via website submissions — than it was 50 years ago when the only way to submit your log was on paper after doing a dupe check. Published results for the 2019 CQWW CW contest quote a figure of 93% of claimed QSOs having been cross-checked against other submitted logs. The 93% statistics are skewed to weigh the most active on-air participants more heavily than the very part-time guys who only made a few QSOs and may have not kept either a paper or electronic log for submission. I'll guess that counting the small-timers, only 60% of hams making some QSOs in a contest, get around to submitting their logs.

This log-submission fraction immediately reminded me of the Drake Equation. Radio astronomer Frank Drake considered, in 1961, the possibility of detecting radio-capable civilizations in other solar systems. His equation is written as a long chain of highly speculative factors. At the time he wrote his equation, there were some reasonable (within a factor of 10) estimates for star formation in our galaxies, but among the many almost completely unknown factors in his equation are the number of stars with planets, the fraction of those planets supporting life, the fraction of life-supporting planets that have civilizations, and how long those civilizations are active emitters of radio communications that we might be able to detect.

Let's follow Drake's example and write an equation for the number of contesters who submit logs, as the product of the number of licensed hams multiplied by four fractional factors. In 2011, David Sumner, K1ZZ, collected statistics from national licensing databases and amateur radio societies worldwide. You can find the details of this in the August 2011 *QST*, page 9 (online archive available to ARRL members at <<https://bit.ly/3lID7S2>>). He arrived at a total number of 4 million licensed amateurs worldwide.

Not all amateur radio licenses adapt themselves readily to the most popular contests, HF contests. In particular, in the US, almost half of licenses are Technician class, the introductory class with little to no voice or digital privileges on the HF bands. While Technicians could get on for CW contests or for VHF contests, in practice they rarely do. License class details vary widely across the nations of the world, but let's assume that only half of ham licenses worldwide are well-suited to contest activity.

Not every licensed ham has a capable home station at all points in their life. Frequent moves for education and a series of jobs, financial and space limitations, and HOA restrictions may result in a minority of licensed hams having a suitable home contest station. I know that I had a modest home station in my youth, but through college and a series of travel-intensive jobs, I wandered away from having an assembled station for several decades. Then I settled down and strung a wire in my trees and have been active again for the past 14 years. Let's say that one-fifth of suitably licensed hams have access to a contest capable station.

Finally, let's consider that not all equipped and licensed hams have time to get on for contests every year. In partic-

ular, mainstream contests all take place on weekends when social and school events most commonly are scheduled, and re-arranging your family priorities to make time for contesting isn't always an option. Hams may prefer slow-paced CW and SSB ragchewing rather than rapid-fire contest exchanges with no room for pleasantries, or the chase of the DX. I will postulate that only 12% of active and equipped hams get on for contests each year.

I'll write down my own equation that lets us think about the total contesting population in terms of these factors:

$$N = H \cdot a \cdot s \cdot c \cdot \ell$$

Where:

$N = 28,960$ = operators submitting logs in 2021

$H = 4,000,000$ = total licensed radio amateurs

$a = 0.5$ = fraction of licenses with usable contesting privileges

$s = 0.2$ = fraction of radio amateurs owning or with access to a contest capable station

$c = 0.15$ = fraction with station access who get on for at least one contest each year

$\ell = 0.6$ = fraction of contesters who submit logs

How can we help the number of active contesters and submitted logs grow? By increasing any factor in the above equation. Licensing new hams increases H , the number of total hams. By encouraging hams to upgrade their license classes, we increase the number with usable contesting privileges, listed as factor a . Donating older radios and helping these hams raise basic antennas will increase s , the fraction with capable stations. In 2020 and 2021, I would argue that the factor c , the number who found time to contest, increased as hams chose to get on the air when weekend activities may have been canceled during pandemic restrictions. And finally, make an effort to help local contesters get started with computer-based logging and encourage them to submit their logs, increasing the factor ℓ . I'm looking forward to continued growth in contest activity and log submissions!

July and August Contest Highlights

The three modes of the summer **North American QSO Parties** use a friendly name and state / province exchange and attract large numbers of beginning contesters on three Saturdays this summer. The 100-watt power limit in the NAQP levels the playing field so that beginners with modest stations can quickly build their "running" (CQing) skills rather than go entirely search-and-pounce. More advanced contesters enter as well, building their on-the-air SO2R (single operator two radio) and 2BSIQ (two band synchronized interleaved QSOs) techniques. The RTTY NAQP is held starting at 1800 UTC July 17th, the CW session is 1800 UTC August 7th, and the SSB session is 1800 UTC August 21st. As the sunspot numbers rise, expect the 10-meter and 15-meter bands to pack more action than in previous years. Find full rules on the *National Contest Journal* website at <<https://ncjweb.com/naqp>>.

The **CQ World Wide VHF Contest** is the weekend of July 16th and 17th this year. In his 2021 results article, John Kalenowsky, K9JK, notes, "the higher scoring stations in the various categories have included the 'legacy' modes in their QSO mixes, not relying exclusively on using FT8 and other digital modes." If you start out on FT8 because band conditions are marginal, be sure to change to CW and/or SSB modes for the higher rates you'll be able to achieve in those modes. You can find John's writeups, rules, and past results at <www.cqww-vhf.com>.

propagation

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What Does July Propagation Have in Store For Us?

Quick Look at Current Cycle 25 Conditions: (Data rounded to nearest whole number)

Sunspots:

Observed Monthly, May 2022: **92**
12-month smoothed, November 2021: **50**

10.7-cm Flux:

Observed Monthly, May 2022: **134**
12-month smoothed, November 2021: **98**

One Year Ago:

(Data rounded to nearest whole number)

Sunspots:

Observed Monthly, May 2021: **20**
12-month smoothed, November 2020: **13**

10.7-cm Flux:

Observed Monthly, May 2021: **76**
12-month smoothed, November 2020: **76**

Many DX hunters view July as the least exciting month of the year. With generally lower summertime Maximum Usable Frequencies (MUF), the highest of the amateur high-frequency (HF) bands suffer some east-west paths that depend on the F-layer. When the 10.7-cm Radio Flux index climbs above 160, these paths open up, but remember that trans-polar paths suffer when the geomagnetic field is active or worse.

While F-layer propagation of the highest HF frequencies will be poor, radio signals near the Best Usable Frequency (BUF) will be stable over paths that could remain open for longer periods than during the winter and early spring season. In addition, July's Sporadic-E (E_s) ionization is near the year's seasonal peak. This should result in a considerable increase in short-skip openings on almost all HF amateur bands and on the VHF 6- and 2-meter bands as well.

Twenty meters should continue to be the best band for all-day (24-hour) DX propagation during the month. When conditions are at least Low Normal, the band is expected to remain open to one area of the world or another.

Peak conditions on 20 meters are expected for a few hours after local sunrise and again during the late afternoon and early evening, when the band should open in almost all directions. When conditions are at least Low Normal, expect 20-meter openings toward South America, the South Pacific, and Oceania until as late as midnight. When conditions are excellent, the band should also remain open to most other areas of the world past midnight.

Considerably greater DX openings via the F-layers are expected on 15 meters this July than the number of openings seen during the last several years. When conditions are at least Low Normal, 15 meters should occasionally open toward the south. Look for some short-skip openings into the Caribbean area and Central America as early as 10 a.m. local time, with a peak expected to all areas of Latin America from 3-5 p.m. local daylight time. When conditions are High Normal or better, the band may also open to Africa during the late afternoon from the eastern half of the U.S., and to Australasia and the South Pacific area during the late after-

noon and early evening from the western half of the country. Seventeen meters will act somewhat the same as 15, but openings will tend to be longer, and signals perhaps stronger and more stable.

Expect short-skip openings on 10 and 12 meters during July toward the Caribbean and possibly Central America as a result of E_s ionization. When conditions are High Normal or better, an occasional opening deeper into South America may be possible, especially during the afternoon hours.

Overall, look for frequent short-skip openings on 10, 12, 15, and 17 meters between distances of 500 and 1,300 miles. During the afternoon hours, skip may extend to beyond 2,300

LAST-MINUTE FORECAST

Day-to-Day Conditions Expected for July 2022

Propagation Index	Expected Signal Quality			
	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)
Above Normal: 1-3, 7-8, 12, 17-20, 26-30	A	A	B	C
High Normal: 4-6, 9-11, 13-16, 24-25, 31	A	B	C	C-D
Low Normal: 21, 23	B	C-B	C-D	D-E
Below Normal: 22	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. Using the **Propagation Charts** appearing in "The CQ Shortwave Propagation Handbook, 4th Edition," by Carl Luetzelschwab, George Jacobs, Theodore J. Cohen, and R. B. Rose.

a. Find the *Propagation Index* associated with the particular path opening from the **Propagation Charts**.

b. With the *Propagation Index*, use the above table to find the expected signal quality associated with the path opening for any given day of the month. For example, an opening shown in the **Propagation Charts** with a *Propagation Index* of **3** will be excellent on July 1st through July 3rd, good on July 4th through July 6th, and so forth.

2. Alternatively, you may use the *Last-Minute Forecast* as a general guide to space weather and geomagnetic conditions throughout 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 geomagnetic conditions. In general, when conditions are *High Normal* to *Above Normal*, signals will be more reliable on a given path, when the ionosphere supports the path that is in consideration. This chart is updated daily at <<https://SunSpotWatch.com>> provided by NW7US.

