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# Comments Oppose Freeze

by Alan Carter

Washington DC ... A freeze on granting new AM stations and major changes to existing stations proposed by the National Association of Broadcasters has not been met with total approval.

Some broadcasters took advantage of a 1 March reply comment deadline to oppose the freeze that the NAB called on the Federal Communications Commission to implement.

The NAB made the proposal in comments filed in February on the FCC's comprehensive review of AM assignment criteria, Docket 87-267.

In the reply comments, broadcasters also opposed a proposal by Crawford Broadcasting and Saga Communications that the skywave service of clear channel stations be eliminated.

NAB Science and Technology VP Michael Rau had not seen the reply comments but said he expected the opposition to the freeze. "I think in an AM industry as large and diverse as ours, it is impossible to get unanimity," he said.

#### No freeze

Money Radio, a limited partnership that owns KMNY, Pomona, CA, "strongly" opposed the freeze and predicted such a move would be counterproductive.

"Time and again, the suspected or actual onset of a freeze has caused a deluge of applications by parties hoping to slip in under the wire," Money noted. The Commission's staff then becomes overloaded, the broadcaster added, and it can take years to restore order.

Money also claimed a freeze would create problems for existing licensees who desire or need to make facilities modifications. "The Commission's existing protection requirements will prevent the widespread creation of new interference that the general freeze's proponents fear," Money stated.

Money said previous freezes, such as on the filing of new AM daytime-only stations to prevent deterioration of the level of spectral efficiency, were justified.

But under the NAB's proposal, the station owner stated that a freeze "would prevent increases in spectral efficiency that would not cause interference as defined by the Commission's rules."

If the FCC approves a freeze, Money recommended the action not apply to facilities improvements that comply with the existing protection rules.

#### More opposition

Another broadcaster, GSM Media Corp., owner of daytime-only WRGM, Ontario, OH, called a freeze "absurd."

"Today, more than ever," GSM wrote, "existing AM stations need every opportunity to expedite improvements in their

technical operations and thereby improve audience service."

An indefinite freeze would "throw additional dirt on the coffin of the AM industry," the broadcaster noted.

Even though it opposed a permanent freeze, GSM said a temporary move in that direction may be justified.

But station owners were not the only segment of the industry to file opposition to a freeze.

The Association of Federal Communications Consulting Engineers (AFCCE) stated that a freeze, at this stage of the Notice of Inquiry, would be inappropriate

AFCCE stated that the review process would be lengthy and "imposition of an AM freeze now could deny new service to the public, and delay needed im-

provements in existing facilities, for a matter of years to come."

The Association for Broadcast Engineering Standards (ABES) recommended the FCC continue to enforce the 'go/no-go' acceptance standards, rather than adopting a freeze.

ABES said the go/no-go standards "will have the effect of channeling the small amount of growth still available in the system into comparatively underserved areas."

#### Clear Channel

On the proposals by Crawford and Saga to eliminate skywave protection for clear channel broadcasters, opposition came from Palmer Communications and Clear Channel Broadcasting Service (CCBS).

Palmer said Crawford's proposal would create only a few stations with "very small interference-free service areas with ... highly unacceptable listener quality, all at the cost of eviscerating the valuable, interference-free skywave service offered by clear channel stations to un-

served and underserved areas."
Rather than eliminate skywave protection, CCBS suggested the answer lies in the expanded AM band.

"Rather than take action in Docket 87-267 that would result in the loss of service to those who need it more," CCBS stated, "the Commission should implement other approaches for converting daytimers on clear channels to full-time status through the use of the expanded band."

The next filing deadline for Docket 87-267 is 17 June.

The contact at the FCC is Wilson LaFollette at 202-632-5414.



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## NJ Class A's Fail to Sway NAB

Washington DC ... Class A FM New Jersey broadcasters could not convince the National Association of Broadcasters Radio Executive Committee to support their proposal for a blanket power hike.

The Radio Executive Committee supported the full board's decision to back individual power hike requests by Class A FMers, rather than an across-the-board power increase.

The executive committee met 1 March with New Jersey Class A FMers who have filed a petition before the FCC asking for a blanket power increase from 3 to 6 kW for Class A FMers.

A representative of Class B broadcasters, who fear additional interference if the power hike is granted, also met with radio executives.

The Radio Executive Committee "reaffirmed our board's position," said Michael Rau, NAB's vice president of science and technology. He did not elaborate on specific discussions between the two groups. Talks centered around points in the New Jersey petition before the FCC, he said, and a number of questions radio executives had.

#### Going ahead

Bob McAllan, president of Press Broadcasting and one of the Class A owners in the New Jersey Group, admitted that the meeting did not result in the groups solving their differences.

But he said, "It never hurts for (continued on page 11)

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## REGULATORY NEWS

## **RF Limits Planned for Boosters**

by Alex Zavistovich

Washington DC ... In response to a Federal Communications Commission move to have FM boosters included in RF evaluations, the National Association of Broadcasters has filed comments supportive of the Commission's action, while cautioning that the regulation should not spill over into FM translators.

However, the NAB also used the comments to chide both the FCC and the Environmental Protection Agency for not addressing the matter of federal preemptive radiofrequency (RF) exposure standards.

For some time, FM boosters—which extend a station's service by transmitting at lower power the same programming as their full service station—had been limited to a 10 W power output. Because of the low power, the boosters had been categorically excluded from environmental evaluation of RF emissions.

However, in July 1987, in response to a petition filed by Minnesota-based Brill Media Co., the FCC adopted what it called "substantial increases" in output of FM boosters.

Booster power now is restricted only in that it can not extend service beyond the primary stations 1 mV/m predicted contour, nor increase interference to co-channel or adjacent channel stations. The increase in power increases the amount of RF energy emitted by the boosters.

In December the FCC held that although such stations would probably not cause excessive environmental exposures to RF radiation, it was "no longer justifiable" to categorically exclude the boosters from measurement.

In its 8 February filing, the NAB applauded RF evaluation of FM boosters as part of the Commission's regulatory program.

"NAB supports fully the Commission's

proposals to apply its RF radiation regulatory program to FM booster facilities," the association wrote, urging the FCC to "afford FM broadcasters several months notice prior to the revised rule's effective date."

However, the NAB also said that FM translators, unlike boosters, should not be subject to the same RF environmental evaluations.

"The FCC has made no change in the rules specifying maximum power output of FM translator sessions," the NAB said, pointing out that such facilities "still are limited to output powers of either 1 W or 10 W," based on their location.

While the NAB on the one hand supported the Commission action, it also criticized the FCC and the EPA for not coming to any decision regarding a federal standard on RF radiation exposure levels.

Currently the FCC uses as a general standard for environmental impact of RF radiation a protection guide established by the American National Standards Institute.

A defined federal standard, the NAB has argued, would preempt more stringent local standards such as those in Massachussetts and Oregon; the latter state's Multnomah County ordinance, for example, requires a cap of 200  $\mu$ W/cm<sup>2</sup>.

The NAB used the booster filing to point out that it has urged the FCC to formally adopt the ANSI RF standard to prevent local government intervention.

"... Federal standards for nonioniz-

ing energy exposure not only will afford appropriate protection for the public and station workers but will provide either guidance or ... a disincentive for state and local authorities that otherwise might choose to address this regulatory area in an inappropriate manner," the NAB said.

The association noted that the EPA has

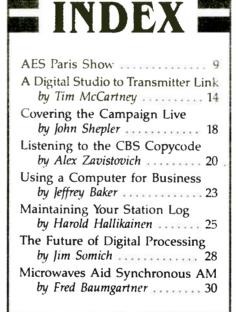
"failed to enact its own 'expert' agency standard" for RF energy, and commented that the FCC "has not squarely addressed the matter of federal preemption."

Federal preemption is a matter "long overdue" to be addressed by the Commission, according to NAB Deputy General Counsel Barry Umansky.

The issue has been "pending for some time," said Umansky, commenting that the NAB has been lobbying the FCC for some action for a number of years.

"It's important to settle on a standard, not just for the integrity of the FCC's own processes, but for broadcasters who are taking the time and expense to try to comply with RF emission limits only to find they are unqualified at the local level." he explained.

The FCC's RF evaluation docket is GEN 87-551. For additional information, contact the news media information office at 202-632-5050. Contact Barry Umansky at the NAB: 202-429-5456.



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#### **Public File Inspection**

The Federal Communications Commission has reduced the period that broadcast licensees must keep applications, ownership reports and various supporting documents comprising their public files.

These documents must be kept one license term—seven years for radio and five years for TV—or until the licensee's renewal application has been approved, whichever is later.

Previously, the Commission required stations to retain applications in the public inspection files for seven years from the date of application or until final FCC action on the second renewal application, whichever was later

When this provision was adopted, license terms for TV and radio stations were three years, resulting in the retention of material covering at least six years of station activity.

The Commission said this would significantly reduce the paperwork associated with maintaining public inspection files, while still providing the public with access to enough information about the licensee to evaluate its performance.

#### Minority, Female Preference

The FCC reactivated and reaffirmed decisions in three cases previously remanded to the Commission and held in abeyance pending completion of a Notice of Inquiry into race and gender preference.

The Commission reaffirmed grants to Dale Bell for a new FM station at St. Simons Island, GA; to Rainbow Broadcasting Co. for a new UHF TV station on Channel 65 in Orlando, FL; and assignment of license for UHF Channel 18 in Hartford, CT, from Faith Center, Inc., to Astroline Communications Co. Limited Partnership.

In January, the FCC reinstated its comparative licensing and distress sale policies under pressure from Congress. Lawmakers forced the issue when, in appropriations legislation, they directed the Commission to terminate its inquiry into comparative licensing, distress sale and tax certificate polices based on racial, ethnic or gender perferences.

For more information, contact the FCC's news media information office at 202-632-5050.

#### Public File Rule

The FCC has conformed the public file rule for commercial and noncommercial educational licensees, now requiring both to maintain a quarterly list of programs that represent their station's most significant treatment of issues of community concern.

While commercial licensees presently use the most significant treatment standard in maintaining their public file, noncommercial licensees have been previously required to maintain a quarterly list of five to 10 issues of importance.

For more information, contact Vicki Assevero at the FCC, 202-632-7792.

## Ideas Sought For New AM Band

by Alex Zavistovich

Washington DC ... The FCC wants to know whether the spectrum from 1605 to 1705 kHz, which the Commission wants for AM broadcasters, should be allocated using "national licensing," whereby a single licensee would develop a channel nationwide.

This departure from current FCC allocation practices is one aspect of a Commission inquiry into use of the extended band by AM broadcasting service. Announced 25 February, the inquiry is the fourth such launched by the FCC on this issue

But the inquiry does not only focus on new users. The Commission also anticipates receiving information on technical criteria including the class of station which should operate in the band, minimum and maximum power, protected contours, ground and skywave propagation, coverage and daytime skywave propagation.

With this, the Commission also wants to show receiver manufacturers it's serious about the expanded band, in the hopes the signal will spur them to design receivers incorporating the new bandwidth before broadcasters begin signing on, some time in mid-1990.

Through the 1970's, the spectrum from 1605 to 1705 kHz was reserved for non-broadcast applications, such as radiolocation. Then, in 1979, the World Administrative Radio Conference discussed phasing out those uses, according to John Boursy, an engineer with the FCC's Mass Media Bureau.

New technology for nonbroadcast pur-

poses opened up possibilities for use of the previously occupied band by AM stations, beginning in mid-1990, Boursy said.

With the latest inquiry the FCC is also hoping to "get (its) own house in order," said Boursy. He explained that because in the US the band is "essentially empty," it would allow the Commission to investigate alternate methods of allocating spectrum.

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We thought it was a good time to revisit the way we allot spectrum ...

"We thought it was a good time to revisit the way we allot spectrum, to see whether there was a better method," Boursy commented. He noted that such an investigation could not be undertaken if the band was already occupied.

A key subject of the fourth notice of inquiry, therefore, is the Commission's regulatory stance and an exploration of national licensing of facilities in the band.

However, careful examination of regulatory options must be made, the FCC said, because the frequencies are in a band for which receivers are not yet available.

Under the Commission's notion of national licensing, one licensee would develop a channel nationwide, possibly operating the stations itself or leasing the frequency to other broadcasters.

Advantages in economies of scale, programming diversity, networking and rapid introduction of the service were cited by the Commission regarding such a practice.

Another allocation plan is assignment. Under the assignment plan, each station is entered into the plan with a specific location and power; this is different from allotment, in which certain frequencies are available anywhere within a specified area.

Besides regulation of the band, the FCC acknowledged its need to "explore the full range" of other technical questions pertaining to implementation of the new frequencies.

In addition to the national licensing issue, the inquiry will take up questions of eligibility for the band—in particular whether special preference should be considered for public broadcasters, minorities or AM daytimers which want to switch to fulltime operations.

Comments are also being requested by the FCC for technical criteria for implementation of the band. Power levels, propagation (both skywave and groundwave) and protected contours are all areas the Commission hopes to have addressed.

The Commission has been moving on the extended AM band issue and hopes to have some subjects addressed by the second session of the expanded band conference of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Region 2 Administrative Radio Conference (RARC). That conference is slated for 28 May to 11 June in Rio de Janiero, Brazil.

Since initiating the inquiry in 1984, the FCC has put out two reports addressing technical criteria for broadcasting and ways to plan the band; a third report will include Commission suggestions for a US proposal for the second RARC session.

The Commission acknowledged it could have waited to address the extended band allocations and technical questions until after the conclusion of the second RARC session in June. However, by tackling the issues now instead of waiting, the FCC said it expects to "foster the earliest introduction of broadcasting in the expanded band."

Beyond that, the FCC hopes to show manufacturers that it is serious about use of the band. With the notice, the Commission expects to "send a clear signal to receiver manufacturers" so that they may get a head start on design and manufacture of new receivers.

Eb Tingley, of the Electronic Industries Association (EIA), which represents equipment manufacturers' concerns, would not comment on how his association or the industry at large would re-

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# Sound of the Future in Gay Paree

by Judith Gross

Falls Church VA ... It was more than thrilling to ride to the top of the world's most recognized (if not the tallest) radio tower at the Paris AES show

I mean, really, doesn't the Eiffel Tower look like it was made to broadcast to the world?

The European show is a lot more subdued than our own version held each fall—there were more suits and ties, not as many sequined and leather jackets or green-spiked hair. And these were recording freaks?

