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# Battle For Spectrum Begi

by Benn Kobb

Washington DC The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation on 2 August plunged into the question of spectrum shortages in the **Emerging Telecommunications Technol**ogies Act (ETTA) of 1990, bill S.2904. The House has approved a companion bill, H.R. 2965.

The legislation would require the federal government to review its own spectrum usage and turn over as much as 200 MHz of unused or under used frequencies to the FCC for distribution to the private sector. DAB, HDTV and digital portable phones head the list of possible recipients.

At the first hearing, witnesses from government and industry debated whether hundreds of megahertz of spectrum is in fact available in government allocations, and whether the US needs a new DAB band.

"There are now no vacant government frequency bands," said Janice Obuchowski, administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the president's chief telecommunications

The government should not be asked to release free spectrum to entrepreneurs who will make millions in profits, she testified, while taxpayers foot the bills for

agencies to move their radio systems to other frequencies.

Nevertheless, Obuchowski and FCC Chief Engineer Tom Stanley agreed that 200 MHz was an acceptable target to shoot for. She said the Bush administration objects to having the 200 MHz figure imposed as a mandatory requirement "before the tools are in place" to determine how to achieve the reallocation.

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The 89th AES convention opens in LA Sept. 21, with the theme of "Creating

Illusions in

Sound." For pre-

view coverage,

see p. 17.



# FM DA Opponents Ask For FCC Freeze

by Charles Taylor

Washington DC Broadcasters don't like new short-spaced FM directional antenna rules any better now than they did when the FCC adopted them in December 1988, and they've taken another opportunity to restate their position before the Commission.

The latest round of filings is another in a series encouraging the FCC to accept a petition for reconsideration filed by the Association of Broadcast Engineering Standards, engineering consultants du Treil, Lundin & Rackley, Greater Media, Mullaney Engineering and the NAB.

In the recent comments, NAB primarily restated the strong view that the FCC should "abandon all notions" of using FM directional antennas and contour protection in commercial FM broadcasting and urged the Commission to institute a comprehensive technical proceeding on the issue.

#### **Evolution**, not revolution

But engineering consultant Cohen, Dippell and Everist maintained in its latest round of comments that such a proceeding might be too much. "(We) do not oppose initiation of technical studies to improve the technical criteria.

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# **AM Text Supported**

by Charles Taylor

Washington DC The FCC stance that it's time to initiate some hard hitting changes in the AM band has generally met with industry enthusiasm and appreciation following the release of the Commission's 106-page proposed AM rulemaking 18 July.

The text on MM docket 87-267 makes bold moves toward reducing AM interference on the existing band by changing protection limits and making plans to reduce the number of stations, while suggesting stereo and non-simulcasted programming to make the service more aggressive.

Comments on the proposal are due 15 October, however, the industry already is formulating opinions.

#### Commission showed leadership

"I think the Commission showed some leadership in coming up with this. For once, they really generated some ideas of their own," said Group W Director of Engineering Glynn Walden. "I think they've got some interesting ideas on how to foster growth on the band."

"I think it will be helpful," echoed Glen Clark, president of Glen Clark & Associates broadcast technical consultants. He cautioned, however, "The (continued on page 9)

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#### NEWS BRIEFS

Root Indicted in Florida
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Root, the communications attorney pilot whose plane mysteriously crashed off the Bahamas last year, was indicted here 13 August and charged, along with three others, with fraudulent FM investment schemes.

A 50-count indictment was returned by a grand jury charging Root and three executives of Sonrise Management Services with racketeering, securities fraud, organized fraud, sale of unregistered securities and grand theft, according to Associated Press.

Root, 37, handled applications for investors of Sonrise, a Columbus, GA-based company that touted Christian principles in sales literature.

The defendants allegedly sold fraudulent investment opportunities in FM radio license applications pending before the FCC.

Root already faces up to 35

years in prison and \$1.25 million in fines on a guilty plea to federal felony charges of misrepresenting clients. In addition, a North Carolina grand jury indicted him in June on 455 counts of securities fraud and other charges.

#### Telex Acquires McCurdy Digital Intercom

**Minneapolis MN** Telex Communications Inc. has acquired the central matrix intercom and audio system product lines from McCurdy Radio Industries of Toronto.

This is another in a series of strategic acquisitions and

product developments positioning Telex as an intercommunication source to the broadcast, teleproduction and commercial sound industries, according to TCl President Jeffrey Wetherell.

One year ago, Telex acquired RTS Systems shortly after Telex announced the development of a wireless intercom system. The McCurdy product line will be managed out of the RTS division in Burbank, CA.

Telex, both directly and through its RTS division, has specialized in conference or party line intercommunications with some capabilities in small matrix or point-to-point communications. With the addition of McCurdy's digital central matrix products, the company said it now can offer point-topoint communications for systems of all sizes up to 600×600 and with capabilities beyond.

#### VOA Station Delay Lifted

**Negev Desert ISRAEL** A two-year delay imposed on construction of a radio transmitting station here to be used by the Voice of America (VOA) has been lifted.

The Israeli National Planning Board, which decided in May to delay the station for two years while it conducted studies on its impact on migratory birds, changed its mind in August, giving a go ahead for the \$270 million facility.

The station, a joint project with the US Board for International Broadcasting (BIB), has been in planning for more than five years. VOA intends to use it to broadcast programming in at least 20 languages.

Opposition peaked in February when the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel said at a congressional hearing that the project is in the pathway of the major bird flyway connecting Europe and Asia with Africa. Environmentalists also claimed the station threatened thousands of desert plants.

According to published reports, US government pressure prompted the Israelis to reverse their decision, in a 19-to-6 vote.

VOA would employ six of 16 transmitters and 22 of 37 antennas at the station. Peak height of the antennas is 558'.

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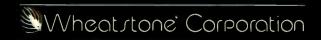


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## DAB Group To Study Spectrum

by Alan Carter

**Montreal CANADA** The NAB Digital Audio and Satellite Sound Broadcasting Task Force, here in early August to hear DAB over-the-air tests, has authorized a spectrum analysis for the new service and has approved the formation of an engineering advisory group.

The task force was in Montreal 8-9 August to take advantage of the first North American DAB broadcasts being conducted this summer across Canada by the Canadian broadcasters using the European developed Eureka 147 technology.

With the task force were NAB executives including President and CEO Eddie Fritts, Executive Operations VP John Abel, General Counsel Jeff Baumann, Government Relations VP Jim May and Science and Technology Senior VP Michael Rau.

#### A clear sound

"I was very impressed," said EZ Communications President Alan Box, chairman of the task force. The difference between analog AM and "AM" via DAB was "quite noticeable," he said, and there was no multipath during broadcasts of FM stations.

Box said the demonstration showed that DAB will be "one new frequency where everyone is pretty much equal." Box admitted the entrance of DAB into US broadcasting has the potential to change the entire scope of radio and will not be an easy transition. "I think there clearly will be a lot of disagreement as DAB moves forward," he said.

"It will bring about change for broadcasting," Box said, "but what that change will be is too early to tell."

Box also noted that the issue will be "tough" for NAB, with its broad range of membership. But the DAB debate cannot be backed away from, he added.

#### **Engineering aspect**

While the task force, composed of NAB Radio Board members representing management, is designed to address political issues, Box said the engineer advisory group will be able to consider technical aspects of DAB.

He hoped to have the group named by Radio '90 show, which opens 12 September in Boston. Engineers interested in being considered for the advisory group are asked to call Science and Technology Senior VP Michael Rau.

Gannett Radio Engineering VP Paul Donahue, who heads an ad hoc industry group called the Committee for Digital Radio Engineering, praised the NAB's desire to bring in engineers and conduct spectrum analysis.

"I think it's good they're taking a proactive stance," he said. "At last, they're recognizing the importance of the issue."

The future of the ad hoc group de-

pends on the direction of the task force's engineering advisory group, Donahue said. He noted that the NAB has incorporated several positions of the committee into its statement on DAB.

But Donahue also said, "There's a lot of time for a lot of different forums."

tion on DAB for Radio '90, and Box said he hoped the planned over-the-air demonstrations at the 1991 NAB convention in Las Vegas could accommodate more people than the Canadian tests.

"I think we need to allow as many people as possible to hear DAB," Box said.

#### **WARC** position discussed

The task force also discussed the position the US should take at the 1992 World Administration Radio Conference (WARC)



NAB Radio Board Vice Chairman Richard Novik (I) and Chairman David Hicks (r), members of the DAB task force, stand in front of the minibus used in Canada's DAB tests.

In asking for a request for proposals to study spectrum availability, the task force said the project should determine how much spectrum is needed to accommodate existing AM and FM licensees. It also will assess the relative spectrum efficiencies between satellite distribution, which the NAB opposes, and terrestrial approaches, which the NAB supports.

The task force has scheduled informa-

along with a presentation the group is expected to be asked to make to the Office of Space Commerce, a division of the Commerce Department that is exploring a worldwide satellite-based DAB system that would be used by Voice of America, with commercial aspects.

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# The Last Long Days of Summer

by Judith Gross

**Falls Church VA** Here it is. As I write this. The end of a long, lazy **hot summer**. At least in concept.

Our troops are in the Persian Gulf. Congress is vacationing on the golf course and the entire city of Washington DC looks like somebody put up a "Gone Fishin" sign.

The word in the industry is that it's slow, as well. Guess it comes as little surprise that things are in a **bit of a slump**. You've heard the figures and forecasts. But let's not give in to the **gloom**, OK?

Hang in there and let's see if we don't pull it out before too long. Bet we'll do better than the Mets. (Thought youse guys were gonna come through this year.)

Speaking of baseball, I got a kick out of WJRZ, the Tom's River, Joisey station that offered George Steinbrenner the position of GM of the station's softball team, the Sharks. Maybe he can do for them what he did for the Yankees. Seems the infamous among us don't fade away. They just end up in radio.



I'm taking a deep breath before the show circuit starts in earnest, right about now. Radio '90 is at the starting gate and I'm geared up to hear the latest buzz on DAB. Also looking forward to some of that delicious New England lobster.

Have to congratulate the DC chapters of SBE and AES. John Reiser, a member of both, put together a hot program a few weeks back on the latest digital plans being tossed about, including Strother's plan to test the Eureka system, Satellite CD Radio's proposal and the tests in Canada. It had to be a first. Hope

the other chapters will follow suit.

And just a humble little question for SBE national. How come there's noth-

ing slated on **DAB** at the **St. Louis** convention? It's too farreaching to ignore.

It won't be all business at Radio '90. The radio networks (what's left of them) usually find a way to have a little fun. ABC Radio is going to set one night of its hospitality suite aside for a "Twin Peaks" theme, based on the David Lynch TV show. Expect the usual: doughnuts (probably arranged by flavor) and eyepatches. But please don't invite Laura Palmer!

In Los Angeles, at AES we'll see how the other side of the digital

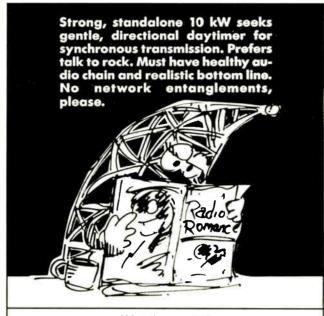
coin, production, is doing with the latest in **workstations**. Check our preview in this issue for more details.

I was pleased to hear that the SBE is hosting a special meeting for female broadcast engineers at its convention in St. Louis. Sandra Woodruff from KFWB has helped put this one together. I'll be there to help the networking along. But my guess is that, unfortunately, we won't need a very big room. I hope I'm wrong about that, though.

All right, all you manufacturers who have been keeping mum on your new gizmos. I've got my tape recorder handy and my exhibit hall shoes polished. I'll be scoping it all out and spilling the beans in the next few issues, so watch out.

While the industry chews on the FCC's AM improvement proposals, I've heard some positive reaction to those provisions encouraging some AM stations to buy out others so interference can be reduced and the remaining AMs can be stronger.

Seems there are some healthy AMs who are looking for stations to buy and some struggling AMs looking



AM dating service?

to be bought out. One engineer suggested somebody start a "matchmaking" service.

Or better still, how about a personals column, like in the upscale magazines?

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Also on AM, you thought you'd heard it all on that certification mark for improved AM radios (you know, the one they're having trouble finding a name for?), but you were wrong. Just when you thought it had been too watered down, the NAB Executive committee met and decided to include AM stereo as a provision for the mark after all.

Seems there's some doubt now whether Congress will go ahead and require receiver manufacturers to insure that radios with FM stereo include AM stereo (the Radio Improvements Act). So, not to take any chances, the execs decided we'd better include it as a provision for the cert mark. Way to go.

And those wacky guys on **Capitol Hill** are at it again. It seems that a new Senate bill (S.2637) would restrict and in some instances eliminate the **use of lead** in all industries as a consumer and environmental protection measure.

The bill would ban lead concentration greater than 0.1%, according to an article in *Electronics Business*. Of course you know that **electronics solder** uses lead in a 4:6 ratio to tin.

As the magazine pointed out, it's hard to fathom how lead in electronics components is harming the general public. (OK, which one of you Senators has been licking the solder?) The Bill isn't that far along and I'm sure the electronics industry will have its say about it. So don't worry ... yet.

And we haven't seen the end of the trend to featuring radio in the movies. A new release, *Pump Up the Volume*, is a story about a high school kid's pirate station and his troubles with the FCC. I heard that when the movie was released, the film folks had an anti-FCC party in Hollywood. (No comment. That one is too easy.)

And I know you didn't get to half of the summer activities you'd planned. Me neither. Don't despair. Take a last long drag on the lemonade and catch a few of those rays before fall kicks in. Indian summer is on its way.

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#### Gammon-bashers are wrong

Dear RW:

The recent comments of Eric Bueneman in the 8 August RW concerning Gammon's move-in at Sandy Springs, Georgia are just plain wrong. Not just five minutes ago, I ran the proposed C3 on my own database and found that the proposed upgrade meets all the requirements of 73.207 of the Commission's rules

Translators (such as the one cited by Bueneman licensed to Covners, GA) are licensed under part 74 of the Rules and are secondary services. Moreover, the Commission's own rules state that allotments are made by the minimum distance requirements.

His comments about Sandy Springs being unincorporated are irrelevant as well. The Commission's designation of a community eligible to receive an FM allotment is somewhat flexible. Back in the Dark Ages (when full service AM assumed its proper role in society) the FCC allotted channel 259C to Kannapolis, North Carolina.

In my database there is no "effective date" for this allotment but I can assure the readers of RW that this was done when Kannapolis was the world's largest

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**Next Issue** Radio World September 26, 1990 unincorporated place. Kannapolis also has two AMs as well, one of which was issued its license when the Commission was more like a bunch of feudal lords rather than a branch of the government. I suppose the Commission erred in allowing those 30,000 or so non-people in Kannapolis to have its first FM service.

That being said, any decent first-year law student could look through the FCC Reports and find more cases of this taking place. There is ample precedent for providing an FM allotment to a community of substantial size which is not necessarily "chartered" under the laws of a particular Commonwealth or state. (For the record, Kannapolis is now an incorporated city under a mayor-council form of government.) Interested parties may want to look at the allotment history of Massachusetts, whose political subdivisions baffle me to this day.

What really fires me up about Bueneman is the long winding diatribe about which market requires what format. I'm also hacked about the attitude of certain broadcasters who want to penalize Gammon for playing by the rules of capital-

Bueneman's comments reek almost of socialism, and while I am willing to die for his right to state his case, I (and most broadcasters) vigorously oppose any kind of format allocation. The determination of format by Bueneman, Gammon or anyone else should be determined solely by the pressures of the free market economy governed by the pricing mechanism. If enough of you Gammon-bashers out there get together, I'm sure that it can be arranged for the FCC (or a heretofore unknown branch of the government) to return to the days of yore when you had to send in your rate card, percentage of records played, and

Both Anniston and Atlanta are overradioed, in the sense that most people who hold licenses have the poor taste to "slivercast" towards that economic Nirvana "soft adult contemporary danceable hits" (and country, and urban) rather than taking any real risks. In that sense, they are under-radioed too. This is great fodder for high school debate, by the way. The debate team, your audience, has turned its ears elsewhere.

But we, as broadcasters, have failed to look at the real enemy, the cassette tape (which everyone I know from 35 down prefers to radio, any day). This wonderful device (and as a broadcast professional, I'm guilty of using it too) allows me to immediately receive entertainment programming, not available on any radio station, which meets the needs and issues of my age group.

It's real simple, people: the marginal utility of one C-90 cassette tape exceeds the opportunity cost of the next highest valued alternative: silence. Slivercasting class "C" FMs come somewhere below

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If Gammon is smart enough to run the

Now that the industry has had a chance to digest the massive rewrite of AM technical rules it's time for open debate to begin.

The lengthy document shows that the Commission is ready to take a hard line to reduce interference on the AM band and help put the struggling service in a better competitive position.

Many of the ideas put forth in the NPRM-technical and non-technicalare controversial and will not be easily decided.

More stringent protection ratios, a requirement for stereo transmission and elimination of program simulcasting are a few areas where there is cer-

tain to be disagreement.

## Time To Speak Up For AM

Other proposals, such as offering incentives for thriving stations to buy out ailing AMs, appear to be gaining acceptance more readily.

The Commission broke from past policy in creating a model for the expanded AM band. By putting aside special interest preferences in favor of interference

reduction, the FCC has clearly defined new priorities.

Thus, the NPRM becomes even more critical, not just to existing broadcasters but to a future band which is now only in the formative stages.

Because of this, and because AM is literally fighting for its survival, it is crucial that the merits of all the proposals put forth be weighed carefully and that all factions of the industry are heard.

While it's true that new technologies, such as DAB, may change the shape of all of radio's future, an improvement in the state of AM will help many stations immediately and the entire band during the transition to newer services.

It is imperative that the industry meet the challenge the Commission has proposed by evaluating each recommendation and submitting comments by the 15 October deadline.

The FCC has attempted to breathe new life into AM by giving the industry the opportunity to change technical policies and correct past mistakes. It is a chance that those concerned about AM's future can't afford to miss.

engineering on 400 potential move-ins, he is assuredly smart enough to do something with a move-in that will 1) provide diversity in the marketplace of Atlanta, whether or not it is licensed to Sandy Springs, Powder Springs, or Squeaky Springs and 2) increase the number of homes using radio, which is good for everyone.

Let's let Gammon take the risk, and let's not penalize him for the prime directive that keeps the US the greatest country on earth: Those who take risks shouldn't be crucified for making a profit. Perhaps the Tom Gammons of the world will get this industry off its collected butt and elevate FM radio to something more than a jukebox for Yuppie nostalgia

York David Anthony, CE WADE (AM) Wadesboro, NC

#### Better ways to synchronize

Dear RW:

The 25 July issue included an interesting article about synchronous AM systems. The author suggested the use of WWV as a reference for this technique, noting that WWV's accuracy as a reference (after bouncing off the ionosphere) is no better than 100 parts per billion.

