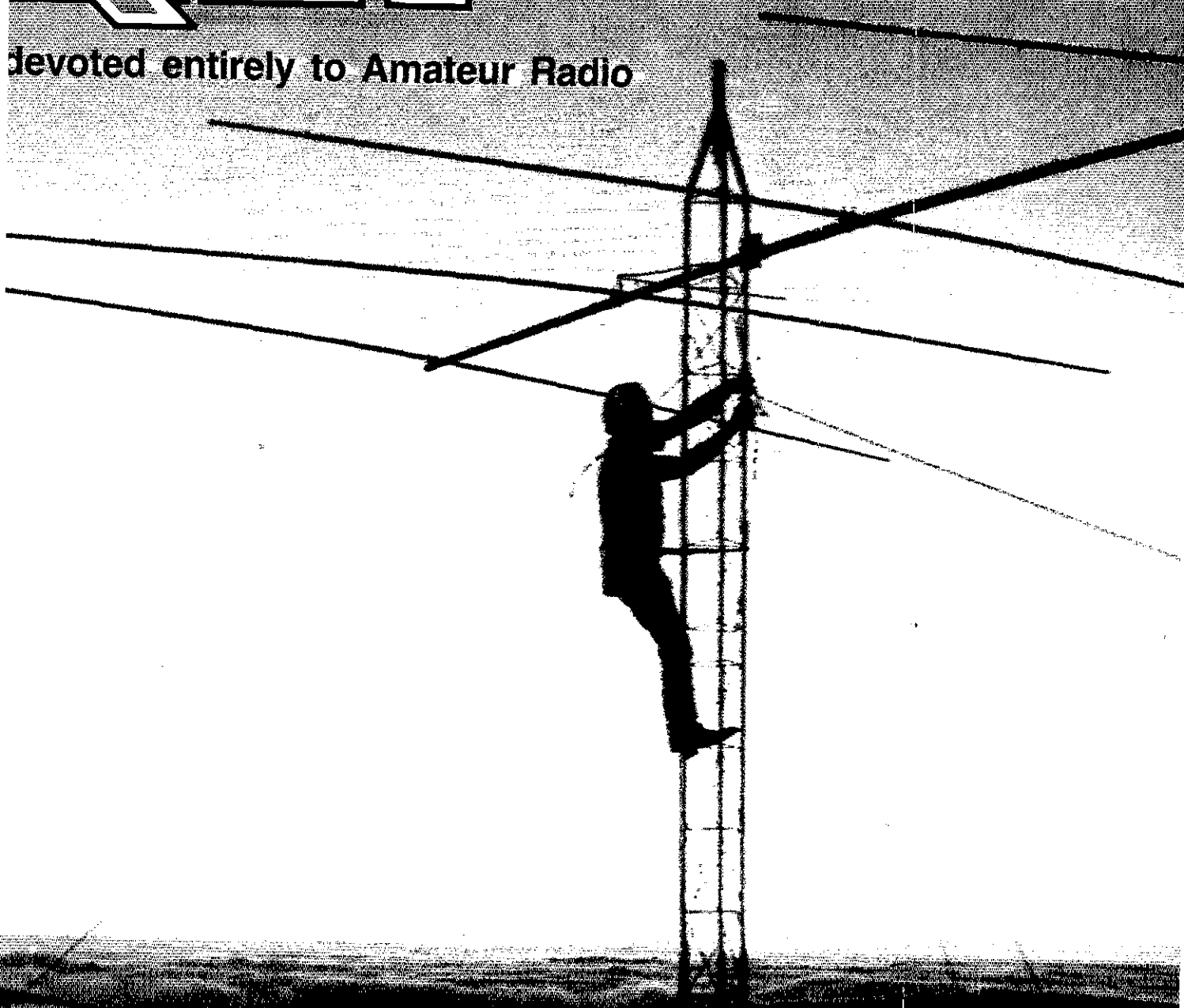


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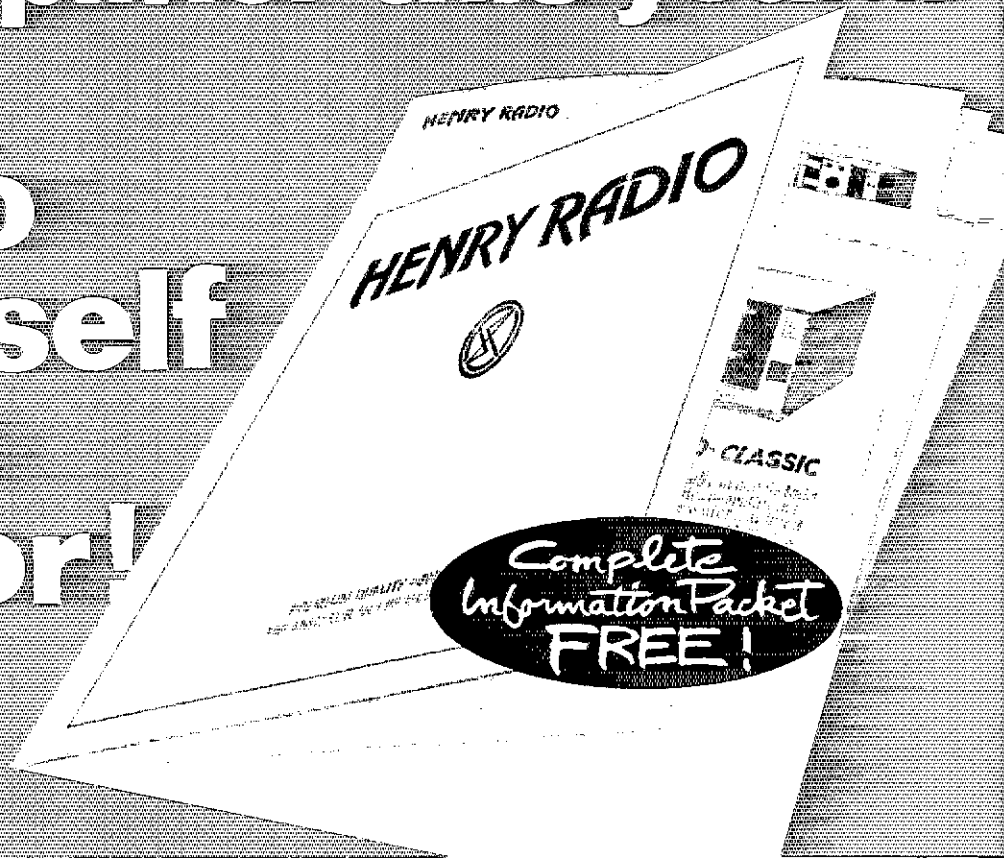


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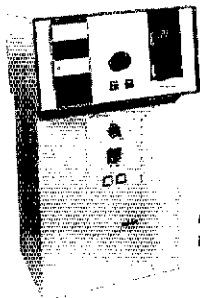
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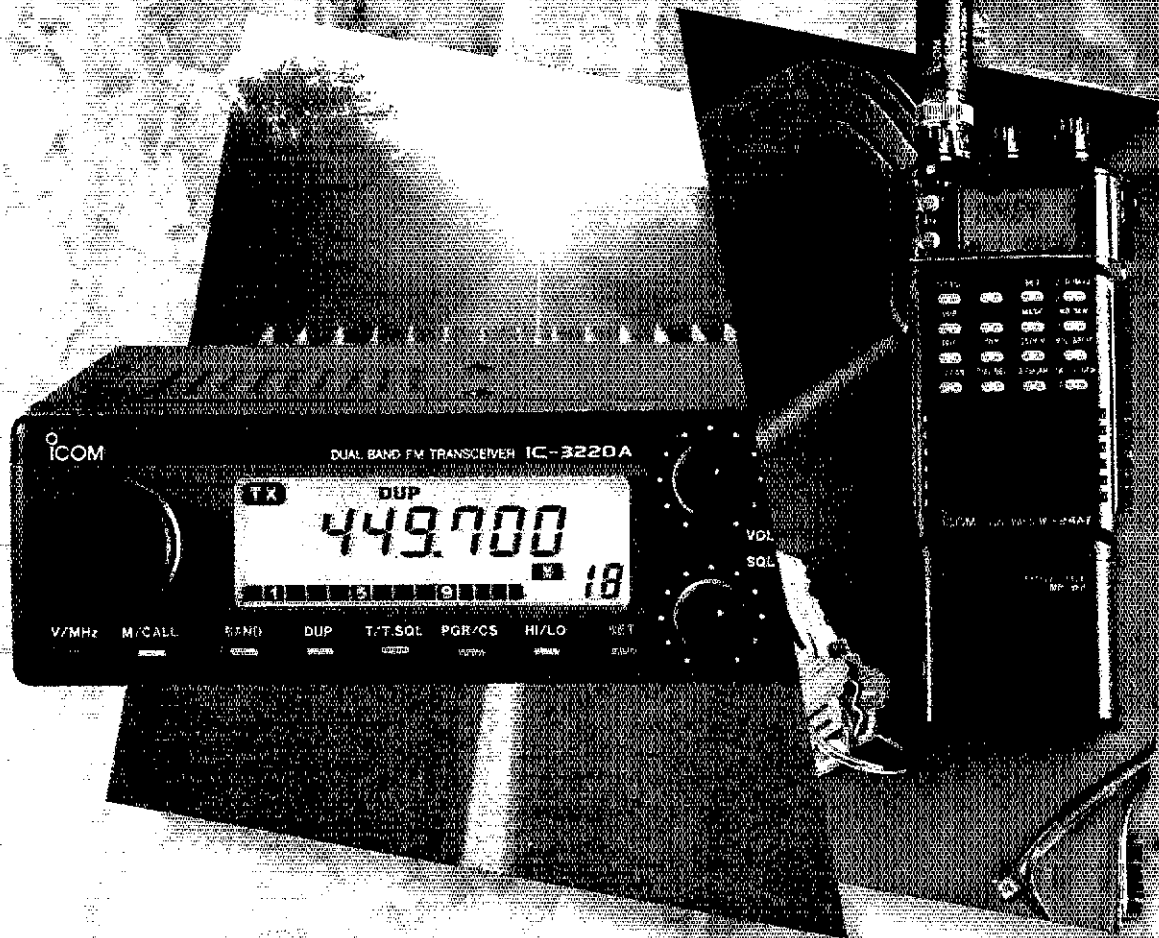
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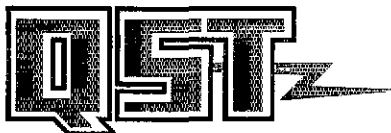
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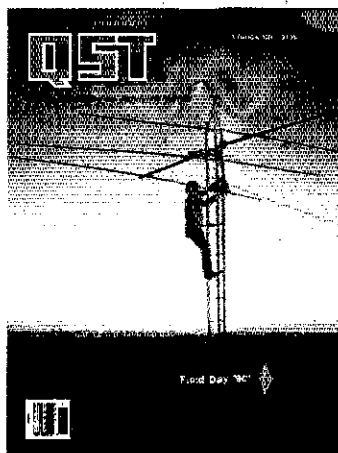
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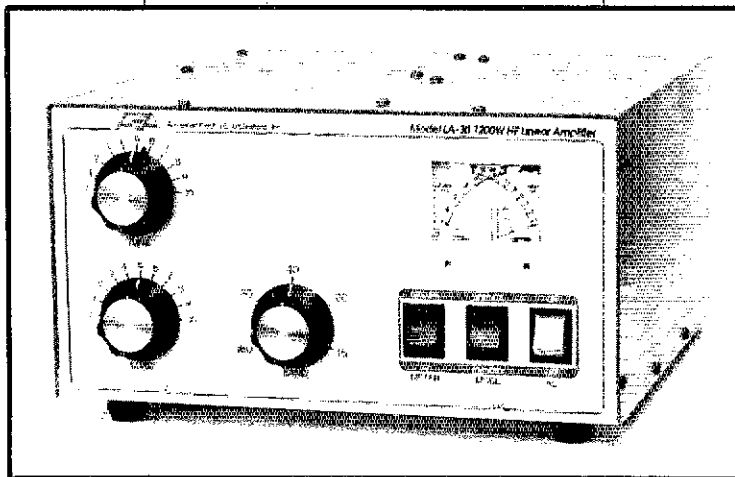
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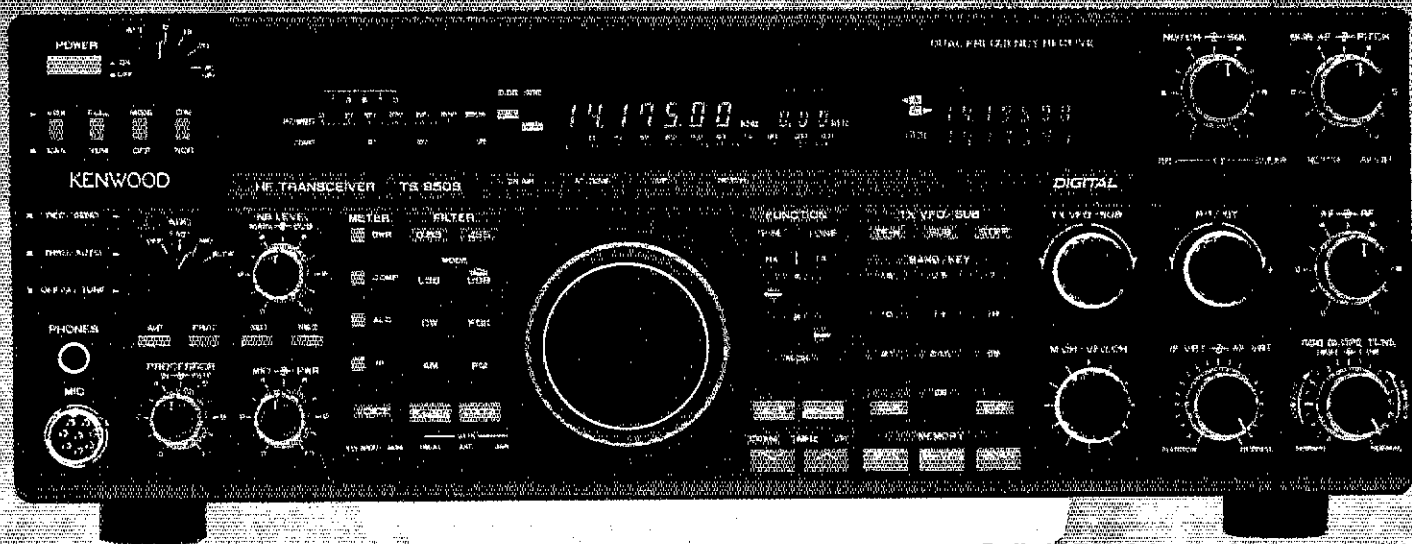
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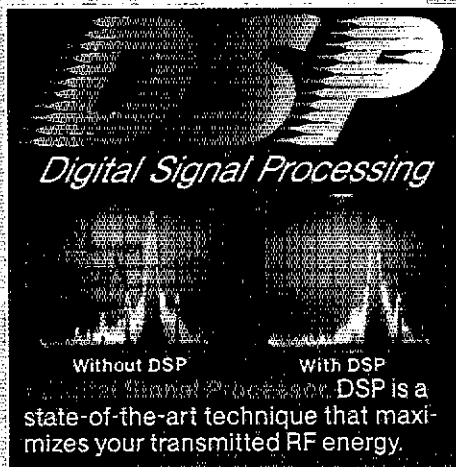
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- VS-2 Voice synthesizer
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- YK-88CN-1 270 Hz CW filter for 8.83 MHz IF \*
- YG-455CN-1 250 Hz CW filter for 455 kHz IF \*
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- YG-455S-1 2.4 kHz SSB filter for 455 kHz IF \*
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- **PG-4K, PG-4L** Front panel cable kits
- **MC-45** Multi function mic.
- **MB-11** Extra mounting bracket
- **SP-41, SP-50B** External mobile speakers
- **PG-3B** DC line noise filter
- **PS-430** Power supply
- **PG-2N** DC power cable.

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# "It Seems to Us ..."

## Potpourri

There are lots of things to talk about this month.

• **WARC-92.** The FCC released the first-draft recommended US proposals for the 1992 World Administrative Radio Conference on October 1. This issue of *QST* went to press October 2. That didn't leave a lot of time to analyze a 150-page document, but thanks to some advance information made public through the FCC WARC Industry Advisory Committee structure we were able to get a few days' head start on the article you'll find beginning on page 42.

• **DXCC.** At the moment, the most popular DX awards program in the world is suffering from its own popularity. Our DXCC Branch at HQ was hit with a triple whammy: good propagation, the addition of several new countries to the DXCC list, and new single-band awards for 80, 40, and 10 meters. A six-month backlog of new and endorsement applications has built up, which is an unacceptable state of affairs.

In tackling the backlog we're not helped by the fact that DXCC is based on manual records. In simpler days this was fine, but now a single QSL card may be used for credit toward several different awards. Our manual system gives us no easy way of knowing that the card you had already submitted for credit toward a mixed DXCC should be credited to your CW DXCC and 40-meter DXCC, now that you've earned those additional awards. So, guess what? With the manual system you had to submit the card all over again—more postage expense for you, and more work for the staff. Also, the manual system doesn't lend itself to the addition or deletion of DXCC countries. Throwing more personnel at the problem would provide short-term relief, but wouldn't cure the disease.

There was only one thing to do: bring DXCC into the computer age. And we're doing it. From this point forward, information on cards inspected for DXCC applications and endorsements goes right into the computer. The transition is going pretty smoothly, but the "learning curve" on any new way of doing things means that unfortunately, the backlog is bound to get worse before it gets better. Before long, though, you'll see the improvement in both speed and quality of service. We're even working on an arrangement for volunteers to check most DXCC cards in the field, as a further convenience.

Administering DXCC is not inexpensive. Effective October 1, new DXCC participants, overseas nonmembers (US and Canadian amateurs who are not League members being ineligible to participate), and "frequent fliers" (DXCC participants who make more than one submission per year) are paying fees intended to help defray the costs of the program that otherwise would be shouldered by all League members, whether DXers or not.

• **Appeal of the 220-MHz Decision.** Having exhausted our administrative remedies for the FCC's decision to reallocate 220-222 MHz,

we went to court with a petition for review. Briefs on behalf of the petitioner (ARRL), respondent (FCC), and intervenors (the land mobile interests) have been filed with the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and oral argument is scheduled for November 16.

We hope the Court will ask the FCC to explain the following string of occurrences:

June 6, 1985. ARRL files its "Novice Enhancement" petition for rule making with FCC. In it we argue for relief from the restriction to Novice power levels that apply to General, Advanced, and Extra class operators in the Novice subbands, since applying the principle to the proposed new Novice bands would amount to a reduction in privileges for those operators. We say that changing the rule won't affect the then-existing Novice bands very much, "[g]iven the relative absence of General, Advanced and Extra class operation on those frequencies."

February 12, 1987. FCC releases its infamous NPRM in PR Docket 87-14, proposing to reallocate 220-222 MHz to land mobile. Reaching from this proceeding into a totally unrelated one, the Commission quotes RM-5038 as if the comment about "the relative absence of General, Advanced and Extra class operation" refers to the 220-MHz band.

May 21, 1987. ARRL files comments in Docket 87-14, pointing out: "The *Notice* is mistaken. The reference [in RM-5038] was not at all a reference to the 220 MHz band, but rather to the then-extant Novice telegraphy subbands at 3, 7, 21 and 28 MHz. The full text of that Petition quite clearly revealed the context. The League has never noted any absence of amateur operation at 220-225 MHz, because, despite the cloud placed over the allocation since 1971, amateur use of the band has grown at a startling rate."

September 6, 1988. FCC releases its decision to make the reallocation as originally proposed, despite the protestations of the League and thousands of individuals and clubs. Later, the Commission declines to reconsider its action.

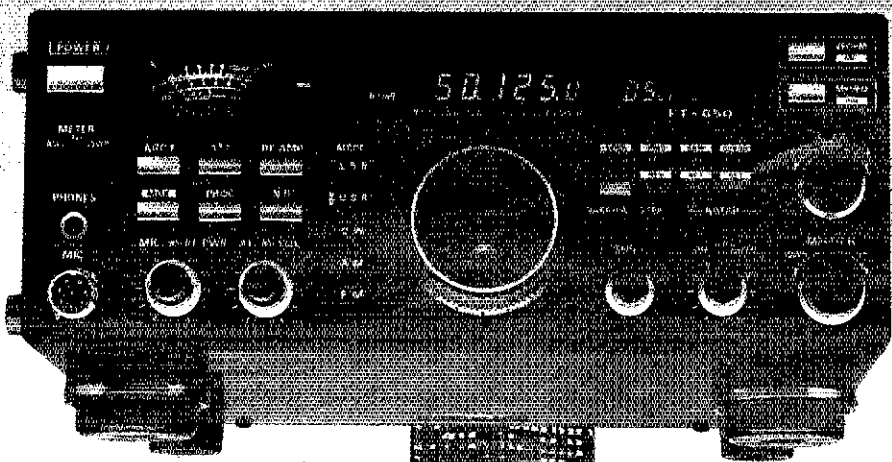
August 28, 1990. FCC files its brief in response to our court appeal. And on page 14, what to our wondering eyes should appear but the very same error the Commission made more than 3½ years earlier! And on September 12, in comes the brief from the small but faithful chorus of land-mobile intervenors, repeating the mistake.

That the Commission's proposed reallocation was based on an error is clear enough. That we pointed out the error is clear enough. What isn't at all clear, is why the Commission is still spouting the same error. But then again, in this particular proceeding we've always had the impression that facts were regarded as irrelevant.

The Commission doesn't seem to be able to correct its mistakes. Perhaps the Court of Appeals will do it for them. —David Sumner, K1ZZ

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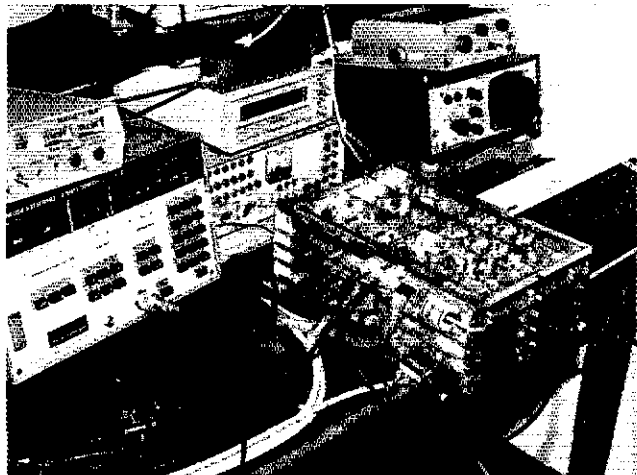
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## Latest Joint Satellite Project

RUDAK-2 is a digital transponder designed to fly aboard, and operate in parallel with, the RS-14 analog spacecraft, which is expected to be launched sometime this fall. The transponder features four receivers and a transmitter that covers FM and various digital modes. RS-14 is a combined effort of AMSAT-U-ORBITA in White Russia, the Adventure Club in Moscow and AMSAT-DL/RUDAK in West Germany (see Amateur Satellite Communications, *QST*, Sep 90, p 71).



**Smoke test:** RUDAK-2 in its flight configuration getting an "EEG" on the bench. (DK1YQ photos)



**Baroque launch vehicle?** RUDAK-2 tests were conducted in this water tower in Ismaning, near Munich, using the call sign DBØIQ.



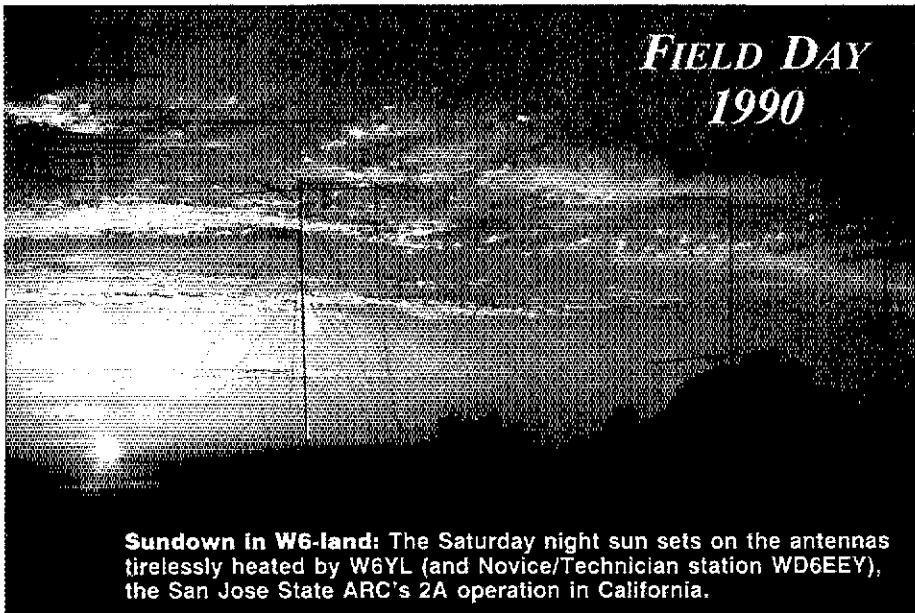
**Wireless pioneer:** Leon A. Faber, W7EH, displays his coveted 70-Year ARRL Member plaque presented by Jim Swafford, W7FF, ARRL Arizona Section Manager. Born in Illinois on February 2, 1900, Faber built his first spark transmitter in 1913 and was first licensed as 9EH in 1917. (photo courtesy of W7FF)



**Florida rest home:** The Sunshine State ranks second in the US with more than 28,000 hams. How many rigs "go south" to spend their "final" years? This haven is on US 1 in West Palm Beach. (NY2E photo; thanks to W1YL/4)

**PINS wins pins:** PINS—your Participation In November Sweepstakes—can earn you one of these handsome mementos. Make at least 100 contacts and you qualify for one of these collector's items. There are separate pins for phone and CW. For more information, see October '90 *QST*, p 93. (pin shown actual size)





**Sundown in W6-land:** The Saturday night sun sets on the antennas tirelessly heated by W6YL (and Novice/Technician station WD6EEY), the San Jose State ARC's 2A operation in California.

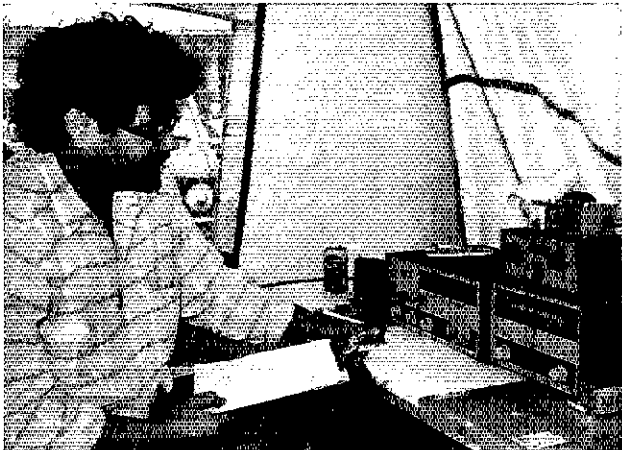


**Lucky it's "Sun-day!"** Tracking old Sol in South Dakota are (l-r) Lee, WØHO; Jesse, WØEDV; and Phil, KAØFUI. They made 29 contacts from Vermont to Southern California using solar power.



**"What are all these wires for?"** Stewart Lake ARC members at WD7X in Oregon assemble their two-element quad for 10 and 15 meters.

More than 30,000 US and Canadian hams made 1.35 million contacts from 1828 stations set up in less than 24 hours. About 80% of the stations were run by sources other than commercial ac power. Digital and satellite communication greatly augmented traditional CW and phone, demonstrating that Amateur Radio emergency preparedness can be a lot of fun! Read the story elsewhere in this issue.



**Field Day madness:** Dave, N6YVC, works 40 CW from the Novice station at the Mad Scientists ARC 2A setup at AA6DE in the San Francisco Bay area.



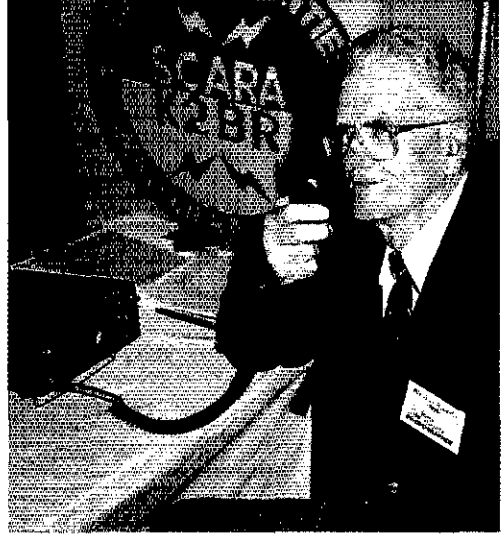
**Artistic license:** John Paolucci, KJ6ZF, who played a part in the combined Electronics Museum ARC and the Foothill ARS operation, stands by his hand-painted Field Day sign, based on 1940s-style QST artwork. Paolucci studied at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California. (KT6W photo)

## Ham Radio Hand-in-Hand with Miss America

Amateur Radio and the Miss America Pageant have been together for two decades. The Southern Counties Amateur Radio Association (SCARA) furnishes communications for the Friday evening parade down the famed Atlantic City Boardwalk. SCARA also operates a behind-the-scenes special-event station, K2BR, where contestants send "pageantgrams" home via the ARRL National Traffic System. The station made almost a thousand contacts this year. (story and photos by ARRL Field Services Manager Rick Palm, K1CE)



**Parade patrol:** Rich Maxwell, WB2SFH, monitors progress in front of the famous Atlantic City Convention Hall on the Boardwalk.



**Never one to "miss" the event:** Min Bouchard, K2MB, sends a "pageantgram" on its way. Min has been associated with the special-event station since its beginning 20 years ago and as an annual tradition, operates during the pageant's Saturday night show, closing down at midnight.



**Maine attraction:** At the SCARA station, Miss Maine, Ann Rowe, visits K2BR to send a "pageantgram" to a friend back home.



**"There she is..."** Miss America 1991, Marjorie Vincent (Miss Illinois), holds court in the press room immediately after her midnight crowning.

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**Draft US proposals for the 1992 World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC-92) have been made public.** An FCC Second Notice of Inquiry (NOI) in Docket 89-554 was released at press time, October 1. The FCC proposes extensive expansion of the HF broadcasting bands, none at the expense of the Amateur Radio Service.

The proposals include realignment of the 40-meter amateur band and the 41-meter broadcasting band to avoid the present overlap. The amateur band worldwide would be 6900-7200 kHz, with broadcasting above 7200 kHz. If adopted at WARC-92, implementation would be more than 15 years away.

At higher frequencies, the news is less encouraging. The comment deadline on the FCC's NOI is December 3. See the article on page 42 of this issue.

In September, ARRL President Larry Price, W4RA, sent a four-page letter to League members explaining our WARC-92 preparations and requesting your financial support to help underwrite the extraordinary expenses the League will be incurring over the next two years. *If you have already responded, thank you!* Thousands of members have, and will be receiving acknowledgment certificates as soon as they can be processed. *If not, there's still time to make your contribution count.*

**The FCC has released a new Form 610**, dated February 1990, with an expiration date of December 31, 1992. The FCC will continue to accept any previous versions of Form 610 that provide for three VE signatures (Form 610s dated June 1984 or later).

The FCC dismissed an ARRL request for *more time for people to comment* on the Notice of Proposed Rule Making in PR Docket 90-356, the proceeding to make higher classes of amateur license more accessible to the severely disabled.

ARRL filed comments on time. The comments point out that the subject of this proceeding is the same as that of Docket 78-250, which was dismissed without action in 1982, and that, while no one should be denied full access to Amateur Radio solely on account of a disability, the number of persons for whom flexible administration of a code exam is not an adequate solution is much smaller than the Commission suggests. Comments from two individuals with expertise in the medical and rehabilitation field are quoted to support that point. Noting that the Commission, in Docket 78-250, was unwilling to assume the burden of assessing the eligibility for a code waiver for itself, the League argues that the Commission should not now pass on this responsibility to others (except, perhaps, to a panel of Commission-appointed experts, to review applications from the limited number of individuals who might be qualified for a narrowly drawn exemption). Finally, the ARRL notes that there are well-established procedures for the granting of waivers by the Commission, and no rule making is required for the Commission to exercise them—in fact, the Commission has an affirmative duty to do so.

On September 7, **the ARRL submitted reply comments in PR Docket 90-55, the FCC proposal for the establishment of a codeless license on 220 MHz and above.** The League reiterated its view that such a license must be an additional point of entry into Amateur Radio and should not replace the Novice and Technician licenses.

**W1AW will run a one-week test on the 30-meter band**, November 26 to December 2. CW and RTTY transmissions using 100 watts will be made on 10.109 MHz and 10.136 MHz, respectively. See page 85 for the time of transmissions. Send signal reports and observations on how well you can copy W1AW on 30 meters in your area at different times to Eddy Pollock, W6LC, Manager, W1AW, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111

**A bill adding prohibitions against willful or malicious interference to the Communications Act of 1934 is now law.** The FCC Authorization Bill (Public Law 101-394) completes work initiated by Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, before he retired.

**The Public Service Advisory Committee proposes to update the criteria for the Public Service Honor Roll.** For the committee to have a recommendation ready for the 1991 Annual Meeting of the Board, it will need your input no later than November 15 (see page 69).

**As you read this, The 1991 ARRL Handbook should be off the press.** The 1232-page 68th edition features 39 chapters with more than 1200 tables, figures, charts and an extended index. Although written primarily for amateurs, the *Handbook* has developed a prestigious reputation among engineers and other communications professionals. See pages 168-170.

**Send in your nomination for the 1990 International Humanitarian Award.** This annual citation honors hams who, through Amateur Radio, promote the welfare of mankind by assisting people in need throughout the world. A group or person is also eligible based on extraordinary service during a crisis or disaster. Send nominations by December 31 to Rick Palm, K1CE, Field Services Manager, at ARRL HQ.

**It's time to vote for your favorite Amateur Radio volunteer instructors and professional teachers.** The ARRL gives Instructor of the Year awards to individuals who teach classes outside the school system and aren't compensated above and beyond their expenses, and to those who show outstanding qualities in teaching Amateur Radio in school. Thank an instructor or teacher for their dedication to the future of Amateur Radio by sending nominations to your Section Manager (see p 8) by January 31, 1991.

**If you like amateur television and want to share the fascination with young people in school,** contact the ARRL Educational Activities Department for an outline on how to participate. Get your foot in the school's door so it will be opened again for you when space shuttle mission STS-37 flies with SSTV equipment aboard.



# Maritime Mobile with NP2AZ

Amateur Radio is the perfect companion for this adventurous couple as they sail into the sunset in a modern-day voyage on the Spanish Main.

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March of 1986 was a milestone in our lives. My husband, Vince Sipple, N6JIB, and I had sold our home on St Thomas, in the US Virgin Islands, and were preparing to move aboard our 32-foot sailboat, *Centaurea*. We were elated at finally realizing our long-time dream of being able to cruise full time... and frustrated as we tried to limit the possessions we could take aboard on a relatively small boat.

There was no arguing over one item, however. Our Kenwood TS-430S had been carefully selected for the occasion. While I struggled to fit a rectangular bottom sheet over the pie-shaped V-berth where we would sleep, Vince managed to install the Kenwood and the antenna tuner into a small cabinet next to the navigation table. There, it would be readily accessible and, with the door closed, safe from salt water spray.

We avoided the expense of using an insulated backstay for an antenna by converting our 20-meter dipole to a 33-foot "long wire" that roughly paralleled the backstay to the mast. The setup works well for us on all frequencies from 10 through 40 meters. For a ground, we used 3-inch-wide copper foil to bond together a "dynaplate" to the engine and antenna tuner.

We received the inspiration and the courage to make this major change in our lifestyle from the many cruising sailors we met through the Virgin Islands Amateur Radio Club, as well as boaters taking their

Amateur Radio exams on St Thomas and St Croix.

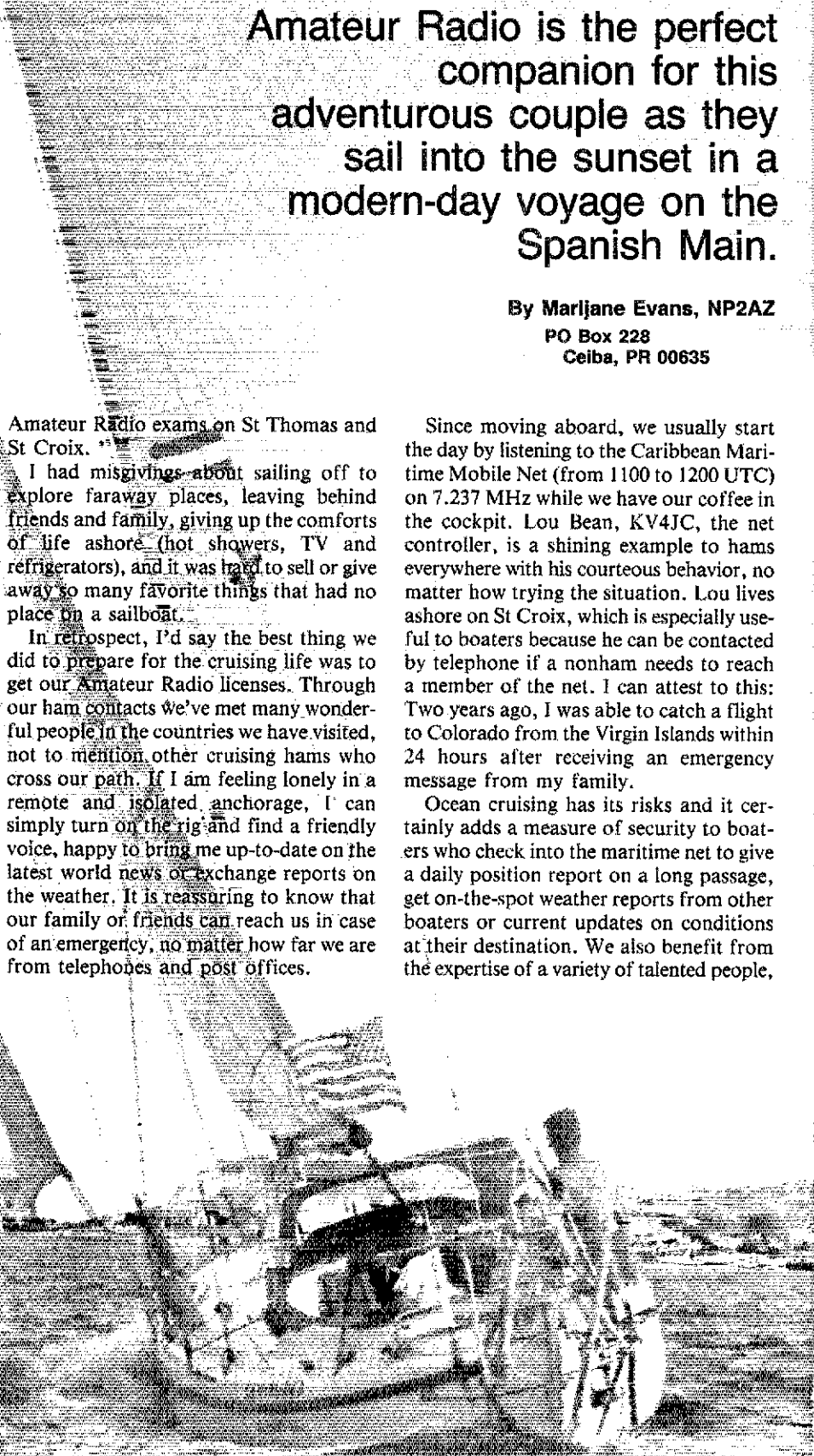
I had misgivings about sailing off to explore faraway places, leaving behind friends and family, giving up the comforts of life ashore (hot showers, TV and refrigerators), and it was hard to sell or give away so many favorite things that had no place on a sailboat.

In retrospect, I'd say the best thing we did to prepare for the cruising life was to get our Amateur Radio licenses. Through our ham contacts we've met many wonderful people in the countries we have visited, not to mention other cruising hams who cross our path. If I am feeling lonely in a remote and isolated anchorage, I can simply turn on the rig and find a friendly voice, happy to bring me up-to-date on the latest world news or exchange reports on the weather. It is reassuring to know that our family or friends can reach us in case of an emergency, no matter how far we are from telephones and post offices.

Since moving aboard, we usually start the day by listening to the Caribbean Maritime Mobile Net (from 1100 to 1200 UTC) on 7.237 MHz while we have our coffee in the cockpit. Lou Bean, KV4JC, the net controller, is a shining example to hams everywhere with his courteous behavior, no matter how trying the situation. Lou lives ashore on St Croix, which is especially useful to boaters because he can be contacted by telephone if a nonham needs to reach a member of the net. I can attest to this: Two years ago, I was able to catch a flight to Colorado from the Virgin Islands within 24 hours after receiving an emergency message from my family.

Ocean cruising has its risks and it certainly adds a measure of security to boaters who check into the maritime net to give a daily position report on a long passage, get on-the-spot weather reports from other boaters or current updates on conditions at their destination. We also benefit from the expertise of a variety of talented people,

*Centaurea* approaches Bonaire, in the Netherlands Antilles, with author Marljane NP2AZ, her husband, Vince N6JIB, at the helm.



and that makes cruising safer and more pleasurable.

Jeanne Kuich, NP2AJ, who has sailed around the world aboard her boat *Stargazer* and writes a column on astronomy for *Caribbean Boating*, has converted most of the net regulars into amateur astronomers with her tips on what to look for, when and where. Her reports on the lunar eclipse of August 16, 1989, inspired many boaters to get together to witness the event...and keep each other awake past the sailor's usual early bedtime.

### Emergency!

Florence "Tootie" Larkin, WP2ABG, is a registered nurse who surely must have been the role model for the spirited Nellie in the movie *South Pacific*. Tootie can always be counted on, whether the situation calls for consolation or practical advice.

I'll never forget a particularly rough crossing from Culebra, Puerto Rico, to St Thomas a few years ago when a rogue wave threw Vince across the cockpit of our boat, delivering a nasty head wound that left him dazed and bleeding profusely. Unable to stop the bleeding, I called Tootie on the St Thomas 2-meter repeater. While doing her best to calm me down, she gave me instructions on how to help Vince and organized a rescue team of local hams to intercept our boat.

When we finally sailed into the harbor, Tootie gave me directions on the 2-meter net to a mooring they had found for us, and Tootie and her husband were waiting there in their dinghy, holding the mooring lines. They rushed us to the hospital, where Tootie whisked us right past the admittance desk and into the emergency room. When they started to clean Vince's wound for stitches, I bolted from the area, knowing he was in good hands with Tootie there to supervise!

Tootie and Jim built their 50-foot boat *Allons* (French for "Let's Go!") in the sugar cane fields of Louisiana and have cruised and lived aboard her since 1976. No ham function on St Thomas would be complete without Tootie's big pot of creole jambalaya.

In September 1989, when it became apparent that Hurricane Hugo would not miss St Thomas, Drew Johnson, NP2E, and his wife Christine, WP2AGQ, persuaded Tootie and Jim to leave *Allons* and take shelter ashore. When the two couples returned to the harbor following the storm, both *Allons* and the Johnsons' boat, *Quest*, were gone without a trace, along with all of their personal possessions. Without complaining about her loss, Tootie spent the next two weeks helping Drew pass hundreds of health-and-welfare messages on the radio. Everyone on the Caribbean Maritime Mobile Net will be cheering when Tootie and Jim find another boat and we



Marijane at the controls of *Centaurea's* diminutive ham station.

hear "This is WP2ABG, Tootie, in St Thomas," back on the air.

Bruce Goble, WP4EDC, who runs the net on Wednesdays and Sundays from the island of Culebra, Puerto Rico, managed to salvage his boat, *Katrina*, which was washed ashore during Hugo. Bruce, a computer expert, has produced the *Caribbean Maritime Mobile Net Directory*, which not only lists net members and their call signs, but has such useful information as the 2-meter repeater frequencies for the islands and information on how to get a reciprocal license or permit on the various Caribbean islands.

### Reciprocal Licenses

For most seagoing hams, once they reach port and have checked in with customs and immigration, the next question is: "Where do I get my reciprocal license?"

Not only does Bruce stress the importance of this in his directory, but so does Ginny Osterholt, KA5YLM, who served as editor of the *Seven Seas Cruising Association Commodores' Bulletin* for almost 14 years (before succumbing to the call of the sea herself). The SSCA takes its motto to "Leave a Clean Wake," seriously, and members who knowingly break the laws of a host country may be dropped from the membership. Ginny has reminded members that these high standards of conduct include compliance with FCC regulations and the rules of the country they are visiting.

Maritime operators need to plan in advance to make sure they have information on reciprocal operating agreements and third-party traffic agreements by checking with the Caribbean Maritime Mobile Net, or sending an SASE to the SSCA or the ARRL with a request for information on the countries they plan to visit.

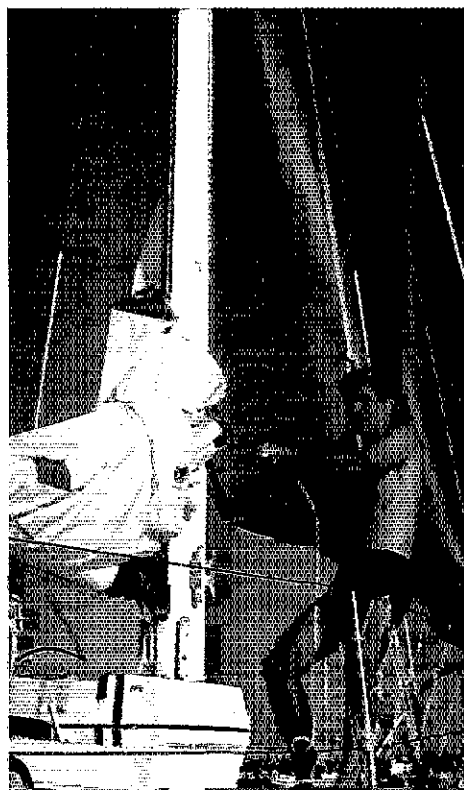
We have found that procedures, cost,

and the time involved to get a reciprocal license or permit varies greatly. In Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, it's a short walk to the Office of Telecommunications from the Customs Office, but the \$20 fee (\$40 for both of us) puts a real dent in our cruising budget, so we sometimes exercise the right to remain silent. On Grenada, there is no fee and it's simply a matter of taking a copy of your license to Mr Gorman, J37AQ, at Grenada Yacht Services and signing the "guest log" for visiting hams. In Venezuela, we travel to Caracas, where our reciprocal licenses are processed in one day. The fee is 105 bolivars, less than \$3 US.

Invariably, we've found that Amateur Radio operators in foreign countries are eager to help and are good sources of local information. Chuck Roswell, PJ4CR, who has lived on the Netherlands Antilles island of Bonaire for 23 years, has taken the trouble to make up an information sheet for visiting hams. In it, Chuck points out that third-party traffic is prohibited with the Netherlands Antilles and that visiting yachts must go outside the three-mile limit to operate under the license of their home country. Because these requirements differ from country to country, boaters need to check on the rules that apply to each area they plan to visit.

In Venezuela, maritime operators can count on the friendly assistance of Mauricio Black, YV5LIH, and John Tomasiak, K8HIR, both avid sailors and ham operators. They have a marine store, MYS, in Puerto La Cruz, where John specializes in marine electronics, including

Vince, N6JIB, hoists the jib aboard *Centaurea*.



the sale and repair of ham equipment.

MYS became a gathering place for boaters in Puerto La Cruz last September, who, fortunate to be south of the hurricane zone, were seeking information on the fate of their friends caught in Hugo's destructive path. Those without amateur rigs on their boats listened to firsthand reports of the storm on the transceiver at MYS. This included a dramatic account from Judy Ludwig, KP2Q, as the eye of the hurricane passed over the Puerto Rican island of Vieques, where Judy and her husband Herman, NP2BU, had their boat *Rolling Home* tucked back in the mangroves.

During that tense week, as we anxiously listened to our ham radio for reports from or about our friends in the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, one bright spot came when Ken Coffer, N6MKS, aboard the yacht *Antoinette* asked if we could give his wife Toni and their teenage son, Derek, their Novice exams. Nothing is quite as infectious as the enthusiasm of someone just getting started in Amateur Radio, and we were delighted when Toni and Derek passed their code and written exams with flying colors.

Aspiring hams cruising outside the United States often find it difficult to find someone to administer Novice exams. We find it rewarding to help them get their start. We feel a real sense of pride when we later hear them on the air after they have upgraded.

One of the idiosyncrasies of Amateur Radio that we find amusing is that so many close friendships are formed by people whose only contact has been through ham radio. This was particularly amazing to me, as I considered the hobby a great way to keep in touch with friends we had made through the Virgin Islands Amateur Radio Club, but found it quite awkward to try to carry on a conversation with a total stranger.

#### A Phone Patch

While anchored in St George's Harbor, Grenada, in October of 1987, I was monitoring the InterAmerican Traffic Net when a Colorado Springs operator offered to do a phone patch for someone in South America. Curious, I followed them off frequency.

I had just been in Colorado Springs the month before to be with my family after my nephew was in a serious accident. Although he was out of intensive care, he was still in the hospital and I was anxious to learn how he was doing.

I waited while Mory Wunderlich, WA0YNP, handled the patch for the South American station, and when he was finished, I asked if he would call my sister,



Vince and Marijane at Indunave Marina in the Morrocoy National Park, Venezuela.

Gini. Mory briefed my sister on procedures, but he should have briefed me instead. I was the nervous one, and kept forgetting to say "over" at the end of my transmissions.

From then on, Mory became an important link between me and my family. During our family crisis, we felt like we'd found a saint to bring us together in spite of the distance separating us.

When Gini returned to her job and phone patches were no longer convenient, I could still rely on Mory to give me progress reports on my nephew and to let my family know where and how we were.

Last year, when we sailed from Venezuela to Puerto Rico, Mory got a chart of the Caribbean and we kept a daily schedule so I could give him our coordinates and let him know how we were faring. Although Gini wasn't home, Mory would dial her telephone number and at the "beep," I'd say, "Hi! This is Marijane, and we are at 13° North, 66° West and having a rough sail... but at least it isn't snowing here."

After her initial surprise, Gini couldn't wait to get home from work to check her answering machine, and being a land-lubber, was especially relieved to hear of our safe arrival.

The next time I get back to Colorado to visit my family, I will include a get-together with WA0YNP and his wife!

#### Friends

Our chances of meeting other hams who we hear on the radio are definitely enhanced if they are also cruising in the Caribbean, or so we thought. In October 1989, sailing through the offshore islands of Venezuela, we heard via the Caribbean Maritime Mobile Net that Frank, KP2BP, and

Debby, KP2BQ, Lambert, aboard *Deborah*, would also be stopping at the island of Tortuga.

We looked forward to seeing these two with great anticipation; Debby sounded like such a nice person, and Frank is highly entertaining on the radio with his fish stories, poems to fit any occasion, and his frequent attempts to give away or get rid of Walker, their ship's cat.

After anchoring at Punta Delagado, on the northeast tip of Tortuga, we eagerly awaited the arrival of *Deborah*. Anticipation turned to concern as darkness fell and their boat was nowhere in sight.

We got up early the next morning to fix coffee and listen to the 0600 Voice of America news about the Friday the 13th stock market crash and to speculate on what had happened to *Deborah*. At 0700, we tuned to the Caribbean Maritime Mobile Net on 7.237 MHz. Frank was the first person to check in.

When I answered his call for NP2AZ, Frank said:

"I've just one thing to ask you,  
From this side the Spanish Main;  
A question Caribbean,  
Begs an answer not in vain!  
While markets are a-tremble,  
Fears shake Prudential-Bache,  
All I want to know is,  
What is your QTH?"

Or, Where the devil are you, Marijane?"  
Relieved to learn that they had anchored at the northwest end of Tortuga, we promised to stay at Punta Delagado until they arrived. We were not disappointed. Debby and Frank were charming, outgoing and humorous. True to form, as we left their boat that night, Frank tried to talk us into taking Walker the Cat... [55F]

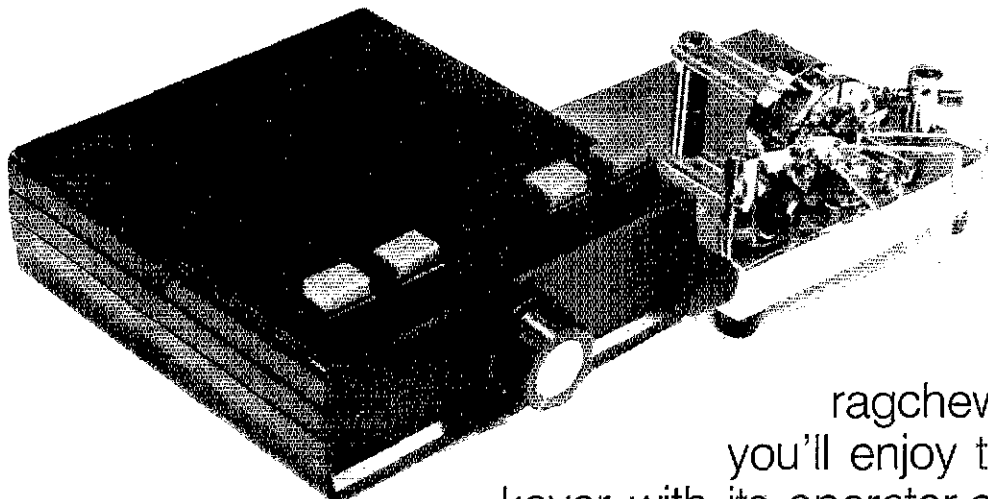
## Strays



#### "DOWN EAST" NTS NET NEEDS YOU

The Maine Slow-Speed Net is actively looking for more participants. MSSN meets every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at 6 PM Eastern time on 3725 kHz. CW speed ranges from 5-13 WPM (the average is about 10 WPM). New hams are particularly encouraged to join in to learn CW traffic net procedures, get code practice, meet new friends and enjoy Morse code. NM and NCS is Carl Ellis, K1UNQ, of Rumford, Maine. Other NCSs include Bill Mann, W1KX, of Pittsfield, Maine, and Michelle Noel, KA1VHI, of Harrison, Maine.

# The CMOS Super Keyer II



Whether you're a ragchewer or a contester, you'll enjoy this feature-packed keyer with its operator-controlled flexibility!

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The original CMOS Super Keyer appeared in October 1981 *QST*<sup>1</sup> and several editions of *The ARRL Handbook*. It proved to be very popular and, almost a decade later, requests for kits continue to arrive! Now, the CMOS Super Keyer II—a worthy successor—is here. As you'll see, modern technology allows much more to be done with a minimal amount of hardware, a smaller PC board and simplified construction.<sup>2</sup>

A glance at the photos of the completed CMOS Super Keyer II is all it takes to realize that the keyer doesn't need a keypad or a myriad of switches and knobs to control it. But don't conclude from this that it's just a bare-bones memory keyer! In fact, this keyer will satisfy the needs of casual ragchewers as well as avid DXers and contest operators. Because there are so few controls necessary to operate this keyer, handicapped amateurs will find it easy to manage. As an aid to the handicapped, a manual-on-disk is available—see note 2.

## Features

Peek inside the Super Keyer II (see Fig 1) and you'll see that the small (1.4 × 2.4-inch) PC board contains only one IC, a couple of transistors and a few other components. It's the program in the IC that really makes this keyer remarkable. It provides:

- An iambic keyer with dot and dash memories.
- Four 48-character messages.
- Character and Real-Time messages.
- Timed pauses within messages.
- Messages that can call other messages and contain operational commands.
- Message-loop capability for continuous play.
- Message break-in to allow for paddle-inserted text.

- Input queue to store multiple message activation.
- Contest serial numbering (000-9999).
- Digital and linear analog speed control (6-60 WPM).
- Adjustable weighting (dot/dash ratio) of 25-75%.
- A built-in 700-Hz sidetone monitor.
- A transmitter key-down (tune) function.
- Hand-key mode.
- Compensation for transmitter-induced keying distortion.
- Selectable automatic character spacing.
- Keyer-status inquiry functions.
- Ultra-low power consumption for battery operation.

How does the Super Keyer II provide all this flexibility without a keypad or a bunch of switches and knobs? Simple: Commands are sent to the keyer in Morse code—using the paddles!

A detailed explanation of the operational features of the keyer will be given later. First, let's have a look at the schematic and find out how easy it is to build your own Super Keyer II.

## Circuit Description

The keyer schematic is shown in Fig 2. The main component is the Motorola

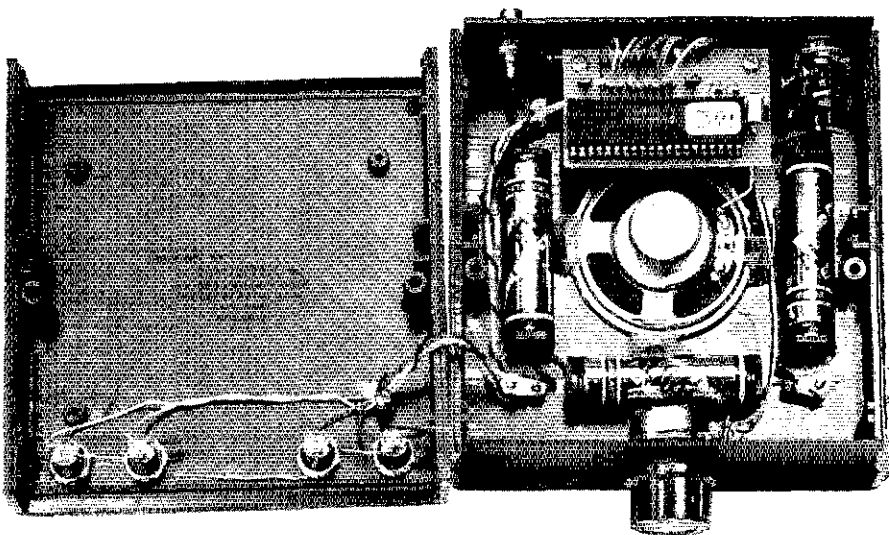


Fig 1—An inside view of the CMOS Super Keyer II. Around the speaker, three AA, single-cell holders are glued to the box bottom. A pair of 3/4-inch spacers support the PC board at the rear of the cabinet. The analog speed control (R13) is center-mounted on the front panel. On the back panel are the paddle and key-line jacks. As shown in the title photo, the four push-button switches are mounted on the top half of the cabinet, two on each side of R13.

<sup>1</sup>Notes appear on p 21.

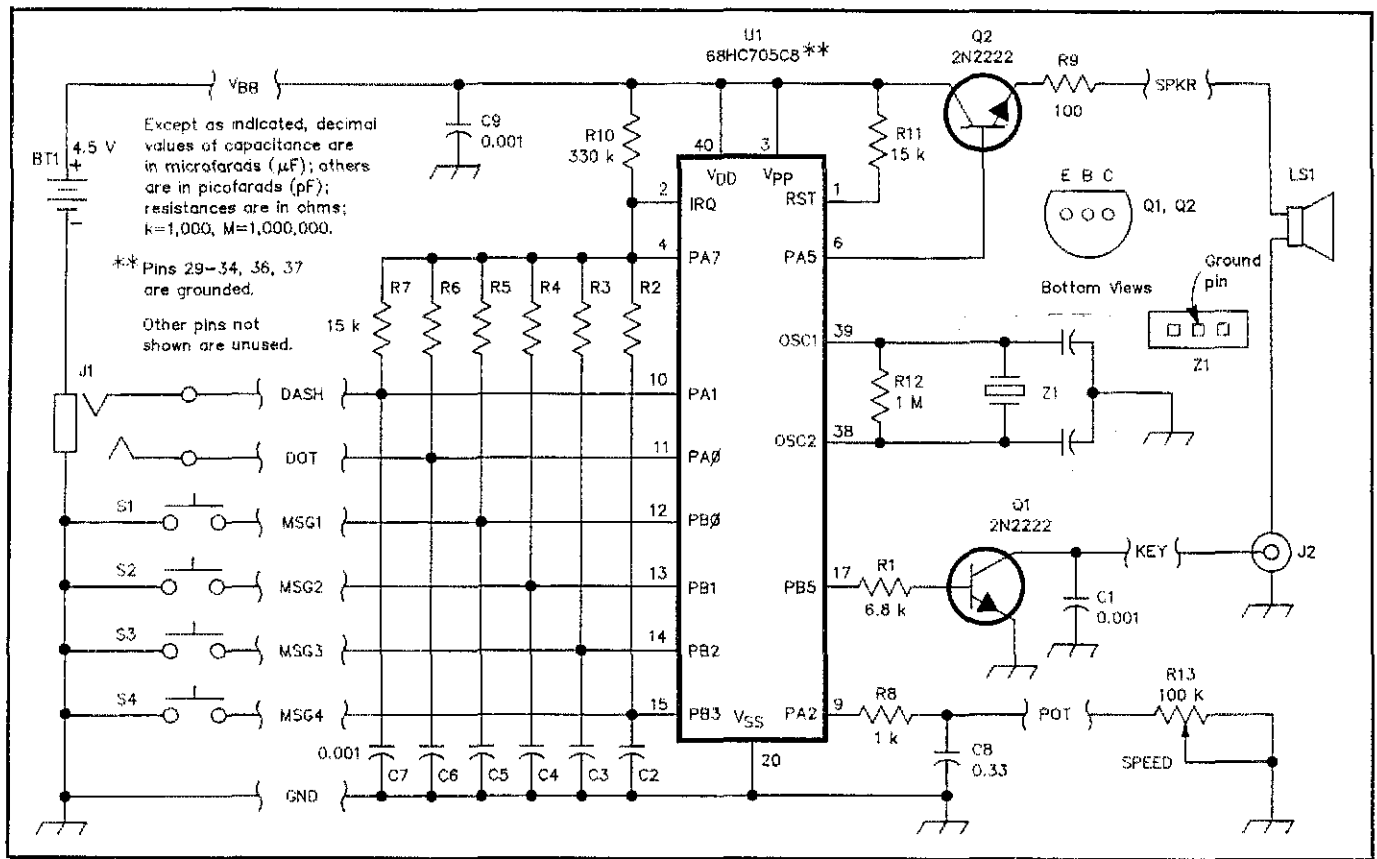


Fig 2—Schematic diagram of the keyer. All capacitors are 25-V disc ceramic units. Resistors are 1/4-W carbon-composition or metal-film units. RS part numbers in parentheses are Radio Shack®.

- BT1—Three 1.5-V AA alkaline cells (RS 23-552) wired in series; NiCd cells can also be used—see text.
- J1—1/4-inch, three-circuit key jack (RS 274-312).
- J2—Phono jack (RS 274-346).
- LS1—2-inch diam, 8-Ω speaker (RS 40-245).
- Q1, Q2—2N2222 or similar NPN (RS 276-2009).
- R13—100-kΩ pot, linear taper (RS 271-092).

- S1-S4—SPST push-button switch (RS 275-1566).
  - U1—Motorola 68HC705C8 (see note 2).
  - Z1—2-MHz resonator with built-in capacitors (Digi-Key part no. PX200; available from Digi-Key® Corp, 701 Brooks Ave S, Thief River Falls, MN 56701, tel 800-344-4539).
- Miscellaneous
- Enclosure—Pac-Tec™ CM5-125 used for prototype shown here. (Pac-Tec boxes are available from Electronic Precepts of

- Florida, 7401 114th Ave N, Suite 502A, Largo, FL 34643, tel 800-367-4649. The CM5-125 case comes in four colors: black, gray, tan and PC bone (an off-white). Price: \$13.09 plus shipping and handling in quantities of 1 to 39. (The ARRL and QST in no way warrant this offer.)
- Two 1/4-inch standoffs
- Three single-cell battery holders (RS 270-401)
- Knob (RS 274-416)

68HC705C8 CMOS microcomputer (U1). This IC contains an 8-bit central-processing unit, timer, bidirectional I/O lines, 304 bytes of RAM, and nearly 8 kbytes of PROM. A 2-MHz clock is employed, with the frequency set by a ceramic resonator (Z1). Dot, dash, and message-input lines are pulled up by R2-R7 and momentarily grounded by paddle or push-button closures. Analog speed is controlled by a software analog-to-digital converter (ADC) in conjunction with R8, C8, and R13. C8 is charged quickly through R8 with PA2 configured as an output. PA2 is then made an input, and the discharge time through R13 is measured. A software-generated 700-Hz sidetone is selectively output on PA5. Q2 is a voltage follower that provides speaker drive through R9. Transmitter keying is done by Q1, which will handle low-voltage, positive-key-line rigs only. Take care not to exceed any of the maximum ratings of the 2N2222 transistor used at Q1 ( $V_{CE0} = 30$ ,  $I_C = 800$  mA,  $P_D = 1.2$  W). If your transceiver has

a negative key line or one that exceeds Q1's limits (likely if you own an older transceiver with a vacuum-tube final amplifier), use an interface circuit between the keyer and the transceiver. Some suitable circuits were recently described in *QST*.<sup>3</sup> The CMOS Super Keyer II is designed for low power consumption. When idle, the microcomputer "sleeps"—not even the clock runs—yielding a current drain of under 10  $\mu$ A! Thus, there's no need for an on/off switch. While the keyer is active, its current consumption rises to about 5 mA (with the sidetone monitor turned off), but after two seconds of inactivity, the keyer automatically goes back to sleep. The monitor is the major power consumer, requiring peak currents of about 40 mA. So, to extend battery life, the monitor should normally be turned off, and the rig's sidetone used to monitor sending. The keyer works with any supply voltage in the range of 3 to 5.5. Three series-connected, AA alkaline cells provide a nominal 4.5 V and will yield many months

of service under normal operating conditions. You could also use four series-connected, rechargeable NiCd cells to supply 4.8 V, an approach similar to that taken with the original Super Keyer. **Build Your Own** The PC board and associated components are available as a partial kit (see note 2). A part-placement guide is shown in Fig 3. Chassis-mounted parts, as used in the unit shown here, are all available from Radio Shack®. Similar components are also stocked by mail-order electronics parts suppliers.<sup>4</sup> A 1.5 × 5.08 × 5.25-inch plastic enclosure obtained at a local hamfest houses the keyer shown in the accompanying photos. With miniature switches and connectors and tighter packaging, a considerably smaller box would suffice. If you so desire, you can use remotely-located message buttons instead of (or in parallel with) the chassis-mounted switches. Though housed in a plastic box, the keyer

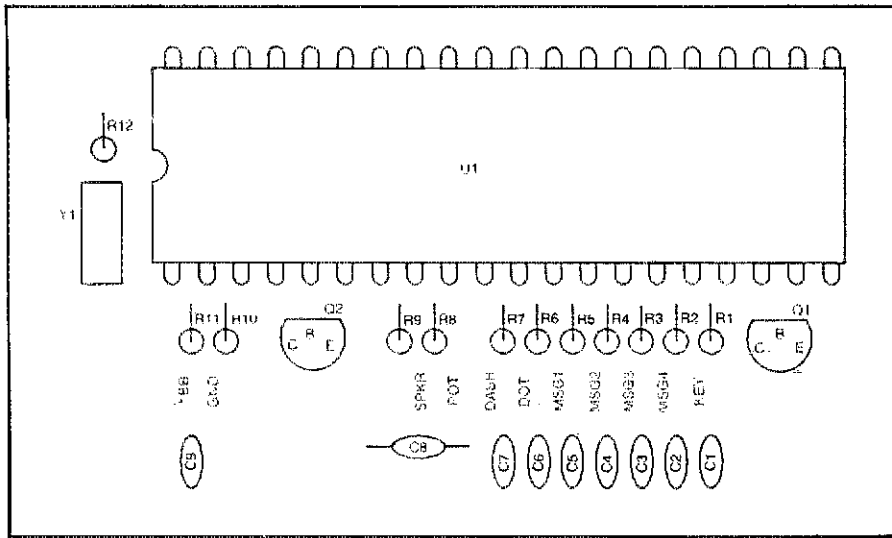


Fig 3—Part-placement guide for the CMOS Super Keyer II. Parts are placed on the nonfoil side of the board; the shaded area represents an X-ray view of the copper pattern.

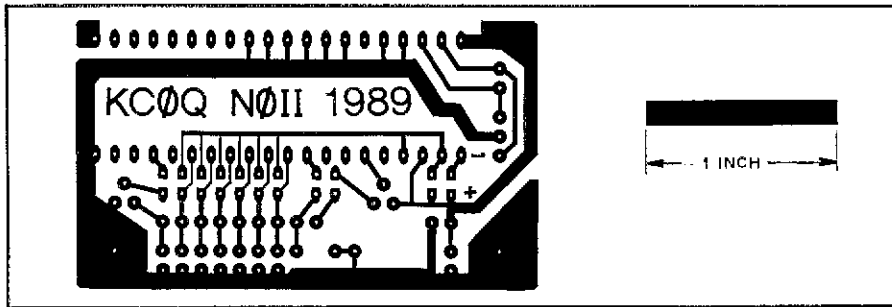


Fig 4—Circuit-board etching pattern for the CMOS Super Keyer II. The pattern is shown full-size from the foil side of the board. Black areas represent unetched copper foil. Ready-made PC boards are available; see note 2.

has not shown any allergic reactions to RF even when it was used adjacent to a kilowatt amplifier driving coax-fed antennas. But if your shack (or Field Day site) is hot with RF, consider the use of a metal enclosure and shielded cables.

The keyer can be built without the manual speed control, R13. If you opt to do this, also use a 100-k $\Omega$  resistor for R8 and install a jumper wire in place of C8. Then, only digital speed control is available, so you might find this procedure useful: Program messages 1 and 2 with /SU2 and /SD2, respectively, so simple button pushes provide convenient up/down speed control in 2-WPM steps. (The /SU and /SD commands are described later.)

### Operational Description

When power is first applied to the keyer, it responds by sending OK in Morse code. The initialization state of the keyer is:

- Speed: 20 WPM (at the current knob position).
- Weighting: 50%.
- Monitor: on.
- Auto-space: off.
- Messages: empty.
- Load mode: Character.

- Input queue: on.
- Serial number: 001.
- Number option: 0.
- Function speed: 20 WPM.

### Speed Control

Speed range, determined by the software, is 6 to 60 WPM. The analog control (R13) varies the speed over a 3-to-1 range. Software compensation allows the speed to vary *linearly* with knob rotation—this rare feature makes speed adjustment easy. As you might expect, operating speed can also be set digitally. When speed is set digitally, it is assigned to the current knob position. This allows you to tailor the absolute speed range of the analog control to suit your operating needs. For example, at KCØQ, the fully-counter-clockwise position of the knob is programmed to be 13 WPM. Speed then increases linearly with clockwise rotation to a maximum of about 39 WPM.

To make function control easy, another— independent—speed can be programmed for use when entering commands. For example, even if you're operating at 35 WPM, function-controlling commands can be entered at 20 WPM or any other speed you choose. Alternatively, the command-entry

speed can be made to default to the current operating speed. (See the explanation of the Reset mode under *Button Functions*.)

### Keyer Commands

All paddle-entered keyer commands are sent in Morse code. If you enter an invalid command, or an incorrect parameter for a command, the keyer emits a burst of rapid dots. (*Which most definitely sounds like an electronic raspberry!*—Ed.) Multiple commands cannot be entered at one time. That is, each command must be entered separately and preceded by the simultaneous press of buttons 1 and 2. The presence of one or more *ds* represents the need for a digit(s) as part of the command.

### Function Commands

Most function commands are employed only once to customize the keyer to your preferences. The keyer's functions are controlled using the push-button switches and the paddles. From left to right, (see the title-page photo) the buttons are designated as 1, 2, 3 and 4. To alert the keyer that a command is to be entered, momentarily and simultaneously press buttons 1 and 2. The keyer automatically disables transmitter keying, enables the sidetone, switches to the current command-entry speed, and acknowledges your request by sending *r*. Then, key in the desired command characters. For example, entering S25 sets the operating speed to 25 WPM. When the command is completed (the keyer knows when this occurs; no other action is necessary), the transmitter key line is again enabled and the speed and sidetone return to their previous state.

The *Kdd* command is included to compensate for keying distortion that may be introduced by your transmitter or amplifier. As is shown clearly in some *QST* product reviews, semi-break-in and full-break-in (*QSK*) operation can significantly shorten the keying on-time. This is caused by internal sequencing delays when changing between receive and transmit. The result is a light or choppy CW envelope. Although increasing the duty cycle with the weight command (*Wdd*) helps, it is correct for only one speed. However, keying compensation (*Kdd*) corrects the problem for all speeds by increasing the on-time of the keyer output, and commensurately decreasing the off-time, by a period of up to 25 milliseconds.

The *Zd* command selects various treatments for zeros when playing the contest serial number. Leading zeros may be inhibited or replaced by an *O* or *T*. Independently, an *O* or *T* can also replace any other zeros, and an *N* can be substituted for the number 9.

### Inquiry Commands

In addition to the commands that change settings and modes, there is a full set of keyer inquiry commands you can use. Inquiry commands allow you to determine the current state of the keyer. State information is sent to you in Morse code with the monitor auto-

matically enabled (even if it was disabled) and keying output disabled. Inquiries are initiated by momentarily and simultaneously pressing buttons 1 and 2. After receiving the F reply from the keyer, enter the desired inquiry with a leading question mark. For example, ?S asks what the current operating speed is; the keyer responds by sending two digits. Other inquiries evoke responses of ON, OFF, or other meaningful characters as appropriate. The complete set of inquiries is: ?A, ?F, ?K, ?L, ?N, ?Q, ?S, ?W, ?Z, ?1, ?2, ?3, and ?4. The last four are message inquiries that play the contents of message buffers 1 through 4, respectively. None of the inquiry responses key the transmitter.

### Embedded Commands

Character-mode messages (described later) can contain embedded commands. To distinguish the commands from normal text, the command strings are prefixed by a slash bar (/) and entered as a separate word. When encountered during a message playback, the desired function is executed.

Break (/B) suspends the message for paddle entry and then automatically resumes the message when an exaggerated word space is detected. It makes constructing contest message loops a breeze!

Gap (/Gd) allows spacing to be modified when emphasis is desirable. Expanded gaps can be used, for example, in call signs like W0EJ and W0IZ, to make the E or I easier to copy. It can also be used to shorten or lengthen the space between words.

Relative speed changes (/Sud, /SDd) can very useful. For example, the message /SU5 QRZ TEST DE W0IZ /SD5 is played at increased speed, but leaves the normal operating speed unchanged.

### Messages

Four message buffers are provided. Each can hold 48 bytes (384 bits), which is generous enough, for example, to store *the quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dogs back*. The message buffers are volatile: If power is removed from the keyer, the messages will be erased.

A message-editing feature is included. If you make a mistake while entering a message, send a stream of seven or more dots. This tells the keyer to locate the last word and erase it. The keyer then plays back the previous word (if any) so you know where you left off. You can erase as many words as necessary. When you've reached the desired position, simply continue with the entry.

Loading a message is easy. Just press and hold one of the four buttons. After two seconds, the sidetone is enabled and the keyer emits a tone to signify that transmitter keying is inhibited. The keyer then sends an R or C to tell you if it's in Real-Time or Character mode, then message loading may begin. Enter the message text via the paddles. When you're done, terminate the message by simply tapping the same button again. If the message-buffer capacity is exceeded in either mode, the message is terminated automatically.

A message is played by tapping one of the four push-button switches. If the input-queue

feature is enabled, the keyer will remember as many as eight button closures and play the messages in turn. Or, with the queue disabled, a button closure cancels any ongoing message and immediately starts the new one. Messages are aborted whenever a paddle is closed, allowing instant interruption for manual sending.

### Real-Time Mode

The Real-Time mode works like it does in the original CMOS Super Keyer: What goes in is what comes out. You determine the spacing, so it will be as perfectly timed, compressed, or exaggerated as you make it.

In this mode, pauses are stored as spaces. It's important to know this because those spaces consume memory. After you've asked the keyer to accept a message, you don't have to rush the first entry because the keyer won't start storing pause-spaces until the first paddle closure is made. Once message entry begins, however, the keyer loads continuously: any pauses introduced are stored as spaces in the message. The elapsed time between the end of the last character entered to message termination is stored as a space at the end of the message. Real-Time mode does *not* permit the use of embedded function commands.

### Character Mode

In the Character mode, complete character encodings are stored (rather than just bits to represent dots, dashes, and spaces). The software sanitizes your sending and produces perfectly timed Morse code when the message is played. Also, there is no need to worry about word spacing. Just stop sending after every word—the keyer will prompt you by sending an I (this doesn't appear as output) and wait for you to send the next word. Unlike Real-Time mode, there is no limit to the elapsed time between words, so there's no need to rush your entry.

Messages entered using the Character mode can contain embedded function commands for greater operating flexibility. These commands include those for speed changes, playing and incrementing the serial number, decrementing the serial number for repeats, and more.

A message can call any other message, allowing the messages to be linked, if desired. If a message calls itself, directly or via another called message, a continuous loop results.

Loops are useful for beacons, calling CQ, moonbounce and meteor-scatter operation, and in contesting. Loops are even more useful with the embedded Pause and Break functions. Speed-independent pauses in multiples of 0.1 second can be inserted anywhere, and the message resumes automatically after the time expires. A message Break allows you to insert one or more words manually. The message then resumes after a pause that exceeds a normal word space.

### Button Functions

As mentioned earlier, single-button closures activate messages, and the 1-2 combination readies the keyer to accept paddle-entry functions. For added convenience, certain keyer function commands are duplicated by other

double-button closures. The 2-3 combination is acknowledged by the keyer sending D, and decrements the serial number. Pressing 2-4 enables the Xmit (tune) function and is acknowledged by an X from the keyer. Similarly, pressing 1-3 sets the hand-key mode (preferred by some operators when tuning up their rigs), and is acknowledged by the keyer sending an H. The 3-4 button pair is for inquiry, and waits for paddle entry after acknowledging with ?. Finally, pressing buttons 1 and 4 simultaneously is acknowledged by the keyer as RV and causes a reversal in paddle sense (swapping the dot and dash sides of the paddle).

One four-button combination is recognized: 1-2-3-4. It's a Reset mode. It comes in handy, for instance, if you've mistakenly set the command-entry speed so high that you find you can't make further entries! If such a mistake occurs, don't panic or pull the batteries. Just press all four buttons simultaneously. The operating speed is reset to 20 WPM at the current knob position and the function-entry speed defaults to follow the knob setting. You can then decrease the speed to a comfortable value.

### Summary and Acknowledgments

The CMOS Super Keyer II is versatile, simple and affordable. It has the advantage of battery operation and can serve your needs from a basic iambic keyer to a powerful contest machine.

Designs such as this are never done in a vacuum. We gratefully acknowledge the assistance, suggestions, and encouragement offered by Bob, W9KNI; Joe, N0BB; Dale, W0IZ; Barry, WA0RJT, and Jim, W0SR.

### Notes

<sup>1</sup>J. Russell and C. Southard, "The CMOS Super Keyer," *QST*, Oct 1981, pp 11-17.

<sup>2</sup>A detailed operating manual and parts kit for the PC-board-mounted parts (programmed CPU IC, IC socket, ceramic resonator, transistors, resistors, capacitors, and etched PC board) are available from Idiom Press, Box 583, Deerfield, IL 60015. Price: \$45 (subject to change without notice). Please add \$3 shipping and handling in the US, \$5 for surface-mail foreign orders. Credit cards are not accepted. (The ARRL and *QST* in no way warrant this offer.) As a service to the visually impaired, an operating manual is available on disk free of charge. To obtain the manual-on-disk, please send a PC- or MS-DOS<sup>®</sup>-formatted, 3½ or 5¼-inch floppy disk and self-addressed stamped mailer to Idiom Press. When corresponding with the authors or Idiom Press, include a business-size, self-addressed, envelope with one unit of First Class postage.

<sup>3</sup>See J. Galm, "Cheap and Easy Control-Signal Level Converters," *QST*, Feb 1990, pp 24-27, for a means of interfacing this keyer with negative-key-line transmitters—Ed.

<sup>4</sup>Mouser Electronics, 2401 Hwy 287 N, Mansfield, TX 76063, tel 800-346-6673.

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# An Intraural Microphone System for Mobile Operation

Operating a hand-held transceiver while riding a bicycle or motorcycle can be challenging at best, and life-threatening at worst—and hefting a hand mike while driving a standard-shift car can be a hassle, too. The best place for that mike may be in your ear!<sup>1</sup>

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**A**s an avid cyclist, I am constantly searching for better ways of bringing my hand-held 2-meter transceiver along on group day trips. Having a ready communications system can be a indispensable asset in the event that someone in the pack has an accident or otherwise is unable to ride, especially when the nearest town is several miles away. Since it is simply too dangerous to hold a hand-held transceiver when moving at a good pace in a bicycle pack, in the past I have relied on a headset microphone/earphone assembly, with the rig—an ICOM IC-2AT—strapped to the handlebar for easy access to the power, volume, and frequency controls. VOX-based interfaces for the IC-2AT and other hand-helds have been described in the amateur literature,<sup>2</sup> but the wind noise and need to occasionally shout to companion riders makes PTT (with the PTT switch mounted on the handlebar, within easy reach of one thumb) the only reasonable operating mode for me.

Although a PTT-activated headset microphone greatly simplifies mobile operation of a hand-held, the bulk and weight of the headset present problems to cyclists. Not only is it difficult to fit a headset under a helmet, but the added weight (albeit only a few ounces) and constant whistling of the microphone boom become very annoying after five or six hours in the saddle. Because of its construction, the intraural (in-ear) microphone promises to avoid these and other limitations of head-

set mounted microphones, while retaining all of the benefits.

An intraural microphone is a compact, lightweight device that is positioned within the external auditory canal during use (see Figs 1 and 2). It is therefore easily used under a bicycle or motorcycle helmet, out of sight and the influence of the wind. In spite of these advantages, however, my initial reluctance to use an intraural microphone for Amateur Radio communication stemmed from the relatively narrow

frequency-response characteristics of the design. Unlike conventional microphones, which are placed in front of, or at least in line with, the mouth, intraural microphones rely on bone conduction for the receipt of audio vibrations. The result is that, compared to conventional headset, boom, or hand-held microphones, higher-frequency, unvoiced sounds are poorly reproduced in an intraural system.

Although the differences between the response characteristics of intraural and



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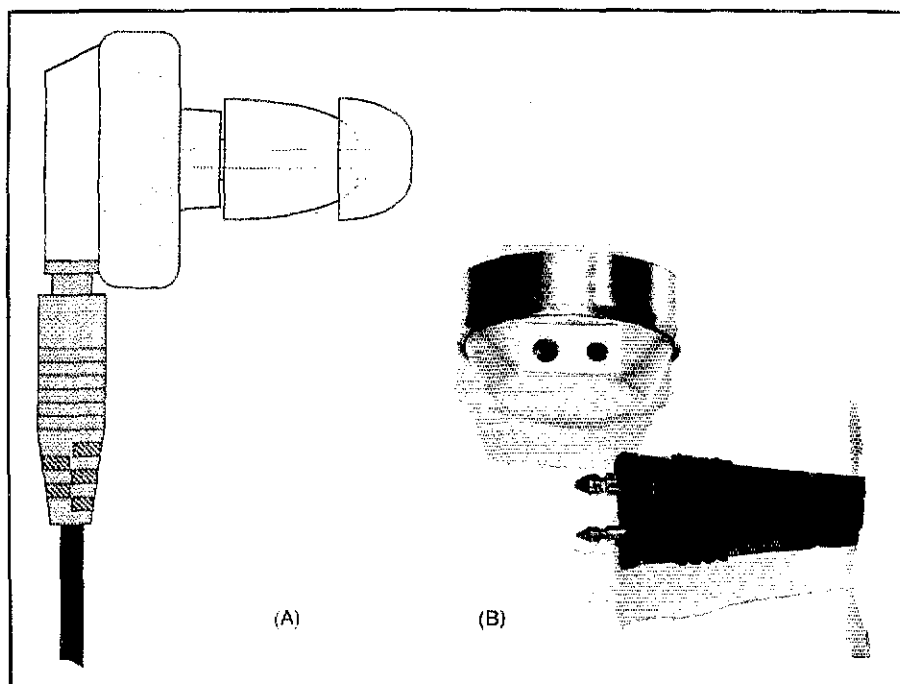


Fig 1—Intraural microphones permit hands-free operation of communications equipment in moderate- to high-noise environments. Except for their soft, removable, elongated tips, they resemble common monaural earphones (A). The removable tips are available in two diameters, allowing selection of a tip that more closely approximates the diameter of the user's external auditory canal. B details an intraural microphone's cable connector and socket. Although the two connector pins differ in size, the microphone is not polarized.

<sup>1</sup>Notes appear on p 24.



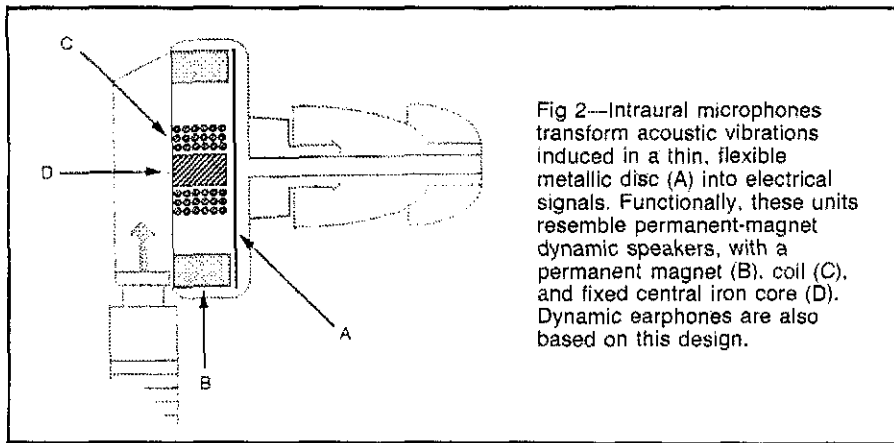


Fig 2—Intraural microphones transform acoustic vibrations induced in a thin, flexible metallic disc (A) into electrical signals. Functionally, these units resemble permanent-magnet dynamic speakers, with a permanent magnet (B), coil (C), and fixed central iron core (D). Dynamic earphones are also based on this design.

### Speech in Mobile Communication

Most mobile Amateur Radio operation is speech-based. Speech, often supplemented with facial gestures and posturing, has evolved throughout the millennia to become the standard medium for interpersonal communications. Despite this, modern science has yet to fully understand the underlying neurological and psychological principles involved in the acquisition, synthesis, and understanding of speech. Yet, the physical phenomena of speech are easily described. On a mechanical level, speech can be considered to consist of two types of sounds, voiced and unvoiced. Voiced sounds, such as the *a* in *bat*, are the result of air being actively forced past the vocal cords. Unvoiced sounds, in comparison, are generated by the tongue, cheeks, teeth and lips, and are represented by the *s* in *swim* and the initial *t* in *tooth*. The spectral content of unvoiced sounds generally lies above 1.5 kHz,<sup>1</sup> whereas voiced sounds can encompass the entire range of human speech. In addition to the interpersonal differences in the intensity and spectral content of speech, there are significant sex-dependent differences as well. For example, women tend to have higher-pitched voices than men. While the range of human speech that is most important for understanding extends from about 600 to 4000 Hz,<sup>2</sup> speech-based communications systems commonly rely on signals in the 300- to 3000-Hz range.—NU1N

<sup>1</sup>K. Kleinschmidt, Ed., *The ARRL Handbook for the Radio Amateur*, 1990 ed (Newington: ARRL, 1989), Chapter 7.

<sup>2</sup>R. Newman and S. Gelfand, "Characteristics of Sound," Belove, Hopkins, Nelson, Rosenstein and Shinnars, Eds, *Handbook of Modern Electronics and Electrical Engineering* (New York: John Wiley & Sons, 1986).

conventional microphones are best appreciated aurally, the sonograms and pressure tracings in Figs 3 and 4 provide concrete evidence of the amplitude and spectral-response differences between intraural and conventional mikes. The tracings were created by simultaneously recording the spoken word *November* with a headset-boom (Fig 3) and intraural (Fig 4) microphone. The headset unit used for this comparison was a Shure SM10A directional dynamic microphone, and the intraural unit was a Maxon 508-021-A microphone.<sup>3</sup> Since the intraural mike's output was considerably less than that of the headset microphone, I used a low-noise, laboratory-grade audio preamplifier to bring its level up to that of the headset microphone. The sound power level of background (white) noise in the test environment was measured at 60 dB according to the equation

$$\text{Sound power level} = 10 \log (p \div 0.0002 \text{ dyne/cm}^2) \text{ dB} \quad (\text{Eq 1})$$

where  $p$  is the power level of the measured noise (0.0002 dyne/cm<sup>2</sup> is equivalent to 10 to 16 W/cm<sup>2</sup>). The sound power level of the speech, measured at the location of the headset microphone element (at the corner of the mouth and approximately 1/2 inch away) was 90 dB.

Note the differences between the pressure tracings and the sonograms associated with each microphone. For example, while the peak amplitudes shown in the pressure tracings are equal, the peaks and valleys occur at different times during the utterance. Also note that the speech energy picked up by the intraural microphone is generally confined to the frequency band below 2 kHz, as shown in Fig 4A. In com-

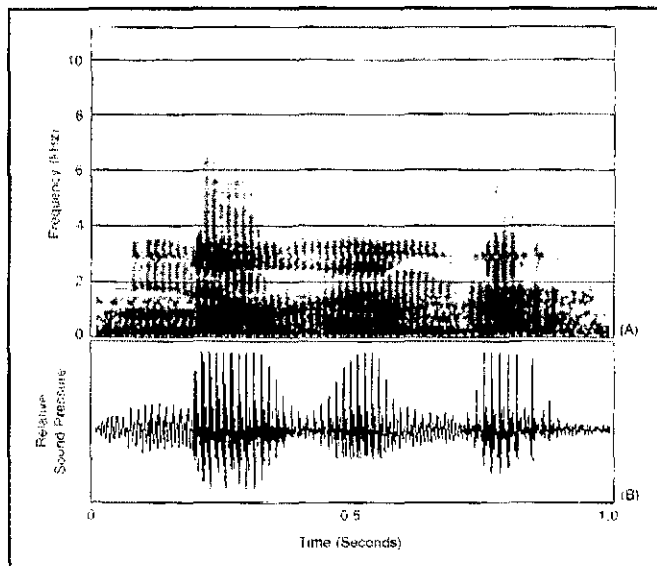


Fig 3—Sonogram (A) and sound pressure oscillogram (B) of the word *November* as measured by a Shure SM10A directional dynamic microphone headset. The sonogram axes indicate frequency (vertical) and time (horizontal), with the darker areas representing higher relative strength. Note the density above 2 kHz. The pressure-oscillogram axes indicate relative pressure (sound amplitude) and time.

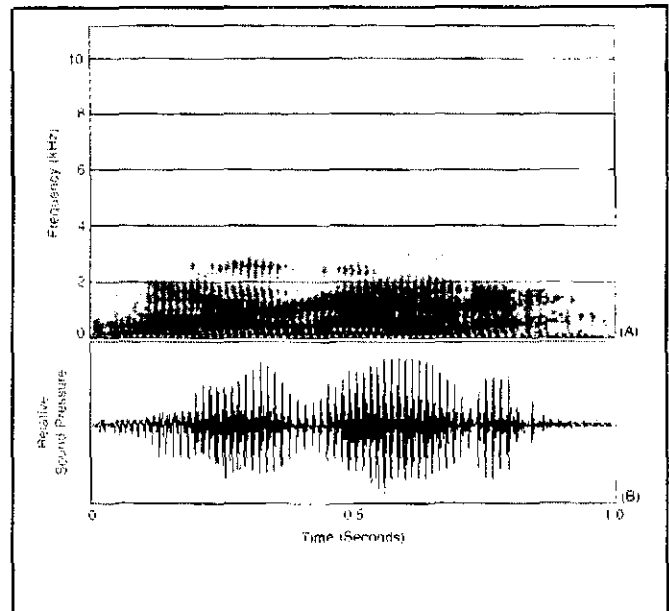


Fig 4—Sonogram (A) and sound-pressure oscillogram (bottom) of the word *November* as transduced by a Maxon 508-021-A intraural microphone. Note the differences between the sound-pressure oscillogram and sonogram in this figure with those in Fig 3.

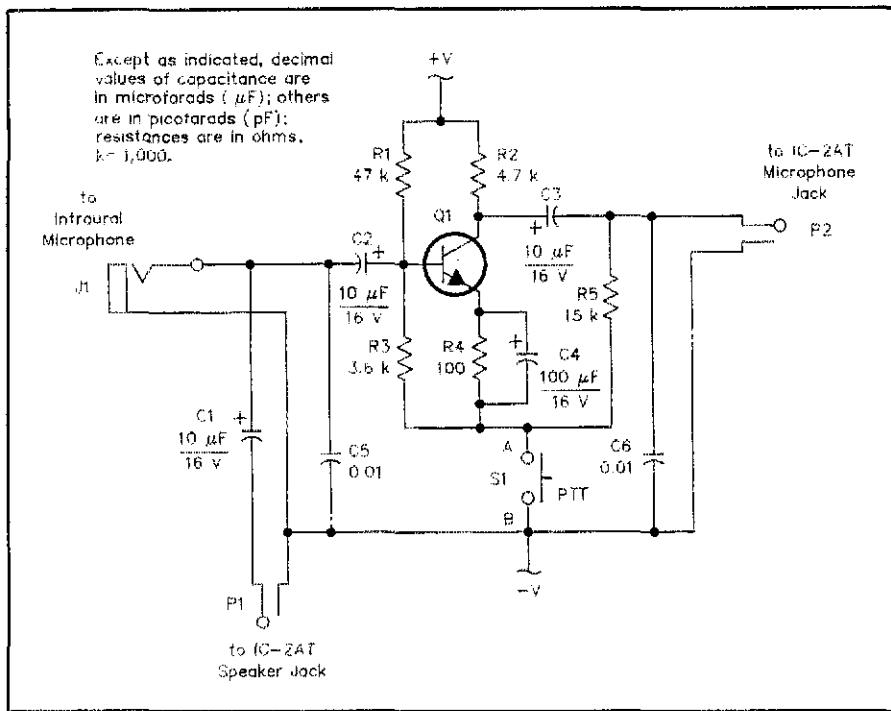


Fig 5—Schematic diagram of the ICOM IC-2AT intraural microphone interface. During receive, speaker output from plug P1 is directed to the intraural microphone, which also acts as an earphone, through C1 and jack J1. Q1 amplifies the mike signal when momentary push-to-talk switch S1, PTT, is closed. C5 and C6 are bypass capacitors. Power for the circuit is supplied by a 9-V alkaline battery.

Q1 is a general-purpose switching transistor. Electrolytic capacitors rated at 16 to 50 V are suitable at C1-C4. All resistors are 1/4-W, 5% tolerance. If you install a remote PTT switch, connect it to the circuit via shielded microphone cable and connect a 0.01-μF bypass capacitor between points A and B.

interface and the IC-2AT as short as possible—4 to 6 inches, maximum. Since the cable between the interface and the intraural microphone must be about 36 inches long to provide adequate operator mobility, use balanced, shielded microphone cable (available at Radio Shack) for this run. Unless you manage to come by a surplus transceiver system from Maxon or Radio Shack, you'll have to purchase a separate Maxon intraural microphone (see note 2), which does not include the necessary two-pin male microphone connector. Two short (1/4-inch-long) pieces of solid copper wire, one no. 12 and one no. 18, inserted into the two sockets on the microphone jack, and held together by a dab of silicone sealant, can serve as a simple and effective weatherproof connector. Carefully solder the microphone cable to the wires, insert the wires about 1/8 inch into the microphone housing, and apply the silicone sealant.

### Yes, But Does it Work?

On the air, the intraural microphone/IC-2AT combination has proven to be a complete success. Audio-quality reports are consistently excellent, and the lightweight and inconspicuous microphone is comfortable under a snug-fitting helmet even on rides several hours long. Now, my headset stays at home with my base-station MF/HF transceiver!

### Notes

- <sup>1</sup>Some states and municipalities may limit or prohibit the wearing of earphones or headsets while operating a vehicle. Be sure to check the applicable statutes before you ride or drive with a headset or intraural microphone.
- <sup>2</sup>T. Warfel, "VOX for HTs," 73, Dec 1989, pp 9-10, 12.
- <sup>3</sup>Available, excluding cable, as a replacement part for \$9.50, plus \$2.50 shipping and handling, from Maxon Systems, Inc. 10828 NW AirWorld Dr. Kansas City, MO 64153, tel 816-891-1093.
- <sup>4</sup>Address your request to Intraural Microphone Interface, ARRL Technical Department Secretary, 225 Main St. Newington, CT 06111. Please include an SASE with one First-Class stamp.

parison, the sonogram illustrated in Fig 3 shows that the headset microphone picks up considerable speech energy in the 2- to 4-kHz range.

These relative differences in spectral response were expected, given that an intraural pickup device is poorly positioned to capture unvoiced speech sounds. But the sonograms also suggested that an intraural microphone should perform adequately over the relatively narrow audio bandwidth necessary for successful Amateur Radio voice communication.

### A Practical Intraural Mike for Amateur Radio Use

To gain some on-the-air experience with the Maxon intraural microphone, I developed a simple interface system for my IC-2AT. As shown in Fig 5, the interface consists of little more than a low-noise preamplifier and PTT switch. During receive, the preamplifier is disabled, and audio from the IC-2AT speaker-output jack is fed to the intraural microphone/earphone (from plug P1, through capacitor C1 and jack J1). When the PTT switch (S1) is closed, R5, a 15-kΩ resistor, is placed across the IC-2AT microphone input, switching the transceiver into transmit mode. In addition, closing the PTT switch applies power (9 V dc at 25 mA) to the microphone preamplifier circuit, which am-

### Using the Intraural Microphone with Other Hand-Helds

Although the intraural microphone and interface described in this article were developed for use with an ICOM IC-2AT, making them work with other hand-helds should require few, if any, alterations to the PTT portion of the intraural mike's interface circuit. For example, Yaesu hand-helds use the same type of PTT detection as the IC-2AT, so the interface will work as is. Kenwood hand-helds use a slightly different PTT-detection circuit, requiring minor rewiring of the interconnecting cables. See your radio's user manual for details. Happy mobilizing!—NUTN

plifies the intraural microphone's output to a level comparable to that of a conventional mike. Bypass capacitors C5 and C6, though not strictly necessary, reduce the preamplifier's susceptibility to RF interference.

With the components in hand, the interface can be assembled on perf board (Radio Shack® no. 276-148 Dual Mini-Board is suitable) in about an hour. Alternatively, a template and a part-placement-guide for a custom PC board are available from ARRL HQ.<sup>4</sup>

Keep the leads between the microphone

## Strays

QST congratulates...

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# Circuit Improvements for the Heath SB-220 Amplifier—Part 1

The venerable SB-220 is one of the most popular Amateur Radio amplifiers ever made—and for good reason. But it isn't perfect. Here's how to make it better.

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The Heath® SB-220/221 amplifier<sup>1</sup> made a notable impact on the world of Amateur Radio. It was the first reasonably priced *and* intelligently designed HF SSB/CW amplifier sold to the Amateur Radio community. Unfortunately, this amplifier is no longer manufactured. The SB-220 (and its successor, the HL-2200) has some excellent design features and a few easily corrected design weaknesses. In this two-part article, I'll discuss both topics, and some cures for the amplifier's weaknesses.

## The High-Voltage Power Supply

Before the arrival of the SB-220, there was a popular notion that legal-limit SSB amplifiers needed heavy-duty power supplies that required two grown men to move them. Heath engineers knew that this idea was based more on folklore than on sound engineering principles.<sup>2</sup> They also knew that the average duty cycle of a human voice is only about 15%. Why build a 100% duty cycle "lock-to-talk" power supply when one wasn't required? So, they designed a power supply that would do the job at hand. That resulted in considerable size, weight and cost savings, which Heath passed along to SB-220 buyers.

At first, some people in the ham community had negative comments about the SB-220's "wimpy-looking" power supply. With time, it became apparent that the power supply did the job well. It had a low failure rate and no detectable ripple. This was no accident. Heath engineers wisely chose an HV-transformer design with an exceptionally low secondary resistance (only about 12.2 Ω). This minimizes the voltage drop under full load in the supply's full-wave voltage-doubling rectifier circuit. Such circuits have an extremely high peak-to-average output-current ratio, so mini-

mizing the transformer-winding resistance is essential for good voltage regulation and reducing  $I^2R$  (heat) losses in the transformer's windings.

The voltage-doubling rectifier circuit has some advantages over the traditional full-wave-bridge rectifier circuit, including:

- Low ripple voltage. As one capacitor bank is charging, the other capacitor bank is simultaneously discharging, canceling the other's out-of-phase sawtooth waveform.

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*There is no safe substitute for pulling the electric-mains plug before putting your fingers inside any amplifier.*

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- Half as many transformer secondary wire turns as a comparable non-doubling supply, which yields a more efficient transformer design. Here's why: One layer of insulating paper is required between each layer of wires, so fewer turns means fewer layers of paper. The result is a transformer that has a high ratio of copper to paper, and thus a relatively high power-to-weight ratio.

- Excellent voltage regulation during current transients—exactly what's needed for CW and SSB operation—because no swinging-inductance filter choke is needed.

## Cooling

Because about half of the power consumed by a linear amplifier is converted into heat, another important amplifier-design consideration is cooling. Most of the heat that a 3-500Z (or any other internal-anode tube) dissipates is carried away by heat radiation from its anode.

Here's how it works: During normal operation, the anode gets so hot that it glows a bright orange color. The surrounding objects are relatively much cooler, so the anode loses most of its heat to its surroundings by radiation, and a lesser amount by conduction through the anode stem and pins. Unfortunately, some of the components to which the anode loses heat are heat-sensitive parts of the 3-500Z, such as the tube's critical glass-to-metal seals and the solder used at the pins in the tube's base. These heat-sensitive parts must be cooled by forced air.

Heath's engineers came up with a deceptively simple method of effectively cooling the 3-500Zs. They realized that the expensive Eimac® air-system socket/glass-chimney cooling system had some serious trade-offs, such as: the difficulty of forcing enough air through the airflow restrictions in the system to adequately cool the filament pins and seals; inefficient anode-cap cooling (the horizontal fins on the standard anode-cap coolers were obviously not designed to be cooled by the vertical airflow through the Eimac air-system chimney); and those airflow restrictions require the use of a high-pressure centrifugal blower (and all high-pressure blowers are noisy). Heath needed a cooling system that would quietly move high-velocity air past the 3-500Z's hot filament pins,<sup>3</sup> filament and anode seals, and glass envelopes.

The Heath engineers knew that when horizontal air flows across vertical cylinders, such as a 3-500Z envelope and its pins, the air follows the curves of the cylinders, providing fairly uniform cooling to all areas of the cylinders (minimizing hot spots). They concluded that, with horizontal airflow, the cooling air has a direct path to the heat-sensitive parts of the tube, and allows the anode cooler's fins to take maximum advantage of the flow of cooling air. Because the filament pins are below the chassis and the filament and anode seals are above the chassis, the Heath engineers used

<sup>1</sup>Notes appear on p 29.

an open-ended chassis equipped with a single, 6-inch-diameter fan blade that could simultaneously blow cooling air above and below the chassis.

To position the four hot filament pins optimally in the under-chassis airflow, the pair of tube sockets was mounted with the two pairs of filament pins facing each other. This optimally positions the hottest parts in front of the tips of the fan blades.

The cooling-system design is brilliantly simple. It's relatively quiet and works well. Reports of tube-pin solder melting in SB-220 amplifiers are very rare (with the exception of cases where the fan-motor bearings seized because they were never oiled!). On the other hand, I have heard of many 3-500Z-pin solder-melting episodes in other amplifiers that used centrifugal blowers and air-system-chimney cooling.

One weakness in the SB-220's cooling system is that the infrared radiation (heat) reflected back into the tubes from the bright aluminum surfaces adjacent and parallel to the anodes shortens tube life. This deficiency is easily corrected: After removing the tubes, apply black liquid shoe polish to the vertical aluminum surfaces near the tubes.

#### Fan Oiling

An oversight in early SB-220s was the failure to provide oil holes for the fan-motor bearings. This problem can be corrected by drilling a small hole, no more than 1/4 inch deep, above the front and rear bearings. It's not necessary to remove the fan motor to do this. The fan should be lubricated at least annually with a thin, *non-gumming* oil such as Hoppe's no. 1003.<sup>4,5</sup> Insert a drop or two of such oil into each hole. What isn't absorbed by the felt wicks that surround the bearings simply dribbles out. *More oil is not better, just messier.* The easiest way to get the desired amount of oil in the holes is to apply the oil with a disposable insulin syringe (available at most drug stores); each unit on such a syringe is equivalent to approximately one drop of oil.

#### Premature Filter-Capacitor Failure

Aluminum-electrolytic filter capacitors are very sensitive to heat. For every 10-°C increase above room temperature, capacitor life expectancy is approximately halved. The electrolytic filter capacitors in the SB-220 are subjected to high heat during normal operation, mostly because of their proximity to their eight associated 30-kΩ voltage-equalizing/bleeder resistors. During transmit, another (minor) source of capacitor heating is the 60-Hz ripple current flowing through each capacitor.