What was really great was getting a sneak preview of some of the new gear set for the NAB show. There are a few surprises waiting in the wings, check out the coverage in this issue and see if you don't agree.

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Meanwhile back in the US of A, it looks as if the Copycode issue may finally have been put to rest, with the strong evidence from the NBS report that it is audible.

Now maybe R-DAT machines will begin showing up in the stores, as they have in Europe, and stations which are anxious to try the new technology won't have to bootleg a player from the "black

But it's not completely over. The record industry is threatening to sue any company which wants to sell R-DAT machines without copy protection until the issue is completely resolved.

Marantz has announced it will sell R-DAT players this spring. Interestingly, Delco has also announced plans for a car R-DAT player, to be ready this

Hmmmm ... wonder how Delco can have R-DAT ready for this summer but won't have NRSC radios on the market until next year?

And then there are other copyprotection technologies around. One called "Stop Cop" is reportedly being developed by Leonard Kahn.

Kahn, by the way, has now had the US Patent Office turn away his latest complaint against Motorola, the one which has to do with the Motorola patent which Sony wanted to be licensed under to make multisystem radios.

It was able to decode ISB AM stereo (i.e. the Kahn system), so Motorola decided it didn't want to compete with itself by having a radio that would decode C-QUAM and another system. Motorola told Sony it wouldn't be licensed under the patents.

Does this amount to alleged "conspiracy" on Motorola's part? Well, the FCC didn't think so, they turned down



Kahn's request to look into the mat-

And the US Patent Office has now reaffirmed all of Motorola's claims. So once again we go around and around on this issue.

Common sense dictates that if there were any real interest in the manufacture of multisystem radios they would have been here by now.

Whatever happened to the Sanyo chip that was supposed to bring multisystem radios into the market? There was no patent dispute on that one. Wasn't it 'just around the corner" many, many months (perhaps a couple of years) and many, many corners ago?

How many corners do we have to turn before it becomes clear that if AM is ever to be a competitor in the world of stereo audio stations are going to have to get behind the dominant system?

Isn't it time we all stopped playing these games with AM's future? Anyone in this country has the power to tie up the legal machinery and the various bureacratic processes with endless complaints, paperwork, appeals,

But when the dust settles and the complaints have been denied (as they invariably have been ... over and over) we're right back where we started, only it's getting later and later.

The "Big Lie," by the way, may be effective PR for awhile but it does wear

There's a lot of misinformation being tossed around these days, so for any "Eagles" who might be reading this, and who are mulling over the whole stereo situation and what you're being told about everything (including this newspaper's policies) call me and I'll gladly talk it over. (Or corner me at NAB if you're going.)

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Congrats to Stan Salek, who has been with CRL and worked hard to help make the NRSC a success. He's the new staff engineer at NAB, filling in the vacancy left when Mike Rau moved up to VP of S&T.

Meanwhile, CRL will be sending another mailing to AM stations on the NRSC standard. The first few, you remember, got over 1200 responses, with the majority saying they either had or would convert.

Hey, here's an idea for the expanded AM band. The FCC, as you know, is asking for input on how to use the new spectrum. How about a rule saying that every station that signs onto the new band has to broadcast in stereo?

While we're at it, how about any new AM station has to broadcast in stereo to get a license? That's a variation on the NAB's freeze idea. Freeze mono, but let stereo thrive. Well, it's one way to force



the issue.

Things might appear to be a bit confusing with CCA and CSI, but let's see if we can clear up some of the muddle.

CCA bought CSI Electronics, the bankrupt transmitter manufacturer. CCA is based in Atlanta.

CSI Marketing, meanwhile, based in Lakeland, Florida is still in business, selling equipment manufactured elsewhere.

Still confused? Well, for CCA info call Ron Baker at 404-964-3764. For info on CSI Marketing call Bernie Gelman at 813-646-4101.

Hope that's crystal clear.

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Late news about the NAB show has a surprise from **Sharp**, of all companies. Along with others who are showing an R-DAT player comes word that Sharp will have a pro player at the NAB show

CQ ... CQ ... Calling all Hams. In addition to the Ham Radio reception the NAB holds (scheduled for Monday, 11 April and partly sponsored by RW) we have good news from KPBS-FM's Chris Durso (AA4CD). He and Mike Barnett of KNX-FM (Mike is N6JVH) are bringing a portable UHF repeater to Las Vegas for the show.

The input frequency is 444.5; output is 449.5, and PL is 136.5 (4Z).

The repeater is going to be situated at the Hilton, and Chris wants all Hams to feel free to use it for central communi-

Now all the Hams with hand-helds will know where to tune to find their

Finally, it is with great sadness that we report that there will be no slinkies at the Orban booth this year.

Seems the blue and purple models the company gave away last year were so popular that they caused near-riots on the exhibit floor.

Orban would rather have you look at the types of toys that engineers love to play with, the Optimods and such.

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#### Competition from translators

Dear RW:

I wonder just what broadcasters in Tucson and other "translator abuse" areas are doing wrong in meeting their local markets' needs so that 1 W translators in southern California and 10 W stations in Tucson are able to compete so well for their audiences?

Granted, a 10 W translator can compete fairly well with some Class A stations within about a 10 by 20 mile oval, but outside that area the translator's signal falls off fairly rapidly.

On the other hand, the 1 W translators I have been involved with in northern California are certainly not in the same league as most Class A stations and I really don't see how southern California broadcasters can complain.

Since rents in our area run from a low of \$300 to about \$475 per month for any decent site, not including maintenence or equipment upgrades, I don't quite understand why some seem to think that \$200 to \$500 per month is making anyone in the translator business rich.

In our case the translator service organization is non-profit (as is the primary station). Just keeping up the site rent payments is often difficult. We'd be hard pressed to do this for profit!

As for charges of interference to regular broadcast stations, by FCC rules if a translator actually interferes with a normal broadcast station it must go off the air!

This has happened on several occasions in this area. Long established translators were forced off the air by stations in moderately sized markets who somehow gained questionable waivers in order to extend their coverage into adjacent major markets.

It is interesting to note that these stations now aim their service at the adjacent markets with only token attention to the needs of their licensed markets.

The translators which were affected, on the other hand, had provided a service which remains unfulfilled in their service areas even today.

The key issue is service. With only one or two exceptions, all of the dozen or so translators in the central coast and San Francisco Bay Areas provide translation of stations whose programming is not available on any other outlet in the regions being served.

If this is competition, let the local stations provide equivalent programming. We'd gladly trade our three "barelybetter-than-no-station-at-all" 1 W translators for the same programming from a full powered, locally owned station.

The reality is that none of the local outlets have shown any inclination toward providing such programming. I really don't think they have earned the right to complain about unfair competition when they aren't even trying to compete.

I certainly would agree that protection from unfair competition from translators is justifiable, but I'm not all that convinced that this is truly the key to the translator controversy!

> James Eagleson Watsonville CA

The FCC has picked a good time to launch its inquiry into uses of the expanded 1605-1705 kHz AM band.

With sign-on some two years away, and with the Commission's recent focus on AM technical standards, the current NOI is both timely and wel-

The expanded band offers opportunities for new stations and it also provides a chance to experiment with new kinds of service.

Lots of questions surround the new band. Should daytimers be given first choice on channels? Should there be minority or other special preferences? Then there's the FCC's idea for "national licensing"—giving one licensee

a channel to develop nationwide.

On the one hand it might prevent Planning some of the problems which exist on the current AM band. But the idea runs counter to recent trends toward For New decentralization in radio.

National channels would help fill the new band quickly. But it seems unlikely that there will be a shortage of demand for the spectrum, so the speed with which stations sign

on may only be limited by the FCC's licensing process.

AM Band

The FCC will be monitoring reaction to its idea closely. But however it proceeds it should take pains to avoid the problems which have burdened the docket 80-90 allotments on the FM band.

The timing of the inquiry also benefits from the information the Commission is amassing on technical standards for AM allotments.

With the first round of comments in on Docket 87-267, and the next round due in June, the pros and cons of existing policies are becoming clear.

The FCC should look closely at issues such as minimum and maximum power, ground propagation and skywave protection.

From this should emerge a better method of allocating spectrum which can be used in the future. So technical problems which now plague AM can be avoided in the new band.

The Commission's notice sends a clear signal to receiver manufacturers that it's serious about the band and it's keeping an open mind.

It's a chance to work together with those who will make the new radios so that one side of the industry doesn't propose something that won't have the other side's support.

All industry factions should take advantage of the FCC's request for comments about the extended band. Allotments of the existing AM band have been criticized in hindsight.

This time can be different, but the time to get in on the dialog is now.

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# Drawbacks to Minority Policy

by Keith Glen Littlejohn

Jerome AZ ... Regarding the story "FCC Reinstates Minority Policy" (15 February Radio World): your tax dollars

Apparently someone felt that there weren't "enough" women or "minority" owned broadcast stations, and that the only way to solve that problem was to change the rules for "qualified" wouldbe broadcasters. Everyone knows how well that works.

I've seen fewer women and minorities in broadcast engineering than I did in the computer technology field—do we need new rules for some folks? Let's give full GROL privileges to any restrictedholder not bearing a male, middle-European name, regardless of actual qualifications or skills.

This would have the desired result. Suddenly, there would be as many-if not more-minority GROL-holders than today, and it would get a number of Congress critters re-elected, which is the real reason to do such a thing, after all.

Of course, those female/minority GROL-holders who earned their way into the industry will be lumped into the same class as the "Insta-GROLs", so let's have a new endorsement, a "this-oneknows-what-she's-doing" certification, to separate current GROL-holders from the thundering-herd-to-be.

Bias or lack of ability?

With no slight intended to any of the involved interest groups, I have to wonder why women and minority groups

## Guest-**Editorial**

seem unable to perform up to current industry standards-or more precisely, why your lobbyists and representatives

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nity needs, the community can help you get on the air (stations with a zero share don't last too long) to fill that need.

Competence first

But how would any of you reading this magazine like to work for a station that is only on the air due to the "protected" status of the minority owner-rather than the ability of the owner to operate the station?

I realize that there has been discrimination in the past, and that there is still discrimination out there. There is also a Flat Earth Society, and I even know one fellow who doesn't believe in color television because he doesn't understand how it can possibly work.

All three of those attitudes belong in the past, and we ought to be putting them there ... not propagating discrimination in the name of equality.

How can we be a "colorblind society" if color remains a basis for reward?

As the man said, "It's not enough to 'not mind', you have to not care!"

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# Kahn Patent Complaint Denied

by Alex Zavistovich

Washington DC ... A patent dispute between Kahn Communications President Leonard Kahn and Motorola may be nearing an end, as the US Patent Office has notified the parties of the termination of its inquiry and cited its preliminary findings.

Radio World has learned the notice, which was sent 3 March, contains a decision favorable to Motorola. However, spokespersons for the Patent Office cautioned that the finding is not final until a certificate to that effect has been issued.

The dispute is at the heart of an allegation made by Kahn that Motorola has been "frustrating the growth of AM" by preventing the sale of radios which can decode both Motorola and Kahn AM stereo systems.

#### Request filed

On 15 September 1987 Kahn requested a reexamination of patent 4,184,046 which had been issued to Motorola for a chip capable of decoding independent sideband (ISB) transmissions.

Kahn claimed a patent issued to him for his AM stereo system predated the Motorola patent.

Earlier, Sony had developed a multi-

system AM stereo radio which Motorola claimed used that patent, along with another, to decode the Kahn signal—which is an ISB system. The second patent was not questioned in Kahn's complaint.

Motorola however sent a letter to Sony Corporation requesting Sony "cease selling AM stereo radio receivers in the United States that use these patents"

A Motorola source explained that the reason for the letter was that the company, in effect, didn't wish to "compete with" itself, since the Sony radios would also decode the C-QUAM system.

Kahn was granted the reexamination and in December protested to the FCC that Motorola was using an "improperly procured patent" to threaten receiver manufacturers out of selling multimode AM stereo receivers in the US. The FCC took no action on Kahn's protest, however.

Then on 3 March, Motorola received a "Notice of Intent to Issue a Reexamination Certificate" from the US Patent Office, according to the firm's General Patent Counsel Jim Gillman. The notice declared that the reexamination had been terminated and a certificate was to be issued "in due course."

However, the certificate will indicate

that no change in specifications or drawings related to the Motorola patent are required, and that all claims of the Motorola patent are confirmed.

#### Patent office acknowledged

At the Patent Office, spokesperson Oscar Mastin acknowledged that a notice went out to Motorola on 3 March. However, he stressed that "the decision is not final until a certificate of reexamination is printed and issued." That may not be completed "for eight weeks," Mastin said in mid-March.

Kahn Communications President Leonard Kahn refused to comment to RW on the matter. There is also some possibility that the matter may be contested by Kahn, according to Edward Onders, associate general counsel of Hazeltine Corp., a former competitor in the AM stereo race now aligned with Kahn Communications

Onders cautioned that the notice received by Motorola may not mean the end of the case, because Kahn believes it to be "defective in some respects."

No details of the defects in the notice were available from Onders.

For information, contact Oscar Mastin at 703-557-3341, Edward Onders at 516-261-7000, or Jim Gillman at 312-576-5304.

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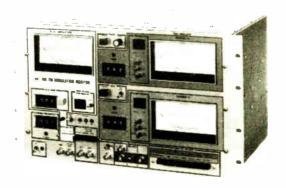
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## Paris AES Gives Sneak Preview

by Judith Gross

Paris, France ... Again this year the European AES offered a first look at products slated for debut at the April NAB convention.

Last year ITC/3M took the opportunity to get some early reaction to its digital cart machine.

There was not any product introduction quite as dramatic this year, but the 84th AES, held the first week of March in Paris, did have its share of new broad-

The European AES show, unlike its fall counterpart in the US, is heavily focused on the broadcast as well as the record-

This year's show saw the largest representation of American companies-60 US manufacturers showed upaccording to one AES official in Paris.

Overall the exhibit showcase, with more than 250 companies displaying their products, was a balance between broadcast audio and professional studio recording equipment.

Without the legal complexities to hold it up, R-DAT has made its way into the European consumer market.

Sony is already selling its consumer machine in Europe, and the company showed its professional model, the PCM 2500 in a demo room at the show.

Tascam showed its new R-1 professional R-DAT recorder/reproducer. It's a prototype which the company plans to introduce at the NAB show.

