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### OZZIE'S MAIL -BOX

Dear Ozzie

I heard about a national group called the Confederate Citizens Band Corps do you know anything about them or where I may contact them?

> Sam Dowdy, 14Q0754 Yakima, Wash.

As a matter of fact we have, Sam Last summer we received a mailing from a person or persons calling themselves by that name. The pitch was that for 5 bucks we could become a member and get a pocket card, wall certificate, sunvisor sleeve, decal, and a book on how to choose an antenna (Antenna Specialtists gives away these books free). They also announced that in the near future they would have cuff links, ash trays, billfolds, and other decorative nonsense. The only apparent purpose of the organization seemed to be to sell novelties.

Since their slogan was "Together we stand—Divided we're lost," we decided that we didn't care to stand anywhere near them with their ashtrays and billfolds, hoping that they soon would "get lost."

Since the sales pitch material bore no CB'ers name or callsign, only a box number, we filed it in the wastebasket. Guess not too many other CB'ers decided to stand with them, in all of our many reader surveys, we haven't seen one single CB'er who claimed to be a member.

Ozzie

Hey Oz-

I just returned from abroad (after several years) and picked up a copy of your 1962 CB CALLBOOK/HAND-BOOK only to find that the listings are for only "Q" and "QA" CB'ers. What about us "W" stations? Are there any lists of "W" stations?

James Acheson, 19W9076 (ex-18W7759) New York, N. Y.

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Ozzie

Dear Ozzie-

Wanted to let you know of some good luck I had with a CBH idea.

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So we "gift wrapped" the set, as you suggested in November. We put aluminum foil inside the set on the sides and top, using copper screen wire on the bottom and back of the set for ventilation.

We grounded the shielding and left the filter on the lead-in.

The nominal outlay for the (foil, copper screen, glue, etc) was certainly worth it. Thanks for putting us wise to this trick, the TVI is now completely gone.

Larry Cleaver, 3Q1401 Philadelphia, Pa.

OK, Larry, glad we could be of service.

Ozzie



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### 4 Simple One-Evening CB Construction Projects and How to Build Them!

By JIM KYLE, 10W0901
CBH Technical Editor

Summertime's approaching, with warm days and long evenings. What better time to turn your garage into an electronic workshop and build some of your own station accessories?

"But I can't build anything!" you may answer; relax, you don't need experience for these four fast projects. Each of them can be completed in a single evening, with minimum cash outlay for parts and maximum improvement in station performance.

But before you start, unless you have done construction before, it wouldn't hurt to take a quick review of construction practices. None of them are difficult, but they do include some important points.

Heading the list is the technique of proper soldering for electronic connections. You may be an expert tinsmith, but soldering in electronics is a technique all to itself. The required tools and materials are a soldering iron (the inexpensive pencil-type irons are handy and convenient; use the 37½-watt tip for general work) and solder. When you buy solder, be sure to get the rosin-core kind; if you have a choice of grades, you'll find that "60-40" is easiest to work with.

To learn the technique, plug in the iron. After it comes up to temperature (you can tell this point because it will then melt solder rapidly into a smooth-flowing liquid, rather than into a semi-soft paste as a too-cold iron does), wipe the tip on a discarded Turkish towel or other coarse cloth. If this is the first time you've used the iron, "tin" the tip by coating it with solder and wiping it clean once more.

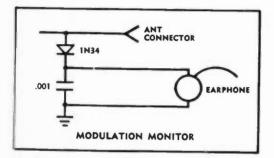
With the iron hot and tinned, take some scrap hookup wire and practice soldering joints. The two secrets of perfect soldering are (1) make sure both connections are completely clean (brighten them with sandpaper if necessary) and (2) make sure the wires themselves are hot enough to melt the solder. The professional way to make a perfect joint is to first clean the wires, then lay them in contact (twisting them together is unnecessary, and makes later repair more difficult). Next, pick up a drop of molten solder on the tip of the iron and use it as a "lubricant" between the iron and the joint. Don't place the tip directly on the joint; instead, put it on one wire about 1/16 inch away from the joint and let the heat transfer through the "lubricating" drop and the wire up to the joint itself.

When the joint itself is hot enough to melt the solder so that it can flow in, apply a small amount of fresh solder to it and let it flow into all the crevices. Then remove the iron and let the joint cool undisturbed. If either wire moves while the solder is still soft, you'll have a "cold-solder" joint which will almost inevitably cause later troubles. When the solder in the joint suddenly loses its shiny fiuid appearance and turns dull, the joint is hard. If you use 60-40 solder, this hardening will take place almost instantly; with either 70-30 or 50-50 grades, it will be a slower process.

Aside from the soldering iron, the only other tools essential for construction of these projects are a small pair of side-cutting pliers (usually called "dykes") and a small pair of needlenose pliers for positioning small parts. A pocketknife comes in handy, too, for stripping insulation from the ends of wires. Ready? Let's go!

### **Modulation Monitor**

The simplest of our four projects-yet a most essential item in obtaining perfect station operation-is a modulation monitor.



This device connects between the output terminal of your transceiver and the antenna itself, and lets you hear (via an earphone) exactly what your outgoing signal sounds

Only three parts are necessary: a type 1N34 (or 1N34A, 1N38B) crystal diode, a 001 wfd. disc ceramic capacitor, and a magnetic or dynamic earphone (a crystal earphone won't work).

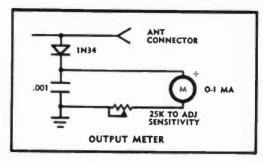
Connect the anode lead of the diode (the end away from the broad stripe around the body) to one lead of the capacitor, and connect the other lead of the capacitor to the chassis of your unit. Connect the cathode (the other) lead of the diode to the center terminal of your transceiver's antenna connector. Connect the earphone leads across the capacitor as shown in the schematic. That's all there is to it. Now, listen in the earphone while talking—or better, since your own voice will sound abnormal to you through the earpiece, while someone else talks, over your rig. The effect of any adjustments can be detected immediately.

Maximum-Output Meter

This device, designed into the Heath CB-1 but adaptable to any unit, simplifies tuning up to any antenna. Although it won't indicate your actual output power in watts, it will show you directly an indication of your relative power output as you tune the rig or

make antenna adjustments.

The parts list and construction details are identical with those for the modulation monitor except that an inexpensive microor milliammeter replaces the earphone, to give you a visual indication of power out-put. For maximum utility, you can wire the diode and capacitor permanently into your rig and bring the meter-or-phone connection out to an added jack, so that you can connect either a meter or an earphone and have both instruments.



The recommended meter is a 0-500 microammeter, but a 0-1 milliammeter will also work. If the meter pointer tends to go offscale, add a 10,000-ohm potentiometer in series with the meter as a sensitivity adjustment.

In use, the meter needle will deflect to the right when you switch the rig to TRANS-MIT. Adjust for maximum deflection to the right, and you will have maximum power output.

You can also use the meter to get a rough check of modulation. When you talk into the mike at a normal level, the needle should flicker. It will flicker both above and below the non-talking position; however, it will go farther in one direction than in the other. If it tends to go upscale, all is well. If the reading goes downscale, your rig is afflicted with "downward modulation" and should be checked thoroughly.

### **Electronic Tuning Eye**

If, like many units, your transceiver's receiving section is tunable, you'll welcome this tuning eye which shows you when you are tuned exactly on channel. It can also be used to peak up receiver adjustments.

The parts required are an Amperex type EM-84 tube, a 9-pin socket for it, a 1-megohm 1-watt composition resistor, and some hookup wire. If your set is designed for use on a 12-volt battery, you'll also need a 25-ohm 2-watt composition resistor.

This project is slightly more complex than preceding pair, but not much so. The first step is to prepare the tube socket. To do this, solder a short wire to pin 7 (the pins are numbered in a clockwise direction, starting from the left, as you look at the bottom of the socket). Connect the other end of this wire, which should not be more than 1/2 inch long, to pin 9; also, connect one lead of the 1-megohm resistor to pin 9 and solder the connection. Connect the other end of the resistor to pin 6 but don't solder it yet.

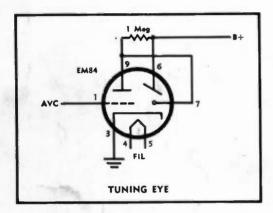
Prepare five lengths of wire about 12 inches long by stripping the insulation for 1/4 inch from one end of each. Connect one of these to pin 6 and solder the connection; solder the other wires to pins 1, 3, 4, and 5. respectively.

Now, find the place on your unit's panel where you want to mount the tuning eye

and cut a rectangular hole ¼ inch high by ¾ inch long. Plug the tube into the socket, center the tube behind the hole so that the display screen (at one side of the tube) shows through the hole, and secure the tube to the back of the panel with masking tape.

The next steps assume that your unit is connected for use with 6-volt filament supplies; check to be sure this is true. If you're connected for 12 volts, we'll take care of this later.

Locate the wires connected to pins 4 and 5, and connect them to a set of existing filament connections beneath the chassis. Likely places are to pins 3 and 4 of either a 6BA6, 6BE6, 6AL5, or 6AQ5. Locate the main high-voltage supply point (a good place to find it is at pin 6 of the AF output 6AQ5, common to many sets) and connect the wire from pin 6 of the tuning eye to this point. Connect the wire from pin 3 to any convenient ground. Solder all connections as they are made.



You still have one wire to connect—the lead from pin 1. This must be connected to the receiver's AVC line. This line can easily be identified because it is the point to which the black wire from the first IF transformer (usually called T1) is connected. If your T1 has no wires, just terminals, find the one which has connected to it a capacitor going to ground, and a high-value (yellow stripe around its center) resistor. The end of the resistor away from the transformer goes to the AVC line, where you should connect the wire from pin 1.

If, after you make the connection and try the unit out, the shadow covers the entire screen and fails to narrow on a strong signal, you probably have connected to the wrong terminal of the transformer (the mixer B-connection in many sets has a similar appearance, but with a smaller-value resistor). Move your connection to the other resistor and try again.

If your unit is wired for 12-volt operation, you must make one modification to the instructions above. When connecting the wires from pins 4 and 5, you must add the 25-ohm resistor in series. Find a 12AX7, 12AU7, or

12AT7 tube in your set. Connect the wire from pin 4 to pin 4 of this tube, the 25-ohm resistor from pin 5 to pin 9 of this tube, and the wire from pin 5 of the tuning eye to pin 9 of this tube also.

When you have finished all wiring, and checked to make certain it is correct, turn the unit on. The display screen of the EM84 tube should glow bluish-white as the set warms up, and you should find a wide shadow in the center of this glowing area. Tune to a signal; the shadow should become narrower. The point of minimum shadow width is the exact on-channel tuning point.

To use the tuning eye to peak receiver adjustments, tune in a weak but steady signal. Starting with the IF transformer nearest the detector tube, adjust the trimmers in each IF transformer (using an alignment tool which fits the trimmer) for the narrowest possible shadow.

### Talk-Power "Super-Booster"

A common complaint with many transceivers is "not enough audio"; occasionally, the reverse complaint — "too much" — is heard.