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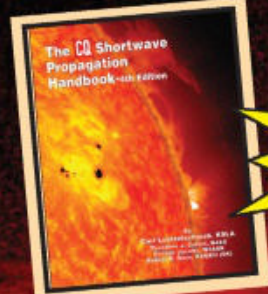
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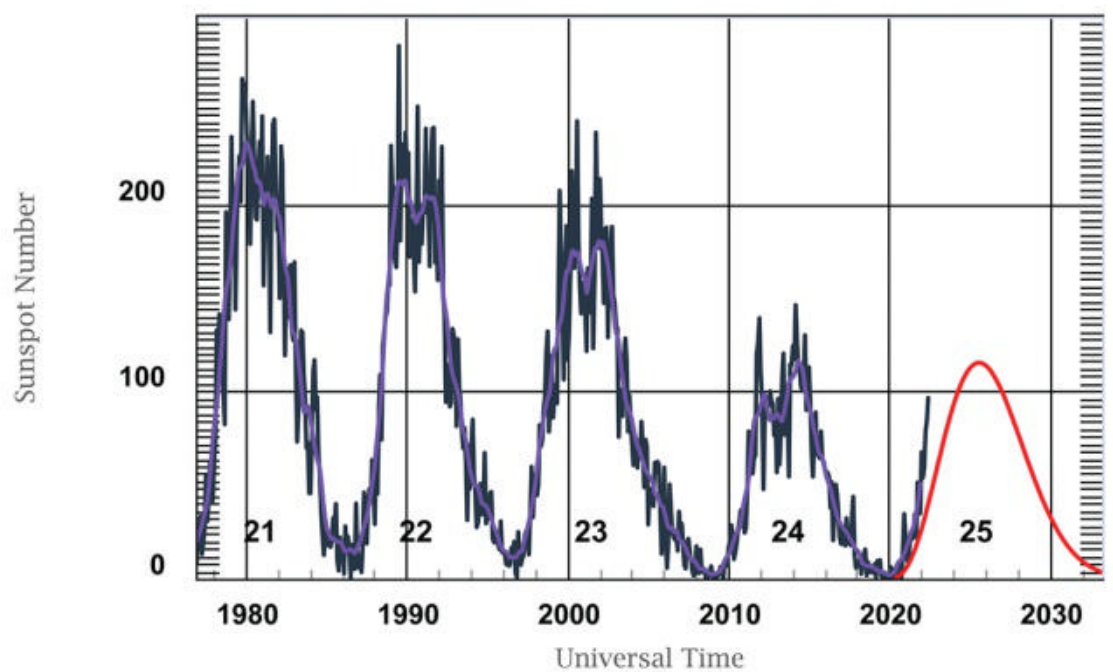
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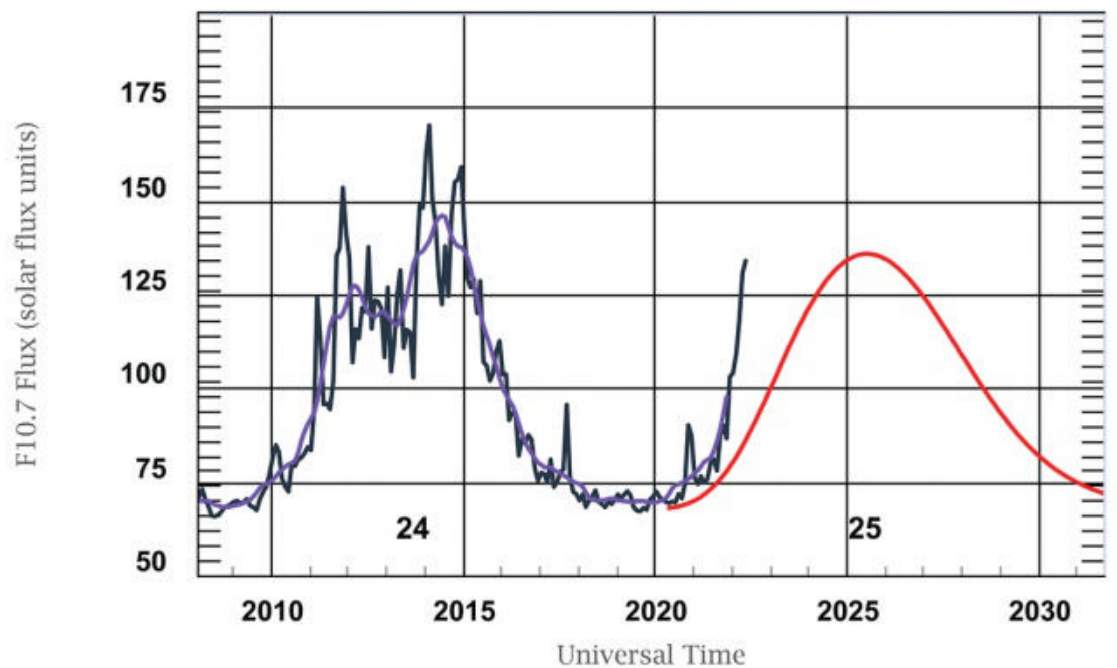


Figure 1. Again, the numbers for this month reveal that Solar Cycle 25 is still outpacing the official NOAA / SWPC / NASA forecast (so far)! If you look at the rise to date in this cycle, and compare it with the last three cycles, it seems like the slope of the rise is resembling the rise of Solar Cycles 22 and 23 instead of Cycle 24. If this is true, we may well see this cycle achieve a much higher peak than that of Cycle 24. The increase in each plot shows a faster rise in overall solar activity and resulting solar flux each month of this cycle. With daily 10.7-cm Radio Flux readings climbing to higher levels this month (May) compared to during April 2022, the 10-meter band had plenty of east-west DX over 3,000 kilometers or greater paths. Could this cycle also prove to be a stronger one than is expected? We think so! (Courtesy of SWPC / NOAA)

miles as a result of F-layer reflection. Short-skip openings should range between 250 and 2,300 miles on 20 meters. Peak conditions are most likely to occur during the late morning and again during the late afternoon and early evening hours. Daytime openings on 40 and 30 meters should range between 100 and 600 miles, increasing to between 250 and 2,300 miles after sunset. Look for openings up to about 300 miles on 80 meters during the day, extending out to the maximum short-skip (one-hop F-layer reflection) distance of 2,300 miles during the hours of darkness.

Nighttime openings into many areas of the world are possible on 20, 30, and 40 meters. But seasonally high static levels may often make DX reception difficult on both 30 and 40 meters. High static levels are also expected to result in somewhat poorer DX conditions on 80 meters, although some long-distance openings are forecast during the hours of darkness. Usually, 160 meters is virtually shut down due to the high static levels of summer. Your best bet for 40-, 80-, and 160-meter DX openings is an hour or two before midnight toward the north and east, and just before local sunrise toward the south and west. Expect some 160-meter openings between sunset and sunrise for distances up to approximately 1,300 miles, if the seasonally high static levels permit.

VHF Conditions

Statistical studies show that a sharp increase in E_s propagation takes place at mid-latitudes during the late spring and summer months. During July and August, short-skip propagation over distances ranging between approximately 600 and 1,300 miles should be possible on 6 meters. Openings may also be possible on 2 meters during periods of intense E_s ionization, with stations up to 1,300 miles away. While E_s short-skip openings can take place at just about any time of the day or night, statistics indicate that conditions should peak for a few hours before noon and again during the late afternoon and early evening. During July you can expect 6-meter E_s propagation on at least three out of every four days. Openings may last from a few minutes up to hours.

For a detailed list of meteor showers, check out <<https://tinyurl.com/f9v7fj2u>> for a complete calendar of meteor showers in 2022.

If you use Twitter.com, you can follow <@hfradiospacewx> for hourly updates that include the K-index numbers. You can also check the numbers at <<https://SunSpotWatch.com>>, where this columnist provides a wealth of current space weather details as well as links. Please report your observations of any notable propagation conditions, by writing this columnist via Twitter, or via the Space Weather and Radio Propagation Facebook page at <<https://fb.me/spacewx.hfradio>>.

Current Solar Cycle Progress

The Royal Observatory of Belgium reports that the monthly mean observed sunspot number for May 2022 is 92.45, quite a jump from April's 76.43. The 12-month running smoothed sunspot number centered on November 2021 is 50.2, up from October's 45.0. A smoothed sunspot count of 62, give or take about 6 points, is expected for July 2022.

The Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory at Penticton, BC, Canada, reports a 10.7-cm observed monthly mean solar flux of 133.98 for May 2022, up from April's 130.63. The 12-month smoothed 10.7-cm flux centered on November 2021 is 97.7, up from October's 93.0. The predicted smoothed 10.7-cm solar flux for July 2022 is 104, give or take 9 points.

Geomagnetic activity level this month is expected to range from quiet to stormy, resulting in occasional degraded propagation. Remember that you can get an up-to-the-day *Last-Minute Forecast* at <<https://SunSpotWatch.com>> on the main page.

I welcome your thoughts, questions, and experiences regarding this fascinating science of propagation. You may email me, write me a letter, or catch me on the HF amateur bands. If you are on Facebook, check out <<https://fb.me/spacewx.hfradio>> and <<https://fb.me/NW7US>> — speaking of Facebook — check out the *CQ Amateur Radio* magazine fan page at <<https://fb.me/CQMag>>. Also, please check out the new alternative social networking ham radio group at <<https://amateurhamradio.locals.com>> and please share this with your amateur radio friends and clubs.