The capacitor-heating problem is compounded because cooling air does not reach the capacitors. In some cases, the heat present partially melts the ends of the capacitor holders that are nearest to the 30-kΩ resistors!

Heat dissipated by these resistors can be

reduced by about 70% by replacing them with 100-kΩ, 2- or 3-W, 5%-tolerance film resistors. Other resistance values may be used, up to roughly 150 kΩ, provided that the resistors are rated to withstand the voltage applied to them and the resistor values are within 5% of each other. I do not recommend using ancient 2-W carbon-composition resistors for this application. They don't stay within their rated tolerance as they age. This simple modification greatly prolongs the life of the electrolytic filter capacitors.

Note: Increasing the equalizing-resistor values also increases the capacitor bleed-down time after the amplifier is shut off. Because this amplifier has a shorting HV interlock that grounds the HV-positive lead when the cover is removed, it's advisable to wait until the front-panel voltmeter indicates nearly 0 V before allowing the interlock to short the HV line to the chassis. Here's why: When the HV positive is shorted to ground, the energy stored in the filter capacitors is applied *directly* to the grid-current-meter shunt resistor, R3 (0.82 Ω), which is the only HV-negative path to chassis. The peak discharge current can be substantial, and damage to the meter shunt and movement can occur.

For example, if the filter-capacitors are at the 100-V level when the interlock shorts, the peak current through R3 is  $100 \text{ V} / 0.82 \Omega = >100 \text{ A}$ . If a substantial voltage exists in the filter capacitors when the interlock shorts, R3 can be literally *blown away* by the discharge-current pulse! If the multimeter happens to be in the grid-current position, the meter can also be crisped. Meter damage can be avoided by parallel-reverse-connecting two ordinary 1-A (any PIV) silicon rectifiers across the terminals on each meter (see Fig 1).

For this reason, I removed the interlocks from both of my Heath amplifiers. Although this isn't necessarily a good thing for you to do, it isn't as unsafe as it sounds: the interlock protects you from residual charge in the HV filter capacitors, but it *does not* prevent operator contact with the potentially fatal voltage from the electric mains when the amplifier is plugged in and switched off. In other words, the safety in-

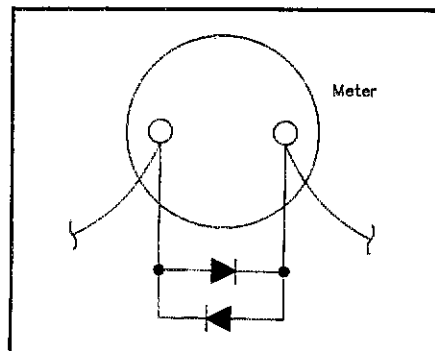


Fig 1—Meter damage caused by application of stored capacitor charge can be avoided by placing a pair of diodes across each meter movement.

terlock does not make the amplifier *safe*.

For me, a major advantage of removing the interlock is that it allows the perforated cover to be removed for optimization of the tuned-input circuits (covered in Part 2). *There is no safe substitute for pulling the electric-mains plug before putting your fingers inside any amplifier.*

#### Intermittent Meter Readings

At least two problems can cause intermittent meter readings in the SB-220. If only the voltmeter exhibits this problem, the most likely cause is the three 4.7-MΩ, 1-W voltmeter-multiplier resistors (R6-R8). These resistors, which are rated at 350 V maximum per unit, are subjected to about 1 kV per unit in the Heath circuit.<sup>6</sup> This can cause resistor deterioration, which leads to fluctuation and/or inaccuracy in the 0- to 3500-V meter indication. The abused resistors can simply be replaced with modern, 2-W flameproof spiral-film resistors designed to handle this voltage.

The other source of trouble lies inside the meters. Here's why: Different metals are used for the various parts of the meter. These parts, which conduct current to the meter armature, are fastened together with screws. Over time, moisture in the air causes electrolysis to take place at the junctions of the dissimilar metals. This increases the resistance at the junctions, causing intermittent meter indications.

This problem can be corrected by prying off the meter face, carefully removing the meter scale, and applying small dabs of conductive paint to all of the dissimilar metal junctions that carry current to the armature. (The conductive paint can be thinned with acetone to facilitate penetration into the narrow areas between the parts. As with any organic solvent, use extreme care when handling acetone—use it in a well ventilated area, don't get it on your skin or in your eyes, and don't breathe its vapors.) Allow conductive paint to dry for at least 15 minutes before replacing the plastic meter faces.

#### Transceiver-Relay-Contact Failure

During receive, the voltage across the ANT RELAY jack rises to about +115. A bypass capacitor, C52, is connected in parallel with this jack, so the capacitor charges to 115 V during receive. During transmit, the transceiver's relay (if one is used) places a short circuit across this jack—and the fully charged C52. The SB-220 relay-coil current is only about 25 mA, but the peak discharge current produced by placing a direct short on the charged capacitor can be surprisingly large. This action is like that of an electric spot welder. Over time, the contacts in the transceiver relay can become pitted and fail to make contact, or become welded together, causing the amplifier to go key-down continuously.

This problem can be corrected by placing a 100- to 200-Ω, 1/2-W current-limiting resistor in series with the center pin (blue wire)

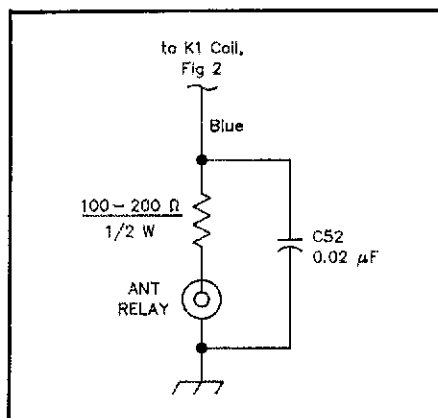


Fig 2—Transceiver-relay-contact pitting and eventual failure can result from use with the TR switching circuit in the SB-220. Adding a 100- to 200-Ω, 1/2-W resistor to the circuit as shown eliminates this trouble spot. All part numbers are those used by Heath.

on the antenna-relay jack. C52 must be connected to the blue-wire end of the resistor. See Fig 2. The drop across this resistor will be only about 5 V, which is insignificant to the 110-V relay coil.

### The Filament Circuit

The most popular published modification for the SB-220 has been filament-inrush-current limiting. A large number of 3-500Zs in SB-220s suffered from filament-to-grid shorts, so some people began to theorize that excessive filament-inrush current was the villain. Another theory was that the filament-to-grid shorts were caused by a manufacturing defect. Neither theory turned out to be true.

Curiously, none of the authors who wrote the SB-220 inrush-current-limiting articles published measured filament-inrush current. So, I decided to measure it with my HP 1706A oscilloscope. (After all, my name is Measures, so why not?)

Here's what I found: The maximum inrush current through the 3-500Z filaments in an SB-220 is only 60% of what Eimac allows. Heath accomplished this esoteric feat by the use of a special current-limiting core in the SB-220's filament transformer. The core is similar to those used in current-limiting neon-sign transformers. Externally, this core appears to be substantially different than the core used in the HV transformer.

The cause of virtually all grid-to-filament shorts in the 3-500Zs was later discovered to be a very brief, and usually very noisy, parasitic oscillation at roughly 110 MHz.<sup>7</sup> As will be discussed later, the large grid-current pulse that accompanies this oscillation creates a large electromagnetic pulse inside the 3-500Zs, pulling the hot filament wires off center, causing them to touch the grid cage.

Another interesting feature concerning the SB-220 filament circuit is that it normally operates near the low end of the

recommended 3-500Z filament-voltage range; typically about 4.85 V (the recommended range is 4.75 to 5.25 V). This may not seem important, but according to Eimac, each 3% reduction in filament voltage (with no drop in PEP output) *doubles* the life expectancy of a 3-500Z. Thus, all other things being equal, the tubes in an SB-220 can be expected to last at least four times longer than the tubes in some other 3-500Z amplifiers.

For example, another (much more expensive)<sup>8</sup> 2 × 3-500Z amplifier that is considered by some to be a better designed, higher-output and more rugged amplifier than the SB-220 has a filament potential of more than 5.90 V at an ac-line supply of 240 V. This clearly exceeds the 3-500Z's maximum-filament-voltage rating, and reduces the useful emission life of the two 3-500Zs to only a few percent of what could have been realized if the tubes had been operated near the low end of the recommended filament-voltage range.

Although the filament circuit in the SB-220 needs no step-start circuit to protect the tubes from high filament-inrush current, there is another good reason to add such a circuit to the SB-220. If the amplifier is turned on in the SSB mode, when powered by stiff, 240-V ac mains, the inrush current through the power switch and other components is considerable. A step-start circuit will eliminate this potential source of trouble. (If an SB-220 is *always* started up in the CW/TUNE mode, and then switched to SSB, the inrush current is lower, and a step-start circuit is probably not needed.)

An easy-to-build step-start circuit is shown in Fig 3. In this circuit, the step-start relay can close only when the filter capacitors in the +110-V and HV power supplies

have reached about 2/3 of their normal operating voltages of R1. If the step-start relay closes before the HV reaches 2/3 of its operating potential, increase the resistance of R1. If the relay closes unreliably, decrease the resistance (this will increase the current through the relay coil). If the circuit is functioning properly, the step-start relay will close about 1 second after turn-on, as the voltmeter indication passes the 2-kV level. The amplifier may be operated at "full throttle" 1 second after the relay closes.

The two 20- to 25-Ω, 10-W resistors and the step-start relay can be glued directly to the bottom of the chassis, directly under the filter-capacitor bank, using silicone-rubber adhesive.<sup>9</sup> The resistors should be held away from the chassis by a few millimeters by the silicone rubber. (This mounting method is appropriate because drilling mounting holes in this area could harm the filter capacitors.)

Because the step-start relay adds to the current burden on the +110-V power supply, it is a good idea to replace the stock, half-wave rectifier (D16) with a full-wave-bridge rectifier. If you do this, unground the grounded red wire on the transformer's 80-V-RMS winding and connect it to the input of the full-wave-bridge rectifier.

### Adding a Standby Switch

Another popular modification for the SB-220 is the addition of a standby switch. A standby switch is really not necessary in this amplifier because the SB-220 uses "instant-on" tubes (3-500Zs use directly heated cathodes, which require only a very brief pre-use warmup period) and a current-limiting filament transformer. Because this transformer is very gentle to the filaments, the amplifier can be switched

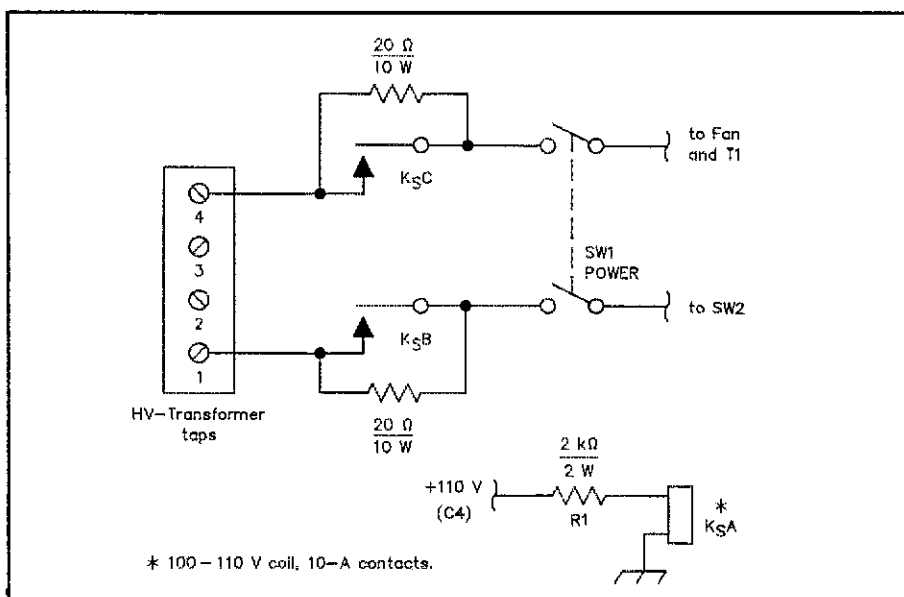


Fig 3—Adding a step-start circuit to the SB-220 minimizes power-on component stress. A 12-V-coil relay can be used in place of the 100- to 110-V unit; if you do so, connect the coil through R1 to the 5-V filament winding via a full-wave voltage doubler, and decrease R1 to about 20 Ω.

on or off as often as you like with no problem—with one exception: If you have just made a long RTTY or FM transmission, the glass-to-metal seals in the 3-500Zs should be allowed to cool for about 1 minute before you switch the amplifier off.

### HV-Rectifier Protection

In the early 1960s, silicon-rectifier manufacturing technology was hit and miss. There was considerable variation between individual rectifiers of the same type. This variation led designers to use resistor-capacitor equalizer circuits in parallel with each rectifier. Today, silicon-rectifier manufacturing technology has improved considerably; rectifiers of the same type have very uniform parameters. Strings of identical, modern silicon rectifiers do not need to be equalized.<sup>10</sup> Unfortunately, old habits die a slow death, and many hams are still using outdated design methods. Much has been written about adding equalizing resistor-capacitor protection networks across the rectifiers in the SB-220's HV power supply. Unfortunately, these "protection" circuits not only *do not* perform as advocated, but they can lead to premature rectifier failure.

Here's why: The ½-W resistors typically used for voltage equalization are rated at 250 V maximum. How can a 250-V-rated resistor be trusted across a 600- or 1000-V rectifier? If anything breaks down in a series-rectifier circuit, it's like dominoes falling. One resistor failure can wipe out the remaining good parts in a series circuit.

The most frequent cause of failure in HV power-supply rectifiers is excessive reverse current. This problem can be eliminated if the total peak-inverse-voltage capability of the series-connected rectifiers substantially exceeds the peak voltage encountered in the circuit. In any series circuit, the current in all of the elements is exactly equal. The rectifiers are all in series, so, the reverse-current burden is exactly the same for each rectifier. How is it that things that are exactly equal need to be equalized?

During the half-cycle application of reverse voltage, it is important that all of the rectifiers in a series leg have similar junction capacitances. If they don't, then the reverse voltage across the lower-capacitance rectifiers will be greater than the voltage across the higher-capacitance rectifiers. Here's why: In a series circuit, smaller capacitors charge faster—and to a higher voltage—than larger capacitors.

Approximately 0.01  $\mu$ F of bypass capacitance across each rectifier is probably a good idea if, for example, 1-A rectifiers are placed in series with 6-A rectifiers, because of the wide difference in junction capacitances between 1- and 6-A rectifiers. If all of the rectifiers in a series leg are similar, they will all have similar junction capacitances, so no external capacitors or resistors are needed.

Long ago, before they knew better, some commercial high-voltage silicon-rectifier-

stack manufacturers used internal RC equalizing networks. These manufacturers stopped using these networks for the same reasons that were previously outlined. I don't know of any commercial HV-rectifier manufacturer who has not abandoned this malpractice.

### Rectifier Failure

When a silicon rectifier fails from excessive reverse-current, the rectifier will short-circuit. This failure mode is very rare in SB-220s because the per-leg total rectifier PIV rating (more than 4.2 kV) is more than 1 kV higher than the actual PIV (3.1 kV) in the circuit. This is a conservative design; during a voltage surge, the chain of eight electrolytic filter capacitors, which is rated at 3.6 kV max, would likely fail before a 4200-PIV rectifier string.

A much more common type of rectifier failure in early production SB-220s is rectifier opening. This is caused by a defective spot weld inside the silicon rectifier. Eventually the weld breaks and the rectifier opens. The forward voltage jumps the gap at the open weld. When this happens, the heat generated by the arc blows a hole in the rectifier and a 60-Hz arc can usually be heard from inside the amplifier when current is being drawn from the HV supply. It is important to switch off the amplifier *immediately* when this noise is heard. Here's why: In a full-wave, voltage-doubler rectifier circuit, there are two series-connected filter capacitors.<sup>11</sup> One capacitor charges during the positive half of the cycle; the other charges during the negative half of the cycle. The two capacitors discharge in series. If one of the filter capacitors is not being fully charged by its rectifiers, when current is being drawn from the supply, the capacitor that is being charged may force reverse current through the capacitor that is not being fully charged. If unchecked, reverse current will cause electrolytic capacitors to discharge their corrosive electrolyte through their safety vents. In other words, reverse current will destroy polarized electrolytic capacitors in short order. Here's another measure of protection against this cause of capacitor failure: Place a reverse-biased rectifier diode across each capacitor. This allows reverse current to flow through the diodes, not the capacitors.

### The Antenna and Bias Relay

A single three-pole relay switches the amplifier in and out of the coaxial line during operation, and handles tube-bias switching as well. A few improvements are in order in this area. See Fig 4.

- Add a diode across the relay coil to absorb the reverse-voltage spike that occurs when current stops flowing in the coil. This prolongs relay-coil-insulation life and quenches the magnetic pulse generated by the coil when it's switched off. If the magnetic pulse is unchecked, it can trigger the transceiver's VOX circuit and

cause other problems.

- In the stock wiring configuration, +110 V is connected to a terminal of the relay. During receive, the relay connects this voltage to the center tap of the filament transformer, which is the dc cathode-current path to the 3-500Z filaments. The positive cathode voltage causes the tubes to cut off during receive by pulling the grids 110 V more negative than the cathodes.

A sticky problem arises if one of the tubes develops a filament-to-grid short (which, as mentioned earlier, is frequently the result of VHF parasitic oscillation). Because each grid is grounded for dc, a shorted tube also short-circuits the +110-V antenna-relay power supply, which is derived from the *unfused* filament transformer. Thus, if a filament-to-grid short occurs and the amplifier is not switched off *promptly*, the filament transformer will literally *melt down and short out*, and the black tar that comes out of the overheated transformer makes an unpleasant mess inside the amplifier. There are more pleasant ways to spend a Saturday morning than changing a smoked filament transformer!

This potential source of grief can be eliminated if the relay is rewired as shown in Fig 4. This circuit uses resistor-cutoff bias, using the existing 100-k $\Omega$  resistor (R27), which is rewired to another relay terminal. The current through this resistor during receive is usually less than 0.25 mA (R27 dissipates less than 7 mW), so its ½-W rating is more than adequate.

- The antenna relay is mounted on a rubber grommet. This was intended to reduce the vibration that the relay transmits to the chassis, which would otherwise act as a sounding board. Over time, the grommet hardens, increasing the acoustic noise generated by relay operation. This problem can be corrected by removing the mounting screw and the grommet from the top of the chassis and applying a small dab of silicone-rubber adhesive through the hole.

After the silicone rubber cures, an additional noise reduction can be gained by installing U-shaped strips of thin, flexible copper ribbon near the relay in series with the stiff wires soldered to relay terminals 4, 6, 7 and 9. The stiff wires should be shortened by about ¼ inch before the U links are soldered in. The flexible U links act as shock absorbers, and keep the stiff copper wires from transmitting vibration from the relay to the chassis. This simple modification results in a substantial noise reduction.

- During "barefoot" operation on 10 meters, when the amplifier is switched off, the SWR presented to the rig by the amplifier is less than wonderful. This is due to the inductive reactance in the amplifier's TR relay. The relay's inductive reactance can be canceled by adding capacitive reactance between a relay terminal and chassis ground (see Fig 4). The required capacitor

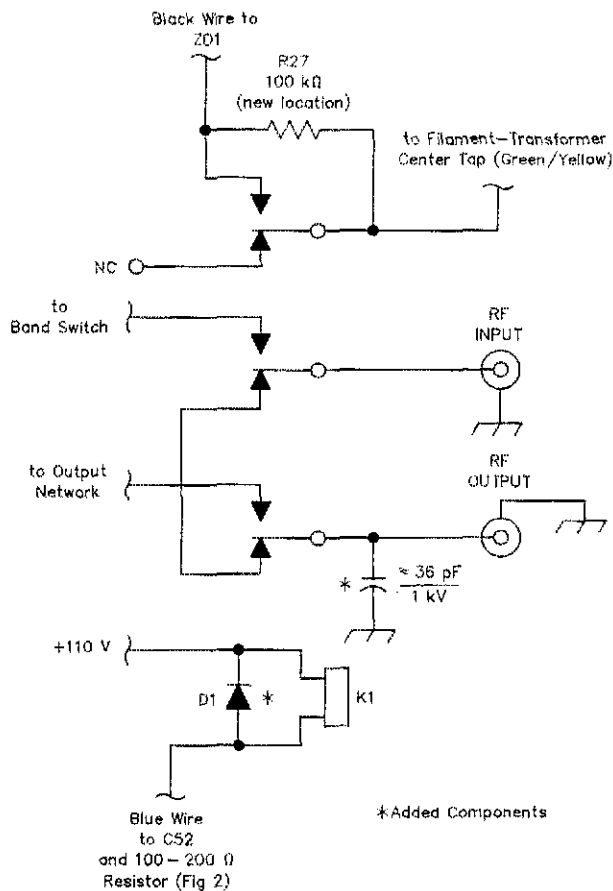


Fig 4—TR- and bias-switching-circuit modifications for the SB-220.

is usually about 36 pF (plus or minus a few standard 5% values) and should have at least a 1-kV rating. If you use a ceramic capacitor for this, the NP0 type is best.

### Parasitic Oscillations

The most serious design weakness in the SB-220 is its tendency to support an intermittent VHF parasitic oscillation at roughly 110 MHz. This problem is far from being unique to the SB-220. I know of no model of commercial HF or MF/HF, ham-band, grounded-grid amplifier that has not occasionally had a VHF parasitic oscillation.

Briefly, the heart of the SB-220's VHF-parasitics problem lies in the use of high-VHF-Q copper conductors between the tuning capacitor and the anode connections (plate caps) on the 3-500Zs. The high-VHF-Q parts include the factory-stock parasitic suppressors!

This problem can be easily corrected by constructing low-VHF-Q parasitic suppressors with VHF-lossy nichrome, or even lossier nickel-chromium-iron alloy wire, and replacing the copper braid between the dc-blocking capacitor and the top of the HV RF choke with a pair of unequal-length nichrome wires.<sup>12,13</sup>

During the production life of the SB-220 and its successors, Heath made two changes in the amplifier's design that were related to the parasitic-oscillation problem. One change was to increase the voltage rating of the tuning capacitor, and the other was to decrease the values of the grid-to-ground capacitors from 200 pF to 115 pF. Three of these capacitors are used on each 3-500Z. The more-reactive 115-pF units canceled some of the internal grid inductance in the 3-500Zs, increasing the grid's VHF self-resonant frequency, making the amplifier slightly more stable. Unfortunately, this was not a sure cure.

Judging from numerous on-the-air and telephone conversations I've had with SB-220 users, Heath received many complaints from SB-220 owners who reported arcing at the tuning capacitor. In response to these complaints, Heath used a higher-voltage-rated capacitor in later amplifiers. That turned out to be a serious mistake.

Here's why: The original tuning capacitor already had a substantial breakdown-voltage safety factor, considering that the maximum peak (HF) RF anode potential in the SB-220 is less than 2.6 kV. The arcing was not being caused by normal HF RF

voltage peaks: It was being caused by intermittent VHF parasitic-oscillation voltage. Increasing the voltage rating of this capacitor did stop the arcing at the capacitor, but it shifted the parasitic arcing to the output band switch as the parasitic voltage sought out the path of least resistance. If the band switch's contact spacing was increased to stop the band-switch arcing, the new, wide-spaced tuning capacitor would probably begin arcing.

Pitting on the plates of an air-dielectric variable capacitor can be cleaned up with a file, and the capacitor will be as good as new. Arcing on the fragile contacts of a band switch, however, is frequently fatal to the band switch. Heath didn't make a good trade in this case, but they didn't know what was causing the arcing at the time. Now that we understand parasitic oscillations in MF/HF amplifiers—and the cures for them—we can easily fix this problem.

The SB-220 is a well-designed amplifier. The fixes described here, and those covered in Part 2, considerably improve the SB-220's performance and life span.

### Notes

- <sup>1</sup>The SB-220 and the later SB-221 (like the SB-220, except that operation on the 10-meter band was not enabled at the factory) are considered to be identical for the purposes of this article. All part numbers referenced in this article are those used in Heath's SB-220 construction/operation manual.
- <sup>2</sup>Unless specified otherwise, my statements about the SB-220's design are based on reverse-engineering and discussions with Heath's engineering staff.
- <sup>3</sup>The filament pins receive a considerable amount of heat through conduction from the filament. The amount of heat present requires that continuous forced-air cooling be directed at the filament pins, even on standby.
- <sup>4</sup>WD-40®, LPS and similar products are *not* non-gumming.
- <sup>5</sup>This oil can be purchased in stores that sell fishing reels and/or firearms. Ordinary 10 or 20 SG-grade motor oil can also be used.
- <sup>6</sup>When the SB-220 is powered from 120 or 240 V, the no-load HV is very close to 3 kV.
- <sup>7</sup>R. Measures, "Parasitics Revisited—Part 1," QST, Sep 1990, pp 15-18; and R. Measures, "Parasitics Revisited—Part 2," QST, Oct 1990, pp 32-35.
- <sup>8</sup>Just because something is more expensive doesn't necessarily mean it's better. For an extensive treatment of this subject, see "The Emperor's New Clothes" by Hans Christian Andersen.
- <sup>9</sup>The areas to be bonded should first be degreased. After the step-start parts are in place, do not disturb the amplifier for at least 24 hours while the silicone-rubber adhesive cures.
- <sup>10</sup>This subject is discussed in detail in S. Katz, "Diode Failure," Technical Correspondence, QST, Apr 1988, pp 46-47.
- <sup>11</sup>In the SB-220, each of these two capacitors is made from four 200- $\mu$ F, 450-V capacitors in series. Thus, the four capacitors in each leg act as a single 50- $\mu$ F, 1.8-kV capacitor.
- <sup>12</sup>If you would like to receive a 2-page information package and price list for improved parasitic-suppressor retrofit kits, send me a postcard or a QSL with your address.
- <sup>13</sup>See note 7.

# The 160-Meter Antenna Dilemma

If you're not getting the top-band results you expected, you'll find these antenna tips of use.

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HOW LOW CAN YOU GO?

It is always a pleasure to welcome newcomers to the "gentlemen's band," as 160 meters has been called for many years. But few have signals that rattle the walls in my shack. In fact, they are often barely readable, or at best an S unit or so above the noise threshold.

When first-timers give me a call to ask for a signal check, I always inquire about their antenna. "I'm using my 35-foot-high 75-meter dipole with a Transmatch" is one common response. Another is, "Antenna here is a 100-foot, end-fed wire about 15 feet above ground." When I hear 160-meter antenna descriptions of this type I say "ouch!" The majority of these newcomers are using barefoot transceivers, which at times must look into high values of SWR.

There seems to be a misconception that

leads some to believe that good antennas, at a suitable height, aren't necessary on 160 meters. In fact, the opposite is true! This is because 160 meters is generally a noisy band—more so than the 3.5-MHz and higher bands. This is a result of the vigorous atmospheric noise we must deal with, along with greater man-made noise. You can add to this hodgepodge the presence of TV "birdies" (15.75-kHz horizontal-oscillator harmonic radiation) that can virtually wipe out reception if the other station is weak. (TV birdies are seldom a problem above 3.5 MHz.) It is prudent to locate your 160-meter antenna

as far from your TV antenna as possible. A brute-force ac-line filter on your TV receiver helps keep TV-birdie harmonics from radiating via the ac line in your home, and via those conductors outside your house.

## The Matter of Height

We hams tend to think of height in terms of physical feet or meters, rather than with regard to wavelengths or fractions thereof above earth ground. Whereas a height of 50-60 feet may seem high above ground, it's very low in terms of wavelength at the lower frequencies. An ideal horizontal

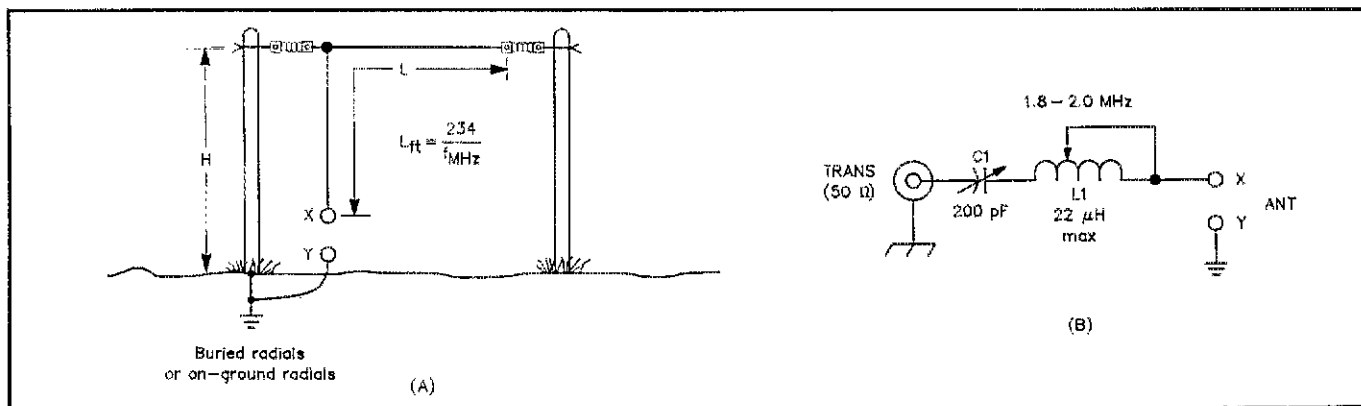


Fig 1—Example of a  $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\lambda$  inverted-L antenna. Dimension H should be as high as practicable for best performance. The support poles may be metal or wood, or they can be trees. Illustration B shows a simple matching network that works very well with inverted-L antennas. The capacitor can be motor-driven from the ham shack to provide a 1:1 SWR across the band. A single value of inductance normally permits full band coverage with C1. Once the tap is selected, no further adjustments are required for full 160-meter coverage.



antenna height for working distant stations is  $\frac{1}{2} \lambda$  or greater above ground. This is relatively easy to achieve on, say, 20 meters (35 feet). But, for 3.5 MHz it is 141 feet, and at 1.8 MHz we need to have this ideal antenna 273 feet above ground! Not practical for most of us.

By way of example, a 160-meter dipole that is 35 feet above ground is equivalent, in terms of wavelength height, to a 10-meter dipole at about 2 feet above ground. None of us would consider erecting a 10-meter beam at 2 feet above ground!

### What Happens at Low Height?

We can expect dreadful antenna efficiency when we use a 160-meter horizontal antenna at typical ham-antenna heights. Ground losses become high and the antenna has no directivity. In fact, the radiation is pretty much straight up, in the shape of a sphere. This can actually be very good for short-range QSOs at night, out to some 600 miles. Inverted-V antennas do somewhat better because they have a vertically polarized component (if the enclosed angle is between 90 and 110 degrees). They also have an omnidirectional radiation pattern. I prefer a 160-meter inverted V to a horizontal dipole at heights less than 100 feet. The feed impedance of a dipole at low height will be affected; a matching network at the antenna feed point may be required if you use coaxial cable for your transmission line. A dipole that is  $\frac{1}{2} \lambda$  high has a characteristic feed impedance of 75 ohms. This isn't so at other heights (for details, see *The ARRL Antenna Book*<sup>1</sup>).

### An Answer for the Urban Dweller

Most hams who live in metropolitan areas do not have sufficient property to erect a full-size 160-meter horizontal dipole. In fact, the urbanite may have difficulty accommodating a 160-meter inverted V. An old expression is, "If you can't go out, go up." Vertical antennas for top band are popular and practical. A full-

size  $\frac{1}{4} \lambda$  vertical for 1.9 MHz is 123 feet high. Not many hams are willing to go to that extreme, especially in the city! You can, however, erect a short vertical antenna with some form of top loading (coil and capacitance hat near the upper end). If you have a tower, you may elect to shunt feed it (with your HF beam antenna in place) and add some top loading. *WIFB's Antenna Notebook* and *The ARRL Antenna Book* describe methods for doing this.<sup>2</sup>

A popular and effective antenna for 160 meters is the inverted L. It works well for local and DX communications if a ground-radial system is used with it. In fact, all  $\frac{1}{4} \lambda$  antennas fed against ground require a radial system if losses are to be kept low. A couple of metal rods driven into the soil will *not* take the place of a radial system. Beware of this approach to an antenna ground. If the rods are at least 8 feet long and driven into the soil, however, the rods *will* provide a dc ground for your antenna and station.

An inverted-L antenna consists of  $\frac{1}{4} \lambda$  of wire, shaped like an upside-down L (Fig 1). The greater the length of the vertical portion of the wire, the better the antenna will perform. The horizontal portion carries less current and does less radiating. So, the antenna radiation is predominantly vertical in polarization. This antenna has a fairly low radiation angle (typically 20-35°), which makes it useful for all-around communications. A number of hams have earned their 160-meter DXCC while using simple inverted-L antennas.

The major trade-off with verticals is that they pick up far more noise than do horizontal antennas. This is because most man-made noise is vertically polarized. Also, you may find that you have a "dead zone" with your vertical antenna. There will be times when signals out to a couple of hundred miles are very weak. Your signal will also be weak at the other ham's location, since it is skipping over his area. This does not always happen; it depends on propagation conditions at a given time.

Short verticals (30 feet long or greater) can be effective, too. You may want to

make one from aluminum tubing or a telescoping steel mast. The shorter the vertical, the lower the antenna efficiency—unless you add many more radials to your ground system. Likewise as you add more inductive loading. But a short loaded vertical is often more effective for working distant stations than a full-size horizontal antenna near ground. I had good luck when I lived in Detroit during the 1950s while using a 16-foot helically wound vertical antenna on 160 meters. It was wound uniformly with  $\frac{1}{2} \lambda$  of no. 14 insulated wire. A 16-foot wooden hand rail from the lumberyard served as the coil form after I applied two coats of spar varnish. An aluminum pie plate was used at the tip of the helix to provide top capacitance and to prevent corona discharge (resulting from the extremely high voltage at the antenna's end) during transmit periods. One-half  $\lambda$  of wire results in  $\frac{1}{4} \lambda$  resonance (approximately) when winding helical antennas of this type.

### The Ground System

Some amateurs rebel at the thought of deploying a ground-radial system. Sure, it takes a bit of time and effort, but the reward is well worth the hours you invest in the project. You may hear that it is necessary to use 120 radials that are each  $\frac{1}{4} \lambda$  long. Although such a ground system would be nice to have, it's not mandatory. You can do quite well with 15 or 20 radial wires. They need not be extended linearly away from the feed point of your vertical. If your house is in the way of your work, simply route the radials around the house. If there is not enough space for  $\frac{1}{4} \lambda$  radials, make them as long as you can. I used a 55-foot top-loaded vertical when I lived in Connecticut. I had 20 in-ground radials of mixed wire gauge. Some were only 40 feet long, while others were greater than 100 feet long. I worked all 50 states on 160 meters and confirmed 72 countries with this system while running 100 watts on CW.

Don't worry about ruining your lawn with buried radials. A lawn-edging tool can be used to cut the slits for the wire. The

<sup>1</sup>Notes appear on page 32.

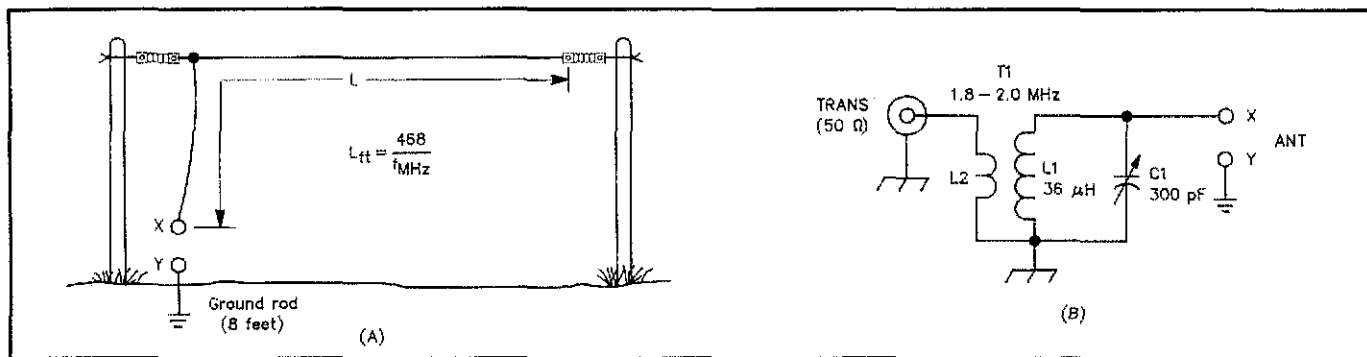


Fig 2—A  $\frac{1}{2} \lambda$  version of the antenna in Fig 1. This antenna is similar to one used at W4ZCB. L1 may have a relay-selected tap to permit operation on 80 meters as well. L1 and C1 are outside the house at the antenna feed point in a weatherproof box. C1 is motor driven and should have wide spacing or be a vacuum variable capacitor. Illustration B shows a suitable matching network.

lawn will heal in a month or two, and no one will know about the copper screen you have under the grass!

### Other 160-Meter Antennas

Some amateurs obtain good performance with end-fed  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\lambda$  wire antennas. Results depend on the height of the wire above ground. An antenna erected over poor ground (deep shale, granite or desert sand) may appear to be many feet higher over ground than it is. W4ZCB is situated on a small mountain in North Carolina. His end-fed wire for 160 meters (Fig 2) is only 50-60 feet above the surface of the earth. His signal in Michigan is always very loud. I expect that there's a lot of rock below his property. His antenna is tuned remotely and works equally well on 75 meters (1  $\lambda$  overall).

I use a full- $\lambda$  horizontal loop for 1.9 MHz. The corners are only 50 feet above ground, but I live over very dry, sandy soil. I suspect that the virtual (or effective) antenna height is considerably

greater than 50 feet. I feed this loop at one corner with 450-ohm ladder line. It works exceptionally well on all of the bands from 160 through 10 meters with the help of a 4:1 balun transformer and my Transmatch. Loops are inherently quiet receiving antennas. My noise level is often S0 to S1, whereas the reading was generally S3 to S6 when I was using an inverted L. Lee, K8CLI, in Loveland, Ohio also uses a full- $\lambda$  horizontal 160-meter loop at approximately 50 feet. His signal is always among the loudest I hear on 1.9 MHz.

### Summary Remarks

I can't stress strongly enough that we need to take our 160-meter antennas seriously if we are to enjoy the benefits of this wonderful band. A hunk of wire a few feet above ground will surely deprive you of the fun that awaits you on 160 meters. If the other guy has to struggle to copy your signal he may choose to sign off with you. A little thought and effort are required when you erect your first top-band anten-

na. Don't settle for mediocrity—it's better to apply the same tender loving care you do when erecting an antenna for 40 or 20 meters. Although I do not advocate using amplifiers when they aren't needed, I suggest that you consider acquiring one for your 160-meter work if you intend to chase DX and have a consistently good signal. Amplifiers provide those extra decibels that are often needed to break through the noise. They are a definite asset when band conditions are poor, which is not atypical on 160 meters.

Finally, every decibel is important. I urge you to make an effort to match your feed line to your 160-meter antenna and to match your end-fed wire to the transmitter.

### Notes

<sup>1</sup>The ARRL Antenna Book is available from ARRL HQ for \$18 plus \$2.50 shipping and handling (\$3.50 for UPS), or from your local dealer.

<sup>2</sup>W1FB's Antenna Notebook is available from ARRL HQ for \$8 plus \$2.50 shipping and handling (\$3.50 for UPS), or from your local dealer.

## New Products

### QUORUM COMMUNICATIONS DOWNCONVERTERS

LI Two new 1691-MHz to 137.5/141-MHz downconverters, models SDC-1691B and SDC-1691BWP, from Quorum Communications, Inc, are designed for reception of WEFAX and other services available from the US GOES, European Meteosat or Japan's GMS geostationary weather satellites. Except for weatherproofing, the two units are identical. The suffixes denote the difference between the two converter models; for ready-to-go outdoor use, the BWP model is installed in a weatherproof, mast-mountable case. Because the B-only-suffix unit is *not* weatherproof, it must be used indoors or housed in a weatherproof enclosure if used outdoors. (An optional weatherproof housing/mast-mountable case is available to upgrade the B-only-suffix version.)

The converter consists of a low-noise (typically 1-dB noise figure) RF amplifier, a bandpass image-rejection filter and a high-stability local oscillator (LO). To enhance frequency stability, the LO crystal is contained in an oven that maintains the crystal temperature at 75 °C. The LO circuit is also temperature compensated. As a result, the converter's output frequency remains within  $\pm 2$  kHz with ambient temperature variations from -20 to +50 °C. Because of its low noise figure, the SDC-1691B requires no external preampli-

fier. The converter has a conversion gain of 30 to 33 dB.

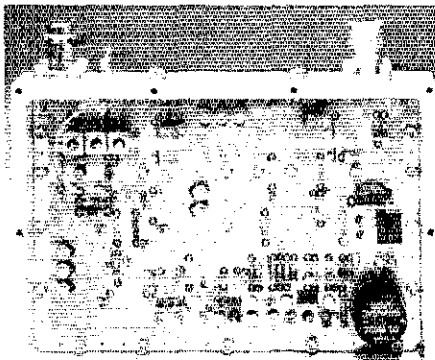
Because the converter uses a wideband IF, no crystal switching or swapping is necessary to receive the existing geostationary weather satellites. For European Meteosat reception, the IF output is at 141 MHz with the supplied crystal. An LO-crystal option for Meteosat reception, providing an IF output of 137.5 MHz, is available at no additional cost.

Converter power requirements are +12 to 14 V at 500 mA. (Average current drain is 250 mA; power-up current drain is

approximately 500 mA because of crystal-oven cycling.) Power is fed to the converter via a feedthrough capacitor or through the IF-output cable. A milled-aluminum case houses the electronics (see the photo). A female N connector is used for the 1691-MHz RF-input port, and the IF-output connector is a female BNC.

An illustrated installation and operation manual tells you how to integrate the converter into your weather-satellite receiving system. The manual includes an appendix with a wealth of information on receiving WEFAX transmissions (antenna recommendations, gain figures, system trade-offs, etc).

Price class: 1691B, \$449; 1691BWP, \$498; weatherproof housing/mast-mount case, \$49. To order or obtain more information, contact Quorum Communications, Inc, 1020 S Main St, Suite A, Grapevine, TX 76051. Tel 817-488-4861; fax 817-481-8983. Quorum also operates a BBS (817-421-0228) that provides weather-satellite-picture files and other software. On the BBS, you can also find the latest version of the software used with Quorum's scan-converter card.—Paul Pagel, N1FB



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## Ten-Tec Omni V Model 562 160-10 Meter Transceiver

Reviewed by Kirk Kleinschmidt, NT0Z

According to early Omni V advertising, Ten-Tec designed this rig to provide optimized ham-bands-only transceiver performance, especially for contesters and DXers. The Omni V strongly resembles its established general-coverage-receive sibling, the Paragon. The 100-watt-output Omni V covers all amateur bands from 1.8 to 29.7 MHz, and transmits and receives CW, LSB, USB, FM (optional), FSK and AFSK. Its many features include two "VFOs" (actually tunable memories); a digital multifunction display; 25 memories that store frequency, mode and IF-filter selection; a broadband, no-tune transmitter; a speech processor; passband tuning; and full-break-in CW with two TR-turnaround speed choices. In addition, the Omni V includes some not-so-standard features: a 24-hour clock (that beeps at 16 minutes past each hour to alert you to the impending WWV propagation-forecast broadcast sent 18 minutes after each hour), and receive-audio filtering.

### Technicalities

The Omni V's signal-generation scheme is based on a phase-locked-loop (PLL)-based frequency synthesizer that tunes from 198.8 to 221.2 MHz in 400-Hz steps. Dividing this signal by 40 produces 4.97- to 5.53-MHz output in 10-Hz steps. This signal is mixed with the output of a crystal oscillator for final conversion to the operating frequency. Ten-Tec adopted this hybrid approach to minimize local-oscillator phase noise, and ARRL Lab testing confirms the wisdom of this approach: In terms of composite transmitted noise (which consists largely of phase noise), the Omni V is among the very cleanest of all the current MF/HF Amateur Radio transceivers we've tested.

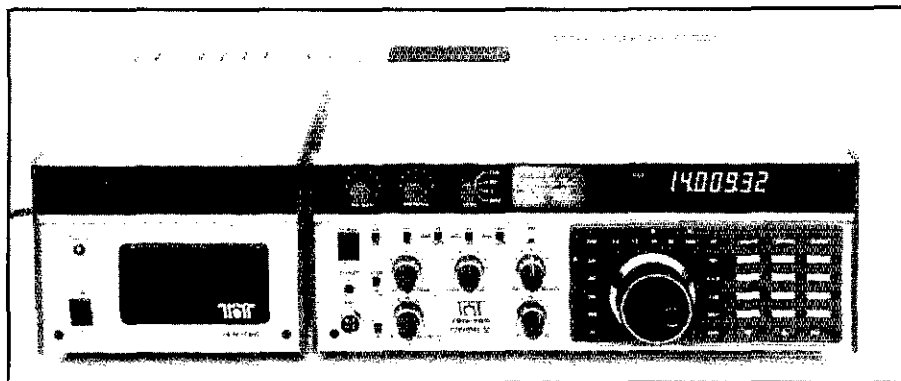
The Omni V incorporates a double/triple-conversion receiver (first IF, 9.0 MHz; second IF, 6.3 MHz; third IF [for FM reception only], 455 kHz). The Omni V comes with a 2.4-kHz-wide IF filter as standard. On all modes, the Omni V generates its transmitted signal at 9 MHz.

The Omni V includes a 3-V lithium cell to maintain its clock/calendar and microprocessor status registers when power is removed; the frequency/mode/filter memory information, stored in nonvolatile RAM, does not depend on this cell for survival.

Physically, the Omni V embodies Ten-Tec's hallmark modular construction. There's plenty of room "under the hood" and weekend mechanics should have little trouble figuring out what's what.

### Front Panel

The Omni V's front panel includes a large



tuning knob, the multifunction display, five pairs of concentric rotary controls (MIC gain/RF PWR; AF gain/TONE; FADE/BP [these adjust the Omni V's receive-audio-filtering circuits]; PassBand Tuning/NOTCH; RF gain/SQUELch; seven push-on/push-off push buttons (speech PROCESSOR on/off; ATTN (selects a 20-dB RF attenuator on receive); Noise Blanker on/off; PTT/VOX; QSK FAST/SLOW; AGC ON/OFF; and AGC FAST/SLOW); a main POWER switch; and 35 momentary push buttons. Many of the push buttons trigger an annunciator beep.

Clustered around the main-tuning knob are the mode and IF-filter keys, and the VFO and memory-select keys. Of note among these are the REVERSE key (allows listening on the transmitting frequency during split-frequency operation), and the SPLIT key (allows the Omni V to transmit on one of its two VFOs and receive on the other); as discussed later, this function is used in lieu of a separate RIT (receiver incremental tuning—sometimes also called receiver offset tuning or clarifier) control.

To the right are the Omni V's band-select keys and additional VFO-control keys (VFO → M, M → VFO), CLEAR/CLOCK (selects and sets the 24-hour clock); ↑ and ↓ (fast-tuning keys during normal operation, these also set time and date); and Voice Calendar Enable (selects calendar-display mode and/or the optional voice readout). Even though it holds many controls, the Omni V's front panel is open and "airy."

The Omni V's multifunction fluorescent display shows the rig's carrier frequency (with 10-Hz resolution) in ½-inch-tall, blue-green digits, and has annunciators that show which VFO is selected, when split operation is enabled, and when all memories are full. Instead of the annunciators common on the multifunction displays of most other transceivers, the Omni V has LEDs that indicate the status of the functions controlled by the ATTN, PROC, TUNE, MT, and the mode- and filter-selection buttons.

A RESET switch, accessed through a hole on the right side of the rig, restores proper microprocessor function if the Omni V's microprocessor locks up—a condition in which the tuning knob or other microprocessor-related controls fail to function properly. The review rig locked up once at turn-on (the front-panel tuning and keypad controls had no effect) and had to be reset.

### Rear-Panel Connections

Rear-panel connectors of note (in addition to antenna, key and external-speaker jacks, etc) include a 4-conductor POWER connector that carries dc and enables ac-line input to the matching Model 961 power supply; a DB25 RS232 INTERFACE connector; RX ANTENNA (for connecting a separate receiving antenna); TX OUT and TX EN (normally jumpered together, these allow the Omni V to control specific external RF amplifiers, such as Ten-Tec's Titan); AUX +13.8V (sources 13.8 V, unfused, at up to 2 A); AUDIO OUT (a fixed, "line-level" audio output intended to drive a modem or tape recorder); AUDIO INPUT (up to 500 mV; mixes with mike-channel audio); XVRT EN (selects the Omni V's transverter-interface functions, which include disabling the Omni V's final RF power amplifier and switching a low-level transmit signal [approximately 0 dBm, or 224 mV RMS, with a 50-Ω load] to the Omni V's XVRT OUT jack.) Except for the 50 OHM ANTENNA, POWER, EXT. SPEAKER, GND and RS232 INTERFACE connectors, all the rear-panel connections are made via phono jacks.

The Omni V's rear panel also includes eight controls: RX/TRX (connects the Omni V's receiver input to either the 50 OHM ANTENNA [SO-239] or RX ANTENNA jacks); SIDETONE PITCH; SIDETONE LEVEL; MONITOR LEVEL (allows monitoring transmitted audio [SSB, AFSK, SSTV, etc]); controls how much, if any, transmit audio is fed to the Omni V's audio-output amplifier during transmission); BEEP/VOICE (sets key-

**Table 1**

**Ten-Tec Omni V 160-10 Meter Transceiver, Serial no. 23A10499**

**Manufacturer's Claimed Specifications**

Frequency coverage: 1.47-2.03, 3.47-4.03, 6.97-7.53, 9.97-10.53, 13.97-14.53, 17.97-18.53, 20.97-21.53, 24.47-25.03, and 27.97-30.03 MHz.

Modes of operation: USB, LSB, CW, FSK and AFSK RTTY, FM (optional).

Power requirement: 13.8 V dc. Receive, 1.5 A; transmit, 20 A max.

**Transmitter**

Transmitter power: At 14 V, 200 W max input on SSB, CW and FM for 20 minutes (continuous with forced-air cooling of heat sink).

Spurious-signal and harmonic suppression: >45 dB below peak power output.

Third-order intermodulation distortion products: Not specified.

CW-keying waveform: Not specified.

Transmit-receive turnaround time (PTT release to 90% audio output): Not specified.

Composite transmitted noise: Not specified.

**Receiver**

Receiver sensitivity: SSB, CW and RTTY (2.4-kHz filter): 0.15  $\mu$ V (-123 dBm) for 10-dB S/N.

FM (15-kHz filter): 0.30  $\mu$ V (-117 dBm) for 12 dB SINAD.

Receiver dynamic range: 97 dB typ (signal spacing not specified).

Third-order input intercept: 12 dBm.

S-meter sensitivity (for S9 reading): 50  $\mu$ V.

SSB Squelch sensitivity: <0.6  $\mu$ V.

Notch filter attenuation: 50 dB typ.

Receiver audio output: 1.5 W at 2% distortion with an 8- $\Omega$  load.

Receiver IF/audio response: Not specified.

Size (height, width, depth):

5.75 x 14.75 x 17 inches; weight, 16 lb.

<sup>†</sup>Blocking dynamic range and third-order IMD dynamic range measurements were made at the ARRL Lab standard signal spacing of 20 kHz.

<sup>††</sup>Test-equipment limitations inhibit ARRL Lab notch-filter-attenuation measurements of notches deeper than about 30 dB.

**Measured in the ARRL Lab**

As specified.

As specified.

13.8 V, 17 A at 92 W output.

**Transmitter Dynamic Testing**

Output power: 92-96 W (output varies slightly from band to band).

As specified. See Fig 1.

See Fig 2.

See Fig 3.

S1 signal, 18 ms; S9 signal, 18 ms.

See Fig 4.

**Receiver Dynamic Testing**

Minimum discernible signal (noise floor) with optional 250-Hz filter: 3.5 MHz, -135 dBm; 14 MHz, -136 dBm.

Not tested (optional FM unit not installed).

Blocking dynamic range<sup>†</sup>: 3.5 MHz, 135 dB; 14 MHz, 135 dB.

Two-tone, third-order intermodulation distortion dynamic range<sup>†</sup>: 3.5 MHz, 95 dB; 14 MHz, 97 dB.

3.5 MHz, 6.5 dBm; 14 MHz, 9.5 dBm. 168  $\mu$ V at 14 MHz.

As specified.

More than 30 dB.<sup>††</sup>

As specified. 2.1 W at 10% total harmonic distortion (THD) with an 8- $\Omega$  load.

377-2289 Hz at -6 dB.

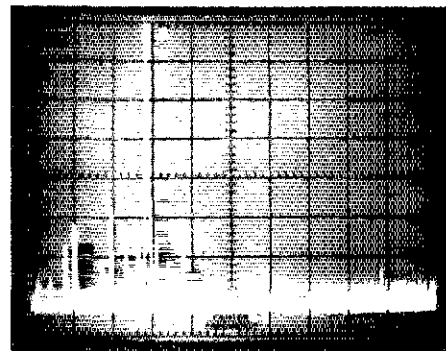


Fig 1—Worst-case spectral display of the Ten-Tec Omni V. Horizontal divisions are each 10 MHz; vertical divisions are each 10 dB. Output power is approximately 96 W at 28 MHz. All harmonics and spurious emissions are at least 48 dB below peak fundamental output. The Omni V complies with current FCC specifications for spectral purity for equipment in this power-output class and frequency range.

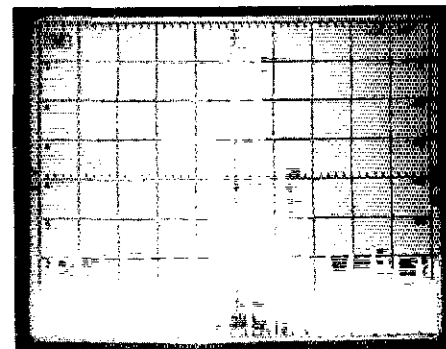


Fig 2—Spectral display of the Omni V during two-tone intermodulation distortion (IMD) testing. Third-order products are approximately 30 dB below PEP output, and fifth-order products are approximately 45 dB down. Vertical divisions are each 10 dB; horizontal divisions are each 2 kHz. The transceiver was being operated at 100 W PEP output on 3.8 MHz.

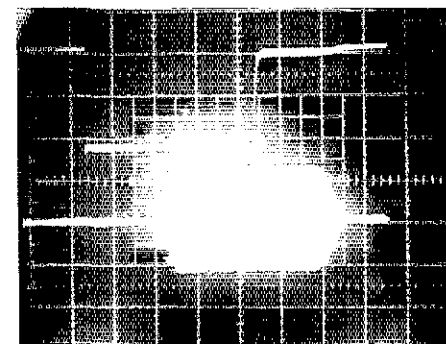


Fig 3—CW-keying waveforms for the Omni V in the full-break-in mode. The lower trace is the RF envelope; the upper trace is the actual key closure. Each horizontal division is 5 ms. The transceiver was being operated at 100 W output on 14.2 MHz. The Omni V's CW keying is very good.

annunciator-beep/voice-readout level); and VOX DELAY, GAIN and ANTI-trip.

**Frequency Control**

Frequency control of the Omni V is straightforward and intuitive. The large main-tuning knob changes the frequency in 10-Hz steps in CW/USB/LSB/FSK (100 Hz in FM) when turned slowly; spinning the knob rapidly increases ("shifts") these steps to 50 Hz in CW/USB/LSB/FSK (500 Hz in FM). Pressing **FAST** changes the tuning steps to 50 Hz unshifted, 100 Hz shifted (CW/USB/LSB/FSK) and 500 Hz, regardless of how fast the knob is turned, in FM.

Quick in-band frequency excursions are easy with the  $\uparrow$  and  $\downarrow$  keys. Pressing either

of them shifts the Omni V's operating frequency 10 kHz (30 kHz if **FAST** has been pressed) in the selected direction; holding either of these keys down repeats the function until the key is released.

Changing bands is easy. Simply press one of the band keys and you're there. When changing bands, the Omni V changes only the megahertz portion of the frequency. If, for example, you're at 21022.06 kHz and hit the **20** key, the Omni V jumps to 14022.06 kHz.

Like the readouts of most other current MF/HF transceivers that include numeric frequency displays, the Omni V's frequency readout is not frequency-counter based; it displays what it is commanded to by the

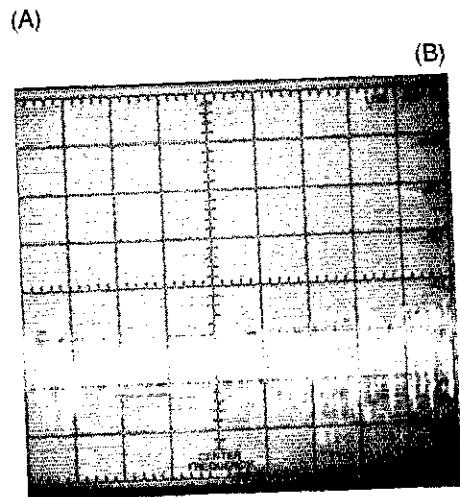
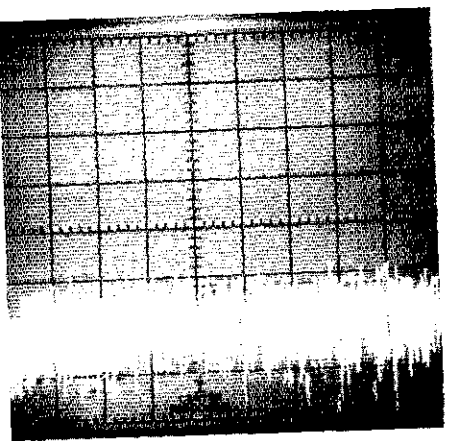


Fig 4—Spectral display of the Ten-Tec Omni V's transmitter output during composite-noise testing. Power output is 100 W at 3.5 MHz (A) and 100 W at 14 MHz (B). Each vertical division is 10 dB; each horizontal division is 2 kHz. The scale on the spectrum analyzer on which these photos were taken is calibrated so that the log reference level (the top horizontal line on the scale in the photos) represents  $-60$  dBc/Hz and the baseline is  $-140$  dBc/Hz. Composite-noise levels between  $-60$  and  $-140$  dBc/Hz may be read directly from the photographs. The carrier is 2 kHz off the left edge of the photographs. These photographs show composite transmitted noise at frequencies 2 to 20 kHz offset from the carrier. The Omni V has very good composite-transmitted-noise performance.

Omni V's microprocessor. As a result, the display's accuracy, stated as  $\pm 100$  Hz at 25 °C, depends on how accurately the Omni V's oscillators are calibrated—and this calibration may drift somewhat with crystal aging, and as the Omni V warms up. Used at room temperature on 30 meters, for instance, the product review Omni V typically exhibited a frequency-readout error of  $+40$  Hz at cold start and  $+110$  Hz an hour later. Internal trimmer capacitors allow recalibration and compensation for the effects of crystal aging.

The Omni V does not have an RIT control. As mentioned earlier, Ten-Tec intends that Omni V users operate split in situations

where offset tuning is necessary.

In addition to its 25 memories, the Omni V includes a "scratch-pad" memory that can be used to store a single, temporary frequency/mode/filter selection without affecting the main memory channels. For instance, the scratch pad can retain the location of a pileup or a contest station while you're tuning up or down the band. Pressing the VFO  $\rightarrow$  M key once saves the current frequency, mode and filter settings to the scratch pad; pressing the M  $\rightarrow$  VFO key once—with the memory tune (MT) function off—recalls the scratch-pad information.

Pressing the VFO  $\rightarrow$  M key twice in rapid succession stores the current frequency, mode and filter settings in one of the Omni V's 25 main memories—the next available memory location, in ascending order. If this operation fills the last available memory, the right-most decimal point in the display lights, and the keypad-annunciator beep sounds at a lower-than-usual pitch. If all memories are already full, the current frequency/mode/filter settings are not saved, and the annunciator beep sounds at its lower-than-usual pitch. At this point, one or more memories must be cleared before more settings can be stored.

Selecting between the Omni V's 25 main memories involves pushing the MT key and tuning bidirectionally through the memories with the main-tuning knob. This displays each memory's stored frequency (but not filter and mode settings) *without changing the frequency/filter/mode settings currently in effect*. When you find a memory channel you'd like to use or clear, press M  $\rightarrow$  VFO to load that memory's settings into the current VFO, or CLR/CLK to clear that memory. All the memories can be cleared at once by pressing the CLR/CLK key while turning on the rig's POWER switch.

If you're used to the memory systems found in current imported transceivers, the Omni V's memory system takes some getting used to. The Omni V's memories aren't tunable, and are identifiable only by their stored frequency. Once mastered, however, the Omni V's memory system is a powerful operating aid.

### On the Air with the Omni V

#### Receiving

With the 6.3- and 9-MHz, 500-Hz-wide filters selected (.50 and NAR pressed), the BP and PBT controls adjusted to coincide with the received-signal pitch, FADE turned all the way to the right (that is, fully selecting the Omni V's audio filtering, with no wideband audio mixed in) and TONE adjusted for maximum high cut, the Omni V provides *top-notch* CW reception. The Omni V's CW offset, fixed at 600 Hz, is, to my ears, more pleasant to copy than the 700- to 800-Hz CW receive pitch engineered into many MF/HF-transceivers. The Omni V also does a good job receiving SSB.

The Omni V's AGC "feel" is excellent regardless of whether FAST or SLOW AGC

decay is selected—no popping here! The AGC returns the receiver to full gain after about 0.2 seconds in FAST and after 2 seconds in SLOW.

As shown in Table 1, the Omni V's receiver performance is excellent. The review rig was used for casual operation and CW and SSB contesting, and the receiver held up very well in these operating environments—including wall-to-wall contest sessions.

The Omni V's complement of QRM-fighting controls is varied and effective. In narrow CW reception, the PBT control functions like the IF SHIFT controls on most other transceivers; on SSB, it functions as a variable-IF-bandwidth control. The audio NOTCH filter cuts single-frequency heterodynes by more than 30 dB. Critically valuable for CW reception, the BP control adjusts the center frequency of the Omni V's band-pass audio filter from 220 to 1700 Hz.<sup>1</sup> Also of critical value in CW reception, the FADE control adjusts the mix of wideband and band-pass-filtered audio from all wideband, no band-pass (FADE all the way to the left) to all band-pass, no wideband (FADE all the way to the right). The Omni V's band-pass audio filter is a pleasure to use. It usefully sharpens the rig's audio response on CW without ringing significantly. Audio output from the Omni V is plentiful, and the rig's audio-power-amplifier chip is acceptably quiet.

The Omni V's noise blanker is effective on a wide variety of noise sources, from ignition noise to power-line noise to the over-the-horizon backscatter radar (the "woodpecker").

#### Transmitting

As shown in Table 1, the Omni V's transmitter specs compare favorably with those of other contemporary radios. Ten-Tec rates the Omni V's transmitter for up to 200 watts *input* in all modes, with a key-down limit of 20 minutes; no cooling fan is required. The rated key-down time is unlimited if you use an external cooling fan to force air through the fins of the rear-panel heat sink. An external fan is probably a good idea even if you don't intend to push the Omni V's 200-watt-input limit; the Omni V runs quite warm during extended RTTY operation at the 40-watt-output level.

QRPer and amplifier owners alike can take advantage of the Omni V's adjustable power output. The review rig puts out as little as 3.5 watts with RF PWR set to minimum. Its adjustable RF output makes the Omni V compatible with modern linear amplifiers that require only 30 to 50 watts of drive. Although the Omni V does not include an ALC output for connection to external amplifiers, this is not a serious

<sup>1</sup>Ten-Tec states that the  $-6$ -dB bandwidth of this filter is 35% of its center frequency; this equates to 77 Hz at a center frequency of 220 Hz, and 595 Hz at a center frequency of 1700 Hz. At the Omni V's 600-Hz-CW-offset receiving pitch, the band-pass filter therefore should be roughly 210 Hz wide at  $-6$  dB.

omission because ALC is a second-rate solution to the problem of amplifier overdrive.<sup>2</sup>

Tuning up the Omni V is easy. First, set the METER switch to FWD, press the TUNE key and adjust RF PWR control for the desired output power. That's all there is to CW tune-up. For LSB or USB operation, speak into the mike in a normal voice and advance the MIC control until the ALC LED just lights on voice peaks.

Using the Omni V's speech processor involves adjusting the MIC and RF PWR controls as above, pushing the PROC switch and advancing the PROCESSOR control until the multifunction meter's needle centers in the black area of the PROC scale on voice peaks. (You may also need to reduce the mike gain so the ALC LED lights only on voice peaks.) The MIC and PROCESSOR controls interact a fair amount, and the correct settings vary by band. The effects of the processor can be heard via the built-in speech monitor circuit; the monitor makes proper processor adjustment easy. I used a moderate amount of processing in all of my SSB work with the Omni V, and I received favorable audio-quality reports.

Full-break-in CW operation is standard on the Omni V, with receiver recovery speed adjustable to FAST or SLOW via the QSK push button. The Omni V's fast QSK sounds thumpier than the QSK in other Ten-Tec radios I've used, but is still superior to most other current rigs. The SLOW QSK setting smooths everything out and is usable for most operating conditions. The Omni V's break-in works equally well in single-frequency and split operation.

Because QSK is the Omni V's only CW TR-switching mode, the PTT line is disabled during CW operation. This means that the transmitter cannot be hard keyed (held in the transmit mode). This is usually no trouble (once you've used Ten-Tec QSK, would you go back to anything else?) but is a problem when using unconventional accessories or external transverters.

The Omni V's mandatory QSK also disallows keying only the sidetone oscillator for zero-beating or keyer adjustment. Ten-Tec's service department can, however, provide information on a simple modification that allows you to hard-key the rig on CW.

By means of relay contacts accessible via the rear-panel RELAY jack, the Omni V can control external power amplifiers that do not feature QSK operation. The control-relay dropout delay is set via an internal control. In such an arrangement, the Omni V operates QSK, but the external amplifier is switched in and out as in semi-break-in operation. The relay, which is a bit noisier than I'd like, controlled my 3CX800A7

amplifier well. The Omni V is compatible with the TR-switching requirements of all current MF/HF digital modes.

Most current Amateur Radio transceivers include circuitry that reduces RF output power in response to rising SWR. The Omni V doesn't. Instead, it includes circuitry that limits the final-amplifier collector current to 20 amperes, maximum. If you can't achieve full power output with your Omni—the ALC LED comes on when current limiting occurs—it's likely that your antenna system does not look like a 50- $\Omega$  resistive load to the transceiver.

### The Operator's Manual

The Omni V's 150+-page manual contains detailed descriptions and schematics of every circuit board in the rig. Ten-Tec engineers designed the Omni V to be field serviceable—unlike many modern "do-everything" radios—down to the board level. They succeeded admirably. The manual's operating-instruction section is not as strong as its technical pages, however, providing little more than enough information to get a user up and running. Certain features, such as the finer points of split-frequency operation (especially text describing how to use the dual VFOs in place of an RIT function), passband tuning, and the functions of available options, are sketchily explained. This rough edge is smoothed with an information packet entitled *Omni V, Model 562 Supplementary Data*, which is now incorporated into the operator's manual. If you own an Omni V that didn't come with this document, contact Ten-Tec for a copy.

### Accessories

The Omni V has easy-to-install optional filters. For the 6.3-MHz IF, filters of 1.8, 0.5 and 0.25 kHz bandwidth are available. For the 9-MHz IF, filters of 0.25, 0.5, or 1.8 kHz can be installed (one at a time). The 6.3-MHz-IF filters plug into the passband-tuning board, and the narrow filter plugs into the 9-MHz IF board. The review radio was equipped with 2.4, 0.5 and 0.25-kHz filters in the 6.3-MHz IF and a 0.5-kHz filter in the 9-MHz IF. Filter selection is independent of operating mode. Any filter (or cascaded combination) can be selected on any mode. This is especially useful when operating RTTY.

Also available are the Model 256 FM board, the Model 257 voice-readout board (announces the displayed frequency), the Model 301 remote tuning encoder (an out-board knob in a case attached to a 6-foot-long cord that plugs into the rig's RS232 INTERFACE jack and functions in parallel with the main-tuning knob), the Model 259 ALC annunciator (useful for visually impaired operators, the annunciator beeps when the Omni V's front-panel ALC light comes on), and various microphones and keyers.

The Omni V is "plug-and-play" with the Hercules, Ten-Tec's compact solid-state amplifier. Used together, the two can

provide 500 W of no-tune, full-break-in RF.

### Service

Ten-Tec has repeatedly earned its reputation for service that's second to none. We had a couple of occasions to test this reputation with the review rig.

The optional 9-MHz-IF, 500-Hz filter we ordered and installed in the review rig was defective. A single phone call to Ten-Tec brought a replacement filter, shipped the same day, and a request that we ship them the defective filter upon receiving the new unit. The replacement filter, which works fine, came a few days later. Bravo, Ten-Tec!

Out of the box, the Omni V's display produced a high-pitched whine that was clearly audible to most people with reasonably sensitive hearing. Ten-Tec solved this problem by modifying the display-multiplexing circuitry in rigs made after the fall of 1989. Anyone with an affected radio can return it to Ten-Tec for a no-charge modification (less the cost of shipping the rig to the factory).

One truly odd problem with the Omni V turned up during lab testing. In one segment of the 10-meter band, the radio had high-level close-in spurs on transmit. Turning the tuning knob while transmitting made the spurs go away. This time, Ten-Tec needed a couple of weeks to fix the problem. Two traces on a circuit board were shorted by a hairline copper fragment. Ten-Tec's repair folks called us with regular progress reports during the troubleshooting process, and they were always patient and willing to answer all of our questions. It's their judgment that this problem was a fluke occurrence with the review rig.

### Rough Edges

As discussed in the manufacturer's *Omni V, Model 562 Supplementary Data*, the Omni V has an unusually large number of receiver spurs: "By actual count, 56... can be heard within the allocated ham bands, without an antenna. All but 13 of these birdies are S-1 or less and disappear when an antenna is connected and there is signal propagation. Nine of these, that can be heard at S-3 or so, are spread throughout the ten meter band. The other 4 are at 3.6, 3.999, 21.332 and 21.363 MHz."

In the review rig, I counted 83 spurs on the 10-meter band alone, with a few in the S3 to S7 range. As Ten-Tec states, however, most are so weak that they disappear into the noise when an antenna is connected. Realizing that few hams operate without an antenna, I don't consider the Omni V's quantity of receiver-spurs to be a fatal rough edge.

During SSB or wide-IF-bandwidth CW reception (with the TONE control adjusted for minimal high cut and BP turned all the way to the left), the review Omni V showed an undesirable trait: wideband IF noise that "bursted" with AGC onset. Annoying with hi-fi headphones, this effect could be

<sup>2</sup> See R. Measures, "Amplifier-Driver Compatibility," *QST*, Apr 1989, pp 17, 18 and 21.

minimized by adjusting the TONE control for maximum high cut, and all but eliminated by configuring the receiver for maximum-selectivity CW reception (as described in On the Air with the Omni V). Ten-Tec found that this noise resulted from an undesirably high-level inaudible spur at the input of the rig's IF amplifier. Their fix for this includes changing three components, and has been incorporated in production units since the spring of 1990 (contact Ten-Tec for more information if you have an Omni V made before then). This fix entirely eliminates the problem, as confirmed in the ARRL Lab.

The Model 961 power supply/speaker introduces significant 120-Hz hum into the Omni V's audio circuits when placed near the radio (especially on the left side). The supply must be placed as far from the rig as is practical to minimize this problem.

Although the Omni V has an RS-232-C interface and can be computer controlled, the operator's manual documentation of this function is sparse. (Most manufacturers of current MF/HF transceivers don't document their products' computer controllability any better.—Ed.) Diagrams show how to connect the Omni V to IBM® PC, Apple® Macintosh®, Commodore 64™ and 128, and Apple //c and //e computers; text and diagrams detail the Omni V's RS-232-C connector board; and a table lists command codes for the Omni V's computer-controllable functions. "For further information," says the manual, "refer to the programming information supplied with your software package."

#### Druthers

A rig's rough edges are one thing; its users' druthers are another. With Ten-Tec's stated Omni V design goals in mind, the reviewers proposed this Omni V "wish list":

#### NT0Z:

- Add a direct-frequency-entry keypad.
- Modify the AF-gain-control circuit to distribute its control range over more degrees of arc.
- Move the MONITOR LEVEL control to the front panel.
- Consider adding AM transmission and reception.

#### WJ1Z:

- Add a means of indicating memory channel number.
- Adjustable display intensity would be a help in low-light situations.
- Adjustable tuning-dial drag, and/or a dial-lock circuit, would help fumlbers like me make better use of the Omni V's ultra-smooth, low-torque tuning feel.

#### NJ2L:

- Variable CW offset (and sidetone pitch that tracks it), an IF notch filter and variable IF bandwidth during narrow CW reception would go a long way toward making the Omni V the radio of choice among contesters.
- Adjustable transverter-output level

would make life easier for VHF/UHF weak-signal enthusiasts and contesters.

#### The Bottom Line

Does the Omni V hit its target of providing superlative ham-bands-only performance for DXers and contesters? In my opinion, the answer is: DXers, the edge of the bull's-eye; contesters, *approaching* the bull's-eye.

In terms of phase noise (or, as we measure it, *composite noise*, which is a combination of phase noise, broadband amplifier noise and close-in spurs)—the Omni V is one of the best transceivers you can currently buy.

In the area of basic radio performance, the Omni V shines. This isn't a backhanded complement: You can pay close to a kilobuck for one radio that comes with, for example, distorted weak-signal CW audio as standard, or another that has receiver-audio that rolls off well below 2 kHz. *Good basic radio performance* is, amazingly, something you usually have to buy more than a basic radio to get!

Where the Omni V falls short of hitting the bull's-eye for DXers and contesters is in value-added features long termed *bells and whistles* but now considered by competitive contesters and DXers as necessities. Memories—callable, handlable and identifiable *by channel number*, and preferably tunable—are one such necessity; RIT—not just in function, but in fact—is another. Another is variable CW offset (and sidetone pitch that tracks it). Solitary hunt-and-pounce DXing is fading somewhat; networked, computer-aided, frequency-agile, PacketCluster™-assisted DXing is rising. This goes double in contesting, in which a rig (and its operator) must be able to be everywhere at once or sit on one frequency and comb a kilohertz or two for callers—with equal facility.

Many hams who demand excellent ham-bands-only radio performance, but who find the space-shuttle-cockpit aspect of other high-end transceivers intimidating, will find the Omni V to be their cup of tea.

Manufacturer's suggested retail price: Omni V, \$2245; Model 961 power supply/speaker, \$230; Model 256 FM module, \$65; Model 257 voice synthesizer, \$89; Model 259 ALC annunciator, \$39; optional crystal filters (6.3- and 9-MHz 1Fs), \$74 each; Model 301 remote frequency control, \$75; Model 705 desk microphone, \$83.

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#### CLARIFICATION: GARANT ENTERPRISES GD-8 PRODUCT REVIEW

September *QST* carried a review of the Garant Enterprises GD-8 Antenna. The review should have made clear that only the 500-watt version of the product (Model number GD-8/500) was reviewed. The comments contained in the review do not necessarily pertain to the 2000-watt version of the product.

The \$17.19 collected by the US Postal Service upon delivery of the package consisted of \$13.94 customs duty and a \$3.25 handling charge for collecting the duty.

The manufacturer states that his product is the same as that described in the Appendix on pages 33-34 of August 1990 *QST*. Readers may wish to review that Appendix, and the article it accompanies, for further information on this general type of antenna. The manufacturer also notes that he expressly does not recommend the use of RG-58/U coaxial cable. □

## TEAMING THE W6OWP KEYING INTERFACE WITH THE HEATHKIT HW-101 TRANSCEIVER

□ In April 1987 *QST*,<sup>1</sup> F. A. Bartlett, W6OWP, described a circuit capable of eliminating first-character distortion (shortening) that occurs during semi-break-in (keyed VOX) CW operation with some transceivers. Teaming the circuit with my Heathkit® HW-101 involved a few modifications that may be of interest to others who intend to use the interface with older, tube-based transceivers. Here's how I modified the two to work together.

Fig 1 shows the additional circuitry necessary to connect the interface's PTT-control line to V12B, the HW-101's TR-relay driver. U2D, unused in the original interface circuit, is put to work here.

The original interface was designed to be powered from a 13.5-V dc source in its associated transceiver. Such a supply is unavailable in the HW-101, so I used the circuit shown in Fig 1B, deleting the 9.1-V Zener diode, 200-Ω resistor, and 0.1- and 200-μF capacitors that provide 9.1-V dc from 13.5 V in the original design.

### Construction and Installation

I decided to build the interface into the transceiver on a Radio Shack® 276-150 Multipurpose Board. This board has ample room to accommodate the original interface circuitry (including the MARK and SPACE pots) and the additional parts called for in Fig 1A.

I mounted the interface board on the HW-101's main chassis, 3/4 inch to the right of the cage containing the rig's 6146 amplifier tubes and over the 5/8-inch-diameter access hole, which also allows wiring to the underchassis circuits. An aluminum bracket, 3 × 2 inches in size with a 1/4-inch flange, supports the board. Position the board on the bracket so the MARK and SPACE pots are accessible for easy adjustment.

I built the power supply underneath the chassis on the vertical partition that supports the coil compartment. A bolt suitable for mounting the 7808 regulator is available 3-1/2 inches from the rear of the chassis. Other power-supply parts are wired to a terminal strip mounted over the grounding lug for the socket of RL2 (one of the HW-101's TR relays).

The HW-101's KEY-jack wiring must be modified because the interface unit's keying transistor (Q2, an MPSA42; see the article cited in note 1) must operate grounded-collector, with its emitter connected to the HW-101's keying line. Lift the black/white wire at the tip terminal of the HW-101's

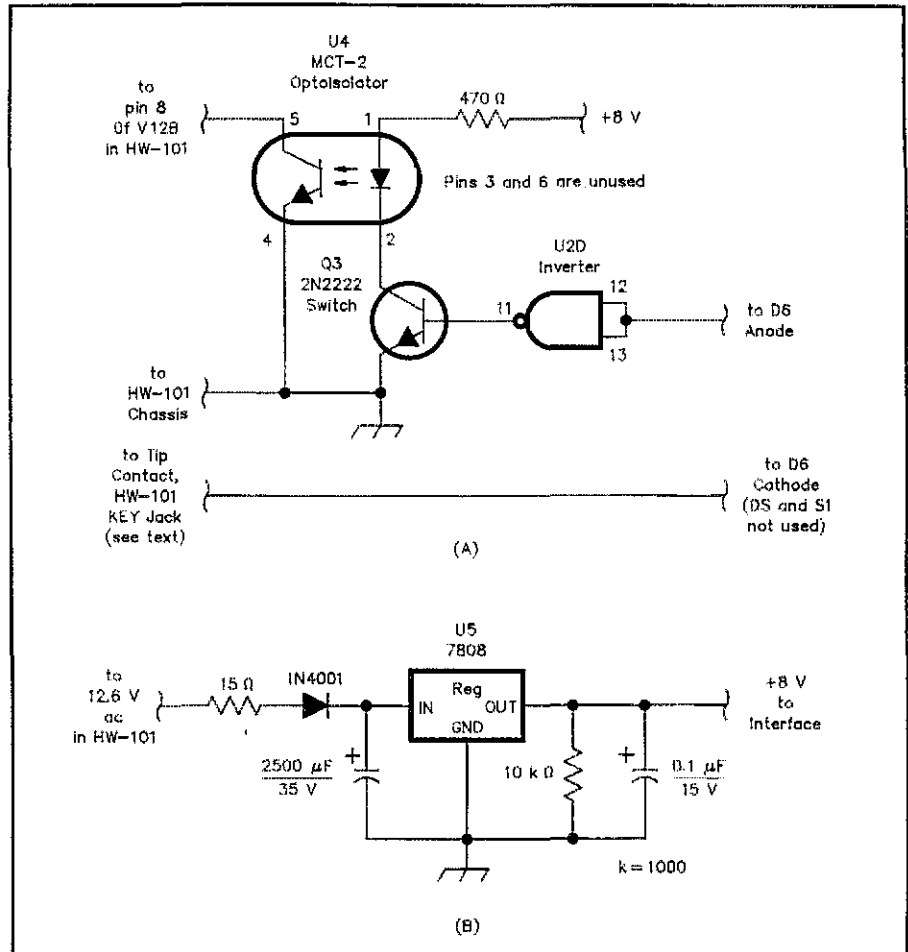


Fig 1—Jim Zvolanek modified F. A. Bartlett's CW keying interface for compatibility with a Heathkit HW-101 transceiver as shown at A. New power-supply circuitry (B), powered by the HW-101's 12.6-V ac heater supply, was necessary, too. Resistors are 1/4-W, carbon-film units. See text.

KEY jack and connect this wire to Q2's emitter. Then run a wire from the HW-101's KEY-jack tip terminal to the cathode of D6 in the interface circuit. This completes the modification.

Follow the adjustment procedures described in the original article, and you're ready to operate.—Jim Zvolanek, W9AG, 3827 W 83rd Pl, Chicago, IL 60652

### MAKE YOUR OWN QRP CARRY-ALL

□ One of the great things about QRP is that it really opens up the possibility of go-anywhere operation. Recently, I've been taking my gear with me in style in my QRP Carry-All bag (Fig 2). Besides holding my gear, it's a great way to "fly the flag" because it displays the League diamond and a Michigan QRP Club patch. The Carry-All makes a home construction project that requires absolutely no debugging and no test equipment!

An uncle in England gave me a British school bag—similar to an American canvas

knapsack—that was just the right size for my W7EL transceiver, battery box and assorted portable-operation-materials kit that I've assembled for my QRP ramblings. I based the QRP Carry-All on this bag. The assembly instructions? Simply dress it up with a couple of patches!

You don't even need to sew. Acquire a suitable bag or day pack. Then, using iron-on adhesive (intended for hemming garments, and available at fabric stores and variety-store notions counters), apply ham-radio-related patches to the bag. Such patches are available from many sources; ARRL sells an eye-catching ARRL-flag patch, as well as ARRL-diamond patches of two different sizes. The Society of Wireless Pioneers and other organizations also offer beautiful patches.

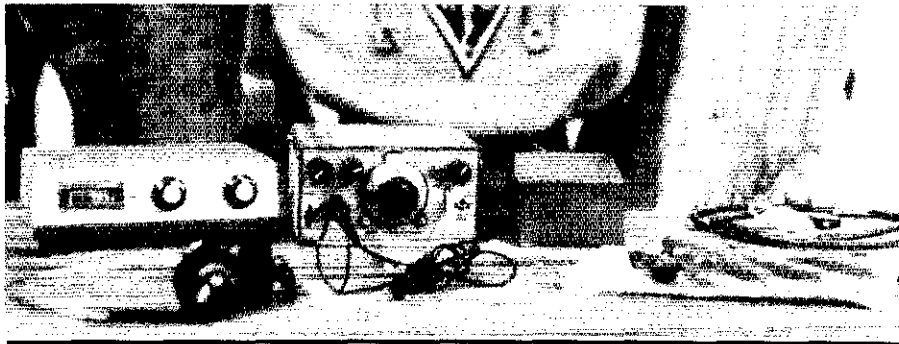
When not toting a portable station, the QRP Carry-All is also great for holding small hamfest purchases. Carried during air travel, the bag invariably attracts the attention of other traveling hams, who stop by

<sup>1</sup>F. Bartlett, "A CW Keying Interface," *QST*, Apr 1987, pp 51-53.





Fig 2—Doug Stivison's QRP Carry-All (left) is just the thing for toting a compact, battery-powered QRP station (below) into the sticks. Those ham-radio-related patches aren't just for show: Especially on air trips, their "Amateur Radio Spoken Here" message lets other traveling hams know that another of their own is near.



for conversation. Combined with my wind-breaker, which sports Society of Wireless Pioneers patches, the QRP Carry-All has sparked many impromptu meetings. —Doug Stivison, NR1A, 45 Norman Rd, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043-1933

### AAA NiCds IN AN AA CHARGER

□ My 2-meter hand-held uses AAA NiCds, but my charger only takes AA cells. Although adapters are available, I found a cheap and easy way to fit AAA cells into my AA charger.

Remove a piece of the outer jacket—a section slightly longer than an AAA cell—from a length of scrap RG-8 cable. Slit the piece lengthwise and slip it over the cell to be charged. The jacket acts as an expander and allows the AAA cell to fit snugly in an AA charging well. As necessary, adjust the expander's length (perhaps with the addition of a metal spacer between the negative end of the cell and its corresponding charger electrode), to assure solid contact between the cell and the charger electrodes.

This technique can also be used to install AAA cells in AA-cell battery cases. —Fred Devenish, GSUP/VE7BBD (SK)

Once you've successfully fitted AAA cells into an AA-cell charger, the next thing to ensure is that the AAA cells charge at a rate appropriate for their capacity.—Ed.

### LONGER LIFE FOR YOUR QUAD ANTENNA

□ Having kept a quad antenna up and working for approximately 25 years, I'm sometimes asked how it's done. Sad

experience has been my teacher! My first quad was a W2AU design. It worked very well, but its 20-meter element, and sometimes its 15-meter element, required periodic patching because of ice- and wind-related flexing. Typically, element-wire breakage occurred at the element corners—where they're supported by the quad's spreaders. Adding a two-wire strengthener (see Fig 3A) at each element corner solved this problem.

Teflon<sup>®</sup>-insulated wire is a better choice than stranded bare wire. Oxidization of the quad's original stranded copper wire was the reason for this: Ten or so years ago, I noticed that the quad's elements had turned green, and I took this as a sign that weather was taking its toll. (The quad's electrical performance was not affected.) Discovering that Teflon-insulated wire was available in odd lots at flea markets, I bought some. (It helped that I wasn't fussy about insulation color!)

The stock quad's spreaders were tied together (Fig 3B) with 50-pound monofilament (nylon) fishing line, which deteriorates in sunlight because of ultraviolet bombardment. I replaced it with more-durable cord.<sup>2</sup>

My quad uses tapped-coil inductive reflector tuning. I replaced its Miniductor coils with home-made, 1-inch-ID coils wound of no. 12 tinned bus wire. (I wound

<sup>2</sup>Nylon cord, especially that treated to improve its resistance to ultraviolet light, is much better than monofilament fishing line for outdoor use; Dacron cord is even better. Because it deteriorates rapidly in ultraviolet light, avoid using polypropylene lines in sunlit locations.—Ed.

each coil on a 1-inch-diameter temporary form, removed it from the form and slipped it into position on its respective quad insulator.) Feeling that tapped coils—whether their unused turns are shorted or left open—introduce loss, I tuned the quad reflectors by adjusting the tuning coils' turn spacing as necessary.

I haven't had to repair my quad since I performed these modifications almost 15 years ago.—Paul T. Atkins, K2OZ, 56 Ormsay St, Park Ridge, NJ 07656

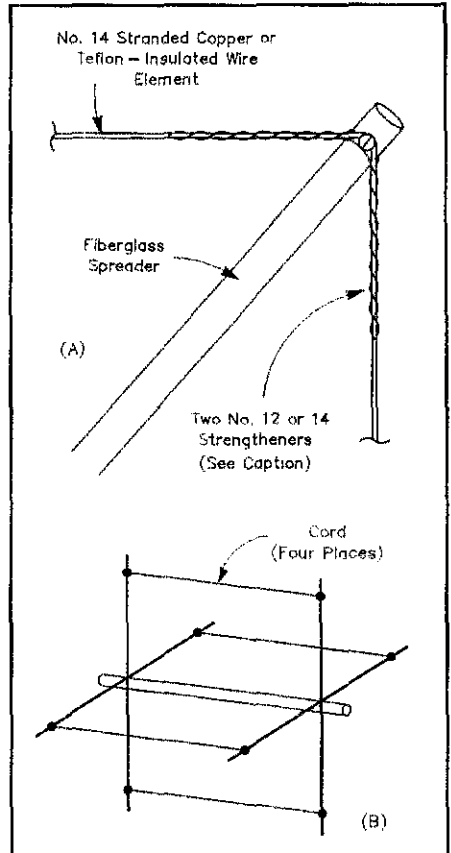


Fig 3—With its elements constructed as shown at A, Paul Atkins's quad has survived for over a decade without being kayoed by the weather. Although bare no. 14 stranded copper wire is shown for the elements, Teflon-insulated no. 14 stranded copper is better choice because of its greater strength and weatherproofing. (If you use insulated wire, take care not to nick the wire's strands when removing its insulation for soldering. If possible, use a thermal stripper to do this.)

Each corner strengthener consists of two pieces of no. 12 or 14 bus wire 14 to 16 inches long. After cleaning the element wire until it's bright and solderable, twist on one strengthener wire. Twist on the second strengthener wire in the other direction. Using rosin-core solder and a soldering iron hot enough to heat the work thoroughly, solder the three wires together. Complete the job by cleaning the joint to remove whatever rosin remains. The finished strengthener can be wrapped with tape as required.

B shows the spreader-to-spreader lines Paul replaced with cord. See text and note 2.

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## AN IMPROVED INPUT CIRCUIT FOR PARALLEL-TUBE VHF POWER AMPLIFIERS

□ A current trend in the construction of multiple-tube VHF power amplifiers is to use parallel rather than push-pull connection. Over the years, a number of articles have appeared describing the use of two (and even three) 4CX250s in parallel as replacements for the venerable W1HDQ "plumber's delight" push-pull pair on 144 and 432 MHz.<sup>1-4</sup> The primary advantage of the parallel-tube circuit is that it greatly reduces the effects of tube and plate-circuit imbalance, which can lead to nonlinearities in push-pull operation.

In the input circuit of a typical parallel-tube amplifier, the grids of both tubes are connected in parallel and matched to 50 ohms with a double-tuned, link-coupled circuit (see Fig 1). This circuit has virtually no latitude for balancing drive between tubes, thus eliminating one of the main advantages of parallel connection. A similar situation exists for amplifiers using cathode-driven tubes such as the 8874 or 3CX800A7. Parallel connection of tube cathodes is okay at MF/HF, but can lead to problems at VHF and above. An additional problem encountered when cathodes are connected in parallel is increased difficulty in metering the individual tube currents—a must when tubes are so expensive.

An input circuit that we recently tried with a parallel-connected pair of 3CX800A7s for 144 MHz is shown in Fig 2. Each tube cathode is matched to 50 ohms using a network that also provides a series input capacitor for dc blocking.<sup>5</sup> The two 50-ohm ports are fed in phase using a lumped-element Wilkinson power divider. The divider also provides up to 30 dB of port-to-port isolation, eliminating any possibility of push-pull modes between the tubes. A transmission-line Wilkinson divider or transmission-line ring hybrid would also work here.<sup>6</sup> Grid- and plate-current meters are provided for each tube, to allow monitoring the power split between the tubes.

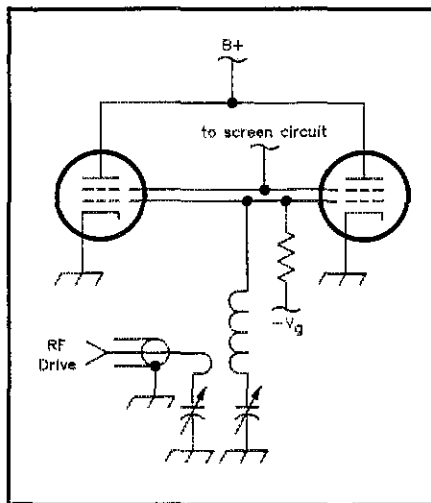


Fig 1—This input circuit offers no consistently reliable method for balancing the drive between the two parallel-connected tubes.

During initial tune-up, SWR meters are inserted into each cathode port and the input circuits are tuned for best match and balance between the tubes. If the tube gains are badly mismatched, 50-ohm attenuation can be inserted at the input port of the higher-gain tube. The completely separate cathode dc circuits also allow balancing the resting current of each tube by using different-value Zener diodes for D1 and D2, should this be necessary. D3 and D4 keep the plate meters from shorting the grid-meter circuit.

There's no reason that this concept can't be extended to use three or even four tubes in parallel provided that the proper multi-port power divider is used.

After struggling for years with various push-pull and parallel schemes on 2 meters, we've found this approach to be a breeze. Amplifier balance and stability are excellent, and the extra dissipation provided by two tubes gives plenty of performance

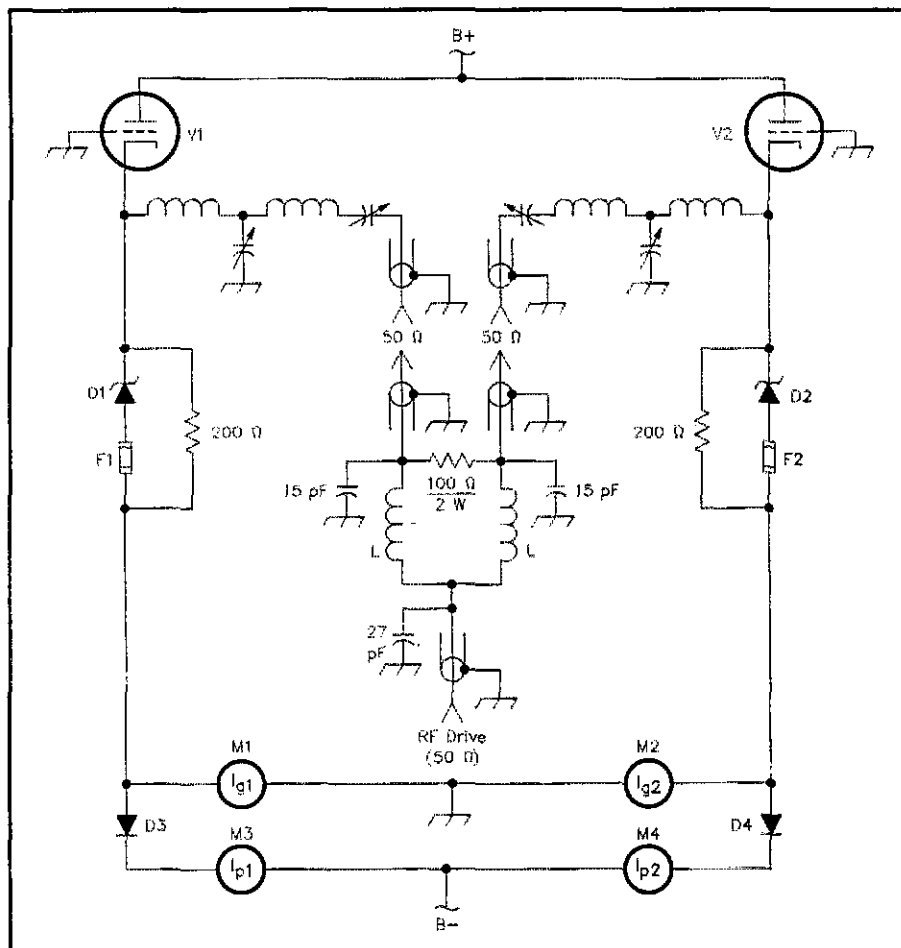


Fig 2—With this input circuit, drive balance is achieved easily. For 144 MHz, the two inductors labeled L each consist of 4 turns of no. 20 enameled wire, 1/8 inch diam, 1/2 inch long with a total winding length of 5/8 inch.

<sup>1</sup>E. Tilton, "A High-Efficiency 2-Meter Kilowatt," QST, Feb 1960, pp 30-33.

<sup>2</sup>R. Knadle, "A Strip-Line Kilowatt for 432 MHz," QST, Apr 1972, pp 49-55 (see Feedback, Jul 1972, p 47).

<sup>3</sup>S. Gross, "A Parallel 4CX250B Amplifier for 144 MHz," QST, May 1975, pp 11-14.

<sup>4</sup>D. Dobricic, "A Three-Tube 4CX250B Linear Amplifier," ham radio, Apr 1987, pp 63-72.

<sup>5</sup>D. Meacham, "A High-Power 2-Meter Amplifier Using the New 3CX800A7," QST, Apr 1984, pp 11-15.

<sup>6</sup>T. Pettis, "HY-brid HI-power," QEX, Jan 1990, pp 13-14.

margin even for contest and EME operation.—*Dave McGee, N3AHF, and Bob Evans, KS2D, c/o David Sarnoff Research Center, CN5300, Princeton, NJ 08525*

### SPACE ENVIRONMENT LABORATORY PUBLIC COMPUTER BBS

□ The Space Environment Laboratory in Boulder, Colorado offers a free public computer bulletin board service that makes solar- and radio-propagation-related information available on a 24-hour/day, 7-day/week basis. Since my article describing this service was first published,<sup>7</sup> some improvements have been made. (See the *New Books* item below.—Ed.)

The board's host computer has been upgraded to a faster, multitasking machine. The telephone interface has been expanded from one line to four, and the maximum data rate supported has been increased from 1200 to 2400 bauds. All of this equates to faster, more efficient on-line performance.

<sup>7</sup>D. Rosenthal, "NOAA's Space Environment Laboratory Public Computer Bulletin Board Service," *QST*, Aug 1989, pp 15-18.

This board features HF radio propagation reports and forecasts based on actual operational experience during the previous several hours. It also provides regular solar reports containing more extensive data than in the Geophysical Alert Broadcasts as well as maximum usable frequency (MUF) predictions based on user-supplied geographical coordinates and SESC-supplied sunspot numbers. Recent archival solar and geomagnetic activity data are also available.

To access this free service, call 303-497-5000. Communications parameters are: 300, 1200, or 2400 bauds, 8 data bits, one stop bit and no parity. The board is completely menu-driven and there is an extensive help section.

This board uses the Bell Standard for its data communications. Many modems outside the US use other standards, so equipment operating instructions should be consulted before attempting to contact this bulletin board from outside the US.—*David A. Rosenthal, N6TST, 840 East Springer Ave, Ridgecrest, CA 93555*


### SAFETY FIRST!

□ During construction of a miniature QRP transmitter, I had to work without my

glasses so I could focus while doing some close-up work. When unsoldering a connection, I was struck on my lower eyelid by a small piece of solder. Because I normally wear glasses while soldering and don't usually do such close-up work anyhow, I'd grown complacent to the potential danger.

If you normally don't wear glasses, you should wear some sort of eye protection when soldering or doing other work in the shop. Hardware and discount stores sell inexpensive plastic safety goggles. The consequences of damage to your eyes outweighs the discomfort and inconvenience of wearing protective equipment.—*Michael A. Czuhajewski, WA8MCQ, Box 232, Jessup, MD 20794*

[Even if you wear glasses, unless they're specifically designated as safety glasses, you should also wear safety goggles in the workshop.—Ed.]

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## New Books

### RADIO FREQUENCY USER'S GUIDE TO THE SPACE ENVIRONMENT SERVICES CENTER GEOPHYSICAL ALERT BROADCASTS

By *David A. Rosenthal and Joseph W. Hirman*. Published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Environmental Research Laboratories, Space Environment Services Center NOAA/ERL/SEL-R/E/SE, 325 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80303. 1990 edition. Softcover, 8½ × 11 inches, 19 pages. Available free of charge.

Reviewed by *Paul Pagel, N1FB*

Amateurs who regularly monitor the hourly Geophysical Alert Broadcasts transmitted via US Government radio stations WWV and WWVH will be glad to hear about this new publication. Recently released by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), it's a user's guide to the WWV/WWVH 45-second bulletins. The *Guide* provides just about everything you need to extract the surprisingly large amount of information the bulletins contain. The data is broadcast at 18 and 45 minutes past the hour, and can prove especially useful to radio amateurs interested in tracking events in the near-earth space environment that affect the quality of HF radio propagation.

First released in March 1989 as *A User's*

*Guide to the Space Environment Services Center Geophysical Alert Broadcasts*,<sup>1</sup> supplies of that free 20-page booklet were exhausted within a week. The new *Guide* reflects recent changes made in the Geophysical Alert Broadcasts and focuses on some of their radio-related aspects.


The organization responsible for the Geophysical Alert Broadcasts is the Space Environment Services Center (SESC), a part of NOAA's Space Environment Laboratory in Boulder, Colorado. The SESC is the hub of a worldwide data-collection network that constantly monitors events on the sun and their effects on the earth. Literally thousands of inputs from sensor arrays—on earth and in space—are combined with optical and radio observations to provide a continuous picture of conditions in what is known as the solar-terrestrial environment. Trained forecasters at the SESC examine this up-to-the-moment data and correlate it

with longer-term knowledge to provide the information in the Geophysical Alert Broadcasts.

David A. Rosenthal, N6TST, holds an Advanced Class license. Dave co-authored the first edition of the *Guide*. He also wrote a *QST* article that provides step-by-step instructions on how to use its information to relate solar-terrestrial data to HF radio propagation conditions.<sup>2</sup> (Also, see "Space Environment Laboratory Public Computer BBS," this page.) Co-author Joseph W. Hirman, Chief Forecaster for the SESC, drew on his own background and the collected experience of the scientists and RF propagation specialists with the Space Environment Laboratory at Boulder.

This new publication is *free*. Get your copy by contacting the Space Environment Services Center at the address given in the heading. Request *NOAA Technical Memorandum ERL SEL-80*.

<sup>1</sup>P. Pagel, "A User's Guide to the Space Environment Services Center Geophysical Alert Broadcasts," *QST*, Aug 1989, p 60.

<sup>2</sup>D. Rosenthal, "NOAA's Space Environment Laboratory Public Computer Bulletin Board Service," *QST*, Aug 1989, pp 15-18. 

# WARC-92 Draft US Proposals Released

The FCC seeks comments on recommended allocations proposals: 7 MHz looks good, but 420 and 2390 MHz are under attack.

By David Sumner, K1ZZ  
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The Federal Communications Commission has released the 150-page text of its Second Notice of Inquiry (NOI) in General Docket 89-554. The Commission opened this proceeding late last year to provide a forum for public input on the issues likely to arise at the World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC) scheduled to open in Spain on February 3, 1992. The agenda for this conference is limited in scope, but still could affect a number of important frequency allocations to the Amateur Service as high-frequency broadcasters and a number of terrestrial and satellite services seek new allocations.

The Second NOI includes specific draft recommendations for proposals to be made by the United States at WARC-92. No new FCC rules will result directly from this proceeding; rather, it is a part of the process by which the FCC is determining how the future needs of users (other than the Federal government) of radio spectrum in the United States can best be represented at the conference. The FCC also is receiving input from an Industry Advisory Committee on which ARRL is represented. The needs of non-government interests as defined through this process must be blended with those of the Federal government as defined through a parallel, non-public process being conducted by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The third player in the development of US proposals for WARC-92 is the Department of State, which will forward the coordinated proposals to Geneva around June 1991 so they can be translated and distributed to the administrations of the member-countries of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) for study prior to the conference.

In response to the considerable time pressure that exists, the FCC and the NTIA already have coordinated their recommendations on the majority of WARC-92 issues. These coordinated recommenda-

tions are reflected in the Second NOI. Coordination on a particular issue does not mean that the US proposal is cast in concrete; public input can and, on some issues, undoubtedly will result in changes being made. Neither does coordination mean that the position of Federal government users may not change before adoption of the final US proposals.

*Responding to the Second NOI is the best opportunity for the general public to participate in the development of US WARC-92 proposals.* The deadline is December 3, 1990. Here is an overview of the major issues identified in the NOI that may directly affect amateur allocations.

## HF Broadcasting and 40 Meters

The draft proposals call for an expansion of the high-frequency broadcasting bands by 1325 kHz in Region 2 (1125 kHz in Regions 1 and 3). The difference in the amount of proposed expansion between the regions arises from a proposal to resolve the decades-old incompatibility between the Amateur Service in Region 2 and the Broadcasting Service in Regions 1 and 3.

Historically, the Amateur Service was allocated a 300-kHz band, worldwide, at 7000-7300 kHz. The increase in propaganda broadcasting on the eve of the Second World War led to the introduction of European broadcasting into the top part of the band in the late 1930s. This move was never accepted in Region 2, where the band continued to be available only to the Amateur Service in recognition of our continuing requirement for 300 kHz of spectrum around these frequencies. As recently as 1979, during the World Administrative Radio Conference held that year, broadcasters tried to make 7100-7300 kHz a worldwide broadcasting allocation without providing any compensation to the Amateur Service in Region 2. They failed because amateurs were able to retain the support of every Region 2 administration; not a single one broke ranks.

In its WARC-79 proposals, the US had suggested that the incompatibility at 7100-7300 kHz be resolved by shifting the amateur allocation down by 50 kHz, to

6950-7250 kHz, and expanding broadcasting allocations up by 150 kHz, making each band exclusive, worldwide. This proposal was not accepted by the conference because it was felt that it would have too great an impact on the fixed service (the present occupant of the bands immediately above and below the 40-meter band).