For many reasons, most manufacturers don't include a means of adjusting modulator audio level in their gear. This poses no problem when the recommended mike is used, and if your voice is "normal"—but if you change mikes, or if your voice is either unusually soft or louder than average, you may have troubles. This one-tube device added between the microphone and the mike jack will solve these problems.

This is the most complex of our four projects, which is why we saved it until last. However, despite its increase in complexity, it's still simple to wire and shouldn't take

you over an hour to complete.

You'll need a type 12AU7 tube (don't substitute!), a 9-pin socket for it, a carbon microphone (surplus telephone F-1 buttons are ideal and inexpensive), two 15,000-ohm 1-watt resistors, a .001 mf disc ceramic capacitor, a .01 mf 400-volt paper capacitor, a 1-megohm "audio taper" volume control, an aluminum box large enough to house the unit (we used a 4x4x2 but a smaller one would do), shielded wire to connect to the transceiver microphone input, and a plug which will fit the mike jack of your rig. Some hookup wire completes the list.

Start by drilling or punching a ¾-inch hole in the box to accommodate the tube socket. Drill two ⅓-inch holes for the mounting screws, and attach the socket with 4-40x¼ inch screws. Put a soldering lug under each mounting screw, beneath the chassis, to provide handy ground connections when wiring. Next, drill a ¾-inch hole for the volume control, and mount the control in it with the hardware provided with it.

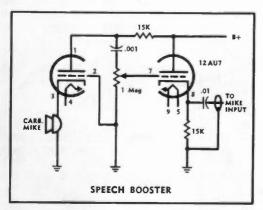
Begin the actual wiring by installing the two resistors. One is connected between pins 1 and 6 of the tube socket (don't solder either end yet); the other goes from pin 8 to ground (again, don't solder). Next, con-

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nect the .001 mf capacitor from pin 1(solder this now) to the extreme right-hand terminal (looking at the back of the control, with the terminals up) of the volume control. Solder this connection also.

Run a wire from the center terminal of the volume control to pin 7 of the tube socket, soldering each end. Connect another wire from the left-hand terminal of the volume control to pin 2 of the tube socket, and run this wire on to one of the ground lugs. Solder it at all three places. Connect one lead from the .01 mf capacitor to pin 8 of the tube socket, and solder the connection.

Now prepare a 5-wire cable about two feet long (5-conductor intercom cable is excellent) by stripping the insulation from each end of each wire for approximately ¼ inch. Connect the booster ends of the wires to pins 4, 5, 6, and 9 of the tube socket, and solder. The left-over wire goes to ground; don't solder it yet.



Take the shielded cable and connect it to the microphone plug in the same manner your existing mike cable is connected. At the free end, connect the center conductor to the other lead of the .01 mf capacitor in the booster, and connect the shield to the same ground lug to which the resistor is connected. Connect the left-over wire from the preceding paragraph to this same point and solder the connection.

The only remaining construction step is to connect one lead from the carbon microphone to pin 3 of the tube socket and the other microphone lead to ground. Solder both connections.

To connect to your transceiver, locate a type 12AU7, 12AT7, or 12AX7 tube in your unit. Connect the wires from pins 4, 5, and 9 to the corresponding pins of this tube's socket in your unit. Connect the wire from pin 6 to any convenient B+ source (consult the schematic of your own set) and the ground wire to any handy ground lug in the transceiver. Plug in the microphone connector.

Before using the unit on the air, it must be adjusted. Remember, you now have nearly 100 times the talk power you had before, and if the booster's volume control is turned up too high, you'll overmodulate so badly that nobody can read you (and besides, such operation is illegal).

To adjust the unit, arrange with a distant (at least two miles away) station; transmit a "countdown", starting with the booster's volume control turned all the way "off" and increasing slowly to about half-way "on". Keep track of the steps as you increase the setting. The listening station should report that you had no audio at first, and faded in gradually. After reaching a maximum of volume and clarity, your audio should have begun to go "mushy" and distorted. The proper operating point, of course, is the point at which you had the best volume and clarity but were still not "mushy". The distortion indicates the beginning of overmodulation. You should mark this point and never exceed it in operation.

If you have built the modulation monitor described earlier in this article, you can adjust the audio by yourself. Just talk into the mike while listening to the monitor, and adjust volume until it is as loud as possible but still clear. However, a final on-the-air check is still recommended, since slight distortion in one's own voice is difficult to detect.

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# CB'ers Call The Shots At Canaveral

### By HUGH PINNEY, 7Q0523

"... 10 - 9 - 8 - 7 - 6 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1 - 0 - Ignition — LIFT OFF!"



Those were the words that came over CB units—Ch. 16, as the giant Atlas roared off the pad at Cape Canaveral—carrying Astronaut John Glenn into

space!

The Cape Canaveral Citizens Band Club has been in on many exciting events, assisting wherever possible, but the biggest opportunity came with the scheduled history-making space flight of Col. John Glenn at Cape Canaveral, Florida, on February 20, 1962.

Let's start at the beginning: An old friend, Jack Young, manager for the Southern office of UPI, Atlanta, Georgia, was explaining to me the set-up involved in covering this launch. He said that his photographers (UPI)

would be spread out over a wide area, and was wondering just how he could co-ordinate and direct his photographers, what with all the excitement, confusion, traffic jams, etc. The telephone lines would be constantly busy, so he would hardly get a word in edgewise! Jack would need to keep in touch with the press site at the Cape; the UPI beach house (midway between the Cape and the Holiday Inn), Cocoa Beach (UPI headquarters) — also 12 miles off the shore from the Cape, a large cabin cruiser, with photographers who would stand by in case of an emergency, or "abort". Contact with this boat was most important! It took me about 10 milli-seconds to solve his problems of communications. CB Radios! I explained to him how our club was able to set CB equipment and provide mobile units for any emergency need. Jack was much impressed.

I called Howie Gibson, 7Q1840, Club President, and told him of Mr. Young's problem. Howie immediately volunteered the club's services, and set up a meeting with Jack to find out just what was needed. A preliminary talk revealed that several units would have to be installed, as "fixed" type stations, one at Holiday Inn, for base operations, known as 7Q0523 (UPI) control. A unit was located at United Press Beach House, midway between the Holiday Inn, Cocoa Beach and the Cape. The real problem was the installation on the cabin cruiser, which required a special antenna system. RCA Mark VII's were used throughout this assignment. These units were provided by CB'ers who gave their time willingly in the installing and operation of



Don McKoin—19Q4538 from Cincinnotti, Ohio, a UPI Photogropher, is one of the many field photographers pulled into the oreo for this historic space flight. Don, besides being a photographer, is on ardent CB'er. Don uses CB units exclusively, for communications in his work. He is shown here, checking in with UPI Hqts. from the communications center, ot the UPI Beach House.

the unique network. The first order of business was the erection of a beam antenna, at the Holiday Inn.

Gus Haynes, 7Q1386, Hugh Pinney, 7Q0523, made the installation. At the beach house, Carl Wolary, 7W1689, and Howie Gibson, 7Q1840, set up a Magnum-27 for the "midway" station, on the roof. Hugh Pinney, 7Q0523, took care of the unit on board the boat.

Channel 16 was selected to handle all UPI traffic — no one else uses this channel in this area

Walkie-Talkies, furnished by Charlie Buckner, 7W1966, were used to coordinate activities of roaming photographers on the beach, where many spectator type pictures were made.

Ten postponements for the orbital flight were made, due to bad weather, technical difficulties, etc. But the Cape Canaveral CB'ers stood by, some doing without their CB units, for as much as three weeks, so that they would be "ready-to-go", in the event of an early re-schedule.

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"Bird Watchers"—Gus Haynes, (701386) (L) and Doug Martin, UFI Photograhes (with Camera) fire away at Col. Glenn, an film of course, as the missile carries him aloft into orbit. Gus is in the Air Force, (A-1st) stationed ot Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. He is very active in CB Activities, as you can see here—keeping Doug up an the "Count", with his mobile rig.



Jack Young, Southern Mgr. for UPI, (left) and Howard Gibson (7Q1840), President of the Cape Canaveral CB Club, (R) Check out the RCA MK VII CB unit at the UPI Headquarters, Haliday Inn, Cocoa Beach.

off" finally came and we are proud to say "that all units operated A-OK", with a "100% operation", to use a phrase common to this area. The shipto-shore unit worked especially well, despite a rather high wind, keeping the antenna laying over instead of straight up. Thanks go to Paul Lusk, 7Q0512, and Jim Edwards, 7Q0462, for the use of their antenna equipment.

The Cape Canaveral Citizens Band Club is proud to have been of service on such a historic occasion.



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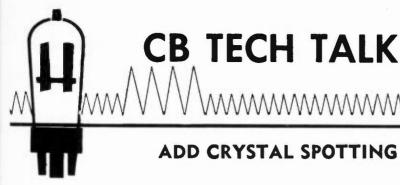
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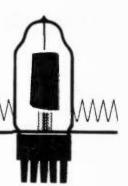
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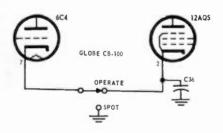


#### By JIM KYLE, 10W0901 Technical Editor

Ever wonder if you're tuned to the same channel for receiving and transmitting?

This can happen even with crystal control on the receiver, as adjustments age. And with a tunable receiver, it happens more frequently than most of us like to remember.

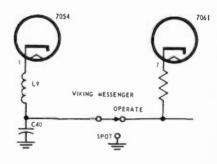
But for just 25 cents and a few minutes time, you can add a channel spotter to your transceiver and end the uncertainty. This channel spotter turns on the oscillator portion of your trans-



mitter without putting the unit on the air; this provides a strong marker signal on your transmitting channel. By tuning your receiver to this marker, you know that you're tuned to the proper channel.

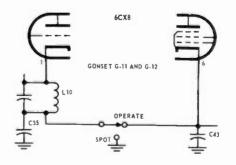
The only part you have to add to your rig is a single-pole double-throw switch; such a switch in the popular slide-action type costs less than 25 cents, but a toggle switch or pushbutton type is recommended for easier installation.

To install the channel spotter on a Globe, Gonset, Lafayette, or Viking unit, find room on the transceiver panel for the switch you have selected,



and drill the necessary mounting holes (be careful not to drill into any parts inside). Then wire in the switch as shown in the appropriate one of the four schematics accompanying this article. If you use a pushbutton, make certain that you connect it so that it is in SPOT position when pushed.

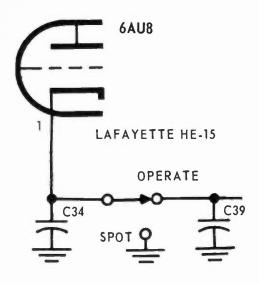
For transceivers made by other manufacturers, you'll have to refer to the schematic diagram of your individual unit (see the instruction manual which came with the equipment). Most trans-



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mitter circuits are arranged in a manner similar to one of the four shown here, so that grounding the cathodes of both transmitter tubes puts the unit on the air.