Fostex, meanwhile, showed a prototype R-DAT professional digital master recorder which it had brought to the October AES in New York. It's actually designed more for audio for video, with SMPTE/ EBU timecode and synching capability.

Two companies showed products for measuring R-DAT performance. Audio Precision has enhanced its System One to test not only CD players but R-DAT machines. And Kenwood, which has marketed test products for CD players, also showed test instruments for R-DAT.

And at least one company at the Paris show was offering R-DAT tape and cassettes. DIC Digital showed pancake reels and cassettes in 46, 60, 90 and 120 minute formats.

Studer was one of the first companies to respond to radio stations' demand for professional CD players with its A725 introduced several years ago.

Now Studer has a brand new CD player, the A730, and it's obvious from the design that the collaboration with Philips has been a close one.

The A725 used a front loading pull-out drawer which resembled a cassette player.

A CD player first marketed by Philips (before the joint venture with Studer) was a top-loading model with flywheel cueing.

The combined efforts of the two companies has yielded a "hybrid" of the two, a top-loading, flywheel-cueing model. It has broadcast features such as varispeed and remote play capability, and an LED display.

Since radio engineers have been eagerly providing input on their likes and dislikes to Studer on its previous design, this first of the next generation of pro CD players should be as much of an attention-getter in Las Vegas as it was in Paris.

Another recent entry into the pro CD















The convention spanned two floors (upper left) and featured Southern Broadcasting System's DAMS hard disk audio storage system (upper right); Harrison System's new Air 790 console (above left); Orban's stereo spatial image enhancer and other products (above middle); a complete studio set-up by Studer with products not usually seen in the US (above right); Studer's new A730 pro CD player (left) and Fidelipac's tape, cartridge and cart machines (right).



market is Shure. The company showed its PDP 1000 CD player at the AES, along with its line of microphones.

But not all developments in audio sources are in the digital domain. There were several new reel-to-reel recorders on display. While most of them were multitrack and aimed primarily at the studio recording market, there was at least one new machine targeted at broadcasters.

Otari showed the new MX 50 reel-toreel which will be at the NAB show and is ready for purchase. It incorporates several enhancements over Otari's other broadcast decks.

One feature of particular interest allows those editing tape to review it in fast forward, but at a lower pitch which is easier on the ears than the usual "chipmunk" voice.

On the digital side, multitrack machines are still finding greater acceptance in large recording studios than they probably ever will in radio stations, mostly due to their cost.

But now a group of industry players has joined together to at least resolve the standards controversy which has caused some uncertainty in that market.

Two console manufacturers, Neve and Solid State Logic, and two manufacturers of digital reel-to-reel machines-Sony, which supports the DASH format and Mitsubishi, a supporter of the incompatible PD (ProDigi) format—have formed a working group to develop a digital audio interface.

The result is an AES/EBU twinchannel format which was demonstrated in a special booth at the show.

While not of critical concern to most radio stations, the demonstration proved that standards controversies can be resolved when there is enough interest and initiative on the part of the manufac-

Digital audio storage and playback on hard disk has been out of the price range of most radio stations. Several companies over the past few years have introduced products but failed to set the industry on fire.

But now, aimed at the radio market comes Southern Broadcasting Systems Ltd.'s DAMS system—for Digital Audio Mass Storage. The system was shown in the Media Touch booth at the show, as it will be at the NAB show as well.

The Australian company has developed a system which uses Winchester disks to store digital audio. The system has full memory redundancy—there are twice the number of drives to the system as are needed for the desired amount of storage.

So if the system crashes, the back-up automatically comes on line.

According to the company, storage capacity is about 100 minutes of stereo, full-fidelity audio per drive.

The DAMS system can operate standalone with a simple custom controller which imitates the user interface of a cart

It can also interface to automation systems, such as the Media Touch Touchstone system.

Media Touch, meanwhile, is getting ready to debut its new studio-in-a-truck. The mobile studio will feature a complete Touchstone System interfaced to a variety of audio gear.

In addition to providing a complete demonstration of Touchstone's capabilities, the company plans to take it on the road to help market the system.

Introductions in processing gear were the surprise development of the AES

Eventide showed it's new Ultra-Harmonizer, the H3000. The version in Paris was aimed at the recording industry, but the company intends to have new broadcast software in time for the NAB, with such features as time compression and presets.

Aphex introduced the model 612 expander/gate/ducker. It uses downward expansion with a variable ratio, and with a high ratio it acts as a gate.

Shure introduced the FP51 gated com-

pressor mixer, a version of its portable mixer with a high quality gated memory compressor incorporated.

Digital processing is considered by many to be the next step in audio. A company called Harmonia Mundi Acustica introduced the BW 102 digital audio processor, with total processing in the digital domain.

The company is located in West Germany, but its products are distributed in the US through Gotham Audio.

Orban Associates also exhibited at the Paris AES. The company showed several products slated for introduction at the NAB, including its stereo spatial enhancer, a new programmable mic processor, and its new Optimod for shortwave.

There were a few other product debuts by US-based companies at the show.

Harrison Systems showed the new Air 790 console in a demo suite. It is also slated for NAB introduction.

Dorrough also had its recently developed console as well as its loudness meters.

In studio equipment, JBL featured its new line of studio monitors, while Beyer, Electro-Voice and HM Electronics featured their latest in microphones.

In the test and measurement category, TFT had a prototype of its model 860 Audio Analyzer. It's a microprocessor controlled distortion analyzer with AC level voltmeter and ratio meter.

In Paris, the model 860 was operating with a companion signal generator. In Las Vegas, it will be part of TFT's BTSC monitor, but it's slated to become a stand-alone unit later this year.

Two cart and tape manufacturers also exhibited at the AES show. Fidelipac featured its Dynamax cobalt tape carts and had a cart vs. CD listening test.

And ITC/3M showed its line of professional cart machines, but did not have the digital HCDA 3000 at its booth. The company said, however that the digital cart machine will be at the NAB show

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The NRSC subgroup ponders the RF mask proposal at its February meeting

## RF Mask Plan Ready

by Alan Carter

Washington DC ... A subgroup of the National Radio Systems Committee has outlined revisions of an RF emission mask proposal to present to the full committee meeting this month in Las Vegas just prior to the NAB Convention.

The AM Technical Subgroup met here 25 February at which time discussions focused on issues including transmitter power differences, PDM transmitters and an effective date that the mask would take effect.

The full committee is expected to vote

or initiate a vote on a voluntary RF emission mask, which could go into use 1 June, at its meeting 7 April.

The proposed RF mask is designed to address emission, specifically those of older transmitters that may cause a station's signal to exceed the NRSC standard at the point of transmission.

Under the proposed RF mask, the signal of stations with powers of 5000 W or greater complying with the standard should be 25 dB down from 10 to 20 kHz, 35 dB down from 20 to 30 kHz, 35 dB plus 1 dB/kHz down from 30 to 75 kHz and 80 dB down above 75 kHz.

Members of the subgroup decided to recommend that an RF mask should accommodate varying power levels of AM transmitters.

Discussion focused on the idea that lower powered transmitters are less likely to cause objectional interference. Further, the subgroup said it may be difficult, for example, to measure -80 dB below a transmitter with an output power of 50 W or less.

The subgroup voted to recommend that a proposal from CRL on this issue be adopted. In comments filed, CRL stated that the required attenuation of the carrier should be 43+logPc (dB) from the slope intercept point, and -80 dB for powers greater than or equal to 5000 W and -55 dB for power levels less than or equal to 50 W.

The maximum attenuation described by the RF mask shall be 43+logPw, according to the subgroup's recommenda-

The subgroup also proposed to modify the RF mask to retain the existing mask slope of 1 dB/kHz. According to the specs from 60 to 75 kHz, the attenuation shall be -65 dB; at frequencies above 75 kHz, the mask is -80 dB or  $43+10\log Pw$ , whichever is the lesser attenuation, and the maximum attenuation described by the RF mask shall be 43+10logPw.

The deadline for filing comments on the RF mask was 11 March. No objections to it have been received, only suggestions for revisions that the sub-group considered and accepted.

NRSC subgroup chairman John Marino of NewCity Communications said he believes people understand the need for a RF mask. "I think everybody realizes the need for it because the band is so crowded that everybody needs to stay within their window," he commented.

For more information contact John Marino at 203-333-4800, or NRSC coordinator Michael Rau at the NAB, 202-

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# Presidential Visit Set for Vegas

by Alan Carter

Washington DC ... President Reagan has "tentatively" scheduled an appearance at the National Association of Broadcasters convention that will be held 8-12 April in Las Vegas.

If plans go as scheduled, Reagan will address the convention on Sunday

# Class A's & NAB Meet

(continued from page 1)

reasonable men and women to sit down and discuss the issues." The issue now will be solved at the FCC. "We tried the best we could," McAllan added.

Radio Board Chairman Jerry Lyman, president, RKO Radio, said NAB officials "didn't see any reason" to take a different position after hearing from the Class A group.

A difference of opinion exists on what interference would be created from the power hike, Lyman noted. NAB has taken the position that "we're not supporting any interference of any kind."

The comment period on the New Jersey petition was to end 14 March.

The Class B representative, Milford Smith, vice president of radio engineering for Greater Media, declined to comment on advice of his company's lawyers, pending the 14 March filing.

#### NAB position

The NAB Board of Directors endorsed a plan that would allow upgrades based on individual applications to the FCC, provided that the Class A station meets

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certain mileage separation minimums.

The NAB holds the position that its plan would allow about 60 percent of Class A's to upgrade and offer more protection to the more powerful Class B's and Class C's, than would the New Jersey plan.

The New Jersey group modified its original filing with "additional engineering information" after a NAB FM Transmission Subcommittee failed to reach a final compromise with the Class A hike proponents.

At that time McAllan maintained the revisions did not result from a failure to reach a compromise with the NAB subcommittee.

He said the revision was to take into account the vagueness of FCC rules and the reality of the protection situation. New Jersey broadcasters determined that protection ratios for Class B's and C's were not the same, McAllan said.

For more information on the New Jersey group's activities, contact Ken Keane at 202-861-7800, or Bob McAllan at 201-774-7700. For information on the NAB's position, contact Michael Rau at 202-429-5346.

morning 10 April, according to NAB spokesperson Bob Hallahan. NAB also is slated to present the President a "special award," but Hallahan did not have any further details.

Word of Reagan's speech came at the NAB's State Leadership Conference from former FCC Mass Media Bureau chief Jim McKinney, now deputy assistant to the President and director of the White House military office.

To accommodate Reagan's appearance, NAB will reschedule Sunday morning sessions, according to Hallahan. Those plans were not confirmed—the definite schedule will be listed in the NAB daily convention newspaper.

This would be Reagan's first appearance before NAB since becoming President. He addressed a radio session in

1978 before announcing his candidacy in the 1980 election.

Every chief executive since President Eisenhower has appeared before an NAB convention, Hallahan said.

In an additional change to the previously announced convention schedule, NBC-News President Larry Grossman will speak at the Sunday TV luncheon; Tom Brokaw had been scheduled.

More than 40,000 are expected to attend the convention and engineering conference, which is going to Las Vegas after two years in Dallas. The show will feature more than 670 exhibitors occupying more than 380,000 square feet of floor space at the Las Vegas Convention Center. Overflow exhibits will be set up at the Hilton Center.

The engineering section of the annual



President Reagan is slated to address the NAB convention.

convention will consist of 27 technical sessions and more than 150 papers.

For details on the convention, contact Bob Hallahan at 202-429-5350.



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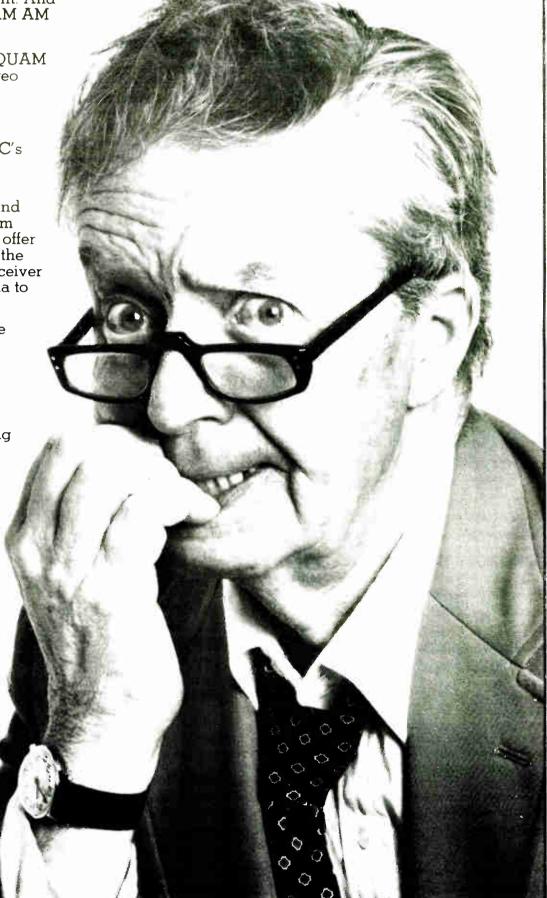
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## Copycode Dismissed by NBS

by Alex Zavistovich

Washington DC... Copycode—which would encode a notch at 3840 Hz in digital audio recordings to prevent piracy by digital audio tape (DAT) machines—does not work, according to a recently released study by the National Bureau of Standards.

The NBS study was released on 1 March. In it, the bureau concluded the system "does not achieve its purpose" of preventing DAT machines from taping, because of excessive numbers of false negative readings and false positive triggerings.

Other conclusions in the study determined, by statistical testing, that the system diminished the recorded quality of material encoded with Copycode.

What's more, NBS suggested that an electronics technician with the proper circuit schematics could bypass the system in at least five ways, for approximately \$100.

#### The Copycode system

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The Copycode, developed by engineers at CBS Records, was designed to foil unauthorized digital duplication of digitally recorded music, a facet of the copyright infringement concerns with which the recording industry is engaged.

When a decoding unit in a DAT machine scans a notch at 3840 Hz encoded into the audio material, the record function of the DAT is overridden for 25 seconds. Copycode proponents maintained the notch is not audible on the source material.

Opponents of the copycode strongly disagreed, and presented demonstrations this past summer to Congress of a facsimile of the notch and its purported harmful effect on the quality of the recorded sound. CBS and other anticopying adherents rejected the results as not indicative of true Copycode performance.