Preliminary US proposals contained in the Second NOI once again call for the creation of separate worldwide bands, this time by a 100-kHz downward shift of the amateur allocation to 6900-7200 kHz, and a 100-kHz upward shift of the broadcasting allocation to 7200-7400 kHz, with an additional broadcasting allocation of 7400-7525 kHz. The fixed service would be reaccommodated elsewhere; the existing secondary allocation to land mobile of 6900-7000 kHz would be retained, giving us a sharing partner in this 100-kHz segment that would be more compatible than the broadcasting presence in the 200-kHz segment that we have now.

Will this proposal fare better with other administrations than its 1979 counterpart? That's the big question. Broadcasters say their needs are greatest in the bands below 10 MHz, but this is precisely where congestion is also the biggest problem for the other services and where, therefore, broadcasting expansion would cause the most problems. While there's not much use made of HF fixed services in North America and western Europe, the same is not true everywhere. Some administrations have already let it be known that they're not enthusiastic about surrendering fixed service spectrum.

In addition to 7200-7525 kHz, the other new HF BC allocations proposed in the preliminary US proposals are:

- 5900-5950 kHz
- 9350-9500 kHz
- 11,550-11,650 kHz
- 13,800-13,900 kHz
- 15,600-15,700 kHz
- 17,450-17,550 kHz
- 18,900-19,300 kHz

These are expansions of existing bands except for 18,900-19,300 kHz, which would be a new band. In all cases, the fixed ser-

vice would be giving up spectrum in favor of broadcasting.

A feature of the preliminary US proposals for HF broadcasting is that the use of *reduced-carrier single-sideband emission would be required* after July 1, 2007, which is also the date proposed for implementation of the expansion bands (and for the 40-meter realignment). By going to SSB with a carrier level 12 dB below peak envelope power output, each broadcasting signal would occupy just half the spectrum of a conventional double-sideband AM emission; however, a new generation of receivers with synchronous detection and good filtering will be required. Manufacturers would have 15 years to develop and market such receivers at a price consumers would be willing to pay. A number of private US broadcasters are concerned that at least some of their listening audience, for economic or political reasons, would not have access to new receivers.

#### 420 MHz

WARC-92 will consider two issues that may affect the 420-450 MHz band.

One item that barely made it onto the WARC-92 agenda is consideration of a possible allocation below 1 GHz of up to 5 MHz to low-earth-orbit (LEO) mobile satellites "on the basis of appropriate sharing criteria." To most WARC observers, this language conveys that the allocation is to be made only if the proponents of the new system can show they can successfully share with existing users.

The FCC has departed somewhat from this philosophy, proposing that the stated need for a new mobile-satellite LEO allocation be met in part by a 1-MHz uplink at 930-931 MHz and a downlink at 420-421 MHz. The irony of this particular proposal is that the feasibility of LEO satellite technology was demonstrated in the Amateur-Satellite Service! Shared, secondary allocations of 148.0-149.9 MHz (uplink) and 137.0-138.0 MHz (downlink) are also proposed for this service; the uplink is uncomfortably close to our most over-used VHF band, so this also bears watching.

The second 420-MHz issue for WARC-92 will not come before the conference as an allocations issue, exactly. Interest in wind profiler radars is building, but when they operate near 404 MHz they cause interference to satellite systems in the 406.0-406.1 MHz band. So, another place must be found for them—perhaps several places, near 50 MHz, 400 MHz and 1 GHz, because different frequencies are better at spotting different atmospheric characteristics. The draft US proposals include a resolution urging that the matter of appropriate allocations be taken up at the next competent WARC following WARC-92, based on CCIR technical studies, and that frequency assignments to wind profiler radars be

avoided in the 402-406 MHz band. Also proposed is a recommendation suggesting a specific frequency (not identified in the draft recommendation, but quite possibly 441 MHz) for interim implementation of wind profiler radars.

If the interim recommendation does turn out to be for a frequency in the 420-450 MHz band, this is not necessarily bad news for amateurs. Studies will need to be made of the compatibility of present and future amateur operations with the wind profiler radars. Because they are designed to radiate upward and to detect signals being reflected downward, it may turn out that the only problem is in the immediate vicinity of the radar. More sharing of spectrum is bound to be one of the results of WARC-92 and subsequent allocations conferences; finding compatible sharing partners helps ward off the loss of allocations.

#### 2390 MHz

The amateur 13-cm band extends from 2300 to 2450 MHz. In the US, the use of 2310-2390 MHz by aeronautical flight-test telemetry has caused this segment to be withdrawn from amateur use. Microwave ovens and other industrial, scientific, and medical (ISM) devices use 2450 MHz,  $\pm 50$  MHz, and we must accept any interference they may cause. The NOI makes it clear that this is not the end of the challenges in this part of the spectrum.

#### NOI Text Available

An extract of the portions of the FCC Second Notice of Inquiry in General Docket 89-554 that relate to the Amateur Service is available from ARRL Headquarters. Send \$2 for postage, duplication and handling.

Interest in allocations for future generations of land mobile systems, using digital technology and "microcells" to permit intensive frequency re-use, is focused on 1700-2500 MHz. While there is a general preference for the lower part of the band (now used primarily by government and private fixed microwave systems), the amateur band may feel the pressure from land mobile either directly or indirectly (through reaccommodation of services displaced from their present bands by land mobile).

An even greater and more immediate threat has developed from digital audio broadcasting, both satellite and terrestrial. The Second NOI discusses three possible options for the delivery of CD-quality sound:

- 1) The use of 728-788 MHz, now used by UHF television broadcasting in this country, on a shared basis.
- 2) The use of 1493-1525 MHz, now used

for aeronautical flight-test telemetry. The present occupants would be shifted to 2390-2420 MHz, and ISM would be confined to within 30 MHz of the 2450-MHz center frequency.

3) The use of 2390-2450 MHz. With narrowing of the ISM band and a possible slight shift upward in its frequency, it is thought that perhaps enough spectrum could be freed up here to accommodate the desired service. (Still, putting a consumer service in a band where microwave ovens presently operate, and are likely to operate until they break, is a bit mind-boggling.)

Even that isn't the end of our problems at 2390-2450 MHz. If the band is unsuitable for either flight-test telemetry or digital audio broadcasting, the FCC says it might be used as a mobile-satellite uplink band....

#### What Now?

Clearly, as radio amateurs we have our work cut out for us. While the draft proposals for HF are encouraging, we're not home free; we have to retain the domestic support we've been able to develop while building support overseas for an acceptable solution to the 7-MHz compatibility problem.

At 148 MHz, we have to make sure the LEO proposal for 148-149.9 MHz doesn't slip any farther south.

At 420-421 MHz, we have to marshal our arguments for retention of the band. Questioning the need or the desirability of the LEO service proposed for this band is fair play.

We must study the implications of wind profiler radars, not only in the 420-450 MHz band but possibly in the 50-54 MHz and 902-928 MHz bands as well.

We must build the strongest possible case for the retention of the 2300-2450 MHz band, and particularly for 2390-2450 MHz. Plans for the future of the amateur satellite program rely heavily on the 2400-2450 MHz band, and especially on the lower portion (as far as possible from microwave ovens). We just gained that band for amateur satellites at WARC-79; did we earn the band only to lose it little more than a decade later?

Finally, we can't be complacent about the HF bands below 22 MHz or the bands between 500 MHz and 3 GHz that haven't been targeted in the Second NOI. Just because there are no specific proposals for 902-928 or 1240-1300 MHz, or for the amateur HF bands other than 7 MHz, on the table at the present time does not mean they couldn't eventually find their way into proposals from the US or some other administration.

By giving the public until December 3 to comment, the FCC has given us more time to respond than many thought we would have. Now it's up to us to make the most of it. [REX]



## A Christmas to Remember

By Paul A. Scipione, AA2AV

I spent Christmas Day, 1969, in Vietnam—in the ward at 326 Med, Camp Eagle, the base camp for the 101st Airborne Division—waiting to go over to the hospital ship *USS Repose* for surgery to repair a deviated septum.

At dawn the next day, several of my ward mates and I were choppered out to the *Repose*, anchored five miles offshore in the South China Sea. When I came out of the anesthesia, the doc told me that the surgery had gone "A-Okay."

After breakfast, two Navy doctors and a stern-faced Navy commander strode into the ward to announce that there had just been a major fire near Quang Tri. We would be shipped out to make room for the latest wave of GI casualties; by early afternoon we were back in the ward at 326 Med.

"Okay, guys, this is the plan," whispered the lanky Spec 4 from Texas, drawing four of us into a tight circle to shield our conspiracy. "It's time to call home. As soon as the nurse leaves, we'll stuff pillows under our blankets and duck out the back door and down the hill to the MARS station."

The plan sounded fine, except that two of the guys were in casts and on crutches, the Texan was bent over from surgery to remove shrapnel from his intestines, and I could barely see around the bandages on my face. We headed for AB8AAE, the MARS station operated by the 501st Signal Battalion. Between the four of us, we had the equivalent of one working body.

AB8AAE wasn't particularly impressive from the outside: just a typical plywood-and-screen hooch, up on stilts a few feet, with a tin roof.

"How long a wait will we have?" I inquired of the PFC in charge.

"Can't estimate that exactly," a buck sergeant hollered out from behind a crude wooden table covered with Collins transmitters, receivers and linear amplifiers. "Propagation ain't so hot."

As the four of us from 326 Med took our places along the inside walls of the radio hooch, an amazing thing happened. One by one, other Screaming Eagles began giving up their places. "We can always come back tomorrow night. Looks like you guys need a call home more'n we do. Merry Christmas."

We were grateful for the generosity of our fellow GIs. After a two-hour wait, I was behind the Texan and a fellow from Indiana. As I entered the "phone booth," a makeshift

plywood enclosure with an Army telephone on a plywood shelf and an old stool to sit on, I wondered if my wife and I would be able to recognize each other's voices over the 10,000-mile shortwave connection.

"Okay, Sarge, the usual time limit is three minutes, but you guys from the hospital get five. Here goes."

I was heartbroken when there was no answer from my wife. We then phoned my parents' house and I recognized my Dad's voice on the other end, hollering for my mother to crowd around the phone.

"Dad, how are you and Mom? Did you have a nice Christmas? Over."

"What's t-h-a-t, I can't quite make out who's talking on the other end. Can this really be Paul calling all the way from Vietnam? Over."

"Yes, Dad, it's really me, calling from Vietnam. Merry Christmas from the land of monsoons and rice paddies. Over."

"I'm still kinda confused at this end," I heard my Dad say in frustration. "This is your father, Alfred Scipione, of Lewiston, New York, talking. Over."

When my Dad heard my laugh from 10,000 miles away he knew it was really me and we were soon conversing like pros, as the two MARS operators threw their send and receive switches.

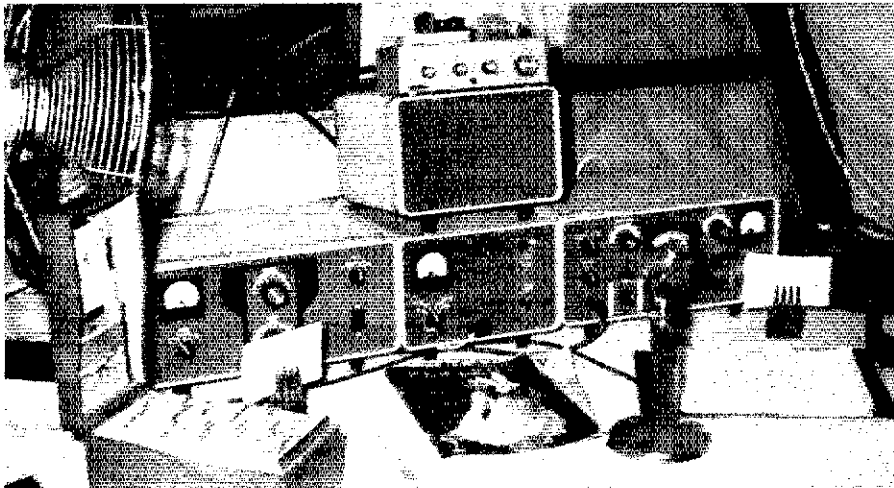
After I talked to my mother and hung up, tears filled my eyes, out of loneliness and because some wonderful hams had volunteered their time and stations to give us a touch of home. I stood in line another two hours, this time reaching Linda. "Hi, Babes. Love ya', Babes." The 10,000 miles disappeared.

Around two in the morning, our foursome stumbled out of AB8AAE and down the "road," back up the hill to the medical ward and our cold bunks. I smiled with joy thinking of my two miraculous Christmas calls home.

Twenty years later, on Christmas Day, 1989, I tuned the bands and listened to some GI phone patches home from Germany, Panama and the Indian Ocean. The men and women of MARS are still going full tilt.

I hope today's MARS operators—Army, Navy/Marine and Air Force—read this, because it's a belated "Christmas card" from me to them. I love and admire you, one and all.

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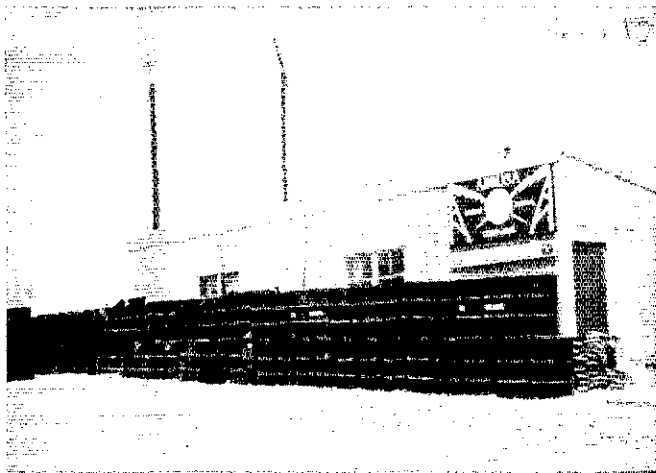


The author's operating position, including an M-14 ammunition clip to hold index cards and appropriate reading material. The "air conditioner" is on the left.

vious attempts to keep the MARS station on the air had fallen on deaf ears, but when he learned I was a fellow ham, he decided to help by getting me permanently assigned as chief operator. The colonel in charge of the base camp had never been given the opportunity of calling home, so I told him that the probability of calling his wife on a regular basis increased with his support of the MARS station.

I got the job.

While Jack worked on getting a new location authorized for the MARS station, I tried to keep AB8AY (Station Yankee) on the air as much as possible. I was supposed to check into Net No. 5 on the hour, 24 hours a day, but couldn't because I was the only operator for Yankee and had to sleep sometime. Another net member, AB8AV, covered for me.



AB8USA, the command-control station for Army MARS Vietnam, at Long Binh.



Inside the luxurious AB8USA, featuring a Collins 30S1 linear amplifier, paneling, world-time clocks for effect, "real" telephones and (not seen) an air conditioner.

Aside from phone patches, our traffic included operating instructions (MARS-grams) between stations, by voice or RTTY. Written messages were passed on in-country nets and ultimately sent out on RTTY to AB6USA, in Hawaii, who would screen all RTTY traffic before sending it to continental US (CONUS) stations.

The 6 x 6 x 6-foot metal shipping container that housed AB8AY was cramped, and the linear amp and transceiver were tired from the environment and use. We ate, slept and lived in the dirt and dust kicked up by the choppers and by the fan we used for cooling in the stifling heat.

The quad mounted on the 35-foot telephone pole above the bunker had high SWR on 20 and 15 meters from the many repairs that had been performed on it and the metal shrapnel embedded in the wooden spreaders and 2 x 4s that made up the boom.

I had a few phone connections around the camp. I could patch calls through to most headquarters offices, but there was no convenient way to get to most of the



The author inside the new "shipping-container" AB8AY.

troops. They had to come to my bunker and sit next to me, using the mike during the patch.

There was also the problem of the mike picking up the sounds of explosions, because the perimeter wasn't far away and our artillery firebase to the south was constantly lobbing harassment and interdiction

rounds just outside our perimeter. We had no soundproof calling booths.

Another problem was having propagation to CONUS on only one frequency at a time every other day. On even-numbered days we had three frequencies.

We seldom had enough CONUS stations to run our patches and the few times we actually did, there weren't enough frequencies to run patches one-on-one with them. In desperation, our net stations would sometimes slide a few kHz from their assigned spots. Another trick was to select a frequency away from our assigned slot and monitor it 24 hours a day for a week—if nothing was heard, we'd run patches on it for a while.

This worked for about a month, when AB8AI was suddenly called on the carpet by AB8USA. The unusually clear 15-meter frequency "India" had chosen turned out to be an HF backup frequency for the Apollo space program! So much for that trick.

(continued next month. . .)

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## Strays



### SMALL WORLD

The doorbell rang and there stood the neighborhood grouch. I thought to myself that it couldn't be TVI, so what was the problem *this* time? Instead of the usual frown, the lady had a big smile on her face. She said she had come to thank me "for writing that article in the magazine" ("Friends are Great People," Aug 1990 QST, p 15).

Seems she had a childhood sweetheart who had been asking her to come back east and visit him for years, but she'd never been able to go. She had finally decided, "Why not?"

and was in the process of looking up the phone number when her phone rang—guess who? Seems the gentleman is a ham. He was reading QST and noticed that my address was close to hers, so he thought of calling her one more time to convince her to come for a visit. Now she's going and she's ecstatic.—Joan Ash, WD6BNH, Atascadero, California

### I would like to get in touch with . . .

□ anyone who has a maintenance, operation and calibration manual for a US Navy surplus 30-600 MHz ME-11B/U wattmeter manufactured by Decitron Electronics of Brooklyn, New York. Bob Mauney, WB4RPM, Rt 4, Box 4601, Jefferson, GA 30549.

□ anyone who has a wiring diagram for a Sinclair ZX-81 computer. Adolfo B. Pineda, XE1APJ, Calle Provincia, Guadalajara jal, Mexico.

□ anyone who learned Morse code in 1923-24 when announcer Karl Stefan gave code practice over WJAG in Norfolk, Nebraska. Clarence E. Filley, W7KE, 1109 S 2nd St, Hamilton, MT 59840.

□ anyone acquainted with the workings of a photo densitometer. Fred Tucker, W8YBS, 6114 E Pierson Rd, Flint, MI 48506.

□ anyone who has a schematic or service info for an HBS-800C control panel for a Model 952-A Lectric Leopard automobile made by US Electric Corp of Athol, Massachusetts. John Wittman, WK8X, 535 E Fulton St, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



# Dick Ehrhorn, W4ETO— The Man from Alpha

An acclaimed “home-brewer” who’s never satisfied with compromise, this ham is a hero to thousands worldwide.

By James D. Cain, K1TN  
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In a hectic world, it’s reassuring to run across something *logical*. *Star Trek’s* Mr Spock would appreciate how Dick Ehrhorn, W4ETO, came to build RF power amplifiers.

Born during the Depression, Ehrhorn went to college in the early 1950s. Ehrhorn was perfectly positioned in time. A freshman engineering student when the transistor was in its infancy, within five years he was designing radar systems for guided missiles, two technologies born only a few years before he became a ham. Ten years later, Ehrhorn Technological Operations (ETO) opened for business.

His parents were professional educators; the principal of Ehrhorn’s high school was Dick’s father. The “plan” was Harvard and young Richard would be a lawyer. Lucky for us, Ehrhorn ended up at the University of Minnesota, getting a BSEE, and then a Masters degree from the California Institute of Technology. During his freshman year, in 1952, he passed the brand-new Amateur Extra Class exam, one of the first 50 or so hams to do so. Harvard’s loss and, later, the Vietnam War, led directly to the founding of ETO.

## Beginnings

“Wired” telegraphy was a common means of introducing youngsters to Morse code in the 1930s and ’40s. “Miss Terhune showed our fourth-grade class how to make a nail and bell-wire telegraph set, so I built one and set it up to a neighbor’s house,” says Ehrhorn.

Building a one-tube regenerative receiver out of Alfred Morgan’s *First Radio Book for Boys*, Ehrhorn substituted a no. 27 cathode type tube for the specified no. 30 so he could use an old battery eliminator that put out ac for the filament—his first design project.

Ehrhorn bought the 1946 *ARRL Handbook* and discovered Amateur Radio. “The first station I ever saw was WØFNF, Grant Jensen’s gorgeous setup just three



Dick Ehrhorn with ETO’s latest 20-kW MRI amplifier and to his left, an Alpha 86 amp. Visible in the pull-out drawer is the MRI’s RF deck with its final, a modified Eimac 3CX15000B7. A solid-state 300-watt exciter drives a 3CX800 that drives the big tube. The power supply is below the RF deck.

blocks from home.”

His family moved to Arlington Heights, Illinois, and at age 13, Ehrhorn passed the FCC Class B exam (today’s General class) and became W9AOA. There was no Novice license in those days. A vivid memory from that year is Field Day with W9IT, the Northwest ARC.

“So all the great vices,” Ehrhorn figures, “were planted in my mind by eighth grade: DX, CW and contests, as well as hot

receivers, beams and beautiful home-brew amplifiers.”

W9AOA’s first rig, a 117L7GT crystal oscillator-rectifier, put out about a watt on 40-meter CW, directly feeding a wire to a tree across the street. The DX bug bit when Ehrhorn worked Cuba. Chicago’s “Surplus Row” overflowed with WWII military gear in those days, and *QST* overflowed with articles on converting the wartime sets to amateur use. Among the war’s leftovers,

he found a BC-348Q receiver and a BC-453, which he converted into the popular "Q-5er."

"I built a 6L6 audio amp on a cake pan, to drive the headphones louder, which no doubt explains why one ear now rolls off 8 dB at 2 kHz," Ehrhorn remembers.

The family moved again, this time to Rochester, Minnesota, and Ehrhorn became W0FID in the fall of '47. He built a heterodyne VFO exciter using a "modern" 2E26 beam-power tetrode to drive an 813 amplifier. "I spent every available minute reading the *Handbook*, building, chasing parasitics and working DX and Sweepstakes contests."

He added a third 813 to his home-brew final amplifier, learning "it's hard to put three parallel 813s on 10 meters." The pattern was emerging.

### Designs on Design

Following his graduate work at Cal Tech, Ehrhorn (then K6CTV) stayed in California to work for General Dynamics, but his job didn't directly involve RF or high power. His interest in amateur power amplifiers continued to be driven by competitive Amateur Radio: contests and DX.

Ehrhorn obtained a Central Electronics 100V transmitter in the late 1950s and "I loved it," he says. This innovative rig featured bandpass tuning, a small oscilloscope and full CW break-in. A decade later, Ehrhorn would be instrumental in the development of another pioneering rig: the Signal/One CX7.

California cemented another love, too: mountains. Ehrhorn built a shack at 6300 feet on the "Rim of the World" in the San Bernardino Mountains. His neighbor was Don Stoner, W6TNS, then Novice Editor of *CQ* magazine. Today, Dick and his wife Marilyn, married 30 years, have a log home fondly called "2MI HI," at 10,650 feet in the Colorado Rockies.

Ehrhorn left General Dynamics in 1960 for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at Pasadena, to be present at the creation of the Deep Space Communications Net, used for the lunar soft-landing Surveyor and the manned Apollo spacecraft programs.

Ehrhorn, who became WA4NGO and then W4ETO, joined Electronics Communications Inc (ECI) in St Petersburg in 1963. "to finally get involved with hardware development." He led a group designing VHF/UHF communications equipment for ships and planes, working on leading-edge projects such as digital counters for frequency synthesizers. Keep in mind, this was 25 years ago.

### Let's Build a Rig

Not one to sit still for long, Ehrhorn

admits to "getting bored again." In 1968, he persuaded ECI to "make an amateur transceiver more state-of-the-art than anything in existence." The result was the landmark Signal/One CX7 transceiver.

When the Navy cancelled ECI's biggest Vietnam-era contract, the Signal/One division, not yet profitable, was eliminated. Some 350 CX7s had been delivered and Ehrhorn's part in Signal/One was finished.

But the CX7 wouldn't die. A California firm built 350 more as the Model CX7A. The Signal/One lives on after being resurrected again in the early 1980s (as the CX-11), its current iteration being the \$10,000 Milspec 1030.

### The Founding of ETO

Ehrhorn left ECI in December of 1969 to found ETO in two office trailers. He'd played "musical amplifiers" for years, using the Johnson Desk Kilowatt, National NCL-2000, Hallicrafters HT-33, Collins KWS-1 and a Henry 4K. Of these venerable companies, only Henry Radio is still building amateur RF power amplifiers.

"I never was quite satisfied," says Ehrhorn, "and always ended up preferring my home-brew amps. Believing that other serious hams must think likewise, I incorporated ETO to develop the world's best linear amplifier for hams."

The original Alpha 70 was inspired partly by Jack Quinn's "Stanley Steamer" article in *QST* and partly by the work done by ECI engineer Harold Johnson, W4ZCB, with compact and lightweight power transformers. Johnson, now retired, joined ETO in 1970 and designed every Alpha Hipersil® transformer until about two years ago.

ETO shipped about 125 vapor-cooled Alpha 70s in 1970-71. The Alpha 77, using the new, more reliable Eimac 8877 tube, first saw light in early 1972. In 1974, ETO turned its first profit. Other Alphas were developed over the years, but the original Alpha 70 concept remained the company's workhorse.

Over the years, Alpha advertising has been entertaining and informative. In one of the wackiest, a human skeleton held down a key while an Alpha continued to put out the power. "I always look for help wherever I can get it," says Ehrhorn, "but ever since 1969 at Signal/One, I've pretty much conceived and written all our ads." The "skeleton key" ad drew little comment, although one reader complained about "making fun of death."

### A New Field

The Alpha reputation led to a major commercial contract for ETO in 1983. The late Jim Lawson, W2PV, who died in 1982, had a dozen Alpha amps in his Schenectady, New York, superstation and a bunch of

(highly modified) Signal/Ones.

In a classic case of ham networking, Lawson connected ETO with an engineer working on the first magnetic-resonance imaging (MRI) systems for the health-care industry. This engineer was instrumental in ETO's eventual domination of (what else?) power amplifiers for MRI units, including those made by GE, Phillips, Picker and Toshiba. This new business for ETO put development of Amateur Radio products on hold. "The Alpha 87 was long overdue," Ehrhorn admits.

ETO has built more than 1200 high-field MRI amplifiers, each delivering 15 kW of linear output from 1 milliwatt of drive. ETO's newest models include a fixed-frequency 20-kW amplifier using a version of the 3CX15000B7 output tube and broadband, all-solid-state amps at lesser power levels. It's likely that when you or someone you love has an MRI scan, W4ETO is playing a part in it. Harvard's loss has been our gain in more ways than one.

### ETO, The Company

Ehrhorn Technological Operations is a private corporation with approximately 15 shareholders, mostly family friends and acquaintances. The company employs about a hundred people and occupies two buildings totalling 32,000 square feet at the foot of Pike's Peak in Colorado Springs; a long way from the two office trailers 20 years ago.

Ehrhorn estimates he's sold more than ten thousand Alpha amplifiers. "ETO is a different company now," he says, "with strong professional management and engineering—not just 'me.' We've finally been able to resume developing new ham products."

Marilyn and Dick Ehrhorn have two children. Lieutenant Commander Scott Ehrhorn is a graduate of the US Coast Guard Academy and an oceanic engineer. Daughter Kimberlee spent several months last year with a medical team in the Ecuadoran jungle. Last winter she surprised her father with a new ham call sign, KC6FJB, saying she got it to "find out what makes Dad tick."

The Ehrhorns spend most weekends at 2MI HI in Breckenridge, Colorado, where Dick keeps a personal computer and fax machine busy. He describes himself as a "fairly decent skier and a mediocre tennis player and photographer." In the fall of 1988, Ehrhorn spent two weekends on Aruba, not coincidentally including the record-setting P40V operation in the CQ WW DX Contest.

You get three guesses what kind of linear amplifiers P40V used, and the first two don't count. □

# DX from Tarawa

Sent to the exotic South Pacific, this YL turned a choice diplomatic posting into an exciting, extended DXpedition.

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**A**s a UN staff officer in Tarawa, Republic of Kiribati (formerly the Gilbert Islands) for some two years, I operated Amateur Radio station T30CH. Being on the air from this somewhat remote island was something I'll not soon forget.

Kiribati is in the southwest Pacific near the point where the International Date Line and Equator meet. It has 33 atolls, 16 of which are inhabited. Tarawa, the site of a fierce WWII battle, is its capital.

Most of the islanders are Polynesian, although Kiribati is part of Micronesia. They are moderate in stature and have straight or wavy black hair. The Gilbertese men are often bare to the waist and wear shorts or a *lava-lava* (loincloth). Women wear a brightly colored T-shirt and a *lava-lava*. There are 20,000 people on the island of Tarawa and more than 60,000 in all of Kiribati. The Europeans (*I-Matang*, as they are called) are mostly from Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand. About 10 hams lived in Kiribati when I was there. Three of us were expatriates: Alan, T30AT, and Doug, T30DB, from the UK, and me, an American.

It was exciting to be a DX station in Tarawa. When I fired up my Drake TR-4, I'd work mostly 20 meters. It didn't take long to fill up my logbook. I'd call CQ and a roaring wave of voices came back. Often, a helpful ham in South America would set up a small list operation for me. I'd call the stations he lined up and exchange names, QTHs and signal reports, then go on to the next station. It worked well, except when he could hear stations from his part of the world that I couldn't. Then it didn't work at all.

I once worked an American ham who was a veteran of the WWII Battle of Tarawa. His voice cracked with emotion when he discovered I was on that island. Among the abundant reminders of that battle is the bunker on Betio the Japanese so steadfastly held and later lost to the US Marines. Shell casings are still scattered about on the beaches.

My friends, Alan, T30AT; Ritite, a local Gilbertese, T30BY, who calls himself "Beautiful Yankee" or "Blue Yankee," depending on his mood; Steve, KH6SB, from Hawaii; and Raj, 3D2ER, from Fiji, helped me set up my equipment. If it hadn't been for them, I never would have been



On the beach at T30DB's house in Betio on Tarawa Island. Shown (l-r) are Doug Blythe, T30DB (now J6LDB); John Walton; Willie Maen, T30AC; Vicki Lee Hess, T30CH/W6OAE; Alan Taylor, T30AT; Ritite Neemia, T30BY; and three friends (T30DB photo)



The author outside her hut/shack at the capital of Kiribati.

operational. It was the usual case of hams helping other hams.

My house was 100 yards from the ocean. The Butternut vertical we planted on the beach worked beautifully and gave me many 5-9 signal reports throughout the world.

Originally, I used my Drake barefoot. Later, my mother sent me an Ameritron AL-80 amplifier for my birthday. Actually, she sent the money to Steve, KH6SB, who bought the amp and gave it to a friend who worked for Aloha Airlines and came to Kiribati every two weeks. He gave it to me. Friends are invaluable when living on an isolated island!

Now that I'm back in the US, I've been going through hundreds of QSL cards. My uncle, Clare, W9SLT, was my QSL manager, so the cards went directly to him. I can see why some hams get the bug for DXing—just to receive a card and a stamp from another country is a thrill, let alone making a new ham friend.

My stay in Tarawa would not have been so rewarding if it hadn't been for ham radio. Being a DX station was a highlight of my 34 years as a ham. If you ever get a similar opportunity, don't pass it up—and if I can find a group or companion to travel with, I hope to return to Tarawa in March of 1991 to operate again as T30CH.

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# A New Look at 200 Meters & Down

Taking a fresh look at this 1936 classic reveals timeless themes and raises thought-provoking questions about the future of Amateur Radio.

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I recently revisited an old friend, *200 Meters & Down*, by Clinton B. DeSoto, first published in 1936.<sup>1</sup> Don't let the date fool you: The book is interesting and relevant.

DeSoto is good at explaining the basics and tracing the technical development of radio. Also interesting is his treatment of the word *amateur* as it applies to our avocation. The term developed from a root word meaning "to love." This perspective makes the widespread use of the word in connection with Amateur Radio acceptable, even though today "amateur" is sometimes used to mean "unskilled."

The book also contains reams of fascinating background information on the "tidbits" of radio. For example, how many of us know about the great "auroral disturbances" of May 14, 1921? That was the night wire service from New York was knocked out (by a solar flare, we must assume, and not the aurora as such) and ARRL Founding President Hiram Percy Maxim acquired the AP news via CW for a Hartford, Connecticut, newspaper.

Although most early hams were electrical experimenters, a lot of them were also amateur telegraphers: That's right, in 1900 there were neighborhood telegraph lines in American cities and the amateur telegraphers who used them were (pardon the expression) electrified to discover that it was possible to send without wires. Thus, from the beginning, there were communicators. This became important later, as the traffic handlers took over from the experimenters. It also helps explain the steadfast popularity of CW today.

DeSoto's book is valuable today because he clearly identifies issues that have concerned us from the beginning and shaped Amateur Radio. There are notable examples.

## Experimenters versus Communicators

DeSoto points out that early in the game, the communicators took over from the

experimenters who were the early mainstays of Amateur Radio. Message handling came to dominate the airwaves and provide the first generation of hams with a serious purpose. Despite the early shift toward communicating, the radio magazines mostly featured construction projects, even up to the days of complex solid-state equipment. Today, experimenters are still vitally important, especially in antenna, space and repeater technology.

## Message Handling versus DXing

A "DX craze" held sway for years, DeSoto points out, referring to the period in the 1920s after the first transatlantic communications. After the international bands were severely cut back in 1929, amateurs "turned back to a more solid form of internal communication, the backbone of the art" (p 119). Thus, DeSoto accepts the doctrine that message handling is the heart of the hobby, even going so far as to refer to DXing as "the unhealthy distance urge." DeSoto was apparently not a true-blue DXer and makes DXing sound like something bad. This is strange, because for years DeSoto conducted the IARU News column in *QST* and was its *de facto* DX editor. His views seem quaint today, when message handling has lost some of its earlier importance and long-distance communication under difficult circumstances is, for many of us, the apex of the radio art.

## Technology and Economy versus the Number of Licensees

DeSoto shows that technological advances combined with the economic aspects of Amateur Radio, ie, equipment costs, produces waves of new hams and new uses for their equipment: The crystal receiver, the vacuum tube, the superhet and the cheap commercial radios of the 1930s (easily convertible to transmitters) helped swell the ranks. DeSoto's interesting review of the demographic history of ham radio reveals a tremendous spurt in licensed stations—from 16,829 in 1929 to 45,561 in 1935—during the depths of the depression. Although part of this growth was related to other factors such as increased spare time for the hordes of unemployed, the main cause was better equipment at lower prices. A station that would have cost \$150 in 1929 could be acquired for \$50 in the mid-'30s. The surge of growth after World

War II was related to easy access to cheap war surplus gear and mass-produced commercial equipment from factories previously geared up for wartime production and therefore, able to produce high-quality equipment at reasonable prices. It seems that the availability of reasonably priced transceivers helps determine the number of new licensees attracted to the hobby.

## The Battle for Spectrum

For 80 years, the battle for frequency allocations and the resulting need to use our frequencies productively have been vital to radio amateurs. This struggle goes back to the fight preceding passage of the Radio Act of 1912. Today, we're moving toward strategies such as limited codeless licensing and digital communications as possible ways to build our numbers and protect our VHF and UHF spectrum. DeSoto shows us that this is nothing new.

## The Utility of Amateur Radio

Because RF spectrum space is in finite supply, the utility of Amateur Radio has always been—and continues to be—an important issue. DeSoto emphasizes this point, but in his day, the question was easily answered—Amateur Radio was a training ground for radio operators needed by the tens of thousands in time of war. Thus, the US military supported liberal frequency allocations for the amateur service. Hams served other valuable functions by handling routine and emergency traffic and by developing new technology.

## Moving Toward the 21st Century

Today, the issues are a bit thornier. Amateurs are important in emergency situations, but the military no longer needs thousands of CW operators. With future advances in communications technology, Amateur Radio may become less important during emergencies. Low-cost long-distance telephone rates long ago reduced the utility of routine traffic handling. Where does this leave us? We'll know in future years.

The questions and answers were easier in 1936 than they are today. But at a time when we need to be charting a course for the next century, it's useful to look at our past. What we need now is a book covering 1936 to the present that's as good as DeSoto's. I hope today's top Amateur Radio writers are working on it. □

<sup>1</sup>Clinton B. DeSoto, *200 Meters & Down: The Story of Amateur Radio* (ARRL, Newington, 1936, 1981).

# A Visit to Headquarters

There's something for everyone (every ham . . .) at ARRL HQ. Thousands of people tour the administration building and W1AW every year—here are one visitor's impressions.

By Joe O'Brien, WG2C

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Newington's a mecca for ham radio, although not necessarily for hams. Situated a few miles south of Hartford, it's not the easiest place in the world to get to; but like Mecca, it's probably good for your (electronic) soul to go there at least once.

From the Cross-Bronx Expressway in the New York City area, it's a 94-mile trip via Interstate 95 (58 miles to Exit 48) and Interstate 91 N. Leave 91 N at Exit 17 and travel north on the Berlin Turnpike (Route 15). Take Junction 176 N (Main St, Newington) and go through the village. You can't miss the towering antenna array on the left at No. 225.

On the journey north, enjoy the beautiful stretch of scenery along the bay at New Haven. As you approach your destination, tune to 145.45 MHz FM to pick up the Newington 2-meter repeater.

The small brick building out front is home to W1AW, the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station. Farther back on the sprawling lot is the two-story administration building that houses the 100-or-so League staffers.

If you can't make the 9- or 10-AM tours,

wait until the afternoon sessions at 1, 2 or 3 PM. Newington's a small, sleepy hamlet that you would probably never hear about were it not for your association with Amateur Radio.

When you get there, you may well be the only person to be led around by one of the tour guides (only one visitor—a ham from Alaska—was with me on the tour), but then again, you may also be lost in the crush should a tour bus full of eager hams from New Jersey show up.

The first thing you'll notice, naturally, is the array of towers and antennas. My companion from the Far North was not overly impressed—with his wide-open spaces, I guess he was expecting rhombics. The main 120-foot tower rises above three 60-foot towers spaced around the front yard. All in all there are some 17 mono-band Yagis for 40-6 meters, some fixed southwest for bulletin transmissions, some rotatable. There are also a couple of 80-meter dipoles and a 160-meter antenna is in the works.

Some of the antennas are used for the code-practice transmissions and other W1AW bulletins; others, mostly the rotatable Yagis, are connected to the three guest operator studios.

The reception area in the main building doubles as a radio museum: The tall, old wood-framed glass cases house relatively ancient exhibits depicting the history of Amateur Radio. Looking down on this scene from their row of photographic portraits are the faces of all ARRL presidents, starting with Hiram Percy Maxim (the only one in a high starched collar). Also on permanent view are the bronze plaques bearing the names of all past and present Division Directors.

You can have a leisurely time circling around the museum treasures, many dating from grandad's era, before requesting a formal tour of the rest of the facility. There is an early specimen (serial no. 41) of De Forest's Audion detector as well as an Armstrong regenerative receiver and several spark-gap transmitters that look as if they've been inherited from the laboratory of Dr. Frankenstein. One "record-making"

1-kW spark job is contained in a 36 × 15 × 12-inch wooden box and described as portable (it only required four men to carry it!). Strewn about, also in their glass tombs, are scores of vacuum tubes, spark coils, crystal detectors (including De Forest's original RJ4 detector of 1909), loading coils, unwieldy code-practice machines, 1912-vintage dry-cell batteries that required the addition of water for activation, Leyden jars, loose couplers, some beautiful antique transmitting keys and impressive (all that thick shiny copper) oscillation transformers—all, for the most part, donated by amateur collectors.

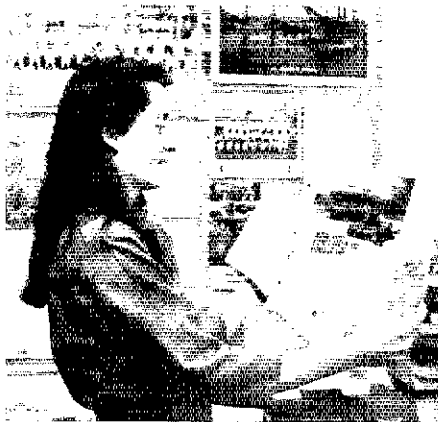
If some of you old-timers have forgotten what a Harvey-Wells Bandmaster (the "dream rig of the early '50s") or a Depew Special looks like, they're waiting for you in their cases. But you'd have to be a nonagenarian, perhaps, to recall the "supreme receiver" of the early post-war days (World War I, that is)—"the set that will get those European long-wave stations." It was the Kennedy Universal, according to the tag. Come to think of it, a few European broadcasters still ride the long waves—the superb programs of the



Whether in person or over the phone, the first person most HQ visitors meet is receptionist Penny Harts. With 21+ years on the job, Penny knows a lot about ARRL HQ! (NTØZ photos)



DXCC Data Entry Technician Hanan Al-Qaddumi enters a New Mixed DXCC application for Jan E. Collins, K6BZS, of Livermore, California.



If it's a QST ad, it's probably crossed the desk of Advertising Assistant Angela Beebe, KA1SER.

BBC's Radio 4 on 198 kHz and the high-brow Deutschlandfunk on 153 kHz—but who can or bothers to pick 'em up now?

And have you heard of the Elser-Mather Cup? It's a joke really—a 1928 wood-carving by Philippine natives doted up as a trophy by a couple of imaginative hams and bearing the inscription:

ence library. It was interesting as well as nostalgic to thumb through the 40-year run of *Short-Wave* magazine and old scientific journals from Bell Labs. Various Proceedings are also on file: The National Electronics Conference (1949 on), IRE (1914-), IEE (1938-), ITU (1937-). Nostalgia will also be served by the old *RCA/Mullard Valve Handbooks*, *Jones' Radio Handbook* (1930s) and *Henney's Radio Engineering Handbook* (1940s). I was attracted by the odd title *Mathematical Quickies*, believing, incorrectly, that it might be a "marriage" manual for actuaries.

One of the most computerized sections of HQ is the Circulation Department, handling the daily torrent of member inquiries. The work of this and other departments is facilitated by an IBM System 38 computer and some 50 terminals throughout the building.

More interesting is the QSL Bureau, where thousands of cards are stacked in cubbyholes, sorted according to their call sign prefixes, waiting to be sent all over the globe on behalf of grateful hams (ask to see some of the more colorful and exotic samples).

The pace will probably pick up a bit as you work your way through the DXCC and Contest Branch areas, Field Services (support for ARRL-affiliated clubs, volunteers, etc.), Graphics and Editorial (production of



Although Joe Garcia, NJ1Q, now works in the VEC Department, he's sorted millions of QSL cards in his QSL Bureau days.

Your last treat will be a visit to Memorial Station W1AW (in service for more than 50 years). It's from here that the computer-generated code-practice sessions and voice and digital bulletins are sent out daily. Be sure to bring your license so you can work the world (in any of several modes) from

# A Beginner's Tour to and Through AMTOR

If you've ever wanted to get on the air with AMTOR or APLINK, here's a step-by-step course that'll get you started on the right foot.

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There is a rambling road that leads us from one aspect of Amateur Radio to another. Neither maps nor plans are of much value, but somehow, we just get there. Take AMTOR as an example. I had no interest in that mode when I purchased my TNC a couple of years ago. Far from it. Instead, I wanted to get out there with the digital crowd on VHF/UHF and master that exciting development called packet.

As soon as the TNC was unpacked, I read the first section of its very large manual, hooked up the computer, successfully completed the loop-back test and struggled into the night (building a cable by soldering five wires into a tiny plug that was never meant to be touched by human hands the size of mine!). There were false starts, profane comments and a ruined plug; but finally, believe it or not, my 2-meter transceiver was keyed and I was CONNECTED! My limited knowledge of commands deterred my attempts to conquer the world that night, but I was safely launched into the world of tomorrow.

But there was one problem—I looked at tomorrow, and didn't like it all that much. The idea of working like the devil to send a message to a friend a few miles away made the telephone look more attractive than ever. The bulletin boards, bless them for all their effort, were difficult to reach during prime time. And when connected, I wasn't quite sure what I wanted to do. For me, packet offered little excitement (DX PacketCluster<sup>®</sup> aside—a subsequent discovery) and no feeling of involvement or accomplishment. Dust began to settle on the TNC.

Just before I was about to put the TNC up for sale, I decided to try a little RTTY. There were some stumbles with the software, but I got the hang of it. And am I glad I did! RTTY became my favorite mode and I soon became acquainted with most of the "RTTY Regulars" scattered about the globe. In no time I felt like a



veteran at the keyboard. DXing was a picnic and I worked several countries that I had never heard on phone.

Then, I had a contest QSO with Sanjeevi, VU2SJV, and my troubles began. Along with my QSL card, I sent a note volunteering my services as a QSL manager. I knew that he was having card problems because as QSL manager for VU2GI I was aware that the VU bureau wasn't functioning and that the mail was subject to "interruption."

Sanjeevi was enthusiastic about the idea, saying "Yes, I'd love to have you as QSL manager... and, by the way, I'll send my logs via APLINK... which has regular transfer facilities... to YAGE, then to WDRZ, WQWG or WURA." On the same day there was a message on my answering machine via NTS from WAIURA/9: "I have traffic for you from VU2SJV. Please call on 14071.5 mark frequency. That reads 14073.6 on my rig. All the best. Frank."

The letter and the message might as well have been in Chinese. Nonetheless, the always-challenging "new mode time" had arrived. That night, on my RTTY sked with Geoff, KB6WSQ, I asked him about APLINK. He hadn't heard of it, but promised to try to find out. He didn't know much about mark frequencies, either, but

he did switch us to AMTOR and after a day or two of fumbling about, we had the basic QSO routines refined. On the subject of APLINK, however, we still drew a blank.

Several AMTOR QSOs, some with veterans of the strange-sounding mode, produced little or nothing. None of them seemed to use mailboxes. I kept calling WAIURA/9 from time to time on 14073.6 but could not connect. Magazines and handbooks had little hard information.

The breakthrough came from both coasts on the same day. Geoff discovered that APLINK stood for AMTOR-Packet-Link. The *RTTY JOURNAL* provided the clue as to the mark frequency (even though there were two quite different explanations on facing pages, both of which proved to be correct). Through a QSO with Peter, TJ1DL, I received a file containing most of the active mailbox stations, their frequencies, commands and hours of operation. It took about 30 minutes to download the file (with accuracy guaranteed by the nature of the error-correcting mode). Peter was most generous and I will always appreciate his patience. Cameroon had provided the last clue.

Full of confidence, I started to call away. But it was too late for the US station that

I wanted to reach. The band had shifted. Undeterred, I called G4GSA and connected with little difficulty. The screen menu was most helpful. I fumbled through the sign-on procedure and then took two very important steps. First, I downloaded the APLINK command file; then, I sent my first message to VU2SJV. The user-friendly menu tutored me all the way. My message was on its way to Sanjeevi via VK2AGE and I was on my way to becoming an APLINK fan.

The next morning, I called WA1URA/9; connected, left more messages—both domestic and DX—and picked up messages from near and far. Each day's routine now includes a stop at TG9VT (I have regularly linked with John's box with nothing more than a 54-inch antenna on the balcony railing of our Florida apartment, or with the vertical atop our motor home from all over the USA) and VK2AGE. Each day there are messages from friends on land and sea.

### Getting Started

Software/computer/TNC/transceiver combinations abound and there is no way to cover all the possible setups here. The system I used at the time this was written consisted of a TS-940S transceiver, a PK-232 multimode data controller, *PC-Pakratt* software and a Radio Shack® laptop (IBM compatible) computer—a fairly typical installation—at least in terms of the basic elements. I have since used two other transceivers and *Hal*, *Aries-II* and *Acuterm* software. The command structures vary somewhat but are equally simple if you focus on the few required commands covered in this article.

If you have difficulty getting your TNC and transceiver to communicate, or if you have software problems, call the manufacturer. They are especially helpful in solving tough start-up problems.

From here on out I'll assume you have a functional AMTOR station: a properly cabled rig; a multimode TNC and computer receiving AMTOR signals; and a correctly configured and entered SELCAL identifier (a four-letter call with no numbers: N2HOS becomes NHOS).

Remember two things about AMTOR: *Don't use your amplifier and don't send RYRYRYRY!* AMTOR is a remarkably effective and efficient mode and is almost always the "last signal on the band." A lot of power is not required to work stations on the other side of the globe, so don't overwhelm a small subband with a huge signal.

Don't tie up the frequency for 10 minutes repeating RYRY for four lines, my call sign six times and yours eight times before you tell me your name and QTH—and then go through multiple IDs as you pass the keys back to me. That sort of repetition has no place in AMTOR. *Don't use RYs—period.* This mode is a-c-u-r-a-t-e. Except under

**Table 1**  
**Active APLINK Stations**

Call	SELCAL	SysOp	Location	Frequency (kHz)
AH6D	AAHD	PAUL	HAWAII	14071.5*
DL0YB	DLYB	WERNER	GERMANY	14080.0
DU9BC	DUBC	FRED	PHILIPPINES	14072.0
G4SCA	GSCA	JOHN	ENGLAND	14070.0*
HL9TG	HLTG	GARY	KOREA	14073.5
K7BUC	KBUC	DEL	ARIZONA	14072.5*
KB1PJ/8	KBPJ	DAVID	OHIO	14070.5*
N0IA/7	NNIA	BUD	NEVADA	14070.5*
TG9VT	TGVT	JOHN	GUATEMALA	14074.0*
V51NH	VVNH	NICO	NAMIBIA	14070.0
VK2AGE	VAGE	GORDON	AUSTRALIA	14075.0*
VK2EHQ	VEHQ	PETER	AUSTRALIA	14070.5
VK6YM	VKYM	HERVE	AUSTRALIA	14081.0
WA1URA/9	WURA	FRANK	INDIANA	14071.5*
WA8DRZ/6	WDRZ	CRAIG	CALIFORNIA	14068.5*
WB7QWG/9	WQWG	BOB	INDIANA	14071.5*
ZF1GC	ZFGC	FRANK	CAYMAN IS	14070.5*
ZL1ACO	ZACO	NEILL	NEW ZEALAND	14072.5

\*On multiple frequencies/bands.

extremely poor conditions, every character is sent and its correct transmission confirmed before AMTOR moves on to the next character group. No other station should disturb the connection because stations in QSO are locked in a handshake, thus station ID is required at normal intervals only. QRM or QRN can reduce the effectiveness of an AMTOR link, but will usually not disrupt it. And even if the link breaks for some reason, the software will immediately react and start sending the SELCAL to relink.

### Your First QSO

Okay, let's get on the air. Place your TNC in AMTOR standby mode. Tune around just below the Baudot portion of the band (14.070-14.080 MHz, for example) and listen for the distinctive, continuous sound of the FEC (Forward Error Correction) call. Although some ops communicate in that mode, it is normally used for calling CQ. Here's my CQ as it would appear on your screen (after the TNC begins decoding the FEC signal):

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CQ CQ CQ CQ
CQ CQ CQ CQ
N2HOS N2HOS
N2HOS N2HOS
SELCAL
NHOS NHOS
PSE KKK
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Press F2 (when using *PC-Pakratt* software) to bring up the ARQ Selective Calling menu, type in the SELCAL (NHOS) and hit ENTER (CR/LF). Your transceiver will now start sending my SELCAL. The QSO is now in your hands, so type in my call sign, your call sign, QTH, name and (+?) (Fn/End on the keyboard). As you

connect, the tone will change and your transmitted copy will appear as highlighted text in the upper part of the computer screen. The menu will indicate that you have a handshake and are underway.

I will respond as soon as your (+?) appears on my screen. While reading my message to you, immediately start typing the next segment of your QSO. Anything you type will be stored until it's your turn to transmit. Respond to my copy or pull down the buffer that describes your rig, or whatever, but build up a backlog of copy before the (+?) appears at the end of my transmission. When that sign appears, your rig responds immediately and starts transmitting your copy. It does so at considerable speed if you have a good connection and a quiet band.

Use the (+?) character as the "over" signal until you are ready to break the link. Then, if you are the one to terminate the QSO, end your last transmission with station IDs and "Control/D." This breaks the link and puts your rig in standby mode, ready for the next QSO.

Remember that you call CQ in FEC and then automatically change to ARQ. You answer a CQ in ARQ, using the Selective Calling menu (F2). The only commands you *must* know are OVER (+?) and DROPLINK (Control/D). It's that easy. Run a few QSOs to get used to the sounds, commands and peculiarities of the mode, then review your TNC manuals (you'll be amazed at how much more sense they now make) before moving on to the next round.

### APLINK

There are more than 100 mailbox facilities on the HF digital bands, but for now we'll focus only on APLINK stations and



cover the process from start to finish. (See Table 1 for a partial list—there are about 40 in all.) None of the APLINK stations send out a beacon inviting your call (a fortunate development considering the potential for QRM). Thus, the first step is to find the correct frequency by calculating the difference between the mark frequency of the APLINK station and the readout on your rig. The Kenwood TS-940S readout, for example, reads the "space" frequency, which is 170 Hz below the "mark." That means that the dial must show 14071.33 kHz to connect with a station operating on 14071.5 kHz. The IC-751 would read 14073.6 kHz for the same frequency, according to Frank, WA1URA/9. If you have a different rig, beg, borrow or steal an explanation about how it handles mark and space frequencies.

Tune to the selected frequency (14.074 MHz for the TG9VT mailbox, for example) and listen for a while to make sure that there is no traffic. Remember, there can be several stations operating on or scanning that frequency. If it is vacant, press F2 and type in the SELCAL on the Selective Calling menu and press RETURN (CR/LF). Your transmitter will start calling the station and if you are on the "mark," if conditions are right and if the station is not engaged with something else on another band or frequency, you will connect and the screen will display: DE TG9VT PLEASE STAND BY... (pause)... IF YOU NEED HELP, TYPE "HELP" (CR/LF), PLEASE LOG IN. Although you'll want to get the HELP file later, let's forge ahead. Because you are a new, unregistered user, the first step is to get on the list. So, type NEW N2HOS NHOS (CR/LF). (Remember, that's the ENTER key.) The screen will ask you to confirm your call sign, so when prompted, type YES (CR/LF).<sup>1</sup>

The mailbox now asks GA+?, which prompts you to do something. Let's start with reading the bulletins on file. Type LB (CR/LF) to get a list of numbered subjects like ARRL bulletins, station notes, DX reports and size and date of each bulletin. (The VK2SG RTTY DX report on TG9VT and VK2AGE, available in the wee hours of Friday Zulu is a gem). Before calling up the list, it's a good idea to turn on your printer because you may want to refer to the list from time to time. When the list is complete, the GA+? prompt appears.

Let's assume that bulletin number 123 is a juicy DX bulletin. Type R 123 (CR/LF). Leave your printer on if you wish to save the information. The screen delivers the information to you and winds up, again, with GA+?. Type LOGOUT (CR/LF) and the station will drop the link.

If, for example, you'd like to send me a message via APLINK, compose the message and type it into a buffer or file before you connect.<sup>3</sup> Call the station that I use as a mailbox, log in as usual and when the screen says GA+?, type SP N2HOS (CR/LF). A message number is assigned and the GA+? prompt reappears.

Send the buffer and, to conclude the message, type NNNN on a new line and (CR/LF). After informing you that the message has been filed the screen will prompt with a GA+?. Type LOGOUT (CR/LF) and the station will drop the link.

Next time, log in as usual. If the prompt shows (YOUR CALL) DE TG9VT QTC 2/2....GA+?, you know that you have mail, two messages in this case. Type RN+? and the mail will be delivered to you automatically. If the prompt says (YOUR CALL) DE TG9VT QRU...GA+?, there is no mail, so go on to whatever interests you or log out.

To send a message to a DX station, you must know that he uses AMTOR and that he uses a specific APLINK station. Otherwise, the message will just clutter up the system for 21 days before it is automatically discarded.

Here's how to do it. If you can contact the specific APLINK station directly, the procedure is the same as for domestic log-ins—simply type SP (HIS CALL) (CR/LF). If your message must be forwarded to another mailbox, the procedure is somewhat different. First, compose the message and put it in a buffer or file.<sup>4</sup> Call up the APLINK station and sign in as usual. When prompted with the usual GA+?, type VU2SJV AT VK2AGE (CR/LF). (The word AT is very important and must be used.) The system repeats the address and asks for confirmation; type YES (CR/LF). A file number is assigned and the system asks for the message with the usual GA+? prompt. Transmit the buffer and watch the message being sent. As it's going out, start a new line and type NNNN (CR/LF). After confirming that the

message has been filed, the station will give you the GA+? prompt. Sign off as usual.

Delivery times vary, but messages can arrive at their destinations within 12 to 24 hours, either direct or via an intermediate station. Faster delivery can be assumed if you connect directly to the mailbox used by the addressee. APLINK is a wonderful system and its accuracy normally assures delivery of the exact copy you sent. Links can be lost during forwarding, of course, but the addressee will be so informed.

There are other commands and shortcuts that you'll want to explore as you become more familiar with the system. (And there is the subject of local packet forwarding beyond the APLINK station, but that is the subject of another article.) But these are the basics that get you on and off APLINK and allow you to use the primary features. Get on the system and use all of the facilities. Sign on with several stations, get to know the ops, check to see who logs in (I have arranged several interesting DX skeds that way) and read the bulletins.

There are other types of mailboxes on the air as well, including some that I find very entertaining. Try ST2SA (STSA) on the 14.078-MHz mark frequency. Sid is in Khartoum and has a marvelous menu and programmed reactions to your information. He will even print out a QSL card on the spot (sorry, it doesn't count). Several others can be accessed via Baudot with easy-to-learn commands.

Whatever your interest, if you'd like to try the digital modes or are already into RTTY or packet, expand your horizons and give AMTOR and APLINK a try. Use this guide to help you explore this unusual mode and exceptional message-forwarding system.

You'll no doubt join me in thanking Vic Poor, W5SMM, for writing the great software (now past version 4.0) that is the backbone of the system and all of the APLINK operators around the globe who devote so much of their money, time and energy to the stations required to move our traffic.

**Table 2<sup>2</sup>**  
**Selected APLINK Commands**

Command or Sequence	Effect
NEW (CALL) (SELCALL)	REGISTERS A NEW USER
LOGIN (YOUR CALL)	LOGS IN WHEN REGISTERED
LH	LISTS ALL HELP FILES
LT	LISTS ALL MESSAGES TO YOU
LF	LISTS ALL MESSAGES FROM YOU
LB	LISTS ALL BULLETINS
RN	READS ALL MESSAGES TO YOU
R (NUMBER)	READS NUMBERED MESSAGE
SP (CALL)	SEND MESSAGE TO—END NNNN
T	TALK TO SYSDP
I	INFO ABOUT THE SYSTEM
LOGOUT	LOGS YOU OFF

#### Notes

<sup>1</sup>The next time you call you are entered in the station's register, simplifying the log-in procedure. When asked to log in, simply type LOGIN N2HOS (CR/LF), and you are underway.

<sup>2</sup>This condensed list is extracted from a typical APLINK help file. It is best to download and print the entire help file for your reference.

<sup>3</sup>Note that the first 25 characters form the subject of the message. Type something like "Hello Jim," hit (CR/LF) and start the message on the second line.

<sup>4</sup>The file procedure for PC-Pakratt is awkward but effective. From the main menu, type E. You will be asked to name the file. Keep it simple. Type JIM. Complete the message and hit ESC. Enter AMTOR mode and type Control/F3. Select File, 0, type JIM, then ESC. The file is now loaded. When you want to send the file, type ALT/0 (CR/LF) and the message will appear in the upper screen as it is transmitted. Nine other files can be loaded and sent the same way. ☐

## Amateur Radio Aims for the Olympics

Spurred on by the success of the World RadioSport Team Championship (Oct *QST*, p 43), a plan to form a World RadioSport Federation (WRSF) to make Amateur Radio an Olympic event has been announced by an international group of amateurs.

The WRSF is targeting the 1996 Summer Olympics, which will be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has four main ground rules which a sport must meet to be considered for the Games:

- The sport must be actively practiced in 50 countries by men and in 35 countries by women;
- There must be a sanctioning organization acceptable to the IOC;
- Periodic regional events must take place between Olympic Games;
- There should be a mechanism to establish a world championship.

The WRSF would meet these criteria by establishing an international consortium of radio societies, local radio clubs, individuals and corporate supporters. But beyond the immediate goal of the Olympics, the Federation would seek the general betterment of Amateur Radio around the world.

In their Proposal for Discussion, the organizers note Amateur Radio's recognized value as a pool of trained operators able to provide a variety of communications services and the continuing need for self-promotion of the amateur service.

The WRSF believes that radiosport events (such as the team championship in Seattle) and associated educational efforts can be used as a vehicle for promoting Amateur Radio and for recruiting new hams.

Radiosport events can demonstrate to government officials and the general public the purpose and value of Amateur Radio, the proposal says. The argument is bolstered by noting that recent international operating events (DX contests) attract upwards of 40,000 amateurs worldwide—a pool of potential WRSF members and ambassadors.

The not-for-profit WRSF would support the activities of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). "Activities and initiatives undertaken by the WRSF are intended to enhance accomplishment of IARU goals and objectives," the proposal says. The purposes and objectives of the WRSF are to:

- Encourage the growth of Amateur Radio by promoting and supporting operating activities that enable successful recruit-

ment of new participants, especially young people;

- Enhance individual operator knowledge and skill in emergency communications techniques and procedures;
- Provide an international sanctioning organization for on-site and other radiosport events;
- Promote increased awareness and understanding of the Amateur Radio service among government officials and members of the general public.

WRSF membership would fall under four categories and the planners have estimated the following makeup: Voting Members (total of 15); Associate (50); Sustaining (1500); and Corporate Sponsors (10). A geographically diverse board of trustees would be elected by and from the voting membership, while a slate of corporate officers would be elected annually by the board. Six working committees would handle specific activities.

The promoters acknowledge that initially, members would come from the ranks of contest operators and DXers around the world. They anticipate support from "more traditional" hams over the long term.

The WRSF would be financially independent of all other Amateur Radio organizations. Funding would come from initiation fees, membership dues and corporate sponsors. The promoters see an eventual annual budget in the range \$175,000 to \$250,000.

The federation would assist local groups in conducting competitive activities—with the inherent spin-offs of public relations and education—by promoting the following kinds of events:

- *Mini HF Field Days:* Two-person teams would construct and operate stations under simulated emergency conditions. Local winners would qualify for national, regional or international on-site competitions that would be staged during international contests such as ARRL Field Day and the IARU HF World Championship. International on-site events would be held at least every four years, concurrent with the Olympic Games.

- *Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF):* Long popular in Eastern Europe, the USSR and Asia, these events would pit contestants in various age groups in a test of physical stamina and radio technique. ARDF would permit amateurs not proficient in Morse code to be competitive.

- *Communications Accuracy Contest:* These traditional CW and voice pileup copying contests would be sanctioned for hold-

ing at hamfests and radio club meetings.

The WRSF would establish rules and guidelines for the events mentioned above, and help finance regional and international events.

The federation would maintain an international speakers bureau, to speak and to conduct workshops and seminars explaining and promoting Amateur Radio. In time, it would seek to establish a scholarship program and to maintain a fund to aid developing countries in conducting Amateur Radio events and demonstrations. Young people would especially be targeted, through such international groups as the Scouts and the YWCA and YMCA.

The WRSF promoters believe that neither national radio societies nor the IARU have the resources necessary to address, on a worldwide scale, the issues of recruitment of new amateurs and of communications training. The WRSF will seek "appropriate recognition and endorsement by the IARU," believing that "successful achievement of WRSF goals and objectives is closely tied to receipt of official recognition and moral support from the IARU and its member societies."

In the next few months, the organizers will tend to legal incorporation, election of an initial slate of trustees and officers, the establishment of committee chairmen and obtaining essential business equipment. Planning of a detailed agenda will begin following a worldwide teleconference of founders, according to John Crovelli, W2GD. Among the founders are Martti Laine, OH2BH; ARRL New England Division Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI; Northern California DX Foundation Trustee Rusty Epps, W6OAT; and Boris Stepanov, UW3AX, deputy editor of *Radio* magazine.

Persons interested in this ambitious endeavor may contact John Crovelli, W2GD, 200 Woolf Rd, Milford, NJ 08848, for a copy of the Proposal for Discussion. A large SASE with two units of First-Class postage would be appreciated.



### FCC ACTS IN 20-METER DISPUTES

The Federal Communications Commission has issued at least three Notices of Apparent Liability to Monetary Forfeiture to radio amateurs involved in net operations on 20 meters. The FCC announced on September 7 that three amateurs may be lia-

ble for \$1000 fines each for alleged violations of Part 97.

On August 27, the FCC sent letters to the following amateurs: Herbert Schoenbohm, KV4FZ, of Christiansted, US Virgin Islands; Richard K. Eastman, N5FX, of Springdale, Arkansas; and William Terrill, K2BFI, of New Hartford, New York.

All three were told, "You appear to be in willful violation of Section 97.101(d) of the FCC Rules and Regulations, in that you operated your Amateur Radio station in a manner that resulted in willful interference to radio communications of other radio amateur stations."

Shoenbohm and Eastman were cited for operations on July 16 and Terrill for FCC observations on August 17.

According to the FCC Public Notice issued September 10, the notices are for apparent liability to a monetary forfeiture of \$1000. Schoenbohm, Eastman and Terrill had 30 days to respond to the letters. John Hudak of the FCC's Field Operations Bureau stated that the Commission is working on other cases for the same rule violation.

#### DIVISION DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

The ARRL Election Committee has completed its examination of nominating petitions filed by members in eight Divisions. Ballots have been mailed to Full Members in the five Divisions where there were more than one eligible candidate for an office, as follows:

##### Central Division

For Vice Director:

Kenneth A. Ebnetter, K9EN  
Mike Hoshiko, W9CJW  
Howard S. Huntington, K9KM

##### Hudson Division

For Director:

Vincent James Biancomano, WB2EZG  
Stephen A. Mendelsohn, WA2DHF

##### Northwestern Division

For Director:

Mary Lewis, W7QGP  
William R. Shrader, W7QMU

##### Rocky Mountain Division

For Vice Director:

Lys J. Carey, K0PGM  
Robert A. Scupp, WB5YYX

##### West Gulf Division

For Director:

Richard C. Albury, W5SOQ  
Tom Comstock, N5TC

Any Full Member of record as of September 10 in these Divisions who does not receive a ballot by November 1 should request a duplicate from the Secretary, ARRL. Ballots will be counted November 20, and election results will appear in January 1991 QST. Terms of office are two

years beginning January 1, 1990.

In addition, the Election Committee found the following candidates unopposed. Declared elected without balloting were:

Director, Central Division: Edmond A. Metzger, W9PRN

Vice Director, Hudson Division: Paul Vydareny, WB2VUK

Director, New England Division: Tom Frenaye, K1KI

Vice Director, New England Division: William Burden, WB1BRE

Vice Director, Northwestern Division: Mary Lou Brown, NM7N

Director, Roanoke Division: John C. Kanode, N4MM

Vice Director, Roanoke Division: James G. Walker, WD4HLZ

Director, Rocky Mountain Division: Marshall Quiat, AG0X

Director, Southwestern Division: Fried Heyn, WA6WZO

Vice Director, Southwestern Division: Wayne Overbeck, N6NB

Vice Director, West Gulf Division: Sam Sitton, KV5X

#### HARRISON MAY LOSE LICENSE

On September 18, 1990, Michael D. Harrison, WB2PTI, of Oceanside, New York, who pleaded guilty and was convicted on five counts of mail fraud earlier this year, was issued an Order to Show Cause why his FCC-issued Amateur Radio license should not be revoked. Harrison took out ads in several ham magazines (*not* including QST) fraudulently offering merchandise for sale. For more information, see p 56 of June QST.

#### GUS BROWNING, W4BPD, SK

Gus Browning, W4BPD, a member of the CQ DX Hall of Fame and one of our most prolific DXers, died August 21 in South Carolina after a long illness. He was 82.

Gus hit the DXpedition trail in the mid-1950s, an ever-present (warm) Coca-Cola in hand. His heaviest travel lasted until the early '60s. He went out again in the mid-'60s, to reactivate some of his earlier conquests for a whole new crop of DXers.

"Gus always kept his cool," says friend Stu Meyer, W2GHK, "no matter how wild the pileups got." Meyer remembers Gus as a great operator and a technician able to repair his radios in the most remote spots. W4BPD taught himself to write with his left hand, so he could operate two-handed on CW.

Browning, an ARRL Alternate Director in the early 1950's, was self-employed most of his life, operating a radio/television repair business and running a print shop. He printed QSL cards and for years edited and published *The DXers Magazine*.

Among his survivors is his wife, Peggy.

#### FCC WATCHES CABLE TV

Federal Communications Commission engineers conducted field tests of cable television around the country the week of August 20, according to a Commission release. The stated purpose of the checks was to assess and improve compliance with a new Cumulative Leakage Index (CLI) that went into effect July 1.

The CLI standard sets a leakage limit that cable operators must not exceed, to prevent harmful interference to aeronautical communications and navigation frequencies. FCC rules establishing leakage standards are

#### AMATEUR CALL SIGN UPDATE

The following is a list of the FCC's most recently issued call signs as of September 1.

District	Group "A" Extra	Group "B" Advanced	Group "C" Tech/Gen	Group "D" Novice
0	AA0BW	KF0MM	N0MKQ	KB0HLY
1	WJ1Q	KC1WU	N11AA	KA1WIT
2	AA2BB	KE2VY	N2LFL	KB2LAX
3	WD3Z	KD3TR	N3IMS	KA3WUO
4	AB4YT	KN4OJ	**	KC4SSO
5	AA5UN	KI5IU	N5RGO	KB5NPM
6	AA6XU	KK6PA	**	KC6NMS
7	AA7FT	KG7HZ	N7PLR	KB7LOQ
8	AA8CC	KF8JD	N8MWQ	KB8KPK
9	WV9E	KE9YY	N9KCF	KB9FLB
Guam	KH2N	AH2CH	KH2EP	WH2AMR
Hawaii	**	AH6KN	NH6XM	WH6CIP
Alaska	**	AL7MJ	NL7UJ	WL7BZI
USVI	NP2G	KP2BU	NP2DX	WP2AHD
PR	**	KP4QZ	WP4YU	WP4JIH

\*\*All call signs for these groups have been assigned in these districts.

Note: N-prefixed Group "C" calls for the fourth and sixth districts have been exhausted. The FCC will now assign Technicians and Generals Group "D" (2 x 3) call signs in these call areas.

in Sections 76.610 through 76.617. Cable systems found not in compliance will be ordered to shut down operations in the aviation bands 108-137 MHz and 225-400 MHz, the Commission said.

If a cable company's signal leaks out of the cable, amateur signals can leak in as well. Amateurs operating on the 2-meter band can be affected (most cable TV systems put Channel 18 in the 2-meter band), as are those operating on 220 MHz.

Cable system licensees are required to provide documentation of compliance to the FCC and all systems are subject to on-site evaluation by Commission personnel.

The study netted violators: According to a September 13 release, Multivision Cable TV in Hermosa Beach, California, was shut down when found in violation of the CLI criteria. Other system operators found to be in violation will be fined \$2000 or more.

### FCC ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Six thousand dollars' worth of illegal Citizens Band (CB) equipment was seized by US marshals and FCC personnel from Tabb CB Radio of Hanford, California, on August 16. Twenty-nine pieces of equipment seized included 27 linear amplifiers and two transceivers. The FCC stated that the marketing, manufacture and use of illegal radio equipment was a violation of Section 302(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and that violators can face potential criminal penalties of up to \$100,000 in fines and up to a year in prison. (*FCC Public Notice, August 31, 1990.*)

• The FCC's New York Office has shut down an unlicensed FM radio station operating in the FM broadcast band. The station operator, Joseph Sapanaro Jr, of Floral Park, New York, was fined \$1500 for unlicensed operation. Unlicensed radio operation is a violation of Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. Sanctions may include administrative fines of up to \$10,000 and/or criminal penalties of up to \$100,000 and/or imprisonment for up to one year. (*FCC Public Notice, August 23, 1990*)

### HAM WINS IN RFI LAWSUIT

The State of Arizona Court of Appeals upheld the decision of a lower court in a nuisance suit for RFI and TVI brought against Joseph Michaels III, W4DDV, of Tucson (Still v Michaels). On August 21, the Appeals Court agreed that Federal law (the Communications Act of 1934) preempted state law in the case. The complainants unsuccessfully argued otherwise.

The court found that "[previous cases] considering this issue agree that the FCC has exclusive Federal jurisdiction over the resolution of RFI matters." The complainants' recourse is appeal to the Arizona Supreme Court.

Michaels' neighbors had asked for an injunction against him by stating that his Amateur Radio transmissions were "disruptive."

### DoD PULLS OUT OF DRILL

US involvement in the Middle East has forced a major Amateur Radio-government emergency exercise to be scaled back. The National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) steering committee, acting on a notice from the Department of Defense (DoD), has cancelled a full-scale drill scheduled for October 10-13 as mentioned in League Lines last month, but local drills still may be carried out as planned.

In a letter from Peter B. Collis MD, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, the department advised that "Because of their respective commitments to Operation Desert Shield, DoD... found it increasingly difficult to provide the level of activity [the NDMS drill] deserves and is necessary to support its successful conclusion." The letter noted that the DoD has already "canceled or delayed a number of annual war games, open houses and community relations programs, in order to meet mission requirements in the Middle East."

### FCC WON'T PROTECT UNLICENSED DEVICES AT 900 MHz

The FCC has issued a public notice regarding unlicensed devices transmitting in the 900-MHz range, particularly video transmission systems. These systems ordinarily use a wireless receiver and transmitter for remoting video devices such as VCRs, video cameras and games, and television pictures and audio. Such devices fall under "additional unlicensed use" of frequencies and as such have no protection from interference from amateurs or any other licensed service.

Companies that have received FCC grants of equipment authorization for their video transmission systems include: Gemini Industries, Recoton Corp, Star Tech Company, Video Technology Engineering and Wiso Electronics. Grants of equipment authorization issued by the FCC appear monthly in a Public Notice entitled *Certification/Notification Actions*. Customers experiencing RFI to such devices should contact the manufacturer.

### FCC MOVES ATLANTA OFFICE

The FCC's Atlanta office has moved. The new address is: Atlanta Office, Federal Communications Commission, Koger Center-Gwinnett, Suite 320, 3575 Koger Blvd, Duluth, GA 30136; telephone 404-279-4620; 404-279-4621 (recorded information).

### SECTION MANAGER ELECTION NOTICE

To all ARRL Members in the Arizona, Arkansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Montana, Mississippi, North Texas, Orange and Wyoming Sections: You are hereby solicited for nominating petitions pursuant to an election for Section Manager (SM). Incumbents are listed on page 8 of this issue.

A petition, to be valid, must contain the signatures of five or more Full ARRL Members residing in the Section concerned. Photocopied signatures are not acceptable. No petition is valid without at least five signatures *on that petition*. It is advisable to have a few more than five signatures on each petition.

Petition forms (FSD-129) are available on request from ARRL Headquarters, but are not required. The following is suggested:

(Place and date)

Field Services Manager  
ARRL  
225 Main St  
Newington, CT 06111

We, the undersigned Full Members of the... ARRL Section of the... Division, hereby nominate... as candidate for Section Manager for this Section for the next two-year term of office.

(Signature... Call... City... ZIP).

Any candidate for the office of SM must be a resident of the Section, a licensed amateur of Technician class or higher and a Full Member of the League for a continuous term of at least two years immediately preceding receipt of a petition for nomination.

Petitions must be received at Headquarters on or before 4 PM Eastern Standard Time December 7, 1990. Whenever more than one Member is nominated in a single Section, ballots will be mailed from Headquarters to Full Members of record as of the nominations closing date (December 7) on or before January 2, 1991. Returns will be counted February 19, 1991. SMs elected as a result of the above procedure will take office April 1, 1991.

If only one valid petition is received for a Section, that nominee shall be declared elected without opposition for a two-year term beginning April 1, 1991.

If no petitions are received for a Section by the specified closing date, such Section will be resolicited in April 1991 *QST*. An SM elected through the resolicitation will serve a term of 18 months.

Vacancies in any SM office between elections are filled by the Field Services Manager.

You are urged to take the initiative and file a nomination petition immediately.---  
*Richard K. Palm, K1CE, Field Services Manager*

## Digital DXing

In a letter, Bill Mullin, AA4M/6, reminds me of the excitement I felt when the DX bug first bit me (many moons ago!). If you're a bit "burned out" despite your high DX totals, you'll enjoy the following extracts from Bill's letter. Be careful, you just may get reinoculated, the digital way!

"As an active DX chaser for 15 years, my interest waned; I needed a new challenge. I still wanted to work DX, specifically DX that would count toward DXCC. RTTY and AMTOR offered an answer. I acquired a multimode controller to allow the flexibility of experimenting with different digital modes.

Talk about fun—I haven't enjoyed hamming this much since I first got on CW! Within only three months of using the AEA PK-232MBX I worked my 100th digital country. I've got all states on RTTY and my WAZ total is 38/33. The digital operating has been after work and on weekends. From the great RTTY DX I've seen on the PacketCluster®, I've no doubt that I'd now have 160 countries or so if I'd been at home during work hours on weekdays.

"I have an ICOM IC-781, ETO Alpha 78, AEA PK-88 for 2-meter packet and a KT34A

at 55 feet. The computer is an Everex 386/25 with all the goodies. My RTTY software is only a plain-jane modem communications program, but it does everything I need. Of course, an elaborate computer setup like this one isn't necessary—a 'dumb' terminal interfaced through the TNC will do the job.

"RTTY and AMTOR have revitalized my interest in ham radio in general and DXing in particular! I recommend anyone looking for a new interest give these digital modes a try; you won't regret it."—Bill Mullin, AA4M/6, 3042 Larkin Pl, San Diego, CA 92123-3026



XE2OK, a regular in the ARRL DX competition for years, is active again. Rafael prefers CW and is looking for old and new friends on 20 and 40. (photo courtesy of K6TQ)



Nils Arne Broberg, SM7ANB, has been in the ARRL's DX Century Club program since 1954 and is now on the Honor Roll. He runs 500 watts with a home-brew 813; Yagis on 10, 15, 20; slopers on 40 and 80; and a shunt-fed tower for top band. Now retired, he and KITTY have plenty of time for DXing.



HS0AC, the club station of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand, is active thanks to John Vajo, W2ZWWW, of East Northport, New York. He urges you to let him, the operator, have the "last word" during the contact so he can go on cleanly to the next station. Confirm HS0AC, HS0B, HS0M and HS0SM via Ray Riker, NY2E, 433 Palo Alto Dr, Palm Springs, FL 33461.

### CIRCUIT

☐ **Haiti:** The first week this month will find Larry Woolsey, NY5F, and San Hutson, K5YY, QRV 160-10 on SSB and CW with a variety of HH numerals.

☐ **WGAM:** A new book about the late, great Don Wallace will be available soon. See Strays, p 71, for more info.

☐ **Colvins:** Lloyd and Iris are off again, to 5H0KG and points beyond, hoping to visit Mozambique and Madagascar. The YASME Foundation is handling cards via Box 2025, Castro Valley, CA 94546 (see Apr 1990 QST, pp 50 and 59).

☐ **ZS Cards:** Non-South African Radio League members can't have their cards processed by SARL, report several "actives." It looks like a QSL "direct" situation would ensure delivery.

☐ **DX Convention:** The 2nd weekend in April will bring out the big guns in Visalia, Califor-

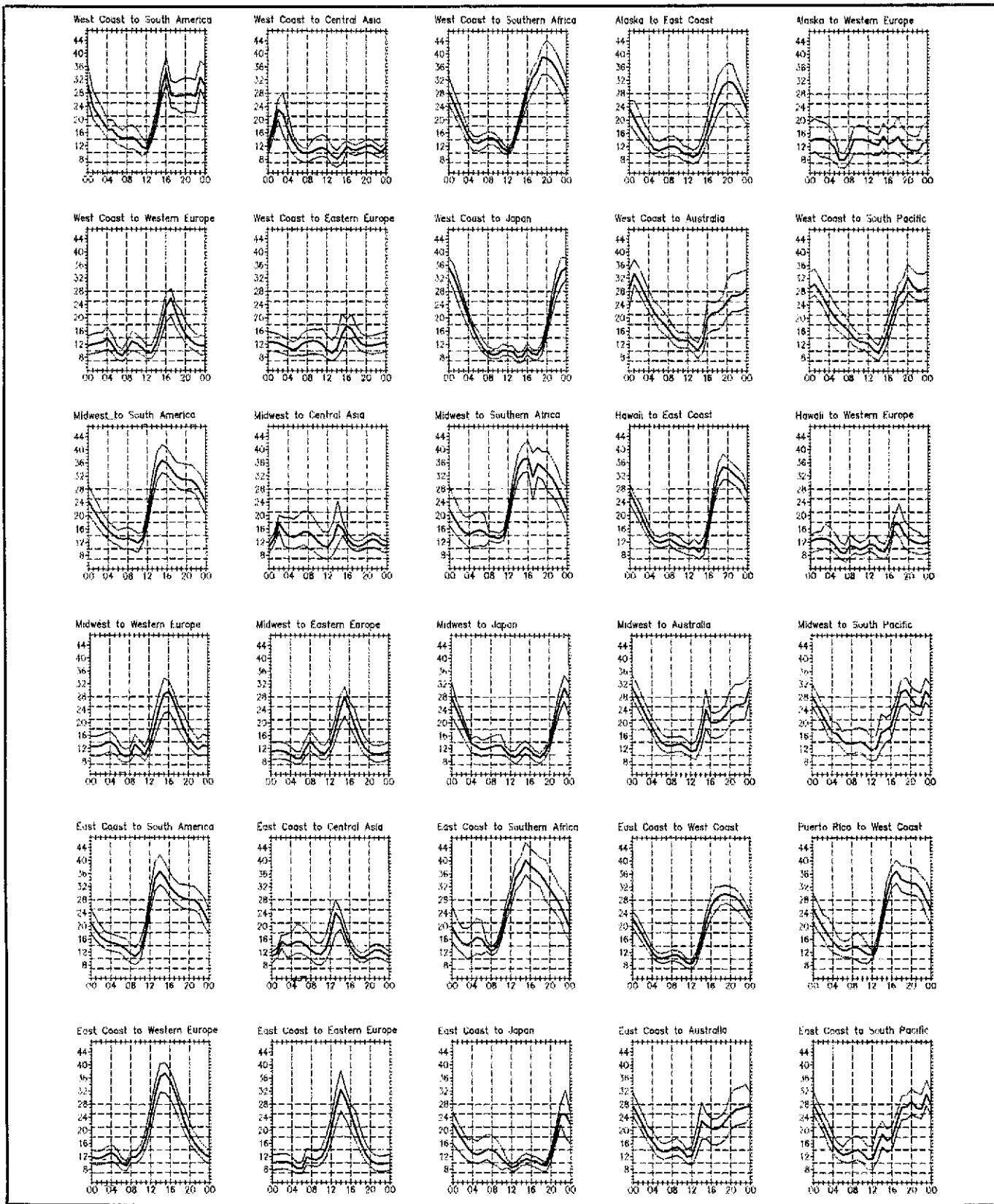
nia. The famous "bus" will make the round trip from the SF Bay area to Visalia Friday and return on Sunday, making it especially convenient for out-of-towners to get to mid-California. For details contact Ken Anderson, K6PU, Box 934, Los Gatos, CA 95031, tel 408-473-4342 (days) or 408-353-4466 (eves before 2100 local). Fare includes lunch and Napa Valley wines!

☐ **Awards:** The CX Telegraph Group offers the CXCW award, CW only, for proof of five code contacts (after 8/89) with CX stations (three with members of the group). Send your verified log with six IRCs (air return) to Alberico Lopez, CX4GL, 75001 Palmitas, Dp Soriano, Uruguay.

(The club members include CX1s DX JM, CX2s DF DK ET, CX3s AN AW BH DD EU GR MA, CX4s AW CO CQ GL LO SB SS VA, CX5s AAI BBI BW CO, CX6s BM CV, CX7s BBB BBU BY, CX8s BBH DR and CX9s AU CJ.)

☐ **Volunteer:** AC3D is retired and would like to be a QSL manager for a DX station. Dick has been licensed since 1937 and was an unofficial XU6 in China in early 1946. Write Dick Gulatsi, AC3D, 288 Devonshire Rd, Devon, PA 19333.

☐ **Routing:** V31TU (Scott Rathjen, W7SW, op), QSLs via Aldo, I0IA, V31BB (Silent Key) cards are in the hands of Gordon Silverman, N3ADC, of Levittown, Pennsylvania (include an SASE). Thanks, QZR DX. XU8DX, resident operator Sukhun, and Hiro, JA2EZD, QSL via Sin, JAINUT (requires at least a business-size return envelope and two IRCs or equivalent). Sin is also looking for donations toward XU8DX station equipment. (Thanks, NB3T and VE6BSA.)



**When are the bands open?** These charts predict this month's average propagation predictions for high-frequency circuits between the US and various overseas points. One chart showing East Coast to West Coast is also included. On 10 percent of the days of the month, the highest frequency propagated will be at least as high as the uppermost curve (highest possible frequency, or HPF). On 50 percent of the days of the month, it will be at least as high as the middle curve (maximum usable frequency, or MUF). On 90 percent of the days of the month, it will be at least as high as the lowest curve (optimum traffic frequency, or FOT). The horizontal axis shows Coordinated Universal Time (UTC); the vertical axis, frequency in MHz. See April 1983 QST, pp 63-64, for a more-detailed explanation. The 3rd edition of *The ARRL Operating Manual* contains similar charts for a range of sunspot numbers and times of the year. Sunspot data is derived from *Solar Indices Bulletin*, National Geophysical Data Center (E/GC2), Boulder, Colorado. Curves are generated using IONCAP. These predictions, for November 16 to December 15, 1990, assume a smoothed sunspot number of 130, which corresponds to a smoothed 2800-MHz solar flux of 173.

# DX Century Club Awards

Administered By Don Search, W3AZD

The ARRL DXCC is awarded to amateurs who submit written confirmations for contacts with 100 or more countries on the official ARRL DXCC Countries List. You may endorse your award in 25-country increments through 250, 10-country increments through 300 and 5-country increments above 300. The Satellite, 160 Meter, 80 Meter and 40 Meter DXCC awards are endorseable in 10-country increments through 200. Presently, there are a total of 323 countries on the official ARRL DXCC Countries List. The totals shown below are exact credits given to DXCC members from February 26 to March 30, 1990. An SASE will bring you the rules and application forms for participation in the DXCC program. Send \$1 to request the ARRL DXCC Countries List.

## NEW MEMBERS

### Mixed

CT1ZQ/112  
DF5LJ/101  
DL5HCO/101  
DL8LA/102  
HP8AYV/207  
I7ALE/245  
IK1CPB/105  
IK6LLJ/109  
JF1EQA/212  
JM1PTA/110  
JZ2HSF/116  
JH2CLV/135  
JR2KDN/307  
JA3BSL/110  
JA3NT/326  
JA3SMQ/124  
JF4EQJ/107  
JA5EXW/310  
JA7JM/315  
JH7AJD/227  
J7KPE/216  
JE0FAM/122  
LA9HF/226  
OE3DHS/119  
OK3KAW/197  
OZ7AX/114  
OZ7JQ/105  
P40P/104  
PA3FF/130  
PY2NA/100  
SM6IV/119  
SM7BZO/112  
SM8MHC/102  
SM8OHI/110  
UQ2AP/202  
VE2AWR/107  
VE4AQZ/102  
VK8TD/112  
XE2KB/153  
YU4ES/104  
9V1XI/190  
KA1HG/115  
KA1PQ/106  
NJ1V/102  
W1PN/102  
W1WEB/112  
WA1SVF/100  
KA2ELI/267  
KA2VAE/107  
KE2BO/126  
W2HCA/111  
W2KTF/228  
W2QV/130  
WB2YIP/142  
WS2L/104  
K3KAL/102  
K3SW/206  
KD3KW/104  
W3DNA/189  
W3CAS/106  
W3JUM/103  
A45Y/126  
G4YJU/104  
KC4BEM/102  
KC4MOD/103  
KD4MM/151  
KD4WB/168  
KK4TK/101  
KM4TY/105  
NAQLE/135  
NAQCJ/113  
NA4RE/112  
NA4VZ/106  
N6FLB/104  
WA4GRW/121  
WA4IT/137  
WB4JPM/103  
K5AVH/104  
K85DZY/198  
KF5DE/100  
N5MHP/114  
NSP7/105  
WA5UFH/102  
AA6EW/102  
AA6GK/105  
K6BXI/105

K16KV/105  
KJ6LD/182  
N6QLH/100  
N8QMT/108  
NT6G/105  
WA6SXE/100  
WJ6U/104  
AA6GX/105  
K7AHI/300  
K87TX/127  
K17RA/320  
W7UJ/105  
WA7HRP/125  
N8KEM/128  
N28U/103  
WA8JBG/290  
WB6FW/320  
WD8MQY/287  
K9LJU/144  
KE9ET/152  
N9AH/108  
N9FSN/101  
N9JR/100  
NT9T/110  
W9FAM/127  
WF9V/116  
KB0UY/100  
K80ZQ/107  
K0DD/122  
N0FIK/106  
N8DCH/106  
N8DR/132  
N8VC/102  
WD8CHV/290  
W0BY/102

### Phone

CP1DM/127  
DJ9JM/203  
DL2FAI/118  
DL8HBV/106  
DL8RS/100  
F6CCU/307  
G4TLQ/109  
HK0EFU/111  
HK0TCN/111  
HP6AYV/207  
IX5VP/233  
IK1MTZ/105  
IK8EFA/182  
IS0VCY/122  
JV3CG/200  
JQ31ALQ/109  
JR2KDN/305  
JA3NTE/323  
JA5EXW/306  
JH6WJM/175  
JA7JM/308  
JH7AJD/160  
JT1BV/108  
OE6FSD/120  
OK1DDS/309  
OK3KAW/132  
OZ5RM/100  
PA0ZH/219  
SM6IV/111  
SM7BZO/109  
UQ2AP/174  
XT2PS/115  
YC7BB/120  
K43AA/115  
ZP5AA/120  
ZP5YV/110  
9V1XI/100  
ND1S/106  
NS1T/102  
W1WEB/112  
N2CYL/158  
WA2UZ/257  
K43TWE/108  
W3DNA/116  
K4HXD/110  
K44UM/101  
K44TYZ/112  
N4LCO/108  
N4OLE/135  
N4RZJ/102  
N4VYZ/104  
WA4GRW/121  
WA4ITY/135

WS4L/300  
K5EWJ/163  
K5VEL/100  
K85AZN/102  
K85HPH/124  
WB9KYK/160  
AA6GK/104  
K6AAL/203  
K8BEDH/105  
W8MCA/125  
WA8JBG/266  
WB8FW/319  
WD8MQY/286  
K9GG/134  
KE9ET/152  
N9EIP/106  
W9TLU/290  
K80NN/105  
K0DAE/302  
N9DR/130  
N9AJ/108  
N9FSN/101  
N9JR/100  
NT9T/110  
DJ8BD/110  
DJ0BP/105  
DL6NBE/109  
EA3FAG/151  
F1HR/114  
G3BJD/100  
HA7ML/102  
I7ALE/228  
JM1PTA/104  
JH2CLV/134  
JA3NTE/267  
JF4EQJ/107  
JH7AJD/167  
JH8JBX/105  
JA0MGR/143  
LA9HF/209  
OH3NLH/153  
OK1CV/119  
OK1DDS/290  
OK1FWA/105  
OK1HCD/169  
OK2PGT/110  
OK3KAW/158  
OZ3ACO/104  
PA3AMA/173  
PY1AVZ/147  
NTFNN/106  
NS1U/151  
KE2PF/146  
N2KT/132  
WX2TF/204  
WB2YIP/127  
W3DNA/111  
K4KO/277  
K3BASV/121  
K04D/117  
KP4P/283  
N4RTE/106  
N4XR/267  
K5EY/113  
N5MHP/110  
K6KE/101  
KA7WDM/129  
NU7F/110  
K8CS/113  
WA8JBG/248  
N9O/123  
NT9T/101  
NBEVQ/110  
N0C/115

### CW

DJ8BD/110  
DJ0BP/105  
DL6NBE/109  
EA3FAG/151  
F1HR/114  
G3BJD/100  
HA7ML/102  
I7ALE/228  
JM1PTA/104  
JH2CLV/134  
JA3NTE/267  
JF4EQJ/107  
JH7AJD/167  
JH8JBX/105  
JA0MGR/143  
LA9HF/209  
OH3NLH/153  
OK1CV/119  
OK1DDS/290  
OK1FWA/105  
OK1HCD/169  
OK2PGT/110  
OK3KAW/158  
OZ3ACO/104  
PA3AMA/173  
PY1AVZ/147  
NTFNN/106  
NS1U/151  
KE2PF/146  
N2KT/132  
WX2TF/204  
WB2YIP/127  
W3DNA/111  
K4KO/277  
K3BASV/121  
K04D/117  
KP4P/283  
N4RTE/106  
N4XR/267  
K5EY/113  
N5MHP/110  
K6KE/101  
KA7WDM/129  
NU7F/110  
K8CS/113  
WA8JBG/248  
N9O/123  
NT9T/101  
NBEVQ/110  
N0C/115

### 5BDXCC

LA8XM  
KE7LU  
LA1VFA  
JR6CSY  
W6MJP  
UQ2AP  
IK2BLA  
HK3JH  
HE8CQ  
UY5EG  
CT1TM  
WB2WOW  
AIBU  
KP4BJD  
EA5BCX  
PA0ZH  
K3QIA

### ENDORSEMENTS

Mixed  
AL7HX/179  
CU2AX/303  
DF0AFZ/290  
DJ7EE/205  
DJ9HX/303  
DJ0GN/187  
DL2ZAE/270  
DL4FBZ/285  
DL5KAT/279  
DL7XS/316  
DL8VN/310  
FM5CD/308  
G3KLL/318  
G3TXF/311  
G4IUF/311  
G4OBF/292  
G4QK/201

### 160 Meters

CPBHD/104  
SM6CTQ/102

### 80 Meters

UQ2AP/102  
K1HDC/102  
KM1R/121  
K4AMC/105  
KK4HD/101  
AG9S/124

### 40 Meters

UQ2AP/100  
YC5DDQ/107  
ZP5ZR/104  
W8UVZ/299  
AG9S/165

### 10 Meters

J1UTN/108  
JH4UJ/146  
JA6CBG/110  
JH7AJD/108  
JA7ZP/320  
TA2AU/152  
UQ2AP/105  
VE3OKK/108  
VE6EJ/110  
VE7EW/110  
Y0MCA/174  
K1HDC/168  
N1HEJ/100  
W1WAI/227  
K82BBG/151  
K03LM/105  
NR3Y/124  
K84CSE/100  
KB4RIU/108  
W4LZW/118  
WA4MME/140  
WA4SFN/106  
WV5K/112  
K8ZR/152  
SM7JCY/127  
WDBEO/105  
SM7PRF/202  
SM7TV/325  
SM8BSB/243  
SP5DRH/309  
TF3IM/179  
UT5MD/314  
VE3IR/325  
VE3PG/294  
VE6EJ/270  
VE7AIW/290  
VE7EIK/225  
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XE2GAT/151  
YB3ASQ/257  
YU1ZO/118  
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KB1ER/284  
KB1EW/177  
KM1A/158  
KM1R/287  
KN1M/304  
N4XR/345  
KT1O/232  
N1AJQ/316  
N1FNN/143  
NA1N/250  
ND1U/162  
NX1L/290  
W1CYB/301  
W1DID/206  
W1PEA/320

### 80 Meters

HA5DA/294  
HA5LV/301  
HA6MM/285  
HB6CSA/280  
HK0HEU/307  
I2HVE/256  
I2QMU/310  
I2RQV/266  
IK2GXK/278  
KM1R/121  
K4AMC/105  
KK4HD/101  
AG9S/124

### 40 Meters

UQ2AP/100  
YC5DDQ/107  
ZP5ZR/104  
W8UVZ/299  
AG9S/165

### 10 Meters

J1UTN/108  
JH4UJ/146  
JA6CBG/110  
JH7AJD/108  
JA7ZP/320  
TA2AU/152  
UQ2AP/105  
VE3OKK/108  
VE6EJ/110  
VE7EW/110  
Y0MCA/174  
K1HDC/168  
N1HEJ/100  
W1WAI/227  
K82BBG/151  
K03LM/105  
NR3Y/124  
K84CSE/100  
KB4RIU/108  
W4LZW/118  
WA4MME/140  
WA4SFN/106  
WV5K/112  
K8ZR/152  
SM7JCY/127  
WDBEO/105  
SM7PRF/202  
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SM8BSB/243  
SP5DRH/309  
TF3IM/179  
UT5MD/314  
VE3IR/325  
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XE1L/318  
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XE2GAT/151  
YB3ASQ/257  
YU1ZO/118  
YU3Q/318  
ZL1AH/344  
Z56ASW/275  
Z56AZQ/265  
4X1FC/264  
5B4TI/302  
AA4GA/202  
AD1C/301  
AK1N/302  
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KA1EJ/280  
KB1ER/284  
KB1EW/177  
KM1A/158  
KM1R/287  
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N1AJQ/316  
N1FNN/143  
NA1N/250  
ND1U/162  
NX1L/290  
W1CYB/301  
W1DID/206  
W1PEA/320

### 80 Meters

HA5DA/294  
HA5LV/301  
HA6MM/285  
HB6CSA/280  
HK0HEU/307  
I2HVE/256  
I2QMU/310  
I2RQV/266  
IK2GXK/278  
KM1R/121  
K4AMC/105  
KK4HD/101  
AG9S/124

### 40 Meters

UQ2AP/100  
YC5DDQ/107  
ZP5ZR/104  
W8UVZ/299  
AG9S/165

### 10 Meters

J1UTN/108  
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JA6CBG/110  
JH7AJD/108  
JA7ZP/320  
TA2AU/152  
UQ2AP/105  
VE3OKK/108  
VE6EJ/110  
VE7EW/110  
Y0MCA/174  
K1HDC/168  
N1HEJ/100  
W1WAI/227  
K82BBG/151  
K03LM/105  
NR3Y/124  
K84CSE/100  
KB4RIU/108  
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WA4SFN/106  
WV5K/112  
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KM1A/158  
KM1R/287  
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N1AJQ/316  
N1FNN/143  
NA1N/250  
ND1U/162  
NX1L/290  
W1CYB/301  
W1DID/206  
W1PEA/320

### 80 Meters

W1WAI/326  
W1WW/332  
W1YCO/175  
WA1SPT/212  
WA1WTP/313  
WA1ZLD/316  
WB1ATZ/244  
WB1BQJ/125  
WB1BVQ/250  
AE2L/204  
K2BR/199  
K2OVS/274  
K2SD/268  
K2VSP/228  
KC2NB/312  
KE2PF/224  
KU2A/202  
N2AC/316  
N2HOS/225  
N2JD/316  
N2ZZ/235  
NX2T/259  
W2FB/313  
W2OUM/150  
W2TE/315  
WA2AQO/314  
WA2BO/706  
WA2CJO/225  
WA2MZK/288  
WA2UDT/250  
WA2WYR/150  
WB2PQG/205  
WB2WOW/322  
WE2L/306  
K3YGU/294  
K3CAJ/298  
KT3H/261  
N3CTB/174  
N3M3C/284  
NR3Y/281  
NS3K/270  
W3BZNI/310  
W3IOP/315  
W3KYN/204  
WA3NHG/133  
WA3YVN/175  
WB3EFO/285  
WB3JRU/307  
A44R/309  
AB4DU/227  
AB4ON/241  
AF4Y/308  
AG4L/311  
AK4N/312  
K4AOH/236  
K4AVC/310  
K4DLJ/257  
K4EJQ/208  
K4GFI/329  
K4LR/318  
K4PR/313  
KA4LRM/278  
KB4BBH/197  
K4MKG/232  
K4QCT/292  
KF4AV/173  
KM4IH/200  
KV4F/316  
KX4H/295  
N4CRU/304  
N4GDU/257  
N4GE/320  
N4HOH/300  
N4LZL/249  
N4NPV/245  
N4PYD/271  
N4SZ/281  
N4SZE/260  
N4XO/348  
N4XR/345  
N4ZQ/245  
NM4L/298  
NX4B/229  
WA4EH/320  
WA4FH/269  
W4FNS/330  
W4FQT/260  
W4ITD/229  
W4JAT/277

### 40 Meters

UQ2AP/100  
YC5DDQ/107  
ZP5ZR/104  
W8UVZ/299  
AG9S/165

### 10 Meters

J1UTN/108  
JH4UJ/146  
JA6CBG/110  
JH7AJD/108  
JA7ZP/320  
TA2AU/152  
UQ2AP/105  
VE3OKK/108  
VE6EJ/110  
VE7EW/110  
Y0MCA/174  
K1HDC/168  
N1HEJ/100  
W1WAI/227  
K82BBG/151  
K03LM/105  
NR3Y/124  
K84CSE/100  
KB4RIU/108  
W4LZW/118  
WA4MME/140  
WA4SFN/106  
WV5K/112  
K8ZR/152  
SM7JCY/127  
WDBEO/105  
SM7PRF/202  
SM7TV/325  
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KB1ER/284  
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N1AJQ/316  
N1FNN/143  
NA1N/250  
ND1U/162  
NX1L/290  
W1CYB/301  
W1DID/206  
W1PEA/320

### 80 Meters

W1WAI/326  
W1WW/332  
W1YCO/175  
WA1SPT/212  
WA1WTP/313  
WA1ZLD/316  
WB1ATZ/244  
WB1BQJ/125  
WB1BVQ/250  
AE2L/204  
K2BR/199  
K2OVS/274  
K2SD/268  
K2VSP/228  
KC2NB/312  
KE2PF/224  
KU2A/202  
N2AC/316  
N2HOS/225  
N2JD/316  
N2ZZ/235  
NX2T/259  
W2FB/313  
W2OUM/150  
W2TE/315  
WA2AQO/314  
WA2BO/706  
WA2CJO/225  
WA2MZK/288  
WA2UDT/250  
WA2WYR/150  
WB2PQG/205  
WB2WOW/322  
WE2L/306  
K3YGU/294  
K3CAJ/298  
KT3H/261  
N3CTB/174  
N3M3C/284  
NR3Y/281  
NS3K/270  
W3BZNI/310  
W3IOP/315  
W3KYN/204  
WA3NHG/133  
WA3YVN/175  
WB3EFO/285  
WB3JRU/307  
A44R/309  
AB4DU/227  
AB4ON/241  
AF4Y/308  
AG4L/311  
AK4N/312  
K4AOH/236  
K4AVC/310  
K4DLJ/257  
K4EJQ/208  
K4GFI/329  
K4LR/318  
K4PR/313  
KA4LRM/278  
KB4BBH/197  
K4MKG/232  
K4QCT/292  
KF4AV/173  
KM4IH/200  
KV4F/316  
KX4H/295  
N4CRU/304  
N4GDU/257  
N4GE/320  
N4HOH/300  
N4LZL/249  
N4NPV/245  
N4PYD/271  
N4SZ/281  
N4SZE/260  
N4XO/348  
N4XR/345  
N4ZQ/245  
NM4L/298  
NX4B/229  
WA4EH/320  
WA4FH/269  
W4FNS/330  
W4FQT/260  
W4ITD/229  
W4JAT/277

### 40 Meters

UQ2AP/100  
YC5DDQ/107  
ZP5ZR/104  
W8UVZ/299  
AG9S/165

### 10 Meters

J1UTN/108  
JH4UJ/146  
JA6CBG/110  
JH7AJD/108  
JA7ZP/320  
TA2AU/152  
UQ2AP/105  
VE3OKK/108  
VE6EJ/110  
VE7EW/110  
Y0MCA/174  
K1HDC/168  
N1HEJ/100  
W1WAI/227  
K82BBG/151  
K03LM/105  
NR3Y/124  
K84CSE/100  
KB4RIU/108  
W4LZW/118  
WA4MME/140  
WA4SFN/106  
WV5K/112  
K8ZR/152  
SM7JCY/127  
WDBEO/105  
SM7PRF/202  
SM7TV/325  
SM8BSB/243  
SP5DRH/309  
TF3IM/179  
UT5MD/314  
VE3IR/325  
VE3PG/294  
VE6EJ/270  
VE7AIW/290  
VE7EIK/225  
XE1L/318  
XE1XRC/265  
XE2GAT/151  
YB3ASQ/257  
YU1ZO/118  
YU3Q/318  
ZL1AH/344  
Z56ASW/275  
Z56AZQ/265  
4X1FC/264  
5B4TI/302  
AA4GA/202  
AD1C/301  
AK1N/302  
K1RH/315  
KA1CSL/215  
KA1EJ/280  
KB1ER/284  
KB1EW/177  
KM1A/158  
KM1R/287  
KN1M/304  
N4XR/345  
KT1O/232  
N1AJQ/316  
N1FNN/143  
NA1N/250  
ND1U/162  
NX1L/290  
W1CYB/301  
W1DID/206  
W1PEA/320