The channel spotter is installed so that in SPOT position, it grounds only the oscillator cathode, and in OPER-ATE position it leaves the original circuit unchanged.

A few transceivers, notably some RCA sets and the Lafayette HE-20, are wired to operate in a different manner. They have high negative voltage applied to the transmitting tubes during RECEIVE time, and remove this voltage to transmit. International Crystal's "Executive" series switches the plate voltage from the receiver circuits to the transmitter circuits to accomplish the changeover. The channel spotter won't work with these units.

Although addition of the channel spotter involves a modification of part of the oscillator circuit, it cannot affect the operating frequency and so involves no violation of FCC regulations.

### You <u>CAN</u> Run 30 Watts on 11 Meters!!

By KERRY MATTHEWS, 7Q0519



While monitoring the higher channels on your CB rig you may have recently heard a number of very loud stations. Has it occurred to you that these stations might have more than "just a better installation" of another 11 meter station? Have you wondered how you might attain such a signal? If so, here is the secret of their success: they run 30 watts and have their antennas up 40, 50, or even 100 feet. Legal? Of course!

Can you "get in on this"? It's possible, if you meet certain easy requirements. A handful of other "hep" folks have already taken advantage of this

relatively obscure higher power/antenna gimmick, the authority for which is located inconspicuously in the FCC's rules and regulations. A listening guide of some of the recently heard 30 watt stations appears with this article. Use it to supplement your CB Horizons Callbook when you monitor.

The only real requirements for hopping on the high-power bandwagon are that you meet any one of the following requirements: you are engaged in a commercial activity (including manufacturing), you are regularly engaged in the operation of a farm or ranch, you operate a business regularly en-

### Monitoring Guide to 30 Watt 11 Meter Stations

BASE STATIONS

	DA3E 314110113	KKX92
KA082	Coleraine, MinnChan. 23	KKX93
KAP87	Towanda, Kan23	KKX94
KA034	Glencoe, Minn23	KKX95
KAT474	Santa Barbara, Calif22B	KKX96
KAU84	Coleraine, Minn23	KKX97
KAU85	Coleraine, Minn.	KKX98
KAU404	Buffalo, N. Y22A	KLB43
KAU405	Buffalo, N. Y22A	KLD40
	Niagara, N. Y.	KLJ94
KAU406	Illinois (portable)22B	KLL25
KAU643	Illinois (portable)22B	KLL71
KAX24	(portable)22A	KLL72
KAX466	Chattanooga, Tenn22A	
KAX540	Bedford, Mass22A	KLL73
KAX541	Beverly, Mass22A	KLL74
KAY51	Hibbling, Minn23	KL062
KAY475	Albermarle, N. C22A	KMG891
KAY476	Asheboro, N. C22A	KMJ694
KAY477	Sanford, N. C22A	KMR20
KAY478	Raleigh, N. C22A	KMW27
KAY479	Greensboro, N. C22A	KNI70
KAY500	Durham, N. C22A	K0G850
KBA990	Tewkshury, Mass22A	K0G851
KBL75	Mt. Wilson, Callf22A	K0K751
KBL76	Studio City, Calif22A	K0L529
KBP42	Mt. Wilson, Calif22A	K0S78
KBP43	Los Angeles, Calif22A .	K0580
KCE28	Opunquit Village, Me23	K0W58
KCE61	Dalton N. H23	KQI54
KEG418	Bethpage, N. Y23	KQJ796
KEH58	Hicksville, N. Y23	KSA546
KGE712	Lebanon Pa23	KSA764
KGF433	Cumberland Md23	KS.4838
KGF476	Luke, Md23	KSD465
KIB751	Miami, Fla23	KSD627
KIP22	Winchester, Va23	KSG86
KJB75	Polk City, Fla23	KSG375
KKP640	Baton Rouge, La22A & 23	KSH35
KKP641	Baton Rouge, La22A & 23	KSH36
KK5858	Yazoo City, Miss23	KSH56
KKT84	Bowle, Tex23	K5H729
KKT85	Bowle, Tex23	KSH749
KKT86	Bowie, Tex23	
KKT87	Bowle, Tex23	
KKTB8	Rowle Tev	KA8409
KKT89	Bowle, Tex23	KC5532
KKT90	Bowle, Tex.	KC7207
KKT91	Rowie Tex23	KD2327
KKU70	Asperment Tay	KD4069
KKU71	Asparment Tex	KD8088
KKU72	Aspermont Tex23	KE5359
KKU73		KE8110
KKU790	Muskogee, Okla23	KE9056
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KKX89	Baton Rouge, La22A & 23
KKX90	Baton Rouge, La22A & 23
KKX91	Baton Rouge, La22A & 23
KKX92	Baton Rouge, La22A & 23
KKX93	Baton Rouge, La22A & 23
KKX94	Baton Rouge, La22A & 23
KKX95	Baton Rouge, La22A & 23
KKX96	Baton Rouge, La22A & 23
KKX97	Baton Rouge, La22A & 23
KKX98	Baton Rouge, La22A & 23
KLB43	Wynnewood, Okla23
KLD40	Louislana (nortable)
KLJ94	Aspermont, Tex.
KLL25	
KLL71	Pauls Valley, Okla22A Maysville, Okla22A
KLL72	Mayeville Okla
KLL73	Maysville, Okla22A
KLL74	Pauls Valley, Okla22A
KL062	Norco, La22A
KMG891	Torrance, Calif23
KMJ694	San Francisco, Calif22B
KMR20	Los Angeles, Calif23
KMW27	Calif. (portable)23
KNI70	Santa Barbara, Calif22B
	Gray, Idaho23
K0G850 K0G851	Idaho Falls, Idaho23
	Construction Falls, Idano
K0K751	Casper, Wyo23 Salt Lake City, Utah23
K0L529	Gray, Idaho23
K0S78 K0S80	Idaho Falls, Idaho23
	Cheyenne, Wyo23
KOW58	Toledo, Ohlo23
KQ154	Muslimen Mileh
KQJ796	Muskegon, Mich22B Indianapolis, Ind23
KSA546	W. Lafayette, Ind23
KSA764	Putnamville, Ind23
KS.4838	Chicago, III.
KSD465	Peru, Ind23
KSD627	Chicago, III.
KSG86	Evansville, Ind23
KSG375	Peals Covery Ind
KSH35	Bogle Cerner, Ind23 Jasonville, Ind23
KSH36	Evansville, Ind23
KSH56	Evansville, Ind23
KSH729	Riverside, III23
KSH749	Riverside, III23
	MOBILE STATIONS
KA8409	Miami, Fla23
KC5532	Sestn, Idaho23
KC7207	Baton Rouge, La22A & 23
KD2327	Cal Ari, Nev23
KD4069	Los Angolos Calif
KD8088	Los Angeles, Calif23 Kissimmee, Fla22B
KE5359	Muskegon, Mich22B
KE8110	Buffalo, N. Y22A
KE9056	Beverly, Mass22A
NE7030	Deverty, mass.

KKV238 Lake Charles, La.

gaged in heavy construction (roads, bridges, etc). Police and fire departments and hospitals are also eligible. As you can see, many are eligible for this type of operation, and some of your present CB installation may be utilized if you decide to high-power it. AM or FM is allowed. No operator's license is needed.

The exclusive high-power channels within the Citizens Band are 22A (27. 235 mc), Channel 22B (27.245 mc), and Channel 23 (27.255 mc) which is shared with the low powered rigs. Other high power channels are available on frequencies outside of the Citizens Band. This 30 watt operation is available now; this is not a proposed or hypothetical radio service. With the proper equipment and licensing you could be operating on one of these channels right now!

You ask about permissible communications? Well in some ways the rules are less restrictive than on the lower powered channels you are now using. For one thing, nothing in the rules which permit this type of operation says you can't work skip with your associated units, or with units licensed to others (providing there is an instance where there is cooperation or coordination required between the communicating stations). Minimum practicable transmission time is required, your call sign need be given at the end of each transmission or exchange of transmissions, or once each 15 minutes, as you prefer. A log-book must be maintained to record the callsigns of stations worked, and to show maintenance work done on your equipment.

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Your present CB rig is useless because it doesn't run enough power to give you any advantage on these channels, although you may run 5 watts input here if you wish. In addition, your rig must be type approved by the FCC. A list of such equipment is available for inspection at any FCC office, it's called "Radio Equipment List, Part C, List of Equipment Acceptable for Licensing." Equipment not included on this list may be licensed also, but only if it is submitted for individual type approval to the FCC.

Because of the higher power and the fact that the equipment must be built to FCC type approval specifications,



G.E.'s Model TT base station rig, part of their PROGRESS LINE series.

the units are a bit higher in the cost department than 5 watt sets. Equipment is plentiful though, being made by Aerotron, Motorola, Kaar, RCA, Outercom, G.E., and others.

So here's a way for some lucky QRM-weary CB'ers to operate on uncluttered channels, with high power, with no antenna-height limitations, relatively unrestricted operating conditions, and with some of their existing CB apparatus.

There's much more to the story than we have space to tell you here, the entire picture can be obtained by checking through FCC's "Part 11," sub-parts "K" (Special Industrial Radio Service), and "L" (Business Radio Service) and subpart "O" (Manufacturers Radio Service). What it says is that an FCC form "400" and a little eligibility is all it takes for you to be on the air.



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By the way—there may be a chance for you to operate with your 5 watts under your present Class D license on Channels 22A (27.235) and yet another wierdie, Channel 24 (27.275 mc) if a new FCC proposed rulemaking goes through.

This new rulemaking would make these two channels available to Class D stations on a shared basis with Class C and others—in other words, it will, in effect, create two more channels equivalent to the present Channel 23.

The Commission is asking for the comments of users in whether or not these two additional Class D channels should be granted. Comments are due by May 1—address yours to: Federal Communications Commission, Washington 25, D.C. Refer to the proposed rulemaking covered in FCC Report No. 956. We endorse this, we hope you will too.

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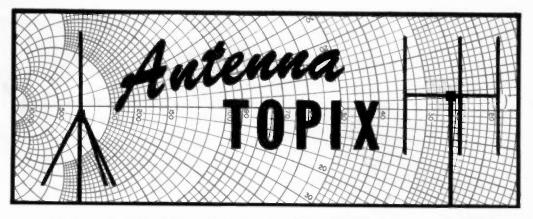
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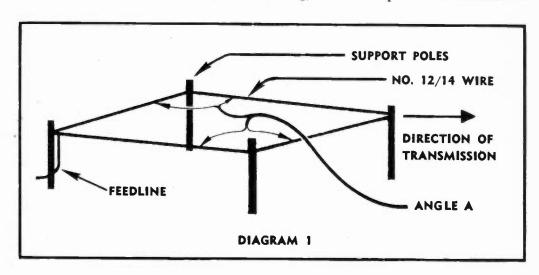
### CB's DREAM ANTENNA: THE RHOMBIC

PART II — Building the Rhombic By GORDON J. KING, 17W2432

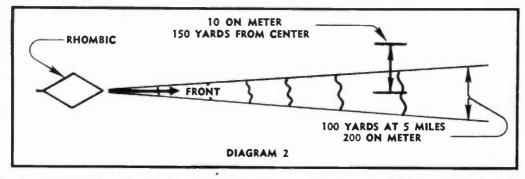
The author has had no experience with vertically mounted Rhombic antennas. It is assumed, however, that all one needs to do is to flip the "diamond" up on its side as shown in figure 3, mounting it sufficiently above ground at point B to be at least one wavelength between the insulator and the ground level.