In reality, WWV's signals are phasemodulated even more than that, most of the day, and you'd be better off locking to WWVB on 60 kHz or Loran-C on 100 kHz. There are commercially available receivers which use these signals to provide atomic clock performance at a fraction of the cost of an atomic clock. Stations on 1000 kHz are the easiest cases: several companies offer WWVB receivers with phase-locked 1 MHz and/or 10 MHz outputs. Stations on 1250 kHz could use the 10 MHz output divided by four, etc.

On another subject, the 11 July issue included an article by George Riggins in which he discusses "W" call signs still in use west of the Mississippi River. There are five in Texas: WTAW, WOAI, WRR-FM, WBAP and WACO. The WBAP transmitter is no longer in Grapevine. It is now in or near Mansfield. TX. I'd like to point out that WOAl is probably the westernmost station with a "W" call sign, since San Antonio is about one degree farther west than Norfolk, NE.

By the way, let me be the first to tell you that there's going to be another leap second at the end of the year. I just got my notification the other day.

Andrew Dart Andy's Bureau of Standards Duncanville, TX

#### More on Gammon plan

I just finished reading Eric Bueneman's letter in the 8 August issue of Radio World, and felt a reply to Mr. Bueneman's position was in order.

First of all, translators are a secondary service (see FCC Rule 74.1203). Translators are not protected from any changes in the table of allotments, even those that might put the translator out of existence. If and when a new full power station on 100.5 began operation in the Atlanta area, the translator would be history.

As for WUSY (FM) in Cleveland, TN, Mr. Bueneman is apparently unaware that WHMA-FM in Anniston and WUSY are currently short-spaced to one another, in accordance with the terms of a 1987 agreement between the two stations. Moving WHMA-FM to Sandy Springs actually increases the separation between WHMA-FM and WUSY, thereby decreasing the shortspacing.

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# NAB Battles Spectrum Fees

by John Gatski

Washington DC War has been declared on a possible resurrection of broadcaster spectrum fees, which NAB warned could put some stations out of business.

NAB Government Relations VP Jim May said the NAB has launched an all-out attack on spectrum fees prior to any possible official acknowledgement of the proposal by the White House or congressional budget negotiators, who reportedly are considering a 4% fee on gross annual revenues.

"It's nearly impossible to change their (budget negotiators) minds, once they have agreed on it," May said.

#### Beating the drums

The NAB is drumming up opposition to spectrum fees by sending out do-ityourself packages to its members. The kits explain various options in fighting the proposed spectrum fees including a letterwriting campaign to local congressmen and senators.

A decision whether to levy spectrum

**Washington DC** President Bush has

called the 14-week test of TV Marti a suc-

cess and is now deciding whether to

make the controversial US news and in-

formation service into Cuba permanent.

ice Television (MSTV) has called the data

the White House used to justify TV

As of 1 August, Congress had 30 days

to respond to a presidential report from

Marti into question.

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But the Association of Maximum Serv-

fees is likely when the budget summit resumes between White House staff and kev congressional leaders in early September, congressional sources said.

The NAB believes added emphasis will be placed on spectrum fees by the presiraise \$1.7 billion in fiscal 1991.

The NAB, however, said the fees would have a devastating effect by increasing the number of stations operating at a pre-tax loss from 3,250 to 4,180 and would likely drive some of them out of business

#### A decision whether to levy spectrum fees is likely when the budget summit resumes.

dent's budget staff in light of the severity of the federal budget deficit and recent events in the Middle East that have prompted higher oil prices.

Iraq's attack on Kuwait has resulted in higher gas prices, which will likely kill any gas tax hike proposals. A gas tax increase is a considered prime revenue source, according to federal budget officials.

"That means there is going to be even more pressure (to consider the spectrum fees) as a result of that," May noted.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has estimated that spectrum fees could

NAB, Florida broadcasters and others

who fear Cuban retaliation against AM

stations through powerful transmitters.

Some members of Congress also have

Despite much criticism from the

broadcast community, Bush said that TV

Marti's unusual broadcasting configur-

ation—a transmitter perched within an

Air Force balloon 10,000' above south

come out against TV Marti.

Florida—is technically feasible.

Smaller and larger station managers

of a spectrum fee, too, according to KIKK GM Craig McGee of Houston.

"The market is completely flat. We are not having 8-9% increases like we are used to seeing in radio," McGee said. "I definitely believe it could hurt a lot of the smaller operators."

New York City's WNEW GM Ted Utz said the US government should learn to put its own finances in order instead of penalizing broadcasters with a spectrum

on us," Utz said.

dropped, as an option by legislators in 1989. As in 1989, the spectrum fee pro-

In a recent letter to White House Chief of Staff John Sununu, Telecommunications and Finance Subcommittee members Rep. Matthew Rinaldo (R-NJ) and Rep. Norm Lent (R-NY) said that trying to fight the deficit via spectrum fees could undermine the public interest intent of broadcast licenses.

agreed with the NAB's pessimistic view of spectrum fees.

"I don't think we need anymore fees. Most of the smaller stations are just barely making it," said Ed Moynahan, GM of KMOZ in Rollas, MO.

Big market stations would feel the pinch

**Penalizing stations** 

"It obviously would be a major burden

Spectrum fees were proposed, but posal has its detractors in Congress.

Bush, who will decide whether TV Marti The President's report acknowledged that Cuba has successfully jammed the is to become permanent. The service resignal to most of Havana where the mains on the air, although the hours have been reduced from three to two broadcast is aimed, but outlying areas can receive the mix of pro-western news and a half. TV Marti has drawn the ire of the and entertainment. **Your Problem Solvers**  Mike Line **Phono** 

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They also said that any spectrum fees proposal should come through the normal legislative process of senate and congressional committees that have jurisdiction and not as part of budget negotia-

"If payment for spectrum use is not reconciled with the current statutory framework and these public interest obligations, the result could modify or destroy the public service obligations of broadcasters and others under the law," the let-

Sen. Ernest Hollings (D-SC) and Telecommunications and Finance Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Edward Markey (D-MA) also have reservations about spectrum fees.

For information about spectrum fees, contact Jim May at the NAB, 202-429-5302.



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# Varian Poised To Sell Continental Division

by Charles Taylor

**Palo Alto CA** Varian Associates has reached a tentative agreement to sell its Continental Electronics to a Houston-based electronics company.

Tech-Sym, a designer, developer, producer and vendor of advanced electronic systems and components, tentatively agreed to purchase the division for an undisclosed price, it was announced 3 August.

Continental, which manufactures and sells high-power radio frequency transmitters, had been on the block since May, when Varian announced an across-the-board "repositioning" that included the sale of several non-core businesses and product lines.

According to Varian, the company intends to focus on the component aspects of its operations rather than systems. It will retain core businesses that manufacture electron devices, analytical instruments, semiconductor process equipment and medical therapy equipment.

Tech-Sym, listed on the New York Stock Exchange, owns five electronics companies that manufacture products ranging from seismic equipment for oil exploration to microwave components. It was founded in the 1950s as Metric Systems Corp., which manufactures computer equipment, radar and controls for shipboard electronics for the US Navy.

Continental, which will be the company's first broadcast entity, will continue to operate as is with no intended changes in operations or personnel, according to Wendell Gamel, chairman of Tech-Sym.

"We own these companies and we allow them to operate pretty independently. We have nine people in headquarters—we're not bureaucrats," Gamel said. "We think broadcasting is a good business and one that will be here for a long time and a straightforward sort of business. We were approached and we made an offer."

Continental reported sales of \$9 million in the first nine months of fiscal 1990.

The final agreement is subject to approval by the companies' boards of directors.

Still for sale by Varian is its TVT Ltd. The company designated a 29 September deadline.

For information from Continental, call Walt Rice at 214-381-7161.

#### **AM Mark Revised**

by Alan Carter

**Washington DC** AM stereo and variable bandwidth may be included as part of the NAB/EIA certification mark for improved AM radios after all.

The NAB Executive Committee, meeting here 14 August, approved a revised list of criteria for the yet-to-bedetermined identification mark NAB and the Electronic Industries Association want manufacturers to use to identify improved receivers.

Other criteria the NAB governing body accepted were NRSC, AM and FM bands, AM noise blanking, an external antenna and the expanded AM band from 1605 kHz to 1705 kHz.

The AM stereo provision was originally rejected by manufacturers as be-

ing too costly. But now that legislation that would mandate AM stereo on radios which receive FM stereo is before Congress, the inclusion of it in the certification mark is a more likely possibility.

The stance adopted by the executive committee said that radios with FM should have AM, and those with FM stereo should include AM stereo.

The next step is to "reconnect" with EIA, according to NAB Staff Engineer Stan Salek, coordinator of the National Radio Systems Committee, where the certification mark originated.

In other certification mark news, Salek said four new IDs are under review after the initial one, "IQ," was found in conflict with Bell Atlantic's IQ telephone service.

#### **Antenna Project Ends**

by John Gatski

**Washington DC** The NAB does not plan any further testing in the near future of its anti-skywave antenna, despite the fact that it was found to be only 30% effective.

NAB Staff Engineer Kelly Williams said all data from the tests, completed in early August, has not been analyzed but he confirmed the initial results presented to the NAB Executive Committee meeting here 14 August.

Asked if NAB will fund the project further, Williams said, "Not in the immediate future"

A full report on the skywave antenna tests was expected at Radio '90 in Boston, opening 12 September.

The \$100,000 project was tested on varying ground systems in late June. In early August, receive tests were made and further ground systems testing was

completed.

The antenna, designed by consultant Ogden Prestholdt, was supposed to reduce nighttime interference by tuning out skywave in any desired direction.

Prestholdt declined to discuss details of the tests but noted that he was "puzzled" by the varying propagation measurements taken during the tests.

Williams, however, said the project was not a disappointment.

"We are looking at ways of improving AM service, and this is one of those ways," he said.

He pointed to another NAB project, the low-profile antenna that is being tested through computer modeling.

Williams said the results of the computer modeling are very encouraging and the low-profile project's status would be updated during the radio show.

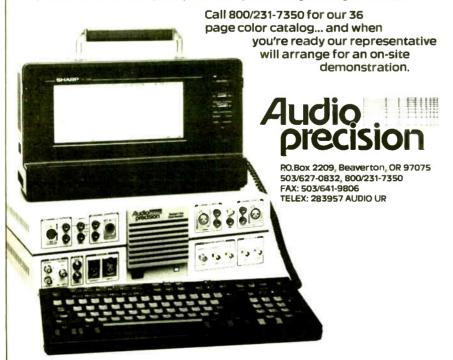
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# **AM Rejuvenation Plan Praised**

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Commission is correct in assuming we need radical changes for this to be effective, but they need to realize that just because something is radical does not mean it will be effective."

One proposal that Clark strongly opposed was the Commission's suggestion that a first adjacent channel protection ratio of 16 dB be instituted for daytime operation. Currently, first adjacents are offered no protection.

"With 16 dB, you're going to find just about every station in America is going to be in violation. Essentially, they're putting a straight jacket on every station. The price we'd pay is a lot more painful than what they're trying to protect."

With 16 dB protection, protection would extend from a station's .5 mV/m to another station's .079 mV/m contour. Clark commented, "To protect a station today to a half mV/m contour is really senseless. Anyone who thinks anybody is listening at that contour is fooling himself. Most receivers today are not that sensitive."

Both Clark and Walden also disagreed with a proposal—being dubbed the Ratchet Clause—to institute a requirement that any AM nighttime currently creating certain levels of interference would have to reduce its calculated nighttime limitation by 10% when applying for upgrades or transmitter relocations.

"If you have an AM that is profitable and the landlord is going to quadruple your rent, which would put you in debt, forcing you to relocate, you shouldn't have to take a signal loss. That has nothing to do with upgrading or financial gain," said Clark.

#### Impact of digital

One issue not dealt with in the docket but prompting discussion is the influence that digital audio broadcasting (DAB) may have on AM's future. The technology has emerged in recent months as a possible replacement service for both AM and FM. Would it render recent attempts at improvement moot?

"Digital is brand new and will be front and center for a long time. But we have the momentum going with AM now and we've got to see that through," warned David Hicks, NAB's Radio Board vice chairman and CEO/president of Hicks Broadcasting. "If all of the bands operate at their peak performance with the highest technical achievement possible, there's room for all three in the foreseeable future."

Added Group W's Walden, "I'd say we've got 10 or 15 years to get this improvement done and continue to make a living with this until DAB takes over. But if we don't push for improving AM, we're only going to accentuate its decline."

Clark, however, theorized that DAB will be more of a threat to FM than AM because of the battle over superior music delivery, which is not as relevant to

become mandatory within a designated number of years, it asked.

Frank Hilbert, manager of AM stereo and the modulation systems lab at Motorola, supported AM stereo for all stations, and stressed the importance of requiring manufacturers to include AM stereo circuitry on receivers.

If implemented, Hilbert said, "at least it'll give AM a chance, because you can't go stereo without making a significant improvement in quality and performance."

Added Hicks, "I think stereo is really necessary to get a good foundation for AM, except in cases of extreme financial difficulty. We've gone too long without too much direction. (The NAB Radio

first, then work on the programming."

As a case in point against the total abolishment of simulcasting, he explained that his WCAU AM and FM in Philadelphia, on 17 August, changed call letters to WOGL AM and FM and began simulcasting portions of its FM oldies format on the AM, striking the AM's talk format.

"We put in a brand new Harris DX-50 transmitter in the AM and a new air studio with PR&E equipment and the like. We're stereo, which we weren't before. We have this station sounding great," Masiello said. "The statement that CBS is making is that we've made quite a commitment to this.

"There is nothing wrong with sharing programming on AM and FM—totally shared is not right, but if you have something that is worthwhile, there's no reason why we can't share it on AM, especially when our nighttime coverage on AM far outweighs the FMs."

#### Give up the frequency

But according to Art Suberbielle, chairman of the NAB's AM Improvement Committee, a member of the NAB Radio Board and president and GM of KANE-AM, "An end to simulcasting is a good proposal, because the practice does nothing to induce listening on the AM band. It's the same as asking how many copies of a publication or a letter do you need?

"Why not give the frequency to someone who can innovate it or give up the frequency to cut interference?" he said.

Regarding allocation of stations to the anticipated AM expanded band, the Commission gave preference to those AMs that are found to cause the most interference on the existing band.

Numerous broadcasters had petitioned that minorities, daytimers and public radio stations deserve allocation preference.

"I think the FCC bit the bullet and did what was necessary to hopefully alleviate some pre-existing interference problems on the AM band," said Suberbielle. "Any entrepreneur or minority who wants to get into AM broadcasting can certainly find properties at bargain basement prices on the existing band right now."

"The FCC is very correct in its stance," added Hicks. "It's a good approach to clean up the whole spectrum."

#### "I'd say we've got 10 or 15 years to get this improvement done and continue to make a living with this until DAB takes over."

AM. "Many AM stations are successful in the face of FM competition," he said. "The fact that FM has better fidelity than these stations really isn't a factor. With DAB, to the degree that these AMs are immune from FM's attack, they will be immune from DAB."

However, Alan Box, head of the NAB's Task Force on Digital Audio and Satellite Sound Broadcasting and president of EZ Communications, said that AM and FM service eventually will move into digital spectrum. In the meantime, he agreed that AM deserves attention.

"We're looking realistically at seven to 10 years before digital totally saves the day for AM, but I think there needs to be something in between," he said.

#### Stereo, yes, yes, yes

Among the more demanding proposals within the text is a move to implement stereo across the band. The FCC queried whether expanded band stations should be required to transmit in stereo or whether it should be regarded as an allocation preference. In the existing band, should stereo transmissions

Board) voted in June for AM broadcasters to move in a stereo direction."

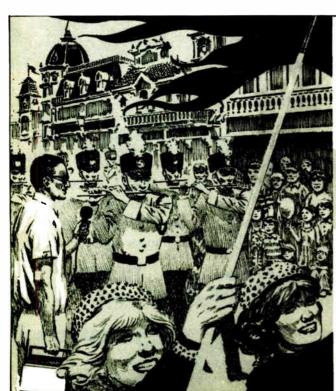
Hicks also supported a manufacturers' standard for stereo: "It's the only way we're going to move this ahead, and the sooner the better. It's going to be up to the manufacturers, since we can't order a (stereo transmission) standard."

#### Simulcasting draws opposition

The Commission's proposal to put an end to AMs simulcasting FM programming met some opposition when released, and continues to draw a divided viewpoint from the industry.

"A mandate on separation at this time would not be to the best benefit of improving the technical aspects of AM," Hicks said. "We have to have all the resources first, like stereo and NRSC. Once we've had a chance to clean up technically, then simulcasting can follow suit. Right now, we need some breathing room."

According to CBS Technical Operations Director Tony Masiello, "What we have to do is clean up the band and make good sounding radios first. Get the quality up



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# Second Look at FM DAs Urged

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"However," it added, "(We) believe that improvements identified in such a proceeding will generally be evolutionary rather than revolutionary. An undertaking of this magnitude would be expected to require an inordinate period of time to complete and would have a significant impact upon FCC resources."

The firm said that the undertaking likely would require congressional funding, "with uncertainty of success at a time of budget restrictions."

#### Not even anecdotal evidence

Among the only parties strongly supporting the Commission's action—and opposing the request to reconsider—was Tschirhart Broadcasting in Houston. The NAB, it said, "does not submit so much as anecdotal evidence that the FCC propagation assumptions are so flawed as to require a freeze."

The company added that it would be unfair for the FCC to put a freeze on directional antennas now, because "many broadcasters have assumed that these rules were settled and made plans accordingly."

Each time the NAB has moved to delay or rescind protection guidelines, the FCC has failed to approve it. This should be no different, Tschirhart said.

Along with the filings was a dispute about the nature of the opposition to the Commission's original action. du Treil, Lundin & Rackley issued a separate statement saying its position on the issue had been inaccurately represented by the NAB.

According to the engineering firm, the NAB issued a press release that incorrectly linked the firm to some viewpoints NAB said were shared by the five groups in the joint filing.

First, it said, NAB erred in saying that du Treil, Lundin & Rackley subscribed to the view that FM directionals were technically unsound. Said firm President Robert du Treil, "FM directional antennas are actually preferable to non-directional antennas from an engineering standpoint. At least some form of pattern modeling must be undertaken."

NAB also seeks suspension of the FCC's new rules pending Commission review,

with which du Treil disagreed. "The new rules provide the only means for some stations to change transmitter sites or improve their facilities," he said. "It's important that stations have this last resort."

#### More support for reconsideration

Also filing comments were Guy Gannett Publishing Co., licensee of WSSP-FM in Cocoa Beach, FL, and JJ Taylor Cos., licensee of WEAT-FM in West Palm Beach, FL.