Nonetheless, inclusion of the Copycode technology was stipulated in legislation before Congress; the sale of DAT recorders would be blocked according to the bill, unless the machines were fitted with Copycode gear.

The House bill—HR-1384—was passed 3 August in the House subcommittee on commerce, chaired by Representative James Florio (D-NJ). However, it included a stipulation that the anti-taping requirement would be lifted if the sound quality of prerecorded material is found to be degraded by the notch.

Some months earlier, prompted by the inconclusive demonstrations presented to Congress, the House Committee on the Judiciary had asked the NBS to determine whether there were any problems inherent in the Copycode system.

Funding for the tests came from both sides of the issue—the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) in support of Copycode and the Home Recording Rights Coalition (HRRC) in opposition.

Results of the NBS evaluation were primarily negative—the Copycode system did not adequately achieve its intended purpose of preventing digital copying, the Bureau contended.

In its findings, NBS determined that

the Copycode was a dynamic system, with encoding stopping and starting depending on the components of the signal not only at 3840 Hz, but at 2715 Hz as well.

Because the encoder switched on and off depending on these signal components, many false negative readings were made, the report concluded, with the decoder occasionally missing an encoded signal.

More importantly, NBS held, the decoder often "failed to accept unencoded input signals of several varieties." On 16 out of 502 tracks on CDs used to test the system, false positives were detected by the decoder which subsequently shut down the DAT recorder.

NBS noted especially that "organ and violin recordings consistently produced false positive detection."

The recorded quality of musical instruments, as well as the human voice, also was determined to be noticeably affected by Copycode encoding, according to a subjective listening study conducted by the NBS.

The listening survey had two tests to determine simply whether encoded material sounded the same or different as unencoded material in a blind test and, in a second test, to determine which of two signals carried the encoding (see related story, this issue). In general, NBS stated that "ability to hear effects of the encoder varies substantially among individual subjects and, especially, among musical selections."

However, in one test, 69 of 84 listeners scored higher than 50 percent correct identification, which NBS claimed was "a result that would occur by chance with a probability of only 3 in a trillion."

#### Easily bypassed

The investigators were also able to design five methods by which the Copycode system could be "circumvented or defeated by external signal conditioning methods." The circuit components as well as power supplies for each of the methods are available off-the-shelf for approximately \$100, the NBS said.

An "electronics technician, familiar with reading circuit schematics," would be able to construct the defeat circuits, NBS estimated.

Following release of the results, RIAA President Jay Berman was reported to have admitted Copycode was "no longer politically viable" to use in DAT players. However, he cautioned that the RIAA was prepared to sue any equipment manufacturer who tries to import the devices "before this issue is resolved."

In particular, Berman has been reported as prepared to sue Marantz Company Inc., which is slated to make its DT 84 digital audio tape recorder available to the public later this year.

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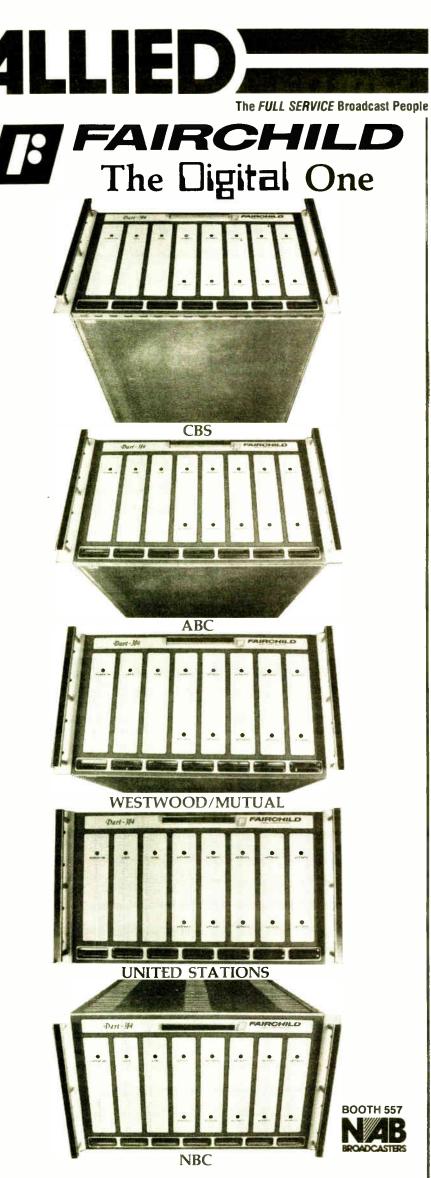
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# A Digital Studio to Transmitter Link

by Tim McCartney

Boise ID ... It's a long run up and down the frequency spectrum, back and forth between analog and digital domains and over a 10.5 mile distance of city and mountains. But the KBSU digital STL works perfectly!

In preparation for a transmitter site move KBSU began development of a digital STL system at minimum cost.

Inspired by the digital STL exhibits at the 1987 NAB show, Dr. James Paluzzi, GM of KBSU at Boise State University, designed the system. It takes advantage of the down-time of existing video STL systems.

The completed link is one of the first in the country, and is certainly the one with the greatest number of hops.

Stereo audio arrives to the exciter inputs with the same level of quality as the feed-point back at the studio. Distortion and noise readings are lost amid the residual noise of the measuring instru-

ments. Frequency response is virtually unchanged.

The heart of the system consists of two Sony Pulse Code Modulators (PCM) Model 501ES and various video linking systems

Figure 1 provides an overview of these conversions.

At the studio analog is converted to digital by the PCM; its baseband video output then feeds the input of a video STL.

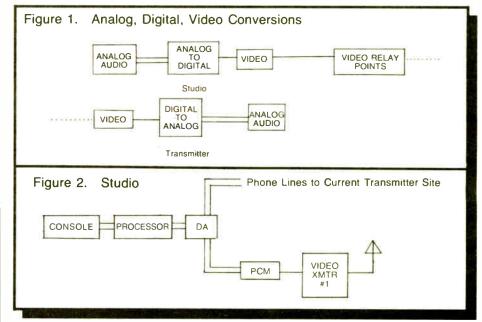
Several video relay points later the video with digital information is converted to a precise replica of the analog audio back at the studio.

Figures 2-5 demonstrate a more complete look.

In Figure 2 the studio console outputs feed a processor with outputs simultaneously routed to the current transmitter via telephone lines and to the future transmitter site.

Once converted to digital, the PCM uses baseband video to transport digi-

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## A Digital STL Setup

(continued from previous page) tized stereo audio. This PCM output feeds a 23 GHz video STL link to Receiver 1 atop a building on campus as shown in Figure 3.

Receiver 2 is located atop Deer Point Mountain as seen in Figure 4. The final hop to Receiver 3 at the KBSU transmitter building is just a few hundred yards away, as in Figure 5.

The signal is first downconverted to VHF channel 8, then brought to baseband video by a VHF-TV receiver. The PCM then changes digital information to stereo analog audio. Next, it's on to final processing, preemphasis, stereo generator, exciter, transmitter and antenna.

Yes, there are problems—the kind that will test one's technical prowess, analytical ability, common sense and patience.

The first problem is that PCMs use unbalanced, high-impedance audio inputs and outputs. While such mismatches can be satisfactorily resolved at the studio, the high RF environment at the transmitter site poses a new series of potential problems.

And that leads us to the second problem: RF. Boise's popular RF site is Deer Point Mountain at an altitude of 7000' complete with four VHFs and ten FMs.

In this locale, forget using radios because their front ends overload. As for TV screens, several images are more likely than the one which is expected.

In my inspections on the mountain, audio is to be found only for remote pickup use and is both heavily filtered and shielded. Otherwise, composite signals are the rule. So, the odds against the KBSU project seemed formidable

RF experts offered advice about shielding. Yes, what KBSU designed is feasible. But the question is just how much RF shielding will be necessary, something elaborate or just a well-grounded equipment rack?

Questions centered around whether or not the RF is having an impact on the STL system's PCM or video, power line interference or the monitoring equipment used to make these judgments.

In KBSU's installation, two consumergrade VCRs failed to successfully convert VHF video to baseband video. The RF prevented the VCRs control circuitry from functioning.

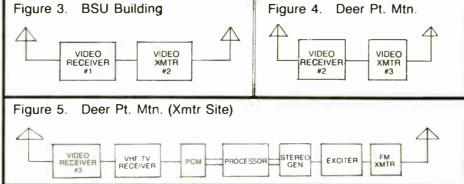
Then a TV monitor was used. This offered the additional advantage of being able to view the digital signal on the screen

Its appearance, as sketched in Figure 6, is a series of five or six vertical black bars which vary at an audio rate. However, the monitor tuner was unable to hone in precisely enough to the incoming video channel due to the high RF.

Thus the outgoing baseband video was either of insufficient amplitude or distorted enough to destroy the digital signal. We still don't know which one was the culprit.

A new consumer item proved to be the answer: a TV receiver less the monitor portion. Unlike the monitor used earlier,

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this unit had modern tuning circuitry and baseband video output, all prosis there was no problem. tected by a steel chassis.

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All along we were concerned about the PCM's performance in high RF fields. But thanks partly to its steel chas-

Our doubts about unbalanced audio from the PCM in the heavy RF environment also proved unfounded

Digital audio is usually like a pass/fail course. You either do or you don't. You either reach nirvana with a perfect signal or sit out in the cold with nothing

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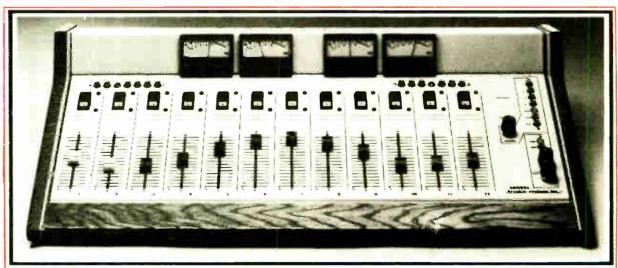
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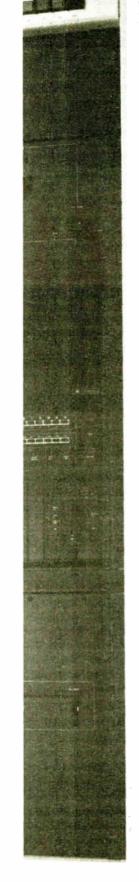
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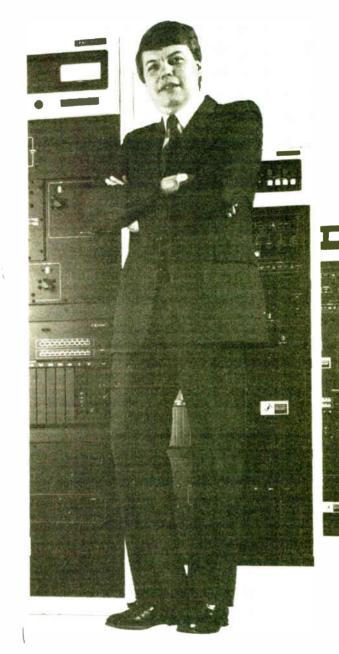
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# Broadcasters Hold NRSC Test

by Alex Zavistovich

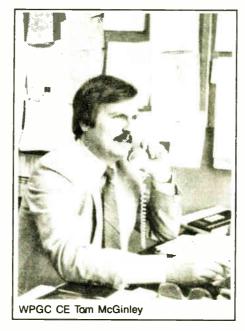
Greenbelt MD ... Two Maryland radio stations are testing the National Radio Systems Committee (NRSC) transmission standard's effect on second adjacent channel interference for a presentation at the NAB's convention later this month.

In early March a study was ready to be launched by WPGC-AM, Morning-side, and WINX-AM, Rockville, two broadcasters in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, DC. WPGC broadcasts at 1580 kHz, with 50 kW; WINX broadcasts at 1600 kHz with 1 kW.

The towns in which the stations are located are approximately 15 miles apart.

#### Unusual situation

"It's somewhat unusual to have two stations two channels apart serving the same basic area," said WPGC CE Tom McGinley. With each station acting as the other's second adjacent, interference problems exist for both stations, particularly in Northwest DC and the immediate outlying areas of Bethesda and Rockville.



At the suggestion of the NAB, McGinley noted, the two stations are using the NRSC 75 μs preemphasis and 10 kHz stopband filtering in a test which would record improvements over second adjacent interference in each stations' coverage areas.

The NAB will supply the stations with R-DAT equipment, an RF analyzer and other measuring gear to conduct the listening test, McGinley said. WPCG and WINX have worked with coverage maps, he continued, to select "likely points" from which to test.

In particular, the stations looked for areas where the signal strength of the stations would be 20 dB different, 10 dB different or the same. Measurements would then be taken from that point of the interference experienced by both stations, and any relative improvement when the NRSC processing is switched on would be noted.

#### Test coverage area

The test coverage area strays only a short way into Washington, explained McGinley, noting that the service contour of WINX "is smaller than WPGC's, and doesn't penetrate as much." The main problems exist just north of the city, he said.

In some cases, the problems can be severe. McGinley commented that in areas of Rockville WPGC's signal is subject to "hash" resulting from the second adja-

cent interference problems. Similar interference is experienced by WINX, which has suffered some loss of service in the Maryland suburb.

McGinley stressed the stations' concerns to protect their 2 and 25 mV contours, which he admitted was somewhat difficult with WPGC and WINX, stations he described as "shoehorned in pretty tightly." The NRSC preemphasis and bandwidth limitations are "particulary appropriate" in their situation, he commented.

#### Results presented at NAB

The results of the testing will be discussed by WPGC and WINX representatives in a joint paper scheduled for the NAB convention in Las Vegas, McGinley added. The presentation was, as of early March, scheduled for the morning of 8 April, as part of the NAB's AM improvement session.

NRSC AM Technical Subgroup co-Chairman John Marino said the presentation will be significant because it would "actually show a practical application of the NRSC standard in the broadcast environment."

In the past, Marino suggested, "broadcast engineers may have seen the standard as being all theoretical." He said the paper would help dispel those misapprehensions.

Although the testing was not completed at press time, McGinley said that positive results would only confirm the support he already has for the standard.

"(The NRSC standard) is a step in the right direction of giving AM some relief," he said. "It's not a panacea, but it will help in second and third adjacency problems where the selectivity is less great."

McGinley also commented that the processing makes transmissions "sound cleaner" because of the reduction of "IMD and other distortion grunge" afforded by the system.