The horizontal Rhombic antenna shown is a terminated device, with a terminating "load resistor" across the wires at point A in figure 4. This resistor is an 800 ohm noninductive (carboncore only!) 5 watt type. This resistor is very important, as it keeps your signal from floating off the back side of the antenna.

Point B in diagram 4 shows an insert, 4A, which explains how you match the 800 ohm Rhombic antenna to your 52 ohm coaxial transmission line. This is a "Q matching section," constructed from ½ inch O.D. aluminum or copper tubing, spaced apart by plastic spacers 1-5/16th inches center to center. The Q Matching section is 8 feet 9½ inches long, from the top where it attaches to



The basic harizontally-mounted rhombic, as described in the March CBH.



The signal path from a rhombic is pretty potent. Five miles from the beam width is about 100 yards across. 150 yards from the center of the beam the signal gives a 95% lower S-meter reading.

the fire-end of the Rhombic, to the base where the RG-8/U coax cable from your transceiver attaches on. The Q Matching section transforms your feed impedance to 800 ohms, matching the antenna. If there is sufficient interest in this matching system, we can go into it further at a later time.

Length W is equal on each of the four legs on the Rhombic. A table (table one) lets you decide how large or how small you wish to make your Rhombic.

Gain figures are also given. Distances B and C are also given for each of the three W dimensions. These vary with size (W).

It is suggested that you mount the Rhombic on wooded treated poles (try-your local phone or power company for some they have recently pulled from the ground), using heavy duty egg insulators where they are indicated in diagram 4, to keep the wire away from the pole. Nylon rope, running through



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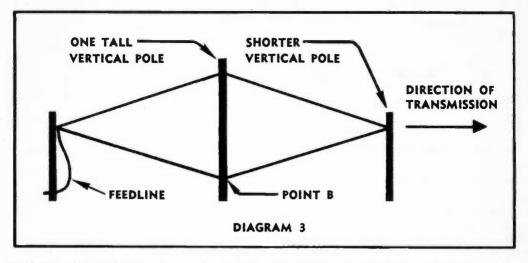
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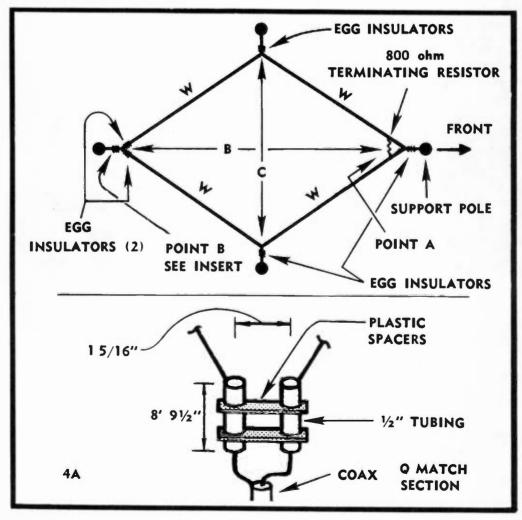
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Base Station Model 2	



Vertical mounting of a rhombic requires only 3 poles. Below, you get the layout for actual construction. (see text).



Wave length per leg (length W)	A	ngle A grom 1)	Foot Meosurement (length W)	Goin in db
2	70	degrees	63	4.25
4	50	"	126.5	6.0
8	35	,,,	252	9.25
12	22.5	"	378	12.5

Diagrom 1. This will give you the different measurements and goins for the various sizes of rhombics.

pulleys mounted at the top of the four poles, can attach to the back of each insulator. This will allow you to erect the antenna on the ground level, and then pull it into place with the nylon rope over the pulleys. The rope-pulley combination will also aid you in leveling off the antenna (horizontal to the plane of the earth). I have small bags filled with sand suspended on the bottom of my nylon ropes. This allows the wires to give in the winds we have here in the midwest (as the winds blow the antenna wire grows taut, pulling on the nylon rope. The sandbags raise and

"give" with the wind, but lower again because of gravity when the wind slows down or stops).

No. 12 or 14 copper clad steel wire is recommended for the actual construction. The steel adds strength, while the copper gives the antenna electrical conductivity.

I hope you find this to be a very useful antenna, if you too have a CB communications problem over long haul distances. If any antenna design known to man will do the job, the Rhombic is it!

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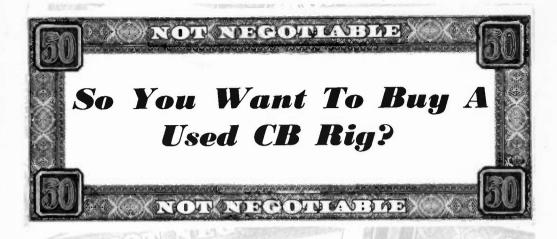
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Look at it this way, even the most inexpensive new CB rig will surely give you longer performance than the average used one. Remember, the CB market dates back to late-1958, and all sets from that vintage have seen a lot of air-time and mobile bounces-even the mythical one used by the little old lady only on Sundays to speak to her son.

If you are the kind of a guy who still has to gamble, you might follow these basic rules of the "used rig buying game" to eliminate some of the risk:

A reputable store will generally give you a better set (and deal) than an individual. A reputable store is interested in having you return to purchase goods in the future, an individual isn't.

2. Ask the salesman if they will give you a warranty on the used set. There isn't any standard practice in this respect, but if you can get one, don't settle for less than 30 days. With luck you'll get 90 days. If you can get a 30 day parts-and-labor warranty, it's better than a 90 day "parts-only" warranty.

Ask the dealer if he will accept the set for servicing after the warranty period has run out, if he won't, then don't buy the set.

Don't let the word "reconditioned" dazzle you. There aren't any industry standards regarding this, and the reconditioning may have consisted of a dust rag being wiped over the front panel. Find out exactly what the reconditioning consisted of-don't settle for less than replacement of all weak parts. alignment, and cleaning.

5. Don't buy homebuilt equipment or equipment in "as is" condition. Chances are you'll never get them on

the air properly.

6. Steer clear of obsolete sets. You may have to pay dearly for replacement parts when the manufacturer has folded his tent. These include Chickasha, Acton Labs, Babb, and Dunlap, among others.

- 7. Stay away from "orphans in the storm." Some manufacturers are no longer in the CB business and parts for their equipment can be rough to find. These include: Morrow, Kay Townes, Rutherford
- Turn the set on, listen to the sound. If it is distorted or scratchy you've got something amiss in the audio circuitry, or you have a damaged speaker.
- 9. Give the transmitter an "on the air" test to check its modulation and output.
- 10. Check the squelch to see if it works, wiggle the volume control to see if the pot makes noise.
- Stay away from sets which have obviously been "souped-up" in the final

—they aren't legal, they generally don't have any more signal than an un-modified set, and the strain on the other components in the rig caused by the heavy final usually means an early death for the whole deal.

12. Leave yourself an open door when you buy a used set. Insist upon being able to try the set in your home or mobile unit for a specified period, with the privilege of exchanging it for

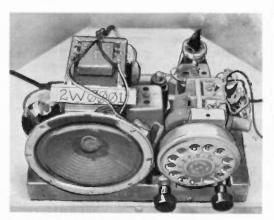
full refund or credit if it doesn't perform as represented.

13. The ground-rules for advertising claims on used equipment haven't been solidified. Be careful to understand exactly what you are buying by mail. See below.

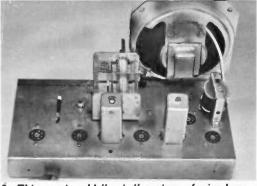
Now these rules won't guarantee that you'll be able to pick up \$200 worth of CB rig for \$35, but they may stop you from wasting \$35.

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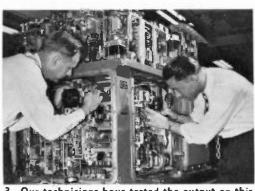
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### HOOKING UP NUVISTOR PREAMPS

### By HARVEY G. HURWITZ, 2W2921

Now that you have your transmitter perking along at a full 4.99999 watts with at least 99.044% modulation, it comes time for us to mediatate a bit

while reading the mail.

Let's see now-the quadruple Whiz Bang with the drooping radials seems to get out OK while transmitting but somehow we still can't seem to hear worth a hoot. Yes, it would seem that the time has now come to get into the ol' QRM-inhaler. Behold, on the horizon (the CB Horizon, also the other one 50 miles away) is the nuvistor. You can roll-your-own nuvistor receiver-booster (see March issue of CB HORIZONS for instructions) or you can buy a ready-to-operate unit. Of the several models available we decided to pick the new Ameco (178 Herricks Rd., Mineola, N.Y.) Model PV-27 and show you how easily one of these deals gets hooked into a typical CB rig.

Before we roll up our sleeves and fire up the soldering gun, here are a few facts on the Ameco PV-27 to reassure you that the small effort of installing the thing will result in vastly improved performance. The PV-27 will give 25 db gain, that's more than 4 "S" units — or equal to the station you are monitoring increasing his power by at least 10 times!

Let's take a brief look at the reasons other than sheer gain that would prompt us to dive into the receiver with a preamp.

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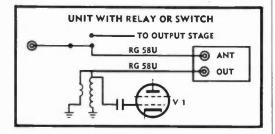
noise we hear is being generated in the "front-end" (the RF amplifier) of our own receiver. By feeding a stronger signal into this stage much of the noise can be eliminated. In a set using a "T/R" (transmit-receive) switch there is little, if any, gain in the first RF stage. If we can cut down noise in this stage, the ratio of the signal to the noise will also improve. The 6CW4 nuvistor in the preamp has the happy combination of very high gain with very low noise. So much for the technical data—let's get to work!

The physical installation of the preamp is really quite simple—all you do is drill 2 holes in the cabinet. Suit yourself as to the location.

There are two basic types of circuits used in the current run of CB transceivers; one uses a relay to switch the antenna from transmit to receive. The other uses a version of the "T/R" (Transmit-Receive) switch. A preamp may be added to either type of rig.

If your rig uses an antenna relay or switch you proceed as follows:

- 1. At the antenna relay or changeover switch, locate and remove the wire that goes from the relay antenna receive contact to the antenna coil.
- 2. Prepare a piece of RG-58U cable with a "Motorola" type plug at one end. At the other end, strip and tin  $\frac{1}{2}$ " of the center conductor. Twist the braid into a short pigtail lead. (This lead should be long enough to reach from the relay to the preamplifier antenna socket.)



3. Solder the center conductor to the antenna receive contact on the relay or switch. Solder the braid to any nearby ground.

Prepare another length of RG-58U

cable as you did in step 2.