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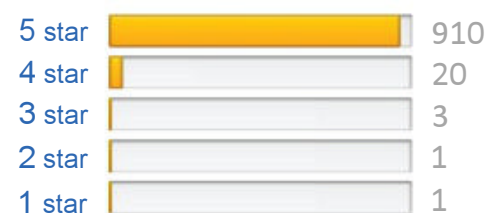
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W3GQ	"	35,816	138	121	*K4MIL	7	63,248	176	134	KO6LU	"	15,300	93	(OP: K6MM) 85
NU4E	"	35,088	118	102						NN6NN	"	7,592	64	52
W4SDX	"	30,888	184	132										(OP: W6XK) 56
KC4WQ	"	29,592	135	108	N5HC	A	1,865,864	1517	572	W6JBR	"	5,656	60	41
N3KN	"	27,775	130	101	AC4CA	"	1,813,511	1514	577	K6MI	"	4,469	49	44
KD4S	"	22,750	106	91	AD5XD	"	1,426,852	1370	524	K8TR	"	2,728	49	11
W4PF	"	19,140	97	87	WBØTEV	"	1,134,406	792	542	N5KO	"	121	11	318
KK4PH	"	17,808	92	84	NT5V	"	1,090,452	1089	484	NR6O	28	290,652	616	(OP: N6RO) 483
WA2SCB	"	16,643	105	89	K5WE	"	728,112	901	394	WV6I	21	817,236	971	(OP: N6WM) 193
W4ZGR	"	11,376	92	72	W5JAY	"	536,200	810	350	NK6A	"	89,166	302	388
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K2PS	"	5,184	39	36	K5XH	"	210,816	479	216	W5S	7	765,992	630	(OP: @N6RO) 196
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N6DW	"	3,485	50	41	WØZW	"	108,273	276	187	*WQ6X	"	131,200	399	205
K4WI	28	163,506	354	229	KØGEO	"	96,570	334	174	*KF6RY	"	128,132	460	(OP: W6ZL) 192
WO4O	"	3,780	55	42	N5XJ	"	73,935	192	159	*W8GJK	"	115,392	376	176
N3UA	21	244,510	378	245	W2GS	"	65,349	220	159	*KE6GLA	"	103,664	284	178
WB5NHL	"	37,170	145	126	W5RZ	"	62,909	218	133	*KE6SHL	"	92,026	343	147
KT4O	"	2,001	30	29	NN5O	"	58,290	206	145	*K6TLH	"	67,473	266	139
K9OM	7	1,610,840	842	523	N5LPT	"	53,215	227	145	*KK6KMU	"	52,264	263	136
WJ2D	"	426,736	423	298	W5GFI	"	43,416	195	134	*K6BIR	"	46,376	218	124
K4ADR	"	19,188	82	78	WA5LXS	"	34,456	158	118	*N6GP	"	43,772	195	120
NK4I	"	15,750	98	75	W5TN	"	32,725	172	119	*KC9EI	"	29,700	170	110
*KK9A	A	3,780,388	1984	709	K5FNQ	"	20,145	101	85	*WU6X	"	21,100	146	100
*K5EK	"	789,012	741	404	K5GZR	"	4,536	47	42	*N3KA	"	17,901	110	81
*N4TB	"	475,020	607	348	NE5A	"	3,825	55	45	*KA6W	"	4,664	49	44
*N3HEE	"	465,607	543	353	WV5Y	"	1,612	35	31	*K6DF	"	4,576	63	52
*AC4G	"	451,906	604	338	KG5RXE	"	399	20	19	*AG6AG	"	3,960	52	44
*K4GM	"	427,347	558	309	W5PR	28	104,448	303	192	*AA7GT	"	3,510	54	45
*WA3LXD	"	411,939	537	297	WJ5DX	7	29,388	114	93					(OP: K6ST) 30
*K2MK	"	403,830	596	315										18
*W4TMO	"	363,297	484	327	*NN5T	A	400,959	657	299	*N6LL	"	1,890	31	11
*KTØR	"	290,160	510	260	*KG5VK	"	384,990	658	313	*NJ6G	"	558	18	10
			(OP: KEØL)	264	*WQ5L	"	366,582	543	321	*AG6JA	"	253	12	11
*N5SMQ	"	266,640	441	264	*WA8ZBT	"	334,048	719	292	*KM6RRS	"	50	11	10
*N9TF	"	250,190	492	254	*WB5BHS	"	329,129	710	283	*WM6Y	28	12,728	135	86
*KM4FO	"	247,205	483	245	*N5KWN	"	271,397	586	283	*K6KM	"	4,224	51	48
*KG4IGC	"	244,038	436	267	*K5TXM	"	269,874	583	261	*KW6AA	21	1,450	33	29
*K4BX	"	191,178	395	234	*AD5LU	"	253,760	606	260	*N3RC	14	8,736	99	78
*N3GTG	"	189,996	367	223	*K5LY	"	248,490	597	251	*KJ6MBW	7	42,292	158	109
*KS4YX	"	186,354	377	238	*WB5JJJ	"	189,840	439	240	*NG6O	"	27,648	106	96
*K4FTO	"	176,054	356	226	*W5BK	"	167,860	489	218					(OP: K6GHA) 30
*W4PJW	"	167,134	359	214	*KD2KW	"	104,144	332	184	*AB1U	"	3,420	31	30
*KW4J	"	155,940	345	230	*N5XE	"	83,700	206	186					(OP: W6RKC) 41
*KC4LZN	"	154,280	368	232	*WDØGTY	"	82,164	295	167	*WZ6ZZ	3.5	2,904	41	33
*KK9DX	"	125,048	316	203	*N5CHA	"	73,628	268	158	*N6BHX	"	364	15	14
*K4YDE	"	113,528	270	184	*AC5EZ	"	44,220	200	134					14
*N3MM	"	107,736	292	201	*N5JGE	"	40,656	148	112					
*KB4OI	"	107,540	261	190	*WA5LFD	"	28,919	156	121					
*KS4S	"	106,536	281	184	*N5AF	"	24,750	127	99					
*KT3T	"	99,330	226	165	*WA9AFM/5	"	20,972	143	98					
*N4QI	"	97,376	309	179	*W5XY	"	16,740	135	90					
*N3CKI	"	94,977	273	173	*KK5OQ	"	15,834	106	87					
*N4FWD	"	90,090	275	182	*AB8YZ	"	14,514	118	82					
*WA4EEZ	"	83,250	263	185	*K5IFA	"	13,056	94	68					
*K4DR	"	80,676	256	166	*K5LGX	"	11,016	95	81					
*K4BRU	"	74,205	194	153	*W5MT	"	7,700	70	55					
*KA4JRY	"	69,044	232	164	*K7ZYV	"	5,734	71	61					
*NX3A	"	63,921	157	149	*K5VOP	"	3,432	56	52					
*KO4ENU	"	61,072	242	176	*N5UWY	"	900	27	25					
*NN4RB	"	56,658	208	142	*K15RQG	"	736	30	23					
*NE8O/4	"	54,708	194	141	*KB5DJX	"	722	20	19					
*W4EE	"	52,471	178	137	*AJ4F	"	378	14	14					
*WO4X	"	49,580	188	134	*K5QR	21	203,225	385	275					
*AE4Y	"	49,446	207	134	*KF5RLL	"	6,111	73	63					
*W9FFA/4	"	42,630	197	145	*AF5CC	"	2,331	42	37					
*AA4HG	"	40,690	181	130	*KN5S	14	1,496	34	34					
*WBØCJB	"	39,186	180	126										
*KO4NIK	"	30,847	144	109	*KK5LO	"	252	12	12					
*WA4IPU	"	29,150	141	106										
*KK4HEG	"	27,756	134	108										
*W8KRZ	"	26,040	135	105										
*WA8OJR	"	26,001	135	107	KK6P	A	2,812,231	2036	607					
*WN8Y	"	24,852	147	109	KYØW	"	2,118,272	1808	(OP: W7IV) 536					
*W4BCG	"	21,945	131	95	WQ6K	"	1,388,140	1321	(OP: WØYK) 494					
*KA3MTT	"	21,120	115	88	AG1RL	"	1,259,192	1295	(OP: W1SRD) 451					
*WF7T	"	20,274	113	93	AJ6V	"	1,045,170	1189	441					
*KT6D	"	18,881	84	79	W6EU	"	814,368	1103	408					
*A14GR	"	18,321	117	93	KN6MYI	"	700,977	804	417					
*KO4Z	"	18,286	101	82	WE6Z	"	677,430	882	390					
*KO4XB	"	17,835	111	87	W6SX	"	656,270	991	365					
*K9EZ	"	17,533	100	89	K6TQ	"	585,858	986	377					
*W4GDG	"	16,340	130	95	WD6T	"	412,824	724	309					
*NQ4K	"	14,362	100	86	WX6V	"	364,156	563	298					
*KT4DW	"	13,485	130	93	W6DR	"	299,766	413	282					
*WB4MM	"	12,218	100	82	WQ6Q	"	279,825	719	287					
*KI4WVW	"	5,684	56	49	W1RH	"	258,240	607	269					
*K4FJW	"	4,515	38	35	K6NR	"	233,359	491	259					
*N8AID	"	4,416	52	48	NN6DX	"	222,816	444	264					
*K8ARY	"	4,368	42	42										
*K8RAR	"	3,807	54	47	AF6SA	"	220,215	425	265					
*K4KZ	"	3,773	56	49	K6NV	"	203,840	465	224					
*W4PFM	"	3,075	45	41	N6QQ	"	178,281	327	213					
*KM4RK	"	2,975	39	35	K6RC	"	163,800	387	234					
*AAØO	"	2,646	27	27	K6RIM	"	145,152	399	216					
*KG4WOJ	"	2,457	43	39	N6RV	"	122,285	274	185					
*N4KXO	"	2,184	46	42	NF6A	"	121,352	267	154					
*NØFIR	"	1,995	36	35										
			(OP: NØFIR-)	32										
*W4LBR	"	1,632	34	32	N6RVI	"	118,940	366	190					
*WJ4HCP	"	1,175	27	25	WF6C	"	103,416	313	186					
*KO4IUM	"	968	25	22										
*W4GHD	"	460	21	20										
*KO4PSQ	"	304	20	19										
*KF4FMQ	"	156	12	12										
*W9LN	"	56	8	8	K6YK	"	87,084	288	177					
*AF4NM	"	5	5	5	NC6R	"	75,420	308	180					
*K4FT	28	1,122	25	22	N6GEO	"	67,320	232	153					
*WA1FCN	21	260,429	445	299	W6IA	"	55,200	196	138					
*KA4RRU	14	584,309	662	439	W6TK	"	48,077	177	131					
*W4LC	"	190,680	375	280	K6HGF	"</								