For more information, contact Tom McGinley at WPGC: 301-441-3500. Contact John Marino at 203-333-4800.

# NAB Names New S&T Engineer

by Alan Carter

**Washington DC** ... The NAB has named a new staff engineer to its Science and Technology department.

Stan Salek, an engineering manager with Circuit Research Labs in Tempe, AZ, has been named to the position that became vacant when Michael Rau was promoted to VP and acting head of the department.

Salek, who assumes his duties 7 April, will become staff coordinator for the National Radio Systems Committee taking over from Rau. As a radio engineer for NAB, Salek also will work on radio allocation issues and FMX.

As with all engineers joining NAB, Rau said Salek will start in a staff position. His hiring, from more than 50 who applied and interviews with 12 applicants, brings the S&T engineering staff level back to its previous complement of six engineers.

Rau said he plans to ask for a budget increase for fiscal 1988-89 to hire more engineers.

Rau praised Salek's work as a radio engineer. "I think those talents will be well used at NAB," he commented. "The first criteria in selecting an engineer was excellence."

Salek and CRL have actively participated in development of the NRSC standard.

Salek said with his design back-



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ground, the position with NAB will give him "an opportunity to work on industry issues that I have been interested in."

Salek has been with CRL since 1984. Prior to that, he was a design engineer with Broadcast Electronics from January 1983. There he designed FM transmitter components and AM generating equipment. He holds a patent on an AM modulating technique.

He worked for Motorola Inc. from June 1981 until joining Broadcast Electronics. At Motorola, he was a design engineer working with communications systems.

Contact the NAB Science & Technology department at 202-429-5346.



Stan Salek will become the new NAB staff engineer.



# Covering the Campaign, Live

by John "Q" Shepler

Part II of II

Rockford IL ... The Senator's plane glided over the fence at the end of the runway to a smooth touchdown. The distinctive whine of the jet engines would make a perfect background to start the live campaign coverage.

Wiley Cohen smoothly segued from his supreme news command post at the station to reporter Christine Cacciatore in the RPU-equipped station wagon at the airport.

CE Norm Ungar bit the corner of his lip. This was the point of no return. The next couple of days would be a nearcontinuous news broadcast from many locations, scripted almost as they went along. His equipment had to work perfectly—or at least appear to on the air.

"The band is starting to play now as the door to Senator Corquebaro's plane opens," Christine announced, "The Senator has appeared and is waving to the

Wiley pushed the telephone talkback button on his console and called to Buzz Sawyer through the studio mic. Norm had bridged the output of the main mic preamp and routed it to the telephone hybrid unit via a PTT/Off/On lever

This was great for remotes because the announcer at the remote end could hear studio cues even if the remote was beyond the station's coverage area.

There was no answer from the terminal where a major news conference was scheduled in a matter of minutes. Wiley wiggled the lever half a dozen times. Could it be on the fritz now, at the worst possible time?

"OK, Wiley, I'm here," Buzz finally responded, noticeably out of breath. "We lost power. The PA and mixer are both on batteries now, so it won't really matter. But 95X can't run its transmitter.

Norm nodded affirmatively. He had a distribution amp patched from the board

to the telephone system. They could feed up to four telephone lines with program audio.

#### Superior pick-up

Buzz was soon crushed among the horde of reporters as the news conference went on the air. A couple of the smaller stations were trying to pick up the questions and answers using only the built-in electret mics on their cassette recorders.

Buzz was sure he had the only decent pickup among the local stations. Except, of course, for Francine Foxx, president of the college station and Buzz's girlfriend.

Her recorder was plugged into a line output on his mixer. Buzz had Norm make up the special cable just in case such an opportunity should arise.

Meanwhile Christine had pulled the news car around the pile-up of media vehicles and parked just past the airport entrance

She left the motor running and made a few notes while listening to the last questions of the news conference. Nothing really noteworthy had been said.

Christine looked over her shoulder. Just as she expected, the Senator's limo pulled away from the terminal while reporters grabbed their equipment and raced to the parking lot.

As the limo left the airport, Christine slipped easily into the motorcade and reported in.

"Now we join Christine Cacciatore live from the Senator's motorcade," Wiley beamed. He was scooping the competition for sure.

#### On to headquarters

Buzz took his time packing up. There

some degree of cool.

"Of course you will. I hope he says something important this time. We're going to put together a half-hour special tomorrow."

"Well, your connection will be right here," he said casually, waving the mixer in one hand in hopes of looking like a network reporter with lots of equipment.

Just then the mixer slipped from his hand, through a railing, and crashed step by step down a flight of stairs.

Francine looked almost as horrified as Buzz. His short career flashed in front of his eyes as he could hear Wiley giving him the exit speech. "Geez," he cried. "That's our only mixer for tonight."

#### Disaster averted

Meanwhile, the motorcade arrived at party headquarters with Senator Corquebaro being led in surrounded by cameras and microphones.

Christine parked around back and came in through a side door just as the festivities were starting. She powered up the remote equipment and grabbed the wireless mic.

"OK, Wiley. I'm ready at headquar-

While Christine moved through the crowd conducting interviews with only a clip-on receiver and wireless mic, Buzz was racing toward the station. He had already decided that going AWOL was not the answer.

"Pssssst," Buzz called to Norm, hoping that Wiley wouldn't see him. "Come here," he whispered.

Norm gave a pretty serious look to the smashed mixer that Buzz was hiding under his jacket. He motioned to the shop.

The meter bezel was cracked in a dozen places and two knobs were missing. Buzz sheepishly took the pieces out

The circuit board seemed to be intact, although jarred loose. A couple of wires had broken free, but Norm had those

With a sigh, he flipped the power switch on and plugged in a mic and

headphones. Murphy had been kind. The mixer was still functional.

#### More troubles

Just then, the paging speaker in the shop came to life. "News studio here, buddy, we got trouble!"

Buzz schlepped out the back door with the damaged mixer as Norm made tracks for the front of the station.

Wiley was pacing in the studio with his hands on his hips. "We lost the line." ''What?'

"Traffic accident. Truck skidded into a utility pole about a quarter mile from the place. We're dead on the speech unless you've got any ideas, Norm."

"How about the car?"

Wiley lit up. "Yes, yes, yes."

Christine beat them to the punch, as she keyed the two-way mic. "Come in studio, we lost our phones here."

The three of them quickly discussed the situation and decided that they would use the car to relay their audio from party headquarters.

#### Spontaneous solution

Christine could string the 500' mic cable from the car's mixer through a back door and to their equipment location in-

Buzz was already on his way with the other mixing console and could help connect the new setup. The signal was less than they would like, but Norm would fix that with a portable Yagi antenna. It would work if they hustled.

Wiley padded for time which, fortunately, was his strong suit.

By the time Norm arrived, Christine was back doing on-air interviews and Buzz was guarding the car. During the next break, Norm rigged the new antenna and topped off the car's gas tank from the can in his jeep.

They would need power for a couple of hours-too much for the battery alone. With this impromptu setup, they sounded every bit as professional as any news operation could. Norm headed back to the station.

The dinner speech broadcast seemed pretty routine after what the news team had just been through. Christine provided the commentary while Buzz rode gain and made eyes at Francine.

As Senator Corquebaro waved from the front doorway, they broke down the setup and scurried back to the station.

#### The main event

The long day had one more event scheduled before they could call it a wrap. Wiley straightened his tie. He was sure now: this was the biggest day of his

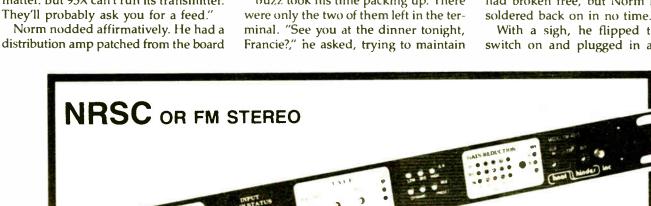
Norm tugged on the mult box cable one last time. He really didn't expect it to come loose, but tugging made the connection seem tighter, somehow.

A few minutes later the entourage arrived. The Senator and his aides made a bee-line for the newsroom with a string of TV people following.

Wiley arranged the guests around the conference table and made sure everyone who wanted an earphone had one. The phone audio would also be on speaker so only Wiley really needed the air monitor.

Norm, meanwhile, kept a close eye on the camera crews who were matter-of-

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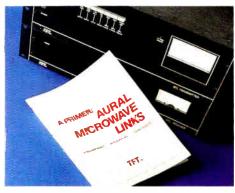
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## Direct from the Senator's Tour

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"Please, don't let there be hum," he prayed, too late to do anything about it if there was a grounding problem.

#### **Tinfoil solution**

One of the local TV guys was swearing under his breath. "Hey, this audio is full of buzz."

The other crews quickly confirmed that their signals were good and shrugged to the hapless technician. Norm grabbed the man's mic cable and plugged it into a different output. No luck.

"Try some tinfoil," another technician called. He had run into the problem before. The culprit was the station's RF overwhelming the camera's audio circuit.

It seemed that you could reduce the effect drastically by simply wrapping the plastic camera case with household aluminum foil.

Norm breathed a sigh of relief when he found a half-used box of foil in the kitchen. The talk show was rolling while Norm wrapped furiously and the camera man strained to check his audio.

It worked! Now everybody had a good signal and they were only five minutes into the broadcast.

Norm took the remaining scraps of foil back to the kitchen and dropped a cou-

ple of quarters in the pop machine. He deserved to sip it slowly.

Everything was running smoothly at last. As the last caller was connected, he trudged back to the studio to watch the finale.

Senator Corquebaro smiled at Norm through the studio window. Did he really appreciate the engineering effort that made him, as well as the station, shine today? Norm finally decided that wasn't it. He had that same toothy grin for everybody.

The news theme faded up and the "On-Air" light went off. In less than a minute the whole contingent had started to pack up.

Norm caught a glance of his homebrew mult box as the crews yanked their cables free. It had done its job well. In fact, all of the equipment had performed remarkably well.

The Senator shook Wiley's hand with both of his own. "You're a good man, Cohen. Could make a fine press secretary someday, if you're so inclined." He smiled that toothy grin even wider.

Christine turned to avoid breaking up during Wiley's big moment. Norm had to look away, too. The studio was getting knee-deep in more than microphone cables.

Today's events would make great conversation for months. But, they had to postpone that enjoyment for at least another day. At 6 AM tomorrow the polls would open and another exciting election day's coverage would begin.

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# Copycode is Rejected

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The company had first announced its intention to sell DAT machines domestically in 1987, during the height of the Copycode audibility controversy.

On the other side of the fence, the Home Eccording Rights Coalition heralded the NBS study as a "victory for consumers," anticipating the study will help defeat legislation which had sought to use Copycode in DAT machines, and which has delayed the introduction of consumer machines into the US.

HRRC Chairman Thomas Friel asserted that "Consumers are looking forward to DAT, an exciting new format. The recording industry, in asking for Copycode legislation, had its credibility at stake. Now that Copycode is finally and fully discredited, we don't think anyone in Congress could reasonably ask that DAT be delayed any further."

Friel added that the HRRC would resist any more requests to finance further investigations of anti-taping systems.

And yet, anti-copying technology has not breathed its last. The CBS system was not the only one in development. Kahn Communications President Leonard Kahn has applied to the US Patent Office for three patents on copy protection devices.

Although Kahn refused to speak to RW regarding the technology, reportedly termed "Stop-Cop," the protection system is said to insert an "inaudible" signal into recorded material which would produce a tone over the digital recording.

For additional information on the NBS study, contact NBS at: 301-975-6620. Contact HRRC at 202-457-4919 or RIAA at 202-775-0101.



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Editor's note: On 1 March, the National Bureau of Standards released its evaluation of the Copycode, an anti-copying device which was proposed to be installed in R-DAT machines to prevent digital-to-digital piracy (see related story, this issue).

The Copycode system requires the placement of a 'notch' in digital recordings at 3840 Hz, which would be read by a decoder in the R-DAT device and prevent copying.

In preparing its report, the NBS conducted subjective listening tests to determine whether people could hear the effect of the notch. RW reporter Alex Zavistovich participated in the study and in this concluding segment he compares his responses with those of others who took the tests.

#### by Alex Zavistovich

#### Part II of II

Gaithersburg MD ... What do you do when you want to make sure you don't miss hearing something? How do you train to improve your perception?

When in late January I wrangled a spot among the test subjects who were to participate in a National Bureau of Standards study of the effects of Copycode encoding on source material, I was eager to have the chance to hear whether the system sounded as bad as its opponents claimed.

I was expecting something really strong—great gaps in the upper frequencies, or something; I don't really know. However, after speaking to some people who had taken the test before me, I realized the effect would probably be more subtle than that. I wanted to make sure I got every nuance in the encoded music.

So in the week prior to the test I tried

## Listening to the CBS Copycode:

to prepare myself, particularly by trying to attune my ear to the 3840 Hz frequency affected by the Copycode notch.

#### In training

If you are familiar with the piano keyboard, 3840 Hz is represented by the highest B or B-flat—within the last few keys. There aren't a lot of instruments with that kind of true range, and fewer still are musical arrangements which use that pure tone very frequently.

For most of that week I listened to the high B on a synthesizer, trying to get a mental fix on its position in the audio spectrum, thinking of other instruments that it might affect (bells, chimes, and piccolo occurred to me right off the bat).

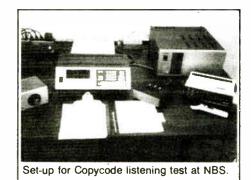
Also, without trying to be overly influenced by what I had heard from others who had taken the test, I remembered the "lack of presence" they described, the ambience loss which might result from a dropout in overtones and harmonics in that frequency.

I also remembered previous reporting, in which the Home Recording Rights Coalition (HRRC) had conducted demonstrations before Congress with a facsimile of the Copycode, maintaining that the device also affected the timbre of particular instruments—especially the piano, in which they maintained a significant change in the clarity and the purity of the upper register tones had been created.

Incidentally, both CBS and the Recording Industry Association of America, which were working together for the incorporation of the Copycode scanner into DAT products, have dismissed those earlier tests. The device used in the

demonstrations was a *facsimile* of the code, not the actual device; therefore, they maintain, nothing was proven.

When I arrived at NBS, Dave Evans, the test administrator, sat me in front of a Sony digital autolocator, a set of Stax headphones, and a switcher box. He then explained the parallel listening test of the NBS' subjective study of Copycode.