5. Solder the center conductor to the antenna coil (the same point from which you removed the wire in step 1). Solder the braid to any nearby ground. Plug the other end into the preamp output jack.

6. Connect the brown lead on the preamp cable to the 6-12 volt filament supply line. (Note-For 12 volt operation you must add a 47 ohm 2 Watt resistor in series with the brown wire. 56 ohms is recommended for mobile

use.)

7. Connect the blue wire on the preamp cable to the B plus line at any convenient point. You MUST measure the voltage at this point before connecting the unit. If this voltage exceeds 115 volts you will require a dropping resistor in series with this line. Consult the chart at the end of this article.

8. Solder the shield on the preamp cable to any convenient ground. This completes the installation of the preamplifier. Button up the rig and take a two minute break while the fellows with the TR Switch type units catch

If your unit utilizes a TR switch such as in the Lafayette HE 20A you proceed

as follows.

 Obtain a DPDT 6 or 12 volt relay. Mount this relay near the antenna jack on the inside of the chassis or cabinet.

2. Disconnect the wire from the antenna jack that comes from the final

3. Connect one arm of the relay to the antenna jack center post.

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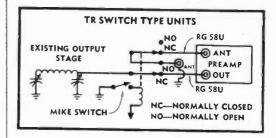
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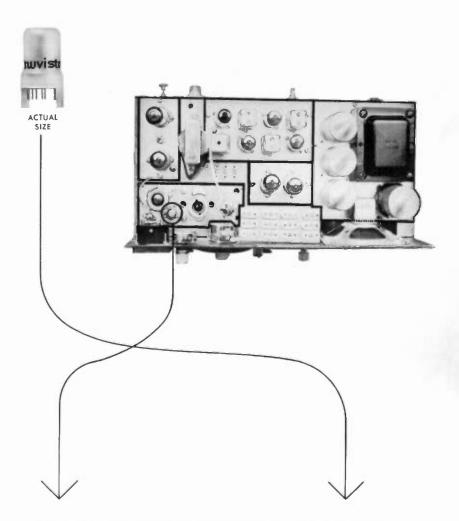
- 4. Connect a jumper from this arm to the normally open contact on the OPPOSITE side of the relay. (see Schematic)
- 5. Connect the wire from the final tank coil to the second arm on the relay.
- 6. Prepare a length of RG-58U cable with a motorola plug at one end. Strip and tin  $\frac{1}{2}$ " of the center conductor. Twist the braid into a short pigtail lead. Connect the center conductor to the normally closed contact on the relay on the same side as the arm connected to the antenna jack. Plug the end into the preamplifier antenna jack.
- 7. Prepare another length of cable as above. Solder the center conductor to the normally closed contact on the Opposite side of the relay. Solder the braid on both cables to any convenient ground. (see Schematic) Plug the end into the preamp output jack.
- 8. Connect one end of the relay coil to the filament supply 6-12 Volt.
- 9. Connect the other end of this coil to pin 1 of the mike jack (HE-20A only). On other units connect it to a point that will be grounded during the transmit cycle.
- 10. At this point refer to steps 6, 7 and 8 of the instructions in the first part of this article.

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### GAR'S GABBINGS

Gar Greene, 1W4844 CBH Roving Reporter

Hello, Y'all! Here's the "New England Yankee's" report of CB below the Mason-Dixon Line. In this issue I would like to discuss the state of North Carolina. Although I spent only a few days there, I certainly was welcomed by all and I was made to feel

right at home.

Upon arriving in Greensboro, I contacted "Woody" Wilson, 5W2205, whose CB-equipped Gulf service station is ready to aid any CB'er with automobile trouble. While I was with "Woody", I met John Cranford, 5W36-86, who is a research engineer for the P. Lorrilard Tobacco Co. John took me on a tour of his company.

"Woody" and John are forming an aid and emergency unit which is named the *Greensboro CB Service Squad* designed to be on call for any type of emergency. This is in addition to the successful CB Club which is presently active in the Greensboro

area.

Another club in this area is the Alco Radio Club of Burlington, N.C. The

first Wednesday of each month they hold a supper meeting which includes the whole family. The third Monday is the business meeting of the club. Anyone who is passing through this area is welcome and cordially invited to attend their meetings.

I also met Jim Hornaday, 5W0670, of *Quality TV Service* of High Point, N.C. As you can see by his call sign, Jim is a veteran CB'er, and with the enlarging of his shop, he is recognized as the CB expert in the central N. C. area. "Smylie", 5Q3368, lives on Routes 29 and 70 in High Point and monitors Channel 11. He told me that he is always ready to give directions or offer service to any CB'er.

The enthusiastic CB'ers of Spencer, N.C., just held a very successful banquet on February 23rd, which featured food, fun and entertainment for everyone in attendance.

While I was in this friendly area, I was invited to a spontaneous CB meeting called by the Guy-Wires CB Club of Gibsonville. In talking to the President of the club, Bill Bartlett, 5W2662, and the V.P., E. T. Wheeler, 5Q0579, I found that the club was formed last July (1961). They get together every Wednesday night and monitor channel 11. They also said that this was a "working" club meaning that they were formed to help people and to aid in various situations whenever possible.

Although I did not pass through the southeastern part of the state, John Elmore, president of the Helping Hand CB'ers of Kinston, assured me on the "land line" that CB was becoming very popular in his area. I think the very name of this club indicates the kind of fine performance we can expect of them.

I plan to return to North Carolina in the near future to meet the many more CB'ers I feel I unjustly missed.

As you're reading this column, I'll be at the National Citizens Radio League Convention in Chicago. How many of you are going to try to make it? I'll have to "clear" since I've taken ample five minutes. 73's for now.



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Be that as it may, this month's winner is Bob Mills, 11Q3052, of Norwalk, Calif. As you can see, Bob's card is



simple, original (to say the least!), clever-and even though the card is in black and white, it stands out like a beacon on any wall.

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# **WHO**

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In addition to CB HORIZONS we publish the CB CALLBOOK/HAND-BOOK, THE MONTHLY SUPPLE-MENT TO THE CB CALLBOOK, COMMUNICATION HORIZONS (a technical publication for two-way radio engineers and users) and TV HORIZONS (a trade publication for the weak-signal TV industry). We have two additional monthly electronics publications on the drawing boards—one already in editorial production which will go on sale soon.

Now to the staff, those members of our crew who devote themselves to bringing you CB HORIZONS. As you will see, we are well qualified to be a part of your CB operations.



Our Publisher, Bob Cooper, is well known in communications and publishing circles. Prior to forming Horizons Publications in the fall of 1959, Coop conducted a monthly column in Radio-Electronics on weak signal television reception. and free-

ception, and freelanced articles for Electronics World, Popular Electronics, Electronics Illustrated, QST, The Canadian Amateur, Western Radio Amateur and others. Coop's background is journalism and radio news broadcasting and he served as a News Director with ABC radio on the west coast in 1958-59.

An avid experimenter and CB'er, Coop spends considerable time experimenting with his VHF-UHF transmitting station K6EDX/W5KHT developing circuits and

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testing equipment you see written up in CB Horizons. His interest in all forms of communications, especially those taking place on frequencies above 25 megacycles, led to the birth of "Horizons" and will continue to guide the Horizons editorial policies in the years ahead as our existing magazines grow and new magazines are brought out bearing the Horizons label.



CBH Editor, Tom Kneitel, has been in CB since its early days; first licensed as 2A0305 in the Class B service back in 1953. Shortly after the Class D service was opened he began his CB column in Popular Electronics, which appeared in addition to many features on

other subjects. A by-product of the motion picture industry, Tom spent six years with United Artists, and has written a number of training films for the U.S. Army Signal Corps. His editing credits include The Audio Yearbook, Jobs and Careers in Electronics, Hi-Fi Stereo Guide, Hi-Fi Stereo Directory, and Electronic Kit Builders' Directory. His by-line has appeared on feature articles in Electronics Illustrated, Space Age, Boys' Life, Popular Boating, and TV Guide. Tom has also written for a TV show which is currently waiting its turn on the networks.



Our Technical Editor is none other than Jim Kyle, one of the most popular writers in the electronics field today. This month Jim joins us as a full timer—leaving his position as Chief Technical Editor for the RW Division of Thompson Ramo Wooldridge, Inc., Los

Angeles, Calif. They are computer manufacturers and missile systems managers. Jim's by-line has appeared atop features in Mechanix Illustrated, Collier's, Electronics World, Radio-Electronics, CQ, 73, and Popular Electronics. Jim holds an FCC commercial operator's license.



Our Associate Editor is Herb Friedman, who also holds an FCC commercial operator license—a "First Class Phone." Herb's articles are familiar to readers of Popular Electronics, Electronics World, and Electronics Illustrated. His severals

years as Audio Supervisor of hi-fi FM broadcasting station WNYE have given him much valuable experience in both audio and transmitter circuitry.



New staffer, Robert C. Diefenbach, is now holding down the CBH fort in Washington, D. C. Rob's experience as Coordinator of Press and Public Relations for NBC's Washington D. C., outlet WRC-TV, has given him invaluable contacts throughout our capi-

tal which will result in faster, more complete coverage of the Washington scene than has ever before been presented in any publication. His 18 years of professional writing experience includes a weekly column for 6 new York state newspapers, editing a prizewinning service publication for the Navy, and a TV series in New Haven, Conn. Rob's by-line has headed TV Guide articles and also his book, "A Guide To Your Television Appearance."

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Lectures will be given by many of the industry people attending and a talk

will be given by a representative of the FCC.

The National Civil Defense Authority will show movies continously through-

out the convention, with a different one each day.

A CB Club Room will be maintained so that officials of CB clubs may get together for eyeball-QSO's.

The participating manufacturers and CB interests will be located at the

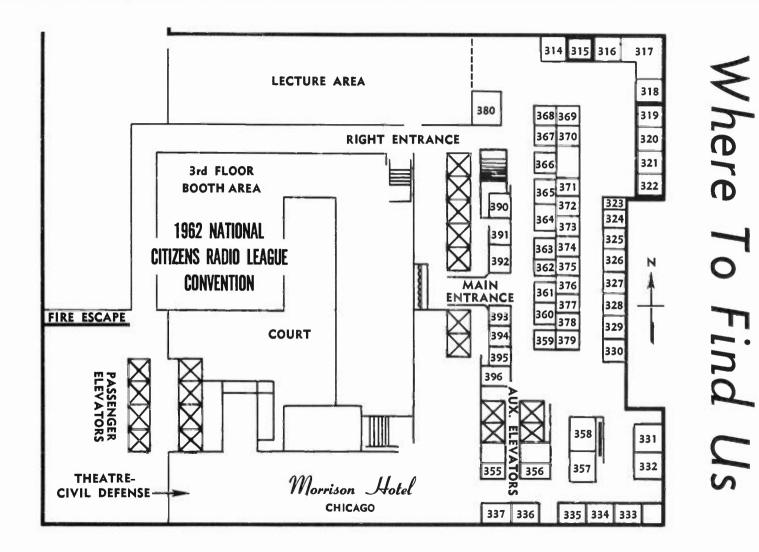
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# NEW CB PRODUCTS OF THE MONTH

Do your crystal mikes get "cooked out" in the car? Do you have a mike which needs a new element? Want a little more mike output for more talk power?