*UA9XL	"	106,266	242	199	DL1DTL	"	178,782	314	249	*DM7RO	"	43,439	142	121
*R9FCY	"	70,560	190	147	DP7D	"	1,403	24	23	*DJ6MK	"	42,837	134	109
					DA3X	14	896,880	729	505	*DL3DUE	"	42,012	132	108
									(OP: DL5JS)	*DG4AM	"	38,709	120	99
*TA1SOR	A	European Turkey 277,718	367	239	DG7NFX	"	14,560	84	80	*DL75DRG	"	37,236	119	107
					DP4M	7	3,526,430	1179	695					(OP: DL4EAX)
									(OP: DJ4MH)	*DJ4MX	"	36,960	107	96
									(OP: DJ6JH)	*DM2DLG	"	36,685	138	115
										*DK2VM	"	36,084	110	97
DP8M	A	Fed. Rep. of Germany 3,345,590	1394	730	DRØY	"	47,952	117	108	*DL2FK	"	36,036	133	117
										*DL1A0B	"	35,904	112	96
DM7XX	"	3,208,205	1331	715	DJ8VH	"	33,616	99	88	*DK2NVA	"	35,424	124	108
DK8ZZ	"	3,174,138	1313	759	DK1WU	"	33,432	99	84	*DF3IS	"	35,256	122	113
DF8XC	"	2,485,148	1224	662	DL3SWR	3.5	1,136,640	742	444	*DG3FAW	"	34,594	120	98
DL1NEO	"	2,392,407	1055	723	DH8WR	"	650,160	550	344	*DL1EJD	"	33,100	118	100
DFØKU	"	2,035,764	1078	586	DM5TI	"	211,990	294	215	*DK3WW	"	32,190	123	111
					DL6DH	"	69,420	144	130	*DO5MCL	"	30,345	114	105
					*DD5M	A	1,428,781	835	541	*DL8ZAJ	"	30,048	109	96
									(OP: DJØZY)	*DK3PM	"	29,355	103	103
DL4VDA	"	1,985,404	1103	548	*DK1KC	"	1,326,450	843	478	*DL4KW	"	28,482	100	94
DK2OY	"	1,872,563	1063	581	*DO4OD	"	1,048,452	731	492	*DJ1MM	"	28,424	98	88
DC6O	"	1,866,600	956	610	*DL5RMH	"	1,035,568	697	472	*DL2FQ	"	28,025	119	95
					(OP: DL3DW)					*DG3FA	"	27,544	112	88
DH8BQA	"	1,724,408	933	581	*DL8TG	"	989,638	717	442	*DF1LX	"	26,144	97	86
DAØBCC	"	1,720,020	1017	526	*DK8NT	"	967,430	727	445	*DH1MJ	"	21,924	93	84
					(OP: DL6MHW)					*DL2GMK	"	19,402	99	89
DR5W	"	1,471,355	885	515	*DM3M	"	913,230	715	417	*DL3AS	"	17,860	86	76
										(OP: DM3XRF)				
DL9GTB	"	1,454,002	762	638	*DM7W	"	908,048	674	464	*DL7YS	"	17,625	80	75
DQØY	"	1,328,860	861	494	*DR7T	"	851,445	589	477	*DL2LBK	"	17,328	82	76
										(OP: DL8MAS)				
DF8QB	"	1,314,402	863	474	*DA3T	"	726,624	574	432	*DL8MRE	"	16,717	89	73
DL6ZBN	"	1,296,840	741	505						(OP: DF1DN)				
DJ9RR	"	1,232,789	739	571						(OP: DL8DXL)				
DQ1P	"	1,148,284	736	521	*DK5DQ	"	644,280	516	364	*DL9FBF	"	14,427	74	63
					*DB2KT	"	631,674	566	342	*DF2RT	"	12,975	84	75
DJ8EW	"	1,023,327	686	453	*DL3MXX	"	572,760	507	387	*DL1JPF	"	11,224	68	61
DJ5IW	"	1,012,512	688	424	*DL4ZA	"	555,660	552	343	*DK5WN	"	11,144	61	56
DK2LO	"	994,926	723	474	*DG2BWG	"	530,348	540	329	*DL7VDX	"	9,983	77	67
DH1TST	"	960,057	654	441	*DJ4WT	"	490,646	492	334	*DB8AH	"	8,874	66	58
DK6WL	"	929,989	618	421	*DHØHAN	"	456,536	504	298	*DL5MHX	"	8,721	60	57
DL4ME	"	883,652	683	418	*DL6RDR	"	455,832	479	312	*DL7ALM	"	8,140	60	55
DL7URH	"	882,740	569	437	*DL3RAR	"	439,593	384	363	*DM6WAN	"	7,905	52	51
DK4VW	"	859,872	697	416	*DK9IP	"	372,048	378	276	*DF7XH	"	6,900	51	46
DL5YM	"	859,536	721	423	*DL3DRN	"	354,000	441	295	*DB1KK	"	6,345	48	47
DL1PSK	"	844,525	663	415	*DL1ZBO	"	347,913	405	261	*DK9BM	"	6,204	52	47
DL7VOG	"	795,025	671	385	*DL75HIL	"	328,335	374	265	*DL3IAS	"	5,980	48	46
DH6BH	"	759,278	614	377						(OP: DL1EAL)				
DQ9Y	"	667,408	542	404	*DO1SSB	"	310,024	382	271	*DK9ZE	"	5,264	49	47
										*DJ2MX	"	5,004	39	36
										(OP: DF2SD)				
DK3RA	"	640,662	576	374	*DJ5FS	"	308,990	414	265	*DLØIFM	"	4,736	41	37
DK8EY	"	571,504	572	368	*DF2F	"	307,530	382	255					(OP: DF9VN)
DJ9MH	"	521,500	497	350										
DG5E	"	511,550	365	325	*DD7UW	"	305,810	401	265	*DL5HN	"	4,032	45	42
					*DHØGDS	"	304,028	396	263	*DF6YC	"	3,895	44	41
										*DO7ES	"	3,404	38	37
DK1FW	"	507,236	493	346	*DL2DIE	"	301,000	389	280	*DL6NEJ	"	2,546	39	38
DL5AXX	"	506,632	507	332	*DF4ZL	"	290,408	360	248	*DL9FB	"	2,052	28	27
DL1SWB	"	497,493	488	331	*DL6SFR	"	286,465	352	235	*DM3PKK	"	1,920	31	30
DF4XX	"	488,592	479	348	*DK7TY	"	273,628	364	268	*DK4QT	"	1,560	26	26
DK6CQ	"	481,452	450	318	*DL3FCG	"	270,976	326	232	*DG2BPW	"	1,242	25	23
DHØGHU	"	480,940	461	346	*DL9PN	"	251,505	341	243	*DG1YKW	"	1,000	21	20
DL1EKO	"	478,668	484	339	*DL7ULM	"	244,260	344	230	*DM2RN	"	560	17	16
DJ5MW	"	478,108	498	356	*DF6WE	"	240,840	380	270	*DHØJAE	"	527	17	17
DL5BCF	"	467,100	518	346	*DNØUKW	"	232,405	342	265	*DL2LMS	"	440	11	11
DL8RDL	"	417,920	424	320						(OP: DO9PL)				
DF5BX	"	380,380	437	286	*DL5ARM	"	214,969	309	227	*DP4X	"	105	6	5
DL4PT	"	374,586	446	298	*DJ2AX	"	205,160	313	230					(OP: DJ2MX)
DL4AMK	"	360,525	414	285	*DL1EHG	"	204,497	321	229	*DR6K	21	70,785	190	165
DK5PH	"	359,682	424	302	*DL1EMA	"	199,817	298	211					(OP: DF6RK)
DL6DJ	"	285,768	354	252	*DJ4WM	"	193,104	306	216	*DJ9KH	"	24,341	110	101
DL1STG	"	274,050	345	261	*DM5JBN	"	188,600	329	230	*DO1BEN	"	16,686	95	81
DF4ØBGK	"	256,434	317	237	*DK9FEC	"	185,094	298	226	*DK7ZT	"	11,736	72	72
					*DL2HYH	"	179,100	245	225	*DJ6OI	"	8,874	60	58
										*DL1RPR	"	6,765	58	55
										*DJ6XB	"	4,816	43	43
DL5NDX	"	242,847	305	223	*DL1GME	"	167,741	284	217	*DL2AK	"	1,296	26	24
DJ2IA	"	231,280	336	245	*DO3PKE	"	150,903	249	207	*DJ7UC	14	151,866	304	234
DL9UP	"	218,736	323	248	*DG1VL	"	145,266	258	213					
DL9NCR	"	218,295	296	231	*DK7MCX	"	140,118	247	193	*DL4HCF	"	61,884	188	162
DK2AT	"	207,200	320	224	*DL7UKT	"	133,650	271	198	*DL1AKL	"	41,656	159	127
DL2RMC	"	194,701	285	221	*DK7GH	"	130,494	218	182	*DB5ØAFZ	"	41,616	157	136
DK3GI	"	192,213	292	243	*DF6QV	"	129,038	229	182					(OP: DL3CQ)
DL5ST	"	178,752	275	228	*DGØAM	"	125,760	234	192	*DL1STV	"	2,997	40	37
DM2BPG	"	176,190	293	210	*DL2IAN	"	117,208	261	184	*DG9AK	"	2,622	42	38
DL1ASA	"	161,568	250	198	*DL6EZ	"	115,362	249	174	*DG3DJ	"	72	6	6
DJ9KM	"	161,454	268	213	*DG3BZ	"	109,375	237	175	*DB7QJ	7	224,082	297	211
DJ5AN	"	157,210	249	199	*DF1DX	"	106,134	187	147	*DK2AJ	"	203,850	243	225
DK1AX	"	153,786	268	213	*DL8ARJ	"	104,319	215	173	*DF9VN	"	45,100	113	110
DF8V	"	144,970	256	190	*DL2RUG	"	103,831	201	163	*DL2KWA	"	11,536	65	56
					*DP5P	"	99,528	185	143	*DJ3IV	"	5,120	42	40
										(OP: DL1MHJ)				
DL8MKG	"	127,512	227	184	*DL4FAP	"	96,624	214	183	*DL5NAM	"	1,312	16	16
DJ9HX	"	119,140	218	185	*DL1HSI	"	92,895	216	165	*DF1MM	3.5	516,800	449	323
DL7JOM	"	117,648	221	171	*DC8SG	"	90,275	196	157	*DO6BE	"	104,006	198	161
DG7CF	"	109,648	225	154	*DK6OR	"	89,604	214	171	*DF1LON	"	45,770	115	115
DF2LH	"	95,496	208	173	*DK4EF	"	77,345	183	155	*DL1HUH	"	17,952	71	68
DK6IM	"	72,628	193	134	*DF7IH	"	75,543	183	149	*DMØE	"	14,112	66	63
DL4ABR	"	62,064	160	144	*DH2DAM	"	73,947	191	157					(OP: DG1HXJ)
DL1LOD	"	61,770	166	142	*DL3LJ	"	66,859	154	139	*DK7FU	"	11,716	59	58
DLØVBG	"	59,265	150	135	*DR1E	"	65,688	162	136	*DM7CW	"	11,252	58	58
DP7R	"	56,500	162	125	*DL7ØWOB	"	65,016	149	126					
										(OP: DB1WA)				
										(OP: DM6EE)				
DL8DWL	"	51,088	140	124	*DL8ZU	"	63,228	15						