Guy Gannett, in its comments, said that a comprehensive proceeding is necessary to re-examine the technical assumptions underlying contour protection and their adequacy to accurately predict interference.

"Specifically, Gannett opposes the grant of assignments under the contour protection rules in areas of the country where 'ducting' interference is a significant problem," it wrote. "Gannett supports the joint parties' recommendation to suspend the application and use of the (new rules)."

The company added that contour protection would lead to an unacceptable increase in overall interference in the FM band. Adherence to distance separation standards, it said, is particularly acute in the southern coastal regions of the US, where ducting is more prevalent.

Taylor disagreed, however, saying that the station actually was trying to prevent Taylor's WEAT from taking advantage of the new rules.

### **FCC Clarifies STL Extension Rule**

by John Gatski

**Washington DC** Due to reported confusion among some engineers, the FCC has clarified its recent STL policy that extended the amount of time radio stations have to upgrade their STLs.

According to the Commission's Engineering Policy Branch, the recent amendment to Section 74.550 allows stations to continue using non-type notified STLs until 1 July 1993, and also applies to stations that make changes to their transmitter, antenna or studio.

The FCC clarified its policy regarding STLs when Radio World received calls from stations that said they were told they could only continue to use the non-

type notified STLs if no changes were made to the studio, transmitter or STL location.

Engineers were under the impression that if modifications were made to a station, newer, type notified STL would have to be used.

According to FCC Engineering Branch Policy Chief Jim McNally, however, stations can continue to use their current non-type notified STLs until the 1 July 1993, deadline, even if changes are made to the transmitter, antenna, studio or STL location.

"Section 74.550 as amended in the order simply indicates that operation of the 944-952 MHz equipment, which has not been approved under the equipment authorization program, may continue until 1 July 1993," McNally said.

Although the rule does not specifically state current 944-952 MHz equipment can continue to be used, the intent has been interpreted as such, McNally explained.

"The rule presumes that licensees of new or modified STL facilities will *elect* to use new equipment and requires that such equipment marketed after 1985 be type notified. But it does not preclude a licensee acquisition and use of used, non-type notified 944-952 MHz STL equipment until 1 July 1993," McNally said.

When the Commission amended its STL rules, part of the reason for the extension was the expectation of imminent availability of digital equipment, McNally noted. "The FCC did not want to force licensees to invest in analog equipment when digital equipment was expected shortly," he said.

Despite the extra time stations have to upgrade their STLs, McNally warned STL users not to purchase and install non-type notified STLs close to the 1 July 1993, deadline because there will be no more extensions.

The FCC made its original STL mandate in 1985 giving stations five years to upgrade to type notified/accepted STLs on the 944-952 MHz band. However, the deadline was extended from 1990 to 1993 in January when National Public Radio (NPR) and the Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE) pressured the FCC to allow stations to have more time to upgrade to type notified/type accepted STLs.



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# Gammon Defends Relocation

#### Media Entrepreneur Places Ad to Explain Ethical And Legal Motives Behind Planned Station Move

by Charles Taylor

Vienna VA Tom Gammon is weary of those who don't believe.

When the broadcaster filed with the FCC in February to relocate his WHMA-FM 90 miles from Anniston, AL, to Sandy Springs, GA, under new cityof-license rules, he was bombarded by criticism that the action was a sly attempt to invade the lucrative Atlanta market.

Since then, Gammon, who owns Crown Broadcasting here, has been on the defense, relentlessly trying to prove that his move is legal, ethical and just a noble attempt at good business.

In July, Gammon took out a full-page advertisement in broadcasting trade publications trying to make his point clear.

"Like you, my living has depended on a healthy, vibrant broadcasting industry," he stated. "Recently, there's been a lot of publicity suggesting that I'm up to something that will hurt our business. It's not so, and I want you to know it."

According to Gammon's attorney Kevin Boyle with Latham & Watkin, the ad was placed in the hopes of alleviating "an incredible amount of very emotional disinformation being spread by opponents. He figured this was the best way the public could find out the truth and the advantages of what he is trying to do."

In the ad, Gammon explained that after spending \$500,000 for nationwide engineering studies to search out geographic situations where the new cityof-license rules might be applied, he

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#### **Subvert Communications Act**

But the NAB and a number of Atlanta broadcasters have cried foul on the proposition, claiming that Gammon's move represents, according to the NAB, "nothing more than a thinly veiled effort to subvert Communications Act requirements and relocate a radio station to a much larger market."

The groups added that if successful,

In the ad, Gammon maintianed that less than 10 site move changes have been filed in the year since the Commission passed its city-of-license rules and that his engineering research showed that only between 14 and 16 FMs near the top 150 markets could technically change their cities of license to enhance their value while complying with FCC rules.

#### Only 58 really could do it

In another document, Gammon said that within an examination of "thousands of theoretical possibilities," a total of only 58 stations nationwide could viably enhance service while providing economic benefit to the station.

In a reply to supplemental comments filed in July with the Commission, Great American Television and Radio, WSB and Summit-Atlanta Broadcasting, responded that even with 58 potential moves, "there are 58 compelling reasons for the Commission to reconsider the current formulation of its community of license modification policy."

Said Boyle, "I can't say what will happen if this doesn't go through. If it goes in the tank, Tom Gammon is not going to smile and just walk away from it. Some of his reaction may be legal."

The FCC's response, he added, isn't expected for several months. "There are other things on the Commission's agenda that they have deal with first. It will certainly be at least the end of the summer before they get to this."

For information, contact Crown Broadcasting at 703-506-0990.

"If it goes in the tank, Tom Gammon is not going to smile and just walk away from it. Some of his reaction may be legal."

took advantage of three potential opportunities, including the Anniston to Sandy Springs move.

This proposal, he says, will provide a first local station to Sandy Springs-a community of more than 77,000 people-reach and serve the Atlanta market, add a new, first FM radio service at Lineville, AL, "and most importantly, add a full-service FM station in Anniston, so that it loses no service.

Gammon's move would bring a flood of moves, threatening the system of localism.

Gammon, in May, responded that such charges were unfounded and that the Commission "should have no problem recognizing anticompetitive urges under the guise of the public interest."

Added attorney Boyle, "There seems to be an incredible amount of rankle about him proposing to upgrade his facilities, which people in the medium have done since radio got going. I find it perplexing that some broadcasters are screaming about this little potential from what will still be an inferior facility to what they have."

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# Spectrum Hearings

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Pentagon spokesman Lt. General James Cassity Jr. of the Joint Staff testified that vacating military use of the 225-400 MHz band alone would cost more than \$20 billion. Displacing a single radar system would cost \$350-550 million,

IEEE witness Robert Powers said that military mobile radio channels use four times the bandwidth needed by newer private sector systems. In the 7 and 8 GHz satellite bands, Powers said, government utilization is estimated to be less than one-tenth that of commercial

However, speaking for at least one segment of broadcasters, National Public Radio President Douglas Bennet supported the legislation and requested that 20% of current or new spectrum made available through ETTA be set aside for

the exclusive use of public radio stations for DAB.

"Less than one-half of the current noncommercial FM allocation has been assigned to public radio stations," he said. "Existing spectrum allocations are not adequate to provide a nationwide public radio system. This set-aside would make up for this deficiency, allow public radio to expand its services to unserved and under served audiences, and take advantage of technological advances as they occur."

Bennet described the advantages of DAB and warned that "radio may become stranded as the last analog audio format unless broadcasters and policy makers are prepared to tackle head-on the challenges and opportunities that DAB represents." The additional spectrum is necessary in order to support the transition of radio stations from analog to DAB, he said.

Subcommittee Chairman Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-HI) asked Bennet what would happen to the FM spectrum when the transition period is over.

"It could be a long time," the NPR president replied. "Our position is that the spectrum ought to be used for optimum purposes, and what that would look like after a 20-year transition period is very hard to project today."

The legislation faces action by the full committee before consideration by the Senate and reconciliation with the House bill if passed.



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Mr. Bueneman also matter-of-factly states that WHMA-FM's country format "cannot successfully compete in the Atlanta market." On what does Mr. Bueneman base this? Does he have research to back up his claim? When Y106 went country, there are those who said they'd never beat WKHX, but they did. And who's to say WHMA-FM would program country after the move?

Mr. Bueneman states that "the Anniston/Gadsden market needs a country and western music FM station, to compete with WAAX (FM) and WJXL (AM)." However, if you were to ask WAAX and WJXL, I'm sure they'd love to have this powerful competitor moved out of town. Mr. Bueneman also overlooks Emerald Broadcasting's proposal to add a new 25 kW Class C3 allocation to Anniston if WHMA-FM is relocated.

Mr. Bueneman further asserts that if Emerald is successful in moving WHMA-FM to Georgia, "a set number of jobs should be set aside for entry level (on-air) and disabled (off-air) applicants." This is the most asinine suggestion I've heard in ages. Emerald complied with all FCC rules when they petitioned to relocate WHMA-FM to Sandy Springs. Even the suggestion that they be burdened with employment restrictions is absolutely ridiculous.

I guess everyone is entitled to their opinion, but it's foolish to formulate an opinion (and have it published) when you don't have all the facts.

Larry G. Fuss, Broadcast Consultant Contemporary Communications Fayetteville, GA

#### More on shared and western calls

Dear RW

Recent RW issues have addressed the old technique of synchronizing carriers of cochannel AM stations, à la WBZ/WBZA in Boston and Springfield, but they've not mentioned synchronization of the modulating audio, too. Here are some recollections.

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The scheme wasn't greatly successful at my location, about 70 miles northeast of Lincoln and 350 miles west of Chicago. KFAB was our "local" CBS source during the day, but echo from WBBM and skywave

interactions usually made it unlistenable at night.

On another subject, the Old Timer has researched the history of a few "W" calls past or current west of the Mississippi river. There used to be a considerable number of them. Among those I heard regularly while growing up are/were:

IA: WOI, Ames (non-commercial AM owned by Iowa State U.); WMT, Cedar Rapids;

WHO, Des Moines; WSUI, Iowa City (non-commercial AM owned by U. of Iowa); WOC, Davenport (on the Miss. river; was transmitter on IL side?); WDBQ, Dubuque (also on the river).

In KS there was WIBW, Topeka; in MN: WCCO, Minneapolis-St. Paul (on the river—transmitter to the east?); in NE: WOW, Omaha and WJAG, Norfolk; in OK: WKY, Oklahoma City; in SD: WNAX, Yankton; and in TX: WOAI, San Antonio; WBAP and WFAA, both Dallas-Ft. Worth.

In checking a 1967 Broadcasting Yearbook (the oldest I have)

I note these other "W" calls west of the Mississippi then:

KS: WREN, Topeka; MN: WAYL, Minneapolis (east of the river?); WCTS; WDGY; WLOL; WMIN; WMKT; WPBC; WWTC; WCAL, Northfield; in ND: WDAY, Fargo; in OK: WNAD, Norman; WBBZ, Ponca City; in TX: WTAW, College Station; WRR, Dallas and WACO, Waco

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#### **Pro Interface Efforts**

by John Gatski

Washington DC Efforts are underway to facilitate the acceptance of the AES/EBU interface in professional digital audio equipment.

The Audio Engineering Society (AES) and European Broadcasting Union (EBU) are revising the standard to make it easier to implement, according to Robert Finger, chairman of the AES Working Group for Input/Output Interfaces.

The interface standard revision process should be complete by early 1991, Finger said.

#### Not catching on

The interface, originally known as AES-3 1985 and adopted in 1985, has not been embraced quickly by manufacturers because of complicated interface circuitry, lack of commercial grade ICs and specification confusion.

Many companies have used consumer interfaces in their equipment that have similarities to the AES/EBU digital audio interfaces, but have incorporated shortcuts such as consumer-grade ICs and connections that have created incompatibility problems.

Richard Cabot, who also sits on the AES Working Group for Input/Output Interfaces, said the AES and EBU have worked toward more straightforward specifications.

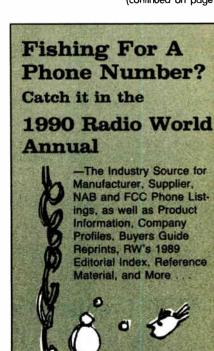
They are working on enhancements to clear up the confusion," said Cabot, who also is VP of Audio Precision.

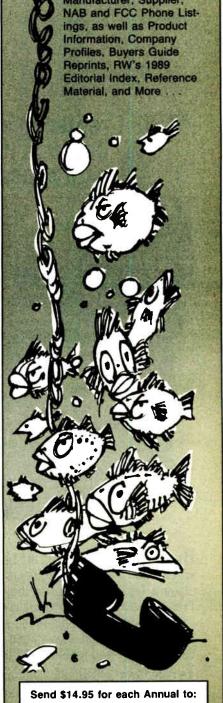
With a revision of the AES/EBU interface standard and education for professional users and engineers about the standard through new engineering guidelines, there should be fewer problems, according to Finger.

"The revision should clarify some of the language, tighten up specifications for electrical parameters and provide a new allocation for reserved bits," Finger said.

#### A mismatch

Much of the confusion and compatibility problems have stemmed from try-(continued on page 18)





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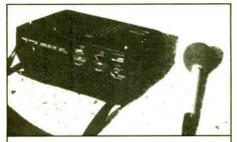
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# Big League Audio on a Budget

by Frank Beacham

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tion, returned to the medium again in his final years after having a brilliant career in the theatre and film. The reason: Unlike theatre or film, audio gave him total creative control of the production process at a cost he could easily afford.

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broadcast-quality audio on a barebones system that can be yours for less than \$1500.

The equipment I'm about to describe was not designed for professional broadcast use. It's more in the high end consumer or industrial category. But used with a combination of care and skill, the production path I'm about to describe works so well it might surprise many die hard broadcast engineers.

The gear can be used across the board for a range of programming, from audio documentaries to radio drama. In fact, programming I've made with this equipment has been successfully released on digital laser discs with absolutely no one even questioning the quality of equipment I used.

My favorite field cassette recorder is the Marantz PMD-430. This proven 2.9 pound portable has dbx Type II noise reduction that results in a 75 dB signal to noise ratio and offers 35 Hz to 17 kHz frequency response when used with metal tape.

It has a nice big VU meter, built-in speaker, tape monitoring and a list price of \$599. I've been using one for six years without a glitch. In fact, it has saved me several times when far more sophisticated gear has bitten the dust in the field.

I'm hesitant to recommend good inexpensive microphones since the choices are so abundant and my audiophile friends will turn up their noses. However, for mono use vou can't beat the time proven, durable Electro-Voice 635A hand mike. And for the realism of stereo recording, Shure Brothers has set a new low price standard for mid-side recording with its under \$1000 VP88 stereo condenser model.



Tascam's 688 MIDI studio combines a 10 channel mixer with an eight track cassette

As for inexpensive, personal audio editing equipment, you can't beat the current generation of cassette-based multitrack cassette systems from companies such as Tascam, Yamaha, Fostex and others. I recently edited a broadcast documentary on Tascam's Porta One Mini Studio, which is a four-track recorder/mixer combination. I found the sonic quality excellent.

With accessories, the Porta One cost just under \$600 with discounts. It offers four input channels adjustable from microphone to line level, a two-band equalizer on each input channel and dbx Type II noise reduction. Though this model has punch-in and out capabilities, the use of these features leaves an annoying gap that is a nuisance though it can be worked around.

If I were doing it over again, I'd purchase Tascam's new Model 688 with 10 channel mixer and eight-track cassette recorder. Not only does this model offer MIDI capability, but it offers gapless punch in and out, computer memory for board positions and an edit rehearsal mode. List price is \$3299, but, as with all the products mentioned here, it is substantially discounted at the retail level. Just as the camera doesn't make the photographer, neither does the equip-

ment make the sound recordist. Recording is an art as well as a science.

The days are gone when it was cost prohibitive for an individual to produce high quality audio programming on his or her own time. Today's analog gear is cheap, reliable and sonically impressive. All that's left now are the excuses.

Frank Beacham, a Hollywood, CA-based writer, director and producer, used the gear described in this article to record the radio documentary, The Mercury Company Remembers with Leonard Maltin. It appears on the laser disc release, Theatre of the Imagination: Radio Stories by Orson Welles and the Mercury Theatre.

## Interface In Works

ing to use consumer equipment with professional equipment, Finger explained.

"People think there is only one standard," he noted. "That's one of the reasons they mix and match with the consumer equipment."

The main consumer interface is the IEC 958 standard, which was modeled closely after the AES-3 1985, but with important differences that do not allow it to work with AES-3, Finger

The primary difference between consumer and the AES/EBU interface is the utilization of the status bytes, which contain information about what is being transmitted, according to Cabot.

The consumer interface also uses status bytes to convey information, but the bytes do not represent the same information as the AES/EBU standard.

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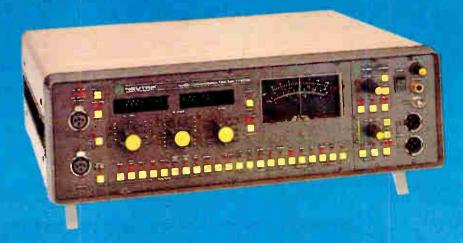
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# **DAT Suit Lands Sony in Court**

by John Gatski

**New York NY** The sticky fight over consumer DAT recorders remains entrenched as music publishers and Sony ready for battle in court.

Several music publishers filed suit last July against Sony, the first manufacturer to sell consumer DAT recorders in the US with the capability to digitally record CDs.

In preliminary court papers filed here, Sony said DAT recorders are fundamentally identical to analog recorders, which have not been opposed by publishers for the last 30 years.

Sony and the Electronic Industries Association (EIA) also believe court precedent should help Sony's case.

#### Not a first

Sony was sued in the 1970s when it introduced consumer video. The US Supreme Court eventually decided that the consumer had a right to tape copyrighted material off the air for private use, a precedent Sony and other DAT manufacturers are likely to use in their fight against the publishers, legal experts said.

Music publishers have countered that DAT is not the same as analog tape

recorders because of their "good-as-original" quality.

The litigation cloud hanging over DAT has hurt the market penetration of the consumer units since their introduction in 1987. The price has remained high and audiophiles have been reluctant to buy the units that could not digitally record compact discs.

The long-promised court battle could continue to hinder consumer DATs market penetration and also affect professional DAT recorders by keeping prices high and software scarce.

#### Now for sale

Early in summer, Sony began marketing its less-than-\$1000 consumer DAT recorders that contain the recently developed Serial Copy Management System (SCMS). SCMS allows a DAT recorder

to digitally record CDs onto a blank tape, but that copy cannot be copied.

The SCMS technology was approved last year by foreign manufacturers, EIA and the Recording Industry Association of America in an international agreement.

Manufacturers had hoped SCMS finally would satisfy publishers threatening litigation and finally allow consumer DAT to flourish.

However, song publisher groups quickly denounced SCMS-equipped DAT machines, maintaining that the technology did not address royalty compensation to artists.