Which ever of the above shoes fit you, your problem can be solved by Custom Electronics, 2929 Fulton St., Brooklyn 7, N.Y. For the paltry sum of \$3.50 they will send you one of their A-200 mike replacement cartridges. We've seen them and they're pretty sharp—heat and humidity resistant, small size (1¼" by ¾") for easy installation. Unit has a —48 db output with a rising midrange characteristic giving sharp, clean, quality.

Considerable interest was generated by our January mention of how CB'ers are painting the top 6 inches of their mobile antennas in glowing red to advertise the fact that they monitor NATCH-9. Here's a product which we recommend for this purpose: it's Switzer Bros. (4732 St. Claire Ave., Cleve-



land 3, Ohio) DAY-GLO Acrylic Lacquer.

This dazzling paint comes in Rocket Red and Fire Orange and can be seen at great distances when sprayed on a mobile whip. Switzer's special CBH price is \$2.21 for the 16 oz. can, which sells nationally for more than three and a half dollars.

The colors are brightest when sprayed over a white primer (\$1.46 for 12 oz. can) and will last longer if a coating of *Filteray "C"* is sprayed over them (\$1.91 for 16 oz. can).

A hep CB club should be able to fix up all of its members with this popular and distinctive mark with one can of each of the above.

A new bumper mount has been announced by New-Tronics, 3455 Vega Ave., Cleveland 13, Ohio. It embodies the use of a flat alloy steel strap which fits tightly, yet inconspicuously, against any shape of large or small bumper. All metal parts are cadmium plated. Electro Voice, Inc. (Buchanan,

Electro Voice, Inc. (Buchanan, Mich.) has brought a new mobile CB mike out called the 714SR. The mike, its case of beige Cycolac, delivers —55 db output. A DPST switch shorts the mike element in "off" position and completes the relay circuit in the "on" position. Price is \$16.50 list.

International Crystal (18 N. Lee, Oklahoma City, Okla.) has just brought out their EXECUTIVE S-METER/SPEAKER ASSEMBLY. This



unit, which has a built-in high quality 5" by 7" oval dynamic speaker, embodies a precision microammeter calibrated in microvolts and S-units. Meter reads the actual power being received

by the antenna from the station to which you are tuned, with three scales handling the weakest and strongest of stations. Plugs into the accessory socket of the EXECUTIVE 100 and can be used with any other set having receiver AVC.

This new product has an exceptionally high quality high impedance VTVM. A special calibration chart is supplied for use with units other than the EXEC 100.

Unit is available from dealers only.

Costs \$49.50.

E-Z Way Towers, Inc., one of the largest and best known communications tower manufacturers, has announced a new line of sturdy-strong economical towers that just may fit your individual CB needs. Designed especially for quick-simple installation, the G-10 tower comes in 10 foot sections weighing just 29 pounds. For other services, the G-10 goes to 40 feet without guys and 60 feet with guys. A climable ladder is provided on three sides. The tower is galvanized to withstand the elements. It would make a dandy mount for your TV antenna, with your CB ground plane or beam mounted below. The dealers price is \$16.95 per 10 foot section. Write to Clarence Jax at 5901 E. Broadway, Tampa, Florida for full information. Tell him CBH sent you.

# The CBH Lab Reports . . .

### **WE TEST**

☆ HEATH GW-11 ☆ INTERNATIONAL CRYSTAL EXECUTIVE 100

### THE HEATH GW-11

As part of CBH's "Let's Build & Kit" program, CBH tested the Heath GW-11 which is available either kit or wired.

First off, as shown in the photograph, the GW-11 is very compact. It is lightweight and not very deep, resulting in a simple two screw mount which is flush with the dashboard. Provision is made so the chassis can be removed for servicing without dismantling the cabinet. In all respects, the GW-11 is well suited to installation in a compact car.



The power supply is optional, 6v. DC, 12v. DC or 120v. AC. Being a modular section the power supply can be easily changed to meet any new power requirements. It is the single supply rather than the common dual voltage type which contributes to the GW-11's compactness.

The receiver is tunable or single channel crystal controlled. Surprisingly, the tunable oscillator is very stable. When changing from AC to DC operation there was **no** shift in dial calibration.

An effective noise limiter is provided as is an adjustable squelch. The squelch is of the all in-all out type. We would rate the squelch as only fair, since high impulse noise will "break" through.

A single stage of 455kc. IF provides adequate selectivity in all except "saturated CB" areas.

The three channel transmitter utilizing overtone crystals delivered slightly over 2 watts to our SECO 510.

The modulation is the same quality as Heath's famous "Benton Harbor Lunchbox"—to 100% with plenty of "talk power."

Subdued power and RF/Modulation lamps are provided.

The GW-11 uses a pin jack rather than an SO-239 coaxial antenna jack. For convenience in connecting to existing antenna equipment, including test

equipment, we suggest the pin jack be replaced with an SO-239.

This unit differs from the GW-10 in the fact that it has an extra stage for increased power output, it also has an S-meter, as shown in the photograph. It has 3 transmit channels.

Our conclusion: a dependable unit designed for low cost communications.

# INTERNATIONAL CRYSTAL'S EXECUTIVE 100

By HERB FRIEDMAN, 2W6045
Associate Editor

When we finally latched on to the Executive 100 our first thought was that in appearance and "feel" this was a piece of "professional" gear. We were not to be disappointed, for in appearance, construction and most of all performance the Exec is professional.

There is really no section we can single out for specific attention since all Exec features give better than good performance.

The receiver is both tunable and two channels crystal controlled. Associated with the tunable control is a fine modulated built-in channel spotter (we'll cover this later). Each crystal position has provision for zeroing the crystal to exact center channel, or off center if you want it that way.

The receiver is double conversion with a crystal filter in the first IF and a stage of 455 kc. in the second IF. The result is the best compromise between selectivity, receive audio quality and tuning ease we have seen (and used). To explain: In electronics you don't get something for nothing. If you increase the receiver selectivity too far, you get "sideband cutting" which results in semi-muddy audio, or you have to detune to receive sharp quality in which case you lose some benefits of the extreme selectivity, and . . . and this is a big AND . . . if you are working two or more stations slightly off center channel you will have to constantly retune as each station comes on. International has avoided all these pitfalls. The selectivity is excellent with very clean receive audio quality. With an external, large speaker of decent quality your eyes will really be opened to what good audio is.

The noise limiter is very good; the squelch one of the best. By controlling



the bias on the audio amplifier the squelch adjustment does not suddenly cut in and out. It goes in very slowly being able to release on the weakest of signals. The squelch is also noise-immune.

A socket is provided to which you can easily attach a remote speaker or an S-meter.

The transmitter has provision for 12 crystals. Wired in conjunction with the transmit oscillator is the channel spotter. You set the channel selector to any channel and flip the spotting switch; a modulated signal is provided to which you can tune the receiver, thereby insuring your receiver is tuned on the button. This is a heck of a good feature and except for crystal control ranks at the top of ways to accurately pretune a receiver.

While International claims the transmitter, which utilizes a pi-net output will deliver up to 2½ watts, our model checked out at 2.7 watts. All Execs come equipped for channel 9. Our 9 rock checked out to 120 cycles.

The modulation is exceptionally clean, due primarily to a volume control and modulation indicator. Most CB gear is factory adjusted for an "average" voice level. Unfortunately, if your voice is low you undermodulate,

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# CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS



All active CB'ers are invited to submit club reports, and individual activity reports to the CCM or ACCM in your region. CB club secretories are invited to add the CCM or ACCM in your region to the club paper mailing list, as well as submitting reports on recent club activities to the reporting CCM and ACCM's each month. CCM-ACCM deadlines are the 5th of each month. CCM and ACCM appointments are still ovailable in many areas, including the (old designation) 4th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd call districts. Why not opply today?

#### "WHAT'S GOING ON"

March 17—Annual Banquet, Chester Co. (Pa.) CB Assoc. Live dinner music, floor show, dancing. \$3.75 per person. Contact Bob Reymos, 3W3741, 703 E. Chestnut St., Coatesville, Pa.

703 E. Chestnut St., Coatesville, Pa.
March 31—First Annual Jamboree—Piedmont 5
Watter CB Club of Hickory, N.C. Chicken dinner
from 5:30 to 9:00. \$1.50 per person. Giving
away a Johnson Messenger and you don't have
to be a member to win. Contact Carl L. Brooks,
Jr., 707 15th Ave., NW, Hickory, N.C.
May 26-27—17 District Radio Convention sponsored by Citizens Radio Club of Wichita, Inc. Will
be held at the Broadvlew Hotel In Wichita,
Kansas. Speakers, exhibits, displays, banquet, and
other interesting features. All invited! Contact
Citizens Radio Club of Wichita, Inc., Box 2638
Munger Statlon, Wichita, Kans.
July 6-7-8—National Convention and Jamboree
sponsored by Central Florida Alliance of CB Clubs.

sponsored by Central Florida Alliance of CB Clubs. To be held at Cape Canaverol with special tours of Patrick AFB, lectures, exhibits, fun for all. No CB'er will want to miss this. More details next month in CBH. Contact Howie Gibson, 7Q1840, c/o Box 74, Cocoa Beach, Fla. FIRST CALL AREA: ACCM: Seth B. Paull, 701 Hope St., Bristol, R.I., Williom M. Welch, 1Q5640, 34 Sun-set Rd, West Haven, Conn.

Bristol County CB Radio Club of R.I. held meeting with Capt. of Police, Director of Dristol C D in attendence an explanation was given as to help CB Club can give C D them. Units were presented with cards singed by C D Director—they state "Town of Bristol, Security Pass-C D.

Massasoit CB Radio Club of Warren (R.I.) held a special CD discussion with officers of Bristol Club about channels for emergency use. They decided upon Warren R.I. Ch. 7, Bristol R.I. Ch. 21 (alternate Ch. 11), RI Radio League (Prov. R.I.) hos 200 members with 6 new this month. Narragansett Bay CB'ers had a dinner and card party February 24th at Newport R.I. One pair of Walky Talkies and one SW receiver were given away. were given away,

New officers of CB Association of Connecticut for 1962 are C. F. Collins, 1W4265, Pres; W. Kates, 1W1351, Exec. V.P.; Frank Evans, 1W9337, V.P.; Gene Smith, 100598, Sec; Robert Waldhaus, 1W5098,

SIXTH CALL AREA: CCM Donn W. Sanford, 6Q3944, Box 304, Northport, Ala. ACCM Ken Chabless, Columbus, Georgia

The Black Warrior Citizen's Band Club of Tuscaloosa, Ala, is making great progress in the direction of community service work. The club is now undertaking to provide spot news coverage for Radio Station WNPT. The plan is to go Into full scale operation within the next two weeks. The Civil Defense group has also asked the club to provide help in the communications section of CD, and plons ore being made at this time. this time.