*OG95AA	"	690,506	628	391	*TF2MSN	A	170,628	285	236	*IK8IOO	"	202,878	314	221
*OH1NOA	"	464,100	492	325	*TF3VE	"	12,960	98	81	*IW6PWC	"	199,656	314	236
*OH2LZI	"	331,476	451	276	*TF3PPN	14	11,856	77	76	*I2BZN	"	176,157	286	207
*OH2LU	"	242,840	350	260			Ireland			*IW5EIJ	"	171,039	292	213
*OH9GIT	"	68,800	191	160	EI6JK	A	347,204	409	286	*IZ8CLM	"	169,420	253	197
*OH1XY	"	1,536	27	24	EI6HB	"	23,600	123	100	*IU3FBL	"	167,420	269	220
*OH5UQ	"	136	8	8	*EI8KW	A	148,782	274	181	*IZ8EPX	"	157,456	274	208
*OH1FFN	21	7,752	65	57	*EI2INB	"	42,240	126	110	*IW2FUT	"	155,420	262	190
*OH2HOD	14	162,306	309	254	*EI3CTB	28	735	18	15	*IZ7NMD	"	152,308	279	202
*OH6JUM	3.5	3,588	40	39			Isle of Man			*IK5BSC	"	151,140	286	229
		France			MD7C	A	3,557,175	1777	645	*IU2JWF	"	149,051	247	199
F4AIF	A	1,657,656	976	552						*IZ8FPK	"	142,450	242	185
F5OAM	"	898,573	707	409						*IK2OVT	"	138,400	254	200
F6EQZ	"	733,956	628	372			Italy			*IK3MLF	"	126,144	222	192
F1AGR	"	700,878	557	398	I5MXX	A	3,697,155	1443	679	*IK6OIN	"	120,581	229	173
F5BMI	"	360,108	400	252	IC8SXS	"	2,372,860	1338	595	*IK6BSN	"	112,200	224	165
F5GFA	"	350,512	468	304	IX1CLD	"	1,929,368	1051	524	*IK3BVD	"	100,277	179	149
F4FDR	"	197,960	324	245	IZ2FOS	"	1,424,800	909	520	*IK4XQT/4	"	93,399	216	163
F4HRM	"	158,670	288	215	IZ2BVC	"	1,164,834	865	407	*IK2EBP	"	88,452	190	162
F8ARK	"	102,185	219	191	I1JTQ	"	980,460	718	419	*IW2NKY	"	86,372	206	151
F6FLU	"	75,330	160	155	IZ3XEF	"	659,892	571	381	*IK2AUK	"	81,885	208	159
F5NBX	28	32,118	131	106	IK5FKF	"	626,850	585	398	*IK0ALT	"	74,690	175	154
F4VSD	21	17,425	100	85	IK2SND	"	607,824	585	378	*I2LLO	"	71,686	167	146
F4GPB	7	204,960	243	210	I2DJX	"	597,094	544	361	*IK2YSJ	"	68,036	182	146
F4BPJ	"	10,092	66	58	I8JIT	"	505,160	515	365	*IK0PEA	"	63,840	151	133
*TM3Z	A	7,375,214	2069	913	IZ4FUE	"	463,536	484	333	*IU1LAR	"	63,797	174	131
				(OP: F4DSK)	I1NVU	"	407,721	427	311	*IZ3XNJ	"	61,662	159	129
*TM7Y	"	2,684,982	1183	677	IV3WMS	"	393,300	448	300	*IK8TEM	"	57,868	180	148
*F4ERS	"	1,930,065	1038	577	IZ2ZQP	"	347,700	397	285	*I5OYY	"	57,400	160	140
*F4CVO	"	449,208	442	306	IK3SCB	"	326,270	399	295	*IK8ARF	"	57,086	178	146
*F5RD	"	436,800	468	300	IV3DXW	"	284,280	295	276	*IK2MXM	"	53,730	159	135
*F4DX	"	347,616	419	284	I2WIJ	"	247,203	312	227	*IZ5HQB	"	52,959	169	139
*F6GCI	"	300,573	385	273	I3FIY	"	179,776	288	212	*IZ0GMS	"	49,714	148	134
*F5GKW	"	296,584	379	262	IU1JCY	"	174,324	276	199	*IK2SGF	"	44,896	157	122
*F6BQG	"	262,836	336	252	IK0YUT	"	158,916	296	204	*IK5JRZ	"	36,966	160	122
*F1IWH	"	250,182	336	246	IW2NOO	"	148,010	252	205	*I2XYI	"	35,722	127	106
*TM77SM	"	233,280	310	243	IZ4UFB	"	109,890	246	185	*IW5AOT	"	31,414	122	113
				(OP: F4GYM)	IZ1PLH	"	97,524	212	172	*IW0AEN	"	26,070	104	79
*F4GWY	"	202,560	292	211	IU1HHH	"	88,858	189	154	*IK2REA	"	25,839	98	87
*F5IRP	"	137,145	248	205	IW0HLZ	"	86,944	227	176	*IZ1KHS	"	25,696	100	88
*F4CZV	"	136,112	251	181	IZ0IRH	"	82,144	173	151	*IK1TTD	"	25,632	106	96
*F8CPA	"	122,668	242	182	IK2AHB	"	79,048	189	164	*IW1CHX	"	24,564	113	92
*F5PPN	"	114,573	229	181	IK2XYI	"	75,048	200	159	*IZ1NGZ	"	24,479	105	91
*F5PVK	"	100,392	204	141	IK4HPS	"	69,438	193	163	*IK4IDP	"	24,024	99	91
*F4GDI	"	98,808	204	184	IK8SVQ	"	69,300	184	154	*IK4MTF	"	24,024	99	91
*F8AOF	"	45,261	127	107	IC8FJX	"	68,400	216	171	*IK0NOJ	"	18,564	95	84
*F6AUS	"	24,288	101	96	IK2LFF	"	67,210	157	130	*IU2GGD	"	12,859	85	77
*F5MMB	"	20,910	96	85	IK2XRW	"	66,232	188	136	*IV3IQY	"	11,556	68	54
*F4BHK	"	14,528	68	64	IZ2ODM	"	63,315	184	135	*IN3FHE	"	10,773	63	63
*F4IQX	"	11,700	83	75	IV3ARJ	"	62,560	165	136	*IK2TDM	"	10,034	65	58
*F1MKC	"	9,150	50	50	IN3BFW	"	53,336	147	118	*I0/S58Y	"	7,536	50	48
*F8FUA	"	7,379	51	47	IW4ECF	"	43,260	117	103	*IZ3ZOO	"	4,968	39	36
*F1VEV	"	2,214	27	27	IK1DFH	"	42,784	124	112	*I3WBD	"	4,455	46	45
*F4IRV	"	870	16	15	I7CSB	"	31,296	111	96	*IZ0YIQ	"	3,333	40	33
*F5JJA	"	240	12	12	IK2IKW	"	29,500	109	100	*IU4BIP	"	2,436	33	29
*F6IRG	28	12,210	72	66	IW3SSD	"	15,750	77	63	*IK4UOA	"	2,225	25	25
*F5TY	21	1,344	25	24	IZ8DVD	"	15,169	81	77	*IK2WXQ	"	2,208	35	32
*F1IKA	7	85,680	159	140	IV3IPA	"	7,943	50	47	*I2ORX	"	2,070	30	30
*F6APU	"	13,440	59	56	IW8BZE	"	6,076	65	62	*IW2JRV	"	1,200	21	20
					IV3VFR	"	4,653	40	33	*IZ2ABZ	"	874	19	19
					IK2QIN	"	3,003	37	33	*IZ2BHQ	"	189	9	9
					IZ8GBT	"	1,334	23	23	*IU2LVV	"	2	1	1
SV1RK	A	496,620	535	356	IW3QRM	28	12,261	76	67	*I4JEE	28	7,344	56	51
SV1ABB	"	349,720	437	280	IK3ASM	"	1,281	22	21	*IK2LOL	"	3,162	36	34
SV1ELI	"	327,500	447	262	IZ4ZZB	21	621,673	608	377	*IQ8XS	21	438,948	494	356
SV1JG	21	479,493	560	387	IK4ZHH	"	176,484	296	231					(OP: IZ8GNR)
SV2ESW	"	304,308	436	321	IU4CSS	"	31,790	128	110	*IZ7UMS	"	120,716	254	206
SV3EXU	"	19,140	103	87	IQ1RY	14	2,916,377	1442	851	*IZ8BGY	"	47,838	171	134
SV3FUP	14	347,800	521	376						*IZ5OQX	"	13,505	79	73
*SV8DCY	A	740,411	738	361						*IK2UJEX	"	7,535	70	55
*SV7QNV	"	271,679	375	263						*IK5AMB	14	696,532	676	452
*SV6EBQ	"	271,469	352	253	IZ1PKV	"	823,770	741	486	*IZ8EFD	"	237,349	398	287
*SV2HUD	"	205,005	352	237	IU3PMA	"	688,648	705	472	*IQ5OX	"	6,496	62	56
*SV1AJD	"	127,652	253	194	IZ8GUQ	"	254,408	382	308	*IU3PGL	"	3,358	46	46
*SV1DOO	"	93,000	213	150	IV3ZNK	"	21,432	104	94	*IK7LVE	"	2,166	41	38
*SV7CUD	"	89,076	194	156	IC8POF	"	21,203	100	91	*I2V	7	1,176,480	671	456
*SV8IIR	"	86,184	202	162	IZ4DZD	"	7,581	59	57					(OP: IW2MX)
*SV1JFL	"	51,480	177	143	IZ4NIC	7	2,454,220	934	554	*I3PXN	"	1,068,450	640	419
*SV4RNT	"	162	9	9	I5WNN	"	867,360	609	390	*IW1PNJ	"	975,000	614	390
*SV1BJW	21	288,304	452	296	IZ7XUQ	"	207,834	236	201	*IK0REP	"	804,180	513	390
*SV3SKM	"	265,880	436	289	IK0LNN	"	66,924	127	117	*IK4ZIF	"	710,988	515	358
*SV3/SV1BDO	14	37,211	145	127	I1WXY	3.5	510,848	456	307	*IU3OAR	"	235,752	278	228
*SV1CDN	7	21,888	81	76	IZ3SQW	"	260,380	293	235	*IW3RCK	"	170,912	238	196
					IZ2GNQ	"	166,870	239	185	*IK2WZV	"	79,786	150	139
					IK0XBX	"	121,072	203	161	*IZ1JF	"	65,772	138	126
					I4AVG	"	7,650	46	45	*IK7NXU	"	9,646	58	53
*GU0SUP	A	602,316	495	396	*IQ6AN	A	6,121,180	1969	845	*IU4OMO	"	4,032	33	32
										*IU7IWT	"	2,028	26	26
										*I4IKW	"	1,800	19	18
										*IU5BON	"	392	14	14
										*IK4RVG	3.5	593,120	491	337
HA5UX	A	953,955	710	435	*IZ4BOY	"	4,905,648	1654		*IK0TUM	"	183,876	252	199
HA8BE	"	34,384	124	112										
HA8FK	28	103,788	216	186	*IK2BUF	"	1,203,600	841	472					
HG3DX	21	1,530,664	975	584	*IW1CBG	"	775,786	628	394					
					*IW1RLC	"	706,192	605	368					
					*IU4JJP	"	558,971	511	329					
HG5D	14	1,220,751	928	567	*IZ4OSH	"	558,444	496	346					
					*IK0GDG	"	522,600	519	312					
					*IK2FTB	"	510,860	521	356					
HA1AD	"	338,062	462	326	*IV3BCA	"	485,085	473	365					
HA1TJ	3.5	2,224,690	965	545	*IK2SAR	"	380,255	426	295					
*HA3OU	A	323,901	374	261	*IK4QJF	"	373,200	431	300					
*HA3HK	"	321,030	373	270	*I2NKR	"								

W5TN	"	32,725	172	119
*WQ5L	A	366,582	543	321
*K5IFA	"	13,056	94	68
*KB5DJX	"	722	20	19
District 6				
AJ6V	A	1,045,170	1189	441
NN6DX	"	222,816	444	264
NF6A	"	121,352	267	154
K6YK	"	87,084	288	177
W6TK	"	48,077	177	131
*KF6RY	A	128,132	460	206
*K6TLH	"	67,473	266	147
*KC9EI	"	29,700	170	110
*NG6O	7	27,648	106	96
*WZ6ZZ	3.5	24,638	41	33
*K6KM	28	4,224	51	48
*AG6AG	A	3,960	52	44
District 7				
KU1CW	A	1,850,275	1372	554
K7JQ	"	285,936	588	276
W7BP	"	67,338	282	174
WU6W	"	51,972	208	142
*KJ9C	A	148,887	444	213
*K7AZT	"	64,676	265	148
*KX7L	"	32,956	168	107
*W8MYL	"	22,632	190	123
*W7MTL	"	19,040	124	85
*WN7Y	"	2,790	48	45
District 8				
KI6DY	A	1,593,394	1162	517
WA8Y	"	541,680	776	370
*WA8MCD	A	484,692	676	338
*AA8OY	"	374,035	539	313
*WB8JUI	"	344,784	558	264
*K3JT	"	332,920	515	290
*K8AJS	"	95,725	239	175
*WA8YZB	"	41,952	213	138
*AA8SW	"	36,840	155	120
*N8FYL	"	4,940	59	52
*KT8X	"	1,860	30	30
*WB8JAY	28	888	27	24
District 9				
W19WI	A	703,010	958	385
W9PA	"	179,304	344	241
*KB9YOJ	A	365,371	575	293
*W9TD	"	187,456	475	232
*W9AKS	7	63,732	198	141
*N9KT	A	48,972	187	132
*N9TNT	"	35,934	149	113
*KB9S	"	21,100	138	100
*AA9WP	"	17,088	116	89
*AF9FA	"	735	36	35
District Ø				
N7WY	A	1,286,256	1274	508
NØTA	"	478,458	871	342
NØVT	7	95,142	230	157
KØHB	A	42,000	180	120
WAØTXJ	"	14,688	131	96
*WDØT	A	565,211	1038	317
*KØRJK	"	2,173	48	41
*WAØMN	A	38,608	195	127
Alaska				
NL7S	A	105	7	7
Canada				
District 2				
VE2EZD	A	194,682	323	213
*VE2OWL	A	53,325	155	135
*VE2ZWA	"	24,479	106	91
District 3				
VE3KI	A	1,810,230	1072	498
VE3GYL	"	1,096,464	835	431
VA3WW	7	48,510	124	91
*VA3PC	A	299,584	400	248
*VA3RSA	"	99,532	222	149
*VE3KJQ	A	50,050	174	110
District 5				
VE5CPU	A	583,656	816	332
*VE5SF	A	302,915	514	235
District 6				
*VA6RCN	A	115,940	300	155
District 7				
VA7XH	A	301,600	493	260
VA7MAY	"	181,636	328	182
Cuba				
*CO8NMN	A	530,400	728	341
*CO2XK	21	261,025	520	265
Martinique				
*FM/VE3DZ	A	320,840	378	260
Mexico				
*XE1YD	A	38,720	177	110