### 80 Meters

W4QCU/321  
W4VUL/301  
W4WAW/228  
W4XT/254  
WA4BEC/317  
WA4CCP/300  
WA4CTA/299  
WA4ICK/318  
WA4QYK/210  
WA4YU/193  
WA4UCI/237  
WB4M/167  
WB4UBS/148  
WC4B/306  
WD4AFY/250  
WD4DJ/224  
WD4KMV/200  
WF4I/277  
WJ4T/310  
WM4D/157  
WN4H/153  
WV4S/135  
W9AA/288  
W9CA/318  
K5XK/306  
KF5MY/310  
K6SE/212  
N5CB/300  
N5EPA/271  
N5GGQ/305  
N5PC/254  
W5BKK/227  
W5HFN/201  
W5HT/264  
W5LFK/333  
W5O5H/293  
W5SKY/227  
W5SE/301  
W5W/182  
N6AV/316  
K6FM/321  
K6GAM/293  
K6HT/172  
N6IXQ/271  
K6BUL/293  
K6BVR/325  
N6ZU/160  
N6CA/154  
W6ABT/315  
W6MWW/200  
W6NZZ/258  
W6PBI/325  
W6SPQ/309  
W6UZ/301  
W6YQ/313  
W6YFD/253  
W6GHTC/199  
W6ZP/256  
K7AZG/203  
K7HRW/297  
K7LJ/301  
K7TCL/235  
K7XN/301  
K7YVD/300  
K7OV/231  
K7QV/232  
KX7J/302  
KY7M/300  
DL2AW/320  
W7GXC/324  
DL55Y/314  
DL6N/323  
W7YS/261  
WA7GCS/174  
K8BL/228  
K8CSG/326  
K8ZT/315  
K8BZW/305  
KJ8M/311  
KY8Y/200  
N8BK/314  
N8MK/168  
N8ZA/342  
N8BB/301  
W8BC/307  
W8BLA/168  
W8FN/250  
W8IQ/338  
W8JCC/210

### 40 Meters

UQ2AP/100  
YC5DDQ/107  
ZP5ZR/104  
W8UVZ/299  
AG9S/165

### 10 Meters

J1UTN/108  
JH4UJ/146  
JA6CBG/110  
JH7AJD/108  
JA7ZP/320  
TA2AU/152  
UQ2AP/105  
VE3OKK/108  
VE6EJ/110  
VE7EW/110  
Y0MCA/174  
K1HDC/168  
N1HEJ/100  
W1WAI/227  
K82BBG/151  
K03LM/105  
NR3Y/124  
K84CSE/100  
KB4RIU/108  
W4LZW/118  
WA4MME/140  
WA4SFN/106  
WV5K/112  
K8ZR/152  
SM7JCY/127  
WDBEO/105  
SM7PRF/202  
SM7TV/325  
SM8BSB/243  
SP5DRH/309  
TF3IM/179  
UT5MD/314  
VE3IR/325  
VE3PG/294  
VE6EJ/270  
VE7AIW/29

KE4E/313	W5LFK/317	K8YVU/290	DK6NP/307	JA8DNV/317	W2FXA/302	W6MND/203	K9CVD/310	SM8DJZ/180	JG1NBD/308
KE4YD/301	W5VVD/264	K8ZTT/306	DL1FU/153	JA8EJO/239	WA2AOG/197	W6SN/278	K0BD/271	VE7AHA/194	JA3CMD/275
KF4M/309	W5HLQ/260	K8YSW/185	DL1KB/296	JA8ZO/312	WA2ASQ/202	W6SY/280	K0CQ/300	VE7SV/229	JA5PU/259
KI4SR/287	W5ASKY/226	K8BZV/302	DL2AW/289	JA9AA/272	WA2MZ/184	W6AFIT/183	KU8S/277	VK6HD/265	OH2BOZ/300
KJ4JM/203	AH6HY/270	K8BNU/249	DL5KAT/219	JA9CXA/175	N3ED/285	W26P/253	KY8A/253	K1MEM/282	SM3AKT/252
KK4HD/283	K8MA/329	K8BCCOQ/274	DL6QW/303	JA9DAI/294	W3KYN/214	K7EG/265	NIGQ/273	K1MM/282	SM3XKC/234
KK4OK/263	K6PZ/327	N8BKF/313	DL7MAE/307	JF1KKV/306	AA4DO/274	AA4DO/274	WJLJ/184	K1MTR/165	SM5AKT/252
KM4IH/200	K6RK/317	W8QNF/290	DL7SY/295	JH1QJL/304	AA4EL/150	K7NN/277	W6NB/272	KM1D/120	SM6BGG/195
KV4F/316	K8BTKV/223	W8WJ/320	DL7WJL/311	JH8CMZ/210	AA4KA/292	K7ZBV/291		W1YV/206	SM6CJZ/284
N4AVV/317	K86SD/158	W8ACZS/301	F2CW/289	JR1ARK/158	K2SHZ/295	K7ZB/309	RTTY	K2SHZ/181	SM6DYK/181
N4BYU/311	K86Y/235	W8AHFN/319	F6BEE/286	L8BCE/234	K4CEF/306	K07V/209		K2TCQ/269	SM6IF/282
N4CRU/301	K86WY/176	W8A0SE/321	G3TF/281	OK2DB/295	K4CX/303	KX7J/253		W2HZ/173	SM8AJU/308
N4MZL/241	K86H/284	W8APYL/325	G4OK/164	PA3DBG/299	K4FJ/309	N7EF/308	JA6TMTU/138	W3GG/230	SM8DJZ/274
N4ON/300	K86YE/183	W8ALVO/272	W8LVL/312	PT7WA/286	K4PB/181	N7EPD/255	OK1MP/211	W1A/W/307	SV1ADG/321
N4PYO/271	KJ6GC/224	W8BNNP/146	I2QMU/289	PY1AFL/186	K4PR/284	N7MC/294	W1EW/175	AA4V/190	VE6VO/268
N4QF/316	N6IXO/202	W86Y/318	I2XIP/308	PY4OD/292	K4XI/295	N7US/296	K2ENT/225	W4VQ/239	VE7AHA/203
N4TB/332	N6JV/269	K9BJ/318	I4EAT/294	SM3DXC/301	KE4E/275	N7UT/301	K2BHD/148	W6VQ/182	424DX/289
N4XRE/129	N6MU/322	K9BSL/199	I5SMX/202	SM4CTT/277	KF4AV/169	W7KSJ/224	W2FBR/226	W1KJ/229	K1MEM/295
N4ZQ/127	W6DU/283	K9EL/305	JA1BN/310	SM4HF/283	KI4TF/228	W7QN/225	W8ZCJL/249	W1YK/297	K1MM/297
NF4UJ/317	W6FAH/290	K9EQM/319	JA1CZ/279	SM4EMQ/272	KRAF/298	W7TE/302	W3DJ/270	K1NTR/208	K1NTR/208
NX4B/226	W6HCU/207	K9MFX/315	JA1GV/307	SM5BRW/299	KU4UJ/311	W7YS/252	NE4R/123	K1YD/183	K1YD/183
W4CVX/253	W6HGX/251	K9TI/301	JA1HG/305	SM5CAK/274	N4BPP/311	AB8Y/300	AB8Y/300	DL1PM/300	K1YD/183
W4DOU/320	W6NIZ/258	K9ZC/317	JA1JWP/315	SM5BG/251	N4CC/270	K8BL/150	K8BL/150	JA1GTF/239	W1YK/284
W4DQ/172	W6OMR/322	K9ZOT/183	JA1KQ/255	SM6DYK/313	N4CRU/268	K8CX/278	K8CX/278	JA3CSZ/329	WA1HHN/140
W4JHE/309	W8QON/260	K99I/296	JA1MDK/313	SM6HCJ/177	N4RR/296	K8FF/306	K8FF/306	W6PUL/199	AE2L/163
W4JZ/317	W6TFQ/315	K9CYX/300	JA1MRM/310	SM6BSB/243	N4ZQ/148	K8PYD/315	K8PYD/315	OK1MP/261	K2ARQ/310
W4LVM/316	W5ZZB/225	K9DNA/283	JA1OND/279	SM8DJZ/306	NE4A/287	K8ZTT/283	K8ZTT/283	SM6BG/226	K2ARQ/310
W4MBD/262	W6ATLA/278	K9DQB/309	JA1PCY/266	SP5DRH/232	NE4P/189	K88HOK/152	K88HOK/152	SM6CVX/278	K2CQ/223
W4QDE/153	W8GRSE/313	N9EL/320	JA1QX/309	SP5EWY/314	W4BFR/310	KJ8H/266	KJ8H/266	SM6AJU/307	K2CQ/308
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W4UW/318	W6E6H/290	N9JR/174	JA1SVP/295	VE6EJ/221	W4NUS/291	N8GI/125	N8GI/125	SM8DJZ/229	WE2L/142
W4A8EC/316	K7BCX/326	W9DDP/310	JG1NBD/304	VE6WQ/283	W4UW/156	N8MC/305	N8MC/305	VE7AHA/263	K3UA/275
W4ACTA/299	K7EG/290	W9DE/319	JJ1DWT/272	VE7AHA/293	W4ACTA/307	W8BE/285	W8BE/285	VK6HD/311	W3GG/275
W4ADRU/325	K7EHI/300	W9HJ/327	JA2AAQ/317	VE7WO/305	W4ASSI/205	W8CY/297	W8CY/297	HK0HEU/130	W3DMF/178
W4AFHQ/317	K7LAY/317	W9LNC/325	JA2APA/295	YU1ZO/298	W4BMM/151	W8DA/297	W8DA/297	JA1GTF/173	AA4DQ/178
W4AICK/285	K7RLS/312	W9MMZ/333	JA2IVK/261	4X1PC/253	WF4G/292	W8FN/232	W8FN/232	JA3QNB/136	AA4V/272
W4ALPM/229	K7TCL/232	W9NNE/311	JA2IVY/206	4X4FU/312	WF4I/155	W8IQ/216	W8IQ/216	JA4LXY/115	K4CYX/184
W4APLR/316	K87VD/300	W9TC/317	JA2JW/294	424DX/305	W74T/256	W8JBI/306	W8JBI/306	JA7AO/122	K4DYD/171
W4APPS/299	KF7RU/201	W9ZEY/255	JA2JYP/273	AD1C/288	K5NW/313	W8PR/300	W8PR/300	4X4NJ/176	KK4HD/148
W4APPY/203	KQ7H/231	W9VGY/325	JA2KVD/293	A1N/253	K5VNJ/172	W8OSE/156	W8OSE/156	K1MM/196	N4ZQ/295
W4ATLI/325	KX7J/285	W9WNC/288	JH2CJW/308	K1JA/315	K4SW/308	W8QLA/157	W8QLA/157	K1ZM/215	N4ZQ/145
W44AFY/250	N7EF/317	W9JIC/289	JA3ART/233	K1NTR/290	K6SM/304	W8RJK/305	W8RJK/305	W1ENE/112	NE4A/193
W44JMC/270	NK7Y/290	W9H/300	JA3BG/303	K1ST/309	W5AQ/212	AB9Q/254	AB9Q/254	W1JZ/175	NX4B/129
W44KXB/311	W7DNY/318	K8IIR/212	JA3CMD/305	K1VKQ/307	W5BKK/179	K9Y2/16	K9Y2/16	W2FCR/153	W4DR/326
W44G/312	W7GXC/323	K8WXX/330	JA3JOR/292	KM1D/256	W5MUG/208	K9BG/312	K9BG/312	W3GH/151	W4VQ/298
W4J1/264	W7KH/345	KY8A/315	JA3PIS/309	KT1Q/192	W5VT/302	K9BWQ/308	K9BWQ/308	AA4V/180	K4DY/215
W4JT/284	W7OTL/127	W8BL/311	JE3LWB/302	N1TZ/255	W5DBV/292	K9EL/284	K9EL/284	W6AJJ/130	K4KJ/231
W4MD/137	W7TE/321	W8FF/309	JJ3AFV/304	W1AX/272	K6DT/312	K9TI/288	K9TI/288	NE4A/170	K8MA/228
W4T47/313	W7UZA/315	W9GKE/320	JM3DDG/155	W1KSZ/307	K6JAD/141	K9ZC/305	K9ZC/305	W4DR/334	K9YR/302
K5CTG/312	W7ZR/312	W9JLC/259	JR3ANG/206	W1TSP/277	K6PZ/155	KR9Q/296	KR9Q/296	W4VQ/299	N6ET/202
K5FM/318	W7ASIG/131	W9NB/292	JA4LX/306	W1WLW/311	K9RK/301	N7L/187	N7L/187	K8MA/185	N6IXO/130
K5GDT/339	W7AUVG/320	W9NZ/322	JA5AUC/259	W1YY/313	K6WD/275	W9DDP/278	W9DDP/278	N6ET/200	N7US/203
K5RSG/307	AB8Y/315	W6ZRA/277	JA5PUL/308	WA1ZLD/256	N6MU/297	W9DE/270	W9DE/270	N8JV/244	K8BL/160
K6SNO/279	K8BL/170	W8BRV/261	JA5THU/294	AA2A/236	N6VR/292	W9LNC/306	W9LNC/306	JA8DNV/233	K8BCU/156
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N5JR/316	K8JRM/312	DJ2YA/250	JA7AQ/277	K2SD/189	W6ISQ/311	W9IIC/311	W9IIC/311	SM6CVX/232	DL1PM/302
N5PC/249	K8OHG/250	DJ5JH/313	JA7HMZ/304	K2ZK/125	K0ZK/125	W8JT/280	W8JT/280	SM6DYK/154	JA1GTF/262
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	LU6DJX/372	K2TQC/352	N4SU/369	W8ET/360	W8PHZ/363	H89PL/356	K1RM/342	K4YR/363	K7KG/344
	OH2QQ/360	W2AGW/357	W4AIT/371	W6EUF/347	W8RSW/349	I8AA/345	W1AXA/363	W4BAA/363	W7KH/370
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	OK1MP/353	W2BXA/372	W4DR/364	W6KNH/343	K9AB/361	JA1BWA/346	W1CKA/357	W4GTS/341	K8CON/355
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	SM8AJU/360	W2OKM/366	K5AAD/351	W6RLJ/351	W9DY/360	JA3DY/355	W2AG/367	K5UC/368	W8QFR/341
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DJ0UJ/334	K8LJG/333	K6LGF/357	SM7DMN/329	K8PYD/335	W1GX/340	DJ9RC/326	K2VZ/331	F6BK/324	W4BBP/347
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DL8FL/338	W8TC/349	W6BS/362	SP9PT/337	KN8Z/337	W1NG/335	DL1HH/351	N2P/331	G3GIC/342	W4EEU/342
G3HTA/342	W8DCH/343	W6BVM/359	UA2AO/347	W8BE/346	W1RLQ/350	DL16K/338	N2AKW/324	G3HCT/352	W4FLA/330
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G4CP/367	K6CEC/355	W6GMF/353	VE3BX/342	W8GKM/337	K2OQ/326	DL7NB/330	N2O0/326	G3KDB/332	W4JD/332
GM3BQA/344	K3IV/317	W6PHR/357	VE3NE/341	W8YA/336	K2UO/325	DL7SY/323	W2BMK/353	G3MXJ/334	W4OM/362
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H89DX/354	W9AQ/346	W6PT/362	YU2YM/329	W8ZET/350	KBZZP/323	F6CKH/328	W2FZ/355	HB8LL/333	W4WD/338
I1ZL/358	W9FKG/365	W6QL/343	ZL1AMQ/340	AB9O/319	K9AJ/330	F6EKV/322	W2IOT/340	IN3DE/321	W4WV/352
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J47MA/340	320	W7BGH/354	W1GDQ/335	W9NF/357	W2MIG/329	HB9IK/345	K3SGE/335	JK1OPL/329	K5VJ/323
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DL6EN/326	W2FP/323	K1MEM/321	W6RSE/320	W8AH/321	N4WV/322	W1GL/317	W2SM/315	JR1EBE/316	SM5BHW/316
JA1ELY/325	K4KO/322	K2UO/321	N57J/318		W6TC/320	W2MIG/317	W2YY/315	LA3X/314	SM6DYK/313
JAF3Y/324	K5UR/324	N4RJ/323	K8DYZ/319	314	W8RT/320	W2NC/318	K4CE/316	SM5DQC/311	AA1K/314
J48EAT/324	WA6TLA/323	K5VT/322	K8ZH/320	G3KMA/318	W9KQD/317	N4KG/316	K4SE/316	SM6CVX/316	W1DA/316
K8MFO/323	K6GA/324	K6GA/324	W8UVZ/320	JA1GTF/320	W9ZM/319	K5AQ/316	K4EJ/317	K1RH/314	K4KJZ/314
K9MM/324	K9MW/321	K9MW/321		JR1FY/318	W0BW/318	K6JG/318	K5KR/315	AA4AR/316	N4RJ/316
K9QVB/322	K9AJ/322	W9DWO/322	315	JA3GM/318		W7LR/319	W6PT/319	N4MM/315	N5FW/314
N8RR/323	W9DWO/322	W9XX/321	JA1BWA/321	JA3MNP/318		W8RSW/318	W8ZUC/316	K5Y/314	AA6AA/312
K3FN/324			JA1IFP/319	JA8JL/319	E4AMY/318	K9AB/318	K8LJG/316	K6CBL/316	W6FCO/312
K4PI/325			JA3BQE/321	OZ1LO/320	I5XIM/317		K8N/318	K6M/313	W8ZCQ/314
W9KNI/327	W9ZM/322	316	FG9NX/318	OZ3Y/319	JA1FNA/316	312	K9W/315	N6JV/315	W9TY/314
	DLBAN/322	F3AT/321	K1MM/319	PY5WD/319	JA1UQP/318	DJ1XP/315	W9ZR/316	W6GO/314	W8EKA/313
318	JA1BK/321	JA6BSM/322	W1JR/319	SM5AKT/318	JF1PJK/320	JA3CRZ/315	W8SR/317	W7LJ/315	
DL1PM/322	JH3CXL/321	PY7ZZ/318	N2KW/319	VE3CKF/318	JH1IF/316	LA8CJ/315		W8Z/315	
I2KMG/319	OZ7BW/322	W3AP/320	K3UA/319	W1FZ/318	JA3DY/318	PY2ELV/317	311	W8YK/314	
							DL9YX/314		

# Strays



## GB2 SCIENCE MUSEUM

The Science Museum in London, England, celebrated its Amateur Radio station's 35th anniversary in August. The idea of a ham station at the Science Museum arose from a discussion between the late G. R. M. Garrat, G5CS, deputy keeper of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Communications, and the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB). The station was licensed with the special call sign GB2SM and went on the air in 1955 with a Pye transmitter, Eddystone Radio 680X and BRT 400 receivers and a trap dipole from KW Electronics, typical of many British ham stations of the day.

Today, GB2SM boasts a Rockwell Collins KWM 380 transceiver, 30L-1 linear amplifier, 312B-5 control unit, a Yaesu oscilloscope/monitor, Yaesu FT-980 HF transceiver (RTTY and SSTV on 10-40 meters), Yaesu FT-726 VHF/UHF transceiver for 6, 10 and 70 cm terrestrial and satellite operation, Hy-Gain TH6DXX triband Yagi, a two-element triband beam, dipoles for 30, 40 and 80 meters, a trap dipole, a multiband vertical, a 14-element Yagi for 2 meters and a collinear antenna for 70 cm. The antennas are mounted on the Museum roof, about 120 feet above street level.

There are also receivers for demonstrations of commercial radio, satellite and television operation including continuous weather information via Meteosat.

Guest operators join the Museum staff and

volunteers to go on the air from three operating positions. Because the Museum attracts many nonham visitors, most QSOs are conducted on SSB with English-speaking stations, with the audio amplified through a speaker system for the visitors to hear demonstrations of Amateur Radio. In 1989, the station was visited by more than 190 hams from 30 nations. The station solicits contacts with the

eastern US around 1200Z and the western US around 1630Z. All QSL cards received are answered via the bureau. GB2SM has achieved DXCC, WAS, WAZ and EDXC.

If you hear GS2SM calling CQ Stateside, give them an answer and help showcase ham radio for the benefit of interested museum-goers across the Atlantic.—George Benbow, G3HB, Middlesex, England



GB2SM's original chief operator Geoff Voller, G3JUL, of the British Science Museum staff, who retired in January 1990. (photo courtesy of the Science Museum)

# The World Above 50 MHz

Conducted by Bill Tynan, W3XO\*

## A Computerized VHF Data Base?

Having just finished the not-so-trivial task of going through a large stack of 6-meter DX updates, I am reminded of an idea offered some months ago by WA6MXI. Al suggested the possibility of setting up a computer data base, accessible by telephone, to enable people to directly update their standings for the 6-meter DX and the other Standings Boxes. He offered to set the system up and run it, for a while, at least. There are a number of questions which must be answered before making such a move. First: How many of those who participate in the Boxes have computers and modems to make their own entries, and how best to handle those who are not so equipped? Second: How can it be assured that the entries are valid? The reason I insist that 6-meter DX updates include a complete list, showing one station for each country claimed—along with the date of each contact; is that some still claim countries that do not allow 6-meter operation and a few are not familiar with *The ARRL DXCC Countries List*. The most recent example of credit being claimed for contacts with coun-

tries not permitting 6-meter operation involves the Canary Islands, one which most of us thought was okay. However, the DXCC desk at Headquarters is currently not accepting 6-meter DXCC credit for any Spanish stations, including EA8. A lot of my time this go-around was spent in deleting credit for EA8 contacts previously counted. Many include contacts with countries which, until recently, have not allowed 6-meter operation. Germany is the one that shows up most frequently. Contacts must have taken place after 6-meter authorization was granted. As examples of lack of familiarity with *The ARRL DXCC Countries List*, some have listed Saba separate from Dutch St Maarten. A few have counted places like Newfoundland, Labrador, the Yukon and even Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island as countries separate from Canada! Some few have included in their totals countries worked crossband, along with

\*A copy of the latest *ARRL DXCC Countries List* is available from Headquarters for \$1. The *List* (although not as updated) can also be found in *The ARRL Operating Manual*.

their 6-meter two-ways. Is it any wonder that I can't accept submissions consisting only of statements like "I have XX countries worked with YY confirmed" and present a list that's meaningful? With everyone making their own updates, how can errors such as these be corrected?

For Boxes covering the other bands as well as the EME Annals, computer updating would be somewhat more straightforward now that I no longer request lists of stations worked for each state, etc.

Despite these concerns, WA6MXI's suggestion is intriguing. It would make it easier for those with the proper terminal equipment to update their standings. The data could also be available to anyone wishing to call in. Thus, they could see the latest standings without waiting for the appropriate column to come out. This seems even more important now that each Box is being presented only once per year. Nevertheless, is computer updating of the boxes a practical approach? I would very much like to hear your views on the matter.

### ON THE BANDS

As this is being written in early September, the 6-meter band is beginning to show signs of life and the 28.885-MHz liaison frequency is starting to become useful again—all signs of the approaching fall. September got off to an early start for a few observant 6-meter operators in the Southwest. One of these, who seems to miss few openings, is W5OZI, Junction, Texas, about 100 miles northwest of San Antonio. Pat reports a contact with PP5WL in Brazil at 0122Z September 1—a new country, and one not easily worked from this area. This was followed by QSOs with LU9AEA at 0127Z, LU8BF at 0134Z, LU6DAT, at 0153Z, XE2HWB at 0155Z, LU2DEK at 0211Z, CE3BFZ at 0242Z and OA8ABT at 0245Z. W5OZI notes that this opening came almost a year to the day after a similar session in 1989. That one took place August 29. The fact that a Mexican station was heard at the same time suggests the involvement of an E<sub>2</sub>/TEP link-up. Several West Coast stations also report working South American stations that evening, including N6DX, who came up with OA8ABT at 0306Z and CE3BFZ at 0311Z; and AA6TT, who snagged a new country by working CE3BFZ.

TE openings began for CE3BFZ a few evenings earlier. Pedro writes that he had propagation beginning at 0130Z August 28—with PJ9EE and PJ2BR both audible. A marginal mid-afternoon opening occurred September 6 when LU1VK reported hearing the WB4OSN beacon. The 6th was more productive for others. NI6E/KH6 QSOed some 200 Japanese stations beginning about 0010Z, and LU7DZ is reported to have worked TU2EJ about 2200Z. On Saturday, September 8, 9L1US reported working 14—

European stations around 1720Z. Things are beginning to happen!

WZ8D reports on his Gridexpedition to various Canadian grids. His 500 W to a 3-element beam helped John complete some 850 QSOs, most of which resulted in new grids for those on the other end. He commented that it almost seemed that he heard WA5UUD "all the time." Other prominent stations included N4MM, for whom he provided 5 new grids, WD5K 7, AA5AM 7, W5OZI 7 and W5FF 6. Best success was from EO60, where he had 250 QSOs. EN69 netted 200 plus and EN70 about 200. Not bad for a family vacation!

K6QXY reports that N6AMG, N4LTA and he have pooled resources and sent a beacon to FO5DR. Currently on 50.050 MHz, it signs "VVV DE FO5DR/B" three times, then sends the grid, BH5Z. Power output is 50 W; several Yagis are used.

Reports on the Perseids meteor shower have been varied to say the least. Many have termed it "below normal." W5AL, Amarillo, Texas, however, reports success, and on 1 1/4 meters at that! Len completed 220-MHz contacts with VE5LY, DN70; NN9K, EN41, Illinois; WB0TEM, EN12, Iowa; W7RV, DM43, Arizona; K0TLM, EM29, Missouri; and KSUR, EM35, Arkansas. Len comments that his 1 1/4-meter grid total got another boost when K5IS traveled through the Texas Panhandle, activating grids as he went. Jerome's Microwave Modules transverter, Mirage amplifier and 13-element Yagi provided contacts in DM 96, 95, 94, 93, 83, 82, 81 and 82. W5AL has also joined the not-so-exclusive club of single-Yagi stations who have worked W5UN off the moon on 2 meters.

Another who gives this year's Perseids good marks is WA90. Jerry and K9VGE took the "mobile" station, pictured on page 11 of September QST, to Cooper Harbor, Michigan (population 40), in EN67. Using 3.818 MHz to set up skeds (while not telling anyone in advance that they were mobile), they managed to com-

plete 15 out of 21 skeds, even though it turned out that some attempts were not at optimum times. K5UR was worked in 55 seconds and N1BUG in 90 seconds. WA1OUB, New Hampshire, and K1LL/Ø, South Dakota, were worked on randoms with the beam pointed south. The junket was finished off with a few tropo contacts in northern Illinois on 2 meters and 70 cm, as well as a 23-cm QSO with WD9EGE, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

### 50-MHz DX Standings

(see next page)

DXCC countries are based on information received as of September 8, 1990. Space limitations dictate that continental US and lower-tier Canadian stations with fewer than 15 countries, and others with fewer than 10 countries not be listed. Those not submitting a report within the past two years have been dropped from the list. They will be reinstated upon presentation of a written statement of their continued activity on the band. It is not necessary to work new countries to be reinstated.

Countries are those listed in the latest *ARRL DXCC Countries List*, but deleted countries worked prior to their deletion have been counted. Credit has not been granted for contacts with stations known not to have been authorized 8-meter operation at the time of the contact. Unless noted, totals are those worked by individual or club stations operating from a single location or multiple locations within a radius of 150 miles. See page 77 of March 1990 QST for publication schedules and submission dates for this and other Boxes.

Reports need not be on the special forms, but their use is helpful. They are available for an SASE to the column address. Whether reports use the forms, they must state each country, one station worked in that country, an indication as to whether the contact was two-way on 6 meters or crossband, the date of the contact and whether the contact has been confirmed by receipt of a QSL card. The first column shows the total countries claimed while the second lists those confirmed.


\*Mail reports to Bill Tynan, W3XO, at HCR 5 Box 574-334, Tierra Linda Ranch, Kerrville, TX 78028, or phone 512-257-1296 to make a voice recording regarding late-breaking information or to send a fax.

K5FF*(1)	114	114	WA1AYS	76	65	AE3T*	64	61	K9APW*	50	49	K6BEM	36	36	ZL3TY	25	12	
W5FF*(2)	114	113	WA8LXJ*	76	65	W1AIM*	64	61	W3BWJ	50	49	W4OVJ*	36	36	VK9LF1	25	—	
JAANBM*(4)	113	112	OXBBE	75	74	WB4WTC*	63	60	Z56WB	50	49	N1DJB	36	33	VK6RO	24	24	
VE1YX*(3)	109	108	J45TEW*	75	74	OH2T*	62	61	K5LZO	50	45	A12JA	36	29	VK2EEC	24	21	
W2CAP/1*	104	104	K4IA	74	74	K5ZMS*	62	61	K6JZK	49	49	WB9PAT*	35	31	SW1KT	24	21	
K1TCL	104	102	WASPEV*	74	74	WB7OHF*	62	61	WASLIIG/6#	49	48	K8TGC	35	31	VK2KAY	23	21	
LJ3BL*	104	101	WB4RUA*	74	73	K6KLY	62	60	XE1GE	49	48	W42FUZ	35	31	KK6C	23	17	
K6WKZ*	103	102	JK1PEC*	74	72	N6DX	62	57	K1FJM/4*	49	46	WB4SLM	35	16	VK3AWY	22	22	
W4CKD/8*#	103	100	K0GJX*	74	72	K6TLM*	62	57	WB0V*	49	46	YC0UVO	34	27	VK5LP	22	21	
K5CM*	101	98	W2MPK*	74	72	9Y4VJ	62	56	JF3QJR*	49	45	VPMJ*	34	26	K8EID	21	20	
W3XQ/5*#	101	96	K4IPE*	74	70	KA1CDZ	61	54	JA2TTO	48	48	K6PHE	33	33	VK2BNN	21	20	
KH6IAA*	97	97	G4AHN*	74	74	T12KD	61	51	K1SF	48	42	N9BJG	33	33	VK3AJU	21	17	
WA1OUB	97	94	N18E/KH6*	74	57	A4SAM*	60	56	W48LLY/8	47	47	K16BU	33	32	VK9XT	21	17	
JA1VOK*	96	95	KNS5	73	72	VK2CF	60	56	WD4FAB	47	47	N1ETT	33	31	W8DFK	21	14	
W4OO*	96	95	G8JHC*	73	76	W3ZZ	60	53	N7DB	47	42	NA4JA*	33	27	VE6CX	20	20	
N5K1*	96	93	W6BJI*	72	71	K1LPS	60	46	KMSX*	47	6	VK4ZJB	32	32	VK4ALM	20	20	
W5W8M*	93	93	LU3DCA*	72	68	WB4MLE	59	58	WB5QBV*	46	45	K81WV	32	23	K9LCR	20	19	
N4EJW*#	93	84	ZD8TC*	71	70	VE3KKL	59	51	W5NSZ*	46	43	WB0RJR*	32	23	VK7JG	20	18	
W3J3*	92	92	K4KUZ*	71	70	K2ZBA	59	55	WB9JUV*	46	43	VE3FVW	32	22	VK4TL	19	19	
K4CKS*	92	89	K5ZT	71	68	W2FTW	58	55	K8SLL/CE3*	46	37	NA4I	32	21	GJ3RAX	19	19	
W2IDZ*#	90	90	N6CA*	71	67	ZL2KT	58	54	WA1VRH	45	45	K0CS*	31	31	VK4ZAL	18	18	
WA40WC*	90	90	N4MM*	71	66	K11CM*	57	57	G0IMG*	45	43	W7KNT	31	31	VK8JK	18	12	
WA6BYA*	90	90	K2YOF	70	68	ZL1MQ	57	56	K2QWD*	45	41	W17AZB/4	31	30	VK9LG	18	—	
HC2FG*	90	83	W3EP/1	70	63	LU7DZ*	57	55	GM3WOJ	45	21	HK4EB	31	29	VK3AMK	17	17	
W3WFM*	89	89	W2CNS*	70	61	N9CEX*	57	54	WB8TGY*	44	52	W7JF*	31	—	VK3NM	17	16	
WA51YX*	88	89	K1EM*	69	63	W4SHNK*	57	52	W1GXT	44	38	K2ZBA	30	30	KL7IKV	17	13	
K1GPJ*	87	85	K5GE*	68	67	K7ICW*	57	47	LU9MA*	44	28	G0BNG	30	28	VK2ZRU	16	15	
W3WJU*#	86	84	WD5K*	68	65	ZD8MB*	57	47	ZL2ACJ	44	21	VE3LNX	30	27	VK4ZSH	16	15	
K2QIE*	86	82	W5HUQ/4*#	68	64	W1DGA/3	57	25	WB4WXE	43	43	KJ2A	30	24	FP/K43B	15	15	
WA2BPE*	85	83	W3OTC*	68	63	WA5UFH*	56	53	VE3DSS*	43	37	G4GLT	30	21	T20AA	15	15	
WB4OSN*	85	82	W30TC*	68	63	KA1DHO	56	51	VK8GB	42	42	VK2GF	29	27	W3TFA	15	15	
K3QMX*	84	82	N6AMG*	68	51	W0JRP*	55	53	WA8RCN*	42	41	KH6JK	29	20	WB4YLR	15	14	
WB2V8V*	84	79	K1HTV/3	68	50	OE3BFZ*	55	48	KH6FLD	42	35	W4G0Z	28	21	CO2KK	15	—	
J43GE*	83	83	N5DDB	67	67	LU8MBL*	55	43	KA9MGR*	42	31	N0AJU	28	18	VK9YT	14	12	
PA8ERA*	83	81	W4UP8	67	67	NZID	55	40	K64SM	42	28	W6YLZ	28	—	VK3ZZX	13	12	
W8CMS*	83	79	WA7EPU/5*#	67	67	K4GOK	54	53	W74AH*	41	39	VK2VC	27	27	VK8ZLX	13	10	
VE3ASO*	83	78	WB8YFE*	67	66	N4TL	54	50	WB7SLY*	41	38	WASOLT*	27	25	N6AMG/KH8	11	—	
K6QXY*	82	81	W5QZ*	67	64	K64COT	54	52	N6VI	41	36	VK3AJU	27	19	VK4KHZ	10	10	
W1JR*	82	80	N5JHV*	67	59	N4TL	53	50	ZS8BMS	40	40	KDBHE*	27	—	VK8OX	10	10	
WB2CZB*	82	79	WA5JCN*	66	63	WB8BMB*	53	50	N4VC	40	38	VK2DDG	26	25				
WB8GY*	81	81	JA2DDN*	65	65	K3ICH/4	53	45	VE5LY	40	35	WB6AAG	26	25				
N3AHU/4*#	78	75	J61TGN*	65	64	K5UR	53	43	K8CJ*	40	30	N5EPA	26	24				
JA1RJU*	77	76	K8UNV*	65	63	K1SC/7*	53	41	KA6ING	39	39	VK3XQ	26	24				
N0LL	77	75	K0US	65	57	WQ5S*	52	49	N4LTA	39	39	W7IDZ	26	24				
VE1BNN	77	74	CT1LN*	65	34	W1EJ*	51	50	W29QA*	39	39	J52US	26	20				
W5VY	76	72	WA3DMF*	64	63	K2OVS	50	49	ZL3ADT	39	37	AA6TT	26	18				
W4WHK	76	68	WA4UAS*	64	63	K4QXX	50	49	KY5N*	39	35	NBHNS	25	25				
									WA5QCP*	39	34	W9NAW	25	20				
									WA5VJB	38	35							
									ZP6XDW*	38	—							
									W18T	37	31							

\* = 6-meter two-ways claimed with all continents.

# = Some contacts made from locations more than 150 miles apart.

(1-4) = Numbers show 6-Meter DXCC Award numbers.

1Combined effort of  
VK9LF, VK9LG and  
VK9ZLX 

## FM/RPT

Conducted By Brian Battles, WA1YUA  
QST Copy Editor

## CTCSS Debate

The comments in the FM/RPT column in September 1990 *QST* on CTCSS caught my eye. As of September 2, I've been operating FM mobile for 28 years. I've seen repeater systems come and go, from single-tone "whistle" systems (when all repeaters were on 146.76 or 146.94 MHz) to the elaborate multiple-voting receivers of today. I've installed amateur and commercial systems.

How do you lock a system with subaudible tone and still allow universal access? Two possibilities come to mind:

1) Because the output of a repeater tone detector keys the transmitter rather than unmuting audio, install a DTMF decoder that would enable the repeater for an autopatch call when a particular sequence is received. I suggest 9-1-1 or \*-9-1-1 (many systems use \*-9-1 to access the emergency autodial). Upon receipt of this sequence, the repeater could connect the caller to an emergency operator and enable the repeater for the duration of the call. This approach has the advantage of allowing the amateur without CTCSS to have emer-

gency access to the system.

2) Install a dual-CTCSS decoder similar to those used in shared-repeater systems. The second subaudible tone would be one universally accepted for emergency access (I suggest 100.0 Hz [PL 1Z] as it's easy to remember).


I agree 100% with Williams on his remarks regarding "PL." It would be less confusing to use the generic "CTCSS."

I can see the reasoning behind the 28-MHz regional tone plan; I don't think such a plan is applicable to 144 MHz because propagation and repeater density are different—50 MHz, maybe.—*Joe Heumpeus, K6DXW, Santa Barbara, California*

In the September 1990 FM/RPT column, Dave Williams, N3FNW, mentioned the use of subaudible tone on the output of a repeater (W3EAG, 146.835 MHz in Eagleville, Pennsylvania). He stated that in times of band openings, a repeater broadcasting tone could be set to be the only one to be received by the operator. This is not a good idea.

A repeater user could be oblivious to QRM he may be causing. As he doesn't hear the other repeaters that may be in range, he has no reason to suspect he's running too much power, using too much antenna or that his activity may be more effectively conducted on a repeater closer to him.

By being able to hear everything happening on a frequency, the operator knows the effects his operation is having on other stations. Remove the tone-squelch CTCSS from repeaters!—*Steve Wolf, N08M, North Olmstead, Ohio*

To reduce the potential problem Wolf mentions, whether using a CTCSS-encoded system or not, all operators should always use the minimum power required to maintain communications, as stated in FCC Rules Part 97.313(a), and *always listen before transmitting* on any frequency. Another way to reduce interference and allow emergency access to a repeater is to conduct contacts via simplex whenever possible.—*WA1YUA* 

All letters will be considered carefully. We reserve the right to shorten letters selected in order to have more members' views represented. The publishers of QST assume no responsibility for statements made herein by correspondents.

## BIOEFFECTS CLARIFICATION

□ I wish to correct an erroneous interpretation of my October 1989 article<sup>1</sup> on the possible bioeffects of electromagnetic radiation and Amateur Radio operators, which appeared in the "Happenings" column in September, 1990.

Firstly, Dr Samuel Milham's article<sup>2</sup>, which was most directed at Amateur Radio operators, appeared in the press in 1988, not a decade ago.

Nowhere in my 1989 article did I say that "no conclusions could be drawn from the study because... the sample was small and many of the amateurs also had been employed in potentially high-risk occupations." What I did indicate was that his research, as well as other work in the field "... must be considered significant enough to support further research into both the epidemiology and the biologic mechanisms involved in these effects."

While most of the recent public concerns have swirled around the effects of 60 Hz, electromagnetic fields from tension power lines and home appliances, still less work has emerged with regard to the effect of EMFs in the Amateur Radio frequency range. David Savitz's work in the 60 Hz areas has been well documented by other workers and is the basis for all the current interest in the lay press, including *The New Yorker* article by Paul Brodeur. Despite the lack of additional recent articles in the biologic literature about the specific biohazards of EMFs and Amateur Radio operators, to imply that Dr Milham's work should be of no concern to amateurs would be a gross misreading of the intent of my article.

The ARRL Bioeffects Committee has been engaged in a project designed to define the extent to which amateurs are subjected to EMFs during actual radio transmissions, and hopes to be able to report some definitive information in the near future. In the meantime, amateurs are strongly urged to follow the guidelines discussed in my 1989 article designed to reduce one's potential exposure to electromagnetic fields.—*Ivan Shulman, WC2S, Chairman, ARRL Bioeffects Committee*

<sup>1</sup>Shulman, I., "Is Amateur Radio Hazardous to Our Health?" *QST*, Oct 1989, pp 31-33, 38.

<sup>2</sup>Milham, S. B., "Increased Mortality in Amateur Radio Operators Due to Lymphatic and Hematopoietic Malignancies," *Am J Epidemiol* 1988, 127:50-54.

## ONE SMALL STEP FOR A HAM, A GIANT LEAP FOR HAMKIND

□ I'd like to thank you for *QST*'s recent publicity concerning the award I was given at the 1990 Dayton HamVention® ("Outstanding Amateurs Honored at Dayton," *QST*, Aug '90, p 27). It's an honor to have my efforts recognized by such a prestigious

organization, but I believe the media reports have been a bit incomplete.

The reports, in general, made it seem that Microsat was an N4HY enterprise. Nothing could be further from the truth. Although I played an important, possibly crucial, role in the development, many others contributed time, expertise and invaluable resources to the project.

The Microsats are a testament to *all* the contributors at AMSAT, TAPR, the ARRL Lab, BRAMSAT, AMSAT-LU, Weber State University and many others. The Dayton award was based on my contributions to many Amateur Radio projects, one of which is Microsat. If the award would have been for Microsat alone, I would have refused it.

I feel uniquely blessed to have played a part in all of my Amateur Radio endeavors and I share my award with those who have worked with me on them. I'm proud of what we've accomplished and the work in making the complete facilities of these satellites available to amateurs continues. Why don't you join us? See you on the birds!—*Bob McGwier, N4HY, East Windsor, New Jersey*

## LET MY PEOPLE PHONE

□ There is controversy these days over the use of phone patches by those of us, including missionaries and anthropologists, who live in Latin American countries. Some hams have come to the incorrect conclusion that third-party traffic is illegal, but this is no excuse for the rude, obnoxious and generally arrogant behavior I was subjected to this morning.

I came on 15-meter SSB seeking help with a "two-way" into the US. I intended to run third-party traffic for my wife, who had not talked with her mother since January. Right after a ham offered to help, another ham came on asking me challenging questions and refusing to identify. His behavior was a repudiation of everything I know of Amateur Radio. My wife was upset that she was not able to talk to her mother.

Someone might ask why my wife did not use a telephone. Sadly, much of the world does not have convenient, inexpensive phone service like that of North America and Western Europe. Here in the Peruvian jungle, we do have access to a telephone half a mile away over a dirt road. It is available for international calls from 8 PM to 7 AM, provided someone in the main office in the city remembers to throw the proper switch at 8 PM. Because there are few trunks to this area, it can take up to an hour and a half to get a free circuit. If we can get a connection into the US, we may or may not be able to hear the person on the

other end. For this "service," we pay between \$8 and \$10 a minute, with a minimum charge of three minutes for even a wrong number or no answer. Given the constraints of our budget, for we are missionaries, the telephone is not practical for the "Hello, how are you doing?" type of conversation my wife wanted to make.

In the situation that happened to me, a reasonable interpretation of FCC Part 97 would show that I intended nothing illegal, but the actions of the self-appointed "judge" were grossly in violation of the law.—*Barry Hovey, N2FSG/OA8ACD, Pucallpa, Peru*

## "CONFRONTATION" CONFRONTS THE ISSUE

□ I thought Dave Sumner's editorial "Confrontation" (It Seems to Us... *QST*, Sep '90, p 9) was the most common-sense approach to the 20-meter fiasco I've seen. His suggestion to simply let the interferers cut their own throats and not confront them is good advice to all hams. It's too bad every ham doesn't read *QST*!

We have all trusted "the system" for our entire ham careers. Let's hope FCC Chairman Alfred Sikes won't let us down.—*Robert C. Ragain, WB4ETT, Littleton, Colorado*

## JUST SIGN HERE

□ I've noted the plight of HB9XY and others concerning responses to QSL cards. QSLing is indeed a lost art. I am an avid county hunter and I send out reply cards filled out complete with return address and postage. All that's necessary is to verify, sign and drop the card in a mailbox. I have only about a 50% rate of return. I don't know why more aren't returned, because they're worthless to anyone but me.—*Orville Otis, K8IU, Royersford, Pennsylvania*

## THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

□ I recently sent a gift subscription of *QST* to my local public library. It's my small way of helping to spread the word about the hobby I love. Maybe my gift will offer someone a window into a vast and glorious place where a sense of mystery and worldwide brotherhood are not strange bedfellows.

Think seriously about sending a gift of *QST* and other ARRL publications to a local public or school library. Perhaps this could be the topic of discussion at your next club meeting... perhaps your club could donate. Eighty cents a week is such a small investment to offer our people the gift of a sense of wonder about radio.—*Lou Janicek, N2CYY, Ramsey, New Jersey* □

## Texas Amateurs Get On-The-Job Training in Chemical Explosion and Fire

By Douglas Rowlett, WBSIRI

On Friday, June 8, at 11:15 AM, a massive explosion and fire ripped through a chemical plant in Pearland, Texas, injuring two workers and spewing flames and smoke that could be seen 25 miles away. After the initial explosion, the fireworks continued for hours as 55-gallon drums of highly flammable chemicals rocketed into the air like a macabre Fourth of July celebration.

Although the blast and fire damage was confined to the plant's premises, the ugly black cloud of chemical-laden smoke wasn't. It slowly drifted over nearby residential neighborhoods and Jamison Middle School, where summer classes were in session. Ray Blalock Jr, WB5PJH, Pearland's emergency management coordinator, recommended immediate evacuation of a two-square-mile area surrounding the burning plant.

Ironically, just two days earlier, at its regular monthly meeting, the Pearland ARC had

decided to hold training drills and establish a local emergency net to ensure we were ready for the beginning of the Gulf Coast hurricane season. Thus, when Glendon Baker Jr, KB5DWJ, came up on the club's 147.22-MHz repeater with an announcement that a state of emergency had been declared in the city, it appeared to be an unscheduled drill. But it was the real thing and local amateurs were asked to report to the police station for some on-the-job training.

Thirteen amateurs provided their volunteer services. Some manned telephones in the Civil Defense offices as the city's switchboards became clogged with calls from anxious residents, soon replaced by reporters calling from across the country as word of the explosion spread. Other operators were dispatched to the scene of the fire and to the emergency evacuation center where they handled numerous pieces of third-party emergency traffic, including 38 phone patches through the club's

446.2-MHz repeater.

Why all the hoopla? Why were amateurs even involved? After all, this situation didn't involve the loss of ordinary communications channels. The reason is one that crops up often in cities across the US. Pearland police, fire, ambulance and public service radios were all in working order and put to good use, but the fire department couldn't talk to the police, the EMS personnel manning the ambulances couldn't talk to the city and... you get the picture. Each department had its own radios and frequencies and couldn't talk to each other when the need arose. The phone lines were jammed with incoming calls and none of the departments seemed ever to have heard of an autopatch before (the dialtone coming out of my hand-held opened some eyes!).

The emergency was declared over at 4:45 PM and the evacuation shelter ordered closed—the last and most welcome piece of traffic handled that day. "If we ever have

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### Third-Party Traffic Clarification

NTS International Assistance and Traffic Net Manager Geri Sweeney, N4GHI, reminds us that some US amateurs continue to refuse all traffic going to countries with whom we do not share third-party traffic agreements.

In the FCC Rules, Section 97.115 clarifies this point for US amateurs by noting that "No station shall transmit messages for a third party to any station within the jurisdiction of any foreign government whose administration has not made such an arrangement." But there's more. "This prohibition does not apply to a message for any third party who is eligible to be a control operator of the station."

Check *The FCC Rule Book* for further info on third-party traffic.

### Public Service Honor Roll Revision: Your Input Needed Now

It is important that the League recognize those who give freely their skills, time and equipment for the advancement of Amateur Radio through public service. The monthly publication in *QST* of the Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) gives recognition to members who perform such service.

For about six months, the ARRL Public Service Advisory Committee (PSAC) has wrestled with the development of a new set of qualifications for listing in the PSHR. To many committee members, the name of the award means that those who participate in all forms of public service activities should be able to gain this recognition.

Please consider the following set of proposed rules and let me have your comments, or, if you wish, contact the PSAC member in your Division:

- 1) Checking into emergency, ARES, RACES or National Traffic System (NTS) traffic nets, one point each, max 60.
- 2) NCS on an emergency, ARES, RACES or NTS traffic net, three points each, max 24.
- 3) Performing assigned liaison between emergency, ARES, RACES and/or NTS nets, three points each, max 24.
- 4) Origination of a third-party NTS or health-and-welfare message, one point each, max 30.
- 5) End delivery of a third-party NTS or health-and-welfare message, one point each, max 30.
- 6) Taking an active part in public relations activities or providing support communications during a public service event, 10 points each, no max.
- 7) Serving as an ARRL Field Organization appointee or Section Manager, 10 points, max 10.
- 8) Providing a BBS that handles NTS traffic, 10 points.

Monthly qualifying total points, 70.

The Board of Directors has asked that, at its January meeting, the PSAC recommend a new set of rules. Please give us the benefit of your thoughts so we can develop a set of rules that will give new meaning to the award and encourage more hams to get involved.—Larry Staples, W0AIB

another disaster," said Barry Lastik, city parks director and manager of the shelter, holding the door open for relieved residents to return to their homes, "I want one of those hams by my side at all times!" I couldn't have said it better myself.

## Field Organization Reports August 1990



### ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator Reports

There are currently 33,191 ARES members accounted for in SEC records. The following sections reported this month: ALA, EPA, GA, IA, IN, KS, KY, LAX, ME, MI, MN, MO, NE, NH, NM, NV, OH, OR, RI, SD, SDG, SFL, UT, VA, WVA, WNY, WPA, WV.

### Transcontinental Corps

Area	Successful Functions	% Successful	TCC Function Traffic	Total Traffic
<b>Cycle Two</b>				
TCC Eastern	93	75.00	317	366
TCC Central	88	94.60	396	396
TCC Pacific	107	86.29	321	633
Summary	288	85.29	1034	1895

### Cycle Three

TCC Eastern

### Cycle Four

TCC Eastern

TCC Central

TCC Pacific

Summary

110	88.71	492	961
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### TCC Roster

Eastern Area, Cycle 2: KW1U Director. K1EIC W1FYR KT1Q KW1U WA2FJW W2FR NN2H WB2MNA W2MTA N2XI N3DRM N3EDM NR3Q KQ3T AA4AT W4FRR N4GHI K4MTX W4PAPNY N4SS K4BCPS W78L W8PMJ K4BWNQ W8BYDZ W8YP KB9LT VE3ORN.

Eastern Area, Cycle 3 & 4: KN1K Director.

Central Area, Cycle 2: N0FBW Director. WA4JDH W5CTZ A6SI NS5M W5QFU K6BTL K5UPN VE6KZ KE5ZV W0FE N0FBW

Central Area, Cycle 4: K5GM Director.

Pacific Area, Cycle 2: ND5T, Director. W5JOV K6JYK W6B0 K16ZH W7AMM VE7EIL KF7R W7TGU W7IGC N0IA WA0YNP.

Pacific Area, Cycle 4: K0DJ Director.

### National Traffic System

1RN Packet Nodes QTC 918

Net	Sess	Tfc	Avg	Rate	% Rep	% to Area
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### Cycle Two

#### Area Nets

EAN	29	592	20.41	20.41	66.4	
CAN	31	531	17.12	5.40	100.0	
PAN*	62	635	7.25	4.63	92.4	

#### Region Nets

1RN	62	303	4.89	3.94	93.0	100.0
2RN	59	229	3.88	3.53	92.2	100.0
3RN	31	89	2.87	3.08	92.7	93.1
4RN	62	362	5.83	2.80	75.0	96.5
5RN	62	714	11.52	4.56	89.0	100.0
6RN	62	167	2.69	2.79		100.0
7RN	59	232	3.90	3.01	80.9	100.0
8RN	62	268	4.32	2.94	95.1	100.0
9RN						100.0
TEN	62	451	7.27	3.06	89.9	100.0
TWN						96.5
ECN						

### Cycle Three

#### Area Net

EAN	31	195	4.35	3.36	80.6	
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#### Region Net

1RN						96.7
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2RN	30	78	2.60	2.34	96.0	87.1
3RN						83.3
4RN						70.1
5RN						100.0
ECN						

### Cycle Four

#### Area Nets

EAN	31	800	25.81	1.122	98.6	
CAN	31	713	23.00	1.150	100.0	
PAN	30	563	18.32	1.778	98.9	

#### Region Nets

1RN						100.0
2RN	48	133	2.77	3.42	74.8	100.0
3RN						100.0
4RN	62	315	5.08	3.06	96.7	100.0
5RN	62	425	6.90	4.74	87.0	100.0
6RN	62	277	4.47	5.78	95.9	98.3
7RN	62	256	4.13	5.81	82.3	100.0
8RN	51	244	4.78	3.31	78.0	100.0
9RN	62	203	3.27	3.50	96.0	
TEN	62	272	4.39	4.53	54.0	
TWN	61	176	2.88	2.57	78.4	91.9
ECN						
ARN	31	107	3.45	0.71		93.5

\*PAN operates Cycles one and two.

ARRL Section Traffic Managers reporting: AL, AK, AR, AZ, CT, EPA, EMA, GA, IA, IL, IN, ME, MI, MN, NC, NFL, NH, NNJ, NTX, NV, OH, OK, OR, ORG, SC, SCV, SD, SDG, SFL, SNJ, STX, SV, TN, VA, VT, WV, WVA, WMA, WNY, WTX.

### Public Service Honor Roll

This listing is available to amateurs whose public-service performance during the month indicated qualifies for 60 or more total points in the following nine categories (as reported to the SM). Please note maximum points for each category: (1) Checking into CW nets, 1 point each, max 30; (2) Checking into phone/RTTY nets, 1 point each, max 30; (3) NCS CW nets, 3 points each, max 12; (4) NCS phone/RTTY nets, 3 points each, max 12; (5) Performing assigned NTS liaison, 3 points each, max 12; (6) Delivering a formal message to a third party, 1 point each, no max; (7) Handling an emergency message, 5 points each, no max; (8) Serving as Emergency Coordinator or net manager for the entire month, 5 points max; (9) Participating in a public-service event, 5 points, no max. This listing is available to Novices and Technicians who achieve a total of 40 or more points. Stations that qualify for the Public Service Honor Roll 12 consecutive months, or 18 months out of a 24-month period, will be awarded a special PSHR certificate from HQ. This certificate is a one-time award, ie, it is not issued more than once.

527 W8AKF	106 AA4AT W4JLS	KA1GEP	81 WB4IDB N7BGW W7LNE
188 N2JAW	105 WA4JDH W2QNL W2RRX K16ZH	K6ERM K1ABO	ND25
161 KF5BL	93 WA4QXT	80 WX4J W7L BK W2MTD	
151 WT0G	104 W4PIM	79 NSKQZT N5NAV	
149 WA2SPL	103 KA1GWE	91 WB4KSG N4JTG W5YQZ N4SSX K9DCX N4QQ KJ3E	77 W0BGFU KA2INE K2VX AA7CU KA1IFC
122 N4GHI N4KFU	101 WB8SYA WT8J	89 WB4MMD KT8I N4WFO KB7LX	75 KC4GCK K7OVK KA4HHE
121 KK4M	99 W7YSE KA1EXJ	88 K4MTX WB4ZTR W2MTD K09XF	
115 K4IWW KA2GJV	98 N4XFX W9DM WB4WII	87 W3YVQ NR9K	
112 N1CPX	97 K1EIC	86 WB8FSV WB9LT W2DMM W7BE NM3K WA2ERT K4BHX	74 WATZC KJ4EK KC4FL WB5YDD N3DRM N5KCL K4BHX
110 W8VND	96 WACKS W7GHT W6FO WDSGKH K7AID N5PGZ W1PEX W2EIA	85 K4BVON	73 AA4XF K0PIZ W4DWN WB4WQL W0FE K16A
109 KJ3E	95 K14VY W44PFK K4ZK WB2ZJF	82 WAGTFC WB7WVD KB5BNU	72 K3RXX N7MAL

KC5NG	86 WA3YLO KC4MTW KA2ZNZ/T WB2OEV	WA4RUE KA0UEQ KA1S N8FWA	54 N1GZQ/T 51 KB2IWN/T
71 KM4JD KC2HJ	65 K0QBE N1DHT	51 K3GHH W9UMH N6CRV N8INP K2PBP/1 KB4CYC/T W5FZH W1TC	50 KA6TND/T 47 K48YWW/T
69 KJ9J K1UXB	64 N0CYR KD0YL WABDHB KA8CPS WA4GYR W6RE N2ZT WA1FNM	60 WA4RNP WB0WNJ N4JAQ KA2CQX/T WB0ZNY N2EVG/T W2FR	44 KC4MMW/T 43 KA6HJK/T
68 WB2FTX N5ILI	63 AB4EZ N8FPN N2DXP/T WB2QIX KB1AF	42 KC4JGCT KA1HPO/T W1YOLT	42 K48YWW/T
67 KC4QJM K4BGZ K08KU WA1JVV N7LVK	62 KA4RZZ	57 N2JRS/T	40 N8JRV/T N5JUO/T

The following stations qualified for PSHR during the month of June, but were not listed in the appropriate column: K1EIC 74, KA1GWE 101, W1WCG 99, W1YOLT 42, W7VSE 120.

### Brass Pounders League

The BPL is open to all amateurs in the United States, Canada and US possessions who report to their SM a message total of 500 or a sum of originations and delivery points of 100 or more for any calendar month. All messages must be handled on amateur frequencies within 48 hours of receipt in the standard ARRL form.

The Brass Pounders League Medallion is available to individual operators who achieve BPL and are listed in the BPL column for the third time. This medallion is a one-time-only award, ie, it is not issued more than once. It is not necessary that the three months involved be consecutive. Any three months will qualify an operator. Stations that qualify for the BPL medallion, upon written notification of the qualifying months to the ARRL Public Service Branch, will be awarded the call sign-engraved BPL medallion.

Call	Ong	Rcvd	Sent	Divd	Total
W8AKF	433	2902	3014	503	6852
W3CUL	803	834	1396	69	3120
W1PEX	1	385	1057	12	1455
W3VR	420	361	497	56	1334
WB0YNS	0	641	641	0	1282
K6UYK	332	409	373	13	1127
WB0WVJ	230	85	780	6	1101
W3IWI	29	447	449	0	925
WA2SPL	6	480	347	48	881
N2GTE	6	413	419	2	840
KA1IFC	0	358	480	13	831
W1UD	125	225	361	21	752
W1FYR	35	343	339	6	723
WA4JDH	1	319	382	4	706
N2JAW	108	229	247	104	688
K1UGM	0	310	310	0	620
W0LVI	29	333	0	253	615
WA3DFU	—	—	—	—	588
N5DST	204	84	210	79	577
W7TGU	55	230	285	3	573
K9DCX	29	295	0	225	549
N4QQ	0	273	272	0	545
KJ3E	6	214	264	50	534
WA3TSW	—	—	—	—	530
NM1K	110	181	210	4	505
WB0TAX	13	242	242	7	504

BPL for 100 or more originations plus deliveries:

WD4IO	120
KA1VED	118
W8FIR	105

The following stations qualified for BPL during the month of July, but were not listed in last month's issue: K6UYK 861, (Jun) 771, (May) 581, (Mar) 596, (Jun) K1EIC 540, NM1K 116, KA1VED 125.

### Independent Nets

Net Name	Sess	Tfc	Check-ins
Bears of Manchester	31	351	410
Central Gulf Coast Hurricane Net	31	78	3042
Clearing House Net	31	312	264
Empire Slow Speed Net	31	139	362
Golden Bear Amateur Radio Net	31	65	1289
Great Lakes Emergency & Traffic Net	31	49	967
Hit and Bounce Net	31	195	637
IMRA	27	612	1594
Mission Trail Net	31	222	879
NYSPTEN	31	72	445
Southwest Traffic Net	31	244	1368
West Coast Slow Speed Net	31	67	388
20-Meter ISSB Net	27	1021	301
7290	50	374	3371
75-Meter ISSB Net	31	147	947



## Winter Packet Projects

The frost is on the modem, so now's the time to line up packet radio projects for the approaching winter. If you're like me, you already have plenty of winter projects (packet radio or otherwise) in the queue. If you are one of the "lucky" ones with nothing to do this winter, I'll gladly share with you two entries from my winter packet radio project "wish list." Perhaps you'll tackle one of them. It'll keep you busy, relieve cabin fever, make it a better packet radio world and shorten *my* things-to-do list.

### Local Lingo Interface

Remember your first TNC and the documentation that came with it? Remember trying to figure out what commands to use when and where? Imagine yourself in a non-English-speaking country. Take Poland, for example. Say you live in downtown Krakow. PPS (Polska Parcel Service) has just delivered your first TNC; the one you purchased through your cousin in Chicago. You open the box, pull out the documentation and take a deep breath.

Hooking up the TNC to your radio and terminal is not difficult because the documentation explains how to do it using the universal language called "schematics." After you power up the TNC, a short message appears on the terminal followed by "cmd:" and you start to wonder what you've gotten yourself into this time.

If you live in Krakow, Rio, or Ho Chi Minh City, "cmd:" is as incomprehensible as using a terminal and TNC set at incompatible data rates, character lengths and/or parities. To solve this international dilemma, a user interface is needed that can translate the nonsense spurting forth from a TNC into the operator's native tongue. A Polish operator using such an interface would see "życzenie:" (or perhaps "życ:") displayed on his or her terminal instead of "cmd:"

This interface would have to work in both directions, ie, besides displaying commands in the native tongue, it also would accept commands typed in the local lingo and translate them into "TNC-speak." As a result, when I type "laczyc SP1LOU" at my downtown Krakow terminal, the TNC knows I want to connect to SP1LOU.

To make things easier for the new packet radio operator, the terminal could display a menu of the more common commands in the local lingo instead of just the "cmd:/życzenie:" prompt. Once the operator became familiar with these commands, he or she could simply shut the menu feature off, if desired.

So, here is a winter software project for you. Pick a non-English-speaking country where packet radio is used (almost any country will do) and write a local lingo interface for the packeteers of that country.

It might not be a bad idea to write a similar interface for English-speaking hams as well; one that will translate TNC-speak into plain English ("Your next command, please?").

### Go Fetch My Mail

Here's another software project I've had on the back-burner for years:

I usually check into my local PBBS every other day to pick up and deposit my mail. The problem is that I try to do this at the same time everyone else is trying to do same thing... between 6 and 10 PM. As a result, it doesn't always get done. So, I wait until the next day, hoping to find a time slot that will allow me to connect with the PBBS successfully before my outgoing mail piles up and clogs my hard disk and my incoming mail piles up and clogs the PBBS's hard disk.

When I make a prime-time connection, the throughput is slow. I might as well be communicating with a 45-baud RTTY mailbox as a 1200-baud PBBS! The traffic on frequency is slowing down communications between my station and the PBBS, and the PBBS and I are slowing down communications for everyone else.

The solution is a computer program that will send and receive mail to and from the PBBS at any time the user desires (preferably during less busy hours, say 2 AM or 2 PM). You pick the time and the computer program does your bidding.

The problem with this solution is that the time you choose may not be the optimum time. What if the PBBS is busy at the time you select? Perhaps the program could be written to accept one or two alternate times. Then, if the first time doesn't work out, it will try again at the second time and third time, etc. A more sophisticated solution would be for the software to monitor the frequency and select the optimum time (when the channel and PBBS were not busy) to make the connection.

As long as we're getting sophisticated, I might as well tack on another feature that would make the program get a list of all the new messages on the PBBS and allow you to pick the ones you would like retrieved the next time the program connected to the PBBS.

### Results

If you tackle any of these projects, let me know how successful you are and if you're willing to share the fruits of your labor.

### RECOMMENDED READING

The 9th Computer Networking Conference, jointly sponsored by the ARRL and the CRRL, was held on September 22 in London, Ontario, Canada. During the conference, excellent papers were presented on

various packet radio topics and, as in the past, these works have been collected into a book. *Proceedings of the 9th Computer Networking Conference* is available from ARRL HQ for \$12 plus \$3.50 for UPS shipping and handling.

These papers are written by the movers and shakers in digital Amateur Radio communications from around the world, and they know what they're talking about. Topics covered in this year's proceedings include PACSAT, RUDAK II (see *Up Front in QST*, p 11), voice systems, TCP/IP, high-speed operation, bulletin distribution techniques, networking, new protocols, digital radios, error correction and HF data communications. This is *the book* to read if you want to learn more about where packet radio is heading. □♦♦□

## Strays



### NEW BOOK TELLS THE W6AM STORY

*Don C. Wallace, W6AM* by Jan D. Perkins, N6AW, is a 350-page hardcover volume that describes the 75-year history of Amateur Radio as experienced by the colorful "old-timer," Don C. Wallace, W6AM. Wallace was on the air in 1911, before the first radio regulations. In 1919, he served as radio operator for US President Woodrow Wilson aboard the *USS George Washington* at the Versailles Peace Conference. Wallace was a winner of the Hoover Cup for best home-built amateur station, earned one of the first WAS certificates and was a charter member of WAC in 1926.

Wallace is perhaps best-remembered for his *piece de resistance*, when he acquired 120 acres atop Palos Verdes Peninsula in 1945 and installed 16 massive rhombic antennas in Rolling Hills—at that time, the largest, most powerful amateur station in the world. The W6AM antenna farm was built from 61 80-foot telephone poles, 90 25-foot feeder poles, 108 relays, 17 miles of antenna wire and 52 miles of no. 8 Copperweld™ feed line (see "The W6AM Rhombic Antenna Farm Dismantled," by Jan D. Perkins, N6AW, Dec 1988 *QST*, p 62).

By 1957, Wallace had reached the top of the ARRL DX Century Club Honor Roll, a spot he held for most of the last 28 years of his life, and was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame and the Quarter-Century Wireless Association Hall of Fame. An exciting 75-year Amateur Radio career came to an end when W6AM became a Silent Key on May 25, 1985.

*Don C. Wallace, W6AM*, will be available around January. Contact Wallace & Wallace, 11823 Slauson Ave, Suite 38, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670.

# Coming Conventions

## SOUTH TEXAS SECTION CONVENTION

November 9-11, 1990, Houston

The South Texas Section Convention is sponsored by Houston Ham Conventions Inc and will be held at the Sheraton Crown Hotel and Conference Center, 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd, near Houston Intercontinental Airport. Registration hours: Friday 3 PM-8 PM, Saturday 8 AM-5 PM, Sunday 9 AM-12 PM. Exhibit Hall hours: Saturday 9 AM-5 PM, Sunday 9 AM to closing. Features include Friday night auction at 7:30 PM, commercial exhibits Saturday and Sunday, swap fest, seminars, VE exams. Admission: \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. Talk-in: 147.68/08 and 222.66/224.26 MHz. Write to Com-Vent'90, PO Box 742183, Houston, TX 77274-2183.

### 1993 National Convention: Call for Applications

The ARRL is now accepting applications for the 1993 National Convention. Contact ARRL Head-

quarters for application forms and information.

The Board of Directors may consider applications for the 1993 Convention as early as the 1991 Annual Meeting, so applicants should send completed forms to ARRL HQ by December 31, 1990—Bernice Dunn, KA1KXQ, ARRL Convention Program Manager

## ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

August 23-25, 1991—Saginaw, MI

August 20-23, 1992—Los Angeles

**Note:** Sponsors of large gatherings should check with League HQ for an advisory on possible date conflicts before contracting for meeting space. Dates may be recorded at ARRL HQ for up to

two years in advance.

### Attention Hamfest and Convention Sponsors

ARRL HQ maintains a date register of scheduled events that may assist you in picking a suitable date for your event. You are encouraged to register your event with HQ as far in advance as your planning permits. Note that the hamfest and convention approval procedures for ARRL sanction are separate and distinct from the date register: Registering dates with ARRL HQ does not constitute League sanction, nor does it guarantee there will not be a conflict with another established event in the same area.

We at ARRL HQ are not able to approve dates for sanctioned hamfests and conventions. For hamfests, this must be done by your Division Director. For conventions, approval must be made by your Director and, additionally, by the Executive Committee. Application forms can be obtained by writing to or calling the ARRL Convention Program Manager, tel 203-686-1541, ext 283.

# Hamfest Calendar

Administered By Bernice Dunn, KA1KXQ  
Convention Program Manager

**Attention:** The deadline for receipt of items for this column is the 5th of the second month preceding publication date. Hamfest information is accurate as of our deadline; contact sponsor for possible late changes. For those who send in items for Hamfest Calendar and Coming Conventions: Postal regulations prohibit mention in QST of prizes of any kind and games of chance such as bingo.

(Abbreviations used in this column: *TI* = talk-in, *Spr* = Sponsor, *Adm* = Admission)

**Alabama (Montgomery)**—Nov 24; set up 6 AM, public 8 AM-3 PM. *Spr*: Montgomery ARC, Garrett Coliseum at the Southern Alabama State Fairgrounds, Federal Dr. Free parking, flea mkt, VE sess (code testing begins at 8 AM, written exams at 9 AM, bring copy of current license, picture ID & \$2). *TI*: 146.24/84, call W4AP; ragchew 146.32/92 (with phone patch, \* up/# down), 147.78/18 & 444.50/449.50. *Adm*: free. Write to Hamfest Committee, c/o 2141 Edinburg Dr, Montgomery, AL 36116, or call Phil, 205-272-7980 (after 5 PM CST).

**Connecticut (North Haven)**—Nov 11; sellers 7 AM, public 9-3. *Spr*: South-Central CT ARA, North Haven Parks & Rec Center, 7 Linsley St. *TI*: 146.01/61. *Adm*: \$3. *Tables*: adv \$15, door \$20 (reservations for tables must be received with check by Nov 1, no reservations by phone). Send SASE to SCARA Flea Market, PO Box 81, North Haven, CT 06473, or call Brad at 203-265-6478, 7 PM-9 PM.

**Florida (Ft Lauderdale)**—Dec 1-2; Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4. *Spr*: Broward ARC, Broward Community College N Campus, Omni Auditorium, 1000 Coconut Creek Blvd, 1/4-mi W of the FL Tpke at Pompano Beach, Exit 24. Refreshments, forums, VE sess (Sat 9 AM), free parking. *TI*: 146.31/91, 444.825. *Adm*: adv \$5, door \$6. *Tables*: \$20 each (electricity is \$5 per vendor). Ticket & table info 305-584-7822; booth info 305-742-9661.

**Florida (Tampa)**—Nov 17-18; Sat 9-5, Sun 9-2. *Spr*: Florida Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Council,

1-275 to Exit 25, Ashley St, to Curtis Hixon Convention Center. ARRL forum, DX, public service, commercial exhibits, packet mtg, VE sess, swap tables, Roy Neal, W6DUE-SAREX 90. *TI*: 147.75/15. *Adm*: adv \$5, door \$6. Jean Endicott, KC4KZU, 1556 56th Ave N, St Petersburg, FL 33703, 813-525-5178.

**Indiana (Ft Wayne)**—Nov 17-18; set up Fri 5:30-9:30 PM, Sat 5-7 AM; public Sat 8-5, Sun 8-3. *Spr*: Allen County Amateur Radio & Tech Society, Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Expo Center. Commercial vendors, flea mkt, forums (ARRL, packet, JRCC, NiCds), VE sess. *TI*: 146.28/88 & 443.80/448.80. *Adm*: adv \$5, door \$5.50. *Tables*: \$30 premium, \$15 regular, power \$25 extra (reserve in adv). SASE to ACRATS, PO Box 10342, Ft Wayne, IN 46851; for tickets & tables 219-693-3766 eves.

**Massachusetts (Billerica)**—Nov 17, 10 AM. *Spr*: Bull HN 1200 Radio Club & Waltham Amateur Radio Assn. Bull HN plant, 300 Concord Rd, Exit 27 off Rte 3. Radio & electronics auction, refreshments, free parking. *TI*: 147.72/12, 146.04/64. *Adm*: free. Mike Rioux, NW1J, 132 Killam Hill Rd, Boxford, MA 01921.

**Massachusetts (Framingham)**—Nov 10, 1 PM. *Spr*: New England DXCC, Intersection of Mass Tpke (I-290), Exit 12 & Rte 9 (Worcester Rd). Forums, speakers, DX quiz, ARRL update, QSL verification for DXCC, WAZ, dinner 6 PM (\$23 only by reservation). *Adm*: adv \$5, door \$7. Joe Green, K2VUI, 8 Wedgewood Rd, Wellesley, MA 02181, 617-536-0020 days, 617-239-1370 eves.

**Michigan (Hazel Park)**—Dec 2, 8 AM-2 PM. *Spr*: Hazel Park ARC, Hazel Park High School, 23400 Hughes St. *Adm*: adv \$2, door \$3. Ticket & table reservations by mail, HPARC, PO Box 368, Hazel Park, MI 48030.

**Minnesota (Faribault)**—Dec 1, 9 AM. *Spr*: Courage Center Handi-Hams, Eagles Club. Handi-Ham equipment auction, refreshments, programs. *TI*: 146.19/79. Don Franz, W0FIT, 1114 Frank Ave, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

**New Jersey (Wall Township)**—Nov 11; sellers 6 AM, public 8-3. *Spr*: Garden State ARC, Jersey Shore ARC, Neptune ARC, Ocean-Monmouth ARC. Allaire Expo Ctr, Allaire Airport (formerly Monmouth Co Airport), Rt 34, 1/4-mi N of I-195. VE sess, tailgating \$8, ham radio & computer demos. *TI*: 144.51/145.11, 146.52. Fly-in freq: 123.0 UNICOM. *Adm*: adv \$4, door \$5, under 12 & spouses free. *Tables*: \$20. Al Jackson, NK2O, PO

Box 635, Eatontown, NJ 07724, 201-922-8121.


**New York (Selden)**—Nov 11; set up 6:30 AM, public 9-4. *Spr*: Radio Central ARC, Suffolk Community College, LI Expwy (495), Exit 62 N (Nicolls Rd), 1 mi to college entrance. Free parking, refreshments, dealers, forums, guest speakers, seminars, mfrs, demos, VE sess (walk-ins accepted, sign in at 9:30; bring license, copy of license, photo ID, \$4.75). *TI*: WA2UEC/R 144.55/145.15 (PL/CTCSS 42), 444.525/449.525 (PL/CTCSS 2A). *Adm*: \$5, under 13 free. *Tables*: \$20, advance reg required by Nov 1 to RCARC, PO Box 680, Miller Place, NY 11764. John Mark, KB2QQ, 516-689-6336; Ron Katz, WB2DVK, 516-689-3279; or Jo Ann Colletti, N2JME, 516-399-1877.

**North Carolina (Concord)**—Nov 11, 9-3. *Spr*: Cabarrus ARS, New National Guard Armory on NC Hwy 49 S. VE sess, flea mkt, new equipment dealers. *TI*: 146.055/655. *Adm*: no adv, door \$4. William Hickok, 704-788-5370 days, 704-788-2873 eves.

**North Carolina (Greensboro)**—Nov 24-25; Sat 9-5, Sunday 9 AM-3 PM. *Spr*: Greater Greensboro Hamfest, National Guard Armory, Franklin Blvd. VE sess, forums, outside paved tailgate & flea mkt area for price of ticket plus \$2, for unlimited space. *TI*: 146.16/146.76, 144.65/145.25. *Adm*: adv \$4, door \$5. *Tables*: (inside) \$12 per 6-foot table, good both days. C/GH, PO Box 8252, Greensboro, NC 27419-0252, 919-852-9244 except Wed, for exams: TEARC, Jim Williamson, NQ4T, 3504 Stonehurst Place, High Point, NC 27265, 919-841-7576.

**Ohio (Massillon)**—Nov 11; set up 7 AM, public 8-5 PM. *Spr*: Massillon ARC, Massillon K of C Hall on Cherry Rd (W from US Rte 21). Refreshments, free parking, auction (11 AM). *TI*: 147.78/18. *Adm*: adv \$3.50, door \$4. *Tables*: \$7 per 8-foot space. MARC, PO Box 73, Massillon, OH 44648; SASE, please.

**Pennsylvania (Washington)**—Nov 18, 8-3. *Spr*: Washington Amateur Communications Inc, 1/2-mi from Exit 8, I-79 at the Meadows on Racetrack Rd. VE sess, refreshments, parking. *TI*: 144.89/145.49 W3CYO/R, 146.52. *Adm*: \$1. Kevin Smith, N3HKQ, 412-777-0715 days, 412-258-4153 eves, fax 412-777-0727.

**Wisconsin (Milwaukee)**—Nov 10; sellers 7 AM, public 8 AM-1 PM. *Spr*: Milwaukee Rptr Club, Serb Hall, 51st & Oklahoma Ave. VE sess. *TI*: 146.31/91 & 146.52. *Adm*: adv \$3, door \$4. *Tables*: adv \$4, door \$5. SASE to The Milwaukee Repeater Club; PO Box 2123, Milwaukee, WI 53201. 

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### More to Be Thankful For

As we approach Thanksgiving, I'd like to express my gratitude to all the ARRL Members and others who have shown such tremendous support of our programs. Your letters and phone calls have told us that we're on the right track with our ever-growing scholarship program, the Victor C. Clark Youth Incentive Program and our large grants that support such projects as the Courage HANDI-HAM System Equipment Loan Program. You are what we are most thankful for. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!—*ARRL Foundation President Paul Grauer, W0FIR*

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Many hams have remembered a Silent Key with a memorial contribution to the ARRL Foundation. Should you wish to make a contribution in a friend or relative's memory, you might designate it for an existing youth scholarship, the Jesse A. Bieberman Meritorious Membership Fund or for the Victor C. Clark Youth Incentive Program Fund or for the General Fund. Contributions to the Foundation are tax-deductible to the extent permitted under current tax law. Our address is: The ARRL Foundation, Inc, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

## 50 Years Ago

November 1940

- "It Seems to Us—" responds to events in Europe by soothing radio amateurs' fears that money spent on new gear and parts may be money wasted; by prepping hams on what to do if they're called to serve in the armed forces (the first peacetime draft in US history begins on November 1); and by over-viewing Amateur Radio's likely place in home defense, and what the League is doing to ensure it.
- Staffer Don Mix, W1TS, describes a two-tube (6L6-807), five-band transmitter later marketed by the James Millen Mfg Co as the 90800 exciter.
- Technical Editor George Grammer, W1DF, gets down to "Modernizing the Regenerative Superhet" by presenting a single-ended-tube, 1941 version of a 1938 design.
- John D. Kraus, W8JK, describes "The Square-Corner Reflector Beam Antenna for Ultra High Frequencies."
- The Eighth A.R.R.L. Field Day (June 1940) saw the highest FD activity ever, with 2041 individual operators (141 clubs) participating.
- "What the League is Doing" reports that the 160-meter band has finally been shifted per the 1937 Interamerican Radio Conference in Habana: On November 1, the old 1715- to 2000-kc. band becomes 1750 to 2050 kc.
- In "An Electron-Coupled Oscillator, 1941 Model," F. G. Southworth, W5JJ, describes a

band-switched variable-frequency oscillator featuring output at 7 or 14 Mc. A 13-watt-output audio amplifier/modulator shares the chassis.

□ You can build a good 112-Mc. "pot" oscillator without the services of a machine shop, and staffer Byron Goodman, W1JPE, shows how in "A Stabilized 2½-Meter Oscillator."

□ Last September 27th saw an Amateur Radio first: two-way television communication, with W2USA at the New York World's Fair contacting W2DKJ/2 at the New York Daily News Building, eight miles away.

□ I.A.R.U. News reports that Lithuanian (LY) hams were closed down July 1 by government order.

□ Jesse L. (K6KWX/7) Meredith's compact, stable 5-Mc. V.F.O. uses a tetrode Nuvistor tube as its active device.

□ More than just "an all-time list of ARRL directors," Pery (W1UED) Williams's "Men Who Made League History" provides a glimpse into the early evolution of the representative democracy embodied by the ARRL.

□ QST's V.h.f. Editor, Edward P. Tilton, W1HDQ, modifies a 2-meter turnstile for two-band operation in "A Turnstile/Dipole for 6- and 2-Meter Mobile."

□ Equipment control and configuration, and on-the-air procedures, are the topics in Irvin M. (K8DKC) Hoff's "Operating the RTTY Station."

□ Amateur Radio's role in the Mankato and Winona, Minnesota, and La Crosse, Wisconsin, areas made headlines when last April's rains brought "Floods in the Midwest."

□ PICON usually signifies Amateur Radio service in the public interest, convenience or necessity, but Gray Berry, K2SJM, sees another meaning in that acronym. Writing on how his club overcame its community's anti-antenna-support sentiment by laying a solid foundation of public support for Amateur Radio, Berry reports that the key is to Plan It Carefully, Or Nothing.

□ Catherine B. Rochlitzer, W7OBH, describes ham radio doings at July's 1965 Senior Girl Scout Roundup, Pend Oreille Lake, Idaho, including 547 contacts by special-event station K7GS.

□ As reflected in the 1460 logs received at Hq., Field Day 1965 comprised 3400 stations and 14,200 participants.—WJZ

## 25 Years Ago

November 1965

□ Lead-article author Wendell G. Anderson, K2RNF, describes a system for receiving 136.95-Mc. Automatic Picture Transmission imagery in "Amateur Reception of Weather Satellite Picture Transmissions."

□ Optimum amateur space communication requires circular antenna polarization, and Assistant Technical Editor Doug DeMaw, W1CER, describes how to get it in "The Basic Helical Beam."

# Field Day 1990

It's the hams against nature—and sometimes the hams win!

By Billy Lunt, KR1R and Warren C. Stankiewicz, NF1J  
 Contest Manager Assistant Contest Manager

**F**ield Day is the most popular of the ARRL's operating events and is held the fourth full weekend in June, this year on June 23-24, 1990. Field Day translates to emergency preparedness, camping out, picnics, contesting, club get-togethers, public awareness of Amateur Radio, passing traffic and more, but most of all, it's just plain fun! Field Day is popular largely because of the camaraderie.

Field Day sites can be almost anywhere, but usually they're in an open field where antennas can be spread out. Some groups take advantage of bonus points for operating in a public place and setting up in shopping centers, public parks and so on. Jack, WD6EJJ, noted that with a 24-hour limit on putting up a Field Day station, it takes a team effort to get everything done. A club venture pays off by pulling members together to do the work. Ed, WD9AYR, reporting from the Bollingbrook ARS FD site, describes, "There were little groups here and there; everyone was busy doing something." Wherever you set up your operation, the name of the game is to have fun while participating in the FD activities! Art, KA2DOT, sums it up with "Field Day is a fun summer outing!"

This year's WIAW Field Day bulletin announced bonus points for making at least ten slow-speed CW QSOs in the Novice CW subbands with stations using call signs from the Group "C" or Group "D" call sign blocks. Thanks for slowing your keyer to pick up those bonus points—Novices and

100% emergency power. There were 1450 generator-powered stations and 147 on batteries. If the need arises for an emergency network of self-contained Amateur Radio stations, we'll be ready. Art, KA2DOT, reminds us that "Field Day is an exercise that sharpens our skills toward preparation for such a crisis."

In 1990, the favorite category was again the 2A entry class with 556 entries. The second most-popular class was 3A with 301



Field Day offers something for the whole family. Here, the father-and-son team of Erich, KA1VCX, and Rudy, W1GUA, make contacts together at KL7DN/1 in Vermont.

## Entries per Field Day Class

1A 248 134 1D 104



Jonesy, WB7BTJ, fighting to hear through the noise on 80 phone at WF2L.

entries. Check the boxes for further breakdowns as you plot your 1991 Field Day strategy.

Comments from Field Day groups appear below. You may get some interesting ideas for next year. See you June 22-23 for Field Day 1991!

## SOAPBOX

### W9AA, 3A

This year's Field Day was completely different from recent club history. Changes were made in our budget, which necessitated cuts. The first casualty was Field Day. We borrowed, scavenged and begged to get what we needed to bring everything together. One of our teams received permission to operate from the North Palos fire protection district's new van, which will be used as a hazardous material response vehicle.

The van's problems seemed to mount as we started

and ran around our site shouting "I did it! I did it!" The rest of us couldn't figure out what all the excitement was about.

Al, N4ZLF, who had been licensed only since Friday night, made his first-ever CW contact on 40 meters. He jumped right up from the rig and began pacing around, saying "He came back to me!" Boy, was he excited! We provided plenty of operating opportunities for newly licensed hams during the 24-hour event.

Thunderstorms interfered with our operation several times. The lightning at our site induced voltages high enough to arc across the conductors of open-wire feed line lying in the water. Wind and rain messed up our information booth and display of municipal proclamations, but we managed to get set up again.

#### W2TZ, 3A

Last year was the Rochester (New York) DX Association's first time entering 3A (up from 2A because of club growth!) and we ended up seventh. This was the year we were shooting for the top five in 3A. The conditions made it a challenge.

We were ready with a station dedicated to 40 meters, and one each for SSB and CW for the rest of the bands. We also had both satellite modes covered and a serious packet setup. Our KB2CHC Novice station was ready with a 4-element 10-meter beam and a multiband sloper for CW. We even started setting up on Friday afternoon for the first time to get an even better start. As it turns out, we seem to take all the time we have to get set up, no matter when we start!

The priority was CW, CW, C'W—get those two-point contacts. We hoped for good conditions for the Novice/Tech station. We had a great group of new operators all ready to set some records!

Things started out well with more than 200 QSOs per hour for the first couple of hours, 120 per hour on 40-meter phone. Then it seemed to slow down faster than we expected. We were starting to wonder what had happened. We stayed ahead of last year's totals, but only barely. Of course, more of this year's contacts were on CW. The sad part was no 10-meter action again this year (and 15 was only barely there). It's getting depressing! But everybody hung in and we just kept grinding away. We finally ended up with 3000 contacts, nearly half on CW. With bonuses, we just made 10,000 points.

#### WU8R, 1A

It was a most enjoyable weekend for the three of us, indeed. The station was manned by WU8R, WB8NNJ and KA8WWI. The family farm provided a terrific site. Our 140-foot center-fed Zepp was hung from the top of the grain elevator and worked great.

The most exciting part came at 3:40 AM when we made our satellite contact on the RS-10 bird. Our packet contact was more difficult than expect-

ed. The height of our antenna enabled us to connect to many BSSs, but making a person-to-person contact was difficult. It was interesting to follow the propagation on the bands. Ten meters opened late at night and we made many SSB contacts.

The rig was active almost all of our 23 hours of operation. Toward the end, the refueling break every three hours was a welcome rest.

We may not have set a record in the point standings, but we had a great time that we'll remember for a long time. We'll be set up next year with an even better station.

#### VE6FD, 1A

As we began setting up our station in the bright Alberta sunshine, the skies darkened, lightning crashed, a vulture perched on a nearby branch and 13 crows circled 13 times around the camp (okay, so we exaggerated a little). All the omens were false: The weather was perfect and Murphy was clearly occupied elsewhere. We had a great weekend! Previous VE6FD Field Days have established the tradition that operating takes place during occasional pauses in a gourmet feast, and that was true again this year. Steaks and baked potatoes, chili by the cubic yard, salads, pies, apple crisp, ice cream and, of course, plenty of hot coffee and cold 807s were just the beginning.

We managed to stagger away from the banquet long enough to get in 15 hours of operating. So, once again, VE6 Flying Dinosaur flapped (groaning) onto the airwaves, albeit a little over optimum takeoff weight.

Band conditions were exceptional and we had constant pileups on 20 and 15 meters. This made our logs look less disgraceful than they would have otherwise, considering our lackadaisical operating schedule.

The only sad point was that our plan to generate electricity using a generous natural resource—the local beavers—failed. Nobody could figure out a way to persuade a beaver to swim around while harnessed to a generator. Next year, if we can only find a way to use all those mosquitoes, we'll have all the power we want.

#### K7EFA, 2A

On the cool, beautiful evening of June 22, the advance group for the Yellowstone RC Field Day arrived at its site high in the Little Snowy Mountains of central Montana.

Set-up of the base camp began and the club tent was erected. Individuals set up private sleeping tents or arranged their quarters in a van or pickup. There were anxious moments as some took a longer, more scenic route to the location.

Everyone got involved in setting up the operating stations. Everyone who wanted to operate did so and we all enjoyed the conversation and companionship.



Ready to roll! John, N6OJN, demonstrates his completely portable emergency vehicle at NALCO ARES/University of California ARC station W6BB.

#### W8LXE, 1A

Field Day was a bust for us in this, our 37th year of participation. It rained practically solid Friday and Saturday, making it difficult to put up antennas and set up the pop-up camper. At 7:30 PM, 4½ hours into FD, we completed the antennas and camper setup and found we had no power—the generator had gotten thoroughly soaked and wouldn't start. We took it over to the farmer's barn and put a heater on it to dry it out. It started, but only ran half an hour before it conked out again. We tried a number of things, but never got it to run for more than a half hour. We fooled with it until midnight and then decided to use another generator.

It was 1:33 AM when we finally got on the air—11¼ hours late with half of FD over. We got a few hours sleep during the night, but we had no relief operators throughout the operation.

## ARRL Field Day 1990 Scores

Class A stations are clubs or groups operating with more than two operators. Score listings are grouped according to the number of transmitters in simultaneous operation. The listings show club or group name, call sign(s) used, total number of QSOs, number indicating power output used (5 is less than 5 W; 2 is less than 150 W; 1 is more than 150 W), number of participants and total score including bonus points. Scores are listed from highest to lowest in each class. Nonclub groups are identified by the letters "NCG." Class B stations are portables manned by one or two operators. These may have one or two transmitters in simultaneous operation. Class 1B stations manned by one operator are listed first, followed by those with two operators, then Class 2B stations. When there are two operators, the other operator's call is listed in parentheses if it's known. Numbers following the calls indicate QSOs, power and final score. Class C stations are mobiles. They are listed by call, QSOs, power, number of operators and final score. Class D stations are home stations using commercial power. Line scores are the same as Class C. Class E stations are home stations using emergency power. Line scores are the same as Class C.