The Tuscaloosa City Police is forming an Auxiliary police force and has indicated they would draw it's first members from the club. It would not be necessary to belong to the club to be an officer, but preference would be given in the 1 light of past service and help given the city by the club. A real feather in their caps. The club recently received a letter of commendation from the Alexand Highway. Patrol former of the Alexand Highway. Patrol former of the Alexand Highway. mendation from Alabama Highway Patrol the

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# THIS MONTH WE'RE GIVING AWAY

# **18 VALUABLE PRIZES - - FREE!**

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All you do is fill out the card on page 45 (or reasonable focsimile), paste a stamp on it, mail it to us before April 10th—and you have a chance at all kinds of goodies. Winners' names will be drawn from the old barrel, notified by mail ond announced in the June issue. You can enter every month if you like—be sure to watch for our DREAM STATION #2 which consists of a BROWNING LAB 23-S-9 23-channel transmitter (with 23 crystols) ond the BROWNING LAB R-2700A super-deluxe receiver, plus a famous signal s-t-r-e-t-c-h-in-g antenna and other accessories—SOON IN CBH! (A subscription to CBH is your only assurance of being able to know when this equipment will be given awoy!)

# \$171.97 IN PRIZES THIS MONTH!

FIRST PRIZE-A KNIGHTKIT C-27 TRANSCEIVER (\$79.95)

From Allied Radio, 100 N. Western Ave., Chicago 80, III.

This is the kit you've heard so much about. Ultra-modern styling, 2 transmit channels, 2 receive channels plus selective superhet tunable receiver. Has squelch, automatic noise limiter and both push-to-talk and intercom-talk type operation.

SECOND PRIZE—A LAFAYETTE TM-58 SWR BRIDGE & RF METER (\$27.95)
From Lofayette Rodio, P.O. Box 10, Syosset, N.Y.
New! Accurate measurement of your CB RF output and your SWR with this precision unit. May be left in line. Metal cabinet.

THIRD PRIZE—A TURNER 350C MICROPHONE (\$10.08)
From The Turner Microphone Co., 925 17th St., N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Ceramic hand held mike with 80 to 7000 cps response. Push to talk, hanger button and dash bracket for mobile mounting, high impact case.

THIRD PRIZE #2—A DUAL CONVERSION ADAPTER KIT (\$16.95)
From Bainbridge Rodio, 2649 Bainbridge Ave., New York 58, N.Y.
All parts, schematic, and pictorial for making any CB rig dual conversion for added selectivity.

THIRD PRIZE #3—A VANGUARD RF AMPLIFIER (\$10.99 LIST)
From Vanguard Electronics Lobs, 190-48 99th Ave., Hollis 23, N.Y.
Receiver signal booster contains high gain pentode tube in a circuit tuned to 27 mc. High image rejection. Wired.

FOURTH PRIZES -

1. AN OZCO "SNOOZER" SQUELCH (\$2.00).
From OZCO Soles, Conoon, Conn.
Add-on squelch quiets your receiver to a hush!

2. A CESCO GENERATOR FILTER (\$2.95).
From CESCO, 6151 Doyton Liberty Road, Doyton, Ohio.
Eliminates generator whine in mobile installations. Tunable.

3. 5 CB LOG BOOKS (\$.65 EACH).
From Elonem Co., 1116 Inwood Place, Plainfield, N.J.
Especially designed for CB, this new book contains 50 pages with plenty of space for each entry. 5 winners here!

4. 5 CRYSTALS FOR ANY UNITS (\$2.95 EACH).
From Texas Crystals, 1000 Crystal Drive, Ft. Myers, Flo.
Your choice of a guaranteed .005% crystal for any channel for any unit. 5 winners here!

5. A BARTLETT AUTO NOISE FILTER (\$3.00)
From Ben Borflett, 1815 W. 85th St., Los Angeles 47, Colif.
Sealed against moisture, oil and dust. This unit attaches to the auto generator. Eliminates noise at the source.

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services rendered in traffic control on several recent occasions. The Black Warrior Cltizens Band Club now boosts 41 members and is growing each month. The club took its name from the Black Warrior River which flows past Tyscaloosa.

FIFTH CALL AREA: CCM J. M. "Ji 8Q0484, 9547 Granby St. Norfolk 3, Va. "Jim" Robinson,

800484, 9547 Granby St. Norfolk 3, Va.

The Norfolk Citizens Radio Club of Norfolk, Va., met in the Southern Shopping Center parking lot in Norfolk. The meeting was called in order that the members of the NCRC could compare CB gear and the CD committee could inspect the members mobil equipment. Bob Walker, 5W2921 and BIII Napp, 501928, conducted the inspections of the equipment. Over 50 CB'ers from the local area attended the outing and participated in the checks. The participating CB'ers received many helpful tips from Bob and Bill, and the CD committee is back at work on the Norand the CD committee is back at work on the Norfolk CD/CB plan.

On February 8, 1962, the NCRC was honored with the presence of the Engineer in Charge, 5th Radio District, FCC as the guest speaker. CB'ers from the local area gained much knowledge from the speaker; and received answers to many pertinent questions regarding the Citizens Radio Service. Tom Brock, 5Q0432 and "Doc" Tallminl, were accepted as members of the NCRC.

From Newport News, Va., comes word from the CB 5 Watters Club that much progress is being made in CB activities. The publicity committee will soon debut its new monthly newsletter which will be aptly dubbed "The Skip-Official Voice of the 5-Watters of Virginia". President Bob Mallison, 5W2423, appointed standing committees to promote the various club activities. "Doc" Talamini is publicity chairman and promises more news of the CB 5-Watters of Virginia.

EIGHTH CALL AREA: CCM Ralph F. Lord, 4834 Crown Ave., Baton Rouge, La.

The Emergency Communications Organization (ECO) of Botan Rouge, La. Is growing repldly. However, we do regret the loss of our Communications Officer, Dick Thevent who was forced to resign because of pressing personal obligations. The organization will hold an election to replace Dick and also to elect another member to the board of directors. At present Pat McDonald (assistant communications afficer) is doing an excellent job of holding down the C.O. job.

Just before the deadline for this report; I had a fine "eye-ball QSO with Dewey Hymel of Shreveport, La. Dewey is a member of the Police Dep't of that city and alsa a member of the SHREVEPORT-BOSIER CITIZENS RADIO CLUB. The club presently has some fifty members, who monitor channel 11 from 7 AM to 12 PM; with channels 4, 9, 11, & 18 as alternates. Dewey is working to get the CB'ers in the area to "fall in Line" with the "NATCH-9" program.

NINTH CALL AREA: CCM John A. Hudson 900026, 235 Englewood, San Antonio, Texas.

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The San Antonio CB Club had their monthly meeting and 1962 officer elections Feb. 11, 1962. Elected were Pres. Art Hall; Vice Pres. John Hudson; Sec. Treas. Keith Cruse; Tech. Advisors Louie Barrientos, Bob Pace; Pub. Relations Joel Holyoak; Net control Geo. Frlck. A very nice door prlze, a Magnum 27 atenna, was donated by Sterling Electronics, San Antonio. The lucky winner was Mrs. Joel Holyoak. We would like to have news from other clubs within the Ninth call area. Please send information of yaur club activities to me. Have word that Lucy and Dick Suter, 9Q0225 and 9Q1382, former S. A. residents are trying to get a club started in Houston. Drop by 10510 Cheeves In Houston for more info. Houston for more info.

TENTH CALL AREA: CCM Bob Johnson, 10W4389 4300 Rector Ave., Fort Worth, Texas. ACCM James Abney Jr., 10Q2516, Marsholl, Texas.

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CB Club of Fort Worth elected new officers last meeting, 10W2230, Pres.; 10W4184, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. 10Q1653, Secretary & Treasurer. The Bell Telephone Company in Fort Worth deserves a large amount of credit, this campany furnished a meeting room for this CB group. To the surprise of the officers of the club only approximately 29 members attended out of over ane-hundred. Lets triple this at the next meeting. One of aur most liked club members, 10W2066 witnessed a boy who lost control of his motorcycle and was thrown off. 10W2966 tried for an emergency call to 10Q0153 to call an ambulance, however, a mobil unit from a small town near by would not release channel 11 until their conservation was finished, "how is this for a good CB'er."





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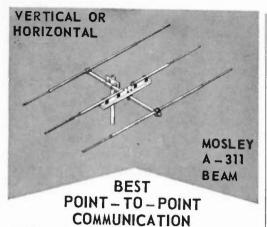
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FIFTEENTH CALL AREA: CCM Spencer Van Noy, 15W-1894, 632 East 3900 So. Salt Lake City 7, Utah.

Denver has a new club comprised mostly of personnel from East Denver and Aurora. The majority of the members are men that are stationed here at Lowery AFB either going to school or as permanent party. We encourage these men to loin the club for we feel that it gives them a feeling of belonging and it makes their stay here in Denver is more enjoyable. Anyone being transferred to Denver, Colorado and is interested in joining the club should contact either Mr. Earl Bradley 2400112, 1350 Poplar Street or Leo N. Evans 15Q-0356, 138 Acwron, Buckley Angb, Denver 30, Colo. SEVENTEENTH CALL AREA: CCM Lawrence J. Waads, 17W5910, 1735 Michigan Dr. Evansdale, lowa.

ACCM:Pete Davis, 17Q2669, Dunkertan, lawa, Jim Leversee, 17W3361, Janesville, lawa.

Received letter from Bob Fowler 17Q0651 of Omaha, Nebraska. He stated; the Greater Omaha CB Club with a membership of about 75 held an election of officers. Dean Dunn, 17W0999 and his wife Doris were elected Pres. and Treas., respectively. Mel Trimmer, Lou Ishii, Bob Conley were elected Vice Pres., Sec., and Sgt. at Arms, in that order.

The N. Central Kansas CB Club was arganized at Smith Center, Kansos. On Feb. 4th a fire destroyed almost all personal belongings of Gordon and Dorthy Altland, 18W4474 of Independence, lowa. Gordle is former Sec. Treas, of N.E. Iowa CB Club. CB'ers in this area got together and took up a collection of clothes, money and food; and it can go without saying, everything was greatly appreciated by Gordle and Dorthy. Mrs. Nancy Leversee, Mrs. Ellis Grammenz and Mrs. Pete Davis had a great deal to do with starting and collecting the donations.

EIGHTEENTH CALL AREA: CCM D. C. Wolcatt, 18A-183, R.F.D. 1, Cedar Rapids, Iowa ACCM Thomas Gillioms, 18QA1868, 1426 Ulhharn St., Evansville, Ind.

The meeting of the CRCRC was held at the Municipal Airport in Cedar Rapids. The Club has approximately 65 members, and seems to be increasing all the time. The XYL's have ta

mately 65 members, and seems to be increasing all the time. The XYL's have taken a great interest in the membership and it has given the club a great boost, helping in the entertainment and program di-

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boost, helping in the entertainment and program directing.
Our dream of a Club newspaper finally came true. The first edition came off the press Feb. 1, 1962, and will bear the name of "QRM". Editors are Mike Flesler KHA0804 and Ed Carpenter 1807952, co-editors are Frank and Joyce Hall 180A0394, and Hettibel Carpenter 1807952-U2.