KP4/K6DTT	A	2,259,766	1252	571
AFRICA				
Canary Islands				
EA8DO	A	4,235,958	1611	654
*EA8BQM	A	102,000	155	125
*EA8TR	28	95,927	219	157
Ceuta & Melilla				
*EA9ACD	21	178,972	301	202
Zimbabwe				
*Z2ZO	28	30,705	119	89
ASIA				
Asiatic Russia				
District 9				
UA8J	7	262,880	251	212
*RZ9AD	21	506,726	529	341
*R9RA	A	27,876	104	92
*RC9T	14	14,892	76	73
District Ø				
RDØA	A	1,639,764	1081	482
RWØSR	"	289,940	411	266
UAØSU	7	68,432	121	104
*RAØWHE	A	185,954	325	218
*RØUT	"	148,596	304	203
*RCØAJ	14	5,625	49	45
Asiatic Turkey				
*TA2FT	7	169,950	194	165
*TA7AO	14	6,240	55	48
China				
*BG8DIV	A	142,129	288	169
*BD4SDO	21	56,070	186	126
*BD4RHV	"	39,188	141	93
*BI4VIP	28	18,673	31	22
*BG8PM	"	5,969	27	24
*BA4VE	A	784	19	16
India				
VU2DED	A	445,300	448	292
Israel				
*4X1AJ	28	3,640	37	35
Japan				
District 1				
JH1CTV	A	165,020	279	185
JA1OVD	"	122,411	220	167
JA1XRA	"	106,876	216	154
JA1QOW	"	94,446	215	159
JF1UOW	"	39,895	131	101
JA1FNO	28	14,775	81	75
*JA1MZM	A	420,980	525	310
*JM1NKT	"	351,862	444	287
*JS1KKY	"	106,920	207	162
*JA1ATM	"	38,306	136	107
*JI1BBN	21	24,208	107	89
*JA2JNC/1	14	14,271	89	71
*JA1GZK	A	11,132	57	46
*JG1TGQ	"	1,725	27	25
*JE1GZB	14	207	10	9
*JF1WCK	"	3	1	1
District 3				
JR3RIU	A	113,736	250	168
JP3UBR	"	11,151	64	59
JA3VOV	14	6,930	63	55
JK3NSD	A	2,808	26	26
*JR3GPP	21	12,480	51	47
District 4				
JM4WUZ	A	32,292	117	92
*JH4UTP	A	437,166	511	298
*JH4FUF	21	7,124	54	51
District 5				
*JA5CBU	21	216	10	9
District 6				
JA6BZI	A	496,112	471	307
*JH6TNH	A	1,034	23	22
District 7				
JH7QXJ	A	785,150	704	384
JG7AMD	"	519,480	494	333
*JA7MWC	A	29,133	121	83
District Ø				
*JHØDUG	14	1,254	28	22
*JIØVVQ	"	3	1	1
Lebanon				
*OD5ZF	7	211,548	210	183
EUROPE				
Austria				
*OE2E	A	1,430,620	837	466
*OE3MCS	14	3,612	43	42
Belarus				
EW4A	3.5	519,110	453	305
EU1ST	A	198,008	297	212

*ON4CT	A	510,260	438	310
*ON4CBA	7	181,984	231	188
Bosnia-Herzegovina				
*E74SL	7	69,688	142	124
Bulgaria				
LZ1ZJ	A	1,237,613	880	481
*LZ3QE	A	1,122,735	891	445
*LZ1MC	"	31,416	100	84
Croatia				
*9A1CFR	21	195,409	314	263
Czech Republic				
OK1XC	28	16,401	84	77
*OK1PMA	A	482,678	488	322
*OK1MGA	"	118,816	269	188
*OK1BJ	"	61,899	173	141
*OK1AUO	21	57,378	170	146
*OK1DAR	A	44,940	135	107
*OK7N	"	24,696	96	84
Denmark				
OZ11A	A	1,620,038	1063	542
OZ1LFI	"	198,810	327	235
England				
GX5EA	A	362,558	390	266
MØNPK	"	18,009	80	69
*GØFGI	A	592,950	545	354
*MØTQR	"	225,600	343	240
*M5W	7	199,980	247	202
*M1VPN	A	190,092	296	219
*G4DDL	"	117,936	235	182
*G4TSH	"	63,074	145	122
*GØMTN	"	32,864	120	104
*G5C	"	21,658	107	91
*G1VDP	21	11,418	76	66
*GØSBN	14	5,635	57	49
*M4C	"	3,569	44	43
European Russia				
District 1				
*UA1COA	14	103,873	247	209
District 3				
R5DT	A	393,442	459	314
*R3AQ	A	559,874	514	406
*RA3RLJ	"	6,670	62	58
District 4				
*RG4A	A	1,439,478	1092	513
*R4WZ	"	4,182	45	41
District 6				
UA6CE	A	1,876,997	1054	673
*RA6LIS	14	273,126	472	294
*RO7C	21	272,246	471	283
*R6KEE	"	31,239	114	105
*R7KO	7	124,780	195	170
District 9				
*R9FE	A	602,006	713	369
*R9FCY	"	70,560	190	147
European Turkey				
*TA1SOR	A	245,160	367	239
Fed. Rep. of Germany				
DAØBCC	A	1,720,020	1017	526
DF8QB	"	1,308,791	863	474
DK1FW	"	507,236	493	346
DL4AMK	"	330,615	414	285
DL4ABR	"	62,064	160	144
*DM3M	A	913,230	715	417
*DG2BWG	"	340,554	540	329
*DL2IAN	"	117,208	261	184
*DG3BZ	"	109,375	237	175
*DF1DX	"	106,134	187	147
*DR1E	"	65,688	162	136
*DL7ØWOB	"	65,016	149	126
*DJ6MK	"	42,837	134	109
*DB5ØAFZ	14	41,616	157	136
*DM2DLG	A	36,685	138	115
*DL1EJD	"	33,100	118	100
*DL8ZAJ	"	30,048	109	96
*DL3AS	"	17,860	86	76
*DL8MRE	"	16,717	89	73
*DK9BM	"	6,204	52	47
*DO7ES	"	3,404	38	37
*DL2AK	21	1,296	26	24
*DL2AMT	A	56,070	152	126
*DJ3HW	14	34,181	147	133
*DF5GO	A	16	8	8
Finland				
*OH1NOA	A	464,100	492	325
France				
*F5RD	A	436,800	468	300