### Club/Non-Club Portable

#### 1A Battery

Panama City ARC					
W4RYZ	1488	5	25	10,375	
Meriden ARC					
W1NFRG	574	5	25	6,340	
MMBG & C					
W86ITM	537	5	5	5,895	
WV-CW-NUTS					
W8DL	530	5	4	5,600	
Central North Carolina DX Chasers					
N4DAZ	569	5	9	5,600	
Callaway ARC					
K58M	521	5	16	5,390	
DX Assn of Connecticut					
K1WJ	602	5	3	5,310	
Spectrum First					
ND7A	560	5	3	5,290	
RCA ARC					
NRJ	1012	5	12	5,185	
Those Guys from Cleveland QRP ARC					
N8AGU	541	5	3	5,176	

University ARC					
WB7I	410	5	37	4,040	
Hiawatha/Falls City ARC					
WE0C	435	5	9	3,980	
Saskatoon ARC					
VESAA	575	5	12	3,595	
Central Missouri Radio Assn					
ND0N	298	5	30	3,580	
W4GHZ RC					
KD8IM	326	5	4	3,560	
Land of Great ARC					
NC8X	290	5	10	3,400	
Morgan Co ARC					
K04O	371	5	12	3,300	
Field Day Fanatics					
NR7P	303	5	3	3,280	
Staubenville-Weirton ARC					
KE8SX	302	5	20	3,120	
N New Mexico ARC					
W5NE	357	5	8	3,035	
UM des Sans-Huites de Montreal					
VE2JMS	225	5	30	2,560	
Surely Temple Solar Society					
WA8OJR	206	5	4	2,455	

Aerial Launchers					
A4SKK	226	5	3	2,395	
Lookout Min QRPers					
AB4QL	264	5	7	2,225	
NCG					
N2CYJ	217	5	25	2,170	
Black Diamond Ring					
N7GGJ	168	5	4	1,960	
Burrows X-ing ARC					
WD4NBN	244	5	4	1,890	
Tulia ARC					
N5AE	205	5	4	1,885	
Satellite ARC					
W8AB	184	5	7	1,160	
NCG					
WB4WXE	7	5	5	135	

#### 1A

Bozo & the Lids					
W0TG	1203	2	7	5,800	
Acadiana AFA					
W5DDL	1389	2	30	5,120	
Fist & Mouth Contest Company					
W5EW	1276	2	4	4,940	

Mama's Radio ARC					
W7MR	1463	2	12	4,828	
Raytown ARC					
KM8E	1087	2	10	4,728	
Hannibal MO ARC CW Group					
K0W	985	2	21	4,540	
Collins ARC					
K5BU	1438	2	12	4,440	
Harry Diamond Laboratories RC					
K3TM	1249	2	3	4,284	
GHRX Contesters					
KE7X	994	2	12	4,276	
Desert DX Corps					
AA7A	1180	2	3	4,226	
Dr Loomis Memorial Jr Mechanics					
League					
N4YE	1167	2	13	4,104	
NCG					
KA7T	860	2	6	4,080	
Motley Crew ARC					
KK9B	1160	2	30	3,808	
N Ohio DX Assn					
W8XD	1142	2	20	3,792	

Mississippi Valley ARA					
KR9A	1155	2	9	3,714	
Reeve's Hill Group					
NG1I	958	2	6	3,672	
Austin ARC					
W5KA	1186	2	15	3,658	
Three Men in a Loft					
KN8S	1145	2	3	3,570	
Coverdale's Commandoes					
VE3ICV	841	2	9	3,550	
Arrowhead ARC					
W8GKP	1019	2	35	3,542	
Montrose ARC					
K8GAS	951	2	15	3,480	
First State ARC					
K3QBD	971	2	30	3,414	
Mau ARC					
K8RS	2250	1	27	3,381	
Rock Chuck ARC					
KC9OZ	729	2	3	3,216	
Hilltoppers					
WA5CMI	920	2	4	3,168	



Hattiesburg ARC  
W5NA (+KBSLVU)  
1796-2-14-5,298

Anderson RC  
W4FX (+WD4BUH)  
1281-2-18-5,278

Las Cumbres ARC  
K6FB (+NBMOV)  
1658-2-25-5,246

Reading RC  
W3BN (+KA3MVM)  
1453-2-38-5,228

Arkansas River Valley ARF  
K5FXP (+N5QXB)  
1437-2-27-5,222

Ohio Valley ARC  
W4FU (+KABSEG)  
1444-2-10-5,220

Oklahoma City Autopatch Assn  
K5NK (+N5DLM)  
1475-2-36-5,212

NW Arkansas ARF ARC  
N5XR (+KBSJL)  
1782-2-40-5,180

Far Out ARC  
WB5SMC (+KBSBDM)  
1802-2-30-5,118

Rocky Mtn/Wilson  
NE4J (+N4UCD)  
1873-2-28-5,040

Limestone ARES  
W4LRE (+KCA4FH)  
1561-2-35-5,000

CAREN  
WN5X (+N5OUS)  
1548-2-150-5,000

Decatur ARC  
W4ATD (+KCA4PBM)  
1867-2-22-4,968

MATPARC  
W4QO (+KCA4ND)  
1401-2-46-4,950

Oak Ridge ARC  
K4PJ (+N4PXM)  
1427-2-36-4,936

Fauquier ARC  
W4VA (+N4YXW)  
1382-2-12-4,928

Rockwell-Autonetcs RC  
K16X (+KBS6ED)  
1313-2-20-4,882

E Alabama ARC & Auburn Univ RC  
KE4T (+K11-2-17-4,860)

Blue Ridge ARC  
K4WJV (+KCA4JXS)  
1182-2-20-4,860

Free State ARC  
K3IVO (+N2GTE)  
1597-2-18-4,842

University of Alabama ARC  
K4CWN (+KBA4CZM)  
1443-2-8-4,824

Arcic ARC  
W3ZH (+W4S3ZMN)  
1325-2-17-4,798

St Peters ARC  
W9OGS (+KBB0DYP)  
1198-2-25-4,794

Piscataway ARC  
K0ZK (+N2JLLM)  
1878-2-22-4,772

University of Cincinnati ARC  
Fairfield ARA  
WBXY 1681-2-6-4,708

Campbell Co ARC  
W37M (+K87JVO)  
1215-2-9-4,670

Milford ARC  
W8SDL 1343-2-20-4,660

Dickson Co ARC  
NY4N (+N4UTW)  
1406-2-18-4,650

Canton ARC  
WBAL 1504-2-51-4,632

GDRA ARC  
W5IU (+KBS5EYQ)  
1712-2-25-4,632

Tri-Co Ham RC  
NB0G (+KBS1IKK)  
1144-2-23-4,632

Fork ARC  
KE9A (+KBB0CTG)  
1394-2-13-4,622

ARA of S New England  
W1AQ 1448-2-21-4,616

Ozarks ARC  
KE9I (+N0GNH)  
1646-2-27-4,598

Williamson Co ARC  
W5XD (+KBSMXDK)  
1349-2-14-4,550

ERAA 50th Anniversary FDT  
K8VA 1371-2-40-4,550

W Valley ARC  
W6PIY (+N6UTR)  
1341-2-58-4,526

Union Co ARC  
WK4S (+N4MMM)  
1268-2-20-4,514

Stockton Delta ARC  
W6SF 1250-2-10-4,496

Brazosport ARC  
WB5J (+KA5COA)  
1145-2-40-4,484

EMARC/FARS  
K6YA (+N6ZER)  
1403-2-20-4,468

Penn-Mar RC  
W3MUM (+KA3JXG)  
1187-2-18-4,452

Tucson IBM ARC  
W07F (+N7KAN)  
1477-2-16-4,448

AT&T CRES ARC  
W6ZPF 1321-2-20-4,446

E Bay ARC  
W6CUS (+N6VMK)  
1080-2-80-4,430

NGC  
K16EO 1552-2-4-4,430

HPIATL ARCs  
NN7N (+N7OON)  
1170-2-23-4,406

OARCOVIMRC  
VE3JW 1201-2-25-4,398

Antelope Valley ARC  
K6OX 1374-2-75-4,364

Kaw Valley ARC  
W6CET (+N8LJK)  
1242-2-15-4,304

MARC-Plantation  
W44LZR 1321-2-10-4,290

Twin State RC  
W1FN (+KA1VZS)  
1295-2-10-4,246

Lewis & Clark RC  
N8BHW (+KBB9EXC)  
1322-2-35-4,238

Penny Pines Brass Pounders  
N7CW (+N6VRG)  
1357-2-6-4,220

Onslow ARC  
WD4FVO (+KA4SFF)  
1431-2-20-4,208

Hanover Area Hamming Assn  
W3ZY (+KA3VEI)  
1261-2-12-4,192

Valley Forge Mtn FDG  
N3KZ (+W3B3SN)  
1324-2-15-4,178

PEARL  
K2AV (+N2EGS)  
1088-2-34-4,118

Spartanburg ARC  
K4II (+N4TTR)  
1017-2-22-4,098

SWVVA (+Roanoke ARES)  
KC4DY (+KCA0DE)  
1127-2-21-4,052

Falmouth ARA  
K1AK (+KA1SGL)  
1151-2-15-4,034

Hopkins Co/Tradewater/Dawson  
Springs ARC  
KM4FO (+N4ZEE)  
989-2-16-3,994

Racine Megacycle Club  
W9JDU 1245-2-25-3,950

Calgary ARA  
VE6NQ 1124-2-21-3,930

Watertown ARC  
N6HR 1187-2-15-3,914

NGC  
WR9R 1312-2-3-3,904

Coconino ARC  
NN7A (+N7NUR)  
1415-2-21-3,864

Band Dit-Dahs  
K2UW (+KBS2DNF)  
1030-2-11-3,854

Huntington Co ARES  
N09P (+N9JVV)  
1391-2-17-3,840

Sweetwater RC  
K4PI (+N4PYP)  
1436-2-35-3,838

Shy-Wy ARC  
W7NE (+N7JPR)  
991-2-16-3,800

Tamaqua Area ARA  
W3VA 1065-2-16-3,756

Suburban RC  
WBDCV (+KBB0DIQ)  
1056-2-45-3,754

Arkansas Tennessee RA  
WZ5S 1448-2-27-3,750

ARC of Savannah  
W4HBB (+WD4FIH)  
975-2-32-3,750

St Paul RC  
K0AGF 1062-2-24-3,742

Henderson ARC  
W4KVK (+N4UTS)  
908-2-26-3,740

Kanawha ARC  
WBGK (+KBBERE)  
1200-2-15-3,740

Albemarle ARC  
WA4TFZ (+N4PGS)  
992-2-26-3,740

Calumet ARES  
KN8P (+N5JAE)  
907-2-10-3,726

Pioneer ARC  
N4LSJ 993-2-11-3,720

Escondido ARES  
N6WB 2016-1-20-3,719

UNM ARC Alumni  
WV5G 1269-2-3-3,704

Stonewall Jackson ARC  
WJ8G (+KBB0MY)  
1067-2-10-3,700

Metuchen RC  
K2YNT 894-2-14-3,688

Joliet ARES  
W9OFF 1361-2-25-3,674

Lynchburg ARC  
K4HEX (+N4YLD)  
1024-2-30-3,654

Saline Co ARC  
K5NE 1058-2-33-3,648

Yonkers ARC  
W9ZI (+N2GAK)  
958-2-15-3,628

Pilgrim AWA  
KA1GG (+KA1VVK)  
1313-2-25-3,622

Langley ARA  
VE7VQ 1033-2-10-3,622

Syosset HS Alumni  
K2PV 1161-2-15-3,594

Upper Valley ARC  
AABQ 1250-2-18-3,584

Rochester ARC  
W9MXW (+N8LKS)  
1927-1-35-3,578

San Andreas Faultline Survivors  
N2BN 1172-2-15-3,570

Metro-DX  
K9FH 1110-2-7-3,562

Woolley FD Crew  
WD4AHZ 1056-2-12-3,554

Emergency ARC  
KH6BI 967-2-41-3,538

Hendricks Co AS & Hoosier  
Contesters  
N9SF 1109-2-30-3,516

West Virginia ARA  
W8AH (+N8GZA)  
887-2-22-3,514

S Bay ARC  
WATT (+KCBKSF)  
934-2-14-3,490

Bartlesville ARC  
W5NS 900-2-20-3,434

Hartford AREMT  
K3EI 926-2-6-3,394

Central Michigan ARC  
W8MAA (+KBB8DGC)  
771-2-18-3,394

Newington ARL  
W1OKY 852-2-10-3,374

Boone Co ARC  
NX8Q (+N9HLL)  
1100-2-28-3,370

CRA Vallee du Richelieu  
VE2CVR 1031-2-12-3,364

Watertown ARES  
W9NT 975-2-20-3,324

Malibu DCS  
N6FDR (+N6ZIQ)  
881-2-100-3,300

Muncie Area ARC  
NV9A (+KA9TBC)  
799-2-31-3,298

Old VA Hams ARC  
N4FS (+KBB4RKL)  
914-2-25-3,296

NW Illinois ARC  
W9AF (+N9HRE)  
813-2-16-3,278

Racal Milgo ARC  
ND4G (+KBB4THK)  
817-2-19-3,250

Mancorab Club  
W9DK (+KBS9EH)  
932-2-21-3,240

Ft Myers ARC  
W4LX (+KCA4ONO)  
1178-2-25-3,238

San Fernando Valley ARC  
W6SD (+K6SLHC)  
839-2-100-3,222

Colorado Big Horn ARC  
KF0EX (+KBB0FRD)  
1138-2-12-3,220

Conyers ARG  
AA4SW (+KCA4HSG)  
944-2-22-3,208

Great Fall Area ARC  
K7ABV 836-2-20-3,194

Hampton Roads RA  
WT4R (+KA4UQW)  
782-2-15-3,190

Bodega Beach Bums  
WB8FVR 974-2-11-3,182

Gurnet Gulls  
KR1B 878-2-6-3,182

Xerox ARC  
K2OID (+KBB2JTD)  
832-2-24-3,178

Old Bridge RA  
W9Q2N (+N2JUT)  
1024-2-40-3,170

St Croix ARC  
NP2B 784-2-25-3,170

River Cities ARA  
KZ4G 911-2-20-3,164

Oregon Tuatatin Valley ARC  
AA7CV (+KBB7JFU)  
877-2-50-3,158

Yellowstone RC  
K7EFA (+KA7JVO)  
994-2-17-3,158

N Arkansas ARES  
K5LG (+KBB5JXE)  
1008-2-15-3,154

Portland AWA  
W1KVI (+KA1PRD)  
970-2-25-3,148

Florida Keys ARC  
KA4TTS (+KCA4JSD)  
1251-2-15-3,128

Garland  
K5QHD (+KBSJNL)  
1157-2-38-3,120

Tallahassee ARES  
KC4N (+N4KSY)  
759-2-30-3,096

Clinton Co ARC  
W9PC 820-2-17-3,096

New Providence ARC  
K2JV (+KBB2BPB)  
870-2-21-3,094

Sun City ARC  
K5WPH (+KBS5KYN)  
702-2-50-3,078

Algoma ARC  
VE3SO 772-2-18-3,070

Sarasota ERC  
N4TKS (+KCA4LNU)  
1236-2-8-3,068

Bullitt ARES  
AA4KY (+KA4TEV)  
1083-2-54-3,060

Prime ARA  
WE9A 851-2-20-3,052

N Rhode Island RC  
N2IH (+KA1OSP)  
991-2-15-3,030

Kent ARES  
N3QA (+KA3TLF)  
995-2-12-3,020

Clairemont RA  
N6IG (+N6VNI)  
817-2-30-3,002

Gulfcoast ARC  
WC4D 813-2-27-2,978

Beaches ARS  
WU4R 885-2-20-2,960

Centerville ARES  
K8GN 977-2-12-2,958

Johnson Co RAC  
W6ERH (+N6JRB)  
755-2-34-2,956

Upper Yuba-Sutter ARC  
K8AAW (+KBB6NMY)  
1034-2-6-2,936

ARA of Bloomington  
WT8W (+NBBUA)  
822-2-45-2,934

Fresno ARC  
W6TO (+KCB6LWN)  
838-2-40-2,932

Comsat ARC  
WASLOS 869-2-12-2,930

Candlewood ARA  
W1QI (+WB1EPO)  
845-2-20-2,906

Athens Area ARC  
AG4F 911-2-14-2,888

Reno Co ARC  
W9UY (+KBB0FJ)  
983-2-19-2,884

Stu Rockefeller ARES  
W6NJH (+KBB8BIT)  
897-2-20-2,856

Three Rivers ARC  
W8BRN 957-2-20-2,832

Sterling Park ARC  
W4RW (+KCA4ATJ)  
574-2-15-2,828

Santa Clara Co ARA  
W6UW (+N6VUW)  
588-2-51-2,810

Faultkner Co ARC  
W5LL (+KBSLUG)  
873-2-15-2,808

Sangamon Valley RC  
W9DUA 686-2-6-2,804

Bryan ARC  
W5CQ (+N5NHL)  
983-2-30-2,798

McDonnell-Douglas ARC  
W6VLD (+KCB6EXM)  
1267-2-12-2,788

Pike & Lincoln Co ARES  
KE8AH (+KBB0ESL)  
865-2-12-2,778

Black River Valley ARC  
NQ2W (+KA25JG)  
684-2-10-2,778

Laurel ARC  
N5KKG (+KBB5CCW)  
831-2-30-2,774

Kent Co ARC  
W3HZW (+N3HLS)  
953-2-20-2,772

W Pennsylvania FD Assn  
K3SN 840-2-25-2,772

Holland ARC  
K8DAA 871-2-20-2,768

Lubbock ARC  
K5LIB 827-2-25-2,766

DRA de Quebec  
VE2CQ 720-2-33-2,760

Stewart Lake ARC  
WD7X 947-2-25-2,758

El Paso ARC  
W5ES (+KBB5MMDI)  
984-2-35-2,756

Canadian Valley ARC  
WBSU (+KBB4QWZ)  
819-2-19-2,740

Central Vermont ARC  
W1BD 962-2-25-2,726

Kern River Valley ARC  
K6DHS 669-2-12-2,696

Fellowship ARC  
AI4J (+N4SYK)  
937-2-34-2,694

Mason-Dixon ARES  
N3DVK (+KA3WNG)  
820-2-35-2,686

NE Missouri ARC  
W8CBL 857-2-11-2,664

Oswego ARC  
K4MF (+N4ZIQ)  
726-2-15-2,664

Glynn ARA  
K4TVE (+KCA4DNI)  
826-2-15-2,652

Parker Co RC  
W15J (+N5ONE)  
695-2-20-2,634

Mobridge (SD) Area ARC  
K6EEM 513-2-7-2,630

Mecklenburg ARES  
W4BFB (+N4XCW)  
894-2-100-2,628

Pecos Valley ARC  
K5LWU (+KBSLKB)  
530-2-17-2,618

Gonzaga Prep Ham RC  
K7CFJ 1002-2-10-2,604

Peterborough ARC  
VE3RB 564-2-12-2,596

Tyler ARC  
AA5AA (+N5LVN)  
951-2-41-2,584

Motora Co ARA  
NR4P (+WA4BZJ)  
914-2-10-2,564

Tamaqua Transmitting Society  
W3TI 569-2-12-2,530

AREN of Saline Co  
N5EL (+KBS5MBJ)  
620-2-18-2,518

Blue Ridge ARC  
W4WZ 641-2-30-2,516

Albemarle ARES  
WT4C (+KCA4QLP)  
731-2-30-2,512

IBM San Jose ARC  
N8LC 1328-1-12-2,499

Tri-Co ARA  
W16T (+KBB6SMW)  
570-2-41-2,472

Clinton Co ARA  
W6BB (+N8JWR)  
618-2-10-2,450

West Haven ARA  
K1RH 800-2-10-2,448

W Michigan WA  
W8FH (+N8KWX)  
575-2-5-2,448

SW Regional React ARRL FD  
N2ZT (+N5EYR)  
636-2-30-2,442

S Maryland ARC  
W3PT (+N3GHE)  
657-2-50-2,432

Manatee ARC  
K4GG 987-2-20-2,420

Allen Co ARTS  
W9INX (+KBB9DOV)  
910-2-43-2,414

Blackstone Valley ARC  
W1DDD (+K1FLD)  
809-2-14-2,402

Appalachian RAA  
NCSV 502-2-12-2,392

Hiawatha ARA  
K0BU 564-2-32-2,380

N Kitsap ARC  
W07B (+KBB0TTS)  
537-2-20-2,380

Menno-Net  
K3SW 754-2-10-2,378

Muscle Shoals ARC  
W4JNB 675-2-25-2,372

Rappahannock Valley RC  
K4ME 480-2-10-2,360

Ogden ARC  
W7WN 823-2-58-2,356

Tandem RAC  
AA6BS (+N6UGX)  
680-2-15-2,348

Fair Lawn ARC  
WK2T (+N2IKK)  
513-2-14-2,330

Champlain Valley ARC  
K2TTI 597-2-20-2,326

Mt Baker ARC  
K7SKW (+KBB7IGR)  
788-2-40-2,308

Gadsden ARC  
K4JMK (+KCA4RCK)  
680-2-20-2,298

Moreno Valley ARA  
K6KB (+KCB6EYH)  
513-2-27-2,282

Quad State ARG  
N4PMQ (+N8MDC)  
636-2-10-2,276

Nanaimo ARA  
VE7NA 528-2-15-2,256

Captain & Krew  
K1DI (+N1HFH)  
924-2-20-2,248

New Ulm ARC  
N8BMA (+WBB0TYZ)  
475-2-11-2,244

Wilderness Trail ARC  
K14B (+KBB4MGB)  
593-2-11-2,244

McComb ARC  
W5WQ 574-2-12-2,240

Irvington RAC  
K2GQ 664-2-30-2,230



Gaston Co ARS KK4T 626-2-23-2,220	Rideau ARC VE3BPC 445-2-15-1,968	Cherryland ARC NFBT 506-2-49-1,654	Central Dakota ARC W0ZRT 340-2-15-1,382	NGC N3GGA 396-2-6-1,032
Ellsworth AWA W1TU 559-2-40-2,218	Bristol ARC WB4DKL 424-2-24-1,956	Granite State ARA K1RD (+KA1VZB) 465-2-13-1,654	Paul's Pals K6DYX 208-2-4-1,382	N6ENV RG KB8C (+N6ENV) 270-2-20-1,020
60/60 Bandidos KB0XL 1000-2-25-2,214	310 Irregulars AA6SQ (+N6QLH) 720-2-10-1,950	Hou-Texins ARC W5BLN 437-2-7-1,646	Marshfield Area ARS W9AK 439-2-14-1,376	NW Amateur Radio/Electronics Assn N08G 279-2-15-1,014
Gallatin Ham RC W7ED 649-2-10-2,208	Harvard Repeater KA1T 623-2-17-1,950	Hartford Co ARA W1NEM 496-2-15-1,642	Billy the Kid WV5U (+N7KK) 295-2-9-1,374	Mogollon Monsters WB7CAG 239-2-15-1,012
Comox Valley ARC VE7CXW 834-2-25-2,196	HF Ops KE7UA 701-2-12-1,944	Muscatine HRG KJ0H (+K88ENE) 462-2-13-1,638	SMARTS/Carver Co ARES N18X (+K8MCM) 285-2-17-1,370	NGC AA6DG 194-2-4-986
Pine State ARC WB1E (+N1EVN) 584-2-20-2,190	Quahnapowit RA W1EKT 395-2-19-1,934	Golden Triangle FDG W5RIN (+K85MOM) 395-2-32-1,636	Tampa ARC W4DUG (+K84FFI) 781-1-43-1,368	Humboldt ARC KF8FY 296-2-7-966
N Shore RC WV7T (+KB9CNU) 661-2-50-2,160	Mad Scientists ARC AA8DE (+N8YVC) 473-2-10-1,932	Lakeview ARC KF7IO 712-2-10-1,636	LYARS WM7D (+N7OLN) 425-2-17-1,366	LaPorte/Michigan City ARC W9CSF (+K89ESQ) 335-2-22-954
W Georgia ARS W4FWD (+K4RAK) 535-2-20-2,154	Hams & Eggs Society W5KV (+K85JWV) 633-2-15-1,930	AMSAT-Houston/HTTY N5EM 417-2-12-1,616	Ski Country ARC K9MWM (+K80FBX) 389-2-10-1,364	Carthage ARS N5IKB 274-2-17-948
NOARS K8KRK (+K8AVTS) 645-2-40-2,144	Big Island ARC KH5CC (+NH6ER) 517-2-77-1,906	Klugemasters W2KI 461-2-11-1,614	R & S Group KD3BS (+K83RBJ) 440-2-9-1,362	Capilla Peak FDG K5FSB 651-1-6-917
YSARC Valley Group WA6OWH (+N8VPI) 749-2-12-2,140	Matagorda Co ARC W5ASN 422-2-14-1,904	S Central Connecticut ARA W1GB 608-2-10-1,604	Old Post ARS W9EOC 253-2-8-906	Capital City ARC W7CU 346-2-5-900
Humboldt ARC KA4P 543-2-30-2,140	Keno ARC KF7JZ (+N7ORI) 486-2-19-1,900	Palos Verdes ARC W5BV 640-2-13-1,594	Wantagh ARC W2VA 440-2-22-1,352	Sheridan RAL W7GUX 255-2-6-894
NGC WA5BRF (+N5ONS) 437-2-23-2,132	Hoffman Estates, Illinois, ESDA KE9NA 633-2-7-1,892	SMARTS NA5G (+K85MAW) 390-2-10-1,594	Conair ARC W8UUS (+N6SBO) 348-2-20-1,300	Lower Columbia ARA W7DG (+K87YX) 230-2-22-890
Ephrata Area RS N3RJ 731-2-27-2,130	Roanoke Valley ARS AA4SJ 354-2-10-1,888	Clarksville ATS KF4L 430-2-20-1,588	W8UUS (+N6SBO) 348-2-20-1,300	Foothills ARC AB4TF 90-2-3-888
Central Kentucky ARC WA4UXJ 570-2-10-2,130	S Towers ARS W2ELW (+N2KBJ) 642-2-44-1,882	Sky High ARC KB2AR 481-2-7-1,582	Outcasts RG VE4KR 562-2-5-1,292	Norfolk ARC VE3SME 323-2-7-870
Melfort ARC VE5YD 707-2-18-2,128	Jackson Co Outlaws KB1MR (+K88HAN) 524-2-8-1,872	Aroostock ARA K1JK (+N1HSQ) 450-2-42-1,578	Umpqua Valley ARC AE7Q (+K87KZR) 236-2-13-1,290	Jackson Co ARC K8BST 285-2-20-870
Lewisville Texins ARC KC5NG (+N5GJE) 569-2-14-2,128	Tomkins Co ARC WK2K 490-2-25-1,868	S Alberta ARC VE6CAM 425-2-11-1,570	Huntsville ARS WA5APS (+K85CYF) 415-2-8-1,270	Elmwood Park ARC K9YHB 182-2-5-868
AWARE KD3GB 665-2-30-2,128	Lake Monroe ARS W4FI 603-2-10-1,848	Kings ARC AA6GZ (+N6WZV) 478-2-10-1,556	Northwoods ARC AA9Y 320-2-44-1,268	NGC WA8TON 281-2-25-864
NGC AA5OM (+N5LSS) 553-2-7-2,128	Siemens ARC LARK 432-2-12-1,842	Polk CCDAES W4TJM (+K4CQNC) 316-2-15-1,552	Hog Wallow FDG K4NHN 380-2-5-1,258	Dixie ARC W17J (+N7LZY) 125-2-11-860
ARCOM W9BFO (+N9IUG) 558-2-30-2,122	Casper ARC W7VNJ 585-2-15-1,824	Bays Mountain RC W4ZJA 262-2-4-1,550	Catalpa ARS WBAG (+N8LFJ) 245-2-13-1,258	Straits Area ARC W8QCN 141-2-12-850
Spam, Baked Beans and Spam AC9C 1440-1-8-2,119	Mtn State Transmitters K8VNO 394-2-9-1,822	Fullerton RC W6LUL 489-2-30-1,546	Neptune ARC N2GT (+N2HG) 293-2-43-1,256	Santa Ynez Valley Hams N6JNS (+N6SUJ) 206-2-18-828
Hermiston ARC KD7VX (+K87GJP) 651-2-27-2,114	Combined Orange RACES W8HK (+N6WOW) 703-2-20-1,814	Montcalm Area ARC WBZC (+K88FUA) 489-2-24-1,542	Yates Co ND2Z 225-2-5-1,250	Lake Bluff RG KC9NG (+N9GZT) 168-2-7-808
Calhoun Co ARA WX4O (+N4NAU) 630-2-30-2,106	Gratiot Co ARA N08V 606-2-12-1,812	SW Louisiana ARC W5BII 521-2-18-1,542	Tri Co RA W2LI 474-2-10-1,248	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
ARA of Bremerton W7VE 391-2-17-2,106	Clarkston Crazyes WBDRMC 572-2-6-1,810	Nevada Co ARC K8ZK 531-2-20-1,540	CRA Laval Laurentides VE2CRL 579-2-32-1,240	W6SV 225-2-25-808
Panther ARC WA3TBL 382-2-7-2,090	Columbia AA W3GES (+K83UQA) 491-2-20-1,808	NGC K8BPR 506-2-4-1,528	Northrop B-2 RC W6VPZ (+K88TIN) 236-2-5-784	James Gang N8DGD (+K88KBY) 236-2-5-784
Clinton Co Illinois ARC WA9YKO 417-2-13-2,084	American Red Cross ARC NR9M (+K89DQP) 551-2-30-1,808	St Peter ARC WQ6A (+N8JHG) 277-2-10-1,526	Manhattan Area ARS & KSU ARC W9QQQ (+N8KMC) 257-2-25-1,216	Acadia Naval ARC K1NAN 181-2-16-782
Auburn ARA WA2L (+K82EMX) 522-2-15-2,072	Bell System of Indiana ARC AK9U 625-2-12-1,804	S Brevard ARC N4MIR 308-2-9-1,514	Chehalis Valley ARS N07S (+K87ODR) 258-2-11-1,214	Johnson City RA W4ABR (+K84OWD) 674-1-24-776
Nappanee ARC NN9X (+K89UPN) 834-2-35-2,068	Mercury Columbus Contingent K8ES (+K8AMWP) 318-2-18-1,794	N4MIR 308-2-9-1,514	Rogers City RA/Presque Isle Co ARES WB7GZ 216-2-4-760	W4ABR (+K84OWD) 674-1-24-776
NGC W8PFI 573-2-9-2,068	NGC NEWJ 379-2-15-1,794	Branch Co ARC W8BR 297-2-24-1,508	Cascade RG N7EYO (+N7NXX) 353-2-6-1,206	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
W2UB (+N2HXK) 629-2-10-2,064	Fox Cities ARC W9ZL (+N9JLH) 471-2-12-1,792	Honeywell ARC WA9NLP 427-2-18-1,508	Farmington ARC W8SZ (+N8KIE) 457-2-11-1,200	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
W Iowa GWAG AK9N 442-2-13-2,050	MCARS WB6SRM (+K86TJU) 690-2-7-1,792	Yolo ARS N6GF 520-2-16-1,502	Twentymile Bottom Boys W5CYV 335-2-5-1,188	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
Harrison ARC KM9E (+K89ABA) 422-2-30-2,046	Smoky Valley ARC KE6WY 591-2-5-1,786	Coos Co RC K7CCH 367-2-7-1,500	Three Rivers RC W9NT 489-2-17-1,188	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
Amoskeag RC NS1S (+K81UFC) 724-2-12-2,040	Las Vegas RAC W17D 644-2-34-1,770	400 Foot FD Fanatics N7KVF 290-2-4-1,496	Greenwood ARC W9NT 489-2-17-1,188	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
Franklin ARC NT4K 535-2-20-2,038	South Canadian ARS W5OU 421-2-20-1,768	Borderline ARC WX7L (+N7JCP) 442-2-56-1,492	Greenwood ARC VE1WN 292-2-10-1,184	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
VEFINN 715-2-32-2,038	Bay Area ARS N3AWG (+K83WIX) 526-2-8-1,762	Zero Beater's ARC WA9FYA 745-2-7-1,490	Sunshine Coast ARC VE7SCA 317-2-20-1,180	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
Trojan ARC NS9O 496-2-16-2,030	W Marin RACES K6JQC (+K86KOM) 249-2-7-1,760	Pika Co ARC W9CZH 267-2-7-1,484	Butler Co VHF Assn W8CCI (+N8KRC) 445-2-10-1,166	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
Greater Norwalk AC N11L (+K81RAD) 483-2-20-2,030	Shenandoah Valley ARC W4RKC 406-2-16-1,740	Clinton ARC W6CS 591-2-20-1,482	Yellow Thunder ARC WB9FDZ (+K88ERR) 291-2-15-1,162	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
Salem Area ARA K89GAE (+K88HOC) 388-2-12-2,026	Liberty Co ARC KF4UM 394-2-15-1,734	Rip Van Winkle ARS W2FSL 409-2-12-1,478	Radio Amateurs des Pionniers Telephone VE2CPT 347-2-4-1,154	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
Magnolia FDG WE5E (+K85MLS) 537-2-19-2,026	American Airlines ARC KR5P 481-2-15-1,728	Greenwood ARC AA4TZ 326-2-25-1,468	Indian Foothills ARC W8FI 197-2-8-1,152	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
RAC of Knoxville W4BBB 567-2-75-2,026	Sandy River ARC K11B 545-2-5-1,726	River City ARC KG6XX 389-2-8-1,468	SE Louisiana ARC W85NET 344-2-14-1,150	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
Ft Madison ARC NW0X (+K88HAE) 642-2-18-2,014	Copper Co RAA W8CDZ 520-2-35-1,726	SE ARS K8EMY (+K88CZU) 288-2-16-1,466	Bremont Chapter MARA K87FN (+K87TID) 275-2-52-1,150	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
Amateur Radio Caravan Club KB5IS (+N5JUQ) 516-2-20-2,006	N Coast Contest Club WB8BTO 521-2-6-1,724	Moose Horn ARC KL7IEJ 326-2-11-1,462	Kootenai ARS N7AH 301-2-7-1,140	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
Saratoga Co RACES WA2UMX 726-2-10-1,990	Michigan Radio Boys N8KLI (+N8KKJ) 454-2-5-1,698	Piqua ARC W8SWS 398-2-45-1,460	Illinois Valley ARC NN9M 267-2-10-1,136	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
3M ARC K9MBB (+N5POJ) 582-2-22-1,988	Theodore Roosevelt ARC K8ND (+N8LZO) 540-2-14-1,880	McDonnell-Douglas ARC WA8CGV (+N8KBB) 347-2-7-1,434	D-CAT WA5WCV 184-2-7-1,134	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
Freemont City ARS K7MM (+K87JHM) 523-2-20-1,988	Tarsands ARC VE8TRC 524-2-7-1,880	Mission Emergency ARS VE7MIS 401-2-10-1,432	St Johns Co ARES AB4EY (+N4XHV) 339-2-11-1,118	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
Campobello RC VE1FDR 625-2-14-1,988	Quantanamo Bay ARC KG4FD 399-2-25-1,674	Cascades ARS K8MJZ (+K88VMJ) 462-2-16-1,428	Dust Bowl ARC KY5C 359-2-15-1,118	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
Lehigh Valley ARC W3OI 674-2-25-1,980	Oklahoma State University ARC WSYJ 583-2-11-1,668	W Texas ARC WUSN 388-2-15-1,404	Camden ARC W5KEG 354-2-10-1,108	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
Wilton ARC NT2F 549-2-22-1,978	Greer ARC W4IQQ (+N4WON) 470-2-15-1,664	Starke Co ARC K8VCM 480-2-16-1,404	Triangle ARC W4LEN (+N4SVZ) 110-2-12-542	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
NGC K8BI (+N5QEC) 526-2-25-1,972	Huber Heights ARC N8TD (+N8MMZ) 300-2-9-1,656	Radio Operators of S Texas AA5FX 449-2-15-1,400	Lake Huron ARC KE8QQ 166-2-21-538	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
		Delta Co ARS K8ZAS (+W88RTH) 352-2-20-1,394	Lakos Area ARC WB9PZH (+K89TVC) 180-1-10-521	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
		CIARS W8CUO 417-2-14-1,394	Calaveras ARS WA8YGA 155-2-7-510	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
		Kansas Nebraska RC W8TQ 298-2-10-1,394	Cascade Kilowatt Contesters N7NOP 214-1-4-458	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
		NETCARS/Grapevine ARC K5HB 418-2-25-1,388	Connecticut Valley FM Assn W1GUA 75-2-3-450	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
		Stablesboro ARS WD4IVC 261-2-4-1,384	RASON NN1S 197-2-5-420	St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808
				St Cloud ARC W6SV 225-2-25-808

Stanwood-Camano ARC  
N7GMA (+KB7KWN)  
53-2-8-418

Kalamazoo Mercury ARAG  
W8RTY (+KB8KBU)  
44-2-6-388

**2A Commercial**

Pottstown ART  
N3WV 1614-2-15-4,928  
Boiled Owls of New York  
W2AX 2634-1-12-4,009  
Central Illinois RC  
W9AML 1248-2-20-3,892  
Greater Fairfield ARA  
K1BR (+KA1USX)  
888-2-40-3,484

Sumter ARA  
KK4TK (+NA1VL)  
1325-2-45-3,426

Midway ARC  
K0TD 938-2-50-2,276  
Shore Points ARC  
W2HRW 529-2-15-2,022  
Bully Hill ARC  
WR2Y (+N2EXN)  
686-2-12-1,764

Miami Co ARC  
K9ZEU 293-2-14-1,894  
Navarro ARC  
N5ASF 465-2-21-1,488  
Wiregrass ARC  
NS4U 472-2-15-1,254  
Athens ARC  
W5CR 294-2-10-1,030  
Beaver Valley ARA  
W3SGJ 276-2-10-784  
Marshall Co ARA  
WG4U 265-2-9-760  
React ARC  
N3EOG (+KA3EOT)  
38-2-8-576

TARCOM  
W2FWG 477-2-9-106

**3A Battery**

Summit ARA  
K3JL (+N3DPB)  
2431-5-20-17,170

N Coast ARC  
KBBA (+N8ML)  
1465-5-25-8,810

Montgomery ARC  
N3BE (+KA3VYN)  
923-5-30-7,265

Ampex Employees ARC  
K6QEZ 734-5-10-6,800

"A" Team  
W4RRW 628-5-7-6,680  
Univ of Maryland ARA & John  
Hopkins ARC  
W3EAX (+N3HQJ)  
844-5-16-6,150

Oklahoma QRP  
W5LGO (+W5SLR)  
223-5-9-2,430

Michigan QRP Club  
W8LHG 136-5-5-1,615

HCARA  
WB4NOD (+KB4DFB)  
136-5-14-1,565

NCG  
WB0T 82-5-10-1,075

**3A**

Ashtabula Co ARC  
W8CY (+KA8LE)  
3459-2-28-11,788

Hughes Fullerton Employees Assn  
ARC  
N6AW (+N6RNG)  
3840-2-50-11,306

Fed Ryder Contest Group  
WRVS (+KB8GL)  
3731-2-10-10,680

Rochester (New York) DX Assn  
W2TZ (+KB2CHC)  
2998-2-40-10,030

Radio Central ARC  
K2VL (+KB2BBG)  
2748-2-75-9,564

Hamfesters RC  
W9AA 2641-2-25-8,858

Motor City RC  
W8MRM (+KB8HGM)  
2655-2-46-8,802

Poughkeepsie ARC  
N2YL (+KB2HAP)  
2784-2-25-8,704

Redwood Empire DX Assn  
N6CJ (+N6UJZ)  
2629-2-20-8,290

Acton Boxboro ARC  
W1UC (+KA2DJH)  
2448-2-25-8,290

Shelby Co ARC  
AC4T (+N4YOO)  
2181-2-50-7,950

Shreveport ARA  
W5AU (+N5OCB)  
3102-2-75-7,948

S Peninsula AK  
W4PRO (+KC4IVE)  
2438-2-56-7,516

Jet Propulsion Lab ARC  
W6VIO (+N6PSB)  
2005-2-32-7,174

Albany ARA  
K2GT (+K2CBA)  
2121-2-27-7,154

Twin City ARC  
K9CWC (+KA9CZO)  
2588-2-30-7,114

Cape Way RC  
K1BU (+KA1BBU)  
1965-2-26-6,996

Springhill ARC  
N5II 2308-2-13-6,898  
Dauberville DX Assn  
NM3E (+N3HWJ)  
2539-2-25-6,844

ARTS  
W4CN (+KC4HUJ)  
1709-2-40-6,225

San Mateo RC  
W6LMN (+KB6VNY)  
1771-2-23-5,966

Parkersburg ARK  
K8UC (+N8MMG)  
1331-2-46-5,864

Thomasville ARC  
W4UCJ (+N4YPO)  
1551-2-25-5,810

Jones Co ARC  
W6GN 1572-2-13-5,778

Palo Alto ARA  
W6OTX (+N6YUE)  
1865-2-30-5,770

Smoky Min ARC  
W4OLB (+KC4POQ)  
2070-2-25-5,616

Frederickton ARC  
VE1ND 1461-2-12-5,548

Virginia Beach ARC  
WA4TGF (+KC4JGC)  
1478-2-165-5,288

McHenry Co WA  
KB9K (+KB9DNT)  
1784-2-35-5,256

E Bay Amateurs  
WA1S (+KA1UOW)  
1376-2-13-5,166

Japanese American ARS  
W6AN (+KB6GIT)  
1555-2-35-5,068

E Pasco ARS  
AA4RU (+KC4LXG)  
1499-2-20-5,044

Goz's Gang  
K2SA 1308-2-12-5,008

Chattanooga ARC  
W4AM (+WA4CHO)  
1543-2-52-4,978

Boeing Employees ARS  
K7NWS (+N7MUT)  
1185-2-70-4,900

Upper Lake Livingston WA  
W5USD (+KB5LIG)  
1918-2-11-4,882

Sioux Empire ARC  
W6ZWY (+KB6ONG)  
1377-2-24-4,850

Bill Hoeh Memorial FDG  
W4UOT (+N4YJD)  
1314-2-30-4,808

Paso Robles ARC  
W6LKF (+KC6DFA)  
1352-2-85-4,808

Waterbury ARC  
NT1I (+KA1BRG)  
1819-2-25-4,752

Elkhart Co Club Coalition  
W9XD (+N9IOX)  
1289-2-20-4,742

Paducah ARA  
W4NJA (+KC4ENA)  
1442-2-20-4,726

3M ARC  
W6MR (+KA6ZIA)  
1320-2-20-4,724

N Ottawa ARC  
KC8P 1440-2-16-4,720

Mississippi Coast ARA/Keesler  
ARC  
N5WE 1289-2-25-4,704

W Seattle ARC  
W7AW 1307-2-17-4,680

Washington Co ARA  
KC1G (+KA1RCI)  
1181-2-25-4,622

Calumet ARE  
KE9I (+KA5ZFG)  
1339-2-15-4,598

Aboltsford ARC  
VE7ECC (+VE7CTE)  
1542-2-30-4,590

Greater Memphis FD  
W4EM (+N4WAH)  
1334-2-153-4,548

Massanutten ARA & Valley ARA  
NA4EJ (+KB4QLM)  
1359-2-35-4,492

Colonial Wireless  
K1TW (+N1FER)  
1342-2-20-4,476

S Georgia ARC  
AB4HO (+N4UXE)  
1559-2-14-4,466

San Lorenzo Valley RC  
N6TU (+N6VAR)  
2948-1-34-4,431

Schaumburg ARC  
K9SB (+KB9CMX)  
1243-2-45-4,402

St Charles ARC  
NDGL (+NDLBR)  
1199-2-36-4,290

Tuscarora ARA  
NO3O (+KA3TIX)  
1717-2-12-4,242

Palisades ARC  
NK9Y (+KA9ZKT)  
1071-2-17-4,242

Nashville Area ARO  
W4AY (+N4XK)  
1227-2-250-4,218

N Shore RA  
W1ND (+N1HLK)  
1242-2-25-4,214

Fl Smith Area ARC  
W5ANR 1151-2-30-4,206

Tiogo Co ARC  
NO3R 1080-2-25-4,196

NCG  
KA5BEE 1474-2-7-4,196

Cambridge ARA  
W123 1253-2-18-4,196

Indian Hills RC  
WB1CS 978-2-40-4,104

Tri-City ARC  
W7VPA (+KB7ILC)  
1237-2-45-4,080

The "G" Force  
WG1H (+KA1IBM)  
1129-2-5-4,034

Mid-Ohio Valley ARC  
WFBU (+N8KYU)  
1488-2-25-4,014

Douglas Co ARC  
KO0W (+N0LNU)  
1120-2-18-3,988

N Hills ARC  
W3XX (+W3BIS)  
911-2-35-3,966

Murgas ARC  
K3YTL 1298-2-10-3,966

Maryland Apple Duplicating RAS  
W3ZZ (+N3GKZ)  
1166-2-24-3,964

Providence RA  
W1OP 1206-2-22-3,936

Golden Triangle ARC & Fallbrook  
ARTS  
AA6VO (+KC6CAZ)  
1316-2-60-3,916

Tri-State ARC  
KW3U (+KB2KNC)  
1164-2-17-3,874

Corona orca ARC  
KJ6B (+K6LEF)  
1452-2-15-3,854

Mid-State ARC  
NT9J (+KB9AXD)  
1176-2-22-3,834

Weasel's Weirlds  
KW4M (+WB4OLD)  
1087-2-12-3,790

Old Pueblo RC  
W7VW (+KB7GOW)  
1228-2-40-3,764

Souhegan Valley ARC  
NE1K (+WB1HBW)  
1020-2-16-3,728

Trident ARC  
AA4IX (+N4YUI)  
943-2-15-3,726

Burnaby ARC  
VE7BAR 1219-2-41-3,718

Independent ARC  
WE9M 1042-2-15-3,716

CRA St Hyacinthe  
VE2CAM 789-2-12-3,688

Club de Radio Sherham  
VE2FC 982-2-25-3,678

Kokomo ARC  
KK9I 864-2-17-3,652

NALCO ARES/Univ of California  
ARC  
W6BB (+N6TQS)  
837-2-20-3,614

S Bay ARS  
K6QHQ (+N6RSL)  
762-2-14-3,548

Triac ARC  
W3SV 1399-2-26-3,528

LIMARC  
K0ZG 848-2-35-3,522

Orville ARS  
KDBEU 1284-2-46-3,502

Chesapeake Bay RA  
NY3U (+N3GMU)  
953-2-10-3,478

McKean Co ARC  
W3VU (+KA3WJC)  
1040-2-20-3,466

Mound ARA  
WBDYY 775-2-45-3,442

Port City ARC  
W1WQM (+N1HSM)  
1111-2-23-3,400

Old Dominion Chapter 10-X Int'l  
AA4JN (+N4RVR)  
1133-2-24-3,354

Shoreline ARC  
W1BCG (+N1HAX)  
835-2-46-3,350

Marshall RC  
W0BMJ (+KB0CHM)  
1511-2-20-3,348

Oakville ARC  
VE3HB 914-2-20-3,346

Middlesex ARC  
W1HEB (+WB1ABI)  
822-2-8-3,274

Chatham-Kent ARC  
VE3CRC 1260-2-25-3,250

Westark ARC  
WE5L 1365-2-17-3,230

Coastal ARS  
AB4B (+KC4AWZ)  
1188-2-13-3,222

PART of Westford  
AB1A (+N1GRC)  
805-2-22-3,166

Delaware Valley RA  
W2ZQ (+KA2VJOI)  
945-2-15-3,164

Adams Co ARC  
K9HA 807-2-22-3,128

Tri-City ARC  
NY1V (+KA1VLZ)  
761-2-75-3,126

SE Michigan ARA  
KB8YV (+KB8DSC)  
820-2-40-3,080

Quinte ARC  
VE3RL 762-2-24-3,076

Jayhawk ARS  
W0LB (+N0LPI)  
697-2-38-3,068

Regue Valley ARC  
W7OEK (+KB7KRF)  
915-2-80-3,032

Queen City Emergency Net  
W8VVL (+KA8SQE)  
666-2-25-3,000

Surrey ARC  
VE7SAR (+VE7FXB)  
903-2-12-2,998

Jellerson ARC  
W5GAD 891-2-15-2,994

St Clair Co ARES  
NA8I (+KA8UJO)  
789-2-19-2,988

Trans-Indiana TS  
WB9QBR (+KB9DIZ)  
894-2-45-2,950

Ocean-Monmouth ARC  
KC2Q (+WB2FNOI)  
890-2-18-2,944

Field Day's Finest  
N8DD 728-2-6-2,912

Natchaug ARC  
WD1U (+N1GUT)  
920-2-24-2,846

Ausable Valley ARC  
W7RG 792-2-12-2,844

Flathead Valley ARC  
K7LYY 785-2-22-2,828

Lake Area RC  
N4AZY 606-2-7-2,824

Tri-Town RAC  
W9VT (+N9FUW)  
743-2-12-2,802

Beech Cities Wireless Society  
N6VY 734-2-25-2,798

Rappahannock ARA  
AA4HQ (+N4MYM)  
859-2-24-2,778

Naval Post Graduate School ARC  
K6LY (+KC6AMI)  
722-2-30-2,774

Peninsula ARC  
W4MT (+KA4LJZ)  
906-2-18-2,768

F-22 Group  
AA6SP 1143-2-5-2,766

Coastside ARC  
WA6TOW 762-2-9-2,764

Kendall ARS  
WK5Q (+N5QPU)  
999-2-13-2,750

Ascension ARC  
WN5K 772-2-50-2,746

RPI ARC/Rensselaer RACES  
W2SZ (+KB2GPK)  
620-2-17-2,730

Central Washington ARC  
W7GB 775-2-6-2,712

Pymatuning ARC  
NM3C (+KA3LJH)  
1104-2-11-2,708

Zephyrhills Area ARC  
K4VLD (+KB4UET)  
702-2-17-2,682

Pierre ARC  
WV0H 662-2-18-2,686

Dalton ARC  
KK4LL (+KC4LHS)  
736-2-60-2,670

Stamford ARA  
K1GF (+KA1WVR)  
749-2-70-2,666

Two Docs in the Sticks  
N6MI 926-2-3-2,666

S Hills Brass Pounders and Modu-  
lars  
K3WNX 911-2-35-2,638

Allegan Co ARC  
K8CJQ 794-2-14-2,626

Madison Co ARC  
W9VCF 858-2-26-2,610

Hazleton ARC  
W5SJ (+KA3UPA)  
861-2-20-2,608

Niagara Peninsula ARC  
VE3VM (+VE3PIO)  
753-2-23-2,600

Key West ARC  
K3ML 649-2-9-2,594

Central Georgia ARC  
AB4MS 678-2-21-2,586

Thunder Bay ARC  
KBCHS (+KB8HJD)  
875-2-13-2,556

Portage ARC  
KJ3O 561-2-15-2,556

Framingham ARA  
W1FY (+KA1TAT)  
688-2-25-2,546

ARC Sil-  
verton  
KD7X 697-2-12-2,544

Cape Ann ARA  
W1RK (+KA1GTA)  
425-2-45-2,532

Melpar ARC  
WB4YZS 609-2-8-2,524

Marple Newtown ARC  
NM3S 678-2-24-2,516

Larkfield ARC  
WA2PNU (+KB2ING)  
786-2-25-2,508

Peninsula HOS  
N8SY 719-2-19-2,484

Ucluelet ARC  
VE7UEP 499-2-14-2,482

Bill Gremillion Memorial RC  
K4SEK 885-2-22-2,470

Spa ARA  
WB5OMG (+KB5LJK)  
931-2-43-2,470

X-WARN  
WB8PWG (+KB8GRO)  
838-2-15-2,464

ESL ARC  
AA8OZ (+N6VVI)  
485-2-16-2,462

Grays Harbor ARC  
W7ZZ 853-2-27-2,462

Horseshoe ARC  
KJZZ (+N3IBU)  
642-2-52-2,458

Olympia ARC  
W0CI 585-2-45-2,364

Poway ARS  
K6CD (+N6VJV)  
504-2-35-2,328

Campbell Co ARC  
W4YZG (+KC4MFB)  
788-2-40-2,310

Giant Co ARC  
WE8BN 592-2-33-2,246

Bloomfield ARC  
W1CWA 545-2-13-2,216

Lake Area RC  
N8DL 621-2-18-2,214

Mammoth Cave ARC  
KD4SS 477-2-20-2,200

Puerto Rico ARC  
KP4ID (+WP4INK)  
385-2-11-2,170

HCARC  
W4AM 614-2-12-2,166

CCARS  
NE3H 684-2-10-2,156

Sleepy Hollow Badgers  
NB1AG 427-2-5-2,148

Pawnee ARC  
AF0N 498-2-20-2,130

Twin Cities RC  
W0BU 604-2-10-2,128

Mid-Atlantic ARC  
W5A (+KA3VTQ)  
599-2-32-2,122

Suburban ARA  
KUBB 1056-2-20-2,112

Nuttley ARS  
W2GLQ 489-2-30-2,108

STARS  
N4IRV (+W4UOOF)  
690-2-35-2,088

Delaware Valley OMK Elect Comm  
Assn  
W3WZU (+N3GGB)  
639-2-24-2,076

S Sierra ARS  
K6RL 388-2-10-2,064

SEARA  
N6VO (+N6TYE)  
542-2-35-2,008

Kachina ARC  
WA7GWG 553-2-25-2,006

Kachina ARC  
WA7GWG 553-2-25-2,006

Texas ARC  
K5OJ 492-2-4-1,980

Martin Co ARA  
K4ZK 451-2-25-1,984

Laurel ARC  
NA3T 797-1-35-1,979

W Atlas RAC  
W9FK (+KB9AUJ)  
814-2-20-1,962

MITRE-Washington ARC  
N4PDY (+N4LUA)  
402-2-9-1,926

Pioneer ARC  
WBRC 457-2-30-1,904

Cameron Co ARC  
KD3ML 657-2-8-1,904

21 Repeater Group ARC  
WBWM 719-2-12-1,890

Kings Co RC  
W2RAK 443-2-38-1,886

Elgin ARS  
VE3RSE 733-2-20-1,866



WY7Q's (I-r) John, KG7EU; Aaron, KB7GGY; and Todd, KF7LX; squeeze in a little operating time at the CUBS ARS of Sedro Woolley (Washington).



The Delaware-Lehigh ARC ran a full-fledged Novice station. Brownie, W3CJI, watches Eric, make a contact.



Julie, N2KNA (I), upgraded to Advanced during Field Day with the Arkansas Tennessee RA. She and Marsha, N4TPU, try out her new privileges at WZ5S.

Telephone Employees ARA K2RB 534-2-7-1,864	Sio N Coast ARES W6SCR (+N8UMW) 419-2-17-1,492	NCG K3USN 162-2-6-992	Scottsdale ARC K7TR (+N7NEV) 3461-2-30-11,266	Riverside Co ARA W6TJ (+KB6ZCX) 1452-2-15-4,438
Tippecanoe ARA W9REG 570-2-27-1,846	S Cos ARA K2BR 356-2-50-1,484	K6VEV 246-2-7-964	Hughes El Segundo Employees Assn ARC K6ZT (+K08VW) 3242-2-28-11,120	Frontier ARS NW7S (+KB7IRF) 1264-2-34-4,422
Auburn Academy ARC W7WR 596-2-18-1,844	Socorro ARA KS5H 373-2-8-1,484	Quad Co ARC K3PS 180-2-20-964	Van Wert ARC W8FY (+KB8JYU) 1437-2-18-4,322	Discrete Components of 955 DVARs K3WJV 1239-2-10-4,306
Silvercreek ARA W8PNF 604-2-17-1,834	Sun Parlor ARC VE3SPH 588-2-55-1,466	Bay Area ARC W6BX 168-2-11-948	N Florida ARS W4IZ (+K4FWS) 3512-2-65-9,090	Orange Co ARC W6ZE (+W6PFA) 1624-2-32-4,292
Lorain Co AA KB8ZA (+K8BWMX) 464-2-53-1,830	Moultrie Amateur Radio Klub W9BIL 431-2-13-1,462	Mid-Michigan ARC N8ARI 307-2-8-914	Wayne ARTS WDBLLD (+KB8HMY) 2477-2-12-8,514	MOARC/GARC WF2L (+KB2KHK) 1134-2-25-4,292
Runestone ARC WA8VVM 411-2-14-1,798	No-Name Group K6PD 305-2-4-1,466	Sandusky REL W8LBZ 600-1-21-900	NW ARC W9LM 2442-2-26-8,356	Santa Clarita ARC W6JW (+K06EIK) 1423-2-46-4,284
EIMAC RC W6AY 631-2-10-1,774	Golden Empire ARS W6RHC 459-2-43-1,444	MARA N7IFD 111-2-25-874	Santa Barbara ARC K6TZ (+N6RRJ) 2498-2-73-7,940	W Palm Beach ARC W4HAW (+N3CCK) 1508-2-50-4,130
Kinston ARS W4OIX 571-2-20-1,774	Raleigh ARS N4TH (+K4PHJ) 566-2-30-1,432	Poplar Bluff ARC K6GX 205-2-6-870	Delaware-Lehigh ARC W3OK (+K43TER) +2231-2-65-7,782	Reservoir ARA K8QYL (+N8LEU) 1255-2-16-4,116
Metrocrest ARS KB5A 393-2-75-1,748	Salem ARC W7SAA 383-2-11-1,418	Indiana Co ARC W3BMD 414-2-5-828	S Pickering ARC VE3SPC (+VE3WMD) 1895-2-25-7,432	Goddard ARC WA3NAN (+N4QSD) 989-2-15-4,098
Elkhorn Valley ARC NR8A (+N8KWP) 495-2-18-1,748	Snohomish Co HC WA7LAW (+KB7FPW) 347-2-14-1,398	Piano ARK W5UC (+W5SERD) 158-2-25-816	Westchester Emergency Comm Assn N2SF (+KB2GTD) 2108-2-50-7,310	York RC W9PCS (+K89DVB) 1167-2-24-4,084
Rantoul ARA W9ZK 506-2-6-1,732	Three Generations Group W6BIV 324-2-4-1,396	Santa Cruz Co ARC K6BJ 104-2-3-792	E Connecticut ARA K1MUJ (+K41VVJ) 1792-2-20-7,134	Roanoke Valley ARC W4CA (+N4MII) 1061-2-40-4,052
Chesco ARA K3BKG 573-2-19-1,716	NCG N1FS 798-1-8-1,379	SONRA V01AA 247-2-11-700	Hamilton Co ARES KN9K 2065-2-25-7,060	Central New Hampshire ARC N1LT (+K41VJ) 1121-2-35-4,014
Kennelbocoochee ARC W4GTS 473-2-17-1,688	Herndon RG K14RO 246-2-25-1,352	N Peninsula Electronics Club W6PMK 134-2-11-668	NW ARS N5FD (+K85DFFS) 1752-2-80-6,344	Alamange ARC K4EG 1106-2-20-4,012
Paritan Bay RA K2GE 499-2-20-1,654	Chelsea ARC WVW8M (+KB8GCK) 314-2-15-1,352	Waterman Eight N6TFS 121-2-8-542	Pentagon ARC K4AF (+N4VZJ) 1817-2-16-6,328	Wichita ARC/Boeing Employee ARS W8SOE (+KB8DGI) 1077-2-45-3,988
Mohawk ARC KC1TF (+N1FDR) 422-2-33-1,644	Frost Peak Mountaintoppers AA7DT 465-2-7-1,330	<b>3A Commercial</b> Caps May Co ARS K2CGD 904-2-18-2,630	Grumman ARC WA2LQO 1620-2-49-6,032	Steel City ARC W3QVH 1098-2-25-3,776
Cumberland ARC K3IEC 761-2-15-1,642	Crawford-Roscommon ARC WVW8U 382-2-9-1,324	Pearl River Co ARC W5UO (+N5PEN) 814-2-27-2,494	Two Rivers ARC W3UST (+K43QOY) 1713-2-30-5,624	Kankakee Area RA W9AZ 1052-2-25-3,696
National Trail ARC KRUXZ (+K9AHH) 425-2-20-1,610	ARPSA K9SGV 240-2-24-1,316	W5UO (+N5PEN) 814-2-27-2,494	Alliance ARC W8T (+KB8GB) 897-2-32-3,664	Chicago Suburban RA W9BB 1287-2-30-3,620
Mt Tom ARA NA1V 468-2-18-1,604	Wolf Mtn ARC AA7ES (+KB7KMU) 214-2-14-1,304	Appalachian RA WBBCNN (+N8KUR) 1034-2-15-2,392	Argonne ARC W9QVE (+W9GTT) 1318-2-30-5,396	Brightleaf ARC W4AMC (+K4AJM) 1203-2-65-3,526
Mobile ARC W4IAX 401-2-12-1,600	Idaho Soc of RA K7QQP 487-2-25-1,298	Radio Assn of W New York W2PE 358-2-10-1,456	Downey ARC W6TOI (+N6MY) 1515-2-66-5,324	London ARC VE3QST 1105-2-20-3,518
N Shore ARC VE3NSR 492-2-15-1,594	Ozone ARC NDSO 342-2-10-1,274	Jamestown ARC W8FY 455-2-15-1,402	DuPage ARC W9DUP (+N9HRT) 1747-2-34-5,312	Sonoma Co RA W6LJ (+KB6PTA) 1097-2-50-3,514
Wayne Co ARC K4CYP 380-2-15-1,580	Country Pride HRC N5MCI (+KB5LRL) 378-2-11-1,260	Knob Hill Gang AB4DP (+K44WPH) 439-2-6-1,330	Carthage ARS W8LF (+K8RPIJ) 1527-2-12-5,036	Kansas City ARC W8AR 1217-2-35-3,512
Six-Meter Club of Chicago K3ONA 404-2-10-1,578	Naval Research Lab ARC W3MNU 250-2-20-1,258	Irving ARC KX5G 492-2-13-1,288	Saginaw ARA K8DAC (+KB8GXK) 1314-2-20-4,774	MESAC N6FM (+KB6TMR) 945-2-15-3,438
Bluestone ARC KA9RAB (+KB8EQC) 532-2-10-1,564	Iowa City ARC W8VJ 325-2-30-1,250	Somerset Co ARC NG3S 448-2-12-1,138	Ozaukee RC W9CQO 1315-2-27-4,772	OH-KY-IN ARS K8SCH (+KB8JVK) 1467-2-30-4,724
Endless Mt ARC NX3Y 779-2-12-1,558	TARA ARA N6ELV 573-2-125-1,246	Streator ARC K9CAU 279-2-17-868	Zanesville ARC WXBJ (+KB8JVP) 1467-2-30-4,724	Everglades ARC W4SVI (+K4SHYL) 1397-2-15-4,704
W Colorado ARC W8RRZ (+KB8CMR) 471-2-18-1,552	RF Rascals KA3MJN 359-2-4-1,242	Lawton-Ft Sill ARS W5KS (+KB5YK) 320-2-55-840	Ripley Co RA/Laughery Valley ARC W89I (+N9HEH) 1645-2-30-4,480	Sierra Foothills ARC W6RFF (+N6ZKN) 1287-2-35-4,468
Johnson Co ARC AA5PL (+KB5MMA) 406-2-25-1,552	Metropolitan ARC K8NOW 412-2-6-1,224	E Illinois HC W9GWF 137-2-10-818		
Michiana ARC W9ATS 431-2-22-1,548	Columbia-Montour ARC KC3TX 271-2-10-696	W Columbia-Montour ARC KC3TX 271-2-10-696		
Milwaukee RAC W9RH (+K89EWG) 391-2-16-1,544	NCG W7NX 352-2-3-1,212	<b>4A Battery</b> Portland ARC W7KYC (+K47ZDD) 1047-5-20-8,735		
Arlington Communications League KC9IL 463-2-19-1,540	Barne ARC VE3GCB 353-2-30-1,170	Magnolia HS ARC K8HS (+KB8JZK) 1109-5-18-7,945		
CHARC WBEL 561-2-6-1,538	Cinclair ARC NS3F (+N4YPT) 298-2-9-1,148	Brookhaven ARC/Suffolk Co RC W2DQ (+KB2KHH) 762-5-45-6,570		
Greene Co ARES/RAOES WT2C (+KB2CKK) 219-2-17-1,528	Ray-Clay RC K8EET 291-2-24-1,144	Benicia ARC NR6E 668-5-15-5,120		
US Center ARC NX0R 382-2-25-1,526	TCARA/PARA WA6BAI 300-2-17-1,100	<b>4A</b> Woodbridge Wireless W4IY 4669-2-60-14,688		
Elmira ARC + Chemung Co ARES W2ZZ 400-2-25-1,514	WA6BAI 300-2-17-1,100	NCG W2GD (+KB2EED) 4681-2-20-14,562		
Brier Patch ARC NAVL 603-2-46-1,506	Caddo Creek Critters WC5Z (+NSNAT) 336-2-11-1,088			
SEMO ARC K0CEA (+N0JTU) 400-2-40-1,502	High Plains ARC W0LHA 338-2-8-1,056			
	SW Arkansas RC N5KIG 226-2-18-1,052			
	Ellis Co ARC N5KFC 309-2-18-1,024			
	Crete ARC K6JQJ 249-2-8-998			
	Ames ARC AD6N 273-2-4-994			

Hazel Park ARC W6XJU (+KBBIKZ) 978 2- 40- 3,074	Belton ARC KC9GG 476- 2- 6- 1,462 Hot Springs ARC W7HOJ (+KA8FUJ) 305- 2- 23- 1,428	Danville ARS W4MAY 1702- 2- 29- 4,610 Algonquin ARC WB1Y (+KA1WAA) 1141- 2- 25- 4,606	Slolywide ARC VE3ATD 306- 2- 7- 1,254 Club de Radio Amateur VE2SAG VE2SAG 191- 2- 6- 1,084 Country Cousins K3KW (+N3HEE) 122- 2- 9- 954 Palestine/Anderson Co ARC W5COW (+KB5MDO) 54- 2- 20- 908	Amador Co ARC N6KD 271- 2- 35- 1,452 Mobile Sixers RC W3AWA 382- 2- 18- 804
SARA K8AAR 1153- 2- 25- 3,006 Ebonaire ARS N2ZJ (+KA2ZHD) 328- 2- 18- 2,666 Great S Bay ARC WY2E (+N2KNR) 672- 2- 67- 2,838 Fr Pierce ARC KJ4YF (+N4XEO) 809- 2- 20- 2,832 Patrick AFB MARS Team K4FD 930- 2- 12- 2,776 Shasta Cascade ARS N06A 916- 2- 15- 2,774 Massasoit ARA WB1FLD (+WB1CNX) 719- 2- 24- 2,738 N Hills RC K6IS 780- 2- 8- 2,646 Catalina RC N7WS 724- 2- 12- 2,634 Marion ARC W8GVB (+K8BJR) 777- 2- 45- 2,624 Blue Valley ARC W4HOU 847- 2- 22- 2,618 Randolph ARC K4YW 712- 2- 15- 2,606 The Brass K3AA 667- 2- 12- 2,572 Triple States RAC K8AN (+K8BFS) 690- 2- 14- 2,570 Poinsettia ARC N6SR 584- 2- 31- 2,526 Central Massachusetts ARA W1BIM 660- 2- 12- 2,500 Titusville ARC K84RBU 857- 2- 30- 2,490 N Shores ARC K8HAI 757- 2- 19- 2,478 Staten Island ARA W2CWW (+N2GMU) 829- 2- 21- 2,392 Lebanon Valley SRA NW3J (+N3FOG) 624- 2- 20- 2,358 OMIK Elec Comm W8CEV (+K88BK) 534- 2- 18- 2,254 Jackson Co ARC W5WA 745- 2- 25- 2,244 Tri-Co ARC NA4T 528- 2- 15- 2,230 Rio Hondo ARC W6GNS (+N6XFO) 609- 2- 68- 2,204 NCG N4BC 573- 2- 25- 2,132 Chicago ARC W9CAF (+K89DEA) 520- 2- 35- 2,078 San Francisco ARC W6PW 389- 2- 20- 2,064 Newport Co RC W15YE 484- 2- 19- 2,058 W Island ARC VE2CVI 636- 2- 30- 2,050 London Bridge ARA W87DSW 522- 2- 20- 1,994 Club Radio Amateur De L'Ou- taouais VE2CRO 581- 2- 42- 1,964 Michiana FDG N19A 581- 2- 12- 1,936 Waiauga ARC N4SNF (+N4YGY) 695- 2- 10- 1,904 Christian Co ARC WF9N (+K89BAJ) 539- 2- 12- 1,896 Smoky Hills ARC KF8KP (+N6LWR) 469- 2- 7- 1,894 BRATS W83DZO 607- 2- 46- 1,882 Fayette ARA KE8FO 469- 2- 14- 1,870 ACL R W19W 564- 2- 45- 1,842 Gabilan ARC WU6Y 465- 2- 25- 1,746 Dual Banders KD2IX (+K82CLO) 515- 2- 10- 1,746 Refugio Co ARC K5UMH (+K8LZE) 428- 2- 22- 1,686 Susquehanna Valley ARC KD3RN 327- 2- 10- 1,678 Allegheny Highlands ARC W2SAM 797- 1- 25- 1,657 SOMB Squad N6DN (+K68KSX) 381- 2- 25- 1,524 SW Iowa ARC W49YRS 556- 2- 20- 1,512 Columbia ARS WB4JEM (+N4XQH) 408- 2- 20- 1,470	Tri-State ARA W8VA (+N8LUA) 329- 2- 25- 1,402 Bedford Co ARS K3NQT 408- 2- 12- 1,388 Santiam Canyon ARE KMP7 286- 2- 7- 1,360 Hayward RC K6EAG 235- 2- 25- 1,346 Republic of the Rio Grande ARC N85W 366- 2- 15- 1,332 Spokane Radio Amateurs W7NBR 610- 2- 23- 1,238 Luna Co AR & RC N5JNA 103- 2- 4- 1,182 Highlands Co ARC W5AM 325- 2- 25- 1,150 Bobcat RC WB6DEJ 281- 2- 9- 962 S Waterloo ARC VES5WA 223- 2- 4- 946 Livermore ARK K6TS 348- 1- 8- 858 Eaton Rapids ARG K8BGOY 139- 2- 4- 760 Hill Tops K8OBS 166- 2- 3- 432	Great Bay RA WB1CAG (+N1HMH) 1293- 2- 30- 4,472 OCARS W8TNO (+N8LOD) 1111- 2- 34- 4,308 Burlington Co RC K2KED 1195- 2- 18- 4,304 Starved Rock RC W9MKS 1202- 2- 22- 4,224 ARC of El Cajon W49BGS 1251- 2- 25- 4,200 Davenport RAC W8BXR (+KA8RIJ) 1161- 2- 50- 4,028 Amateur Radio Fellowship N8MC (+N8HUN) 1114- 2- 17- 3,972 Rock Creek ARA W3RCN (+KA3JBL) 1085- 2- 25- 3,806 San Gabriel Valley RC W6QFK (+N6YGA) 1050- 2- 55- 3,768 W Carolina ARS W4MCE 905- 2- 13- 3,758 Clear Lake ARC/JSCARC/IBMAR W4SNOM (+K8SKJO) 820- 2- 60- 3,548 Gardan State ARA W2GSA 1020- 2- 25- 3,520 Greater Lawrence ARF W1FW (+KA1UAB) 961- 2- 15- 3,496 NBARC AA4HR (+N4PDD) 1062- 2- 45- 3,432 Wisconsin Rapids ARS W9DQA (+K89DVS) 927- 2- 18- 3,378 Durango ARC W1BS (+N8UTE) 1077- 2- 14- 3,356 Alamogordo ARC N5MYI 907- 2- 15- 3,284 Wheaton Community RA W9CCU (+N9JEQ) 2056- 1- 30- 3,281 Pasadena ARC W6KA 1901- 2- 50- 3,250 Independent RA K8WV (+K88OCC) 1093- 2- 28- 3,200 Susquehanna Co ARC K8ME (+N8HRO) 704- 2- 20- 3,192 Newark ARA W8SG 758- 2- 46- 2,934 Lambton Co RC VE3IG 771- 2- 14- 2,916 Michigan ARC N8LT (+K88LXD) 929- 2- 12- 2,836 Harrisburg RAC W3UJ 688- 2- 21- 2,834 Victor Valley ARC SCATS W86LRU 1042- 2- 25- 2,784 Champaign Logan ARC W8EBG 540- 2- 40- 2,684 Warren Co RACES W890 838- 2- 44- 2,618 S Berkshire ARC W1BAA (+KA1ODC) 778- 2- 12- 2,528 Ambassador ARS N6SN 563- 2- 10- 2,434 Jefferson Co ARC W7LD (+K87JLU) 549- 2- 31- 2,416 Edmond ARS N8HP 499- 2- 54- 2,364 Indian River ARC W4NLX 594- 2- 12- 2,348 Mayflower ARC NMIF 578- 2- 15- 2,328 Sub Club ARA KF8TG (+K88NOC) 634- 2- 20- 2,088 NCG W86SLA 489- 2- 25- 1,978 Palatka ARC N4VHR 554- 2- 25- 1,908 Firelands ARA N18C 300- 2- 25- 1,874 Highland ARA N58G 387- 2- 14- 1,840 Whitman ARC W4TNP 385- 2- 26- 1,738 Duxie ARK K4KZD 517- 2- 15- 1,734 Houston Echo Soc N25V 342- 2- 8- 1,624 Baldwin Hills ARC W46P 412- 2- 25- 1,624 Turlock ARC W6SVX 328- 2- 30- 1,494 Drummins ARC WAZAAZ 355- 2- 11- 1,474	6A Commercial Cowlay Co ARC W40JBW (+K89GBC) 341- 2- 10- 1,138 6A Battery Zuni Loop Mtn Expeditionary Force W6SKQ 1186- 5- 13- 9,940 Haleigh ARS W4DW 972- 5- 12- 9,260 6A Birmingham ARC W4CUE (+K4CPCT) 3787- 2- 76- 12,068 Orlando ARC W4PLB (+N4WQR) 3552- 2- 102- 11,492 Hoodview ARC W87QIW (+K87GUJ) 2977- 2- 80- 9,146 W Coast ARC W6DX (+N6YLCJ) 2968- 2- 70- 9,044 Northrop RC & Palos Verdes ARC W8CN (+K88TE) 3329- 2- 40- 8,774 Bolingbrook ARS NWSK (+K89ENA) 2248- 2- 30- 7,730 Windsor ARC VE30W 2205- 2- 50- 6,658 Vienna Wireless Soc K4HTA 1731- 2- 34- 6,232 Peoria Area ARC W9UVI (+K89IJH) 1609- 2- 37- 5,704 RF Hill ARC W3AI 1423- 2- 35- 5,588 Middlesex ARS W1EDH (+N1HAT) 1703- 2- 35- 5,376 10-70 RA K2KR 1360- 2- 34- 6,044 Kalamazoo ARC W8VY (+N8MCF) 1175- 2- 40- 4,406 Brantford ARC VE3BA 1148- 2- 30- 4,400 Augusta ARC W4DV (+N4YPG) 1488- 2- 14- 4,340 Triple "A" ARA AC3J 1363- 2- 40- 3,922 Mongalia Wireless Assn K8WV 1270- 2- 32- 3,768 Antietam RA W3CWC 1056- 2- 35- 3,760 Empire RC N8AY 921- 2- 20- 3,588 K86TVL N8RMJ 1352- 2- 25- 3,556 Orange Park ARC NU4Y (+N4OOF) 703- 2- 28- 3,074 209 ARC W8BOO 685- 2- 15- 2,840 Island Co ARC W7PN 552- 2- 15- 2,520 Toledo Mobile RA W8HHF 752- 2- 35- 2,432 AREA & Markham ESDA KE9X 645- 2- 15- 2,420 Sierra ARC W8YBN 451- 2- 10- 2,364 Midland ARC W8KEA (+N8KRT) 512- 2- 27- 2,304 LARC of Liverpool W4ZIS (+K82JLG) 475- 2- 12- 2,110 Iredell Co ARS K84QP 462- 2- 18- 2,068 Catois ARC K9HGX 393- 2- 18- 2,036 La Grange ARC AB4GA (+N4TCE) 543- 2- 20- 2,036 Kimberling ARC N98G 408- 2- 15- 2,014 Pt Venango Mike & Key Club W3ZIC 344- 2- 20- 1,992 Headwaters ARC K8GUV 472- 2- 6- 1,832 KCRABEMARC-TARC W2ODV 378- 2- 45- 1,808 Cedar Creek ARC K85Y 282- 2- 35- 1,756 Randolph Co Amateurs K8EPK 487- 2- 15- 1,714 Monterey Park ARC K6GIP 345- 2- 18- 1,648 Macoupin Co IL ARES N8AP 348- 2- 8- 1,624	6A Commercial RATTS N4IV 945- 2- 25- 3,300 7A Lake Co ARA K8BL (+K88EVA) 4586- 2- 39- 13,894 TRW ARC W6TRW (+K86FNO) 4198- 2- 23- 12,348 Gloucester Co ARC W2MMD 2085- 2- 68- 7,446 Fox River Radio League W9CEQ (+N9IJ) 2240- 2- 80- 7,134 Aksarben ARC W8EQU 1787- 2- 28- 5,212 Gainesville ARS K4DPZ (+K84HCK) 1483- 2- 20- 4,586 W Branch ARA W3AVK (+K83WCG) 1168- 2- 7- 4,300 State Line RC K2LSA (+K82DJJ) 701- 2- 25- 3,228 Richland Co ARES W8WE 1067- 2- 30- 3,198 Alexandria Arlington ARC W4WVP (+N4HCP) 840- 2- 40- 3,022 Mt ARC W3MYW 753- 2- 15- 2,946 WACOM W3IBT (+K83UWW) 589- 2- 25- 2,490 Selleve ARC W8VYV 375- 2- 14- 2,388 S Patuxent ARC N3VE 597- 2- 25- 2,288 Panorama Land ARC W7JTR 445- 2- 18- 2,150 8A Battery Alameda Co RC N6WG 1126- 5- 25- 8,700 8A Penn Wireless Assn W43SW 3868- 2- 25- 13,438 Crystal RC W2DMC 3182- 2- 21- 10,456 Pinellas Co Amateurs KF4BE 1640- 2- 136- 5,672 ARA Long Beach W6RO 1426- 2- 47- 4,110 S Michigan ARS W8DF 769- 2- 20- 3,702 Wellesley ARS W1FKZ 565- 2- 45- 2,768 9A Hampden Co RA W1NY (+N1GVV) 4432- 2- 40- 13,280 Interstate RS KX1T (+KA1RAJ) 1245- 2- 54- 4,628 Rockford ARA W9AXD 1121- 1- 25- 2,704 E Ontario ARC VE3SAU 504- 2- 10- 2,532 10A Warminster ARC K3JA (+K83SVT) 3701- 2- 60- 12,780 Scarborough ARS VE3WE 765- 2- 70- 3,496 Toledo RAC W8FU 617- 2- 16- 2,978 12A USECA W8BI (+N8MBK) 3722- 2- 243- 12,850 San Antonio RC W5CC 1641- 2- 42- 6,268 13A El Dorado Co ARC W8AJJ 990- 2- 25- 3,820 14A Northown ARC VE3NAR 1052- 2- 16- 3,748 17A Nashua ARC N1NH (+KA1SIE) 3875- 2- 80- 12,914 18A Battery Conejo Valley ARC K8CAC 2569- 5- 30- 21,275

**24A Commercial**  
Englewood ARA  
K2ND 91-2-15-608

**One- or Two-Person Portable**

**1B-1 op Battery**

K3MD	475-	5,150
N9FVN	373-	5,630
KEBY	321-	5,510
K5ER	263-	3,190
WB2MBM	330-	2,900
N8RJ	257-	2,770
NO8D	255-	2,650
KE0UJ	253-	2,600
K1BG	215-	2,450
WB5IUG	219-	2,390
K4RDU	216-	2,260
KM8X	180-	1,980
K7BFL	180-	1,810
AC7A	165-	1,650
WA6YPE	192-	1,455
KA0SAY	125-	1,450
WJ0J	249-	1,445
VE3DOP	147-	1,435
K6LMN	215-	1,375
WBWVEJ	163-	1,340
AA6AV	157-	1,280
N7JAM	228-	1,240
WD1M	221-	1,225
N2BP	103-	1,210
KE8L	100-	1,200
W1XH	103-	1,030
W9YYV	125-	925
WB2DLA	65-	860
WA2DFI	66-	850
N8FGB	79-	825
AB7E	83-	820
N9FBG	80-	740
AJ6T	71-	675
WA1WPR	34-	640
KA1NDY	78-	590
WB6QZK	71-	555
WB2VXS	4-	550
W6ZH	60-	530
WA6FIT	55-	475
K0LIO	26-	460
KH6CP/1	11-	355
WA2IUU	23-	315
NA4E	47-	284
N7NZ	1-	205
W6MHS	9-	90

**1B-1 op**

WB0AUB	758-	2,910
W6NW	659-	2,636
WB3ESR	426-	1,728
N6WQH	337-	1,834
K8RYU	448-	1,472
N8RJ	358-	1,434
WB9COY	473-	1,254
VE3NUL	295-	1,180
KA7MPX	533-	1,168
WA4GNR	162-	748
NC6J	209-	644
NO3P	41-	605
NY0Q	164-	584
NF3X	126-	576
K85CNG	78-	564
K07O	165-	548
W52L	42-	520
KE9XL	138-	480
WB2AXF	76-	396
AA6D	125-	376
WB6VIC	172-	348
AJ1G	88-	298
VE2BHV	82-	264
N1FUS	79-	258
KF0JY	68-	236
KA7PDH	27-	170
VE3EWK	21-	142
VE4AED	9-	118
WD4NIT	3-	106
K87HPU	33-	106
WB8WFK	50-	100

**1B-1 op Commercial**

N8NF	230-	708
WA1UMA	49-	192

**2B-1 op**

WA6RND	112-	944
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**1B-2 ops Battery**

W7EL (+KBED)	484-	5,040
NK1I (+N1FJ)	360-	4,205
AA4YZ (+KA9EKP)	358-	3,325
N1EVR (+N8HLE)	293-	3,130
K3SS (+WF4U)	424-	3,045
WF6B (+KB6YAR)	263-	2,470
KB9S (+KF0T)	231-	2,410
N1HL (+WB2AMU)	243-	2,405
WB9TOW (+op)	220-	2,400
KK7C (+N7MZ)	218-	1,945
N8MFW (+N8MFN)	177-	1,870
KB0IH (+W8NF)	199-	1,610

NT0I (+NA0Z)	148-	1,580
WB6JJE (+N8AWA)	89-	1,045
VE3EQP (+VE3IMG)	109-	850
N0KMA (+WA7NWP)	77-	815
N6KR (+WB8CIC)	81-	810
N0EUL (+N0GVP)	121-	705
KA9QOT (+KB9EZO)	232-	564
WW6O (+N6ODQ)	109-	418
KA5B (+op)	31-	410

**1B-2 ops**

KC1SJ (+N1RIH)	1673-	4,316
KE3Q (+WA3G)	1191-	4,130
KB9X (+NY9C)	857-	3,728
W4XD (+AB4RI)	793-	3,204
KD0Y (+KB8EBH)	920-	3,022
N8AM (+N8IFJ)	840-	2,848
AD7L (+KA7WDM)	638-	2,810
N7AZ (+WB7SRC)	779-	2,704
K4PB (+AB4FR)	568-	2,596
WA0OU (+op)	524-	2,172
VE2QST (VE2BP, VE2WH, ops)	360-	2,088
KJ6JJ (+NH6HQ)	877-	1,828
WM8W (+WA8GAU)	758-	1,818
W8XY (+N4VYT)	674-	1,764
W1WP (+AD1OI)	421-	1,712
K3UAV (+op)	344-	1,694
K2OC (+K9SO)	397-	1,688
N3GPZ (+N3GWZ)	693-	1,486
N0FKC (+N0KCA)	366-	1,380
K9UT (+K9VP)	449-	1,268
WN5TEN (+KE5SR)	290-	1,260
K8CCP (+N8EHW)	569-	1,250
KC3ZG (+KC3ZT)	348-	1,108
N0GSM (+KD0AN)	367-	1,090
N7DLV (+op)	257-	1,004
W6FA (+N6DLU)	326-	996
N9HZQ (+N9IAQ)	300-	902
ND9Z (+KA9LOE)	643-	863
K0HYG (+WA0PWE)	237-	774
KB9Y (+KA9EHU)	218-	692
WA3KEY (+WA3RXP)	213-	688
KE9UR (+op)	188-	674
WB7NAC (+WA7NCL)	229-	674
KL7CQ (+AL7LB)	533-	633
W7POE (+KB7AWK)	156-	620
KF0FP (+KB0DVM)	148-	598
N1DUS (+N2HZI)	243-	586
WB8YGG (+KB2JKP)	220-	546
WA7PRC (+N7MCG)	202-	504
KB6TQQ (+N6WMF)	172-	444
KC4QMW (+op)	206-	412
KE7AX (+N7HQT)	84-	378
VO1SO (+VO1FK)	128-	256
KA9EPO (+op)	119-	238
K7WWR (+KA7WEY)	26-	190
AH6HU (+NH6HZ)	39-	78

**1B-2 ops Commercial**

KB5GEO (+op)	918-	2,236
W8UMU (+op)	93-	186

**2B-2 ops Battery**

NO6B (+WB0VRN)	5-	3,400
N8MBY (+WB8UER)	262-	2,320
N1DGO (+N1BYT)	164-	1,270
WD6CLZ (+K6ZYU)	146-	930
N0HOT (+KA0JDE)	20-	680

**2B-2 ops**

KE6B (+WB6HEU)	2432-	7,208
K9LJN (+KS9O)	1849-	6,632
K8GIV (+K8BQI)	1048-	3,838
K0AF (+KB0BMK)	398-	3,760
WE9K (+KA9UOA)	426-	1,970
AF0Z (+WB9BVZ)	457-	1,836
WB2EKK (+WA3WHE)	465-	1,762
W9HRQ (+KA9GYX)	548-	1,300
WA4KDO (+WB4LBO)	301-	1,280
WA7SNU (+N7GVR)	464-	1,228
KA9OTU (+N9BJB)	207-	1,078
KF6YU (+KG6WVX)	434-	1,068
WB5OAP (+WB5OAO)	151-	1,058
KA4RQB (+KC4ESQ)	309-	918
W9FOZ (+KE9FL)	284-	884
WB3GOK (+WB3DPR)	340-	880
N6OXT (+N6SMW)	174-	788
KO9S (+K0AM)	121-	782
KA5MCP (+op)	96-	556
N9INN (+KB9EMF)	238-	476
N6SMW (+op)	80-	360
KW7R (+N7FWS)	148-	296

**2B-2 ops Commercial**

VE3GAM (+VE3AUJ)	719-	2,280
KJ8I (+N8JSZ)	586-	2,002

**Mobile Stations**

**1C**

KB4GID	393-	3,925
N6OP/NP2	383-	3,330
AA6DP	896-	2,962
K8HVT	838-	2,904
KK4NO	684-	2,574
K5PRE	630-	1,826
AB4EL	570-	1,586
K1WGM	309-	1,236
K6TQ	330-	1,164
N0GYN	516-	1,090
N98B	178-	708
KB8U	126-	665
W6BKY	146-	655
WN6I	196-	524
WA2EPK	164-	490
WB8LOW	238-	478
KC2JS	224-	448
W5KL	98-	392
WD9EGW	85-	340
N10N	159-	318
WA0WAL	152-	304
W18G	150-	300
N4SCV	122-	292
W2MTA	127-	254
KG5HR	111-	222
N5PT	53-	160
W6MMG	80-	156
KJ6NO	75-	150
W08V	66-	132
KB2C	59-	118
N7LOD	58-	118
KD0FW	88-	118
W9CNF	42-	84
WV2B	34-	68
N1EE	32-	64
K0YQX	13-	48
WA3SCW	21-	42
K1FJM	15-	30
WA7PTM	2-	10
N7MI	5-	10

**2C**

N6OD	1216-	2,432
W1TUM	295-	610

**Home Stations Commercial Power**

**1D**

KM9P	1039-	3,500
KF0JB	1113-	2,226
KR8V	741-	2,114
VE5GC	746-	4,160
W8FW	614-	6,108
W8OSK	1504-	1,504

W3GG	978-	1,471
KS7T	959-	1,439
K09A	356-	1,424
WA4WK	547-	1,338
N0FFZ	312-	1,248
KA3RRF	302-	1,220
WB2DVU	300-	1,200
VE2GIV	290-	1,160
W5YM	531-	1,072
KA0IAA	431-	999
K1TN	329-	1,038
N9AX	295-	1,038
WN2R	473-	1,010
K0HP	287-	1,008
K3SA	303-	978
W12U	440-	864
AK1M	210-	840
KB9UG	216-	838
AB0I4	204-	816
KA5AG	406-	816
KA5GD	403-	806
K2MK	504-	803
W43RGH	391-	782
K0DA	194-	776
KB9UJ	219-	756
WB9ZAJ	235-	756
WB4GBY	174-	684
K3ZD	462-	638
WB8MJY	318-	638
WD9ISG	158-	638
KC3LM	218-	638
N4ID	246-	542
WE5HM	442-	542
N0IC	456-	500
WA5IYX	247-	494
KS4S	242-	484
KA5CYH	130-	474
KM3D	116-	464
WB8NYD	131-	456
WB5L	226-	452
WB8FN	106-	424
KA1GWQ	149-	424
AA6OC	196-	418
N7GUC	368-	368
W1TR	183-	366
WB8HRK	179-	358
WB8PI	99-	356
WD0AVV	84-	336
W4TYU	80-	320
W5NR	79-	316
KB5FET	155-	310
WB8MY	153-	306
N5EMC	151-	302
W3ZGD	148-	296
W5MPX	143-	286
KB9CRJ	75-	254
KD4BT	120-	240
VE3OMU	60-	240
N2EZ	59-	236
AB4GI	83-	234
WB2CBA	75-	228
KJ5EJ	57-	228
W5JUV	108-	216
WB4DVN	103-	206
W4LEP	102-	204
K5EIS	102-	204
KA1DSE	89-	178
N4IOZ	87-	174
KB8CRY	68-	152
NO2I	73-	146
NX1C	35-	140
W9REC	40-	140
WB6CBQ	68-	136
NX9T	127-	132
KC4LSG	65-	130
KA2MCU	33-	120
WC7C	51-	120
KC4PAO	54-	124
KN3C	111-	111
KA9RAQ	47-	94
KK0J	45-	90
K0YQX	36-	88
W1J2L	43-	86
KL7DN	41-	82
N2KJL	40-	80
W9RZW	37-	74
VE3ADX	18-	72
KE7FZ	32-	64
KA4ZBN	26-	52
WBXT	22-	44
KA3SFZ	29-	58
AA6RE	19-	38
WD4BMG	27-	54
W5UVP	23-	46
KN4DK	42-	84
WB5CIT	8-	32
K0JYK	29-	58
AA6EE	5-	20
WA6TGF	1-	2

**2D**

AA5B	2112-	5,536
WE1B	858-	6,230
KABZOA	550-	5,190
W8TS	394-	1,020
WB8RU	442-	936
AB4GB	407-	814
W7EK	207-	688
WB8VD	334-	668
W6DVT	304-	608
KA3QFC	267-	536
N4QH	486-	486
NJ1Q	92-	290
KD2PQ	71-	142

**3D**

KM4X	769-	1,944
K8BYL	544-	957
KF1F	207-	458
K03VG	139-	290

**4D**

W1AW	1821-	6,272
W2USA	1093-	2,188

**7D**

K04J	2186-	6,314
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**Home Stations Emergency Power**

**1E**

KWVI	1078-	9,535
K3CNW	559-	5,590
K8SH	1938-	3,978
KB5MM	1775-	7,362
W9WOK	775-	2,866
K6LL	2221-	35,254
WB2UEY	1267-	1,254
WR4I	262-	2,456
K3DI	675-	1,242
WB4HE	629-	2,230
N4PC	1046-	5,202
W5ORM	206-	1,206
WA4CUG	202-	1,202
K8CV	187-	1,820
VE2CLM	480-	1,770
KB3WN	313-	1,585
NN1G	152-	1,515
WB4ZHF	653-	1,384
WA9YLB	315-	1,238
N6GI	307-	1,120</

# Rules, ARRL 10-Meter Contest

1) **Object:** For amateurs worldwide to exchange QSO information with as many stations as possible on 28 MHz.

2) **Contest Period:** Second full weekend of December (December 8-9, 1990). Starts 0000 UTC Saturday; ends 2400 UTC Sunday. All stations operate no more than 36 hours out of the 48-hour period. Listening time counts as operating time.

### 3) Categories:

(A) **Single operator:** One person performs all operating and logging functions. Use of spotting nets (operator arrangements involving assistance though DX alerting nets, etc) is not permitted. *Three power-output categories: QRP—5-W output or less; low power—150-W output or less; and high power—more than 150-W output.*

(1) Mixed mode (phone and CW)

(2) Phone only

(3) CW only

(B) **Multioperator:** Single transmitter, mixed-mode only. Those obtaining any form of assistance, such as relief operators, loggers or use of spotting nets.

### 4) Contest Exchange:

(A) W/VE stations (including KH6/KL7) send signal report and state or province (District of Columbia stations send signal report and DC). Novice and Technician stations sign /N or /T.

(B) DX stations (including KH2/KP4, etc) transmit signal report and serial number starting with 001.

(C) Maritime or aeronautical mobile stations send signal report and ITU Region (1, 2 or 3).

### 5) Scoring:

(A) **QSO points:** Count two points for each complete two-way phone QSO. Count four points for each two-way CW QSO. Count eight points for CW QSOs with US Novice or Technician stations signing /N or /T (28.1-28.3 MHz only).

(B) **Multipliers:** Fifty US states (plus District of Columbia), Canada (NB [VE1], NS [VE1], PEI [VE1 or VY2], PQ [VE2], ON [VE3], MB [VE4], SK [VE5], AB [VE6], BC [VE7], NWT [VE8], YUK [VY1], NF [VO1], LAB [VO2]), DXCC countries (except the US and Canada), ITU regions (maritime and aeronautical mobiles only) per mode (phone and CW).

(C) **Final Score:** Multiply QSO points by total multipliers (the sum of states/VE call areas/DXCC countries/ITU regions per mode). Example: W1XX works 2245 stations including 1305 phone QSOs, 930 non-Novice CW QSOs, 10 Novices CW QSOs, for a total of 6410 QSO points. He works 49 states, 10 Canadian multipliers, 23 DXCC countries and a maritime mobile station in Region 2 on phone; and 30 states, 8 Canadian multipliers and 19 DXCC countries on CW for a total multiplier of 140. Final score = 6410 (QSO points) × 140 (multiplier) = 897,400 points.

### 6) Miscellaneous:

(A) Call signs and exchange information must be received by each station for a complete QSO.

(B) No crossmode contacts; CW QSOs must be made below 28.3 MHz.

### Sample 10-Meter Contest Exchanges

#### Phone

CQ Contest CQ Contest

From Kilo Alfa Five Whiskey Mike Juliett

KA5WMJ

November Seven India Papa Golf

N7IPG Thank you

You're 59 Texas

Roger, you're 59 Utah

N7IPG

QSL, QRZed

KA5 Whiskey Mike Juliett

#### CW

CQ Test CQ Test

DE KA5WMJ KA5WMJ/N

DE N7IPG/T

N7IPG/T

599 TX

R 599 UT N7IPG/T

R TU KA5WMJ/N QRZ

(C) Single-operator mixed-mode and multioperator stations may work stations once on CW and once on SSB.

(D) Your call sign must indicate your DXCC country (K6LL in Arizona need not send K6LL/7, but K1JD in Hawaii must send K1JD/KH6).

(E) One operator may not use more than one call sign from any given location during the contest period.

(F) All entrants may transmit only one signal on the air at any given time.

(G) The use of non-Amateur Radio means of communication (eg, telephone) for the purpose of soliciting a contact (or contacts) during the contest period is inconsistent with the spirit and intent of this announcement.

(H) A transmitter used to contact one or more stations may not subsequently be used under any other call during the contest period (with the exception of family stations where more than one call is assigned by FCC/DOC).

### 7) Reporting:

(A) Entries must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the end of the contest (January 10, 1991). No late entries can be accepted. Entries with more than 500 QSOs must include cross-check sheets (dupe sheets). Use ARRL 10-Meter Contest forms, a reasonable facsimile or submit entry on diskette.

(1) Official entry forms are available from ARRL HQ for an SASE with two units

of first-class postage or four IRCs.

(2) You may submit your contest entry on diskette in lieu of paper logs. The floppy diskette must be IBM-compatible, MS-DOS-formatted, 3½- or 5¼-inch (40- or 80-track). The log information must be in an ASCII file, following the ARRL Suggested Standard File Format, and contain all log exchange information (band, mode, date, time in UTC, call sign of station worked, exchange sent, exchange received, multipliers [marked the first time worked] and QSO points). One entry per diskette. An official summary sheet or reasonable facsimile with signed contest participation disclaimer is required with all entries.

8) **Awards:** A certificate will be awarded to the highest-scoring single-operator station (in each category) from each ARRL Section and DXCC country. The top scoring Novice/Technician station (in each category) in each ARRL Section will be awarded a certificate. Top multioperator entries in each ARRL Division and each continent will receive certificates. Additional certificates will be awarded as participation warrants.

### 9) Condition of Entry:

(A) Each entrant agrees to be bound by the provisions and the intent of this announcement, the regulations of his or her licensing authority and the decisions of the ARRL Awards Committee.

(B) **Disqualifications:** Excess duplicates and call sign/exchange errors. See January 1990 QST for complete details.

# Rules, ARRL 160-Meter Contest

1) **Object:** For amateurs worldwide to exchange information with W/VE amateurs on 1.8-MHz CW only. DX-to-DX QSOs are not permitted for contest credit.

2) **Contest Period:** 2200 UTC November 30 until 1600 UTC December 2. Forty-two-hour period with no time limitation.

## 3) Categories:

(A) **Single operator:** One person performs all transmitting, receiving, spotting and logging functions.

(1) **QRP:** 5-W output or less.

(2) **Low Power:** 150-W output or less.

(3) **High Power:** More than 150-W output.

(B) **Multioperator:** Single transmitter only. Those obtaining any form of assistance, such as relief operators, loggers or use of spotting nets.

## 4) Contest Exchange:

(A) **W/VE:** Signal report and ARRL/CRRL Section.

(B) **DX:** Signal report. Country name is obvious from the prefix. Send ITU Region if maritime or aeronautical mobile.

## 5) Scoring:

(A) **QSO Points:** Two points for QSOs with amateurs in an ARRL/CRRL Section. W/VE stations count five points for DX QSOs.

(B) **Multipliers:** ARRL/CRRL Sections plus VE8/VY1 (maximum of 77) and DXCC countries (W/VE participants only).

(C) **Final Score:** Multiply QSO points by multiplier. Example: K1MM works 357 stations, including 13 DX stations, and has a multiplier of 67. His score would be 753 QSO points  $[(344 \times 2) + (13 \times 5)]$  multiplied by 67 for 50,451 points.

## 6) Miscellaneous:

(A) **Participants are reminded that 1.830 to 1.850 MHz should be used for intercontinental QSOs only, in conformance with the ARRL band plan.**

(B) **The use of non-Amateur Radio means of communication (eg, telephone) for the purpose of soliciting a contact (or contacts) during the contest period is inconsistent with the spirit and intent of this announcement.**

## 7) Reporting:

(A) **Entries must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the end of the contest (January 2, 1991). No late entries can be accepted. Entries with more than 200 QSOs must include cross-check sheets (dupe sheets). Use ARRL 160-Meter Contest forms, a reasonable facsimile or submit entry on diskette.**

(1) **Official entry forms are available from HQ for an SASE with two units of first-class postage or four IRCs.**

(2) **You may submit your contest entry on diskette in lieu of paper logs. The floppy diskette must be IBM-compatible, MS-DOS-formatted, 3 1/2- or 5 1/4-inch (40- or 80-track). The log information must be in an ASCII file, following the ARRL Suggested Standard File Format, and contain all log exchange information (band, mode, date, time in UTC, call sign of station worked, exchange sent, exchange received, multipliers [marked the first**


**time worked] and QSO points). One entry per diskette. An official summary sheet or reasonable facsimile with a signed contest participation disclaimer is required with all entries.**

(3) **Awards:** Certificates will be awarded to the top-scoring QRP, low-power and high-power single-operator stations in each ARRL/CRRL Section and DXCC country, and to the top-scoring multioperator stations

in each ARRL Division and continent.

## 9) Condition of Entry:

(A) **Each entrant agrees to be bound by the provisions and the intent of this announcement, the regulations of his or her licensing authority and the decisions of the ARRL Awards Committee.**

(B) **Disqualifications:** Excess duplicates and call sign/exchange errors. See January 1990 *QST* for complete details. 

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## W1AW Schedule

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October 28, 1990—April 1, 1991      MTWThFSSn = Days of Week      Dy = Daily  
W1AW code practice and bulletin transmissions are sent on the following schedule:

UTC	Slow Code Practice Fast Code Practice CW Bulletins Teleprinter Bulletins Voice Bulletins	MWF: 0300, 1400; TThS: 0000; TThSSn: 2100; Sn: 0300 MWF: 0000, 2100; TTh: 0300, 1400; S: 0300; Sn: 0000 Dy: 0100, 0400, 2200; MTWThF: 1500 Dy: 0200, 0500, 2300; MTWThF: 1600 Dy: 0230, 0530
EST	Slow Code Practice Fast Code Practice CW Bulletins Teleprinter Bulletins Voice Bulletins	MWF: 9 AM, 7 PM; TThSSn: 4 PM, 10 PM MWF: 4 PM, 10 PM; TTh: 9 AM; TThSSn: 7 PM Dy: 5 PM, 8 PM, 11 PM; MTWThF: 10 AM Dy: 6 PM, 9 PM, 12 PM; MTWThF: 11 AM Dy: 9:30 PM, 12:30 AM
CST	Slow Code Practice Fast Code Practice CW Bulletins Teleprinter Bulletins Voice Bulletins	MWF: 8 AM, 6 PM; TThSSn: 3 PM, 9 PM MWF: 3 PM, 9 PM; TTh: 8 AM; TThSSn: 6 PM Dy: 4 PM, 7 PM, 10 PM; MTWThF: 9 AM Dy: 5 PM, 8 PM, 11 PM; MTWThF: 10 AM Dy: 8:30 PM, 11:30 PM
MST	Slow Code Practice Fast Code Practice CW Bulletins Teleprinter Bulletins Voice Bulletins	MWF: 7 AM, 5 PM; TThSSn: 2 PM, 8 PM MWF: 2 PM, 8 PM; TTh: 7 AM; TThSSn: 5 PM Dy: 3 PM, 6 PM, 9 PM; MTWThF: 8 AM Dy: 4 PM, 7 PM, 10 PM; MTWThF: 9 AM Dy: 7:30 PM, 10:30 PM
PST	Slow Code Practice Fast Code Practice CW Bulletins Teleprinter Bulletins Voice Bulletins	MWF: 6 AM, 4 PM; TThSSn: 1 PM, 7 PM MWF: 1 PM, 7 PM; TTh: 6 AM; TThSSn: 4 PM Dy: 2 PM, 5 PM, 8 PM; MTWThF: 7 AM Dy: 3 PM, 6 PM, 9 PM; MTWThF: 8 AM Dy: 6:30 PM, 9:30 PM

Code practice, Qualifying Run and CW bulletin frequencies: 1.818\*, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 21.0775, 28.0775, 147.555\* MHz.

Teleprinter bulletin frequencies: 3.625, 7.095, 14.095, 21.095, 28.095, 147.555 MHz.  
Voice bulletin frequencies: 1.89, 3.99, 7.29, 14.29, 21.39, 28.59, 50.19, 147.555 MHz.

Slow code practice is sent at 5, 7 1/2, 10, 13 and 15 WPM.

Fast code practice is sent at 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 WPM.

Code practice texts are from *QST*, and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds. For example, "Text is from September 1990 *QST*, pages 16 and 79," indicates that the main text is from the article on page 16 and the mixed number/letter groups at the end of each speed are from the contest scores on page 79.

On Fridays, UTC, a DX bulletin replaces the regular bulletin transmissions.

On Tuesdays and Saturdays at 2330 UTC, Keplerian Elements for active amateur satellites will be sent on the regular teleprinter frequencies.

Teleprinter bulletins are 45.45-baud Baudot, 110-baud ASCII and 100-baud AMTOR, FEC mode.

CW bulletins are sent at 18 WPM.

W1AW is open for visitors Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 1 AM EST and on Saturday and Sunday from 3:30 PM to 1 AM EST. If you desire to operate W1AW, be sure to bring a copy of your license with you.

**W1AW is available for operation by visitors between 1 and 4 PM Monday through Friday.**

In a communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: voice on the hour, teleprinter at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.

W1AW will be closed on December 24 and 25, January 1 and February 18.

\*Temporarily off the air on 160 and 2 meters.

## OCTOBER

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**West Coast Qualifying Run**, 10-35 WPM, 0500Z Nov 1 (9 PM PST Oct 31). W6OWP prime, W6ZRJ alternate. Frequency is approximately 3.590 MHz. Underline one minute of the highest speed you copied, certify that your copy was made without aid and send to ARRL HQ for grading. Please include your full name, call sign (if any) and complete mailing address. A large SASE will help expedite your award or endorsement.

## NOVEMBER

3-4

**International EME Competition**, see Sep *QST*, p 78.

**QST QSO Award Party**, phone, sponsored by the Canadian Radio Relay League, Nov 3-4, 1400Z-2200Z each day (CW—Nov 10-11). The award is available to any amateur who makes phone, CW or mixed contacts with eight of the 11 QST stations in Canada. To receive the award, send an SASE or IRC to Garry Hammond, VE3XN, 5 McLaren Ave, ON N4W 3K1, Canada.

3-5

**ARRL November Sweepstakes**, CW, see Oct *QST*, p 93.

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**WIAW Qualifying Run**, 10-35 WPM, Nov 11 0300Z (10 PM EDT, Nov 10). Transmitted simultaneously on 1.818 3.5815 7.0475 14.0475 18.0975 21.0775 28.0775 30.08 147.555 MHz. See Oct 31 listing for details.

10-11

**North Carolina QSO Party**, sponsored by the Alamance ARC, from 0000Z Nov 10 until 2400Z Nov 11. Work stations once per band/mode. Mobiles may be worked again as they change counties. Exchange RS(T) and QTH (NC county, state, or country). Suggested frequencies: SSB—3.860 7.260 14.260 21.360 28.360; CW—3.540 3.740 7.040 7.140 14.040 21.140 28.040 28.140. Count one point per phone QSO, two points per CW QSO, and 5 points for Novice/Tech contacts. NC stations multiply points by total NC counties, states, provinces and countries. Others multiply points by total NC counties worked (max 100). Blank forms are available from K4EG for an SASE. Mail logs by June 30 to NC QSO Party, c/o K4EG, PO Box 3064, Burlington, NC 27215. Include an SASE for results and certificate.

**European DX Contest**, RTTY, see July *QST*, p 81.

**QST QSO Award Party**, CW, see Nov 3-4 listing.

17-19

**ARRL November Sweepstakes**, phone, see Oct *QST*, p 93.

24-25

**CQ World-Wide DX Contest**, CW, see Sep *QST*, p 81.

**West Virginia QSO Party**, sponsored by the West Virginia State ARC, 1800Z Nov 24 to 1800Z Nov 25. Work stations once per band/mode. Exchange signal report and state or province (WV stations send signal report and county). Score one point per phone QSO and two points per CW QSO. Score 25 points for working W8WVA. Final score is QSO points × total WV counties worked (WV stations multiply QSO points by WV counties, states, and provinces worked). Send logs by Dec 21 to Jimmie Hewlett, WD8MKS, 2207 Fairlawn Ave, Dunbar, WV 25064.

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**WIAW Qualifying Run**, 10-35 WPM, Nov 27 2100Z (4 PM EST Nov 27). See Nov 10 listing for more details.

30-December 2

**ARRL 160-Meter Contest**, see this issue, p 85.

## DECEMBER

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**West Coast Qualifying Run**, Dec 5 0500Z (9 PM PST Dec 4). See Oct 31 listing for more details.

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**ARRL 10-Meter Contest**, see this issue, p 84.

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**WIAW Qualifying Run**, 10-35 WPM, Dec 10 0300Z (10 PM EST Dec 9). See Nov 10 listing for more details.

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**WIAW Qualifying Run**, 10-35 WPM, Dec 27 1400Z (9 AM EST Dec 27). See Nov 10 listing for more details.

**Contest Announcements:** Items for this column can be sent on a 5¼- or 3½-inch MS-DOS floppy diskette in ASCII format to ARRL HQ, via modem (ARRL HQ BBS, 203-665-0090, 2400-8-N-1) or in written form. The deadline for receipt of items for this column is the 1st of the second month preceding the publication date. For example, your information would have to reach HQ by **December 1** to make the **February** issue. Please include the

name of the contest, dates, times (Z) and complete rules. Send to Contest Corral, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

### Standard Contest Guidelines

1) Make sure your log details the date, time, band, call sign and complete exchange sent and received for each QSO claimed for contest credit.

2) Your summary sheet should indicate your score, including how you figured it and a declaration that you followed FCC/DOC regulations and the contest rules. Your name, call sign and complete address should be typed or printed in block letters.


3) Crossband, crossmode and repeater contacts are usually not permitted. Contacts with the same station on different bands are usually permitted.

4) Your log should be checked carefully for duplicate QSOs and if more than 200 QSOs are made, dupe sheets should be included with your entry.

5) Your log may be considered a checklog or disqualified if it is incomplete or if too many errors are detected by the contest committee.

6) Avoid standard net frequencies.

7) International contests generally offer awards to top scorers from each US call area and each country; state QSO parties to each state/province.

8) Your summary sheet should include the following statement: "I have observed all competition rules and all regulations established for Amateur Radio in my country." The declaration should be signed and dated. 

# Special Events

Conducted By Warren C. Stankiewicz, NF1J  
Assistant Contest Manager

**Calvary, Georgia:** The Albany ARC will operate W4MM 1300Z-2000Z Nov 3 to commemorate the 18th Mule Day Festival. 3.975 7.260 14.320 28.383. For certificate, send SASE to ARRC, PO Box 70601, Albany, GA 31707-0011.

**The Armed Forces Net** will operate 0000Z Nov 7-2400Z Nov 11 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of US Armor and to honor all veterans. CW—7.065-7.125; phone—3.920, 7.283, 14.250, 21.375, 28.450, 28.460. For certificate, send a SASE to WB1DWR, 16 Berkeley Cir, Newington, CT 06111.

**Clinton, North Carolina:** The Sampson County ARS will operate AB4TT 1700Z-2400Z Nov 8 in conjunction with the Sampson County Expo and Pork Festival. Operation is in the lower portion of the General bands. QSL to SCARS, PO Box 64, Clinton, NC 28328.

**Fort Pierce, Florida:** The Fort Pierce ARC will operate K14YF 1400Z-2100Z Nov 10 to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the UDT-Seal Museum. Operation is on the General 20 and 15 meter phone bands and the Novice portion of 10 meters. For certificate, send QSL and SASE to FPARC, PO Box 0004, Fort Pierce, FL 34954.

**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:** WB3L will operate 1300Z-2400Z Nov 10-11 to commemorate "Light Up The Night At The Point." 7.240 14.240 21.340 28.340. For QSL, send QSL and SASE to WB3L, 3444 Bench Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.


**Nitro, West Virginia:** The Tri-County Ham RC will operate W8WVA 1500Z Nov 10-2200Z Nov 11 to commemorate the living memorial to WW1. Operation is 25 kHz up from the General 80, 40 and 20 meter bands and Novice 10 meters. For certificate, send QSL and SASE to W8WVA/N8CG, c/o Chub Goodwin, 103 Cleveland Ave, Nitro, WV 25143.

**Washington, DC:** HAMVETS will operate N3EKX Nov 11-12 to commemorate Veteran's Day. Operation is in the General 80, 40 and 20 meter phone

bands. For QSL, send QSL and SASE to K9ICF, 13300 Wye Oak Dr, Darnestown, MD 20878.

**Pensacola, Florida:** N4PHH will operate Nov 11-17 during Geography Awareness Week. Operation is on 14.250, the General phone portion of 15 meters and the Novice portion of 10 meters. For certificate, send QSL to Fred Gamble, Dept of Physical Science, Pensacola Junior College, Pensacola, FL 32504.

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**QSLing Special-Event Stations:** To get your QSL or certificate from any of the special-event stations listed here, follow these simple guidelines. (1) After working the station, carefully fill out a QSL card for the QSO. Show the date and time accurately using UTC. (2) Prepare a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If sending for a certificate, use a 9- x 12-inch envelope if you want an unfolded certificate, or a no. 10 envelope if folds are okay. Include enough postage for return of your envelope. (3) Mail your QSL and your SASE to the address listed or to the address given on the air by the station you QSO. Be patient; special-event stations often print their cards and/or certificates after the operation is over so they will know how many to order. 



## The ARRL Field Organization Forum

### ATLANTIC DIVISION

**DELAWARE:** SM, Bob Pegritz, KC3TI—I'm still in the tedious process of moving (it must be the gypsy in me) & info, especially with regard to tlc, is coming to me a bit slowly. I'll have to combine this month's tlc reports with next month's. See the Dec '90 issue of OST! Thanks to all who helped with recent runs, races & NDMS activity. Congrats to AWARE for becoming a Special Service Club and a big DE welcome to our newest club, the Penn-Del ARC, which presently sports a new rpt freq of 224.22 MHz—Novice ops take note. With the fall season comes more news of classes being held for upgrades & Novices. If you need a complete schedule, give me a call. Does your club have an activity worth publishing in this column? Please send me your club newsletter & we'll be happy to help. Happy Thanksgiving & very 73!

**EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA:** SM, Robert M. Stanhope, KB3YS—ASM: N3ECL @ WB3AFL, WA3PZO @ WB3JOE. ACC: KC3QB. BM: KD3OA; OOC: W3IS. PIC: W3ZVX. SGL: WA3IAO. SEC: WB3FPL. STM: KD3AO. TC: W3FAF. I sit here ea month & wonder what I'll write about, as I'm allotted 63 lines of space. It's Sept 10 as I write this & all of a sudden we have a military crisis in the world. The amateurs of EPA have direct involvement in the situation. The Nat'l Disaster Medical System (NDMS) has been activated & is on standby. Should the situation in the Middle East become a major conflict, many of the wounded would be flown into the Philadelphia area. These wounded would then be distributed to area hospitals. This distribution is done by Amateur Radio. As many as 200 persons in ARES will be involved in this program at a time, as we'll be working with more than 30 hospitals, Federal, State & local gov't agencies & social agencies such as the Red Cross. This is an awesome responsibility & is what many have trained for. This is the 1st time in yrs Amateur Radio has had to go to war. Never have we had this responsibility! Should the crisis escalate, you will make us proud. I hope this doesn't come to pass & by the time you read this, we may have the answer to this question. On a lighter note, I want to congratulate the SM of Maryland, Ken Cohen, N13F & his wife, Gillian, on the birth of the new ASM, as yet to be named. Mother & child are fine; the father was the one who got hurt at the hospital! Gads, Dad! I had the honor to speak at the Westminster ARC this past wk; it was their annual ARRL night. Also speaking were the Atlantic Div, W3ABC & Vice Dir KC3LM. EPA/ASM WA3PZO spoke about the involvement of NDMS & EPA/PIO W3ZVX on PR. The club has had wonderful success in training students in the radio arts. They've helped form 2 RCs in area elementary schools! No, this isn't a misprint! I hope to gain info on their training program. It was a good time for me & N3FVO, thanks to all. This week I'm in my NE corner of the state to teach the SKYWARN program in Nazareth for the Allentown office of the Nat'l WX Service. I'll be a guest of the Delaware-Lehigh ARC. Then, I'm off to visit the newest affiliated club, the Columbia Area ARC, K3FHC/R in Lancaster Co. Their 37 members sold submarine sandwiches door-to-door to purchase & maintain their rpt. They will have a hamfest in Jan 1991 (indoors). For more info, contact their club president, Scott, KA3LUW @ KA3PLC. Then it's the York hamfest. I'll be having a staff mtg at this time to develop our course of action concerning the proposed Communicator license, SKYWARN & NDMS—more on that next month. I have 2 appointments this month, OOs John Miller, WA3OVD & Bill Freiler, N3EYM. Tlc (Aug): WA3DFU 588 Westminster ARC, N3DRM 290, W3IVS 215, KD3AO 156, KA3ORF 154, WA3EHD 134, N3CDD 114, W3JKX 108, W3PIE 80, W3DPP 77, W3KAG N3EFW 67, W3KOD 65, W3ADE 62, N3AT 44, KB3QQ 42, KA3JKB 21, KU3R 20, WB3EVL 18, W3FAF 13, WB8KPE WA3LW3BMR 9 & N23G 30. Notes: PFN 163, EPAERTN 479, EPA 471, PTTN 216, D6ARES 80, MARCTN 118, SEPATN 73 & MARCNET 53. PBBSS: WA3TSW 530, K3RLI 279, WB3JOE 100, WB3AFL 6. N3ET 5. PSHR: NM3K 86 & N3DRM 74. BPL: WA3DFU 588 & WA3TSW 530. 73 de Carter, KD3AO STM/EPA. This Thanksgiving, pray for peace 73 de Bob, KB3YS @ WB3AFL.

**MARYLAND/DC:** SM, Ken Cohen, N13F (@WA3ZNV)—ASM/PKT: KJ3E. ASMIACC: WA3YLO. OOC: NB3P. SEC: WA1QAA. TC: W3VYN. STM: N3EFG. SGL: KW3K. PIO/BM: WA3SCW. Our diligent Sec, WA1QAA, has issued the 1st edition of his newsletter. Mike is busy getting his troops ready for the SET. MMARC plans a Novice class—FBI Does your club have one? Teachers—scoutmasters! Please push the ARRL Archie comic—it's great PF! K3CJU has published a recipe in the CARA newsletter—now, how about a food column entitled "The Hamfest Gourmet?" Goddard ARC has been training helpers to man the shuttle retransmissions of astronaut club member Dr Ron Parise, WA5SIR. AG3L returned to Solomons safely Aug 25 after a 4-month solo sailboat voyage to the Virgin Is. CW contact with K3NNI & KJ3E was about 98% successful. Keep your tlc-handling skills up to par... the gulf crisis is heating up. Ooops! I interrupt this column to announce that my XYL has just informed me that she is going into labor! What am I doing typing? I gotta go to the hospital... yipes! I'll tell you what it is next month. (See Bob Stanhope's report above—Ed) 73 & 88 With the nets: NM/NDM/QC/QC/NI. MSN/KC3Y 314/295. PONA/WB3BFFK 275/27. MDD/K3GHH 62/144/388 (Top Brass, KC3Y/156, WA3YLO/198, W3FZV/91, NR3Q/89). MEFN/K3RXX 311/30/656. MPTN/KJ3E 31/840/513. Tlc: W3W19 925 (BPL), N2GTE 840 (BPL), NAQQ 545 (BPL), KJ3E 534 (BPL), KA3T 262, KC3Y 170, NR3Q 170, K3GHH 141, KN1K 134, K3RXX 133, N3GPR 131, WA3YLO 116, NB3P 102, K3NNI 91, N3DE 59, W3FZV 57, K2EF 55, N3C32 50, N3EFG 45, W3YVQ 45, K3JUSO 42, WB3BJM 39, K3ORW 28, WB3V 25, N3G1E 22, WA3VAT 15, WB3BFFK 12, K3KF 10, WA1QAA 6, WA3G3W 5, KC3J 4, WA3SCW 2, WA2WDT 1. PSHR: KJ3E 109, W3YVQ 87, KC3Y 76, K3RXX 72, WA3YLO 66, K3GHH 61.

**SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY:** SM, Richard Baier, WA2HEB—SEC: W2HOB. STM: WB2UVB. ACC: K2IXE. TC: N2BOT. PIO, SGL & BM: Vacant. OOC: WA2HEB. ATC's K2JF, KA2RJA & WB2MNF. In Aug, I accidentally came across a bill that could affect many of us in the state. Our State Assembly has before it a bill, A-1174, sponsored by Assemblywoman Kalik, that if enacted, would allow amateurs who lease their vehicles the privilege of having their amateur call signs on license plates. Currently, if you lease a vehicle, you cannot apply for amateur plates because the leasing agency is the owner of the vehicle & the owner is not an Amateur Radio operator. This bill seems noncontroversial because other "vanity" plates are allowed on leased vehicles, providing the lessor gives permission. Please take a few moments to write your state assembly person about this bill. I also wrote to Assemblyman Felice, W2YMG, about getting the necessary legislation enacted to put Amateur Radio at the bottom of our call sign license plates. Until next month, 73. Tlc: (July) WB2ZJF 33. (Aug) WB2UVB 338, N2ETF 63, N2JXG 53, WB2ZJF 43, KB2QDB 24, WB2SYJ 22, K4FFM 21, KA2CQX 18, W2R/RGE ARC 16, WA4JRP 14, W2AZ 13, WA2JSG 10, KC2PB 10, WA3EMY 9, W2FFE 8, KA2YKN 6, N2HQL 6, N2EPH 5, K2QJL 4, K2OG 4, NG2R 3, KB2HJJ 2, KB2GUH 2, N2HMX 2.