The Evansville CRL installed their new Board of Directors at the Jan. meeting. Shirley Curl, 18W7306 Chm: Joe Curl, Sec-Treas. 1882038; Tom Gillians 18-QA1868; Robert Wheeler, 1802102; Tom Hendricks, 1807420. We have a well planned program for this year. We monitor channels 7 and 9, and any one passing thru Evansville, will be given directions and information on those channels. Next month we will have SOMETHING UNUSUAL to report. We hope to do something that has never been done in this part of the country. We hope that other clubs will be able to do the same. Watch for next months report.

NINETEENTH CALL AREA: CCM Carl Wesser, Jr., 19-W6285, P. O. Bax "Y", Presque Isle, Michigan.

On February 7th, the Top of Michigan CB Association held their second meeting since reorganizing, and election of officers was held. Jim Tolin, 1905905, Alpena, Michigan, was elected President. Chet James, 1902145, Hillman, was elected Vice President. The Secretary-Treasurer slot was filled by Carl Wesser, 19W6285, Presque Isle, Michigan. We now have 32 active members all of which monitor Ch. 15 for calling only, and we use 5, 11, and 13 as communication channels.

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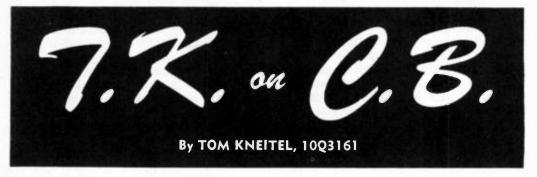
Hank Solocinski, 19Q4225, was very glad for the common monitoring channel. When he was on a service call, he slid into a ditch approximately 5 miles from the nearest phone. His call was picked up by 19Q5905, Shirley, 19QA0441, Frank, and 19A5006, Dee, who called by phone and got help to him within a half hour. This all took place in the last big snow storm In which we got 13" of heavy, drifting snow.

The Alpena Auxiliary Palice, 19Q1042, 65 members strong, have given George Suszek, Alpena, Michigan, the pleasant task of attending all T.O.M.C.B.A. meetings. The Club will give local Authorities our full assistance when needed. We are indeed pleased to have such a progressive unit as the Auxiliary Police join in with us.

The T.O.M.C.B.A. wishes to thank Rienke Real Estate, 19A5243, for reliquishing Channel 15 which they farmerly used as their working channel, and they now honor our Channel 15 monitoring setup. This is very much appreciated by all.

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### Greatest Thing since the Edsel?

Many of you were probably interested to hear about Raytheon's RAY-TEL CB units being offered as optional equipment on all 1962 Ford, Mercury and Lincoln passenger cars and Ford trucks.

This may or may not be as big a boon to all of us as you might imagine. it depends upon how several variables turn out. Since this will affect all of us, let's take a look at them.

"Joe Car-buyer" walks into his local Ford dealer "Wanna buy a Fodd," he says. After the usual tire-kicking and the dealer's hasty note scribbling, Joe says, "Sorry, I changed my mind.

As he gets back into his 1952 model in the parking lot our salesman comes a-runnin'—now he's shouting, "I'll trow in a two way raddio!"

"A two way radio? I don't want one and I don't know how to work it!"

"No, lissen bud, all you do is push a button and you can talk to your wife from your new car. You can talk to all sorts of people who own new Fords too—if you're lucky you might even speak to a new Lincoln now and then!" "What colors do they come in?"

"They only come in one color, bud, and we install de raddio for nuttin'"

"Well-OK, but you gotta show me

which button to push."

Several days pass—our dealer has installed the CB radio in the new car (no mean job for a car salesman). Joe is here to pick up the unit. As he "revvsup" the motor on his new dream boat the salesman tells him, "By the way, you won't be able to use the new radio for 90 days when your license comes through."

"Yeh," says Joe as he roars down the

street making like Brod Crawford in his patrol car, "Hello Sadie, do you hear me? 10-4! 10-4! I toldja I'd be on de radio!"

Obviously, the above example isn't what's likely to happen in all cases but it could happen, and is a good pos-

sibility in many instances.

We understand that Raytheon is having their field force instruct the car sales people on how to install CB rigs, however we have some misgivings as to the ability of car dealers to properly install a CB rig. Can they measure SWR, will they be able to de-QRM an ultra-noisy Ford (Fords are notorious for ignition noise), what happens when the set needs service, will they know which crystals to stock? These and other questions have been raised.

Next, will they want to spend the time and effort to explain that the proper use of CB radio includes a base station which must also be installed. Will the car salesman want to go to the effort of selling and installing the

base station?

Who will help Joe fill out his Form 505? Who will keep him off the air until the license is issued? What will happen if the application bounces— (as almost 50% do some months) will the set be taken back? It seems to us that this system has taken CB radio, in this instance, away from the user having a need for communications, and placing it in a category of the user needing a little more persuasion to buy a car. If he can't show the FCC a definite need for CB radio he won't get a license-and he won't find it out for months after he buys his set!

Then we have a problem of an unethical car salesman who implies that a CB rig will give the prospective car owner service which approximates the Bell System mobile radiotelephone service—which costs \$50 to install and a minimum of \$32 per month to use. The person who gets this pitch is going to be pretty sore when he finds out that his \$189.50 has bought him what, in his eyes, will probably amount to a novelty or toy.

Now then, who will instruct the new car-owner on operating procedures? Who will tell him about "NATCH-9"? Who will tell him about the courtesy and cooperation CB'ers voluntarily impose upon themselves—you know, the stuff that's not in Part 19.

What will happen if he decides to get a new car in two or three years? When he sells the car or trades it in will he cancel his license? Will he know that when he sells his car he is not allowed to transfer his CB license to the new owner or let the new owner use his CB callsign?

This leaves us in sort of a "where do we go from here" spot. There are several possible answers.

For one thing, CB needs a lot more national publicity—I mean that it is going to take a few articles in LOOK MAGAZINE, READERS DIGEST, etc., and a few more TV shows (the 77 SUNSET STRIP publicity turned out to be a disappointment) to hawk its benefits. If you walk up to 100 strangers and ask them what CB radio is, 95 of them won't know what you're talking about. Possibly if the general public was a bit more aware as to just what CB is (and isn't) there wouldn't

be as much confusion as we expect there is going to be.

Next, I feel that local CB service shops should immediately contact their local Ford Company dealers and huddle with them on the questions we have asked in this editorial. Possibly the Ford dealers would be willing to let the CB dealer do the complete sales/installation/maintenance of the CB aspect of the car sale. The only sales commission needed for this deal to be interesting to the CB dealer would be the chance to sell and install the base station.

Then, of course, the CB dealer who found that this was a workable arrangement might try to sell other brands of CB equipment through non-Ford dealers.

We admire Ford for thinking up a new way to sell cars, and Raytheon for a new and novel way to sell CB sets—lest we forget that there is a commission involved other than the sales commission, it's the Federal Communications Commission!

This will undoubtedly put an additional work-load on the FCC's already overworked CB license processing department—longer wait for our licenses. It will possibly mean increased policing of 11-meters, stricter rules, harsh licensing requirements, and so on.

Possibly we are getting excited over nothing. We just called every Ford dealer in town and not one of them had any idea of what the whole thing was all about.

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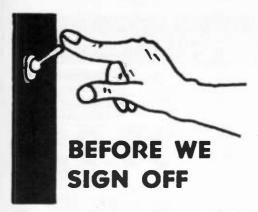
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### WHAT ABOUT PHONE PATCHES?

An article appearing in the February issue of CB Horizons prompted a number of CB'ers to inquire of the FCC, "can we use ham type phone patches with our CB installations?"

As the article pointed out, phone patches are electronic devices which couple your receiver and transmitter to the standard telephone lines, or to inter-office intercom lines. The unit is designed to take the signal from the phone or intercom and modulate your transmitter carrier, allowing the person speaking from the phone to talk directly to the mobile or base station you are in contact with.

The February article in CB Horizons mentioned only connecting intercom or inter-office phones into your CB transceiver. Interested CB'ers however wondered, of the FCC, "can we run our Bell circuit telephones into phone patches, thereby putting our telephones into use as a means of directly connecting mobile CB transmitters with land-line non-CB persons and businesses?"

The Commission wasted no time in making public an answer to the question, and we thought you might be interested, in case the phone patch idea appeals to you.

Said the Commission "our rules contain no specific provision for, or prohibitation against, the connection of Citizen Radio station equipment to commercial telephone facilities."

"However," the Commission went on, "the tariffs of the various telephone companies on file with the Commission, which govern the provision for interstate and foreign message toll telephone service, provide that no equipment, apparatus, circuit or device not furnished by the telephone company shall be attached to, or connected with, the telephone facility of the company, either physically, by induction or otherwise, with certain exceptions which do not include citizens radio equipment."

This is not to rule out such connections, however, as the Commission pointed out that if the telephone company in question, which owns the equipment the phone patch would be working into, should allow you to operate a phone patch, "the unit may not be used for the exchange of communications which are not directly concerning the business or personal activities of the licensee of that radio station unit."

In other words, the Commission has no objection to phone patches provided the telephone company does not, and providing you use the phone patch to (for example) connect your brother (who is mobile) with your mother (who is on the land-line some distance away and without a CB set) through your CB set, and the conversation concerns all three of you, your mother, brother and you!

Another example would be a business CB installation where you want to place one of your mobile units directly in touch with a customer who has telephoned in to your main office where your CB base station is located.

In case you are worried about the telephone company granting you permission to use a phone patch, don't; They won't. The hams tried it some years ago, to wit the phone company tried to bring legal suit against a few of our higher powered friends. The hams raised such a fuss that the phone company silently turned its head the other way and today an estimated 10,000 hams have phone patches and the phone company just pretends they are not there!

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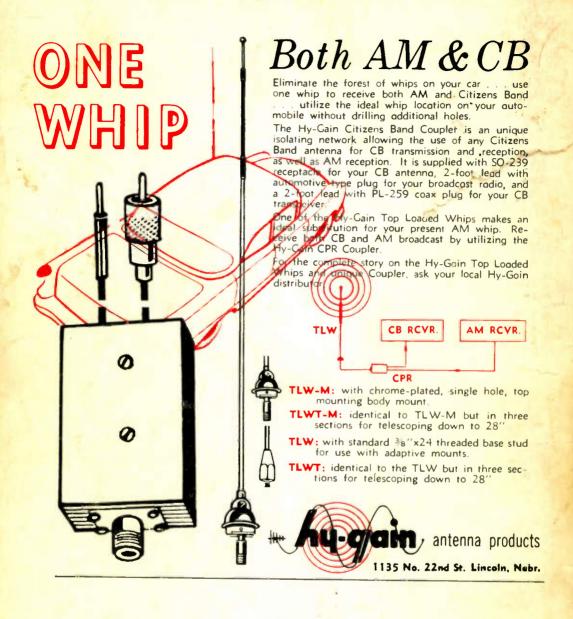
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