Ten musical selections were transferred digitally from CD to digital format, then copied onto six other tracks: two nonencoded as a reference, and the remainder making up two groups (A and B), two tracks each. Either A or B would be encoded—never both—and the job was to pick the encoded signal.

To toughen things up a bit more, the Copycode would not be engaged in the encoded selection for the entire length of the selection, only for a portion, so you really had to listen to the reference track and tracks A and B completely.

The autolocator would allow me to review any portion of any selection as often as I liked until I was certain of which signal was encoded.

The ten selections, aapproximately 30 seconds long, were primarily classical pieces, with the exceptions of the climax from a Barbra Streisand vocal piece, a quiet passage from the score of West Side Story, and the introduction from an uptempo jazz-fusion number by Pat Metheny.

When I asked why more contemporary or harder-edged, "rock" numbers had been excluded, NBS' Evans explained that the selections were inspired by suggestions made by principals on both sides of the issue, and represented, in NBS' opinion, music in which the affect might be more noticeable.

He diplomatically added that the audio processing so pervasive on rock material would make determining where the Copycode was activated more difficult

#### Moment of truth

I had always somewhat arrogantly considered myself more discriminating than even my other audiophile friends, because I am a musician—I know what instruments are *supposed* to sound like.

I began the test confident that no encoded material would get past my trained ears.

And yet, I listened to some selections to the point of exhaustion, without hearing any appreciable difference between the reference track and selection A or B.

Now, in one case—a passage from Prokofiev's *Alexander Nevsky*—the change due to Copycoding was definite. As the piece builds towards its climax, every instrument is playing to crescendo, includ-

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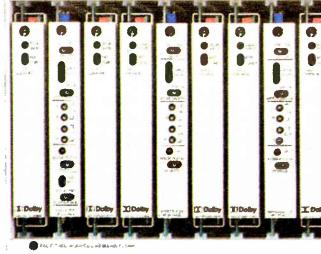
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## An Audible Difference in Sound

(continued from previous page) ing what I heard to be a triangle.

That triangle must be right around 3840 Hz, because it sounded as though it was on its own fader, and someone behind the console was arbitrarily taking it out, entirely, from time to time. It was pretty annoying.

As for the rest of the cases, I just couldn't tell for certain. There were times when I thought I detected a loss of overall depth or size, and occasionally I believed I may have heard a shift in the mix of some instruments. But to call it subtle was an understatement.

I mean, if you were listening on your car stereo, forget it—the road noise would be much worse, and would almost certainly mask any change the notch might produce.

After three hours of listening, I had an enormous headache and was only certain of having correctly identified one encoded track out of ten.

I drove back to work from NBS thinking pretty hard about the notch, and reevaluating just how critical my listening skills actually were.

#### Comparing notes

And yet others who took the same test I did were much more confident. National Public Radio (NPR) Director of Training Skip Pizzi outlined three separate problem areas: gaps in the ambience (as I had noted), reduction in timbral brilliance in voice and percussion, and some negative effect in the fundamentals of higher notes.

David Moulton, chairman of the Music Production and Engineering Depart-

ment at Boston's Berklee College of Music, also noticed ambience problems. However, he went on to say he could detect a "pitch shift" in a gong, which he attributed to the removal of the harmonic at 3840 Hz

To some extent, I think, these men have a leg up on even the staunchest consumer audiophile—they may be hearing something they've been trained to pick up, some curious engineering abnormalities that many consumers might not hear, because the average listener may never have been exposed to it.

But even so, if it's audible, it's audible.

... who's to say the average listener won't learn to hear it?

It's *not* inaudible, no matter how small a group of people might hear it, or how specialized their hearing may be.

#### Reactions to the code

A number of people I spoke with had some interesting opinions about the Copycode. Berklee's Moulton suggested that the 3840 Hz notch is not the only trigger for activation of the device—he speculated that some other frequency must be present.

Such a feature would be desirable, Moulton speculated, to reduce the risk of "false positives"—some quirk in the music which would cause the DAT machine to fail to record because of a mistake in detection.

Still, he said such a safeguard was in itself damning of the technology. Moulton maintained that the Copycode, as he experienced it "is not the device to use to protect musical copyrights."

"The failure rate of such a device would have to approach the random failure rate of a recorder; that is, only one false positive in every million attempts," he said. "It should be inaudible to the people making the records, as well as the people listening to them," he added.

Interestingly, when NBS's report on the Copycode technology came out, many of Moulton's assumptions about the system were born out.

NPR's Pizzi also was skeptical about the Copycode, citing a "philosophical" engineering problem.

"(Engineers) want improved fidelity in the areas of frequency response, dynamic range, and phase, and great strides have been made in those areas. To introduce a terrible anomaly on purpose—how are you going to state your frequency response?" he asked.

Pizzi also articulated a concern expressed by a number of participants in the test, one that I noticed myself, to a degree—a "learning curve" in detection of the notch.

"Auditory acuity in this case seems to be an evolutionary process," Pizzi said. "Collective listening patterns may change. The Copycode doesn't necessarily destroy the validity of the music, but who's to say the average listener won't learn to hear it?"

Having heard all the arguments and struggled with the test, my own thoughts about Copycode still no doubt reflect the perspective of a musician and composer.

Although the effect of the device is generally so subtle as to be nearly inaudible, it is, in some cases, annoyingly noticeable, and clearly not what the songwriter had intended.

Even after my own experience with the tests, I still can't believe that the majority of musicians would be so preoccupied with protecting the copyrights to a song that they would allow their music to be released to the public in effect, damaged.

Now that the NBS has concluded that one can hear the difference between encoded and nonencoded music the Copycode might be a moot point, but there's a lot to think about when you talk about adding something to all music that was not meant to be there.

The ethical question goes beyond even the legitimate concerns of copyright infringement and digital piracy. It's like a surgeon purposely putting a scar on his wife's face so that other men won't flirt with her.

Sure, that might be a deterrent, but should it be done, even if the scar is small? Even if it is so small some people might not notice? Isn't there something less drastic he may have overlooked?

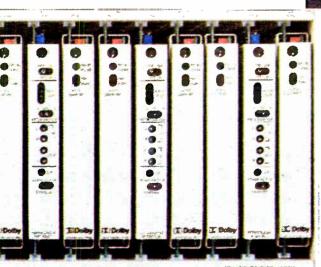
If only one person had heard the difference in Copycoded music, it would still be audible. At this juncture, it seems many have heard it.

So, as in the case of the misguided surgeon, maybe the listening public and those concerned with the technical quality of recorded music have the right to ask concerning Copycode: isn't there something a little less drastic that might be tried first?

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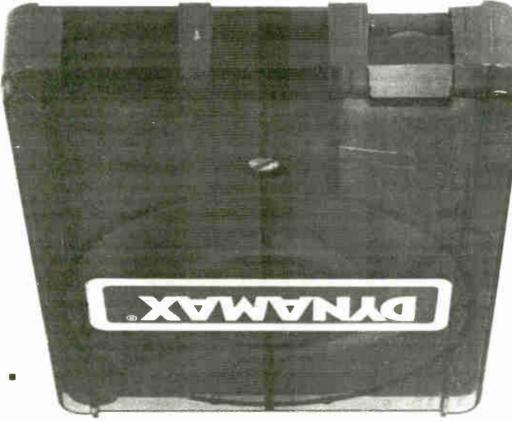
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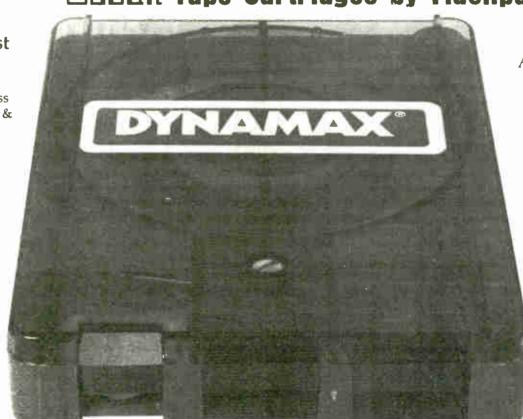


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by Jeffrey Baker

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What you need

While you may make do with a VIC 20, an Atari, or an Apple II, I suggest that you get a machine designed with business use in mind.

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And you can write your own programs (if you can find the time) in almost any program language.

But perhaps most important is that the PC has become the standard for broadcast station software and probably in the future, for station automation.

As a result, you had better become familiar with the PC-DOS/MS-DOS operating system so you can talk intelligently with your clients about it. As their technical consultant, you will be expected to know something about their computers.

By the way, if you are a loyal Commodore or Atari fan, those companies make PC-compatibles too.

There are many choices of MS-DOS/PC-DOS computers from IBM, other major US and foreign manufacturers, and dozens of computer retailers and small home garage shops which assemble components under their own brand names.

As a technically inclined person, you can probably handle problems that occur with undocumented clones, but why waste the time?

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**World Radio History** 

# Maintaining Your Station Log

by Harold Hallikainen

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The Commission did require stations to keep three logs: the program log, the operating (transmitter) log and the maintenance log.

Each of these were available to the FCC during an inspection, and a "composite week" of operating logs and program logs were submitted to the Commission as part of license renewal.

This was to demonstrate station compliance with the technical terms of the license and with the "programming promises" made in the last license application.

The logging requirements have been relaxed substantially but technical requirements for operating the station have not. The logs provided evidence of the station's compliance with the require-

The operating and maintenance logs have been combined into a single log called the "station log."

The program log is not legally required, though some form of program log would be useful in demonstrating "programming promises" and in keeping accurate records of commercial announcements to insure the station bills for time accurately.

Let's review the log requirements section by section.

The log is to be kept by employees competent to do so, who have actual knowledge of the facts required [73.1800(a)].

Note that this section requires the log to be kept by "employees" as opposed to "contract operators."

A distinction between employees and contract operators is made in the Chief Operator requirements [73.1870(b)(1)] and [73.1870(b)(2)], perhaps implying that, to the Commission, there is a difference between an employee and a contractor.

# Insight on-

The IRS has generally made the distinction between an employee and a contractor. Ten or so years ago I had proposed a "transmitter operating service" to the Commission.

At that time they indicated that a contractor could not be used as a transmitter operator. The station licensee had to have "hire and fire" power over the oper-

However, at the 1986 NAB New Technologies panel session, John Reiser of the FCC said, "The Commission is not going to get into the issue of compensation or how the person is compensated."

He went on to say that no matter what job the person held, "the station management must have the right to supervise that operator and his training and work and duties and so on, as if he were solely working for the station.

"If he's sharing duties with other

things, that's OK, he can be assigned to other duties, but there must be a supervisory responsibility."

If you have non-employees operating the station from non-traditional control points, make sure that they are fully instructed in the operation of the station, and that you get the logs.

#### Log signatures

The Commission used to require an "audit trail" of operator signatures. The operator was to sign when going on duty, then sign again when going off duty (logging the time of each).

But the current station log recording procedures are "exception reporting" instead of "sampling." In other words, log entries are required only when something is wrong.

Further, log signatures are required only when a log entry is made, attesting to the fact that the log entry is an accurate representation of station opera-

Since it may be days between successive log entries, there is no record as to what licensed operator was responsible for the station operation at any particular time (the lack of an audit trail).

For this reason, many stations are still using the old signature procedures, satisfying the current log signature requirements and providing evidence of compliance with the operator requirements.

#### Neatness counts

The logs must be clear enough to "stand on their own." That is, the writing should be legible; the pages are to be dated and numbered; all abbreviations must be explained elsewhere on the log.

Time entries should be in "local time" with an indication as to whether the times are non-advanced (standard) or advanced (daylight savings).

The Commission does not want faked logs. Any corrections made after the operator has signed it (attesting to the accuracy of the log before this correction) must be made by striking out the erroneous portion and making a corrective explanation.

The correction is to be made by the person who made the mistake (the person who kept the log), the chief operator, the station manager or officer of the licensee.

The erroneous portion is not to be erased or obliterated. No portion of a log is to be erased or obliterated during the log retention period of two years [73.1800(e), 73.1840(a)].

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## A Moment's Paws Over Missing Lynx

by Jack Cheese

Pasadena CA ... One of the most common headaches experienced by the typical broadcast engineer is that of interface.

It's not uncommon to find out (usually at the last minute) that two supposedly compatible pieces of equipment aren't really compatible at all.

Either the connectors don't match, or the audio levels are different, or the remote control logic won't work. As the saying goes, "it's always something."

It's bad enough with two pieces of electronic equipment, but you really have a problem when hardware and mammals can't be interconnected.

One situation that seems to surface now and then is the difficulty interfacing a common balanced 600 ohm audio circuit with a standard-issue housecat.

The problems are numerous.

A typical stereo input and output pair, such as that on a mixing console, has four audio paths, left in and out, and right in and out.

The cat also has four paths (paws, actually), but the similarity ends there. The studio wiring will almost always be LO-Z, operate at +4 dBm and be balanced.

The cat, on the otherhand, will be

high-strung, operate slightly above ground and be unbalanced, despite its ability to land upright when dropped from an inverted position. The interface difficulties are obvious.

Queso Engineering is pleased to announce a new product to solve this dilemma: The Catbox.

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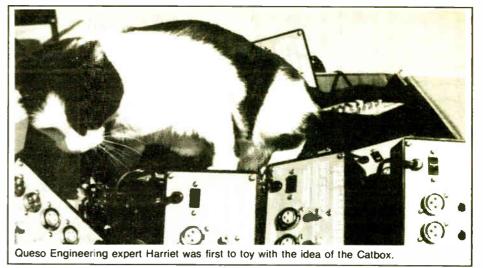
The unit employs several unique circuits to create a perfect match between your console and tabby.

One is an amplifier that uses a cat's whisker detector in the feedback loop. This eliminates half of the input signal by forcing it to ground.

Hence, a balanced input produces an unbalanced output which is just a few ohms above ground. This is a perfect match for the cat, which is also just above ground by about a foot (actually four of them).

Another circuit uses a special high-voltage opamp that is capable of operating on 120-volt rails.

An input signal of +4 dBm will be amplified by 40 dB, resulting in an output level of nearly 110 volts.



This is the secret of connecting a LO-Z circuit to a high-strung cat. In fact, the 110 V Catbox output is what causes the cat to be high-strung in the first place.

There are several adjustments on the Catbox to accommodate various breeds. Some settings can be critical, due to the "finicky factor" observed in some purebred versions.

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ity, and causing a state of confused identity.