**WESTERN NEW YORK:** SM, William W. Thompson, W2MTA—ASMs: W2BCH W2GJ W2GLH W2YQH. ACC: N2EH. BM: K2KWK. OOC: W2MTA (A). PIC: WA2PUU. SEC: NN2H. STM: N2EIA. SGL: WB3CUF. TC: KQ2R. Club officers: Liverpool ARC WA2ISG K2QCI N2DMP KB2EVU. RAGS NT2D KC2KB NN2M WA2URK WA2PUU; Utica ARC K2BRF WA2TVE WA2FSU WA2AZA. The PROS Ham of the-Yr was awarded to KC2JY. Lancaster ARC will miss Matt Gorski, NS2M, who has joined Silent Keys. Matt was important to the greater Buffalo-area VE & other ham activities. Utica ARC lost a great one when Howard La Munion, K2XIJ, became a Silent Key. Of the 57 active affiliated clubs in WNY, 16 have not reported yet this yr. One, the Auburn ARC, which last reported in 1987, will become an inactive affiliate if an Annual Report is not received soon. If your club needs the report form, request a copy from the Field Services Dept at ARRL HQ in Newington, CT.

Net	QNI-QSP-QND	Net	QNI-QSP-QND
NYSEMO	093-008-04	Earlybird	246-009-23
NYSR	015-004-04	Blue Line	250-014-30
NYSM*	288-165-31	NYSIE*	430-167-31
WDNM*	337-094-31	WDNIE*	416-161-31
NY Phone*	132-083-30	JCRACN	395-019-30
NYPON*	384-184-31	CARCON	089-004-05
NYSPT&EN	445-072-31	TIGARDS	032-004-04
Empire SS	362-139-31	VHF THIN	035-000-04
LCARES	049-000-04	BRVSN	290-001-31
OCTENIE*	851-202-31	OCTENIL*	283-132-31
Q Net	234-001-30	CNYNT*	277-062-33
STAR*	444-027-29	ORTN	031-000-05
WDNL*	415-055-31		

\*NTS Net NYS/L 287-131-31  
 NA2B reports PBBSS activity of KT = 3, T = 287 for Aug. Aug BPL to N2JAW. PSHR: N2EIA N2EVG WA2FJJ W2FR KA2GJW K2HJ KB2IWN N2JAW N2JRS W2MTA WA2OEV WB2QIX KA2QOO ND25 WA2UXX NJ3V KD2WP K2YAI KA2ZNY. Tlc: (Aug): N2JAW 688, W2MTA 368, K2YAI 239, KA2GJW 186, KA2ZNY 172, N2EIA 148, W2FR 135, WA2FJJ 131, NJ3V 129, KA2QOO 127, ND25 102, WB2OWO 98, NN2H 97, AF2K 96, WB2QIX 95, WB2OEV 86, K2HJW 85, KD2WP 83, N2EVG 80, WA2UXX 71, NJ2RS 70, WB2LPS 65, KG2D 61, ND2L 61, KA2SJD 48, KB2IWN 46, W2PMS 42, KA2BDD 38, KB2JOP 20. (Jun) NJ3V 163, W2FR 160. (July) KB2IWN 18, KB2EOQ 14, KB2JOP 8. Seasons' greeting...don't eat too much cobbler with the gobble!

**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA:** B. E. Fuller @ K3ASI—ASM: KA3OEM @ NM3G. SEC: WA3CJF @ W3YA. STM: WA2QXA @ KA3NVP. TC: K3LR. BM: KC3ET @ KA3NVP. OOC: KC3V. ACC: AK3J. The crisis in the Middle East has pointed up the necessity for the ham community to make sure we're equipped to handle emergency comms if we are called upon. This is especially true of ARES groups committed to assist NDMS in emergencies. Make sure that your equipment is in top working condition & ready to go. If you are heavily committed to the NTS, you can expect an increase in tlc because of the increase in the number of people assigned to the crisis area...reflexes of tlc from MARS to NTS will probably increase. If you aren't involved in tlc handling, this would be a good time to get your feet wet in a real-time situation. The failure of the NTS occurs when tlc is allowed to go unpassed—this is especially true of pkt tlc. Check the local PBBSS & take any tlc you're in a position to pass—just command LT & you'll see what's waiting to be forwarded. I would like to welcome Tim Duffy, K3LR, to the WPA Section leadership team. Tim has been appointed to the position of Tech Coord (TC) for the section. Expect to hear from Tim; he'll especially be looking for an expanded corps of Asst TCs to complement our coverage throughout the section. I'm sure we'll all enjoy working with Tim & give him our support. We still need active, energetic volunteers to fill these positions: Public Info Coord (PIC) & State Gov't Liaison (SGL). Let me or Bob, KA3OEM, the ASM, know if you are interested in joining the team, or if you know of someone who fits the bill. KUDOS. A visitor to the section was supported during an emergency by the New Castle rpt group (147.195). I join him in thanking the hams in the New Castle area who assisted during the medical emergency that happened during a commercial power outage. The sort of cooperation rendered is what Amateur Radio is all about. Once again commendations go out to the SKYWARN groups in the western part of the section—activating a net at 2AM is no fun, but it's amazing how complete the participation & coverage is, even at that early hour.

Net	QNI	QTC	Sess/NM	Freq/Time
WPA CW	189	122	30	WA3UNX 3585 7 P Dy
WPAPTN	221	68	31	WA3HLN 3983 6 P Dy
KFN	Temporarily Suspended			
PFN	168	189	31	WA3THT 3958 5 P Dy
WPA2MTN	336	42	31	KA3BGC 146.88 8 P Dy
NWPA2MTN	733	35	29	WA3ZSC 145.13 9 P Dy
Tlc:	N3EMD 385, N3FM 347, W3EGK 282, W3OKN 127, WA3UNX 88, W3NGO 70, NO3M 58, WA3DBW 52, N3AES 44, WA2QXA 63, W3RUL 23, WA3QNT 20, KA3VBY 18, K3LTV 5, KC3YE 5, KA3EGE 4, N3FQQ 4, KB3BG 3. (Jul) WA3QNT 6, K3LTV 3, KB3BG 2. (Jun) KB3BG 8.			

### CENTRAL DIVISION

**ILLINOIS:** SM, Sharon Harlon, WB9SFT—SEC: W9QBH. BM: K9EUI. ACC: K19G. STM: K9CNP. SGL: K9IDQ. TC: N9RF. OOC: W9TT. PIC: N9EWA. DEC: WD9EBQ. Summer is always a busy time for Amateur Radio activities & the RCs in IL are no exception. The members of the Sterling-Rock Falls ARES provided comms for the Rock Falls Day parade & the American Cancer Society/Whiteside Co Chapter Bike-a-thon. Those who participated were KA9GNR, WB9RXX, KA9CZD, KA9QYT, KA9GPE, KE9TY, N9HCL, KA9UKN, KB9APW, KD9YK, KA9DBG, WD9EHM, WA9BSO. On July 15, members of the York RC provided comms for the Villa Park 5- & 10-K run & on Aug 19, the Hillsdale Veterans Parade. Participating were WA9OHU, WD9OX, WK9U, WK9J, K9BFL, WB9ASX, KA9ASX, KA9ZNL, W9GSA, W9YNK, WA1MRH, KE9VC, KC9DS, NU9B, W9KBU, WB9DUV. The Rockford ARA held its annual picnic Aug 19 with 6 special guests attending. Dick, DJ9UN (US call, NBUN), his YL Hanne, DK3XJ; their son Robert, KA9UHU; Elke, DL3NDC; Tanja, DL3NEC & Gunther, DL3NCC, were on vacation in the US & made a stop in the Rockford area to visit old friends. Dick, Hanne & Robert are former Rockford-area hams. While visiting in the US, Robert passed his Tech exam. I'm pleased to announce the appointment of Carol Melton, K19G, as ACC for the IL section. Carol lives in Lisle & has been active in teaching Novice & upgrade classes. Dying & is a VE. Welcome aboard, Carol. On Aug 30, a devastating tornado hit the village of Plainfield. Hams from the N IL area are volunteering time & radios around the clock to help with this disaster as this column is being written. More next month.

Net	Freq	Time
ISN	3905	1800 Dy
ILLN	3690	1830, 2200 Dy
ITN	3705	1900 Dy
CTN	147.69/09	2100 Dy
ILARES	3905	1630 1st, 3rd Sun
IEN	3940	0900 Sun
ILPN	3855	1645 M-F, 0830 Sun
NCPN	3915	0700 M-Sat
NCPN	7270	1215 M-Sat

Tlc: W9KLN 229, NS9F 140, WH9OT 100, K9CNP 97, WD9EBQ, N9HW0 55, W9LWH 42, W9KR 14, WA9RUM 6.  
**INDIANA:** SM, Peggy Coulter, W9JUU—SEC: WB9ZQE. STM: KJ9J. OOC: N9INN. SGL: WA9VQD. BM: W9OCL. PIC: N9IPA. I regret to report the Silent Keys: Aug 10, George A. Mahorney, WA9SDH, Montpelier; Aug 20, Norbert F. Polakowski, KD9OK, Terre Haute; Aug 21, Fred D. Brunk, WA9TQD, Marion; Aug 23, Al Miller, N9AHP, Ireland & Aug 29, Lewis T. Mabbitt, N9DOD, Indianapolis. Sympathy extended to their families & many friends, they will be sadly missed. W9OCL received OBS reports from WB9SYU, N9BAC, K9SBW, WA9JUX & N9BS. Activity reports from N9DGT, KA9ZOD & WB9YRT. ATC report from WA6OIZ. N9INN received 5 reports. If you have an appointment, send a report of what you've been doing to your appointed chairman—they appreciate it & can report to me. We need these reports to know what's happening out there. VHF NMS, send your monthly net reports to STM KJ9J; he will get totals to me. Have enjoyed seeing & talking to many at the different hamfests. Wish I could be at every one, but when several come on the same date, it's impossible. If you send me dates for next yr's hamfest as soon as possible, I can let you know if any other is listed that date—maybe we can separate them. Want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. EC reports were received from WB9ZQE N9OTH K9ET WN9Z N9GKQ WA9RXP N9GSX N9BHA N9ADS WB9VQK WB9SOY WB9FLK K9EYF W9CFI WB9RVN WA4YVW N9XQ K9SN WB9CJF WB9G KB9BG WB9KE WA9HEE KD9HB N9EYV WA9DOL KA9MNR K9KTH WB9BKA K9P7S WA9OQT KA9DZM KA9KTD W9YDP KC9CV WA9BLA N9G9Y N9G9Y KA9ZLG & WB9AHJ. 46 countries reporting. Aug net reports:

Net	Freq	Time	QNI	QTC	QTR	Sess
ITN	3910	1330/2130/2300	2933	414	1851	93
QIN	3656	1430/0000/0300	348	262	752	61
IWN	3910	1310	1748		323	31
IWN VHF Bloomington			776		485	31
IWN VHF Kokomo			970		156	31
IWN VHF Northeast			692		620	31
Hoozier VHF Nets (9 nets)			1499	42	1688	61

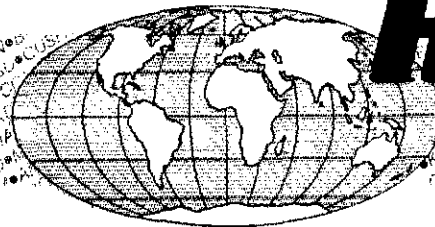
9RN July tlc 229 in 62 sess, Ind 98% by N9HZ KJ9J W9JUU N9RQ WA9OCF WB9JYU W9PPO & W9CSJ. 9RN Aug tlc 203 in 62 sess, Ind 98% by N9HZ KJ9J W9JUU N9RQ WA9OCF WB9JYU. PBBSS reports are made by adding total bulletins, personal msgs & NTS msgs handled. PBBSS reporting: KD9WH 4284, N5AAA 2454, W9JU 2402, KD9LP 1792, KA9LQM 1775, WA9IVB 1624, N9BAC 1522 & KK9G 1425. Tlc: NR9K 321, WA9OJX 261, W9UMH 224, KA9LQM 194, KJ9J 179, W9JUU 137, W9UEM 92, KE9GM 62, WA9OCF 47, K9ZLS 44, W9PPO 36, W9ZGC 32, K9GBR 31, N9BS 31, W9EDE 14, N9DGT 13, W9I9H 10, KA9ZOD 9, KD9ER 5, WD9CIV 4, AB9A 3, W9XD 2, K9OUP 2, W9KMY 2.

**WISCONSIN:** SM, Richard R. Regent, K9GDF—SEC: W9ZAG. STM: KC9CJ. ACC: KA9FOZ. BM: WB9JSW. OOC:



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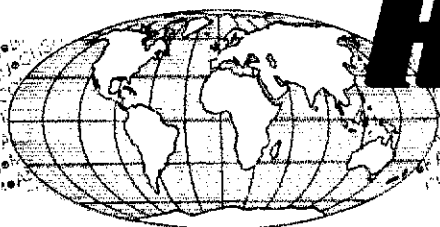
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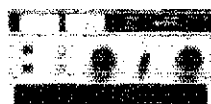


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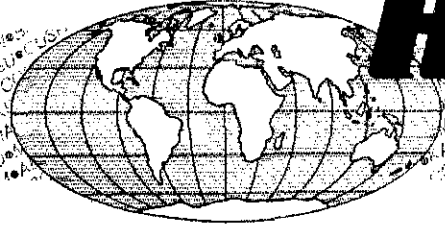
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TX-455	55'	22'	3	670	12 1/2"	18"	\$1539.00
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HDX-555	55'	22'	3	670	15"	21 3/4"	\$2309.00
HDX-572	72'	22'8"	4	1420	15"	25 3/4"	\$3959.00
HDX-572MDPL*	72'	22'8"	4	1600	15"	25 3/4"	\$6049.00
HDX-589MDPL*	89'	23'8"	5	2440	15"	30 3/4"	\$7919.00

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TMM-433HD*	33'	11'4"	4	400	12 1/2"	20 3/4"	\$1319.00
TMM-541SS*	41'	12'	5	430	10"	20 3/4"	\$1429.00

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**DAKOTA DIVISION**

**MINNESOTA:** SM, George Frederickson, KC0T—The smartest dumb thing I've done in a long time has been to move my "shack" from the basement to the upstairs office/den. I underestimated the magnitude of the project, although the new console I built is working fine. But, by the time I rerouted antenna leads, a new ground, installed the equipment & inter-connected everything with mostly new cabling...wow! All is up & running now, except for pkt. But I should have all the nice things finished soon. Blew a few skeds as I got toward the end of the project, but I think I'm going to enjoy the new location. I don't want to repeat that performance soon. Paul, KA2PDM, doing some antenna work in a tree, had a nasty fall & fractured his right wrist & a vertebra, so, Paul is out of biz at this time. Best wishes, Paul, for a speedy recovery—we'll be listening for you. Riley, WD0CEL, Int'l Falls, reports the passing of long-time (more than 60 yrs) ham, Harry Overson, W0VUW & Harold Case, KC0FB. Both became Silent Keys in August. We regret to hear of this, but thanks, Riley, for the info. Our lone BPL for the month was Judy, WB0WNJ, with 1101 points—congratulations, Judy. Overall, not too bad a month, considering all the heavy weather, competing demands & summer malaise. With 21 stations reporting, we garnered a tfo-handling total of 2751—up from July!

Net	Freq	Time	QNI/OTC/Sess	NM
MSN/1	3685	6:30P	255/31/31	KDQNH
MSN/2	3685	10:00P	194/48/31	KQOBE
MSSN	3710	6:00P	341/35/31	KA0SBC
MSPN/N	3860	12:05P	264/125/27	WA0TFC
MSPN/E	3860	5:30P	630/21/31	KC0T
PAW	3925	9:00A	No report	W0DBAC

Tlc: WB0WNJ 1101, W0GRW 404, WA0TFC 291, KF0FI 182, N0BA 138, N0FOO 114, W9DM 92, KA0ARP 73, KC0NH 66, KQOBE 49, KA0VON 41, KC0T 34, K791 32, KA0SBC 30, W0GUF 27, K0PIZ 27, K0WPK 20, N0JP 10, K0DGI 7, N0FKU 7, K9NU 6.

**NORTH DAKOTA:** SM, Bill Kurtli, W0C0M—It was a busy summer for ND hams & it's swiftly drawing to a close. With more rain in the state this summer, we had more SKYYARN activity than we've had for the past 2 summers. I've received reports that Dickinson, Devils Lake, Fargo, Minot, Bismarck & Grand Forks have been called out several times ea. Congratulations to KB0FVV & KB0CIR on upgrading to Adv & N0MEC to Gen. The Dickinson Club (TRARC) was a success again with about 100 registered. The Corn lead was held again at Ft Abercrombie with good attendance & a good time was had by all. Grand Forks has been busy providing comms for tfo control for the temporary reopening of the Starlight Drive-in Theater, soon to be turned into a parking lot, and helping out with the Triathlon & setting up a station at the E Grand Forks Heritage Days. Tlc: NDLKX 82.

Net	Freq	Time	Sess/QNI/OTC	NM
Goose River	1895	9 AM Sun	4/49/2	NT0V
DATA	3937	6:30 Dy	23/488/6	N0JRP
WX Nets	3937	9 AM, 12:30 PM		W0GFE
		CT Sat Nov-Mar		
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Storm Net				
North 40	146.64	8 PM Sun MT	4/26/1	N0ELA
MON-DAK	146.73	8 PM MT	5/49/10	N0ELA
Superlink		All Superlink rpters	5/127/3	N0KMG
		7 PM CT		KA0ZOK

**SOUTH DAKOTA:** SM, R. L. Cory, W0YMB—ASMs: N0ABE, WA0FPR, SEC: K0KPY, STM: KD0YL. Congratulations to the Hot Springs club for the fine convention they put on. They had an excellent site & a well-planned program. The large crowd had a great time. VE sss scheduled at Rapid City: Dec 3, 1990; March 8, June 8, Sept 13 & Dec 14, 1991; for info, contact Neal, KA0SEZ, at 605-394-1298 or Frank, NU0F, after 5 PM at 605-348-6554 or write to Black Hills ARC, Box 75, Rapid City, SD 57709-0075. Notice classes start in Oct—contact Frank or Neal. The SD CWV net is growing—it's a lot of fun, so join us on 3650 at 7 PM Central time, 6 Mtn time, M-F. With fall here, there's more activity on the bands. Need more reports from club secretaries. Total tfo reported for Aug was 488.

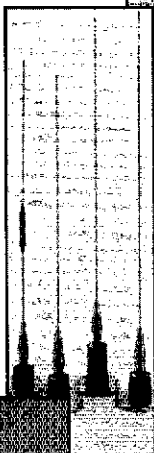
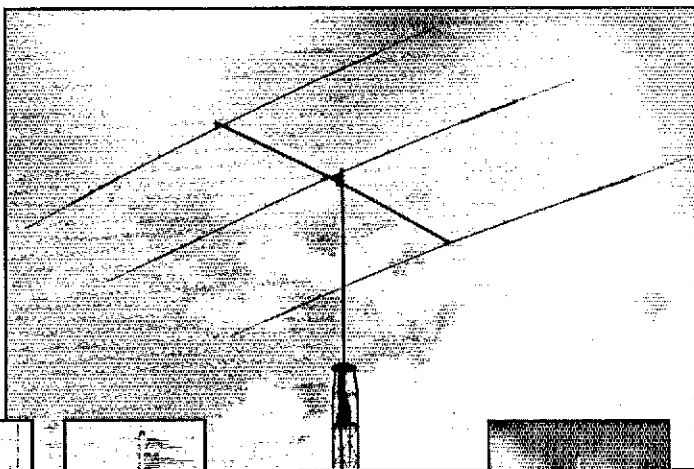
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LOUISIANA: SM, John "Wondy" Wonderegen, K5KR—ASM: KB5CX, ACC: K5KR, SGL: KD5SL, STM: W4FTD, SEC: KG5PV, Packet WBSASD, TC: K5FZ, Jerry Wilkinon, WB4IGF, regretfully submitted a letter of resignation as the OOC for the LA section because of the widespread malicious interference occurring on the amateur bands with little concern from the FCC & a cumbersome & ineffective volunteer amateur reporting system. He states that volunteer amateurs have assumed the frustrating role of policing the amateur bands with no authority & no support. As SM, most of my mail & phone calls relates to this deteriorating situation. While many consider this a sign of the times, the greatest influence toward



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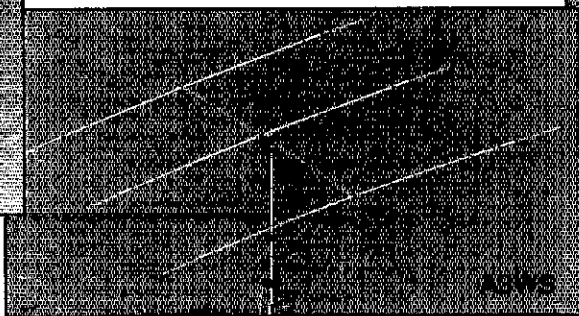
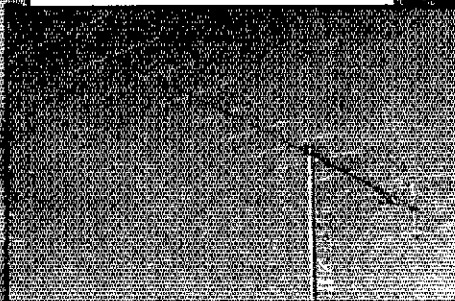
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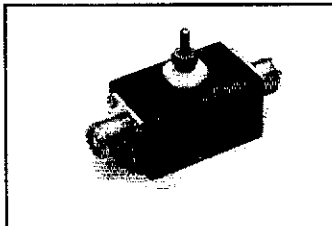
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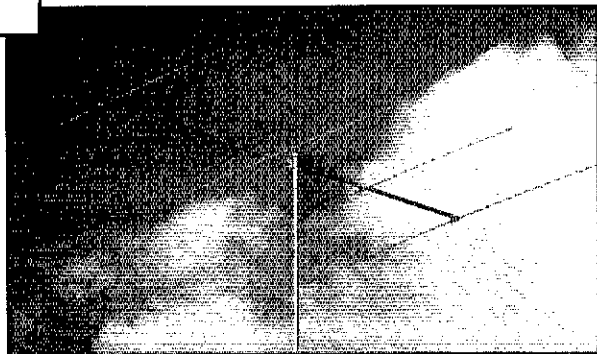


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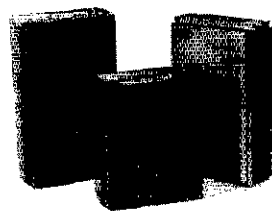
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improvement is guidance & education. I welcome your constructive suggestions. Better yet, share your thoughts with the ARRL Delta Div Dir—if you feel you can make an improvement, please volunteer for appointment as the LA OOC. The Shreveport ARA Field Day message was not acknowledged in my recent column—I grieved. Double congratulations to the Acadiana ARA in Lafayette. They've been designated as an ARRL Special Service Club and they won the 1990 LA Section Field Day Plaque. 73 & GL de "Wondy," K5KR.

**TENNESSEE:** SM, Harry Simpson, W4MI—E ASM & PIC; W4TYU, W ASM & ACC; K4CXY, STM; W4L4L, OOC; K4LSP, TC; W4HHK, The TN Phone Net is on 3980 kHz with early sesh at 6:40 AM Eastern, regular sesh at 7:45 AM Eastern M-F, at 9 AM Central Sat, Sun & holidays. Eve sesh M-Sat at 6:30 PM Central. CW Net sesh are on 3635 kHz at 7 PM Central, M-F. The combination of Bays Mtn & Kingsport RCs puts out an excellent monthly bulletin called *Zero Beat*. The one just published has a membership roster & shows that members of one club or the other, or both clubs, total 3621! I have no doubt that is a fine neighborhood. They're always active, always doing something for the good of the community. Congratulations to the Johnson City Radio Assn for having renewed as an ARRL Special Service Club. STM W4L4L is jubilant! He received monthly net reports from TEN section hfc nets, including TN CW, Early Morning TN Phone, Morning TN Phone, Evening TN Phone, Short Mtn Pptr Info, Mid-East TN Hospital Net, RACK Tech Net, Oak Ridge 2-meter, Knox Co ARES, W TN WX net. DRNS Mgr W5YDD reports TN was represented on 90% of their 62 sesh by K4W4WQ, K4ZUY & KN4HL. I know Harmon appreciates the help. This item is being written in W TN, where I've had rainfall totaling 1.6" in July, .61" in Aug & so far in Sept, just .31" with recent temps around 100° ea day. You're reading this in Nov & I predict cooler, wetter WX, perhaps even wet enough to dampen all the high-tension ground rods & stop the noise! Congratulations to new ECs David Siglin, KC4LTC, of Tipston Co; Volie T. Miller, WB4TDB, of Dickson Co; & DEC Ben Timmerman, N4RJY, of Hamilton Co & Chattanooga area. TIC: W4FMR 140, WB4L4L 63, W4DDK 44, K4SKDB 38, K4WOP 37, W4M1 36, W4TYV 22, W4TYU 18, W4GZZ 14, W44HKU 12, AB4DP 9, K4CXY 8, W4PSN 4.

## GREAT LAKES DIVISION

**KENTUCKY:** SM, John Themes, WM4T—Asst. SM; KC4WN, SEC; WB4NH0, STM; KA4MTX, (Aug) KA4MTX is moving to AL & has resigned his STM post, which he held for more than 4 yrs. My sincere thanks to Glenn for a fine job. K4AVX will be the new STM, effective Sep 1. The Georgetown hamfest was well-attended & ARRL forum was packed, assisted by Dir Severson, AB8P. W44SWF is the new DEC for District 9. It's good to have Fred's continued support. N4VRP is a new EC for Mason Co. WB4NH0 has returned from a well-deserved vacation out west. Nets:

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**MICHIGAN:** SM, George E. Race—WB8BGY (@ WA8URE), STM; WB8R (@ NT8R), SEC; K8CQF (@ N8JAT), SGL; N8CNY, TC—W8YZ, OOC; WA2AJQ, BM; N8IWS (@ WA8OOH), PIC; WR8R (@ KC8TU), ACC; W8P0X. Quote of the month from Rick, N8GGQ: "Into each life a little rain must fall... followed by large hail & damaging winds." This sums up the feeling about the last wk in Aug & 1st week in Sep from the APES folks. Thanks to all for the time & effort put into the severe WX watches & warnings. As we head for the end of 1990, it's fitting that I also thank the tlc handlers, NCSs, NMs & our STM for another yr of dedication to tlc handling; I'm sure the year-end totals are going to show another record yr for tlc in MI. Thanks also to my hard-working staff & for the support you give us from all over the state. Thanks to the Saginaw, Traverse City & Novi amateurs for the kind reception given me at your club mtgs. As you can probably tell, I do enjoy appearing before you. If you're looking for a club speaker, please let me know well in advance. K8CQF & the 5 Co 1991 Nat'l Convention team have been making appearances all over the State. Contact Joe, K8CQF, if you'd like a 1991 Convention Program at your club mtg. Livingston Co Amateurs & the Co EOC have been awarded a \$6500 matching FEMA grant for Amateur Radio equipment—what a great operating position this is going to be! Please join me at the ARRL Forum at the Oak Park ARC Swap-N-Shop Nov 4 at the Southfield Pavilion Ctr; come find out the latest info on what's going on in the MI section & the ARRL. From discussions on the MI nets, this yr's SET is going to be one of the best in yrs. The training is in place & we all await the wknd of Oct 20. Please join your local APES/RACES group & take part in one of the MI Nets to handle SET tlc & provide liaison from your co. This yearly event provides on-the-air training that teams up APES, RACES & NTS. Our rescue agencies are important. Let's show them again how useful we can be when they're in need of emergency comms. 73...G. George. Please support the following MI area nets:

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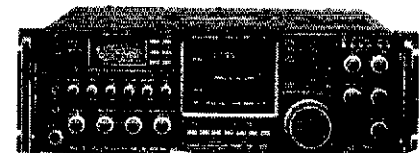
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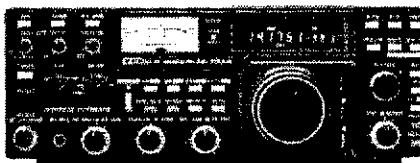
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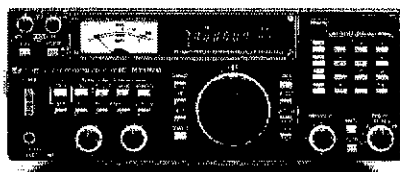
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OHIO: SM, John Haungs, WA8STX @ KC8TW, tel 513-563-7373—ASM: David Kersten, N8AUH @ N08M, tel 216-221-6740. SEC: W8MPV @ W8BXN, tel 216-274-8240. STM: KF8J, ACC: KJ3O. BM: W8PH @ AD8L. TC: K8BMU, OOC: W8BZCE. SGL: N8VCV. PIC: K8OOE. Aug is the wrap-up of vacations & the tail end of severe summer storms & tornados. OH skimmed through without major damage. WARN organizations were active throughout the state, watching the WX conditions & reporting. We need a list of any of our amateurs that have taken off to serve in the Desert Shield operation. Please send their names to WA8STX. *Westlink Report* asked, "Will Radio Operations Continue if War Comes?" It appears that the likelihood of Amateurs being ordered off the air if the US goes to war in the Persian Gulf is small. This is because amateur stations in the US don't constitute a threat of interference in the Gulf. Thanks to all the RCs that have sent me copies of their monthly newsletters with a wide assortment of activities listed. Many clubs come up with clever ideas to keep their members interested. It's important to have a good program chairperson who can find good programs to put on. Congratulations on Athens Co ARA new 6-mtr rpt, N8EEG. The 1990 SET is Oct 20, so be prepared to check in to your local ARES net & register. Attend the OH Section Conf in Columbus Oct 14. Congratulations to LCARA members, K8BL, K8BO & W1HEO, for their help in establishing a Boy Scout ham station in Anguilla. Local clubs might want to order a few copies of the ARRL publication *Operating an Amateur Radio Station* (F5D-900) to have available for your members. Dave Kersten, N8AUH, the new SM, will be writing the next column. It's been a pleasure serving as SM & I wish the section continued success in its endeavors.

Net	QNI	QTC	Sess	Time	(local)	Freq	NM
BN(E)	186	88	31	1845	Dy	3.577	WD8C
BN(L)	241	126	31	2200	Dy	3.577	K8BHB
BNR	—	—	—	1800	Dy	3.605	W8EK
OSSBN	1559	626	93	1030,1615,18453		3.9725N8IBS	
OSSN	215	77	31	0645	M-F	3.577	WB8FSV
OSSN	—	—	—	0800	Sat-Su	3.577	WB8FSV
OSN	226	72	30	1810	Dy	3.708	WD8K8W
OH Section ARES Net	—	—	—	1700	Sun	3.875	W8MPV

Tic: K8BHB 301, W8BO 239, K8DKU 234, K8JDI 184, WA8STX 141, N8IIP 139, K8EBC 118, K8DHD 104, W8DKFN 104, WA8HED 100, N8FWA 96, K8ALV 86, K8IOW 86, W8BRG 80, W8BPDZ 72, K8BHN 67, W8BQJW 67, W8BFSV 65, W8DRIB 61, W8LDU 60, W8BQJ 57, W8SKP 56, K8BTW/PBBS 54, W8BPX 52, W8JLW 51, WA8SSI 45, KA1S 44, W8KBW 43, K8BESU 41, N8SC 40, N8FB 36, W8DKC 26, K8BUC 32, W8KWC 32, K8BNC 31, K8BON 29, K8BYIT 28, K8BAX 26, W8BWS 26, N8CXI 26, N8HJB 25, K8CGF 24, N8GOB 21, N8VB 20, W8VB 20, W8VND 20, W8SBD 19, W8BRAO 18, N8NIP 18, W8HHZ 16, W8LDQ 16, N8NS 15, W8GDQ 15, W8BDC 14, K8BDXU 14, N8JOC 14, K8CJUV 13, K8GJUV 11, W8PH 11, N8JRV 11, K8BWA 11, K8S 10, W8NXX 10, K8CKY 9, K8B2F 9, N8JHT 9, W8BJYE 9, N8BV 8, K8QIP 7, K8WZ 7, N8CW 6, K8XL 6, W8FPA 5, N8FPH 5, K8BHHJ 4, K8Z 3, K8BGM 3, W8XT 3, N8CEI 2 (July) W8DKFN 107, K8LQM 26, N8CEI 8.

### HUDSON DIVISION

EASTERN NEW YORK: SM, Paul S. Vydareny, W2ZVUK—STM/ASM: K2ZM, SEC: WA2ZYM, ACC: KV2A. SGL: K82HQ. BM: W2BKX. OOC: N2DQV. PIC: K82MT. ATC: WA2VGM. ASM/Pkt: N2FTR. ASM/Newsletter: W2BNCM. Club news: Albany ARA saw a videotape of Field Day & heard from Hudson Div Dir WA2DHF on current happenings in Amateur Radio. Catskill Mtn ARA had a successful picnic & held a rabbit/hunt on Sept 23. W2BNCM discussed new technologies in personal comms devices at the Communications Club of NR. Mt Beacon reports a successful summer hamfest. Overlook Mtn ARC held their annual Quiz Bowl in Sep. PEARL had an enjoyable Field Day & 10th anniversary picnic. Poughkeepsie ARC is running Novice through General classes. Saratoga RACES had another successful hamfest on Sep 15 (sorry to say—I missed it). W2JVF discussed EMI, its causes & solutions at Schenectady ARA. Yours truly gave a presentation at Westchester ARA. WECA held a discussion on emergency preparedness with W2BNFR, the EC for Westchester Co, N2IMZ & K2ZVI, SDN NM. WA2YBM reports successful activities by Albany ARA at the Conrail yards with KA2HTU KB2HPX W2AJS K2XA KB2TFM N1CC N2DZ KB2CZ N2DU MWJ2 assisting. Schenectady ARA had W2BS SMK VJC SPN MCO BEJ N2s AIG ECU CNZ GXH KA2s OPG RME YFP JHX AXN OHU DVM FEN FWT EXB WA2s QJS GNY TSW KB2BSE K2s BST RI KE2JJ W2s ARQ CJO KE DHT KD2XZ helping at Air Show. Don't forget to offer help to your club newsletter editor. Net reports for Aug (Check-in/Tic passed): AESN 33/4 CDN 566/62 HVN 380/47 NYP 132/83 NYPON 384/184 NYSJE 430/167 NYS/L 287/131 NYS/M 288/165 SDN 430/77. Aug PSHR: W2ZVUK W2EG KB2EPU W2M N5MEA WB1BTJ WA2GYU N2JJA. Aug Tic: W2BVUQ 206, N5MEA 179, W2JLV 130, W2FM 71, WA2JBO 65, KB2EPU 63, W2EG 56, WB1BTJ 47, WA2YBM 42, N2FTR 32, K2LYE 26, WA2GYU 15, N2JJA 10.

NEW YORK CITY-LONG ISLAND: SM, Walter M. Wenzel, KA2RGI—ASM: W2IBRO. ASM: N2GRO. ASM/ACC: KA2LCC. SEC: W2HPM. STM: K2MT. OOC: N2BT. PIC: KA2JMA. TC: W2QUV. BM: W2JUP. VE sess: L1MARC (ARRL) 2nd Sat ea month at 9:30 AM, Satten Hall, NY Inst of Tech, Old Westbury—contact Al Jones, W2ZDB, at 516-676-5790; Suffolk Co VE Team (ARRL) 2nd Sat ea month at 9:30 AM, Suffolk Co Community College, Islip Arts Bldg, Selden, NY—contact George Sintech, WA2VNV, 516-751-0894; Grumman ARC (W5Y) 2nd Tues ea month at 5 PM, Grumman Rec Cir, Plant 113, 800 S Oyster Bay Rd, Hicksville, NY—contact Howard Liebman, W2QUV, 516-354-6861; Great S Bay ARC (ARRL) 4th Sun ea month at 12 noon, Babylon Town Hall Office Annex, 281 Phelps Ln, Babylon, NY—contact Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI, 516-957-6726. If your group is planning a VE sess, please let me know so it can be added to this listing, even if you don't hold a regular sess, please let me know of it at least 2 months in advance so it can make the column. Upcoming events: Nov 4 NYC Marathon; Nov 11 HAMexpo '90 at Suffolk Community College. There's been activity on the local ham bands from other services or unidentified operators—if you've noticed this activity, please pass the info on to Lou, N82T, the QOC, or to Harry, W2BIBO, so it can be handled properly. The section is always looking for people to assist with technical info & "Elmerrig" people who might have trouble in their stations. If you can assist, please contact me or Howard, W2QUV. I

want to thank the operators who have been doing a yeoman's job in the preparation for the NDMS exercise. The network now in place is getting stronger every day & the teamwork displayed has already been commented on by the other agencies involved. I'm assured that, by the time for the next column, the results will be highly impressive & favorable because of the efforts of all involved. Best wishes & much success to Bill, KE2IG & his YL, as they start a new life in FL, leaving the Metro NY area behind. Best wishes to Frank, KA2ZFC & his family on their relocation to the Carolinas. Attn hamfest coordinators: Notify me of the dates you're scheduling your hamfest so we can assist in the calendar arrangement for everyone. This yr, we had some problems because of multiple events on the same date or on sequential dates. The following are tic nets in & around the section that handle NLI:

Net	Freq	Time	Day	NM
BAVHF	145.350/R	2000	Dy	K2TWZ
NCVHF	146.745/R	1930	M-F	N2IMP
NCVHF	146.805/R	1930	Sat-Sun	N2IMP
SCVHF	145.210/R	2000	Dy	KA2JMA
NYP	3.925 MHz	1300	Dy	W2MTA
NYPON	3.913 MHz	1700	Dy	KA2UBD
NYSM	3.677 MHz	1900	Dy	N2EIA
NYSJE	3.677 MHz	1900	Dy	N5MEA
NYS/L	3.677 MHz	2200	Dy	W2YGW
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 A12Q-4 Freeport 145.010 Nassau, W Suffolk  
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 W2BIBO-4 Massapequa 145.030 Backup for A12Q-4

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY: SM, Richard S. Moseson, NW2L @ KD6TH—ASMs: Recruitment KA2F, Youth (Vacant); Voi Counsel N2JGO; SE KV2S; SW KC2ZA; NW NW2S; ACC WA2QYX; BM K2ULR; OOC AAC KA2BZS; PIC WE2R; SEC W2B2HX; STM W2B2FX; TC W2G2W. Ham radio infoline: 201-680-1585. As this is written, the Assembly version of the "scanner law" revision bill, A-3044, is still stuck in committee. This bill will permit the possession & use in your car of ham rigs that incidentally receive outside the amateur bands (it's currently a crime to do so). This bill has already passed the Senate. Please invest 75 cents in the effort to pass this bill by sending a QSL card to each of the 5 members of the Assembly Judiciary, Law & Public Safety Committees (listed below). Ask them to support A-3044 & quickly report it to the full Assembly for a vote. Remind them of the free public service routinely performed by amateurs. The committee members are: Hon Marlene Lynch Ford, Chmn, 2811 Spruce St, Pt Pleasant 08742; Hon Frank Pelly, 470 Georges Rd, N Brunswick 08902; Hon John Gurgenti, 100 Hamilton Plaza—Rm 1403, Paterson 07650; Hon Thomas Shusted, 212 Haddon Ave, Westmont 08108 & Hon Gary Stuhlinger, 234 S Broad St, Woodbury 08096. Your active support is vital to making this bill become law! Congrats to Tom Brown, KA2JUG, on being awarded a \$750 PQWA scholarship. I am one of central NJ's leaders in pkt radio & operates a major PBBS, KA2JUG-4. He's a sophomore at Lehigh Univ (tnx K2AGI). New Providence ARC Sep mtg featured K2BIV demo of digital voice recorder & ham applications; NPARC is also running a hidden receiver hunt Sep 30—stay tuned for results. If you're interested in the world of TV sound effects, NNJ BM K2ULR (who does this for a living) will put on a great show at the RATS mtg Thurs, Nov 8 at 8 PM at Howard Johnson's, Rt 3, Clifton. NW2L spoke in Oct at Buffalo ARS; I'm available to speak to your club, too—drop me a note by mail at my p 8 address, by phone at the no. above, or by pkt @ KD6TH. Aug net stats (QNI = no. of checks, QTC = no. of msgs passed):

### MIDWEST DIVISION

IOWA: SM, Wade Walstrom, W8EJ—ASM: K8CNM. SEC: KD8BG. STM: W8CON. ACC: NUOP. OOC: WA8CUM. BM: K8IIR. TC: K8DAS. SGL: WR8G. PIC: W8EM. NUJCM experienced substantial damage to his shack & major appliances when lightning came in on the ac line. The KA8RIU rpt was also damaged by lightning. Members of the Davenport ARC used Amateur Radio & TV for relief comms during recent flooding in the area & they helped with comms for the Bix-7 Run. KE8UC is now AA8BL. W8MME was operated as a special-event station at the Old Threshers Reunion, WR8U & W8BB operated a special-event station at the 24th Grand Nat'l shoot of the Civil War Skirmish Assn in Bloomfield; I enjoyed seeing you at the Cedar Rapids Summerfest; 41 people were examined at the VE sess at Summerfest. Upgrades to Amateur Extra Class WA8TGH, K8SIA, W8GKW, WA8DDZ, KF8FA & N8LJO; to Adv N8LNR, N8LNS, W8SDOY & K8B0DO; to Gen K8ACNP & K8CWR; to Tech K8B8JH, K8XNJ, K8BGO & K8B9FH. Congratulations to all. Midwest Div Dir Paul Grauer, W8FR, was a guest speaker at the mtg of the E IA DX Assn. Newsletters: IA-L ARS, Cedar Valley ARC, MI Pleasant ARC, Davenport ARC, Ft Madison ARC, Central IA Tech Society. Tic: K8P1 232, W8SS 156, KA8ADF 90, K8GP 53, KA8VBA 28, K8CNM 22, W8CMX 12. July: W8CMX 30, KA8VBA 5.

KANSAS: SM, Robert M. Summers, K8BFX—SEC: K8BIX. STM: W8OYV. ACC/OOC: K8BFX. TC: KA8HEP. BM: open. PIO: W8WVSG. SGL: N8DZE. Looks like this was "bypass month." K8BEV & W8IWH each had a turn in the hospital with triple bypass. Getting well fast, guys, we need you. I had a fractured flywheel resulting in new parts, including new crankshaft, etc; 23,000 mi & now I know many new 4-letter words that go with auto problems. Osborne rpt group going all out with Amateur Radio demos; likewise, the Jayhawk ARS in Wyandotte Co. We need all the publicity we can get with mail & fair-type activities. Let us know of any unusual activity taking place with this publicity. I have a report that the Mound



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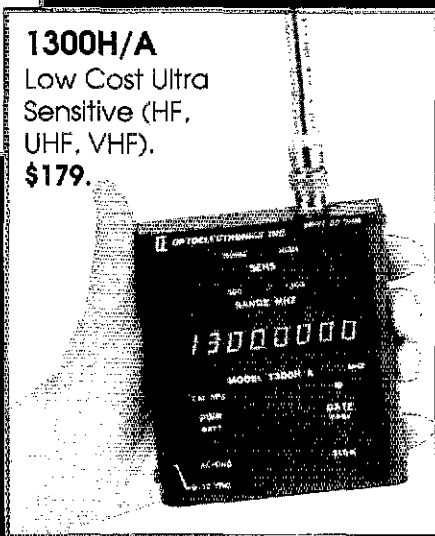
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City Rptr on 147.285 is back up & running. I haven't seen the scores for Field Day yet, but it looks like the BEARS of Wichita made a real good score this yr. The Great Band ARC has been parading its stuff lately. A thriving new club - keep your eye on them! The end of the yr is nearing, are you prepared for ? Net activity for July '91: K5BN QNL 1378; QTC 81; KP396/16; KMWN 719/691; KWN 1071/643; CSTN 1983/74; QKS 420/56; QKS-SS 15/12; Tlc: W0FFC 255; NB0Z 239; W0FE 232; W0FIR 220; N28M 187; N0KJQ 155; N0BZ 103; W0TBE 79; W0BYH 74; W0D0V 70; W0BZNY 57; W0BYXK 32; W0E28; W0MYM 25; W0CHJ 7; KX0I 7; W20B 5; K0FFC 2.

**MISSOURI:** SM, Bill McGrannahan, K0ORB - Aug saw lots of ham activity & the return of really hot weather! The Ozark Regional Hamfest in Spfld was a smashing success. We worked the ARRL booth with Div Dir Paul Grauer, W0FIR & Vice Dir Chuck Miller, W0AKUH. SEC Jim Schroeder, K0BDM, made contacts for ARES. He still needs ECs in a few counties; don't be coy - volunteer if you can help - please! Ann Gupta, W0BTEG, is the new NM of CMRA & Emery Smola, K0CMV, has taken over the CARL Net. 53 Kansas City vicinity hams worked the 2nd annual Hoopfest & the 2nd annual MDA Bike Tour. Leaders were K0BSXY, W0BTTN & K0JAA. Thanks to all for supporting ham radio & your community. The officers & directors of QICWA Mid-Continent Chap 35 met several times planning for the QICWA nat'l convention. ASM Roger Volk, K0GOB, informs us of an agreement between St Louis Co, W0 and the Monsanto Club for use of the Monsanto Rptr. Mike Redman, K0BYXU, is the RACES Coord. Also in St Louis Co, Fred Langenecker, K0BZG, is doing a great job organizing ARES members. Dr John Turner, N0BN & Carol Rosson, W0BWLJ, represented ham radio at a mtg of SEMA in Jefferson City. I'm sorry to report that Eugene Fischer, K0KMO, is a Silent Key. Gene recently received a plaque from the Jefferson Barracks ARC for his outstanding service. The McDonnell-Douglas publication *Recreation Roundup* carried an excellent article telling about the many facets of our great hobby. The author, Art Habighorst, N0LX, of Chesterfield, emphasized our public service. The month ended with another exciting hamfest, this one in St Charles - a lot of people had a lot of fun & I'm sure that a lot of electronic "treasures" found new homes for the coming yr...and will soon appear at another flea mkt! 73 de K0ORB. Net reports will appear double next month. Tlc reports follow: N0FBW 1132; W0BYJX 239; A100 110; W0R0R 106; K0ORB 88; W0T07 17; W0BMA 54; W0BWLJ 44; K0FB0M 23; W0B0CB 14; K0PCK 6; KE0AH 4.

**NEBRASKA:** SM, Varn J. Wirtz, W0B0GM - Several new appointments have been made in the NE Section Field Organization. Dan Garner, K0BEMX, of Lincoln, is NM for the Union College ARC 2-Meter Net, which meets Sun at 1900 local time on the 147.24 (+) MHz rptr in Lincoln; Phillip Ambrose, K0BFNH, of Fairbury, is EC of Jefferson Co; Jack Barnard, W0BF, of Grand Island, is NM of the Nebraska Storm Net, which meets dy on 3.982 MHz at 1830 during Standard Time & at 1900 during Daylight Savings Time. Lynn Blash, K0EK (formerly W0B0DH), of Lincoln, became a Silent Key in Aug - we offer our condolences to the family. Lynn was active in many facets of Amateur Radio & was NM of the Nebraska Storm Net. Planning discussions have been held in the Lincoln & Omaha areas on establishing a high-speed backbone link for the PBBSs to ease the congestion on 145.01 MHz. The Lincoln Pkt Committee meets on the 3rd Thurs of the month at the Anderson Library (Touzalin & Fremont Sts) in Lincoln, 1900-2100 local time. Skip Miller, W0KVM, of Lincoln, invites anyone with ideas & suggestions about pkt comms to attend the mtgs of the Lincoln Pkt Committee. The Lincoln ARC annual Christmas party is scheduled for Dec 8 at Mista's North Restaurant; contact Mary Rea, K0OK, for info. Tlc: K0DKM 4; KE0XQ 36; W0B0K 28; K0KKV 11; K0GND 9; W0B0GM 9; W0Q0 5; W0DEWH 4; K0BOY PBBS 217; N0BN PBBS 12.

## NEW ENGLAND DIVISION

**CONNECTICUT:** SM, Caesar Rondina, N1DCS - ASM: KB1H. STM: K1EIC. SEC: N4GAA. ASEC: N1FCO. OOC: KY1F. ACC: NK1J. BM: N1API. PIC: W01CMF. TC: W1HAD. SGL: K1AH. Greetings to all, I'm continuing to receive club reports & activities for groups that have renewed their club affiliations - congrats to all & thanks. As we approach the holiday season, we'll be involved with many Amateur Radio-related activities, I'm glad to see so many clubs participating in various functions. Good luck to all groups at their flea mkt this fall. Thanks to Tri-City ARC for their continuing Amateur Radio classes. Thanks to WAFC for their participation again in providing comms for the annual Cheshire H S band competition. Thanks to SARA for their support in providing comms in the Stamford Demark race & the Marathon Oct 14. Congrats to John Yacovelli, W1KB, for his achieving ARRL DXCC Honor Roll. The above assistance & accomplishments take a great deal of time on the part of individual hams. The WHARA wishes to welcome John Perry, N1EOD, to their Board of Dir. John will serve as Dir of Emergency Services for the group; good luck, John. Sincere thanks to those who reach their goals & those who give so unselfishly of their time & resources to make the events successful. Congrats to the Natchaug ARC on their successful flea mkt Sept 16. MARS/CARES has a full-service PBBS, W1EDH-2, up on 145.09 MHz in Portland. Thanks to Van, W1W0G, who has retired from the ranks of NM for CN - he's done a great job for the tlc people on CT & I know you join me in saying "a job well done." On the same front, Anne Marie Macha, K01JAN, has taken on the job & we all wish her luck in this position & welcome to the team. CT tlc people have 95% rep in FRN for Aug & 100% rep in 1RN cycle 3 & 4. By the way, Halloween is over, so we can take off our masks - Hi Hi. Till the next time.../73.

Net	Sess	Stations	Tlc NM	Liaison
CPN	30	390	128 KY1F	1RN
CN	61	357	180 KA1JAN	1RN
NVTN	31	326	133 K1HEJ	CPN
RTN	31	341	69 WA1FCA	CN
WESCONN	31	377	84 KA1GWE	CPN

PBBS Received Forwarded Total  
 CSTN N1DCS-4 236 175 411  
 Tlc: NM1K 505; KA1VED 413; KA1JAN 231; K1EIC 219; K1HEJ 185; W1W0G 185; KA1GWE 167; N1GBP 164; W1EFW 154; KA1VEC 148; KY1F 128; WA1K 116; KA1SHO 38; W1YOL 31; N1GUU 31; W1KYD 29; N1API 21; N1ES 18; N1X1Q 12; NY1V 12; KA1TBM 11; W1CUH 5; W1QV 4; K1CE

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**MAINE:** SM, Jeff Weinstein, K1JW - New Section appointments: EC W1CUW; ATC W1RQG; PIO/OES KB1P; OO KA1QA; ORS AC1G, AF1L, K1RQG, NR1F, WA1YNZ. A history of ME Amateur Radio is being compiled, from the "early days" to the present. Please mail me any interesting stories, notable achievements, anecdotes & humorous incidents about ME amateurs. There's a wealth of fascinating Amateur Radio history in this state & it should be recorded before key sources are no longer available. Our Section CW Nets are experiencing a rebirth of popularity & activity. The Pine Tree Net (PTN), under the able leadership of NM W1KX, operates Mon-Sat at 1900 local time on 3596 kHz; the PTN/MSSN publishes a comprehensive monthly newsletter edited by W1KX, which is available to PTN/MSSN participants. The ME Slow Speed Net (MSSN), operating under the guidance of NM K1UNQ, meets Sun, Tues & Thurs at 1800/2000 local time on 3725 kHz. The MSSN sched may have changed by the time you read this; listen on 3725 kHz or contact me or K1UNQ for updates. Join a group of friendly folks by checking into a CW net sometime! The Windsor Hamfest Sept 8, sponsored by the Augusta Emergency Amateur Radio Unit, was well-attended, with productive mtgs, a large flea mkt & great WX contributing to Windsor's success. The Yarmouth RC, which meets the 3rd Tues ea month at 1900 at the Yarmouth Community House, has been certified as an ARRL Affiliated Club. ME humor *au naturel* is in its full glory most early morns on 3936 kHz, where quick wit blossoms into incisive humor on a regular basis. If you're an enthusiast of pkt. ATV, VHF/UHF/SHF, moonbounce, space comms or DX, I'd like to hear about your activities! Also, I'm looking for nominations for ME's Outstanding Amateurs of 1990. Awards will be presented in several categories. See your club for details & nomination forms. The Yankee ARC newsletter, *The YARN*, edited by W1CUW, with articles from many club members, is enjoyable "just plain folks"-type reading; join the YARC to get your own copy delivered to your door! The Section Pkt Tech Committee is developing a comprehensive plan for the integration & distribution of NTS tlc within the section's Pack-Net; more on this later. I look forward to visiting with you on the club circuit.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE:** SM, Bill Burden, W01BRE - Aug tends to be a quiet month in Amateur Radio activities as vacations & summer events capture our attention. But not entirely - tlc still moves through the NTS system & NH is well-represented with 100% representation on 1RN/3 & 98.4% on 1RN/4! And the academic community is hard at work getting ready to in-ject Amateur Radio into the school system. WB1GXM reports that Pete, AE1T, computer science inst at Plymouth State is going to include Amateur Radio in his classes. Dr Ted Cooley N1GMC at Dartmouth is working to tie a mainframe computer into the pkt network. Butch has been in contact with Al, K1ADQ, who wants to get ham radio into his 8th-grade class in Lyndonville. VT Mt Washington has a working rtr once again, thanks to efforts of WA1W0K, KA1OU, N1CKX, N1CGF & WA1PTC & others. The essentials are: 146 055/146 655 MHz; CTCSS 100 Hz. The output is 15 W & cal signs are W1BPI & WA1W0K/R. From the mgmt of the American Tour de Sol solar car race - thanks to the NH ARA & the NH hams who helped make the 1990 race a safe & successful race. Ham radio will be at the NEA-NH Instructional Convention with WB1GXM leading a workshop entitled "Amateur Radio & Classroom Instruction" (grades 4-6). Finally, Hugh, W1LIM, has a slide & talk show on a recent tour of China! Contact Hugh & schedule him for your club this fall or winter! Aug 1990 NH NTS summary - nets: VTNH 210; GSPN 101; G5FM 79. Stations: W1PEX 1455; W1FYR 723; K1TOY 196; N1GXP 163; KB4N 143; W1ALE 82; N1ALM 46; KK1E 41; W1BGMX 28; KA1ROH NU1A 23; KA1LMM 17; WB1EAF 13; KA1SKX K11M 12; N1DCT 10; KA1GOZ WA1Y2N 9; KA1HP0 8; KA1KFX 6; NE1J K1PDY W1ECA 5; K1H0J WAPAS 4; W01HBB N1CUG N1BAC KB1XU 3; NR1N 2; BPL: W1PEX, W1FYR. PSHR: N1CPX, W1PEX, W1ALE, KA1HP0T.

**VERMONT:** SM, Mitch Stern, W02JSJ (@ N1GMU) - Announcing the availability of the *Vermont Amateur Radio Directory*. This 50-page booklet lists the 1300 + amateurs of VT by call sign & name, rptrs, pkt systems, exams & RCs. The Directory is available from your local RC for a reasonable charge. VT ARES is starting to take shape again. SEC NB1K now has DECA KB1GY (NW VT), K1WML (NE VT), KA1TIF (CN VT) & KA1CZO (SE VT). If you're interested in joining this fine ARES team, contact the DEC for your area or NB1K. Yet another train wreck: 5 engines & 6 cars derailed in Sharon on Aug 7. N1EMF & KA1TIF were on hand to provide backup comms. Amateurs in NVT got to listen to the tactical comms of the Mohawk Indians blocking the Mercier Bridge in Montreal - on the amateur freq of 145.87 MHz! The folks at the FCC & DoC have been notified & we hope this activity will have QSYed by the time you read this. Howy, N1G0H, has upgraded to Gen & should be in FL on the 1st leg of his year-long boating cruise. Active trafficker K1KTC is in CO for the fall. We regret to report the passing of Will Campbell, NB1C, of Winoski; Ephrem "Ben" Berteau, W1HRG, of Colchester/FL & Walter Prince, W1SPK, of Middlebury. New PBBS in Rutland area is KA1NZA-4, which should have the bugs worked out by the time you read this. Exams this month: Nov 3 in Rutland; contact WA1ZOU for details. Nov is ARRL Sweepstakes month - set your schedule for some good operating Nov 2-3 (CW) & Nov 16-17 (SSB). Nets: VTNH 31/247/210; Carrier 25/529/42; GMIN 27/433/25; VFN 4/62/5; VPEN 4/26/0; CVFM 4/32/1; TSFMM-Keene 5/74/12; TSFNM-Ascutech 4/71/0. Tlc: W02SLP 881; K1TQ 317; N1GMU 252; N1DHT 168; K1K1 155; WA1JV 134; NB1A 57; W0QO 110. **WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS:** SM, Jean Hurtle, KA1IFC - STM: KA1EXJ. PIC/ACC: K1BE. OOC/CTC: KA1SNA. Club mtgs are back in full swing & SET plans being made. The WMA picnic was attended & enjoyed by several with the WX cooperating. As of Sept 1, Art, W1KX, is NM of the CW WMM; many thanks to Joy, KA1EXJ, for her time & efforts as NM for the past 2 yrs. You will find the WMM on 3562 MHz at 0030 UTC & operates at 10 WPM +/- 2. Join in, peak your CW skills, have fun & support CW in the Section. With clubs now having mtgs again, there's always a need for guest speakers - why not offer to do a talk at another club in return for doing a presentation at your club? This would help solve problems of

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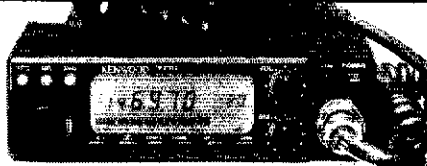


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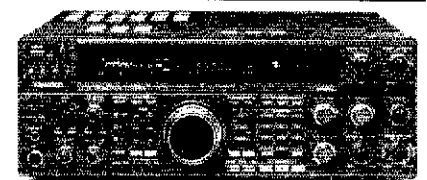
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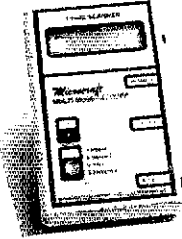
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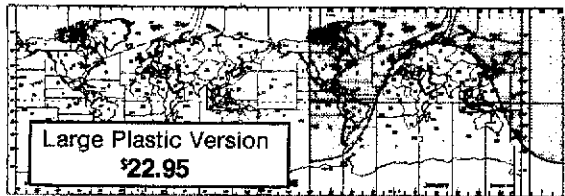
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### NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

**ALASKA:** SM, Harley Steward, KL7IZZ—ASM: KL7HO. OOC: KL7IKX & AL7BB. STM: AL7X. TC: KL7CE. SEC: AL7KE. ORS: KL7LA. OO: KL7EB. By the time you read this, the Fairbanks Flea Mkt will be history. It can only have been successful, judging by the hams involved. Florence Weber, KL7AZJ, of College, AK, was awarded honors & special recognition for public service at USGS Nat'l Ctr in Reston, VA. Congrats, Florence, long-time member of AARC. Mike Rice, KL7YV & Lynn Rice, KL7FT, won 1st place in Oshkosh, WI, with their vintage Cessna L19 on floats. Brother George Feltes SJ, KL7EN, now of Los Gatos, CA, is celebrating his 93rd birthday. He served the AK Bush & Fairbanks areas for 53 of those yrs. He's still active on Alaska/Pacific net, 14,292.

**IDAHO:** SM, Don Clower, KA7T—ASM: K7REX. SEC: N7MAL. STM: W7GHT. OOC: W87GYO. PIO: W7GE. The SW Idaho DX Club, with a claimed score of more than 4000 pts, had the high score for ID in the 1990 ARRL Field Day contest. Therefore, they win the plaque for 1990. Thanks to all who participated in FD & submitted a score. 73, Don.

N	S	Q	Q	Q	N
FARM	31	1619	37	K7CDA	
CD	23	707	14	K7UBC	
IMN	31	287	48	W87U	
NW7N				N7AH	

Tlc: N7MAL 76, W7GHT 65, W87U 65.

**MONTANA:** SM, Pete Peters, KF7R—Congrats to the Anaconda ARC & the Capital City ARC on their renewal as ARRL affiliated clubs. A good article on lightning by Vern Phillips, W7KG, has been reprinted twice. Picnics such as Father's Day, W7OTJ, W87SWH & Big Arm are becoming successful annual events. A new rpt (147.14+) on Pats Knob near Plains now covers a part of I-90 N of Missoula, where 2-mtr rpt coverage was not avail. N7OQO is a new member of the QICWA. W7IOJ received a complimentary letter on the Glacier Ground Wave Net in the Flathead Valley Area. The Yellowstone RC made it into the Billings Gazette with a Field Day article—good work, Billings.

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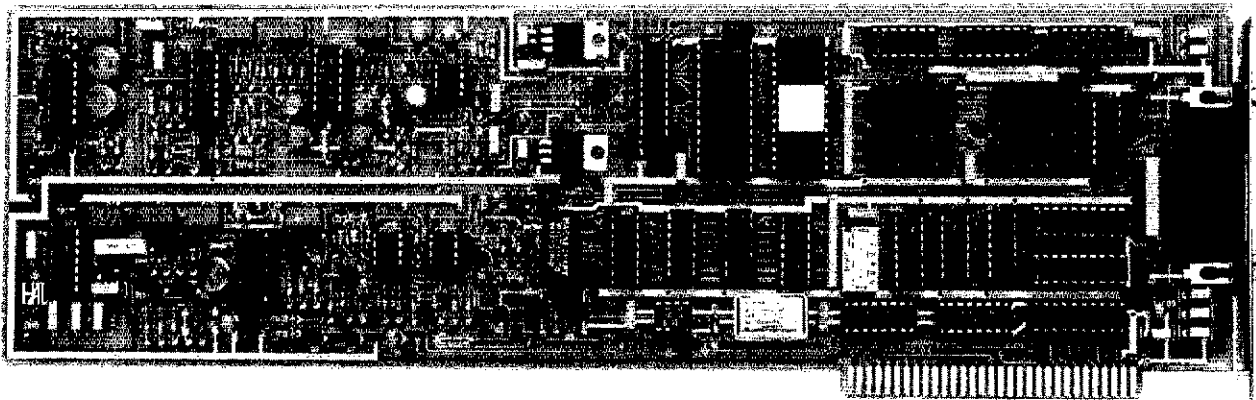
Tlc: W7TGU 573, W87WVD 66, PSHR: W87WVD 82.

**OREGON:** SM, Randy Stinson, KZ7T—ASM: W7FBP. ASM: AL7IN. STM: W7VSE. SEC: K7VF. PIO: K7YN. SGL: KA7KSK. ACC: W7FO. OO: W7WV. BTC: N7ENI. Bill Shrader, W7QMU, the NW Div Dir, has been named to the ARRL Planning Committee. This committee's mission is to draft a recommended long-range plan for the League. That's quite an honor for Bill to be picked from all the other Dirs & to be the 1st on this committee; congratulations, Bill, & good luck. The High Cascade Hamfair was a huge success. It was bigger than expected & they'll have to move it to a bigger facility next yr. Mark your calendar: Aug 10-11, 1991, is the 2nd High Cascade Hamfair; it's held at the foot of Mt Bachelor & is a beautiful setting. To show how things can get turned around, Dave Nelson, N7DCC, was hiking on Mt Hood & came across a hypothermic climber. Dave got on the 147.120 rpt & brought up Mike Hurley, K87BF, who called 911. The person was rescued. The local newspaper wrote an article about the rescue, but didn't mention the hams that were responsible for investigating the whole thing. Warren Night, N7BJJ, wrote the newspaper about the mistake & they published his letter, so we did get some credit. Thanks, Warren, for picking up on that & letting people know. John Hawley, W7TVW, the Emergency Mgr for Lincoln Co & president of OR Emergency Mgmt Assn, asked Pat, N7KMN, to be on the Communication Committee. I know Pat will do a great job. Tlc P = pkt: W7VSE 453, N7BGG 317, AL7IN 310 P, N7JCK 150 P, W87VMS 118 P, KB7FOK 78, KA9DEN 70 P, AA7CU 66, W7ODG 66, K7OVC 66, W7LNE 57, N7DXT 55 P, KA7WFW 40, K7LNM 27, N7DRP 25, KA7AID 11, WA7ARI 10 P, WA7SHP 5 P. Late July: KA7WFW 19, KC7UF 10 P.

**EASTERN WASHINGTON:** SM, Tom Plaisance, K87PH—STM: W7GB. SEC: WA7GB. OOC: W7LKR. ASM: NQ7M. SGL: KD7AC. ACC: W7QGP. TC: W7JWJ. BM: N7CAK @ W8LVJ. OOC: N7DVR. W Seattle ARC picnic attended by 25 members & W7QGP at Ruth & Dick Bennett's home. K7YNP passed away July 18. John, W7HCN, is in his new home (former home totally destroyed by fire, including ham shack). John's new beam was installed atop a 90-ft tower with the help of a huge crane. WR7C became a Silent Key. Sat, Oct 13, Mt Baker ARC's 1st-ever flea mkt had 2 ham estates & other items to sell. Jefferson City ARC has 3 used HF transceivers to be loaned to new hams in the club; equipment donated by club members. Mike & Kay ARC Pres & Pres of trustees (WA7UVJ & KA7GSE) have returned from USSR & are heading up a return visit of Soviet hams to this area next spring. W7QGP visited OARS mtg & presented their Special Club Certificate & a Certificate of Merit for an excellent Goodwill mtg with the DX operators. N Kitsap ARC hosted SM4IM of Sweden, would you like to visit a ham station with 1 side's call sign LG5LG (Norway), other side SJ9WL (Sweden)? Contact SM4IM; he will help make arrangements. July SEC report: New EC N7MUT (King), June, New EC N7AZO (Pierce), WB7CLF (King), New DEC KB7DCD (Mt Vernon) Can, EC



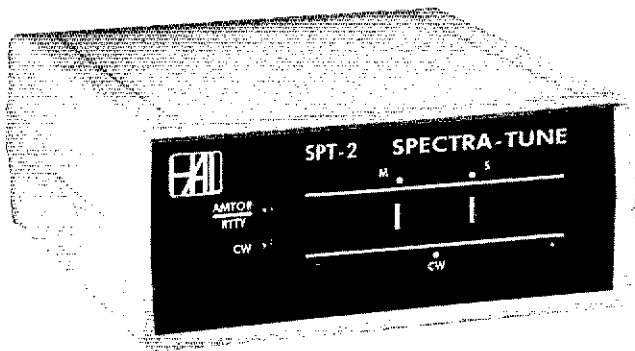
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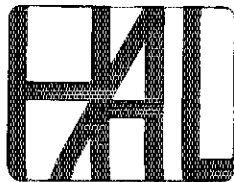
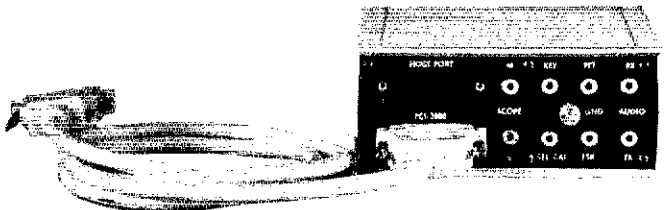
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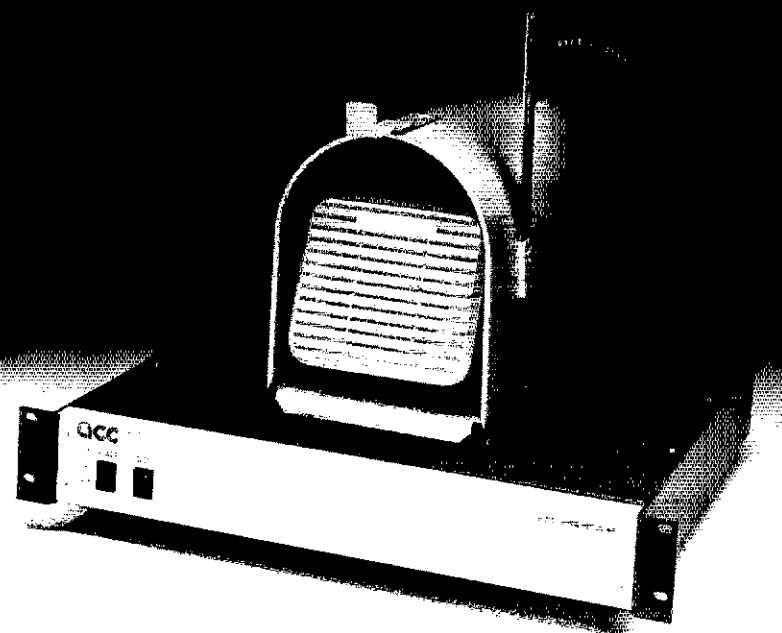


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### PACIFIC DIVISION

**EAST BAY:** SM, Bob Vallo, W6RGG—ASMs: W6ZF, W63FCV. SEC: W6LKE. STM: K6APW. OOC: K6TI. TC: N8AMG. LARK's latest Novice, Tech & upgrade classes started Oct 9 at Granada H S, Rm 108, Science Bldg, 400 Wall St, Livermore. Contact K6TS, 447-5872 or N6FQO, 462-8948 for info. W6KG & W6QL, of DXpedition fame, spoke at the last mtg. HRC welcomed new members N8YUO & N6YTL. *The Chewed Rag* saluted W6KCV on his celebration of 50 years in Amateur Radio, all with the same call sign—congrats. All KA9QMF is stepping down as ed of the NBARA newsletter & will be replaced by K6YF. Members NH8CN, W6RUY, W6GUC, W68YY, W68EGF, N6OJY & WB6TRF supported the Vallejo Fire Dept & Solano Co OES in a Fire Watch July 4. NBARA members provided comms for the Historical Run & the Torchlight Parade. CCCC welcomed new members W6LRT, K6ZFC, N6YGX, K68KAR, K6ENP, N6MYG & congratulated K68FAW & K68DRX on their upgrades to Tech & Gen, respectively. EBARC mourns the loss of long-time member Muriel Hunter. W6FRP, VVRC's newsletter will be edited by W6CAX. SBARA's Novice class is underway in Fremont, call N6QWF, 790-8382 for info. MDAFC members K68EZL, K6BJZM, N6UMG, N6UIU, N6SPY, N6MNL, N6RFZ, K68RP, A68NM, N6ZA, W6NKF, K68Y, W68PQU, K68YK, K68UU, N6CPG & W6CPO provided comms for the Dept of Forestry & Fire Prevention July 4. Aug tfc: W68DOB/270, W6VOM/139.

**NEVADA:** SM, Joe Lambert, W8IXD—ASM: Curly Silva, K7HRW. TC: NW7O. STM: KK4M. SEC: K7HRW. Thanks to Chuck, W6DPD, Pac Div Dir, for visiting the Reno area Aug 12 & addressing the SNARS breakfast; thanks to Curly for coordinating this visit with hams in the N NV area. Chuck was able to give a briefing on the summer ARRL Board mtg, give an update on League policies & projects, & answer questions from the audience. TARA reports on successful comms support for the Marklesville Death Ride, in which 2400 riders participated; TARA also reports extensive work & improvements on several rpters. N7FPF & I attended the SW Div Convention in San Diego & saw many NV hams; it was a nice get-together. Pac Div Convention (PACIFICON) Oct 12-14 in San Jose; Shorty promises the usual good time & I hope to see a lot of NV hams there. 2 NV hams qualified for P5HR this month. See you in San Jose.

**PACIFIC:** SM, Ron Phillips, AH6HN—Bill, KH6S, reports that Brian, WH6AL & Kurt, NH6WZ, upgraded from Tech to Gen—congrats to both. Kimo, WH6AXL, has returned to the Big Island after a couple of yrs on Kauai—welcome back, Kimo. WH6C, NH6H, WH6BX, KH6H, N6HPQ, KH6HHF, KH6PU, AH6IF, NH6QF & KH6UU provided public safety comms for the annual Haleakala "Run to the Sun" ultramarathon; thanks for a job well done. Corky, W6ORS, reports he received his new Navy MARS call sign—in addition to the other activities, that should keep him busy. Mahalo to Joe, KH6GDR, for keeping me informed of activities at Honolulu ARC, to Bill, KH6S, from Kauai & to Mel, KH6H, from Maui. Tfc: KH6S 22, KH6H 6.

**SACRAMENTO VALLEY:** SM, Jattie Hill, W6RFF—Club Editors: please send a copy of your newsletter to ACC Jeanne Cross, 1070 Poplar, Chico, CA 95928. It was good to see some of the section members at Pacificon; hope you enjoyed it. Still need ECs for some cos. Contact SEC Walt Cross, KE6EP. If you'd like a list of section appointees, send me your request & SASE. Contact your local EC for information on ARES. Many clubs hold elections at year end—please send me a list of your new officers. OOC WY6D & his group have been busy with rpt interference complaints. John does a good job with his OOs. KA6HYV, EC Plumas, is working on a MOU between the Plumas Nat'l Forest & ARES. By now the forest fire season should be over—think rain! If your club needs a speaker, your SM is available, in most cases, with a few day's notice. Tfc: WA6WJZ 93, W6CFQ 33, W6RFF 28, WB6SRQ 5.

**SAN FRANCISCO:** SM, Dick Wilson, K6LRN—Steve Porter, K6LRL, passed away Aug 16. W6FCQ & N6AQY give upgrade classes at Marin ARC. K6ZJZ reports many hams helping with CA Div Forestry fire comms in Aug: KE6WC K68IF5 W68AQJ K68LAG W68CHU W68PMS KA6TFQ KA6YRK N6BDE N6NKT K68PDA W68FRM W68CMU W68ZE K68BO G68JD G68JUX K68BIN K68CFE K68GA W68QR K68NEO K68HYS W68NBG W68ZUT K68MRM KA6CHJ KA6YRK. Many travelled a long distance—thanks to all. Congrats to the Sonoma CDF contingent for FB Comms bus—a self-sufficient unit with many operating positions, built by N6ONZ's fine group & CDF volunteers. WA6MIGK & W6JFN went to Ft Bragg for ATC comms in another CDF exercise. W6KIT KA6OPR N6MYQ A68GV W68BOR covered Vine Mountain Triathlon. W6MJQ, W68TKD, KA68QF, N6YMQ, W68PAC covered the "Escape from Alcatraz" Triathlon. W68LYE, N6AFT, KA6NEO, W68MYF, W68AEY, W68VMS & S OR Pkt Group helped reestablish pkt link into Eureka area. K9AT & W69LOZ took trip to AK. Lambda ARC is one of the more active clubs in the section with many activities & trips. Tfc: N6FWG 133.

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:** SM, Byron Smith, WA6YLB—I'm pleased with the hams in this section. I've read that the hams came through with comms for the fire personnel during the Yosemite fires. It shows that ham radio is vital to ea & every emergency agency in your area. In total, it was reported that nearly 1000 hrs of service from 55 hams were used. If your area needs help showing your agencies how we can be utilized, please contact the US Forest Service—I'm sure they'll put in a good word for your group. Contact N6KFR or W68WFF for info on how they got involved. New sess of on-the-air Novice code class: 0600-0700 Mon-Fri on 3760 kHz & on UHF, 441.900 MHz, for our nonham friends with scanners. Tfc report next month.

**SANTA CLARA VALLEY:** SM, Steve Wilson, KA6S—SEC: N6JQJ. TC: WA6PWW. STM: W6ZRJ. PIO: N6VQV. ACC:

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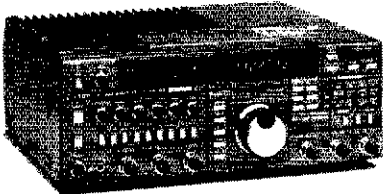
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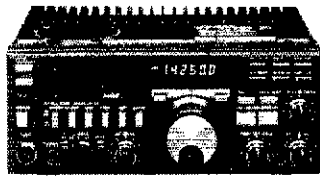
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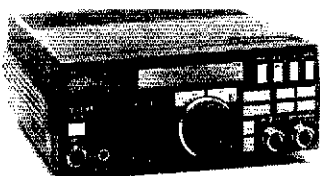
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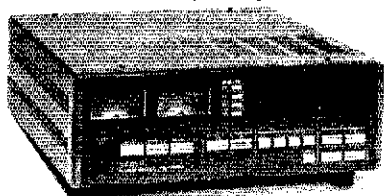
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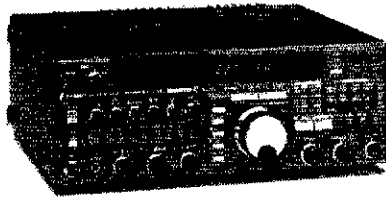


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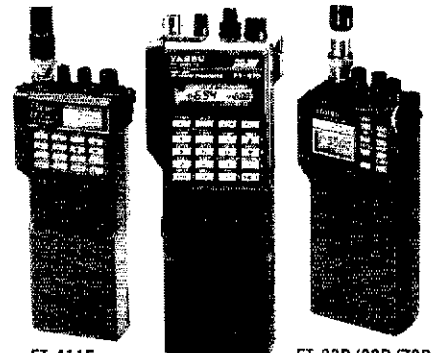
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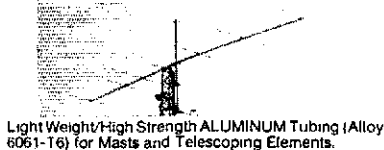
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KB6ICQ. BM: (vacant). OOC: KB6FPW. Sept—This will be a rather short column this month, because of insufficient info—I can only report what you folks tell me about! If you'd like to get your club activities mentioned here, please include me on your club newsletter mailing list. The club newsletters are where I get most of the material. I'd also like to ask each of the ECs in the section to forward a copy of activity reports to me as well as your DECs and the SEC. SCAPA is working hard on putting together a great convention this yr. Hope to see you at PACIFICON 90 this Oct 12-14. PAARA will be holding their annual auction Oct 13 so you have a ham radio double-header weekend. The lawsuit brought by the Perham Foundation against the Foothill College district to keep the Electronics Museum open saw another round on Aug 15; the College district motion for dismissal of the suit was denied. The Milpitas ARES set up a ham radio demo booth at the annual Milpitas Art & Wine festival. WN6I and N6KL gave a talk at the IBM ARC Aug mtg on foxhunting techniques. EMARC has their home-brew contest coming up Sept 7. It'll be interesting to find out which project wins! George, WA6YIM, has completed the a Santa Clara Co EC survey this month. The survey asks detailed questions about how each city ARES group is organized, & about the relationship with the city governments. The results of the survey should have come out in late Sep. I'd also like to welcome Kap, KJ6KV, as the DEC for San Mateo Co; Lilly, N6PGM, as the EC for Mtn View, Ben, KB6SIQ as the new EC for San Jose & Becky, N6VQV, as the new section PIC. I thank Clay, N6GA, for his hard work over the last several yrs as section training coord & EC for San Jose. I'd like to express my appreciation to Randy, K6BBO, our retiring section PIC, for his fine work. Phone numbers: Amateur Radio classes & clubs, 408-971-1424. License exams, 408-984-8353 (ARRL VEC) or 408-255-9000 (Sunnyvale VEC). Tlc this month: W6VZT 32 (1), W6ZPJ 26 (7), NR7E 86 (4).

## ROANOKE DIVISION

**NORTH CAROLINA:** SM, W. Reed Whitten, AB4W—ASM; AB4S. SEC: N4MYB. STM: K14YV. ACC: WC4T, TC: KM4OX. SGL: KE4ML. PIO: WA9NEW. Two new ECs have been appointed: KM4LB in Wake Co & N4GGD in Guilford Co. Please help them & let them know you support their efforts. The State Emergency Response Team (SERT) was activated on Sep 13 for repatriation of hostages from Iraq & Kuwait at the Raleigh-Durham Int'l Airport. SGL KE4ML, KM4LB & Durham Co EC KB4WGA responded to this activation by providing 20 ARES members (well-dressed & identified with Amateur Radio badges) at the airport & at the State EOC. Approximately 300 former hostages went through the repatriation process & each received an "Amateur Radio Arrival Message" form in a packet of info they were given after clearing customs. Our msg load was lighter than expected, because 2 telephone companies installed phones at the last minute & provided free calls. This did not, however, reduce the value of our presence. Amateur Radio received newspaper & TV coverage & favorable comments from State & Federal officials. A number of the former hostages took advantage of our service & msgs were delivered for those having difficulty contacting friends or family members. All were visibly relieved when notified that their msgs had been delivered. As always, our contribution was measured by our presence & visibility—not the no. of msgs delivered. Two more planeloads of hostages are scheduled to arrive Sept 20 & 23. NC ARES members will again be there to assist. The Greater Greensboro Hamfest is sched for Nov 24-25. Silent Key report, K4BF, who provided DX contacts for many during his extensive travels in Africa. Aug tlc: K4IWW 271, K14YV 176, KB7LX 102, K4EYF 77, W4EAT 74, N9CGD 73, KC4MWT 41, N4JTG 33, WD4LOO 37, WB4WII 36, N4UMI 33, W4EHF 32, N4WPU 31, N4VXV 30, N4UE 30, N4SVZ 27, W4AMNR 25, W4EDN 25, K4AIF 24, KC4GCK 24, N4SSX 18, N4UOE 16, N4ZUD 16, N4SHE 15, N4DUI 15, AB4W 14, KN4HF 12, W4LWZ 12, W9AUTM 11, KA4KGZ 11, N4LST 11, W8CRS 10, N4YRD 6, N4XUN 2.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** SM, Ned Moeller, N4FVU—OOC; W4NTO. PIC: AB4ID. SEC: KB4FP. STM: W4ANK. TFC: WA4UNZ. ACC & SGL: N4FVU. The PSHR, published ea month in QST, lists amateurs whose public service performance during the month qualifies for recognition. Our STM Hunter Wood, W4ANK, has achieved an unprecedented record of having his call sign listed ea month, including the 1st time the PSHR was published in QST. Each month, W4ANK has been listed in the PSHR with the exception of the 2 times the SC Section News got lost before it reached ARRL HQ. In Aug 1990, W4ANK, achieved 76 PSHR points after having to devote time to his XYL who was hospitalized for 12 days because of surgery. I suggest he's worthy of special recognition. We are saddened to hear N4MPP and W4PST, of Silent Keys. Gus Moak, N4MPP, of Cordovan, SC, was a DXer with many QSOs. Wilber Campbell, W4PST, of Summerville, SC, was an SCSB Net participant. Aug tlc: W4ANK 105, KA4LRM 63, W4DRF 43, N4FVU 30.

**VIRGINIA:** SM, Ted Dingler, N4KSO @ KC4IH—SEC: WB4ZTR @ WB4D. STM: N4GHI @ WA3TAI. ACC: KA4YUY. OOC: WBIRT. TC: N4UA. SGL: W4UMC. BM: W3ATO. PIC: WB4QDJ. Congratulations to new ARES appointees: N4HE, EC Military District of Washington; KC4CMR, EC James City Co; K4JEK, DEC for N Shenandoah District No. 1. DEC N4AKZ reports Mt Empire ARES provided comms for VA Lung Assn Bike Ride. KM4PB, N4RSF, WB4ZTR, K44GC, WB4EEA, W2AAW, N4SCK attended SKYWARN training at the new Washington, DC, Forecasting Ctr at Dulles Airport. The tour of the ctr was enjoyed by all. N VA SKYWARN interest is growing rapidly, primary net on WA4TSC's 147.30 rpt. Contact WB4ZTR for more info. No matter how much or how little tlc you handle, N4GHI wants & needs your monthly report, just include the no. of Orig, Sent, Recd, Deliv & Total by the 5th of the month. K44SN reports Portsmouth ARES was activated by local Red Cross Aug 24 because of flooding from heavy rains. AA4AT set up at Wilson H S shelter with 90 evacuees & K5SFM set up at EOC. N4SCK organized another Int'l Children's Festival comms event, held each Labor Day wknd in Fairfax Co. N4GHI & WB4KSG co-sponsored another VN picnic at N4GHI's Potomac R QTH; everyone enjoyed the boating, sports & Food Thanks, Gen & Lon. K44EK, WB4ZTR, N4RSF, KM4PB, KB2CEV, WA4ITY, KF4HP, N4LXP, N4FWA, WB2CUM, WA4OTF, WA4CJX, N4OEF, WA4HVU, W4UGX, KD4TZ, provided comms for Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour in Winchester Sept 8. From all of us in the VA to each of you: Happy holidays & may you enjoy happiness & peace in the coming yr. Tlc: N5DST 577, WB8TAX 504, N4GHI 446, K4DOR 434, W4JLS 340, W4DMZ 260, N4EXQ 234, W4HOG 212, K4MTX 205, W3ATQ 145, AA4AT 128, N6ANC 77,

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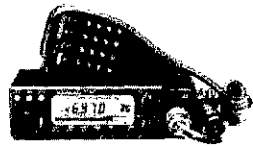
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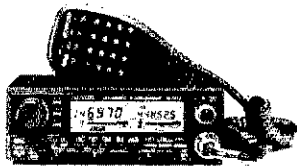
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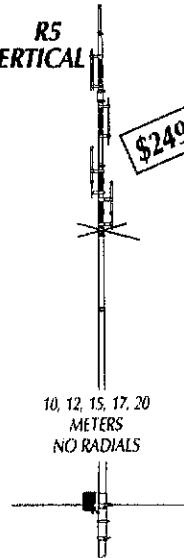


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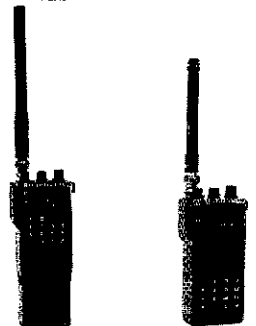
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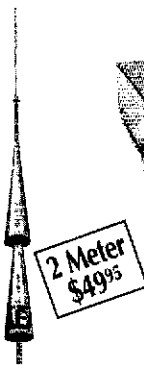
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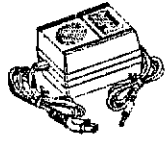
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WEST VIRGINIA: SM, Karl S. Thompson, K8KT-SEC; K8QEW. STM: N8FXH. SGL: K8BS. TC: K8LG. ACC: W8BFLF. Repeater Coord: WB8GDY. A new RC, the Central ARA, has been organized in Weston; contact N8FIP for details. Ann, K8ZGY, is recovering nicely & is going back to work. Ruth Rice, KBARA, is getting along well after her illness. Anyone who wishes may send a card or letter to Freeman, W8QEC, & "Miss Lilly" Murphy at James River Conv. Ctr. 540 Aberthaw Ave, Newport News, VA 23601.

Net	Freq	Time	QNT	QTC	Sess	NM
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WVN-L	3567	10	141	51	31	KZ8Q
WVMD	7235	11:45	603	75	31	WDBV
WVRN	3840	6:30	150	24	30	K8LG
WVNN	3730	7:15	45	30	30	K8ZGY
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Tlc: KA8WNO 398, WT8L 305, W8YF 148, K8QEW 143, N8FXH 30, K8KT 20, KA8OGF 18.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION

COLORADO: SM, Bill Sheffield, KQAJ-SFC; K4UBU. STM: WT8G. ACC: WB0DUV. PIC: WB0FQB. OOC: KA8CDN/W4UJR. TC: W4LJF. SGL: WD0HINQ/WD0HNP. BM: KA8VJM. I'd like to thank KBZ for his yrs of time & effort as STM. Effective Sep 1st, Jack Patterson, WT8G, assumes the duties of STM, he has a great deal of experience with the section tlc program; let him know if he can be of help. This is my 1st month back as your SM, & I'm looking forward to working with the section again. If anyone in the state is interested in a section appointment, let me know. We're looking for ORS, PIC, OO & ATC appointments throughout all areas of the state. There are open EC positions on the W Slope & the E Plains. The Denver & CO Springs areas have new SWN Coords: congrats to WD0HNC, Denver & N4TGO, CO Springs. A reminder to ECs to get your SET reports in even if you participated in the statewide SET; let's try to improve last yr's reports. 73, KQAJ. Note: COL: QNT 1528, QTC 87-79, QNF 794, 31 sess. CWN QNI 67, QTC 77, QNF 164 31 sess. CWNX; QNI 1435, QTC 1100, QNF 2790, 31 sess. HNN; QNI 1895, QTC 121-607, QNF 1010, 31 sess. NCTN; QNI 158, QTC 67, QNF 210, 31 sess. SCTN: QNI 225, QTC 20, 27 sess. Tlc: WB8YNS 1282, WBLV 615, K9DCX 549, K9YXK 442, N9HFZ 390, KC8VL 387, WT8G 330, W8ACH 234, W8WGT 230, N9GVQ 221, W80VT 192, N9CFR 174, W4LJF 101, N8CFR 96.

NEW MEXICO: SM, Joe T. Knight, W5PDY-ASM; K6BIS. SEC: K6YEV. STM: ND5T. NMs: WA5UNO, K8LL & W5QNR. TC: W8GY. ACC: KA5BEM. SW Net meets dy, 3583 @ 0230 UTC, handled 63 msgs with 86 check-ins. NM Roadrunner Net meets dy, 3939 @ 0100 UTC, handled 100 msgs with 1281 check-ins. NM Breakfast Club meets dy, 3939 @ 6:30 AM, handled 144 msgs with 943 check-ins. Yuuca 2-mtr Net, 78/18, handled 13 msgs with 426 check-ins. Caravan Club 2-mtr Net, 68/06 handled 10 msgs with 136 check-ins. SCAT Net, 68/06 handled 7 msgs with 589 check-ins. Into Net 12/27, with 88 check-ins. ZIA Sun Noon Packet Net with 62 check-ins. The Alamogordo Hamfest was certainly a success & thanks to Luck Hurder, KY1T, from ARRL HQ & Marshall Hill, AG0X, Dir, Rocky Mtn Div, for their participation. Congrats to Mil Jensen, N5IA, father of the ZIA Link, as the NM Ham of the Yr for 1990. He is certainly well-deserving of this honor. Tlc: KF4FV 89.

UTAH: SM, Rich Fisher, N5TK-SEC/STM; Jim Brown. PIC: Lon Stuart. The Basin had a good turnout with the getaway. Duschene Co approved getting radios & they are on order. Davis Co ARC & Andogden ARC are having Amateur Radio classes this fall. There were a lot of upgrades this summer - congratulations to you all. QTC N5TK 72, N7ASY 2633, N7JLC 5, 73, Rich, N5TK

WYOMING: SM, Jim Raister, N7GVV-ASM; Steve Cochran, WA7H. SEC: Jim Anderson, W7VVK. STM: Dan Ransome, K7MM. PIC: Wilson Sellner, W7PRZ. Shauna Richards, N7NGT, was selected as the 1989 recipient of the Hiram Percy Maxim Award - congratulations! A big thanks to Steve, WA7H, for filling in for me at WIMU & for accepting the chairmanship for WIMU 1991. Steve will be asking hams around the state for help with the various committees; please say Yes.

Net	Freq	Time/Days	QNT/QTC/NM
Cowboy	3927	8:45 PM M-F	685/3 WB7K
Pony Express	3923	8 AM	148/0 W7MZW
Area 5 ARES 2M			58/0 W7ILL
Albany ARES 2M			19/0 WB7K

Tlc: W7SQT 177

## SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

ALABAMA: SM, Mildred Cullen, AA4XF-ASM; W4XL. TC: N4MOK. ACC: KA4PKB. OOC: KE8BP. STM: W4PIM. PIC: KB4KCH. SGL: W04W. SEC: AB4EZ. BM: KA4ZXL. Tnx to Calhoun Co ARES/RACES for their help during a recent chemical leak. DEC, Norris, KB4KOY, with Tom, WB4ESO, as NCS & 17 amateurs were called at 4 AM & worked for 8 hrs with local emerg officials. Thanks to these dedicated hams. I regret to rpt 3 Silent Keys, Robert A. Harbor, KC4XP, of Hamilton; Edwin C. Hand, W4NFW, Andalusia; & Lawrence E. Coleman Sr, KB4LS, B'Ham. To their families & friends, our sympathy. Thanks to Jack Rasnick, KM4FQ, DEC of NW AL & Bryan Turner, AB4AP, DEC for H'ville & surrounding cos - contact them & offer your help. Welcome to the newly formed Gulf Coast Chapter Telephone Pioneers ARC of Mobile. Officers are: Pres Scott Hillman, WA4TYH; VP Marc Molyneux, N4EM; Dir Warren Locklin, N4RUC. Montgomery hamfest is Nov 24. OOs, please send monthly rpt to OOC KE8BP & DEC, please send monthly rpt to SEC AB4EZ. These are important for records - thanks. ADN: QNI 628 QTC 172, 31 sess. ASN: QNI 376 QTC 100, 28 sess. ATNM: QNI 3024 QTC 118. AJ ARES/RACES Net, Tues 3.965-0130 & Sat 7.260 1630 UTC. BPL: WA4JDH. PSHR: WA4JDH W4PIM W4QAT N4XFX W4CKS WB4MMD WB4IDB AA4XF KM4JD W4JBU AB4EZ KA4RZZ WA4RNP. Tlc: WA4JDH 706, W4PIM 255, W4JBU 196, W4CKS 122, KM4JD 107, W4QAT 88, AA4XF 75, N4XFX 65, KC41F 60, WA4RNP 47, WB4MMD 31, WB4XIA 12, W4XI



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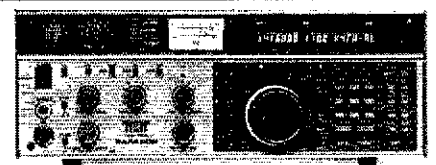
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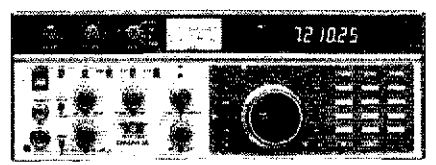
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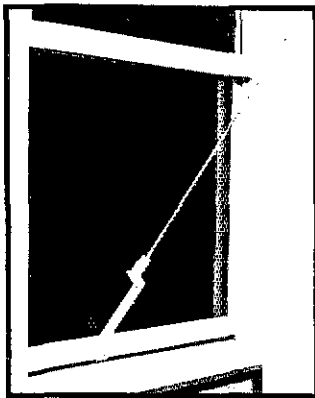
12, KA4RZZ 10, WB4IDB 10, AB4EZ 10, KN4HD 4, WB4TVY 2.

GEORGIA: SM, Eddy Kosubucki, K4JNL—ASM & BM: AA4UA. SEC: NC4E. STM: WB4WQL. Pkt: W4CQ. ACC: KM4IH. OOC: W8BLA. SGL: WB4UWV. TC: W4ZTL. Ham Radio & Computer Expo '90 in Lawrenceville Nov 3-4; this is always a great one. Once again, the BGMRCC of Newman did their part in showing off ham radio at the annual Power's Crossroads Co Fair. Confederate Signal Corps 1990 officers are: Pres K4KQK; VP WA4WBL; Rec Secy W4BJT; Corr Secy: W4USS. Memb: Act W4DPZ; dltr, KA4KRN; Editor: W4BJT. Ga SSB Assn elected pres N4OTC; vp KA4HHE; secy/treas W4HON; dlrs WB4LBM & WB4CJB. KA4HHE, GA Amateur of the Yr, & I presented a certificate of merit to W4HON for his yrs of service to the Assn. Thanks to the efforts of Carol, N4WBI, all 13 pupils received their licenses at the Addison Elem School, also known as "The Wacky Bear Institute." We sure can use more of these kind of instructors to start the youngsters into this great hobby. Thanks, Carol. At this writing (Sept), MATPARC doesn't know how it placed in the Goodwill Games, but they had lots of fun. If you have somebody in your club or group who needs to be recognized—please write & let me know. I hope the section had a successful SET. Now's the time to get the reports in to our SEC, NC4E, for tabulation. Dalton ARC officers for 1990: pres N4OTC; vp N4TFE; treas KM4DQ; secy KC4HUR. Nets are an important part of Amateur Radio, we exist because of the public service we render to the citizens of this great country & to the world during disasters, etc. Knowing how to handle tlc & perform during emergencies is important. Training is participating in nets, then you can be ready when needed. Tnx & God Bless, Eddy. Tlc: KA4HHE 183, WB4DZV 82, KC4BHX 75, WB4WQL 53, W4AET 47, N4MWR 24, WD4DSS 21, N4UZ 14, K4BAI 2, K4JNL 2.

NORTHERN FLORIDA: SM, Rudy Hubbard, WA4PUP—ASM: N4ADI. ACC: K14BI. BM: N4GMU. OOC: WB4GHU. SEC: W4MLE. SGL: KC4N. STM: KB9LT. TC: N4SS. PIC: KB4LB. Digital: K4CY. ARES NM W4FI doing a good job with the new ARES Net. W4MLE, SEC, is revising the NFL Section Emergency Plan. DECs requested to submit updated written ARES plans and the ECs to submit updated written ARES plans to the DECs. By the time you read this, SET will be upon us. Section plans for SET will have been received by now & everyone is urged to participate, if for no other reason than to acquaint newcomers on how to handle emergency tlc & test local procedures. Which brings to mind—formal written tlc has slowed down a bit. There are amateurs who need training on how to prepare & pass tlc. Jerry, K4UBR, is doing a great job on the NFPN. He needs NCSs as alternates—get in touch with Jerry. Anyone interested in other programs, ie, PIC, ATC, OBS, or OO, contact any of the staff listed & they will see that you get the data needed to take on responsibilities for the Section. Clubs that have sent me their newsletters, thank you; if your club has not placed me on your mailing list, won't you please do so? I want this column to be of interest to all & the only way to do that is to get input from you. Clover Leaf ARC renewed as Special Service Club. George, W4MLE, reports new appointments: DEC, Capital District, W1XO; Leon Co OES, WN4IV; congratulations to both, 73, Rudy. Tlc: N4SS 383, K4UBR 335, KB9LT 252, WD4IO 240, WA4QXT 156, N4JAO 125, WA4EYU 97, N4GMU 84, WA4GYR 73, KC4FL 68, W4MLE 65, WC4D 61, K14CQ 60, AA4FG 51, WB4GHU 50, N4JHI 50, WB4DNT 40, WA4PUP 35, W4KXJ 31, KB4RTG 30, N2A0X 30, N4ADI 28, N4OZZ 27, KM4NN 23, KC4MDY 22, N4QYS 22, WA4APO 18, N4DY 18, NF4O 18, N4UF 19, N4YHE 15, W8IM 14, W4UEA 14, K4UTY 12, WA4NA 12, WA4STZ 5.

SOUTHERN FLORIDA: SM, Richard D. Hill, WA4PFK—STM: K4ZK. SEC: W4SS. Asst SEC: WB4WDX. TC: K14T. BM: WD4KBW. PIC: N4PBF. AA/OOC: WB4GHU. ACC: K4EUK. SGL: KC4N. Pkt Mgr: K4CY. I was sorry to hear from W4EIO that WD4CHO of N Ft Myers is seriously ill. Larry's pkt address at this time is WD4CHO @ WD9AGK with subject as Floyds Knobs IN 47119, for those wishing to contact him via pkt. The Ft Myers ARC Modulator had an interesting article on lightning written by K4FOU. The Sarasota ARC Amplifier reports that the 440 repeater has changed freq to 444.925 MHz transmit & 449.925 MHz receive. Word from the Titusville newsletter is that the antenna on the Titusville Police Dept's tower was tested & there was good coverage all over town using a hand-held transceiver at the base station & in the mobile units. The Englewood ARS newsletter indicates that they will provide comms for the Englewood Pioneer Days in Sept & will assist in another beach clean-up. The IBM ARC of Boca Raton bulletin & the ARA of SW FL Bulletin Board provided info about the exhibit at the Discovery Ctr in downtown Ft Lauderdale. The exhibit, "Forces of the Universe," explains the fundamental forces, including the electromagnetic force. An Amateur Radio display will be part of the exhibit & will be a registered ARRL Special-event station with special QSL cards. The exhibit will run Sept 15-March 15, winds only (10-6 Sat, noon-6 Sun). For more info, contact David Oppenheimer, K4NRC, at 305-563-1228. The 3 Brevard ARC Spenc has an interesting article by K14TD relative to projecting storm tracks. A newsletter clipping mailed to me from Lee Co featured Lucille Gainer, K14ZW. It was a nice article describing her efforts as a MARS operator in providing comms between military personnel sent to the Middle East & their loved ones back home. N4KFU, manager of the FL Medium-Speed Net, sent an informative newsletter describing net activities. Congrats to the W Palm Beach ARC, which has been officially renewed as a Special Service Club. The St Lucie Rptr Assn Repeater regretfully announced that W4RVE became a Silent Key. He was a native of Belgian Congo, Africa & came to the area here 6 yrs ago from Fayetteville, NC. He served with the US Navy during 3 wars. K4CY sent a pkt showing the amount of NTS tlc handled by W4DPH 285, KB4VOL 59, W8DUV 60, K4CY 127, WD4HIM 59, N4GXX 8, K4GBB 42, K0ZXF 10, KB4PLH 2 & WB2WPA 70. WB4WDX, Asst SEC, had the following ECs reporting to him this month, as of press time: S Brevard, W4MSSO; Dade, W4IVT, Highlands WB4WDX, Indian F, N4YFX; Lee, WA4PIL, Palm Beach; K4ZRP, Pinellas; N4OBT, Sarasota; N4LML; Monroe W3YWK; Okeechobee, K4INJ. The Florida Keys ARC Bulletin stated that KC4JCU has been assigned to investigate obtaining permits & other requirements needed by the club to possibly hold an Indian Key DXpedition. N4SMD, OES, reports he completed 27 phone patches from Navy ships in Region 3 & 1 H/W from Guatemala. Note: The ARRL Info Net will continue to operate on 3940 kHz, but with a time change. We'll meet at 7:30 AM ea Sat.

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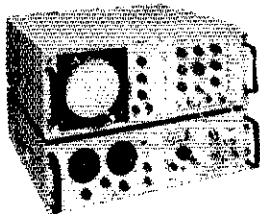
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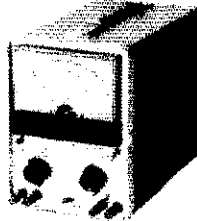
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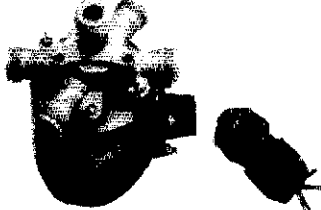


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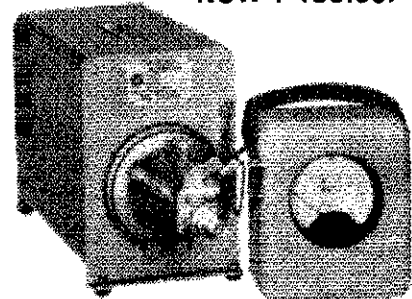
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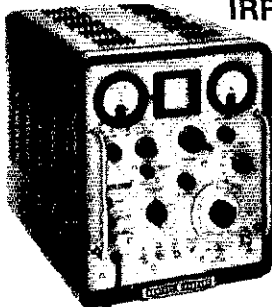
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**ARIZONA:** SM & Acting SEC, Jim Swafford, W7FF—ASM: Ray Bass, K7QMR. STM: Robert Howe, W7EP. ACC: Robert Drake, N7ECE. BM: Art Marshall, W1FU. OOC: John Moore, NJ7E. SGL: Jim Bailey, K7W7D. TC: Bill Jordan, K7KI. Still looking for a PIC—any volunteers? Also need replacement SEC, as I'm afraid I haven't done a good job of it because of other demands on my time. While at SW Div convention in San Diego, attended mtgs & exchanged ideas with all SW Div SAs, plus League Pres Larry, W4RA & our own Div Dir WA6WZO. SANDARC, who sponsored the convention did a nice job—congrats. Next yr's Div Conv will be in Scottsdale at the Safari Resort, Oct 11-12, 1991, hosted by Scottsdale ARC. They also plan to sponsor the ARCA Spring Hamfest at Scottsdale Community College, same as this yr; date to be announced. New ARCA officers for 1990-91: Chmn Lee Pemberton, WB7BXB; Vice Chmn: Cliff Hauser, KD6XH; Treas: Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY. No Secy as yet. 73, Jim. Net, Arizona Tfc & Emerg Net; Abbrev, A7EN; QNI, 627; QNI, 85; QTC, 31; Liaisons, TWIN. Tfc: W7EP 224, K7RLL 79, W7OIF 67, K7POF 25, N7ETP 12.