*F5MMB	"	20,910	96	85	*SP9KAG	7	159,048	223	188	SOUTH AMERICA				
*F6APU	7	13,440	59	56						Argentina				
*F6IRG	28	12,210	72	66	*SP4NKJ	21	34,980	149	110	LT9H	21	229,653	352	237
Greece					Portugal					(OP: LU3HY)				
SV3FUP	14	282,289	521	376	CT7AIX	28	13,440	75	64	L2ØX	"	2,016	41	34
*SV8DCY	A	740,411	738	361	Romania					(OP: LU8MHL)				
*SV3SKM	21	265,880	436	289	YO9RIJ	3.5	60,452	135	119	*L77D	28	46,056	139	114
*SV7QNV	A	256,256	375	263	*YO7LYM	A	119,579	225	197	(OP: LU6DC)				
*SV7CUD	"	89,076	194	156	*YO5AXF	21	34,730	138	115	*LT5A	"	364	14	13
*SV1CDN	7	21,888	81	76	*YO3JW	3.5	25,004	28	28	Brazil				
Guernsey					*YO2GL	A	13,300	73	70	PY5ZHP	A	577,642	602	338
*GUØSUP	A	602,316	495	396	*YO3CEN	"	11,330	65	55	*PY2KO	21	127,161	251	199
Ireland					Sicily					(OP: LU8MHL)				
*EI2INB	A	42,240	126	110	IT9QGH	A	604,915	574	359	*PY2DPM	28	42,705	54	49
Italy					*IT9VCE	14	205,288	389	268	*PY2OSD	A	21,093	110	89
I5MXX	A	2,532,703	1443	679	*IT9ATF	21	197,104	333	254	*PY6TS	14	16,116	94	79
IC8SQS	"	1,475,906	1338	595	*IW9BJP	A	8,100	57	50	*PU2YMH	21	10,080	76	72
IZ2FOS	"	1,424,800	909	520	*IT9ORA	"	7,670	68	59	*PY2GTA	"	3,500	36	35
IZ2BVC	"	1,164,834	865	407	*IW9GRL	21	3,880	41	40	Chile				
IZ1PKV	14	823,770	741	486	Slovenia					*XQ3SK	21	167,000	303	200
IK2SND	A	607,824	585	378	S52X	3.5	1,925,616	1002	559	*CB3R	14	9,918	62	58
I1NVU	"	407,721	427	311	Spain					(OP: XQ3SK)				
IZ7XUQ	7	207,834	236	201	EA7KI	21	444,264	560	346	Paraguay				
IZ4UFB	A	109,890	246	185	EF1C	14	147,616	346	224	*ZP6/N3BNA	A	320,040	448	254
IZ1PLH	"	97,524	212	172	Sweden					TRIBANDER / WIRES				
IWØHLZ	"	86,944	227	176	*EC7R	21	922,041	821	477	North America				
IK2AHB	"	79,048	189	164	*EB4GOO	A	574,668	535	313	United States				
IV3ARJ	"	62,560	165	136	*EA3AQ	"	268,570	342	251	District 1				
IK1DFH	"	42,784	124	112	*EB3TR	21	66,834	185	158	AE1P	A	1,854,657	1324	567
IW3SSD	"	15,750	77	63	*EA5HYJ	A	62,928	187	144	KA1YQC	"	655,361	748	373
*I3PXN	7	1,068,450	640	419	*EA2BNU	14	57,350	167	155	W1HS	"	571,786	651	367
*IW1PNJ	"	975,000	614	390	*EA4FIT	A	21,606	90	78	W1TO	"	60,702	160	134
*IKØREP	"	804,180	513	390	*EF4A	"	11,252	61	58	*N1EN	A	365,862	504	281
*IU4JJP	A	558,971	511	329	*EA3EZD	21	4,635	55	45	*N1DID	"	259,200	448	270
*IQ8XS	21	438,948	494	356	*EA7FDO	A	4,187	58	53	*AB1J	21	236,504	408	296
(OP: IZ8GNR)					*EA1IQT	"	4,068	38	36	*N1IBM	A	215,824	306	287
*IU4HMY	A	353,976	415	294	*EE2A	A	20,992	100	82	*K1RO	"	40,430	149	130
*IK7DXP	"	292,125	419	285	Switzerland					*W1RPG	"	15,323	101	77
*IU3OAR	7	235,752	278	228	SC7DX	A	15,895	87	85	District 2				
*IKØTUM	3.5	183,876	252	199	*SM5S	A	223,236	305	212	KE2D	A	1,445,940	976	522
*IW3RCK	7	170,912	238	196	*7S9A	28	297	11	11	WX2NJ	"	1,083,780	870	486
*IZ8FPK	A	142,450	242	185	Ukraine					(OP: K2RET)				
*IW2NKY	"	86,372	206	151	UT3N	7	384,720	379	280	NN2NN	"	898,650	899	450
*IZ1JFF	7	65,772	138	126	*UT3SO	A	559,240	561	328	W2JV	"	496,551	581	367
*IU1LAR	A	63,797	174	131	*UX1BZ	"	441,561	474	309	AB2E	"	5,060	56	46
*IZ3XNJ	"	61,662	159	129	*US7UK	"	263,142	313	297	*WB2JVO	A	704,946	803	363
*IK8TEM	"	57,868	180	148	*UR7HCX	21	174,636	378	231	(OP: K2AL)				
*I5OYY	"	57,400	160	140	*UW7CN	A	748	19	17	*W2NO	"	544,440	532	390
*IK8ARF	"	57,086	178	146	*UT7AA	21	12,160	88	76	*KC2WUF	"	486,239	662	331
*IZØGMS	"	49,714	148	134	*UV3RT	14	6,612	58	57	*KW2O	"	476,790	504	345
*I2XYI	"	35,722	127	106	Vienna Intl. Ctr.					(OP: KA2D)				
*IK2REA	"	25,839	98	87	*4U1A	A	861,931	614	413	*W2VTV	7	256,486	361	257
*IZ1KHS	"	25,696	100	88	Wales					*KS2G	A	85,340	250	170
*IK1TTD	"	25,632	106	96	GW5NF	A	939,560	703	415	*WB2NVR	"	33,638	152	121
*IZ3ZOO	"	4,968	39	36	OCEANIA					*KB2URI	"	15,170	82	74
*I3WBD	"	4,455	46	45	Australia				District 3					
*IU7IWT	7	2,028	26	26	*VK4ZP	A	43,623	139	111	N3QE	A	3,631,232	1742	704
*IZ2ABZ	A	874	19	19	*VJ3O	14	14,688	79	72	NF3R	"	2,870,072	1590	712
*IKØBDO	7	9,520	61	56	*VK3IU	A	4,370	39	38	WA3AAN	"	501,248	561	352
Kaliningrad					*VK3P	"	3,276	41	39	K3MD	"	202,426	373	266
*UD2F	3.5	197,950	104	96	Hawaii					(OP: HB9RB)				
Latvia					WH7T	A	495,396	507	278	W2CDO	"	177,160	289	206
*YL2NK	A	229,595	337	235	Indonesia				District 4					
*YL2LW	21	3,744	42	38	YB2MM	A	454,080	495	320	K1RZ	"	148,608	277	192
Lithuania					YB2HAF	21	104,075	229	181	AA3S	"	25,662	107	91
*LY7W	A	493,108	486	308	YB7MYS	A	32,469	130	79	K3AU	"	22,000	88	80
(OP: LY2NZ)					YB8UTI	7	28,762	105	73	N3MWQ	21	14,760	91	82
Netherlands					*YB1RKT	A	323,640	384	261	*AC5XK	A	395,281	570	311
*PA3BUD	A	124,916	239	187	*YB1AYO	"	212,180	310	206	*K3QP	"	207,378	397	246
*PE1OYB	14	77,686	220	179	*YBØNSI	14	86,184	209	171	*KC2VON	"	70,532	208	154
*PA6ML	A	55	5	5	*YB1IUQ	A	77,190	249	167	*W3IDT	"	41,088	170	128
(OP: PE1MR)					*YC2XCD	21	53,950	175	130	*AJ3M	"	3,116	46	41
North Macedonia					*YB8CMT	A	33,120	122	92	District 5				
*Z36W	A	988,972	795	447	*YB3BGM	21	30,652	116	97	K9OM	7	1,610,840	842	523
*Z36N	"	181,412	274	209	*YB8JEC	"	29,700	141	90	W4GE	A	1,406,224	1114	491
*Z33YL	"	111,300	240	175	*YB7GRN	A	16,380	101	70	NR4O	"	1,297,789	1128	463
*Z35Z	3.5	86,180	167	139	*YBØBAC	"	5,964	43	42	W1AJT	"	1,202,698	766	542
Northern Ireland					*YB3ATK	"	4,865	54	35	NN4NN	"	1,115,500	1077	485
*GI4H	A	292,670	339	259	*YD1LYG	"	1,950	47	25	(OP: K3SV)				
(OP: GI4JTF)					*YD2NIR	7	648	25	18	AB4SF	"	829,440	719	405
*MIØH	"	234,234	312	231	*YB2CTE	7	4,134	71	39	W5MX	"	691,875	787	375
(OP: MIØKOA)					*YB6UAF	A	44	5	4	N4IQ	"	661,044	854	372
Norway					Philippines					(OP: K3SV)				
*LC7N	A	1,038,334	825	433	DV3A	A	501,390	580	270	AA8R	"	595,197	678	369
(OP: LA5LJA)					*411BNC	A	20,377	119	71	KN4BIT	"	230,892	513	271
*LB2WG	"	335,795	426	281	*DV9IHK	28	4,200	51	40	K3DNE	"	202,864	402	248
Poland					Samoa					(OP: K3SV)				
SP9DTE	A	548,260	597	372	*5W1SA	28	81,153	159	104	*K4GM	A	427,347	558	309
SO5E	3.5	278,631	211	178	Slovenia					(OP: K3SV)				
*SP2EWQ	A	1,238,094	785	481	IT9QGH	A	604,915	574	359	*N5SMQ	"	266,640	441	264
*SP5CGN	"	217,375	340	235	*IT9VCE	14	205,288	389	268	*W4LC	14	190,680	375	280
*SP1DOZ	"	189,056	283	224	*IT9ATF	21	197,104	333	254	*K4FTO	A	176,054	356	226
*SP8CGU	14	167,486	319	253	*IW9BJP	A	8,100	57	50	*KA4JRY	"	69,044	232	164
*SP2BAS	A	146,160	231	180	*IT9ORA	"	7,670	68	59	*NX3A	"	63,921	157	149
*SP9GMI	"	134,266	237	187	*IW9GRL	21	3,880	41	40	*W4ER	A	24,503	130	107
*SP2TQQ	"	117,860	224	166	South America					District 6				
*SP6DMI	14	93,702	232	194	Argentina				(OP: K3SV)					
*SP1DMD	A	81,600	188	150	LT9H	21	229,653	352	237	Brazil				
*SQ9PPT	3.5	35,908	101	94	L2ØX	"	2,016	41						

IKØXB	"	121,072	203	161
IK2XYI	A	75,048	200	159
IU4CSS	21	31,790	128	110
I7CSB	A	31,296	111	96
IK2IKW	"	29,500	109	100
IV3ZNK	14	21,432	104	94
IW3QRM	28	12,261	76	67
IZ4DZD	14	7,581	59	57
IK2QIN	A	3,003	37	33
*IK2BUF	A	1,203,600	841	472
*II2V	7	1,176,480	671	456
(OP: IW2MXY)				
*IW1CBG	A	775,786	628	394
*IW1RLC	"	706,192	605	368
*IV3BCA	"	485,085	473	365
*IK4QJF	"	373,200	431	300
*IWØGYC	"	249,335	321	235
*IZ8EFD	14	237,349	398	287
*IZ8CLM	A	169,420	253	197
*IK2OVT	"	138,400	254	200
*IK2AUK	"	81,885	208	159
*IKØALT	"	74,690	175	154
*IK2YSJ	"	68,036	182	146
*IKØPEA	"	63,840	151	133
*IZ5HQB	"	52,959	169	139
*IZ8BGY	21	47,838	171	134
*IK4MTF	A	18,564	95	84
*IKØNOJ	"	15,247	87	79
*IK2TDM	"	10,034	65	58
*IK7NXU	7	9,646	58	53
*IW2JRV	A	1,200	21	20
*IU5BON	7	392	14	14
*IZ8JFL	A	955,239	677	447
*IZ2QKG	"	20,444	92	76
Lithuania				
*LY2TS	A	738,606	618	361
Luxembourg				
LX1ER	A	1,313,671	843	467
LX1HD	7	749,064	541	354
*LX5IGRY	A	173,314	248	193
(OP: LX1ER)				
Netherlands				
*PG7M	A	1,111,038	693	498
*PD3EM	"	170,144	297	208
*PE2K	A	68,098	189	158
North Macedonia				
Z35T	21	1,472,445	1003	585
*Z33F	14	503,052	595	412
*Z39A	7	437,580	362	286
Northern Ireland				
*MIØI	A	59,361	172	141
Poland				
SP8K	14	874,650	770	490
SN4X	7	338,140	311	264
(OP: SP5OXJ)				
SP2QCW	A	208,619	296	229
*SP5DL	3.5	189,312	244	204
*SP3CCT	A	73,710	201	162
*SP7Y	"	50,224	169	146
*SP9IVD	"	31,842	105	87
*SP9CTS	"	23,200	90	80
*SP9KJU	3.5	8,372	48	46
(OP: SP9MDY)				
*SN3ØWOSP	A	235,940	370	235
(OP: SP2UUU)				
*SP3EMA	3.5	87,870	160	145
*SP3ZHP	28	3	1	1
Portugal				
*CR5O	A	2,356,466	1431	599
(OP: CT7AJL)				
*CS2F	"	154,093	280	223
(OP: CT1FOQ)				
Romania				
YO4NF	A	2,642,850	1285	630
*YO4DG	A	169,882	266	202
*YO4RST	"	56,170	163	137
*YO2DFA	"	27,846	102	91
Serbia				
YT8A	28	36,288	131	112
(OP: YU1EA)				
*YT2U	A	1,050,420	747	427
*YTØX	"	450,561	415	303
*YT1BX	14	122,202	286	219
Sicily				
IT9SSI	21	240,090	173	138
Slovak Republic				
*OM5KM	A	528,984	493	316
Slovenia				
S52WW	A	1,035,902	779	427
S51JQ	"	377,114	492	314
*S57AM	A	1,122,216	790	456
*S52W	"	288,769	327	229
*S57SWR	"	185,523	290	201
*S54X	"	54,752	134	116
Spain				
EA1B	14	1,293,216	991	608
EA4FME	A	439,520	486	335
ED4T	"	146,985	255	205
(OP: EA4R)				