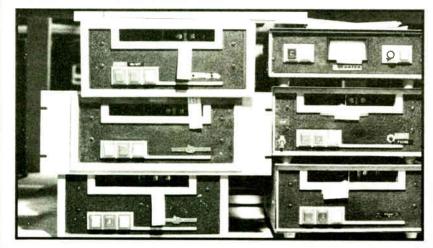
Before consumer DAT machines capable of digitally recording CDs are allowed to be sold, publishers declared, a royalty system, perhaps a levy on blank tapes, must be worked out to compensate artists for lost royalties from illegal taping.

Publishers contend that SCMSequipped DAT machines allow the potential for illegally circulated, "perfect" DAT copies of copyrighted CDs.

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# **DAT Timecode Due**

by John Gatski

**Washington DC** A professional DAT timecode standard should be approved by the International Electrotechnical Institute (IEC) very soon, based on preliminary approval in the spring by the body's parent committee and working group last spring.

The standard was approved last May in Turkey and was issued under the body's six month rule, which means that by November it should become the IEC professional timecode format, according to AES Digital Audio Recorder Study Group Chairman Robert Finger of Panasonic.

The standard's adoption should clear the way for manufacturers to produce timecode-capable professional DAT recorders for eager engineers and producers who have been waiting for the units since DAT's introduction.

The IEC professional DAT timecode format will allow all timecode formats from film and videotape to be recognized and recorded on DAT.

The strong consensus on the standard by IEC members should give incentive

for companies to add it to the professional equipment as soon as possible.

The timecode format recommended by the IEC parent committee and working group is based on a design developed mainly by Japanese electronics giants NHK, Matsushita and Sony. Fostex also contributed.

The IEC timecode technique translates the input information (hours, minutes, seconds and video frames) into a universal time reference located in the DAT subcode.

Besides adding timecode for DAT use, IEC timecode-equipped DAT recorders will accept any of the timecode standards including the SMPTE 30/29.97 fps, EBU 25 fps and the 24 fps film rate. The codes are then converted into the universal DAT reference code, given a time day tag and a source identification.

During playback, the DAT timecodeequipped machines allow the timecode to be reconstructed back to the SMPTE, EBU or the film standard for synchronization back to film or video.

Other timecode formats previously adopted by DAT manufacturers include the SMPTE/EBU 80-bit code that is recorded onto an accompanying analog track and Fostex's timecode that converts data from a house-sync editing system or timecode generator and records it onto the DAT digital subcode.

Fostex was the first company to develop timecode-based coding on the DAT subcode, a method the NHK, Sony and Matsushita timecode also incorporates.

Fostex is planning to incorporate the IEC timecode into its newer units and modify the older ones to be compatible, according to the company.



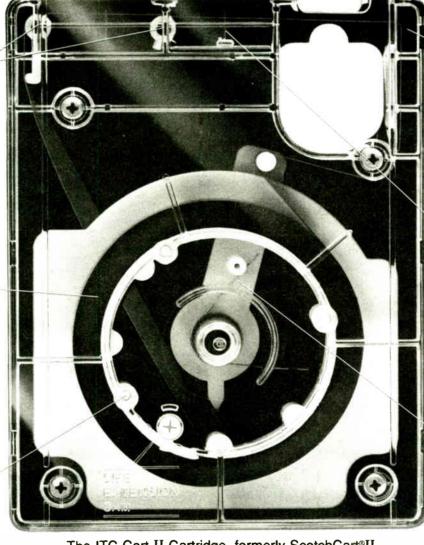


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The DR-2 features a proprietary design with multi video sync, external SCSI port and an internal time code reader/generator.



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AMS has an updated audio editor, the AudioFile Plus HD recorder/editor, which includes eight simultaneous inputs, 16 outputs and read/write optical drives.

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Optional I/Os include AES/EBU, SPDIF, PCM 701, F1, 1610 eight input, rewritable M/O archiving, extension monitors and a control surface pad.

#### **Ediflex Systems Audiflex**

The Ediflex Systems Audiflex has an IBM 386 with Microsoft Windows, a 19" NEC color multisync screen, one 600MB removable M/O disk per track and a 380M hard disk library storage.

It uses rewritable optical disks for audio and controls up to four video or audio transports. Wild recording to any track or direct to memory is possible.

Track time is 220 minutes for the first side of four disks. Four disks record on both sides for a total of 440 minutes, but they must be flipped. The maximum number of disks per system is eight.

#### **Digital Dynamics ProDisk-464**

The ProDisk-464 from Digital Dynamics provides a track time ranging from 120 minutes to 720 minutes at 44.1 kHz, from 30 minutes up to three hours per track.

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#### Studer Revox Dyaxis

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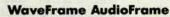
#### Digital Audio SoundStation II

Soundstation II from Digital Audio Research provides rack-mounted editing capabilities with a proprietary touch screen display/controller.

It features 44.1 kHz standard or 48 kHz optional sampling with 60-960 minute storage capacity at 44.1 kHz.

External machine control,

Wordfit automatic ADR synch, N/D editing, cut and paste, track slipping and house or word synch are standard characteristics.



The AudioFrame is equipped with a 25 MHz computer with 4MB RAM, 40MB hard disk, 1.2MB floppy, a keyboard, mouse, and a 19" monitor with color option.

The AudioFrame provides simultaneous eight track recording, N/D editing and real-time events. The sampler can use EDL 8mm backup on systems with disk recording or sampling.

#### Symetrix DPR 100

The DPR 100 digital processing recorder from Symetrix provides 40 channels of recording in blocks of eight with real-time level control, equalization, compression, limiting and gating, plus dynamic recall of all parameters.

Record and edit events are locked to SMPTE/EBU and VITC timecode, house sync and/or external word clock. Track time is 206 minutes for eight tracks at 44.1 kHz expandable to 1440 minutes.

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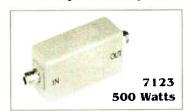
The Turtle Beach Softworks 56K digital recording system includes components such as an IBM compatible computer, a 56K-PC digital signal processor card, a 56K-D digital audio interface and a 56K analog/digital converter.

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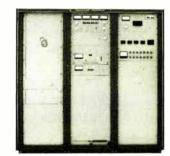
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# **Ethics in Equipment Purchasing**

by Barry Mishkind

**Tucson AZ** What's wrong with the following scenario?

The engineer is going through the exhibits at the NAB show. As he stops to look over one of the booths, a salesman walks up to him and asks, "Are you an engineer?"

After admitting that he is, the engineer is told, "We have a new program that should really interest you. It's a special deal to reward our loyal customers."

#### ECLECTIC ENGINEER

Naturally, the engineer *is* interested. As a professional he is always looking for ways to maximize the technical budget at his station.

So, he inquires as to the reward, and finds out that the company has started a cash rebate program. For every dollar of equipment he buys there is a rebate of five cents.

To him personally.

#### An ethical question

What is your initial response to this scenario? If you're an engineer, do you feel that because you are going to buy things anyway, you might as well get the benefits?

The salesman would quickly back you up on this by saying that the company pays the rebate from the net sale, so

there is no penalty to the station.

Perhaps the station manager has rejected your request for a raise in salary or an increase in your contract fees. This might be the perfect way to get things "even" again: No one is hurt, and you get what you "deserve."

On the other hand, many of you managers might already be simmering a bit. Knowing that the company can't give away something it didn't get, you say "Hey, wait a minute, that 5% is ours, not his."

And it would be true.

You managers know that negotiating a sales price ends up in a different place when there is an extra 5% that must be paid out of the proceeds. The money doesn't just materialize.

How would you handle such a situation if it presented itself to you?

#### A real issue

We are not just talking theory here. The approach described above was made to me not long ago, while I walked the NAB floor with another engineer.

As we are probably very tired of hearing, the '80s became for many the Decade of Greed, the opportunity to "get your own." And make no mistake, we live in a capitalistic economy. As the current events in Eastern Europe reveal, many people like it that way.

But, have ethics become a relic of the past, or is society truly obsessed with the famous line from the movie *Wall Street*: "Greed . . . is good!"?

The answer has a lot to do with

whether or not the SBE, or any other group, can maintain the image of professionalism among broadcast engineers.

While we do not operate under the same sort of administered oath of integrity some professionals do, our employers deserve to know that the counsel we offer is for their benefit, and not necessarily our own. Of course, there is a trap we can fall into if we are not careful.

Over the years, I have developed relationships with a number of suppliers and manufacturers. I trust them. I feel their products are the best available for the price. I like their customer support policies.

Yet, suppose company X comes and

In at least one instance I know of, the engineer actually changed the purchase of a 20+ kW FM transmitter because the manufacturer the owners chose wouldn't pay him his "consulting fee."

Telling the owners of the "problems" they'd have with their first choice, he had them cold. Most owners don't have the expertise to tell when they're being sandbagged.

True, the transmitter he recommended may not have been a "bad" one. But, was his action ethical? Further, if an engineer controls the purchases of a half dozen or more stations, there are manufacturers that will make a special effort to cultivate influence.

There probably won't be any congressional hearings on this sort of "transmitola," but it doesn't help our industry.

My advice to engineers who are approached in such a way, is that their first

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says, "You've done over \$100,000 of business with us, so we'd like to reward you." It might be a dinner. Then again, it might be a rebate program such as described above

The question is: How objective can we remain if cash becomes involved?

#### Those who succumb

Personally, I won't change my recommendations over a dinner. Even with drinks. And I refuse to continue a discussion once my income has become the focal point.

On the other hand, it is obvious from the confidence of the salesman who approached me that he has had takers.

This can affect stations is many ways. For example, there are many cases over the years of local engineers who have demanded as much as 15% kickbacks from manufacturers in return for specifying their products.

duty is to the owner of the station. Be honest and discuss the implications of such arrangements.

You may decide to change suppliers. Or, you may simply make your position known clearly, and put the 5%, or whatever, back to the station's benefit.

But I have some advice for managers, too. And that is not to force an engineer to even have to consider such situations. Pay a fair wage for engineering services. Remember a good engineer actually can save you money by looking after your interests. This salary is not a good place to save a few bucks. And it may even cost you dearly in the long run—if your engineer finds the temptation of a kickback irresistable.

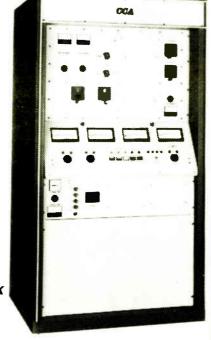
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# Learning the Allotment Shuffle

by Lex Felker

**Washington DC** When media entrepreneur Tom Gammon proposed a complex set of new and altered FM broadcast allotments, he sparked a flame of controversy that promises to grow into a major brouhaha, with the FCC at the center.

At the time a seemingly inconsequential minor modification of the FCC's allotment procedures, the proposal raises the issue of whether existing FM broadcasters should be permitted to "trade" their allotment for one specifying a new community of license, without placing their existing authorizations at risk.

If approved, the proposal would permit the movement of a rural station into an urban/suburban market.

#### Allotments and upgrades

In all the broadcast services, the Commission maintains "allotments" in which particular channel/class/community combinations are specified.

Unlike the AM broadcast service where applicants specify their own allotments, FM is a "tabled" service. The Commission maintains a table of allotments in its rules and regulations.

#### FELKER'S FORUM

As is true for all the FCC's rules, the allotment table can be changed (to add a new channel to an existing community or to add a new channel/community combination, for example) through a rulemaking proceeding. Such a procedure is fairly routine, with the Commission acting on scores of rulemaking petitions each year.

Originally, there were only three classes of stations, and the process was fairly simple. Prospective broadcasters picked the maximum class of station that would "fit" into the table, as determined by the FCC's co- and adjacent channel mileage interference criteria. Because the FCC had ruled that changes in a licensed allotment would trigger the acceptance of competing applications, upgrades were never attempted.

The Commission's Docket 80-90 decision to double the number of station classes and add nearly 700 allotments to the FM table complicated things substantially. During the rule makings in which these new allotments were actually established, prospective broadcasters proposed ingenious schemes to "shuffle" existing and proposed allotments in a way that permitted the establishment of higher classes of stations.

#### Retreat from earlier policies

Subsequently, through a series of rule changes in the mid '80s, the Commission retreated from its earlier upgrade policies to allow existing licensees to take advantage of these new station classes, under certain circumstances. The FCC made it clear, however, that any changes in the allotment table to specify another community would subject the petitioning licensees to competing applications.

The final stage of the Commission's policy metamorphism occurred in the

waning days of Dennis Patrick's chairmanship. The FCC concluded a proceeding, begun a year earlier, in which it developed procedures to allow FM (and television) licensees to change their community of license.

The Commission thought the channel congestion that currently exists in major markets would be an effective barrier to the gradual movement of rural stations to urban areas. Nevertheless, the FCC wanted to ensure that the new policy would not eventually undercut the "fair, efficient, and equitable distribution of radio service" goals of Section 307(b) of the Communication Act of 1934, as amended.

For this reason the agency limited these changes to instances where the proposed allotment arrangement both was preferred over the existing configuration based on existing comparative criteria and would not deprive a community of its only broadcast outlet. However, in a stinging dissent, Commissioner James Quello expressed his view that these criteria would not be adequate to prevent "set(ting) in motion the entire table of allotments . . . "

#### The uproar

It wasn't long before the adequacy of these criteria was put to the test. Tom Gammon, an ambitious broadcaster who had developed a highly successful brokerage firm during the '80s "go-go" days, proposed a complex set of allotment changes to permit a station currently licensed to a rural Alabama market to move to a community near Atlanta. (Gammon subsequently petitioned for a similar allotment change in Nevada.)

Gammon claims that the proposed configuration offers two new first local services while not depriving the Alabama community of an aural service.

Many broadcasters, in Atlanta and elsewhere, have expressed dismay and outrage at the proposal. Although apparently very few changes in community of license have been filed, there is a fear that the Gammon proposal is just the first of scores of such changes that could fundamentally alter the fabric of American broadcasting. Petitions have been filed both to oppose the allotment and to seek Commission reconsideration of its original decision.

#### **Commission response**

As this article is being written, these matters are pending at the FCC, although action on the reconsideration petitions is expected reasonably soon. Communications clairvoyants are predicting that the Commission will do some kind of an about-face on the rule change.

The only currently sitting Commissioner that was part of the group that changed the rule is Jim Quello, and he dissented to the action. Moreover, the changes proposed by Gammon and others, while few in number, nevertheless call into question the Commission's conclusion that opportunities for rural stations to move into urban markets were essentially non-existent.

I was involved in the discussions that resulted in the change originally, and I would be disappointed to see the FCC reverse its policy completely. In all fairness, however, I will concede that I had

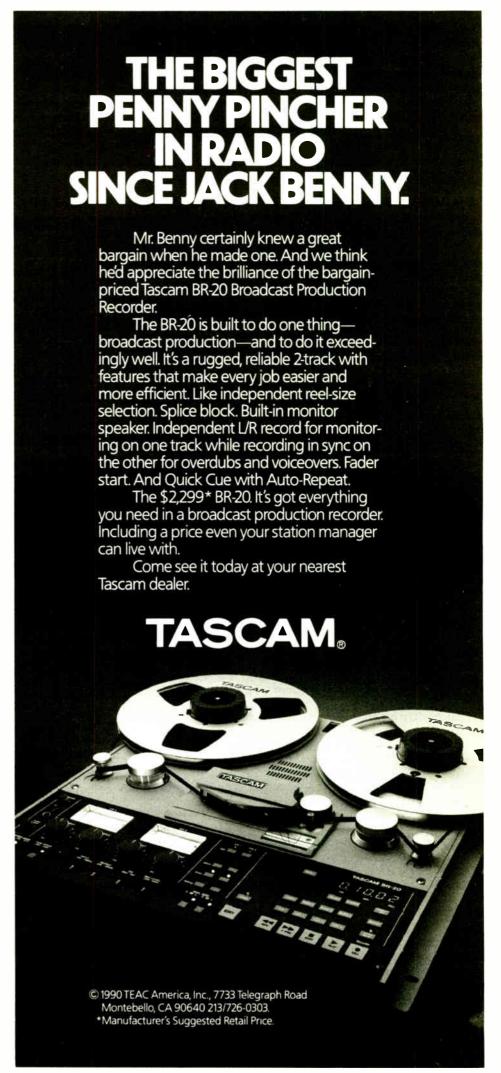
not completely foreseen the inventive allotment changes that have been proposed. My intuition still tells me that the number of such changes is very small.

Such a conclusion may defy proof, and I acknowledge that this is an issue on which reasonable minds may differ.

I look forward to seeing how the Commission will analyze the facts.

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# **An Overview of Amplification**

This is the first in a 12-part series called Amplifier Fundamentals. Northern Virginia Community College will offer 1.2 CEUs (continuing education units) to registered students who successfully complete the course and an examination mailed at its conclusion.

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#### by Ed Montgomery

#### Part I of XII

Annandale VA The electronic communications age began with the telegraph, sending information over wires. Soon afterwards, Alexander Graham Bell sent voice communication through the telephone.

Bell discovered, however, that intricate changes in voice signals would not travel as far as the telegraph pulse. Signal loss due to resistance in the wires made the voice signal unintelligible beyond a few hundred miles. The telegraph signals went farther because they were less complex and could be boosted periodically with repeater coils.

lt was not until 1906 when Dr. Lee De

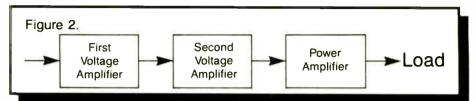
Forrest invented the "audion" that long distance voice communication became a reality. The "audion" or triode tube permitted signal amplification.

The function of amplification circuitry is to take a very low input signal and reproduce it as accurately as possible at a desired level. The amplifier can be designed to increase voltage, current or the combination of the two: power.

Amplifier design determines what frequency range the circuitry will handle. There are small-signal amplifiers and power amplifiers. Amplifiers operate in various classes, designated by how transistor, will result in a large change in current between the cathode and plate of the tube and the source and drain of

put for the power amplifier. It is often a transducer converting the electric signal into some other form of energy. Audio amplifiers use a loudspeaker which, through magnetic principles, converts a varying electric current into audio frequency sound waves.

The load for a radio frequency ampli-



the field effect transistor. A small change in current flowing between the base and emitter of the transistor will result in a large change in current between the

fier is the antenna that radiates a varying magnetic field. For a video amplifier, the load can be a cathode-ray tube or liquid crystal display. All loads must exhibit the same characteristics the power amplifier output does. Known as impedance, it is measured in ohms.

#### Figure 1. NPN PNP P Chan Field Effect Transistor

much power they consume.

Common to all amplifiers is that the reproduction of the input signal requires an active device to be employed in the circuitry. Figure 1 illustrates three active devices used to amplify signals. All have one thing in common: The majority of the current in the device will flow from the input to the output.

A small voltage change on the grid of the triode, or the gate of a field effect emitter and collector.