**LOS ANGELES:** SM, Phineas J. Icenbice Jr, W6BF—The Amateur Radio service in LA does handle tlc Our tlc champion again is Ted Sharp, K6UYK, with 1127 total. According to Kathleen, N6MAD, the following tlc leaders on W6FNO/R were N6NYK 100, N6TFS 47, K6BCC 24 & K6IDU 22 (total 263). The latest rumor from the LA City Ordinance is that 3 versions have been submitted up the chain of command with a tower height of 65 feet included (these documents have not been released to the public). Joe Merdler, N6AHU, is responsible for coordinating the passage of the proposed ordinance thru to the Council Chambers. Please be on the lookout for any indication of action & report it to Joe at 818-983-0555. One clause we want to have is the "grandfather clause." Joe is on the Council activity notification list at City Hall. However, anyone who frequents the City Hall area, please call Joe with the latest info. Our intent is to be nice & fill the Council Chambers at the correct time with a unified agenda. (See Sep QST, p 43). The Volunteer Counsel members in this area are N6AHU, W6/CE4CR, K06E, KB7FF, K68FO, K6CI, N6KQM, N8KUB, KY7M, N6MI, W6MON, KV7O, W6OGC, W6W6P, WA7QBW, WB7RVJ, K6BSI, WA9STI, W6US & WA6UJY. If any of these hams are near you, please call them for local assistance involving the Amateur Radio service. The ARRL Annual Report for 1989 is on the street. One common-denominator item on many pages is the matter of local towers & antennas. Another high-priority item casually passed over is the preservation of amateur freq allocations. The Nat'l Telecommunications & Info Agency (NTIA), shares responsibility with the FCC for mgmt of the radio spectrum. The *Federal Register* for Dec 8, 1989, carried a Notice of Inquiry inviting comments from the public (taxpayers) on a wide-ranging series of questions. If you missed the notice or the Mar 30, 1990, deadline, you might want to check your library or write to NTIA. This info should also be in the files of your Congressman. This is also the place to file your complaints in writing if the PUC will not help solve your power-line noise problems. Our TC Edgar, N6OU & I will be glad to set up RFI training & demo sess for your club's RFI committee. 73, Phineas, W6BF.

**ORANGE:** SM, Joe Brown, W6UBQ—ASMs: Riv Co—Bob, W6LKN, 714-686-3823; Org Co—Ralph, W6JBI, 714-776-9272; SB Co—Ken, WA6ZEF, 714-983-1272; Inyo Co—Steve, W6VT, 619-872-1199; PIC—Jerry, AD6A, 714-351-8824, PIO Mark, K6SJB, reports CVARC & Desert RIATS clubs are conducting Novice classes this fall. Fred, W6TKV, says that as we move away from the peak of the sunspot cycle, the 10-mtr band will have fewer short-skip openings; a good incentive for Nov/1techs to upgrade so they can use the low bands. Fred also sends along a nice article from the Corona-Norco newspaper showing hams sending free msgs from the Corona/Norco ARC. Also rec'd a letter of appreciation from the Parks & Rec Dept for their comms support during the July Fireworks Spectacular. Karl, WB6YLO, reports that George AFB will be celebrating Armed Forces Day Nov 11 & requested comms support from Tri Co ARA & a booth highlighting ham radio. Chip, K7JA, of the W ARA, enjoyed his participation in the 1st World Radiosport Team Championship in Seattle. WARA has been officially renewed as an ARRL Special Service Club—congrats! The Orange Co Fair radio booth won 2nd place & Loraine McCarthy, N6CIO, did a great job putting it together. Fullerton RC's July T-Hunt turned out to be a short one; N6MI's flea-power rig failed, so he couldn't bury it. He resorted to his mobile & was quickly "nailed" by K6PHE, N6FSL & AA6DD. The Orange Section placed 1st in CA & 6th nationally in the 1989 SET; make plans for SET 1990 Oct 20-21. SEC WA6ZEF chaired a SET planning mtg at the SW Div Conv—a statewide earthquake was decided on with the 1st 2 hours using emer pwr only. Our SM, W6UBQ, chaired his biannual mtg of section officials. STM W6FO reports: The tlc seminar at the SW Div Conv was well-attended & had new people express an interest in tlc handling. NTS will be an active participant in this year's SET. There are 3 digital NTS BBSs in Org Co—W6FO-1, K6JYT & N6PKY-1. KA6GND is a new PBBS in Moreno Vg. SCNV; 31 sess, QNI 355, QTC 133, PBBS tlc: W6FO-1 158. Ind Tlc: W6FO 417, K6ZCE 162, AD6A 63, N6HIW 81, K68JK 56, KA8NT 52, W6RE 46, N6VEV 38, K68GX 17, KA6GND 17, N6OKS 10, K6PGG 8, KA6IOB 8, K8BYP 4. Very 73.

**SAN DIEGO:** SM, Arthur R. Smith, W6INI—TC: N6JZE. SEC: W6INI. DECS: K7DCG NE, AA6JE S, N6NKJ E. STM: N6GW. SCN1 NM: K6ZHH. K6HAV has been a prime mover in the Palomar ARC as long as I can remember. For 17 yrs, as ed. of the *Scope*, he's produced a most outstanding club newsletter longer than any other San Diego Co club ed. He's been a VE for SANDARC VEC since the program started more than

4 yrs ago. Our loss is Salt Lake City's gain—good luck, Ralph. The N Co ARES Net meets ea Sun at 0830 on 146.73 (-). Managed by W9FCN, he's assisted by W6HCD, W6BHF, W6JSP, K6BNMK, K6BZNA, N6NZX, N6QJE, N6UIA, W6AUTQ & N6WTE. At the Aug Palomar ARC picnic, the hidden-transmitter hunt winners were K68TL, K6SMU, W6DKUR & N6URW. We know the SW Div Conv was a success; whenever we saw W6GIC, she was all smiles. Hats off to her & her dedicated committee. Escondido ARS sponsors a T-hunt on 3rd Sats at 0900. For location & info, call on 146.88 (-). SCV 29 sess, QNI 242, QTC 198. SDCTM 30 sess, QNI 309, QTC 109. ARES/CNV: 4 sess, QNI 6, QTC 1. Ttc: K6ZHH 384, K6TA 154, WA1ZEN 59, N6RVO 52, N6GW 18, WA8IK 3.

**SANTA BARBARA:** SM, Thomas I. Geiger, W2KVA—ACC: K6SAH. ASMs: N Ventura N6MA, S Ventura W8AKF, Santa Barbara W68BYU, San Luis Obispo W6BLYI. BM: N6TNG. STM: N6NLW. OOC: W8AKF. TC: W6KRV. DECS: Ventura W68RVA, S Santa Barbara K8BKG, San Luis Obispo W7AZF. SM Tom Geiger, W2KVA, is enjoying a couple of wks vacation back in W2-land. This month's surrogate reporter is Bill Hoover, K6SAH. Exhausted ham emergency communicators all over the SB Section heaved a well-deserved sigh of relief in Aug. With the disastrous Santa Barbara fire now history & no major incidents during the month, we were able to enjoy our late-summer highlight, the SW Div ARRL annual gathering & jolly bash in San Diego. Wonderfully hosted by SANDARC & well-attended by hams from all over the SW US, it was a busy wknd, filled with activities & pleasant memories. Scottsdale, AZ, hosts next yr's event. Earlier in the month, the Santa Barbara ARC celebrated its annual Hamfest, attracting visitors from throughout the Section & featuring appearances by our SM & ARRL SW Div Dir Fried Heyn, WA6WZO, good fellowship, tasty chow & a broad selection of excellent drawing prizes, the day was pronounced a rousing success. While the Section was quiet, the VEs were active with 4 exam sess: Estero ARC (San Luis Obispo) Techs K6BSUM & K6GMP; VEs W6JU, N6MUS, W7AZF, AA6ET, W7MSW, N6RP, KY6D & W6PA. Paso Robles ARC: Tech K61MHY; Gens K6CQG & N6WVR; Adv W68TAG, N6ZGJ & N6XFO; VEs W6MUS, W7CB & N6QV. Conejo Valley ARC (Thousand Oaks) Gen N6ZAJ & K6CENU; Adv N6UNX & N6TZK; VEs W6TC, N6LO & K6KCY. Congrats to CVARC on their 1st VE sess! Santa Barbara ARC Techs Larry Moore & Hubert Stamps (uni) & K6SCAH; Gens K6CQNF, N6WHZ, K68LFJ, N6ZKJ & Sherwood Myall (uni); Adv N6HLS; VEs K6SAH, AA6MX, W68JLV, AA6BD, AA6VH, AA6OT, W6R8V, K6XG, AA6JG, K6KAD & WA6VNO. Being a VE team leader, I am quick to appreciate the time, work & energy given so freely by every ham who serves as a VE. The only payback is the intense pleasure of being a part of someone's success. I commend you who donate your skills so others may upgrade almost whenever they like. If you hold an Adv or Amateur Extra Class license, ask your local VE team leader about becoming a VE—this is an opportunity for you to do for someone else what a VE group may have done for you. 73 de K6SAH. Tlc: W8AKF 6852, W6NOR 98, N6NLW 86.

### WEST GULF DIVISION

**NORTH TEXAS:** SM, Dan Dansby, W5URI—ASMs: W5GPO, W5IWE, K655C, K5MXO, K05I, W5SIVD, KF5BL. ACC: KA1CWM. STM: W5VMP. SEC: N6AJP. OOC: WA5YKO. TC: K5SXX. PIC: W5WLF. (SM Dan Dansby, W5URI, asked me to write his column again this month because of an unexpected trip he had to make to the E TX area—Don, KA1CWM.) Looks like everyone had a good time & enjoyed the Wichita Falls Hamfest again this yr. Always good to see so much participation & the continued growth of local hamfests. Hope to see you at the Texoma Ham 'O Rama, Campout & hamfest the last wknd of Oct, especially hope you can attend the ARRL Forum & hear the latest on ARRL activities. I know many of you have upgraded recently, however, special congratulations must go to a fine couple, Charlie & Bettie Stevens, who upgraded to Amateur Extra Class. Congratulations to Hall Bond, K5SZB, who also became an Amateur Extra Class. There's a Tri-Co Net in the Cedar Creek area every Thurs at 8 PM on 147.02 MHz. A new amateur equipment-only sale at the Sat ea month, 5 mi N of Athens. Good things are happening in E TX; check them out. Ray Jones, W5IHK & Frank Boudin, W5GAA, recently became Silent Keys. We will miss them & their contributions to amateur activities. Congratulations to the Sabine Valley ARA, which has a new ATV system operational. They do a lot of public service work & have attained extra-good publicity for ham radio. A big congratulations to the Temple ARC for hosting the CW Ham-Jam & especially to Merrill, W5AMK & Madie, W5DQF, for their fine organizational efforts. We welcome the Navarro Co ARC back to active status. We continue to stress the need for more Section appointments, especially as PIOs, OBSs & LGLs—contact your SM to see if you qualify for one of the appointments. Vote & mail in your ballots on all ARRL elections promptly. 73, Don, KA1CWM. Tlc: W5YQZ 379, W5T00 218, KF5BL 185, W5JZ 130, W6OYL 127, NK1N 118, N2ZT 100, K6SNG 61, N5PGW 54, K05RC 53, N5KCL 45, ACSZ 40, K6BSNU 14.

**OKLAHOMA:** SM, Joe Lynch, N6CL—This month I regret to report the passing of Lee Wilder, W6SCLB. Lee was a long-time participant in emergency comms & a regular check-in to such nets as OPEN, STN & OTWN. More on Ham Holiday: The grand prize winner was Bill Pace. Through the efforts of Larry Hazelwood, W5NZS, SGL, the Mayor of Oklahoma City, Ron Norick & Gov Henry Bellman, declared the wk surrounding Ham Holiday "Ham Radio Week." Alan Mitchell, weatherman for KWTW Ch 9, presented the WX seminar Fri night. After he found out about the proclamations, he gave an excellent plug for Ham Holiday & ham radio in general during his 6:00 report Sat night. One of the least-mentioned but hardest-working members of your SM's cabinet is Bill Goswick, K5WG. Bill is the OOC for the state; all the state's appointed OOs report to him. He has several OOs working for him now, but could use more volunteers. Contact him directly if you're interested in that position. That's all the news for another month. See you at the hamfest (Texoma at the end of Oct, about the time you get this issue of QST & End in early Nov), 73 for now de Joe, N6CL. Tlc: K5CXP 365, N5KIN 172, W5CQV 141, W5OGC 42, W5Z00 33, N6Y 4. PSHR: K5CXP, 1/30, 2/30, 3/12, 5/12, 6/146, T/230.

**SOUTH TEXAS:** SM, Arthur R. Ross, W5KR—SEC: K5DG. STM: W5GKH. OOC: K5SBU. PIC: W5UJZ. BM: W5WYCY. ACC: W5YDD. TC: NZ5U. SGL: K6JKJ. ASMs, all above & N5TC. LGL W3KO, Bridge City, rpts city council seeks Unified Development Plan; may include antenna res-

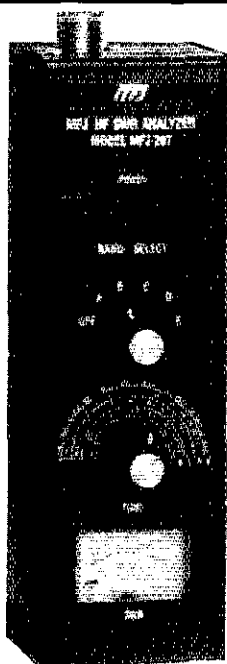
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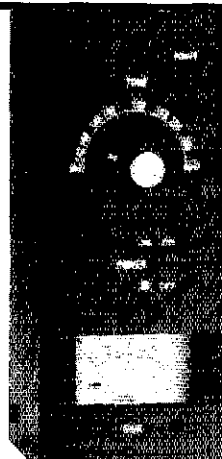
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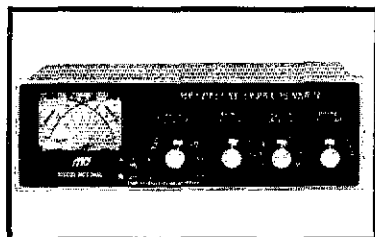


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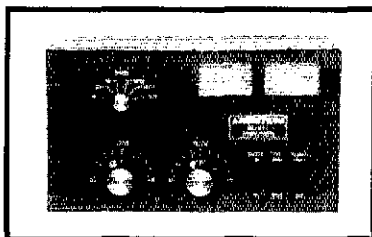


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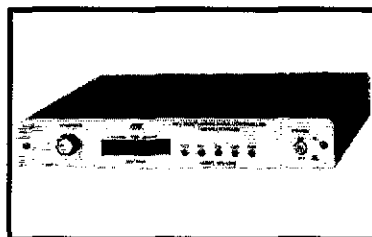
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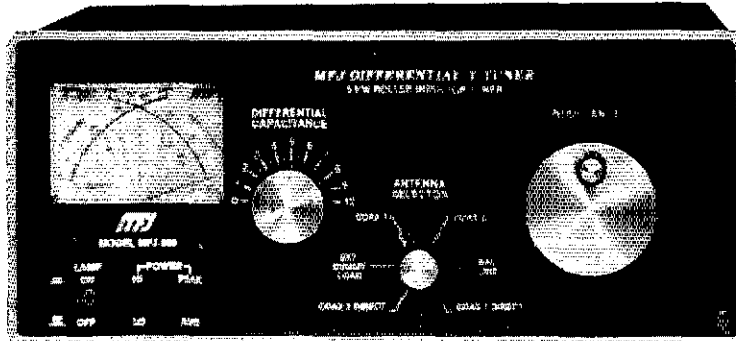


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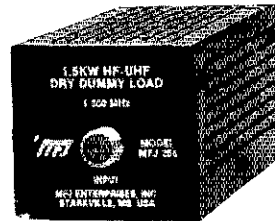
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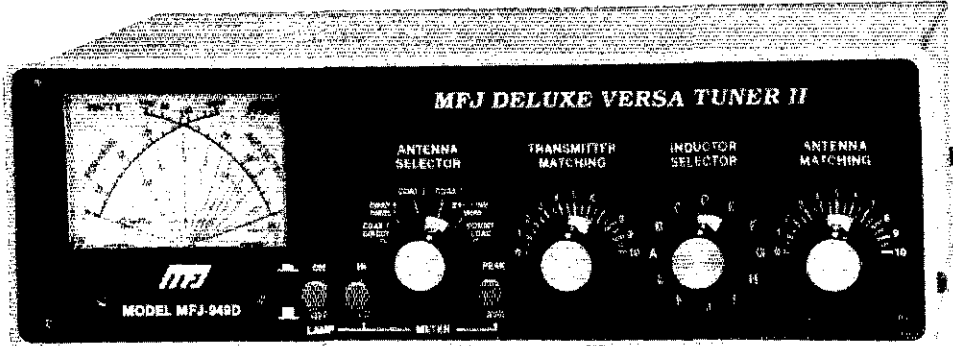
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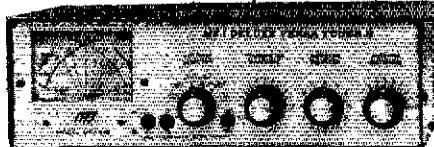
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# MFJ's world famous 3 KW Versa Tuner V

If you won't settle for less . . . here is the finest 3 KW tuner money can buy!

MFJ-989C

**\$349<sup>95</sup>**

Shipping Code E



Quite frankly, the MFJ-989C is not for everyone -- not everyone can afford it.

However, if you do make the investment, you'll get the finest 3 KW tuner money can buy.

The MFJ-989C is the perfect example of the old adage, "You get what you pay for."

For example, you get two massive transmitting capacitors that can pass amps of RF current. These variable capacitors can withstand 6000 RF volts with ease because they have the smooth polished plates and extra wide air gaps between plates. By beveling both the stator and rotor plates, you get an absolute minimum capacitance when the plates are fully unmeshed. This minimum and 250 pf maximum gives you an extremely wide matching range -- even on 160 and 10 Meters -- so you can match just about any antenna.

A roller inductor lets you tune your SWR down to the absolute minimum -- something a tapped inductor tuner just can't do. A 3 digit turns counter plus a spinner knob gives you precise inductance control -- so you can quickly return to your favorite frequency.

You won't have arcing problems with this roller inductor. That's because firm springs put considerable pressure on a silver plated contact wheel. This gives you excellent electrical contact with the roller inductor wire and eliminates arcing problem. By using more space between turns at low inductance you get smooth inductance control at high frequencies. Wide low inductance straps are used for high current connections. A new core gives you excellent RF properties for minimum loss. Ball bearings on both the front and back shafts give you a velvet smooth vernier feel. Steel end plates, steel shafts and ceramic insulators give you lifetime durability.

This High-Q roller inductor is mounted horizontally and centered vertically away from metal surfaces to maintain highest Q for maximum efficiency so you'll get full power out.

With three continuously variable components -- two variable capacitors and a roller inductor -- you get the widest matching range *and* the most precise control over SWR possible. You can tune your SWR down to the absolute minimum from 1.8 to 30 MHz, including MARS and the WARC bands. Plus you have complete control over Q. You can select a low Q when you want convenient broadband coverage or select high Q when you

need an extra measure of harmonic attenuation -- it's your choice.

You get a new **peak** and average reading Cross-Needle SWR/Wattmeter with 200 and 2000 watt ranges. It makes tuning quick and easy because you can monitor forward and reflected power and SWR all in a single glance. Its new directional coupler gives you accurate SWR and power readings over the entire 1.8 through 30 MHz range and there's no frequency sensitive adjustment to get out of whack.

You get a super heavy duty balun for balanced lines. It's made with two giant 2 1/2 inch ferrite toroid cores and wound with teflon wire connected to high voltage ceramic feedthru insulators. It lets you operate high power into balanced feedlines without core saturation and voltage breakdown.

You get a two wafer ceramic antenna switch with extra large switch contacts to eliminate plugging and unplugging. It lets you select two coax antennas direct or through the tuner, balanced line or random wire and dummy load.

You also get a built-in 50 ohm 300 watt dummy load that makes exciter tuning fast and easy.

And there are small touches too. Like high voltage ceramic feedthru insulators for balanced lines and random wires. Aluminum cabinet with sub chassis that adds strength and RFI protection. Brushed aluminum front panel. Beautiful knobs with brushed aluminum inserts. Lighted meter with on/off switch (Light uses 12 VDC or 110 VAC with MFJ-1312, \$12.95). A locking compound is used on all nuts and bolts that hold components in place. A flip stand that tilts the tuner for your easy viewing.

It fits right into your station because it's a compact 10 3/4 x 4 1/2 x 15 inches -- it puts all your operating controls in front of you.

You get a one year unconditional guarantee. That means we will repair or replace your MFJ-989C (at our option) no matter what happens to it for a full year. You can also rely on continuing service from MFJ Customer Service Technicians -- no matter how long you have it.

The MFJ-989C is not for everyone but if you want the finest 3 KW tuner that money can buy -- one that will give you a lifetime of use, one that takes the fear out of high-power operation and one that lets you get your SWR down to the absolute minimum -- then the MFJ-989C is for you. Don't settle for less . . . get yours today!

## MFJ's 1.5 KW Versa Tuner III

lets you use your barefoot rig now and add up to a 1.5 KW linear amplifier later

MFJ-962C

**\$229<sup>95</sup>**

Shipping Code F



Why settle for a 300 watt tuner when a few extra dollars lets you step up to the more powerful 1500 watt MFJ-962C?

Two continuously variable capacitors give you the precise control you need to get your SWR down to a minimum. Plenty of inductance gives you the widest matching range possible.

A new **peak** and average reading Cross-Needle SWR/Wattmeter makes tuning quick and easy. At one glance you can read SWR, forward and reflected power. A new directional coupler gives you more accurate readings over a wider frequency range and has no frequency sensitive adjustments. Meter light uses 12 VDC or 110 VAC with MFJ-1312, \$12.95.

A 6-position ceramic antenna switch lets you select 2 coax lines (direct or through tuner), random wire and balanced lines.

You get a heavy duty 4:1 balun connected to ceramic feedthru insulators

-- it lets you operate high power into balanced feedlines.

For highest Q and the most compact size, the wide range airwound inductor is mounted horizontally away from metal surfaces for efficiency and maximum power into your antenna. Measures 10 3/4 x 4 1/2 x 15 inches.

## MFJ W9INN Remote Balun

MFJ-912

**\$399<sup>95</sup>**

Shipping Code A

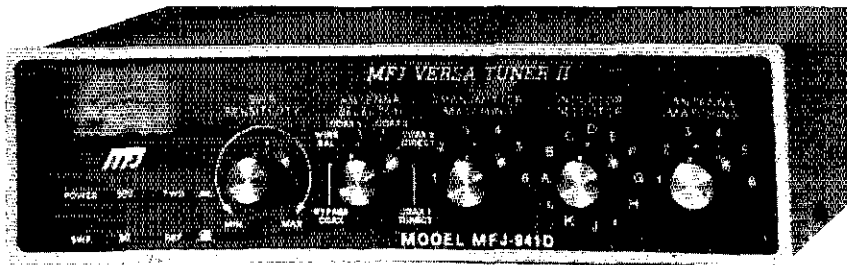


This new MFJ-912 W9INN Remote Balun lets you replace the messy ladder line installation in your shack with a neat single coax installation. Giant two-core balun handles full legal power with ease. Get the benefits of a ladder line feed without the mess and bother! Mounting holes and a compact size let you install it quickly. Get yours today!

# MFJ's Super Value Versa Tuner II

Covers 1.8-30 MHz plus you get antenna switch, balun and SWR/Wattmeter for only . . . \$109.95

*Best Buy!*



MFJ-941D

**\$ 109<sup>95</sup>**

Shipping Code B

The MFJ-941D is MFJ's super value 300 Watt PEP antenna tuner. Why? Because it has more features than tuners costing much more and it mat-

ranges. Front panel mounted antenna switch selects 2 coax lines, direct or through tuner, random wire/balanced line or tuner bypass. Efficient

# Revolutionary NEW SWR Analyzers

MFJ's innovative new SWR Analyzers instantly give you a complete picture of your antenna SWR over an entire band — without a transmitter, SWR meter or other equipment. All you do is plug your antenna into the coax connector, set your SWR Analyzer to the frequency you want and read your SWR.

**Setting up and trimming your antenna:  
Super simple and super accurate**

You can take your battery operated handheld SWR Analyzer right to your antenna and measure SWR of the antenna directly. It lets you eliminate the distorting effects of the coax. You can monitor SWR changes as you adjust your beam or vertical — you'll know right away which way to adjust it. You can shorten or lengthen your dipole and see the effect immediately.

**Create your perfect multi-band antenna**

You can instantly check multi-band dipoles and trap verticals to see if the low SWR points are where you want them and adjust your antenna until they're right.

**Mobile Antennas made easy**

You'll find the perfect adjustment for your mobile whip in seconds by actually seeing the SWR as you pull the whip in and out without transmitting.

You can easily find the ideal place on your car for your mobile antenna by checking different spots with the SWR Analyzer.

**All kinds of uses**

You can see how the SWR varies over your entire band

NEW

MFJ-207

\$99<sup>95</sup>

Shipping Code A



and quickly find your usable 2:1 SWR bandwidth.

You can see your SWR change as you drive under an overpass and see how mobile whip flutter affects SWR.

You can see what happens as you swing your beam toward the power line or away from your tower.

You can see how rain or snow affects your beam.

You can tune up your antenna tuner without transmitting.

You can check the SWR of the input to your amplifier.

You'll find all kinds of uses for this totally self-contained handheld unit that'll revolutionize how SWR is measured.

**Super Value: Several Instruments in One**

You get a super value because several instruments are combined into a single portable handheld unit.

It has a low distortion RF generator that covers 10 thru 160 meters (142-156 MHz for MFJ-208), an SWR bridge that gives forward and reflected components and a computing circuit that automatically computes the SWR and displays it on the meter.

Everything is automatic. All you do is set the frequency and read SWR. It even has a frequency counter output so you can connect a frequency counter for precise digital readout.

Use 9 volt battery or 110 VAC with MFJ-1312, \$12.95. 7 1/2 x 2 1/2 x 2 1/4 inches.

**Two models to choose from**

MFJ-207 covers 160 thru 10 meters, \$99.95. MFJ-208 covers 142 thru 156 MHz for 2 meters, \$89.95. You'll love the convenience of the MFJ SWR Analyzers . . . get them both today.

NEW

MFJ-208

\$89<sup>95</sup>

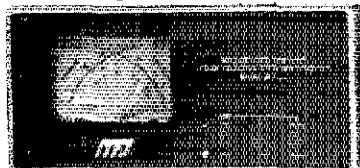
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## Cross-Needle 144/440 MHz SWR/Wattmeter

\$79<sup>95</sup>

MFJ-817  
Shipping Code A

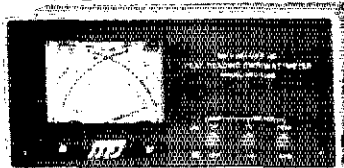


This new lighted MFJ-817 VHF/UHF Cross-needle SWR/wattmeter shows peak or average forward and reflected power and SWR -- all at a glance. Reads in two power ranges (200/20 forward and 50/5 watts reflected). Meter lamp uses 12 VDC or 110 VAC with MFJ-1312, \$12.95. 7 1/4" x 4 1/2" x 3 1/4".

## Cross-Needle 1.8-30 MHz SWR/Wattmeter

\$69<sup>95</sup>

MFJ-815B  
Shipping Code A



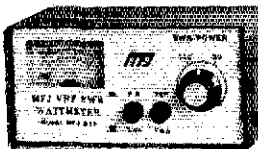
Simultaneously read peak or average forward and reflected power and SWR with this lighted MFJ-815B meter. Choose from two power ranges (2000/200 forward and 500/50 reflected). Covers 1.8-30 MHz. Meter lamp uses 12 VDC or 110 VAC with MFJ-1312, \$12.95. 7 1/4" x 4 1/2" x 3 1/4".

## VHF SWR/Wattmeter

MFJ-812B

\$29<sup>95</sup>

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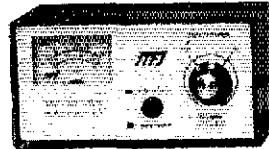


MFJ-812B is the world's most popular (and most affordable) VHF SWR/Wattmeter. Covers 144 MHz through the 220 MHz band. Read forward and reflected power in 2 ranges (30 or 300 watts). Also lets you read relative field strength from 1-170 MHz. SWR can be read from 20 meters in HF through the 220 MHz band. Two color meter.

## HF SWR/Wattmeter

MFJ-816

\$29<sup>95</sup>



MFJ-816, \$29.95. HF wattmeter lets you read forward and reflected power on 2 scales (30 and 300 watts) and SWR from 1.8-30 MHz with MFJ-816. Easy push-button operation. Has forward/reflected push button. Sturdy eggshell white and black aluminum cabinet. SO-239 connectors. 2-color meter scale. 4 1/2 x 2 1/4 x 3 inches.

## MFJ-701 RFI Free Choke Kit

MFJ-701

Eliminates RFI (Package of 4) Shipping Code A \$14<sup>95</sup>



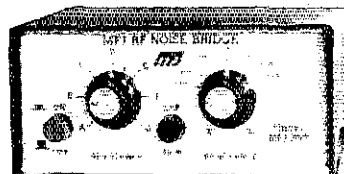
The new MFJ-701 RFI-Free Choke Kit makes it easy to eliminate common RFI problems. You get four square toroids that have the properties for eliminating RFI. Includes "How to Eliminate RFI" instructions.

## MFJ RX Noise Bridge

MFJ-202B

\$59<sup>95</sup>

Shipping Code A



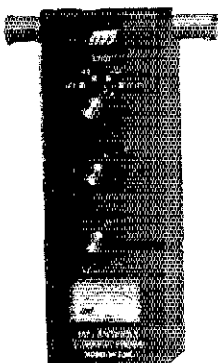
World's finest noise bridge! Hand calibrated resistance scale, expanded capacitance range ( $\pm 150$  pf), built-in range extender gives accurate measurements and extended measuring range. 1-100 MHz. Easy to use.

## Antenna Current Probe

MFJ-206

\$79<sup>95</sup>

Shipping Code A



This MFJ Antenna Current Probe lets you monitor RF antenna currents — no connections needed! Determine current distribution, RF radiation pattern and polarization of antennas, transmission lines — all wiring and enclosures.

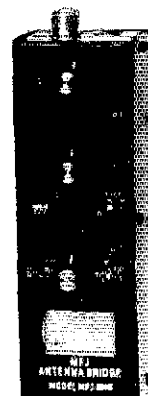
Indicate transmission line radiation due to high SWR, poor shielding or antenna unbalance. Detect re-radiation. Pinpoint RF leakage in shielded enclosures. Locate the best place for your mobile antenna. Use as field strength meter. 4 x 2 x 2 inches. Sensitivity, Band, Tune controls. Monitors RF current by sensing magnetic field.

## MFJ Antenna Bridge

MFJ-204B

\$79<sup>95</sup>

Shipping Code A



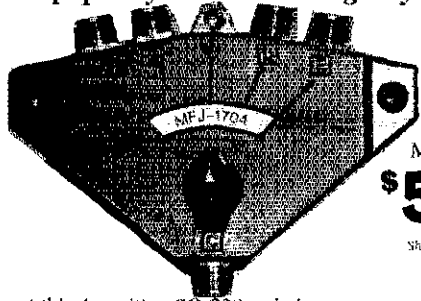
Now you can quickly optimize your antenna for peak performance with this portable, totally self-contained antenna bridge. Coax connector for antenna.

No other equipment needed. Take it to your antenna site. Determine if your antenna is too long or too short, measure its resonate frequency and antenna resistance to 500 ohms. It's the easiest, most convenient way to determine antenna performance. Built-in resistance bridge, null meter, tunable oscillator-driver (1.8-30 MHz). Use 9 volt battery or 110 VAC with optional AC adapter, \$12.95.



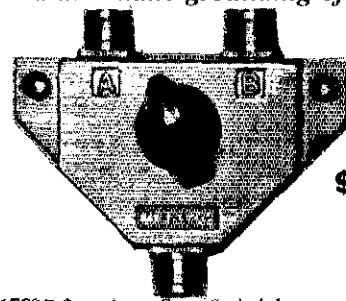
# MFJ's Heavy Duty Coax Antenna Switches

These top-quality coax switches give you a center ground position and automatic grounding of unused positions



MFJ-1704  
**\$59<sup>95</sup>**

Shipping Code B



MFJ-1702B  
**\$21<sup>95</sup>**

Shipping Code A

Mount this 4-position SO-239 switch on your operating desk and you'll have more than the convenience of being able to instantly select any of 4 antennas or the center ground position -- you'll also get the replacable lightning surge protection device that helps protect against distant lightning induced surges and static. It handles a full 2.5 KW PEP. Extremely low SWR. Isolation is rated from better than 60 dB at 30 MHz to better than 50 dB isolation at 500 MHz. Negligible insertion loss. 50 ohm.

New MFJ-1704N, \$69.95. Like MFJ-1704 with "N" type connectors.

The MFJ-1702B 2-position Coax Switch has a new Center Ground Position! It handles 2.5KW PEP, 1 KW CW. It has better than 60 dB isolation at 300 MHz and better than 50 dB at 450 MHz. 50 ohm.

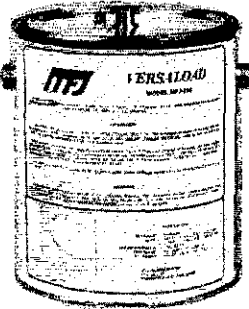
The unused terminal is automatically grounded for static and RF protection. It has less than 0.2 dB insertion loss and SWR below 1:1.2. The MFJ-1702B has heavy cavity type construction and uses SO-239 connectors. Mounting holes. 3 x 2 x 2 inches.

New MFJ-1702BN, \$39.95. "N" connectors, covers DC-1.1 GHz.

## 1 KW Dummy Load

MFJ-250X *VERSALOAD* KW dummy load lets you tune up fast! Extends life of finals! Run 1-KW CW or 2 KW PEP for 10 minutes. 1/2 KW CW or 1 KW PEP for 20 Minutes. Continuous duty with 200 watts CW or 400 watts PEP. Complete with derating curve. Quality 50 ohm non-inductive resistor. Use transformer oil (not included). Low VSWR to 400 MHz. Under 1.2:1 to 30 MHz 1.5:1 30-300 MHz. 2:1 300-400 MHz. Ideal for testing both HF and VHF rigs. SO-239 connector. Vented for safety. Removable vent cap. Carrying handle. 7 1/2 inches high by 6 5/8 diameter.

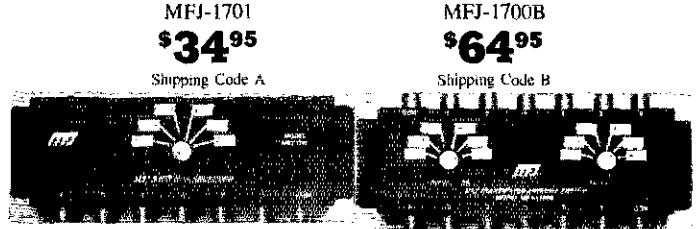
MFJ-250, \$49.95. Includes PCB free transformer oil. Shipping Code D.



MFJ-250X  
**\$29<sup>95</sup>** **NEW**

Shipping Code A

## MFJ HF Antenna/Transceiver Switches



MFJ-1701  
**\$34<sup>95</sup>**

Shipping Code A

MFJ-1700B  
**\$64<sup>95</sup>**

Shipping Code B

This MFJ-1700B has two ceramic rotary switches that let you select 1 of 6 antennas and 1 of 6 transceivers in any combination. You can also plug in an antenna tuner, wattmeter, linear, etc. so it is always in the circuit. Handles 2KW PEP for 50-75 ohm loads. Unused terminals automatically grounded. SO-239 connectors. 1.8-30 MHz. 10 x 3 x 1 1/2 in.

MFJ-1701, \$34.95. Six position switch. 1.8-30 MHz. Unused terminals grounded. SO-239. Handles 2 KW PEP, 1 KW CW. 52-75 ohm loads.

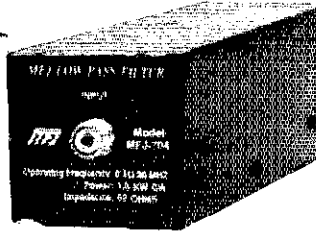
## New MFJ Low Pass Filter

MFJ-704

**\$39<sup>95</sup>** **NEW**

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New MFJ Low Pass Filter handles full legal power and reduces TVI caused by harmonics in the TV bands. Works over the entire HF operating range from 1.8-30 MHz. 52 ohm. Low insertion loss and high harmonic attenuation give you excellent performance.



## Dry 300W VHF/HF and 1KW HF Dummy Loads



MFJ-260B  
**\$28<sup>95</sup>**

MFJ-262  
**\$69<sup>95</sup>**

Shipping Code A

Air cooled, non-inductive resistor in perforated metal housing with SO-239 connectors. Full load for 30 seconds, derating curve to 5 minutes. MFJ-260B (300 W). SWR: 1:1.1 to 30 MHz, 1.5:1 30-150 MHz. 2 1/4 x 2 1/4 x 7 inches. MFJ-262 (1 KW). SWR 1.5:1 to 30 MHz. 3 x 3 x 13 inches. MFJ-10, \$4.95. 3 foot coax with connectors.

## AC Line Monitor

MFJ-850

**\$19<sup>95</sup>**

Shipping Code A



Guard against low voltage "brown out" conditions and surges that can damage your expensive electrical equipment. Just plug in this MFJ-850 and it shows you your line voltage. Leave it plugged in for constant monitoring. It comes with a one year guarantee. Color coded scale reads voltage from 95-135 volts. 2% accuracy. 2 1/4 x 2 1/4 x 1 1/2 in.

## Compact Speaker

MFJ-280

**\$19<sup>95</sup>**

Shipping Code A



Enjoy superb audio and convenience with this economical mobile speaker. Just set the magnetic base on a surface, plug in the 3.5 mm phone plug and enjoy. Mounting plates with 2-sided tape allow mounting on non-metal surface. Screws included. Matches 8 and 4 ohm impedances. handles 3 watts. 30 inch cord. 2 1/2 x 2 x 3 in.

## MFJ's Eyeball QSL Cards

These special red and blue MFJ Eyeball QSL Cards were developed for the hams at MFJ to give patrons at hamfests. We've had so many requests that we will now offer them to you. Box of 500. Specify Call, name, address and phone (up to 4 short lines). No CODs, returns or warranty!

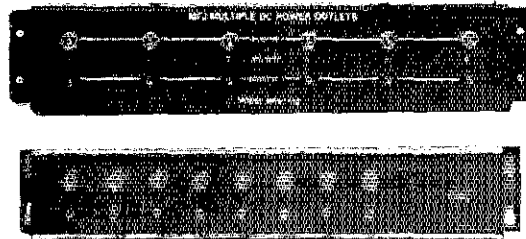


MFJ-29  
**\$49<sup>95</sup>**

Shipping Code A

## New MFJ Multiple DC Power Outlets

These new MFJ Multiple DC Outlet save you both space and money by giving you several pairs of heavy duty binding posts for connecting your accessories.



MFJ-1112

**\$29<sup>95</sup>**

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MFJ-1114

**\$44<sup>95</sup>**

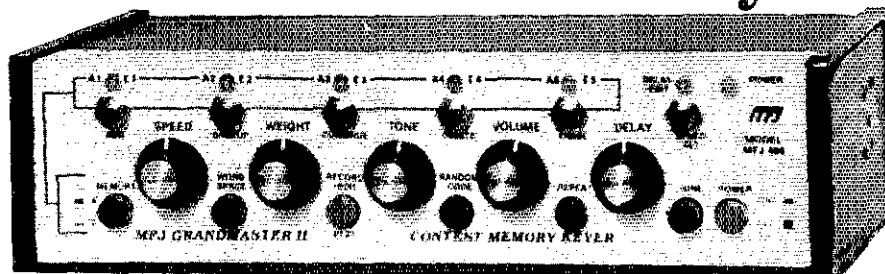
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This new MFJ-1112 Multiple DC Power Outlet saves you space and money. Hook it to your 12 VDC power supply and get 6 DC outlets for connecting your accessories. You get 6 pairs of heavy duty binding posts for connecting the accessories in your shack. RF bypassing keeps RF out of power supply from the DC line outlet. 1 3/8 x 2 3/4 x 2 1/2 in.

MFJ-1114, \$44.95. MFJ Deluxe Multiple DC Outlet. Eight pairs of binding posts. Circuit breaker. Power switch, 13 x 2 x 2 inches. Every ham needs one of these. Get yours today!

# MFJ Grandmaster Memory Keyer

MFJ-486  
**\$ 189<sup>95</sup>**  
 Shipping Code B



Simple . . . intuitive . . . you instantly know which knob to turn, what button to press. It's unmistakable. That's the MFJ Grandmaster concept -- more than user-friendly . . . it's really easy to use.

### Exclusive CW Word Processor™

MFJ's exclusive CW Word Processor™ lets you change a message in memory without having to rekey it all in. Special function keys make it simple to move around within any message, insert, delete and change your message until it's just the way you want it.

### Combine messages into other messages

The MFJ-486 lets you combine messages into other messages. You can store QTH, rig/antenna, QSL info and other comments in separate memories. Then you can easily build a new message by keying in memory numbers wherever you want that info in your message.

### MFJ's Custom-Speed™ Control

Customize your speed control to fit you!

By pressing the Speed Set button, you can set your slowest speed to start at 4, 5, 6 -- any speed up to 20 WPM -- and your fastest speed is 20 to 100 WPM. Matching CW speed to a QSO is best done by ear adjust a knob. With keypads you have to figure out the exact speed of your contact and then go through an awkward keystroke sequence.

That's why matching speed with a keypad is so demanding.

Without MFJ's Custom-Speed, a wide range speed control is very hard to use because the slightest touch causes radical speed changes.

### Built-in CW Course

The MFJ-486 gives you a well-organized three-step CW course. The first step gives you random five character groups. After you learn the letters, you can add punctuation.

The second step gives you random 1-8 character groups.

The third step gives you an infinite number of random plain English QSOs in the same format as FCC ham license tests. When you can copy these random QSOs, you're ready to pass your test and upgrade!

You also get Farnsworth option, answer-replay to check your copy, punctuation on/off and earphone jack for private practice.

### Remote Control . . . for memories and function keys

The MFJ-77 remote control lets you control your message memories and CW Word Processor™ function keys at your key paddle.

Just \$19.95, it's a lot more useful than a remote that gives you no editing functions and only lets you control a few memories.



MFJ-77  
**\$19<sup>95</sup>**  
 Shipping Code A

### More for your money

To make it really easy-to-use, it cost more to build the Grandmaster. It just takes more hardware -- knobs to turn, buttons to press, LEDs to show you what's going on. Plus it takes more labor, more software, more everything. It's a bargain compared to cheaper-to-build but harder-to-use keypad keyers.

### Plus More . . .

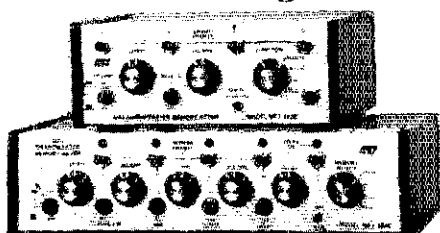
You get over 8000 characters in 10 soft-partitioned memories, lithium battery backup, automatic serial numbering, automatic message repeat, beaconing, A or B type iambic keying, manual or automatic word spacing, speaker, earphone jack, tune control, Z-80 plus much more. 9 x 2 1/2 x 6 inches. Use 12-15 VDC or 110 VAC with MFJ-1312, \$12.95.

Don't struggle with keypads -- enjoy the MFJ Grandmaster

Don't struggle with a hard-to-use keypad and complicated keystroke sequences. Choose the memory keyer that's really easy-to-use and has all the features you'll ever need -- the new MFJ-486 Grandmaster.

## MFJ's Original Grandmaster Memory Keyers

MFJ-482B  
**\$109<sup>95</sup>**  
 Shipping Code A  
 MFJ-484C  
**\$149<sup>95</sup>**  
 Shipping Code A



The MFJ-484C Grandmaster is so easy to use that you can probably utilize all of its many features without reading the instruction manual. Store up to twelve 25 character messages plus a 100, 75, 50 or 25

character message (4069 bits total). A switch combines 25 character messages for up to three 50 character messages.

You can repeat any message continuously and even leave a pause between repeats. Insert in playing message by sending. LEDs show which 25 character memory is in use and when it ends. 9 volt battery (not included) memory saver. 8 x 2 x 6 in. 8-50 WPM. Weight, tone control. Speaker. 12-15 VDC or 110 VAC with MFJ-1312, \$12.95.

MFJ-75; \$19.95. Wired remote control for MFJ-484C.

MFJ-482B, \$109.95. A memory keyer for the price of a keyer! Store four 25 character messages or a 50 and two 25 character messages in 1024 bits of memory. Repeat Memory LED. Speed, volume, weight, tone controls. 8-50 WPM. Speaker. Tune function. 6 x 2 x 6 inches. 12 to 15 VDC or 110 VAC with MFJ-1312, \$12.95.

# MFJ Repeater Controller with Autopatch



MFJ-2040

**\$449<sup>95</sup>**  
 Shipping Code B

The new MFJ-2040 Repeater Controller with built-in Phone Patch gives you high tech features found only in the most expensive systems.

You get programmable Morse code ID (or optional Voice ID, MFJ-50, \$39.95), ring detection for reverse Autopatch, input and output ports, cross band linking and much more.

Installation is easy. You get standard "D" style connectors for control and audio lines. Step-by-step instructions get you up and running.

The software puts you in complete control. You can choose from toll restriction, no toll-restriction or selected area code dialing.

Input and output ports let you connect a variety of remote devices

that you control remotely via touch tone commands. Transistor drivers are provided on all output ports to allow direct connections or driving relays. Optional 5 second message prom, MFJ-51, \$39.95.

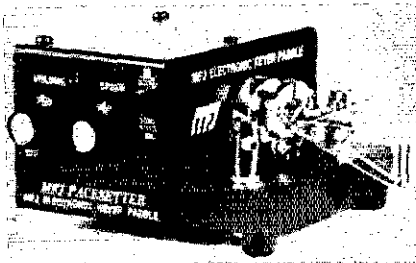
You can program your own private prefix code for controlling your repeater. Select from 0 to 4 touchtone codes.

Touch tone commands and DIP switches control options. Control the courtesy tone, transmitter hang time, time-out timer, toll restriction, autopatch, Morse code ID, repeater on/off, line on/off and more.

Comes in a rack mount aluminum enclosure with "D" style connectors. It uses 12 VDC or 110 VAC with MFJ-1315, \$14.95.

# MFJ Keyer/Bencher Paddle Combo

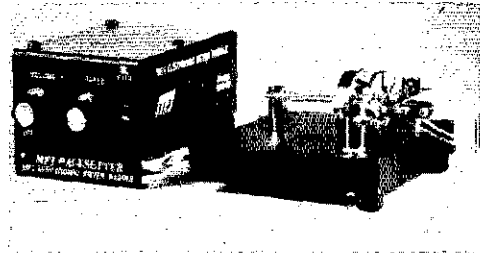
MFJ, Bencher and Curtis team up to bring you America's most popular keyer in a compact package for smooth easy CW . . .



MFJ-422B

**\$134<sup>95</sup>**

Shipping Code B



MFJ-422BX

**\$79<sup>95</sup>**

Shipping Code A

The best of all CW worlds -- a deluxe MFJ Keyer in a compact configuration that fits right on the Bencher iambic paddle! You can buy the combination or just the keyer for your Bencher.

MFJ Keyer is small in size, big in features. It gives you the proven Curtis 8044 ABM IC, is adjustable in weight and tone and has front panel volume and speed controls (8-50 WPM). You also get built-in dot-dash memories, speaker, sidetone and push button selection of semi-automatic/tune or automatic modes. Ultra-reliable solid state keying: grid-block, cathode and solid state transmitter (-300V, 10 mA max.,

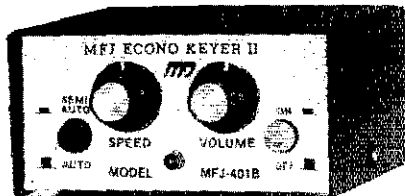
+300V, 100 mA max.). Fully shielded. Use 9 volt battery (not included) or 110 VAC with MFJ-1305, \$12.95.

Beautiful functional engineering. The keyer mounts on the paddle base to form a small (4 1/8 x 2 5/8 x 5 1/2 inches) attractive combination that is a pleasure to look at and use. You can buy the combo or just the MFJ Keyer (MFJ-422BX, \$79.95) to fit on *your* Bencher.

The Bencher paddle is a best seller. Fully adjustable gold-plated silver contacts, lucite paddles, heavy steel base with non-skid feet. **BY-1**, Black Base, \$69.95; **BY-2**, Chrome Base, \$84.95.

## MFJ Econo Electronic Keyer II

Economical MFJ keyer lets you send perfect CW with surprisingly good sound.



MFJ-401B

**\$49<sup>95</sup>**

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The MFJ-401B Econo Keyer II is based on the proven Curtis 8044ABM IC Keyer chip. It lets you send iambic, automatic, semi-automatic or manual with your squeeze, single lever or straight key.

You get iambic operation with squeeze key, Dot-dash insertion. Semi-automatic "bug" operation provides automatic dots and manual dashes.

Econo MFJ keyer also features dot-dash memories, self-completing dots and dashes, jam-proof spacing. Instant start. RF proof.

Front panel controls. Smooth linear speed control selects from 8 to 50 WPM. Volume control gives you a wide range. A tune switch lets you key your transmitter for tuning.

Internal controls: Weight control adjusts dot-dash ratio, makes your signal distinctive to penetrate QRM. Tone control for desired side tone pitch.

Ultra-reliable solid state keying: grid-block, cathode, solid state transmitters (-300V, 10 mA max. +300V, 100 mA max.).

Use 9 volt battery (not included) or 110 VAC with MFJ-1305, \$12.95. Measures a compact 4 x 2 x 3 1/2 inches.

## MFJ Deluxe Electronic Keyer

Deluxe MFJ Keyer gives you beautiful CW and a full array of front-panel controls



MFJ-407B

**\$69<sup>95</sup>**

Shipping Code A

The MFJ-407B Deluxe Electronic Keyer sends iambic, automatic, semi-automatic and manual. You can use squeeze, single lever or straight key to send your signal. The MFJ-407B features iambic operation with squeeze key, dot-dash insertion, semi-automatic dots and manual dashes. It also features dot-dash memory, self-completing dots and dashes, jam-proof spacing and instant start keying. A switch lets you select A or B type keying.

Solid state plus and minus keying is provided for use with tube or solid state transmitters. Front panel controls include linear speed, weight, tone and volume controls as well as on/off, tune and semi-auto/auto switches. Weight control provides positive weight or negative weight. Adjust the dot-dash space ratio, thus making your signal distinctive to penetrate QRM. Tune switch keys transmitter.

The MFJ-407B is RF proof, has a built-in speaker and uses a 9 volt battery (not included) or 110 VAC with MFJ-1305, \$12.95. This hard working unit comes in an attractive black aluminum cabinet with a black front plate. It measures 7 x 2 x 6 inches.

## MFJ-557 Deluxe Code Practice Oscillator

Deluxe Morse straight key for code and sending practice features a heavy steel base, tone and volume controls and an earphone jack for just . . . \$24.95

The new MFJ-557 Deluxe Code Practice Oscillator features a straight Morse key on a non-skid heavy steel base that stays put on your table. The MFJ-557 lets you practice sending code at home, work, riding in your car -- practically anywhere -- because it's so easy to take it along wherever you go. A volume control lets you adjust it from barely audible to blaring full sound. You can practice without bothering anyone. A tone control gives you a wide adjustment, from high "squeaky" to low "booming" tones. You even get an earphone jack for private listening. Or plug in an external speaker (like MFJ-280) for extra volume in the classroom.

It runs on a 9 volt battery (not included) or an optional AC power supply (\$12.95) that plugs into a jack on the side. When you're finished cleaning up your sloppy fists with the MFJ-557 Deluxe Code Practice Oscillator, hook it to your transmitter and go on the air sounding just like you were born working QSOs.

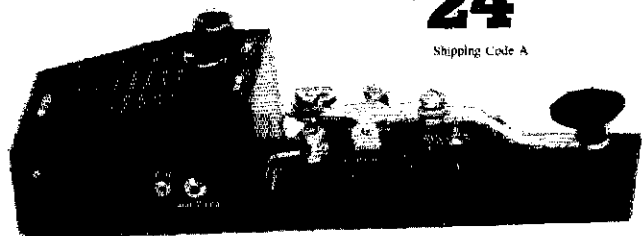
Don't pass up this super buy. Built-in speaker. Adjustable contacts. Solid. 8 1/2 x 2 1/4 x 3 3/8 inches. Black. It comes with MFJ's one year unconditional guarantee.



MFJ-557

**\$24<sup>95</sup>**

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## MFJ Compact Speaker/Mics

For Kenwood, Icom, Yaesu, Santec and others

MFJ's Speaker/Mics let you carry your handheld on your belt and never have to remove it to monitor calls or talk.

And you'll never have to turn up your audio annoyingly loud because the handy lapel/pocket clip lets you place it close to your ears for easy listening.

You get a wide range speaker and first-rate electret mic element for superb audio on both transmit and receive. Plus . . . ear-phone jack, PTT, lightweight retractable cord. Gray, MFJ-284 fits Icom, Yaesu, and Santec; MFJ-286 fits Kenwood.



MFJ-284 or MFJ-286  
**\$24<sup>95</sup>**  
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## MFJ mini Speaker/Mics

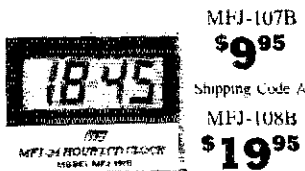
Choose one of these tiny new handheld mics from MFJ



MFJ-285 or MFJ-287  
MFJ-285L or MFJ-287L  
**\$24<sup>95</sup>**  
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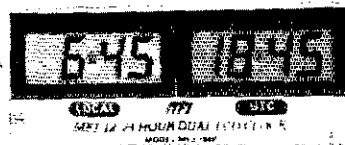
L connector also available -- order "L" model!

## MFJ 12/24 Hour Clocks



MFJ-107B  
**\$9<sup>95</sup>**

Shipping Code A



MFJ-108B  
**\$19<sup>95</sup>**

Shipping Code A

Read both UTC and local time at a glance with the MFJ-108B dual clock that displays 24 and 12 hour time simultaneously. Or choose the MFJ-107B single clock that shows you 24 hour UTC time.

Mounted in a brushed aluminum frame, they feature huge, easy-to-see 5/8 inch LCD numerals and a sloped face for easy across the room reading.

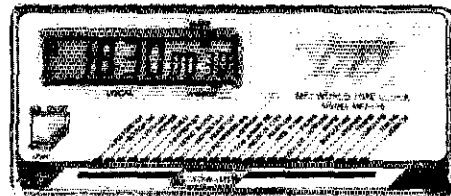
You can synchronize them to WWV for split-second timing. Both are quartz controlled for excellent accuracy.

Long life battery included. MFJ-108B measures 4 1/2 x 1 x 2 inches. MFJ-107B measures 2 1/4 x 1 x 2 inches.

## MFJ World Time Clock

MFJ-109  
**\$19<sup>95</sup>**

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The new MFJ-109 World Time Clock shows GMT and local time -- and it displays the time for 24 world cities.

Just set the Easy-slide indicator to any of 24 international cities and its dual display instantly shows you both the local time and the city time.

It features international 24 hour display and a local time display with 3/8 inch LCD digits, GMT pointer, alarm with snooze, night light, adjustment for daylight savings time, international date change indicators, suede-like carrying case and a flip stand -- all in an attractive gift box. Measures 2 x 4 1/2 x 1/2 inches.

## Handheld VHF Converter

MFJ-313 turns your synthesized scanning 2 meter handheld into a hot Police/Fire scanner on 154-158 MHz with direct frequency readout. Plus you'll hear NOAA weather, maritime coastal and more on 160-164 MHz.

If you have extended coverage the MFJ converter will extend it more: Add 10 and 16 MHz to your handheld band limits to determine your coverage.

Feedthru allows simultaneous scanning of both 2 meters and Police/Fire bands. No missed calls.

Highpass input filter and 2.5 GHz transistor give uniform sensitivity over both bands. Crystal controlled. Bypass/Off switch allows transmitting (up to 5 watts) with convert on. Uses AAA battery (not included). 2 1/4 x 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 inches. BNC connectors.

MFJ-313  
**\$39<sup>95</sup>**

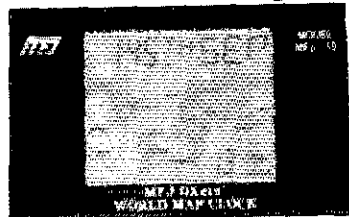
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## New MFJ DXers' World Map Clock

**NEW**  
MFJ-110  
**\$24<sup>95</sup>**

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This new MFJ DXers' World Map Clock not only shows you the time at any QTH throughout the world -- it also gives you an attractive world map so you can see the place where your contact is!. Also shows day of week, month, date and year. It's the *neatest* ham logging clock around.

Easy push-buttons let you move the display to a QTH in every time zone. Recall feature instantly moves the display back to local time. Alarm. Tan map on gold background with black border. Attractive unit suitable as gift or use as logging clock. Measures 5 1/4" W x 3 1/4" H x 3/8" D.

## Telescoping "Pocket Linears"

increase your range with significant gain over a rubber ducky . . . break in from the fringe!

MFJ-1710, \$9.95. When you're right on the fringe with a noisy signal, try on the MFJ-1710 "pocket linear". It's a 3/8 wave 2 Meter telescoping antenna. You'll get enough gain over a rubber ducky to bring you to full quieting so you can carry on a QSO. It only cost \$9.95, has a convenient pocket clip and when collapsed is the size of a ball point pen -- about 5 1/4 inches -- and 24 1/2 inches extended.

MFJ-1712, \$14.95. This is a very convenient dual band telescoping antenna. It's a 1/4 wave for 2 Meters and a 5/8 wave for 440 MHz. It's 7 1/4 inches collapsed and 19 inches extended.

MFJ-1714, \$16.95. For really long range using a 2 Meter handheld it's hard to beat the MFJ end fed halfwave. It's shorter, lighter has more gain and places less stress on your antenna connector than a 5/8 wave because a 5/8 wave requires a ground plane to function properly. There's no ground plane on a handheld and a 1/2 wave does not require one so it works properly and outperforms a 5/8 wave. When collapsed it performs like a rubber ducky.



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## New MFJ-1724 Tri-Band Mobile Antenna

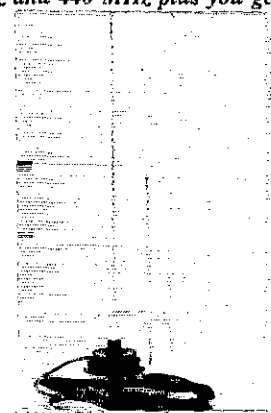
Gives you three 200 watt antennas for the price of one with quarter wave elements for 144 MHz, 220 MHz and 440 MHz plus you get magnetic mount, coax and connector

**NEW** MFJ-1724  
The Tri-Band  
MFJ-1724 gives you 3 antennas for the price of one! You get **\$19<sup>95</sup>**

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quarter wave whips for 144, 220 and 440 MHz. These broadband low SWR antennas give you a solid signal over your entire operating range. And its robust 200 watt power rating can handle any mobile rig on the market.

You get stainless steel whips that are tough enough for years of constant use. You get a beefy magnetic mount that's strong enough to hold your antenna steady even at high speed. You also get 15 feet of coax cable -- plenty to mount your new MFJ-1724 anywhere on your car and a standard PL-259 connector that plugs into nearly any rig. You even get a handy allen wrench for changing bands. You get the most for your money when you purchase the MFJ-1724. Get the most for your money. Get your MFJ-1724 today.



# MEJ SSB/CW Audio Filters



MEJ-722  
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MEJ-752C  
\$99<sup>95</sup>

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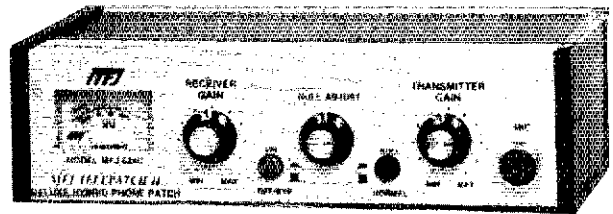
This MEJ-752C all mode dual tunable filter lets you zero in and pull out your favorite stations and notch out interference at the same time. Two independently tunable filters let you peak, notch, low or high pass signals to eliminate heterodynes and interference -- even on the most crowded bands. Tune both filters from 300 to 3000 Hz. Vary bandwidth from 40 Hz to almost flat. Notch depth to 70 dB. Works with any rig. 2 watts for speaker. Inputs for 2 rigs. Switch selectable. Switchable noise limiter for impulse noise through clipper removes background noise. OFF bypasses filter. Use 9-18 VDC or 110 VAC with MFJ-1312, \$12.95. 10 x 2 x 6 in.

MEJ-722, \$79.95. The MEJ-722 "Optimizer" switch selectable SSB/CW filter offers razor sharp filtering with switch-selectable bandwidths (80, 110, 150, 180 Hz centered on 750 Hz), steep-skirted SSB filtering. 300-3000 Hz tunable 70 dB notch filter. Plug into phone jack. Speaker. Headphone jack. Use 9-18 VDC or 110 VAC with MFJ-1312, \$12.95.

# MEJ Deluxe Hybrid Phone Patch

MEJ-624C  
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\$69<sup>95</sup>



MEJ-624C Deluxe Hybrid Phone Patch gives you crisp, clear, hum-free audio, and that's what phone patching is all about. It's pre-wired for Kenwood and Yaesu rigs with 8 pin mic connectors.

You can use either VOX or push-to-talk. RF pi-filters and PC board construction eliminates RF feedback. Use with virtually any rig.

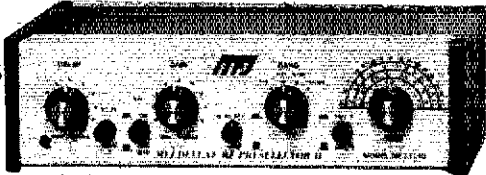
Built-in VU meter monitors phone line levels to prevent crosstalk. Adjust null depth for maximum isolation between receiver and transmitter. Separate transmitter and receiver gain controls eliminate the need to readjust your rig after patching. Null control. Phone line plugs for easy connection of telephone. Jacks for speaker, audio in and audio out. 8 x 2 x 6 inches. Use 12 VDC, 9 volt battery or 110 VAC with MFJ-1312, \$12.95.

This USA made MEJ-624C gives you more quality and more features than competing phone patches that cost much more. Get yours today!

# MEJ All Band Transceiver/Preselector

MEJ-1040B  
\$99<sup>95</sup>

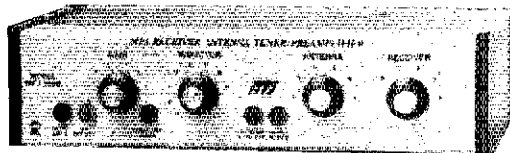
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Lets you copy weak signals. Rejects out-of-band signals, images. 1.8 to 54 MHz. Up to 20 dB gain. Gain control. Dual gate MOSFET, bipolar transistors for low noise, high gain. 20 dB attenuator. Connect 2 antennas. 2 receivers. Coax and phone jacks. Automatic bypass when transmitting to 350 watts. Delay. Jack for PTT. 9-18 VDC or MFJ-1312, \$12.95.

MEJ-1040B, \$69.95. No attenuator, xcvr auto bypass, delay or PTT.

# MEJ Receiver Antenna Tuner/Preamplifier



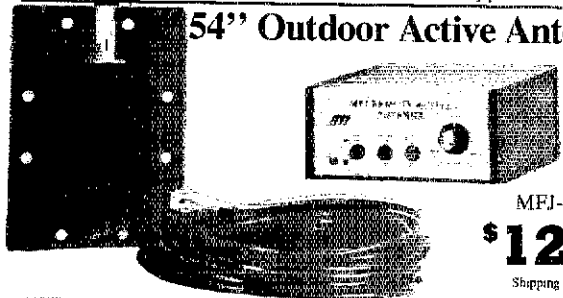
MEJ-959B

\$69<sup>95</sup>

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Don't miss rare DX due to signal power loss between your receiver and antenna. The MEJ-959B provides proper impedance matching so you transfer maximum signal from antenna to receiver. Covers 1.6 to 30 MHz. 20 dB preamp with gain control boosts weak stations. 20 dB attenuator prevents overload. Select from 2 antennas, 2 receivers. 9 x 2 x 6 inches. Use 9-18 VDC or 110 VAC with MFJ-1312, \$12.95.

# 54" Outdoor Active Antenna



MEJ-1024

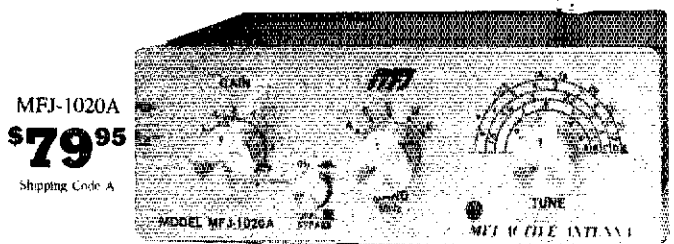
\$129<sup>95</sup>

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"World Radio TV Handbook" says MEJ-1024 is a "first rate easy-to-operate active antenna . . . quiet . . . excellent dynamic range . . . good gain . . . very low noise factor . . . broad frequency coverage . . . excellent choice." Mount it outdoors away from electrical noise for maximum signal, minimum noise. MEJ-1024 covers 50 KHz to 30 MHz.

Receives strong, clear signals. 20 dB attenuator, gain control, ON LED. Switch selects two receivers and auxiliary or active antenna. Control unit is 6 x 3 x 5 inches. Remote unit has 54 inch whip, 50 feet of coax and connector. 3 x 2 x 4 inches. 12 VDC or 110 VAC with MFJ-1312, \$12.95.

# MEJ Indoor Active SWL Antenna



MEJ-1020A

\$79<sup>95</sup>

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Now you'll rival or exceed the reception of outside long wires with this tuned indoor active antenna. "World Radio TV Handbook" says MEJ-1020 is a "fine value . . . fair price . . . best offering to date . . . performs very well indeed." Tuned circuitry minimizes intermod, improves selectivity, reduces noise outside the tuned band. Use as preselector with external antenna. 0.3 to 30 MHz. Tune. Band. Gain. On-Off/Bypass Controls. Use 9 volt battery (not included). 9-18 VDC or 110 VAC with MFJ-1312, \$12.95. 5 x 2 x 6 inches. Telescoping whip.

# MEJ 2 Meter Handheld Wattmeters

MEJ-840  
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MEJ-841  
\$39<sup>95</sup>

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MEJ-840. 5 watts full scale. BNC connector. 2 x 2 1/4 x 1 1/2 inches. Black. MEJ-841. Connects between HT and antenna. Read SWR and power. 2 x 2 1/4 x 1 1/2 in. Black. Switch: SWR, SWR set, power, SWR set pot.

# MEJ Handy HT Holders

Handy new MEJ HT holders help you make sure your handheld stays where you put it -- Mobile MEJ-24, or Desktop unit, MEJ-25, available. In car or on a crowded table or desk. Economical way to prevent costly damage from dropping your rig. Fits compact and full sized HTs. Get yours today.

MEJ-24  
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# LW/MW/SW Preselector/Tuner

MEJ-956 \$39<sup>95</sup>

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MEJ-956 lets you boost your favorite stations while rejecting images, intermod and other phantom signals from 1.5 thru 30 MHz, especially below 2 MHz. Has tuner bypass and ground receiver positions. 2 x 3 x 4 inches.



# RTTY/ASCII/CW Computer Interfaces

Use your rig and computer with MEJ-1224 to transmit and receive in 3 fun modes. Software (includes cable): IBM compatible, MEJ-1285; Commodore 64/128, MEJ-1265, 19.95 each. 8 x 1 1/4 x 6 in. MEJ-1225, receive only. Software (includes cable): IBM, MEJ-1285B; Commodore, MEJ-1265B, \$19.95 each. 4 1/2 x 1 1/4 x 4 1/4 in. MEJ-1223, \$29.95. RS-232 Interface.



MEJ-1224 \$99<sup>95</sup>

MEJ-1225 \$69<sup>95</sup>

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## “Packet Radio is Made Easy”

let Buck Rogers, K4ABT, CQ Magazine Packet Radio Editor, hold your hand from the time you take your new packet radio controller out of the box until you're on the air operating!

New book by CQ Magazine Packet Radio Editor Buck Rogers, K4ABT, gets you on packet fast and easy.

Buck holds your hand from the time you take your new packet radio controller out of the box until you're on the air operating.

He tells you in his easy-to-understand style what packet is and how to get the most out of it.

Buck shows you how to successfully interconnect your transceiver, computer and packet radio controller.

By following Buck's smooth instructions your packet station will work the first time you turn it on.

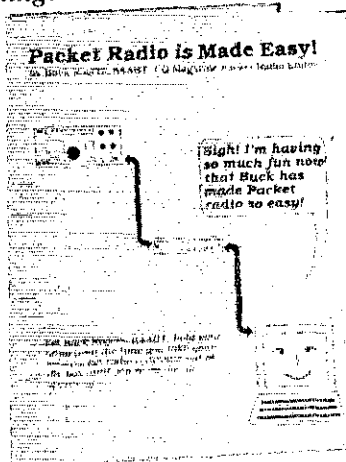
He discusses packet commands, shows you what they mean and how to use them.

Buck also includes a glossary of packet radio terms and definitions that'll have you talking like a true packeteer.

After Buck gets you on the air, he introduces you to Digipeating, Mailboxes, Networking, Local Area Networks and much more.

In a short evening of relaxed, easy reading, you'll learn enough to impress the experts and get on the air fast!

Take home Buck's latest book and let him get you on packet today!



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## “Golden Classics of Yesteryear”

by the famous author of over 300 articles and 12 books on ham radio, CQ Magazine columnist Dave Ingram, K4TWJ

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Remember the 6L6 rigs, Heathkit DX-100, Collins KWM-1, Globe Scout, Hallicrafters, RME, Hammulard, National HROs, Eimac tubes, E.F. Johnson, WWII rigs -- ARC-5, BC-342/348, -- hugs by Vibroplex, McElroy, Dow Key . . .

All these famous names plus many more you'll recognize are in “Golden Classics of Yesteryear”. It's all ham radio in content and it's jam packed with real-life tales, transmitters, receivers, favorite circuits, telegraph keys, bugs and other ham radio topics.

Easy-to-build weekend projects -- transmitters, receivers and other projects -- from the 1920s, 30s, 40s, and 50s are included.

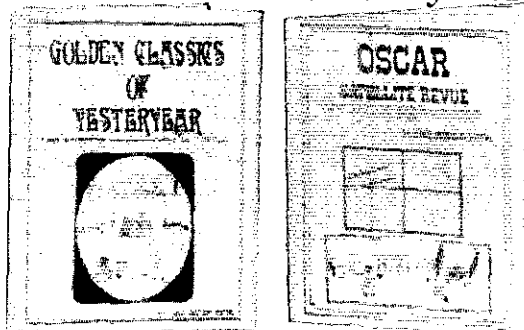
You'll see how you can build a classic “Tailender” -- an early DX memory keyer -- that requires no power supply or other electronic parts and works like a champ.

You'll learn how to collect, restore and operate classic gear.

“Golden Classics of Yesteryear” is written by Dave Ingram, K4TWJ -- one of amateur radio's most recognized and respected authors -- especially in classic gear. He has authored over 300 articles and 12 books on ham radio.

It'll be the most enjoyable \$9.95 you'll ever spend. Order today!

## “Oscar Satellite Revue” by K4TWJ



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“Oscar Satellite Revue” by Dave Ingram, K4TWJ, is an anthology of CQ Magazine articles on setting up various types of OSCAR stations and operating via the amateur radio satellites.

Each article is followed by a new updating addition, then ready-to-use frequency conversion charts for all satellite modes and tracking notes for OSCAR 13, OSCAR 10, Japanese JO-12 and Russian RS-10/RS-11 amateur radio satellites are featured.

There's also a quick-start guide for newcomers and a large equipment review section. Additionally, up-to-date Keplerian data for computerized satellite tracking programs are included.

This new guide takes you from set-up to success and every part is written in non-technical easy-to-understand language. No confusing calculations or complex descriptions.

See how easy it is to join the fun via amateur radio satellites. Order today!

## “Mastering Packet Radio: The Hands-On Guide” by Dave Ingram, K4TWJ

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\$12<sup>95</sup>  
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“Mastering Packet Radio: The Hands-On Guide” by K4TWJ is the all-purpose packet book to keep in your station. This easy-to-understand book puts you on the cutting edge of the packet radio revolution.

In this super hands-on guide you'll discover how packet works, how to set up your own packet station, the computer's role in your packet station, the ins and outs of packet radio operation, including useful tips for the newcomer and tips on how to be a good packet operator.

You also get information on packet networks, bulletin board systems and HF operation plus K4TWJ's insightful look into future directions in packet radio. Added bonuses include an equipment guide, a technical overview and information on networking, bulletin boards, gateways, portable packet and much more. Get yours today. You'll be glad you did!

## “The Wonderful World of Ham Radio: An Introduction for Young People” by Richard Skolnik, KB4LCS

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\$7<sup>95</sup>  
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Hey Elmer! Buy this fun-to-read book for the potential young ham in your life! Let Richard Skolnik, KB4LCS, help you with everything short of putting up the antenna and pressing in the PTT for that exciting first call.

With an easy-to-understand style “The Wonderful World of Ham Radio” shows young potential hams what ham radio is all about and why it can be a valuable part of their lives. It shows how hams learn through ham radio -- neat stuff like electronics, geography, computers and more.

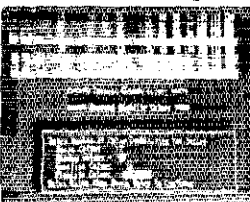
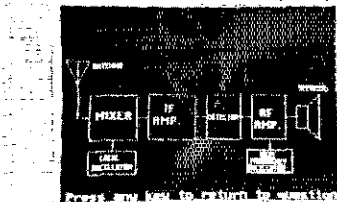
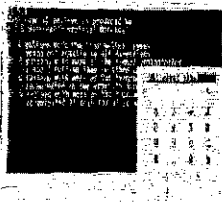
It shows how hams provide valuable communications services during emergencies, and even includes an actual emergency QSO.

You get interesting photos of students learning about and using ham radio, photos of different kinds of radios, stations, field day and more.

Finally, it shows how to get a ham license and set up a station to talk with hams around the world! “The Wonderful World of Ham Radio” is the best \$7.95 you can spend to get a young person on the air! Check it out today . . . you'll be glad you helped.

# MFJ's new ham license upgrade Theory Tutor

Get your ham license or upgrade with MFJ's new Theory Tutor! This fun new software practically guarantees you'll pass the theory part of any class FCC ham license exam for just . . . \$29.95 per license class . . .



Opening screen    On-line calculator    Test diagrams included    Color change option    Bar Graph Score  
 Take sample tests or print written tests  
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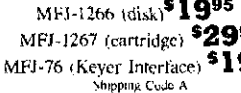
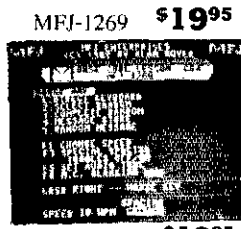
-- and you can return to a previous session at any time. Or print a test (suitable for official testing) on your Epson/IBM compatible printer. You also get excellent graphics with appropriate questions, explanations on hard questions, complete weighted scoring analysis, color change options, an on-line calculator plus much more. **Don't put it off!** Get the most from ham radio *and* your computer. Get the new MFJ Theory tutor and upgrade *now!* You'll be glad you did.

## MFJ Morse Code Computer Tutors

IBM® compatible and Commodore® 64/128 programs available

IBM® compatible MFJ-1269 \*SAM\* program: Colorful (or monochrome) "Jumbo" characters option for a more dynamic Morse code classroom. "Stop Watch" to copy code against the clock and Sending Practice that grades your sending set SAM apart. Menu driven plus standard code tutor features.

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MFJ-1269    \$19.95  
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## MFJ PC Memory Keyer with Morse Tutor

Let this amazing package of IBM compatible software and hardware turn your PC into a memory keyer!

You get a total of 100 function key macros that you can program to send whatever you want.

You get special keys to program a message within a message, pause for you to key info in or for a pre-set time period, send part of a message faster or slower and much more. Many useful functions come pre-programmed in the MFJ PC Memory Keyer macros. However, you can easily change or alter them as you want to. Use paddle or keyboard.

You get incrementing serial numbering with easy re-set, speed from 5-40 WPM, variable speaker tone (or speaker off), weight adjustment for a distinctive signal and instant access to on-line help, common CW abbreviations, Q-signals, and Official ARRL NTS Traffic codes.

Plus you get a full-featured Morse code tutor with Test Administrator that lets you give a FCC type code test -- that can be taken on-screen or MFJ PC Memory Keyer can generate printed test papers for students.

This new MFJ-1268 PC Memory Keyer lets you use your IBM compatible computer into a full-featured Memory Keyer and Morse Code Tutor. At \$49.95 for the software and hardware, that's the bargain of the year!



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**\$49.95**

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## MFJ-1286 Gray Line DX Advantage

super display software shows you when to snag rare DX!

Know when to snag rare DX! The MFJ-1286 Gray Line DX Advantage is a computerized DXing tool that predicts DX propagation. Now, even the casual DXer can work rare DX by knowing exactly when conditions are best for DX.

You get a high resolution world map that continuously displays the Gray Line as a moving area of day and night that changes with time as it tracks the movement of the earth.

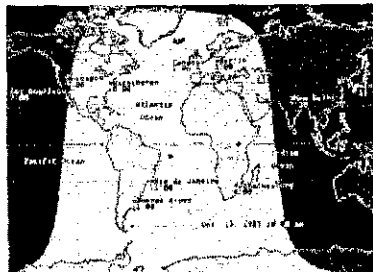
The Gray Line is the day/night divider line where the most amazing DX happens. Now, you'll know exactly when to take advantage of it.

The MFJ-1286 Gray Line DX Advantage gives you a Geochron® style world map that shows you the moving Gray Line, the position of the sun over the earth, UTC times, time zones and latitude/longitude markers.

You can customize the world map to display time and location for any 24 QTHs in the world. It makes DXing and SKEDs precise and easy.

You can run it by itself or memory resident. It works with all graphics. You can enter any date after 1980 to set your Skeds for any time in the future. Or you can check solar/Gray Line positions from past QSOs to answer questions about particularly good or bad RST.

Or get a edge in contests by pre-determining Gray Line times. Get the most from your station and your PC. Get the MFJ Gray Line DX Advantage. You'll be glad you did.



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## MFJ Easy-DX™ DXCC Logging Program

with packet terminal program and unique PacketCluster™ interface

Get DXCC with this new MFJ software for . . . \$39.95.

One review says it "has the potential of being the single indispensable program for any DXer with a computer."

Why? MFJ Easy-DX instantly organizes all your DXCC activity plus you get a packet program and PacketCluster™ (Pavillion Software) interface so you'll get the latest DX information.

You can enter any call and it tells you at a glance whether you need that country on the band, the mode or both. It tells if you've worked the station before. It gives you a list of contacts with the country, including bands, modes, and QSLs. -- so you can get the station to QSY to the band you need him on. It tells the azimuth and sunset/sunrise times.

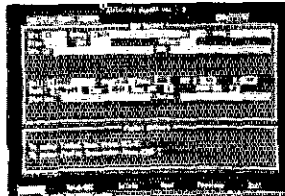
You can import logs from the popular CT logging program.

You get a built-in packet terminal program. Easy-DX will monitor the PacketCluster™ DX spotting network, and send "DX" in Morse code through your computer speaker if a country you need is reported.

You get two packet screens. A receive screen lets you monitor a packet channel and a send and receive screen lets you use the terminal program.

Easy-DX also prints QSL labels, keeps up with outstanding QSLs, prints a summary of DXCC activity by band and mode and prints log sheets.

DXCC is within your grasp. Let MFJ's incredible new Easy-DX program help. Easy-DX requires a 100% IBM compatible computer with 512K RAM. Hard disk strongly recommended. Get new MFJ Easy-DX today.



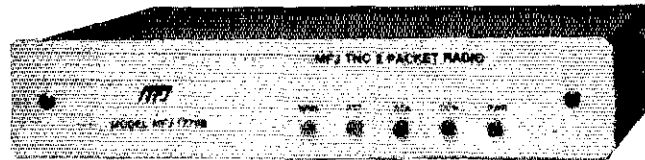
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# MFJ VHF/HF TAPR Clone Packet Radio Controllers

you get more features than with any other packet controller -- the new Easy Mail Personal Mailbox, HF/VHF Modems, FAX reception, KISS, a one year unconditional guarantee and more for only . . . \$139.95

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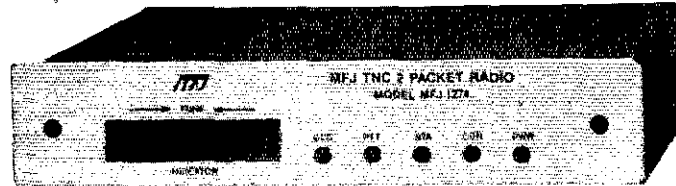
- New Turbo models available
- Easy Mail™
- Anti-collision technology
- 32K RAM
- WeFAX
- KISS



MFJ-1270B

\$ **139**<sup>95</sup>

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MFJ-1274

\$ **159**<sup>95</sup>

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MFJ-1270B super clone of TAPR's TNC-2 gives you more features than any other packet radio controller — for an affordable \$139.95.

You can double your fun by operating both VHF and HF packet because you get high performance switchable VHF/HF modems.

You also get the new Easy-Mail™ Personal Mailbox with soft-partitioned memory so you and your ham buddies can leave messages for each other 24 hours a day.

In MFJ's new WeFAX mode you can print full fledged weather maps to screen or printer and save to disk using an MFJ Starter Pack.

A new KISS interface lets you run TCP/IP and MSYS. They also come Net Rom compatible — no modification needed.

You also get 32K RAM, socketed ICs, true DCD for HF, 256K EPROM, speaker jack, lithium battery backup, RS-232 and TTL serial ports, a cable to connect your transceiver (you have to add a connector for your particular radio), easy operation, a one year unconditional guarantee plus much more. Use 12 VDC or the included 110 VAC power supply. Measures 9½ x 1½ x 7½ inches.

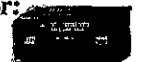
An MFJ Starter Pack, \$24.95, gets you on the air instantly. You get interface cable, software on disk and instructions . . . everything you need. Order MFJ-1282 for Commodore 64/128, MFJ-1287 for Macintosh or MFJ-1284 for IBM or compatibles.

For VGA Picture Passing with your IBM or compatible computer, use MFJ-1289 MultiCom™, \$59.95. If you have a VIC-20 or C-64/128 with a tape drive use MFJ-1283, \$24.95. For dependable HF packet tuning, MFJ-1274 gives you the proven MFJ 20 LED Precision Tuning Indicator — and it's only \$20 more than the MFJ-1270B.

Don't pay more or settle for a limited single function TNC. Choose an MFJ TNC that gives you all the features you need at an affordable price. Choose your MFJ-1270B or 1274 today! You'll be glad you did.

Turbo Models: MFJ-1270BT, \$209.95; MFJ-1274T, \$229.95. MFJ-1273, \$49.95. 20 LED Tuning Indicator:

MFJ clone of TAPR tuning indicator shows you which way to tune. Works with all TNCs that have the TAPR tuning indicator connector.



MFJ-1273 \$49<sup>95</sup>

## MFJ's new TNC/Mic Interface

Simultaneously connects your TNC and microphone! This new model is pre-wired for virtually all rigs with an 8 pin connector.

MFJ-1272B

\$ **34**<sup>95</sup>

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MFJ's new MFJ-1272B TNC/Microphone interface lets you leave your TNC and microphone plugged in simultaneously. Very convenient for the SSTV mode of the MFJ-1278 or if you are tired of plugging and unplugging every time you want to work packet. Affordable and practical at only \$34.95. Get yours today!

## MFJ's new MFJ-2400 Modem

This is the same new packet modem that is built into the MFJ-1278T, MFJ-1274T and MFJ-1270BT. You can install it in most TNC-2s.

MFJ-2400

\$ **69**<sup>95</sup>

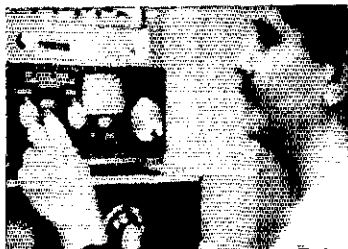
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This new MFJ-2400 modem gives you fast 2400 baud packet. By communicating faster you lessen congestion on crowded frequencies, reduce the chance for errors and more efficiently utilize our ham frequencies. You'll still get 300 and 1200 baud for full compatibility with older TNCs. Get yours today for only . . . \$69.95!

## MFJ-1292 "Picture Perfect" Video Digitizer

. . . lets you instantly create fascinating digitized snapshots of anything you can point your camcorder at . . . you can transmit your pictures to your ham buddies with your MFJ-1278 or any other packet radio controller . . .



Digitized picture converted to FAX mode for transmission by MFJ-1278.



Digitized picture converted to Packet mode for transmission by MFJ-1278.



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MFJ-1292

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The above unretouched pictures were shot directly from a VGA monitor. We digitized them with a camcorder, MFJ-1292 "Picture Perfect" Video Digitizer and computer. They were converted with included software.

Create fascinating VGA, EGA, CGA and Hercules digitized snapshots of anything you can point your camcorder at!

The MFJ-1292 "Picture Perfect" Video Digitizer connects your camcorder to your IBM or compatible computer. It lets you instantly capture fascinating digitized video snapshots on a floppy or hard disk.

Your MFJ-1292 package includes a plug-in card for your computer, complete software package and instructions for only . . . \$199.95.

You also get a Contrast and Brightness Control unit that you can conveniently place near your keyboard for fine tuning your pictures.

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You can create your own QSL cards -- that you can transmit to your contacts with your MFJ-1278. via packet radio. You can do tons more. Get yours today. You'll be glad you did.



# Ameritron gives you . . .

a full kilowatt OUTPUT from a quiet desktop linear . . . for \$1095

Ameritron gives you a full kilowatt output (nearly the input of some linears) of peak envelope power for only \$1095 -- from a whisper quiet linear that's perfect for your operating desk because it measures just 8 1/4" H x 14" D x 14 1/4" W. You also get 850 watts output CW and 500 watts RTTY.

The AL-80A covers 160-15 meters (10 meters with license), including MARS and WARC. You could spend over twice the money for a legal limit amplifier twice the size -- and all you'll get is an additional 1/3 S-unit -- a difference you won't ever notice.

**Tuned Input lets your rig deliver full output**

The Ameritron AL-80A uses a direct switched, 100% shielded pi-network tuned input circuit so even the fussiest solid state transmitter works flawlessly with it.

## PI-L Output Network

A carefully designed PI-L output network using the optimum Q for each band gives you exceptionally smooth tuning, extremely wide range load impedance matching and full band coverage. Ball bearing vernier reduction drives on both the plate and load control makes tuning precise and easy.

**3-500Z in shielded RF tank gives you nearly 70% efficiency**

You get the time proven 3-500Z transmitting tube with an estimated life of 20,000 hours ICAS. The AL-80A is built on a rugged steel chassis. It has a separate RF compartment that's fully shielded to keep RF from leaking out. This keeps RF and TVI to a minimum.

A superb RF design and layout, a Hi-Q tank circuit and commercially rated power components gives you nearly 70% plate efficiency over the entire operating range. This puts the power into your antenna instead of heating up your amplifier.



Ameritron AL-80A **\$1095** Suggested Retail

result is a clean signal without flat-topping.

## Gutsy-Duty Power Supply

The guts of the AL-80A is its heavy duty power supply. A 22 pound transformer using a high silicone steel core, computer grade capacitors, heavy duty bleeders and ten 3 amp, 1000 V power rectifiers give you a stiff 2700 volts fully loaded. Some amplifiers using two 3-500Zs use a light power supply so they can't give much more power output than the AL-80A.

## Step-Start Inrush Protection™

The AL-80A special Step-Start Inrush Protection stops damaging inrush current with a start up sequence that's easy on your tube and power supply components.

## Multi-Voltage Primary

Too high line voltage stresses components and causes them to wear out. Too low line voltage causes a "soft-tube" effect -- low output and signal distortion.

The Multi-Voltage Primary in the AL-80A lets you compensate for too high or too low line voltage so you get the longest component life and peak operating efficiency -- regardless of line voltage.

## Dual Illuminated Meters

Grid current of the 3-500Z is monitored continuously by one meter. Grid current gives the best indication of overall performance.

Multi-meter measures plate voltage, plate current, peak RF output power and drive power/ALC detector voltage.

## 600 WATTS OUT . . . \$599

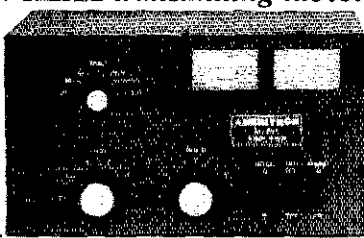
A tough low cost linear with REAL transmitting tubes!

Shades of the legendary Collins 30L1 . . . this new Ameritron AL-811 brings back this rugged tube -- the 811A. It's given thousands of satisfied hams years of "treat it any old way" powerhouse use. And even if you try these hearty 811As you can replace them for the cost of a few cheap pizzas.



AL-811 **\$599**

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Plus you get dual illuminated meters, 3 second warm up, standby switch, tuned input, pressurized ventilation, multi-voltage primary and heavy duty power supply. 70 watts in gives you 600 watts PEP or 500 watts CW out. It covers all HF amateur frequencies including WARC and MARS. (10 meter modification with license).

A whisper quiet internal fan draws in cool air over the power supply components and the 3-500Z tube to remove heat for longer tube life.

Built-in adjustable ALC circuit makes sure your exciter never overdrives your AL-80A. The

Call your dealer for your best price today! Bust through QRM with a full kilowatt -- right out of the box. Call your dealer for your best price and order today. Two year limited warranty.

## AMERITRON offers the best selection of legal limit linears!

These 3 rugged linears all use a super heavy duty hipersil® power supply capable of 2500 watts!

Ameritron's most powerful amplifier

AL-1500 **\$2625** Suggested Retail

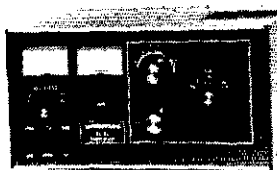


Ameritron super power amplifier uses the incredible 8877 ceramic tube.

It's so powerful that 65 watts drive gives you all legal output -- and it's just loafing because the power supply is capable of 2500 watts PEP.

Ameritron's Dual 3-500Z linear

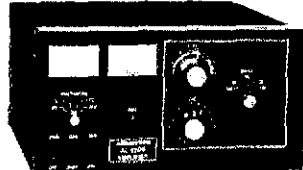
AL-82 **\$1995** Suggested Retail



This linear gives you full legal output using a pair of 3-500Zs. Some competing linears using dual 3-500Zs don't give you 1500 watts because their lightweight power supplies can't use the tubes to their full potential.

Ameritron's 3CX1200A7 linear

AL-1200 **\$2045** Suggested Retail



Get ham radio's toughest tube with the Ameritron AL-1200 -- the Eimac 3CX1200A7. It has a 50 watt control grid dissipation rating -- 12 times tougher than the 4 watts of the 3CX800A7 -- yet you get the same full legal output as you get from a pair of 3CX800A7s.

## AMERITRON brings you the finest high power accessories!

Legal limit antenna tuner

ATR-15 **\$399** Suggested Retail



Ameritron -- the high power specialist -- brings you the ATR-15 antenna tuner that's designed for legal limit amplifiers. Heavy duty silver plated inductor virtually eliminates switch failure. High power transmitting capacitors. 1.8-30 MHz. Peak reading SWR/wattmeter. 6 position antenna switch. Selectable 1:1 or 4:1 balun. 5/4 x 13 1/4 x 13 1/2 ches. Meter lamps uses 12 VDC.

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Dummy Load, \$599.95. Oil included. Run 1500 watts for minutes. 0-400 MHz.



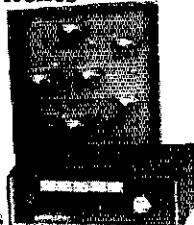
Remote Coax Switches

RCS-8V **\$149** Suggested Retail

RCS-8V, DC-UHF 5 KW Coax Switch.

Replace 5 coax feedlines with one with this Ameritron Coax switch. Weatherproof box mounts outdoors on your tower or mast. Attractive control unit sits on your operating desk. Low SWR to 450 MHz. Low loss. Rated at 5 KW to 30 MHz, 1 KW at 150 MHz.

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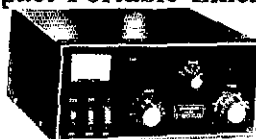


RCS-4 **\$134.50** Suggested Retail



Compact Portable Linear

AL-84 **\$549** Suggested Retail



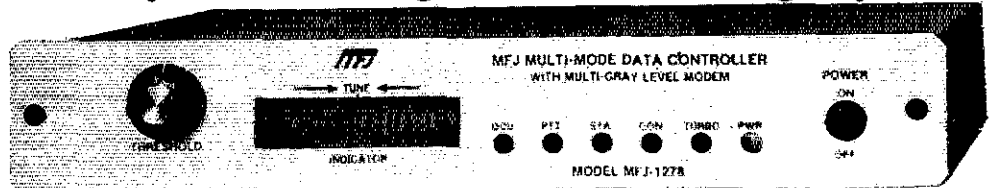
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MFJ-1278  
**\$279<sup>95</sup>**



No 3 year old technology at MFJ!  
 Using the latest advances, MFJ brings you 9 exciting digital modes and *keeps on* bringing you state-of-the-art advances like new ASA™.  
 You get tons of features other multi-modes just don't have.

**Only MFJ gives you all 9 modes**  
 Count 'em -- you get 9 fun modes -- Packet, AMTOR, RTTY, ASCII, CW, FAX, SSTV, Navtex and Contest Memory Keyer.  
 You can't get all 9 modes in any other multi-mode at any price. Nobody gives you modes MFJ-1278 doesn't have.

**The best modem you can get**  
 Tests in *Packet Radio Magazine* prove the modem used in the MFJ-1278 copies HF packet more accurately than all other modems tested.

MFJ-1278 is the *only* multi-mode with a *true* DCD circuit. This dramatically reduces sensitivity to noise and dramatically increases completed QSOs.

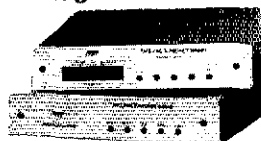
**Exclusive Built in Printer Port**  
 Only the MFJ-1278 has a dedicated printer port that lets you plug in your Epson or IBM compatible printer.

You don't need to buy a silly \$40 cable just to plug in your printer.

**20 LED Precision Tuning Indicator**  
 MFJ's unequaled tuning indicator makes it really easy to work HF packet. Unlike others, you use it the same for all modes -- not different for each mode. Just tune your radio to center a single LED and you're *precisely tuned in to within 10 Hz* -- and it shows you which way to tune!

**New Easy Mail™ Personal Mailbox**  
 You get MFJ's new Easy Mail™ Personal

## MFJ Packet Radio



MFJ-1274  
**\$1599<sup>95</sup>**  
 MFJ-1270B  
**\$1399<sup>95</sup>**

MFJ-1270B super clone of TAPR's TNC-2 gives you more features than any other packet controller -- for \$139.95

You can double your fun by operating VHF and HF because you get *high performance* switchable VHF/HF modems.

You get the Easy Mail™ Personal Mailbox with soft-partitioned memory so you and your buddies can leave messages 24 hours a day.

In MFJ's new WeFAX mode you can print full-fledged weather maps to screen or printer and save to disk using most computers.

A new KISS interface lets you run TCP/IP and MSYS. NET ROM compatible.  
 You also get 32K RAM and a free 110 VAC power supply (or use 12 VDC).

For dependable HF packet tuning, the MFJ-1274 gives you a high resolution tuning indicator -- and it's only \$20 more.

New 2400 baud Turbo models available:  
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### Multi-Gray Level FAX/SSTV Modem

You'll see tomorrow's news today when you copy outstanding FAX news photos with crisp clear details. MFJ-1278 is the *only* multi-mode with a built-in multi-gray level modem. It lets you transmit and/or receive multi-gray level pictures with an appropriate terminal program.

MFJ's new Automatic Signal Analysis™ gives you *exclusive HF packet identification!*  
 MFJ's new ASA automatically identifies HF packet, RTTY, ASCII and AMTOR signals. A

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## New MFJ-1278T Turbo with fast 2400 baud modem

MFJ-1278T  
**\$359<sup>95</sup>**

The new MFJ-1278T Turbo gives you *fast* 2400 baud packet -- *twice* the baud rate of any other multi-mode. By communicating faster you'll reduce chances for error, lessen congestion and more efficiently utilize our ham frequencies. You'll also get 1200/300 baud for compatibility with older TNCs.

The 2400 baud modem is also available separately. Order MFJ-2400, \$69.95, for any MFJ and most other TNCs.

quick "OK" command selects the mode!

### One FREE Upgrade!

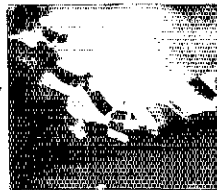
When you buy your MFJ-1278 today, you don't have to miss new modes and features that come out tomorrow. Why? Because your 1278 comes with a coupon good for one *free* eeprom upgrade exchange that'll add new features.

### Plus More . . .

Plus you get . . . 32K RAM, *free* AC power supply. Host mode that lets MFJ-1278 serve as

## New MFJ MultiCom™ . . . exciting new 1278 software

*High resolution AP news photo received on 20,738 MHz using MFJ MultiCom and MFJ-1278 with multi-gray modem.*



MFJ-1289 New menu-driven MultiCom™ brings out the full power of your MFJ-1278 with multi-gray modem. No set-up required -- just load and use. You get incredible high resolution WeFAX maps and AP news photos right off HF. You also get color packet pictures and multi-gray SSTV.

**Bursting** with features . . . One-Key Macros™ combine multiple keystrokes into a single touch. Call-Alert™ sounds an alarm when any characters you tell it to watch for come in. Auto-Set™ instantly switches entire stored sets of parameters. Auto-Router™ stores digipeater node routes for instant use. Packet Multi-Plex™ lets you transmit or receive a binary file and continue your QSO. Multi-Word™ gives a powerful word processor that is tailor-made for multi-mode communications. Custom QSL created with paint program

a kiss interface or dumb modem, fast throughput anti-collision technology, independent transmit level for each radio port, random code generator, lithium battery backup, RS-232 and TTL serial ports, socketed ICs, tune up command, peripheral I/O port, automatic serial numbering, programmable message memories, dual radio ports (each HF or VHF), CW paddle jack, audio amplifier and speaker jack so you can monitor CW sidetone, transmit and receive audio and packet connect bell, *new* fully integrated instruction manual with *Fast Start*™ booklet and more. 9 1/2 x 9 1/2 x 1 1/2 inches.

### No Matter What™ Guarantee

You get MFJ's one year No Matter What™ Guarantee.

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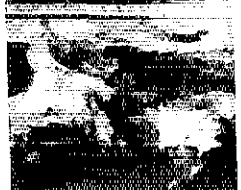
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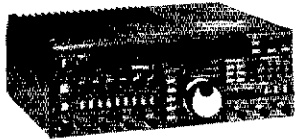
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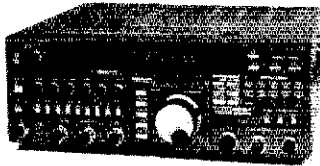
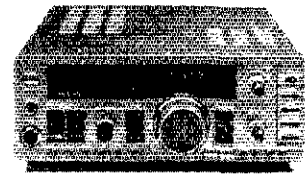
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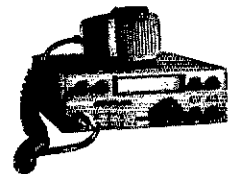


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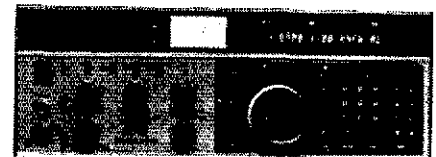


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**Generally**, an HF mobile setup radiates a slightly weaker signal than a home station, because it utilizes a short vertical antenna and the auto's metal body as a moving/quasi ground system. On lower frequency bands, low mobile signal strength is mainly due to three factors: loading coil losses, ground losses and feedpoint mismatches. Improving one or more of those areas noticeably improves your mobile's signal strength.

**Loading** coil loss and heating is a natural part of mobiling, but it can be minimized by substituting larger diameter coils wound with heavier wire. Using less coil and a longer top whip or "stinger", like a 15 meter coil and 3 or 4 foot whip extension for 20 meters reduces coil loss and boosts your signal.

**Ground** losses can be minimized by connecting both your transceiver's metal cabinet and antenna tuning unit directly to the auto's metal frame with wide strapping or braid. After locating good grounding points, make

liberal use of sandpaper and star washers to ensure good connections. Double-check your installed straps with a low resistance ohmmeter. The resistance between your rig's cabinet, the tuner's ground lug, the coax shield and the auto body should always be less than one ohm.

**The** reduced size of mobile antenna systems lowers their impedance to only a few ohms, thus some type of base/feedpoint matching is recommended for low SWR and maximum power transfer. Single capacitors or coils for each band are popular compromises here, but a dedicated tuning unit at the antenna's base is optimum. Two points warrant mentioning. Unmatched mobile antenna systems with low SWR usually indicate high resistance loading coils and/or poor grounding. Also, matching low impedance antennas to 50 ohm coax is most effective at their point of mismatch (the antenna's base) rather than in your transceiver.