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Jack Cheese is the engineering wizardry behind KCHZ Powercheese Radio, and he surfaces every April Fool's day on the pages of Radio World.



## Keeping Station Logs in Order

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Further, since machines do not make mistakes, no automatically kept log can be altered [73.1800(d)]. On failure of automatic logging devices, stations must resort to manual logging.

For most stations, there is no specified schedule or specified parameters that require logging.

It is up to the station licensee to determine a schedule and parameter list to insure compliance with the terms of license.

Many stations are using the Commission's previous logging requirements.

These requirements were log entries at least every three hours of sufficient data to determine the transmitter operating power.

If using the direct method, this would be final amplifier voltage and current. If using the indirect power determination method it is output power meter, antenna base current or common point current.

Stations that are determining power by the direct method often log the final amplifier voltage and current as a "backup" means of demonstrating the power was as authorized.

#### Methods for directionals

Directional stations generally also log the tower sample currents, current ra-

tios, or deviation from licensed ratios, along with the sample phase or deviation from licensed phase.

Note that directional stations not having an approved sampling system (as defined by 73.68) are *required* to log these indications (output power and antenna monitor readings) at least every three hours

be logged.

Rule 73.1820(a) further requires that any parameters that are affected by modulation must be read without modulation. The "degree of effect" of the modulation is not specified.

AM stations may have a difficult time with this requirement since the final amplifier voltage and current and the RF

light repairs.

Note, however, that 17.47 requires a daily observation of the tower lights, or an indicator that will properly register any failure in the tower lights.

where meters are affected by modula-

tries required by 17.49 be made.

Rule 73.1820(a)(l) requires that the en-

This section requires only that the date, time and description of any tower

light problems be logged, along with the

date, time and description of any tower

While the results of this inspection need not be logged unless it shows that there is a problem with the tower lights, logging the inspection demonstrates compliance with this section of the rules (leaving an audit trail).

This section also requires an inspection of all the tower light control devices (photosensors, flashers, etc.) indicators (your remote sample) and any alarm devices at least every three months.

Logging of this inspection is not required, but would be a good idea.

We're out of space, once again, so we'll continue with the station log next month. I'll look forward to hearing your comments on this series, or other subjects.

Til next month, keep it legal!

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The logging requirements have been relaxed substantially but technical requirements for operating the station have not.

Contrary to the US Constitution Fifth Amendment, you must log "self-incriminating" evidence.

Rule 73.1820(a) requires log entires of any parameters that require adjustment prior to adjustment and after adjustment.

If the parameter was beyond a prescribed tolerance, a notation of the corrective action taken is required. Again, the Commission is interested in the station log as an accurate record of actual station operation.

The actual time of any reading must

output current are often affected by modulation.

If you can determine the maximum metering error due to modulation and operate the transmitter in a "tightened window" to allow for this error, you can probably insure your operating power is within licensed limits without dropping your modulation all the time.

I wonder if an FCC inspector is going to sit outside your station listening for a modulation pause, then check your logs to insure you read meters during the pause (if any), assuming an AM station



**World Radio History** 

## The Future of Digital Processing

by Jim Somich

New York NY ... Audio processing as we know it today has its roots in the introduction of the CBS Audimax I in the mid 1950s.

Interestingly, the development of the Audimax was undertaken to improve upon the gain-riding techniques of control room operators, not to increase loudness.

Needless to say, any form of dynamic range compression increases apparent loudness. With the Audimax however, it was now possible to compress more than ever before without severe sideeffects

The next significant advance in audio processing was the multiband concept introduced commercially by Dorrough in the early seventies.

Now the standard, multiband was scoffed at by almost the entire manufacturing community until it was proven in actual field use.

The introduction of the legal composite clipper by Eric Small was the last significant addition to the loudness wars.

You bought the magic box and hit that immovable brick wall of clipping to the point of aural pain!

Of course your competition had the same idea and everyone wound up right back where they started ... except that

everyone sounded a lot worse than in the good ole days.

There were dozens of processors introduced during this period, but with the exception of the Optimod—which was revolutionary in its own way—they were all rehashes and improvements on the existing concept.

Orban, by integrating the processor and stereo generator, made his contribution to the "wars" by eliminating low pass filter overshoot in the stereo generator

In effect all of these processors create a "closed-loop" or a servo system that controls output level based on device output.

Each design had its own set of parameters such as attack and release time, compression ratio, compression, clipping etc., and good engineers were not shy about modifying circuits if some adjustments were not provided or the range was not sufficient.

This combination of "hot-rodded" processors and composite clipping finally succeeded in producing a "wall of sound" effect that is often more to be endured than enjoyed.

Few would disagree with the statement that we have pushed analog about as far as it can be reasonably (or unreasonably?) pushed.

Obviously, the next frontier is audio

processing in the digital domain ... using the number-crunching ability of a high speed CPU to shape your audio in ways yet to be dreamed of.

Some current processors (i.e. the Texar Prism) use digital control circuitry, but no processor designed for broadcast use actually manipulates audio in the digital domain.

There is only one reason why you cannot buy a true digital processor today and that is *cost*.

When conceptualizing in the digital area, it is necessary to adopt a whole new way of looking at things. Audio is the analog of sound waves; it is inherently a purely analog form.

Any introduction of digital technology is foreign to audio. Therefore it becomes extremely complex to manipulate this analog audio in the digital domain and exceed the performance possible with pure analog processing.

If it were not for the analog gremlins of noise and distortion, we would probably continue to perfect our current technology

Computers however, because of their digital architecture, are little concerned with the artifacts that degrade audio when handled in analog.

If it were necessary to design from scratch a digital computer that could process audio better than today's best analog processors, the cost would be staggering.

The high speed manipulation of audio in the digital domain to a predetermined program is within the grasp of today's technology but the cost factors are prohibitive. Does this mean that digital audio processing is impractical or that it will never be used?

On the contrary, I believe that within five years we will all be processing digitally. The only question is: what miracle will produce the competitively-priced digital loudness box?

Preliminary research by my company into the realm of digital audio processing has produced results that are very encouraging.

On the lab breadboard, where cost is no object and practicality not a factor, it has been found that digital processing can produce a cleaner sound with the same degree of processing as analog in comparison with the best analog boxes currently available.

Common sense would tell us that this is a correct assumption. Analog processing, as sophisticated as it has become, is still a relatively crude operation.

Multiband has made it less crude, but analog still relies on developing a control voltage with a relatively long time constant to act on the audio signal through a variable gain device.

The audio signal by its very nature is a very short-time constant signal.

In digital processing it is a whole new game. We can now develop processors that can attack on a specific digital word, hold level when desired at any programmable point and release it on command at a rate that is written as 0s and 1s in a computer program.

And all this is a virtually distortion-free process.

Given a reasonable sampling rate of the incoming audio, a decent quantization figure and other enhancements such as the dithering of low level signals, the digital processor becomes a truly transparent device, giving you exactly what you command with no artifacts.

The technology that will make broadcast digital processing a reality is the development of VLSI (very large scale integration) circuits for allied and parallel technologies.

Broadcast markets are not large enough to justify the cost of VLSI development.

But there are new developments. The proliferation of CD players on the consumer market and the widespread development of Digital Audio Tape (DAT) systems are two.

Along with interest in digital mixing and mastering in the recording industry these new factors have led to a major interest by large VLSI manufacturers to produce chips that will accomplish remarkable things with audio.

It might be interesting to take a look at a typical digital audio processor as it might exist in prototype form and compare it to current technology. Figure 1 is a simplified block diagram of this hypothetical box.

Input program audio passes through a low-pass filter to bandwidth limit in correspondence with the sampling rate of the system.

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"The Harris Gold Medalist is a lot of equipment for the money..."

"We have three Harris Gold Medalist Control Consoles — one here and two at our sister station — and we've had zero problems with all three boards," says Don McDonald, Contract Engineer of K.J.R-AM/KBBZ-FM in Kalispell, Montana.

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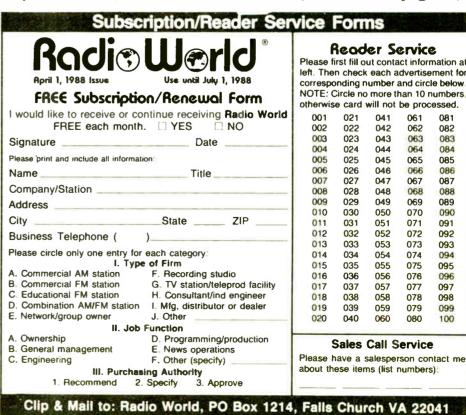
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## PCs for Business Use

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program. There are many.

Wordstar has become somewhat of a standard but it is dated and uses cryptic, non-mnemonic commands.

One which I have found easy to use (this article is written with it) is the Leading Edge Word Processor. With dictionary and merge-print feature (for customized letters and mailing labels), it is available at discount for less than \$50.

You will want an accounting program if contracting is really your full time business. PC Magazine listed Dac Easy Accounting as an editor's choice.

This program is inexpensive (under \$100) and has an impressive number of features. It is also relatively easy to use, if you know something about accounting. If not, you'd better read up on general accounting principles before trying to use this program.

#### Further complexities

Although the Dac Easy manual contains a brief accounting primer, it is not adequate for understanding how to set up your accounts and use the system's reports.

A good part of the manual is merely a rehash of the information contained in the program's menus and help screens without any amplification.

And another part is a sales pitch for the company's custom forms. The program can print all reports, invoices and statements on plain paper, however, which can result in a large cost saving for you.

Unless you are of a super analytical frame of mind, you will probably not need a spreadsheet in a small business if you use a good general accounting program.

But you may want to become familiar with them because your clients may be using them, and helping with their computer problems may become a part of your service.

Unfortunately, many of the attempts to assemble collections of software for engineering applications in broadcasting have not met with the greatest success.

Although many broadcast engineers are hacking away at useful programs, very few get wide distribution.

At least part of the problem is the variety of computers in use having incompatible operating systems (or no operating systems as such) and differing versions of BASIC or other languages.

The SBE collected some BASIC listings a few years ago, but according to Gerry Dalton, who has acted as computer coordinator for the society, they are no longer available.

There are commercial time sharing services such as Dataworld and Broadcast Data Services which allow access to mainframe or mini computers running such programs as FM databases, AM directional antenna analysis and calculation of FM and TV contours, but they can be fairly expensive and in some cases impose minimum monthly fees.

Others have offered software for specific applications at prices which may be high for the typical contract engineer.

And a pay-for-service engineering bulletin board seemed to die as quickly as it started up.

But currently, Allied Broadcast runs a Bulletin Board for broadcast engineers, offering a free exchange of software and solutions to technical problems. The number is 317-935-0531.

I have outlined some conventional uses for a computer which I hope will be useful, but here is an unusual one which could make you seem like a troubleshooting wizard.

#### Unusual applications

How many times have you tried for hours to find an intermittent problem using an oscilloscope, only to have the errant waveform flash by so fast, you couldn't identify the problem?

You know that the station manager will object to being charged for ten hours to complete what seems to be a simple task

Well, if you had a digital storage scope,

you could trap that waveform and find out what is going on.

Now, a storage scope is a great device but it can cost thousands of dollars. Long term storage may be unreliable, so you can't always take the image back to the lab for analysis.

#### Scope interface

But what if you had a portable computer? It can store data on floppy disks or even a hard disk.

If it could accept input from a scope, you'd have it made. Well, look at the Heath IC-4802. It turns an IBM compatible computer into a 50 MHz digital storage scope.

You can get not only the waveform itself, but also "automatic readouts of voltage, time or frequency at any point on a waveform." If you don't want to build a kit, it is available assem-

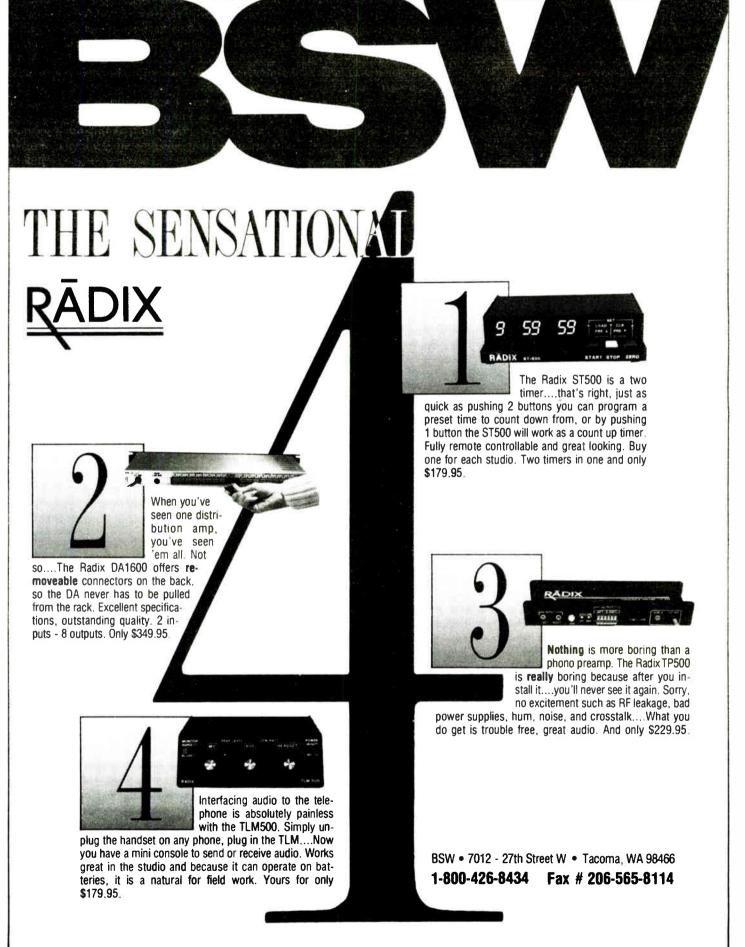
bled as SC-4802.

A somewhat more expensive version can be used with either a computer or an ordinary 5 MHz scope.

Through other suppliers, an extensive line of data acquisition equipment is available which can be used with your computer to analyze all sorts of information from transmitters, power systems and communications paths.

These tools give you an edge in solving difficult problems. They are not yet for everyone, but if you can afford them and are willing to spend the time to learn to use them, they may pay off well.

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## **Microwaves Aid Synchronous AM**

by Fred Baumgartner

**Denver CO...**Historically there has been a relatively small number of synchronous AM radio retransmitters in operation even as experimental stations.