EA1DA	"	38,626	108	89
EA5TS	14	1,860	31	30
*EF7N	A	2,743,104	1374	624
(OP: EA7KHB)				
*EA4BAS	"	1,376,949	934	493
*EA7EQ	"	421,515	482	323
*EA2CCG	"	341,817	451	287
*EA4DB	14	149,308	311	229
*EA7KFX	A	130,326	267	203
*EE3Z	28	39,672	139	116
(OP: EA3NO)				
*EA4U	A	5,304	41	39
Sweden				
SM6MVE	A	297,330	383	255
SK6KU	14	129,600	292	216
(OP: SM6VVT)				
SD1A	A	18,320	95	80
(OP: SM1TDE)				
*SE6K	A	451,705	495	305
(OP: SM6FZO)				
*SE6J	"	146,496	225	192
(OP: SM6XHM)				
*SM6NET	"	95,654	204	169
*SFØA	"	47,190	160	143
(OP: SMØLPO)				
*SMØDSF	"	13,080	63	60
Switzerland				
HB9DQL	A	138,736	255	184
Ukraine				
UZ1WW	7	2,304,562	936	587
UY5HF	A	609,220	611	415
UT2AU	3.5	231,168	295	224
UR4EI	A	48,312	147	122
*UT4LW	A	2,926,236	1694	636
*UX1VT	"	2,132,043	1115	569
*UT5EPP	"	1,531,930	1141	499
*UX7QV	"	1,104,255	877	477
*UZ2HZ	3.5	804,518	557	377
*UR7CB	A	705,726	659	378
*UR7EC	"	152,663	242	193
*UT7MR	"	100,625	250	161
*UT8AS	"	59,930	171	130
*UX3IW	28	26,030	116	95
*UR5XMM	A	19,314	95	87
*US5EEK	14	12,384	58	58
*UT1IM	A	43,845	129	111
Wales				
GWØA	A	1,116,950	808	445
(OP: GW4SKA)				
*MW9W	A	1,260,093	844	447
(OP: GWØKRL)				
OCEANIA				
Australia				
VJ5W	A	804,384	632	378
Hawaii				
*KH6CJJ	A	921,740	839	340
*KH6AQ	"	55,952	176	104
Indonesia				
YB4FIK	A	202,350	354	190
*YB9ELS	A	184,210	339	218
*YB9UA	"	78,498	248	147
*YB2MDU	"	26,712	115	84
*YB2ECG	7	17,784	93	57
*YDØRFS	A	1,472	34	23
*YB2NDX	A	14,807	99	67
*YB2ERL	"	312	14	12
New Zealand				
*ZL3VZ	A	119,822	229	181
Philippines				
*4F3BZ	28	119,790	252	165
SOUTH AMERICA				
Argentina				
LU1BJW	A	276,934	400	262
*LU3DX	A	10,980	77	60
Brazil				
PY3LX	A	156,208	294	208
*PP5DZ	A	595,700	619	350
*PT2AW	"	34,117	131	109
*PY4LH	28	21,150	105	75
*PY2XC	21	15,318	82	74
*PT8DX	"	12,730	74	67
*ZV2F	A	6,996	73	53
(OP: PY2SFA)				
*PU7ASP	"	4,257	45	43
*PY2OF	"	216	9	9
Chile				
*CE3BN	14	53,431	163	119
Venezuela				
*4M1W	28	317,592	435	263
*YV5KAJ	14	212,382	335	243
YOUTH ASIA				
Asiatic Russia				
District 9				
RA9Y	14	1,234,791	870	551
(OP: R9YCY)				

*TC7YOTA	28	Asiatic Turkey	47,478	80	65
(OP: TA7MNA)					
Japan					
District 7					
*JQ7AXT	A	9,800	61	49	
EUROPE					
Austria					
*OE9SEV	A	519,560	491	310	
Croatia					
9A2ZI	A	872,364	568	417	
*9A3LET	A	408,778	444	313	
Fed. Rep. of Germany					
DM7XX	A	3,208,205	1331	715	
*DJ4MX	A	36,960	107	96	
Ireland					
*EI8KW	A	148,782	274	181	
Poland					
SO9I	A	3,532,232	1421	712	
(OP: SQ9ORQ)					
*SP3KX	A	545,616	525	324	
*SP8BRT	7	97,280	169	152	
Serbia					
YTØC	A	1,885,970	1099	565	
OCEANIA					
Indonesia					
*YD2UWF	28	132,111	59	54	
*YC1LJT	21	87,363	217	153	
MULTI-OPERATOR					
SINGLE TRANSMITTER HIGH POWER					
NORTH AMERICA					
United States					
District 1					
NC1CC		1,179,500	919	500	
District 4					
AA5AU		4,981,536	2182	784	
District 5					
NK5P		3,152,349	1942	681	
District 6					
NW6P		241,109	554	253	
District 7					
KC7V		2,911,006	2155	617	
WW7E		1,150,552	1251	481	
District 9					
KS9R		2,824,260	1809	618	
District Ø					
AK9D		249,378	732	267	
Canada					
District 3					
VE3KTB		693,875	675	325	
ASIA					
China					
BH2SWB		194,192	321	212	
EUROPE					
Czech Republic					
OK1KSL		3,924,346	1637	727	
OL1C		1,870,858	1075	554	
England					
G2L		1,672,560	1044	552	
European Russia					
District 3					
RK3DXW		352,070	477	323	
Fed. Rep. of Germany					
DKØ5ØBN		6,049,110	2104	870	
DR5N		6,048,240	2031	870	
DP6A		5,156,672	1831	818	
DR4W		2,339,208	1196	636	
DL73AFUG		1,273,192	886	488	
DJ5LA		856,536	657	401	
DQ9M		437,540	468	334	
DKØIU		201,690	322	249	
DR2R		78,067	197	151	
Finland					
OG66X		5,391,934	2116	893	
OG7ØAD		972,334	759	458	
France					
F6KNB		6,166,611	2045	891	

F8KCF	4,775,760	1760	810
TM1D	1,101,711	890	507
Greece			
J42L	7,509,124	2349	932
SZ1A	7,285,500	2419	900
Italy			
IQ3PN	361,907	441	287
Norway			
LA1K	343,200	412	264
Romania			
YO3GNF	496,731	543	313
Serbia			
YU5R	6,736,620	2149	885
Slovak Republic			
OM5M	2,560,140	1198	660
Sweden			
SD3T	664,170	676	390
Switzerland			
HB9EP	32,034	138	114
Ukraine			
UT4UWJ	134,600	288	200
UR4NWW	41,256	126	108
UT7AXA	4,160	33	32

OCEANIA

Australia			
VL3V	1,441,237	850	469
VK2W	25,543	116	89
Indonesia			
7AØC	357,864	483	248
New Zealand			
ZM4T	2,983,680	1272	592

SOUTH AMERICA

Uruguay			
CX5A	1,156,305	971	491

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NORTH AMERICA

United States			
District 2			
*NY6DX	2,092,678	1272	679
District 3			
*ND3D	2,501,324	1363	628
District 9			
*KK9V	76,304	214	152
*W9JWC	37,450	140	107
District Ø			
*AGØMN	208,800	526	240
Mexico			
*4A9ØNLE	140,544	298	183
Puerto Rico			
*WP3C	5,777,270	2411	790
ASIA			
China			
*BH2RO	407,256	542	284
Japan			
District 2			
*JK2VOC	76,152	211	152
West Malaysia			
*9M2S	192	6	6
EUROPE			
Bosnia-Herzegovina			
*E71FDE	119,756	232	182
Croatia			
*9A7B	317,072	385	266
Czech Republic			
*OL1Z	1,644,577	982	517
*OK1RPL	206,298	319	219
Estonia			
*ES7A	1,304,226	916	462
European Russia			
District 4			
*RN4SW	1,849,637	1224	587

European Turkey			
*YM1KE	88,871	269	181
Fed. Rep. of Germany			
*DQ4W	2,592,990	1300	613
*DLØUM	124,600	245	178
France			
*TM69R	177,336	294	216
Hungary			
*HA3KHB	370,146	403	294
Lithuania			
*LY2J	2,550,925	1258	611
Poland			
*SN8Z	1,620,057	1039	489
*SP3KRE	50,600	140	115
*SP5KCR	34,080	141	120
*SP9ZPS	25,750	151	125
Republic of Kosovo			
*Z66BCC	2,758,896	1343	588
Romania			
*YO4KAK	1,173	23	23
Sicily			
*IT9MBZ	6,644,810	2087	985
Slovak Republic			
*OM3KSI	1,056,006	772	406
Slovenia			
*S57ZT	1,504,568	963	442
Spain			
*EC7MA	3,118,878	1610	666
*ED3D	1,333,956	976	503
Sweden			
*SB7A	1,006,911	794	401
Ukraine			
*UZ5P	387,000	469	300
OCEANIA			
Indonesia			
*YB9DE	650,880	583	320
*7C9R	170,340	329	204

SOUTH AMERICA

Brazil			
*PS2R	27,016	111	88
Chile			
**CE3PCG	99	9	9

MULTI-OPERATOR TWO TRANSMITTER NORTH AMERICA

United States			
K9CT	9,309,960	3655	990
WV4P	9,112,950	3525	990
NCØDX	4,019,157	2620	723
KT7E	3,897,560	2653	701
WT3K	3,111,098	1650	722
WN7M	2,447,290	1998	635
KE1S	2,445,870	1355	613
K3CCR	1,319,432	896	524
AA1SE	1,068,032	1042	448
WU5K	225,680	527	280
W1FM	133,056	333	198

AFRICA

CR3DX	25,331,940	5786	1140
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ASIA

C4I	4,646,016	1721	654
JA6ZPR	942,837	767	417

EUROPE

ED1R	14,812,860	4184	1084
UW5Y	8,004,036	2750	939
C37N	6,233,720	2359	808
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DM5B	3,062,698	1512	641
*ES5G	2,770,005	1494	651
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OCEANIA

7E3E	3,094	37	34
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NW8S	4,382,904	2306	744
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9A1A	21,386,341	5030	1217
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SX2I	11,902,215	3638	1005
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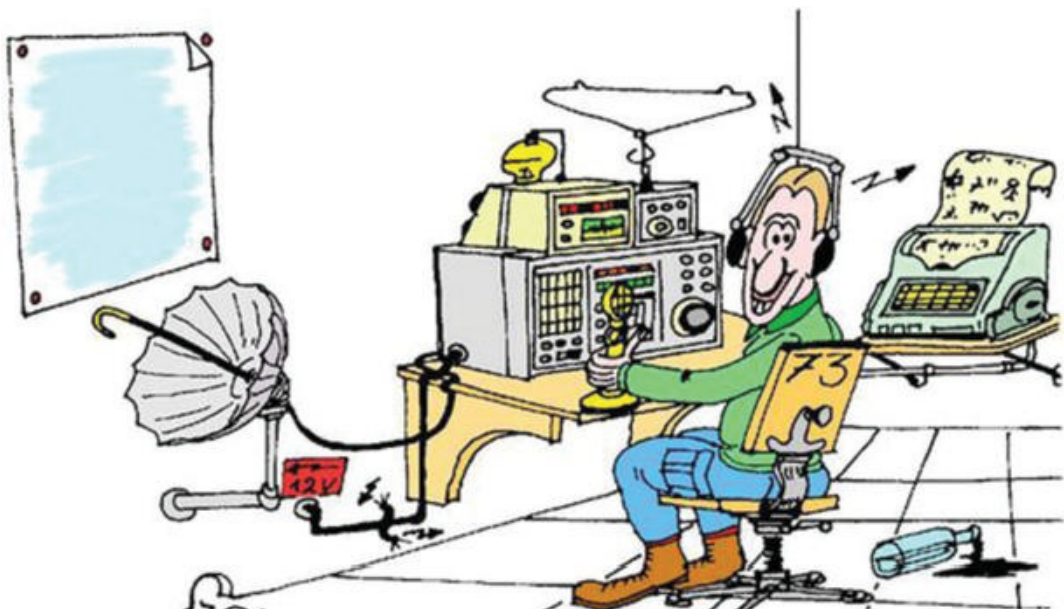
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