If a very small signal is applied to the grid, base or gate, a much larger image of that signal will be reproduced at the plate, drain or collector. This is a simplification of the process; it will be discussed further in subsequent installments.

#### A typical amplifier system

Amplifier circuitry usually consists of several active devices employed to reproduce the input signal at a desired output.

Figure 2 illustrates what one might find in an amplifier system. The voltage amplifiers increase a relatively weak input to a point where a power amplifier can reproduce the signal at the desired output level. Often the first voltage amplifier is identified as a "pre-amplifier" or "preamp." The second voltage amplifier can be termed a "driver" or "Intermediate Power Amplifier" (IPA).

The power amplifier is often termed the "final" stage. The "load" is the out-

#### Voltage, current and gain

Output power is measured in watts (W). This is a combination of voltage, current and impedance and is defined as the rate of doing work. It is a measurement of the mechanical work performed by an electrical source. There are 746 W in one horsepower.

Another term used with amplifiers is gain. Gain is a measurement of the output of the amplifier compared to the input signal level.

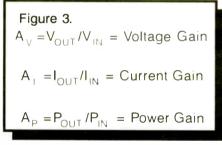


Figure 3 illustrates the equations determining voltage, current, and power gain. Gain is often expressed in decibels (dB). This is a logarithmic measurement that corresponds to the way we hear and visualize things.

For example, if a loudspeaker's output were increased by a factor of 10—from .1 W to 1 W—you would notice a difference in loudness. If the output were increased by another factor of 10-to 10 W-you would notice another increase and sense the second increase to be far greater than the first, yet the ratio of input to output

An excellent reference to go along with this course is Electronics, Principles and Applications, by Charles A. Schuler, published by McGraw-Hill. The ARRL Handbook is also an excellent study source.

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### Early Radio: West and Midwest

by George Riggins

Long Beach CA Controversy continues to rage over which current "W" call is farthest west in the USA. WJAG, 97°26'48" west, still keeps the record.

So far, I have not found a "W" prefix issued west of El Paso, TX. In El Paso, however, was a station with the call sign WDAH. Its assigned frequencies were 268 meters (1119.4029 kc) and 360 meters (833.3333 kc). WDAH was owned by Mine and Smelter Supply from its signon in 1922 until it was purchased or otherwise acquired by Trinity Methodist Church in 1923.

The first time a power was listed for WDAH was in 1926: 50 W. Not much by the standards of today, but without interference that much RF will go a long way.

In 1929 the ownership was listed as Eagle Broadcasting and both the frequency and power had changed. The new power was 100 watts, and the frequency had been moved to 1310 kc (228.9 meters). Interesting to note that at about 1929-1930 the listings were changed from being stated in meters to kilocycles. (For those of you in the younger set, the term "cycle" was replaced by "Hertz" to denote the wavelength of radio propagation and the pitch of audio.)

The WDAH call for the El Paso station stayed in the listings for the US through 1939. Ownership passed from Eagle Broadcasting to Tri-State Broadcasting in

In 1936, WDAH and KTSM were the only stations in El Paso, TX, with 100 W

of power on a frequency of 1310 kc. Both were owned by Tri-State Broadcasting Co. By 1942 the WDAH call had disappeared.

Does anyone know why Tri-State chose to keep the "K" prefix rather than the "W"?

#### From K to W and back

The 14 November 1947 issue of *United* States Air Force Radio Data and Flight Information lists KTSM on 1380 and KROD on 600 as the only El Paso stations. Both stations had an authorized power of 1000 W.



The coordinates of KTSM were given as 106°24'37" W, 3 miles ESE of El Paso. If my recollections of the geography of El Paso are any good, that should put the transmitter location somewhere in the Rio Grande flood plain.

Late flash! A call from Roger of WBAP corrects me on one assumption. In my mind I have kept the WBAP transmitter at the first location northeast of Fort Worth where it shared time with WFAA. The correct location for the WBAP transmitter and antenna farm is near US Highway 287 at Mansfield, TX. The coordinates for the site are; 32°36'38" N, 97°10′11″ W. Thanks to Roger for correcting my records.

Another controversy has arisen over the West Coast calls of KQW and KWG. Bud Kress of KFBK, Sacramento, CA sends along the information that KWG officially went on the air 21 November 1921 and was ahead of KQW.

According to Tom Kneitel's Radio Station Treasury, 1900-1946, KWG's license was issued on 7 December 1921. There is no additional data given to indicate that KWG had operated as an experimental station prior to the official license date.

KQW is given credit for operating as an experimental station under the calls of "6XE," "6XF," and other identifications prior to 1912. The regular license for KQW was issued on 9 December 1921.

#### Radio pioneer

According to Erik Barnouw in his book A Tower in Babel, A History of Broadcasting in the United States, Professor Charles D. Herrold started a College of Engineering in 1909 in which radio became the main attraction. "Doc" Herrold was soon transmitting from the Garden City Bank Building in San Jose and promptly took up voice experiments.

By 1912 there were regular listener reports in response to the weekly broadcasts, which consisted of news bulletins and records from a local music store. The voice quality was listed as good at the start of the program and steadily deteriorated as the carbon microphone slowly burned, eventually causing the broadcast to cease for the evening.

"Doc" Herrold continued his experiments with his station until World War I, when all non-government radio activity ceased. During the 1915 Panama Pacific Exposition from San Jose, "Doc" conducted broadcasts and talked to Lee De Forrest and others at the exposition

demonstrating radio.

"Doc" Herrold was never successful in reviving his "station" after the war, and eventually sold to the Second Avenue Baptist Church. The Church later turned over the station operation to a commercial operator who sold it to the present owners, Columbia Broadcasting System. CBS continues to operate the station under the call KCBS, in San Francisco.

This short explanation is the reason the present owners take credit for the station dating back to the 15 W school station that started intermittent operation in 1909.

#### An old timer remembers

When we last left Al Smith, he was recounting how he had just started full time with KMMJ in Clay Center, NE. As

#### 59 YEARS AGO **World Congress Tells Results**

At the conclusion of the International Radio Congress at the Christiansborg Palace here it was announced that definite conclusions had been reached on eight points, namely, comparison of frequency stan-dards, standardization of wave meters, reduction of disturbances within common wave bands, methods of annulling foreign currents in receivers, further organization of commercial radio telephone services be-tween movable and fixed stations, stabili-zation of wave bands of senders for various radio electrical services, recommendations regarding the latest developments of tech-nique, and reduction of radio disturbances

The congress will make recommendations to the Madrid congress to be held in 1932 and the results obtained in Copenha-gen will serve as a basis for deliberation in Madrid. One of the unsettled problems is more effective utilization of the available wavelengths, which will be considered by the national committees and later to be acted on by the Madrid congress.

#### O.1 Per Cent. Separation for Short-Wave Band

The Federal Radio Commission has adopted a new general order (No. 117) repealing two previous general orders (Nos. 62, 88 and 88 amended) relating to the separation between frequencies in the short wave bands, from 1,500 to 2300 kc.

bands, from 1,500 to 2300 kc.

By repealing the old orders and adopting the new, the Commission does away with the plan calling for a 0.2 per cent separation. It was pointed out at the Commission in this connection that the International Technical Consulting Committee, meeting at The Hague in September, 1929, recognized that radio telegraph stations could operate on frequencies separations could operate on frequencies separations. stations could operate on frequencies sepa-rated by about 0.1 per cent, which, in ef-fect, would double the number of available

frequencies.

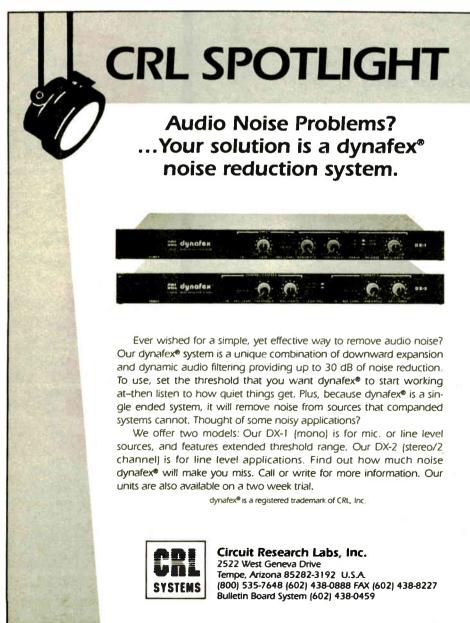
The engineering division of the Commission has been engaged for some time in preparing an allocation based on this separation, covering the entire short wave spectrum. The adoption of the new order opens the way for the assignment of many additional stations.

Reprinted from Radio World July 18, 1931. Editor's note: The RW of old, printed for a time in the 1920s and 1930s and today's RW are unrelated except in name.

Al explained, his duties at the station consisted primarily of looking after the power supplies for the 1000 W Western Electric transmitter.

AS: "The transmitter was powered by a motor generator. A large three-phase motor drove a filament generator, a bias generator and a plate voltage generator. The station had a spare generator set. We

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# From Shipping Crate To Transmitter Shack

by Anthony Kord

**Westerly RI** "Will you be working in the garbage can today, honey?" my wife asks as I leave in the morning.

There's something at least mildly humbling about your family thinking you work in a garbage can. Even the general manager has been known to ask when

Breaker boxes, shelving and other wall mountables also install quickly with sheet metal screws or bolts.

Since the shipping crate was guaranteed to be air and water tight, careful attention was given to cooling WWRX's 25 kW transmitter. A cutting torch made the necessary air intake openings, to which were attached slanting air filter mounts.



Metal shipping crates offer a low-cost alternative to cinderblock transmitter shacks.

I'll next be visiting the canister. To these less than sympathetic questions I sigh and politely respond that the correct title for the WWRX transmitter building is "overseas shipping crate."

Whatever you call it, an overseas shipping crate accommodates broadcast transmitting equipment quite handsomely. Its low cost, ease of installation and excellent RF shielding make the shipping crate shack a viable alternative to the standard cinder block transmitter building.

#### What is it?

The overseas shipping crate is a large steel box, eight feet wide, nine feet tall and forty feet long, generally used—you guessed it—for overseas shipping. Apparently the two-way radio folks have been using them for years to house their transmitters.

A tractor trailer leasing and sales firm in the Providence area supplied the WWRX transmitter shack. Our only requirements were a level site and cinderblocks upon which to rest the structure. The crate was in place within a day, at the modest cost of \$3500. Compared to the average month long wait and \$10,000 price tag of a cinder block transmitter building, the shipping crate shack looks rather attractive.

Another time and money saver: Because the crate is not considered a permanent structure by many towns, a permit is often not required. Of course, check local ordinances before installing your shack.

#### Things are looking crate

More shipping crate advantages reveal themselves upon installation. Although the roof of the shack is flat, the inside is corrugated for strength. Mounting most objects to the ceiling is therefore easily accomplished with self tapping sheet metal screws.

Electricians enjoyed this feature when installing AC boxes and lighting fixtures.

Transmitter exhaust is ducted directly to a 1500 cfm wall-mounted exhaust fan, while a ceiling fan provides backup cooling. These ventilation techniques have proven quite effective, for even with 25 kW of generated waste heat, temperatures inside the shack on a hot summer's day are often a few degrees cooler than outside air. Adjustable registers keep wintertime temperatures comfy by allowing some exhaust heat to warm the shack.

The shipping crate shack's all metal construction keeps RF levels to a near minimum inside. While no quantitative measurements have been made, test equipment is much better behaved inside the shipping crate than at WWRX's old concrete transmitter building. The shack's RF shielding abilities are also an important consideration with today's stringent non-ionizing radiation exposure rules.

#### That sinking feeling

WWRX has discovered that a nonpermanent structure has only one drawback: It's sinking! The minimal 1" sink over the past year on our very soft site is not unexpected, though, because the structure's entire weight is resting on six cinderblocks. In particularly soft locations a bit of site preparation before delivery would probably all but eliminate that sinking feeling.

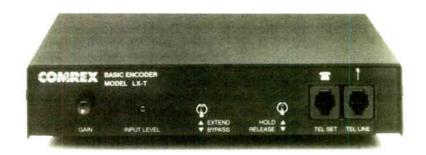
With all of its advantages, the overseas shipping crate could make a dandy home for your next transmitter. Beware though—your family may tell the neighbors that you work in a garbage can.

You'll eventually learn to smile and take these comments in stride. You'll know that the overseas shipping crate saved you time and money, and made your construction job a bit easier as well.

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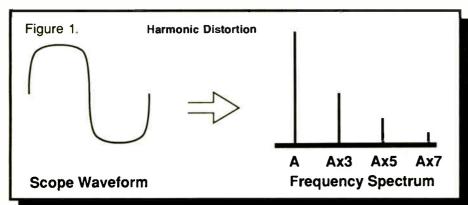
# Cleaning Up a Muddy Signal

#### Harmonic and Intermodulation Distortion: What It Is and What to Do to Keep It to a Minimum

by John "Q" Shepler

**Rockford IL** When we speak of audio

Consider a mirror. The mirror on your wall is linear. It gives a reflection of exactly how things look. A funhouse



distortion, we're generally talking about something that muddies the program audio or otherwise makes the signal sound bad. To get the most from your audio, you need to understand distortion, what causes it and how to track down and eliminate distortion sources.



Distortion is caused by non-linearity. In a perfect amplifier, the output is exactly the same as the input, only larger. In a distorted amplifier, the output does not look exactly like the input. It doesn't sound like the input, either

mirror is non-linear. It is bent back and forth so that the image is a gross distortion of reality.

Distortion is different than amplification or equalization. Once distortion gets into a signal it is almost impossible to get out. That's because most distortion is uncontrolled. We have little or no idea how the signal got distorted, so there is no way to know how to compensate for it. The best solution is to find out what component in the system is distorting and fix it

#### **Harmonic distortion**

There are two basic types of distortion, plus some variations. The distortion that is audible enough to be objectionable to most listeners can be either harmonic or IM distortion

Harmonic distortion is caused by

changing the shape of a sine wave. Clippers are good at creating this type of distortion. Harmonic distortion gets its name because the distorting of the waveform creates extra frequency components at multiples, or harmonics, of the original frequency.

Figure 1 shows a clipped sine wave as it would appear on an oscilloscope. To the right is the spectrum of that waveform as it would appear on a spectrum analyzer. Notice the extra signals added by the distortion. These are usually the odd harmonics, or the fundamental times 3, times 5, times 7, etc.

Odd harmonics add a raspiness to the signal. For instance, most of the power of a voice is in the mid audio range, say 1 kHz or 2 kHz. Harmonic distortion adds many other frequencies. Most of the power will be odd multiples of 1 kHz or 2 kHz.

This boosts the energy in the band of 3 kHz to 7 kHz, which makes the speaker sound lispy. If everybody at

peaks are cut.

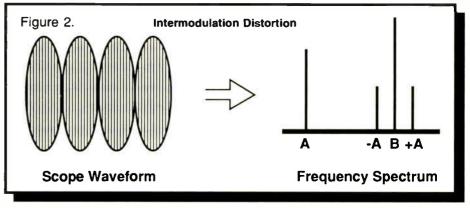
A THD or total harmonic distortion analyzer is another good instrument to have around. It works by filtering out the fundamental frequency with a notch filter. Whatever's left must be distortion frequencies. One half to 1% distortion is barely acceptable these days. Your equipment is capable of much more and should provide a signal at the transmitter of 0.1% or better.

#### IM distortion

The other major type of distortion is called IM or intermodulation distortion. IM is exactly like AM transmitter modulation, except it is occurring within your audio. How can that be?

Remember that distortion is caused by non-linearity. AM modulators and detectors are also based on non-linearity. Non-linear mixing of signals results in amplitude modulation, which adds sidebands.

See Figure 2. The AM waveform is the result of two tones, A and B, which go through a non-linear amplifier and wind up modulating each other. If A is 100 Hz and B is 1000 Hz, then sideband signals of 900 Hz (B-A) and 1100 Hz (B+A) would be added to the audio mix. You



your station sounds like Sylvester the Cat, suspect something is clipping. Too much composite clipping also gives the signal a raspy edge.

#### Sources of clipping

Clipping can be deliberate, as in an audio processor, or it can be caused by circuit failure or improper adjustments.

Too little headroom is a primary source of clipping. The power supply voltage of any amplifier is limited. Once the output voltage peaks reach the power supply voltage, they can increase no more. Any stronger signal will be clipped.

The same thing can happen when power supplies fail. Sometimes they don't go to zero. They fail at half or quarter supply voltage, which means that most of the signal sounds fine. It is the peaks that sound bad.

You can detect severe clipping with a scope. The peaks of the signals will look chopped off. Triangular waveforms are best for clipping tests, since it is easy to see exactly where the sharp can imagine what happens in typical signal audio where there are many, many frequencies that can modulate each other.

IM distortion is generally heard as a lack of clarity or definition when more than one instrument is playing. Listen for a piano solo that sounds OK, followed by a general mushiness when other instruments join in. The mushiness is caused by all the extra sideband frequencies mixing in.

IM distortion can be measured by an IM analyzer. This instrument provides two standard tones and filters to remove them from the output. The remaining signals are the resulting IM distortion products.

#### What to do about distortion

For gross distortions you can probably track down the culprit with headphones. Also try patching suspected equipment in and out of the audio chain. Bench checks on a suspected unit will then prove low power supply voltage or a bad component.

For more subtle problems you need help in the form of some good instruments. Get yourself at least a good THD meter and preferably an audio analyzer that will check both THD and IM. Measure each box and compare against the published specs.

With today's low distortion audio designs, the out of spec distortion makers will show themselves very quickly.

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# The Basics of Data Reduction

by Mel Lambert

**Studio City CA** Despite the sonic and operational advantages offered to broadcasters by digital audio, the technology suffers from one operational drawback: it is disk drive and spectrum hungry. At the standard sampling rate of 44.1 kHz, a mono audio signal will devour 88.2 kbytes of disk space per second, which translates to around 5.29 MB per minute.

#### DIGITAL DOMAIN

To carry two channels of stereo audio via even the most simple modulated carrier would require a signal bandwidth of just over 1.4 MHz—a large chunk of the ether compared to the conventional amount of spectrum space required for 15 kHz FM transmissions. (This goes some way to explaining why current PCM processors require a videocassette deck to record their data output: Few other cost-effective storage devices can provide a comparable bandwidth!)

In these days of imminent digital audio broadcasting (DAB), using both terrestrial and satellite techniques—not to mention improving the quality of longhaul transmissions and STLs—methods of saving spectrum space are receiving increased attention.

And it is perhaps fortunate—or technological synchronicity—that several leading manufacturers currently offer high-quality systems that enable the sonic equivalent of conventional 16-bit digital audio to be achieved with trans-

mission and recording channels that require one-quarter or one-eighth the bandwidth.