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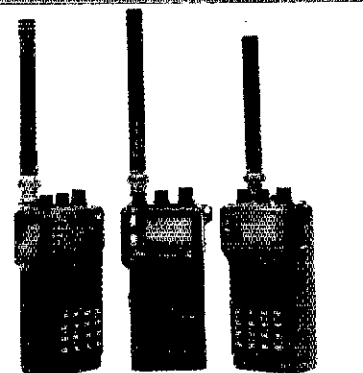
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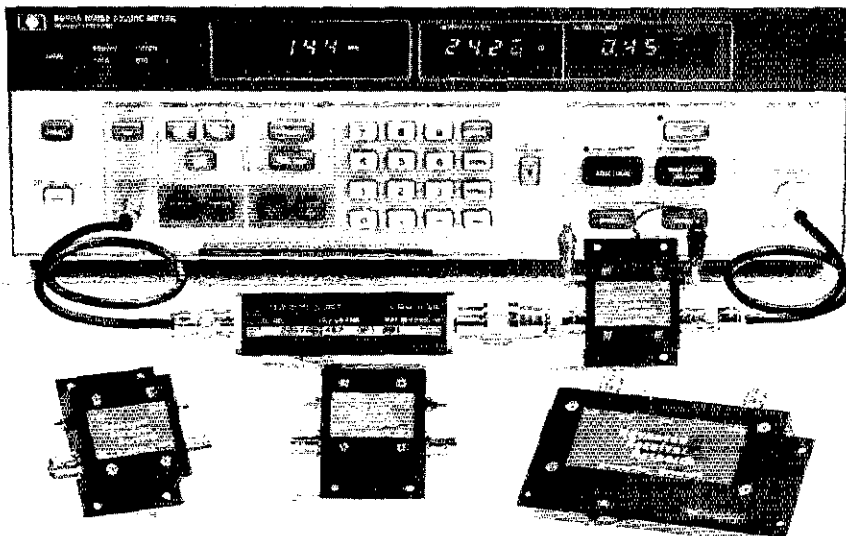
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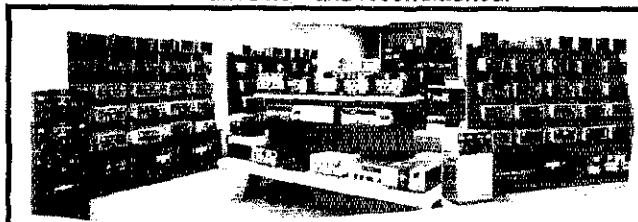
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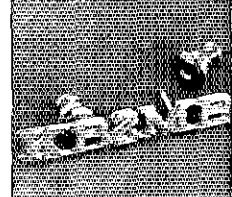
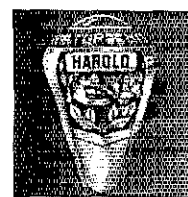
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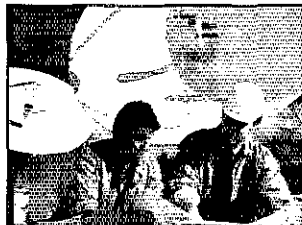
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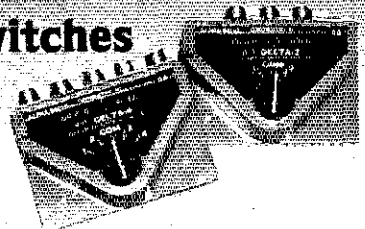
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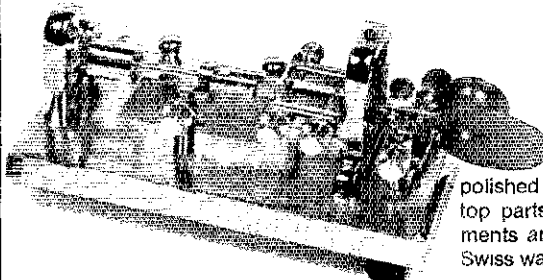


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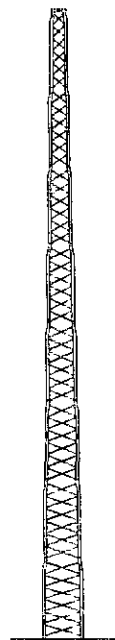
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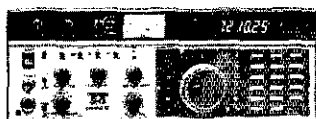
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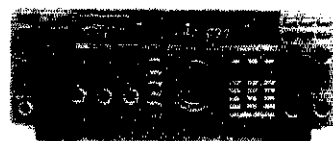
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trictions; he caught it early; more LGLs needed! Johnson Space Ctr ARC conducts HF equipment training sess; includes HF TNC & slow-scan TV gear. Mic 'N Key, Port Arthur ARC bulletin, rprts club dates back to 1939; has 100% records of mtgs since 1947. Matagorda Co ARC bulletin rprts N5NDL & KB5LPA conduct on-air code Tues, 8 PM CDT, 28.450 MHz; upgrades: KB5CAK to Adv, N5QJQ to Gen, K5IDS to Amateur Extra Class; FB! Houston's NW ARS bulletin rprts Economic Summit special-event station busy July 5-11, 24 hrs dy at 7 optg positions; more than 160 hams took part; had 3790 cics, 56 countries; N5QVT upgraded to Gen; 1 unlicensed passed to Tech; very good. 7290 Tfc Nat Secy N5F5 rprts 374 msqs in 50 Aug sess; 3371 QNI; NTS liaison 2 par sess; NM KD5RC. Brazosport ARC provided comms for annual Brazosport Triathlon; WB8PHO coordinated; KB5AJS, KA5IDC, KA5SYW, NV5L, KA5BNR, KA5KRI, WBSI, WBSJ, W5SYN, K5CQI, N5KY, WD5GKH, KA5VZM, KA5UJL, N5HBI helped. Ham 'N Eggs Societe', La Grange, rprts KB5MSG (age 12), KB5MSE (12-yr-old's Dad), KB5MRP, KB5MRZ upgraded to Tech; 10-yr-old twin brothers passed Novice, PIO N5KAO, Brady, rprts World Championship BBQ cook-off among Brady, San Angelo, Abilene & Brownwood clubs a finger-lickin' good success. Brazos Valley ARC (Fl Bend & Harris Cos) rprts 1st annual Ice Cream Fest & Kiddies' Toys Nite; 77 members & guests enjoyed 10 gals of ice cream, viewing model aircraft & videos of a model airplane meet; July test sess upgrades: WD5DZC & 1 unlicensed to Gen; KB5LXG, N5PJ, N5PRP to Adv, N5JNN, N5QJQ, K5HC to Amateur Extra Class; Great! Houston ECHO Society bulletin rprts 148 ops signed up for Economic Summit special-event station; Society helped with successful "Clean Houston" program; ECHO members N5NPR, K5ECP, WA5QXE, K5SYF, WX5X, KD5AS, KA5RIZ, WBSYWS, N5EJX, KA5YDS, KF5ZW, N5QES, W5TXV, KG5HQ, KB5EEG, N5PTP, N5NXX, WA5LNG, N5OHN, WBSMUJ, WA5GZX helped; Corresponding Secy N5OHN rprts 3 unlicensed passed Tech exam in latest VE sess; ECHO provided comms for Katy Flatland Century Bicycle ride; ops were KD5AS, KB5DNT, KA5GHI, N5GQS, AA5JW, WBSMUJ, N5JNC, WA3PMT, N5QCE, W5RIY, WBS5RN, KB5UC, KA5USF, KA5VBJ, KD5YA, KA5YDS, K5SYF, WBSYWS; KK5W of M D Anderson Cancer Ctr, presented program on relationship between power lines & leukemia; ECHO presented KK5W with a plaque for his work at special-event station. Austin ARC bulletin, AARC-OVER, won "Good" rating in Amateur Radio News Service club bulletin contest; they earned it—congratulations. DTTN NM K5UPN rprts 268 msqs in 31 Aug sess; 593 QNI, DRNS NM WBSYDD rprts 714 msqs in 50 Aug sess; TTN NM K5UPN rprts 129 msqs in 31 Aug sess; 894 QNI. STX represented 100% by W5CTZ, KE5ZV, N5NAV, KG5TL, N5ILI, W5SHN, WBSYDD.

**WEST TEXAS:** SM, Milly Wise, W5OVH—Congratulations to the San Angelo ARC, which has been officially renewed as an ARRL Special Service Club. Recently, the W5ES clubhouse was the site of a training class in hunter ed. Bill Deraglich, N5OJQ, is chief instructor for trans-Pecos area & advises that it's now mandatory that hunters attend hunter ed classes in all but 5 states. WBSVIH advises that the world champion goat cook-off of the Key City ARC at Brady, TX, with Dee, W5VRE, Bill, WBSOYC, Steve, KG5QH; Dave, WBSVIH, & Randy N5JZH, participated & Peg, KA4UPA, Charles Abermethy, WBSVHZ, is a graduate student in electrical & computer eng, at U of AZ. Tex Burdick, W5BQU, will be 90 (ninty) yrs old Sept 25. Enjoyed the Abilene hamfest; appreciated the warm hospitality shown Larry & me. Wish to thank the Amarillo hams on an excellent hamfest & for showing what can be done to make a hamfest a success. Hotel accoms, etc & the facility showed a lot of work went into it. Nov 3-4 will be the Odessa hamfest. Congrats to Brenda, N5LEU & Terry, WBSWXI, for giving hamdom one of the youngest hams in W TX. 6-yr-old Terry Vansickle passed his Novice exam at Plano Aug 4. He starts 1st grade this Sept. In Big Spring ARC, KB5ECT, John, was selected "Ham of the Month." WD5EJ Radford will fill the position of Big Spring Club pres, as KA5AAR is moving out of town. 73, Milly, W5OVH, Tfc: A5E1 73, N5DKW 2.

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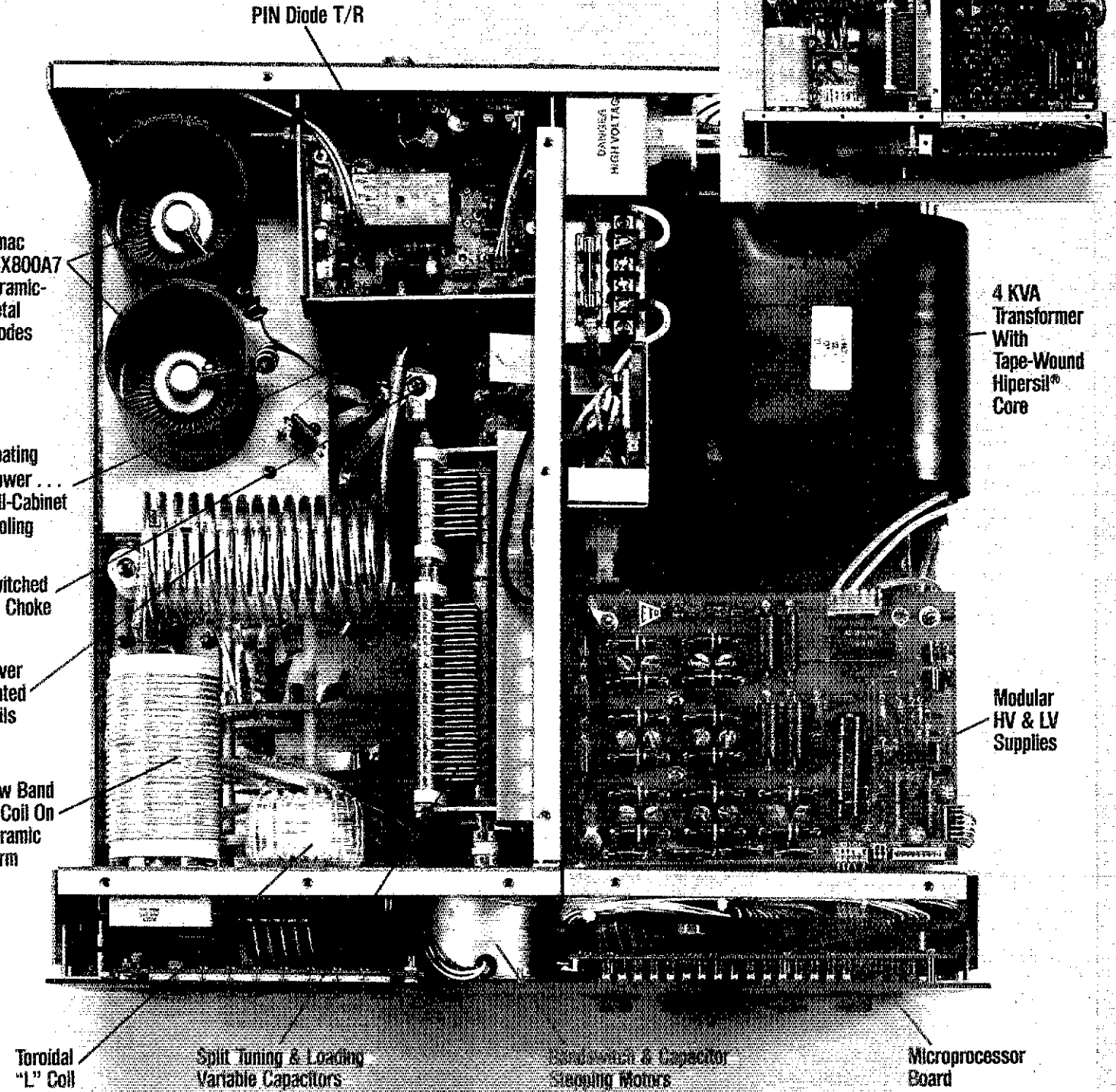


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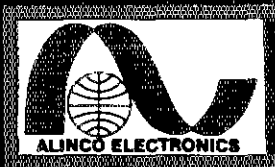
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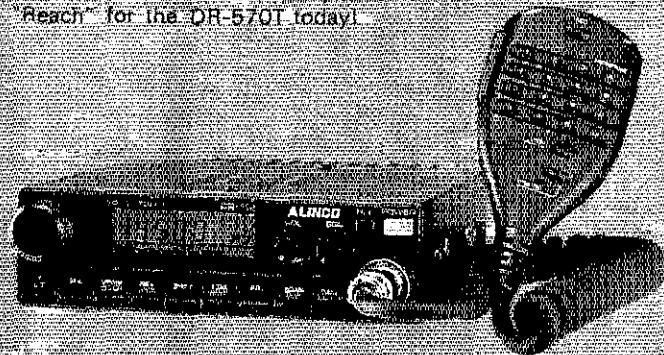
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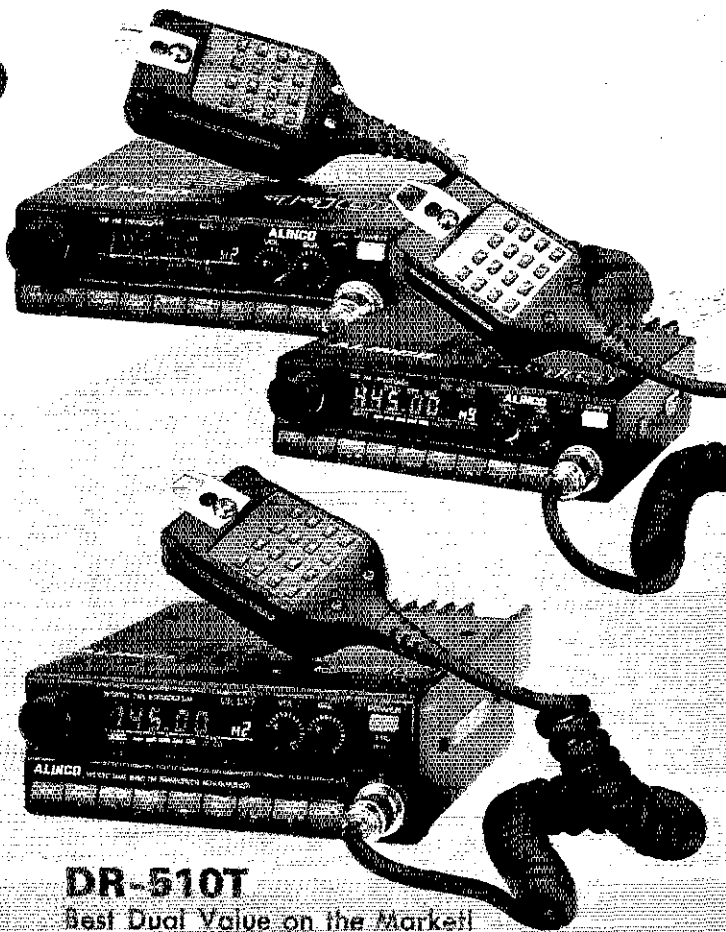
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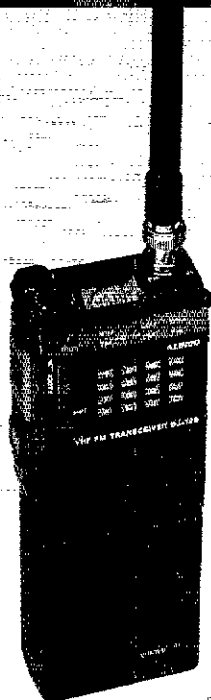
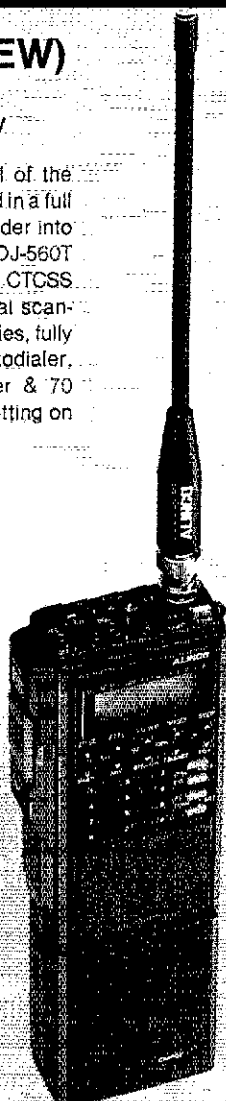


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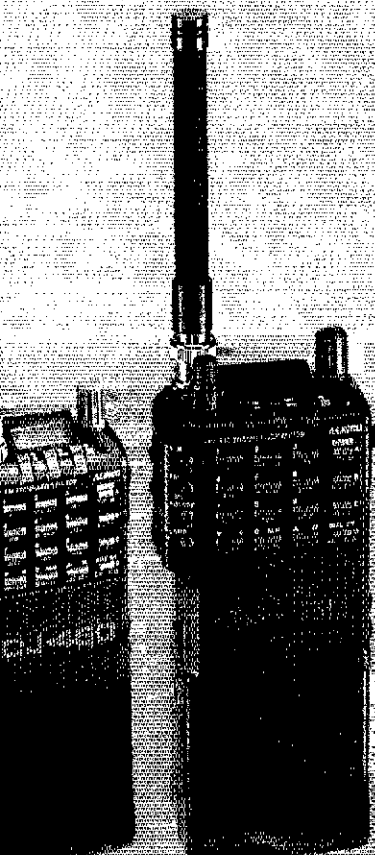
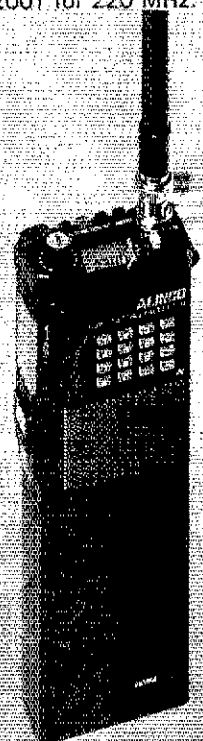
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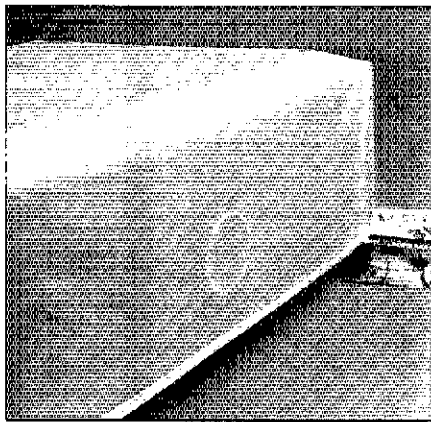
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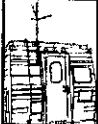
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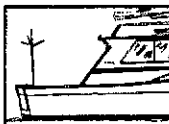
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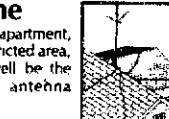
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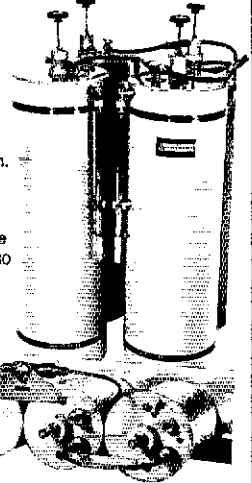
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●Power rating: 200W ●Weight: 8lbs ●Length: 178in. ●Wind rating: 90MPH ●Connector: UHF

**F-718A** 70cm 18-1/2λ elements  
●Power rating: 250W ●Weight: 3.7lbs ●Length: 178in. ●Wind rating: 90MPH ●Connector: N

**F-1230A** 23cm 25-1/2λ elements  
●Power rating: 100W ●Weight: 2.5lbs ●Length: 120in. ●Wind rating: 90MPH ●Connector: N

## U SERIES

**U-300A** Dual-Band: 70cm 4-5/8λ elements, 23cm 10-5/8λ elements  
●Power rating: 100W ●Weight: 2.4lbs ●Length: 99in. ●Wind rating: 112.5MPH ●Connector: N

**U-5000A** Tri-Band: 2m 6/8λ, 70cm 3-5/8λ elements, 23cm 7-5/8λ elements  
●Power rating: 100W ●Weight: 2lbs ●Length: 71in. ●Wind rating: 135MPH ●Connector: N

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**MX-72N**

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●Coaxial cable: 5D2VS 35cm

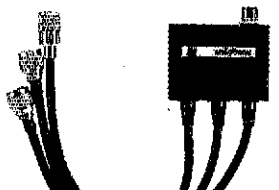


## MX SERIES DUPLEXERS AND TRIPLEXERS

**MX-72D** Direct connection type Duplexer with UHF connectors for HF, 2m and 70cm bands  
●Coaxial cable: None

**MX-72H** Duplexer with UHF connectors for HF, 2m and 70cm bands  
●Coaxial cable: 5D2VS 35cm

**MX-72DN** Direct connection type Duplexer with UHF connectors and N connector for HF, 2m and 70cm bands  
●Coaxial cable: None



**MX-3000N** Triplexer with N connectors and UHF connector for HF, 2m, 70cm and 23cm bands  
●Coaxial cable: 5D2VS 35cm



**MX-3000** Triplexer with N connectors and UHF connectors for HF, 2m, 70cm and 23cm bands  
●Coaxial cable: 5D2VS 35cm

**MX-3000D** Direct connection type Triplexer with N connectors and UHF connectors for HF, 2m, 70cm and 23cm bands  
●Coaxial cable: None

**MX-3000DN** Direct connection type Triplexer with N connectors and UHF connector for HF, 2m, 70cm and 23cm bands  
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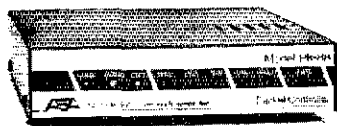
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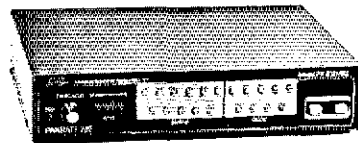


### PK-88 Packet Radio TNC

Unique operating features with a proven hardware and software design make AEA's PK-88 your best choice in packet radio--now with MailDrop, an 8KByte efficient personal Mailbox. The PK-88 also allows multiple single frequency QSO's, digipeating and networking. It's a superb value, packed with all the most needed packet radio features such as direct interface capability with NET/ROM and TCP/IP. In addition to all the features of a "standard" TNC, the PK-88 offers features not found in any other TNC:

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- **Enhanced MPROTO** command - Suppresses display of non-ASCII packets from Level Three switches and network nodes.

Multi-Mode

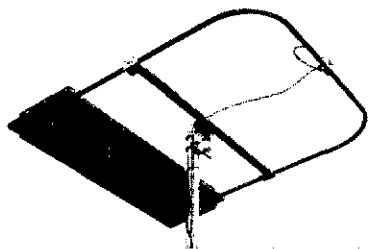


### PK-232MBX Multi-Mode Data Controller

With over 40,000 units sold worldwide, the PK-232MBX is the world's leading multi-mode data controller. Combining all amateur data communication modes in one comprehensive unit, the PK-232MBX offers Morse Code, Baudot, ASCII, AMTOR/SITOR 476 and 625, HF and VHF Packet, WEFAX receive and transmit, TDM, as well as commercial standard NAVTEX automated marine information services.

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Antennas



### IsoLoop™ 14-30 MHz Compact HF Antenna

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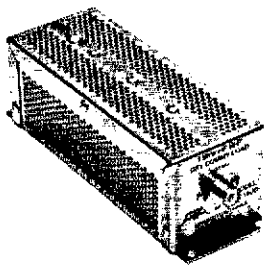
the antenna, not the feedline, which helps eliminate TVI and stray RF in the shack.

The inherent hi-Q of the IsoLoop makes it like a very sharp tunable filter that radiates. The narrow bandwidth suppresses harmonics from your transmitter, and also attenuates out-of-band signals that could overload your receiver.

The omni-directional IsoLoop makes an excellent attic or balcony antenna, and because it weighs only 12 pounds is also perfect for portable use.

# Better Experience

## Dummy Load

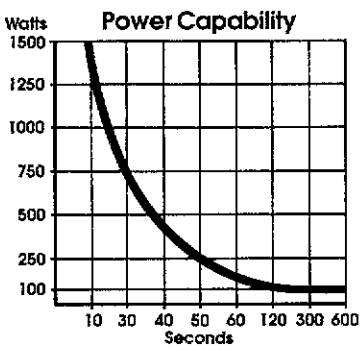


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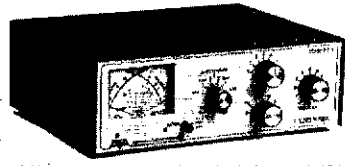
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## EconoTuner



### ET-1 Antenna Tuner

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The ET-1 features a precision dual-movement meter to simultaneously monitor power and SWR.

Unique engineering designs have made AEA one of the leading innovators in the amateur radio industry. That same quality and superior technical support make the ET-1 your best deal for an antenna tuner.

## Antennas

### IsoPole™ Omni-Directional VHF and UHF Base Station Antennas



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IsoPoles are ideal for packet radio. The decoupling cones stop computer hash picked up by the outer shield of the coaxial cable from being passed to the receiver.

## Amateur TV



### AEA's New ATV System

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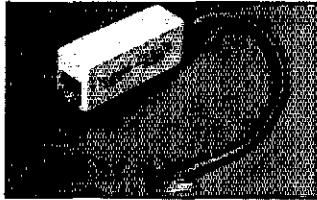
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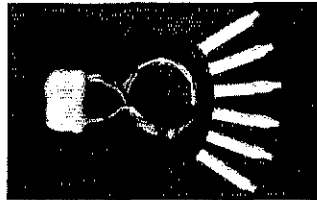
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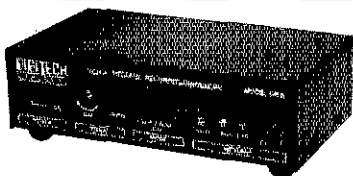
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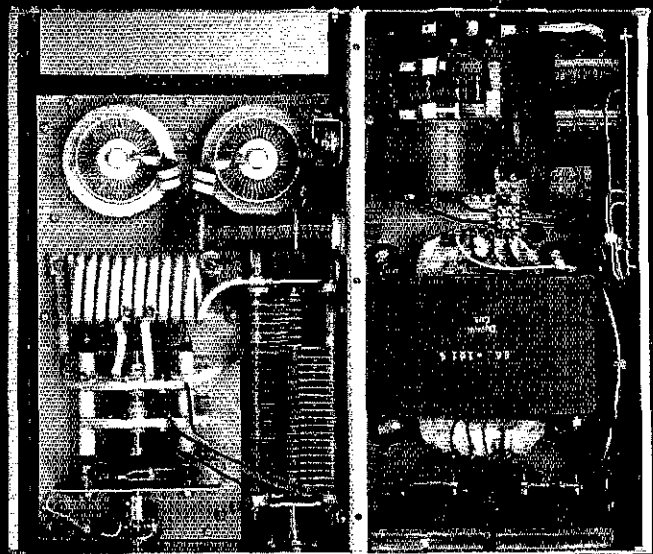
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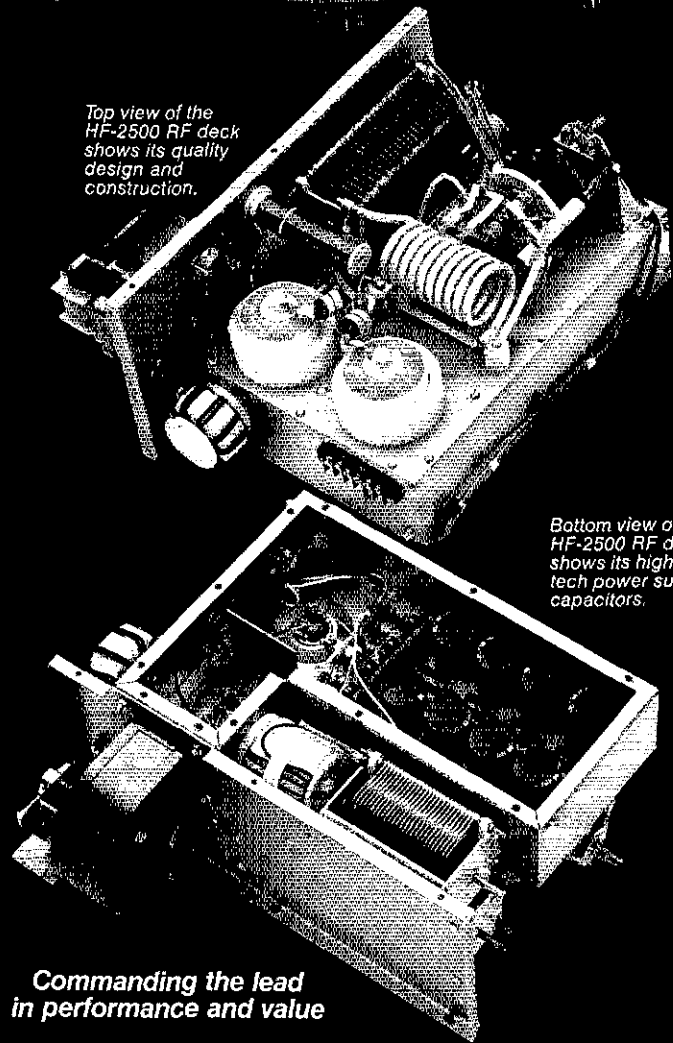


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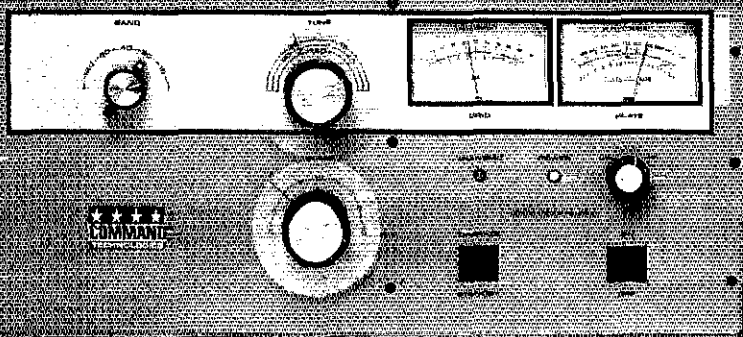


Top view of the HF-2500 RF deck shows its quality design and construction.



Bottom view of the HF-2500 RF deck shows its high tech power supply capacitors.

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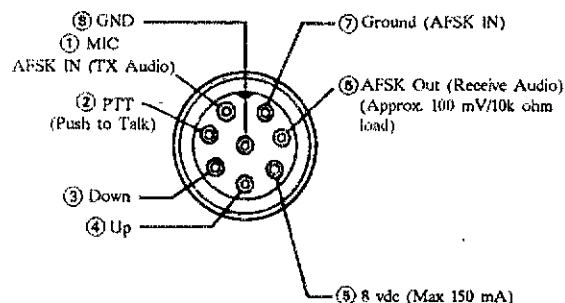
Accurate and timely information for the active Amateur Radio Operator from Kenwood U.S.A.

## Interfacing Digital Communications Equipment (Part 2)

In the last issue of the Kenwood Newsletter we began a 3 part article on interfacing Data Communication devices to your transceiver. This month we will discuss some alternatives to using the ACCY 2 Connector.

### Alternative Hookup Methods for Terminal Units.

One of the easiest ways to hookup your terminal unit, other than the ACCY 2 connector, is to use the microphone connector on the front panel of the transceiver and the External Speaker Jack on the rear of the transceiver. Connect your transmit audio signal from the terminal unit to pin number 1 of the microphone connector. Connect your PTT line to



pin number 2 of the microphone connector. The shield of the microphone audio line should be connected to pin number 7, and the PTT return line should be connected to pin number 8. All 8 pin connectors on Kenwood radios have this same basic pin arrangement, so it should not make any difference if you are hooking up your terminal to an HF, VHF, or UHF transceiver.

Some Kenwood transceivers provide an unscelched audio signal on pin number 6 of the microphone connector. If your terminal unit is looking for UNSQUELCHED audio you should connect to this pin. Most other terminal units are looking for SQUELCHED audio. This is available from the external speaker jack on the rear of the transceiver.

Connecting to the microphone jack and the external speaker jack have the advantage of simple hookup, but do require you to disconnect the microphone from the transceiver.

### PHONE PATCH IN/OUT Connections

Some Kenwood transceivers provide a Phone Patch IN and OUT terminal on the rear panel. These terminals can also be used to hook up terminal devices. These terminals are simple RCA type jacks with an input and output impedance of 600 ohms. You might need to make use of an impedance matching transformer for these connections. The Phone Patch IN jack would be used for your transmit audio connection, and the Phone Patch Out jack would be for your receive audio connections. PTT would need to be connected to the ACCY 2 connector, to the Microphone connector, or to the Remote connector (when available). Some Kenwood transceivers provide a VOX (Voice Operated Keying) circuit that may make connection of a separate PTT line unnecessary. Try keying the radio with VOX. If your terminal unit operates properly you can avoid the PTT connections.

### Coming Next Month

Next Month: Part 3 of Interfacing Packet TNC's, etc. to Kenwood Equipment.

If you have a comment about a column, or have a question about any ham radio subject please let us know. We will select topics for the newsletter that have the widest appeal.

That's all we have room for now. Next month we will conclude with connections for Modern Handheld transceivers.

73 Craig (KR6T)

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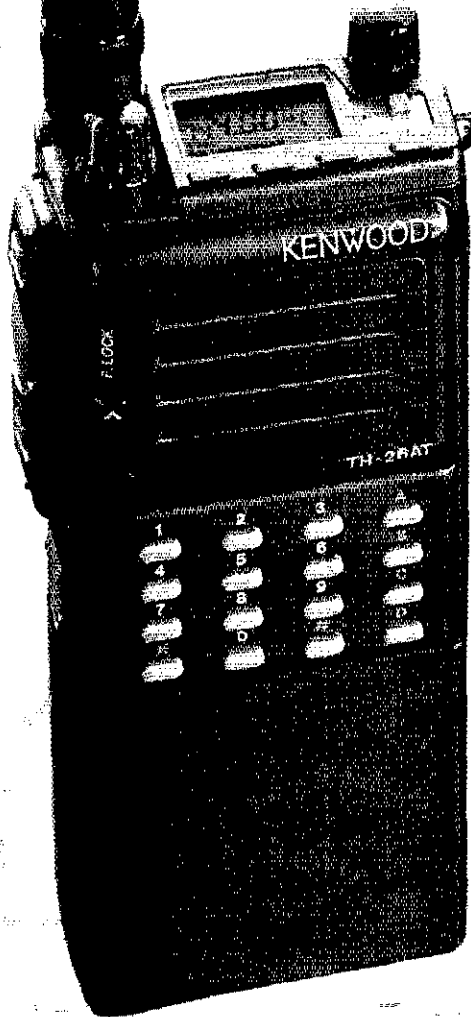
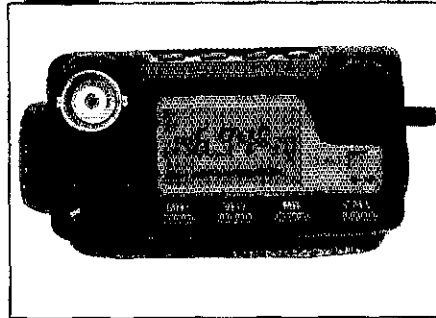
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- **Auto-dialer function.**  
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#### Optional Accessories:

- **PB-5** 7.2 V, 200 mAh NiCd pack for 2.5 W output
- **PB-6** 7.2 V, 600 mAh NiCd pack
- **PB-7** 7.2 V, 1100 mAh NiCd pack
- **PB-8** 12 V, 600 mAh NiCd for 5 W output
- **PB-9** 7.2 V, 600 mAh NiCd with built-in charger
- **PB-10** 7.2 V, 600 mAh (works with BC-2 wall charger)
- **PB-11** 12 V, 600 mAh OR 6 V, 1200 mAh, for 5 W OR 2 W
- **BC-10** Compact charger
- **BC-11** Rapid charger
- **BT-6** AAA battery case
- **BT-7** AA battery case
- **DC-1/PG-2V** DC adapter
- **HMC-2** Headset with VOX and PTT
- **SC-24, 25, 26** Soft cases
- **SMC-31** Speaker mic.
- **SMC-33** Speaker mic. w/remote control
- **TSU-7** CTCSS encode/decode unit
- **PG-2W** DC cable w/fuse
- **PG-3F** DC cable with filter and cigarette lighter plug
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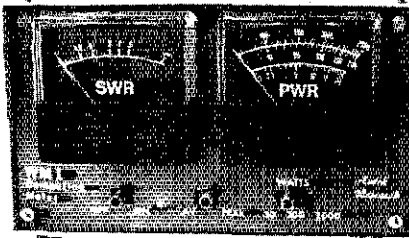
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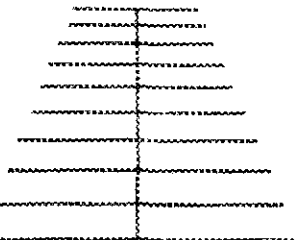
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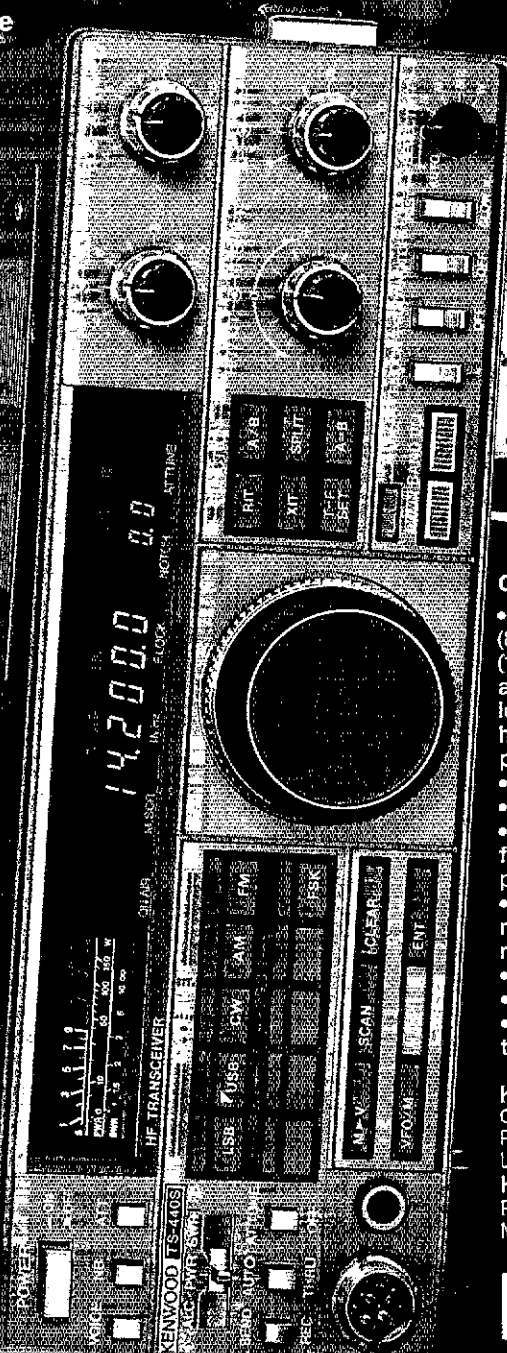
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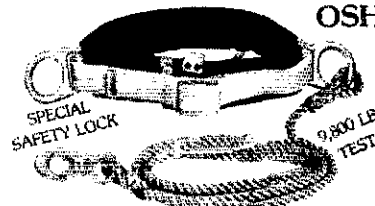


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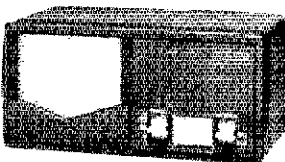
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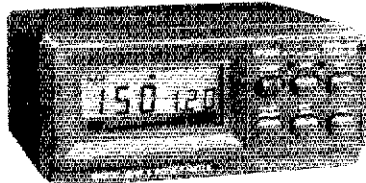
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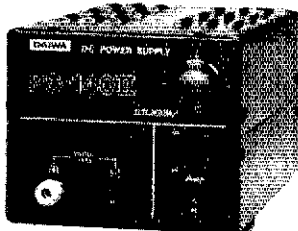


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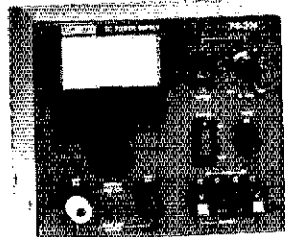
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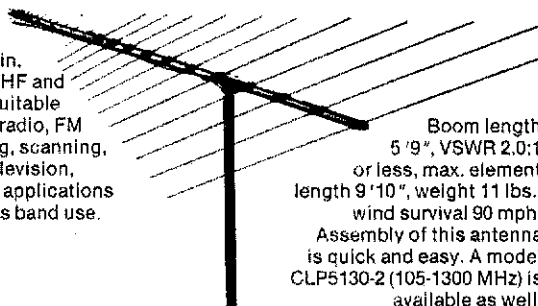
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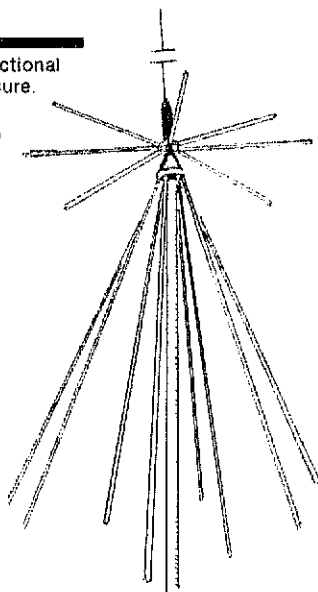
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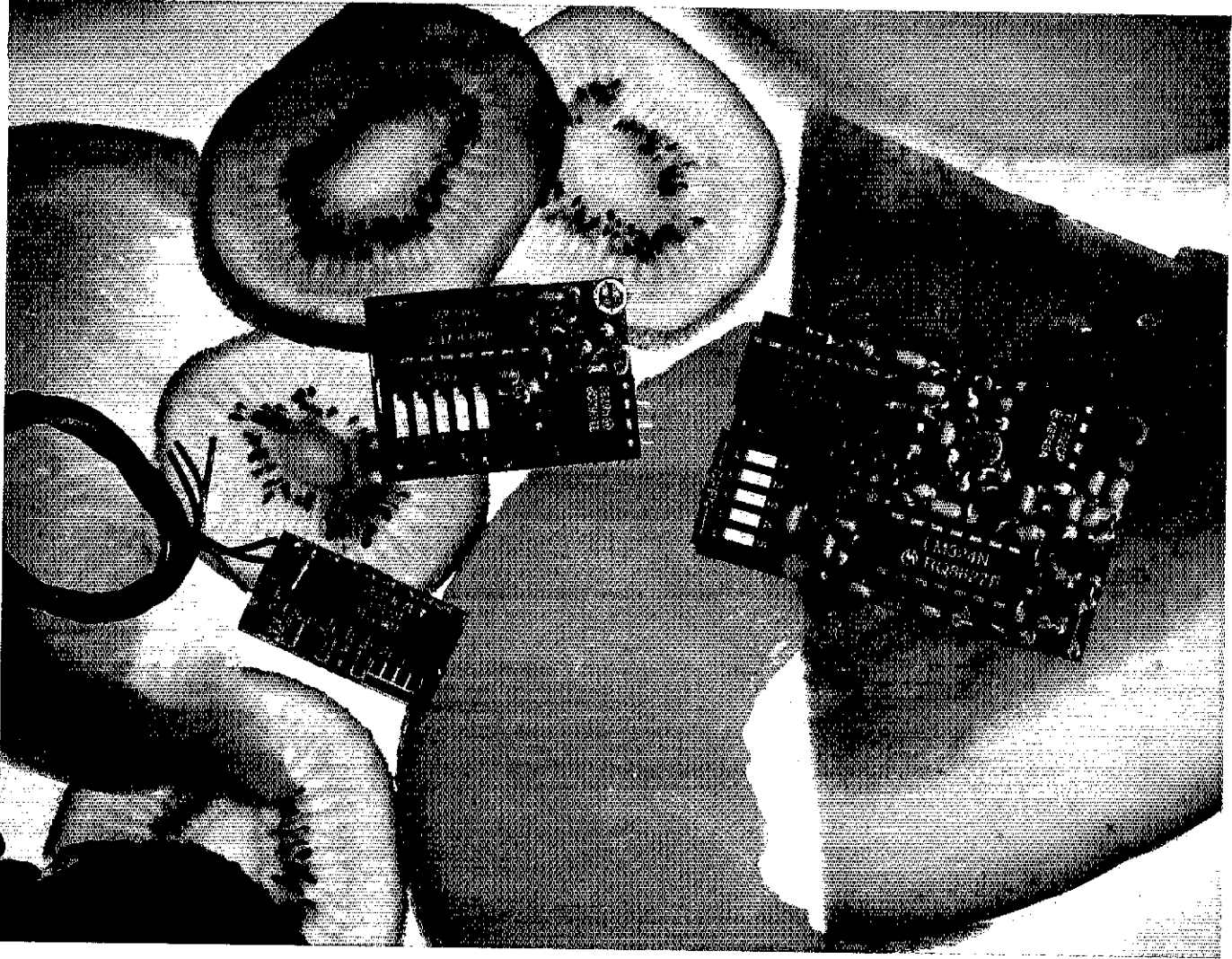
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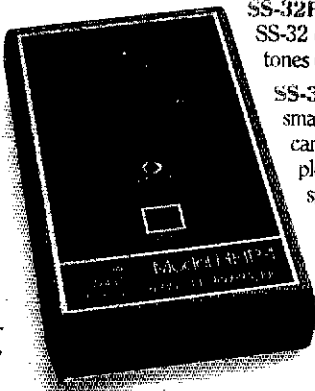
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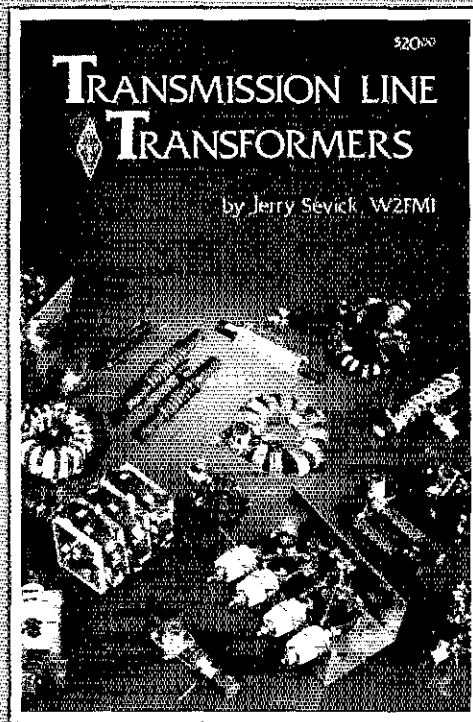
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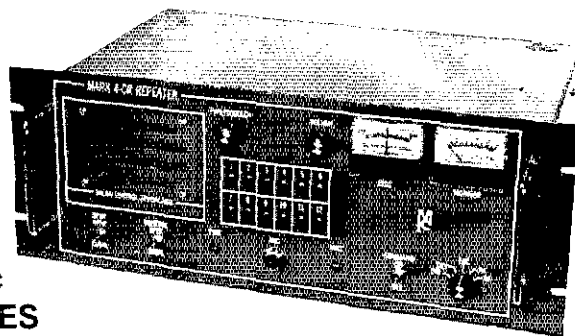
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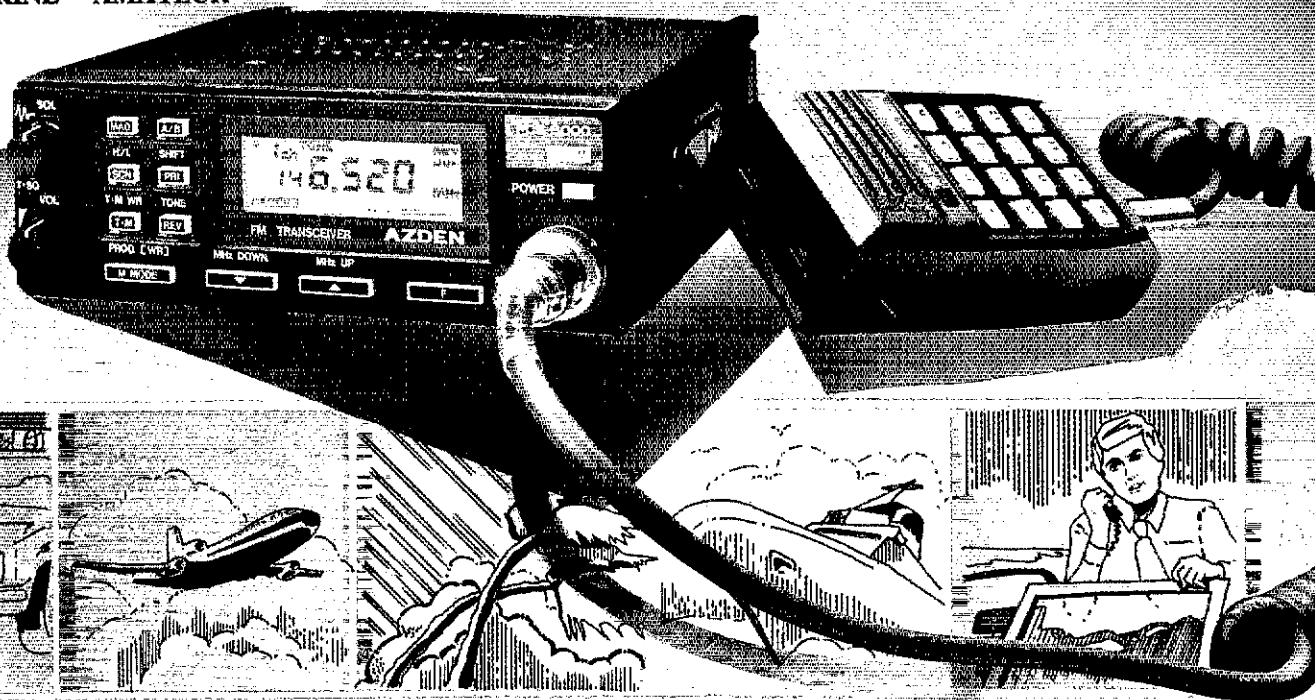
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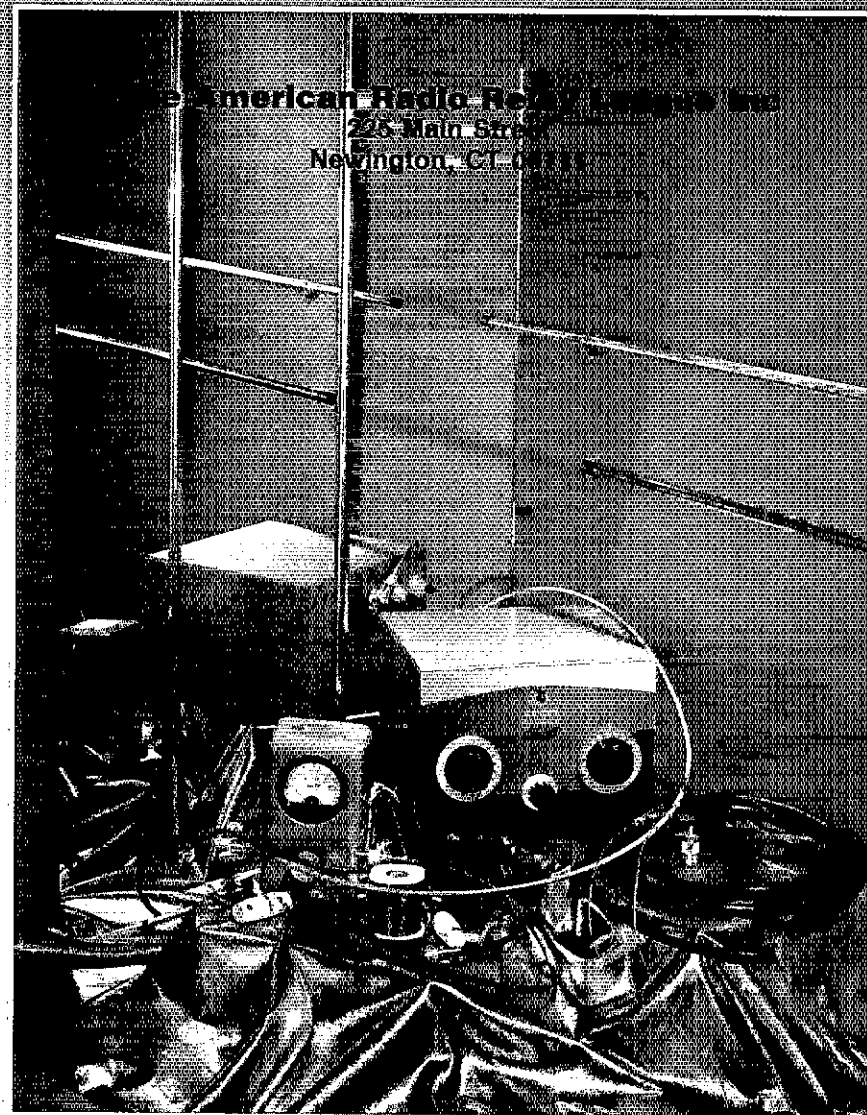
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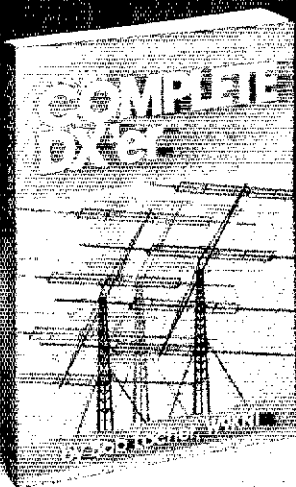
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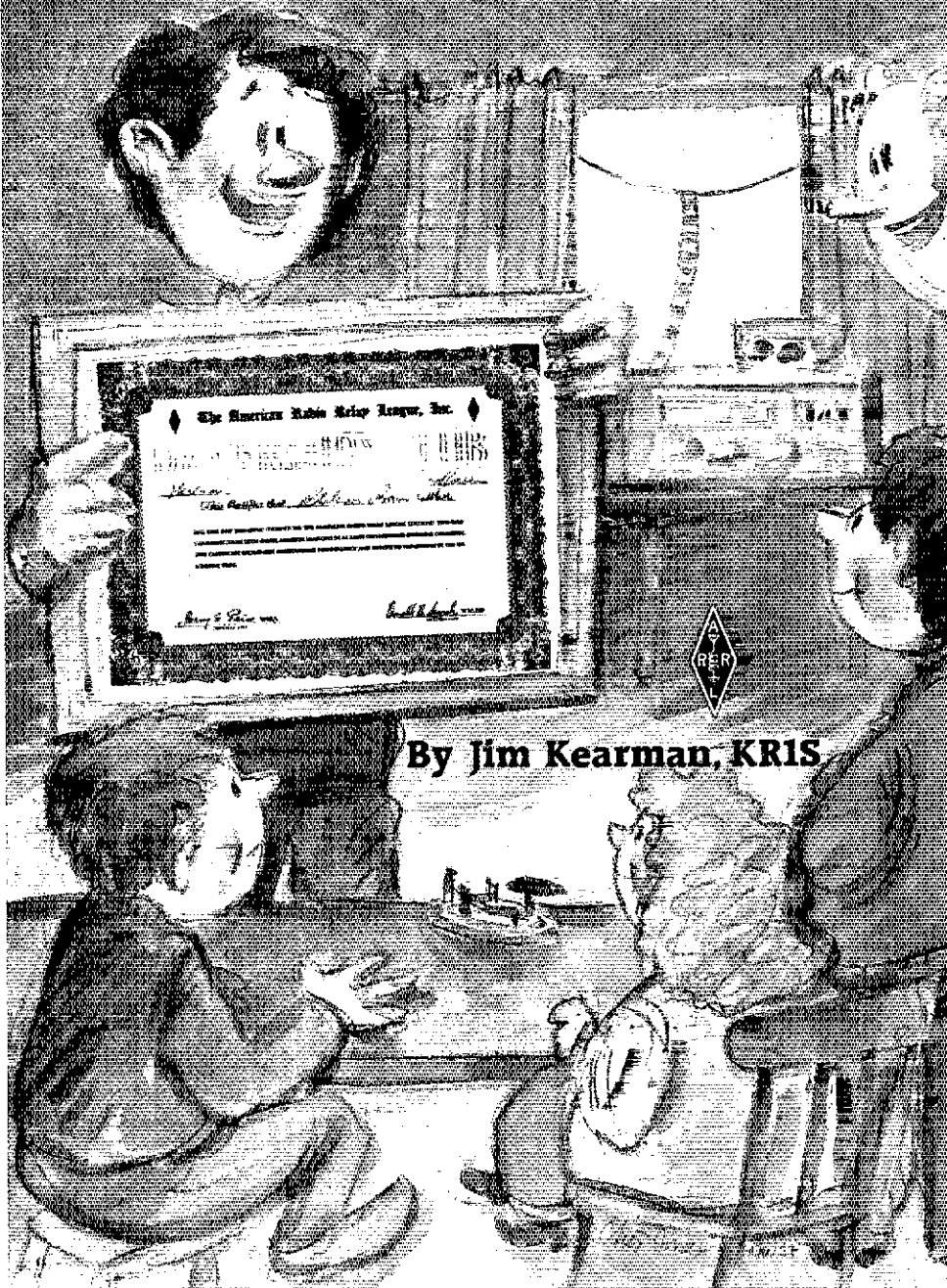
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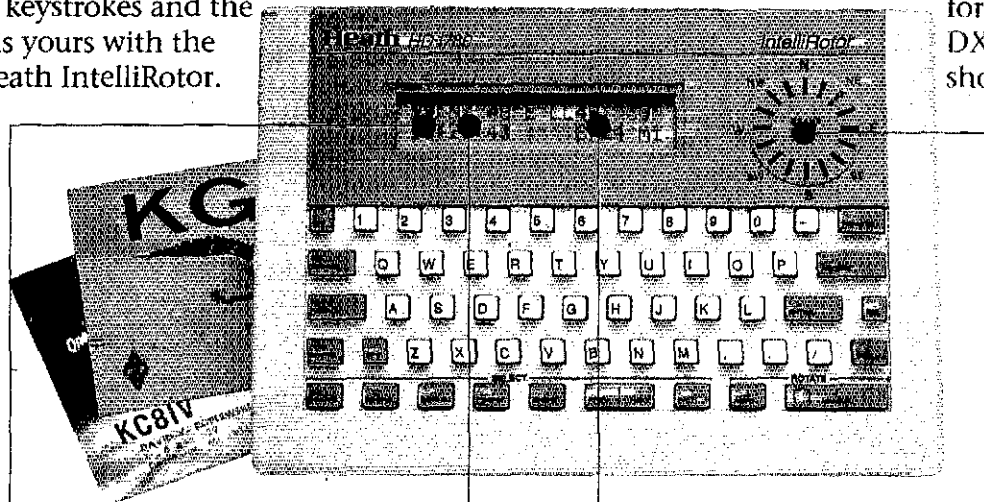
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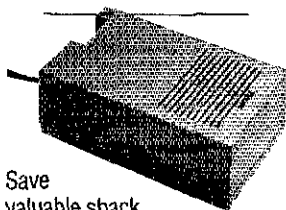
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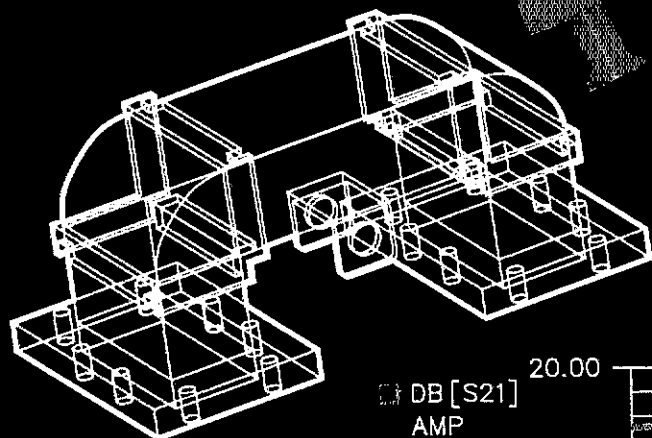
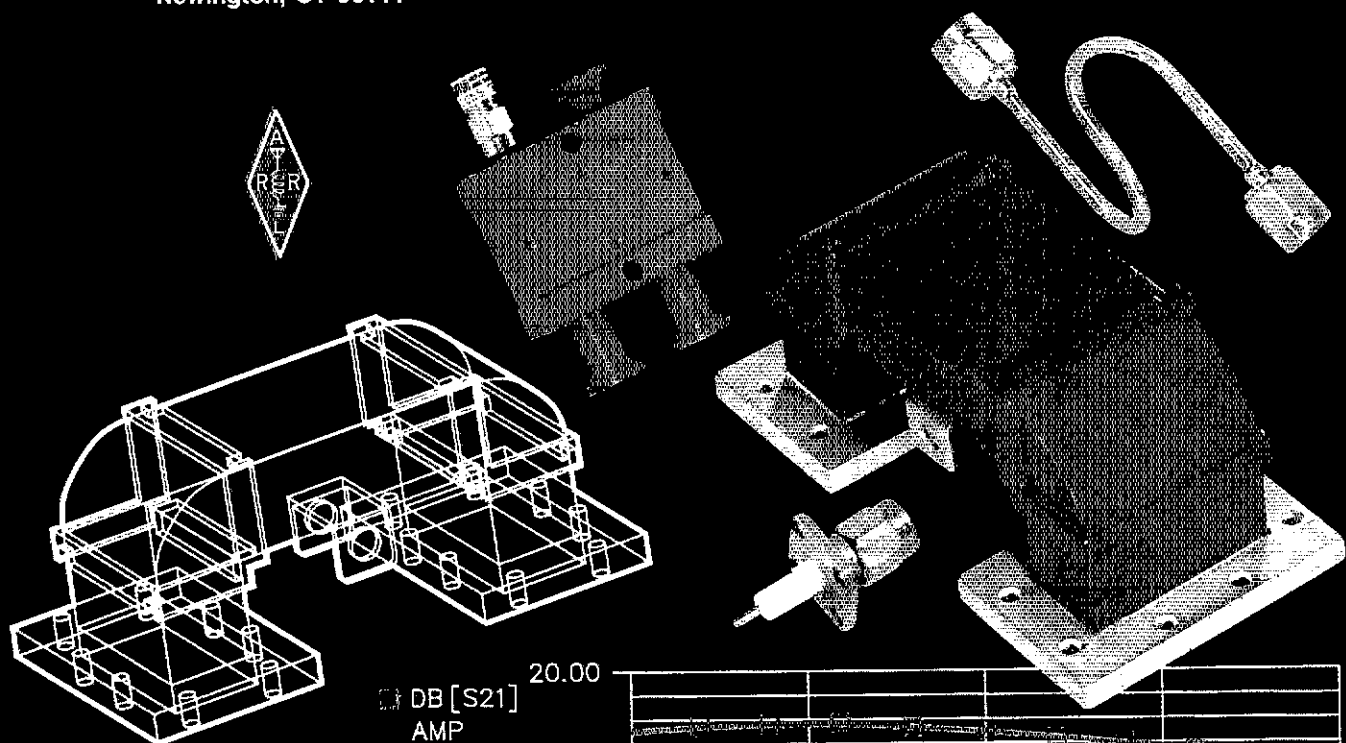
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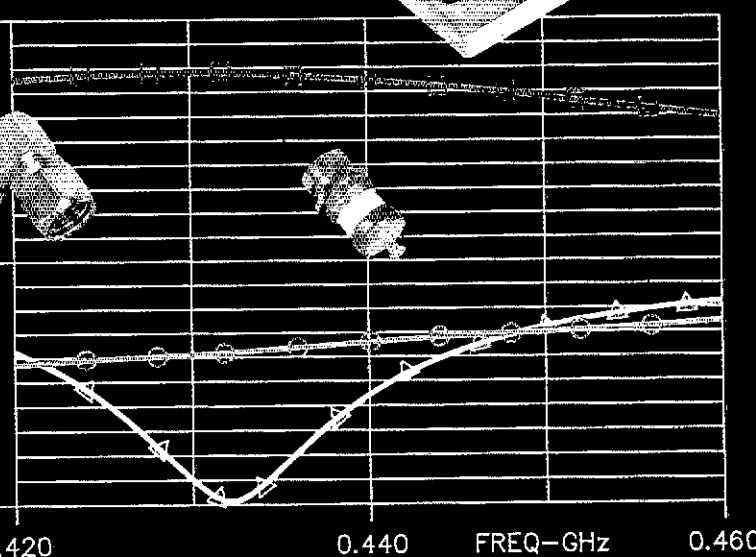
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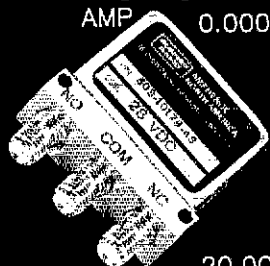
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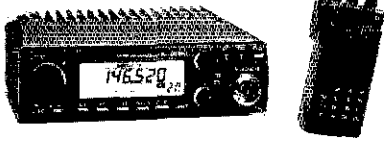
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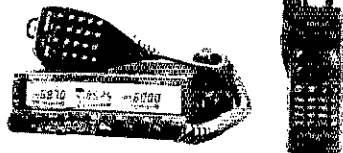
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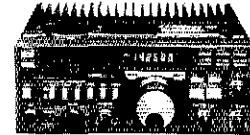
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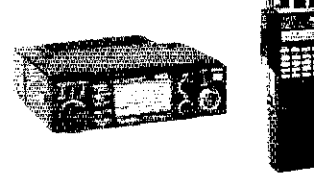
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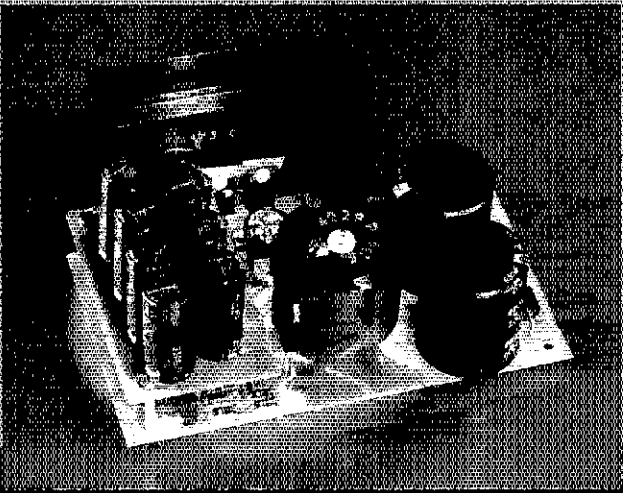
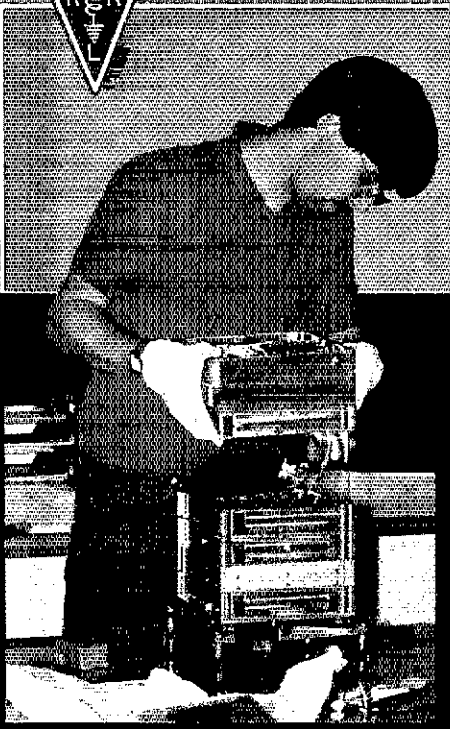
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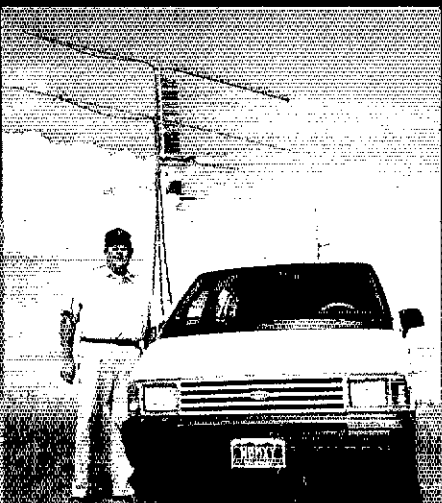
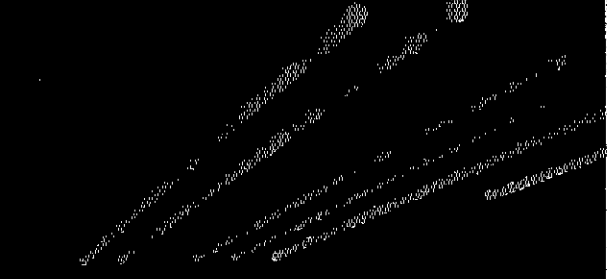
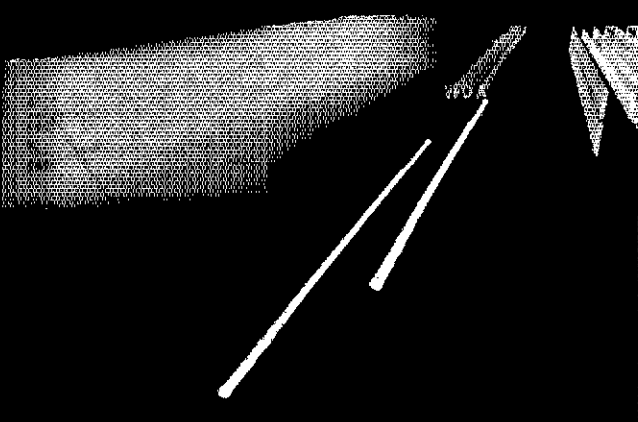
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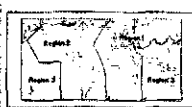
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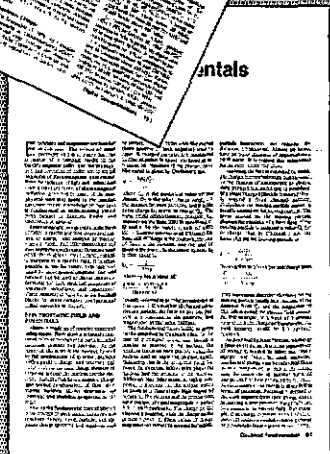
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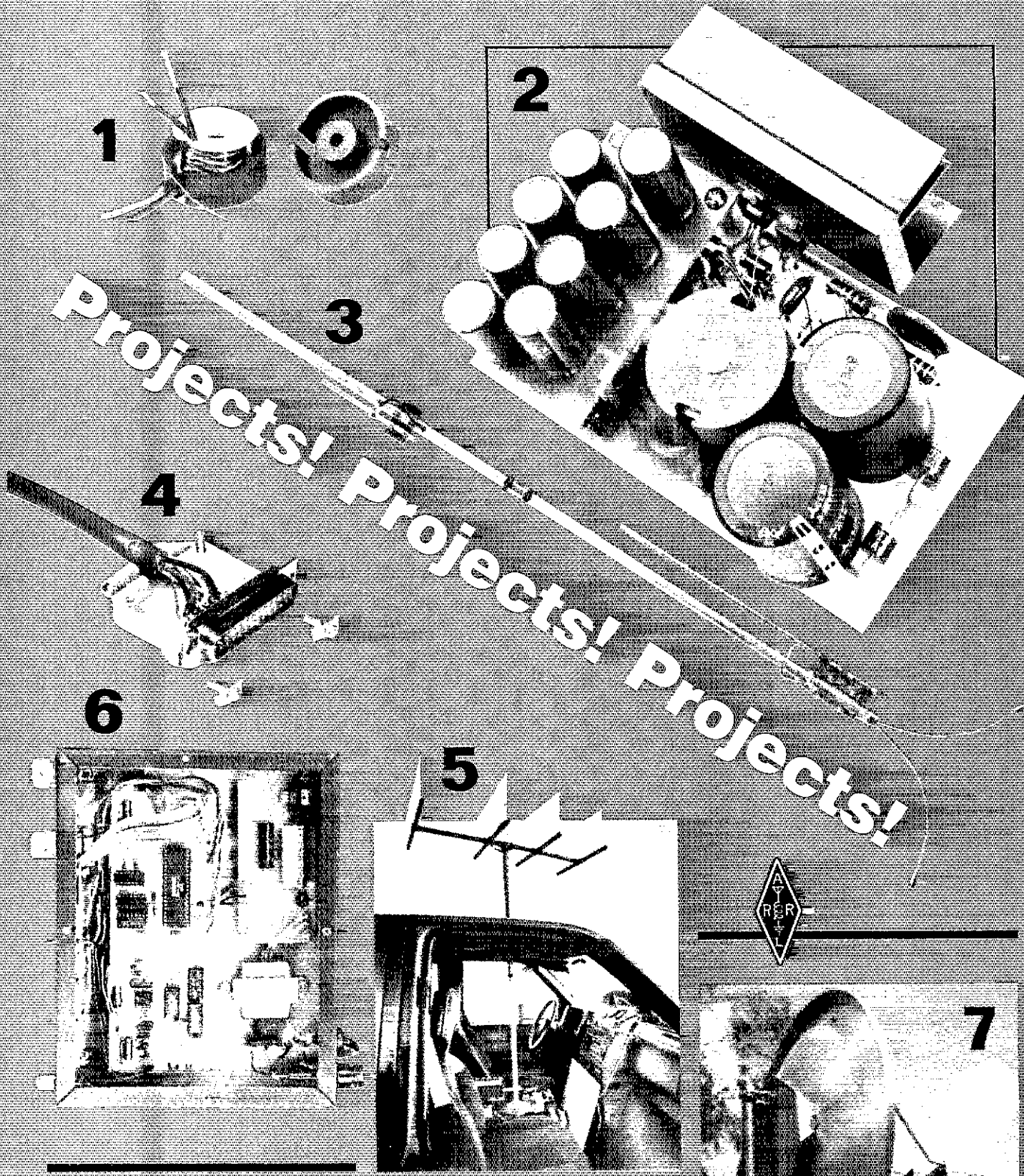
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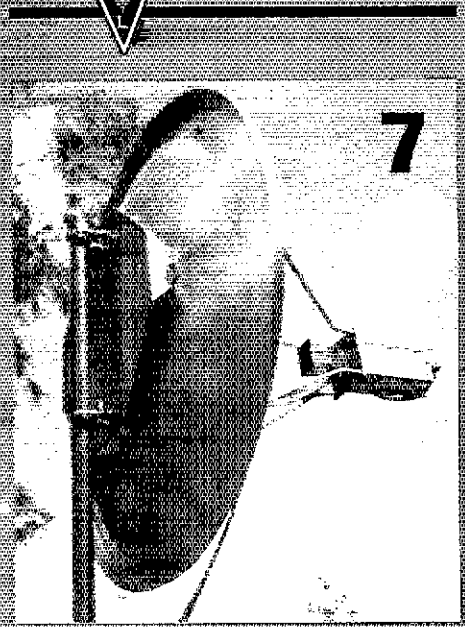
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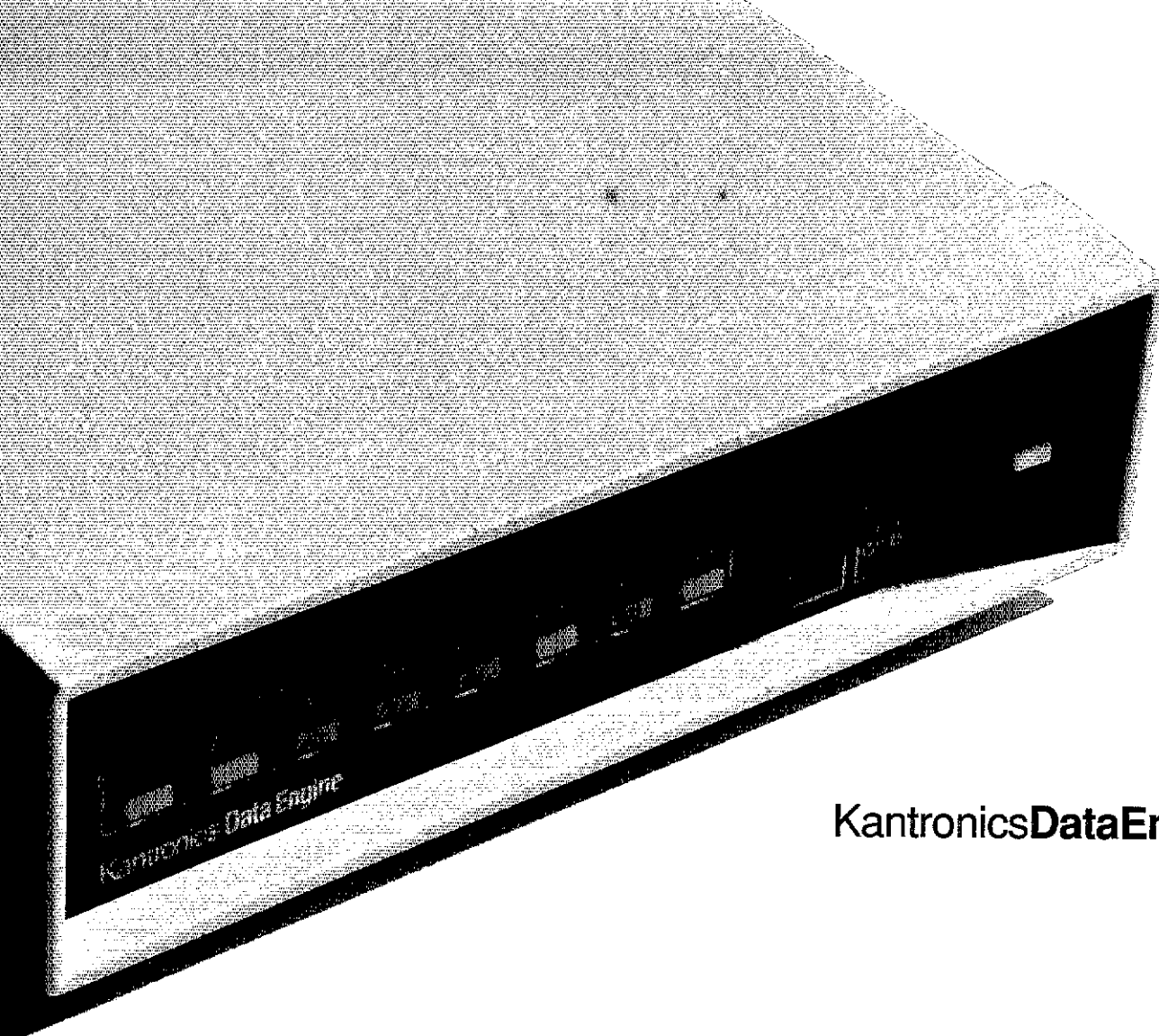
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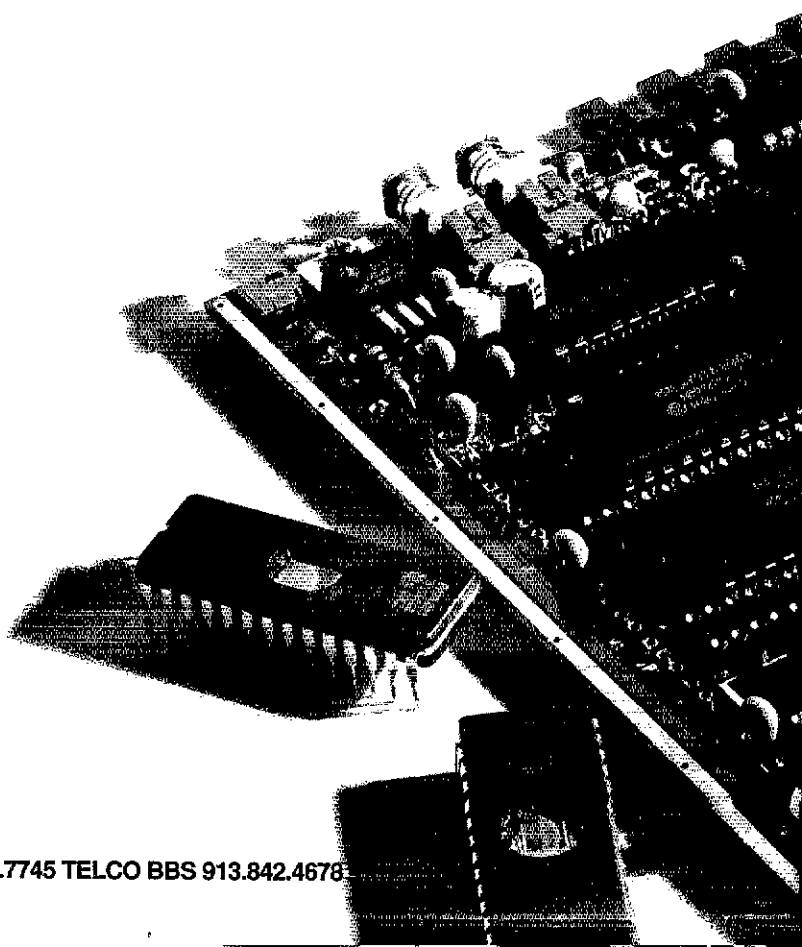
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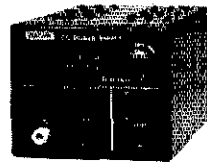
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Daiwa power supplies consist of quality IC's, transistors and diodes. Each model contains a over-current limiting protection circuit. This protects the power supply circuitry when shorting positive and negative line or when over current flows through the power supply circuitry.

Input Voltage	117 VAC ± 10%
Output Voltage	13.5 V
Output Current	12A
Volt Fluctuation	Less Than 1%
Ripple Voltage	Less Than 3 mv
Protection Circuit	When 14-2A
Pwr Consumption	350W Max.
Dimensions	128 × 104 × 225 mm
Weight	11 lbs.

### Cross Needle SWR/Power Meters for All Bands



NS-660PA

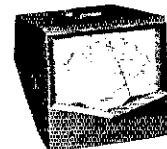
Model	Freq. Range Int. Sensor	Forward Power	Connectors
NS-660A/PA	1.8-150 MHz	30/300 W/3 kW	SO-239
NS-663BM/BN*	140-525 MHz	30/300 W	SO-239/N type
DP-810	1.8-150 MHz	0-1.5 kW	SO-239
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CN-103	140-525 MHz	20/200 W	SO-239/N

All models back lit \*Average Power Reading Only

### MOBILE/BASE CROSS NEEDLE SWR/POWER METERS



CN-460M



CN-520

Model	Freq. Range Int. Sensor	Forward Power	Connectors
CN-410M*	3.5-150 MHz	15/150 W	SO-239
CN-460M*	140-450 MHz	15/150 W	SO-239
CN-465M*	140-450 MHz	15/75 W	SO-239
CN-520**	1.8-60 MHz	200 W/2 Kw	SO-239

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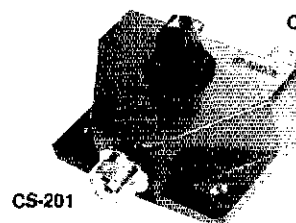


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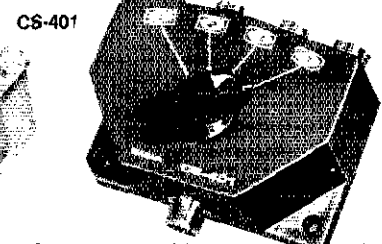
Model	LA2080H	LA2065R	LA2155H	LA2035R
Freq	144-148 MHz	144-148 MHz	144-148 MHz	144-148 MHz
Preamp Gain	15 dB	15 dB	15 dB	15 dB
Input Pwr	1-5W	1-14W	Low - 1.5W High - 25W	1-5W
Output Pwr	1.5W in-30 out 5W in-80 out	10W-60 out	1.5W in-150 out 25W in-150 out	1.5 in-30 out
Power	13.8VDC/ 12A Max	13.8VDC/ 8A Max	13.8VDC/ 27A Max	13.8VDC/ 5A Max
Consump				
Dimension	122-45-175mm	122-45-175mm	170-79-250mm	100-35-140mm
Accessory	W/RX	W/RX	W/RX	W/RX

### Coaxial Switches

PAT. No. 59-0003803



CS-201



CS-401

	CS-201	CS-201G II	CS-401	CS-401G
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Connectors:	SO-239	4 Position	SO-239	800 MHz
Isolation:	+60 dB		+50 dB	+50 dB
Power Rating:	2.5 kW PEP		2.5 kW PEP	2.5 kW PEP
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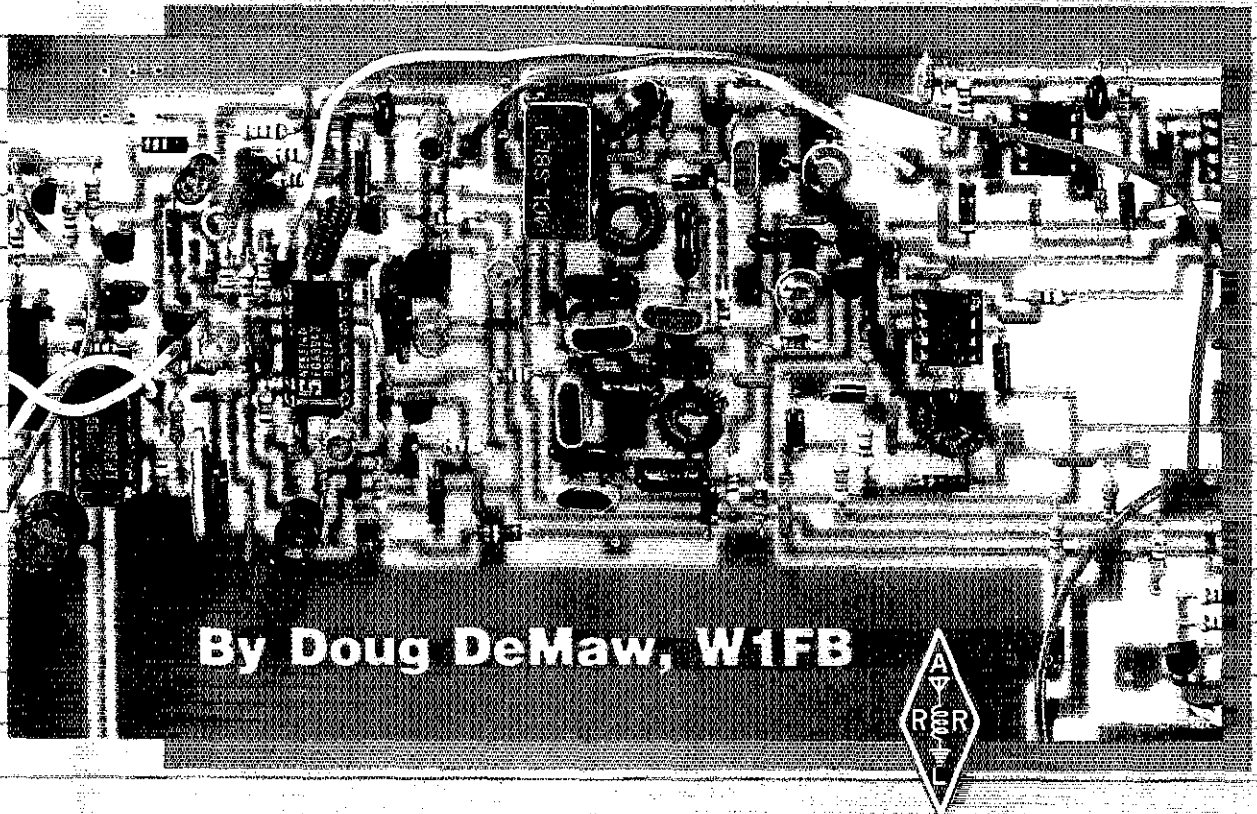
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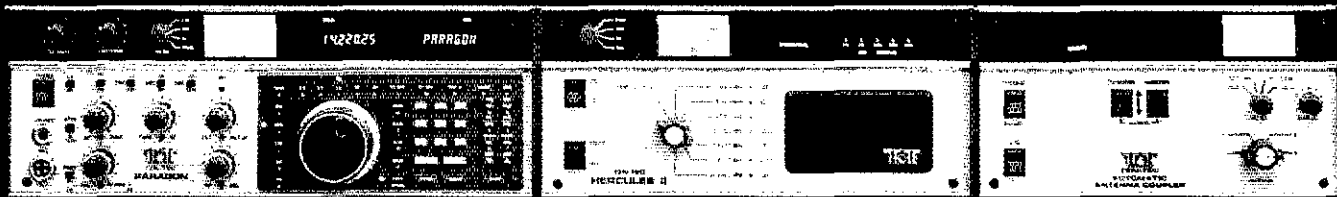
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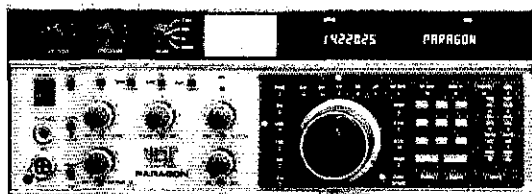
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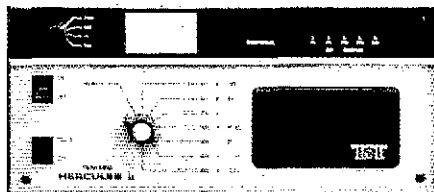
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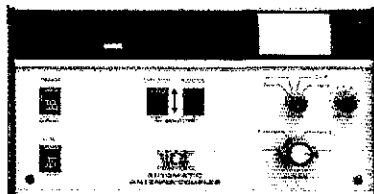
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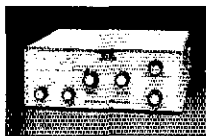
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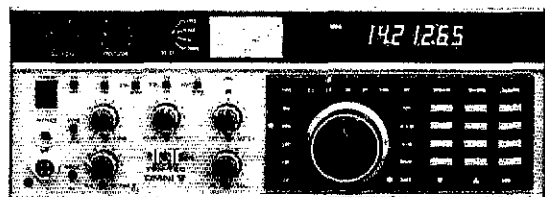
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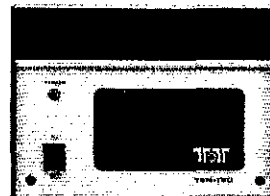
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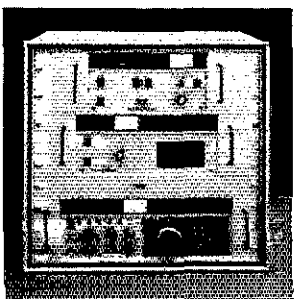


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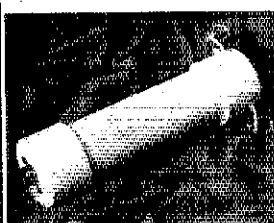
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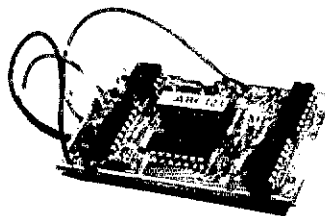
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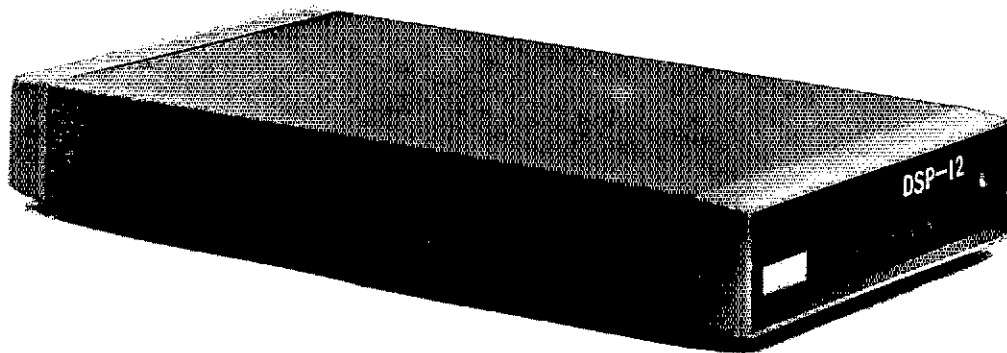
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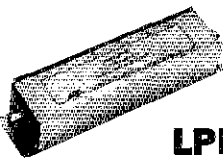


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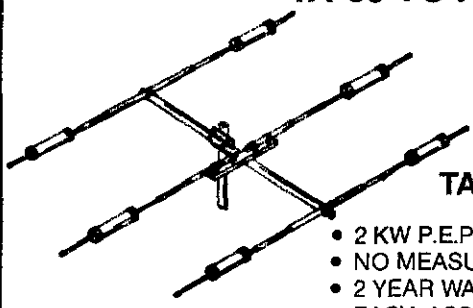
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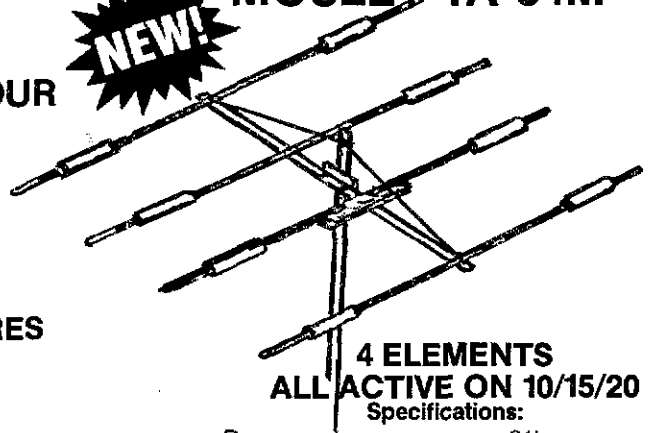


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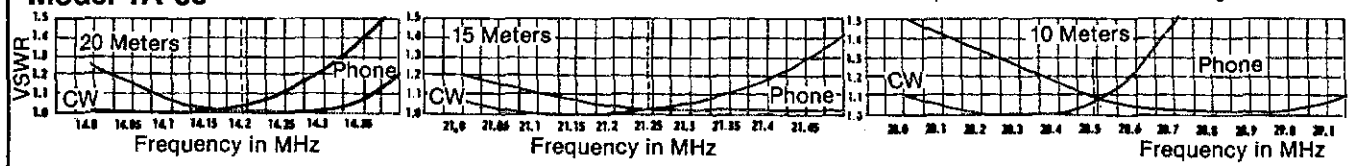
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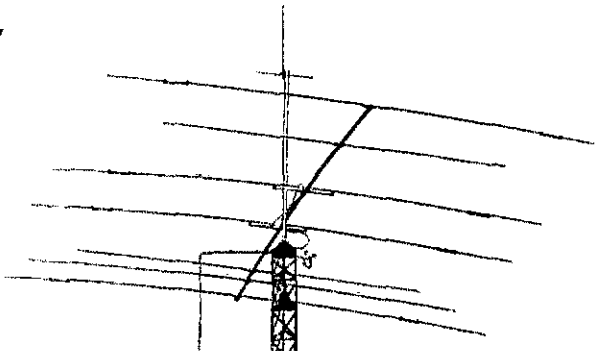
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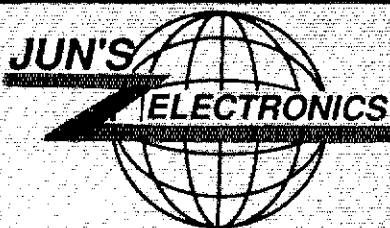
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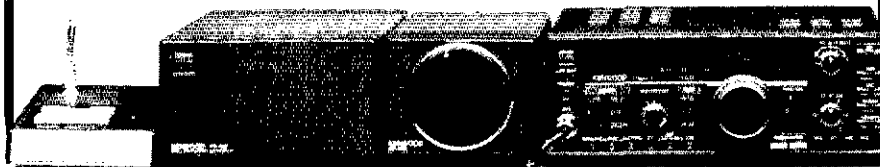
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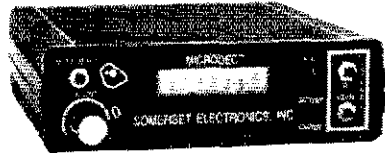
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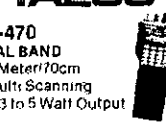
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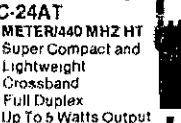
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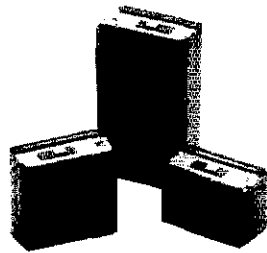
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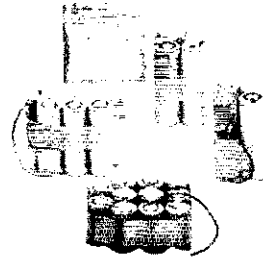
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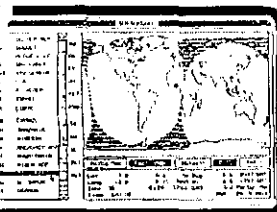
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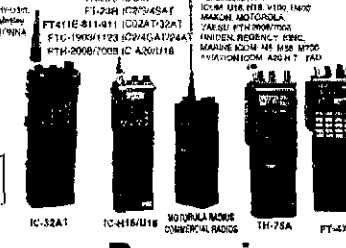
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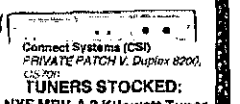
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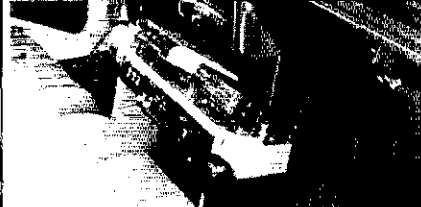
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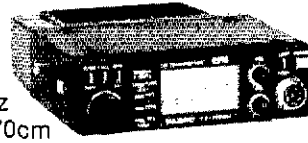
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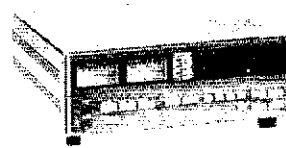
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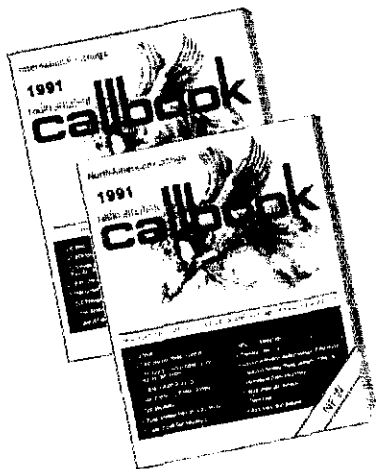
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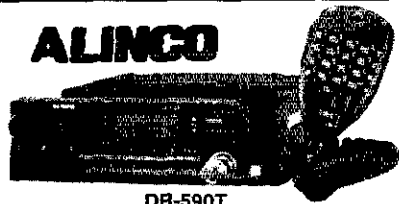
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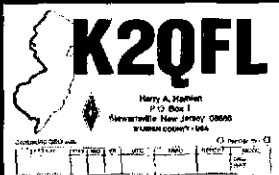


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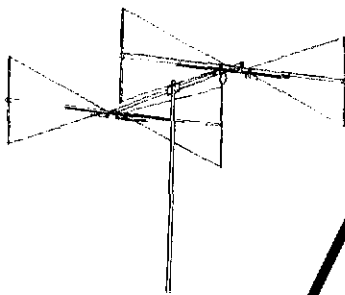


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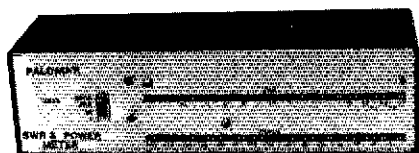
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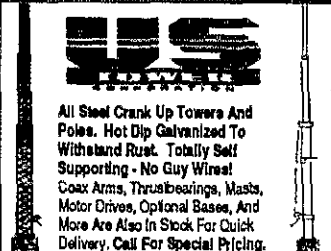
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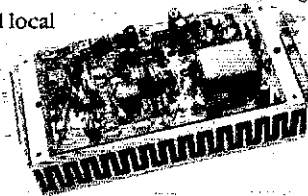
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200 Watt Amp

## Direct Digital Synthesis

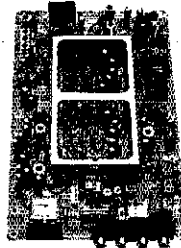
Yaesu assembled a special independent R&D team to create the FT-1000's Direct Digital Synthesizers. Two 10-bit and three 8-bit DDS permit very low carrier/noise on transmitted signals and wide receiver blocking dynamic range by providing exceptionally clean VFO sources to the PLL local oscillators.



DDS Circuitry

## Dynamic Range

Enjoy unparalleled strong signal handling with the FT-1000. You get 14 five-pole main receiver front end bandpass filters (11 on the optional BPF-1), a switchable cascode dual JFET RF preamp, and a double-balanced mixer ring using high-Idss JFETs.



Receiver Circuitry

In addition, the front end gain distribution may be adjusted by switching to IPO, or by adding attenuation in 6 dB (1 S-Unit) steps. Typical

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## Simultaneous Dual (Unlimited) Frequency Reception

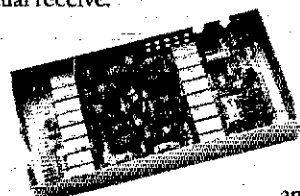
On the FT-1000, each receiver (Main and Sub) has its own weighted fly-wheel tuning knob and the two receive channels may be different modes and/or different filter bandwidths. Add the optional BPF-1 module for crossband dual receive.



Dual Tuning

Use head-

phones or speakers for monitoring, mixing or splitting audio in either mono or stereo. A single RX MIX control adjusts the relative volume of each channel. Install the optional BPF-1 and enjoy true diversity reception by using a separate antenna for each receive channel.



Low Pass Filter

## Competition-Grade Receiver

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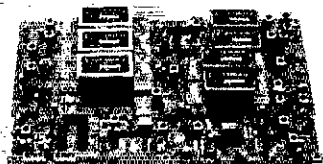
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## Optimal Digital Communication

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IF Filter

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## Flexible Mode and Filter Selection

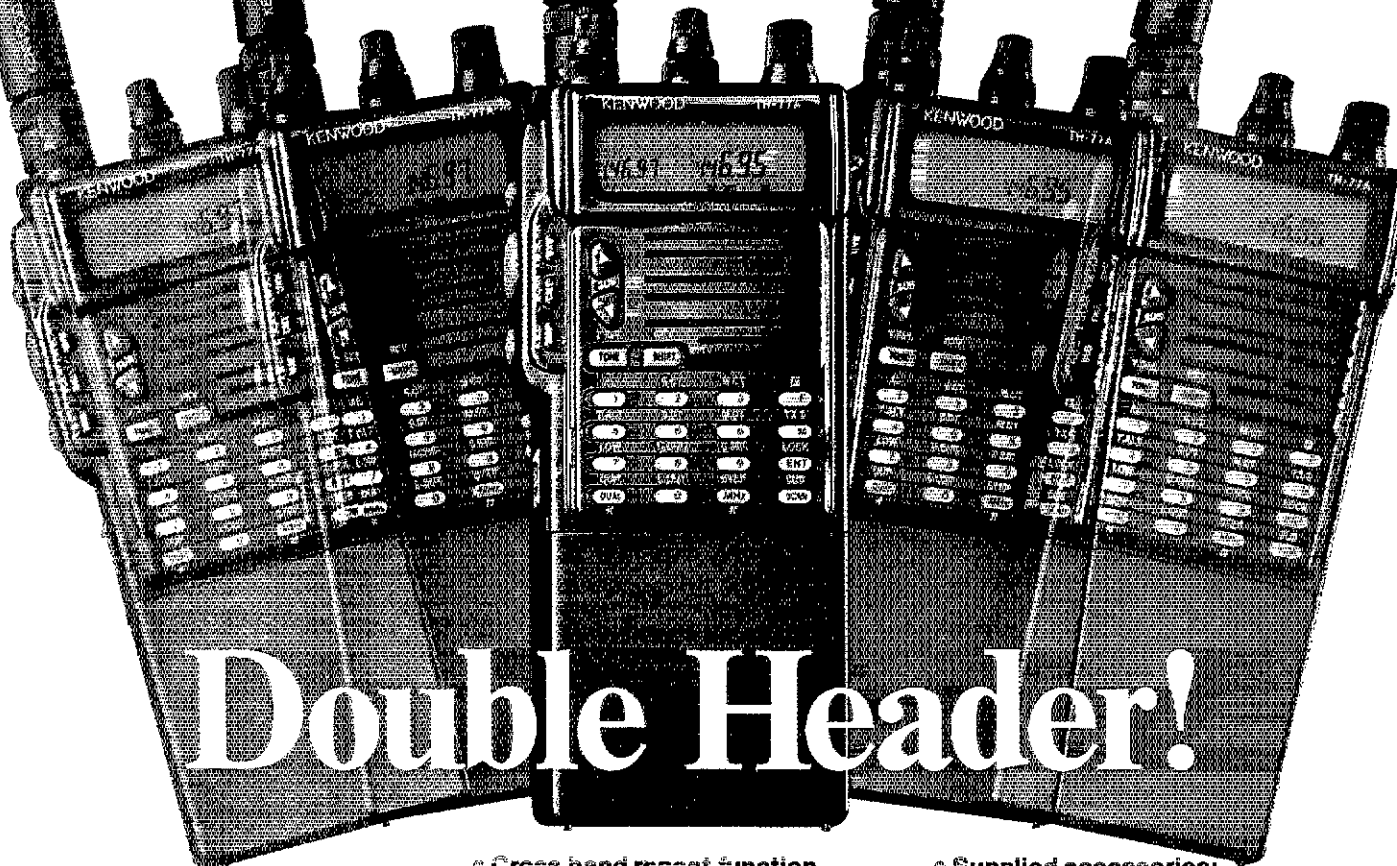
Each receiver (main and sub) has its own vfo on each of 10 bands and each of these vfos has two sub-band channels. As a result, the FT-1000 give you 40 tunable vfo channels and 99 tunable memories—each with its own independently selected and memorized filter and mode combination.

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#### Optional accessories:

- **BC-10:** Compact charger • **BH-6:** Swivel mount • **BT-6:** AAA battery case • **DC-1/PG-2W:** DC adapter
- **DC-4:** Mobile charger for PB-10 • **DC-5:** Mobile charger for PB-6, 7, 9 • **PB-5:** 7.2 V, 200 mAh NiCd pack for 2.5 W output
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