For the most part, synchronous retransmitters have been fairly high power and located a fair distance from the master transmitter.

It is also true that most synchronous projects have had mixed results. Locking the transmitters seems to be the major hurdle.

In the areas where a mix of the master and retransmitter is equal or both have some significant component, an unlocked retransmitter produces a beat note.

Even if the frequency is locked fairly well, shifts in relative phase even over long periods of time cause the peaks and nulls of the interference pattern to shift, making the station unreliable.

Even assuming that the phase relationships can be held fairly close, the absolute tracking required by some popular stereo systems is in question. The lock in phase required for stereo transmission rules out most current technology.

In addition, most synchronous work to date has been done to add additional communities to coverage area.

I would suggest that a more cost effective use of synchronous AM retransmitters is to improve selected areas of existing natural station coverage rather than seeking to add other large communities.

The technology is more suited to three

The technology is more suited to three categories.

First there is null fill. Most stations that operate at night do so with directional arrays. These arrays produce nulls that often leave the station unlistenable within sight of the towers.

As communities grow, the odds of larger portions of the TSA living in the nulls becomes more likely.

Further a number of nulls are produced and tolerated in an effort to keep the cost of the antenna system down, since to reduce the unwanted "symmetrical" null would require more towers.

The second use of synchronous can be

for PSA enhancement.

Most stations that operate in this mode do so with power levels that leave out significant population centers (often rural) that are covered in daytime operation.

A typical operation will find three or four communities within 15 miles of the station location with population in excess of a couple thousand.

The third use is overcoming local terrain limitation. There are a large number of places where mountains, tall buildings, tunnels or very poor ground conductivity preclude coverage.

The concept is to use multiple low power retransmitters to selectively fill in populated nulls and adjacent communities

#### Suitable system

Our system marries solid state low power linear AM transmitters and low cost short haul microwave links.

Both technologies are mature and with a little effort can be made very cost effective

Figure 1 is a block diagram of the system. The master transmitter is tapped at the same point as the modulation monitor.

By definition this point represents a sample of the transmitted station in its most accurate form.

This is used to directly modulate the FM microwave carrier.

This point often causes confusion. What the microwave carries is not demodulated audio or plain unmodulated reference carrier or combinations of the two.

What enters the microwave system and exits is a low voltage version of what is actually being transmitted by the transmitter, including all of the nuances of its envelope and phase modulation characteristics, intended or not.

For microwave systems normally used to carry video with components from 60 Hz to 6 MHz this is not at all difficult.

At the retransmit point the low voltage baseband AM signal carried by the microwave is then amplified to the 10 to 50 watt area and matched to the antenna.

#### Testing the system

On 5 March 1988, Joel Humke of Westek Communications, Bill Harris of KRZN/KMJI, Juhn Hellyer of HSE Communications and I tested the concept.

At noon a 7 GHz microwave transmitter (HSE provided a Microwave Radio Corporation Super Seven-MX) was placed on the roof of the KRZN transmitter building.

The feed to the modulation monitor was tapped and better than 30 dB of homebrew switchable pad installed to reduce the AM signal to one volt peakto-peak.

Joel used a mirror at the retransmit site to flash its location, making pointing the transmitter easy.

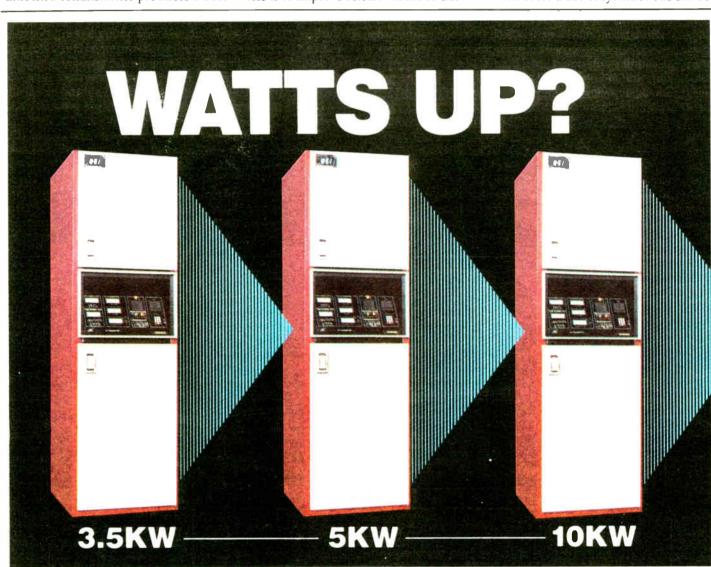
The retransmit site was chosen because it offered line of sight for the 4.2 mile microwave shot and was located in the deep 81° null.

The null is deep enough that a station in Salina, Kansas is heard much better than KRZN and the interference-free contour extends only 1 mile down the radial.

At the retransmit site, the MRC Two-Plus-Seven MR receiver was aimed and a scope confirmed the 1 V peak-to-peak AM signal.

Plugging it into a field intensity meter confirmed the excellent sound quality and the lack of any artifacts other than the KRZN signal at 1150 KHz.

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## AM Retransmission

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A homebrew broadband voltage gain amplifier feeding a homebrew power gain block built around a Linear Technology LT1010 lifts the 1 V peak-to-peak at 75 ohms to about one watt at 50 ohms.

This provided enough input to drive a LA-25 amplifier provided by LPB.

LPB makes these for use in carrier current and low power applications. The LA-25 provides up to 25 W out and is a very clean block of power gain.

My homebrew 160 meter pi-network antenna tuner was just shy enough "L" to bring the 180' long wire (127 -j262 ohms) in line.

Joel's coffeecup was converted into an additional coil as well as Bill's clip leads (he was the only one who remembered to bring a complete set of tools). Finally, 49 - j23 ohms was declared close enough and the wait for the experimental period began.

#### **Results**

It was decided that from ½ to ¼ miles the retransmitter was the dominant signal on 1150.

Beyond this range the skywave and the signal from the main transmitter took

While a distinct interference pattern between the main transmitter and the slave could be found, at no point was the audio degraded.

Cycling the retransmitter on and off proved that within the range of the retransmitter the signal improved a great deal.

Outside of the range of the retransmitter, there was no significant effect. In the interference zone nothing was lost or gained on balance.

A series of field measurements and subjective data were recorded.

The tests were conducted with 7 GHz common carrier microwave, and in the experimental period in a mode far less than non-D full power.

#### Practical implementation

While the experiment proves the workability of the system (though KRZN was not stereo), the equipment used was overkill.

In retrospect, 23 GHz technology seems far more appropriate than the 7 GHz video.

Reducing bandwidth, power, removing the video circuitry, the subcarriers and the bells and whistles like LCD signal strength meter would leave us a barebones microwave system with pretty good range and reliability.

In the case of 23 GHz rain fades the AM band is almost useless.

Clearly antenna efficiency could be improved. Attention to establishing a real ground and placing the long wire in the clear and higher (ours was 8' up and 2' below the CATV) would go a long way.

Helical verticals are a consideration though more expensive. Loading water-towers and other existing vertical structures makes sense too.

Combining the microwave receiver, AM linear amplifier and tuning network in one pole-mounted waterproof box also makes sense and would reduce costs.

There is nothing in the FCC rules and

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regulations that covers these situations.

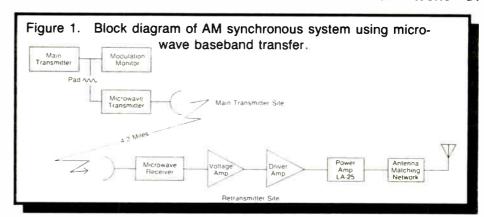
The key item to consider is interference caused to existing services, but two pieces of data are more or less missing to make empirical judgements.

First, if a long wire is used there are few good models of what practical skywave radiation would be.

Second there is even far less data on the effect of multiple close-spaced synchronous transmitters on skywave.

In practice they will rarely add to skywave effects. In fact, a model can be drawn to suggest that the overall effect might be a reduction of skywave effects.

Generally, I would suggest using a



retransmitter up to predicted daytime coverage area or 15 miles, whichever is larger.

I would also recommend the use of up to 1% of main transmitter power level for stations operating in that mode.

In using retransmitters, a maximum of 10 watts beyond 15 miles from main transmitter is needed, as well as a maximum vertcal antenna of 75' or a quarter wave long wire at less than 60' above ground.



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## **Digital Processing**

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The A/D converter samples the audio and outputs a digital word at the clock rate. In a 16-bit system this number can be from 1 to 65,535 corresponding to a theoretical dynamic range of over 96 dB!

This might seem like more than enough for broadcast applications until you factor in the headroom required for distortion-free operation.

Today, many designers compromise by placing an analog compander system into a digital product. This is one way to overcome the headroom required.

In a purely digital circuit the operating point will have to be around 20 dB below the clip point.

Now our 96 dB has been reduced to 76 dB, and that is theoretical. In practice, with today's typical chips, it would be reduced to about 65 dB and this is just barely acceptable in a pro-audio device.

While 65 dB of dynamic range might be marketable in a first-generation processor, 24-bit technology will be necessary for great specs.

The addition of eight more bits will increase the theoretical dynamic range to over 144 dB. Now that is more like it!

The chips to do this are being produced today, but the price is still not in line with the design objectives of a practical digital audio processor at a competitive price.

In this particular design, a ROM

would hold the programming that would manipulate the digitized audio according to a pre-programmed scheme.

In other words, the computer (and that is really what it is) would manipulate the audio in step with a program that could be user-written, supplied by the manufacturer or purchased from a software writer.

Such paramaters as attack and release time constants, compression ratio and threshold would be, in effect, hardwired into the processor.

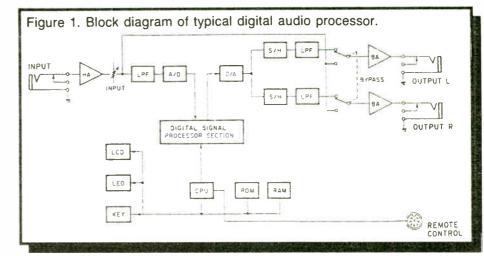
Of course a selection of ROMs could be provided to allow push button selection of programming.

This very circuit, in a bit more complicated form, has produced excellent results in prototype.

When driven by a highspeed CPU, excellent performance has been obtained with minimal side effects.

And while I am sure that multiband digital audio processors will eventually appear, there is good reason to believe at this time that the advantages of the multiband approach are greatly reduced when processing audio in digital.

The actual control is so precise that the chance for intermodulation between frequencies is much lower. Because of cost/value restrictions, the first digital processors are sure to be single band units that will still outperform multiband processors.



Just to stretch your mind a bit, consider further another approach to digital audio processing that "cheats."

It is processing in the purely digital domain as controlled by an analog signal shaped in a conventional side chain.

Tests have shown that most of the advantages of digital processing can be achieved with a hybrid system without much of the cost.

In practice a sample of the audio after reconversion to analog is processed into a control signal quite similar to that used in analog processors.

This signal is then quantified into a digital data stream and used to control the audio through a multiplier circuits. Such multiplier chips are currently available at reasonable prices as they are used in digital equalizers.

With either approach, pure digital or hybrid, the modified digital signal is reconverted to analog through a D/A converter, low-pass filtered and output as standard analog audio.

In those installations that use digital STL systems it would be possible to feed the data stream through the video STL and decode it at the transmitter, improving performance even further.

Obviously any totally digital audio processor would succeed or fail in the marketplace on its own merits, regardless of being digital or analog.

Most of the deep dark secrets of the ultimate digital audio processor will be buried deep into the inviolate VLSIs and

The processor sections will be serviced only by the manufacturer, probably on an exchange basis.

The first practical digital processor must also address the real-world requirements of adjustable programming, operator feedback of function, preemphasis control, gating and other functions.

As with any new technology, the first digital processor will be expensive and relatively inflexible. It will sell only if it can deliver improved performance over analog at a reasonable cost.

By using some existing technology, it should be possible to put a digital processing channel on the market this year for about \$10,000 for mono, \$20,000 for stereo.

The possibilities of clobbering your competition completely might make 20 grand look like small potatoes to a man-

Utilizing the coding technology developed by Sony in the PCM-1630 processor or, for less money yet, the processor section of the Sony PCM-2500 DAT, it should be possible to introduce a ROM based true full digital audio processor this year in a price range that is realistic.

It is beyond my wildest dreams to believe that the introduction of total digital audio processing will clean up the audio in today's contemporary FM or AM stations.

But there is no doubt that it will allow more loudness, punch, clarity and power on the dial than was heretofore possible with analog techniques.

Audio may be a purely analog form, but in the areas of storage (CDs and DAT) and manipulation (digital audio processing) digital is vastly superior. The accuracy of a digital computer working on your audio can make you the most competitive sounding station in your market.

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TFT 8300 STL xmtr only, 947.5 MHz, new cond, \$3700. L Mueller, WSTF, 2500 Maitland Ctr Pkwy, Maitland FL 32751. 305-660-

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Potomac RC16 + 16 channel remote con troi, \$3500. H Reinders, WOGO, 5558 Hallie Rd, Chippewa Falls WI 54729. 715-723-1037.

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Sony VO2850A U-matic 3/4" VCR, fair cond. w/Sony RM400 editor, \$275. K Peckham, WMTV, 615 Forward Dr, Madison WI 53711. 608-274-1515.

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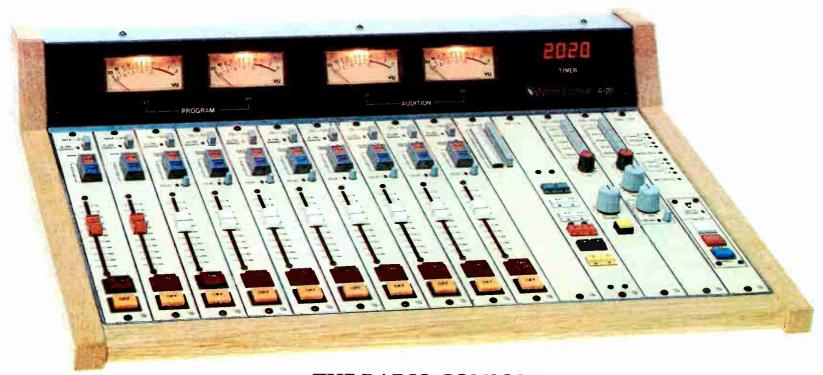
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