In other words, a full bandwidth mono signal can now be carried over a 128 kbaud (kbits per second) line, using fractional Telco T-1 channels or even switched 56-kbaud links. Also, the capacity of random-access hard disk drives can be quadrupled, with concomitant cost savings and potential reductions in system complexity. (Just around the technical corner are two-bit systems that will offer 8:1 data compression ratios.)

This month's column will consider the basic features of data coders, and provide a necessarily brief overview of two primary design philosophies. In subsequent columns, I plan to cover specific design approaches in greater detail.

#### Coding and the ear

Fundamental to the way in which all data-reduction systems work is an understanding of the characteristics of our hearing response. Loud, strident sounds tend to mask out low-level signals of similar frequencies, for example, and hearing sensitivity is biased towards low frequency sounds.

Because of the ear's tendency towards lower frequencies, tests have shown that few signals can be considered musical that have a fundamental frequency above approximately 4 kHz. If this redundant data can be removed—or a way found to encode it that requires less than the full 16 bits normally associated with conventional PCM data transfer—we can effectively reduce the bit count, sometimes quite dramatically.

The current design approaches for

data reduction center on two topologies: Sub-band ADPCM, which performs a time-domain analysis of the program material; and Transform Coding, which analyzes the signal in the frequency domain.

Of the various commercially available data-reduction or compression systems, Audio Processing Technology's apt-X 100 four-bit system utilizes sub-band ADPCM, while Dolby Laboratories' AC-2 digital system is based upon transform coding. Neither of these techniques reduce the sampling frequency. This both ensures full compatibility with existing

digital I/O formats and digital links, and implies consistent frequency response and bandwidth performance.

#### **Sub-band ADPCM**

Adaptive Differential Pulse Code Modulation (ADPCM) is a technique combining conventional linear PCM and Adaptive Differential coding. The technique reduces the bit rate of PCM by coding level differences between samples, rather than the absolute level of each sample.

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#### **West and Midwest**

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ran on one set on one day and the other set the next day. It was my job to clean the generator set that was not in use.

"The transmitter had a water cooled final. We used the heat from the radiators connected in the system to warm the transmitter room in the winter. The antenna was an 'L' type between two 150' steel self-supporting towers. This was a daytime only station on WSB, Atlanta's clear channel. No interference was present between the stations during the day. At night we disconnected and grounded the antenna.

"The voltage developed by the dust storms would cause a very large spark at this grounding. The dust was the big problem in the generators and transmitter. There was no air conditioning. We had the windows open as much as possible in the summer.

"Crystal control ovens had to be kept at a temperature well above room temperature for some degree of frequency stability. They were kept at 55° Centigrade. The announcers would look at the thermometer and read 55° and say, 'it sure must be nice and cool in the transmitter,' thinking it was Fahrenheit.

"Previous to crystal control, the frequency of the station's carrier was set by a highly accurate calibrated wavemeter. KMMJ still had it in the transmitter room. I think the frequency could be ad-

justed to within 1000 cycles in this method, but it was a problem to maintain this accuracy.

"About this time I enrolled in an engineering course from Capitol Radio Engineering. I took about all they had to offer over a period of about 20 years. Later that year I was again unemployed."

OT: Why were you unemployed?

AS: "I think the reason was that the operator had to copy the news for broadcasting at about 25 wpm (words per minute) on a typewriter. I think it was Transradio Press. The announcers hated it when I had the job of copying the news. They had a lot of blank areas to fill—like re-creating a baseball game from a wire ticker."

OT: So what did you do?

AS: "So I went back to repairing radios for a while."

Al was out of radio for a few months before going to work at KMA in Shenandoah, IA. We will pick up with Al next month as he begins his stint at KMA.

George Riggins has experience in radio and electronics dating back to the 1930s. He is also a licensed ham operator and has had his own broadcast sales and service company, Riggins Electronic Sales, for over 20 years. He can be reached at 213-598-7007.

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# **Understanding DAT Technology**

#### This New Compact Format Is Giving Established Competition a Run for Its Money—Here's Why

by Bruce Bartlett

**Elkhart IN** More and more engineers are mastering to DAT instead of openreel tape. A DAT machine records digital audio onto a small cassette by using a rotating head, similar to the head in a

Why record with this new format? DAT sound quality is potentially as good as a compact disc. What you put in, you machines). When a DAT machine is used to record your stereo mixes, the DAT stereo master sounds as clean as your multitrack tapes.

Because a single  $\dot{D}AT$  tape runs for two hours, you can usually record an entire live concert on a single cassette. No more frantic tape swapping! Plus, portable DAT recorders are light and easy to carry and DAT cassettes are much smaller than tape reels.



DAT recorders, like this Fostex model, record digital signals on tape by pulse code modulation

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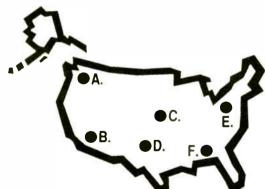
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A major drawback of DAT tape is that you can't edit the tape by splicing it. If your DAT master tape needs to be edited or resequenced, you must copy from one

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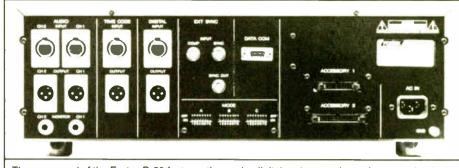


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DAT machine to another, changing the order of selections and deleting noises during the copying process.

Tight edits are impossible unless you use a digital audio editor, such as the Sonic System by Sonic Solutions. This is a hard disk based editing system with software that runs on a Macintosh II. You play your DAT tape, record it on hard disk, use a mouse and computer screen to edit the selections and record a new edited DAT tape off the hard disk.

There are other drawbacks with DAT machines. In some units, the quality of the analog electronics and D/A convertors is relatively poor (due to budget constraints). The archival ability of DAT tape is not yet established.

Yet another drawback: You can't leader the DAT tape to provide silent spaces between songs. That is, you can't splice in leader tape just before a song starts and just after it ends to eliminate noises that occurred just before or after each song.

There are ways around the leadering problem, and they will be covered in the next installment of Line Out. First, let's review the features and operation of the DAT recorder itself.

#### **DAT** overview

The DAT transport is very fast. A two hour tape winds in about 45 seconds. A DAT cassette itself is about half

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#### LINE OUT

DAT tapes can record up to two hours of audio on a tape about 60 meters (196.85 feet) long. Four hours recording time is possible with special formats. Blank tapes use a metal-powder oxide, while prerecorded tapes use a bariumferrite oxide. On one end of the cassette is a sliding tab you can set to prevent accidental erasure. The shell has a hinged door that flips open to expose the tape.

When you load the cassette, two spindles enter the two hubs from below the cassette and lock it into place. Then the tape is drawn into the machine and wrapped around a rotating drum, in which are mounted the record and playback heads. This is similar to the loading mechanism used in video cassette recorders.

#### **Recording process**

How is the audio signal recorded? If the signal is analog, it enters the analog connectors in the DAT recorder. The analog signal passes through an analog-todigital (A/D) converter. This converter measures, or samples, the voltage of the audio waveform several thousand times a second. Each time the waveform is sampled, a binary number (made of 1s and 0s) is generated that represents the voltage of the waveform at the instant it

The longer the binary number (the more bits), the greater the accuracy of the measurement. In other words, short binary numbers provide poor resolution of the waveform's amplitude; long binary numbers provide good resolution. Sixteen-bit resolution is standard, but some units have 20-bit resolution for better linearity and dynamic range.

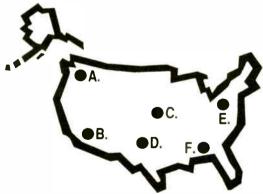
Professional DAT machines have digital inputs and outputs for direct digitalto-digital copies.

#### PCM scanning

The digital signal is recorded on tape by pulse code modulation (PCM) in a helical scan. Although the linear tape speed is slow, the tape speed as seen by the record head is very high, so the ultrasonic digital signal can be recorded. During playback, a D/A converter converts the recorded digital signal back into an analog audio signal.

During recording (A/D conversion), (continued on page 43)

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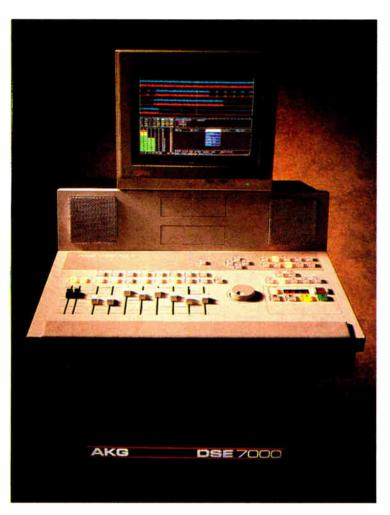


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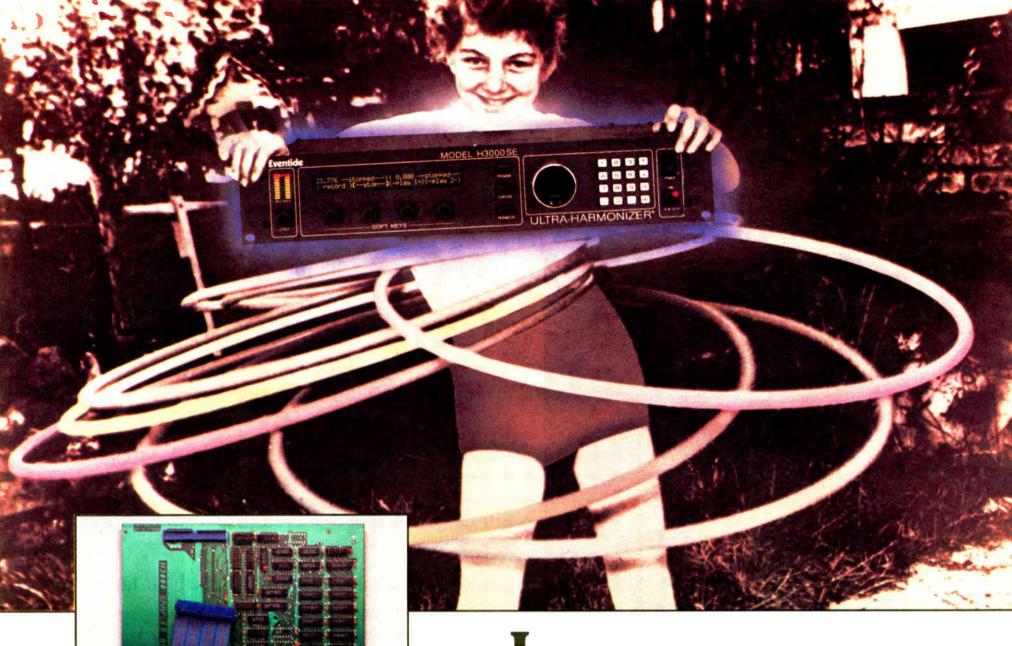


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### Data Reduction Design Ideas

(continued from page 33) audio signal, ADPCM adapts the step size represented by each quantizing interval, so that rapid changes in level caused by high frequencies or transients can be accommodated, thereby enabling an overall reduction in bit rate.

Additional split-band techniques, such as sub-band coding, can be used to exploit spectral redundancies within the audio spectrum. During sub-band coding, the signal is split into a number of independent bands, and the accuracy of the quantization is varied in each band according to the input signal energy.

The critical regions of the audio spectrum thus can be coded more accurately, with enhanced quantizing energy being concentrated on the high sensitivity, low frequency region. (In other words, less valuable resources are spent on coding areas of the audio spectrum where human hearing is more tolerant.) In addition, high energy regions are coded more accurately than PCM, resulting in a lower coding noise floor.

While increasing the number of subbands will enhance the coding system's ability to resolve finer components, increases in complexity, interband leakage and sub-band delay will offset any signal-to-noise advantage that results from the use of more bands.

#### Transform coding

Transform Coding, in essence, involves an analysis of the frequency content of a time block. Having split the spectrum into a hundred or so bands, the most important criteria can be coded, emphasizing the more sensitive low frequencies and identifying the fundamental frequencies.

To reduce the bit rate, any redundant information-frequencies that will be masked by our hearing—can be identified and extracted prior to coding. (The data generated by the coder describes the frequency content and level of the signal at those frequencies.)

To effectively minimize the number of bits required by a Transform Coding system, a series of pre-programmed models of "typical" music signals need to be held in both the encoder and decoder. As well as data that describes the audio signal, information is also included within the resultant bitstream to describe the "best-fit" computational model that most closely mimics the kind of signals being input to the decoder.

#### **Operational considerations**

While there is no denying that existing data reduction systems greatly enhance the available bandwidth of digital transmission links, in addition to increasing the recording capacity of hard-disk recorders, there are also some operational drawbacks. As with most computational processes, small anomalies can be produced by these and other systems.

Consider, for example, the copying of encoded material. While compressed audio data, like conventional PCM signals, can be passed through several generations without incurring any degradation, multiple passes into and out of the analog domain will result in some spectral anomalies.

As with analog noise reduction, digital coding should be used for critical mastering stages and transmission links,

rather than as a routine process every time the signals are to be transferred from point A to point B, or stored to hard disk. (It has been estimated that, under ideal conditions, audio quality will remain acceptable within between five and 10 complete analog/coded digital/analog passes.)

Also, there are small but finite computational delays involved in processing or encoding the signals-around 3-5 milliseconds for sub-band techniques, which are faster because they operate in the time domain, and in the region of 40-50 milliseconds for transform techniques

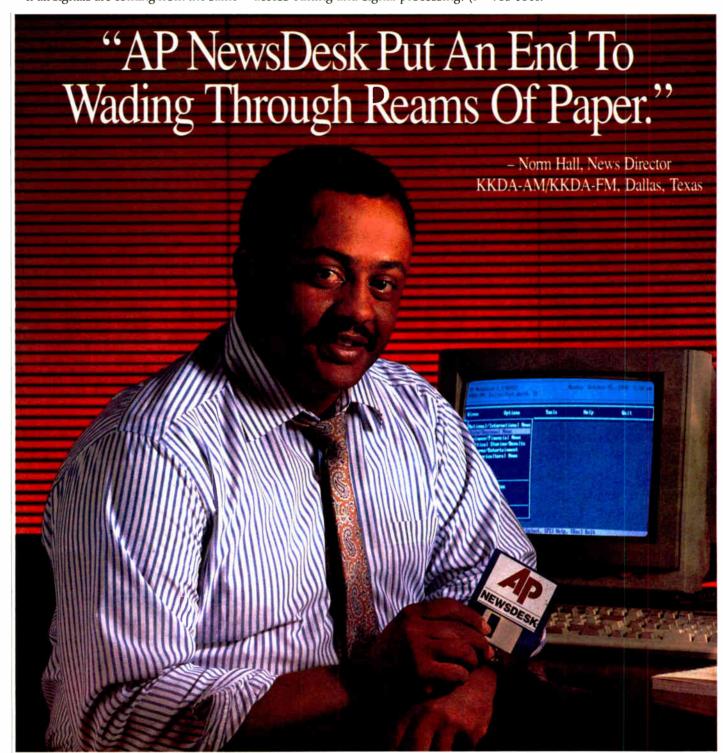
If all signals are coming from the same

tem, for example, or a multichannel production center-these delays may not be problematic. If, however, several live sources are being combined with coded signals, then some way of establishing highly accurate synchronization might need to be considered.

Also worth considering is the fact that coded information cannot be edited directly using conventional randomaccess techniques. Again, its usefulness in hard disk based systems might be limited if signals need to be converted to 16-bit PCM signals prior to randomaccess editing and signal processing. (I understand that several new high-speed transcoding techniques are now being developed that will allow direct, realtime editing of coded signals, although these may be a while off for routine ap-

Such reservations notwithstanding, there is no denying that the current generation of digital data compression systems will enhance the available palette of techniques and technologies available to the radio broadcaster and inhouse production facility.

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### **EAS: Colorado's EBS Alternative**

#### A Look at How EAS Involves Other Media and The Functions of the System's Priority Levels

by Fred Baumgartner
Part II of II

**Indianapolis IN** In our introductory look at EAS, a system being tested in Colorado in the hopes of bettering the EBS, I explained that it uses DTMF at a 12% higher frequency.

The EAS can also provide priority and location information and scan eight sources looking for activation.

Let's look at how the EAS can involve other media and take a closer look at its priority levels.

When the EBS was developed, cable was in its infancy and "closed circuit" services for background music were limited. Today, at any given time, a large number of people will be in commercial environments or viewing cable.

The EAS system can easily be inte-

This is dealt with in much the same way as a priority two, but it allows broadcasters even greater flexibility.

A priority zero EAS alert is a closed circuit test. It serves two purposes. First, it can be used to carry advisories. Second, it allows off-line testing of individual EAS communications links, without having to carry the EAS test signal on the air (unless that is the link that is being tested).

Each decoder provides contacts and audio to drive a recorder (an inexpensive cassette is practical). The tape is then available to the operator for replay or critical listening. The tape can also serve as the running log of activations and tests.

#### No escape and no wolf cry

Human nature naturally turns repeated behavior into routine. Operators develop "muscle memory" and fre-

strated at the CBA's summer meeting last year).

It is very unlikely that EBS will be replaced outright by EAS or any other technology. When a system proves itself to be superior it would seem logical that EBS would be retired.

EAS makes provisions for a 23-second pause and automatic tripping of the EBS tone encoder. With the EAS system fully functional, the EBS tone encoder serves no useful purpose and becomes a waste of time. As each link in the chain acquires EAS decoders, the EBS decoders and encoders can be left on line, or re-

moved as the current rules require. For as long as the EBS is required, EAS can manage and supercharge it.

EAS is a potentially global system. There is no reason the system could not be used on the national level as easily as on the state or local level. And, the cost of the EAS decoders is so low that it could even be an affordable technology for the third world.

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# The EAS uses four priority levels. The result is that the EAS avoids the "cry wolf" effect.

grated into any service where the audio can be interrupted (EAS does not solve EBS's limitations when it comes to the hearing impaired; although it facilitates the use of a text system that will). Many cable systems have a group audio intercept function, most accessed by dial-up telephone.

The EAS's ability to target makes it very palatable for cable and other similar media use. EBS is tested too often to be useful in institutional environments like schools; the EAS decoder is cheap enough to be practical.

The EAS uses four priority levels. The result is that the EAS avoids the "cry wolf" effect and allows the option of using several levels of automation, tailored to the station or service.

A *priority one* EAS alert must fit three criteria. It must be immediate, life threatening and not part of a continuing emergency. The priority one activation is the only level that activates the full speed and power of the EAS system.

Ideally, the priority one EAS captures the transmitter feed of each broadcast station or other communications channel (i.e., cable, background music, NWS station, etc.) and passes itself on to do the same to each and every involved station or outlet

A *priority two* EAS alert is a weather emergency that does not fit one or more of the criteria for a priority one EAS.

A station with a working weather department would not allow this to be aired directly. An automated station, or one without a weather presence in an area where weather is important, would likely permit the priority two EAS to be automatically rebroadcast by the station.

A priority three EAS alert is a nonweather emergency that does not fit one or more of the criteria for a priority one FAS quently reset the EBS decoder before they know whether it is a test or not. Any program director will tell you that the EBS tones guarantee that a significant number of listeners (some say 1/3) will tune elsewhere long before a real EBS message can be sent.

The EAS tones are attention getting, but not as long, obnoxious, or frequent as the EBS.

Since a priority one is carried in real time and simultaneously on (hopefully) all participating stations, there is no escape ... punching the buttons on the radio or the remote produces the same message everywhere across the dial.

The EBS resembles a child's game of telephone—it is hoped that operators will correctly interpret the message received and repeat it accurately. Using tape and the NWS does improve this situation somewhat in the EBS, but EAS allows broadcasters to avoid the problem entirely.

EBS leaves the encoders in the hands of the station operators. EAS puts the encoders in the hands of the governmental or public safety body that has the authority to activate the EAS system.

While the EAS is capable of establishing an emergency network, it is also capable of ending one automatically. A one second stop tone returns everything to normal, or aborts the process at any point. A three minute time-out timer will shut down any decoder should a fault occur and the system not reset.

#### Colorado's test

The EAS system was born of necessity and conceived of by members of Denver SBE Chapter 48 while working with state officials. At this writing, the Colorado Broadcasters Association is finalizing plans to finance a medium scale test of the system (the prototypes were demon-

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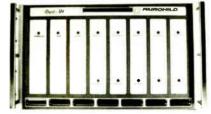
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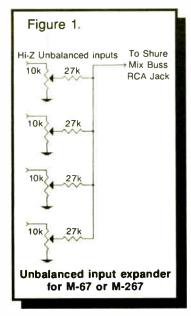
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### Edit Station on a Budget

by George Thomas, Jr., CE WJDS/WMSI and WJDX-AM

**Jackson MS** Need to put together another small production room or maybe an editing station for the news depart-



ment? If you've already got a spare Shure M67 or M267 and some extra tape recorders then you're in business.

WJDX needed two such stations for the news room. We had several Tascam unbalanced reel machines (removed from the production room earlier), two consumer cassette decks and cart machines. We had just begun to use RPU instead of telephone lines for remote broadcasts, so there were a few Shure

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The quality of the Shure mixer would be sufficient for the purpose but it only had four balanced line or mic level inputs. We had at least 10 sources. Some were +4 balanced and the others -10 unbalanced. We didn't have any spare match boxes for the consumer equipment and didn't really want to buy them for this project.

Fortunately, there was a very simple and inexpensive solution. Shure has placed an RCA phono jack labeled "Mix Bus" on the rear of their mixers. This is normally used for connecting two or more of the mixers together. Each additional mixer adds four more channels to the total. That's great if you have the extra mixers and use only balanced equipment.

We built an unbalanced passive mixer and plugged it into the Shure's mix bus. All that's needed is a 10K ohm pot and a 27K ohm buildout resistor for each channel, and a few RCA jacks and hardware.

Now we had four 600 ohm balanced mic or line inputs and as many 10K ohm -10 inputs as we wanted to add. The cart machines and line feeds were connected directly to the Shure's inputs. Everything else

was unbalanced so it was connected to the "Mixer Expander."

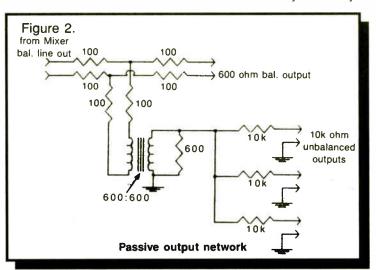
Figure 1 shows the simple schematic of the Expander. I found a bud box with a sloped front panel that the mixer would bolt on top of perfectly. Although it probably wasn't necessary, I used shielded cable inside the expander box for extra RF immunity.

The pots that are in the Shure are less than desirable for daily use. We replaced them with better central lab units and

changed to larger knobs so all would match. This was the only change made to the mixer and was not absolutely necessary. If you don't want to void the warranty, use the original pots.

Figure 2 shows how to handle the outputs. A divider network is constructed of 100 ohm resistors. This provides one 600 ohm balanced output and several 10K ohm unbalanced outputs that are transformer isolated to prevent ground loops.

Provisions for adding a microphone muting circuit are shown in Figure 3. A DPDT switch is used to mute the monitor amp whenever the microphone is engaged, and conversely mute the microphone when in the other position. This works just like any other broadcast console. The microphone channel's pot may be left up and mic audio won't appear in the mix while the switch is off.



### **Touchtone for a Telos 10**

by Ernie Swanson, CE WZTR

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To avoid the AGC action of the Telos 10 we coupled the first AMX input stage of the Telos 10 with a tantellum capacitor and Figure 1.

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### Canada's Theater of the Mind

by Dee McVicker

Toronto, Ontario CANADA In Studio G, as on Star Trek's "Holo Deck," there are no physical boundaries. Here, sound technicians can stomp through grass barefoot, tip teacups in an aristocratic gathering or light an imaginary cigarette.

Located in what used to be the chapel of a girl's school here, Studio G is the unseen stage for Radio Drama, a series of radio shows produced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC).

Its radio theatrics have been a Canadian tradition since the early '30s, when listeners tuned in to Radio Drama while riding the train home from work or

libraries," said Radio Drama Recording Engineer Glen McLaughlin. But, he noted, intricate audio effects "are all done live because you can't get the proper timing from a library."

### **OFFBEAT**

The studio has a host of objects to animate and create drama. This includes beds for creaking effects, telephones, counter tops, sand pits, windows and a myriad of items that can be used to create and improvise everyday sounds for effects. About the only thing missing,

Actors Donald Davis (I) and Douglas Rain (r) perform in Radio Drama's "The Trials of Ezra Pound."

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hanging out laundry to dry. One of the few programs of its kind today, Radio Drama has survived The Big Screen and television. And it has done so without the benefit of a visual stage.

Radio Drama relies on audio effects and theatrical dialogue to audibly express its Shakespearean art form of drama. According to Damiano Pietropaolo, head of Radio Drama, the medium of radio liberates the program to "create whole universes in the mind of the listeners."

To do this, sound technicians often work in real time, animating real objects. "Ambience and things like that we can get off of any number of CD or R-DAT

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reported McLaughlin, is running water. "But," he quickly added, "tubs of water can be brought in if we need to do a swimming pool scene."

#### Pedestrian noises

Studio G, which consists of four rooms-including a control room and a tape room-lends itself easily to everyday, pedestrian noises such as clanking silverware and rapping on doors. As actors read from scripts in the spirited dialogue that is typical of dramatic radio productions, sound effects technicians create background noises for scripted

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Surface and footstep sounds, which are called for in most scripts, can be created on beds of real gravel, grass, sidewalk or blacktop surfaces. "When we require footsteps for a sound effect in a drama, we actually have a sound effects technician walk on the gravel and then we mix the sound in," explained Pietropaolo.

Generally, scripts that call for these special effects—and most, if not all, do will require at lease 12 tracks of the studio's full 24 tracks. "Sometimes more," commented McLaughlin, "depending on the complexity.

On the other hand, hard to duplicate sounds that aren't as closely timed in a script are usually left to the electronic media of CD, cart, DAT and even vinyl. The "whoosh" of rush-hour traffic or the rumblings of airplane travel are two good examples that Radio Drama sound effects technicians would be hard-pressed to duplicate in the studio.

That's not to say that Radio Drama technicians wouldn't hesitate to make a trip to the airport to get a hybrid recording of rumbling jet engines. They would,

#### Mood music

Music, key in setting the dramatic mood, typically is performed in the studio. The recordings of musical talent are assembled onto 24 tracks, and then mixed down to two tracks to overlay onto the master multitrack. In addition, several "layers" of music can be mixed into the final production, each with a frequency response that is characteristic of how it would typically sound in its intended setting.

A good example, pointed out Mc-Laughlin, is a recent script that called for Muzak in a supermarket setting. Recording engineers took great pains to create a Muzak recording within the acoustical parameters of background music in a supermarket.

In addition, they also mixed in another

music recording that created the mood of the scene. The latter was mixed in at a more dominant frequency response to sweep the listener along in the plot of the drama.

#### A dead end

Studio G is divided into two sections: the "dead end" and the "live end." The dead end is used primarily for scenes that require very little audio reverbera-



Rudi Quammie Williams, co-composer of music in the episode "Afrika Solo," plays a shekere in the recording studio.

tion, or reflections, such as outdoor scenes. In contrast, the live end of the studio, with its wooden floors and glass fixtures, makes good use of audio reverb for indoor scenes.

When it comes to post production, most of it is left to modern technology. Electronic editing of vocal tracks, for instance, is usually done on an AMS Audiophile editor for the reverberated, melodramatic effect typical of the dialogue in such productions.

Some audio parameters can be controlled by the studio's Quantec digital workstation, which runs on a Macintosh computer. Creating the ambience of a room setting, for instance, can be done from the Quantec. "A couple of memo-

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### DAT Technology Fundamentals

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three sampling frequencies are used (the sampling frequency is the rate at which the DAT machine samples or measures the analog audio signal):

- 48 kHz (standard rate)
- 44.1 kHz (used for playing commercial DAT tapes, or when you want to cut a compact disc from a DAT tape). Commercial DATs and CDs are recorded at 44.1 kHz
- 32 kHz (allows longer recording time or 4-channel mode).

During playback (D/A conversion), the sampling frequency switches automatically to the rate recorded on tape. Thus, both consumer and professional DAT recorders can play tapes at any of the three frequencies.

Consumer DAT machines have a copyinhibiting process called SCMS. It lets you record a digital signal at 44.1 kHz to make one digital copy of a commercial DAT or CD, but prevents regenerations from that copy. That is, you can't make subsequent digital copies of the copy. Not long ago, consumer decks recorded only at 48 kHz to discourage digital cloning of CDs and commercial DAT tapes.

All DAT tapes and recorders are compatible, so that a tape made on one machine should play on any other.

#### **DAT** features

Some DAT machines come in two parts: a tape transport and a digital audio processor. Most DATs cost upwards of \$800, though prices are expected to drop as the supply increases.

A DAT has conventional cassette transport controls, plus a number of unique controls and features. Some of these features are described below.

Subcodes. This is information on tape independent of the audio signal. Subcodes tell the machine the number of each selection or program, where each selection starts and whether or not to play each one. The three main types of subcodes are Program Numbers, Start IDs and Skip IDs.

Program Numbers are assigned to selections in order, and can then be used to locate them.

A Start ID marks the beginning of each selection. It can be written manually or automatically. Manual Start IDs can be placed anywhere, say, to mark cues. Automatic Start IDs are put on tape whenever there is enough signal applied, after a silence of three or more seconds.

A Skip ID makes the machine skip the selection. This ID can only be written manually. Whenever the machine senses a Skip ID during playback, it stops and fast winds to the next Start ID and begins playing. This function can be turned on and off.

Subcodes can be recorded or erased without altering the audio program. You can enter them during recording or playback. If the cassette's safety tab is set to prevent accidental erasure, you can't record or erase subcodes.

Search. When you enable the search function, the machine fast winds to the selected Program Number.

Memory rewind or Return to Zero. When enabled, this function rewinds the tape to a preset "0" position on the tape counter.

SDIF-2 connectors. These are digital-

audio connectors that send and receive data according to the Sony Digital Interface standard.

AES/EBU connectors. These are digitalaudio connectors that send and receive data according to AES or EBU standards.

LED or LCD display window. This displays tape running time, remaining time on the tape, or elapsed time for the current selection. Also included are peakreading bargraph meters or LEDs. Unlike with an analog tape deck, "0" on the meter is absolute maximum recording level. If your peaks are reaching 0, that level is too high.

#### **Pro indicators**

The following indicators are found on professional units, but seldom on con-

Error indicator. This indicates a loss of data. The electronics will correct for this

Sampling frequency indicator. This shows the frequency at which the machine is sampling audio signals.

Subcode information indicator. This indicates subcode information (described

Search mode indicator. This shows whether the search mode is activated.

Next time we'll cover DAT controls and several techniques for mastering to a DAT recorder.

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### Remote Meters, Then and Now

A Review of FCC Rules Violations May Help Stations As the Commission Ponders a Change

by Harold Hallikainen

San Luis Obispo CA Last month I wrote a bit about a preliminary Notice of Proposed Rulemaking floating around the FCC. The Federal Register explanation says the Commission will "consider relaxing the rule pertaining to the distance a transmitter must be from the duty operator."

It appears the FCC is considering

removing the requirements of 73.1550(a)(3)—that extension meters must be sufficiently close to the operator so that deviations from normal can be observed. In addition, 73.1860(b) requires duty operators to be able to observe meters and monitors from the duty

Reviewing my 1988 rules violation database (call me for a copy), I found 23 violation notices (either FCC form 790,

793 or Notice of Apparent Liability) issued for operators not being able to observe meters from the duty position.

Stations were cited for having the remote control "down the hall," having the transmitter in another building 40 feet away (and no extension metering, a \$300 fine) and having the operator on the first floor of a building and the transmitter on the second (again, with no extension metering, \$500 fine).

Other violations included having the AM remote control in the FM control room while the AM operator was in the AM control room, having the duty operator at a desk in the office while the remote control remained in a studio and having a window shade and papers taped to glass between the operator and the transmitter, obstructing the view of the transmitter meters.

#### Meters in hindsight

At one time, some stations installed "rear view mirrors" so the operator could see the transmitter meters behind her/him. The FCC then allowed for the meters to be in a 360° arc about the operator, but still readily visible.

#### INSIGHT ON **RULES**

I think the Commission originally expected operators to glance at the transmitter meters every few seconds, just as one might look at the speedometer of a car. With the introduction of remote control, however, it was obvious that operators would give the transmitter somewhat less attention.

The original remote controls (and most current systems without a CRT display) would show only one parameter at a time, so it took more than a "glance" to determine if there were significant parameter variations. The Commission recognized that only one parameter at a time was available at remote control points in the remote control rules, which required stations to continuously monitor the modulation level indicator when other readings were not being taken

(1980 73.67(a)(8), 73.274(a)(8)).

When the FCC proposed authorizing remote control of VHF television stations in 1969, they proposed requiring telemetry alarms on all parameters if the operator were employed for duties other then the continuous attendance of the transmitter (see Federal Register, 23 January 1969, page 1061). However, this requirement was not included when VHFs were finally authorized to operate by remote control in 1971.

At that time, however, all stations were required to log parameters at least every 30 minutes. Operators were expected to periodically observe the meters to insure

The proposed rule making would allow required metering and controls to be anywhere within 30.5 meters of the duty operator.

the transmitter was operating properly.

These rule changes somewhat relaxed the "continuous observation" expectation, although the meters still had to be readily visible to the operator. The meters (or single meter or display for a remote control system) may have been presenting a very limited view of the transmitter (just the modulation level), but they had to be visible!

#### **Extension meter proposal**

When the FCC considered adopting rules for extension meters (Federal Register, 4 January 1974, page 1070), it proposed requiring stations to extend plate voltage and current meters, and output power meters (for FM, or antenna or common point current for AM). In addition, the modulation monitor and antenna monitor were to be located at the duty operator position.

When the rules were adopted (Federal Register, 1 November 1974, page 38653), modulation monitors could be located at the duty position or could be extended to the duty position (giving the operator an indication of the meter and peak flasher). Further, antenna monitors could be at the duty operator position,

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### Bringing Drama to the Airwaves

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ries (in the Quantec) are a living room with furniture and a living room without furniture," said McLaughlin. In addition, Quantec offers selection of various room sizes, the degree of audio reflection, and even the direction of those reflections.

#### Computer-simulated reality

The advantage of post production of room settings, commented McLaughlin, is a more realistic simulation than can be accomplished on the floor.

This is especially true of productions that require tight editing, where it becomes increasingly difficult to keep a consistent reverberation on the floor. Without post production on some productions, said McLaughlin, "you'd hear the reverb problems in the editing."

Studio G also has on hand a host of sound effects equipment for post production, including a Harmonizer and spring reverb. These devices are not often used, but they lend a feeling to the production when the script calls for them. "When we're trying to simulate something in the '70s or '60s, we resort to the technology that was used at that time," commented McLaughlin.

Studio G gets a good many shows coming in from Vancouver and a number of other CBC studios where *Radio Drama* shows are also staged. These are usually sent on DAT, or VCR recordings. Then, said McLaughlin, "we add the

# Rules for Remotes

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extended to the duty operator position or be located at the transmitter (which was within 100 feet and one floor above or below the duty operator position).

Such a location would require the operator to go to the antenna monitor at least once every three hours to make required log entries. This was a very significant departure from past policy in that the operator could not glance at the monitor from the duty position to determine any deviations from normal indication.

Somewhere between 1974 and 1980 this allowance in the Rules got lost. By 1980, the operator had to have antenna monitor indications at the duty position.

The proposed rule making would allow required metering and controls to be anywhere within 30.5 meters of the duty operator. This would eliminate the requirement for extension metering. It would also allow stations to put the remote control "down the hall" and out of the operator's view.

The FCC would require stations to operate within the terms of license. It is up to the station (within limits) to determine how that is done.

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tops and tails" to make it ready for syndication to CBC's radio network and its some 600,000 *Radio Drama* fans.

In the upcoming year, Studio G will be giving up its stage to a new *Radio Drama* studio being built by CBC. Currently, McLaughlin is awaiting an all-digital console that is expected to arrive within the week. The plan, he said, is to complete an all-digital studio as technology permits. Most of the existing equipment in *Radio Drama*'s Studio G

will not be making the move.

McLaughlin admits that although the old school is a historical landmark, he agrees with Pietropaolo that an exciting new generation of *Radio Drama* requires a more technically suited studio facility.

"The third generation dramatists," observed Pietropaolo, "have grown up in a completely electronic media world." This will no doubt influence and bring to *Radio Drama*'s new stage more electronic wizardry. "As we look down the road to digi-

tal technology, the way we produce our dramas will be very different from the way we produce them now."

It will be interesting to see if the glass breaker, the old creaking doors and the gravel beds make the move to the new tech environment along with the digital editors.

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Dielectric 6 bay 1-5/8" FM tuned to 93.5 MHz; 10 kW isocoupler 1-5/8" line; 300' 1-5/8" Heliax transmission line. E Neaman, KUMU, 441 N Kimitz Hwy, Honolulu HI 96817. 808-

Potomac Instruments AM-10 two tower, gd cond. B Bie, 80 N Tillman St, Memphis TN 38111. 901-458-5818.

LDF 5-50 Heliax, 250'. J Carroll, 523 Meadow Rd, Towas MI 48764. 517-362-3417.

50 kW AM antenna tuning unit, (2) ITT 25 kV CVFP-2000-255 variable caps, CFED-1000-255 fixed cap, 0-50 amp RF base meter w/TC & switch, BO. T Jordan, Cape Fear Bdct, POB 35297, Fayetteville NC 28303. 919-

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Jampro JSCP-5 antenna, 99.3 MHz w/mounting brackets, 1-5/8" EIA flange, on 300' tower, excel cond, buyer removes, \$1500. C Sigmon, WBZK, POB 398, York SC 29745. 803-684-4241.

Rohn 180' self-supporting tower, standing but not in service, you remove, BO. E Histed, WONH, POB 1104, Honesdale PA 18431. 717-253-1616.

Andrews 300' 1-5/8" coax, no known defects, on 300' tower, buyer removes, \$1800; also 300' 24' face guyed tower, 21 yrs old. Kept painted, gd cond, heavy material & heavy duty, buyer removes, \$9500. C Sigmon, WBZK, POB 398, York SC 29745. 803-684-4241.

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Andrew 1861 reducer, 3-1/8" to 1-5/8", \$160; 1061A 90° elbow, 1-5/8" A-3-1/2", B-6", \$145; 1062A 90° elbow, 3-1/8", A & B 4-1/2", \$255; 75AN 7/8" to N, female, \$5; 23167 3-1/8" male to male, 9-1/2", \$140, D Agnes, WCLV, 26501 Emery Ind Pkwy, Warrensville OH 44128. 216-464-0900.

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Stainless 24" face 380' tower, complete lightning kit. M St Cyr, 3565 29th SE, Grand Rapids MI 49512. 616-949-8760.

Scala FMO-Z, excel cond w/cables, tuned to NCE, \$350. T O'Laughlin, O's Own Prod, Rt 1 Box 41, Barneveld WI 53507. 608-924-2001.

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One-bay circularly polarized antenna on 93.3 & 6-bay on 100.3. L Fuss, KOOZ, POB 159, Fayetteville GA 30214. 404-460-6159.

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Circularly polarized 2-bay FM, tuned to 91.1 or close. W Wilson, KJTY, 2519 NW Topeka Ave, Topeka KS 66617. 913-357-8888.

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MEI Digisound, 2 hard drives, remote keyboard, configured for 10 kHz, 175 minutes mono, 86 minutes stereo, \$8000. D Greer, WDZZ, Genesee Towers, Ste 1830, Flint MI 48502. 313-767-0130. Eventide BD955 digital delay w/15 kHz bandwidth, 6.4 sec delay, \$2500. J Littlejohn, WYSY, POB 2010, Aurora IL 60507. 708-851-

Sequential Prophet 600 MIDI synthesizer w/software upgrade, \$350. P Cibley, Cibley Music, 138 E 38 St, NYNY 10016. 212-986-2219.

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Schafer 901-902 automation system w/(6) Teac/Schaferdeck R-R's & I/O cards, (6) cart I/O cards, (3) rack cabinets. E Nearman, KUMU, 441 N Nimitz Hwy, Honolulu HI 96817. 808-531-4511

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SMC RP-1000 brain, DS-20 switcher, PDC-3A clock, pwr supply, TS-25 tone sensor, (4) Otari ARS-1000DC, (4) BE auto rewinds, (4) SMC 352-RSB Carousels, (3) SMC racks w/doors, manuals, parts, SMC remote control, unlimited walkaway w/auto rewind units. E Nichols, KMCR, POB 189, Montgomery MO 63361

Otari ARS-1000 w/25 Hz decoder (4), \$1000; IGM Go-cart 24, \$2500; SMC RR-1000 Brain w/DS-20 switcher & clock & TAC-1 time anounce, \$2700; (2) SMC 250 Carousei, one w/electr random select, one w/Schaffer random access, \$350; SMC 721 dual cart PB in drawer, \$500; SMC 710 single cart PB in drawer, \$250. J Wenstrom, Wynne Bdctg, 503-882-4656.

Robot Jock CD600 60 CD player (4), Toshiba drive, will interface w/IBM. C Keith, ALI, Box 313, Keene NH 03431. 603-352-8460.

Conex DS25B, dual 25 Hz sensor, never used, \$350. D Eressy, WFCC, POB 1308, W Chatham MA 02609. 508-945-4855.

Schafer automation system, older style, working, \$400. E Moody, KJEM, 216 N Main, Bentonville AR 72712. 501-273-9039.

McCurdy Cue System satellite decoded for Fairchild application w/time zone switcher, 2 mos old, \$1500. J Michaels, WJOD, POB 276, Galena IL 61036. 815-777-2555.

**Shafer 903** wl/(3) Carousels, dual cart machine, network card for satellite, plus extras, \$6000. Tom, 509-522-5412.

Schafer 901-902 automation system w/(6) Teac/Schafer deck R-R's & I/O cards, (6) cart I/O cards, (3) rack cabinets. E Neaman, KUMU, 441 N Nimitz Hwy, Honolulu HI 96817. 808-531-4511.

Live-Assist tape system including (4) ITC 750 series, PB only, stereo, 25 Hz tone detect card, M.W. Persons mini-mixer w/count-up clock, cabling & hardware interfacing, \$3000 (equip in St Cloud MN) G Hoppe, WHMH, 1617 N Poinsettia PI Ste 205, Hollywood CA 90046. 213-851-0870.

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SMC MSP full feature 2000 event for satellite format, tape service, or live assist, remote control, 4 yrs old, like new cond, \$3200. D Dottsch, WDDD, 1 Broadcast Ctr, Marion IL 62959, 618-997-8123.

Harris 9000 automation system w/CRT-70X keyboard, (2) new style & (2) old style Instacarts, (2) 42 slot Go-Carts, (4) ITC 750 R's, Sony remote video monitor, (2) Criterion large cart machines, play only, Extel printer w/5 cases of paper, (4) racks, all cables & interfaces & manuals, presently in service, \$37,000. D Greer, WDZZ, Genesee Towers, Ste 1830, Flint MI 48502. 313-767-0130.

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MEI Satmaster 1000 event satellite programmer w/(2) Carousels, gd working cond, will sell, lease, rent, or trade for FM xmtr, \$6000. C Crisler, KAFM, Box 41971, Memphis TN 38174, 901-722-7304.

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Satcue 400 switchers for Unistar formats by Colorado Magnetics (2), \$500 ea. H Widsten, KGNB, 1540 Loop 337 North, New Braunfels TX 78130. 512-625-7311.

Schafer 7000, w(5) Otari ARS1000, (3) Sono-Mag Carousels, (4) ITC cart machines, just out of service in gd cond, BO. W Long, WWMY, 7819 Natl Service Rd, Greensboro NC 27409. 919-668-9450.

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Microprobe 100 6 source automation programmer, \$800. R Coleman, WGEN, Box 67, Geneseo IL 61254. 309-944-4633.

MW Persons 25 Hz decoder; automated bdct Sequencer 16 w/expander. P Wells, KJQY, San Diego CA. 619-238-1037.

ATC/Gates stereo in gd working cond, \$2000. G Williamson, WASK, Box 7880, Lafayette IN 47903. 317-447-2186.

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ITC Premium RP rack mount, mono, excel cond w/low hrs & manual, \$1150; ITC late mdl premium SP mono, less than 5 yrs old w/low hrs, rack mount w/manuals (4), \$875. D Doelitzsch, WDDD, 1 Bdct Ctr, Marion IL 62959. 618-997-8123.

BE cart winder w/timer, \$125. W Blackwelder, KNUE, POB 7935, Tyler TX 75711. 214-581-

ITC R/P 3 tone, \$700. J Wenstrom, Wynne Bdctg, 503-882-4656.

ITC RP Series cart machine w/all tones, \$845. P Willey, POB 560, Bennington VT 05201. 413-663-3419.

BE 5301 mono triple-deck cart machine, working cond but needs top motor bearing, \$500. B Bicoy, POB 65, Medford MA 02153. 617-629-8476.

ITC RP cart recorder, \$850; ITC cart rack mounts, will work w/Premium series cart machines, \$20. G Gaskey, KWHO, 261 Main, Ste 6, Weed CA 96094. 916-938-3828.

Audicord DL-RS stereo R/P, new, remote control connections, plugs, \$1100. D Stubbs, The Sound Saloon, 1611 E Charleston Ste 1, Las Vegas NV 89104. 702-366-1696.

ITC RP Premium stereo; RP Premium mono; SP high speed cue mono; (2) BE 2000 RP mono; Sparta RP mono & delay; Spotmaster 505; Gates Criterion. J Phillips, WZOM, 408-1/2 Clinton, Defiance OH 43512.

ITC Premium series record amp, mono, \$300. J Littlejohn, WYSY, POB 2010, Aurora IL 60507. 708-851-4600.

SMC 721 dual, \$600 & 710 single, \$300, cart PB's; SMC 250 Carousel w/random select electr, \$350; ITC RP 3 tone cart recorder, \$700. J Wenstrom, Wynne Bdctg, 1338 Oregon, Klamath Falls OR 97601. 503-882-4656.

ITC Premium R/P mono, rack mount, gd cond, \$1150 3 tone; (4) Premium SP, mono rack mount, 3 tone, \$800 ea; Premium 3-D triple deck, mono, 3 tone, rack mount, gd cond, \$1000, all have manuals. D Doelitzsch, WDDD, 1 Broadcast Ctr, Marion IL 62959. 618-997-8123.

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ITC stereo R-P, mint, mono high speed cue, mono R-P Premium, needs work, BO; BE RP 2000 mono (2), \$750; Gates Criterion, Sparta, Spotmaster, \$150 ea. J Phillips, WZOM, 408 Clinton, Defiance OH 43512.

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Tapecaster RP 700, gd cond, \$295. A Ishkanian, Advent Duplication, 9725 Riggs Rd, Adelphi MD 20763, 301-439-7222.

SMC 570 cart PB unit. E Neaman, KUMU, 441 N Nimitz Hwy, Honolulu HI 96817. 808-

Otari ARS-1000 stereo PB w/25 Hz tone sensor, low hrs in excel cond, \$1000 ea. D Doelitzsch, WDDD, 1 Broadcast Ctr, Marion IL 62959, 618-997-8123.

UMC/Beau mono PB (2); UMC/Beau mono R/P (2); ITC SP mono (2). D Smith, WFCB, Box 94, Chillicothe OH 45601. 614-773-3000.

BE Spotmaster ten spot mdl 610CR (3), rack mountable, unused, \$1695 ea. L Schrecongost Rcdg, POB 1032, Indiana PA 15701. 412-349-5706.

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Pacific Recorders Tomcat recorder w/Maxtrax heads, excel cond, w/7-1/2 or 15 ips speeds, full featured, \$3000. D Greene, KXEZ, 3500 W Olive Ste 250, Burbank CA 91505. 818-955-7000.

Ampro 2500 Series, (2) rec, (3) PB, all 3 tones, FF on rec decks, gd cond, BO. M Black, WEOS, Hobart College, Geneva NY 11436.

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PR&E Micromax stereo recorder. H Landsberg, 818-355-3656.

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Ampro CT5500 Tri-Deck monaural, 3-tone, must be mechanically sound. J McAulay, KITH, 21810 Hwy 18, Apple Valley CA 92307. 619-247-1111.

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Studer B-77 1/4 trk, excel cond, recently checked out, \$500/BO. R Herman, Frontier Radio Network, POB 9292, Austin TX 78766. 512-280-5691.

ITC 770 Series PB units, gd cond, one for \$600, (2) for \$1000, plus shpg. L Jones, Mediaworks, POB 625, Columbia SC 29202. 803-765-1122

**Tascam 22-2** w/manual, needs some repair, \$375. W Blackwelder, KNUE, POB 7935, Tyler TX 75711. 214-581-0606.

Ampex 440 deck wiSchaler stereo solid state PB electrs, \$250; Teac/Tascam 32-2, 2 trk, stereo, dual capstan recorders, factory rack mounts (4), new cond, \$750 ea. G Gaskey, Khol, 261 Main, Ste 6, Weed CA 96094. 916-338-3828.

MCI R/P console R-R (2), complete w/mic/line meter bridge, pwr supply, tape drive elec, one unit is less capstan, \$350/BO. C Woodrome, KVLL, 100 Spring Valley, Woodville TX 75979. 409-283-3734.

Otari MX 5050-II (2), 7.5-15 1/2 trk, one w/rack mounting & one in wood case, both excel cond, \$1500 ea. R Rhodes, Roger Rhodes Music, POB 1550, NYNY 10101.

Scully 280B (6), gd cond, rack mountable, \$1800; Scully 280B (2) sets R/P electronics, BO. T Ray, WTIC, 1 Financial Plaza, HTFD CT 06103, 203-522-1080.

Ampex 350 mono, w/Inovonics solid state rack mount, \$500. A Baker, 804 E 38th St, Indianapolis IN 46205. 317-925-7371.

Ampex AG 350 mono w/solid state rack mount, \$800. A Baker, 804 E 38th St, Indianapolis IN 48205. 317-925-7371.

Inovonics 375 (4) & a mdi 370 w/Ampex R-R electronics; (3) Ampex 350's & one 354 R-R transports; (2) Teac R720 R-R transport. E Nearman, KUMU, 441 N Nimitz Hwy, Honolulu HJ 9847 808-5314-511

Revox A77, \$350. J Wenstrom, Wynne Bdctg, 503-882-4656.

Magnecord 1022 stereo (2), transports for parts, electr OK; (2) Magnecord 1021 mono, transports for parts, electr OK; Magnecord 1021 mono, in port case, gd cond; Ampex AG-600, mono, in port case, gd cond; (4) Scully 270's for parts, BO on all items. D Igou, KGNB, 1540 Loop 337 N, New Braunfels TX 78130.

Ampex 440 FT recorder in roll around console, \$1250. B Blynder, TVA Inc, 11024 SW 112 Ave, Miami FL 33176. 305-595-9898.

ITC 750 R/P 2 trk, fair cond, \$250. A McCartny, 600 E Main, Valaville CA 95660. 707-446-0200.



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Ampex 440 B mono R/P (4); (2) Ampex 440 B stereo R/P; (2) Metrotech 500 PB; (5) Otari PG; Ampex 351 electronics. D Smith, WFCB, POB 94, Chillicothe OH 45601. 614-773-3000.

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MCI JH110-B 1/4" 2-trk, excel cond, lw hrs; 7-1/2, 15/30 ips in roll around stand, \$2650/BO. T Keenan, 11105 Knott Ave, Cypress CA 90630. 714-892-9469.

Scully 280 2 trk, portable cases, vgc, \$900. F Virtue, Virtue Studios, 1618 N Broad, Philadelphia PA 19131.

Technics RS-631 w/Dolby timer, LED peak indicators & mic line mixing, wooden side panels, gd cond, \$150. L Hoover, Logical Audio Solutions, 325 Saude, Essington PA 19029, 215-521-2922.

Otari ARS-1000 (4) w/25 Hz detectors, excel cond, \$750 ea. T Jordan, Cape Fear Bdct, POB 35297, Fayetteville NC 28303. 919-864-

ITC 750 (2), play only, stereo, \$500 ea. J Littlejohn, WYSY, POB 2010, Aurora IL 60507. 708-851-4600.

Scully 280B mono R/P, excel cond, w/manuals, \$500. R Statham, WSTU, 1000 Alice Ave, Stuart FL 34994. 407-692-1000.

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Ampex 350 R-R transports (3); Ampex 354 R-R transport; (2) Teac R720 R-R transports. E Neaman, KUMU, 441 N Nimitz Hwy, Honolulu HI 96817. 808-531-4511.

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Teac/Tascam 2, slide pot, 6 chnl, \$150. G Gaskey, KWHO, 261 Main, Ste 6, Weed CA 96094. 916-938-3828.

Sparta A15 5-pot news console. E Nearman, KUMU, 441 N Nimitz Hwy, Honolulu HI 96817. 808-531-4511.

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Ramko DC8MS, 8 chnl 20 input stereo board, cel cond. \$3850.00 R Tru 117, Quincy CA 95971. 916-283-4144

Harris Medalist 10 10 chnl, stereo, excel cond, \$1800. D Miller, KATP, 810 N Pierce, Amarillo TX 79107, 806-373-6777,

Russco 505-S stereo 5 chnl, \$700; Gates Producer 4 chnl mono, needs work, \$75. W Blackwelder, KNUE, POB 7935, Tyler TX Blackwelder, KNUE, 75711. 214-581-0606.

Harris Criterion 90 stereo play all tones, mint cond, \$995. P Willey, POB 560, Bennington VT 05201. 413-663-3419.

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BE stereo 8 chnl w/Daven pots, \$1000; BE mono 8 chnl, \$850; BE mono 4 chnl, \$300; Collins stereo 8 chnl, \$1250; Gates stereo Yard, \$300; McCurdy stereo 8 chnl, \$900. C Haynes, WJMI, 1850 Lynch, Jackson MS 39203. 601-948-1515.

BE 150A 8 chnl dual mono prod & air board, new in box; Ampro AC-8S 8 chnl stereo board, original box & manual, BO; Micro-trak 6444B stereo mixer board, new, \$400; Ramsa 8 chnl stereo board WR-130. J Phillips, WZOM, 408 Clinton, Defiance OH 43512. 419-792-8591.

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CBS stereo Audimay 4450A F Nearman KUMU, 441 N Nimitz Hwy, Honolulu HI 96817.

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PR&E Multimax processors (3), \$200 ea; (2) PR&E multilimiters, \$200 ea; Hnat-Hindes 104 peak limiter, \$50. C Hall, WZOU, 235 Bear Hill, Waltham MA 02154. 617-290-0009.

Harris AM limiter, \$500; Harris ME-1 mod enhancer, \$150; Harris AM tri band AGC, m MSP 90, \$1250; Gates Sta Level, \$85. Moody, KJEM, 216 N Main, Bentonville AR 72712 501-273-9039

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Orban Optimod 8000A, just rebuilt, like new, \$1750. K Krueger, KGTS, 204 S College, Col-lege Place WA 99324. 509-527-2991.

Dorrough DAP 610 (2), set up for AM, may be converted, \$1000 ea/BO. J Littlejohn, WYSY, POB 2010, Aurora IL 60507. 708-851-

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CBS Volumax 410, \$80. B Umb 51 S Main Ste 957, Clearwater FL 34625. 813-446-0957

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CRL PMC 300A in excel cond, replacing 477, Bowman ND 58623. 701-523-3883.

Orban Optimod 8000A, gd cond, just removed from service, \$1600. A McEwing, WGLY, RR 1 Box 1040, Waterbury VT 05676. 802-244-5683.

Gates FM Top-Level, stereo, \$75. T O'Laughlin, O's Own Prod, Rt 1 Box 41, Barneveld WI 53507. 608-924-2001.

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Optimod 8100A (2). R Roberts, KPUP, 1188 Padre Dr, Salinas CA 93901. 408-758-5400.

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RCA Classic ribbon mics, send for list. B Daries, 5548 Elmer, N Hollywood CA 91601. 818-

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